

National Day of PRAYER

Thursday, May 2, is the National Day of Prayer. Folks will be gathering in various parts of the county for a time of prayer: Surrey Place Care Center at 9:30 a.m.; Branford Town Hall at noon and the steps of Live Oak City Hall beginning at 12:15 p.m. Prayers will be offered for the needs of our nation and community. Lawn chairs are welcome.

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ACM'S NEW ARTIST/DUO OF THE YEAR



Florida Georgia Line.

WHO:
Florida Georgia Line

WHERE:
Suwannee River Jam at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park

WHEN:
Saturday night at 8:15

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Florida Georgia Line

From humble beginnings to superstars

By Andrew McGee
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American County Music's New Artist and New Vocal Duo of the Year is coming to Live Oak Saturday to perform live in front of thousands of screaming fans during the Suwannee River Jam.

Florida Georgia Line is a duo that has captured the hearts and attention of many country music

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Rivers possibly contaminated

Sanitary sewer overflow in Georgia to blame

Staff

The Suwannee County Health Department is advising the public to take precaution around the Suwannee and Withlacoochee rivers after a sanitary sewer overflow from a burst main in Lowndes County.

The overflow occurred outside the city of Valdosta in Lowndes County west of the Withlacoochee near Highway 133 and resulted in 1.32 million gallons spilling over the course of 40 hours, some of which reached the river. The county reported the spill and has established sampling points to monitor the river.

The Withlacoochee River meets the Suwannee near Suwannee River State Park at US 90 West.

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Brant Rutland: An American hero



Brant Rutland with daughter Kira, 9. Courtesy photo

Live Oak native injured in Afghanistan while serving in Army, now recovering in a D.C. hospital

By Bryant Thigpen
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A former Live Oak native is currently recovering at a Washington, D.C. hospital after being attacked while serving in the US military in Afghanistan. Brant Rutland, 32, was deployed to Afghanistan in February and his life was forever changed on April 6.

Rutland was born in Homestead, but his family moved to Live Oak

when he was just one. He attended Suwannee County schools and eventually graduated from Suwannee High School in 1999. The following year, Rutland enlisted in the United States Navy.

"It's always been something I looked up to and I knew it was for me," Rutland said.

Rutland spent the next four years of his life serving this country in the

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Harris: Sawmill construction looming

County gives current site contractor go ahead on \$1.6 million storm water system after Klausner states urgency of completion

By Bryant Thigpen
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The Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners voted Thursday at a special-called meeting to issue a change order for the contractor at the catalyst site to begin work on the storm water system. The commissioners were met with surprise to

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Heritage Park grand opening



People sign up for free tours of the mansion at Heritage Park and Gardens Saturday. Staff photo

Staff

The parking area for Heritage Park and Gardens filled to capacity Saturday leaving some motorists to park alongside the roadway. Hundreds turned out for the grand opening of the park and gardens, which is the former Crapps estate on Helvenston Street in Live Oak.

The grounds and mansion were officially open to the public Saturday. Free hot dogs, drinks and other goodies were given

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Prevatt named county attorney

By Bryant Thigpen
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Prevatt

The Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously Thursday at a special called meeting to award the county attorney position to local attorney Jimmy Prevatt Jr., effective immediately. Prevatt will replace Hal

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DOC: Officer stabbed at Suwannee CI

The officer was conducting routine security checks when an inmate stabbed him twice in the back

Staff

A Suwannee Correctional Institution corrections officer was stabbed by an inmate on Wednesday, April

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ARE WE READY?

Preparing for, responding to natural disasters

Are we prepared financially?

TS Debby: A multi-million dollar disaster

By Bryant Thigpen
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Editor's note: This is the second story part of a five week series titled "Are we ready?", in which we delve into storm preparedness

locally. This part focuses on storm-related costs.

June 25, 2012 was an unforgettable day as people witnessed Tropical Storm Debby rip through the county. Residents were stunned as they woke up Tuesday morning, June 26, to find that historic water levels had flooded down-

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Service Above Self award goes to John and JoAnn Martz

Friends and associates joined the members of the Rotary Club of Live Oak as they honored John and JoAnn Martz with the 2013 Service Above Self Award last week.

"The Rotary Council on Legislation established 'Service Above Self' as the principle motto of Rotary since it best explains the philosophy of unselfish vol-

unteer service. John and JoAnn you are being recognized today by the Rotary Club of Live Oak because you give so freely of your time and energy to help others," said Ronnie Poole former district governor and Rotarian during the presentation.

John is a very active Ro-

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Ronnie Poole, Rotary Club of Live Oak Service Above Self committee member, left, Marjorie Carmichael committee member, JoAnne Martz and John Martz, right, 2013 Service Above Self award winners. Photo: submitted

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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 25, Garry Wayne Brewster, 27, Suwannee River Motel, White Springs, FL, Fleeing and Eluding, Reckless Driving, DWLS/R Knowingly-2nd Off: SCSO-C. Home
 Apr 25, Shawna Leigh Thomas, 28, 3310 NW 91st St, Gainesville, FL, Grand Theft III-Specified Property Motor Vehicle: SCSO- T. Ford
 Apr 25, John Wesley Cruz, 22, 13054 167th Road, Live Oak, FL, VOP O/C Grand Theft: FHP- A. Hughes
 Apr 26, Trevor Seth Richardson, 18, 12545 70th Place, Live Oak, FL, Bradford Co FTA No DL: SCSO: H. Harris
 Apr 26, Sidney Leroy Johnson, 26, 1204 Walker Ave, Live Oak, FL, Resis W/O Viol, Trespass After Warning: LOPD- R. Kinsey

Apr 26, Stephen Darrell Johnson, 35, 8652 John Hamm Rd, Milton, FL, Write of Bodily Attachment, Cash Only Purge: SCSO- T. Smith
 Apr 26, Duane Raoul Piet, 48, 1600 SE Helvenston St P4, Live Oak, FL, Drug Offense W/I 1000Ft of a Public Housing, Sale Cannabis W/I 1000Ft of Public Housing, VOP Revisit Arrest W/O Vio, VOP No Valid DL Cash Only. VOP DUI/DWLS/R & Fail to Register Vehicl Cash Only: SCSODTF: M. Ramirez

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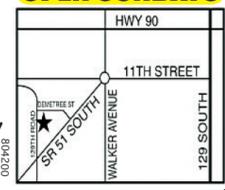


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Rivers possibly contaminated

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According to Michael Mitchell of the SCHD, the Department of Environmental Protection collected water samples Friday.

"I am unsure when we will get the results at this time," said Mitchell. "The three locations that have been tested are between Georgia/Florida border and the location where the Withlacoochee and Suwannee rivers meet."

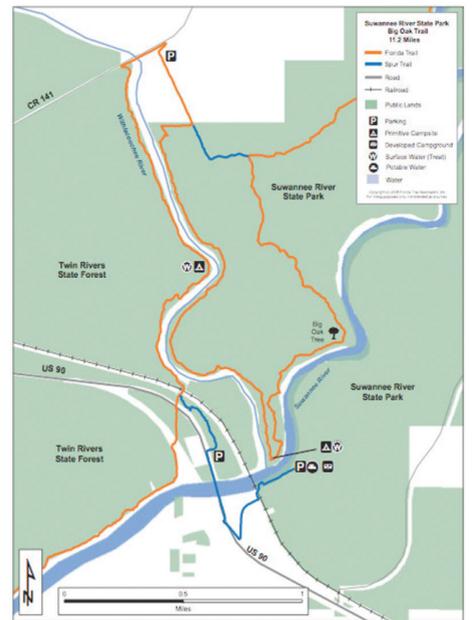
Mitchell said that until the results are back and they know what level of contamination there is, if any, the public is asked to take precautions when near the rivers. This includes those in Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison and Suwannee counties.

"Until we know if the river is contaminated, we want people to be safe. The

same goes with fish. We recommend on holding off on eating fish (from the rivers) at this time," said Mitchell. "However, if you do, make sure that you cook the fish properly. Our regulations require people to cook fish to 155 degrees for at least 15 seconds."

Megan Wetherington of the Suwannee River Water Management District said that portions of the Suwannee River above the Withlacoochee, near Suwannee River State Park at US 90 West, should be ideal for recreation use as this part of the river should be unaffected by the spill.

"The entire Alapaha River and the Suwannee River upstream of the Withlacoochee confluence would not be affected by any releases into the Withlacoochee," said Wetherington.



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MELODY CHURCH Celebrating 32nd anniversary



Melody Church announces their 32nd anniversary. Their anniversary celebration will be on May 5. Church service will be at 10:30 a.m. followed with picnic lunch in the Revolution building and outside water activities for the kids. The church would like to extend an invitation to the community to come out and enjoy the celebration.

Melody Church was founded in the spring of 1981. Bob Champion, with his wife, Carol, and their children, Eric and Capril, moved to Live Oak with a vision from God to establish a family church, a teaching center, and a world outreach center. At the same time, God began to bring together a group of people who loved God, who desired a closer walk with Him, and who could share the Champions' vision.

The former Brim Funeral Home housed the first sanctuary, bookstore, and school situated on 1.65 acres. In 1984 the former Allbritton home located on 3.7 acres was purchased for the purpose of relocating Melody Christian Academy and expanding the children's ministry.

In September 1985, Pastor Bob and his family moved to Phoenix City, Ala., to pastor a church and later to Daytona Beach to found and pastor Victory Christian Center. During this transition period, Frank Davis was appointed pastor of Melody. He and his wife, Amanda, have faithfully served the church since then. Jim and Dee Montgomery became children's pastors in 1983, and Chris Musgrove became youth pastor in 1985.

In May 1988, Melody moved into a new 8,000-square-foot sanctuary. With the addition of the 10-acre "promised land" in 1990, the church property grew to 20 acres. Other significant events have been the acquisition of interest in WOLR 91.3 FM in 1992 followed by complete acquisition in 1997; the construction of the athletic facility in 1993; the successful completion of the "move-on-up" project, which expanded facilities including the fellowship hall and the sanctuary for children and youth services; and the renovation of the existing building.

In June 2012, Pastor Frank moved to the CEO

position of the church, and Pastor Darrin Baldwin was appointed pastor. Pastor Darrin plans to go to take Melody to another level. It is his vision to reach, connect and transform people here in Suwannee County and around the globe. Melody has always been a church to reach out to the community and plans to reach out more than ever and infiltrate Suwannee County with the love of Jesus.

In March, Melody had an Egg Drop and saw over 3,000 residents come out to their property to enjoy the event. On June 29, they will have "Freedom Fest" and anticipate an even larger crowd to come out for this celebration of our freedoms as Americans. Plans for several other large community events are in the process as well.

Melody Church invites families of Suwannee County and surrounding areas to join them on June 29, 2013 for this fun family event. For more information contact their church office at 386-364-4800 or follow them on facebook at facebook.com/melodychurchliveoak or visit their website at melodychurch.com.

SVEC 76th meeting a hit



Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative's 76th annual meeting at the Suwannee County Coliseum on Saturday drew a large crowd. The Mercy Mountain Boys provided the morning's music entertainment as people filled up the place fast. The meeting is always a great opportunity for folks to see friends, co-workers and of course a chance to win one of over 100 prizes available. - Photo: Andrew McGee

130 pounds collected during Drug Take Back

Submitted by the Live Oak Police Department



Over 130 pounds of prescription medication was collected during this year's Drug Take Back Event on Saturday, April 27. The focus of this event, coordinated by the DEA, was on removing potentially dangerous controlled substances from our citizen's medicine cabinets. The local event, at Cheek & Scott Drugs, was facilitated by the Live Oak Police Department, in partnership with Suwannee County Fire/Rescue.

(L to R): Alex Miller, pharmacy tech at Cheek & Scott; Capt. Robert Eyer, SCFR; and Officer David Shapiro, Live Oak Police Department. Courtesy photo

VILLAGE-WIDE YARD SALE

And Market Day
at
Advent Christian Village



Saturday, May 4
8:00 AM
to 1:00 PM

Look for signs directing you to the many yard sales throughout the community--Numerous sites in the RiverWoods subdivision and throughout the campus. Market Day takes place at the Village Square with vendors selling a variety of items.

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SHS class of '43 Celebrates reunion



Pictured seated: Juanita Lord Ward, Live Oak; Jeanetta Bozeman Mattox, Live Oak; Grace Earle Sweat, Bainbridge; Betty Jo Baechle Starks, Orlando; Catherine Bozeman Roberts, Live Oak; Margaret Gamble Kilpatrick, Live Oak; Iris Ross Singletery, Live Oak. Standing: Gilliam Walton, Lakeland; A.G. Bemby, Ellenton, Ga.; Lee Ledbetter, Orange Park. Courtesy photo

Seventy years. Wow! "We are survivors," claimed the 10 members of the Suwannee High School class of 1943. They gathered April 13 at the Dixie Grill in Live Oak for their annual reunion.

Class members exchanged hugs and laughs as they reminisced. They compared walking canes, aches and pains and discussed where all the time had gone.

The 1943 graduates were happy that Mary Ann Dees, Catherine Riggs and Julia Sperring, widows of classmates, joined them for this special celebration. Several classmates' family members also attended.

Appreciation was expressed for the local classmates who planned the gathering. Lee Ledbetter offered to help organize the 2014 reunion.

Darshan Shah joins SRWMD as an Engineering Specialist

Darshan Shah joined the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) as an engineering specialist on April 22. He will work in the Water Resources Division. In this capacity, Shah will collect and maintain water use monitoring data to support the District's water use monitoring program and water resource planning.

Prior to employment with the District, Shah worked with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service as an engineering intern where he designed and implemented various conservation practices. He also served as an intern with GDP Design and Construction in Orlando where he tracked the progress of construction projects, managed city and county permit applications, assisted with subcontractor insurance, and provided consultation on design projects.

Shah earned his B.S. in Agricultural and Biological Engineering from the University of Florida.

"I am excited to join the District as we address water and natural resource concerns in north Florida. I



Shah

look forward to a challenging position and a great learning experience," said Shah.

"The District welcomes Darshan Shah to our team," said District Executive Director Ann Shortelle. "His

skills are vital in ensuring the reliability of the District's water use monitoring program, and he will provide critical support for our water supply planning and resource management programs."

Homecoming Day at New Harmony Methodist Church

Please join us at New Harmony United Methodist Church located at 19983 160th St., Live Oak, Florida, on Sunday, May 5, at 9:30 a.m. for our Homecoming Day.

The speaker will be our former pastor Rev. Bill Peterson. There will be congregational singing and special music by the gospel group Southern Joy.

Lunch will follow the service in the fellowship hall of the church.

If you have any stories about the church you would like to share with everyone, please call 386-776-1806 and leave a message or e-mail it to: newharmonyumc@gmail.com.

Darlene Saindon joins SRWMD as an Environmental Scientist

Darlene Saindon joined the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) on April 22 as an environmental scientist. She will work in the Water Resources Division. In this capacity she will analyze water quality and biological data and develop remediation strategies to address impairment.

Prior to the District, Saindon worked as a biological scientist at the University of Florida for more than seven years. During her time there, she served as a lab manager and field coordinator for several contracted research projects on water quality and submerged aquatic vegetation along the Gulf Coast of Florida from Steinhatchee to Pasco County. She also worked at Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Florida Marine Research Institute where she collected and processed

water chemistry samples and worked on seagrass monitoring projects in the Tampa Bay and Big Bend area.

Saindon earned her B.S. in Marine Science from Eckerd College and her M.S. in Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences from the University of Florida.

"I'm excited to be a part of such a great team dedicated to conserving and protecting the natural resources so vital to the quality of life here in north Florida," said Saindon.

"The District welcomes Darlene Saindon to our team," said District Executive Director Ann Shortelle. "She will be a valuable asset in our efforts to improve water quality through the implementation of basin management action plans, restoration projects, and best management practices."



Yard sale for Gage Tanner

Treatment Fund May 10 & 11

Gage Tanner is the grandson of David & Patricia Tanner of Pearson, Ted & Toni Landen, Boe & Debbie Brown, and great grandson of Winona Landen all of Live Oak.

Gage was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor (ganglioglioma) on April 13, 2012. He went through six weeks of proton radiation which unfortunately did not kill the malignant cancer cells, and chemotherapy will not reach this type of tumor. Gage had pneumonia in November of 2012 along with a staff infection that was a result of a feeding tube being placed into his stomach. He spent two months in the hospital where he fought a hard fight, and thankfully he survived.

On March 28, Gage was in surgery nine-hours debulking the brain tumor to relieve pressure that has been causing significant head and neck pain. Gage spent 30 days in the hospital.

As chemotherapy is not an option for this type of tumor, there is a new drug that is still in trial stages. His doctors are confident he would benefit from this drug, however, because it is currently not FDA approved, insurance will not cover any of the cost.

We are having a yard sale May 10 and May 11 to raise money to help cover

the cost of this treatment. If you would like to donate items for the sale, donate your time to help make this sale successful, or if you would like to make a cash donation, we would be extremely grateful.

Items can be dropped off at 9009 129th Lane, Live Oak. Monetary donations can be mailed to Peoples Bank of Pearson, PO Box 839, Pearson, GA 31642. Checks should be made payable to Gage Tanner Fund.

Gage is a special little boy who hasn't had the opportunity to be a child. It is our hope that this treatment

will be successful, and he will have the opportunity of a normal childhood. Gage has touched many lives in one way or another throughout this past year. His smile is contagious, and anyone that sees him falls deeply in love with him and his strong faith that he's going to be healed. There are people all over the world praying for Gage Tanner.

Thank you everyone that have already made cash contributions, bought raffle tickets, or donated in other ways. Your love, kindness, and prayers are very much appreciated.

Learning Florida's Prehistory

Barbara Hines of the Florida Public Archaeology Network will be at the Suwannee River Regional Library in Live Oak on Monday, May 13 at 6 p.m. to present the program "Learning about Florida Prehistory". This presentation will teach about the different culture periods of Florida's Prehistory from Paleo-Indian times up until the Historic period. You may bring one of your local "artifacts" (arrowhead, etc) that you would like to know more about. Ms. Hines will attempt to date the artifact and give a history of the item.

Ms. Hines is the Outreach Coordinator of the Florida Archaeology Network for the Northeast Florida region. The Florida Public Archaeology Network is dedicated to the protection of cultural resources, both on land and underwater, and to involving the public in the study of their past. Regional centers around Florida serve as clearinghouses for information, institutions for learning and training, and headquarters for public participation in archaeology. For more information, please visit <http://www.flpublicarchaeology.org>.

This program is presented

as part of the 2013 Viva Florida 500 celebration. Viva Florida 500 is a statewide initiative led by the Florida Department of State, under the leadership of Governor Rick Scott, to highlight the 500 years of historic people, places and events in present-day Florida since the arrival of Juan Ponce de León to the land he named La Florida in 1513. While Florida's Native American heritage dates back more than 12,000 years, Spain's claim in 1513 began a new era. In 2013, Florida will mark 500 years of history and diverse cultural heritage - a claim no other state in America can make - and promote the place where the world's cultures began to unite and transform into the great nation we know today as the United States of America. Viva Florida 500 will take place year-round in 2013, and its many partners are planning more than 200 events statewide. The goal is to promote 500 years of Florida's history - its people, places and cultural achievements - and this important milestone in American and Florida history. Learn more by visiting www.vivaflorida.org.

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Yard sale to benefit Friendship Baptist Church's mission trip

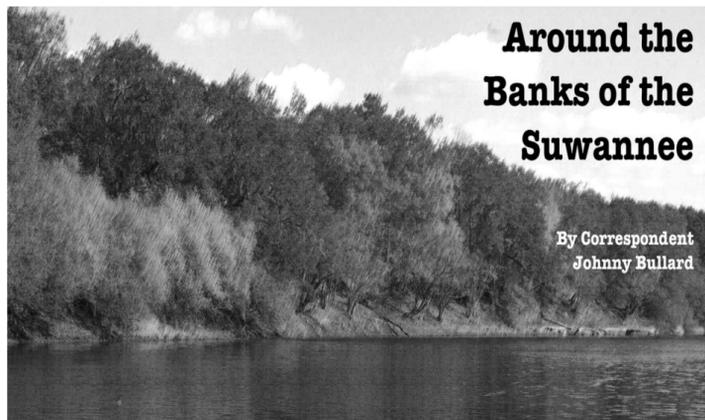
A huge yard sale will be held at 531 N. Houston Ave. in Live Oak on May 3 & 4 from 8 a.m. until. Proceeds will go towards Friendship Baptist Church of Live Oak's support mission trip to Kentucky. There will be lots of household items, trinkets, electronics, large-size clothing and much more.

The following couples applied for a marriage license the week of April 22 - 26, 2013:

- Christopher Shaine Woodham to Tara Darlene Wilson
- Mark Robert Anderson to Ashley Monique Ivey-Smith
- William Christopher Lee to Stormy Kristen Cheek
- Daniel Vladimir Harmon to Amanda Marie Egan



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Around the Banks of the Suwannee

By Correspondent Johnny Bullard

There is a lot of talk each year about folks who develop or contract a seasonal ailment known as "spring fever". Those who teach school see this "ailment" affect students, and, truthfully, staff members and everyone at the time when the weather begins to turn more mild and the temperatures begin to climb. In the school setting, "spring fever" especially escalates after standardized tests are given.

"Spring fever" does not have symptoms such as elevated temperature, aching muscles, sniffles and sore throat. It's symptoms are a little different, but there are some similarities. You may see folks with more a "deer in the headlight" looks, kind of day dreaming when spring comes around. There seems to be a general restlessness associated with "spring fever". Folks seem to want to be "outside" rather than "inside" and it seems when spring arrives, folks have a tendency to want to be more active - work in their yards, gardens, and with their flowers and plants. All of these seem to affect young and old, rich and poor, male and female, in various degrees.

The bad thing about "spring fever" is that it affects just about everyone. After winter with its gray and dreary days, lifeless trees and cold temperatures that seem to bring everyone down, especially during those eight or so weeks following Christmas, just about everyone looks forward to the trees budding out, the flowers beginning to bloom, and a bit more sunshine. It is a proven fact that sunshine and light can, indeed, improve and elevate one's mood.

With this mood elevation, though, comes a longing that is unique in and of itself. Individuals who are working often find themselves gazing longingly out of windows and "day dreaming" about being outside working in their yards, fishing, going boating and/or canoeing, or just taking long walks during the first wonderful weeks of spring.

The good thing about "spring fever" is that there is definitely a cure and our area is full of wonderful dosages of medicine one can take that will lead to an eventual cure.

Go to the Suwannee River and sit on its banks and enjoy the beauty of the river and the area around it. Purchase yourself a fishing license, grab a cane pole and some wigglers and spend an afternoon on the bank of one our area's many creeks, lakes, ponds, or, even on the bank of the river itself fishing. Even if you don't catch many fish, you will enjoy the time outside soaking up the North Florida sunshine and receiving the "cure" for "spring fever".

For some the cure for "spring fever" lies in digging and planting in their yards and gardens. Some folks cannot be cured unless they smell the unmistakable fragrance of fresh, upturned "dirt" and get some on their hands and under their nails. If it this is the cure you need or desire, go out and dig to your heart's content, plant, plant,

plant, and then reap the bounties of your planting in the late spring or early summer.

Some folks, in order to be cured, must simply lie in the sunshine. Our area provides many opportunities for you to do just that. Get out and simply take a nap in your hammock, lie on your recliner and just soak up some wonderful Vitamin D. Be sure and put on some sun screen though, the sun is wonderful, but it can be damaging to one's skin. So take the proper precautions.

Some folks, in order to be cured from "spring fever" must take the complete plunge. That is, they must dive into one of our area's many outstanding bodies of water and swim around. Go ahead and "take the plunge", but make sure before you do that the water temperature is warm enough for you. Just because the temperature on the thermometer reads in the mid eighties doesn't mean that the water temperature will be the same, but if you need to take "the plunge" for the cure, then my all means, take it.

For some, the cure for "spring fever", simply can be found in wearing more colorful and lighter clothing. This in and of itself can certainly elevate one's mood.

For some folks, "spring fever" can be cured by finding a good book and leisurely reading it on one's screened porch or in a lounge chair outside. Our public libraries in the area provide many wonderful books, and if you are not sure which one to choose to help you escape, just ask one of the helpful staff members at any of our libraries that are part of the Suwannee River Regional Library system, and they will be glad to help you. You choose the book, and I know you will find a wonderful spot to read.

We have some outstanding state parks in our area and the admission price to them is very reasonable. These state parks offer many beautiful sites where I can guarantee you can and will find a cure for "spring fever". You don't have to travel far to find the cure, it's very close to all of us.

"Spring fever", almost everyone has a case of it, whether it be mild, moderate, or severe, that's the bad news. The good news is that our beautiful area here around the "Banks of the Suwannee" provides us with just an outstanding array of opportunities for "a cure", and I can promise you will enjoy your own method of cure.

I hope you will, over the next several weeks seek your own cure for "spring fever". Get out and enjoy all the bounties and treasures that abound here in our home "Around the Banks of the Suwannee", and I promise that over a period of time, you will be cured of your case of "spring fever".

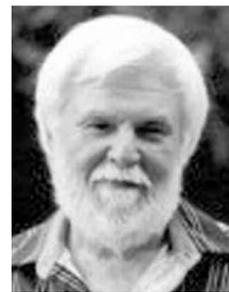
From the Eight Mile Still on the Woodpecker Route, north of White Springs, wishing each of you a day filled with joy, peace, and, above all lots of love and laughter.

OBITUARIES

Frank D. Schneider
 April 24, 2013

Frank D. Schneider, 79, Live Oak, Fla., passed away on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 after a short illness. The Drummwright, OK native moved to Live Oak in 1996 from Napels, Fla. and was a member of Melody Christian Church. He also was a Korean Conflict and Vietnam Era Veteran while serving in the Air Force. Mr. Schneider is survived by his two daughters: Debra Sue Weeks, Live Oak, Fla.; Judy Magourick, Crossville, TN; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 29 at

Melody Christian Church with Rev. Frank Davis officiating. Daniels Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc., of Live Oak and Branford, Fla. in charge of arrangements.



Judson "Frank" Scott
 April 27, 2013

Judson "Frank" Scott, age 74 passed away at his

home on April 27, 2013. He is survived by his loving wife Carol, and their children Suzanne Scott, (Buddy Anderson), Judson Nicholas Scott, Travis Jay Billinger, Tracy Lynn Caldwell (Clint), and Misty Leann West (Brad Quandt). Also grandson Jacob Wesley Caldwell. He was preceded in death by his mother Georgia Collier, and his son Jeffrey Frank Scott. Frank enjoyed gardening, restoring old vehicles, spending time with his pets and had an avid love of trains and civil war history. He spent many years as an Assistant Scout Master with the Boy Scouts. He was retired from the Army Reserve and the Suwannee River Water Management District. He will be dearly missed by family and friends alike. A memorial service will be held at Daniels Funeral Home at 11 a.m. Friday, May 3, 2013, with Mr. Larry Coates officiating followed by a reception at the Shriners Club in Live Oak.

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

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Dennis Cason

Dennis Cason
President, Suwannee County
Economic Alliance

Did you attend the grand opening celebration of Heritage Park and Gardens? What a great event at a great spot! Congratulations to the folks who had the vision and to those who are participating in making that vision a reality. This attraction is yet

another reason for people to visit Live Oak - and one more reason for those of us who live here not to have to go anywhere else! Heritage Park and Gardens is an asset to the future of economic development in Suwannee County.

We want to share the first report of an increase in local business that has been induced by the Klausner sawmill. It came from a barber who noticed more people coming in for haircuts. These new customers just happened to have been some of the workers who were employed in clearing the catalyst site.

As Klausner prepares to break ground on its first American sawmill, it opens the door for economic growth that was only a dream a few years ago when those acres near I-10 and US-90 were designated as a catalyst site. And there is more to come. Our business recruitment team continues to work with a number of companies interested in co-locating at the catalyst site. In economic development, patience is truly a virtue! An all-important industry cluster is being developed that will not only allow advantages for each company but will allow our educational and training institutions to focus on programs that will support the mutual workforce needs of a group of companies.

Speaking of patience, you've probably heard that the Badcock building has been sold! The new owner plans to lease the building and we have already shown it to an interested company with whom we have been working for several weeks.

A committee of members from the Suwannee County Development Authority (SCDA), led by Clifford Gwinn, is spearheading a campaign to recruit restaurants for Suwannee County. Research has been done and contacts are being made. This is an added direction for SCDA, whose historical focus has been to establish industrial parks and participate with engineering and planning requirements for businesses that are interested in expanding or establishing a new location in Suwannee County.

The Chamber is moving forward with its new board members and new officers to discuss and implement plans for the year. A membership committee has been set up, a survey is in the works, and plans are being made for a business forum. Watch for more information soon.

As the Tourist Development Council (TDC) goes about the business of promoting tourism in Suwannee County, one of its tools is to award monetary grants to events that will bring visitors to the county. A recent event receiving a grant was the Wannee Festival, attended by more than 60,000 people! This weekend are two more events that the TDC has supported; The first is the Suwannee River Jam, now in its 21st year. The second is a new event to Live Oak: the 2013 Southeast Regional Trapping & Outdoor Expo from the National Trappers Association and Florida Trappers Association which will be held at the Suwannee County Agricultural Complex. There will be exhibits, demonstrations, plenty of vendors, and on Saturday a visit by Junior, Willie & Teresa Edwards from the History Channel's popular TV series "Swamp People!"

The Council for Progress (CFP), established 17 years ago, was the first organization in Suwannee County whose main goal was to address economic development. It is through the CFP that we facilitate the face-to-face contact that is crucial in bringing the economic development that will benefit our county.

You can be involved in economic development, the chamber, or tourist development! There are a variety of ways to participate. Give us a call and...

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OPINION

Liberal suffering and confusion



A
MINORITY
VIEW

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BY WALTER WILLIAMS

The liberal world vision and reality are often at variance, for example, with equal pay for equal work. I've often watched "Lockup," a show that features California super-max prisons, including Pelican Bay and Corcoran. Often, a recalcitrant prisoner must be extracted from his cell through brute force. I've never seen female guards remove a prisoner.

If they are part of the process at all, it's to videotape the extraction for legal purposes. It's my bet that female guards receive the same salaries as male guards while not having to risk injury. Along the same lines, women on aircraft carriers earn as much as their male counterparts, but I have yet to see women hefting a hernia bar to attach a 500- or 1,000-pound bomb to a fighter jet wing. All of this suggests that liberals are for equal pay for unequal work. Or could it be sex discrimination whereby equally qualified women are denied the opportunity to extract beastly inmates from their cells and load heavy bombs on fighter planes?

Here's another bit of liberal confusion. Liberals deny that raising labor cost through minimum wages reduces incentives to hire. But if you asked a liberal for advice on how to stop rich people from shirking their tax obligations, they'd say raise the penalty. Ask low-information Harvard University doctors what should be done to stem gun violence and they answer that government should institute "a new, substantial national tax on all firearms and ammunition." Ask Illinois' Cook County Board of Commissioners President Toni Preckwinkle how to reduce purchases of bullets and guns. She'd say levy a nickel tax on each bullet and a \$25 tax on each gun. Liberals demonstrate they understand the law of demand -- that raising the cost of something lessens the amount taken -- but they deny that it applies to labor. That's as ludicrous as suggesting that the law of gravity applies to everything in the universe except cute creatures, such as pandas and puppies.

Liberals love political correctness that conceals information. For example, how does one know whether the "chair" of a board of directors or the chair of a city council is a man or woman? This issue arose during my (1995-2001) chairmanship of George Mason University's distinguished economics department. At a chair-

man's meeting or gathering, I was referred to as department chair. I told the speaker that I am a chairman and that I have empirical evidence as proof. Needless to say, it didn't go over well, but academics don't like the terms chairwoman or chairperson, either, but puzzlingly, God forbid that people refer to their idol as Chairman Mao instead of Chairman Mao.

How liberals identify black people must be confusing to whites. Having been around for 77 years, I have been through a number of names. Among the more polite ones are colored, Negro, Afro-American, black and, more recently, African-American. Among those names, African-American is probably the most unintelligent. Let's look at it. To identify their races, suppose I told you that I had a European-American friend, a South America-American friend and a North America-American friend. You'd probably say, "Williams, that's stupid. Europe, South America and North America are continents and home to different races, ethnicities and nationalities." You might suggest that my friend is a German-American instead of European-American. My friend from Brazil is a Brazilian-American rather than a South America-American, and my friend from Canada is a Canadian-American instead of a North America-American. So wouldn't the same apply to people whose heritage lies on the African continent? For example, instead of claiming that President Barack Obama is the first African-American president, he's the first partially Kenyan-American president. Obama is lucky; he knows his national heritage. The closest thing to a national identity for most black Americans is some country along Africa's Gold Coast. Adding to the confusion, what would you call a white American of Afrikaner or Egyptian descent? Is he an African-American?

Liberals suffer confusion and cognitive dissonance because the rest of us don't help explain things to them.

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FROM OUR READERS

Dear editor,

I am writing to publicly thank the businesses and individuals who have helped with the effort to educate local students about the dangers of prescription drug abuse.

First, I'd like to thank Mr. Jeff Scott, president of Cheek and Scott Pharmacy, who came to me last year and expressed his concern and sincere desire to do something about this problem in our community. Mr. Scott has implemented many policies at his pharmacy that go above and beyond what is required in an effort to prevent the abuse of prescription medications but he felt he needed to do more. After meeting with him to discuss what could be done, we began working on a set of lesson plans which incorporated videos of local people who have experience this problem first hand. We wanted to involve a group of students to implement the lessons and sought help from Suwannee High School principal, Ted Roush, who allowed us to talk with the

HOSA (Future Health Professionals) group. Mr. Scott was aware that the Suwannee Coalition lost our funding in 2010 and he was determined to raise money for this project. Through the "Crush the Bug" activity at last year's county fair, and Mr. Scott's own personal contributions, more than \$2,000 was raised for CRUSH RX. Another local business, The Recycling Center, also came forward and made a generous contribution of \$1,000. We appreciate these two businesses - Cheek and Scott Pharmacy and The Recycling Center - more than words can express. The concern for and dedication to their community is to be commended. We also appreciate the administrators at Suwannee High School for allowing us to train the HOSA students. Without their cooperation, the project would not have been possible. Also, we are extremely grateful to Mrs. Lynn Marable and Mrs. Jenny Hurst, sponsors of the HOSA group. Last, but certainly not least, we appreciate the 17 HOSA students who have shown remarkable dedication and commitment to the CRUSH RX project. In addition to their busy academic schedules, they have devoted numerous hours to learning the lesson plans and we are proud of the courage they have shown in stepping up and speaking out about this issue to their peers. We began working with the Suwannee High School HOSA group in November 2012 and although they have had some set-backs and difficulties, they have begun conducting presentations to younger students about this issue.

Thank you for allowing us to publicly recognize these businesses and individuals.

Sincerely,

Mary Taylor, Director
Suwannee Coalition

Dear editor,

This letter is written in response to the recent submission to your Rant and Rave column regarding the Live Oak Partnership.

The Live Oak Partnership is a local organization that works to provide events and activities to our downtown community and its residents. We are not affiliated with any governmental agency, and are solely operated by volunteer community leaders.

Because we are a community group, and receive no funding from the city of Live Oak, we do require all of our event vendors to pay a vendor fee, as any other event does.

The Live Oak Partnership had entered into an agreement with the property owner, acquired event insurance, and paid a permit fee to the city of Live Oak to hold the Flea Across Florida event in the parking lot of the Live Oak Plaza. The presence of unsolicited vendors is unfair to those vendors who paid the appropriate vendor fee. This parking lot is private property and is not a part of the public right of way.

One unsolicited vendor was informed that they would be required to obtain a peddler's license from the city of Live Oak, and to vacate from the event site. This information was conveyed in a private conversation without the presence of The Live Oak Partnership.

The Live Oak Partnership has been accused of extorting money from children. I am not sure how this conclusion has been reached. The Live Oak Partnership is the event sponsor, and all participating vendors are required to pay the appropriate fee, and all vendors, just like any other business owner, takes a chance at a loss in revenue and sales.

I would hope local businesses would want to support organizations that sponsor such events, as these events bring potential customers and consumers to our downtown community.

The Live Oak Partnership works diligently in providing events and activities to our downtown community, thereby bringing visitors to our city, who in result help create financial stability for our local businesses.

Randy Torrance
Chairman
Live Oak Partnership

BIBLE VERSE

"Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ."
Ephesians 4:15 NIV

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We ask this so we can verify your letter and discuss any questions about it with you.



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Wainwright talks about sawmill, plans



Suwannee County Commissioner Wesley Wainwright

Venture will cost \$6 million, local taxpayer money, when said and done

By Andrew McGee
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Suwannee County Commissioner of District 5 Wesley Wainwright spoke recently in Branford on the latest with the catalyst site.

He then moved on to do a quick re-cap of the Klausner project and where it was presently. Originally, when Klausner had their eye on the catalyst site, they hired a separate company to do

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By Andrew McGee
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Trannie Lacquey of the Rotary Club of Branford wanted to share something with the group at their weekly meeting on April 23. She had received an American flag from Afghanistan that was neatly folded accompanied with a certificate from Staff Sgt. Daryl Pratt Jr.

The certificate stated where and how long the flag had flown. Both were sent as a special thanks from

Pratt and his men in response to the Rotary Club sending Christmas care packages to U.S. soldiers for the last several years.

"At least it lets us know that while we're reaching out to them, we're doing something right," said Rotary President Larry Geiger.

"You know the boxes (care packages) go to each one depending on how many we have and they share with each other and their units," said Lacquey.

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South county briefs

National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer service will be in Branford, at noon, at Branford Town Hall on Thursday. It will last for approximately 30 minutes. Some folding chairs will be available, lawn chairs are also welcome.

May 7 Suwannee County Tax Collector Update

Suwannee County Tax Collector Sharon Jordan is pleased to announce that you will be able to receive Florida Driver License and ID services with the exception of driving test the first Tuesday of each month in the town of Branford during the hours of 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles staff will be traveling to Branford on a Flow Mobile to offer driver license and ID services and will be set up at the Branford Town Hall where the Tax Collector's Office offers all other services on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. This service will be available starting Tuesday, May 7.

Branford 4th of July parade

The 4th of July parade in

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Branford American Legion Post # 59 April meeting



From Left, Carol and Jimmy Terry and Jule McGee.



From Left, Larry McGrath, Adjutant Skip Trubey and Sgt-at-Arms Robert Childress.



Adjutant Skip Trubey enjoys his cobbler and ice cream dessert.



Commander Christian Keeney.

Submitted

On Tuesday, April 16, Commander Christian Keeney presided. The main item of business was about the completion of the Fort White Cemetery renovation project. Also we were informed nominations for the post officers for 2014 will be accepted at our next meeting on May 21. All members are encouraged to attend and lend input.

Cemetery Project Secretary Carol Terry gave an interesting report of the history of this old final resting place of many early Florida pioneers. It goes back to 1830 when Fort White was a principal hope for protection in the Seminole wars. Jimmy Terry accomplished the main difficult

land clearing by bringing his farm tractor and front end loader to do what our members aging bodies could never do. Jule McGee is the man that located this historic and neglected old cemetery. He proposed we take this on as a post project as it holds the remains of veterans from many wars and because many of the men were Confederate veterans, we agreed to place the Stars and Bars on their grave sites.

New to our post is "Lexus" Breyton. She is a retired Air Force Master Sgt. and a Desert Storm veteran. We held our 50/50 drawing and Adjutant Skip Trubey awarded Jimmy Terry our Post 59, \$320 prize.



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soil borings prior to Suwannee County having borings done.

"Amazingly, the clay out there ran like marble," said Wainwright. "Just veins. Looking back, there was no way we could have determined the extent of what we would find out there."

He said Suwannee County had the best location in the state, but the worst soil.

"There began our nightmare," said Wainwright. "We ended up with what we thought was going to be a \$1.7 million project to site clear for Klausner. It ended up being nearly four (million dollars)."

Wainwright said this didn't include the purchase of the land. He gave a special thanks to Suwannee County Administrator Randy Harris for feverishly working to get grants for the project and for those in Tallahassee that have also been helping to make it work.

"It is bad that we have that much money invested in it, but we're past all that," said Wainwright. "I will say that I try and encourage people because I still have a lot of them that are so negative about what's going on out there."

He said like it or not, we are still a community and we are invested in it.

"We need them (Klausner) to be successful to get that return," said Wainwright. "Realizing that, some months back, I told them, I'll do whatever it takes to help promote Klausner."

Wainwright said all the issues with the site were corrected and that Klausner's engineers came in as well as their contractor, and he conducted his preliminary surveys.

Klausner went as far as to hire a company that had capabilities to do sonar tests on the site to ensure Suwannee County had "lived up to its end of the bargain" about soil densities so that they would be able to run their heavy equipment.

"Everything is checking out fine and going great in that area," said Wainwright.

He paused for a moment and said, "Klausner all along has encouraged us and that they would promote and try to bring other companies in with them, to co-locate with them."

He said to date, Klausner is trying to get a pallet mill and pellet mill to come build their companies at the site. The negotiations have been going on for months, according to Wainwright.

"The pallet people came in to look at everything out there," said Wainwright.

"Klausner already met with the gas company and secured everything they need to do to make sure they get that gas utility to the site."

Wainwright said they're currently meeting with Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative to make sure everything is "on board" with getting their sub-station built and their electrical needs in order. The same day of the meeting, Klausner was meeting with the "pellet mill" folks.

"Both of these companies would need rail (railroad) to get their product over to Jacksonville just like Klausner plans to do. Hopefully, it's going to start growing in the direction that we would really like to see and bring more jobs and industry to invest into our community," said Wainwright.

EB5 program

Wainwright, as chairman of the BOCC, traveled to China with Klausner's Thomas Mende.

"Mende wanted me to go to China with him to work at recruiting investors in the company through our federal government what they call the EB5 program," said Wainwright. "The EB5 (Investor Visa) program allows a foreign investor to invest in 10 new jobs in America. They receive a half of a million

dollars, get a green card and a fast track to citizenship if all the security stuff checks out, in five years they could be eligible for citizenship."

He said outside of the EB5 process in a normal situation, they would have to invest \$1 million and it would take 10 to 12 years to go through the citizenship process. Wainwright said out of the 12 days in China, they spent eight days attending seminars and conventions speaking to groups of potential investors.

He said in China, the customs and immigration services uses an independent analyst to evaluate projects in the U.S. and will classify how many jobs they determine may come from those projects. He said they count direct, indirect and induced jobs and the form they used concluded that there were 990 jobs associated with the Klausner project.

"So, the company could conceivably recruit 99 investors, one investor per 10 new jobs in America at half a million dollars a piece," said Wainwright. "That's

about \$50 million that they could use in this investment process."

Still signing checks to Klausner?

"Is the county finished spending with the Klausner project?" asked Rotarian John Lacquey.

There was a long pause. "Everything we're going to do from here on out is going to be with grants that are going to be reimbursed," said Wainwright. "We'll spend the money and we'll get it back."

"When the dust settles, how much has Suwannee County spent that we're not going to get back?" asked Lacquey.

"Counting the land, about \$6 million," said Wainwright. "That's over the course of about four years."

Then there was the question of whether the county was contemplating purchasing even more land.

"We had made an offer several months ago, the bank counter-offered and it's way too high," said Wainwright. "Even if they come back down on the price, there is no way that I

could support incurring debt and pay debt services."

Wainwright said he has been talking with Columbia and Hamilton counties.

"They want to participate and invest to buy the land," said Wainwright. "They'll get a percentage of ad valorem revenues down the road."

He said they would be willing to do this only if the price of the land could be negotiated back down to a reasonable level. If the several county officials and the bank couldn't come to an agreement, then there was another option.

"I've encouraged the pellet mill, for them to buy the land," said Wainwright. "With them doing that, they won't be eligible for grants through the county. Only the county can get the grants."

Wainwright's proposal was that the mill purchase the land with their money. Once the grants have come through and the infrastructure is in place, Suwannee County would then reimburse the mill, or, as Wainwright said, "Give it back to them for a dollar."

Soldiers say thank you to Rotary Club

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Lacquey said Pratt is an actual recipient of their packages every year.

"We've been doing this as a club project for several years now," said Lacquey. "We've shipped boxes to many places in the world, to men and women in the military from our area or with ties to our area."

Lacquey said it was the first time they had received something like this. She said later that they were all deeply honored and moved by the sergeant's thoughtfulness.

"We send our boxes to these men and women as a 'thank you' from us for serving our country and just a small reminder that we are thinking of them," said Lacquey. "We can-

not say thank you enough for their service to this country."

Branford Rotary Club supports this project every year and donates one of their meetings to packing the boxes and getting them ready to be shipped in time for Christmas. For those wanting to help Rotary get items to our soldiers overseas, please call 386-935-1705.

South county briefs

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Branford will be at 6 p.m. with line up at 5 p.m. at the Branford football field parking area. For more information give Kathy Woolard a call at 386-365-0703.

McAlpin Community Club Bingo

The McAlpin Community Club will meet on Monday, May 13, at 7 p.m. After a potluck supper and a brief business meeting we will be having lots of fun playing Bingo. The prizes are small, but the games are Free! Everyone is welcome to attend, so bring a dish and come join us. The Club is located at 9981 - 170th Terrace in McAlpin, directly across from the Post Office. New members are always welcome and membership fees are \$10 per family per year. For info call Barbara Parks at 362-3044 or Debbie Phillips at 364-7028.

Council meetings

The Town Council meet-

ings 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.

Branford River Reunion Booth space available

The Branford River Reunion Committee is getting ready for the 4th of July celebration this year in Branford. The celebration will be on Thursday, July 4. There is still room for more booths.

This year we are changing the time for the activities on the fourth at Hatch Park. The new start time will be at 3 p.m. This will give everyone time to get to the Hatch Park after the duck race at Ivey Park at 2 p.m. If you are interested in a booth give Peggy Terry a call at 386-935-0021 and if you need to, leave a message with your address and I will send you an application. If you are in Branford you can stop by Town Hall and pick one up. The deadline for booth applications is June 13.

The Arc North Florida

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

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

Boy Scout Troop 408

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

Cub Scout Pack 408

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

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Agricultural Complex, 1320 11th St. SW, in Live Oak, May 3, 4, and 5.

Come meet Willie Jr. and Teresa Edwards from the History Channel's "Swamp People" TV series on Saturday, May 4, for a meet and greet, photo opportunities and to purchase their merchandise. There will be trapping demonstrations, vendors, tailgaters, auctions, family activities, food, and a whole lot more throughout the weekend.

Please keep checking our website for more details: www.floridatrappers.org

Scott Tucker joins the Suwannee River Partnership

Scott Tucker joined the Suwannee River Partnership (SRP) as a conservation technician on March 26. In this capacity, Tucker will assist agricultural producers in Gilchrist, Alachua, Columbia, Union and Bradford counties to implement best management practices to conserve water and protect water quality.

Tucker will focus on the Santa Fe Basin to assist producers in attaining water quality improvements established in Santa Fe Basin Management Action Plan.

Basin Management Action Plans are adopted by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection that identify strategies to restore water quality in designated impaired water bodies.

The position is adminis-

tered by the Gilchrist Soil and Water Conservation District and is funded by the Suwannee River Water Management District and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Prior to the SRP, Tucker worked with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency for more than three years. At the USDA, Tucker worked with crop insurance adjustments. He also surveyed crops to review damages and establish production yields. Tucker has also produced crops of his own since he was a teenager, including vegetables and row crops in the Santa Fe Basin for more than 30 years.

Tucker has earned numerous certifications from the University of Florida's



Tucker

Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences program, including pesticide application, irrigation management and nutrient management. He also has been recognized through the County Alliance for Responsible

Environmental Stewardship program for implementing BMPs on his own farming operation. "I am glad to have the opportunity to help other producers realize the benefits of the BMP program," Tucker said.

Social Security's 'Triple Crown' of social media

By Mary Kate Vang

Social Security Manager in Lake City, Fla.

From the stables to the tracks, people across the United States are already talking about this year's Triple Crown. The three biggest thoroughbred horse races in the nation — the Kentucky Derby in Louisville, Kentucky; the Preakness Stakes in Baltimore, Maryland; and the Belmont Stakes in Elmont, New York — take place in the coming weeks. It has been 34 years since a horse has won all three and taken the U.S. Triple Crown.

Social Security has a horse in the race, so to speak. We offer our own "Triple Crown" of social media at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Facebook is a great place to stay in the know when it comes to useful information about Social Security. "Like" Social Security at www.facebook.com/socialsecurity.

Twitter is another place to get regular updates in short

bursts. We promise to be brief as we keep you up to date in 140-characters or less. Select "Follow" at www.twitter.com/socialsecurity.

Prefer watching videos? We've got those too. The third part to our social media "Triple Crown" is our YouTube page, where you can find everything from informative webinars to short messages from Social Security. You can view fun public service announcements starring George Takei, Don Francisco, Chubby Checker, and the reunited cast of The Patty Duke Show. You can even watch Patty Duke apply online for retirement benefits in her pajamas! Join the fun and get some useful information at www.youtube.com/socialsecurityonline.

It's not easy to predict a Triple Crown winner. Affirmed was the name of the horse who won all three races in 1978. But everyone can be a Social Security social media Triple Crown winner simply by visiting www.socialsecurity.gov and selecting the three icons in the upper right corner.

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SHTC spring shed winner



Dennis Nixon, Live Oak Paint & Flooring, from left; Derwin Bass, brick and block masonry instructor; Travaris Lee, assistant manager of Lowe's; Bob Makela, building construction technology instructor; Chris Gustavson, building construction technology student; Jeff Lee, instructor; Christopher Keen, building construction technology student.

Suwannee-Hamilton Technical Center recently had a drawing for the second annual spring shed fundraiser. The SkillsUSA students and advisors would like to thank the following business and organizations: Live Oak Paint Center, Bennett's Glass, Lowe's of Live Oak, and others that made this event possible.

The building construction technology program along with the brick and block masonry program students are responsible for the design and construction of the spring shed. This year's winner is Sandra Sweat McCarl. Congratulations Sandra!

All proceeds raised go to help our 40 students represent Suwannee County at the SkillsUSA competition in Pensacola. The SkillsUSA event began April 27 and concludes May 1.



Chris Gustavson, building construction technology student, from left; Bob Makela, building construction technology instructor; Derwin Bass, brick and block masonry instructor; Jeff Lee, instructor; Christopher Keen, building construction technology student. Courtesy photos

Florida Crown Workforce Board Veteran's Hiring Fair Event

Florida Crown Workforce Board and Dollar General Stores have an-

nounced they will present a Paychecks for Patriots (P4P) 2013 Veteran's Hiring Fair Event to be held in Lake City, Florida on Friday, May 10. This Hiring Fair Event will be from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at American Legion Post 57, 2602 SW Main Blvd. in Lake City. This will be a free, one-of-a-kind, Hiring Fair for both employers and veteran jobseekers.

Employers with job

openings are encouraged to sign up and reserve a job fair table at no cost. Veteran jobseekers, active duty military members, Guard and Reserve members, and qualifying military spouses are encouraged to attend. Veterans are asked to bring a copy of their DD-241 or proof of their military status/service and copies of their current resume. Employers can call Denise Wynne at 386-755-9026 to

register. Jobseekers are encouraged to dress for success while taking this step into a professional business environment.

The P4P Event is being conducted by Florida Crown Workforce Board Inc. and Dollar General KKR Parent Companies in conjunction with Florida Department of Veterans Affairs, Florida National Guard and American Legion Post 57.

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Service Above Self award goes to John and JoAnn Martz

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 tarian serving on the board, is part of the United Way of Suwannee Valley serving this year as its General Campaign Chairman and he is the incoming President for 2013-2014. He is also active in his service to Arc, Relay for Life of Suwannee County and Love INC.

John also participates with the Suwannee Foundation for Excellence in Education. He makes a point of supporting all the schools in the counties that his business, SVEC serves and encourages his employees to do the same.

He is a member of both the Lake City and Live Oak chambers and has served on the Live Oak chamber board. Since 2006 John has been the chairman of the Council for Progress and is

a member of the Business Recruitment Team.

"John we know there has been someone in your life that has been right with you all the way supporting your efforts and along the way doing her part in making our communities a better place. That is why when the committee began to look at you as a candidate for the Service Above Self award, the more we learned the more we became aware that there was someone equally deserving to be recognized. That person is JoAnn," said Poole.

JoAnn is a University of Florida (UF) Master Gardener and has been very active with the planning at Heritage Parks and Garden and serves on the board of Friends of Heritage Park and Gardens. She and John were instrumental in getting

UF to help design the landscaping plan for the park and gardens.

She is involved with the CRA and volunteers her time to help with revitalization projects and is a member of Suwannee County Extension Advisory committee.

Joann and John are faithful members of Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church. Both are Eucharistic ministers - participating in taking communion to nursing homes and other facilities. JoAnn visits nursing homes on a weekly basis, has put together retreats for the ladies of her church, has spent many hours planning and furnishing the new fellowship hall and has been president of the Gainesville Deanery for the past two years

John and JoAnn were gra-

rious in the acceptance of the award and each complimented the other for the service they provide to their family, church and community.

John added, "I was so surprised and honored, but I guess I was supposed to be surprised."

The Service Above Self award presented by the Rotary Club of Live Oak is presented each year to an individual who has, throughout his or her lifetime exemplified the Rotary Motto of Service Above Self.

The past recipients of this award are: the Reverend Robert Hall, followed by Jo Kennon, Marjorie Carmichael, the Reverend Charlie Webb, Ronnie Poole, Patt Slaughter, A. P. "Buddy" Nott, J. L. McMullen, Keith Leibfried, Roy Guercio, the Reverend

Clarence Parker, Jackie Dove, the Reverend Pomeroy Carter, Wallace Townsend, Bob McGranahan, Greg Scott, Carolyn Spilatore and last year's winner Sam Carter.

The Rotary Club of Live

Oak meets weekly at The Farm Bureau on Dowling Avenue. More information on the club and the opportunities for service it presents can be found at <http://liveoak.rotary-clubs.org/>.

Prevatt named county attorney

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Airth who has served as the county's attorney for the past 16 years.

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

Prevatt obtained the highest ranking with 116 points, a one point advantage over local attorney Andrew Decker IV, who was given 115 points. Airth finished last in the rankings with 80 points.

Negotiations then began with Prevatt. Commissioners were given the first draft of a contract between the county and Prevatt in their packet for the April 16 meeting. Just before the meeting began, a second draft filled with marks, additions and scratched out sections was given to the commissioners. With no time to review the contract, the board resolved to taking no action at that meeting.

Negotiations continued between Prevatt and Commissioner Jason Bashaw and County Administrator Randy Harris and a new draft was given to the board prior to the meeting Thursday.

The contract, written by Prevatt, presented much confusion.

Two contracts presented to the commissioners were both labeled as the fourth draft and dated 4-23-13, but one was nine pages long and the other five.

The first contract said Prevatt was to be compensated 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.

The final draft of the contract says Prevatt will be paid an annual retainer fee of \$17,500, which will be paid in monthly increments. An hourly rate of \$125 per hour was left unchanged.

On Thursday, the board approved the fourth draft, five page contract.

The board's decision did not come without scrutiny.

Local resident Ronnie Parker addressed his concerns of how the board went about filling the position and questioned the commissioners about the criteria in

which points were awarded during the interview process.

Chairman Wesley Wainwright said he didn't have the grade sheet and didn't remember the specific questions that were graded.

"All of the questions was an effort to determine their level of experience in many different things," Wainwright said.

"To me, experience would mean more than anything else," Parker said. "I don't care who is the county attorney. What upsets me is the way it looks like it went about when you have one that has 16 years of experience and ranked as low as he (Airth) did. Then you've got one that's so high and one that is just one point below. You're talking about a 36 point difference."

He continued, "I don't think it was approached properly. We all read these government jobs listed in the paper, and we all know that 90 percent of them are filled before they're listed. But they have to follow the law in listing that job. That's what it looks like here. The board had already made up its mind."

Residents were also concerned the commissioners were making a hasty decision without exploring their options with the remaining qualified attorneys.

At a recent meeting, 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.

"As Mr. Harris said at the last meeting, we can't go from number one, to number two, then back to number one. But, we can go to through them all and come back to number one," said Wendell Snowden. "What was not said at the last meeting is that you can go back to number one. I'm not standing up here picking on Mr. Prevatt, but in the beginning, the whole process of this thing was misconstrued."

Bashaw made a motion to accept the fourth draft of the contract (five pages, dated 4-23-13), and the motion carried unanimously.

Read the entire signed contract on our website, at suwanneedemocrat.com, search Prevatt named county attorney.

Florida Georgia Line

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lovers in a big way. Brian Kelley and Tyler Hubbard's new hit single, "Cruise" hit the top 10 just 14 weeks after its release and is currently number one on the Billboard Country Charts and Country Digital Songs. It is number 14 on The Hot 100 Billboard Songs across all music genres. It has sold nearly 200,000 digital downloads independently and to date, "Cruise" has sold well over two million garnering Double Platinum certification and reached number one on the iTunes Country Singles Chart.

The duo has recently won two of the top awards in country music.

"Man, we're still pretty mind-blown by that, it's hard to find the words," said Kelley. "Both of those were fan-voted and it just shows how really amazing and loyal our fans are."

Kelley said that it was nice to know that it wasn't just his or Hubbard's award, but was everyone's as it is celebrated by all the fans. He said it took him back to that night and reminded him of how special it was.

They came from small towns, Hubbard from Monroe, Georgia, and Kelley from Ormond Beach, Florida, and sometimes they think back about their humble beginnings.

"It's been a tough road to be where we're at," said Hubbard. "It's very humbling and we're grateful to be here."

He added, "We're blown away every night. It's hard not to be grateful."

How did the Florida Georgia Line name come about?

"We came up with that name at about 2:30 to 3 a.m. in the morning," said Hubbard.

He said they had been playing and writing together for sometime and they both thought if they were going to be serious about pursuing music careers, then they needed a name for themselves.

After coming up with some different ones, they settled on Florida Georgia Line.

"You know, the line doesn't necessarily represent a place on the map," said Kelley. "But, it's where Tyler and I come together as musicians creatively and where the magic happens."

They grew up listening to a wide range of music that has obviously influenced them in their style of writing and playing.

"Man, we listened to everything from Christian music to rap to rock and obviously country is a big influence," said Hubbard. "You know, me and BK (Brian Kelley) try to incorporate our influences into our sound and our writing and try to bring it all together."

Their song "Cruise" was nominated for the Billboard Music Awards Top Country Song.

"I think it was a day or two ago that we found that out," said Hubbard. "Man, that's huge, an all genre awards show and to represent country music, it blows us away."

He said at the time they had written "Cruise", they didn't have a record

deal as they do now with Republic Nashville. Hubbard said they would just work daily at writing the best they could, from the heart. They wrote what they loved and hoped their fans would like them too.

"We knew we had something special," said Hubbard. "But to see it from the writer's room to the studio to the radio to nominated, it's a special thing. Something we don't want to take for granted."

He said they owe everything to country radio and their amazing fans.

"Without them, we wouldn't be having this conversation," said Hubbard.

Coming up on May 19, Grammy award winning hip hop superstar Nelly and FGL will debut the Top 25 hits with "Cruise" remix featuring Nelly during the CBS special, ACM Presents: Tim McGraw's Superstar Summer Night.

"It was really cool to do a re-mix with Nelly," said Hubbard. "We had some radio station asking for a different mix that they could play."

He said they decided they would take a chance with doing the remix and added that no one was as good or be able to do it as well as Nelly.

"He absolutely killed it man," said Hubbard. "And it made a new friendship."

Check out Florida Georgia Line and all the music artists such as Sheryl Crow at the Suwannee River Jam at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park May 1-4. See the C section for special Jam pages including a schedule.

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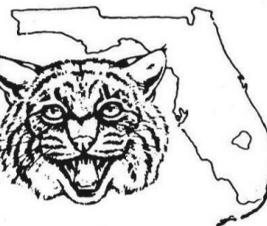
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Are we prepared financially?

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town Live Oak. As homes and businesses were filled with flood water, damages from this disastrous storm began to drain the pockets of residents.

Many throughout the county were displaced as 400 businesses and homes were impacted by the storm. Several are still without a proper home and some businesses have yet to return. Hundreds of sinkholes were reported and were responsible for several road closures and the destruction of several homes. Ten homes and two businesses were condemned.

Brant Rutland: An American hero

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Navy before taking a break in 2004. Three years later, Rutland rejoined the military, but this time signing up to serve in the US Army.

As part of his duties, Rutland was deployed to Afghanistan on Feb. 16 and was scheduled to return home in November. However, things took a turn for the worse.

"We were doing a route clearance mission and we were attacked by a rocket-propelled grenade," Rutland said.

As a result of the attack, Rutland sustained major injuries.

"I was first treated in Afghanistan. I was then shipped to Germany before coming here to Washington," he said.

About two weeks ago, Rutland returned to the US and is currently being treated at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

Since the Saturday of the attack, Rutland has endured 12 surgeries including having his left arm amputated.

"I've still got a ways to go, but I'm doing good considering it all," Rutland said.

Rutland stated on his Facebook page on Thursday that he is done with surgeries and should be an outpatient soon.

"Still have a long road to recovery. Thank you all for your prayers," said Rutland.

DOC: Officer stabbed at Suwannee CI

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24, by a device the inmate fashioned, according to Florida Department of Corrections spokesperson Jo Ellyn Rackleff.

Officer M. Staley was conducting routine security checks around 7:10 p.m. when an inmate attacked him with a lock attached to a laundry bag and then "stabbed him twice in the back with a weapon he fashioned out of fencing."

Rackleff said the officer was treated in the prison's medical facility.

According to DOC Deputy Communications Director Misty Cash, Staley's wounds were "superficial, however, he did re-

Heritage Park grand opening

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away. Carolyn Spilatore, vice-president of Friends of Heritage Park and Gardens Board, said they served 760 hot dogs. Local businesses set up tents and the Live Oak Fire and Police Department were on hand showing off

According to Live Oak's Finance Director Jan Parkhurst, TS Debby greatly impacted the city's funds for emergency efforts.

"Our fiscal year 2011 statements reflect an unreserved general fund balance of \$411,277," said Parkhurst. "This balance represents the funds available for emergency work. Due to TS Debby's impact on the city's funds, that balance has been reduced to approximately \$238,000, which is considerably lower than the GASB (Governmental Accounting Standards Board) recommended percentage of budget."

She continued, "Based on this, it will be necessary

for the city to budget replacement of the expended amount as well as additional funds to ensure sufficient emergency coverage. This will certainly be discussed during the budget process."

Parkhurst said the city was financially prepared for a disaster such as TS Debby.

"The city contracted with a firm to act as project manager for storm damage, as well as interface with FEMA. This firm had experience with numerous cities, towns and counties who were damaged during Katrina and other disasters in the southeast. Their representative was surprised to learn the city had sufficient funds available to pay for repairs, without borrowing from FEMA in advance of actual expenditures," Parkhurst said.

"He had never worked with a customer that had the financial strength we have. The delayed draw of funds has enabled the city to receive FEMA and state assistance based on actual expenditures, as opposed to estimates, as well as assure compliance with FEMA requirements. Avoiding potential audit issues in the future, such as those experienced by Lake Wales, is a far healthier financial plan. Council has maintained close guard of city funds to ensure a financially healthy environment and will no doubt continue to plan accordingly."

As a result of Debby, FEMA obligated more than \$2.8 million for public assistance projects in Suwannee County which include roads and other infrastructure.

To date, Parkhurst said the cost to the city for damages by TS Debby has been \$2.2 million.

"Of that amount, FEMA and SERT (State of Florida emergency team), are reimbursing 75 percent and 12.5 percent, respectively," said Parkhurst. "To date, the city has expended \$1,560,000 with an additional \$622,000 of projects to be completed. We have received approximately \$620,000 in reimbursements. FEMA's commitment to the city is to reimburse 75 percent of costs associated with the storm and the state contributes 12.5 percent. The balance is the city's responsibility."

FEMA spokesperson Mary Olsen said in Suwannee County, more than 980 disaster survivors have received more than \$6.2 million in disaster assistance from FEMA.

The Small Business Administration approved more than \$5.8 million for disaster assistance loans for 117 residents and nine businesses. The disaster loan helped homeowners, renters and businesses cover any repair or rebuilding costs not covered by private insurance or cover disaster-related dam-

age costs that exceeded the initial estimate.

A flood on this scale hasn't been seen in this area since Hurricane Dora flooded Live Oak in 1964. The chances of another storm impacting the county like TS Debby did is possible.

The rule of thumb is that every dollar spent on preparedness saves \$4 in recovery costs, according to a report by the National Institute of Building Sciences' Muthazard Mitigation Council, which others confirm. That's \$4 taxpayers won't have to spend.

When TS Debby struck Live Oak, it left over \$3 million in damages to homes and businesses.

However, the Suwannee County Long-term Recovery Committee was only given \$65,000 in funding. Currently, there are about 200 homes in Suwannee County that have immediate needs.

SCLRC is currently working with Hammers and Hearts, a non-profit organization, to help those in the county who are still on the path to recovery. The organization arranges for volunteer groups to come in and serve the people of the county by demolishing or repairing houses that were damaged by the storm. (Search 'Invisible disaster' at suwanneedemocrat.com for a related story.)

Through Hammers and Hearts, homeowners are

spared from having to pay labor costs, which according to Hammers and Hearts Founder Ben Tarpley, is 60 percent of the cost. The SCLRC will work with insurance companies to cover the cost of supplies. If the individual does not have insurance, the organization will pull from their bank of donations to pay for the needed materials.

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

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

"From a forward looking point of view, Brent Whitman, public works director and Lane Lucas, Eutaw Utilities, city engineer, are working on a Stormwater Master Plan, funded through the state of Florida. It's anticipated completion date is November 2013," said Parkhurst. "The plan is intended to identify specific issues, propose solutions with associated cost and prioritize in order of overall impact. Then as funds become available the projects will be undertaken in order of priority."

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Harris: Sawmill construction looming

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discover the urgency of completing the system within 30 days.

According to Klausner Lumber One's contractor, the company expects to begin construction at the site within 30 days, according to County Administrator Randy Harris said.

"I received a response from the contractors saying, 'We will be on-site within the next 30 days to begin installation of our drainage system. We need the storm water ponds to be ready to go. Will they be finished in 30 days,'" Harris told commissioners.

"Since the beginning, we were supposed to be out of their way when they were preparing to start (construction)," Harris said.

Harris said the county has started receiving site plans and actual construction plans.

"They've been under review the last two or three weeks. The company plans to start construction right away, like (this) week," said Harris. "They plan to move a mobile office trailer out

there on the site so they can begin construction. I don't know what the delivery date is for the materials for the first building they're going to construct, but their contractor's telling me they'll start right away."

Harris said he thinks it is possible for the storm water project to be completed within 30 days. "I'm not a storm water pond expert, but I will say that a lot of the work that has been done out there has been running 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For us to try to finish these ponds in 30 days is going to be an incredible undertaking and I think it will require working 24 hours a day," said Harris.

Less than two weeks ago, Harris received information from the contractors for the company that they were preparing to put in a storm water collection system, which is a different system than the one previously discussed.

"They're going to be installing this," Harris said. "My concern now is reconciling our plans with their plans."

Harris told the board they have been working diligently trying to get the permits and trying to get the designs finished and that every effort is being made to expedite the permitting process.

"We don't have all of the plans completed, but there is work that can be done right now," Harris said. "This is going to be a very, very difficult challenge to try to complete these ponds in 30 days."

Harris said the board needed to decide if they wish to advertise for bids or if they prefer to use the contractor that's already in place and piggy back on their work and move forward.

Board Chairman Wesley Wainwright asked Harris if there is relevance in getting these storm water ponds done as quickly as possible.

Harris said the ponds would need to be constructed before the pipes could

be constructed.

"You don't put pipes all in and then try to build a pond to catch the water," Harris said.

Commissioner Clyde Fleming said time is of the essence.

"If we bid it out, and we're looking at 30 days, if we come back in two weeks, it's very obvious time is not on our side," said Fleming.

"The final review on their building plans are being wrapped up and they're going to be issued a building permit very quickly, probably the first of (this) week, so they can start construction. We need to make a decision now," Harris said.

The board voted 4-1, Commissioner Ricky Gamble Jr. voting against, to grant the change order for JB Coxwell to begin work immediately. The change order will be in the amount of \$1,629,031.



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The ribbon was cut by Live Oak Mayor Sonny Nobles.



Folks wait for the mansion tour.



Kids loved the bounce houses at the park.



The Live Oak Fire and Police Departments were on hand.



A couple of Live Oak Police officers.



Suzanne Marcil in the art barn.



Local art on display.



Irv Chance, a local blacksmith, demonstrated his craft.



Folks gathered to witness the ribbon cutting. The mansion can be seen in the background.



Jiffy Food Stores gave out free Frisbees for those wanting to try their hand at disc golf. Staff photos

HERITAGE PARK AND GARDENS



Former Live Oak CRA Director Shannon Ventry was on hand at the information booth.



Cathy Willson paints a portrait of the grounds and mansion.



County Commissioner Ricky Gamble Jr. gives his daughter a piggy back ride.



Marilyn Jones was instrumental in making Heritage Park and Gardens a reality.



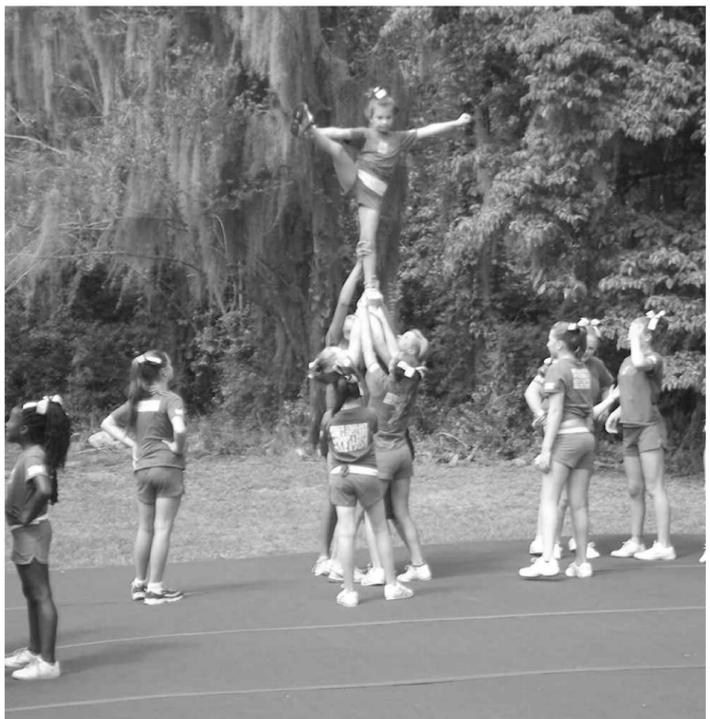
Kids crafts.



Live Oak Councilman Keith Mixon talks to the crowd.



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Boss wins state

First individual state title for SHS girls track since 1987.

Staff

Suwannee High School junior Logan Boss won the state title in the high jump at the FHSAA 2A Outdoor State Finals.

According to Suwannee Ath-

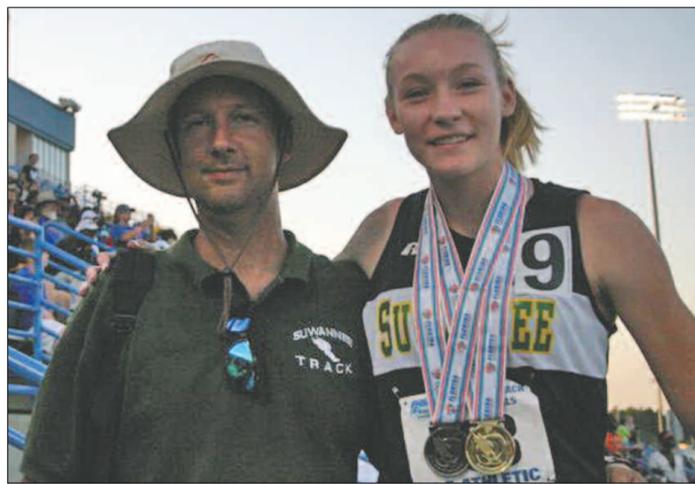
letics, Logan's jump of 5'6" secured Suwannee's first individual state title in girls track since 1987.

In addition, Logan placed fifth in the girls 300 meter hurdles.

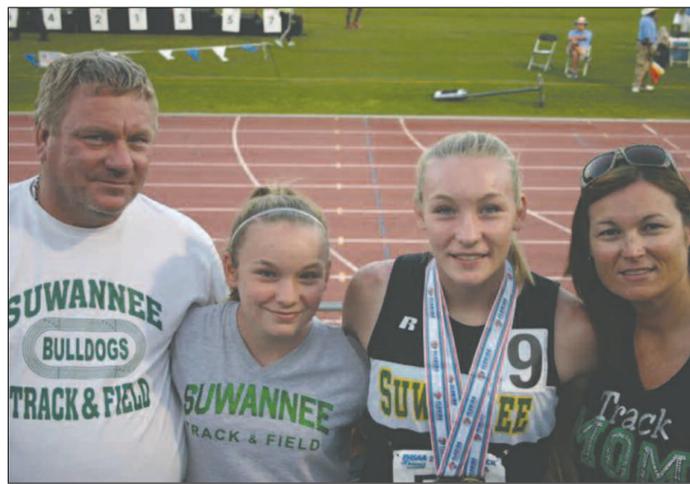
Congratulations, Logan!



Logan Boss in her high jump.



Logan Boss with both her medals from the 2A Outdoor State Finals and coach Eric Rodriguez, left.



From left: Tom Boss, Riley Boss, Logan Boss and Amber Boss. Courtesy photos

District title captured

With the win, the Bulldogs baseball team will now host the Gulf Breeze Dolphins on Thursday, May 2, at 7 p.m. in the regional quarterfinals at Booster Field here in Live Oak.

Submitted

The Suwannee High School Bulldogs baseball team traveled to Wakulla on Thursday night and won the District 2-5A championship by a score of 13-10 over the War Eagles. With the win, the Bulldogs will now host the Gulf Breeze Dolphins tomorrow, at 7 p.m. in the regional quarterfinals at Booster Field here in Live Oak.

In the game at Wakulla, the Bulldogs trailed 9 to 3 after four innings of play, but rallied with four runs in the fifth inning and six more in the sixth inning to take a 13 to 9 lead. Wakulla answered with a run in the seventh, but it wasn't enough as Suwannee earned the right to host the first round of regional play by winning the district tournament.

The Bulldogs racked up 11 hits, drew seven walks, one hit batsman, and a Wakulla error in scoring in four different innings.

Leading the way at the plate was starting pitcher Cody Gamble with a perfect four-for-four night at the plate. He also scored twice and drove home a pair of runs. Second baseman Dustin Driver had two hits and scored three runs, and centerfielder Trey Owen had a base hit, two runs scored, three runs-batted-in (one a bases loaded walk in the sixth

that tied the game), and a stolen base. Leftfielder Wyatt Jackson had a base hit, two runs scored, drove home a pair of runs, and stole a base, and catcher Braxton Hicks had a big two-out, two-run single in the fifth that got the Bulldogs within a run of the War Eagles. First baseman Will Shanahan hit a bases-loaded double that put the Bulldogs ahead to stay in the sixth inning, and also scored a run. Third baseman Josh Lessman contributed a two-out single in the sixth inning that drove home a run, and shortstop Parker Stephens scored a pair of runs on a walk and hit-by-pitch.

Trey Owen picked up the win on the mound in relief of Cody Gamble, tossing three innings with six strikeouts. It was the fifth win of the year for Owen. Gamble started and pitched three innings with three strikeouts, and Dustin Driver pitched the seventh and recorded a strikeout.

Coach Terry Mixon stated, "We played a game that didn't look very promising from the outset as we dug ourselves a hole early on, but our guys showed a lot of fight and determination and came up with some big hits in some key situations late in the game. We had

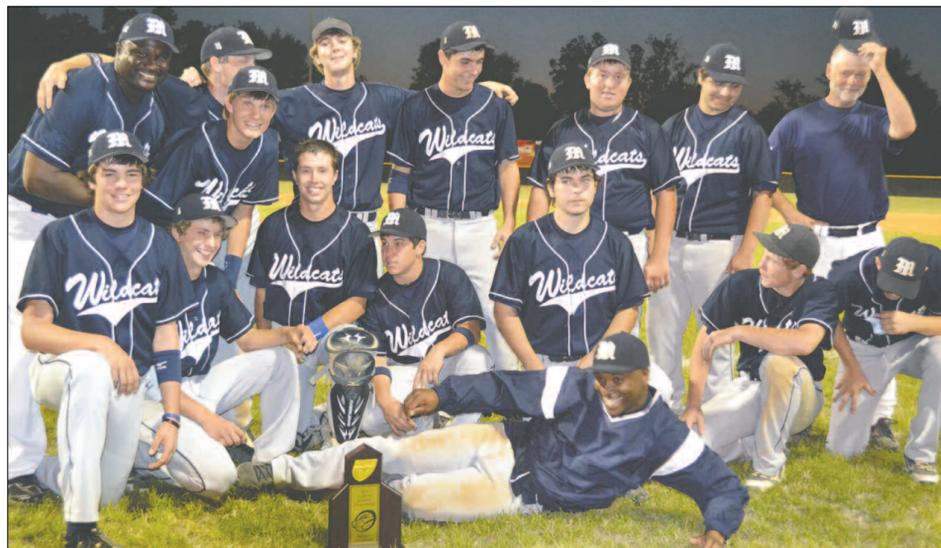
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Cody Gamble pitches in a recent game.

- Photo: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

District champs thrice



The Melody Wildcats baseball team and coaches with their district championship trophy following Friday's game. Laying is Derek Johnson. Kneeling from left is: Branson Skierski, Taylor Deas, Alfred Deas, Tyler Jerkins, Clint Brown, David Duckwiler and Phil Townsend. Standing from left: Coach Daniel Choice, Zack Medearis, Sean Beegle, Trevor Barker, Dwain Worthey, Dylan Jerkins, Ben Perez and coach Harvey Williams. - Photo: Rosalind Howard

Melody Wildcats baseball shuts-out Hamilton County to secure title.

Staff

The Melody Christian Academy Wildcats baseball team shut-out Hamilton County Friday night to secure the District 5-1A title.

Melody defeated the Hamilton County Trojans 11-0 in five innings behind senior Derek Johnson's five hit shutout. Johnson struck out six batters in the five inning contest. Senior shortstop Zack Medearis was sensational in the field with several sparkling plays at shortstop. Offensively, Johnson paced the Wildcats with two extra base hits and five RBI's. Senior

catcher Alfred Deas added two base hits and a run scored.

Winning team totaled 10 hits on the night.

"We played well and got good tempo from Johnson on the mound and put together a couple nice innings offensively," said coach Harvey Williams.

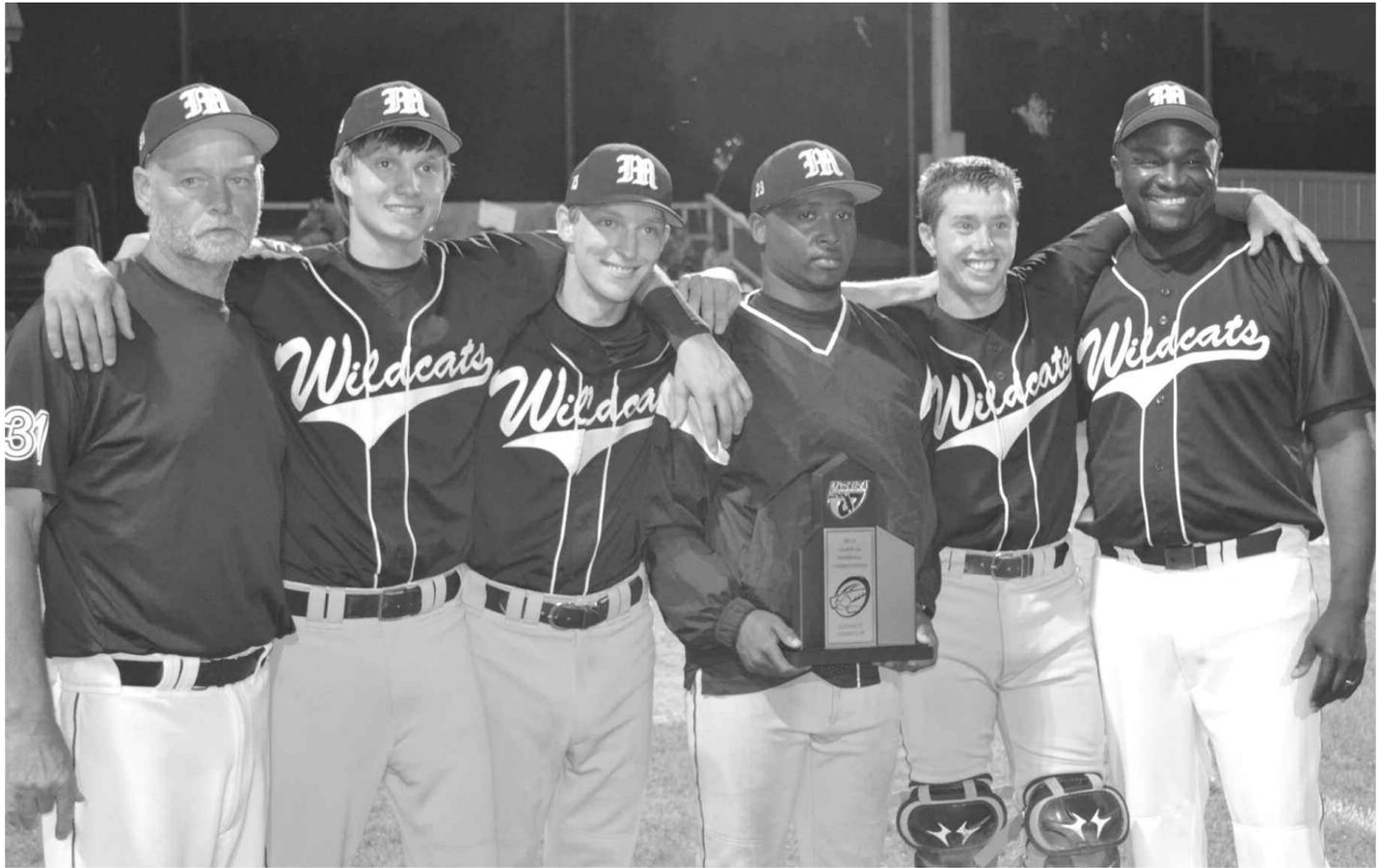
This is Melody's third straight year as district champions under the coaching expertise of Williams.

The Wildcats will host Bronson on Tuesday, May 7, at 4 p.m. in a regional

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SPORTS

District champs thrice



The seniors on the team along with the coaches. From left: Coach Harvey Williams, Zack Medearis, Sean Beegle, Derek Johnson, Alfred Deas and coach Daniel Choice. Not pictured, Steffon Breedlove. - Photo: Rosalind Howard

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semi-final game.

"We are very excited to be hosting a state playoff game on our home field," said Williams. "We have been in this position the last two years. Our kids understand what's at stake. We will be ready for the challenge."

Williams said they are very proud of the five seniors who have meant so much to the program: Zack Medearis, Derek Johnson, Sean Beegle, Alfred Deas and Steffon Breedlove.

Against Branford

The Melody Wildcats defeated Branford 3-0 in the District 5-1A semi-final. Junior David Duckwiler and senior Sean Beegle combined on a two hit shutout for the Wildcats. Duckwiler picked up his fifth win while Beegle earned his second save of the season.

Offensively, Beegle led the Wildcats going three for four with a run scored. Juniors Tyler Jerkins and Trevor Barker chipped in with two hits each.

"This was the game we had to have," said coach Harvey Williams. "It assures us a spot in the state playoffs. This is our goal each and every year."



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Wyatt Jackson bats for Suwannee. - Photo: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

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some really good at-bats, made their pitchers throw a lot of pitches, and drew a couple of huge bases-loaded walks that put us back in the game. Then came the base hits with runners in scoring position

that put us in the lead. It was a very exciting win as the last two innings of the game saw some players really step up and contribute like they have all year. Our group of guys are really looking forward to the regional playoffs, and I think they will be game ready."

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Understanding Allergy Treatments

Millions of people across the globe suffer from allergies, many of which rear their ugly heads during the spring season. Such a reality can quickly spoil the excitement of the nice weather. Although there is no cure for allergies, individuals who do suffer from allergies have a host of treatment options at their disposals. Some are over-the-counter medications while others require prescriptions. Each type of medication works differently, and allergy sufferers may find it interesting and beneficial to understand the different ways some of the more common allergy treatments work.

Antihistamines

Some of the more well-known over-the-counter antihistamines include Benadryl, Claritin and Zyrtec. Prescription antihistamines include Clarinex and Livostin.

When an allergy sufferer is exposed to an allergen, cells within the body's immune system release a substance called histamine, which then attaches to receptors in the blood vessels as well as additional receptors. As a result, the blood vessels enlarge and histamine's attachment to other receptors causes swelling, itching, changes in secretions, and redness. However, when an allergy sufferer takes an antihistamine, the medication blocks the histamine receptors, preventing the symptoms in the process.

Though antihistamines are effective, they can also cause drowsiness. Allergy sufferers should look for non-sedating antihistamines, which may require a prescription.

Decongestants

Some of the more recognizable decongestants are Visine eye drops, Sudafed tablets or liquid, and Zyrtec-D. Each of these is an over-the-counter decongestant. Prescription decongestants like Claritin-D are often combination medications, which means they contain both an antihistamine and a decongestant.

When an individual is having an allergic reaction, the tissues in the nose swell as a result of contact with the allergen. This swelling results in fluid and mucous production, and swelling in

the blood vessels of the eyes also occurs, which causes the redness of the eyes many allergy sufferers experience during spring.

Decongestants work by shrinking the swollen nasal tissues and blood vessels. This helps relieve the swelling, mucous secretion, redness, and congestion.

Many allergy sufferers prefer nasal sprays and eye drops to relieve symptoms. However, such medications, which often require a prescription, can only be used for a few days. Use beyond a few days can actually make allergy symptoms worse.

Not all men and women can use decongestants to relieve their allergy symptoms. That's because decongestants may raise blood pressure, essentially making them off limits to those who already have high blood pressure. Additional potential side effects of decongestants are insomnia, irritability and restricted urinary flow. When considering a decongestant to relieve allergy symptoms, men and women should consult their physician before buying any products.

Steroids

Thanks to professional sports, many people shudder at the mere mention of the word "steroids." However, steroids used to treat allergies are corticosteroids and not the anabolic steroids athletes use to build muscle. Steroids used to treat allergies can be nasal (Flonase, Nasonex), inhaled (Flovent, Alvesco), eye drops (Alrex and Dexamethasone), or oral (Prednisone).

Steroids work by reducing inflammation and swelling. Steroids can be highly effective in treating allergies, and work for seasonal and year-round allergies as well as skin allergies. When prescribed a steroid to treat an allergy, it's important for men and women to continue to take the medication daily as directed, even if the symptoms of the allergy have disappeared. This can be as long as two weeks.

Though highly effective, steroids do come with significant side effects. When taken orally, short-term steroid use can cause weight gain, high blood pressure and fluid retention, while long-term use can result in muscle weakness, bone-thinning osteoporosis and even diabetes. When taking inhaled steroids, men and women might suffer from coughing, hoarseness or even develop a yeast infection in their mouth.

Even though spring is commonly referred to as allergy season, men and women have a host of allergy treatment options to try. Before committing to any treatment, it's best for a person to examine each option to determine which is the best fit for him or her.



CAPTION: Despite their beauty, spring flowers often trigger allergy season.

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Suwannee Valley Nursing Center is seeking a full time Finance Officer.

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BILLING CLERK

Suwannee Valley Nursing Center is seeking a full time Billing Clerk.

Qualifications: 1+ years experience with accounts receivable/billing required. Proficient computer skills. Experience in Health Care setting will get preference. Competitive salary and excellent benefits. For inquiries call Danny Williamson, Administrator at 386-792-7161 or Shrea McCoy, Human Resources at 386-792-7158

Help Wanted

INTERNAL PROJECT SPECIALIST PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Suwannee County Public Works Department is currently seeking applicants for an Internal Project Specialist position. This is a highly skilled position which is regularly involved in analytical modeling, technical evaluations, and reporting on various county government services, functions and activities. Minimum qualifications include a high school diploma and applicants must be able to demonstrate a minimum of seven years of experience in local government at or equal to Department Head level. Interested applicants are required to submit an application to the Human Resources Department, 224 Pine Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32064, (386) 362-6869. Deadline for submission of applications is Friday May 10, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. The Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners is an equal employment opportunity employer that does not discriminate against any qualified employee or applicant because of race, color, national origin, sex, including pregnancy, age, disability, or marital status. Spanish speaking individuals are encouraged to apply. Successful completion of a drug test is a condition of employment.

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Calendar of Events

Haven Hospice

DATE: 6 PM, Tuesday, May 14, 2013
 CONTACT: Chaplain Donna Carlile, Haven Hospice, Lake City Office, 386-752-9191
 Spring Love and Remembrance Butterfly Memorial Tuesday, May 14, 6 PM
 Suwannee Valley Care Center Community Room
 6037 West US Highway 90
 Lake City, FL 32055

Please join us as we celebrate the lives of those who have touched us so deeply. Attendees are encouraged to bring pictures and mementos of loved ones that can be placed on our Table of Memories. We provide this service at no charge and anyone in the community who has lost someone is invited. For more information, please contact our Lake City office at 386.752.9191.

Surrey Place Care Center Gospel Jam

Saturday, May 4th, 2013
 3:00 – until
 Community Churches will gather to share Song & Praise Under the Oaks
 Bring a lawn chair and enjoy
 Donations will fund Resident Activities
 Call Teri Christian
 386-364-5961
 For more information

Free public education meeting

The speaker is renowned Earthjustice attorney, Alisa Coe.
 She will do a Powerpoint presentation on the topic "Stopping slime and Protecting Florida's Waters". Date is Thursday May 9. Time is 7 p.m. Location is Alachua City Library - 14913 NW 140 St., Alachua.

Class of 1988 25th Reunion

Oct. 11 & 12, 2013
 Kenny Gwinn
 512-721-9677
 CaSonia Williams Martin
 386-647-6896

The Branford Camera Club

Meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month, with an occasional exception, for the purpose of sharing, learning, and enjoying all things photographic. We are an eclectic group with experiences ranging from complete novice to consummate professional.

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 on any subject, fiction and non-fiction, but no encyclopedias, please!). Books can either be dropped at the library (located in the church fellowship hall at 12005 County Road 137 in Wellborn) between 9 and noon on Tuesdays, or pickup can be arranged at no cost.

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

Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.

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

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 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.edu) or visit our website at <http://www.famu.edu/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

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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
 Mailing address: P.O. Box 6105, Live Oak, FL 32064
 Telephone: 386-647-7360
 Email: al101st@comcast.net
 Meetings: First Monday in each month at 6 p.m. Ex. Bd., 7 p.m. membership meeting

The Sparkleberry Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society

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

Senior Citizens motorcoach tours

Madison Travel & Tours, Madison, Fla. 850-973-6439
 Cape Cod & Plymouth June 8-16, 2013
 Pigeon Forge & Smoky Mt. Show Trip Oct. 14-18, 2013

Branson Show Extravaganza Oct. 12 -20, 2013
 New York City Dec. 4-12, 2013

Boy Scout Troop 008

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

Cub Scout Pack 008

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

Elks Lodge Bingo

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

The Arc North Florida Recycle with us

We recycle: Name brand ink cartridges and laser cartridges, working cell phones w/electric cord, digital cameras - GPS - MP3, laptops.

For more info on how you can help The Arc recycle products please call 386-362-7143 Ext. 5.

supporting adults with intellectual & developmental disabilities in Suwannee, Hamilton, Lafayette, Columbia & Baker Counties.

The Wellborn United Methodist Church

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

The Suwannee Chapter of the Florida Trail Association

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

Suwannee County Bassmasters

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

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

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

Antioch Baptist Church "Stars Widow Group"

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

Recovery By The Numbers group of Narcotics Anonymous

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

Travel baseball team

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

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

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

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

Save the Cats Live Oak Volunteers needed!

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

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

Donations needed for Save the Cats of Live Oak

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

Save the cats Live Oak

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

TOPS FI #0662

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

Volunteer advocates needed

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

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

Bryan Morgan
 Recruitment Manager
 Department of Elder Affairs
 Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program
 988 Woodcock Rd, Suite 198
 Orlando, FL 32803
 850-510-3920 (cellular)
 407-228-7752 (office)
 407-228-7754 (fax)
morganb@elderaffairs.org

Navy and Marine Corps

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Haven Hospice

Compassionate Friends, a national bereavement orga-

Calendar of Events

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nization 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

TOPS FL 798

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

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

Alzheimer's Support Group

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

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

Live Oak Garden Club

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

Suwannee River Jeep Club & 4X4

SRJC 4X4 is a new off-road club dedicated to Jeeps but open to other makes of 4X4's. We are looking for members that enjoy off-roading activity. We are a family oriented club that have monthly meetings and organize other activities such as trail rides, camping, mud events and fundraising events. Please contact Sarah or Cat at srjc4x4@gmail.com for more info. 386-688-3750

(Sarah).

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Grief recovery is a painful process.

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

Volunteers Needed!

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

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

Please join us.

Surrey Place Care Center

Teri Christian,

Quality of Life Director

386-364-5961

act.surrey@signaturehealthcarellc.com

The Arc North Florida

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

For more information please contact the AWD supervi-

sor Lisa Perry at 386-208-1404

The McAlpin Community Club

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

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

Navy and Marine Corps

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American Legion Post 107

Turkey shoot every other Saturday. Take Hwy. 129, six miles south of Live Oak, turn left at the BINGO sign, then one mile.

American Legion Post

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

Wellborn neighborhood watch

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

Grief support group

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

Baptist Men's Meeting at Wellborn Baptist Church

The 2nd Thursday night of every month beginning at 6:30 p.m. the men of Wellborn Baptist Church and their friends join together to eat and worship together with a special speaker and music. You are invited to come and

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO. 13-31-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF

DUCELL WESLEY EADS,

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of **DUCELL WESLEY EADS**, deceased, whose date of death was August 8, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for Suwannee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 200 South Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, FL 32064. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is May 1, 2013.

Attorney for Ancillary Personal Representative:
/s/ Matthew C. Mitchell
Matthew C. Mitchell
Attorney for Marshelle M. Gray
Florida Bar No. 0028155
Brannon, Brown, Haley & Bullock, P.A.
P.O. Box 1029
Lake City, Florida 32056
Telephone: 386-752-3213
Fax: 386-755-4524

Ancillary Personal Representative:
/s/ Marshelle M. Gray
Marshelle M. Gray
333 Broadway Street, Unit #4
Loveland, Ohio 45140
05/01, 08

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. DB/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

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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 33622-5018
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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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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application for permit was received on April 12, 2013:

FWC FBIP Ivey Memorial Park Boating Facilities, Town of Branford, PO Box 577, Branford, FL 32008, has submitted an application for an Environmental Resources Permit Number 13-0045, for a total project area of 0.075 acres of work in, on, or over wetlands or other surface waters. The project is located in Township 6 South, Range 14 East, and Section 20, in Suwannee County.

Interested persons may comment upon the application or submit a written request for a staff report containing proposed agency action regarding the application by writing to the Suwannee River Water Management District, Attn: Resource Management, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060. Such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 PM within 21 days from the date of publication.

No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing, pursuant to Title 28, Florida Administrative Code, regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report. 05/01

INVITATION FOR BID CROSS CITY BATHROOM RENOVATIONS CROSS CITY, FLORIDA DOCUMENT 00100

Bids for furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, and services required for the Work known as Bathroom Restoration@ 26 Dwelling Units, FL15-6-A & FL15-6-B, Cross City, Florida will be received until 11:00 AM local time on 23.May.2013 at the office of the Housing Authority (PHA) indicated below. At this time and place all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Without force and effect on the Bidding Documents and the proposed Contract Documents, the work required is briefly described as: Partial modernization of twenty six (26) Dwelling Units located @ FL 15-6 A & FL 15-6 B Cross City, Florida, the work consist of but not limited to providing bathroom restoration consisting of plaster restoration, new toilet with new flange, new bath tubs and drain to cast iron piping, new bath fixtures with shower, bath accessories, interior painting, new lavatory and faucet, new water stops and supply's, new drains to cast iron piping, new interior plumbing, new 12" x 12" ceramic tile floors, new 4" x 4" ceramic tile walls 4' high on walls and 6' high inside tub area. One new 504 converted Handicap accessible bathroom in two Units, new lights, new vent fan with light, switches and GFCI outlets in bathrooms and associated work connected with each work item, see drawings for additional information.

The work required is fully described in the Bidding Documents consisting of the Project Manual and the Drawings.

Proposed Contract forms, Drawings and Project Manual are on file in the office of the Consultant, Mr. Randall O'Barr, Post Office Box 357, Baldwin, Georgia 30511, telephone (706) 206-1725 or (706) 244-0105, Fax (706) 754-4121. Bidding Documents may be obtained by providing a NONREFUNDABLE payment of \$35.00 per set of Documents to the Consultant, do not contact the PHA. No partial sets will be issued. Checks should be made payable to Mr. Randall O'Barr and mailed to the above address. Information regarding this Project, including a list of the Plan Holders will be provided upon request.

Each bid shall include Bid Guarantee in an amount equal to five percent of the Bid. Provide as a certified check or bank

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draft payable to the PHA; U.S. Government Bonds, or as a properly executed Bid Bond with surety acceptable to the PHA. A Surety Company executing the Bid Bond must be authorized to transact business in the Project State, and must appear on the most current U.S. Treasury Department's Circular No. 570. The successful bidder is required to provide satisfactory Performance and Payment Bonds prior to execution of the Agreement.

Refer to provisions for equal employment opportunities and payment of not less than minimum salaries and wages indicated in the Project Manual.

Each bid shall include THE SIGNED ORIGINAL AND TWO CONFORMED COPIES of the following:
1. A properly executed Bid Form.
2. A properly executed Bid Guarantee.
3. A properly executed Non-Colusive Affidavit.
4. A fully completed Form HUD-5369-A, "Representations, Certifications and Other Statements of Bidders".

Small businesses and minority firms are urged to submit proposals. Certification as a Minority-business Enterprise (or number of partners, shareholders, employees who are members of minority classification or are women) should be included in the Bid proposal. Refer to Articles 38, 39 and 40 of The General Conditions.

The PHA reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive irregularities and formalities in the bidding. No bids may be withdrawn for a period of sixty days subsequent to the opening of bids without PHA consent.

Northwest Florida Regional Housing Authority (PHA)

Post Office Box 218 (5302 Brown Street) Address

Graceville, Florida 32440

05/01, 08

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

CASE NO. 61-2012-CA-000003

FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OF FLORIDA Plaintiff,

vs.

MURRAY F. DAVIS A/K/A MURRAY F. DAVIS, JR., SUZANNE M. DAVIS 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 April 18, 2013, in the Circuit Court of Suwannee County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Suwannee County, Florida described as:

THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 36 TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 14 EAST, SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1987 OAK SPRINGS DWMH MOBILE HOME. VIN(S) 32620253AW & 32620253BW, and commonly known as: 15044 61st RD, WELLBORN, FL 32094; 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 June 18th, 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 23rd day of April, 2013.

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

By: /s/ Jillian Buchanan
Deputy Clerk

05/01, 08

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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.

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) 563-7919

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 PARTY 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 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 person-

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ally 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

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

CASE NO.: 61-2011-CA-000323</

Calendar of Events

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bring a dessert. The church is located on Highway 90 West between Live Oak and Lake City at the intersection with Lowe Lake Road in Wellborn, Fla. Call 386-963-2231 with any questions or visit our website at www.wellbornbaptist.com.

Love Forever

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

The Columbia Federated Republican Women

Meet the 2nd Monday of each month, 7 p.m., brown bag dinner & social time at 6:30 p.m. Currently we meet in Lake City at the old Guardian ad Litem yellow house on Duval Street just east of the First Baptist Church and across from Advanced Auto. We are committed to advancing the participation of women in all areas of the political system and are dedicated to encouraging and empowering women of all ages and backgrounds. Visit the Florida Association's web page at <http://www.fprw.net/home.html>. Covering North Central Florida - all women are encouraged to attend and be involved in the political process! For more info contact President Gayle Cannon: 386-303-2616, gcannon@atlantic.net

Free meals for seniors

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

Volunteer Opportunity & Meeting Notice

Florida's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program needs volunteers to join its corps of dedicated advocates who

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

Christian Mission In Action Ministry

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

Boy Scout Troop 693

Weekly meetings, Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00 p. m., at the Church of the Nazarene, 915 Church St., SW. The troop goes camping monthly as well as attends winter and/or summer week-long camps. The program is for boys who have completed the 5th grade, or is 11-years old, and until their 18 birthdays. Adults are welcome to participate as leaders, committee members and/or merit badge counselors - after passing mandatory background checks. For additional information on the Boy Scouting program in Live Oak, contact the troop's scoutmaster, Harry Reeve, 386 590-6121, troop693@windstream.net.

Wellborn Community Association (WCA)

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

pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee.

Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 107

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

Addiction Support Group

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

Senior Luncheon at Wellborn Baptist Church

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

Lake Park Line Dancers

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

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