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ARE WE READY?

Preparing for, responding to natural disasters

Suwannee County prepares for next major storm

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Editor's note: Today begins a five week series titled "Are we ready?", in which we delve into storm preparedness locally. Here is the first in that series.

Since Tropical Storm Debby struck the heart of Suwannee County, it left many

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Kimberly Thomas, assistant director, division of emergency management

hurt, homeless and helpless. Some are still trying to piece their life back together and recover from the multi-million dollar storm. Local officials have since

turned their focus towards storm management. Since TS Debby the question has lingered, “Is Suwannee County really prepared for major natural disasters?”

“I do think the majority of Suwannee County is ready for the next natural disaster,” said Kimberly Thomas, assistant director, division of emergency management.

Thomas said being self-sufficient is the key ingredient in being prepared for

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UPDATE Catalyst site property, soil pad highlights

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Suwannee County Administrator Randy Harris spent a few minutes updating Suwannee commissioners and the audience on Tuesday night, April 16, of the happenings at the catalyst site. Here are a few highlights from the meeting.

COUNTY SEEKS TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL PROPERTY

The possibility of purchasing additional property near the catalyst site for economic development opened the floor for discussion once again. The property, approximately 237 acres in size, has been offered to the county by CenterState Bank of Jacksonville at a rate of \$7,500 per acre with multiple options. The bank has also extended its offer to the county until May 22.

The concern is the bank's offer per acre is significantly higher than the appraised values obtained by the county.

Appraisals performed in December of 2012 showed the value of the property to be significantly more. Richard Hale valued the property to be worth \$6,450 an acre, a total of \$1,393,200. Skip Johnson valued the property at \$5,694.45 an acre, a total of \$1,230,000.

Suwannee County Property Appraiser Lamar Jenkins, who believes the market value for the property should be about \$1,750, also said nearly all property sales in the county have not exceeded \$2,500 an acre.

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HERITAGE PARK AND GARDENS



Carolyn Spilatore, Jason Furry, JoAnn Martz, Marilyn Jones and Ronnie Poole discuss the development plan for Heritage Park and Gardens. - Photo: Bryant Thigpen



CULTIVATING A VISION

WHAT: Grand opening celebration

WHEN: Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

WHERE: Heritage Park and Gardens, 1004 Helvenston St., Live Oak

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Heritage Park and Gardens is officially open but that doesn't mean it's done growing. With a plan in place, a group of citizens, better known as Friends of Heritage

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Vision map for Heritage Park and Gardens.

Negotiations continue over next county attorney

Commissioners hold off selecting local attorney Jimmy Prevatt Jr., for now

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Jimmy Prevatt Jr.

The Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners opted to take no action on selecting the next county attorney at their regular meeting on Tuesday night, April 16.

The board was left in a state of confusion on whether to continue negotiating with their first choice or

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Man shot twice after breaking into home

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A Live Oak man was shot twice in self-defense after reportedly breaking into a Suwannee County home, according to the



Tommy Brown

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60,000 drawn to Wanees Festival

Staff About 60,000 people swarmed to northern Suwannee County over a four day period last week to attend the ninth Wanees Music Festival at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park (SOSMP), according to the park.

The fans came from all around to listen to bands such as The Allman Brothers, Widespread Panic, Michael Franti, and his band, Gov't Mule, Tedeschi Trucks Band, Jaimoe's Jassz Band, Robert Randolph and the Family Band, and more. Wanees also had the traveling version

of Jorma Kaukonen's "Fur Peace Ranch" where fans could experience musician/songwriter workshops and lessons, all under the tutelage of world class musicians.

The park stated that fans began arriving early in the week, prior to the April 17 opening. By Friday, primitive camping sites were packed with vehicles.

Dozens upon dozens of vendors with every type food imaginable, including pancakes and syrup for breakfast, pizza and much

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Thousands of fans gathered for the Widespread Panic gig during the last day of Wanees 2013 April 20. See more photos, page 11A.

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Catalyst site property, soil pad highlights

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which is overseeing the bank owned land at the catalyst site and nearby properties, shows land near the catalyst site for \$4,300 per acre and one for \$2,975 per acre.

"Just recently, a lot of 80 acres about two miles (as the crow flies) from the catalyst site was sold for about \$2,300 an acre," Jenkins said previously.

Although the commissioners understand purchasing the land would put them behind the steering wheel of economic development, the panel is torn in its decision.

Commissioner Ricky Gamble said, "We made an offer to purchase this property at the appraised value and they refused. In my view, their counter offer is not acceptable and places an unneeded burden on the taxpayer."

Commissioners told the audience that surrounding counties have shown interest in funding the proposed property. Harris also expressed his thoughts on the

possibility of the county purchasing additional property for economic development.

"I don't mind saying I am excited that these other counties are interested in funding the acquisition of land," Harris said. "I have no reservations trying to negotiate the best deal for everyone recognizing those numbers (bank's offer) were inflated that they came back with. I'm prepared to sit down and have a discussion with them."

Chairman Wesley Wainwright asked Harris to continue negotiating with the bank.

"Surrounding counties wouldn't mind participating if we can agree on a more reasonable figure," he said. "But if the bank doesn't want to work with us, we'll let them do the best they can with it."

At a previous meeting, Dennis Cason, president of Suwannee County's Economic Alliance, told the commissioners his office would have an agreement from a company planning to open business near

Klausner within 30 days from that meeting.

"I want to know where that project is at," said Commissioner Jason Bashaw. "I'm kinda disappointed that it hasn't happened yet."

Currently, the county does not have a written agreement from any company who wants to join Klausner in making Suwannee County home. The fact that there is no guarantee from businesses puts an added strain on making the decision.

Commissioner Phil Oxendine then asked if the county had a financial commitment from other counties regarding the property. Wainwright said that he does have a firm commitment, but it must go before their board before a final decision can be made.

"One even said they would go 100 percent on the property," Wainwright said.

Local resident Charlene Moss addressed the board opposing buying more land.

"Suwannee County doesn't need to be in the business of buying land," Moss said.

As an example Moss referred to the *Democrat's* question of the week last week that asked voters if the county should buy additional property for economic development. Seven voters had said yes, 31 voters had said no as of Tuesday, April 16. The final tally was 47 no, seven yes and two I don't care.

"That's what my thoughts are. Listen to the people. We should not do this, and I would vote against buying more property," said Moss.

SOIL PAD IS FINISHED

A soil pad that has required the county to purchase additional land to obtain suitable soil has been completed to satisfy the site plans of Klausner

Lumber One, LLC.

"We are finished with the site," said Harris. "I received a copy of our engineer's report (April 16) and those should all be forwarded to the company."

"We have some of the structural plans that the building department has been working to get approved so they can begin construction on the log yard building, which I would anticipate starting very soon," Harris said.

Harris said he met with the project manager who is responsible for building that facility.

"I am hopeful that they go ahead and start," he said. "I'm also hopeful that they start the larger building shortly thereafter."

Harris said they will now turn their attention to developing the storm water ponds.

Arrest Record

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

The following abbreviations are used below:

- SCSO-Suwannee County Sheriff's Office
- LOPD-Live Oak Police Department
- FDLE-Florida Department of Law Enforcement
- FHP-Florida Highway Patrol
- FWC-Florida Wildlife Commission
- DOT-Department of Transportation
- OALE-Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement

P & P-Probation and Parole
 USMS-US Marshals Service

ATF-Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
 DOC-Department of Corrections

Apr 18, Christopher Parris, 22, 170 Green Oak, Fr, Kerrville, TX, Poss Fraudulent Ticket, Poss Drug Para: SCSO- B. Kastor

Apr 18, Christopher Jenkins, 18, 325 NW Katie Glen, White Springs, FL, FTA O/C Petit Theft, Gas Skip: SCSO- J. Mills

Apr 18, Darrell Richard Evans, 61, 220 N St Marks Ave, Chattanooga, TN, Disorderly Intox: SCSO- D. Slaughter

Apr 18, James Patterson, 54, 4707 E Cooper St, Sierra Vista, AZ, Trespass, 1st App PD Appt Per WFWF: LOPD- D. Slaughter

Apr 19, David Joshua Damewood, 19, 19563 78th Terrace, Live Oak, FL, VOP (Grand Theft III): SCSO- T. Roberts

Apr 19, James Charles Milliken, 51, 118 Cathy Court, Warner Robbins, GA, Poss -20 Cannabis, Poss Drug Paraph: SCSODTF- R. Sammons

Apr 19, Kevin Lee Bradsher, 46, 208 Northfield Drive, Warner Robbins, GA, Poss -20 Grms Cannibas, Poss Drug Paraphernalia: SCSODTF- T. Roper

Apr 19, Jose Hernandez Castro, 28, 1626 Ruby Street NE, Live Oak, FL, Fail to Maintain Sing Lan, No Valid DL, Poss Open Container: SCSO- L. Schultetus

Apr 19, Nicholas Phillip Douglas, 22, 7570 300th St, Branford, FL, Burglary of Dwelling, Grand Theft III: SCSO- C. Feruson

Apr 19, Daniel Jason Huston, 35, 15400 SW 36th St, Ocala, FL, Battery: SCSO-J. Brooks

Apr 19, Michael Casey Bannister, 30, 17309 76th Road, Live Oak, FL, VOP O/C DWLS/R-Habitual, VOP (DWLSR)- Madison Co, Cash Only: SCSO- J. Mills

Apr 19, Shelda Anderson Murphy, 48, 12078 CR 250, Wellborn, FL, VOP O/C Poss Paraph: SCSO- C. Watson

Apr 19, Morris Antonio Terry, 41, Columbia Co Jail, Lake City, FL, Return for Court: SCSO- T. Ford

Apr 19, Kevin Dale Talant, 37, 8049 139th Drive, Live Oak, FL, Okeechobee Co VOP O/C Poss -20 Cannabis: SCSO- S. St. Johns

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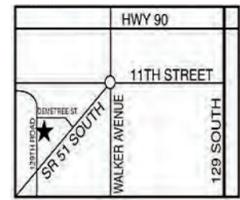
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Suwannee County prepares for next major storm

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disasters.

"Our community has prepared for natural disasters by being more self-sufficient; by having their family plan, making their disaster supply kits, staying more informed with local news media, calling the EOC if they have any questions," Thomas said.

Thomas recommends several steps an individual can take to prepare for a disaster.

The first step is having a family plan and practice the plan annually. Second, have a supply kit including non-

perishable foods (rotating them out), copies of important paperwork (driver license, insurance papers, out of state family contact information, etc...) in a Ziploc bag. It's also worth noting to include family pets in your plan. Thirdly, keep a small amount of cash on hand.

"Most likely the power may be out for an extended amount of time," Thomas said. "Keep at least one gallon of water per person per day (general rule of thumb is up to 3-7 days)."

According to Thomas, EOC monitors storms, significant weather, hurri-

canes, potential tornadoes and tropical storms throughout the year.

During hurricane season, June 1 – Nov. 30, the projection of the path depicts a lot of what EOC does. If the path is going to be close to Suwannee County, EOC will do the following (but not limited to):

Update hurricane tracks; coordinate with officials from Florida Department of Emergency Management, local Municipalities, surrounding counties and other emergency related officials; compile and transmit storm forecast report to appropriate agencies, organizations and groups; disseminate preparedness information via local media outlets with public service announcements; bring EOC to level II (partial activation) by direction of the director; continue to update storm tracking and assessment; establish liaison with

appropriate governmental and non-governmental emergency related officials, agencies and organizations; coordinate and disseminate all county public information activities; establish and maintain a log of all event and/or actions; alert and brief county commissioners and other on the potential of threatening emergency; prepare and setup EOC; test all EOC equipment; issue storm information reports; prepare for the utilization of primary evacuation routes - delay the start of any new projects; request all departments to review and/or implement emergency plans for the protection of county facilities and equipment; department directors/supervisors review all leave for personnel; top off emergency generators, vehicles, essential equipment and county fuel dispensing tanks; test EOC emergency

utility systems: electric, generator, water, sewer; may activate county PIO; notify dispatch that EOC has been staffed supply numbers and hours; correct any deficiencies in county facilities, vehicles and equipment utilized for emergency activities; request county department heads to brief employees of emergency responsibilities as listed in CEMP; if applicable, monitor river levels; commence coordination of public sheltering, staff, supplies, ham radio; notify Suwannee County Sheriff's Office to initiate procedures for pet shelter; monitor and evaluate traffic conditions and correct deficiencies; advise residence to secure their property for impending event; brief Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners on impending threat and present them with draft to declare a local

state of emergency; issue public information statements; coordinate with county constitutional officers on either limiting or closing county business/service; supply school board with information in regards to potential closing of schools; advise private schools of public school closing; request cancellation of public social events; and coordinate emergency transportation requirement for special needs.

Thomas said she does not think that large scale storms seem to be more frequent than they have been in years past, but Suwannee County is ready for the next natural disaster whenever that time may come.

For a related national story on this issue called "Are we prepared?", go to suwanneedemocrat.com.

Man shot twice after breaking into home

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Suwannee County Sheriff's Office.

The wounds were not life threatening, SCSO reports.

According to a SCSO report, on Tuesday, April 16, at approximately 4:15 a.m., Officer Tommy Roberts was dispatched to a residence in reference to a person that was shot. Upon arrival, Roberts spoke with an individual who advised Roberts that he had received a call from a female victim that Tommy Fred Brown, 25, 12675 129th Rd., Live Oak, had broken into the first victim's house and beat her up.

The caller told Roberts that he went upstairs and entered the bedroom to find Brown with his hands on the female victim and appeared to be fighting. The

caller also advised Roberts that he had also seen where her clothing had been partially ripped off, a report states.

The caller reportedly arrived at the scene with a .38 caliber handgun, loaded with rat shot. The caller told Roberts that he advised Brown to release the female victim and to get on the ground, but Brown came towards him so he pointed his gun at him, the report states. He said Brown then grabbed a phone and came toward him again in a threatening manner, so he shot Brown in the right forearm and upper right leg, the report states.

Brown was arrested and transported to the Suwannee County Jail.

Brown is charged with burglary, domestic battery by strangulation, assault and trespass after warning.

Negotiations continue over next county attorney

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move on to the second ranked attorney.

On March 28, commissioners interviewed three candidates for the county attorney position.

Local attorney Jimmy Prevatt Jr. obtained the highest ranking with 116 points, a one point advantage over local attorney Andrew Decker IV, who was given 115 points. Current county attorney Hal Airth, who has been the county attorney for the past 16 years, finished last in the rankings with 80 points.

Negotiations then began with Prevatt. On Tuesday prior to the meeting, commissioners were given a second draft of a contract between the county and Prevatt. The contract, written by Prevatt, was filled with marks, additions and scratched out sections as a result of a three hour meeting between Prevatt and Commissioner Jason Bashaw and County Administrator Randy Harris.

The contract, however, was the problem. Commissioner Ricky Gamble Jr. was vocal about his concerns with the contract that was presented Tuesday night.

According to the proposed contract, Prevatt would be considered an officer of the county.

"The only reasons I have

concerns (being an officer of the county) is the Florida Statutes that kick in for health insurance, and there's also Florida Statutes that kick in for Florida Retirement System as well as being considered an employee of the county," Gamble said. "I don't think he necessarily needs to be an officer of the county."

Another line in the contract provides Prevatt with the option of purchasing health insurance through the county's policy. Should Prevatt choose to do so, he would have to pay the full amount.

"I'm not sold on providing health insurance just for the fact of adding on to a health insurance policy that's already under different strains as it is," Gamble said.

Gamble said by adding one more to the policy, whether the individual is paying for it or not, it still adds to the case load which ultimately causes rates to increase.

Chairman Wesley Wainwright confirmed that Gamble's statement was accurate. However, he believes that the impact of adding Prevatt would be minimal.

Prevatt told the board that he would scratch the insurance part of the contract.

"I don't think there's anything in here (contract)

that can harm the county," Wainwright said.

Gamble made a motion to enter into negotiations with the second ranked candidate, but that motion died for a lack of a second.

Former County Commissioner Ivie Fowler addressed the board concerning their selection process.

"You ranked your cheapest offer last (Airth) and the one that's been here, you're trying to go with the first one on the list, and the most expensive, without even seeing what the second one has to offer," he said.

The county currently pays Airth a retainer fee of \$18,000 at the start of each year plus \$100 per hour for his legal services. In Prevatt's proposed contract, it states that the board will pay his firm on a monthly basis in place of an upfront retainer's fee. The sum paid to Prevatt each month

will equal half of a board member's pay plus \$125 per hour for legal services. Prevatt would be paid \$17,378 in monthly installments of \$1,448 should the commissioner's salaries remain the same in addition to his hourly rate.

Harris explained that according to Florida Statutes, if the county moves to negotiations with the second ranked candidate for county attorney, they terminate the first option to negotiate with Prevatt and cannot go back.

Fleming made a motion to accept the contract, and Wainwright deferred chairmanship to Bashaw so he could second the motion, but in further discussion, they withdrew the motion to continue negotiations with Prevatt.

Airth will remain as the county attorney until May 31.

60,000 drawn to Wane Festival

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more, a huge selection of festival clothing that included belly dancers' coin skirts with beaded matching tops for the festival junkie, blankets, drums, jewelry and on and on did a brisk business. Some vendors' tents were lined up in triple rows and some extended out of sight into the camping area. Golf carts were among the mode of transportation along with a few bicycles but mostly these festival goers walked on their ventures around the park! Thursday night's Royal Southern Brotherhood performance at the Mushroom Stage (amphitheater) was filled jam-packed with swirling hula-hoopers, swaying music lovers and head-bobbing music aficionados who seemed oblivious to those around them. These same themes carried throughout the four-day festival that ended Saturday night or actually early Sunday morn-

ing. When Widespread Panic and The Allman Brothers performed late Saturday evening, the festival field was a sea of bodies swaying shoulder to shoulder, grooving to the music as far as the eye could see.

For more information on SOSMP events, call 386-364-1683, email spirit@musicliveshere.com or go to www.musicliveshere.com.

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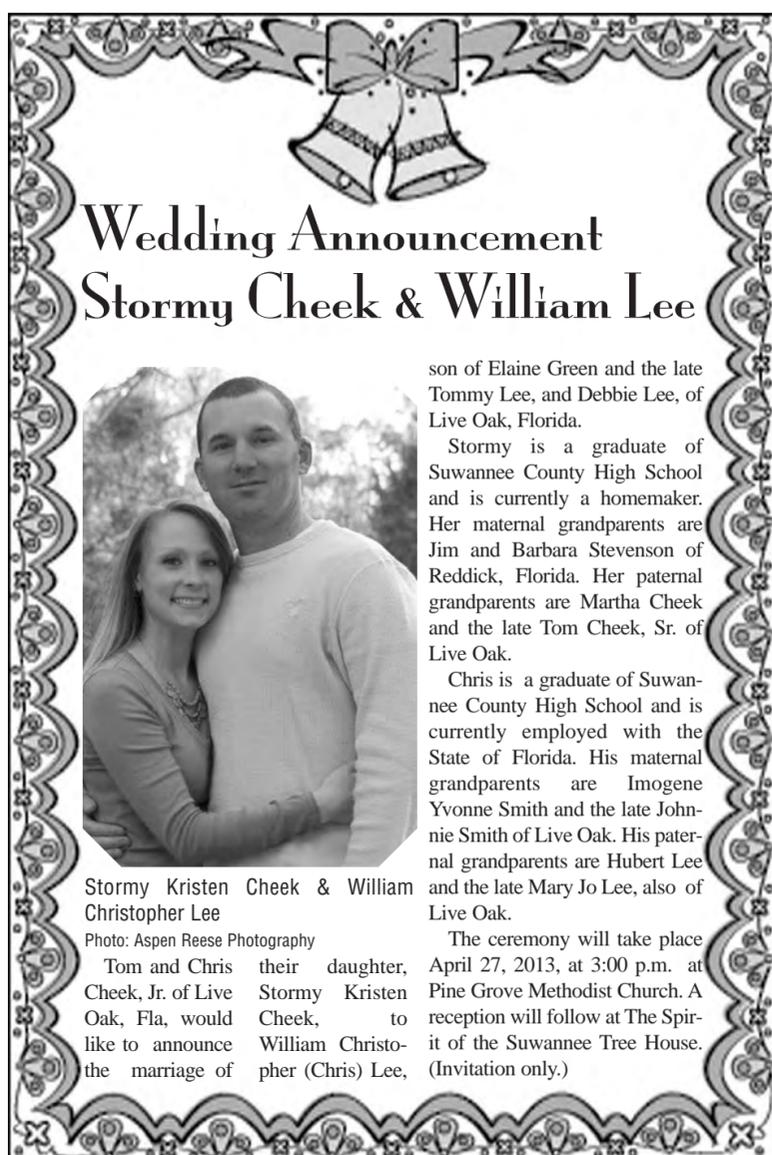
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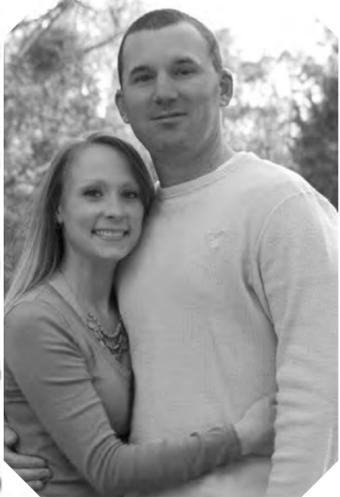
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Wedding Announcement
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son of Elaine Green and the late Tommy Lee, and Debbie Lee, of Live Oak, Florida.

Stormy is a graduate of Suwannee County High School and is currently a homemaker. Her maternal grandparents are Jim and Barbara Stevenson of Reddick, Florida. Her paternal grandparents are Martha Cheek and the late Tom Cheek, Sr. of Live Oak.

Chris is a graduate of Suwannee County High School and is currently employed with the State of Florida. His maternal grandparents are Imogene Yvonne Smith and the late Johnnie Smith of Live Oak. His paternal grandparents are Hubert Lee and the late Mary Jo Lee, also of Live Oak.

The ceremony will take place April 27, 2013, at 3:00 p.m. at Pine Grove Methodist Church. A reception will follow at The Spirit of the Suwannee Tree House. (Invitation only.)

Stormy Kristen Cheek & William Christopher Lee
Photo: Aspen Reese Photography

Tom and Chris their daughter, Stormy Kristen Cheek, Jr. of Live Oak, Fla., would like to announce the marriage of their daughter, Stormy Kristen Cheek, to William Christopher (Chris) Lee.



Engagement Announcement
Taylor Pee / Rance Brown



Rance Brown and Taylor Pee

Mr. & Mrs. Perry M. Pee of Eros, LA are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Taylor Pee to Rance Brown, son of Eddie and Liz Brown of Branford, Fla.

The bride elect is the granddaughter of Nancy Clendenon, of Ruston, LA and the late H.L. Clendenon and the late Daisy & Sidney Pee.

The groom is the grandson of Mr. & Mrs. J.W. Brown of Perry, Fla. and Mr. & Mrs. Carroll Hall of Branford, Fla.

Taylor attends McNeese State University pursuing an Agriculture Business degree.

Rance is a graduate of McNeese State University with a degree in Agriculture Marketing.

The couple will marry Oct. 12, 2013 at Creekwood Gardens in Simsboro, LA.

Smith/Little Wedding reminder

Dennis and Carol Smith of Live Oak, Fla., would like to remind you of the upcoming marriage of their daughter Natalie Nicole Smith to Dustin Robert Little, son of Rick and Connie Little of Live Oak.

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Thank you from Love INC

Thank you is not enough to say to the Suwannee County Fire /Rescue for helping Love INC with the Tax Relief Chicken Dinner April 17. The chicken was awesome. Thanks also to Ken's BBQ for the cole slaw, all who purchased a dinner, volunteered and to Love INC volunteer John Wiggins for a job, once again, well done!

Marriage applications

The following couple applied for a marriage license the week of April 15 – 19, 2013:

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OBITUARIES

Eva Skeen
July 29, 1912
April 19, 2013

Eva Skeen, age 100 of Live Oak, Fla. passed away Friday, April 19, 2013 at Suwannee Valley Care Center in Lake City, Fla. She was born in Quitman, Ga living most of her life in Live Oak. Her life was a

testimony of her faith and trust in the Lord and a blessing to those she touched in her daily walk as a servant of her beloved Heavenly Father. Mrs. Eva was a wonderful mother whose true joy was raising her children. A testament to her being a loving grandmother was knowing the names and dates of births of each of her many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. She loved sewing

especially making quilt tops. Gardening and tending her flowers was one of her favorite pastimes and she was a member of the Westwood Baptist Church. She was predeceased by her husband, Drew Skeen and a daughter, Geneal Brock. She is survived by one son, Harold (Sharon) Skeen, Live Oak; two daughters, Jo Ann (Jack) Carmichael, Live Oak; Jackie (Jerry) Carmichael,

Live Oak; a son-in-law, J.V. Brock, Cross City, Fla.; many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. Viewing was held one hour prior to the services at the church from 10 to 11 a.m. Funeral services were held 11 a.m., Monday, April 22, 2013 in the Westwood Baptist Church with Dr. Jimmy Deas and Pastor Bill Lawhon officiating. Interment followed in the Live Oak cemetery. For those wishing to do so memorial contributions may be made to Westwood Baptist Church Building Fund, 920 Eleventh Street, Live Oak, Fla. 32064 or Haven Hospice, 6037 Hwy 90 W., Lake City, Fla. 32025. Please sign the guestbook at www.harrisfuneralhomeinc.net. Harris Funeral Home & Cremations, Inc., Live Oak, Fla. 386-364-5115 was in charge of all arrangements.

Charles David Beard
April 21, 2013

Charles David Beard, 79, Live Oak, Fla. passed away on Sunday, April 21, 2013. The Xenia, OH native moved to Live Oak in 1974 from Ohio and was a Veteran of the Korean Conflict while serving in the U.S. Army. He worked for Lake City Reporter and the Ocala Star Banner in Lake City and Ocala which he retired after nine years. He was also a member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Wellborn, Fla. Mr. Beard is survived by his wife of 58 years: Janet Beard, Live Oak, Fla.; one daughter: Debra Lynn Park, Pensacola, Fla.; one son: David & Gail Beard, Live Oak, Fla.; one sister: Linda Esther Fountain, Bryan, TX; three brothers: Phillip L. Beard, Waverly, OH, Larry P. Beard, Circleville, OH, Thomas W. Beard, Chillicothe, OH; eight grandchil-

dren and nineteen great-grandchildren. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 25 at Mt. Olive Baptist Church with Rev. Fritz Fountain and Rev. Wally Weaver officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Daniels Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc., of Live Oak and Branford, Fla. in charge of arrangements.

Mikayla Hendricks
April 21, 2013

Mikayla Hendricks, 14, Live Oak, Fl passed away on Sunday, April 21, 2013 after a long illness. She is survived by her mother and step-father: Kathy Bass & Slade Maynard, Live Oak, Fla.; one sister: Brittany Nicole Hendricks, Live Oak, Fla.; four brothers: Steven Maynard, Robert Maynard, Shane Maynard and Josh Bass all of Live Oak, Fla. Grave sides services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 24 at Live Oak Cemetery. Daniels Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc., of Live Oak and Branford, Fla. in charge of arrangements.



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Melody Church to host family event in Lake June



Melody Church announces their inaugural FREEDOM FEST. The event will be on June 29 and will be a day filled with fun for the whole family celebrating our freedom as Americans. Families are encouraged to come out together and enjoy what they hope to make a lasting tradition. Melody Church is coordinating the event and is planning a Firecracker 5k to kick off the event, followed by live music, food and arts/crafts vendors, water slides and kids area, car show and more. The event will end with a BANG, a professional fireworks show that will be sure to be the talk of the town. Currently they are looking for other business sponsors and community partners to help donate

funds to cover the cost of the fireworks and other activities. Food and craft vendors are also welcome to apply to set up a booth at FREEDOM FEST. Applications will be available online at melodychurch.com. Volunteers are needed to help the day of the event. Pastor Darrin Baldwin said, "We want to celebrate the greatest nation in the world and thank God we are able to enjoy our freedom here." Melody Church invites families of Suwannee County and surrounding areas to join them on June 29, for this fun family event. For more information contact their church office or follow them on facebook at facebook.com/melodychurchliveoak or visit their website at melodychurch.com.

DEATH NOTICE

William Jeff Hampton
April 19, 2013

William Jeff Hampton, 85, of Old Town, Fla. passed away Friday April 19, 2013. Daniels Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. Live Oak & Branford, Fla.

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The Sound of Suwannee Band raising funds with quilt raffle

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The Suwannee High School Sound of Suwannee Band takes part in many activities throughout the year. Unfortunately, due to the cost that goes with these activities, such as uniforms, props, instrument repairs etc., the band boosters

and director along with local businesses have tried to create fundraisers in order to assist with these expenses.

The band members are also currently selling newspaper subscriptions to the *Suwannee Democrat* and breakfast tickets for Stoudemire's Restaurant. A special thanks to the *Suwannee Democrat* and Stoudemire's restaurant for your



From left, band member Taylor Bailey and Kayla Perkins display quilt Perkins made

help and support. We are also looking forward to our upcoming quilt raffle in which we are raffling off two quilts. This is a special raffle for the band because one of the quilts was made by one of our own band members, Miss Kayla Perkins. She is a senior and she wanted to find a way to not only help her pay for the cost of her band fees, but also help the other 70 + band members with their fees. We are extremely proud of her and hope that her example will motivate some of the other members to use some of their talents to assist in raising money for the upcoming year. The second quilt was donated by a band parent. Special thanks to Cyn-die McIntyre for this donation.

The band will begin selling the raffle tickets on April 12 and will continue selling them through May 9. The tickets are \$1 and we ask that the community would support the Sound of the Suwannee. The band would also like to invite you to some of the upcoming events. The annual Spring Showcase which will be held on May 16 in the SHS Auditorium at 7 p. m. Once again, the Sound of Suwannee would like to thank the community for all it's support.



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Huge crowd for BJ Garcia event

"I'm very proud to come from a community that rain or shine would come out and support such a great cause." - Foundation founder Greg Garcia commented

Third annual event's turnout better than last year

By Andrew McGee andrew.mcgee@gafnews.com



Runners, walkers, counters, supporters of the third BJ Garcia Running for Research Foundation run-a-thon. - Photos: Andrew McGee

The third BJ Garcia Running For Research Foundation run-a-thon was held at the Branford High School Track on Saturday, April 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

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

BJ's brother Greg Garcia started the Foundation and heads up the run-a-thon each year.

It was a wet and cold morning, but there was a huge crowd that turned out for the event.

"I want to thank you for coming out to yet again support the BJ Garcia Running For Research Foundation," said Garcia. "This is our third year and despite the weather, we already have more people registered than we did last year or the year before."

Garcia pointed and commented that his dad was already out on the track getting some laps in before the event actually started.

Garcia said that the money collected that day was going toward a scholarship for a graduating senior at BHS and also toward the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society for Re-

search. A check for \$6,000 was presented to the LLS.

"I'm excited about our kids being out to help today," said BHS teacher and Beta Club sponsor, Tammy Nieil. "I'm really proud of them coming out in the rain. This is going to be one of our annual service projects."

She hopes that the Beta Club will continue to help make the BJ Garcia run-a-thon a success. She also commented on how proud she was of the community to come out in such unfavorable weather conditions.

Everyone seemed to be having a great time whether they were walking, running or counting laps. Some folks even brought their dogs to walk with them around the track. Garcia was busy helping count the laps of those involved as well as running himself. He commented later in the event.

"About 5:30 this morning, I thought about canceling," said Garcia. "The weather was looking really bad and I



From left, Greg Garcia presents Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Senior Campaign Director, Bob Bryan with a \$6,000 check.

was afraid it wasn't going to be a good turnout. However, we have over 85 runners that have registered and I'm very proud to come from a community that rain or shine would come out and support such a great cause."

Schools

Branford High drama production carries hefty price tag

Show must go on, however

By Andrew McGee andrew.mcgee@gafnews.com

The Branford High School Drama Club spring production of "Beauty and the Beast" is slated for Friday, May 31, for students (\$2 donations accepted) and Saturday, June 1, at 7 p.m. for the community performance. The community performance is \$5 for admission.

Little did BHS teachers and drama co-sponsors, Barbara Barker and Dan Taylor know that choosing this beloved classic would carry with it such a huge price tag.

"We purchased the rights from Music Theater International, a contracting agency out of New York City," said Taylor. "And the

cost is \$1,350 of which \$400 of it is a security deposit until they get the scripts back and everything else."

He added, "Those are the necessary rights."

Taylor said the contract they had to sign was a bit overwhelming as it addressed so many details and made it tedious to be in compliance with the terms. He found out quickly that the higher the production was, the higher the royalty fee would be.

He said it might have been better to choose a less-known production allowing most if not all the cast to be key players and to not be subject to paying such high royalty fees. He's pleased with the production presently, but next time, he said they'll be a bit more cautious in their choice of plays.

He added, "It was a lesson learned."

Despite the contractual "eye-opener", the Drama Club has had a great deal of support from so many within BHS and the school board.

"We've got about 15 kids who are doing a fantastic job," said Taylor. "Miss Barker is doing great. The administration is great because they poured a pile of money into renovating our stage for which we're delighted."

Taylor said the School Board gave them the money and made this all possible to help pay the bills. He said a big thanks to the art department for helping them with the sets.

"That's just the collaboration we're hoping to foster," said Taylor. "We're hoping to get the culinary in on it."

Taylor added that Barker was working out all the logistics of the production. He's pleased about the stage and all the sup-

port they're receiving, but that it's complex and his hopes are that next year they would be able to do more productions with less complexity i.e. the musical numbers, the choreographing, the multiple sets, etc.

Both Barker and Taylor made comments on how thankful they were for all those who have devoted their time and energy into making the production successful.

"We just have to remember that the complexity of this production is immense compared to our skill level," said Taylor. "But, we're growing into it. It's overwhelming, but it's fun."

Taylor's original plans for the club next year would be to perform four productions. He said many have thought that would be too much. He said the reality is that they'll shoot for at least two, one for fall and spring.

"I think smaller productions will give everyone a chance to be on stage," said Taylor.

He feels pretty positive that drama will be part of the curriculum very soon as he and others have made requests to BHS administration as well as the School Board and have gotten a lot of positive feedback.

"I feel they're going to put drama in as one of the electives in the curriculum next year," said Taylor. "That's very good. We've been very fortunate that things are going as well as they are."

He said Barker is more of a natural to the drama co-sponsor role than he is, but that he's more concept-oriented. He added that he's not good with the "nuts n' bolts" of something, but that God has put people in their midst that can do things well and are willing to help.

South county briefs

Council meetings

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

Suwannee County Tax Collector

The Suwannee County Tax Collector is in Branford twice a month 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.

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Coming Friday in sports



Barnes Pinestraw T-Ball team will be featured in sports Friday. - Photo: Shutterbugs Photography



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CULTIVATING A VISION

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Park and Gardens (FHPG), continue to cultivate a vision that has been handed down.

Heritage Park and Gardens, 1004 Helvenston St., Live Oak, will celebrate its grand opening celebration on April 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with free food, arts and crafts, face painting, bounce house, home tours, music, disc golf and much more.

For FHPG, there's much more to celebrate than the opening. The group as a whole has achieved milestones that it set out to reach from the beginning.

The goal of FHPG is to preserve the historic value of the site, promote tourism, provide additional recreational activities for the local community and deliver a setting that will appeal and be available to those looking for private event venues such as weddings, family reunions and corporate retreats.

One of the greatest assets to Heritage Park is the board that works in harmony to move forward.

"This is one of the greatest boards I've ever been on," said Ronnie Poole. "So much has been accomplished in the past year-and-a-half or so."

Poole said it was the heart of the Crapps family to one day donate the property and mansion that sits on it for public use. That wish came true several years ago when a group of citizens had a vision. They, too, didn't want to see the house abandoned.

"In 2008, FHPG applied for a grant to purchase the property when we knew the Crapps family wanted to put it in public hands," Poole said. "In 2011, with some assistance from Greg Scott, director of parks and recreation, we were able to get the grant and the city of Live Oak became owners of the mansion."

FHPG currently has a five year lease with the city of Live Oak. While the organization doesn't make monetary payments for the property, the stipulation is that the group maintains the property and the upkeep of the facilities.

In June of 2012, FHPG

held its first work day.

"The grounds have dramatically changed," said FHPG board member Marilyn Jones. "Whenever we have a work day, we get a lot of things accomplished."

"The response from the people has been amazing," Jones said. "The support is building, and they're beginning to see what's happening."

One of the reasons the project has been successful is because the group is focusing on one vision.

FHPG board member JoAnn Martz explained, "We had to have a vision. We had England Trims and Miller Inc. out of Jacksonville give us a visual plan that we can all see. We are all striving to fulfill the vision."

In this long-term vision, Heritage Park will undergo dramatic changes in its landscape.

The park is situated on approximately 75 acres of land. Right now, FHPG is working to upgrade the grounds and acquire furniture for the mansion. The group will continue to raise money to keep the vision going.

People can walk or drive to the park and enjoy a picnic lunch in a peaceful environment and take their children to play disc golf. The mansion is open from sun up to sun down and is available for small meetings, family reunions and parties. The park will be available for weddings in 2014.

Within the next year or two, it's their goal to pave the parking lots on the grounds. They're also working on a marquee.

In the future, FHPG look to fulfill their vision by creating a recreational park with the gardens in full bloom.

Local clubs, organiza-

tions and individuals are encouraged to sponsor a garden.

In the vision plan, the gardens on the ground have already been landscaped and the group is looking for someone to adopt the garden, take the plan, and make it happen.

"The Rotary Club has already sponsored a garden," Poole said. "They titled it the 'Peace Garden' in relation with their theme, which is 'Peace through Service.'"

Daniel Crapps, former owner of the property, is excited to see what FHPG is doing with the place.

In conversation, Crapps told Poole, "Mom and Daddy would be so pleased to know that people are enjoying the place now."



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GUEST COLUMN

The therapy of writing a column



Dwain Walden
The Moultrie Observer

Routinely someone will say that they don't think I'm old enough to write about some of the things that I discuss in my columns. Well thank you for that compliment.

And also I'm asked if much of the stuff I've written about actually happened or did I just make it up. Well, if you've got time I will take the crosscut saw down from over my fireplace and show you how to use it. "Pull don't push!" And as a snack, we'll have some souse meat on saltine crackers.

But then some readers will proclaim that we must have gone to different schools together. The exchanges are mostly enjoyable.

To add to that enjoyment, I hear from people from all over the country and things that happened to me here in South Georgia may have also happened to someone in Ohio. You see outhouses and oak snakes were not limited geographically. And the only difference in a corn row in Nebraska and one in Georgia is the length.

I'm often asked where do the subjects for columns come from. Well, they are just out there. Daily experiences, observations, conversations, meditations, etc.

Some readers say they had the same thoughts but just couldn't put them down in words. That might be one of those right brain/left brain things. I'm not sure which side of the brain the writing part calls home, but it always seemed rather easy to me. On the other hand, whichever side algebra resided on apparently required a visa to enter.

Someone once noted that the difference between a violin and a fiddle is the person playing it. That logic might also apply to Southern fried chicken and Northern fried chicken. My guess is, the chicken couldn't tell the difference. More binds us than separates us.

Sometimes people call and say they have ideas that I should write about.

Just this week a fellow called to describe his frustration with trying to get through to a "real live human" while calling a home office. Been there, done that, wrote about that. In fact I once punched all the available numbers and wound up talking to a cleaning lady. We had a nice conversation, and I was glad to know that everyone in that building had not been taken away by extraterrestrials.

Except for subtleties, I tend to stay away from political commentaries. To me they are too predictable and boring for the most part. Either the Democrats are all wrong and the Republicans are all right or vice versa. I'm willing to bet there are some good folks in both camps. And there's humor in both camps I've noticed.

I get kidded a lot about some of things I write about. When I learned to build fire by rubbing sticks together and then wrote about it, people sent me cigarette lighters and books of matches. So why do that when you can just flick a Bic? So I asked, why take guitar lessons when you can just turn on the radio? Why hit a little white ball with a stick when you can just walk up to the hole and drop it in? But not too surprisingly, I've had a number of adults ask me to teach them how to build a friction fire with sticks. And I have.

Now chances of ever having to use such a skill as a matter of survival are incredibly slim. But then, the chances of most people every playing "Foggy Mountain Breakdown" on a flat top Martin are just about as remote. Yet the challenges are fun. And so is writing a personal column. I also find it's good therapy and cheaper than the other kind.

Something just hit me. I'm wondering if the right brain/left brain thing can be connected to being classified as liberal or conservative. Probably not. In that analysis it would probably be referred to as right brain/wrong brain, depending on one's perspective.

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OPINION

Academic cesspools



A
MINORITY
VIEW

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BY WALTER WILLIAMS

Over the past 10 years, I have written columns variously titled "Academic Cesspools," "Academic Dishonesty," "The Shame of Higher Education," "Academic Rot" and "Indoctrination of Our Youth." Therefore, I was not surprised by David Feith's April 5th Wall Street Journal article, "The Golf Shot Heard Round the Academic World." In it, Feith

tells of a golf course conversation between Barry Mills, the president of Bowdoin College, in Brunswick, Maine, and philanthropist Thomas Klingenstein. Klingenstein voiced disapproval of campus celebration of diversity and ethnic differences while there's "not enough celebration of our common American identity."

Because Klingenstein wouldn't help finance the college's diversity craze, Mills insinuated, in remarks to the student body, that Klingenstein is a racist. Mills also told students: "We must be willing to entertain diverse perspectives throughout our community. ... Diversity of ideas at all levels of the college is crucial for our credibility and for our educational mission."

Klingenstein decided to check out Mills' commitment to diverse perspectives by commissioning the National Association of Scholars to examine Bowdoin's intellectual diversity, rigorous academics and civic identity. Its report -- "What Does Bowdoin Teach?" -- isn't pretty. There are "no curricular requirements that center on the American founding or the history of the nation." Even history majors aren't required to take a single course in American history. In the history department, no course is devoted to American political, military, diplomatic or intellectual history; the only ones available are organized around some aspect of race, class, gender or sexuality.

Some of the 37 seminars designated for freshmen are "Affirmative Action and U.S. Society," "Fictions of Freedom," "Racism," "Queer Gardens," "Sexual Life of Colonialism" and "Modern Western Prostitutes." As for political diversity, the report estimates that "four or five out of approximately 182 full-time faculty members might be described as politically conservative." During the 2012 presidential campaign, 100 percent of faculty donations went to President Barack Obama. Despite political bias and mediocrity, in 2012, Bowdoin was ranked sixth among the nation's liberal arts colleges in

U.S. News & World Report and was ranked 14th on Forbes magazine's list of America's top colleges. That ought to tell us how much faith should be put in college rankings.

I applaud Klingenstein for not making a contribution to a college agenda that is so common today. Wealthy donors are generous but tend to be lazy and uninformed in their giving.

They give large sums of money that winds up supporting college agendas that are contemptuous of donors' values, such as enlightened racism, anti-capitalism and Marxism. A rough rule of thumb to discover modern-day racism is to search a college's website to see whether it has vice presidents or deans of diversity and diversity programs. If so, keep your money.

Recent evidence has emerged that some colleges have become bold enough to hire former terrorists to teach and possibly indoctrinate our young people. That's the case with Columbia University in the hiring of convicted Weather Underground terrorist Kathy Boudin, who spent 22 years in prison for the murder of two policemen and a Brink's guard. She now holds a professorship at Columbia's School of Social Work. Her Weather Underground comrade William Ayers is a professor of education on the faculty of the University of Illinois at Chicago. Unrepentant, in the wake of 9/11, Ayers told us: "I don't regret setting bombs. I feel we didn't do enough." Bernardine Dohrn, his wife, is a professor at Northwestern University School of Law. Her stated mission is to overthrow capitalism. Ayers and Dohrn, as well as the Rev. Jeremiah Wright, are people who hate our nation and are longtime associates of President Obama's. That might help in explaining our president's vision.

What we see on college campuses represents a dereliction of duty by boards of trustees, which bear the ultimate responsibility. Wealthy donors who care about the fraud of higher education should recognize that there's nothing like the sound of pocketbooks snapping shut to open the closed minds of college administrators.

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GUEST COLUMN



By: Jerry Scarborough,
Superintendent of Schools

Below are our topics of interest for this edition of the School Talk news column:

1) Dictionaries for Suwannee Elementary School (SES)

The Live Oak Rotary Club presented each of our third grade students at SES with a dictionary this month. Approximately 350 dictionaries were distributed, and our teachers are reporting that our students "keep them in their desk...pull them out and use them all the time." This is just another example of how our community supports our schools. Thanks again to the Live Oak Rotary Club.

2) Governor's visit

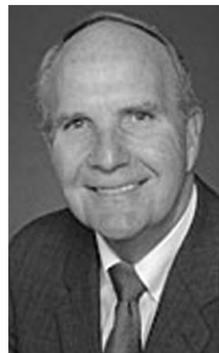
All Florida school superintendents were requested by Governor Rick Scott to meet with him recently in Tallahassee. This was one of the most productive meetings that I have sat in with a governor. We are fortunate to have a governor who is listening to the needs of our students and is committed to providing resources for our schools. The governor has successfully negotiated with the Legislature funds to assist in the compensation of our teachers. He is also working hard to provide more flexibility within our education system.

3) District's Top Dog Bus Tutoring Project

Our Transportation Department is piloting a service-learning project (Top Dog Bus Tutoring Project) that pairs secondary and primary students for reading and math tutoring while riding the school bus. The project was recently showcased at the 45th Annual United Way Volunteers and Donors' Banquet. Project Manager Dori Bingemann, Assistant Project Manager Pauline Frazier, Synthia Connell, and Robert Schnaudigel represented the Transportation Department at the gala event, which was held at Gateway College in Lake City.

4) Suwannee Middle School (SMS) CAPE IT Career Academy

We received confirmation that SMS was one of 15 schools selected to participate in the Middle School CAPE IT Career Academy Technical Assistance project.



SMS will receive technical assistance in establishing a new CAPE IT Career Academy in the 2013-14 school year. Special thanks to Janene Fitzpatrick, SMS Assistant Principal, for submitting the application.

5) Emergency Management Training

Suwannee County Sheriff Tony Cameron, along with the Office of Emergency Management, recently facilitated an emergency management training workshop regarding the roles of the various agencies in times of emergencies. Attending the workshop from Suwannee County Schools was Mark Carver, Director of Facilities; and Jesse Lovelace, Director of Transportation. We also evaluated our responses to Tropical Storm Debby to better prepare to assist our community in times of need.

6) Status of 2013 legislation

Preliminary estimates are encouraging from the 2013 Legislature regarding additional state funding for Pre-K through 12th grades. Also, important legislation that will assist in providing more opportunities for our students to be successful is moving through the Legislature. We still have to deal with the loss of federal funds due to sequestration, but our goal is to be able to maintain our current staff. We will keep you informed as the Legislature reaches its conclusion.

Your comments and suggestions are needed on how we, as a school district, can better serve our parents and students. Please feel free to contact me. I can be reached at the following:

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BIBLE VERSE

It is written: "As surely as I live," says the Lord, "every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God." **Romans 14:11**

Letters To The Editor, Suwannee Democrat, PO Box 370, Live Oak, FL 32064.
Please include your full name, address and daytime phone number.
We ask this so we can verify your letter and discuss any questions about it with you.

Wanee 2013

About 60,000 people swarmed to northern Suwannee County over a four day period last week to attend the ninth Wanee Music Festival at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park (SOSMP), according to the park. Here are some scenes from the event. See story, 1A.



A tiny princess with flowers in her hair shows the peace sign while she awaits a Wanee performance.



The ever-famous Warren Haynes performing at the 2013 Wanee Festival at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park.



Scenes you will never see anywhere but Wanee Fest - chicken on a stick!



Yeti Trio keyboardist Brooks Smith getting down during the trio's gig at Wanee 2013.



Wanee 2013 artist Bobby Lee Rodgers performing on the Peach Stage April 20.



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2013 Wanee had these little guys around everywhere.



Tie dye is the name of the game at music festivals as was the case during the 2013 Wanee Music Festival.



Suwannee High School Recycle club members doing a great job at Wanee 2013. - Photos: George Peavey

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SPORTS

SHS track

Boys 4x100 relay heading to state Boss heading to state for girls



The boys 4x100 relay team placed third in the 2A Region 1 meet and will be going to state. Pictured from left: Justin Martin, Randy Waddy, Aaron McCallister and Kyle Stebbins. - Photos: Amber Boss

The Suwannee High School boys 4x100 relay team placed third in the 2A Region 1 meet and will be going to state. The SHS boys track team placed 14th overall.

The SHS girls track team finished fifth overall and Logan Boss qualified for state. She qualified in the 100 and 300 meter hurdles, triple jump and high jump.

For the boys, Justin Martin placed ninth in the 100 meter dash; Josh Wright placed 11th in the 110 meter dash and seventh in the discus; Steven Potter placed 13th in the 300 meter hurdles and seventh in the pole vault; Jason Brown placed seventh in the 3,200 meter run; Raymond Gardner placed ninth in the 800 meter



Amber Boss in the triple jump.
- Photo: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

run; Kevarius Hayes placed sixth in the high jump and eighth in the long jump and he placed 10th in the triple jump. The boys 4x800 meter relay placed 11th.

For the girls, Daycia Bandy placed sixth in the 100 meter dash and 13th in the 200 meter dash; Kyra McClendon placed fifth in the 1,600 meter run and 13th in the 800 meter run. She broke the school record for the 1,600 meter run. That record had been in place since 1985. Katie Stalvey placed 15th in the 3,200 meter run; Amanda Glass placed 15th in the 400 meter dash and sixth in the pole vault. The girls 4x100 meter relay placed 15th, the 4x400 placed 15th as well as the 4x800.

Audrey Sapp (pole vault) and Stephanie Copeland (discus) from Branford High School also qualified for state.

The state meet is this Saturday, April 27, at the University of Jacksonville.

Softball

District champs

SHS softball will play West Florida tonight in Live Oak



The SHS Lady Bulldogs and coaches with their district trophy after winning against Wakulla Thursday night. Courtesy photo

Staff

After beating Rickards on April 16, the Suwannee High School Lady Bulldogs softball team were confident going into the battle with Wakulla on April 18 for the District 2-5A softball title. And beat them they did. The Lady Bulldogs defeated the War Eagles 9-2 on the Bulldogs own turf to claim SHS's first district title in softball.

Now, SHS will host West Florida Tech tonight at 7 p.m.

"I'm really happy for the team and seniors for winning the first district championship at SHS," said coach Tommy Chambers. "We played as good against Wakulla as we have played all year and the results showed when you play

as a team."

Audre Bryant was Suwannee's player of the game Thursday night. On the mound, the junior pitcher led Suwannee to the school's first district championship, allowing only one earned run with five batters struck out. It was a huge night for Jesse TenBroeck (4-4, 2R, 5 SB) and Jordan Roberts (4-4, 2 HR, 3 RBI).

Chambers said the hits were "unbelievable". The team received 15 hits in 36 at bats. The pitching was good keeping the batters off stride all night.

"Just seven games ago we were a sub-500 team at 7-9. Winning our last seven games against some pretty quality teams and handling the

pressure of the district tournament hopefully will carry on through the playoffs (tonight)," said Chambers.

West Florida Tech is a good team that beat SHS this same time last year at their place 3-2.

Chambers said they have eight of their starters back and except for the loss in their district championship game have really dominated their district all year.

"They have a record of 19-5 coming into Richard A. Norris field (tonight), so we will have to continue to keep the team playing at a high level to have success with them," said Chambers.

Come out tonight and root on the SHS Lady Bulldogs. Cost of admission is only \$7.

Baseball

Suwannee takes win ending regular season

'Dogs go into district tournament as # 1 seed

Submitted

The Suwannee High School Bulldog baseball team took two wins last week to close out the regular season of the baseball schedule.

On April 16, the Bulldogs defeated the visiting Hamilton County Trojans on senior night by a score of 8-0, and then traveled to Starke on April 18 and defeated the host Bradford County Tornadoes by a score of 5-3. With the two wins, Suwannee finished the regular season with a record of 16 wins and seven losses, and also finished as the number one seed going into the district tournament with a record of three wins and one loss.

In the win over Hamilton, the Bulldogs scored three runs in the bottom of the first inning, three more in the bottom of the fifth, and added two in the bottom of the sixth in earning the win. Catcher Braxton Hicks paced the Bulldogs at the plate by collecting three singles in four at-bats while driving home a pair of runs. Starting pitcher Trey Owen had two hits, scored two runs, and added a stolen base. Leftfielder Wyatt Jackson had a base hit, a run scored, and added three stolen bases, and shortstop Parker Stephens singled, drove home a pair of runs, scored a run, and also had a stolen base. First baseman Cody Gamble had a single, two runs scored, and a stolen base, and third baseman Josh Lessman singled, scored a run, drove home a run, and had a stolen base. Owen tossed four innings in earning his fourth win of the year on the mound, allowing no runs on only one base hit, walked one and struck out nine Trojan batters. Lessman came on to finish the game, pitching three innings of shutout ball, allowing no

runs on one base hit, no walks and struck out five.

On the road on April 18, Suwannee scored three runs in the bottom of the second inning, and single runs in the fourth and seventh innings in defeating Bradford. Second baseman Dustin Driver had a big night at the plate with two doubles, a single, three runs-batted-in, and a stolen base. Leftfielder Wyatt Jackson singled, scored a run, and added a stolen base, and starting pitcher Cody Gamble singled home a run and scored a run. Rightfielder Tim Carter doubled and scored a run, and centerfielder Trey Owen drove home a run with a sacrifice fly. Gamble tossed a complete game on the mound in earning his fifth win of the year. He allowed only three earned runs, walked one, and struck out five.

The Bulldog baseball team now turns its attention to the district tournament that will be hosted by the Wakulla War Eagles. In owning the number one seed, Suwannee will be playing for the district championship on Thursday, April 25 at 7 p.m. They will play the winner of the Tallahassee Rickards/Wakulla game to be played on Tuesday, April 23.

"Our baseball team had a very good season in winning 16 games, and we are looking forward to the district tournament starting this week," said coach Terry Mixon. "We split with Wakulla during the season and swept Rickards, but each team in the district has a chance when the tournament starts."

Mixon said this is what a team prepares for all season and that he's looking forward to seeing how SHS will compete in the championship game.

He added, "Hopefully, we are ready to play."

Bulldog to Bronco Taylor signs with Rider

By Andrew McGee
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Suwannee High School once again has produced a top-notch athlete. Jimmie Lee Taylor III is going from Bulldog to Bronco as he signed a full scholarship to play basketball at New Jersey's Rider University on April 17.

Coaches, faculty, family and many friends came to congratulate Taylor for the great honor and opportunity he's earned.

"We've had some great success. A large part of it was due to this young man right here," said SHS Basketball Coach Jeremy

Ulmer, gesturing to Taylor.

Ulmer said that it was a pleasure to coach Taylor and to see him get to the next level in his career.

"This just didn't happen for this kid," said Ulmer. "He wasn't just given this honor, he worked hard for it. He worked every day in the weight room. He worked hard in the gym shooting baskets for hours and hours. This is what happens when you work hard, you get special stuff like this."

Taylor was excited and had a huge smile on his face.



Jimmie Taylor III is surrounded by family, friends and school officials after he signed to play for Rider University Wednesday. - Photo: Andrew McGee

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Melody Church announces FREEDOM FEST

Melody Church announces their inaugural FREEDOM FEST. The event will be on June 29 and will be a day filled with fun for the whole family celebrating our freedom as Americans. Families are encouraged to come out together and enjoy what they hope to make a lasting tradition.

Melody Church is coordinating the event and is planning a Firecracker 5k to kick off the event, followed by live music, food and arts/crafts vendors, water slides and kids area, car show and more. The event will end with a BANG, a professional fireworks show that will be sure to be the talk of the town. Currently they are looking for other business sponsors and community partners to help donate funds to cover the cost of the fireworks and other activities. Food and craft vendors are also welcome to apply to set up a booth at FREEDOM FEST. Applications will be available online at melodychurch.com. Volunteers are needed to help the day of the event. Pastor Darrin Baldwin said, "We want to celebrate the greatest nation in the world and thank God we are able to enjoy our freedom here."

Melody Church invites families of Suwannee County and surrounding areas to join them on June 29, for this fun family event. For more information contact their church office or follow them on facebook at facebook.com/melodychurch-liveoak or visit their website at melodychurch.com.

Pastor Darrin Baldwin sees FREEDOM

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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.

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

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SPORTS

Bulldog to Bronco Taylor signs to play basketball with Rider University

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"When I was first contacted by Rider, I was excited," said Taylor. "I knew it was a good opportunity. I did a background check on them and knew it would be good for me."

What does he think going from Live Oak to New Jersey?

"It's going to be a whole lot different, a lot of different opportunities," said Taylor. "It's really great."

Early on in his basketball career, Taylor proved to be something special. He led the Suwannee Bulldogs JV basketball team to a 20-2 record in his freshman year.

As a sophomore and on the SHS varsity team, he averaged 17.1 PPG, 8.5 RPG, 2.0 APG, shot 68 percent free throws and totaled 411 points. As a junior he averaged 18 PPG, 8.7 RPG, and 4.4 APG, shot 74 percent FT (105/142), and was responsible for 114 assists (43 percent of team total). He totaled 471 points in the season.

Taylor's stats became even more impressive as he ended his senior season averaging a double-double with 24 PPG, 10 RPG, 6.4 APG (167 total assists), with a 49 percent overall field goal percentage and 623 total points. His shooting earned him a first-place ranking in the state (all Divisions, Max-preps.com) with a 79 percent free-throw per-

centage (211/268), and a second-place state ranking in Division 5A with 24.0 PPG (eleventh overall). Taylor also ranked sixth in Division 5A in rebounds per game.

His final two years in the off-season, Taylor played for two Division 1 teams, the Florida Elite and Nike Team Florida.

At SHS, Taylor was awarded Most Valuable Player for three consecutive years, with a career total of 1,505 points, including a possible record-setting 41-point game as a senior. He also made five triple-doubles as a senior.

Taylor led the SHS team to its first Sweet Sixteen appearance in decades by defeating Rutherford High School in the quarterfinal on Feb. 14 of this year which earned SHS the final state ranking of 14th in Division 5A, and 150th overall.

"I'm going to miss this guy," said Ulmer. "He's extremely coachable. It's been fun to be around him. He's always laughing and carrying on and making people around him have fun."

Ulmer added, "And there's going to be a lot more food in our refrigerator now that he's gone," as everyone laughed.

Ulmer wished Taylor good luck and that he would be missed. The family members all gathered around Taylor as he signed the contract to play for Rider University.

Softball Melody falls to Lafayette in district title game

This was the Wildcats first title game appearance for the third year program

By Jack Howdeshell

The Lafayette High School Lady Hornets softball team claimed their eighth straight district title

by defeating the Melody Christian Academy Wildcats Thursday night who were making their first title game appearance for the third year program.

The final score was 15-0. Hornet senior pitcher Lindsay O'Steen allowed one hit, while striking out seven in the four inning 15-

0 victory. Lafayette will host the District 6 runner-up Hilliard Lady Flashes, while the Lady Wildcats will travel to face District 6 winners Bell Bulldogs on Tuesday, April 30 in regional semifinal action.

Melody's record falls to 17-7 while Lafayette's improves, 18-5.

Bucs beat Tigers

By Andrew McGee

andrew.mcgee@gafnews.com

The Branford High school softball team won their game against the Jefferson County Tigers on April 15 with the final score of 14-1.

"We hit pretty good," said BHS softball coach Fred O'Quinn. "They (Tigers) made a few errors and walked a few. We played real well."

O'Quinn admitted that the Tigers walked a lot of the Bucs.

"That really helped. We'd get a couple of walks then a girl got hit and then that scored runs," said O'Quinn.

He attributed the excessive walking to the Tigers' pitcher not having enough control to pitch accurately. He said now and then, a pitcher may intentionally let a batter walk to be able to set up a fourth play to get an out at any base.

"Most or all of these walks were unintentional," said O'Quinn.

He said that there were 11 walks for the game that his players received.

O'Quinn said there was a couple of double plays as well. The Bucs had played the Tigers three times in the season and lost twice. Both games the Bucs had lost by one run. The Bucs earlier win against the Tigers resulted from getting one more run than the Tigers.

"They were ranked four and we were ranked number five," said O'Quinn.

He said late in the season is the best time to get "hot".

"McKenzie (Frye) pitched and it actually ended in six innings," said O'Quinn. "She did really well."

He added that she pitched the entire game and struck out five batters.

He said Katie White was three for five. She had four runs scored and three runs batted in (RBIs).

"Kourtney Dunham was two for three with two RBIs," said O'Quinn. "Jerica Byrd was two for four."

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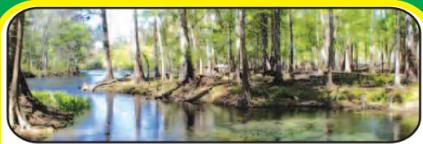
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Calendar of Events

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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.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

OAK WOODLANDS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
Now accepting bids for finish mowing, bush hogging, weed eating, and herbicide distribution. Call 386-938-5245 to obtain details and bid package. Bids must be submitted by May 10, 2013. 04/24, 26, 05/01, 03, 10

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

CASE NO.: 61-2011-CA-000009

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JAIME PERERA, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated April 08, 2013 and entered in Case No. 61-2011-CA-000009 of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit in and for SUWANNEE County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and JAIME PERERA; LASHONDA DENISE PERERA; CITIFINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. D/B/A CITIFINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. (DE) F/K/A COMMERCIAL CREDIT LOANS, INC.; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at FRONT STEPS IN FRONT OF THE SUWANNEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00 A.M., on the 6th day of June, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 10, BLOCK 12, INGLESIDE REPLAT, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 92, PUBLIC RECORDS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 1708 RUBY STREET, LIVE OAK, FL 32064

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on April 11, 2013.

(Court Seal) Barry A. Baker
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: /s/ Jillian Buchanan
Deputy Clerk

Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 33622-0518
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****See Americans with Disabilities Act in accordance with the Americans Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact (TDD) 386-758-1438. 04/24, 05/01**

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

CASE NO.: 61-2012-CA-000236

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL KILDEA, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated April 08, 2013 and entered in Case No. 61-2012-CA-000236 of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit in and for SUWANNEE County, Florida wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is the Plaintiff and MICHAEL KILDEA; FRANCES KILDEA; TENANT #1 N/K/A DAVID BOUDREAU, and TENANT #2 N/K/A KATHERINE WILSON are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at FRONT STEPS IN FRONT OF THE SUWANNEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00 A.M., on the 6th day of June, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

TRACT 63, SECTION B, OF SUWANNEE RANCHETTES DEVELOPMENT OF FLORIDA, INC., ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 111, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH A 1997 CRES DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A PERMANENT FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO; VIN NO. FLA14611458A AND VIN NO. FLA14611458B.

A/K/A 21610 45TH DRIVE, LAKE CITY, FL 32024

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on April 11, 2013.

(Court Seal) Barry A. Baker
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: /s/ Jillian Buchanan
Deputy Clerk

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **Suwannee River BBQ & Catering**, located at 102 Suwannee Avenue, SW in the County of Suwannee, in the City of Branford, Florida 32008 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Branford, Florida, this 10th day of April, 2013.

Owner's name: Tammy White
04/24

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.

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 606.98 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 degree 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 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 IN-

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.

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, FL. Classes will begin for beef cattle production and small ruminant production starting on May 3, 2013 through June 8 from 8 a.m. -

5 p.m. (EST). This is a ten day comprehensive training program will include classes on

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TEREST 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

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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 TAMMY DRIVER, M&J BANK
FSB, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

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

**PARCEL 1:
BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SW 1/4 OF 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.

Dated this 4th day of April, 2013.

(Court Seal) Clerk of the Circuit Court
Barry A. Baker

By: /s/ Jillian Buchanan
Deputy Clerk

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

CASE NO.: 2011-45-DR

J. CRAIG OLIVA
Petitioner,

and

TARA LEIGH OLIVA
Respondent

PETITION TO RELOCATE

COMES NOW, the Respondent, TARA LEIGH OLIVA, by and through the undersigned attorney, and files this Petition to Relocate, and states as follows:

Prior Order
1. A judgment entitled Final Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage was entered herein on September 14, 2011.

Jurisdiction and Venue

2. Suwannee County retains jurisdiction to consider this petition and enter order relating to the proposed relocation, as are equitable and just.

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Children

3. The child subject of this petition to relocate is:
Name: Mason Cole Oliva
Birthdate: April 7, 2008
Sex: Male

Intended New Residence

4. The location of Respondent's intended new residence, mailing address, and home telephone number are as follows:
Address: Cherokee County, Oklahoma
Telephone: (722) 583-7919

Date of Relocation

5. The date of Respondent's intended move or relocation is July 15, 2013.

Detailed Statement of Specific Reasons
6. The Respondent found a significantly better job in Oklahoma than she is able to get in Florida. Additionally, she and the minor child lost their house as a result of her father's pastoral transfer to the West Coast. The father has not been providing support for the minor child and is over \$30,000.00 in arrearage and does not provide support in the form of court ordered health insurance. The Respondent believes the father has also moved out of the state because the father has not contacted her or the minor child in over one year.

Proposed Schedule and Transportation Arrangements

7. Respondent's proposals regarding the postrelocation schedule for time-sharing and access and related transportation arrangements are reflected in the Parenting Plan attached to this Petition and incorporated for all purposes, which is submitted for consideration and approval by the Court.

A RESPONSE TO THIS PETITION OBJECTING TO RELOCATION MUST BE MADE IN WRITING, FILED WITH THE COURT, AND SERVED ON THE PARENT OR OTHER PERSON SEEKING TO RELOCATE WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS AFTER SERVICE OF THIS PETITION TO RELOCATE. IF YOU FAIL TO TIMELY OBJECT TO THE RELOCATION, THE RELOCATION WILL BE ALLOWED, UNLESS IT IS NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILDREN, WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE AND WITHOUT HEARING.

I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath under penalty of perjury to the truthfulness of the claims made in this notice and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

I also understand that I have a continuing duty to provide current and updated information required by Section 61.13001 of the Florida Statutes when such information becomes known.

/s/ Tara Oliva
TARA OLIVA

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF INDIAN RIVER

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, this 17th day of April 2013, by Respondent, TARA OLIVA, who is personally known to me or who has produced a Florida Driver's License as identification.

(NOTARY SEAL) /s/ Lynda Lloyd
NOTARY PUBLIC

Lynda Lloyd
Notary's Name (Printed/Typed)

04/24, 05/01

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform you that Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. will hold a pre-bid conference and walk-thru in Suwannee County for the weatherization work of six (6) single-family dwellings participating in the S.R.E.C., Inc. Weatherization Program.

This meeting will be held Friday, **April 30, 2013, beginning at 8:00 a.m.** at S.R.E.C. office, 1171 Nobles Ferry Road, Bldg 2 Live Oak, Florida.

The conference and walk-thru is mandatory, no exceptions, for contractors who plan to bid. S.R.E.C., Inc. requires each contractor to be properly licensed, carry general liability insurance of at least \$1,000,000.00, POI (Pollution Occurrence Insurance) and Workers Comp Insurance (No Exemptions) before bid opening.

Original bids for these units will be due by 12:00 noon, May 3, 2013 at S.R.E.C., Inc. office, 1711 Nobles Ferry Road Bldg 2, Live Oak, Florida 32060. Please mark envelope "Sealed Bid for Name of Homeowner". Bids are to be opened and awarded, May 3, 2013 at 12:30 p.m.

S.R.E.C., Inc. has the right to reject any and all bids. The bids will be awarded on the most cost effective basis.

SOME OF THE BATCH(S) MAY CONTAIN HOMES THAT WERE CONSTRUCTED PRIOR TO 1978, AND MAY CONTAIN LEAD-BASED PAINT.
04/24

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Mowing Services

The Suwannee County Development Authority is requesting bids for mowing services of common areas and various lots at the East 90 Commerce Centre.

A map detailing the area that is to be mowed can be picked up at the Chamber Office.

The East 90 Commerce Centre is located off US 90 East on 101st Road on the north side of the railroad tracks.

Submit sealed bids to the Chamber of Commerce by 4:00 p.m. on May 3, 2013. Bid opening: May 7, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. 04/17, 24

marketing, computer basics, governmental programs for farmers (i.e., USDA) estate

planning, computer basis herd and so much more. This program is designed for beginning and advanced small farm families. Registration fees (early, general and late fees) start at

\$25. Fees will cover training materials and meals. For more information on this event please contact Angela McKenzie-Jakes at (850)875-8552

(angela.mckenziejakes@famuedu) or visit our website at <http://www.famuedu/goats>.

Master Goat and Sheep certification program

Florida A&M University, Cooperative Extension Program will be hosting its 7th Annual

Master Goat and Sheep Certification Program at the Florida A&M University's Research and Extension Center in Quincy. Classes will begin on May 3, 4, 17, 18, and June 1 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (EST). This is a five-day comprehensive training program will

include classes on marketing, herd health, nutrition and so much more. This program is designed for beginning and advanced small ruminant producers. Registration fees (early, general and late fees) start at \$25 for the non-certification track or \$45 for the certification track. Fees will cover training materials and meals. For more information on this event please contact Angela McKenzie-Jakes at (850)875-8552

(angela.mckenziejakes@famuedu) or visit our website at <http://www.famuedu/goats>.

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.

Suwannee County Branch NAACP - Unit #5137

President: Mr. Lesley White

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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

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Suwannee County Bassmasters

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Antioch Baptist Church

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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.

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Donations needed for Save the Cats of Live Oak

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

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Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

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Haven Hospice

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



"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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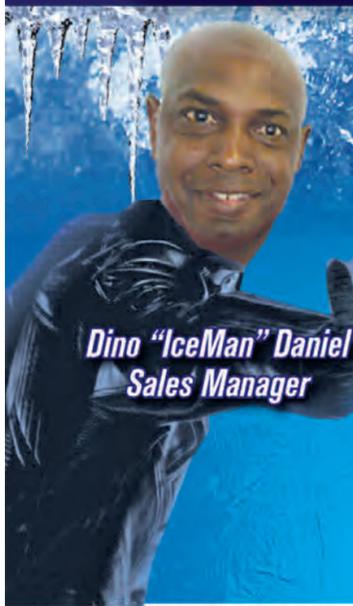
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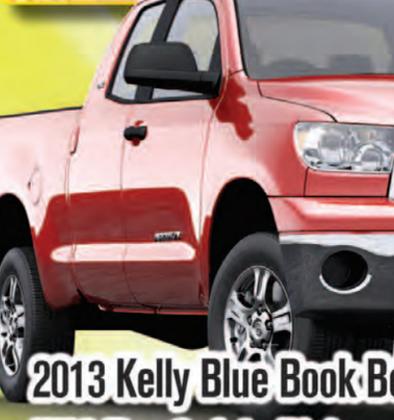
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