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Jax meteorologist: F-5 tornadoes not impossible here

"Not only do you have to have all of the ingredients, but they have to come together at the proper time as well (to form a tornado). Across the Suwannee Valley, thankfully, that combination of events is quite rare (for an EF/F-5 tornado), but not impossible."
- Al Sandrik, NOAA warning coordinator meteorologist

By Bryant Thigpen
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Although the perfect storm can happen anywhere at anytime, a Jacksonville meteorologist believes Florida's weather conditions are not likely to produce a devastating EF/F-5 tornado similar to the one that ripped through Oklahoma last week which killed 24 people including seven children. Although the chances are unlikely, the fact is it can still happen.

Florida and Georgia do not have a rich history of tornadoes. In fact, the latest tornadoes recorded happened in 2009 in Suwannee and Madison counties.

"While we are not immune to violent tornadoes (EF/F-3 or greater), to the best of our knowledge, there has never been an EF/F-5 tornado in either Florida or Georgia. That said, they are not impossible either and we have seen EF/F-3 tornadoes in Central Florida with the Groundhog Day

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TORNADOES RECORDED LOCALLY

SUWANNEE			
Live Oak	March 30, 2000	2:50 p.m.	No rating
Falmouth	July 20, 2000	2:35 p.m.	No rating
Live Oak	April 25, 2003	2 p.m.	No rating
Wellborn	Sept. 5, 2004	1:30 p.m.	No rating
Houston	July 9, 2005	9:40 p.m.	No rating
Live Oak	July 10, 2005	4:40 p.m.	No rating
Wellborn	March 2, 2007	4 a.m.	No rating
Wellborn	March 7, 2008	9:30 a.m.	No rating
Live Oak	April 28, 2008	1:25 p.m.	No rating
(SUWANNEE AIRPORT)			
Ellaville	March 31, 2009	7:45 p.m.	EF/F-1

Suwannee celebrates Memorial Day

Veterans and others stand for the National Anthem. Staff photos

This veteran listens to a speaker at the ceremony Monday at the Live Oak Cemetery. See more photos in Friday's edition.

Staff

Hundreds attended the Memorial Day ceremony Monday morning at the Live Oak Cemetery. The ceremony started at 11 a.m. in the veterans section of the cemetery. The Honorable Judge Greg Parker, Lt. (U.S.N.) was the guest speaker.

The American Legion Riders, Post 107, "stacked the motorcycles" in honor of the fallen heroes. The reading of veterans called home was read by Wendy Jossie DAV and Alonzo Philmore, Post 107. A 21 gun salute followed by Post 107 and Disable American

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FHP: Alcohol a factor in wreck that killed man

Staff

A Suwannee County man was killed early Saturday morning after the vehicle he was driving struck two trees and a ditch embankment at a high rate of speed, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

The FHP reported that alcohol also appears to be a contributing factor in the crash.

A 1991 Mitsubishi pickup truck, driven by Nicholas Lee Prescott, 27, was traveling southbound

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CITY OF LIVE OAK

Infrastructure repairs on horizon?

By Andrew McGee
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Live Oak Public Works Director Brent Whitman handed out several lists to council members at a workshop on May 21 with detailed estimates for infrastructure repairs in the city. The estimates are only proposals, for now. There are 100-year-old water lines in parts of the city and roads that are in need of repair, according to figures.

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Wellborn Blueberry Festival around the corner

Parade theme: 'All Fired Up'

By Wendell Snowden
President, Wellborn Community Association

In just a few short days the 20th Annual Wellborn Blueberry Festival will be under way in historic downtown Wellborn. The festival, which celebrates the annual blueberry harvest, takes place in Andrew's Square on June 7 and 8. Admission is free. The event is the major fundraiser for the nonprofit Wellborn Community Association whose mission is to enhance community life in Wellborn and its surrounding areas and care for the social, economic and physi-

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Carol Gibbons sells blueberries at a past Wellborn Blueberry Festival. File photo

A glimpse of wildlife

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission officers impressed the students at Suwannee Primary School on Thursday with several exhibits including live alligators, snakes and a K-9 unit. - Photo: Bryant Thigpen

Flagpole memorial dedicated

OCS recognizes veterans

By Andrew McGee
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There was a flagpole memorial ceremony held on the front lawn at Live Oak Church of God Saturday, May 25.

"This flagpole was donated to us by Levis Lawson," said Outreach Christian Soldiers and Suwannee County Veteran Service Officer Ellis Gray. "It was the flagpole of the Live Oak VFW, so we're rededicating that and reestablishing this flagpole."

Gray said they had built a base around the flagpole using red bricks and that

SEE FLAGPOLE, PAGE 12A

Sign, noise ordinance passes in city

By Bryant Thigpen
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A process that has been in the works for years came to a rest recently when the Live Oak City Council voted unanimously to adopt the amended Sign Ordinance No. 1335 that will give businesses more flexibility on how they display their signage.

"It was basically a comprehensive overhaul," said Live Oak Development Manager George Curtis. "We took

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ON THE FLIPSIDE

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

May 23, Reyes Guillermo Arnaez, 63, 25520 SW 137th Ave, Apt 108, Naranja, FL, Poss Cocaine W/Intent +20, Poss +20 Marijuana, Traffic Cocaine: LOPD- R. Fipps

May 23, Ana Cristina Mendez, 23, 11401 SW 132nd Avenue, Miami, FL, Poss Cocaine W/I +20, Poss Marijuana +20, Traffic Cocaine, Poss Paraphernalia: LOP- R. Fipps

May 23, Alexis Avila, 29, 11800 SW 184th St, Miami, FL, Poss Cocaine W/I Sell +20, Poss Marijuana +20G, Trafficking Cocaine, Miami Dade-Poss of Cannabis -20G: LOPD- Fipps

May 23, Carlos Luis Alas, 27, 12242 SW 16th Terr #101, Miami, FL, Poss Cocaine W/I Sell +20, Poss Marijuana +20G, Trafficking Cocaine: LOPD- Fipps

May 23, Dirk Allen Williams, 23, 21773 180th St, Live Oak, FL, Battery-Domestic Violence: SCSO- W. Kelly

May 23, James Thomas Deatley, 37, Summit Co Sheriff's OFC, Akron, OH, Housing for Summit Ohio: SCSO- T. Ford

May 23, Carlos Alberto Diaz, 49, Broward Co Sheriff's OFC, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Housing for Broward Co: SCSO- A. Sutton

May 23, Daniel Christoph Johnson, 28, 16420 165th Road, Live Oak, FL, Battery-Dom Violence: SCSO- B. Kastor

May 23, Tracy Ann Hole, 39, 13553 76th St, Live Oak, FL, VOP O/C Traffic in Stolen Property: SCSO- M. Ramirez

May 23, Chantal Marie Akins, 33, 8505 N Tra Martin Ave, Crystal River, FL, VOP O/C Poss Controlled Substance; Poss 20 Grams or Less: SCSO- Sgt. T. Ford

May 23, Alisha Kristine Godwin, 30, 9402 N 10th St, Tampa, FL, VOP O/C Grand Theft Motor Vehicle-2Ct: SCSO- A. Sutton

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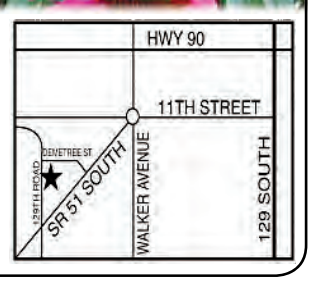

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Roof of courthouse wings to be replaced

By Bryant Thigpen
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The Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously Tuesday night to replace the roof on the 1963 addition of the courthouse. The commissioners told County Administrator Randy Harris to begin the bids process to determine if the shingles will be replaced or if the county will pursue installing a metal roof.

Harris told the commissioners the roof had been leaking for some time, and they currently have a tarp over the wing as a temporary fix.

"I'm surprised the shingles have lasted this long, but it's time to replace it," Harris said.

A committee will review the bids received in the coming weeks and will make a proposal to the commissioners at an upcoming meeting.

Sundaes on Friday

Attention all children and parents

Make your own ice cream sundaes. On Friday, June 7, from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. at the Woman's Club located at 1308 11th St., SW, Live Oak. $2 for the first bowl and $1 for each additional.

SHS Class of '93

Making plans for their 20 year class reunion. Reunion is set for July 13, 2013 at the Brown Lantern. RSVP before June 28th, 2013. Advance notice to attend is needed. For more information contact Heidi Stephenson Day at 386-330-9817 or heididay@windstream.net.

Lottery Results
Florida

CASH 3
5/27/13 . . 3,9,9

PLAY 4
5/27/13 . .6,9,5,2

FANTASY 5
5/27/13 1,10,19,24,33
MEGA MONEY 7,8,28,32 MB5
LOTTO 1,21,26,30,46,48,x5
POWERBALL 2,6,19,21,27,PB25

SCFR calls for service from 5/18/2013 @ midnight to 5/25/2013 @midnight

Total calls for service: 99

Medical Calls 80

Cardiac: 13
Trauma: 4
Motor vehicle crash: 9
Miscellaneous medical call: 5
Respiratory: 10
Fall: 6
Seizure: 5
Altered Mental Status: 7
Abdominal Pain/N/V: 5
Weakness: 5
Death: 2
Stroke: 3
Diabetic: 3
Alarm: 2
Stand by: 1

Fire Calls 19

Motor vehicle crash: 6
Smoke/Fire Investigation: 1
Brush Fire: 2
Down power line: 5
Tree across road: 2
Medical Assist: 1
Vehicle fire: 1
Cat on power pole: 1

Volunteer Fire Responses: 9

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Boys Ranch seniors recognized

The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch recently recognized the seniors who are graduating this year. Here are a few photos from the event.

Suwannee County Sheriff Tony Cameron, second from right, and Madison County Sheriff Ben Stewart were on hand to congratulate the Boys Ranch seniors on their pending graduation.

Will Shanahan was presented with the Leadership Award by Unit Director Steven Wright. Will is an all around good student and athlete. He received the award due to his care and concern for the other boys in his cottage, his willingness to help others succeed in school and sports, and Will stepped up to help coach the middle school recreational basketball team who placed second in the play offs this year.

At the recent Boys Ranch Awards Banquet students were recognized for numerous achievements. Pictured clockwise from the bottom: Agricultural Achievement-Wyatt Glass, Spiritual Achievement-Will Seville, Leisure Recreational Achievement-Kody Quirin, Academic Achievement-Luke Shula.

Jacob received the Ranch Pride Award from Clinical Director Jillian Crymes. Jacob is a good student and hard worker. He takes care of all things under his responsibility and encourages others to do the same. Jacob is proud to call the Ranch home.

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Parade at 10:30 am
(Prizes and awards for best entries)
Parade Theme: "All Fired Up"
Grand Marshalls: Chief James Sommers & Commissioner Phil Oxendine
Talent Contest 1:30 pm (1st Place $500; 2nd Place $300; 3rd Place $200)

Hosted by the Wellborn Community Association, Inc., a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation

For information call: Parade 386-963-2908;
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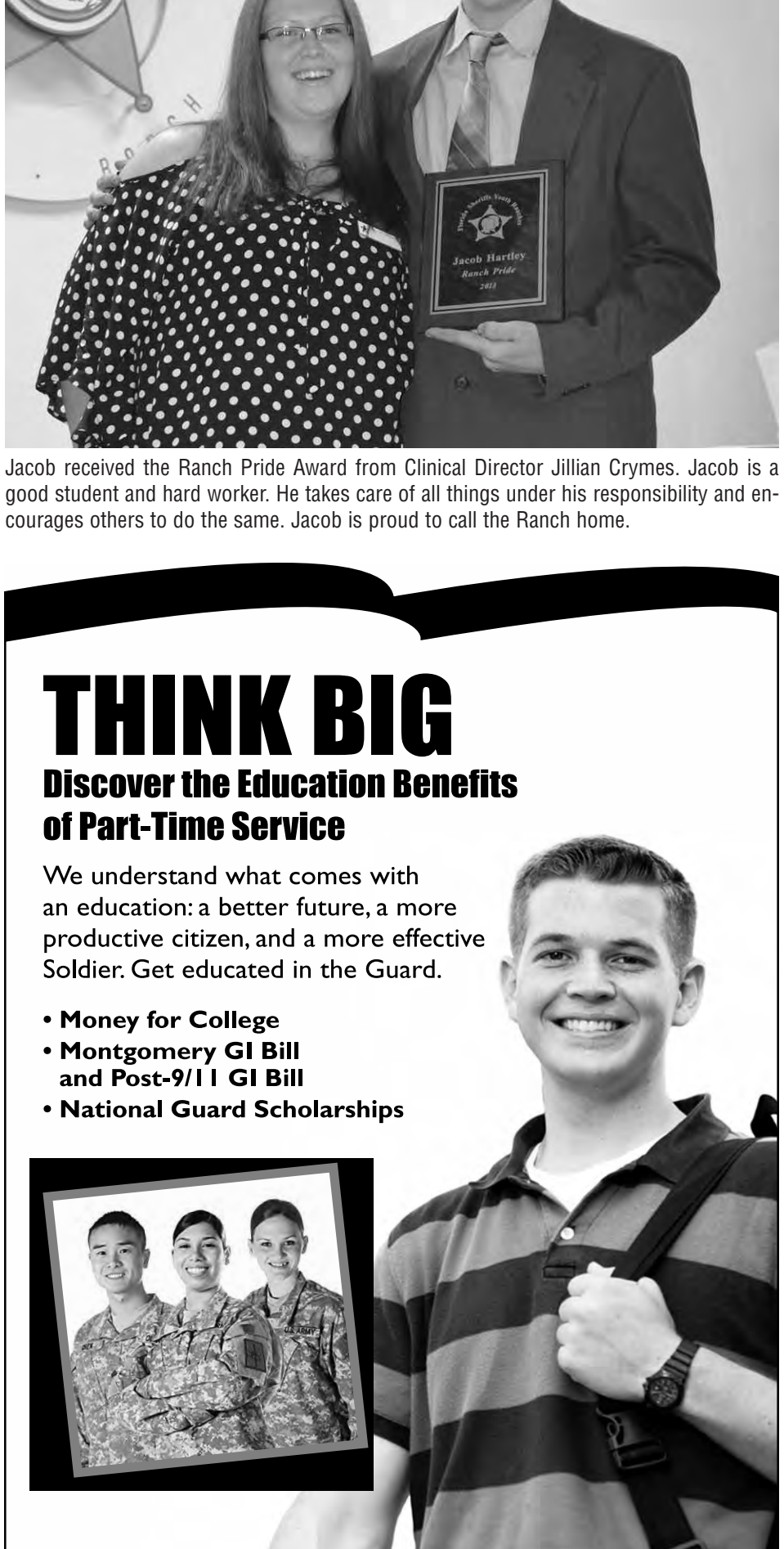

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The crew and helping hands at Suwannee Valley Humane Society with donations from Altrusa International of Live Oak. Courtesy photo

Special presentation

The Women of the Moose made a special presentation to the graduating seniors from the Boys Ranch. Left to Right – Youth Ranches Executive Vice President Brad Gregory, Carole Anderson, Will Shanahan, Austin Coy, Tim Duncan, Bo Brushingham, Matt Fachko, Alex Ritchie, Lane Prokopp and Bob Anderson.

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Thanks

The family of Gage Tanner would like to take this time sincerely thank everyone who donated items to the yard sale on May 10 and 11 to benefit Gage Tanner's treatment fund. Thanks to those who donated their time and helped out where they could. God really blessed us and we are so thankful. We are also thankful for those that came to the sale to buy items to help Gage. Thanks also to the Suwannee Democrat and local radio stations for helping us get the word out about the sale. We are truly thankful to you all.

The Gage Tanner Family

Family Fun Day July 13

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Vacation Bible School

The First Baptist Church of Dowling Park invites you to send your children between the ages of 3 through 12 to our Vacation Bible School starting Sunday evening June 9, through Wednesday, June 12. Starting time each day is 6:30 p.m. and concluding at 8:30 p.m.. This year's dynamic program is called "Kingdom Rock" with the theme of "Where Kids Stand Strong For God". The church address is 11274 235th Ln. near the intersection of CR 250 and CR 136 in Dowling Park. Call 386-658-2360 for additional details.

The following couples applied for a marriage license the week of May 20 - 24, 2013:

Dave Ward, Jr to Jessica Anne Hightower

Anthony Vincent Ralston to Alexandria Lynn Syniski

Congressman Yoho votes to authorize Keystone Pipeline construction

WASHINGTON—Congressman Ted Yoho (FL-03) voted May 22 in favor of H.R. 3, the Northern Route Approval Act. H.R. 3 removes the need for a presidential permit to build the Keystone XL Pipeline.

After the vote, Congressman Yoho said, "The Keystone XL Pipeline is the Transcontinental Railroad of our time. It unlocks 20,000 much-needed jobs and pumps $20 billion into our economy. We needed this legislation today to break the lock President Obama has placed on American ingenuity through a permit process of more than 1700 days and 15,500 pages of review. For every page written and day delayed, that's an American who could have been working. Streamlining government allows more Americans to work, and that's what we did today."

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Clyde Goodwin, 73, of Dowling Park, Fla. passed away on Wednesday, May 22, 2013. Clyde was born in 1939 to the late Laurence and Elizabeth C. Goodwin in Endicott, NY. Clyde was a well respected Computer Systems Manager at Princeton University where he worked in the Plasma Physics Lab. He was also a member of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Live Oak, Fla.

Clyde is survived by his loving wife: Susan Goodwin, Dowling Park, Fla.; brothers-in-law: David Neal, Michigan; James Neal, Arizona; sister-in-law: Marcella Kusch, New Jersey. He was a beloved uncle to: Deane Goodwin, Judy Slade, Michael Bliss, Diane Bliss, Susan Burns, Edward Goodwin, Nancy Quarles, Jane McCarthy, Jill Stec and Judy Bliss.

He is preceded in death by his parents: Laurence and Elizabeth C. Goodwin, sister: Janet Bliss and his brother: Raymond Goodwin.

In lieu of flowers donation may be made to Tabernacle Baptist Church, 8637 Goldkist Blvd, Live Oak, Fla. 32064 or Pacific Garden Missions, 1458 S. Canal Street, Chicago, IL 60607.

Daniels Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc., 1126 Ohio Avenue North, Live Oak, Fla. 32064 386-362-4333 in charge of funeral arrangements.

Mary A. Neely
May 25, 2013

Mary A. Neely, 67, Live Oak, Fla. passed away on Saturday, May 25, 2013 after a long illness. The life long resident of Live Oak, Fla. was a homemaker and a member of The Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Live Oak, Fla.

Mrs. Neely is survived by her two daughters: Tammy Brost and Renee Godwin both of Live Oak, Fla.; Two sisters: Martha Ratliff and Margaret Robinson both of Live Oak, Fla.; Five grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren; Loving Companion: Dwayne Tucker, Live Oak, Fla.

Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 29, 2013 at Daniels Memorial Chapel with Rev. Ray Jay Robinson officiating. Interment will follow in Live Oak Cemetery.

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

Della Rae Scott
March 3, 1908
May 25, 2013

Della Rae Scott was born on March 3, 1908 and passed away on May 25, 2013. Della is survived by three sons: Doyle, Phoenix, AZ, Winston, Live Oak, Fla. and Elliott, Live Oak, Fla.. She leaves seven grandchildren , five great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. Della was born to Ephram Poses Melvin and Tabitha Spooner Melvin on a farm near Cottondale . She was married to Charlie R. Scott from Alford, Fla. for forty-eight years and moved to Live Oak in 1949. Della was always a homemaker raising children and cooking the best food a family could ask for. She loved her children very much and she loved to can food in jars and work with her many flowers around her home. Grave side services will be held at 11a.m. Thursday, May 30 at Salem Primitive Baptist Cemetery in Marianna, Fla. with Chaplain Shanna Kirby officiating.

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

Vivid Visions helping victims of domestic violence

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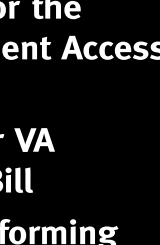
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GUEST COLUMN

Flashbacks revive memories of a tragedy

By Keith Kappes
CNHI News Service

I remember the day like it was yesterday – Dec. 15, 1967, a few minutes before 5 p.m. in Ironton, Ohio.

As the local reporter for the morning newspaper in nearby Huntington, W.Va., I was making a routine check at the sheriff's office of calls and complaints.

The dispatcher on duty told me that it was a quiet day. I asked to use a phone to check in with my editor.

I was waiting for him to answer when the dispatcher came rushing in to ask if I could hear what was happening on the radio.

"It's gone, it's gone. Oh, my God, it's gone. The Silver Bridge is gone."

A man was screaming into a police radio as the Ohio River bridge between Point Pleasant, W.Va., and Gallipolis, Ohio, broke apart and dropped into the water in front of his disbelieving eyes.

That eyewitness was a deputy sheriff from Gallipolis and he was using the common radio frequency known in those days in Ohio as the "sheriff's party line."

The bridge was loaded with rush-hour traffic as 37 cars and trucks tumbled into the cold, murky river or onto the riverbank on the Ohio side.

The collapse claimed the lives of 46 men, women and children, many of them Christmas shoppers. Two victims were never found.

My boss was holding on the phone. I quickly told him what I had heard and then hit the road toward Gallipolis, some 60 miles away.

I drove like a wild man to reach the chaotic scene. I could see vehicles in the river and hear yelling.

I rushed down to the riverbank and stumbled over some tree limbs in the darkness, so I thought.

As I tried to get up, I discovered that a truck driver's body was pinned under a massive piece of concrete bridge deck. I had tripped over his legs.

I found a police officer and led him to the crushed body.

The next 12 or so hours remain a blur of jumbled memories of horrific scenes of bodies and vehicles being pulled out of the wreckage and the river.

Other reporters from the newspaper relieved me and I made a stop at the temporary morgue at an empty gas station.

I was checking names of victims on toe tags when I got another shock. One of the victims, a trucker, was a man I had known my entire life.

To this day, I wonder if he was the same man I discovered on the riverbank.

Keith Kappes is a columnist for The Morehead (Ky.) News. Contact him at kkappes@cnhi.com.

BIBLE VERSE

[A Church Divided Over Leaders] "I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought."

1 Corinthians 1:10 NIV

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OPINION

Americans deserve the IRS

A MINORITY VIEW

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BY WALTER WILLIAMS

Individually, Americans do not deserve to be subservient to such a fear-mongering, intimidating and powerful agency as the Internal Revenue Service; but collectively, we do. Let's look at it.

Since the 1791 ratification of our Constitution, until well into the 1920s, federal spending as a percentage of gross domestic product never exceeded 5 percent, except during war. Today federal spending is 25 percent of our GDP. State and local government spending is about 15 percent of the GDP. That means government spends more than 40 cents of each dollar we earn. If we add government's regulatory burden, which is simply a disguised form of taxation, the government take is more than 50 percent of what we produce.

In order to squeeze out of us half of what we produce, a government tax collection agency must be ruthless and able to put the fear of God into its citizens. The IRS has mastered that task. Congress has given it powers that would be deemed criminal if used by others. For example, the Constitution's Fifth Amendment protects Americans against self-incrimination and being forced to bear witness against oneself. That's precisely what one does when he is compelled to sign his income tax form. However, a Fifth Amendment argument can't be used as a defense in a court of law. The IRS will counter that you voluntarily provided the information on your tax return.

If you're in debt to Bank of America, Wells Fargo or any other private creditor, in order for it to garnish your wages as a means of collecting debt, it must first get a court order. By contrast, the IRS can garnish your wages without having to get a court order first. If your employer doesn't obey the IRS and send it a portion of your wages, he will be held accountable for what you owe. At the minimum, some IRS collection procedures violate one of the basic tenets of the rule of law -- namely, the law of the land applies equally to individuals (and other private entities) and the government (and its officials and agents).

Our Founding Fathers feared the emergence of an agency such as the IRS and its potential for abuse. That's why they gave us Article 1, Section 9 of the Constitution, which reads: "No Capitation, or other direct, Tax shall be laid, unless in Proportion to the Census or Enumeration herein before directed to be taken." A capitation is a tax placed directly on an individual. That's what an income tax is. The founders feared the abuse and the government power inherent in a direct tax. In Section 8 of Article 1, they added, "But all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States." These protections the founders gave us were undone by the Progressive era's 16th Amendment, which reads, "The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived, without apportionment among the several States, and without regard to any census or enumeration."

If federal spending were only 5 percent of our GDP ($750 billion) -- instead of 25 percent ($3.8 trillion) -- there would be no need for today's oppressive and complicated tax system. You might ask, "How could we be a great nation without all the government spending?" When our Constitution was ratified in 1791, we were a weak and poor nation. One hundred forty years later, with federal spending a mere pittance of what it is today, we became the world's richest and most powerful nation. No small part of this miracle was limited and unintrusive government.

The bottom line is that members of Congress need such a ruthless tax collection agency as the IRS because of the charge we Americans have given them. We want what the IRS does -- namely, to take the earnings of one American so Congress can create a benefit for some other American. Don't get angry with IRS agents. They are just following orders.

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GUEST COLUMN

Life lessons from a trial lawyer

By Don McNay
CNHI News Service

"I need a hero. I'm holding out for a hero 'til the end of the night.
He's gotta be strong
And he's gotta be fast
And he's gotta be fresh from the fight"
— Jim Steinman

One of the great moments of my life was sitting next to legendary Louisville, Ky., attorney Frank Haddad at a luncheon when he learned he had received the first Peter Perlman Outstanding Trial Lawyer award from the Kentucky Academy of Trial Lawyers.

As they started his bio, the surprised Frank started crying like a baby. A sudden heart attack took him less than a year later. Winning the Perlman award was the crowning achievement of his career.

It may seem ironic that the award was named for another living, and practicing, trial attorney, but everyone understood why.

Richard Hay of Somerset, Ky., who has received the Perlman award, said starting with law school, where Perlman was one of his instructors, "Pete has always been the attorney that all Kentucky trial lawyers look up to."

Perlman is an influential, national figure in the universe of trial attorneys. He is a member of the Inner Circle of Advocates, which means he is considered one of the top 100 trial lawyers in the United States.

He is the only Kentuckian ever to be president of the American Trial Lawyers Association and has been president of the Trial Lawyers for Public Justice and the Civil Justice Foundation.

His website notes that, "In nearly 50 years of practicing law, Perlman has won more than 50 multimillion verdicts and settlements. "It also notes that "He is recognized worldwide as a specialist in product liability and crash-worthiness litigation."

I personally know the power of Perlman. Thirty years ago, he was the first major attorney to refer a structured settlement client to me. (Frank Haddad was the second.)

From California to Washington, D.C., and every stop in between, big-time trial attorneys would tell me, "If you are good enough for Peter Perlman, you are good enough for me."

They understood that Pete demands a level of excellence from everyone around him. The same pursuit of perfection that he demands in himself.

When you look at the list of cherished professions, trial lawyers are far down the list. Nurses and firefighters hit the top, and trial lawyers check in somewhere around lobbyists and used car salespeople.

It's easy to see why trial lawyers can be unpopular. Like journalists, the nature of their business is to champion a cause. If you are on the other side of that cause, it's easy to demonize the attorney fighting against you.

I've sued and been sued. It's not fun on either end.

Without trial lawyers, average Americans would not have an advocate when a drunk driver rams into their car or someone sells a product that kills or maims people.

Perlman is a champion for the underdog. Every aspect of his being is devoted to bringing honor to the legal profession that he loves.

There are several life lessons to be learned from watching Peter Perlman.

-- He's not a headline grabber.

-- He befriends his clients and stays in touch, years after cases are resolved.

-- He communicates at a level that juries and average people understand.

-- He gives back to his community.

-- He gives back to his profession.

When trial lawyers are looking for a hero, it's easy to see why Peter Perlman is the one they pick.

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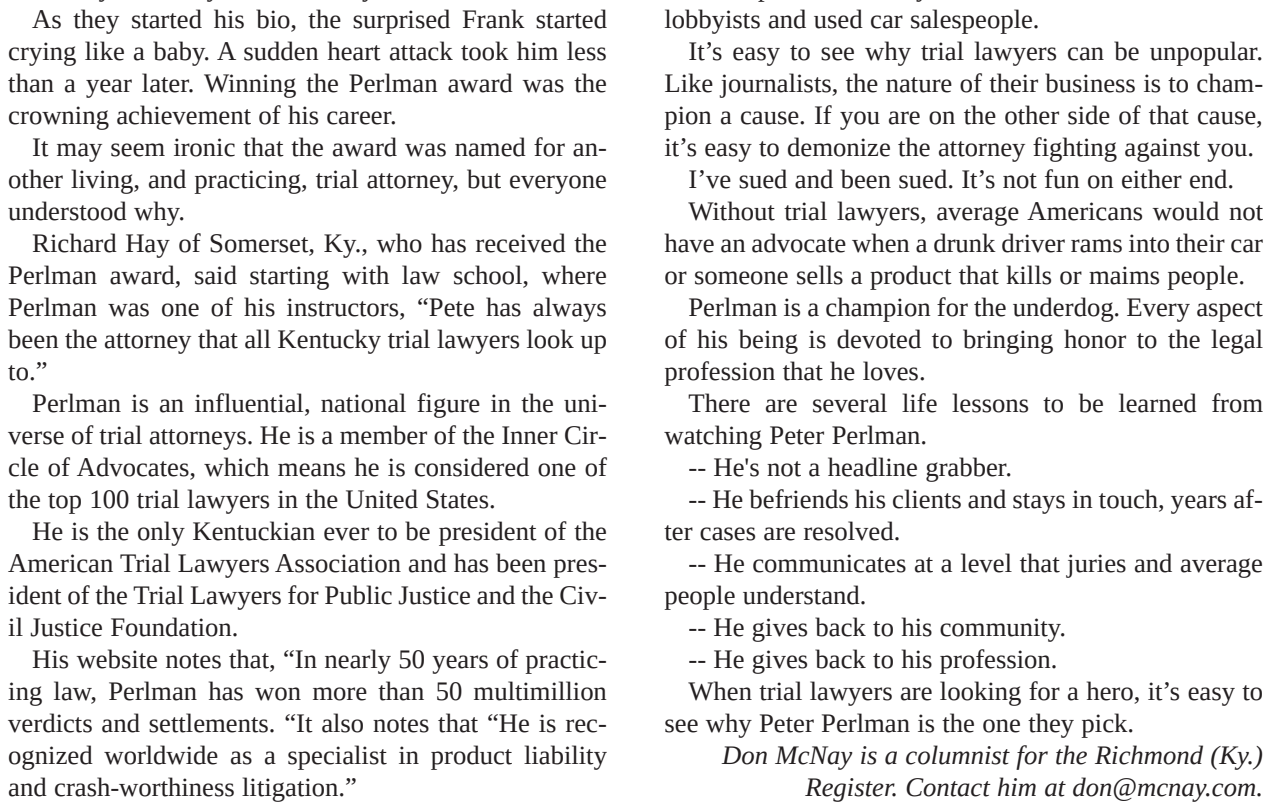


Social Security announces new mobile site for smartphone users

Agency leverages technology to meet customer service expectations

Carolyn W. Colvin, acting commissioner of Social Security, announced the agency is offering a new mobile optimized website, specifically aimed at smartphone users across the country. People visiting the agency's website, www.socialsecurity.gov, via smartphone (Android, Blackberry, iPhone, and Windows devices) will be redirected to the agency's new mobile-friendly site. Once there, visitors can access a mobile version of Social Security's Frequently Asked Questions, an interactive Social Security number (SSN) decision tree to help people identify documents needed for a new/replacement SSN card, and mobile publications which they can listen to in both English and Spanish right on their phone.

"We are committed to meeting the changing needs of the American people and the launch of our new mobile site helps reinforce our online presence and adaptability to advances in technology," Acting Commissioner Colvin said, "I encourage all smartphone users looking for Social Security information to take advantage of our new mobile site."

In addition, visitors to the new mobile site can learn how to create a personal my Social Security account to get an online Social Security Statement, learn more about Social Security's award-winning online services, and connect with Social Security on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Pinterest. For people unable to complete their Social Security business online or over the telephone, the agency also unveiled a new mobile field office locator. The new mobile office locator has the capability to provide turn-by-turn directions to the nearest Social Security office based on information entered by the person.

"With significant budget cuts of nearly a billion dollars each year over the last few years, we must continue to leverage technology and find more innovative ways to meet the evolving needs of the American public without compromising service," said Acting Commissioner Colvin.

Each year, more than 35 million Social Security web page views come via smartphones.

For more information, please go to www.socialsecurity.gov.

Social Security Column

Strong families survive, and Social Security helps

By Mary Kate Vang
Social Security Manager in Lake City, Fla.

In June we celebrate National Family Month, which is a great time to reflect on your family and how to make it stronger. As the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reminds us, strong families share many valuable qualities: trust, commitment, communication, growth, affection, fun, and love.

Strong families are more likely to grow through a crisis, allowing the difficult experience to bring them even closer together.

In the unfortunate event of a family member's death, we want you to know that Social Security is here to help. In addition to the emotional difficulty family members experience, there is often a financial burden as well, especially if the family's main wage earner dies. In such cases, Social Security survivors benefits will help.

Did you know that nearly every child in America could get Social Security survivors benefits if a working parent dies? And Social Security pays more benefits to children than any other federal program. Although many people think Social Security is just a retirement program, you should know that Social Security also provides survivors insurance benefits for workers and their families. If you're like most people, the value of the survivors insurance you have under Social Security is probably more than the value of any individual life insurance you may own. And you don't even need to sign up for a separate policy; by working and paying Social Security tax, you are most likely already insured without even knowing it.

Family members who may be able to receive survivors benefits based on your work record include a widow or widower, unmarried children up to age 19 and still in high school, and under certain circumstances, stepchildren, grandchildren, stepgrandchildren, adopted children, and dependent parents.

If you'd like to learn more about survivors benefits, and how to apply, you should read our publication, Survivors Benefits, available at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs.

You can find additional useful information, such as our survivors planner and information about how to apply for survivors benefits, at www.socialsecurity.gov/pgm/survivors.htm.

Hiring Our Heroes post-military job workshop coming to Lake City

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the University of Phoenix, will be hosting Hiring Our Heroes, a workshop and seminar for veterans and other military job seekers. The workshop will cover subjects like resume writing, tips for successfully navigating hiring fairs, military skill translation, and job interviews. The 2013 Hiring Our Heroes event will be held in Lake City at American Legion Post 57, located at 2602 SW Main Blvd, on Tuesday, June 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

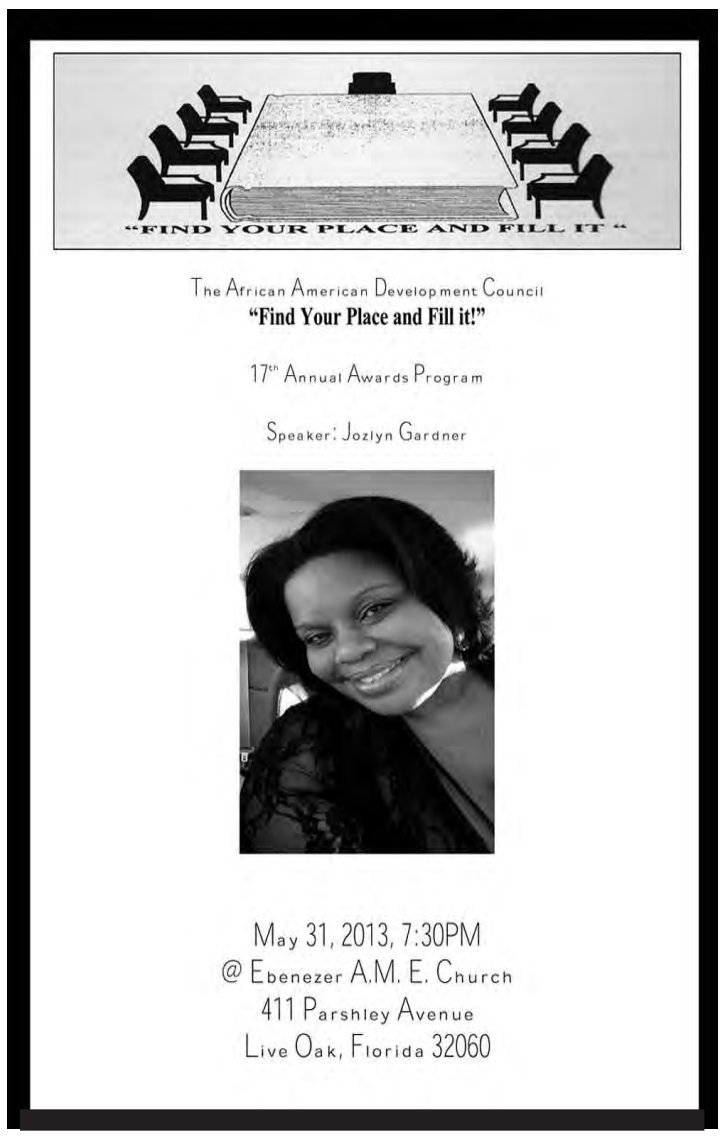
Employers must register for free at www.hoh.greatjob.net. Job seekers are encouraged to register for free at www.hoh.greatjob.net, although walk-ins are welcomed but space is not guaranteed. For registration questions, please contact hiringourheroes@uschamber.com or call (202) 463-5807, and for more information and other workshop listings, visit www.hohworks.eventbrite.com.

Love Ministry to hold spiritual revival

Revival is here! Are you sick or hurting? Do you want deliverance and breakthrough? Are you ready for the next dimension in God? Do you need a personal sure word from God? Well, God has a word for you!

From Saturday, June 22, through Monday, June 24, every night at 7:30 p.m. the Love Ministry of Live Oak located on the corner of Duval St. and Walker Ave. will be holding a spiritual revival. The event will be overseen by Marlene Boyd Spencer of Higher Dimension Praise and Deliverance Ministries, Inc. in Fort Lauderdale. Spencer will act as the 'anointed messenger of God' for the revival.

For more information, please contact Prophetess Dr. Linda Simpson, Senior Pastor of Healing, Deliverance, Perfecting the Saints International Ministries, Inc. at (386) 364-1607 or (386) 344-4192.



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77th Parent-Member Banquet

On May 16, Branford FFA and Branford Middle FFA Chapters held their 77th Annual Parent-Member Banquet. Over 330 members, parents and sponsors attended the event which was held at the Branford First Baptist Christian Life Center.

The event not only recognized our chapter members for their accomplishments but also our supporters who have helped us throughout the year. The meal was donated from different producers including Randell Dasher, Branford FFA Alumni, Black Gold and Regina Ransom. Branford FFA Alumni members prepared the meal and chapter members served it.

The event was presided over by Jordan Gaylard, Branford FFA president and Chase Clark, Branford Middle FFA president. Not only did we recognize career development teams but also individuals for their commitment and dedication to our chapter. All awards were determined using a point system. The stars of our chapter were selected, new officers revealed and our honorary recipients were named.

BHS journalism class provided the photographs. Rosalie Blackwell provided this service for free. Photographs and individual portraits can be obtained from either Mrs. Young or Mr. Rains at BHS.

Honorary degree recipients- BHS Bookkeeper Tracy Delegal and County Commissioner Wesley Wainwright.

Outstanding member presented to Tori Aderholt and Destiny Fennell from Stephanie Ogden.

Eagle Award sponsored by Trannie and John Lacquey – Jesse Lynn Kelley.

Star Farmer presented to Taylor Randell Sponsored by Black Gold.

Veal Award presented to Christopher Young sponsored by Caroline Hill – Dr. Wilkerson and Mr. Veal presented the award.

Leadership Awards sponsored by Capital City – Teresa Kelley, Jerrica Byrd and Chase Clark.

Rising Sun sponsored by Suwannee County Farm Bureau (Randell Dasher) – Amelia Walbridge.

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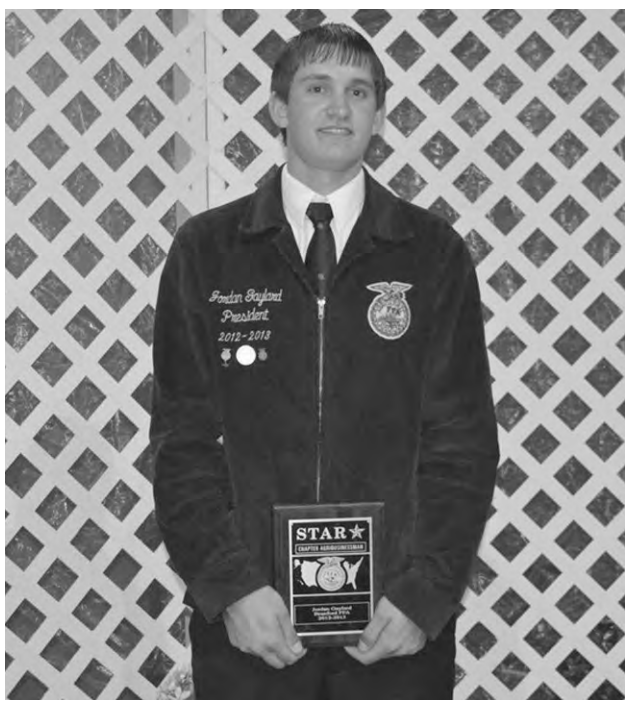

Star Agribusiness presented to Jordan Gaylard Sponsored by Black Gold.

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SAE Award sponsored by IC Terry Farms presented to Kara Holtzclaw.

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Most Dependable Award Sponsored by Live Oaks Elks Lodge (Mr. John Dill) presented to Katie Lloyd.

Star Discovery presented to Madison Lloyd Sponsored by Hay Stack Farms (Mr. Lloyd).

Spirit Award sponsored by Dewayne Aderholt – presented to Trey Roberts.

Challenge True Award sponsored by Bobby Feeny – Delani Cannon.

Pride award goes to Sara Humphreys, sponsored by Sherri and Jason Byrd.

SUWANNEE RIVER READINGS
Branford 2013

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

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SPS students get a glimpse of wildlife

By Bryant Thigpen
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Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission officers impressed the students at Suwannee Primary School on Thursday with several exhibits including live alligators, snakes and a K-9 unit.

The day began at 8:30 a.m. with students making their way to interactive stations where officers would explain the behavior of the wildlife animals or techniques and equipment they use to regulate conservation laws.

SES students look on as Dwaine Mobley talks about the life of an alligator in its habitat.

Rod Boone demonstrates remote controlled animals and decoys that are used to test poachers. The deer and turkey were made using real animal skin. Students were able to rub the skin of the deer.

SES students get an upclose experience with a deer created from real animal skin.

Students made their way to an interactive trailer filled with stuffed creatures from the Florida wildlife. The creatures, fashioned with their respective genuine skin, caught the attention of the little learners. - Photos: Bryant Thigpen

Altrusa of Live Oak New officers, members

Coleen Duris, Altrusa district governor (center) installs officers and directors for Altrusa of Live Oak 2013-14 year. From left, Jackie Jo Joyce, secretary; Vickie Music, director; Julie Ulmer, director; Millie Schneider, treasurer; Mindy Janousek, second vice president; Hillary Cannon, vice president; Ann Thompson, president and Liz Rosado, director.

Coleen Duris, Altrusa district governor (far right) inducts new members into Altrusa of Live Oak: Vicky Talmadge, Janice Goodman and Suzanne Tillman (center) with sponsors Glenda Williams (far left) and Marlene Giese (second from right). Courtesy photos

Suwannee County 4-H Day Camps

By Brian Estevez
4-H/Youth Development
UF/IFAS Suwannee County Extension

Suwannee County 4-H is proud to announce the 2013 Summer Day Camp schedule. Day Camps will be hosted all summer on a wide variety of topics. To register or find out about pricing, deadlines, age limits or times please call the 4-H office at 386-362-2771 or stop by the Extension Office at 1302 11th St., SW, next to the Coliseum to pick up an informational booklet.

The Bovine Buzzer Battle Day Camp, June 10-14, will provide youth the opportunity to learn about all aspects of the dairy industry while participating in a dairy quiz bowl, a fun, interactive activity where the fastest buzzer wins. This day camp will include several farm tours and dairy processing activities. Later in the summer on Saturday, Aug. 3, all participants are invited to participate in the State Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest at the University of Florida. Registration deadline is May 31.

The 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp,
June 13 and 14, will provide youth ages 5-7 hands-on learning opportunities such as crafts, cooking, games, and much more. Parents are invited to stay and attend the camp with their children. Youth ages 5-7 learn best through group project learning experiences, so come prepared for two days of group learning and fun! Registration deadline is May 31.

The Bug Out Day Camp,

June 18-21, will give youth participants an in-depth look at bugs and their habitats. This camp will be based at the Suwannee Valley Agricultural Extension Center outside of Live Oak located at 8202 CR 417. The Bug Out Day Camp will provide youth opportunities to collect a variety of bugs, take a field trip to the University of Florida, and learn bug management techniques. Registration deadline is June 7.

4-H Sewing Camps are June 24-28.

The 4-H Sewing Machine Certification Workshop on June 24 will provide youth the opportunity to become familiar with and comfortable using a sewing machine and is REQUIRED to attend other days during the week. On June 25, youth will make pillow cases for young cancer patients. On June 26, we will take a fashion related field trip. On Thursday, June 27, we will make bags and quilted journal covers and then make aprons on Friday, June 28. Please indicate at time of registration if you will bring a sewing machine. Registration deadline is June 14.

4-H Camp Cherry Lake,

June 24-28. Located on scenic Cherry Lake, this overnight camp is a place to grow, learn about nature and make new friends. Rustic cabins, an open-air pavilion, a dining hall and an auditorium are all nestled among beautiful live oaks on gently sloping banks. This week is full of learning and fun activities such as canoeing, swimming, recreational games, campfires, fishing, a dance and more. It's guaranteed to provide youth with an exciting outdoor adventure! Youth will have an opportunity to participate in activities that will promote healthy lifestyle choices including physical activity. A daily snack from the canteen and a summer camp t-shirt are included in the camp fees, along with three nutritious meals per day prepared on site by our staff who are food safety certified. Registration forms are due at the Mandatory pre-camp meeting on June 18 at 6 p.m. at the Extension Office.

The What's Cookin' Day Camp,

July 9-12, will provide youth with hands-on opportunities to learn culinary skills. Kids will take part in cooking, cleaning, knife safety, nutrition, table etiquette, and much more. Registration deadline is June 28.

The Bacon Day Camp,

June 17-19, will provide youth the opportunity to learn about and take part in the production of hogs and processing of pork. Careers, college, leadership, nutrition, healthy eating, cooking, science, engineering, and technology will all be highlighted. Youth will visit a local hog farm, the University of Florida, and meet a local chef. Registration deadline is July 5.

The 4-H Trash to Treasure Camp,

July 30-Aug. 2, is a hands-on camp that will give youth the opportunity to recycle outdated items into usable gifts! Participants will learn that they don't have to spend a lot of money to create great gifts for family and friends. Come learn how to rescue, recycle, and repurpose items to use in new and exciting ways! Registration deadline is July 16.

We are very excited about all of the opportunities that will be offered in the summer of 2013. Please note that space is limited, so register early. As a reminder all day camps, prices, and class sizes are subject to change. Please join us as we have fun and learn at the 2013 Suwannee County 4-H Day Camps!

Flagpole memorial dedicated

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each branch of the U.S. military was represented. He said the monument was donated by OCS and each brick in the center of the memorial represented a veteran.

"Basically this is a monument within a monument within a monument," said Gray. "So, each brick tells its own story."

Gray said the bricks in the front of the memorial represent the 3rd Infantry Division Air Calvary, the seven members that were killed in Afghanistan in March.

"We also have a Vietnam veteran who was killed in action," said Gray. "So, we're just dedicating this to our community and we're trying to start a movement that veterans take care of veterans and their own churches and church communities."

Gray added that they will do what they can for anyone in need and that was the reason behind starting OCS. The organization currently has nine members and has been around for about a year and a half now.

"Just re-dedicating patriotism," said Gray. "We're trying to make this outfit grow. We Americans like to throw our money to other countries and other parts of the country, but you got a guy siting beside you and in the case of us all being veterans, sometimes they're a little too proud to ask for help."

Gray said that these are the ones that really need the "hand up", that it's not a "hand out".

Gray said they're trying to do their part to help veterans be recognized for what they've done for us. He added that Governor Rick Scott declared March 30 as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veteran Day". Gray didn't receive the information till recently and Tallahassee had just celebrated the day the week before.

Following the ceremony, refreshments were served in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

The new flagpole monument.

Sign, noise ordinance passes in city

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the existing text and went section by section, condensed and reduced it down so it would be easier to understand for business owners and removed things that were duplicated. We just didn't spot pick things, we basically rewrote it completely."

According to some business owners, the new ordinance will eliminate some restrictions and give more flexibility to the advertisers.

An example that Coy Howell of North Florida Printing Company Inc. gave the board was pennant flags, balloons and blow up figures that vehicle dealerships use to advertise a sale. Under the current ordinance, all of those items are prohibited.

"With the re-written code, it allows them (car dealerships) to do that for special sales to draw attention," said Howell. "The whole idea behind having a sale is to draw attention for someone to come in their door and buy a product."

Councilors make noise over noise ordinance

The council voted 4-1 to pass the second reading of the noise ordinance but not without making some noise themselves. The noise ordinance will allow people to play music between the hours of 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. Sunday through Saturday. Penalties for violating the ordinance were also established.

The original intent of voting on the ordinance was to correct a scribbler's error in the text, which said music could be played between the hours of 6-11 a.m. The former ordinance did not allow loud music to be played on Sundays.

Council President Adam Prins suggested extending hours to Sunday. Councilor Jacob Grantham suggested to keep the hours as is, in respect for Sunday.

After much confusion on how to pass the amended ordinance, the council managed to take a vote and the ordinance passed 4-1, Grantham voting against.

Infrastructure repairs on horizon?

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Infrastructure funding analysis

Whitman handed out some sheets to council on the infrastructure funding analysis.

Southwest Quadrant	$388,232
Northwest Quadrant	
McGee Street	$148,427
Anderson Street	$90,288
Bryson Street	$35,605
Total Costs	$762,551
Fund Balance 9/30/12	$2,897,899
Received to date	$188,437
Projected revenue	$376,874
Projected funds available FY 2013	$3,463,210

Expenditures/commitments to date

Hancock Tire	$17,500
Jetter unit	$55,000
Fire chief truck	$24,000
Police vehicles (3)	$79,000
Prison pumps	$67,014
Total expenditures/commitments	$242,514
Water Line costs	$762,551
Projected Fund Balance 9/30/12	$2,458,145

"Once the water line projects for the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) projects and the five projects are completed, we'll have that remaining balance of that $2.5 million," said Whitman. "That's what that sheet says."

On another sheet, he said that looking at the cost analysis of the water line and adding in the reuse would bring in another $260,000.

CDBG water system improvements **Cost estimate summary**

Segment	Water only	Water and reuse	Difference
Anderson St.	$90,288.49	$131,355.20	$41,066.71
McGee St.	$148,426.68	$175,241.39	$26,814.71
Bryson St.	$135,604.63	$522,301.56	$58,161.99
Southwest quadrant	$388,231.57	$522,301.56	$134,069.99
	$762,551.37	$1,022,664.78	$260,113.41

Potential roadway improvements, budgetary estimates

Roadway	Length	Type	Cost	Description
Winderweedle	1,700 feet	concrete	$455,600	from Houston Ave. to US 129
Hamilton	2,900 feet	concrete	$777,200	from Duval St. to US 129
Bryson	1,500 feet	asphalt	$130,500	from Georgia to Anna
Stephens	1,400 feet	dirt	$121,800	from Walker St. to Church
MaryMac	1,300 feet	asphalt	$113,100	from SR 51 to Walker
White	1,800 feet	concrete	$482,400	from Helvenston to US 90
Old Madison	2,400 feet	concrete	$302,400	from Voyles to Lafayette

In other meeting news, Live Oak Council President Adam Prins said he thought it was unnecessary for Mayor Sonny Nobles to attend the conference as he had been doing for years. He thought if anyone was to represent the city of Live Oak at this point it would be Public Works Director Brent Whitman.

"He's the one who gets the information from FGU (Florida Gas Utility) and goes through the rates and the equation," said Prins.

He said he checked with a representative of the conference and explained that currently the city of Live Oak has no city administrator. Prins was told that normally, by default, the city administrator would be the one to attend, but in this case, the alternate would be the public works director.

Nobles said he's attended the conferences for probably the last 10 years and thinks that he should continue.

"It's very important, gentlemen, to stay abreast of what's going on in the gas industry," said Nobles. "In 2012, we budgeted $635,000 in gas. Now that's a significant expenditure. We need to know what's going on in the industry."

Nobles said the conferences were no vacation, that there was some down time, but important information was available through the attendance of the seminars and workshops. Nobles said it was vital especially in light of hurricane season coming and the impact it could make on gas prices. He didn't understand why there was an issue now, when in the past it was never questioned.

Whitman explained that there were actually two separate conferences, one of which would be beneficial that he attend and the other which mainly covered policies and procedures, that Nobles would be best suited for to represent city of Live Oak. Council agreed to allow both Nobles and Whitman to attend the conferences respectively.

DOC labor contract

There was discussion on whether to hire Department of Corrections personnel or non-DOC personnel to work on the many beautifying projects for the city of Live Oak.

Prins said that he was told by Suwannee Correctional Institution's Major Ronnie Morgan that if they went with DOC personnel, it would take a minimum of four months to have a crew ready. Council was trying to decide whether to cancel the current contract and go with a DOC personnel, but one of the conflicts was that they would be coming on long after growing season (in the fall) which would be one of the main reasons for their hire.

Council also considered the potential of DOC inmates escaping and causing harm to the public ensuing possible law suits. Finally, it was decided to keep the current non-DOC contract.

Jax meteorologist: F–5 tornadoes not impossible here

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tornado outbreak of 2007," said Al Sandrik, NOAA warning coordinator meteorologist.

Sandrik recalled an EF/F-4 tornado that occurred as close as McIntosh County in coastal Georgia in May of 2008.

"That McIntosh County event goes a long way to prove a strong tornado can occur anywhere," Sandrik said.

"Historically, the strongest local tornadoes are EF/F-2 tornadoes that occurred in Jasper (2001) and Lake City (2007), and unfortunately, the Lake City tornado took two lives," Sandrik said.

Since 2000, Suwannee County has witnessed 10 tornadoes, more than any other surrounding county.

According to Sandrik, the combination of weather conditions necessary for violent tornadoes such as an EF/F-5 to develop in North Florida are quite rare.

"The midwestern tornadoes are driven by a combination of a low level jet stream bringing in warm moist air from the Gulf of Mexico, dry air in the middle part of the atmosphere coming into the storm from the Great Plains, and a powerful jet stream coming over the top of the storm," Sandrik said. "While it's not impossible for all of these ingredients to come together locally, they also have to do so at the proper time."

Sandrik compared an occurrence of a tornado to baking a cake.

"Creating a violent storm is very similar to baking a cake. Not only do you have to have all of the ingredients, but they have to come together at the proper time as well. Across the Suwannee Valley, thankfully, that combination of events is quite rare, but not impossible," said Sandrik.

Wellborn Blueberry Festival

around the corner

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cal needs of the less fortunate members of the community as means permit.

Activities get under way at 2 p.m. on Friday, June 7. Both days feature live entertainment headlined by Herold White. About 100 vendors will be selling any imagined craft from handmade mailboxes, precious jewelry, hand painted pictures, knitted items, and homemade delicacies, to several food vendors selling all the favorites - elephant ears, bloomin' onions, fried pickles, seafood, hot dogs, sausage, hamburgers, all kinds of barbecue, kettle corn and fried Twinkies. The Country Store will be open in the Association building selling blueberry pies, jams, syrup, cobbler, and muffins to take home. Blueberry cobbler or pie topped with ice cream will also be served in the Country Store. Many children's activities will be offered including water walkers, ponies, a petting zoo and more.

The Blueberry Bake-Off Contest starts at 4 p.m. on Friday and will be judged at 5:30 p.m. Shortly after, will be the Tasting Party where all the delicious entries will be available for tasting. Some of the food vendors will stay open so you can have some supper first, and then make the Tasting Party your dessert.

On Saturday, the famous Blueberry Pancake Breakfast is served from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. and includes three pancakes, three sausage links, orange juice and coffee for $5 adults and $3 children. The last breakfast ticket will be sold at 9:30 a.m. This year the third station will be open at the Wellborn Baptist Church on US 90. Attendees can take advantage of this by parking at the church, enjoying breakfast there, and then riding the free shuttle to the festival grounds. This year's parade theme is "All Fired Up." The parade gets under way at 10:30 a.m. and will include the award-winning Suwannee High School Band, floats from local businesses, churches and organizations, beautiful horses, and antique cars. Throughout Saturday afternoon, enjoy the live entertainment and the Talent Contest. The Parade, Talent Contest and Bake-Off offer cash prizes for the winning entries.

For more information, directions, entry forms, vendor and sponsorship applications, see the website at www.wellborncommunityassociation.com, call 386-963-1157 or join us on Facebook.

Suwannee celebrates Memorial Day

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Veterans. The Suwannee High School Band performed taps, Boy Scout Troop 408 raised the flag and the placing of the wreath at the memorial monument was placed by Joyce Wadsworth, Live Oak Garden Club, and Brandon Barker, Boy Scout 408.

Singer Ted "Teddy Mac" McMullen started to sing "God Bless the U.S.A." but got choked up by the words. He was backed up by vocals by the hundreds in attendance which helped lead him to finish.

Finally, the posting of colors was performed by Auxiliary Unit 107 and benediction was given by Phil Smith, chaplain, Post 107.

FHP: Alcohol a factor in wreck that killed man

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on 29th Road (a dirt roadway), one mile South of US 90 around 3:30 a.m. when the pickup truck traveled onto the west grass shoulder where its right front struck two trees and a ditch embankment.

Prescott was not wearing a seatbelt and he was pronounced deceased on scene by Suwannee County Fire/Rescue, according to FHP.

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SPORTS

SHS softball team honored

Awards, recognition handed out at banquet

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The Suwannee High School softball team had their 2013 banquet on Monday, May 20. The SHS Lady Bulldogs took their first District win and final four appearance this year. The Lady 'Dogs fell to Lake Wales Wednesday, May 8, in Vero Beach in the Class 5A state semifinal game. The final score was 5-1. That ended the season for the softball team.

Jessie TenBroeck received three awards; Leadership, high GPA (3.52) and her stats: Season, runs 41, hits 54, stolen bases 49; career, runs 148, hits 175, stolen bases 142.

The varsity team form left: Audre Bryant, Andrea Latreille, Bailiegh Williams, Kaitlyn Rogers, Haejin Choe, Jordan Roberts, Blakely Burch, Asia Brown, Kiersten Howell, Jessie TenBroeck, Stacey Owens, Alexis Brown, Shayla Kicklighter and Timberly Steichen.

The JV team: Coach Darrell Curls, Ashely Corbin, Savannah Perry, Kelsey Parlato, Kayla Dalton, Sara Hinton, Genesis Leggett, Alexis Todd, Briana Shearer, Coach Benson. Not pictured Emily Watson.

Timberly Steichen received the Coach's Award for hard work and team leadership.

Shayla Kicklighter received the Coach's Award for hard work and team leadership.

Jordan Roberts received the Coach's Award for hard work and team leadership. Photos: Andrew McGee

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Bailiegh Williams received the Coach's Award for hard work and team leadership.

Kelsey Parlato of JV team.

Audre Bryant received the Defensive Award.

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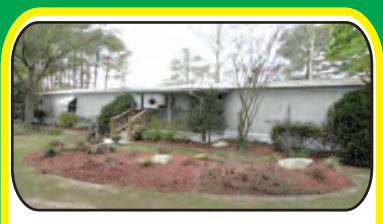

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Calendar of Events

Love Ministry to hold spiritual revival

Revival is here! Are you sick or hurting? Do you want deliverance and breakthrough? Are you ready for the next dimension in God? Do you need a personal sure word from God? Well, God has a word for you!

From Saturday, June 22, through Monday, June 24, every night at 7:30 p.m. the Love Ministry of Live Oak located on the corner of Duval St. and Walker Ave. will be holding a spiritual revival. The event will be overseen by Marlene Boyd Spencer of Higher Dimension Praise and Deliverance Ministries, Inc. in Fort Lauderdale. Spencer will act as the 'anointed messenger of God' for the revival.

For more information, please contact Prophetess Dr. Linda Simpson, Senior Pastor of Healing, Deliverance, Perfecting the Saints International Ministries, Inc. at (386) 364-1607 or (386) 344-4192.

Tent revival
June 8-14, 2013
6:30 p.m. nightly

Hosted by:

Little Galilee Church, Mayo, Fla. with Pastor Sellers

Tent will be on church grounds at 422 Martin Luther King Blvd.

Sundaes on Friday
June 7

Attention all children and parents

Make your own ice cream sundaes. On Friday, June 7, from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. at the Woman's Club located at 1308 11th St., SW, Live Oak. $2 for the first bowl and $1 for each additional.

Suwannee High School Class of '93

Making plans for their 20 year class reunion. For more information contact Heidi Stephenson Day at 386-330-9817 or heididay@windstream.net.

The Lee Worship Center Church Singin & Pickin

Located at 471 S.E. Magnolia Dr. in Lee, Fla. will host a gospel sing and pot-luck supper on June 1, 2013 in honor of Pastor Richard B. Sauls wife, Sharon Sauls, birthday. The supper will begin at 6 p.m. and the gospel sing will begin at 7 p.m. This will also be an open mike sing for singers or pickers, so if you want to get on the program call the number below.The Florida Gator Christians will see if they can bring more people to the supper and sing than the Seminole Christians. The Pastor's wife is an avid Gator Fan so we are going to see if we can win with a house full for Seminoles. This is a potluck supper so please bring a covered dish and some type of beverage. Pastor Richard & Sharon Sauls & family are from Perry, Fla.For more information or directions contact Allen McCormick or Brenda McCormick at 850-869-9977 or 9976.

Family Fun Day

July 13

John Hale Community Park, Live Oak

Christian Mission In Action Ministries

Churches, groups, businesses, organizations and individuals. We at Christian Mission In Action Ministries and Youth Development Committee are seeking your participation or donations to help make this years event of family fun, games, entertainment and food as successful and enjoyable as last years and better. With your help we are confident that we can make it happen. You are invited to set up booths or tables to pass out free items or information brochures about your organization or services

For more information please contact:

Otha White Sr (386) 364-1367 or Audrey Howell (386) 364-4560.

Suwannee High School
Class of '93

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20th Annual Wellborn Blueberry Festival
June 7 & 8

Admission is free! Both Friday and Saturday feature Arts & Crafts and Food Vendors, the Country Store selling blueberry pies, cobbler, muffins and more, live entertainment by Herold White, and fresh blueberries and blueberry plants available for purchase. The Blueberry Bake-off and Tasting Party will be Friday evening. Saturday features the Blueberry Pancake Breakfast, the Parade, and the Talent Contest. The winners of the Bake-Off, Parade and Talent Contest are awarded cash prizes. This event is hosted by the Wellborn Community Association, a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. For more info call 386-963-1157 or see www.wellborncommunityassociation.com

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.

For more information, please contact:
Carolyn Hogue, Program Chair, 386-935-2044
Skip Weigel, Technical Consultant, 386-9382

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

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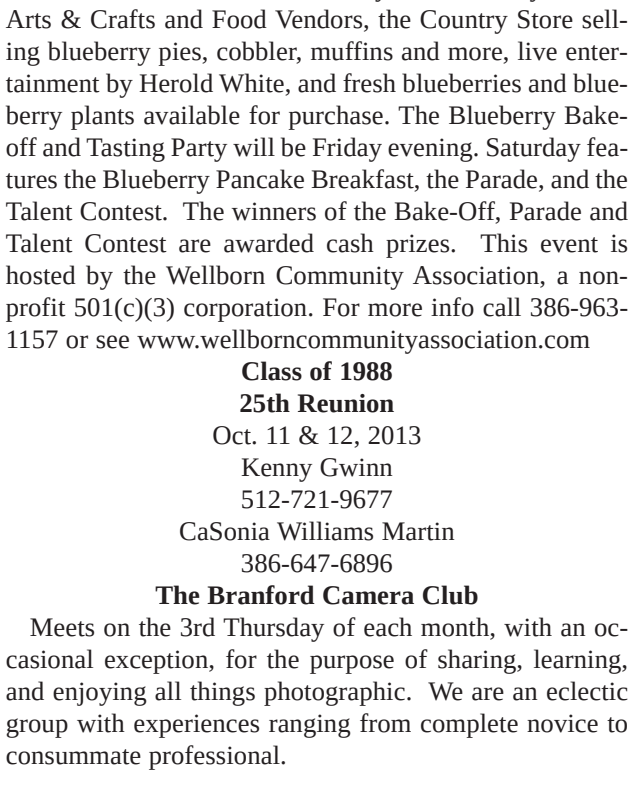

Suwannee Legals

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

CASE NO.: 2013-CA-000120

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

Plaintiff,

vs.

Horlando A. Muniz a/k/a Horlando Muniz; et al.

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY

TO: Kathryn Anne Dawson a/k/a Kathryn Anne Muniz; ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: 15728 128th Place, Live Oak, FL 32060

Residence unknown, if living, including any unknown spouse of the said Defendants, if either has remarried and if either or both of said Defendants are dead, their respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s); and the aforementioned named Defendant(s) and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants as may be infants, incompetents or other wise not sui juris.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being and situated in Suwannee County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

FOR POINT OF REFERENCE, COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 12 EAST, AND THENCE RUN S 89 DEGREES 05'27" W, A DISTANCE OF 40 FEET; THENCE RUN S 00 DEGREES 47'39" E, A DISTANCE OF 2,648.4 FEET; THENCE RUN S 88 DEGREES 54'06" W, A DISTANCE OF 2,621.85 FEET; THENCE RUN N 00 DEGREES 53'24" W, A DISTANCE OF 1,328.52 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE N 00 DEGREES 53'24" W, A DISTANCE OF 664.26 FEET; THENCE RUN S 89 DEGREES 02'37" W, A DISTANCE OF 666.26 FEET; THENCE RUN S 00 DEGREES 54'50" E, A DISTANCE OF 664.81 FEET; THENCE RUN N 88 DEGREES 59'46" E, A DISTANCE OF 665.98 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT OVER AND ACROSS THE EAST 10 FEET, AND THE SOUTH 20 FEET OF THE NORTH 50 FEET OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LANDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF UTILITIES (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SEWER AND OTHER PIPELINES, CODUITS, POLES AND WIRES) WITH THE RIGHT OF ACCESS TO THE SAME AT ANY TIME FOR THE PURPOSES OF REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE.

SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER AND ACROSS THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

FOR A POINT OF REFERENCE, COMMENCE AT THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 12 EAST, THENCE RUN S 00 DEGREES 47'39" E ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 24, A DISTANCE OF 2016.20 FEET; THENCE RUN 2 88 DEGREES 56'57" W, A DISTANCE OF 39.90 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE S 88 DEGREES 56'57" W, A DISTANCE OF 1987.17 FEET; THENCE RUN N 00 DEGREES 51'58" W, A DISTANCE OF 1327.48 FEET; THENCE RUN S 89 DEGREES 02'37" W, A DISTANCE OF 2634.98 FEET; THENCE RUN N 00 DEGREES 57'40" W, A DISTANCE OF 81.25 FEET; THENCE RUN N 46 DEGREES 31'05" W, A DISTANCE OF 695.26 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SATE ROAD 51; THENCE RUN N 43 DEGREES 28'53" E ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 60.00 FEET; THENCE RUN S 46 DEGREES 31'05" E, A DISTANCE OF 720.46 FEET; THENCE RUN S 00 DEGREES 57'40" E, A DISTANCE OF 46.44 FEET; THENCE RUN N 89 DEGREES 02'37" E 2575.08 FEET; THENCE RUN N 00 DEGREES 51'58" W, A DISTANCE OF 633.12 FEET; THENCE RUN N 00 DEGREES 49'33" W, A DISTANCE OF 1652.68 FEET; THENCE RUN S 89 DEGREES 05'14" W, A DISTANCE OF 579.14 FEET; THENCE RUN N 46 DEGREES 31'05" W, A DISTANCE OF 580.80 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID STATE ROAD 51; THENCE RUN N 43 DEGREES 28'55" E ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 60.00 FEET; THENCE RUN S 46 DEGREES 31'05" E, A DISTANCE OF 556. 32 FEET; THENCE RUN N 89 DEGREES 05'14" E, A DISTANCE OF 554.76 FEET; THENCE RUN N 00 DEGREES 49'33" W, A DISTANCE OF 304.41 FEET; THENCE RUN N 89 DEGREES 05'18" E, A DISTANCE OF 829.95 FEET, THENCE RUN S 00 DEGREES 54'42" E, A DISTANCE OF 60.00 FEET; THENCE RUN S 89 DEGREES 05'18" W, A DISTANCE OF 770.05 FEET; THENCE RUN S 00 DEGREES 49'33" E, A DISTANCE OF 1957.17 FEET; THENCE RUN S 00 DEGREES 51'58" E, A DISTANCE OF 1960.38 FEET; THENCE RUN N 88 DEGREES 56'57" E, A DISTANCE OF 1927.25 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD 349; THENCE RUN S 00 DEGREES 47'49" E, ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 60.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN YEAR: 2000, VIN#: GAFLX75A35429WS21, MANUFACTURED HOME, WHICH IS PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LANDS. AS SUCH IT IS DEEMED TOBE A FIXTURE AND A PART OF THE REAL ESTATE.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN YEAR: 1978, MAKE: DARLINGTON, VIN#: 6024D676L AND VIN#: 6024D676R, MANUFACTURED HOME, WHICH IS PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LANDS. AS SUCH IT IS DEEMED TO BE A FIXTURE AND A PART OF THE REAL ESTATE.

more commonly known as 15728 128th Place, Live Oak, FL 32060.

This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, upon SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE', LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd., Suite 100, Tampa, FL 33614, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice and file the original with the clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately there after; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 15th day of May, 2013.

(Court Seal)
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: /s/ Jillian Buchanan
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodations in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator; 173 Northeast Hernando Street, Room 408, Lake City, Florida 32056; (386) 719-7576 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
05/29, 06/05

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

CASE NO.: 13-44-CC

CITY OF LIVE OAK,
Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT DAVID HANCOCK, JR.,
Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER F.S CHAPTER 45

Notice is given that pursuant to a Final Judgment Foreclosing Code Enforcement Lien dated May 23, 2013 in Case No. 13-44-CC of the County Court in and for Suwannee County, Florida, in which City of Live Oak is Plaintiff and Robert David Hancock, Jr., is Defendant, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the front steps of the Suwannee County Courthouse at Live Oak, Florida, at 11:00 A.M. on July 2, 2013 the following described property:

The South 210 feet of Lot 2, Block 50F and the West 10 feet of the South 210.00 feet of Lot 3, Block 50F, Original Town of Live Oak, as shown on Sheet 18 of the Old City Tax Assessors Map Book in the Public Records of Suwannee County, Florida, City of Live Oak, Florida in Section 23, Township 2 South, Range 13 East, Suwannee County, Florida.

DATED this 24th day of May, 2013.

(Court Seal) Barry A. Baker
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Suwannee County, Florida

By: /s/ Jillian Buchanan
Deputy Clerk

05/29, 06/05

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

CASE NO.: 2013CP36

IN RE: Estate of:

DONALD LEFTRAGE PRATT,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION (Testate)

The administration of the estate of DONALD LEFTRAGE PRATT, deceased, File Number 2013CP36 is pending in the Circuit Court for Suwannee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 200 S. Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32064. The estate is testate and the date of the decedent's Will and any Codicils are October 26, 2011. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All interested persons whom a copy of this Notice of Administration is served must file objections that challenge the validity of the will, the qualifications of the personal representative, venue, or jurisdiction of this Court, by filing a petition or other pleading requesting relief with this Court, in accordance with the Florida Probate Rules, WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatured contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

ALL OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

Dated: May 14, 2013

Dorotha Pratt Walker
4421 Orangewood Loop West
Lakeland, Florida 33813
Personal Representative

Tanya M. Comparetto, Esquire
Law Office of Tanya M. Comparetto, P.A.
1937 East Edgewood Drive
Lakeland, Florida 33803
863-686-6883
Florida Bar No.552372
Attorney for Personal Representative
05/22, 29

ROD & ROBIN STORAGE SOLUTIONS
12776 RAILROAD STREET
LIVE OAK, FL 32060
386-688-2165

Unit # 7 Vickie Bass

This unit is extremely behind on their rent. Attempt to contact this individual, even with registered mail has been unsuccessful.

The contents will be sold at the discretion of the storage facility on June 6, 2013.

For information contact Rod at 386-688-2165.
05/29, 06/05

Vacation Bible School

The First Baptist Church of Dowling Park invites you to send your children between the ages of 3 through 12 to our Vacation Bible School starting Sunday evening June 9 through Wednesday the 12. Starting time each day is 6:30 p.m. and concluding at 8:30 p.m.. This year's dynamic program is called "Kingdom Rock" with the theme of "Where Kids Stand Strong For God". The church address is 11274 235th Ln. near the intersection of CR 250 and CR 136 in Dowling Park. Call 386-658-2360 for additional details.

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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

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 408

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

Cub Scout Pack 408

Meets on Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. at the American Legion Post 107, 10726 142nd St., between Live Oak and McAlpin. Membership is open to boys ages 6-10. Join us for camping, archery, BB 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 featuring a progressive jackpot. Non Smoking. Kitchen is open serving drinks and snacks.

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 Irvin Chance, Chapter Chairman, at 386-330-2424, 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 fisherman?

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 of Live Oak
Volunteers needed!

T.N.R. campaign to save Live Oaks ferel cats has been started. Ferel 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 of 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 Fl #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.myfloridaa.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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Haven Hospice

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

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

Fourth Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. at Surrey Place Care Center.

The Center is located at 110 Lee Ave. SE in Live Oak.

For any questions or suggestions call Shanna Kirby @ 386-364-5961 ext 16 or my cell 386-209-2327

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

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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.liveoakfloridagardenclub.com or phone Sara at 386-364-4189 for additional information.

Suwannee River Jeep Club & 4X4

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

Volunteer Opportunity & Meeting Notice

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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 http://ombudsman.myflorida.com.

Grief recovery is a painful process.

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

Volunteers Needed!

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

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

Please join us.
Surrey Place Care Center
Teri Christian,
Quality of Life Director
386-364-5961
act.surrey@signaturehealthcarellc.com

The Arc North Florida

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

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

The McAlpin Community Club

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

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

Navy and Marine Corps

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

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 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

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info contact President Gayle Cannon: 386-303-2616, gcannon@atlantic.net

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.

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.

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

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.

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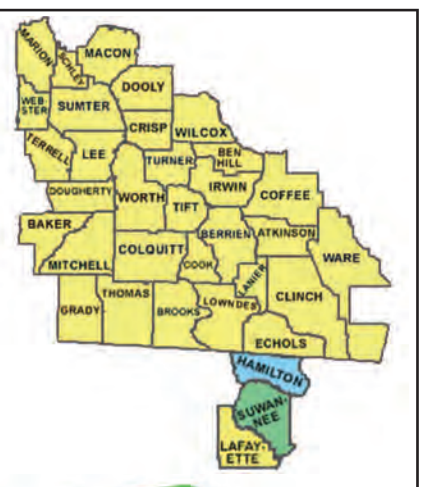

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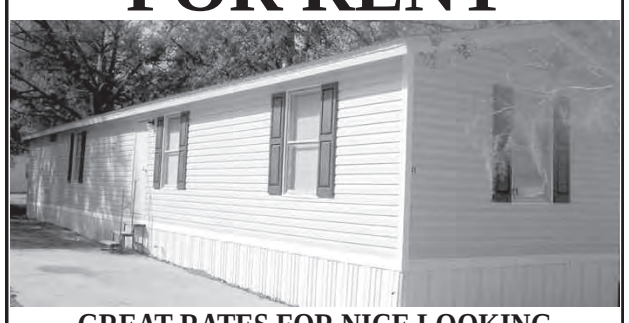

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