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Department heads lay out their budgets in workshops

By Andrew McGee
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The Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners held budget workshops on Aug. 7 and 8. During the workshops, county departments made their pleas to commissioners on their needs and wants for fiscal year 2013-14. The following are some notable budget requests.

Suwannee River Regional Libraries

Director of Libraries Betty Lawrence submitted a budget that included the need for a new automated computer system that would let her know when they are out of certain books and supplies among other things. Lawrence said the one the library currently uses has been in existence for about 30

years and the library has been using it for about 20 years. She said normally libraries try to update their systems about every seven years.

"We are working on a system that's 20 years old," said Lawrence.

Lawrence explained the new system would be able to talk to her suppliers.

"I do that with my books and databases, everything else," said Lawrence. "I need a comprehensive automated system."

She said the new system should accommodate anyone wanting to access the library's information and not be limited because of old systems and outdated technology.

Another expense was in the training for the different positions. Lawrence said they train in-house op-

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PREPARING THE FUTURE

SHTC Surgical Tech program in capable hands

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Suwannee-Hamilton Technical Center's three-year-old Surgical Technology Program is doing well in the very capable hands of Instructor Traci Jones of Dowling Park.

"I actually just took over the program in May," said Jones. "We moved here from Valdosta," said Jones. "My husband farms and that's what brought us to Florida."

Jones explained that since SHTC and the program is rather small she is serving as both instructor and director.

"I'll facilitate every aspect of the program," said Jones. "On the accreditation issues or keeping up with our accreditation and also the instructing side and clinical side."

She said the school is continually growing and at some point, her duties

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Hanging it up after 64 years

Pat Tucker retires,
with 45 of those
years in banking

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"Believe it or not, I am finally retiring after 64 years and 45 of those years in banking," said Pat Tucker, a still very

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Pat
Tucker

LEARNING A SKILL



Branford FFA members received hands-on training in firearms at the Florida Outdoors Adventure program sponsored by the Florida FFA Foundation recently. See more in Branford News, page 7A. Courtesy photo

Unsolved O'Hara homicide remains unsolved

Det. Bates:
Suspects still
being sought for
the March 26,
2010 shooting
death

By Bryant
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The Live Oak Police Department is still investigating a shooting that took place in March of 2010 that

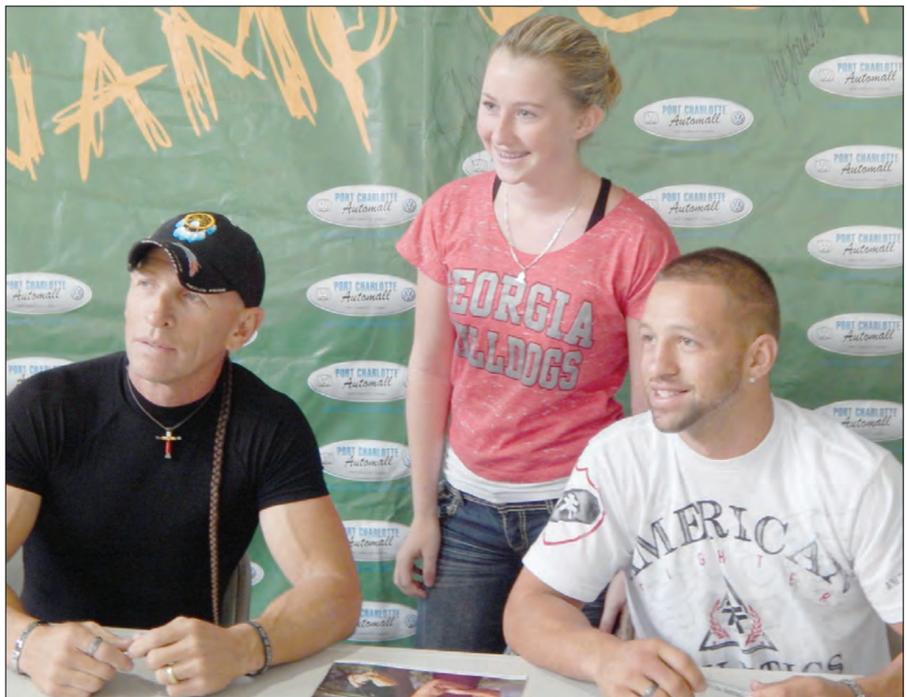
claimed the life of 35 year-old Marvin Louis O'Hara, according to LOPD Detective Justin Bates.

According to the LOPD, O'Hara was found in a rooming house at 813 Hillman Ave. with a single gunshot wound to the head on March 26, 2010, at about 11 p.m. He died the following day at Shands in Gainesville.

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A young fan gets her photo taken with RJ, left, and Jay Paul Molinere of History Channel's "Swamp People" Friday night at the Suwannee County Coliseum in Live Oak. The duo were on hand for a meet and greet prior to the MMA Unleashed event. See action photos from the event in Friday's sports section. - Photo: Andrew McGee

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The following abbreviations are used below:

SCSO-Suwannee County Sheriff's Office
 LOPD-Live Oak Police Department
 FDLE-Florida Department of Law Enforcement
 FHP-Florida Highway Patrol
 FWC-Florida Wildlife Commission
 DOT-Department of Transportation
 OALE-Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement
 P & P-Probation and Parole
 USMS-US Marshals Service
 ATF-Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
 DOC-Department of Corrections
 Aug 8, Jennifer L. Mason, 32, 10984 112th St, Live Oak, FL, Retail Theft, Poss Cont Sub W/O Pres: SCSO- T. Meeks
 Aug 8, Timothy Mink, 43, 10520 Caralina Chase, Harrison, OH, Louisiana Hold for FTA, Poss Co-

caine: SCSO- D. Falgout
 Aug 8, Deryck Scott Lawor, 29, 14125 NW 109th Way, Lake Butler, FL, VOP O/C No Valid DL, Bond Cash Only: SCSO- A. Sutton
 Aug 8, Barbara Raynor, 51, 8955 160th Terr/PO Box 279, Live Oak, FL, A-1 Bail Surrender Bond, O/C DUI X 4, O/C DWLS/R Knowingly, O/C Leaving the Scene of Crash: SCSO- M. Jelks
 Aug 8, Alexander D. Santiago, 31, Suwannee CI, Live Oak, FL, Battery W/Bodily Fluids, 1st App PD App FFW: SCSO- L. McDaniel
 Aug 9, Duane John Piet, 27, 6760 125th Place, Wellborn, FL, Burglary of Dwelling, Criminal Mischief, Petit Theft, 1st App FFW Pd Appt: LOPD- C. Kinsey
 Aug 9, Brett Michael Smith, 20, 1009 2nd St, Live Oak, FL, Burglary, Grand Theft: LOPD- S. Gambel
 Aug 10, Gage Gerrard Griner, 22, 3458 Eve Drive West, Jacksonville, FL, Reckless Driving, Fleeing and Eluding, DWLS/R, VOP O/C Poss -20G Marij: 1st App FFW PD Appt: SCSO- E. Schultetus
 Aug 10, Kim Della Holland, 55, 770 Madray Springs Rd, Odum, GA, VOP O/C Grand Theft Motor Vehicle & Rent Vehicle

W/Intent to Defraud: SCSO- T. Lee
 Aug 10, Dishal Raju Khetia, 27, 605 Suwannee Ave, Poss -20G Cannabis, Poss Drug Paraphernalia: FHP- A. Hughes
 Aug 10, Lorenzo Lopez, 23, 612 NW Scriven Ave, Live Oak, FL, Batt By Strangulation (Domestic Violence), Battery, Resist W.O Violence: LOPD- A. Hernandez
 Aug 10, Robert Don Morris, 49, 7080 175th Drive, Live Oak, FL, Writ of Bodily Attachment or Served 180 Days: SCSO- T. Roberts
 Aug 10, April Dawn Presley, 35, 4396 286th Terrace, Branford, FL, Grand Theft Polk Co Wrt, Worthless Chks Polk Co Wrt, Worthless Chks Polk Co Wrt: SCSO- B. Kastor
 Aug 11, Kevin James Gary, 33, 193 Monroe Avenue, Live Oak, FL, Disorderly Conduct, Cash Bond \$300, 1st App FFW PD Appt: LOP- R. Fipps
 Aug 11, Brandon Lee Mortlock, 28, 12574 72nd Terr, Live Oak, FL, Battery (Dom Viol), Agg Assault (Dom Viol), VOP O/C DWLS, 1st App FFW PD Appt: SCSO- T. Roberts
 Aug 11, Shawn Kevin Summerfield, 42, 12500 72nd Terrace, Live Oak, FL, Battery-Domestic Violence: SCSO- T. Roberts

NAACP to host town hall on Common Core Standards

Submitted

The Suwannee County Branch of the NAACP will host a town hall meeting on Thursday, Aug. 15, at 7 p.m. on Common Core Standards, which are set to take affect in the 2014-15 school year. The meeting will be held at the Triumph Church Fellowship Hall located at 410 Taylor Ave.

The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public, especially parents of school aged children about Florida's Common Core Standards. The Common Core State Standards provide a consistent, clear understanding of what students are expected to learn, so teachers and parents know what they need to do to help them. The Standards are designed to be robust and relevant to the real world, reflecting the knowledge and skills that our young people need for

success in college and careers. With American students fully prepared for the future, our communities will be best positioned to compete successfully in the global economy.

Superintendent of Schools Jerry Scarborough and Janene Fitzpatrick, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment at Suwannee County Schools, will be at the meeting to do a presentation and to answer any questions concerning the transition to Common Core.

Other issues will also be discussed. The public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. If you have any questions, please contact Alonzo Philmore, first vice president Suwannee NAACP at 386-205-9132.

To learn more about Common Core, visit <http://www.fldoe.org/schools/cc.asp>.

O'Hara homicide remains unsolved

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"We did a big push on it the past four months and we've invested a lot of resources, as well as time and money into the case hoping for a better outcome," Bates said. "We're still out there seeking information, and the reward is still being offered."

Bates continued, "We've enlisted help from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Third Judicial Circuit State Attorney's Office. We're hoping to get to the bottom of this within the coming weeks."

The gun police say killed O'Hara, a 9mm Hi Point semiautomatic pistol, was

found in June 2010 in a local retention pond. Police arrested O'Hara's roommate John Charles Ware, 56, as a suspect in September 2010 after witnesses came forward to say Ware told them he disposed of the gun. He was charged with tampering with evidence, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and use of a firearm during the commission of a felony. However, Bates said investigators were not able to directly link Ware to O'Hara's shooting death.

Meanwhile, a reward up to \$20,000 is being offered for the arrest and conviction of the person who took O'Hara's life, and for the suspicious fire at 950 Smith St., Live Oak a month later.

Some believe the fire was set to frighten the family into silence regarding information they might have on the homicide.



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posed to hiring someone already familiar with their system and duties.

"We are fortunate in that we hire people, then train them, rather than hiring at what it would normally cost to hire someone experienced," said Lawrence.

Suwannee County Fire/Rescue

Public Safety Director and SCFR Chief James Sommers had not yet put in any of his raises for his department in the budget. He listed some of the expenses he has or will need. One was \$30,000 to go towards medical evaluations for his employees for next month. The department is also upgrading some computer equipment. Sommers said their radio receiver in Dowling Park is still being paid for even though the tower cannot be fixed because the parts can't be ordered, and it must be replaced. He said he has safety equipment as well as a staff vehicle ordered. Sommers said they're going through a drug shortage and are now having to order cardio drugs (and others) in bulk and was informed there is going to be a 3-5 percent hike in those costs which he also figured into the budget.

"We'll also see a hike in the retirement contributions because of our employees," said Sommers. "We took almost a \$60,000 increase into that fund."

Sommers is also looking into getting temporary housing (between \$10,000 and \$18,000 projected) that would be in McAlpin to better serve and up the response time for the Bradford area.

Sommers said currently they don't have a lot of rentals and leases, so that number is down, however, there would be a slight increase on maintenance and repair service due to the age of the vehicles they do have. He said they have a couple of pumps that needed to be repaired and also a couple of trucks needed maintenance this year.

Sommers said as far as an exact figure on what they'll be turning in, he didn't have it at the workshops.

Sommers said he was asked by commissioners to look at some revenue streams and reported that EMS is steadily bringing more revenue into county coffers. This year, he said they had a projected amount

of \$850,000.

"This year we're going to a million and gradually increasing," said Sommers. "Once we get a couple of years under our belts, we'll have a better idea. We're continuously bringing in \$1.3, \$1.4 million on the EMS."

Sommers' goal over the next five years was to completely get their hands out of the General Fund. He wants the EMS side to be a fully funded department off of what it brings in.

"You take the fire assessment, you take your EMS billing, you prepare your budget for the next year. You adjust your rates accordingly to fully fund the department and you address it that way," said Sommers.

He said it's the way Alachua County is doing it. They look at their budget and adjust their medical fees coming in, and they adjust their fire assessment rates to offset their budget. Sommers said they have tapped out pretty much all they can do to being effective in increasing services and revenue, but is still looking into ways to generate more revenue for his department.

Non-emergency transport

Wainwright asked Sommers if he thought, given the population in Suwannee County, would non-emergency transport through EMS be cost effective.

"That is where this business plan comes in," said Sommers. "Currently, non-emergency transports are done by a private company. Private companies don't operate if they aren't making any revenue."

He said about 20 years ago, Suwannee County had one non-emergency transport operating out of the hospital. They ran it with the 911 service that was in place and he said, "They ran the trucks into the ground and they didn't have enough money for maintenance."

Sommers said it didn't last long because it didn't show any substantial revenue. He said the basic purpose would be to provide a revenue stream for the department and fully fund the rescue side and put money back in the General Fund. His business plan and proposal identifies resources, processes and procedures used to increase revenue and the plan describes equipment, staffing and funding.

"These are in-facility transports (non-emergency) that would run from Shands of Live Oak to Gainesville, Jacksonville, Lakeshore. On average, the hospital transports eight calls a day," said Sommers.

He said this was not including nursing home costs coming from the nursing home to the hospital and back or to doctor's office to and from Gainesville. Sommers said this is a service they could provide and is a direct cost that whatever the insurance doesn't pay, the sending and receiving facilities will pay the remainder.

Supervisor of Elections

Supervisor of Elections Glenda Williams said she was not requesting a salary increase for herself but did include the standard three percent increase for her employees. Williams included in her budget for one of her employees to get insurance, but it was undecided at the time. Williams said if she didn't decide to get insurance, she would make the necessary adjustments to her budget.

Voter focus and voter tabulation are both focuses of Williams.

"I'm asking for an IT specialist," said Williams. "Obviously, this wouldn't be a full-time person. I've talked with an individual and he's come to me and he's very familiar with the elections systems and software. The equipment and software, both companies work with him and he can help me set up for elections."

There was no real disagreement, but Chairman Wesley Wainwright had some slight reservations as to her needing another information technology person opposed to periodically using Clerk of Circuit Court Barry Baker's IT personnel. She said she had used them in the past and they were very helpful, but were unfamiliar with voter registration and some of her equipment. If she were to get a tech person, it would be someone that was contracted to be in the office a certain amount of hours for the month. She said they (IT personnel) contract with other small counties in the state as well.

Williams asked for a budget increase of \$15,000 for the IT person.

District 1 Commissioner Jason Bashaw asked Williams if she would be supportive of a central purchasing office, a sort of supply base as to serve all the

different county offices.

"I would much rather prefer to go on purchasing my own supplies," said Williams.

Bashaw then asked if she had figured in her raises for the budget, which she had. He asked if the board asked her to come back in a few days with an adjustment, a reduction in her budget, would she be able to do it. She said she wouldn't want to, but if she had to, she would find a way to make it happen.

Property Appraiser

Wainwright said he didn't see anything on the budget that jumped out at him. Property Appraiser Lamar Jenkins said if there was something they wanted to specifically address, he would discuss and explain, otherwise if they felt inclined to give their stamp of approval, that would be okay with him, too. Bashaw asked him about one of the items and Jenkins told him it was for his IT person. He said the gentleman was a computer programmer on retainer and only gets paid for the hours he works. He's budgeted in for \$32,700. Jenkins said if you looked at other counties, the rate was closer to \$100,000 for the service. Jenkins said he's used the same man for years and it's saved the county a lot of money.

Wainwright wanted to clarify that Jenkins, like Williams, was wanting to have an IT person there for the specific hardware and software issues he might have.

Bashaw asked Jenkins if he would be in support of streamlining and having a

central purchasing office to save the county money. Jenkins said he didn't think it was the county's business in that regard. Jenkins said they don't purchase many supplies besides computer paper, but if the county had a supplier that might be more financially feasible, they would consider it. Bashaw then asked if they had him come back in a few days, could he have a prepared budget with a 10 percent cut. Jenkins said he could do it any way they wanted, even to having layoffs.

"Keep in mind, if you cut this budget, I'm going to check every other department at where they were cut," said Jenkins.

Jenkins added that he tries to run a pretty tight ship and that he spends the tax payers money like it were his own.

Clerk of Court

Baker began by saying on Jenkins' behalf that he knows how to stretch the dollars his department spends. Bashaw said Baker's budget already reflected a 10 percent cut. Commissioners looked over the budget and made sure he had included the standard three percent raise which he had. Bashaw mentioned again about saving money by buying in bulk and the central purchasing office and Baker's office was time and time again very cost focused. Baker said the courts were trying to move to a paperless system and over time, it would be fully implemented. In the meantime the use of paper was still very prevalent for them. District 4 Commissioner



Director of Libraries Betty Lawrence petitioned for a new automated computer system for the library system. She said the current one is antiquated and they are having trouble keeping up with technology.

- Photo: Andrew McGee

Phil Oxendine made a comment about the centralized purchasing system, that he had seen it at work before, but it wasn't that effective.

"I don't think the savings for the county would be that great," said Oxendine. "You'd have to hire someone to do that. They'd have to maintain it and take supplies to everyone."

Oxendine said he did understand the concept. Bashaw said that the department heads and others may have misinterpreted what he was trying to suggest be implemented. He explained it would be like the school system does, buy in bulk computer paper for the entire year, as an example. Bashaw said the system doesn't restrict the department from purchasing to cover their individual needs.



Surgical Technology Director Traci Jones instructs students Anita Williams, Quineisha Calum, Kelley Bradow and Hanna Regan in a mock operation. - Photo: Andrew McGee

SHTC Surgical Tech program in capable hands

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may be split. If there's a demand for it, they may take on more students and more students means more instructors.

So far, things have been going great for Jones.

"I love it and the students are wonderful," said Jones. "They're very dedicated and it's an awesome program."

Jones said there have only been minor glitches along the way.

"I came in and everything was pretty well organized and set up previously," said Jones. "It's been an easy transition."

Prior to her teaching position, Jones worked for a vascular surgeon at South Georgia Medical Center in Valdosta.

"The surgeon that I assisted, we did phlebectomies and different vein procedures," said Jones. "We treated varicose and spider veins, a lot of venous things that we did there."

Jones said the program at SHTC has come a long way in the short time she has been there. They used to have a separate lab from the classroom, but now they are in one large classroom. She added they are self-sufficient and self-contained. She hopes through the growth of the program, what they can offer and do, there will be more students.

"I wish there was more interest to the program, more students to apply," said Jones. "The previous instructor had to do interviews to actually accept students. It would be horrible to have to turn students away because we couldn't accommodate the class size."

Jones is positive about the growth as the school is advertising and they conduct career fairs to round up potential students. It's a matter of getting the word out, she said.

"With growing interest in the program, we're probably going to have a lot

more people apply, so not that it's going to be a bad challenge," said Jones. "But being able to take so many students per year, we'd have to do an interview process, do a point system like LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse program) does now."

Jones said she really knows of no other challenges as they have been blessed with all the instruments, tools and two operating room tables.

"We do love donations," laughed Jones. "We get donations from hospitals when things expire. We are able to use that for teaching purposes."

Jones encourages students to come and see what they have to offer not only in Surgical Technology, but in any of the numerous programs the Center has available.

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Hanging it up after 64 years

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sharp and spunky 80-year-old who decided it's time to stop working. Professionally, that is. That's at least what she said.

Tucker started her banking career in 1968 at Exchange National Bank in Tampa and in December of 1971, her husband, five children and she relocated to Live Oak. In 1972, she was hired at First Commercial Bank in the loan department where former Live Oak Mayor A.P. Buddy Nott was the bank president.

"It was really a struggle at first," said Tucker. "I didn't really fit in, possibly because I came from the big city of Tampa to a small town, but it all worked out."

Tucker said she wouldn't want to be anywhere else. She added, "This is my home and I'm here to stay."

Tucker worked at First Commercial Bank from 1972 to 1987 and during that time the bank went

through several mergers. She was promoted to loan officer in 1980. She left in 1987 when First Commercial Bank had merged with NCNB (North Carolina National Bank). Tucker went to work at Barnett Bank as a loan officer and in 1990 was offered a job with Community National Bank in Lake City. Later, it opened a branch in Live Oak under the name Citizens Bank of Live Oak. After several more mergers, Tucker finally retired with Mercantile Bank in February of 2007. However, in March 2007 she was hired by Lafayette State Bank for which she is grateful.

"It's been a long journey, but a good one. I learned a lot," said Tucker. "I wouldn't change anything."

She said it made her the person she is today because she's gone through some trials and tribulations, but has weathered the storm.

"I'm thankful I made it this long," said Tucker. "God brought me through it, believe me."

She said she treasured all her customers and her great co-workers along the way and will miss each and every one of them. Tucker said she'll never forget them. She has many dear friends and without them, would not have made it as far as she did and said she cherishes them.

Tucker wanted to thank everyone that's been in her life along the way.

"I love you all very much," said Tucker. "Wish me luck because work is what I do best and I am really going to miss it."

When asked what she planned to do now that she's retired, for now at least, Tucker replied, "I wish I could get another job."

She's never been much of a traveler, so not too many trips are in the forecast for her, except to visit with her kids, grandkids and great-grandkids.

"There'll be plenty of people around me to keep me busy," said Tucker.

Richardson/Avery to wed



Jennifer Richardson and John Russell Avery III

Jennifer Elaine Richardson and John Russell Avery III happily announce their upcoming wedding. The ceremony will take place Aug. 31, 2013, at 4:30 p.m. at the Alton Church of God in Mayo, Fla.

Jennifer is a life-long resident of Mayo, Fla. and her parents are Ms.

Elaine Boatright of Live Oak, Fla. and Mr. Ronald Richardson of Hatch Bend, Fla. John is a native of Live Oak, Fla. and his parents are Russell and Maxine Avery of Live Oak, Fla.

The happy couple plans to reside in Mayo, Fla.

Brittany McCullers named Danceology Dancer of the Year

Brittany McCullers was selected as the 2013 Dancer of the Year at the 1st annual Danceology recital. Brittany is the 16 year old daughter of Jimmy and Tina McCullers. Brittany has been studying ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, & pointe

for six years. She has perfect attendance, is a student assistant, and a member of the competition team. She is an excellent role model to the younger students on and off the dance floor. Congratulations Brittany!



'Unity in the Community' in Wellborn this Saturday

The monthly "Unity in the Community" service in Wellborn this Saturday will feature special worship in music by a Lake City couple, and the public is encouraged to attend.

Ken and Barbi Karpinski of the New Life Church will provide the music during the 7 p.m. service at the Glory to God Ministries Church on County Road 250 just east of County Road 137 in downtown Wellborn. The "Unity in the Community" service is offered on the third Saturday of

each month, and alternates between the Glory to God Ministries Church and the Wellborn United Methodist Church.

Leading the service will be Rev. Matt Dillard, pastor of the Glory to God Ministries Church and Rev. Dr. Everett L. Parker, pastor of the Wellborn and Huntsville United Methodist Churches. Everyone is invited to come and hear the Word in music.

For additional information, contact Dr. Parker at 386-754-8524.

Harrison/Kelley wedding reminder

Mr. Donald Harrison of Branford, Fla., and Ms. Sandra Yates of Branford, Fla., would like to remind you of the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Tera

Nicole Harrison, to Kyle Edward Kelley, son of Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Kelley of Branford, Fla.

A wedding is planned for Aug. 17.

Calling all artists for Autumn Artfest 2013

The Live Oak Artists Guild, in partnership with the Suwannee River Regional Library, will be presenting their annual fine arts exhibition Sept. 9-20. All artists, age 18 or older, are eligible and invited to submit an application.

Application Deadline: Applications and with an

entry fee of \$25 for members or \$35 for non-members must be submitted by Aug. 23. A photo or digital image must be submitted with the application. Applications are available at the following locations: The Frame Shop & Gallery and the Suwannee River Regional Library. Or, artists may download/print the ap-

plication from our blog: <http://theloag.blogspot.com> If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne Marciel at 386-362-7308.

Awards: Autumn Artfest 2013 awards will be determined by the entries and donations received. A minimum of \$3,000 will be awarded. Artwork selected for these awards will be exhibited at a special "Featured Exhibition" at the Suwannee River Regional Library, from Sept. 21 until Oct. 4.

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GUEST COLUMN

Headline writers live on the edge

Dwain Walden

The Moultrie Observer

Routinely I remind our news staff that we live on the edge every day. The fact is, if we screw up, it's there for the whole world to see.

And then I use as an example the day I let a headline get by me that said "Pubic Defender" as opposed to "Public Defender," which was much worse than the day I overlooked "Country Attorney" when it should have said "County Attorney."

Of course we all try to discount errors so I promptly noted that I did spell "pubic" correctly. And in fact, the aforementioned attorney did live out in the country. But of course those arguments are about as lame as trying to convince someone to join the Army so he can get a free haircut.

In this regard, I tend to keep a sampling of what can happen when a headline may be technically correct but it still becomes fodder for the bloopers section of some late show on television. These gems come from newspapers across the country.

In my collection I have:

"Porn star sues over rear-end collision."

I'm pretty sure all pun was intended in this one.

Then from a sports page there's another pun that likely prompted some letters to the editor.

"Rangers get whiff of Colon."

Similarly there was, "Tight end returns after colon surgery."

Sometimes the obvious is overstated in a headline such as: "17 Remain Dead In Morgue Shooting Spree."

Of course there are those headlines that might have been intended to be cute while they may actually be dead on: "Madonna reads her 2nd book."

And sometimes there's just no other way to put it: "Man shot with arrow in head feels great after it's removed."

News people attempt to write headlines that will intrigue a person to read the story. Out of Jacksonville, was this one: "Drop in shark attacks blamed on recession."

On the one hand, the headline implies that shark attacks are a tourist attraction. Then again, one might suspect that fewer people go to the beach when money gets tight. Or maybe, sharks like fat people better than skinny people.

Truth is often stranger than fiction, and if that can be worked into a headline then you know the story will be widely read: "One-legged man from Ames steals three-legged dog."

Many times, headlines are encased with irony: "Cow struck, killed by milk truck."

There's an old saying that if you want something done right away, do it yourself. If you want it to take a while, appoint a committee. Well up in Cape Cod that philosophy got its own headline: "Committee appoints committee to appoint committee."

There are those times when a person's name really entangles the headline writer: "Hooker named Lay Person of the Year."

It can be entertaining to read research results and then wonder how much tax money went into the findings.

Here's what I'm talking about: "UW study: Drinking increases risk of mud wrestling."

There's a country song that expresses basically the same research findings, "Tequila Makes Her Clothes Fall Off." And before that one was, "The Girls All Get Prettier At Closing Time." Maybe if we listened to more country music we would need fewer studies.

It's said that it's good therapy to be able to laugh at ourselves. So whenever I think that I might need counseling, I just think of "Pubic Defender" and then I think about all the money I just saved from not having to hire a therapist.

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OPINION

Energy manipulation

Why is it that natural gas sells in the U.S. for \$3.94 per 1,000 cubic feet and in Europe and Japan for \$11.60 and \$17, respectively? Part of the answer is our huge supply. With high-tech methods of extraction and with discovery of vast gas-rich shale deposits, estimated reserves are about 2.4 quadrillion cubic feet. That translates into more than a 100-year supply of natural gas at current usage rates. What partially explains the high European and Japanese prices is the fact that global natural gas markets are not integrated. Washington has stringent export restrictions on natural gas.

Naturally, the next question is: Why are there natural gas export restrictions? Just follow the money. According to OpenSecrets.org, The Dow Chemical Co. "posted record lobbying expenditures last year, spending nearly \$12 million, and is on pace to eclipse that number this year." The company has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars contributing to the political campaigns of congressmen who support export restrictions. Natural gas is a raw material for Dow. It benefits financially from cheap gas prices, which it fears would rise if Congress were to lift export restrictions. Dow argues, "Continuing optimism for U.S. manufacturing is founded on the prospect of an adequate, reliable and reasonably priced supply of natural gas." Of course, Dow and other big users of natural gas get support from environmentalists, who are anti-drilling and anticipate that export restrictions will serve their ends.

Big natural gas users and environmentalists have foreign allies, suggested by the statement of Saudi Prince Alwaleed bin Talal, who told Saudi Arabia's oil minister, Ali al-Naimi, that rising American shale gas production is "an inevitable threat." Nigeria's oil minister, Diezani Alison-Madueke, agrees, saying that U.S. shale oil is a "grave concern." In light of these foreign "concerns" about U.S. energy production, one wonders whether foreign countries have given financial aid to U.S. politicians, environmentalists and other groups that are waging war against domestic oil and natural gas drilling. It would surely be in their interests to do everything in their power to keep the West dependent on OPEC nations for oil and gas.



A
MINORITY
VIEW

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BY WALTER WILLIAMS

Natural gas producers would like to export some of their product to Europe and Japan to take advantage of higher prices. One effect of those exports would be to raise natural gas prices in the U.S. and lower them in the recipient countries. Industrial giants such as Dow, Alcoa, Celanese and Nucor are members of America's Energy Advantage, a lobby group that says it is unpatriotic to allow unlimited natural gas exports. It argues that export restrictions keep natural gas prices low and give U.S. manufacturing companies a raw material advantage, which allows them to produce goods at lower prices.

I'd like to ask Dow, Alcoa and other companies that lobby against natural gas exports whether their argument applies to them. After all, they ship a lot of their domestic product overseas. For example, Alcoa exports tons of aluminum. Export restrictions on aluminum would lower domestic aluminum prices, thereby benefiting the aircraft industry, as well as making other aluminum-using manufacturers more competitive. Unfortunately, I doubt whether Alcoa would see it that way. In general, it is poor economic policy to encourage domestic American industry through costly and inefficient methods such as export restrictions.

But there's another effect of the natural gas export restrictions. The huge supply and resulting low prices have begun to act as a deterrent to future energy exploration and production. According to a Wall Street Journal article by Dr. Thomas Tunstall, research director for the Institute for Economic Development at the University of Texas at San Antonio, titled "Exporting Natural Gas Will Stabilize U.S. Prices" (May 29, 2013), natural gas production at three major shale oil fields in Texas has flattened out at 2012 output levels.

Tunstall concludes, "Over the long haul, market dynamics -- which include the ability to export without undue uncertainty or restriction -- will best manage global supply and demand curves for natural gas." I agree.

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FROM OUR READERS

Dear editor,

Does Suwannee County understand what builds a sound vibrant economy? The core economic developers are the same in all states and counties. Bring in businesses from other areas where they are not happy. Just look at Texas and what they call development. Building strong economic growth comes from sucking away California based businesses that are running away from huge tax increases and regulations. Thing is Texas will grow to a point where they will see the people demand more from the Government and the cycle will come home. It is the same and has been so for decades in this country. The people who suffer in this cycle of death are the lower middle class workers. Their income and stability is ripped away by the wheel and deal process that brings this on.

Is there a better option? For those with the skill to think out of the box there is. Take for example the Klausner deal where the people of Suwannee County spent millions of dollars to set up their business here. Where are they from, is there a need for their product and why could we not, as people who live here, build our own plant, owned and operated by home town people? If the product has a buyer, why do we need some Australian Company to fill that need. Why should we pay for them to make a profit, is it the employees they will hire? Well we could have our own company and have our people take ownership in the business and build a stable long lasting business for our own. How many chicken farms did we lose when the Global business left and walked away, why not process our own for our own and build on our selves as a community?

If you ask me, we need to reverse our thinking and structure our County toward building and supporting local businesses. We should give all the tax benefits and offer these deals to our own people, while charging outside businesses more to operate here. We must build from within or we will go the way of Detroit. Raise it here and sell it here and grow from our own first. The companies you bring in will stay until the free tax status leaves and then they will move on to the next deal in another county.

Rick Sweeting
Live Oak

Dear editor,

I don't want to stick my neck out. I want healthy water to drink and clean water to swim in. I want a Suwannee River that flows to the Gulf of Mexico, a Santa Fe River that flows into the Suwannee and springs that flow into both rivers. I love North Florida! I didn't want to have to write this letter but someone has to. I have property a little over three miles from "Catalyst Site" where a waste incinerator is in the final stages of getting its "construction permit."

In case no one knows, the site is less than two miles from Falmouth Springs, less than four miles from the Suwannee River and Suwannee River State Park (with two springs) and the same distance and closer to hundreds of rural residents. There are also huge irrigated fields; some with livestock to the north, south east and west of the site.

Over and over again, Suwannee County elected officials have cried "we need jobs" without looking at the cost to the community and region of those same jobs. The recent trend of profits leaving the county -- a cement plant owned by a giant Brazilian corporation, a taxpayer funded lumber mill where the profits will go to Austria and now a garbage incinerator with lots of promises but the profits going to a "foreign profit corporation and is 'authorized to conduct business'" (quotes from Suwannee Democrat Aug. 2, 2013).

Commissioner Clyde Fleming was quoted as saying "At first, when they hear medical incinerator, they get scared," in

the same Democrat article. The people should be scared. Air emissions from an incinerator of this size will affect people in the entire region—not just in Suwannee County. People as far away as the Gulf of Mexico will suffer from this decision. As for local folks, the waste has to get here by road or train and be stored until it can be burned. The ash from the waste must be disposed of. The water to fuel the process has to come from somewhere.

Even if the final air permit is approved, there will be substantial soot particles and chemicals allowed into the air. Can you think of a hospital stay that didn't include LOTS of plastic? Burned plastic causes terrible cancer-causing emissions and almost all incinerated waste causes copious mercury emissions.

It's bad enough for the neighbors to have to breathe the invisible gasses, but those same chemicals leach out of the air and end up in our water. It's already unsafe to eat many types of fish caught in the Suwannee, our local lakes, the Gulf and the Atlantic due to high mercury levels. Mercury is poisonous. It makes people sick. Another huge incinerator will make it worse. There are alternatives to outright burning of waste—even medical waste.

I have questions for the County Commissioners. How many of them live next door to this project? Will these jobs have benefits? Will this company be getting tax assistance? Is there a contract in writing to guarantee anything that the company has promised? Will they be able to smell it in Live Oak when the wind changes?

My questions really don't matter though. No matter what happens, if the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Suwannee River Water Management District give them the permits, they can build it. The Suwannee County Commission voted 4-0 last month that "anything goes" at the Catalyst Site as long as they get their air and water permits. Pretty scary. What's next, radioactive waste? Wait. Some Medical Incinerators are authorized to take radioactive waste.

After doing some reading, it appears that the new incinerator will need a substantial amount of water. Falmouth Springs and the two springs at the State Park have quit flowing unless the Suwannee just flooded. What will these additional water withdrawals mean to a region that is already visibly short on water?

The Suwannee River Water Management District hasn't gotten around to setting Minimum Flows and Levels for the Middle Suwannee River yet, so the incinerator will likely get a rubber stamp from them.

Florida—even though they were required by law to set Total Maximum Daily Load rules for mercury in Florida's waters and fish—has managed to stall and not set them yet. They were scheduled to be set in 2011. The state and federal rules won't substantially protect individuals who live in regions from a project like this.

There are limited proposed federal mercury air standards but they do not go into effect until 2014 and into full effect until 2016.

And what happens if/when the incinerator goes out of business? You can ask Detroit how much those great jobs they used to have are doing for them today. You can ask Crystal River and Levy County how loyal the promises of a giant energy corporation were even though some of the very same "jobs" and "economic growth" promises were made at public meetings and hearings. Now those decisions are costing the local tax payers in the not-so-long run for a project that will never be built. We need iron clad agreements. We need sustainable, clean jobs—not just any old job—all at the expense of the people of Suwannee County and Florida.

Annette Long
Landowner Suwannee County
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Branford News

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

FFA attends Florida Outdoors Adventure program



Branford FFA members attended FOA camp. All members received the NRA Firearm Safety Training and received a certificate of completion. - Courtesy photos

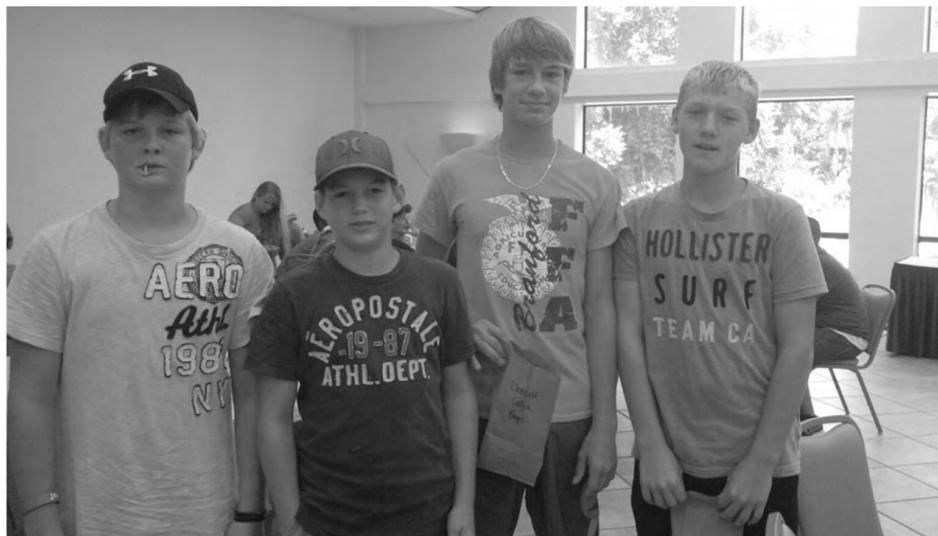
Students learn outdoor skills, critical thinking and self confidence skills



Maura Hill received instruction from a local volunteer on how to handle the bow.



Allie Randell climbed the telephone pole with only a wire anchoring her to the ground.



Levi White, Cameron Noling, Trey Roberts and Trey White won Cleanest Cabin for the camp.

Submitted

Branford FFA and Branford Middle FFA sent 16 members to the Florida Outdoors Adventure program sponsored by the Florida FFA Foundation.

The event was held at the Florida FFA LTC in Haines City Aug. 7 through Aug. 10. It was "a four-day exploration into nature, sporting events, wildlife management, firearm safety and hunter safety certification, challenge courses and leadership development."

This camp taught students about the importance of teamwork while also building outdoor skills, critical thinking skills and boosting self confidence.

Outside organizations also brought in equipment to teach the students about careers in the outdoors. The chapter members were separated and placed into groups with members from across the state. New friendships and connections were made.

Prior to leaving, FFA members had the option of enrolling in the Florida Hunters Education Program. Ten members received their certification at this event. Students were taught how to safely handle firearms including how to load and unload guns, the parts of firearms, and the terms used with firearms.

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Branford News

FFA attends Florida Outdoors Adventure program

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All of the FFA members attending were eligible to participate in the shooting sports which include skeet shooting, .22 rifle shooting, bows and paintball. All was directly supervised by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation employees and volunteers as well as NRA volunteers.

During the week, high school members also had the chance to participate in the high ropes course which had obstacles between telephone poles. The

students were connected and supported by wires and walked between the poles. Students also learned how to use hand held GPS systems.

The camp turned it into a game to motivate the students. At the conclusion of the week, the teams competed in canoe races to test their communication and teamwork skills. The winning team had three of our members on it plus one of our chaperones.

The room consisting of Trey Roberts, Cameron Noling, Trey White and

Levi White won cleanest cabin for the week. Trey Roberts and Trevon White were also on the winning paintball team. Those attending included Taylor White, Bailey Thompson, Maura Hill, Destiny Fennell, Sara Humphreys, Allie Randell, Blair Bullock, Desrae Holtzclaw, Trey Roberts, Cameron Noling, Trey White, Trevon White, Levi White, Chase Clark, Jayce Mosley, and Hunter Hill. Chaperones were Franklin White and Ryan Young.



Chase Clark was teaching future members how to canoe.



Sara Humphreys is not only a great speaker but she is also a risk taker.



Blair Bullock was brave enough to do the catwalk.



Trey Roberts and Trevon White were on the winning paintball team. Their prize was a bag full of candy.



Hunter Hill and Maura Hill were learning how to work together and preparing for the big event at the conclusion of the week.



Desrae Holtzclaw relaxing on Lake Pierce.



Taylor White and Bailey Thompson are excited about leaving for the three and a half hour road trip to camp.



Destiny Fennell, Sara Humphreys, and Taylor White retrieve their scores from shooting the .22 rifles. The girls were very successful. - Courtesy photos

Florida Organic Growers launches new interactive website



Website offers new membership program, tools and resources for farmers and consumers

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida Organic Growers (FOG) has launched their new interactive website that offers tools and resources for farmers and consumers. With support from a Specialty Crop Block Grant, FOG is excited to provide a number of resources that will provide tools and information to support organic and sustainable agriculture.

There are numerous tools on the website geared towards organic and sustainable growers. The For Growers Resource section was created to be a place of interaction and dialogue among growers, researchers, extensionists, and other important stakeholders with a goal to advance organic and sustainable agriculture in Florida. FOG is excited to partner with Conservation Trust for Florida to provide Florida FarmFinder™, an interactive tool that was created to match farmers and farmland owners with beginning farmers seeking land or guidance. The tool allows farm owners to post farm land for sale or rent and also advertise job openings on farms throughout the state.

For the consumer who wants to focus on organic living, the For Consumers Resource section offers tools and resources such as

finding the nearest organic farm and farmers market, information on pesticides and organic food and cooking. It also includes information on FOG's policy work with important local, regional and national issues, including the heavily debated Farm Bill and advocating for local food systems.

The Farmer Forum, a new tool through FOG's Facebook page, offers a way to chat with the organic and sustainable agriculture community. This page is moderated and offers support on variety topics.

The website features a state-wide calendar of events. FOG encourages organizations to post events and happenings.

Without members, FOG would not be able to advocate for organic farmers and consumers. FOG's membership program is a way to support and be part of the movement that supports and promotes organic agriculture and farming throughout Florida. Members who sign up between now and the end of October will be invited to Harvest Hoedown, FOG's annual member appreciation event in Gainesville taking place October 26, 2013 at Prairie Creek Lodge.

For more information on our programs, tools and resources as well as volunteer

opportunities and job postings, please visit www.foginfo.org or call 352.377.6345.

Florida Organic Growers (FOG)

FOG is a non-profit organization established in 1987 in Gainesville. FOG promotes organic agriculture and healthy and just food systems. FOG's mission is to inform producers, consumers, media, institutions and governments about the benefits of organic and sustainable agriculture. For more information, please visit www.foginfo.org.

Don't forget Operation Christmas Child when back to school shopping

Submitted

School supply shopping is an annual ritual for many students heading back to school. In the search this year to meet so many personal needs amid all the shopping sprees and sales, many families in the Live Oak, Branford, Mayo and Jasper areas are looking beyond themselves and considering the difference a pencil, pen, or notepad would make in the lives of needy children who attempt to study under very different conditions in many other countries.

For many children living in impoverished and war-torn conditions, lack of the most basic kinds of school supplies can sometimes mean the difference in whether they attend school. With some discounted back-to-school sale opportuni-

ties at hand, however, a number of Live Oak Branford, Mayo and Jasper-area families are stocking up to support Operation Christmas Child, a massive, year-round project in which volunteers pack shoeboxes with toys, school supplies, hygiene items and notes of encouragement for children in poverty across the globe.

"It makes me feel so good to donate school supplies to kids around the world that wouldn't have what they need for school if we didn't give," said Jacob Pittman, age 11, 5th grader at Suwannee Intermediate School, Live Oak. He is part of the OCC effort. Last year, nearly 500 volunteers collected almost 400,000 shoebox gifts from the Florida and Puerto Rico community alone. The gifts were then delivered to children in 35 countries spanning five different continents.

Wild Adventures upcoming events

AUGUST

AUG 17 CLASSIC SUMMER CELEBRATION

It's a day of classic boardwalk music and classic cars to celebrate the summer. Guests can sit back and enjoy a live concert starting at 8:00 PM. This event is included with park admission or a season pass.

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AUG 17 LARRY MARSHAK'S TRIBUTE TO THE MARVELLETS, COASTERS AND PLATTERS CONCERT

Families will love listening to the sounds of the oldies at this concert for guests of all ages starting at 8:00 PM. General concert entry is included in park admission. Reserved seats are \$15 and do not include park admission which must be purchased separately.

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SEPTEMBER

SEPT 2 TAKE THE STAGE

This special event, in its first year, features local music artists performing throughout the park all day. This event is included with park admission or a season pass.

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SEPT 8 LAST DAY OF SPLASH ISLAND WATER PARK FOR THE SEASON

This is the last day Splash Island Water Park will be open for the 2013 season. Splash Island will reopen in March 2014. Entry into the water park is included with park admission or a season pass.

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SEPT 14 GOSPEL FEAST

This special event features local gospel choirs performing inspirational music throughout the day. This event is

included with park admission or a season pass. WildAdventures.com 229-219-7080

SEPT 22 LA FIESTA

Wild Adventures is paying homage to all things Latin at this day long celebration of Latin music, dance, food and more. This event is included with park admission or a season pass.

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SEPT 27 BRING A FRIEND DAY

Season Passholders can share the adventure on this day by bringing a friend free to the park. One guest per season passholder.

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SEPT 27 - TERROR IN THE WILD

OCT 26 Friday and Saturday nights, dusk to 11:00 pm

Wild Adventures celebrates the scarier side of Halloween with their annual Terror in the Wild event. Guests can wander through haunted areas and experiences throughout the park in addition to enjoy the park's thrill rides. This event is included with park admission or a Season Pass.

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SEPT 28- KID-O-WEEN

OCT 27 Saturdays and Sundays, 10:00 AM to 6:00 pm

It's the sillier side of Halloween at Wild Adventures' Kid-O-Ween celebration. Children are encouraged to dress in costume and enjoy activities throughout the park like a hay bale maze, dance party and trick or treating. This event is included with park admission or a Season Pass.

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Ask a Lawyer

Disclosing known defects in selling a house

By Pierce Kelley

T. L. of Old Town asks, "I recently purchased a house on five acres and thought I got a pretty good deal. However, a few weeks after I bought the place, I found out that somebody had been murdered in the house and it gave me the creeps. I don't want to live in it anymore. Is there anything I can do to get my money back? Isn't there a law which requires a seller to disclose something like that?"

Dear T. L.:

You ask a very interesting question, and it is an ex-

tremely important issue at the present time, given the fact that real estate transactions are finally beginning to pick up and houses are selling again. However, though I don't have enough information to fully answer your specific question, I can provide you with some general advice on the subject, and some of it may help you.

First of all, the law in the state of Florida up until about 30 years ago was that a seller was under no duty to disclose anything to a prospective buyer. It was the buyer's responsibility to exercise "due diligence;" and inspect the property.

That legal principle was known as "caveat emptor," a latin word meaning "let the buyer beware."

That all changed when Florida's Supreme Court issued a ruling in the case of Johnson v. Davis in which the Court held that a seller who knew of dangerous or defective conditions in a house had a legal duty to inform a prospective buyer of latent defects.

The Court went on to that the seller did not have a duty to reveal patent defects. A patent defect is one that is open and obvious and could be discovered with the exercise of ordinary care. A latent defect is one that could not be easily discovered by a careful buyer.

Obviously, as repugnant as it may be to you, the fact that someone was murdered in the house doesn't affect the structural integrity of the building and it does not present a dangerous or defective condition. For that reason, I must tell you that I don't believe you are entitled to a rescission of the contract or other relief, based upon the scant facts you provided.

That said, there have been a few cases in recent years which held that if the obnoxious or offensive history of a building rises to the level that it would, more

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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Stephen George Claffey
May 11, 1968
Aug. 9, 2013

Steve Claffey, 45, of Mayo, Fla., died Friday, Aug. 9 at his Mother's home in Dunnellon, Fla. after a long illness. Steve was a graduate of The Savannah College of Arts and Design in Savannah, GA. He was a talented

artist from a very young age but his passion was in helping others, especially children. Steve worked for many years at The Florida Sherriffs Boys Ranch where he touched many lives and had a long lasting impact on all of the boys that were under his supervision. Steve acquired his teaching certificate and began teaching at Suwannee Middle School after leaving The Boys Ranch and remained there until he was forced to leave due to his illness. Steve left a large legacy at Suwannee Middle School with the many lives that he impacted there. Steve was a Teacher, a Soccer Coach, a Counselor, a Father Figure to many and he never gave up on a child. He rarely left the SMS cafeteria without buying lunch for at least one child that was without a

means to do so. He loved children, and they loved him. He never overlooked a chance to help others, and was often the first to give of himself in many ways. He loved to hunt, fish, dive, coach soccer and spend time with his family and friends.

Steve was predeceased by his father D.J. Claffey. He is survived by his mother: Kathy Claffey of Dunnellon, Fla.; one son: Billy Patten; two brothers: Nick Claffey, and Mike and wife Malinda Claffey both of Dunnellon; one sister: Dawn and husband Jeff Bowne of Dunnellon; three nieces: Alyssa and Leah Claffey, and Emily Claffey. Steve also had many Aunts, Uncles, and cousins with his Aunt Joyce and Uncle Dennis Connolly having major

rolls in his care for the last two years. He leaves behind a host of family, friends, former students, and his "SMS Family."

A Memorial Service honoring the life of this great man will be held at The First United Methodist Church in Dunnellon, Fla. on Sunday Aug. 18 at 3 p.m. The Family suggests memorial contributions to Hospice of Marion County, P.O. Box 4860, Ocala, Fla. or the American Cancer Society, Florida Division, 3709 West Jetton Avenue, Tampa, Fla. 33629-5146.

Roberts Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Roger Oliver Shepard
Aug. 7, 1945
Aug. 3, 2013

Roger Oliver Shepard was born in Anderson, S.C.

on Aug. 7, 1945 and died on Aug. 3, 2013 in the Hospice Unit of Lake City V.A. in Lake City, Fla. He was well taken care of by the staff at the V.A.

He was preceded in death by his parents Benjamin O. & Helen Bagwell Shepard of O'Brien/ Lake City, Fla. Roger and his parents started BD & R Hay Sales.

Roger supported 4-H and Branford FFA as well as Suwannee Rivers Riding Club and various other local organizations for many years.

Roger is survived by his wife, Connie H. Shepard of O'Brien, Fla. Son Daniel Shepard of Lake City, Fla. Daughters Shelly (Kyle) Stout of Gainesville, Fla., Tracie (Dan) Sax of Ferdinandina Beach, Fla., Jeanie (Ronald) Young and Stacy (Ryan) Young of

Branford, Fla. Grandchildren Franklin & Christian Shepard of Lake City, Fla., Christopher Barrett, Hannah & Braxton Young of Branford, Fla. Long time friend Willie Poole of Lake City, Fla. as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins & friends.

At his request he was cremated. A memorial service will be held at Beth Haven Baptist Church on Smith/Market Rd. (CR240) at 10:30 a.m. on Aug. 17, where he was a member. Rev. Curt Bellinger & Rev. Randy Shepard will be officiating.

Roger requested that donations or contributions be made to Beth Haven Baptist Church.

Please come in casual attire. Everyone who knew Roger knew he was an avid animal lover and always wore boots & jeans.

Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park brings home six state awards from Florida Festivals and Events Association Conference

SOSMP Marketing Director Teena Peavey elected to statewide FFEA board

The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park (SOSMP) in Live Oak, Fla. brought home six new awards from the Florida Festivals and Events Association Annual Conference held Aug. 5-9 in Bonita Springs. The SUNsational Awards Program recognizes members each year for their hard work, unique ideas and innovative events in many contest categories.

Accepting the awards was SOSMP Marketing Director Teena Peavey, who was also elected to the FFEA Board during the conference. SOSMP awards are as follows:

- *First Place - Suwannee River Jam Radio spot
- *First Place - Bear Creek Music * Arts Festival poster
- *First Place - The Ultimate Redneck Wedding at Suwannee River Jam, program or event within an event
- *Second Place - Suwannee River Jam Social Media
- *Second Place - Suwannee Valley Flood Jam Partnership
- *Second Place - Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park Fireworks Labor Day Spectacular photo

"It is always a good day when your peers recognize you for your accomplishments," said SOSMP President/CEO James Cornett. "We at the SOSMP work diligently with our many professional event promoters to put on great festivals and events and strive to operate an attractive campground with a variety of activities so our guests will want to return time and again. This recognition by FFEA is much appreciated," he added. "We also appreciate our partners without whom these events would not have been possible. We are grateful to Lyle Williams, Judy Van Zant, Steve Briscoe, Paul Levine and Love INC., who came together in a time of crisis last year to produce the Suwannee Valley Flood Jam. We also want to thank B&B Food Stores who sponsor our up-

coming fireworks Labor Day Spectacular. We are very fortunate to have so many outstanding partners," Cornett stated. "Finally, a great big thank you is owed to Teena Peavey, our marketing director, who works tirelessly to promote the Suwannee River Region. We are grateful for her amazing talents and energy."

Peavey said she is thrilled to have the SOSMP recognized for its accomplishments over the last year in these six areas by such a great organization like FFEA that helps encourage tourism in Florida and puts dollars into the pockets of local businesses through its members.

The FFEA holds its conference yearly to provide educational opportunities for employees of festivals and events around Florida, encouragement members to share ideas and also brings in vendors who specialize in large and small festival/events.

Paulette Lord and Lori Regan of the Suwannee River Valley Tourist Development Council accompanied Peavey on this trip. This conference is considered by Peavey and the SRVTDC to be one of the most valuable events to attend with outstanding educational sessions about social media, volunteers, event marketing and sponsorships, outstanding vendors for special event functions such as fireworks, temporary seating, port-o-lets, golf cart rentals, two way radios, liability insurance and more.

The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park is located at 3076 95th Drive, Live Oak, Fla, 32060, 4.5 miles south of Interstate 75 and 4.5 miles north of Interstate 10 off US 129. Keep an eye out for the SOSMP sign and white painted board fence!

For reservations for RVs, campers, to rent beautiful cabins or primitive camping spaces or for more info on the SOSMP, please go to www.musicliveshere.com, email spirit@musicliveshere.com or call the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park (SOSMP) at 386-364-1683.



SOSMP Marketing Director Teena Peavey accepting one of six FFEA Awards.

Ask a Lawyer Disclosing known defects in selling a house

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than likely, discourage others from visiting the house, or having anything to do with you as the owner of the house, there can be, under very limited and exceptional circumstances, a legitimate basis to invalidate a sale.

You haven't provided enough information for me to make a determination regarding the facts of your case, so I can't say whether or not your situation would warrant that extremely rare result. How long ago did the murder occur? How notorious were the facts? How gruesome were the facts surrounding the murder? How much stigma is attached to the building? What facts do you have to show that people truly don't want to have anything

to do with you or the house?

Those are the kinds of things I would need to have more information about to give you a better response. Again, the general rule is that only the latent defects, which could not easily be discovered, must be revealed to a prospective buyer by a seller, and a seller is not required to provide a history of the house, with a very narrow exception as explained above.

I hope I have answered your question, T. L., and I hope that you find someone to buy the property who isn't bothered by the history behind the house you bought. Good luck.

Any readers with specific legal questions for this "Ask a Lawyer" column are invited to submit those

questions to the Editor of this newspaper who will pass it along to the attorney. If you need assistance with a consumer matter, such as an unfair and deceptive collection practice, or garnishment of wages, a mortgage foreclosure or other such things, and you cannot afford an attorney, call the Legal Services office closest to you, which provides free legal assistance to qualified individuals, or call the Florida Bar Referral service at 1-800-342-8011. I wish you good luck in obtaining access to our legal system, no matter what your income and asset level might be.

The foregoing was written by attorney Pierce Kelley, who is a member of the Florida Bar Association. The contents reflect his personal opinions and beliefs.

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Band of Brothers and Bryce Carlisle & The Honkeytonk Hellions to play Aug. 16 - 17

The Friday night band is from Mayo, while the Saturday night band is from Trenton! Come on out and support these great area musicians and get out there on that dance floor

Two new country bands will entertain at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park (SOSMP) in Live Oak, Aug. 16-17. Make plans now to be in the house when the Band of Brothers of Mayo takes the Music Hall stage Friday, Aug. 16, and Bryce Carlisle & The Honkeytonk Hellions of Trenton rock the house Saturday, Aug. 17.

Start the weekend early by joining your friends Thursday evening to enjoy dinner and karaoke with Teddy MacElvis. Doors open Thursday evening at 5, show is from 7 - 10 p.m. Dancing encouraged. Free admission.

Friday night, Aug. 16, The Band of Brothers of Mayo, Fla. will keep you up on that dance floor when

this band brings its own brand of country, Southern Rock, Neil Diamond, Elvis favorites and more for a rocking good time! Together for about eight years, this group consists of brothers Scott and Kevin Barrington and Tyler and Ross Wimberly, along with Travis Prine and Hal Thomas. These hard-working guys love to play music together during their off time from their jobs as farmers, correctional officers and other jobs. The band members play for their own enjoyment but play for the public on occasion such as for weddings, the recent CARES event, some festivals and for friends and family. This will be one of those rare times you can hear this

band so don't miss this opportunity. The band members are excited about playing in the Music Hall and invite their friends, family and fans to be there to cheer them on. It's going to be a great night for dancing so don't you dare forget those dancing shoes.

Bryce Carlisle recently opened for Matt Stillwell on the SOSMP's Music Hall stage and will return Aug. 17 with his band, The Honkeytonk Hellions. Bryce, a country music recording artist who left Nashville like many and returned to his hometown, grew up in Trenton but moved to Alachua to finish school. Although he was an athlete in high school, he soon fell in love with music. Since the mid 90s

Bryce has entertained crowds of all sizes with his smoky vocals and his cleverly written songs. Bryce moved to Nashville after high school where he soaked up everything he could learn about the music business. Soon, he was getting lots of attention back in his hometown of Trenton and moved back there to further his country music career. He's well on his way now and will have the house rocking when he and his band play at the SOSMP Saturday, Aug. 17.

Doors to the Music Hall open at 6 p.m. and shows begin at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday night. Free Admission, great dinner menu with weekend specials (12 oz prime rib Friday night), full service bar, dancing encouraged.

For more info on the SOSMP, please go to www.musicliveshere.com, email spirit@musicliveshere.com or call the Spirit of the Suwannee Mu-



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Bryce Carlisle & The Honkeytonk Hellions.

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nee Music Park is located at 3076 95th Drive, Live Oak.

Information regarding sinkholes from the Florida Geological Survey

Facts and information about encountering sinkholes

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Florida Geological Survey has compiled the following information to provide a single point source for general knowledge about the nature of sinkholes in the state of Florida and additional information about proper protocol should you ever encounter a sinkhole in an urban area.

Facts about sinkholes in Florida:

-The entire state of Florida sits on top of several thousand feet of limestone. Limestone is a rock that can form with natural void spaces called porosity. In limestone where the void spaces are connected, the rock is permeable. Porous and permeable limestone makes great aquifers and provide millions of gallons of fresh drinking water for residents and agriculture. The most significant factor in the development of sinkholes is the dissolution of the limestone underlying Florida by naturally acidic groundwater.

-Sinkholes are a natural and common feature of Florida's landscape.

They are only one of many kinds of karst landforms, which include depressions, caves (both air and water filled), disap-

pearing streams, springs and underground aquifer systems, all of which occur in Florida. Thousands of naturally occurring sinkholes can be seen throughout the state of Florida including many that connect underground to springs, rivers and lakes.

-Sinkholes form in karst terrain from the collapse of surface sediments into underground voids.

In Florida one may see solution sinkholes, cover-collapse sinkholes or cover-collapse sinkholes. The first two types will show very little topographical disturbance to the naked eye, while the third is the type which shows an abrupt change in topography and is most associated with the thought of sinkholes.

Questions about sinkholes in urban and suburban environments:

-My yard is settling... Do I have a sinkhole?

Maybe. But a number of other factors can cause holes, depressions or subsidence of the ground surface. Expansive clay layers in the earth may shrink upon drying, buried organic material, poorly-compacted soil after excavation work, buried trash or logs and broken pipes all may cause depressions to form at the ground sur-

face. These settling events, when not verified as true sinkholes by professionals, are collectively called "subsidence incidents." If the settling is affecting a dwelling, further testing by a licensed engineer with a licensed geologist on staff or a licensed geology firm may be in order. Property insurance may pay for testing, but in many cases insurance may not cover damage from settling due to causes other than sinkholes.

-A sinkhole opened in my neighborhood... should I be concerned?

Although sinkholes in Florida sometimes occur in sets, most are isolated events. The bedrock underlying the state is honeycombed with cavities of varying size, most of which will not collapse in our lifetimes. A quick inspection of your property for any sinking or soft areas might be prudent. Unless the sinkhole is very large, and extends to your property, there's likely to be little reason for concern.

Should a sinkhole open in an area near you the hole should be immediately cordoned off and clearly marked to protect traffic. Contact local law enforcement to report the hazard and call your city or county road department

to initiate repair work. If the road is private, repair of the hole is usually the responsibility of the landowner or property owners' association.

-Is there a safe area of Florida where there is no chance of sinkholes?

Technically, no. Since the entire state is underlain by carbonate rocks, sinkholes could theoretically form anywhere. However, there are defi-

nite regions where sinkhole risk is considerably higher. In general, areas of the state where limestone is close to surface, or areas with deeper limestone but with a conducive configuration of water table elevation, stratigraphy, and aquifer characteristics have increased sinkhole activity.

Additionally, the De-

partment announced Friday that the Florida Geological Survey, in conjunction with the Florida Division of Emergency Management, has received a \$1.1 million grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to address sinkhole vulnerability. Find more information at <http://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/FLDEP/bulletins/8101f4>.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of County Commissioners of Suwannee County, Florida, **Will Hold A Budget Workshop** in preparation of the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Budget on **Tuesday, August 20, 2013 Beginning At 4:00 p.m.** The workshop will be held at the **Judicial Annex Building located at 218 Parshley St. Southwest, Live Oak, Florida.**

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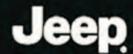
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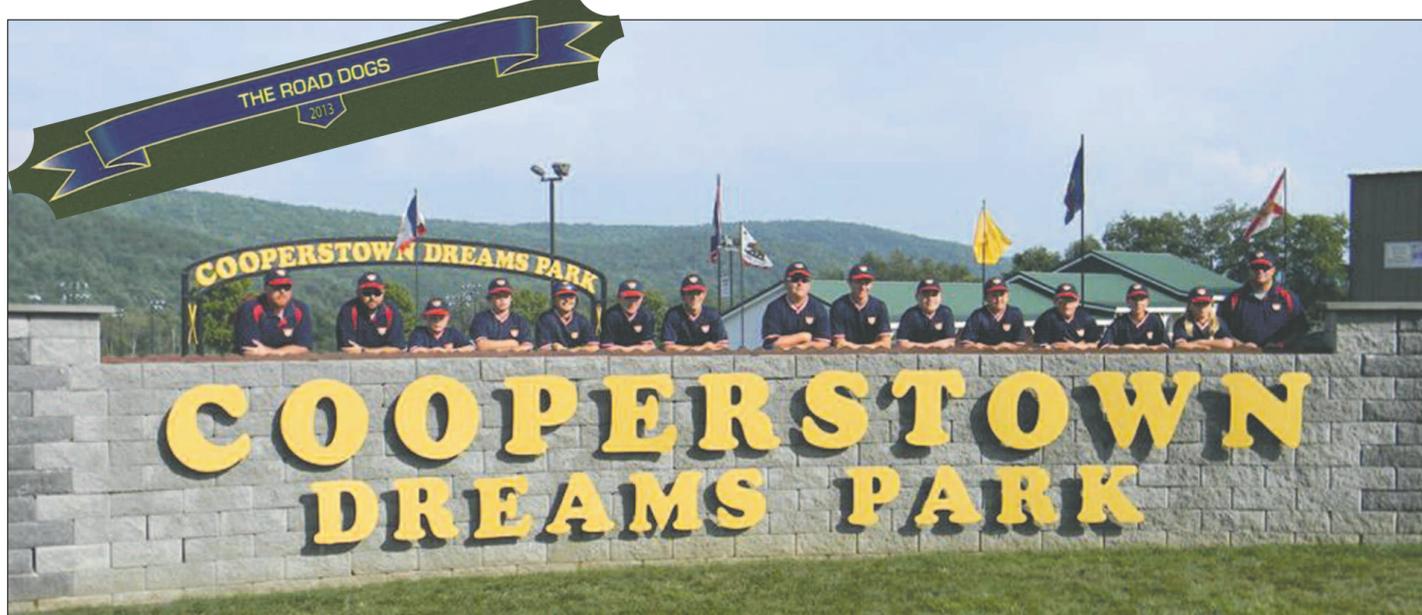
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SPORTS



The boys from Live Oak on the Road Dogs team were from left: Bo Bonds, Brent Howard and Blake Howard.

Road Dogs place well in Cooperstown



The Road Dogs at Cooperstown Dreams Park.

Finish tournament 6 and 3 and in 17th place out of 104 teams

Submitted by Chris Howard

During the week of July 12 through July 19, The Road Dogs travel baseball team, consisting of players from Florida and Georgia, including some from Live Oak, traveled to Cooperstown, New York, and played nine games against some of the best teams around the nation.

In the best baseball facility imaginable, The Road Dogs competed against teams from California, Louisiana, Ohio, Texas, and Wisconsin. The week of baseball left everyone speechless. The kids having to stay in dorms at the baseball village was an experience of a lifetime for coaches and players. I witnessed twelve year old's and one nine year old come together as a team for one purpose in Cooperstown, which is what team competition is all about. I observed these kids grow up a lot throughout the week in Cooperstown within the game of baseball and the game of life. The kids learned responsibility and to respect oth-

ers.

Words cannot express how proud I am of all of the kids and parents that made this trip. It was a burden in many ways on all of us that made it, but in the end I think everyone agreed it was worth it. The Road Dogs finished the tournament with a 6 and 3 record and in 17th place out of 104 teams. It should be noted that the three losses came against teams that all were in the final 16. We got some tough breaks or we probably could have finished better, but that's part of the game. It was an amazing experience for all of us.

Those that participated on the Road Dogs team were:

Live Oak - Blake Howard, Brent Howard and Bo Bonds.

Lake City - Ethan Umstead and Dylan Blair.

Macclenny - Hunter Noblitt, Clayt Smith, Preston Sutton, Jarren Hodges, and Noah Carter.

Chiefland - Zac Hardee.

Blakely, Ga. - Max Sealey.



The Road Dogs. Front row from left: Zac Hardee, Bo Bonds, Noah Carter, Clayt Smith, Hunter Noblitt and Brent Howard. Middle from left: Blake Howard, Ethan Umstead, Preston Sutton, Max Sealy, Dylan Blair and Jarren Hodges. Back from left: Coach Doodle Noblitt, Coach Chris Howard and Coach Clay Smith. Courtesy photos

Tractor Supply hosts annual Pet Appreciation Week

Includes big savings, fun for customers and pets



Submitted

Today marks the beginning of the third annual Pet Appreciation Week at Tractor Supply Company, an event celebrating pets and the joy they add to our lives. This year's event is Aug. 14-18. Customers visiting their local Tractor Supply store will enjoy great sale items throughout the pet department and, for the main event Saturday, Aug. 17, customers will find pet adoptions, giveaways, nutrition demonstrations and more. All pets are also welcome to take part in the festivities.

"Pet Appreciation Week not only allows us to showcase Tractor Supply as a great pet destination, but it also supports a cause that

means so much to us," said John Wendler, Tractor Supply senior vice president of marketing. "By bringing pet services to our customers, we're offering a hands-on learning experience about pet care, proper nutrition and adoption. This has been an extremely successful event the past two years, and we hope to continue celebrating our pets for years to come."

Because of the ongoing need to place homeless pets, Tractor Supply is again partnering with PetFinder.com and local agencies to help organize a pet adoption event at each store. In addition to matching pets with caring families, the events are designed to increase awareness of local pet adoption programs in communities across

the country and the importance of neutering and spaying your pets. During the event, new pet parents will receive an Adoption Kit, courtesy of MARS Pet Care. MARS will also be making donations totaling \$25,000 to animal shelters on Tractor Supply's behalf. The shelters will be determined by customer recommendations via Facebook throughout August at www.Facebook.com/TractorSupplyCo. Contact your local Tractor Supply store for particular details concerning the pet adoption event and the other planned activities.

In addition to the great savings and pet adoptions, each store will offer free giveaways and in-store drawings. Customers will receive a free Tractor Supply food scoop or a Pet Appreciation Week/Hills® Science Diet® Frisbee, while supplies last, and can enter a drawing to win "Doggie Bag" prize packs, a \$150 gift card or a \$100 Vet Services Rebate from Hills® Science Diet®. Customers can also register online for a chance to win in the P.A.W. Great Gift Cards Giveaway where Tractor Supply is giving away \$25,000 in gift cards.

To register and find out more about Pet Appreciation Week, visit www.TractorSupply.com/PAW2013.

Needmore draws racers from all over

Thousands of fans watched the 40 lap, super late model southern all-stars feature

Submitted

It was like a page from the movie Field of Dreams, "build it and they will come" and boy did they ever come to Needmore Speedway Saturday night.

Drivers from Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina plus several Needmore regulars rolled out on the track at the start of the 40 lap, Super Late Model Southern All-Stars feature and they didn't disappoint the thousands of fans watching them either.

From the very start it was the "out of towners" who put on a show with Ray Cook of Brasstown, North Carolina picking up the win followed by Ivedent Lloyd second, William Thomas, Phoenix City, Alabama finished third, series points leader Riley Hickman, Chattanooga, Tennessee driver came in fourth and Joseph Joiner rounded out the top five.

In the Old School late model main event, Stuart Stith must of had lady luck with him Saturday as he tried to chase down Cole Summerlin but then late in the race, Summerlin spun in turn 4 giving Stith the lead that he never relinquished,

finishing second was Nevin Gainey, Summerlin was third, Steven Bryant fourth and Pratt Cooper, fifth.

The Super Street class was won by Jimmy Sloan but he got plenty of pressure from Randy Merwin in the number 38 Tillman Racing machine.

Carlton Isreal was third followed by Chris Cunningham of Albany.

Leon Childs continues to dominate the Hobby division as he picked up another win Saturday at Needmore. Ed Striplin was second, Ricky Boyd third, James Willis fourth and Jonathon Richardson rounded out the top five.

As always the Enduro class provides plenty of wheel to wheel excitement with the usual amount of temper tantrums in evidence that usually puts a driver in the pits for rough driving but John Wesley Burke managed to survive the chaos and was able to hold off Daniel Thompson for the win, Marty Norris, Ryan Hembree and Nathan Sowell made up the rest of the top five finishers.

Racing resumes Saturday, Aug. 24 at Needmore with their regular racing program.

Calendar of Events

Hoggetowne Medieval Faire

AUDITIONS!!! The 2014 Hoggetowne Medieval Faire is looking for actors, singers, dancers and stage combatants for Living Chessboard and cast of characters. Auditions will be held on Saturday, Sept. 7 and Sunday, Sept. 8 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at F. W. Buchholz High School Auditorium located at 5510 NW 27th Ave. Stage combat training will be provided for those interested. Please bring your driver's license or photo ID. Anyone under 18 will need to have their parent or guardian present to sign required paperwork. The Hoggetowne Medieval Faire will be held at the Alachua Fairgrounds on Jan. 25-26 and Jan 31- Feb. 2, 2014. For more information, visit www.thievesguild.org or contact the director atdiretor@thievesguild.org.

The Live Oak Art Guild

Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month (except July and December), at the Suwannee River Regional Library. Each meeting has a business agenda followed by refreshments and a program. We welcome all who are interested to attend.

SHS Class of '93

Making plans for their 20 year class reunion. Reunion is set for Oct. 12, 2013, at the Brown Lantern at 6 p.m. RSVP before Sept. 27, 2013. Advance notice to attend is needed. For more information contact Heidi Stephenson Day at 386-330-9817 or heididay@windstream.net.

2nd Infantry Division Veterans

The Florida Branch of the Second Indianhead Division Association will have its annual reunion in Titusville, Fla. on Oct. 18-20, 2013 at the Best Western Space Shuttle Inn. All veterans of the 2nd Infantry Divisions are invited. For more information, call the branch secretary-treasurer, Donald Calnan, at (561) 742-5379 or send an email to 2ida.mail@charter.net.

Annette Lindsey, guest speaker re-enactor for over 35 years

United Daughters of the Confederacy®, Olustee Chapter, Lake City monthly meeting Sept. 16, 2013
Time: 5:15 P.M.

Place: China Buffet
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Lake City, FL

Buffet served after the meeting. Cost \$9.00 (drink extra) Reservations not required.

For more information call Linda Williams 352-215-8776

Most speakers that speak about the War Between the States speak about the soldiers, uniforms, or battles but I like to discuss the women and children of the 1860s. I have been a re-enactor for over 30 years and I know how hard it is to dress and act like a soldier on the field during in the War Between the States. I explain how the

women ended up on the field, how they dress and what happen if they were found out. Another topic that I like to discuss is toys from that time because a lot of our children would not know what to do without a computer. The children of the 1860s had very little but were able to endure and survive. Annette is also 3rd Vice President of the Olustee Chapter of United Daughters of the Confederacy.

FREE Nursing Home Planning Workshop

Anyone who is concerned about how they will pay for nursing home care should attend this informative workshop led by local elder law attorney Teresa Byrd Morgan. The program will be held Thursday, Aug. 29, 2013, at 10 a.m., at Morgan Law Center for Estate & Legacy Planning (234 East Duval Street, Lake City). Seating is limited and reservations are required. To reserve a seat, please call Tammy Hale at 386-755-1977.

Applications to fill vacancy at Advisory Council

Elder Options is a private, non-profit agency designated by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs to administer state and federal grant programs for seniors and caregivers in 16 counties. We serve as the Area Agency on Aging, 1-800 Elder Helpline, and Aging and Disability Resource Center.

Currently, we are accepting applications to fill a vacancy on our Advisory Council in Suwannee County. Applicants must be a resident of the County and should have an active interest in social and nutrition programs for older persons.

Members of the Advisory Council serve on a voluntary basis without pay. For an application or more information, visit our website at www.agingresources.org. You can also contact Cindy Roberts at (352) 692-5260 or robertsc@agingresources.org.

GriefShare support group begins Aug. 28

Meets at First Baptist Church of Live Oak each Wednesday night from 6-8 p.m. The next session will begin on Aug. 28, 2013. Childcare is provided. The church is located at 401 West Howard St. Please call the church office at 386-362-1583 if you would like to attend. We would be happy to give you additional information or answer any questions. No matter what the circumstances, grief recovery is a painful process. We understand how deeply grief and loss hurt people and their families. We realize how difficult this first meeting may be but please be assured that others in the group will be feeling the same way.

Ebenezer A.M.E. Church Annual Women's Day

Everyone is cordially invited to celebrate Annual Women's Day on Aug. 18 at 4 p.m. at Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, located at 411 Parsley St. in Live Oak. Speaker will be Minister Sandra Fountain from African Baptist Church of Live Oak. For more information, call 386-362-

7383. Looking for you in attendance and yours in Christ, the Ebenezer Church family and Rev. Charles E. Graham, pastor.

The First Baptist clothes closet

Invites you to their clothes closet. We are located at 515 SW 5th St. (the old red barn that was Cheryl's Buffet). It is open the first and third Thursday of every month from 8 a.m. until noon.

The clothing is free and ranges in sizes from newborn to plus sizes for men, women and children.

We look forward to seeing you there.

BES kindergarten registration

Parents living in the Branford area please register your kindergarten students for the 2013-14 Branford Elementary school year during this month to ensure that your child has an assigned teacher at open house.

Please bring the following documents with you to registration: child's birth certificate, immunization record, Florida physical, proof of residency and Social Security card.

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For more information, please contact:

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FHSAA seeks to protect student-athletes from performance-enhancing drugs

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — In an aggressive move to protect teens from the ongoing threat of performance-enhancing drugs (PEDs), the head of the Florida High School Athletic Association recently asked the organization's medical policy experts to conduct a top-to-bottom review of existing policies to determine what additional measures can be enacted to prevent the use of improper substances by high school student-athletes.

Dr. Roger Dearing, FHSAA's executive director, asked the association's Sports Medicine Advisory Committee to conduct a thorough review of existing standards to determine how they can be strengthened to stop the trend of PED use among professional and college athletes from spreading throughout prep sports. Dearing noted that under existing FHSAA sportsmanship bylaws and policies student-athletes can be suspended from competing if they have used PEDs, but Dearing suggested that these prohibitions may be insufficient in light of recent allegations that South Florida high school athletes received PEDs as part of the Biogenesis scandal.

"The FHSAA's overriding priority is the safety, well-being and constructive development of young student-athletes, whose bodies and character are still forming. Performance-enhancing drugs undermine every aspect of this goal, and so it is imperative that our student-athletes adhere to a zero tolerance policy toward these inherently unfair and dan-

gerous substances," Dearing said. "Here is the bottom line for me: As executive director of FHSAA, I believe we must draw a line in the sand against performing-enhancing drugs. School districts simply cannot tolerate coaches who encourage or look the other way when athletes use PEDs. Therefore, these coaches cannot be allowed to keep their jobs or have anything to do with young athletes. This is about more than safeguarding fair play — it's about saving lives."

Dearing was joined in his call for a review by state Senator Bill Montford of Tallahassee, a former school principal and superintendent who now serves as chief executive officer of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents; and Dr. Jennifer Roth Maynard, an assistant professor of family and sports medicine with the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville and a member of the FHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee.

"Performance-enhancing drugs pose a very real, very dangerous threat to high school student-athletes, both physically and psychologically," said Senator Montford. "I commend the FHSAA for being proactive in addressing the challenge presented by coaches, parents and young athletes who want to get ahead by any means possible, whatever the personal cost."

The 15-member Sports Medicine Advisory Committee includes a cross-section of experts from across Florida, including 11 physicians as well as athletic

trainers, former coaches and educators. The committee's work has led to recent FHSAA policies to better protect young student athletes in the areas of concussions and heat/hydration.

"The Advisory Committee should consider all aspects of performance-enhancing drugs," Dearing said, asking for a "thorough top-to-bottom review of existing policies and procedures regarding the use of performance-enhancing

drugs by those who break the rules in order to tilt the playing field to their own advantage."

Dearing asked the committee to consider the full range of issues related to PEDs, including but not limited to:

- whether existing policies and procedures provide sufficient authority for schools to test and discipline student-athletes who may be using banned substances;
- the legal, policy and fiscal implications of heightened policies against performance-enhancing drugs; and

• whether the FHSAA prohibition against performance-enhancing drugs would be more effective if set out as a stand-alone policy rather than existing only as a part of a broader policy on sportsmanship.

"Most young athletes have no idea the harm that can be caused by performance-enhancing drugs,"

said Dr. Maynard. "Teenagers are still developing, both physically and mentally, and PEDs have no place in their lives. Whatever the FHSAA can do to stop PEDs from being used by high school student-athletes is a step in the right direction."

A listing of members of the FHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee is available at www.fhsaa.org/gov/sportsmed.

2013-2014 Florida Hunting Season Dates				
(Seasons and dates do not apply to wildlife management areas)				
Season	Zone A	Zone B	Zone C	Zone D
Archery	Aug. 3 – Sept. 1	Oct. 19 – Nov. 17	Sept. 14 – Oct. 13	Oct. 26 – Nov. 27
Deer-dog training	Aug. 17 – Sept. 5	Nov. 2-21	Sept. 28 – Oct. 17	Oct. 26 – Nov. 14
Crossbow	Aug. 3 – Sept. 6	Oct. 19 – Nov. 22	Sept. 14 – Oct. 18	Oct. 26 – Nov. 27 and Dec. 2-6
Muzzleloading gun	Sept. 7-20	Nov. 23 – Dec. 6	Oct. 19 – Nov. 1	Dec. 7-13 and Feb. 24 – March 2
General gun	Sept. 21 – Oct. 20 and Nov. 23 – Jan. 5	Dec. 7 – Feb. 23	Nov. 2 – Jan. 19	Nov. 28 – Dec. 1 and Dec. 14 – Feb. 23
Antlerless deer	Nov. 23-29	Dec. 26 – Jan. 1	Nov. 23-29	Dec. 26 – Jan. 1
Fall turkey	Oct. 7-20 and Nov. 23 – Jan. 5	Dec. 7 – Feb. 2	Nov. 2 – Dec. 29	Nov. 28 – Dec. 1 and Dec. 14 – Jan. 19 *
Quail	Nov. 9 – March 2	Nov. 9 – March 2	Nov. 9 – March 2	Nov. 9 – March 2
Gray squirrel	Oct. 12 – March 2	Oct. 12 – March 2	Oct. 12 – March 2	Oct. 12 – March 2
Bobcat and otter	Dec. 1 – March 1	Dec. 1 – March 1	Dec. 1 – March 1	Dec. 1 – March 1
Youth spring turkey hunt **	Feb. 22-23	March 8-9	March 8-9	March 8-9
Spring turkey	March 1 – April 6	March 15 – April 20	March 15 – April 20	March 15 – April 20 ***

Wild hogs, rabbits, raccoons, opossums, skunks, nutrias, beavers and coyotes may be taken year-round.

- * Except for Holmes County, where there is no fall harvest of turkeys allowed.
- ** Only youths under 16 years old will be allowed to harvest a turkey while supervised by an adult, 18 years or older.
- *** In Holmes County, spring turkey season is limited to March 15-30.

BBQ My Way

Traditional pizza Margherita



by Dave Lobeck
 CNHI News Service

This week's column discusses a pizza that is near and dear to the hearts of all Italians. And, being the history buff that I am, I decided to look into the origin of the name of this simple pizza, which is made of fresh mozzarella cheese, tomatoes and basil. It prominently displays the colors of the Italian flag, and it is delicious.

The pizza is named after Margherita Maria Teresa Giovanna di Savoia. She married her first cousin, Umberto, who became king of Italy in 1868. I guess when you become the

queen, you can have things named after you, including food.

For this to be a legit Margherita pizza, it has to be cooked in a wood-burning stove. It can also be cooked on a gas grill or a charcoal grill, in my opinion. You will definitely need a pizza stone, which is inexpensive and a great addition to the kitchen in general. It cooks all sorts of pizzas evenly with radiant heat, and keeps the pizza warm when you pull the pizza off the grill or out of the oven.

And if you make this pizza in your kitchen oven, I won't tell anyone.

We made homemade whole wheat crust. This turned out delicious. Even though Queen Margherita was politically a fascist, I thank her for inspiring this delicious pizza.

- Crust**
- 2 1/2 cups whole wheat flour, plus more for dusting
 - 2 1/4 tsp active dry yeast
 - 3/4 tsp salt
 - 1 cup warm water
 - 1 tsp extra virgin olive oil
 - 1 tsp sugar

Place the water, yeast and sugar in a bowl. Stir and allow to stand for five minutes.

In a mixing bowl, place the remaining ingredients. Make a trough in the middle of the dry ingredients and pour in the liquid. Mix and work into a dough. Or better yet, use an electric dough maker if you have one. Place the dough in a large bowl that has been rubbed down with olive oil. Cover with a towel and place in a fairly warm environment and allow to rise for a couple hours.

Take the risen dough, punch it and roll it out over a dusting of flour. Apply a very light coating of olive oil on the stone. Shape into the size of the pizza stone and lay on the stone. Apply

a light coating of olive oil to the pizza dough. Layer with slices of fresh mozzarella, sliced or chopped tomatoes and fresh basil, in that order.

WARNING: This does not work with canned tomatoes. They are way too watery. Freshly sliced tomatoes are the only way to go.

Place on a gas grill or a charcoal grill on medium-high to high heat. Close lid. After five to seven minutes, start checking the bottom of the pizza with a spatula. Once the cheese is thoroughly melted and the bottom of the pizza crust starts turning golden brown, you are ready to eat.

We added a little salt and pepper to taste, as well as a sprinkling of parmesan

cheese and red pepper flakes.

We hope Queen Margherita understands.

Dave Lobeck is a barbecue chef from Sellersburg, Ind., who writes the "BBQ My Way" column for CNHI News Service. Visit his

website at www.BBQ-My-Way.com.

See more at: http://www.cnhinews.com/cnhins_features/x1981926791/BBQ-My-Way-Traditional-pizza-Margherita#sthash.ZQQvIYVR.dpuf

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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.

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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.

Suwannee County Bassmasters

Do you enjoy bass fishing?

Are you the competitive type?

Do you enjoy associating with other fishermen?

Meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the first Thurs. of each month at Huddle House in Live Oak, US 129 and Interstate 10.

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

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

Antioch Baptist Church "Stars Widow Group"

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

Recovery By The Numbers group of Narcotics Anonymous

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

Travel baseball team

North Florida River Rats 10u and 11u Travel baseball team is looking for players. If interested, please contact

Jamie Allbritton @ 386- 209-0166

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 Aluminum Can Drive

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

Save the Cats of Live Oak

Volunteers Needed

T.N.R. campaign to save Live Oaks ferrel cats has been started. Feral 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.

Save the Cats of Live Oak

Donations Needed

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

Adoptions Available

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

TOPS FI #0662

We would like to invite everyone that has a little or a lot of weight to lose, to come visit us. TOPS is a weight loss support group. We strive to help each other through our meetings. We have different programs such as stress eating, the buffet, portion control, exercise, medications that can cause weight gain, and more. Take Off Pounds Sensibly is an organization that supports you while striving to meet your goal weight, as well as after meeting your goal, and you are working to maintaining our goal. TOPS 0662 meets on Thursday mornings at the

First Advent Christian Church, 699 Pinewood Dr., Live Oak, Fla. We start our weight in at 8 - 8:50 a.m. The meeting starts at 9 - 10 a.m. your first visit is free,

so come and let us support you in your challenge to Take Off Pounds Sensibly. For more information contact Elaine at 386-364-5537.

Volunteer advocates needed

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

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

Bryan Morgan

Recruitment Manager

Department of Elder Affairs

Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

988 Woodcock Rd, Suite 198

Orlando, FL 32803

850-510-3920 (cellular)

407-228-7752 (office)

407-228-7754 (fax) morganb@elderaffairs.org

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.

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 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

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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).

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@signature-healthcarellc.com

The Arc North Florida
Adults with Disabilities Program. Open to Bradford 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.

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.wellborn-baptist.com.

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

The Columbia Federated Republican Women

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

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

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

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

Boy Scout Troop 693
Weekly meetings, Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., at the Church of the Nazarene, 915 Church St., SW. The troop goes camping monthly as well as attends winter and/or summer week-long camps. The program is for boys who have completed the 5th grade, or is 11-years old, and until their 18 birthdays. Adults are welcome to participate as leaders, committee members and/or merit badge counselors - after passing mandatory background checks. For additional in-

formation on the Boy Scouting program in Live Oak, contact the troop's scoutmaster, Harry Reeve, 386 590-6121, troop693@windstream.net

Wellborn Community Association (WCA)

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

Suwannee Legals

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

CASE NO. 61-2012-CA-000314

GREEN TREE SERVICING, LLC,

Plaintiff,

vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, TRUSTEES OF JOHNNY E. WOOD, DECEASED; SCOTT WOOD, HEIR; SHERYL WOOD, HEIR; TIFANY WOOD, HEIR; SUSAN WOOD, HEIR; BANK OF AMERICA N.A.; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2;

Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, TRUSTEES OF JOHNNY EDWARD WOOD, DECEASED

Whose residence(s) is/are unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY required to file your answer or written defenses, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney, Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Palm Drive, Tampa, FL 33619-1328, telephone (813) 915-8660, facsimile (813) 915-0559, within thirty days of the first publication of this Notice, the nature of this proceeding being a suit for foreclosure of mortgage against the following described property, to wit:

The North 150 feet of Lot 104, SUWANNEE RANCHETTES, UNIT B, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 111, aka The North 150 feet of Tract 104, Section B, of SUWANNEE RANCHETTE DEVELOPMENT OF FLORIDA, INC., of the Public Records of Suwannee County, Florida.

If you fail to file your response or answer, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney, Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Palm Drive, Tampa, Florida 33619-1328, telephone (813) 915-8660, facsimile (813) 915-0559, within thirty days of the first publication of this Notice, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

DATED at SUWANNEE County this 22nd day of July, 2013.

(Court Seal)
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: /s/ Jillian Buchanan
Deputy Clerk

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you are a person with a disability who requires accommodations in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, the provision of certain assistance. Individuals with a disability who require special accommodations in order to participate in a court proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator, 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Room 408, Lake City, FL 32055, (386) 719-7428, within two (2) business days of receipt of notice to appear. Individuals who are hearing impaired should call (800) 955-8771. Individuals who are voice impaired should call (800) 955-8770. 08/07, 14

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT FOR YEAR 2013 - 113th ROAD/122nd TERRACE/122nd TRAIL MUNICIPAL SERVICES BENEFIT UNIT

The Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2013 at 6:15 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Judicial Annex Building, 218 Parsley Street Southwest, Live Oak, Florida, to consider adoption of a non-ad valorem assessment roll for Year 2013 to allow the collection of an assessment from property owners who will receive the benefit of improvements to the road to be used for funding the 113th ROAD/122nd TERRACE/122nd TRAIL MUNICIPAL SERVICES BENEFIT UNIT. (See map below.)



The proposed schedule of the assessment is: \$1,081 Per Linear Foot for Large Parcels Located on 113th Road and \$1,266.25 Per Lot for Parcels Located on 122nd Terrace and 122nd Trail.

The assessment will be collected by the Suwannee County Tax Collector.

Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 107

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

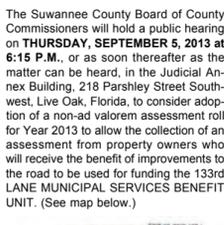
Suwannee Legals

All affected property owners have the right to file written objections with the local governing board within 20 days of publication of this notice and have the right to appear at the public hearing.

Randy Harris
County Administrator
08/14

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT FOR YEAR 2013 - 133rd LANE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BENEFIT UNIT

The Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2013 at 6:15 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Judicial Annex Building, 218 Parsley Street Southwest, Live Oak, Florida, to consider adoption of a non-ad valorem assessment roll for Year 2013 to allow the collection of an assessment from property owners who will receive the benefit of improvements to the road to be used for funding the 133rd LANE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BENEFIT UNIT. (See map below.)



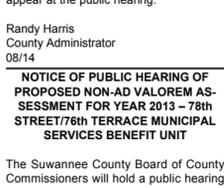
The proposed schedule of the assessment is: \$308.00 Per Acre Per Parcel and \$3.27 Per Linear Foot of Road Frontage.

The assessment will be collected by the Suwannee County Tax Collector.

Randy Harris
County Administrator
08/14

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT FOR YEAR 2013 - 78th STREET/76th TERRACE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BENEFIT UNIT

The Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2013 at 6:15 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Judicial Annex Building, 218 Parsley Street Southwest, Live Oak, Florida, to consider adoption of a non-ad valorem assessment roll for Year 2013 to allow the collection of an assessment from property owners who will receive the benefit of improvements to the road to be used for funding the 78th STREET/76th TERRACE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BENEFIT UNIT. (See map below.)



The proposed schedule of the assessment is: \$1.46 Per Linear foot of Road Frontage and \$350.00 Per Parcel Acre.

The assessment will be collected by the Suwannee County Tax Collector.

Randy Harris
County Administrator
08/14

NOTICE OF HEARING TO REIMPOSE AND PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF FIRE PROTECTION SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Suwannee County will conduct a public hearing to consider the continued imposition of fire protection special assessments for the provision of fire protection services within the Suwannee County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Protection Services (the "MSBU") for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2013.

The hearing will be held at 6:15 p.m. on September 5, 2013, at the Judicial Annex Building, 218 Parsley Street Southwest, Live Oak, Florida, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessments. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the Board within 20 days of this notice. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need to file a petition for review and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation

or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Administrator's Office at (386) 364-3400, at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the hearing.

The total annual fire protection assessment revenue to be collected within the County is estimated to be \$1,488,012.00 for fiscal year October 1, 2013 - September 30, 2014.

The assessment for each parcel of property will be based upon each parcel's classification and the total number of billing units attributed to that parcel. The following table reflects the proposed fire protection assessment schedule.

FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENTS FOR FY 2013-14	
Residential Property Use Categories	Residential \$75.00
Non-Residential Property Use Categories	Non-Residential \$0.09
Land Property Use Categories	Parcel (< or = to 160 acres) \$13.43 Acres (> 160 acres capped at 640) \$0.11
MAXIMUM FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENTS FOR FUTURE FISCAL YEARS	
Residential Property Use Categories	Residential \$118.00
Non-Residential Property Use Categories	Non-Residential \$0.15
Land Property Use Categories	Parcel (< or = to 160 acres) \$21.32 Acres (> 160 acres capped at 640) \$0.17

Copies of the Ordinance, the Amended and Restated Initial Assessment Resolution, and the updated Assessment Roll for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2013 are available for inspection at the Office of the County Administrator at 13150 80th Terrace, Live Oak, Florida.

The assessments for tax parcels in the MSBU will be collected on the ad valorem tax bill to be mailed in November 2013, as authorized by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title.

If you have any questions, please contact the County Administrator at (386) 364-3400, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

(Suwannee County Unincorporated Area Only)

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Randy Harris,
County Administrator
08/14

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

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2013-43-CA

FORECLOSURE AND OTHER RELIEF

LAFAYETTE STATE BANK
Post Office Box 108
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Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT D. HANCOCK, JR.
21385 126th Place
Live Oak, Florida 32060;
WENDY M. HANCOCK
21385 126th Place
Live Oak, Florida 32060;
CITY OF LIVE OAK
101 White Ave
Live Oak, Florida 32064;
STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
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unknown tenants; and other unknown parties in possession, including the unknown spouse of any person in possession of the property, and if a named Defendant is deceased, the surviving spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against that Defendant, and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the named or described Defendants.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE PURSUANT TO SECTION 45.031(1), FLORIDA STATUTES

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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TOGETHER WITH: AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER AND ACROSS THE FOLLOWING DE-

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Suwannee Legals

or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Administrator's Office at (386) 364-3400, at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the hearing.

Randy Harris
County Administrator
08/14

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT FOR YEAR 2013 - 133rd LANE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BENEFIT UNIT

The Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2013 at 6:15 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Judicial Annex Building, 218 Parsley Street Southwest, Live Oak, Florida, to consider adoption of a non-ad valorem assessment roll for Year 2013 to allow the collection of an assessment from property owners who will receive the benefit of improvements to the road to be used for funding the 133rd LANE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BENEFIT UNIT. (See map below.)



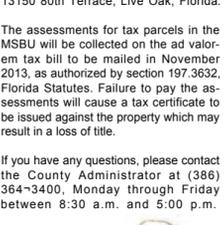
The proposed schedule of the assessment is: \$308.00 Per Acre Per Parcel and \$3.27 Per Linear Foot of Road Frontage.

The assessment will be collected by the Suwannee County Tax Collector.

Randy Harris
County Administrator
08/14

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT FOR YEAR 2013 - 78th STREET/76th TERRACE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BENEFIT UNIT

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The proposed schedule of the assessment is: \$1.46 Per Linear foot of Road Frontage and \$350.00 Per Parcel Acre.

The assessment will be collected by the Suwannee County Tax Collector.

Randy Harris
County Administrator
08/14

NOTICE OF HEARING TO REIMPOSE AND PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF FIRE PROTECTION SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Suwannee County will conduct a public hearing to consider the continued imposition of fire protection special assessments for the provision of fire protection services within the Suwannee County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Protection Services (the "MSBU") for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2013.

The hearing will be held at 6:15 p.m. on September 5, 2013, at the Judicial Annex Building, 218 Parsley Street Southwest, Live Oak, Florida, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessments. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the Board within 20 days of this notice. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need to file a petition for review and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation

or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Administrator's Office at (386) 364-3400, at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the hearing.

The total annual fire protection assessment revenue to be collected within the County is estimated to be \$1,488,012.00 for fiscal year October 1, 2013 - September 30, 2014.

The assessment for each parcel of property will be based upon each parcel's classification and the total number of billing units attributed to that parcel. The following table reflects the proposed fire protection assessment schedule.

FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENTS FOR FY 2013-14	
Residential Property Use Categories	Residential \$75.00
Non-Residential Property Use Categories	Non-Residential \$0.09
Land Property Use Categories	Parcel (< or = to 160 acres) \$13.43 Acres (> 160 acres capped at 640) \$0.11
MAXIMUM FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENTS FOR FUTURE FISCAL YEARS	
Residential Property Use Categories	Residential \$118.00
Non-Residential Property Use Categories	Non-Residential \$0.15
Land Property Use Categories	Parcel (< or = to 160 acres) \$21.32 Acres (> 160 acres capped at 640) \$0.17

Copies of the Ordinance, the Amended and Restated Initial Assessment Resolution, and the updated Assessment Roll for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2013 are available for inspection at the Office of the County Administrator at 13150 80th Terrace, Live Oak, Florida.

The assessments for tax parcels in the MSBU will be collected on the ad valorem tax bill to be mailed in November 2013, as authorized by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title.

If you have any questions, please contact the County Administrator at (386) 364-3400, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

(Suwannee County Unincorporated Area Only)

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Randy Harris,
County Administrator
08/14

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

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2013-43-CA

FORECLOSURE AND OTHER RELIEF

LAFAYETTE STATE BANK
Post Office Box 108
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Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT D. HANCOCK, JR.
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Live Oak, Florida 32060;
WENDY M. HANCOCK
21385 126th Place
Live Oak, Florida 32060;
CITY OF LIVE OAK
101 White Ave
Live Oak, Florida 32064;
STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
5050 West Tennessee Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0100
unknown tenants; and other unknown parties in possession, including the unknown spouse of any person in possession of the property, and if a named Defendant is deceased, the surviving spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against that Defendant, and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the named or described Defendants.

Defendants.

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tion contact 386-208-1345.

Calendar of Events

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

Line dancing lessons

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

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Pickin' & Grinnin'

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

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

GFWC Woman's Club of Live Oak

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

Weatherization funding available

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

Free English Classes

Clases de Ingles - Gratis, aprenden, Pronunciacion,

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

Family History Book

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

Stop, drop and recycle for adults with disabilities

The Arc North Florida Inc. invites you to participate in our recycle project campaign. The Arc recycles - new and used printer and laser cartridges, cell phones, digital cameras and damaged or useable laptops. Just look for the convenient drop boxes at these locations - Wes Haney Chevrolet, Suwannee Tax Collectors office, Live Oak City Hall and the Suwannee Library. Items can also be dropped off at The Arc office in Live Oak and larger quantities can be picked up just by giving us a call. This is a great way for your business or organization to support Adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. For more information or pick up call Janet Sampson 386-362-7143 ext. 5

Free Sunday Lunch Live Oak

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

Did you earn your pin?

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

National Contact: United States Submarine Veterans, PO Box 3870 Sil-

verdale, WA 98383 or 1-877-542-DIVE r www.ussvi.org. Local contact:W. Ray Rausch, 386-209-1473, uss483@windstream.net, 10035 105th Drive, Live Oak, FL 32060.

Grief share program

Weekly grief recovery support group. GriefShare is a non-denominational Biblically based 13 week program for people who are struggling with losing a loved one in death. 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. People can enter at any point in the 13 weeks. Non-denominational - everyone welcome. First Baptist Church is located at 401 W. Howard in Live Oak. For more information, people may call 386-362-1583 or find us on the web at www.fb-cliveoak.org.

Haven Hospice volunteer orientation

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

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

Support group

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

Donate your old cars

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

Donations needed!

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

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS TO IMPART TO YOUNGSTERS

Each day thousands upon thousands of children board school buses to take them to and from school. Parents and caregivers entrust their children's well-being to the care of school bus drivers and aides. Although parents may worry about school bus accidents, such accidents are few and far between. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration advises that school buses are designed to be safer than passenger vehicles in avoiding crashes and protecting against injury. Buses are arguably the safest mode of transportation for getting kids to and from school. By keeping millions of cars off the roads surrounding schools, school buses contribute to less crowded roadways, which are less conducive to accidents.

DANGER ZONE

Though parents may feel buses are most likely to be in accidents while in transit, experts advise that children are more likely to get hurt during pickups and drop-offs when they're in the "danger zone" of the bus. The danger zone is a 10-foot radius around the outside of the bus. Bus drivers and other motorists find kids in the danger zone are more difficult to see, and children can get struck by either the bus or

oncoming cars that fail to stop when the bus is picking kids up or dropping them off.

KNOWING THE SAFETY RULES

While a large part of protecting children is on the shoulders of the school bus driver, it is also vital for passengers to learn the basics of school bus safety. Kindergarteners or children who are riding the bus for the first time should be taught the rules of school bus safety. Some schools offer a school bus tour prior to the new school year. This lets youngsters acclimate themselves with the look and feel of the school bus. This introduction also may include information about bus safety, but parents can also educate their children (and themselves) about using caution in and around the bus by following these guidelines.

- Get to the bus stop 5 to 10 minutes prior to the assigned pickup time. Rushing last-minute can lead to injury, especially if you're chasing down the bus.
- Remain on the sidewalk or grass at the bus stop. Do not step off the curb into the street until the bus has arrived and is completely stopped.
- When boarding the bus, go directly to a seat and sit down. Buckle up if there are seatbelts on the bus.
- Remain seated while the bus is in motion.
- Keep voices low so as not to distract the driver.
- Keep your head and hands inside of the bus, and never hang out of the window.
- Do not throw things on the bus or play rough with friends or classmates.
- Keep the aisle clear at all times.



- Be careful when getting off the bus. Hold on while going down the stairs.
 - Only get off at your designated stop unless you have permission to get off elsewhere.
 - When exiting the bus, walk at least 10 steps past the front of the bus and cross in front where the driver can see you. Do not cross behind the bus.
 - Wait for the driver to give you a signal that it is safe to cross. Be sure to check that all cars on the road have come to a complete stop.
 - Get to the sidewalk or off the street as quickly as possible.
 - If you've forgotten something on the bus, do not run back and attempt to retrieve it. The driver might not see you and start the bus. Rather, call the bus company and see if you can pick it up at another time.
 - Do not get into the cars of strangers waiting around bus stops, even if they offer to take you home.
- Parents can arrange to meet with bus drivers so that they will recognize their faces. Adults also can encourage schools to host bus safety courses to further ensure their youngsters are safe.

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Help Wanted

COLLECTION SITE ATTENDANT
 Suwannee County is currently accepting applications for two Collection Site Attendants and one Alternate Collection Site Attendant position. The deadline for submission of applications is Tuesday February 19, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. For an application contact the Suwannee County Administrative Services Department, 224 Pine Avenue, Live Oak, FL 32064. (386) 362-8869. The Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners is an equal employment opportunity employer that does not discriminate against any qualified employee or applicant because of race, color, national origin, sex, including pregnancy, age, disability, or marital status. Spanish speaking individuals are encouraged to apply. All applicants subject to a pre-employment physical. Successful completion of a drug test is a condition of employment. EE/AA/V/D.

COMMERCIAL TRUCK DRIVER II PUBLIC WORKS

The Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners is currently seeking applicants for the full-time position of Commercial Truck Driver II. Deadline for submitting applications is Monday August 19, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. Interested applicants may obtain an application at the Suwannee County Building Department, 224 Pine Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32064 (386) 364-3407 or at Public Works, 13150 80th Terrace, Live Oak, FL 32060 (386) 364-3400. Applicants are encouraged to submit resumes, letters of reference, or other biographical information with their application. Subject to pre-employment physical and background check. The Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners is an equal employment opportunity employer that does not discriminate against any qualified employee or applicant because of race, color, national origin, sex, including pregnancy, age, disability, or marital status. Spanish speaking individuals are encouraged to apply. Successful completion of a drug test is a condition of employment. EE/AA/V/D

CRA DIRECTOR
 The City of Live Oak, Florida Community Redevelopment Agency is accepting employment applications for the position of CRA Director. Deadline to apply is 8-16-13 at 5:00 pm. Applications and a position description are available at www.cityofliveoak.org under the Job Openings tab.

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 VISIT FLORIDA, the official tourism marketing corporation for the State of Florida, has an opening for an INFORMATION SPECIALIST at the I-75 Joseph O'Striska Official Florida Welcome Center in Jennings, FL. This position provides information to visitors in a professional and courteous manner. Minimum requirements include a high school diploma or equivalent. Previous MS Office experience, customer service and Tourism industry work, a plus. We offer a competitive salary and benefits package. Deadline for application is August 16, 2013. Qualified candidates will need to apply for the position through VISIT FLORIDA's web page www.VISITFLORIDA.org/jobs. VISIT FLORIDA EOE M/F/D/V

MACHINE OPERATOR II PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

The Suwannee County Public Works Department is currently recruiting for a Machine Operator II position. Applications are available at the Suwannee County Building Department, 224 Pine Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32064, (386) 364-3407 or at Public Works, 13150 80th Terrace, Live Oak, FL 32060, (386) 364-3400. The deadline for submission of applications is Monday, August 19, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. The Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners is an equal employment opportunity employer that does not discriminate against any qualified employee or applicant because of race, color, national origin, sex, including pregnancy, age, disability, or marital status. Spanish speaking individuals are encouraged to apply. All applicants subject to a pre-employment physical. Successful completion of a drug test is a condition of employment. EE/AA/V/D

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Help Wanted

FirstDay NOTICE OF INTENDED EMPLOYMENT AND REQUEST FOR RESUMES

The Hamilton County Road Department gives notice of intent to employ a person for the position of **Truck Driver / Maintenance Worker**.
 This is semi-skilled and skilled work in the operation of moderately complex Road Department equipment. On specific assignment, employees are closely supervised; however, on routine assignments supervision is general in nature.

Be able to operate a dump truck, or a variety of minor powered machinery and equipment; and participate in the laboring work of the crew and perform Maintenance Worker's duties. Operate tractors and other light equipment. Perform daily safety inspections of assigned equipment prior to and after use; performs routine service and maintenance. Pick up, spot and place materials where indicated by supervisor. Perform other duties as directed by the Road Superintendent.

* These essential job function are not to be construed as a complete statement of all duties performed.
 * Employees will be required to perform other job related marginal duties as required.

In addition, the position requires a current and valid Class A, Florida driver's license with a good driving record.

For more information contact James Bell, Road Superintendent, at (386) 792-1500.

Applications/resumes may be submitted to the Office of the Hamilton County Clerk of Circuit Court, 207 NE First Street, Room 106, Jasper, FL 32052. For consideration all applications/resumes must be received at the Clerk's Office prior to 3:00 p.m. the 23rd day of August 2013.

Salary Range: \$20,800.00-\$21,840.00

Hamilton County is a Drug Free Workplace and an Equal Opportunity Employer. Veterans Preference will apply, in accordance with Section 295.07, Florida Statutes.

Help Wanted

FirstDay ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKER II

The Suwannee County Public Works Department is currently recruiting for the position of Road Maintenance Worker II. Applications may be picked up at the Suwannee County Building Department, 224 Pine Avenue, Live Oak, FL 32064 (386) 364-3407 or at the Public Works Office, 13150 80th Terrace, Live Oak, Florida 32064, (386) 330-2131. The deadline for submission of applications is Friday August 23, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. The Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners is an equal employment opportunity employer that does not discriminate against any qualified employee or applicant because of race, color, national origin, sex, including pregnancy, age, disability, or marital status. Spanish speaking individuals are encouraged to apply. All applicants subject to a pre-employment physical. Successful completion of a drug test is a condition of employment.

Lost & Found

FOUND DOG: Male Australian Shepherd, multi-color, wearing brown collar. Found at the corner of US 27 & Convict Springs Rd, Mayo, FL on 7/28. Call 386-294-3123.

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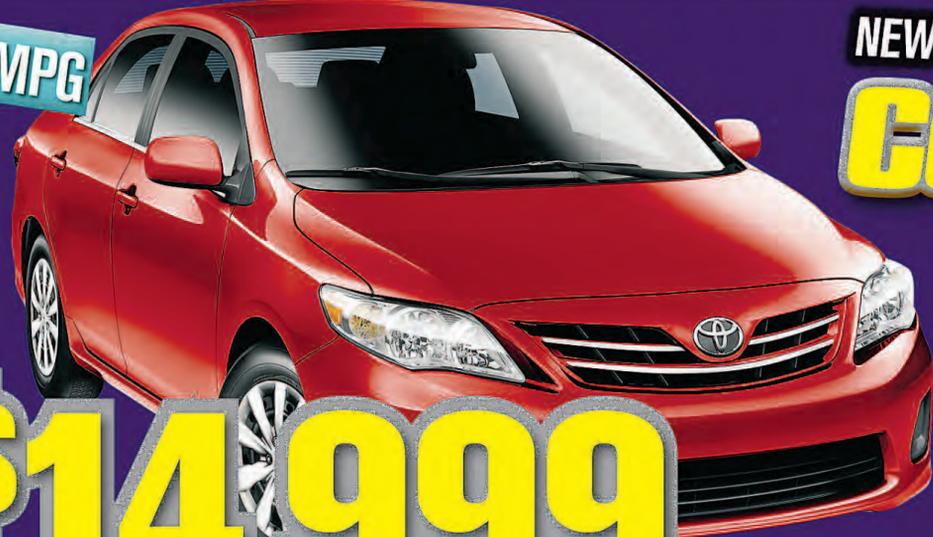


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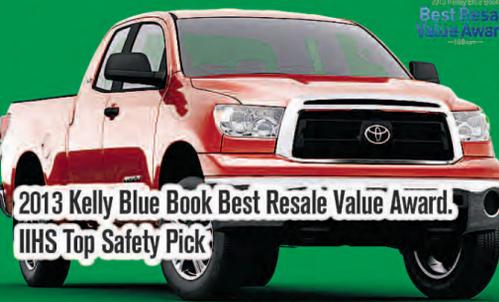
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