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Meet with medical waste company

Integrated Waste Management Systems Inc. will be holding a town hall meeting on Thursday at 7 p.m. at Live Oak City Hall on White Avenue. We encourage the public to attend this town hall and get your questions answered. The company president, retired General Marvin Jay Barry and company consultant, Alberta Hipps will be available.



Williams

Williams named CRA director

By Bryant Thigpen
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Wellborn resident Tim Williams was named the new director for the Live Oak Community Redevelopment Agency last week. His first official day on the job will be Sept. 23.

Williams comes from a background in real estate and feels confident in his new job.

"From conceptualization, partnership with residential, commercial, and industrial national industry leaders, to selling out projects

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NAACP announces intent to file complaint on LOPD

By Bryant Thigpen
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The Suwannee County Branch of the NAACP submitted a letter to Live Oak Police Chief Buddy Williams announcing their intent to file a complaint to the Department of Justice, Office of Civil Rights, alleging the LOPD's "discriminatory" employment policies are undermining public safety for the Live Oak community.

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3 injured in Friday wreck



3 people were injured from this wreck on US 129 North in front of Live Oak Friday. Staff photo

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Two drivers and an 11-year-old passenger were injured in a wreck Friday morning in front of Walmart in Live Oak, according to the Florida Highway Patrol. According to a FHP report, on Friday

at approximately 9:57 a.m., Mary Nadine Hagin, 65, Sneads, Florida, was driving a 2003 Toyota Matrix and was traveling southbound on US 129 in a turn lane to turn left onto 70th Street next to Walmart. Lori Elena Hughes, 24, Live Oak, was traveling northbound in a 2007 Chevrolet

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COMMUNITY PARTNER Suwannee CI holds tour

By Andrew McGee
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Suwannee Correctional Institution hosted a Community Luncheon and Facility Tour on Sept. 12 with the intent of bringing community leaders together and giving an overview of the facility's operations.

The \$86 million facility is the newest of its kind in the state of Florida and one of the largest employers in Suwannee County with over 720 employees. It was established in March 2009 with the opening of the Work Camp. The Main Unit gained its first inmates in December 2009

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SRWMD Governing Board adopts FY 2013-14 tentative budget

Submitted by SRWMD

The Suwannee River Water Management District (District) Governing Board adopted a Fiscal Year (FY) tentative budget of \$29.2 million and a proposed millage rate of 0.4143, the same as the millage rate last year.

The tentative budget will enable the District to protect water resources for the benefit of our citizens and natural systems while lessening the burden on taxpayers and establishing a high level of public service, while supporting core mission

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Shout for the 'Dogs



Fans great and small shouted for their home team, the Suwannee Bulldogs, Friday night at Paul Langford Stadium in Live Oak. Correspondent Paul Buchanan snapped this photo of the happy fans. Suwannee won their first district game of the season against Santa Fe. See more in sports. - suwanneesports.com

Helvenston, Railroad soon to be 4-way stop

By Bryant Thigpen
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The intersection of Helvenston Street and Railroad Avenue will soon be a four-way stop, according to Public Works Director Brent Whitman, who cited safety concerns as reasons for this

change. The city recently approved the construction of a sidewalk that extends from White Avenue to Suwannee Health Care on Helvenston Street. At the intersection of Helvenston and Railroad, the sidewalk

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The intersection at Helvenston Street and Railroad Avenue will soon be a four-way stop. -Photo: Bryant Thigpen

SHS Athletic Hall of Fame inductees, 1B



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Suwannee County Part of "The Original Florida"

City council roundup from Sept. 10

By Bryant Thigpen
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The Live Oak City Council had their regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 10, at Live Oak City Hall. Several items were on the agenda for the evening meeting. Here is a brief rundown from the meeting.

Council agrees to interlocal agreement with county

The council voted unanimously to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Live Oak Community Redevelopment Agency and Suwannee County for use of the retention area adjoining Warren and Wilbur streets.

With all three entities in agreement, the CRA will be given the authority to use the property to develop an attractive town square, a plan that was a result from the Community Design Charettes held late June. The improvement would

entail resurfacing the surrounding streets, putting in new concrete sidewalks lined with pedestrian lighting, and placing attractive fencing around the pond that allows a view of a lighted fountain within the pond itself.

Other proposals with the project include making Warren Street a one way road to facilitate angled parking; closing one block of Pine Avenue adjacent to Veterans Park, and creating green space where the condemned buildings once stood along US 90.

For the project to be fully developed, the Mizell building on Pine Avenue would be demolished and made into an attractive parking area to support both shopper/visitors and county employees.

The interlocal agreement would allow the CRA to place a lighted fountain within the retention pond and surround it with attrac-

tive fencing. The cost to complete this project is estimated at \$400,000.

The agreement was voted on and passed unanimously by the CRA board at their meeting on Aug. 27. Now that the city has approved the agreement, it will be sent to the county commission for their approval and signature to make it official.

Alcohol ordinance passes 3-2

For the third time, the Live Oak City Council voted 3-2 on the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 1343 that would extend the hours of alcoholic sales to 7 a.m. to 2 a.m., the following day, Monday through Friday. Alcohol sales on Saturday would

end at 11:30 p.m. Councilors Keith Mixon and Jacob Grantham voted against. The ordinance will now be handed to the mayor for his signature or his objections.

Should Live Oak Mayor Sonny Nobles decide to sign the ordinance, it will become city law. If he doesn't sign it and fails to present objections to the council by their next regular meeting, it will, by default, become city law. If Nobles does not approve and presents objections to the council, the passing of the ordinance could die. Should the council decide to override the mayor's decision, four out of five councilmen would have to vote in favor of overriding him.

Welcome, Kerry Waldron

Live Oak City Administrator Kerry Waldron attended his first meeting in the seat since being hired this summer. Waldron spent the past couple of months working part-time with the city as he was finishing duties from his previous job in Adel, Ga. Waldron is officially full-time now and said he is excited about moving forward with the city.

Waldron's first item on the agenda is to set up a meeting with the council to discuss future projects and to set up a short-term and long-term plans.

"I'm really excited to be here and looking forward to what's in store," Waldron said.

ARREST RECORDS

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

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

rections
 Sept 12, Ida Marie Ramirez, 36, 1711 Long Street, Live Oak, FL, VOP (Grn Theft III/Credit Card Fraud: Stn Card), Columbia Co, 1st App PD Appt Per WFW: SCSO- T. Roper
 Sept 12, Thomas Lee Brown, 53, 3369 CR 250, Wellborn, FL, Columbia Co-VOP O/C Simple Battery, 1st App PD Appt Per WFW: LOPD-Fipps
 Sept 12, Joshua Eugene Skinner, 27, 3430 Lisa Lane, Lakeland, FL, VOP O/C Grand Theft X5, Cash Bond, 1st App PD Appt Per WFW: SCSO- A. Sutton
 Sept 12, Brandy Nicole Freeman, 29, 4654 83rd Place, Live Oak, FL, VOP O/C Petit Theft, Cash Only, 1st App PD Appt Per WFW: SCSO- J. Vanzile
 Sept 12, Kenneth Jack Walsh, 56, 19664 111th Drive, O'Brien, FL, Sentenced to 18mos DOC: SCSO- J. Mills
 Sept 12, Alexander Santiago, 31, Suwannee CI, Live Oak, FL, Return for Court: SCSO- Sgt. T. Ford
 Sept 12, Antonio Rosales, 46, Florida State Prison, Raiford, FL, Return for

Court: SCSO- Sgt. T. Ford
 Sept 12, Richard Demetrius Cooks, 27, 915 SW 5th St, Live Oak, FL, VOP (Poss Cocaine W/I Sell Poss. Cannabis W/I Sell): SCSO- H. Tucker
 Sept 13, Demetrius Rashad Cason, 20, 410 Shelby, Live Oak, FL, Agg Battery, 1st App—PD App Per WFW: LOPD- C. Kinsey
 Sept 13, Joseph A. Carr, III, 70, 5671 159th Drive, Live Oak, FL, DUI: SCSO- K. Descarreaux
 Sept 13, William Edward Grant, 20, 118 Pinewood Drive, Live Oak, FL, Fraud, Theft 3Cts, Grand Theft, VOP-Burg of Structure, VOP-Grand Theft III, VOP-Burg of Structure, FTA-Petit Theft, \$500.00 Cash Bond: SCSO-C. Tompkins
 Sept 13, Johnny Ray Walden, 41, 411 NE Violet Rd, Mayo, FL, Burglary, Grand Theft, Battery Domestic Violence: SCSO- T. Meeks
 Sept 16, Kendra Charlene Aldridge, 33, 222 SW Cardinal Place, Lake City, FL, Order Revoking Pretrial Release: SCSO- H. Tucker
 Sept 16, Jessica Coranne Beal, 25, 1140 SW Loncala, Ft White, FL, Bond Revocation for Drug Offense W/I 1000' of a Child Care Facility: SCSO- T. Lee
 Sept 16, Michael Lewis Butler, 51, 7743 US 90, Live Oak, FL, Resisst W/Viol, Tresp Struc/Convey, 1st Appear/WFW/PD Appt: SCSO- K. Descarreaux
 Sept 16, Aaron Camuel Poore, 32, 1821 N Dixie Hwy, Apt 2, Fort Lauderdale, FL, VOP-Poss of Oxycodone: SCSO- Cpl J. Stout
 Sept 16, Joshua Shane Waugh, 29, 324 Carver, Live Oak, FL, Battery (Dom Violence): LOPD- K. Kirby
 Sept 16, Paul White, 51, 916 Broome, Live Oak, FL, Agg Battery, 1st Appear/WFW/PD Appt: LOPD- Kinsey
 Sept 16, Thomas Williams, II, 33, 916 Broom St, Live Oak, FL, Disorderly Conduct, 1st Appear/WFW/PD Appt: SCSO-Descarreaux

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Nalani Quintello wins Florida Texaco Country Showdown at SOS Music Park

When Nalani Quintello was announced Sept. 14 at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park (SOSMP) in Live Oak as the winner of the Florida Texaco Country Showdown, it seemed she did not realize at first she had won. But win she did after a judging team of music, recording, radio and singing professionals chose her from among six acts. This was Nalani's third Texaco Country Showdown state finalist competition. Nalani, who taught herself to play guitar, sang two songs she wrote and accompanied herself on the guitar during her awesome performance before a large crowd in the SOSMP's Music Hall.

Nalani represented WQHL radio in Live Oak in the competition. WQHL has sponsored the North Florida competition for a number of years. Radio stations represented in the contest and contestants were WAKC Valdosta, Ga (Caylee Anna), WOKC Okeechobee (Casey Raines), WKFL Bushnell (George Robinson), WAKX Palm Coast (The Afterwhile) and WKNK Panama City (Meghan Burnette). The Jackson Lawrence Band played back-up for contestants who did not play their own instruments and also entertained the audience during the judges' deliberation. The SOSMP was the event host for the evening.

A resident of Orange Park, Nalani will move on to regional competition Nov. 1 in Jasper, Georgia, at Rocco's where she'll compete against state winners in one of five regions across America. If she wins Nov. 1, she'll get an expense paid trip to Nashville Jan. 31, 2014 where she will compete on the Grand Ole Opry stage against four other contestants. The winner will be named the Best New Act in Country Music and handed a check for \$100,000! Nalani wants that check but maybe most of all, she wants the experience of performing on the Grand Ole Opry stage. And according to Nalani, she's ready for the challenge.

"I'm just so excited to win," she said after having a day to let it all sink in. "I can't wait for Nov. 1...I've waited for this so long."

Nalani said she started performing when she was 12, but quite by accident. An athlete at the time, she and her girlfriends went to a karaoke place to celebrate a basketball win, but her friends had to explain to her what karaoke means.

"I was very shy back then," she laughed as she recalled that day. "I told my dad I was going to sing," but Nalani said he was leery, pointing out to her she didn't know how to sing.

Nalani did indeed sing, quickly realizing she had a talent for singing! "I sang 'Follow Me,' and I did alright," she stated. From then on, she's been a whirlwind of musical activity, singing at nursing homes, restaurants, opening for country artists such as Craig Morgan, Jerrod Niemann, The Diamonds, The Gatlin Brothers and more. She's performed at the largest country music Jam in the South, the Suwannee River Jam at the SOSMP; participated in more than 50 talent contests, has regular gigs in and around Orange Park, won multiple honors, holds numerous talent titles, has sung the National anthem at Jaguar Stadium and contributes her time to sing at many charitable events. Oh, and that was all before she turned 18.

"I can't live without (my) music," Nalani said of her love of performing.



Pictured from left are WQHL of Live Oak DJ and Showdown emcee Stevie D, Nalani Quintello and Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park Marketing Director Teena Peavey share Nalani's big moment of joy Sept. 14 at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park after Nalani was named the Florida state winner of the 2013 Texaco Country Showdown. Nalani proudly holds a \$1,000 check she received as the state winner. - Photo: Courtesy of The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park.

On Aug. 2 at the SOSMP, Nalani succeeded last year's WQHL North Florida winner Rion Paige, her friend and fellow SOSMP regular artist who became an X Factor contestant Sept. 11, becoming an international sensation instantly over the Internet and in the media. Now Nalani is following her own path to success.

In 2008, Nalani, 13 at that time, made it to state competition for the first time at the first state Texaco contest held at the SOSMP. Her performance was flawless and the audience loved her. But, another was chosen that evening. Orlando's Johnny Bulford took first place that night and several months later won the national competition. He's an award winning song writer in Nashville now whose song, "A Woman Like You," hit number one

this year. Nalani hopes she, too, will be right where her friend Johnny Bulford is very soon. "I think I am ready now for this," the talented Nalani said of the upcoming competition and a future in country music. Meanwhile, she is finishing community college at St. Johns River State College before transferring to Belmont University in Nashville.

For reservations for RVs or 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.

The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park is located at 3076 95th Drive, Live Oak.

Celebrate take a loved one to the doctor month

Tallahassee—The Florida Department of Health (DOH) Office of Minority Health invites you to join the statewide Take a Loved One to the Doctor Month campaign. This campaign aims to improve the health of all Floridians by encouraging prevention and early detection.

"I invite you to join us in improving Florida's health by being part of Take a Loved One to the Doctor during the month of September," said State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Dr. John Armstrong. "Think about your family members and friends who need a health assessment, and encourage them to make an appointment to see a health care professional or attend a health event in your community."

A special message from Dr. Armstrong regarding Take a Loved One to the Doctor is available at the following link: <http://youtu.be/nSjDG-piG8hc>

The campaign is inspired by the Take a Loved One to the Doctor Day national initiative which is celebrated annually on the third Tuesday in September. The Department is seeking to remind Florida residents and visitors of the importance of seeking health care by extending this observance all month long. The 2013 campaign theme, "Health by Choice, Not by Chance: Working Together For a Healthy Community," is an encouragement to all Floridians to take a proactive approach to health.

"This September, make every day Take a Loved One to the Doctor Day by reminding those around you to actively strive toward a healthier life by seeing a physician," said Mike Mason, Director of the Department's Office of Minority Health. "Your help is needed to promote health among all Floridians by

creating a statewide network of health care providers, centers, clinics, physicians and departments who offer services to the underserved and vulnerable populations of our state."

More information about Take a Loved One to the Doctor is available at the

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Sapp/Hamrick wedding announcement



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Mr. Melvin Sapp of Live Oak, Fla. is pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of his daughter Kendra (Danielle) Sapp to William H Hamrick, son of Bill and Billie Hamrick of Madison, Fla. Danielle is the daughter of Melvin Sapp and the late Sandra Sapp of Live Oak,

Fla. The Wedding will be held at the residence of Bill and Billie Hamrick, location 1983 E. US Hwy 90 on Oct. 5, 2013 at 5:30 pm. Reception immediately to follow. No invitations will be sent, all family and friends are invited to attend.

Suwannee County Historical Museum

Cordially invites you to the museum on Sunday, Sept. 29, at 4 p.m. to celebrate 32 years commemorating the museum, welcoming visitors and serving this community in the collection and preservation of our artifacts and history.

Silent auction to provide pure water in Matanzas, Cuba

St. Luke's Episcopal Church is sponsoring a silent auction to raise money for a water purifying system in Matanzas, Cuba. For sale will be items made by artisans in Matanzas along with donations from the Live Oak community - a big thanks to all you donors, including the Seminoles and the Gators!

The silent auction will be on Nov. 21 at St. Luke's at 1391 SW 11th St., Live Oak. Snacks, coffee and tea will be provided and there will be lots of door prizes.

The doors open at 7 p.m. Bidding at 7 p.m. and closes at 7:40 p.m. This is your opportunity to buy great hand-made, unique Christmas gifts.

We invite everyone to come and join the fun and help raise some money for a pure water system for a community in Cuba. We are providing work for 10 artisans in Cuba and giving them and their community hope for a better future. Our goal is to empower the church in Cuba, especially our sister church, Fieles A Jesus (Faithful to Jesus) to have an effective outreach and evangelistic ministry in their own community.

Health Dept. dental clinic now open

The Florida Department of Health in Suwannee County welcomes our new dentist Dr. Christine Elam. The dental clinic is now accepting Medicaid eligible patients from four years old through 20 years old. Call 386-362-2708, extension 251.

Thank you

To everyone who has supported us following the loss of my loving wife and our mother, Imogene Johnson, we would like to express our sincere thanks.

We also send our gratitude and appreciation to Rev. Josh Wynn, Rev. LeRoy Dobbs and Harris Funeral Home. Your many acts of kindness and prayers continue to be a great comfort to us in our time of sorrow.

Roy Johnson & Family

Carroll Family Reunion

This year the Carroll Family Reunion will be on Saturday, Sept. 28, at Philadelphia Baptist Church. Fellowship will begin at 5 p.m. Reunion will be furnishing paper goods and tea. Bring your favorite dishes. We will not start eating until 6 p.m. and stay until.

Contact the following for more information: Adel Ross at 12013 161st St., Live Oak, FL, 32060, 386-776-1325 or Lavon Singletary at 1461 NW CR 250, Mayo, FL, 32066, 386-294-1168.

Lions Club guest speakers



The Live Oak Lions Club was recently treated to an informative presentation about the Organ Donor Program, LifeQuest. The goals and operation procedure for becoming a donor of body organs was presented by Laurie Ripp assisted by donor mom, Tracie Hessley. Tracie gave a testimony of her experience as a donor mom relating to the tragic fatal accident her daughter was involved in and the following experience with the recipients of her daughter's organs.

Club members were made aware of the procedure to become organ donors through the Florida Driver License Division. Pictured from left: Laurie Ripp, Donate Life Florida, liaison Florida Driver License; Tracie Hessley, donor mom, volunteer with LifeQuest and Lions Club Past President David Jordan. - Photo: Homer Scroggin

Altrusa special guest



Polly Tyler, CHA, administrator for Haven Hospice in Lake City presented an overview of services provided by Haven Hospice to members of Altrusa International of Live Oak during their meeting of Sept. 12. Haven Hospice has provided services to the surrounding area for the past five years. The basis of their service is to provide the individual compassion, care and comfort whether at the Center or in the patient's home. Tyler also emphasized that we all need to prepare a living will and determine who will be the person you want to take care of your health issues when you are unable to do so on your own. Courtesy photo



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The following couples applied for a marriage license the week of Sept. 9 – 13, 2013:

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The Pregnancy Care Center is revving up for a morning of good family fun and exercise at Live Oak and Lake City as it hosts its Annual Walk4Life on Sept. 28. Live Oak will also have a Sanctioned 5k Run4Life on the same day. Three events in two cities, one great cause.

The Lake City walk is at Olustee Park downtown. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the walk starts at 9 a.m. The Live Oak Walk registration begins at 8 am at the Coliseum and the walk begins at 9 a.m. There is a \$10 minimum for walkers. However, participants are encouraged to get sponsors to help with their fundraising efforts for the Pregnancy Care Center. Sponsor forms can be downloaded at www.friendsofpcc.com.

The 5k Run4Life is at Live Oak only. Registration is at 7 a.m. and the race is at 8 a.m. There is an award ceremony for the runners following the race. The first 100 registrants will receive a free T-shirt and a gift bag. This is a sanctioned, chip-timed race, directed by j7 Sports Events out of Orlando. Runners can register at www.friendsofpcc.com or www.active.com.

The Walk/5kRun4Life allows everyone to walk or run in support of unborn babies and giving them an opportunity for a lifetime. The Pregnancy Care Center is a non-profit organization that supports women and men during an unexpected pregnancy, as well as offering resource support for those parents and babies in need.

Join the Pregnancy Care Center for the Walk/Runs, food and entertainment as well as prizes. Prizes will be awarded to all participants in the Walk and will increase in val-

ue based on money raised individually. The 5K Run4Life's top overall Male and Female performers, as well as 1st and 2nd in each category, male and female will receive medals. Show your support by registering or picking up your Sponsor form at the Pregnancy Care Centers of Lake City and Live Oak. For more information call 386-758-8622 or 386-330-2229 in Live Oak.

Antonio Smith graduates basic training

Army Pvt. Antonio Smith has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet train-

ing, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Smith is the son of Roscoe Smith of Live Oak.

He is a 2010 graduate of Suwannee High School, Live Oak.

Gage Tanner yard sale/fundraiser Oct. 4 & 5

Gage is a fighter! He is our "Little Hero"!

If you would like to donate items for the sale, donate your time to help make this sale successful, or make a cash donation, Gage will be extremely grateful. Items can be dropped off at 9009 129th Lane, Live Oak. Any cash donations can be mailed to Peoples Bank of Pearson, PO Box 839, Pearson, Ga. 31642. Checks should be made payable to Gage Tanner Fund.

Gage was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor (ganglioglioma) on April 13, 2012. After six weeks of proton radiation treatments, there was no change. Gage had pneumonia and a staff infection in November 2012. He fought the fight; thankfully he survived.

On March 28, 2013,

Gage underwent a nine-hour surgery de-bulking the tumor to relieve pressure causing significant head and neck pain. Gage spent 30 days recovering in the hospital. He has been re-admitted multiple times recently with pneumonia as well as other infections. Gage has a feeding tube, he is on oxygen, and he is currently undergoing chemotherapy treatments.

Gage has touched many hearts over the past 18 months. His loving smile brings joy to everyone, and daily prayers are going up around the world for this precious little boy!

Gage is nephew of Marsha Brown, the grandson of Ted & Toni Landen, Bo & Debbie Brown, and Great grandson of Winona Landen all of Live Oak, and David & Patricia Tanner of Pearson.

Sewing group forms in Lake City



sewing education and support for sewing enthusiasts of all skill levels, serving as preservers of the sewing arts in America, promoting community engagement through service projects, sharing sewing arts with new generations and being key participants in both consumer and industry-wide events that promote sewing activity.

Lake City, Fla. – The American Sewing Guild will be having an organizational meeting to form a local sewing group on Thursday, Sept. 12 10 a.m. to noon at the Fabric Art Shop, 4136 W US Highway 90, Lake City. Anyone interested in any aspect of sewing is welcome as a guest.

The American Sewing Guild, Inc. (ASG) is a not-for-profit education based organization, founded in 1978. ASG is comprised of over 140 chapters with over 1,000 community and special interest groups under the chapter umbrella. ASG's over 20,000 members promote the mission to "advance sewing as an art and life skill" by providing a network of

ASG Ocala Chapter serves all of North Central Florida, with neighborhood groups from Leesburg to the Georgia state line. For more information, go to the group's website: www.asgocalachapter.org For information about the Lake City Sewing Group, contact Sue Ruda, 386-364-4290.

Stakeholder Committee to meet Sept. 23 in Lake City

The stakeholder advisory committee of the North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership will meet at 1 p.m. on Sept. 23 at Florida Gateway College, 149 S.E. College Place, Lake City.

The meeting will be held in the Wilson S. Rivers Library and Media Center, Building 200, Room 102. The agenda includes:

- An update and discussion about the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee rivers and springs minimum flows

and levels prevention and recovery strategies

- A briefing and discussion on available water use data
- A briefing and discussion on surface water use
- A discussion and feedback about water conservation strategies

The meeting is open to the public, and there will be an opportunity for public comment.

For more information about the Partnership, visit northfloridawater.com.

OBITUARY



Ruby Poole
May 13, 1928
Sept. 13, 2013

Ruby Poole age 85, of Live Oak, Fla., passed away Friday, Sept. 13, 2013 at Haven Hospice in Lake City, Fla. She was born in Lake Placid, Fla. living most of her life in Live Oak. She retired from North Florida Telephone Company and was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Active in the P.T.A. and various church callings she was also a past president of the Relief Society. She served a church mission in the Fiji Islands as well as a church mission to Charlotte, NC to assist in the cleanup from Hurricane Hugo. Ruby was always quick with a smile and kind words to everyone she met. She dedicated her life to being a wonderful and loving mother and grandmother who will be deeply missed.

She is survived by two sons, Jeffrey Poole, Tallahassee, Fla.; David Poole, Live Oak; two daughters, Jeanie Poole Campbell, Tallahassee, Fla.; Penny Poole Harris, Live Oak; five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Visitation was held Monday, Sept. 16, 2013 from 5-

7 p.m. at the funeral home. Funeral services were held 10 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2013 in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with Bishop Frank Allen officiating. Interment followed in the Live Oak Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers contribution may be made to Bosom Buddies, 13037 97th Rd., Live Oak, Fla. 32060 or Haven Hospice, 6037 Hwy 90 W., Lake City, Fla. 32055.

Please sign the guestbook at www.harrisfuneralhomeinc.net.

Harris Funeral Home & Cremations, Inc., Live Oak, Fla. 386-364-5115 was in charge of all arrangements.

Thursday, Sept. 12, 2013. Daniels Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc., Live Oak & Branford, Fla.

Please sign guest book at www.danielsfuneralhome.com

Dale N. Schutt Sept. 14, 2013

Dale N. Schutt, 69, of Jennings passed away on Sept. 14, 2013 in the North Florida Regional Medical Center, Gainesville, Fla.

Daniels Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. Live Oak & Branford, Fla.

Frank Cooks Sept. 13, 2013

Frank Cooks age 91, passed away Sept. 13, 2013 in Shands Hospital in Live Oak, Fla.

D.M. Udell and sons of D.M. Udell Funeral Home are in charge of all arrangements.

DEATH NOTICES

Earl Summer Sept. 12, 2013

Earl Summers, 80, Live Oak, Fla. passed away on

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The Democrat says!

Where are our commissioners?

Integrated Waste Management Systems Inc. will be holding a town hall meeting on Thursday at 7 p.m. at Live Oak City Hall on White Avenue. This was coordinated by no more than four people, and two of those are the company’s president and consultant. The other two were a county commissioner and a newspaper staffer.

So this begs the question. Where are the other commissioners? Did they not see this as something of importance to get behind, to publicly notify their constituents?

Thanks goes out to Commissioner Ricky Gamble for his foresight to help get the company here to address the county residents. Ricky wanted to make sure, not only his constituents, but all county residents get to share their thoughts with company representatives, and ask questions, if they can be answered.

We understand you know this, the four remaining commissioners, but keep in mind that you were elected by the people you represent to be their voice in local county government. Help give it back.

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OPINION

Student indoctrination



A
MINORITY
VIEW

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BY WALTER WILLIAMS

The new college academic year has begun, and unfortunately, so has student indoctrination. Let’s look at some of it.

William Penn, Michigan State University professor of creative writing, greeted his first day of class with an anti-Republican rant. Campus Reform, a project of the Arlington, Va.-based Leadership Institute, has a video featuring the professor telling his students that Republicans want to prevent “black people” from voting. He added that “this country still is full of closet racists” and described Republicans as “a bunch of dead white people -- or dying white people” (<http://tinyurl.com/lve4te7>). To a student who had apparently displayed displeasure with those comments, Professor Penn barked, “You can frown if you want.” He gesticulated toward the student and added, “You look like you’re frowning. Are you frowning?” When the professor’s conduct was brought to the attention of campus authorities, MSU spokesman Kent Cassella said, “At MSU it is important the classroom environment is conducive to a free exchange of ideas and is respectful of the opinions of others.”

That mealy-mouthed response is typical of university administrators. Professor Penn was using his classroom to proselytize students. That is academic dishonesty and warrants serious disciplinary or dismissal proceedings. But that’s not likely. Professor Penn’s vision is probably shared by his colleagues, seeing as he was the recipient of MSU’s Distinguished Faculty Award in 2003. University of Southern California professor Darryl Sragow shares Penn’s opinion. Last fall, he went on a rant telling his students that Republicans are “stupid and racist” and “the last vestige of angry old white people” (<http://tinyurl.com/185khtk>).

UCLA’s new academic year saw its undergraduate student government fighting for constitutional rights by unanimously passing a resolution calling for the end of the use of the phrase “illegal immigrant.” The resolution states, “The racially derogatory I-word endangers basic human rights including the presumption of innocence and the right to due process guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution.” No doubt some UCLA administrators and professors bereft of thinking skills helped them craft the resolution.

The New York Post (8/25/11) carried a story about a student in training to become dorm supervisor at DePauw University in Indiana. She said: “We were told that ‘human’ was not a suitable identity, but that instead we were first ‘black,’ ‘white,’ or ‘Asian’; ‘male’ or ‘female’; ... ‘heterosexual’ or ‘queer.’ We were forced to act like bigots and spout off stereotypes while

being told that that was what we were really thinking deep down.” At many universities, part of the freshman orientation includes what’s called the “tunnel of oppression.” They are taught the evils of “white privilege” and how they are part of a “rape culture.” Sometimes they are forced to discuss their sexual identities with complete strangers. The New York Post story said: “DePauw is no rare case. At least 96 colleges across the country have run similar ‘tunnel of oppression’ programs in the last few years.”

University officials are aware of this kind of academic dishonesty and indoctrination; university trustees are not. For the most part, trustees are yes men for the president. Legislators and charitable foundations that pour billions into colleges are unaware, as well. Most tragically, parents who pay tens of thousands of dollars for tuition and pile up large debt to send their youngsters off to be educated are unaware of the academic rot, as well.

You ask, “Williams, what can be done?” Students should record classroom professorial propaganda and give it wide distribution over the Internet. I’ve taught for more than 45 years and routinely invited students to record my lectures so they don’t have to be stenographers during class. I have no idea of where those recordings have wound up, but if you find them, you’ll hear zero proselytization or discussion of my political and personal preferences. To use a classroom to propagate one’s personal beliefs is academic dishonesty.

Vladimir Lenin said, “Give me four years to teach the children and the seed I have sown will never be uprooted.” That’s the goal of the leftist teaching agenda.

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GUEST COLUMN

Benghazi anniversary brings little notice - and no justice

Taylor Armerding
CNHI News Service

This past week marked two very sobering anniversaries.

The most important was the 12th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. More than 3,000 innocent Americans lost their lives at the hands of Islamist extremists.

But the other deserves recognition as well: Sept. 11 was also the first anniversary of the terrorist attack on the American diplomatic compound in Benghazi, Libya, in which four Americans were killed, including Ambassador Christopher Stevens.

In terms of scale, the second seems almost trivial. It must also be said that those who enter the Foreign Service and are posted in dangerous corners of the world are volunteering to face the risks involved — much more so than someone simply going to work in Manhattan on a Tuesday morning.

Still, the anniversary of the Benghazi attack should have prompted many more questions from the media than it did, about the continuing lack of accountability from the Obama administration — you know, the one he promised would be the “most transparent in history.”

The day after the attack, the president declared, “We will not waver in our commitment to see that justice is done for this terrible act. And make no mistake, justice will be done.”

But a year later, it seems the mistake is to believe that justice will be done. Nobody has been caught, prosecuted, jailed or killed for participating in the attack.

True, it is not simple to track terrorists down in hostile countries and bring them to justice. But, based on both rhetoric and action, the president seems much more fo-

cused on bringing the government of Bashar al-Assad in Syria to justice than he does the Benghazi attackers.

Yes, it is a moral obscenity for the leader of a nation to slaughter his own people, many of them children. But the American president ought to be at least as concerned about the slaughter of his own countrymen — who died in the line of duty for their country — as he is about victims of a civil war in Syria.

And sadly, the evidence over the past year is that Obama is much more interested in protecting his political flank than in bringing those terrorists to justice.

For several weeks after the attack, his administration peddled the absurd claim that the Benghazi attack began as a spontaneous demonstration against an anti-Muslim video that got out of hand. Indeed, the only arrest made in connection with the attack was of the maker of the video, on unrelated charges.

This, you see, was necessary so the president’s claim that terrorism was on the run in the Middle East would not be undermined during his campaign for reelection.

But even after he was safely reelected, the verbal tap dancing continued.

In late January, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton perhaps thought pounding the table would make her disingenuous testimony in front of a Congressional committee more credible.

“Was it (the attack) because of a protest or was it because of guys out for a walk one night decided to go kill some Americans? What difference at this point does it make? It is our job to figure out what happened and do everything we can to prevent it from ever happening again,” she said.

Well, madam former secretary, the difference is that the only way to “figure out what happened and ... pre-

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Lofton Creek with Mike Miller and Loren Propper to play Sept. 20-21 at SOS Music Park

This rockin' band will delight music lovers and dancers alike

Another big weekend at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music (SOSMP) in Live Oak, Fla. where the newly formed band, Lofton Creek, with renowned musicians Mike Miller and Loren Propper will shake the rafters in the Music Hall and guests can enjoy specials for the weekend.

After a short hiatus from the music world, career musicians Mike Miller and Loren Propper have formed Lofton Creek Band to delight their many music fans! Lofton Creek will perform Friday and Saturday, Sept. 20-21, at the SOSMP Music Hall beginning at the new time of 9 p.m. each night.

Lofton Creek has only been together for a few months but already has played several times at the SOSMP where the reviews are overwhelmingly "Fantastic." The band plays country, Southern rock and a little bit of everything you can

imagine with the expertise of seasoned musicians. Don't forget those dancing shoes as you simply cannot stay in your seat when Lofton Creek is on stage.

Doors to the Music Hall open at 6 p.m. for dinner where you'll find delicious food, a great atmosphere, friendly servers and a full-service bar. Weekend guests may enjoy special pricing that ends Sept. 21 by going to the SOSMP's website at www.musicliveshere.com.

Doors open to the Music Hall at 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday for Ted "Teddy Mac Elvis" McMullen's karaoke with music beginning at 7 p.m. The SOS Café and Restaurant at the SOSMP is open Tuesday through Saturday and now has a daily \$5.95 lunch buffet with dinner available evenings/closed Sunday and Monday.

For more information about the



Lofton Creek Band.

SOSMP, this event, or to make reservations for cabins, RV, camper parking or primitive camping, go to www.musicliveshere.com, email spirit@musicliveshere.com or call 386-364-1683.

The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park is centrally located at 3076 95th Drive 4.5 miles north of Live Oak.

At the library

What the Affordable Care Act means for small businesses

The Small Business Administration and Small Business Majority along with the Suwannee River Regional Library System are excited to announce free weekly webinars on the Affordable Care Act 101. During each presentation, small business owners can learn the basics of the Affordable Care Act and what it means for their company and employees. SBA representatives help small business owners understand the facts of the Affordable Care Act so they can make in-

formed decisions about providing health insurance for their employees.

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- Small business tax credits (available to businesses and tax-exempt non-profits)— who's eligible for them and how to claim them
- Small business marketplace
- Employer shared responsibility

- Cost containment
- Tools and resources available for small businesses interested in learning more about the law

A question and answer period will follow.

The Affordable Care Act 101 takes place on Thursdays from now through the opening of the Healthcare marketplaces in October. Content will generally be the same each week. The website for registration is <http://goo.gl/bJtmym>.

To learn more, call the library at 386-362-2317.

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For more information contact Kathy Mc-

Callister 755-0507 or kmccallister@marchofdimes.com, or Maureen Lloyd at 397-0598. Tickets will go on sale in early September at First Federal Bank (US 90 W and Turner Rd.), Rountree Moore Toyota, Ward's Jewelers, and First Street Music; and in Live Oak at the Suwannee Democrat.

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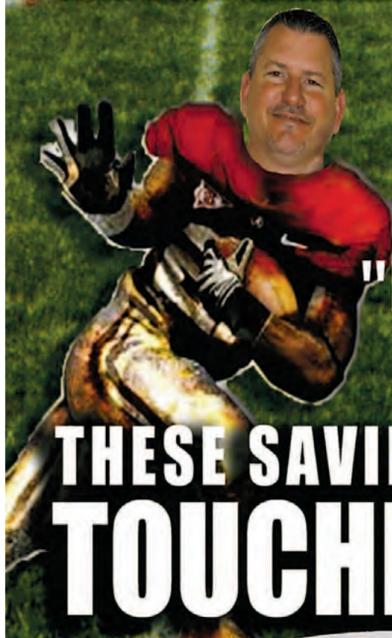
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Skateboard park one step closer

\$5K grant secured from Tony Hawk Foundation. Town will need to match to move forward.



Bill Procko updates the Branford Town Council on the future skateboard park.

Andrew McGee

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The skateboard park in Branford is a step closer to reality after a \$5,000 grant was awarded from the foundation of famous skateboarder, Tony Hawk.

Branford Health and Fitness owner Bill Procko who's been the main organizer for the construction of a new skateboard park adjacent to Hatch Park in Branford, recently applied for the grant from the Tony Hawk Foundation.

"We were awarded a \$5,000 grant and as a contingency, we have to raise \$5,000 and they'll match that," said Procko. "At first I was a little disappointed, but the odds on getting any grant was really slim."

Procko said the Foundation is

flooded with hundreds of requests for grants and only 11 were awarded in the United States, Branford being one of them.

The Foundation's grants ranged from \$5,000 to \$25,000 and Procko said out of the 11, only one park from upstate New York received the \$25,000.

"Just to get the \$5,000 from this town, that he (Tony Hawk) would take notice of this town is amazing," said Procko.

Procko said he is diligently working on raising the \$5,000 needed for the Foundation's match to hit the mark (\$30,000) needed to get Phase 1 underway. He's been out and about approaching businesses to help contribute to a park which he describes, "will be a very good and positive thing."

He said he may have taken care of some of the cement issue as a cement plant may donate what they need initially for Phase 1. Procko said the contractor, Tony Misiano and designer of the park recently returned from Colorado after completing a park there and may have some materials (lumber) left over to go towards the Branford project. He said Misiano is in between projects right now, so the material donation would be extremely welcomed. Procko also said that each phase of the project could stand alone, so if there was a delay in between phases it wouldn't affect the project as a whole.

"It looks like a reality," said Council President Charlie Daniel. "I was beginning to wonder for awhile."

Procko said it was beginning to look good as he was pleased with the progress they were making.

The new skateboard park in Branford will resemble a park (the Del Mar Skate Ranch) that Hawk used to skate when he was just a beginning skater. Since the trim of DMSRs pool was orange and blue and the town of Branford and its school's colors are orange and blue, it seemed obvious.



TOWN HALL

Monthly meeting highlights

- Code enforcement report
- Heritage House
- Christmas activities
- And more

By Andrew McGee

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The Town of Branford held their monthly meeting and after approving the minutes from the last meeting and approving the accounts payable to take care of some bills, council jumped right in to address the items on the agenda.

Code enforcement report

August was a slow, but steady month for the issues at hand. Several property owners were contacted in reference to the upkeep and environmental impact their property was having on adjacent properties.

The property at 308 Carter is now in compliance and soon to be inhabited. Several other properties have been addressed and will be identified in next month's report as they will be monitored for progress.

There is still no response to a request for compliance at the now closed Gathering restaurant.

The property behind Scaff's has been at a standstill on the clean-up from the demolition of the old building and will be addressed again.

There should be a significant progress by the next month's report on the issue of junk vehicles and parts/unregistered vehicles in the residential areas in town.

Recreation report

Branford's Recreation Director Craig Timberlake was present and let council know he had just come from Hatch Park after mowing the fields for the ball players. He spoke of one lock needing likely replacement as it was left open for a long period of time and had become rusty causing it to be extremely difficult to open and to lock back again.

He said the ant problem hasn't been a major issue for awhile at least since softball practice has come to an end, but he did have a run in with a wasp's nest.

"I killed a wasp nest about the size of my face," said Timberlake. "I saw it underneath the score box for field number two."

Apparently when he was hammering to secure some nails by the board, the wasps became a bit active and when he got a closer look, Timberlake saw the huge nest. Timberlake said he also had some folks tell him they had seen wasps periodically coming from that area. He made a request for council to consider putting up a fence to keep vehicles out during the closed park hours. He said it would also help keep out anyone on golf carts wanting to ride around within the park. Timberlake also had to handle a fellow wanting to dump about seven to eight huge bags and the back of his pickup full of trash into the park's dumpster. Timberlake forbade him from doing it and told him he would have to take it up with Town Hall.

"Until you get it straightened with them, if you dump one thing, I'm going to call the sheriff's department because this is for the city and for the park," said Timberlake.

They haven't heard from the man since.

Fire department report

The Branford Fire Department got a new truck that was donated from the Division of Forestry. Fireman Terry Burgess said it was a tactical crash truck which is for fighting structure fires as well as airport fires. It also works well for off road and fighting brush fires.

"It's a great asset. You know, you're talking about a \$40,000 truck," said Burgess. "They gave it to us just on a signature."

They also had two generators loaned to them. Branford Town Council President Charlie Daniel said a licensed electrician would have to do the installation of the generator.

"The power company will have to be involved," said Councilman Matt Burns.

They determined that by code they wouldn't be able to do an "in-house" installation.

Burgess said the calls they've been getting have been primarily inside the city limits. He said normally it's an almost 50-50 (half inside and half outside the city) on fire calls.

Heritage House update

Councilwoman Shirley Clark said they are still working on the museum for visitors to enjoy the local history of Branford.

"I'm getting ready to retire," said Clark. "Maybe around January or February we'll do some advertising about some people coming together and helping."

She explained they were still trying to set up a nice orderly system for people bringing in artifacts, that they just couldn't bring anything in and leave it.

"We have to have some rules," said Clark. "We'll be working on that."

Clerk's report

Town Clerk Donna Hardin wanted to remind council that the Town Clerk Conference held in Sarasota Oct. 6-9 was coming soon. She also mentioned she wanted to take an online course pertaining to her job and said there was enough money in the budget to more than cover it. She said she would have to look into it for the exact amount she would need.

Oak Grove Cemetery updates

Clark was still looking into the matter and said it would take some research and file hunting to determine how to take care of the issue. For some time there has been a question of who was responsible for the upkeep of the older section of the cemetery. Clark said her best bet would be to go through Suwannee County Historian Eric Musgrove to find the information they need. She said she would probably have more on it next month.

Christmas festivities

Pastor Bruce Arnold, whose efforts with Branford Area Inter Church Ministries (BAICM) in organizing dinners, Christmas and Easter festivities among other things, was present to give an update on the Christmas events for Branford this year.

"The festival we planned this year of the 'Keep Christ in Christmas' will be Saturday, Dec. 14," said Arnold.

He said they were inviting vendors to come set up from nine until noon and they would be inviting area talent such as singers, dance schools, bands and other live entertainment to perform throughout the day. He said they gained permission from the First Baptist Church of Branford to use their land and electricity they would need. He also mentioned there would be a parade and wanted to confirm what was permissible for the parade route.

The BAICM had already talked to Suwannee County Sheriff Tony Cameron regarding any safety issues and Cameron assured them the traffic would be taken care of and everything would be safe that day.

Allie Randell wins District Farm Bureau speech contest



Congratulations to Allie Randell for winning the District Farm Bureau speech contest as well as the Suwannee County Farm Bureau speech contest. Tiffany White placed third and Terra Henderson placed fourth. Courtesy photo



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SRWMD Governing Board adopts FY 2013-14 tentative budget

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projects and cost-share programs that benefit the citizens and resources of the District. The tentative budget documents the District's commitment to implement cost efficiencies and enhance existing programs.

The District's tentative budget is \$12.2 million more than last year's budget of \$17.0 million. The increase is due to State appropriations of \$11.0 million for springs protection and restoration. The remainder of the increase is from the District's cost-share programs. Roughly 45 percent of the tentative budget is focused on springs protection and restoration.

To assist in protecting and restoring springs and ensuring a sustainable water supply, the budget allocates funding to reduce nutrient loadings, rehydrate ponds and wetlands, implement aquifer recharge projects, establish dispersed water storage projects, and initiate agricultural water conservation best management practices. These projects improve water quality, increase water supplies, and help maintain spring flows, which are driven by the

amount and level of groundwater in the aquifer systems.

Two key springs protection and restoration initiatives are the Ichetucknee Springshed Water Quality Improvement project and the Middle Suwannee River Restoration and Aquifer Recharge project. The Ichetucknee Springshed Water Quality Improvement project will reduce the City of Lake City's wastewater nutrient loadings to the Ichetucknee River by an estimated 85 percent. The City's wastewater sprayfield will be converted into wetlands that will provide additional treatment to reduce nitrogen loading and improve water quality in the Ichetucknee River and Springs.

The Middle Suwannee River Restoration and Aquifer Recharge project will rehydrate roughly 4,000 acres of wetlands and 1,500 acres of ponds, recharge the aquifer, and increase groundwater supplies in the region. Recharging the aquifer will benefit numerous springs along the Middle Suwannee River, including Troy Spring, July Spring, Little River Spring, and Pot Hole Spring. Also,

recharging the aquifer will increase groundwater supplies that will help both agriculture and domestic water users throughout the area.

The budget also includes State funding for minimum flows and levels program, water quality improvement projects, and management and natural system protection activities. Federal funding is included in the budget for the Risk Map program to provide quality data that increases public awareness to reduce future flooding vulnerability.

Other program highlights include continuation of:

- Minimum Flows and Levels (MFLs) program
- North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership
- Suwannee River Partnership
- Agricultural Team
- Santa Fe and Suwannee River nutrient reduction and irrigation retrofit program
- Data collection, management, monitoring, and analysis

A copy of the tentative budget is posted on the District's Business and Financial webpage at www.my-suwannee-river.com.

The final budget and

millage rate will be adopted at a second public hearing on Sept. 24 at 5:30 p.m. at the District's headquarters at the corner of

US 90 and CR 49 in Live Oak. A Governing Board meeting and workshop will precede the budget hearing, beginning at 3

p.m. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. For more information call 800.226.1066 (FL only) or 386.362.1001.

Suwannee CI holds tour

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and the Annex gained inmates in September 2010. The facility houses adults in close, medium, minimum and community supervision levels.

The facility sits on 321 acres off US 90 East. The capacity includes the Main Unit which houses 1,505 inmates, the Annex which holds 1,346 inmates and the Work Camp which has 432 and totals 3,283 inmates. As of Sept. 11, there were 182 inmates serving life sentences (true life) in the Annex with 125 lifers in the Main Unit.

"Y'all have the best facility in your own backyard," said SCI Warden Chris Landrum.

Landrum welcomed everyone and commented on how the visitor numbers have grown over the last time they had such a tour. There were about 70 in attendance, including some from state, county and city government, Suwannee Branch of the NAACP, ministries, law enforcement officials and media. After a short bus tour around the perimeter of the complex, the visitors were guided through various structures such as the Annex and the educational and training area.

Landrum said another reason they conduct tours is to be transparent, not to hide anything. For an example, he said earlier that morning before the visitors arrived, there was a fight involving two gang members with one receiving non-life threatening injuries after being cut. Landrum thought it best to be open and honest about the incident and show order was quickly restored.

Landrum said he remembered the strong opposition many in Suwannee County had about the facility being built, but through hard work and SCI's efforts, they have and are still showing the contributions it's made to the county. Some of their community involvement includes the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, Re-

lay for Life, Guardian ad

Litem and Christmas Trees for Children, to name a few. There are also five public works squads currently serving Suwannee County and one special project squad that comes from SCI. The special squad provides community services in the form of maintenance and restoration projects in the various communities of Suwannee County through inmate labor at a significant cost savings to the county. Landrum said he was proud of his staff and their continued efforts in turning inmate's lives around.

"We have an outstanding staff and a Christian-based staff," said Landrum.

He said it's their ministry to re-introduce the inmate population into the workforce and to be productive citizens in society.

SCI has graduated more than 116 inmates through the GED program this fiscal year and 132 have passed the pre-GED. Additionally, SCI is home to two vocational programs. One is a plumbing course with four levels of mastery which certifies inmates with a marketable trade, the other is PC support services which teaches students computer networking, various software programs, hardware component literacy, and computer programming. Some additional re-entry based programs include:

- IFAS (Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences) sponsored training
- English Speaking for Other Languages
- A.A./N.A.
- Life Skills program
- 100 hour Transition Pro-

Williams named CRA director

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that forever positively changed the fate of communities, I have a billion dollar track record of success, and am more than qualified to support the CRA board as CRA Director," Williams said in his resume.

According to Williams, while with Daniel Williams and Sons, Inc. Williams was the vice president of operations and managed real estate re-positioning for main base operations. He supervised three direct reports and 75 seasonal employees and managed component categories of a two million dollar annual budget.

As CEO of Webster Williams and Son Inc., Williams developed real estate landlord relationship participation and leasing program, which resulted in the business doubling in

size. He supervised the design and building of the company's second facility as part of his many successes.

Williams obtained a GED in March of 1986 and eventually attended Gold Coast School of Real Estate to obtain a license as a real estate associate in 1999.

Of the three applicants selected for interviews, Lisa Kiernan of Jacksonville was selected as the top applicant by the CRA board. However, Kiernan, who has a master's in community economic development, turned down a \$45,000 a year with a possible \$5,000 discretionary bonus offer, citing the pay scale as her reasons. Williams' salary will be \$40,000 per year, with a possible \$5,000 discretionary bonus.

Ronald Vanzant of Lawtey was also interviewed for the position.

Helvenston, Railroad soon to be 4-way stop

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crosses the right-of-way, which could potentially be a safety concern, according to Whitman.

Whitman said the stop signs are in and will be installed this week, but will be covered for now.

A message board will

also be placed at the site temporarily to inform travelers of the change.

Helvenston Street is a road that is in the city limits but is maintained by the county.

"I have spoken with the county and they have no objections," Whitman said.

NAACP announces intent to file complaint on LOPD

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In the letter dated Sept. 10, the NAACP stated, "We are increasingly concerned that the discriminatory employment policies of the Live Oak Police Department have led to discriminatory policing in minority neighborhoods, and are undermining public safety for citizens throughout this community."

The NAACP claimed in the letter they had previous conversations with Williams concerning the lack of African Americans employed by the LOPD. Williams allegedly told them he had two openings in the department.

"You (Williams) told us that African American applicants have applied for employment in the past, but that none of them met your requirements and standards. We have come to believe that these negative opinions about African American applicants are part of a pervasive and ongoing pattern of discriminatory hiring policies," the

NAACP said.

The NAACP said they're receiving reports from citizens regarding the way Live Oak police officers handle problems in African American communities.

"The usual pattern is that the officers show up, take note of the situation, and respond that there is nothing they can do," the NAACP said. "These reports reflect a pervasive and ongoing pattern of under-enforcement and under-investigation in minority neighborhoods."

"Across the nation and around the state crime rates have dropped significantly over the past five years. The trend is consistent everywhere except here in the city of Live Oak," the letter stated.

The NAACP believes that a lack of minorities at the LOPD has minimized the public's safety.

"We believe that a lack of diversity on the Live Oak police force has compromised the effectiveness of law enforcement and the safety of all citizens, as re-

flected in these rising crime rates," the NAACP said.

According to the NAACP, research by the Department of Justice shows that "a diverse law enforcement agency can better develop relationships with the community it serves, promote trust in the fairness of law enforcement, and facilitate effective policing by encouraging citizen support and cooperation."

"It is the intention of the Suwannee County Branch of the NAACP to file a complaint highlighting these concerns with the United States Department of Justice, Office of Civil Rights. We will not stand idly by and accept any of the above problems as standard procedures."

At the Live Oak City Council meeting Tuesday night, Sept. 10, Williams and the council agreed to sit down with NAACP officials in a committee meeting. The date has not been set.

Williams did not wish to comment at this time.

Benghazi anniversary brings little notice - and no justice

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vent it from every happening again" is to own up to what actually happened in the first place, which is that it was a premeditated terrorist attack featuring the use of heavy weapons on a compound that remained poorly defended after some significant warning signs.

It took a non-U.S. news agency, Reuters, to report that Ansar al-Sharia, the branch of al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, had within hours claimed responsibility for the attack.

Yet, all year, the diversions and thuggish attacks on anyone who countered the approved story line continued. In May, the testimony of three State Department veterans shredded that story line. One of them, former deputy chief of mission Gregory N. Hicks, was demoted to a desk job after he spoke with House investigators and testified that the anti-Muslim video was a "non-

event" in Libya. And, surprise, surprise, he was smeared by anonymous State Department sources who told the blog ThinkProgress he was a "disaster as a manager" and said to the magazine Foreign Policy he was "a classic case of an underachiever who whines when big breaks don't come his way."

White House Press Secretary Jay Carney tried to dismiss any questions about it by calling it old news.

And, of course, the president himself complained in July that critics investigating the attack were focused on "phony scandals."

What was that about not wavering in pursuit of bringing to justice those who had committed such a terrible act? Bring on Emily Litella: Never mind.

Meanwhile, CNN reported recently that some CIA operatives on the ground at the time are being poly-

graphed monthly to make sure they don't leak any information about what actually happened.

Patricia Smith, mother of Sean Smith, an information officer who was among those killed in the attack, spoke this past week on Fox News for all those who believed the president when he vowed to see that justice was done. "It's hard. I never expected this from my government. All they have to do is tell me the truth," she said.

Yes, it is hard, but she should not be surprised. Telling the truth has regularly been much too difficult for this administration.

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3 injured in Friday wreck

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Impala on US 129 in the inside lane. Hagin turned left in an attempt to travel onto 70th Street and traveled into the direct path of the Impala. Hughes' vehicle struck the front of Hagin's Matrix.

Both drivers were transported to Shands Live Oak Regional Medical Center for treatment. Hagin's passenger, Takoda Hagin, 11, sustained injuries and was also transported to Shands Live Oak Regional Medical Center. Mary Hagin's second passenger, Mason Hagin, 37, was not injured.

Mary Hagin was charged with failure to yield right of way to oncoming traffic. Hughes was charged for not wearing a seatbelt.

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Cortney Flowers, Homeless Advocate for Suwannee County Schools (back left), helped Dacier Manor residents prepare backpacks for Suwannee County's homeless children.

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Dacier Manor residents took advantage of Florida's tax-free weekend, Aug. 2-4, in order to give back to the community. Not everyone in Suwannee County has a warm, comfortable, permanent place to live like these happy residents at Advent Christian Village's assisted living facility do. In preparation for the new school year in Suwannee County, the residents, assisted by Dacier Manor staff, purchased school supplies for homeless children in Suwannee County.

Cortney Flowers, Homeless Advocate for Suwannee County Schools, attended the packing event at Dacier Manor on Aug. 15, where the residents filled backpacks with the school supplies they purchased. Flowers commended the residents on their desire to support the homeless in Suwannee County, particularly the children who cannot help the situation in which their families have been placed.

"[The residents] feel like they can't do anything to help," says Dacier Manor Director Beth Smith, "so when they can do something and see the effect of it and how it can help, they are almost bursting with pleasure. They love helping people. The still have something to offer."

The residents and staff enjoyed filling the bright backpacks with items such as notebooks, pens, pencils, crayons and facial tissue.

Dacier Manor keeps as many things on the schedule as it can for its residents to keep their minds and bodies active. The beginning of this month, the Manor celebrated National Assisted Living Week with cookouts and other events. A favorite from the week was a pet rock activity they enjoyed with the children of ACV's Wee Care day-care facility.

"It always makes the residents feel better when there are



Eileen Peterson (left) and Loraine Jones hold two of the backpacks they helped fill with school supplies to give to homeless children in Suwannee County.

children around," Beth remarks. "Some have grandchildren and some do not, so any time children can come in, [the residents] just light up."



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When considering our own history, most Americans—even teachers—will mention Christopher Columbus and then skip over to the pilgrims' landing at Plymouth Rock in 1620. If they really enjoy American history, they may

mention the settling of Jamestown in what would become Virginia. Very few Americans consider the events which took place between Columbus and the pilgrims to be important American history, despite the many years of activity which was taking place in Florida during the 1500s.

The Florida Humanities Council is trying to change that perception. Along with their efforts in literature, language, history and culture education; along with teaching teachers Florida history, sponsoring educational trips abroad and providing education grants; the Florida Humanities Council has developed Viva Florida 500, a commemoration of 500 years of Florida history.

Florida Humanities representative Andrew McLeod visited Advent Christian Village Tuesday, Aug. 20, to introduce ACV's members and staff to Viva Florida 500 and to give them a quick overview of Florida's early history.

Five hundred years ago, in 1513, Juan Ponce de León landed on the east coast of Florida and de-



Andrew McLeod, a representative of the Florida Humanities Council, presented to a very interested crowd at Advent Christian Village Viva Florida 500, a commemoration of Florida's 500-year history.

clared his discovery "La Florida." While the Spanish navigator did not stay in Florida long enough to colonize any area himself, other explorers followed him, and, in 1565, Pedro Menéndez de Avilés established the first permanent European settlement, St. Augustine, which is now the continental United States' oldest continually inhabited settlement.

Throughout the 1500s, after Ponce de León proved Florida was someplace desirable, explorers began

traversing Florida's wild landscape, creating routes which were eventually punctuated by missions. Pensacola became Florida's eastern city of note and travel between Pensacola and St. Augustine took early Floridians through Suwannee County and over the Suwannee River.

To give his audience an idea of how early Florida history began in relation to other notable events,

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Community Currents

The hopefulness of Alzheimer's

By Judith Crager, RN

The mere mention of Alzheimer's disease (AD) elicits feelings of dread in those aware of the damage and loss it can inflict on its victims and their families. Words such as hopeless, helpless and senseless are often used to describe the condition. Over time, Alzheimer's affects every aspect of daily life, forcing changes in relationship roles and responsibilities, unsettling plans for the future, inflicting financial hardship and compelling those faced with its consequences onto an emotional roller coaster ride that can seemingly last a lifetime.

Is there any chance of something hopeful arising from such a frightening diagnosis? While it is natural to become focused on the losses that will inevitably stem from the damage done as Alzheimer's wreaks havoc on the brain, let me suggest on a positive note that there is still life to be lived and joy to be had even after AD puts its ugly footprint into someone's brain.

In their book, *The Art of Dementia Care*, Daniel Kuhn and Jane Verity quote A.R. Luria, "... a man does not consist of memory alone. He has feelings, will,

sensibilities, is a moral being ... and it is here that you can find a way to touch him. In the realm of the individual, there is much that you can do." Making a connection with anyone regardless of their ability to remember can be a very rewarding and enjoyable experience for both parties so engaged. Who hasn't interacted with an infant by touching their cheek or making silly sounds to elicit a smile? Do you think the infant will remember? Would that stop you from repeating your actions again the next time you see a child?

In our dementia specialty care unit at Good Samaritan Center, we have more than 50 residents who have a diagnosis of dementia, many of those with Alzheimer's. For them, every day is a brand new experience. They no longer remain bogged down with the everyday cares that once burdened them; many enjoy things they may never have tried before. Some may be having a joyful experience with their neighbors, occupied with an activity; others may be eating a delicious snack; and yet more residents may be joining a hymn fest, singing the

words to beloved songs we thought they had forgotten.

If you doubt that people with AD can benefit from trips to the local pizza joint, tram rides through nature, parties with refreshments, and frequent visits by family and friends—just look at their faces. Their smiles say what they may not be able to put into words. Observe love in action as a spouse comes to feed his wife three meals a day every day or another spouse comes to take her loved one for a long, daily walk, or another who just spends several hours each day sitting with his wife holding her hand. Watch a restless resident who no longer speaks become calm when family comes to visit. Though unable to call their loved one by name, their sense of comfort is palpable.

There is no getting around the facts of AD. It is a devastating disease in so many ways. The great thing is to not get so caught up in the loss and devastation that you forget to continue living life or to help your loved one live life to the full. Critics may say, "What's the point? Why does it matter? They won't remember anyway." The

point is that, for that moment, on that day, with those people, that person experienced a laugh, tasted something delicious, felt a sense of belonging, felt loved and valuable, enjoyed listening to music or singing a song, gave a hug to a loved one, or received a loving touch or a kiss on the cheek. Those are all important life experiences and all things that as humans we can enjoy regardless of our ability to remember. Do you need to eat today even if you won't remember tomorrow what you ate? Do you enjoy a song even if you can't remember the name of the tune? Do you enjoy looking at the colors of the sunset even if you don't understand how or why those colors appear? Persons with dementia have all the same desires and needs as those without AD, and with a little help can continue to have valuable, meaningful and hopeful lives.

There is a song entitled, "I'm Still Here," written for the DVD project, *Be with Me Today*, featuring a lecture by Richard Taylor, Ph.D. Taylor was diagnosed at age 58 with early stage Alzheimer's disease. Craig Benelli, the song-

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writer, begins the song with "My world today is not the same as it was yesterday, but I'm still here." I pray that we can all find solace, joy and hopefulness in the simple fact that our loved ones with AD are still here.

About the Author:
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Avoid falls by achieving a balanced life

By Anita Jackson, Director of Rehab Services

Good balance is the ability to control your body's position whether you are walking, rising from a chair, climbing stairs or bending over. Anyone with balance challenges is at risk of falling when performing these activities, but older adults age 65 and older are especially prone. Balance problems are among the most common reasons older adults seek help from a physician or therapist.

Your ability to balance requires the coordination of many body mechanisms: visual abilities, vestibular abilities (which encompass parts of the inner ear and brain), sensory abilities, and the body's musculoskeletal system. A breakdown in any of these components can alter your sense of balance and increase the likelihood of a fall. Another change that often affects older adults is that their posture may begin to degrade, leading to a change in their center of gravity and contributing to imbalance in their gait. Older adults who suffer from lower extremity weakness or a loss of flexibility can also be at a greater risk of falling due

to imbalance.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one out of three adults age 65 and older falls each year, but less than half talk to their healthcare providers about it. Also among older adults, falls are the leading cause of injury death and the most common cause of nonfatal injuries and hospital admissions for trauma. Many people who fall, even if they are not injured, develop a fear of falling. This fear may cause them to limit their activities, leading to reduced mobility and a loss of physical fitness, increasing their actual risk of falling.

Those experiencing problems with their balance can get help. There are now proven treatments designed to address balance issues.

The Rehab Center at Advent Christian Village now offers the Biodex Balance System SD. This system has been expertly designed with the latest computerized technology to target a patient's specific risk factors and to create an individualized program tailored to recondition a variety of problems. The Biodex Balance System



Under the direction of Therapist Leslie Mobley (right), Charlotte Manuel uses ACV's new Biodex Balance System. According to the CDC, falls are the leading cause of injury death among adults 65 or older. The Biodex's function is to recognize and reduce a patient's fall risk.

has balance assessment capabilities to identify persons with possible underlying visual, vestibular and sensory conditions. In addition, the system provides strengthening exercises that focus on the lower extremities and the muscles that are necessary to maintain good posture and a balanced gait.

Good balance is an extremely important skill, no matter your age, but it is especially important for

older adults needing to perform functional activities of daily living and wishing to remain independent. If you or a loved one is at risk, get help right away.

Editor's Note: The Biodex Balance System SD at ACV was made possible by a gift from the estate of Village member Kathryn Harkin. ACV is most appreciative of this generous gift that has such a positive impact on so many lives.

Viva Florida

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McLeod presented a timeline showing that Italian explorer Christopher Columbus sailed from Spain in search of a new route to China in 1492, Juan Ponce de León landed in "La Florida" in 1513, playwright William Shakespeare was born and artist Michelangelo da Vinci died in 1564, St. Augustine was founded in 1565,

Jamestown was settled in 1607, and the pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock in 1620 (over 100 years later than Ponce de León discovered and named Florida).

Many Florida residents don't know Florida history, said McLeod, because a lot of Florida's population is made up of "transplants." Most Floridians grow up in other states or countries and move to Florida for

work or to retire. They know the history of the place where they grew up, but not Florida's history.

This year, the Florida Humanities Council has been working hard to spread the word about Florida's long history and to commemorate this milestone of a 500-year anniversary, which is very unique in American history. Events have been occurring all year and will continue to

occur over the next couple years as the 450th anniversary of St. Augustine's settlement will be celebrated in 2015, continuing the Florida history commemoration.

Please visit the Viva Florida 500 website at www.vivafloida.org to learn more about Florida history and the Florida Humanities Council, and to see what commemoration events are coming up.

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Large crowd enjoys open house at National Guard

By Bryant Thigpen

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The 868th Engineer Company, previously known as the 269th, of the US National Guard held their inaugural Community Awareness Open House on Saturday, Sept. 7 at the Live Oak National Guard Armory. Friends and family who attended the event enjoyed several weapon displays and activ-

ities. Those in attendance also enjoyed a meet-and-greet and autograph session with WWE superstar Kofi Kingston.

"We wanted to take this opportunity to reach out to our local community and thank them for the encouragement they've provided our citizen-soldiers and families throughout the years," said Cpt. En. FLARNG Jorge Iтурralde. "The public support and sentiment we consistently receive

from our neighbors in the City of Live Oak, Suwannee and surrounding counties, is truly remarkable."

The unit is located at 1416 SW 11th Street in Live Oak. Anyone interested in learning more about career opportunities with the 868th Engineer Company and the Florida Army National Guard can contact Staff Sergeant Amanda Nessmith at (386) 438-3968.

"We're always looking for motivated and driven personnel to become part of our organizational team and extended family. The personal and professional foundation the military has provided me has been priceless for both me and my family and I would encourage anyone seeking continued opportunities for enhanced career growth and development to consider the Florida Army National Guard as an option."



868th Engineer Company with WWE Superstar Kofi Kingston.



Amanda NesSmith is pictured talking with guests at the Open House event.



Major General Don Tyre, Cpt. Butler Strain, 1 Lt. Sarah Cox, SSG. Steven McCray take a moment to look at historical pictures.



Amanda NesSmith talks with local residents about the National Guard while giving out free gifts.



Sgt. Jonathon Douglas demonstrates how the weapon works and when it is used during combat.



Rachel Keen, lead teller at VyStar Credit Union greeted visitors with a friendly smile.



The American Legions showed their support for the troops on Saturday. Pictured left to right: Harry Gray III, Paul Schmitz, Carmen Sands, Donald Urwiller, Ben Clay and Lynda Numikowski.



PV2 Carrie Korschewitz, PFC Jeffery Collins, PV2 Zachary Dahl, left to right, welcomed guests to the National Guard Armory.



Troops and fans enjoyed a special appearance by WWE Superstar Kofi Kingston. Pictured left to right: SSG. John Phillips, SSG. Amanda Nessmith, SSG. David Jones, Kofi Kingston, SSG. Hank Spitzer, SFC Thomas Graff. Photos: Bryant Thigpen

SRWMD to hold statewide environmental resource permitting rule workshops on Sept. 25

The Suwannee River Water Management District (District) will hold two public workshops on Sept. 25 to explain changes to the District's Environmental Resource Permitting (ERP) program as a result of the statewide rule changes that will go into effect Oct. 1.

A workshop will be held at 3 p.m. for engineers, permitting departments, building inspectors, and other government regulators. A second workshop will be held at 6 p.m. for the general public. Both meetings will take place at District Headquarters, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak.

The rule changes will provide procedural consistency between the five water management districts and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Currently, among DEP and the water management districts, at

least five different versions of ERP rules are in place statewide.

The statewide changes will reduce the number and complexity of the rules and provide consistency in the

ERP regulatory process but will not compromise environmental protection. In addition, the statewide consistency rules will establish uniform applications, improve predictabil-

ity, and streamline the permitting process. The changes to be implemented will not alter existing

water quality, quantity or environmental standards. For more information about the workshops,

please contact Leroy Marshall at 386.362.1001 or 800.226.1066 (FL toll free).

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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09/10/13.....	22.01	09/14/13.....	19.97
09/11/13.....	21.45	09/15/13.....	19.51
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UN INFORME A LOS PADRES
Informe Escolar de rendición de cuentas públicas (SPAR)
Junta Directiva 4.01 establece el Plan de progresión estudiantil de las escuelas del distrito Suwannee. El plan es integral y en parte se refiere a las normas de rendimiento estudiantil, promoción, requerimientos de retención y graduación. El Plan de progresión del estudiante está disponible para revisión en la oficina del distrito y en cada sitio de la escuela. Promoción del estudiante se basa en la evaluación del rendimiento de los alumnos en términos de objetivos instruccionales apropiados. Colocación de grado es categorizado K-5, 6-8 y 9-12.
K-5 colocación está determinada por el logro de las expectativas de nivel de grado del estudiante. Retención obligatoria se ejerce en grado 3 si leyendo la competencia no es de nivel 2 o superior. Los estudiantes pueden ser exentos de retención grado 3 con razones "buena causa" especificados.
6-8 colocación está determinada por el logro estudiantil o las expectativas de nivel de grado. El director tiene la aprobación final basada en la evaluación del desempeño del estudiante. Se recomienda la retención si el estudiante reprobaba dos o más asignaturas de base. Para los estudiantes que ingresan a sexto grado en curso 2009-10, cierta terminaciones curso requeño son necesarias para entrar en 9^o. Deben haber 12 cursos completado en temas requeridos.
9-12 colocación se basa en promociones regulares que ocurren al final del año escolar y que dependen de los créditos obtenidos. Consulte la tabla siguiente.

9 ^o Grado	Promovido desde el octavo grado.
10 ^o Grado	Estudiante debe haber obtenido cinco 5 créditos.
11 ^o Grado	Estudiante debe haber obtenido once 11 créditos.
Grado 12	Estudiante debe haber obtenido 17 17 créditos.

Estudiantes con calificaciones en nivel 1 y nivel 2 en la parte de lectura de la Florida Prueba de evaluación integral (FCAT)
La siguiente tabla muestra resultados FCAT de lectura para todos los estudiantes (todos los grupos de currículo) probados durante la administración del FCAT en el distrito de 2013.

Nivel de grado	Número total de pruebas	Número de puntuación en el nivel 1	Puntuación en el nivel 1 por ciento	Número de puntuación en el nivel 2	Puntuación en el nivel 2 por ciento	Número de calificaciones en los niveles 1 y 2	Anotando en los niveles 1 y 2 por ciento
3	455	91	20%	109	24%	200	44%
4	403	64	16%	129	32%	193	48%
5	412	82	20%	111	27%	193	47%
6	458	119	26%	115	25%	234	51%
7	444	107	24%	111	25%	217	49%
8	478	110	23%	158	33%	268	56%
9	471	118	25%	127	27%	245	52%
10	359	162	45%	86	24%	248	69%

Estudiantes retenidos (no promovido) en los grados 3 a 10. En la siguiente tabla muestra el número y porcentaje de estudiantes retenidos por grado, para todos los estudiantes en los grados 3 a 10 en el distrito de.

Grado	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Número retenido	26	3	1	1	7	6	50	31
Membresía de fin de año *	453	426	411	451	470	455	449	358
% Retenido	5.7	7	2	22	1.4	1.3	11.1	8.6

*. Membresía de fin de año es el recuento de todos los estudiantes que están insorntos al final del año y para quienes es necesario y reportó una decisión sobre el estado de la promoción.
Número de alumnos promovidos por buena causa, por categoría de exención
Esta tabla muestra el número de alumnos de tercer grado que estaban exentos del requisito de la FCAT de lectura y promovido por buena causa al final del año escolar 2012-2013.

Estudiantes ELL/LEP con menos de 2 años en ESOL	Estudiantes con discapacidades (S/VD) no testado en FCAT por IEP	Estudiantes pasan la evaluación alternativa	Estudiantes demostrando competencia a través de cartera	S/VD retenida una vez con 2 años de remediación	Estudiantes retenidos dos veces con 2 o más años de remediación	Total promovido con buena causa
1	18	15	9	37	3	83

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to learn more about local law enforcement and the criminal justice system up close and personal, plus much, much more.

There is a \$20 registration fee payable upon application. Pick up an application at the LOPD.

For further information, contact Erica Elliott at 386-362-7466.

Submit your application soon. Space is limited.

St. Luke's Rainbow's End Yard Sale

On Friday afternoon and Saturday, Sept. 27-28, St. Luke's will hold a special sale of items from Rainbow's End art supply and frame store. Owner Linda Deater left these items to the church with the goal of helping the poor. There are unusual furnishings, deco-

orative art objects, clothes, books, and nick-knacks.

The sale will be at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 1391 SW 11th St., from 12 to 5:30 p.m. on Friday and from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

For more information call 386-362-6926.

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

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Live Oak Walk4Life - Suwannee Coliseum
 • Walk - Registration 8:00 a.m.
 • Walk - 9:00 a.m.

Live Oak 5K Run4Life - Suwannee Coliseum
 • 5K Run - Registration 7:00 a.m.
 • 5K Run - 8:00 a.m.
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The Suwannee County Branch Of The NAACP Will Host Its Annual Freedom Fund Luncheon Saturday September 21, 2013 From 12 Noon - 2 PM At The Triumph Church Fellowship. The Hall Is Located At 410 Taylor Avenue. The Theme For The Luncheon Is "WE WILL NOT BE MOVED" In Honor Of Harry T. And Harriet V. Moore, Both were Killed In Mims Florida When a Bomb Exploded Under Their Home. Harry T. Moore Was Born In Houston Florida In Suwannee County November 18, 1905.

The Speaker For This Event Will Be Mr. Dale Landry, Vice President And Criminal Justice Committee Chairperson For The Florida Conference Of NAACP Branches.

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Football

Suwannee takes win in overtime



Aaron McAllister runs the ball for Suwannee. - Photos: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

By Bryant Thigpen
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Those who enjoy football under the lights were not disappointed with Friday night's thriller in a conference matchup between the Suwannee County Bulldogs (2-0, 1-0 in district) and the Santa Fe Raiders (2-1). For the first time in many years, Suwannee County is 2-0 thus far in the season.

First quarter

Suwannee County got the ball to begin the contest. Aaron McAllister brought the ball out to their own 28-yard line on the kickoff return. A five yard penalty on the 'Dogs moved the ball back. A deep pass by quarterback Steven Anderson was intercepted by the Raiders, and they got the ball at their own 44-yard line. The Bulldogs' defense held the

Raiders to a four-and-out, and a quarterback sack on fourth down gave the Bulldogs the ball back at their own 48-yard line. On third down, Suwannee was able to run for a first down, however, they fumbled the ball, giving it back to the Raiders.

With 4:23 left to go, the Bulldogs got the ball and started driving it down the field. Starting at their own 21-yard line, a false start penalty moved them back to the 16-yard line.

Suwannee County turned the ball over twice in the first quarter. Both teams were held scoreless.

Second quarter

Running backs Denzel Washington and Jai Kinsey made some big plays that got the team into the red zone, but their

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Denzel Washington takes the ball downfield while a Santa Fe Raider rides his shirt tail.

Coach Frankie Allen

2013 Suwannee High School Athletic Hall of Fame inductee

Submitted

Coach Frankie Allen made her coaching debut at Suwannee High School in 1992. For 13 years she coached over

100 softball games and clocked hundreds of hours coaching on the deck of Live Oak's city pool.

Ila Frances "Frankie" Evans was born in

Lafayette County in 1951. She and her family moved to Live Oak in 1961 where she attended Nettie Baisden Elemen-

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Football

Bucs dominate the Eagles



A Branford Buccaneer barrels through some Oak Hall Eagles.



Friday night action in Branford. - Photos: Andrew McGee

By Andrew McGee
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The Branford High School Buccaneers dominated the Oak Hall Eagles of Gainesville Friday night ending with an impressive final score of 51-13.

Immediately after the Eagles opening kick off to the Bucs and just 20 seconds into the game, Branford's Alec Burt made a 57-yard run touchdown. After Jose Baron kicked the extra point the score was 7-0. The Eagles then had

possession at their 21-yard line. First down the Eagles picked up a couple of yards, but second down they fumbled and the Bucs re-gained possession. The Bucs received a penalty of five

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SHS Athletic Hall of Fame inductees



The 2013 Suwannee High School Athletic Hall of Fame inductees are former SHS Football Coach Mike Pittman, left, and current coach of many SHS sports, Frankie Allen. The two were inducted as part of a special ceremony during halftime of the Suwannee vs Santa Fe game Friday night. Congratulations to the inductees.

- Photo: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

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drive ended with a field goal attempt that was blocked less than a minute into the second quarter.

The Bulldogs' defense held the Raiders to four-and-out, and Suwannee got the ball with 9:36 left in the quarter. On third and long, Anderson completed a pass to Wide receiver Daquez Strickland for a first down to keep the drive moving. A fumbled snap was recovered by the 'Dogs and gained about eight yards on the play. Suwannee ended their drive to the red zone when a pass to a Bulldog bounced from his hands into the air and was intercepted by a player from the visiting team. The Raiders carried the ball into the end zone for a quick touchdown with 3:36 left to go. Santa Fe attempted a two-point conversion, but it failed. The touchdown put Santa Fe up 6-0.

Running back Justin Martin made two big carries that gave Suwannee a first down, but a deep pass landed in the hands of the visiting team. This would have been the fourth turnover of the game, but a 15-yard penalty on the Raiders put the ball back in Suwannee's possession.

With just a few seconds left before halftime, the Bulldogs fell short of putting points on the board.

Third quarter



Casey Reaves (9) goes in for the tackle. - Photos: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

Santa Fe got the ball to start the second half, but the third quarter proved to be a battle of the defenses.

A penalty moved the Raiders back to their own 15-yard line. The ball fell into the hands of a Bulldog, however, it bounced from his hands into the hands of the Raiders and they were able to convert for a first down. The Bulldogs' defense held the Raiders to several plays with tackles for loss, and forced them to punt the ball.

Suwannee went four-and-out on their possession. With 5:25 left to go, the Raiders were forced to punt the ball.

Both teams were unable to score in the third quarter.

Fourth quarter

The Bulldogs struggled to get their offense going until late in the fourth quarter.

Santa Fe had the ball and made short gains. The Raiders' drive was plagued with penalties, which resulted in the visiting team punting the ball. With 1:18 left on the clock, the Raiders fumbled the snap, and the Bulldogs picked the ball up and carried it into the end zone for six points. The extra point attempt was blocked, and the score was tied at 6-6.

Overtime

Santa Fe got the ball at the 10 yard line to begin in over-

time. On their first play, the Bulldogs held them for a loss of yards. Two short runs put the visiting team near the goal line, but they were unable to convert on fourth down.

Suwannee then got the ball at the 10. A run by Anderson put the Bulldogs at the five yard line. The 'Dogs then walked the ball into the end zone for a touchdown, making the final score 12-6.

Suwannee County travels to Citra Friday night to take on North Marion High School at 7 p.m.

"We're very excited about the start our football team has gotten off to, and town of Live Oak should be as well. It's simply a testament to the work these coaches and players have put in during the off-season, especially in the weight room," said SHS Athletic Director Hunter Abercrombie. "Being here day in and day out, you can see the strides that have been made. Obviously, it's been a while since we've been 2-0 to start the year, and the kids have accomplished that without playing their best football, so I certainly think the best is yet to come. While it's still early, I'm very proud of the program and the direction I believe we're headed."

According to Maxpreps, 2007 was the last season Suwannee started the season 2-0. That year, they went on to achieve a 5-4 record. This is only the second time since 2004 SHS has achieved a 2-0 record.



Sara Hinton in action during halftime.

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SPORTS

Bucs dominate the Eagles

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yards for delay of game, but were able to get six yards on the play. It was second and four near the 10-yard line. They made it to the five yard line making it first and goal. Branford's Nick Eddington took it in for another six. After the kick, the Eagles got the ball at their 18 yard line. They were unable to get any yards making it second and 10, but get a 10 yard penalty. The Eagles were at third and about 19 for the first down. They complete on a pass with fourth and one. It was seven minutes and 44 seconds and the Eagles got the first down. Third down, an Eagle's pass is intercepted by the Branford's Dustin Turner on the 27-yard line and he ran the ball to the 20. The Bucs' received a penalty for holding and couldn't pick up any more yards the next couple of plays, but decided to try for the field goal. The kick was wide left and didn't make it, and the Eagles got the ball at the 20 yard line. The Eagles didn't fare too well and end up punting the ball back. The Eagles get an offside penalty and Branford's Travis Bass took the ball for a 49-yard run into the end zone. Baron kicked the extra point bringing the score to 21-0, Bucs with two minutes and eight seconds left in the first quarter.

The Eagles get the ball at their 40-yard line. With first and 10, the Eagles fumbled again and once again, the Bucs gain possession. The Bucs get a few yards and the clock runs out for the first quarter with the score 21-0 Bucs.

Second quarter

The Bucs aren't able to get enough yardage for a first down, so they punt the ball. The Eagles get the ball and pick up some yards but are stopped by the Bucs at fourth and one. The Bucs have the ball at the 49 yard line with eight minutes and 34 seconds left in the first half. Branford's Nick Eddington ran the ball to the seven yard line with a first and goal. The next play, the Bucs score again.

The Eagles get the ball at the 13 before it's hiked and falls at the third yard line. It was second and 21 and the Eagles' ball went into the end zone with a safety giving the Bucs another two points bringing the score to 30-0.

Third quarter

The Eagles are able to get a first down and slowly move the ball down field. The Bucs received a penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct, but the Eagles get an offside penalty the next play. The following play the Eagles fumble the ball and the Bucs gain possession. Branford's Randy Wilson takes the ball to about the 30 yard line with nine minutes and 18 seconds to go in the third quarter. The Bucs move the ball some and a couple of plays later, score again thanks to Travis Bass.

The Eagles get the ball first and 10 at about the 40-yard line, but the Bucs get a penalty bringing the ball to the 50. The Eagles complete on a pass play earning them a first and 10. The next play, the Eagles' center made a bad hike and they lost some yards putting them at about the 38-yard line. No yards were gained on the next play and they were looking at third and 17. The following play they completed another pass play putting them deep in Bucs' territory. The Eagles were first and goal with about four to score. The Eagles receiver misses a pass in the end zone and it was third down and four again. The next play they try the pass and succeed with their first score for the night. With five minutes and nine seconds to go, after a no-good wide left kick, the score was 37-6, Bucs.

The Eagles kick to the Bucs and try an onside kick, but the Bucs get possession. The Bucs lost some yards on the play with third down and 12 to go at the 47-yard line. The Bucs picked up some yards making it fourth and six. The next play, the Bucs get a first down. The play after they're able to get to the Eagles' four yard line with first and goal. With two minutes and 13 seconds left in the third quarter, the Bucs are held at the four. The next play they are taken

back a yard to the five with third and goal and held again. The clock was running out and the Bucs tried to kick a quick field goal, but it was no good with the quarter ending with 37-6.

Fourth quarter

The Eagles got the ball and didn't fare too well and by fourth down the ball was on their 18-yard line and they were forced to punt. The Bucs receive the punt and Anthony Akers runs it in for another touchdown.

On their next possession, the Eagles aren't able to make any real yardage and it was fourth down and eight. Instead of punting, they go for it and make their second touchdown for the evening and after their extra point kick, the score was 44-13, Bucs. The Eagles tried another onside kick, but the Bucs gained possession putting them at first and 10 on their 43. With six minutes and 45 seconds to go, the Bucs get an 18-yard run and a first and 10 on the 25-yard line. They picked up three more yards and were on the 22. Four minutes and 44 seconds to go, second down and five. The next play with a little over four minutes left in the game, the Bucs scored their final touchdown of the evening. The final score was 51-13.

"I thought we played well. We did a pretty good job up front," said BHS Head Coach Roy Harden. "We outmanned them up front and it showed early."

He said his players played hard and kept it up throughout the entire game. He said their concentration was now going to be on this Friday's game against Bronson at 7:30 p.m.

"It'll be a bigger challenge for us," said Harden. "It'll be a tough game. I think they have a couple of skilled kids that we have to be concerned about. There going to match us size-wise really well."

Harden added anytime they get a big win like they had it's encouraging and keeps them excited and the momentum going.



Branford's Chris King (42) runs the ball.



The ball is handled off from Jordan Weidle (13) to Dakota Lorenz (24). - Photos: Andrew McGee



The Bucs in action.

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Coach Frankie Allen

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tary School.

Ila Frances, as she was known, was her daddy's little tomboy whom he nicknamed "Frankie". She was very athletic in school playing most sports, including running track and field. She recalls having broken most of her toes because she didn't have proper track shoes. But she loved it so much she just ran in her Keds. She was a member of the JV and varsity cheerleading squads, the drill team and one year was even the Bulldog mascot. Her senior year Frankie was voted most athletic by her senior class.

After graduating from SHS in 1969, Frankie attended North Florida Junior College and earned her Associate of Arts degree in 1971. She then married her high school sweetheart, Frank Allen and later had three children: Angela Allen Wood, Ila Allen Crocker and Coach Frank Allen II.

Coach Frankie began coaching at SHS in 1992 as

Suwannee High's first head junior varsity softball coach and the assistant varsity softball coach under Head Coach Sid Allen. In 1994, high school slow pitch softball evolved and she became the head coach of Suwannee's first fast pitch softball team. Over the next five years she lead her teams to two district championships, a district runner-up and three regional runner-up appearances.

In 1999 Frankie served a dual coaching role at Suwannee High. She not only set the foundation for fast pitch softball, she also coached the SHS swim team. During the next six years, she took 15 swimmers to the Florida State Swimming Championships.

When asked about her great accomplishments, Coach

Frankie is most proud of coaching her two daughters in slow and fast pitch softball and having 22 athletes received softball and swimming scholarships to various junior and four year colleges.

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phones. Also, free hearing screening are available, if there are any questions or to schedule an appointment call Candi at 386-362-5452.

AARP Driver Safety Class for Seniors

AARP is offering the Driver Safety class for Seniors at the Live Oak Public Library, 1848 Ohio Avenue South, Live Oak, Fla. on Saturday Sept. 28 from 9 a.m.– 3:30 p.m. with ½ hour for lunch. Please bring a sack lunch with no red drinks. Defensive driving techniques will be taught aimed at keeping you safe on the road. The impact of aging on driving, current and new rules of the road in Florida will be reviewed. There are no tests. The Certificate of Completion is good for a discount on your vehicle insurance for 3 years. Drive safer with confidence, longer. Registration is required. Please call 386-330-2276.

Upcoming Event: "Art & Garden" Saturday, Oct. 5.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences "Art & Garden" event Oct. 5, at the North Florida Research and Education Center (NFREC), Quincy Campus. Spend a fun-filled day discovering creative ways to explore visual art and the art of gardening. Watch area artists paint on-site or take a trolley tour of the NFREC gardens. Attend demonstrations on a variety of subjects from flower arranging to sustainable gardening, and from garden art to soil testing. See chainsaw artist John Birch create a new sculpture from a deceased tree. Staff and volunteers from the Gadsden Arts Center will be on hand conducting children's art activities. Trees, shrubs, flowers, organic produce and arts and crafts will be for sale. Food and beverages will be available from local food vendors.

The event is free and open to the public.

What: Art & Garden event

When: Saturday, Oct. 5, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, North Florida Research and Education Center, 155 Research Road, Quincy, Fla. Located just north of I-10 Exit 181, 3 miles south of Quincy, off Pat Thomas Highway, SR 267.

Presented by the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, North Florida Research and Education Center in partnership with the Gadsden Arts Center, Gardening Friends of the Big Bend, Havana Garden Club, Quincy Garden Club, the Tallahassee Plein-Air Artists and the Tallahassee Watercolor Society. Sponsored in part by the Gadsden County Tourist Development Council

For more information: http://nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/art_garden/index.shtml

Florida Trail Association Suwannee Chapter meetings

Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month, except in July and Aug., at the Suwannee River Water Management District Office, from 7-9 p.m. The SRWM office is located on US 90 and CR 49, two miles east of Live Oak. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The mission of the FTA is to develop, maintain, promote and protect a continuous public hiking trail the length of the state of Florida, called the Florida National Scenic Trail, and other side and loop trails, together called the Florida Trail System. Further, they are dedicated to educating the public by teaching appreciation for and conservation of the natural beauty of Florida, and to provide opportunities for hiking, camping and other outdoor experiences.

For further information, you may go to the Florida Trail Suwannee Chapter website at: suwannee.floridatrail.org, or Suwannee MeetUp Group at: www.meetup.com/suwannee-FTA. You may also contact the Chapter Chair, Irvin Chance, at andachance@msn.com or by phone at 386-330-2424.

The March of Dimes is presenting

"Signature Chefs Auction"

5:30 p.m., Nov. 5, at the spacious, beautifully decorated Rountree Moore Toyota showroom, US 90 W, Lake City. There will be silent and live auctions, a premier chance drawing, live entertainment, and a cash bar. The highlight will be a selection of specialty foods presented by over 20 area restaurants and caterers. For more information contact Kathy McCallister 755-0507 or kmccallister@marchofdimes.com, or Maureen Lloyd at 397-0598. Tickets will go on sale in early Sept. at First Federal Bank(US 90 W and Turner Rd.), Rountree Moore Toyota, Ward's Jewelers, and First Street Music; and in Live Oak at the Suwannee Democrat. Put this event on your calendar as we work together to give every baby a healthy start!!

"The Constitution Is the Solution" DVD Series

The John Birch Society has a new series of DVDs for you to learn how the Constitution was intended to secure rights, not to enable the federal government to infringe on those rights.

You're invited to attend a six-part workshop based on these DVDs that will provide you with a practical, common sense understanding of how the Constitution was intended to limit the government, not the citizens. This understanding will equip you to work with others to solve many of the problems Americans face every day that were created by Big Government.

Each class will include a DVD presentation and group discussion. Topics include:

Part 4: Constitutional War Powers and the Enemy Within (Sept. 24)

Part 5: Exposing the Enemies of Freedom (Oct. 1)

Part 6: Restoring the Constitution (Oct. 8)

Where: Lake City Baptist Temple, 3061 SR 47, Lake City, Fla. 32025

When: Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 7 p.m. and every Tuesday after for 5 weeks

More Information: Contact Sharon Higgins by phone (386-935-0821) or email (shiggins@windstream.net)

American Legion Post 107

Monthly meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 12 p.m. All active duty military members & veterans are invited to attend. Contact Don Urwiller at 386-362-5987. Post 107 location is 129 S., turn left at the American Flag and POW/MIA flag on to 142nd St. Post is 1 mile on the right.

American Legion Post 107

Turkey Shoot is held every other Saturday behind the Legion Post starting at 12:30 p.m. We have 8 rounds of fun and excitement and the winner of each round will re-

ceive either beef, pork, turkey or \$\$\$\$ Turkey Shoot is OPEN to the public. Call 386-362-5987 for more information. Post 107 location is 129 S., turn left at the American Flag and POW/MIA flag on to 142nd St. Post is 1 mile on the right.

Jefferson Arts Gallery

575 W Washington Street, Monticello, Fla.

Sponsored by Viva Florida 500, Florida Wildflower Foundation & Main Street Monticello

The Exhibit runs until Oct. 25, and is open each Wed - Sat, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday until 7 p.m. - no admission charge.

For more information contact:

Anne H. Holt, Ph.D, Program Manager

Main Street Monticello Fla., Inc.

ahholt@ahholt.com

850-576-0721

www.mainstreetmonticellofla.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.

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.

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.

Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program

Freedom from your hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Something doesn't feel quite right? Are hurts from the past haunting you? Do you feel like your life is out of control? Are you tired of making the same mistakes over and over again? Does it seem like certain habits have taken control of your life? Join us at Melody Church every Friday night! Fellowship/dinner at 6 p.m., group discussion at 7 p.m. Visit Melody Church at 10046 US HW 129 in Live Oak, call 386-364-4800, or call Greg Player at 386-688-1454 for more information.

The Branford Camera Club

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

For more information, please contact:

Carolyn Hogue, Program Chair, 386-935-2044

Skip Weigel, Technical Consultant, 386-9382

Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.

Free breakfast & lunch

for ages 60 and older

When: Monday - Friday

Where: Senior Center

1171 Nobles Ferry Road

Live Oak, Fla. 32064

Time: Breakfast 8:30 - 10 a.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Make reservations for lunch by 9:30 a.m. 386-362-1164

Suwannee County Branch NAACP - Unit #5137

President: Mr. Lesley White

Mailing address: P.O. Box 6105, Live Oak, FL 32064

Telephone: 386-647-7360

Email: al101st@comcast.net

Meetings: First Monday in each month at 6 p.m. Ex. Bd., 7 p.m. membership meeting.

The Sparkleberry Chapter of the Florida Native

Plant Society

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

Boy Scout Troop 408

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

Cub Scout Pack 408

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

Elks Lodge Bingo

Bingo is every Monday night from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the lodge featuring a progressive jackpot. Non Smoking. Drinks and snacks available.

The Arc North Florida

Recycle with us

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

For more info on how you can help The Arc recycle

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products please call 386-362-7143 Ext. 5.

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

The Wellborn United Methodist Church

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

Suwannee County Bassmasters

Do you enjoy bass fishing?

Are you the competitive type?

Do you enjoy associating with other fisherman?

Meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the first Thurs. of each month.

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 the Thrift Store behind Big Wheel Market Place at 217 W. Howard St. 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.

Volunteers and building materials needed

For Save the Cats of Live Oak to build a cat/kitten condo to hold kittens while waiting to be adopted and or spay/neutered. We need lumber, 2x4, 2x6, 4x4, concrete, floor tile, electrical wire, etc., and people to help build. We are a non-profit and can give deductible receipts. Please call if you can help at 386-364-1006.

Save the Cats of Live Oak Donations needed

Food barrels for donations of wet and dry food as well as litter are located at Tractor Supply in Live Oak, Fred's, Downtown Cafe and Big Wheel Market Place. Other items needed include money for spay and neuter, blankets, totes, towels, building supplies, services of a carpenter. Please call for additional info at 386-364-1006. Non-profit 501C3. Receipts available.

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, 217 W. Howard St or Downtown Cafe, Tractor Supply or Freds. Call for additional information Barney 386-364-1006.

Save the Cats Benefit auction

Save the Cats Live Oak building fund drive, Saturday, Oct. 19 at 6 p.m. at the Live Oak auction barn on East US 90, next to the Youth Ranch Opportunity Store. We need donations of anything that can be sold at auction; furniture, collectibles, tools, garden and lawn equipment, household goods, etc. Bring to Save the Cats Thrift Store in back of Big Wheel Market Place at 217 W Howard St. or call for pickup at 386-364-1006.

TOPS FL #0662

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

Volunteer advocates needed

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

All interested individuals who care about protecting the health, safety, welfare and rights of long-term care facility residents -- who often have no one else to advocate for them -- are encouraged to call toll-free 1-888-831-0404 or visit the program's website at <http://ombudsman.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 www.liveoak-floridagardenclub.com or phone Sara at 386-364-4189 for additional information.

Suwannee River Jeep Club & 4X4

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

Volunteers Needed!

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

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

Please join us.

Surrey Place Care Center

Teri Christian,

Quality of Life Director

386-364-5961

act.surrey@signaturehealthcarellc.com

The Arc North Florida

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

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

The McAlpin Community Club

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

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

Navy and Marine Corps

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

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

Wellborn Community Association (WCA)

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

Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 107

Hosting Wall of Honor. The Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 107 is hosting a Wall of Honor. If you have a friend or relative that is currently in active duty of any of the military branches, we would like to honor him/her by posting a picture and name on our Wall of Honor. It will be located in the American Legion main hall on post 107. Please send name, rank and branch of service, along with

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO. 13-85-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF

RUSSELL A. STEPHENSON
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of RUSSELL A. STEPHENSON, deceased, whose date of death was April 27, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Suwannee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 200 South Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, FL 32060. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of the first publication of this notice is September 11, 2013.

Attorney for Personal Representative:

LEENETTE W. MCMILLAN-FREDRICKSON
Attorney for Alan Gregory Stephenson
Florida Bar Number: 0075779
Post Office Box 1388
Mayo, FL 32066
Telephone: (386) 294-1688
Fax: (386) 294-1689
E-Mail: mcmillanlaw@windstream.net

ALAN GREGORY STEPHENSON
291 NW Whitewater Trail South
Mayo, Florida 32066
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO. 13-95-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF

RUBY JEANE ROSE

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Ruby Jeane Rose, deceased, whose date of death was July 7, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Suwannee County, Flor-

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ida, Probate Division, the address of which is Suwannee County Courthouse, Live Oak, Florida 32064. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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Attorney for Personal Representative:

George W. Blow, III
Florida Bar Number: 320501
BLCOW LAW FIRM, P.A.
205 Parshey Street, S.W.
Live Oak, FL 32064-2310
Telephone: (386) 362-6930
Fax: (386) 362-6194

Personal Representative:

Angela Faye Shawver
409 Hilo Court
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29588
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR
SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2013-01-CA

FORECLOSURE AND OTHER RELIEF

LAFAYETTE STATE BANK
Post Office Box 108
Mayo, Florida 32066

Plaintiff,

vs.

BDR HAY SALES & SERVICES, INC.,
2068 County Road 49
O'Brien, Florida 32071;
ROGER SHEPARD, deceased
2068 County Road 49
O'Brien, Florida 32071;
HELEN SHEPARD, deceased
3119 230th Street
Lake City, Florida 32024;
The unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and beneficiaries of, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against, HELEN SHEPARD, deceased, and/or ROGER SHEPARD, deceased;
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
an agency of the State of Florida,
5050 W. Tennessee Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0120;

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IVESCO HOLDINGS, LLC,
124 Country Club Road
Iowa Falls, IA 50126;
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 ACTION

To: The unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and beneficiaries of, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against, HELEN SHEPARD and/or ROGER SHEPARD

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose and reform a mortgage on the following property in Suwannee County, Florida:

Parcel 1:

A parcel of land in the SW 1/4 of Section 27, Township 4 South, Range 14 East, Suwannee County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: For Point of Reference, commence at the Northwest corner of said SW 1/4 and run thence South 00 degrees 24 minutes 28 seconds East, along the West line of said SW 1/4, a distance of 761.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 00 degrees 24 minutes 28 seconds East a distance of 903.96 feet; thence run North 88 degrees 42 minutes 44 seconds East a distance of 1253.88 feet; thence run North 00 degrees 33 minutes 59 seconds West a distance of 377.00 feet; thence run North 88 degrees 11 minutes 36 seconds East a distance of 732.29 feet to the East line of the W 1/2 of the E 1/2 of said SW 1/4; thence run North 00 degrees 33 minutes 59 seconds West, along said East line, a distance of 534.44 feet; thence run South 88 degrees 18 minutes 12 seconds West a distance of 1983.79 feet to the Point of Beginning.

And Also:

Parcel 2:

The North 761.00 feet of the W 1/2 of the E 1/2 of the SW 1/4, and the North 761.00 feet of the W 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 27, Township 4 South, Range 14 East, Suwannee County, Florida, Less and Except the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of said Section 27, Township 4 South, Range 14 East.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Clay A. Schmitzer, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Post Office Drawer 652, Madison, Florida 32341, on or before October 21, 2013, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated September 11, 2013.

(Court Seal) BARRY A BAKER
Clerk of Court

By: /s/ Sallie Pert
Deputy Clerk

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current photograph, to Teri Hamilton, Americanism Committee Chairman, Legion Auxiliary, 12364 146th Terrace, Live Oak, Fla. 32060. 386-362-7978.

Addiction Support Group

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

Senior Luncheon at Wellborn Baptist Church

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INJURY PREVENTION TIPS FOR SCHOOL-AGED ATHLETES

The dawn of a new school year is an exciting for school-aged youngsters. Though many kids may not look forward to homework or getting up early, a new school year is often exciting for young athletes who long to get back on the playing fields and compete with their teammates.

As valuable and exciting as participating in team sports can be, they can just as easily prove dangerous for athletes who aren't prepared for the rigors of physical activity. A summer spent lounging poolside might be just what kids need after a long school year, but that relaxation can put youngsters in jeopardy of suffering an injury when they return to team sports in the fall. Many a young athlete has pulled a hamstring or suffered a shin splint when returning to athletic competition after a long layoff. But such injuries are largely preventable, and the following tips can help school-aged athletes ensure their return to competition is as painless as it is pleasurable.

* Condition your muscles in the weeks heading up to tryouts or the start of the school year. Many fall sports feature tryouts near the end of summer or at the very beginning of the school year. That means athletes must start conditioning their muscles early. Discuss with your parents, coaches and physicians which muscles you will be working when playing a particular sport. Adults should help you develop a conditioning program that gets the right muscle groups ready for the rigors of your sport. A properly conditioned athlete has a

much lesser risk of injury than one who is not. Your offseason conditioning program should begin slowly and gradually grow more challenging as you draw closer to the school year.

* Stretch, stretch, stretch. Always stretch your muscles before any strenuous activities, whether it's an offseason conditioning program or an in-season competition. Stretching significantly reduces your risk of injury and can improve your performance on the field.

* Get geared up. The right gear is essential for young athletes looking to avoid injury. Though summer might seem tailor-made for flip-flops, such footwear should never be worn when exercising and preparing for the coming sports season. Athletic shoes specific to your sport are made to provide the support you will need as you train and compete. The same goes for the clothing you should wear when getting ready for the season. Wear the appropriate athletic attire to reduce your risk of injury.

* Weight train in the presence of your coaches or parents. Many athletes begin weight training for the first time when they are in high school. Weight training can be beneficial to young athletes, but such athletes should never lift weights unsupervised. Parents, trainers and coaches can explain the equipment to young athletes while ensuring they don't overdo it in the weight room. Lifting too much weight or having bad form when weightlifting can cause serious injury that can sideline youngsters for the coming season, if not longer. So young



athletes should always weight train in the presence of an adult and always work with a spotter to help them should they struggle to finish a repetition.

* Don't try to match your fellow athletes. The human body develops differently for everyone. Young athletes must recognize that there's a chance their classmates and teammates may be developing more quickly than they are. These classmates may be more capable of performing certain physical activities. For example, a teammate might be able to lift more weight than you. Do not try to match your fellow athletes if your body is uncomfortable performing a certain exercise. If you must endure substantial pain to perform a given exercise, then your body is likely telling you it simply isn't ready for that exercise. Don't force the body to do something just to keep up with your teammates.

* Take a break. Even if you rested for most of summer, you still will need to rest when you begin getting ready for the upcoming athletic season. Take at least one day off per week to allow your body to recover and recharge. Your body needs that recovery time to reduce its risk of injury. School-aged athletes often look forward to a new school year as a chance to get back on the playing fields. But such athletes should emphasize safe training as the season draws closer.

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