

# M E R R Y CHRISTMAS

Our office will be closed all day, Dec. 25. We will reopen at 8 a.m. Dec. 26

Additional Letters to Santa, Pages 2 & 5B.

## Suwannee Democrat

128th YEAR, NO. 21 | 2 SECTIONS, 26 PAGES

Wednesday Edition — December 25, 2013

50 CENTS

Serving Suwannee County since 1884, including Live Oak, Wellborn, Dowling Park, Branford, McAlpin and O'Brien

### Suwannee C.I. inmate 'engineered' prison escapes

FDLE: inmate taught, assisted murderers that walked out of Franklin C.I. on forged documents

Staff

A Suwannee Correctional Institution (SCI) inmate was the "engineer of the scheme" that helped two convicted murderers escape from the Franklin Correctional Institution (FCI) in September and October, according to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Nydeed Nashaddai, 48, SCI, as well as five other current and former Department of Corrections (DOC) inmates, are charged with a combined 37 individual crimes in connection with the scheme.

"FDLE investigators believe Nashaddai was the engineer of the scheme," said FDLE Commission-

er Gerald Bailey. "He was the first to use it before passing his knowledge onto his fellow inmates."

FDLE reports that Nashaddai taught and assisted Joseph Jenkins, 34, Union Correctional Institution, and Jeffrey Forbes, 30, Florida State Prison, in their escape, and Joseph Jenkins' subsequent escape

in Sept. 2013. Jenkins reportedly forged release documents for inmate Charles Walker, 35, Florida State Prison, who escaped in Oct. 2013.

Former inmate Willie Slater Jr., 36, reportedly helped on the out-



Nashaddai

SEE SUWANNEE, PAGE 9A

### 144th Street Winter wonderland



It is the winter wonderland on 144th Street. - Photos: Jeffry Boatright

### Magic of Christmas abounds in Suwannee County couple



This singing Santa is one of Darthy's favorite pieces. It reminds her of her Grandfather Davis. See more photos on page 12A.

By Jeffry Boatright, special to the Democrat

During early September while most people plan for Labor Day barbecues and late summer vacations, one Suwannee County couple begins decorating their home for Christmas. It is not difficult to find someone who might exclaim that Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year, but few embark on nearly six months of putting out, displaying, and taking

down Christmas decorations. Ken and Darthy Smith, however, are an exception to the rule.

#### Winter wonderland

Each year, the Smiths transform their 144th Street homestead into a winter wonderland that is speckled with Santa Clauses, snowmen, stuffed animals and Nativity scenes. With sincere warmth and genuine hospitality, Darthy explains that she and Ken truly en-

SEE MAGIC, PAGE 9A



Florida Governor Rick Scott mingles with the crowd after the luncheon. -Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

### Gov. Scott stops in Lake City

Seeks election support

By Joyce Marie Taylor  
joycemarie.taylor@gafnews.com

Florida Governor Rick Scott made a stop at Florida Gateway College in Lake City on Tuesday, Dec. 17, and was greeted by a huge crowd of supporters from the Republican Party of Florida.

Sponsors paid \$500-\$1,500 to attend the luncheon and listen to Gov.

Scott speak about the state of the economy in Florida. Many local dignitaries and elected officials were in attendance, including State Rep. District 10 Elizabeth Porter, State Rep. District 19 Charles E. Van Zant, Avery Roberts and retired Judge E. Vernon Douglas.

Decorated Eagle Scout Jeremy Barwick, best known for raising 38,000 tons of food for the needy, led the crowd in the Pledge

SEE GOV. SCOTT, PAGE 9A

### Rep. Yoho introduces bill to repeal ACA if enrollment numbers not met

Submitted

Congressman Ted Yoho has introduced legislation to hold the Obama Administration accountable to the enrollment goals they set for the Affordable Care Act.

According to estimates put out by the Congressional Budget Office, seven million people need to be enrolled in the healthcare exchanges by the end of the 2014 open enrollment period. The costs of insurance plans can be expected to increase if this figure is not hit, further burdening the



Yoho

American taxpayer. In order to hold the Administration accountable to these enrollment numbers, Congressman

SEE REP. YOHO, PAGE 9A

### Santa standing tall for Christ

By Bryant Thigpen

bryant.thigpen@gafnews.com

The residence at 531 North Houston Ave. in Live Oak has grabbed the attention of passer-by with a 12 plus feet tall Santa Claus standing in the front yard. The homeowners, Jack and Mary Jeanne Williams, said this Santa is sending a message.

"Santa draws attention to the fact that Jesus is the reason for the season," Mary said.

Standing alongside Santa are four little signs with a big message, two of which says, "Jesus is the reason for the season," and

SEE SANTA, PAGE 3A



Jack and Mary Jeanne Williams of Live Oak are pictured with their tall Santa that is sending the message of Christ this season.

- Photo: Bryant Thigpen

### Live Oak teen involved in Friday wreck

Sun's glare to blame, said driver



6 97113 07520 1

Staff

A Live Oak teenager escaped serious injury following a two-vehicle wreck on Friday, Dec. 20, at US 90 and 74th Street, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

FHP reported Fallon Taylor Ratliff, 16, Live

Oak, struck the back of a 2013 Toyota Corolla around 7:50 a.m. Ratliff was traveling east on US 90 in a 2007 Dodge Ram, behind the Corolla, driven by Linda Sue Knowles, 51, Petsokay,

SEE LIVE OAK, PAGE 3A

**Brand New 2014 Chevy Cruze LT Automatic**

**\$18,735<sup>00</sup>**

After Rebate

JUST EAST OF DOWNTOWN • LIVE OAK, FL • 362-2976  
WWW.WESHANEYCHEVROLET.COM  
FRIENDLY, NO HASSLE, BUYING EXPERIENCE

# THE YEAR IS OVER AND

# TOYOTATHON IS ON!

IT IS TIME TO MOVE OUR REMAINING 2013s

**2013 RAV4** **0% FINANCING AVAILABLE!** **2013 AVALON** **2013 PRIUS** **0% FINANCING AVAILABLE!**



**\$209 PER MONTH** \$2,908 due at signing **\$249 PER MONTH** \$2,648 due at signing **PLUS BONUS \$500 CASH** \$2,648 due at signing **\$249 PER MONTH**

**2013 PRIUS C** **2014 CAMRY** **2014 COROLLA**



**\$169 PER MONTH** \$2,548 due at signing **\$189 PER MONTH** **PLUS BONUS \$500 CASH** \$2,588 due at signing **\$159 PER MONTH** \$2,558 due at signing

**TUNDRA** **2014** **TACOMA**



**\$329 PER MONTH** \$3,328 due at signing **\$249 PER MONTH** \$2,948 due at signing

**Rountree·Moore TOYOTA SCION** 1232 WEST US HWY 90, LAKE CITY **1.888.372.8874**

**ToyotaCare** \*\*Covers normal factory scheduled service. Plan is 2 years or 25K miles, whichever comes first. The new vehicle cannot be part of a rental or commercial fleet or a limo/taxi vehicle. See participating Toyota dealer for plan details. Valid only in the continental U.S. and Alaska. Roadside Assistance does not include parts and fluids.\*

**NO COST SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE 2 YEARS, 25,000 MILES**

VISIT US ONLINE AT: [www.RountreeMooreToyota.com](http://www.RountreeMooreToyota.com)

# Santa standing tall for Christ

Continued From Page 1A mas.”  
“I got tired of seeing Merry Christmas taken

out,” Jack said. “I was raised with ‘Merry Christmas’ and Jesus being the reason for the season.”

Mary said the giant Santa has gotten the attention of lots of people.

“One day when we had the Santa down, a lady who was passing by stopped to tell me her kid cried because Santa was not standing. I had to assure him he would be back up,” she said, laughing. “The kids enjoy it.”

Both Jack and Mary are involved in the local community. Jack is a retired Navy veteran who served in the Korean War. Both Jack and Mary, a beautician, are owners of the local shop, Reflections. The couple has resided in their present home for over 30 years. They both attend Friendship Baptist Church and were saved many years ago.

“We’re both saved, and this is our way to celebrate Jesus’ birthday,” Jack said.

# Arrest Record

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

The following abbreviations are used below:

- SCSO-Suwannee County Sheriff’s Office
- LOPD-Live Oak Police Department
- FDLE-Florida Department of Law Enforcement
- FHP-Florida Highway Patrol
- FWC-Florida Wildlife Commission
- DOT-Department of Transportation
- OALE-Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement
- P & P-Probation and Parole
- USMS-US Marshals Service

ATF-Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

DOC-Department of Corrections

Dec 19, Antonio Joseph Valentine, 27, 888 Franklin St Apt 421, Jacksonville, FL, DWLS/R: FHP- L. McGauley

Dec 20, Qais Hassan Griffin, 18, 1112 7th Street, Live Oak, FL, Carry Concealed Weapon, 1st App-PD App Per Decker: LOPD- M. Pittman

Dec 20, Cameron Cohen, 25, 4219 SW 102nd Lane, Jasper, FL, VOP O/C Sell Subs in Lieu of Controlled Sub, \$5,000 or \$500 Cash Proba: LOPD-Sgt Bates

Dec 20, Ruben Martinez, 64, Miami-Dade Jail, Miami, FL, House for Miami-Dade: SCSO- A. Sutton/T. Ford

Dec 21, Douglas A Carbaugh, 28, 7176 68 Terr, Live Oak, FL, Pasco Co Wrt/Writ Bod Att Child Support: SCSO- S. Thaker

Dec 21, Roger Wayne McLemore, 47, 6222 E 44th St N, Wichita, KS, V O P - R o b b e r y Gun/Deadly Weapon: SCSO- L. McDaniel

Dec 22, Natalie J Carter, 35, 2719 Woodlawn Ave, Tifton, GA: Suw Co Wrt Grnd Theft: SCSO- C. Smith

Dec 22, Weder Rivera, 31, 814 Rogers Ave, Live Oak, FL, No D.L.: SCSO- S. St. John

## Live Oak teen involved in Friday wreck

Continued From Page 1A

Michigan. Knowles advised FHP that she slowed down and began pulling off the roadway to the right, near 74th Street, because her vision was obstructed by the glare of the sun. Ratliff said she, too, began slowing down due to the glare of the sun and could not see the Corolla slowing down in time to avoid a collision.

Ratliff received minor injuries. Knowles was not injured.

Both drivers were wearing seat belts, according to FHP.

## NFCC honors 2013 Registered Nursing graduates

MADISON, Fla. – North Florida Community College honored its Registered Nursing Class of 2013 with a traditional Pinning and Lamp Lighting Ceremony on Dec. 12 at Van H. Priest Auditorium. NFCC Allied Health Director Julie Townsend welcomed family and friends to the special occasion.

“Thank you for joining us as we welcome these Associate Degree nurses into the profession,” said Townsend. “We know that they will be an asset to our health care community.” She then addressed the graduates with a word of congratulations: “We are very proud of each one of you for your accomplishments.”

Nineteen RN graduates were recognized and took part in the ceremony’s Lighting of the Lamps and Reciting of the Nightingale Pledge. Four graduates received special recognition: Shannon Sullivan (Madison County) last two years you’ve been molded into a professional ready to take on the challenges that await you. Always make an impact and treat your patients with love and compassion. I leave now the role of your instructor and I become your colleague, your support, your friend. Congratulations.”

RN Class President Patricia Walker spoke on behalf of the class, thanking NFCC instructors and her

fellow classmates. “Thank you for being our teachers,” said Walker. “You instilled in us not only the knowledge we need to be successful in the medical field, but with wisdom that we can apply to our everyday lives. Thank you for always encouraging us to push through and building our confidence so that we can venture out into the real world. My fellow classmates, it has truly been an honor.”

The pinning ceremony is a special moment for RN graduates and marks the beginning of each student’s career as a professional nurse. In her remarks as guest speaker, NFCC Instructor Julie Walden congratulated the new graduates and spoke of the impact they will have in their communities.

“Not only will you impact your patient and their family, but also the facility where you choose to work,” said Walden. “Over the last two years you’ve been molded into a professional ready to take on the challenges that await you. Always make an impact and treat your patients with love and compassion. I leave now the role of your instructor and I become your colleague, your support, your friend. Congratulations.”

NFCC’s 2013 Registered Nursing graduates for Suwannee County:  
Jennifer Burleson  
Shanna Fields  
Krista Gibbs  
Heather LeBlanc  
Kailey Sapp  
Patricia Walker

**ADDITIONAL LETTERS TO SANTA, PAGES 2B & 5B.**

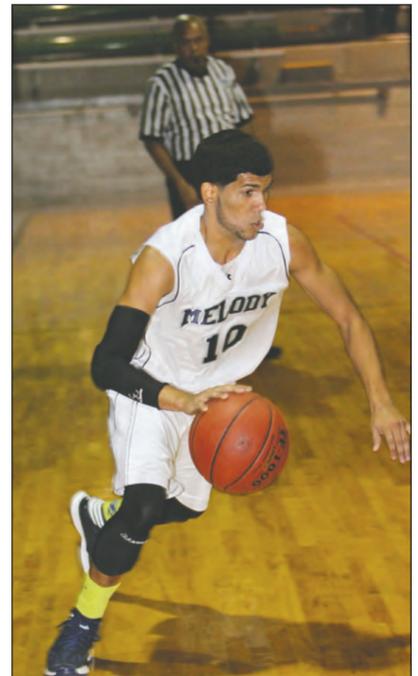
**THE VILLAGE ATTIC**  
SELF STORAGE in Dowling Park  
Climatized/Insulated/Fenced  
“Everyone needs an Attic”  
**(386) 688-7488**

**Distinctive Holiday Gifts**  
Shop a handpicked selection of unique gift ideas at reasonable prices.  
jewelry • watches • inspirational gifts  
books • unusual children gifts  
leather goods for men & women  
**RIVERSIDE GIFTS**  
AT ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE  
Located at the Village Square, Dowling Park  
**386-658-5771**  
Monday - Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**SUWANNEE-HAMILTON TECHNICAL CENTER**  
**CAREER PROGRAM**  
**Surgical Technology**  
Application must be in by 4:00 Jan. 15th.  
Now Nationally Accredited  
Applications NOW Being Accepted  
**386-647-4200**  
FINANCIAL AID IS AVAILABLE AND ACCEPTED. APPROVED FOR VA TRAINING BENEFITS. ACCREDITED BY THE COUNCIL ON OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION, INC.  
All vocation opportunities will be (are) offered without regards to race, color, national origin, sex or disabilities.

Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park  
**Festival of Lights**  
• Over 5 million lights • Winter Wonderland • Santa  
• Candy Cane Forest • Gingerbread Village • Train Display  
• Marshmallow Roast & much more!!!  
**December 6, 2013 - January 3, 2014**  
• Park open nightly until 9 p.m. • Admission: \$3 per person  
• Children under 3 free • Museum & Gift Shop open late  
• Drive through only Dec. 24 • Closed Christmas Night  
For Info Call (386) 397-2733 or visit  
www.FloridaStateParks.org/StephenFoster  
11016 Lillian Saunders Drive/Hwy 41 • White Springs, FL 32096

## MELODY BASKETBALL Boys beat Branford, Lafayette, Page 1B



A Melody Wildcat in action in a recent match.  
- Photo: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

## HOW TO REACH US

Switchboard, 386-362-1734  
Fax, 386-364-5578  
Email, nf.editorial@gafnews.com  
Mail, P.O. Box 370  
Live Oak, FL 32064  
Office, 211 Howard Street East  
Publisher,  
Myra Regan, ext. 122

## CONTACT US WITH YOUR COMMENTS

If you have any questions or concerns, call us at 386-362-1734 or visit our Website at [www.suwanneedemocrat.com](http://www.suwanneedemocrat.com)

## NEWSROOM

- Editor, Jeff Waters, ext. 131
- Reporter, Andrew McGee, ext. 132
- Reporter, Bryant Thigpen, ext. 133
- Reporter, Joyce Marie Taylor, ext. 130

## ADVERTISING

- Advertising Manager, Monja Slater, ext. 105
- Sr. Advertising Representative, Bill Regan, ext. 160
- Advertising Representative, Brenda Demarais, ext. 109
- Advertising Representative, Jennifer Hutchins, ext. 141
- Classified/Legal, Louise Shedd, ext. 102
- Telesales Ad Representative, Nancy Goodwin, ext. 103

## CIRCULATION

Circulation  
Service Hours, M-F 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Subscription Rates,  
In-county, \$35 Out-of-county, \$50

## Suwannee Democrat



Serving Suwannee County Since 1884

The Suwannee Democrat, published Wednesday and Friday. Periodicals postage paid at Live Oak, FL 32064. Business located at 211 Howard Street East, Live Oak, FL. Publication number 530180.

“POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Suwannee Democrat, PO Box 370, Live Oak, FL 32064.” Annual subscription rate is \$35 in county, \$50 out of county and \$50 out of state. Subscribe online at [www.suwanneedemocrat.com](http://www.suwanneedemocrat.com).

OFFICE HOURS  
Open Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Letters, comments and opinions on the Viewpoint & Opinions page are not necessarily those of the management/ownership of the Suwannee Democrat.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters may be mailed, faxed or emailed to our office. All letters are read. Not all letters are published. Letters may be edited to fit available space. The editor should not alter the writer’s point of view. Well written letters require less editing. Keep it to the point, an ideal range is 150 to 200 words. Please include your name, address and day and evening phone numbers for verification. Letters MUST be signed. Letters to the editor can be limited to one letter per quarter per individual.

## RANT & RAVE HOTLINE

Here’s your chance to tell everyone what you think! Callers may dial 208-8314 and leave a message to express their thoughts, good or bad, 24/7 about issues and politics, but not about private individuals or businesses. If you prefer, you may email your comments to [jeff.waters@gafnews.com](mailto:jeff.waters@gafnews.com). Your name is not required, but you must adhere to no more than 200 words.

Suwannee County Part of “The Original Florida”

# Band of Brothers and Shotgun Redd bands to rock the Music Hall at The SOS Music Park Dec. 27-28



Band of Brothers.



Shotgun Redd Band

**If Santa didn't leave you enough presents under the Christmas tree, give yourself the gift of hearing these two bands! Bring your sweetie and your dancing shoes 'cause it's going to be an awesome weekend you do not want to miss! And it's free admission**

up by guitarist Hal Thomas. When Prine is not singing directly to the audience, he's seriously taking over the stage, getting into the music and creating an exciting evening for the fans! The remaining band members, brothers Kevin and Scott Barrington and Ross and Tyler Wimberly, rock out with their guitar and drum expertise to the delight of the fans who pack the house. This band is fast becoming one of the favorites at the SOSMP's Music Hall. If you haven't heard them, get on out there Dec. 28 and see what all the hoopla is about...this band is HOT and you will not be disappointed.

Don't put away those dancing shoes yet folks, there's still one more weekend of spectacular music left in 2013 at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park (SOSMP) in Live Oak. The outstanding Band of Brothers of Mayo will be on hand Saturday, Dec. 28, to rock the house with its variety of country, Southern rock, Elvis and more. The weekend begins Friday, Dec. 27, with a new band to the SOSMP, the Shotgun Redd Band of Jacksonville.

Saturday night, Dec. 28, Band of Brothers will likely pack the Music Hall and bring the house down numerous times during the evening with its incredible music, dynamic band of musicians and sensational lead singer, Travis Prine. Prine sings lead, backed

night spots in Jacksonville including Mavericks' at the Jacksonville Landing and many other clubs and events. Come out and enjoy this new band...don't forget those dancing shoes.

The SOS Café and Restaurant in the Music Hall will be open ready to serve you with delicious food and drink. A full-service bar is open. Doors to the Music Hall open at 6 p.m. for dinner, music begins at 8 p.m. Free admission.

If you would like to make reservations for RV parking, cabins, primitive camping or camper parking for the weekend at the SOSMP for this or the many other upcoming events, call 386-364-1683 or email spirit@musicliveshere.com. Also check out the SOSMP's website at www.musicliveshere.com to learn more about upcoming events.

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

## SAVVY SENIOR Age-friendly telephones help seniors stay in touch

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you recommend some good age-friendly home telephones for elderly seniors? My 82-year-old mother has a difficult time hearing over the phone, and her vision and memory isn't so great either.

Shopping Son

Dear Shopping,

There are literally dozens of different types and styles of age-friendly phones on the market today that can help seniors with a variety of challenges like hearing loss, low vision, memory problems and limited mobility.

### How to choose

To help you select a good age-friendly phone for your mom, you need to take into account her specific needs and wants because there are lots of options to choose from.

For example, for seniors with hearing loss there are "amplified telephones," both corded and cordless, that provide various levels of amplification usually ranging from 25 decibels (dB) up to around 55 dB, with some offering tone adjustments for high frequency hearing loss. Most amplified phones are also hearing aid com-

patible and come with extra loud ringers and bright ring flashers to indicate incoming calls.

Most amplified phones also come with big buttons and a lighted keypad that make them easier to see and easier to operate for seniors with hand tremors or dexterity problems. Some phones even offer "talk back" buttons that speak the number as you dial, and announce the number of incoming calls, which is great for people with low-vision.

If remembering is a problem, you may want you consider a "photo phone" for your mom that lets you insert pic-

tures of family members or friends over preprogrammed buttons, so she can simply press the picture of the person she wants to call and they're automatically dialed.

"Emergency alert phones" are another option to consider, especially for elderly seniors who live alone. These phones come with a neck pendant or wristband (SOS button) that your mom would wear, so if she falls down and can't get up, she can press it and the phone's preprogrammed emergency numbers will automatically be dialed.

If mobility is an issue, there are "speaker phones" you can purchase that will let your mom activate the phone with her voice. And since telemarketing fraud is so common among the elderly,

many age-friendly phones have built in caller IDs so she can identify who's calling before she picks up. Some phones even offer outgoing speech amplification for seniors with weak, difficult-to-hear speaking voices.

### Where to shop

While there are many companies that make and sell age-friendly telephones, the leading suppliers in the industry are Clarity (clarityproducts.com), ClearSounds (clearsounds.com), Serene Innovations (sereneinnovations.com), Geemarc (geemarc.com) and VTech (vtechphones.com). To find these and other models, visit their respective websites, or try assistive hearing sites like hariscomm.com, teltext

.com and soundbytes.com. Prices typically range from \$30 up to around \$300.

### Free phones

Another option you should check into is state-funded specialized telecommunications equipment programs, which are available in 47 states. If your mom's state has a program, you may be able to get her an amplified telephone for free. Check with her local telephone company or visit tedpa.org to find out what her state offers.

### Captioned phones

If your mom has severe hearing loss, another option you should know about is captioned telephones that have a built-in display window that would let your mom listen to the caller, as well as read written, word-for-word captions of everything the caller is saying.

Options available include: CapTel (captel.com) sold through Weitbrecht Communications, Inc. for \$75, however many states have programs that offer them for free to residents in need; the popular new Clarity Ensemble that sells for \$75 through clarityproducts.com; and the \$75 CaptionCall at captioncall.com.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

### Suwannee-Hamilton Technical Center Community Education

#### Upcoming Classes

- Basic Computers begins Tuesday, 1/7/14, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. \$50 + book Every Tuesday for 6 weeks
- Conversational Spanish begins Thursday, 1/9/14 5:30 - 7:30 \$64.10 Every Thursday for 9 weeks
- Excel Express "Basic" Saturday, 1/18/14, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - \$50 1 day only
- Gun Safety/Concealed Weapons Saturday, 1/8/14, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. \$75 1 day only
- Phlebotomy begins Monday, 2/3/14 5:00 p.m. M, W, & Th \$750.64 - 165 hours

#### More classes available...

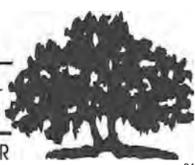
- Microsoft Word
- Excel
- Power Point
- Cake Decorating
- Advanced Cake Decorating
- Hobby/Wood Working
- Sign Language
- Basic Sewing
- Crochet
- Keyboarding/Typing

#### Online classes now available!

Check out our online courses! We are proud to offer over 300 courses available through our online classroom! We offer a wide range of highly interactive courses that you can take entirely over the Internet. All of our courses are led by expert instructors, many of whom are nationally known authors. Our online courses are affordable, fun, fast, convenient, and geared just for you. Just visit our webpage at <http://suwannee.shtc.schooldesk.net> or [ed2go.com/shtc](http://ed2go.com/shtc).

To Register or For Additional Information Call  
Suwannee-Hamilton  
Technical Center  
**386-647-4200**

**SUWANNEE-HAMILTON**  
TECHNICAL CENTER



845773

**Posturepedic** Whatever you do in bed, *Really* supports it.

**GRAND PREVIEW**

Posturepedic CoreSupport™ Center

**\$499**

Queen 2-pc Set

Posturepedic Salazor

**\$599**

Queen 2-pc Set

Posturepedic Villages

**\$999**

Queen 2-pc Set

Missouri State at Oregon  
Mon-Fri, 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. • Sat, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

FURNITURE SHOWPLACE

Wholesale Sleep Distributors

CATALOG SHOWROOM FOR COMPLETE HOME FURNISHINGS

US 90 West (next to 84 Lumber) Lake City • 386-752-9303

**OBITUARIES**



**Porter Claude Crapps, III**  
Dec. 19, 2013

Porter Claude Crapps, III, a respected civic leader, banker and forester, died peacefully at his home in Live Oak, Fla. on Dec. 19, 2013, surrounded by his family. He was 76 years old.

Claude is survived by his long-time companion Jackie Kent Dove, his three children Thomas and wife Cris, Steve, Nancy, and five grandchildren. Claude is also survived by his siblings, Betsy Burch, David Crapps, Peat Crapps, Virginia Johnson, John Crapps, Dicy Hannum, and Daniel Crapps. Claude was preceded in death by his father, Porter Claude Crapps, Jr., and his mother Mary Elizabeth Parker Crapps and his adopted mother Virginia Birchfield Crapps, as well as brothers James and George.

Claude was born in Gainesville, Fla. and lived his earliest years in Hines located in Dixie County, Fla. The Crapps family relocated to Melrose, Fla. for a short period of time from Hines before settling in Live Oak, Fla. in 1951. Claude enrolled in Suwannee High School, where he graduated in 1955, and attended Clemson University studying Forestry. He graduated from Clemson in 1959. During this time, Claude became an avid and life long Clemson Tiger.

Following graduation in 1959, Claude served in the United States Marines Corps followed by 6 years in the Reserves. During the time that he was in the Reserves, Claude returned home to Live Oak and worked with his father in First National Bank of Live Oak, the Hamilton County Bank of Jasper, and on the

family's timber holdings. He remained employed with the First National Bank and the Hamilton County Bank of Jasper, and later became Chairman of the Board of Directors of both banks, until the banks were sold to Barnett Banks. He continued to work at Barnett Bank as vice-president and commercial lender before retiring from banking in 1992.

After retiring from the banking business, Claude returned full time to his love of forestry and "working in the woods." He could often be found repairing fences, hanging gates, plowing fire lanes or preparing game plots for hunting leases. Truly Claude was happiest when he was outdoors and working on his farms. Further, Claude's interest in forestry was reflected in his commitment to reforestation and state wide forestry management. Claude was appointed by Governor Claude Kirk as member of the Florida Forestry Council in 1968. He continued to serve this state-wide board with distinction until his death, only missing one meeting in 45 years. Furthermore, Claude was recognized a member of the Society of American Foresters, recognized as a Certified Forester by the State of Florida and a recipient of the the Distinguished Forestry Alumnus Award by Clemson University for his life-time work in forestry.

Claude strongly believed in civic participation, and worked to make Live Oak a better place. He was a member of numerous civic clubs, including the Rotary Club, Director for the Advent Christian Village and Advisory Board, Member of the Suwannee County Development Authority, the Suwannee County Chamber of Commerce, the Suwannee County Fair Board, the Florida Farm Bureau, Member of the Florida Farm Bureau Advisory Committee, Trustee for the Live Oak Police and Fire Pension Funds, Member of the Endowment Board for the Florida Sheriff's Boys Ranch, and a Member of the North Florida Community College Foundation Board. Among his many honors, Claude received the Suwannee County Citizen of the Year in 1980,

and on September 22, 2013, he received the Mayor's Community Service Award from the City of Live Oak for his long, continued service to our community.

Claude will be remembered for the trust that he inspired in the community, as shown by the number of individuals who asked him for help with their finances or to administer their estates. Further, he will certainly be remembered for his humor, including his "gifts" during Rotary Christmas parties, and the quiet way that he helped people by giving them his time and resources. Claude takes with him his family's love, and will be remembered for a job well done as a good and faithful steward of God's gifts.

A private funeral for Claude was held on Dec. 21, 2013 at Live Oak Cemetery at sunrise. A public memorial service is planned for Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church. The family requests that in lieu of flowers that individuals make gifts to one of the following charities that Claude supported: Friends of Heritage Park and Gardens, 1004 Helvenston Street, Live Oak, Fla.; 32064; Advent Christian Village, 10680 Dowling Park Drive, Live Oak, Fla. 32060; and Florida Sheriffs' Youth Ranch, 2486 Cecil Webb Place, Live Oak, Fla., 32060.

Please sign the guest book at [danielsfuneral-home.com](http://danielsfuneral-home.com).

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

**Albert Foye Wilcox**  
May 1, 1926  
Dec. 18, 2013

Albert Foye Wilcox was born May 1, 1926 in Nicholls, GA, died Dec. 18, 2013 while in the Shands of LO Hospital making him 87 years of age.

During WWII Al enlisted in the Army Air Corp with the hopes of being a pilot, but was assigned to a flight crew instead. Following his military service Al studied engineering at Indiana technical College in Fort Wayne, IND, and after graduation took a po-

sition with General Electric as a manufacturing engineer where he worked for over 35 years.

While in Fort Wayne, Al met and married Velma Lehman and enjoyed 57 years together before Velma's untimely death in March of 2005. Al & Velma had no children and after retirement moved to Quincy, Fla. and then in 1998 they made their final move to the Advent Christian Village in Dowling Park, Fla.

In Dec of 2007 Al asked another widower by the name of Fran Brunner to marry him, and they've been married for nearly 6 years.

Al is survived by one brother, Mr. Emmitt Wilcox, his wife, Fran Wilcox of Dowling Park and two step-children; Robert Brunner of St Petersburg, Fla. and Vickie Brunner also of St Petersburg and a host of nephews & nieces.

Funeral Service will be conducted at the Bixler Memorial Chapel in Dowling Park, Dec. 30, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.

Bixler Memorial Chapel in Dowling Park in charge of arrangements.

**Patricia Milton Raulerson**  
June 22, 1947  
Dec. 20, 2013

Patricia Milton Raulerson, 66, of Lake City, Fla., passed away on Friday, Dec. 20, 2013, at Suwannee Valley Care Center in Lake City, after an extended illness.

Born June 22, 1947 in Lake City, Fla., to the late Willie Milton and Bertha Mae Spikes. She was a member of Wellborn Baptist Church. She retired after 29 years from the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother.

She is preceded in death by her parents; Willie and Bertha Milton, and her husband Quincy Raulerson.

Survivors include two sons; Donny Thomas of Lake City, Fla., and Wade (Manda) Thomas of Live Oak, Fla.; one daughter; Denise Joyce of Lake City, Fla.; step-children, Sherri (Don) Lee of Lake City, Fla., and Allen (Stacey) Raulerson of Ft. Myers, Fla., one brother; Ronnie Milton of Mayo, Fla., three sisters; Joyce Spradley,

Judy Bedenbaugh, and Janice Milton all of Lake City, Fla., eight grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral Service for Mrs. Raulerson were conducted at 11 a.m., on Monday, Dec. 23, 2013, at Gateway-Forest Lawn Funeral Home with Rev. Elmer Crews officiating. Interment followed in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens. Visitation with the family was held one hour prior to the service on Dec. 23, 2013 at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers the family asked that memorial donations please be made to Haven Hospice, 6037 US Hwy 90 West, Lake City, Fla., 32055 or to Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch, 2486 Cecil Webb Place, Live Oak, Fla., 32064. Arrangements are under the direction of GATEWAY-FOREST LAWN FUNERAL HOME, 3596 S US Hwy 441, Lake City, Fla., 32025, (386) 752-1954. Please leave words of love and comfort for the family at [www.gateway-forestlawn.com](http://www.gateway-forestlawn.com)

**James Sherman "Bubba" Frier, Jr**  
Dec. 4, 2013

James Sherman "Bubba" Frier, Jr., 52 of Live Oak, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013 suddenly at his home in Live Oak, Fla.

The Jacksonville native moved here in 1973 and remained until his passing. Bubba was in the construction business as a tile setter and was of the Baptist faith.

He was survived by his parents Sherman & Donna Frier of Live Oak, Daughters; Ashley Frier, Santa Cruz, CA, Brook Noyse, Live Oak, Fla., Sons, Trey Frier, Live Oak, Fla., Cole Frier, Live Oak, Fla., Tyler Chaney, Live Oak, Fla., Sisters; Annette & Tim Alcorn, Live Oak, Fla., Susie & Keith Scott, Live Oak, Fla., Sylvia & Terrell Spivey, Live Oak, Fla., and four Grandchildren.

Viewing was Saturday, Dec., 7 at Daniels Funeral Home. Grave side services were held 1:30 pm Saturday Dec. 7, 2013 at Riverside Baptist Church Cemetery in Mayo, Fla. with Mr. John Grady Branch officiating.

Please sign the guest book at [danielsfuneral-home.com](http://danielsfuneral-home.com)

home.com. Daniels Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. of Live Oak and Branford is in charge of all arrangements.

**DEATH NOTICES**

**William E. Redmond**  
Dec. 19, 2013

William E. Redmond, 85, of Dowling Park, Fla. passed away Thursday, Dec. 19, 2013.

Please sign the guest book at [danielsfuneral-home.com](http://danielsfuneral-home.com).

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

**Sarah L. Crocker**  
Dec. 21, 2013

Sarah L. Crocker, 80, of Dowling Park, Fla. passed away Friday, Dec. 21, 2013.

Please sign the guest book at [danielsfuneral-home.com](http://danielsfuneral-home.com).

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

**Virginia D. Crider**  
Dec. 22, 2013

Virginia D. Crider, 70, of Jasper, Fla., passed away Sunday, Dec. 22, 2013.

Please sign the guest book at [danielsfuneral-home.com](http://danielsfuneral-home.com).

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

**A. L. Cox**  
Dec. 19, 2013

A. L. Cox, 76, Branford, Fla. Died Dec. 19, 2013.

Please sign the guest book at [danielsfuneral-home.com](http://danielsfuneral-home.com).

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

**Joseph Agustin Cordero**  
Dec. 13, 2013

Joseph Agustin Cordero, of Live Oak, Fla. passed away Friday, Dec. 13, 2013.

Please sign the guest book at [danielsfuneral-home.com](http://danielsfuneral-home.com).

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

**Now at Rountree Moore Kia**

**NEW 2014 KIA SOUL**



\$250

PER MONTH

Santa's Dealing!

Great Deals For The Holidays!

**NEW 2014 KIA SORENTO**



\$335

PER MONTH

**NEW 2014 KIA RIO**



\$9,250

10 YEAR

100,000 MILE WARRANTY\*

\*PRICES INCLUDE ROUNDTREE MOORE DISCOUNT. BASED ON AVAILABILITY AND WITH APPROVED CREDIT. \$2,500 DOWN AT 1.99% APR FOR 72 MONTHS. TAX, TAG, TITLE, LICENSE AND DEALER FEES NOT INCLUDED. PHOTOS FOR ILLUSTRATION PURPOSES ONLY. 136 MONTH LEASE/60K MILES. TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AT SIGNING. †AMOUNT OFF INVOICE. MUST PRESENT MILITARY ID. DT214. \*WARRANTY IS A LIMITED POWERTRAIN WARRANTY. FOR DETAILS, SEE RETAILER OR GO TO KIA.COM.

**Rountree Moore**  
Automotive Group est. 1924

2588 US Hwy 90 Lake City, FL **800-536-8168**

www.RountreeMooreKIA.com

THE ONLY

10 YEAR/100,000 MILE WARRANTY

in the Florida Gateway Area!



2013 IIHS TOP SAFETY PICK+

# PUBLIC NOTICE!

THURS. DEC. 26TH	FRI. DEC. 27TH	SAT. DEC. 28TH	MON. DEC. 30TH	TUES. DEC. 31ST
------------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	-----------------------

# GIANT YEAR END

## Clearance Sales Event!!

### GET TOP DOLLAR FOR YOUR TRADE-IN!

'11 HONDA FIT \$199/MO	'07 CHRYSLER 300 \$199/MO	'06 FORD MH \$199/MO	'11 HONDA FIT \$215/MO	'10 CHEVY EQUINOX \$215/MO	'09 NISSAN ARMADA \$232/MO
'08 FORD EXPLORER \$264/MO	'12 HYUNDAI ELANTRA \$264/MO	2013 Honda FIT \$199/MO	'09 JEEP WRANGLER \$280/MO		

11 HONDA ACCORD \$248/MO	11 HONDA CRV \$264/MO	13 HYUNDAI SONATA \$264/MO	12 HONDA CRV \$280/MO	11 CHEVY CRUZE \$280/MO	11 HONDA ACCORD \$280/MO
-----------------------------	--------------------------	-------------------------------	--------------------------	----------------------------	-----------------------------

2013 Honda Accord Sedan

**\$199/MO**

SUNBELT HONDA'S "TRADE-IN SPECIAL"

**WE WILL PAY YOU \$5,000 FOR YOUR TRADE**

Up To **\$5,000** USE TOWARD YOUR DOWN PAYMENT!

**100s TO CHOOSE FROM!**

**PUSH IT - PULL IT - TOW IT! WE WANT IT!**

MAY NOT BE COMBINED WITH ANY OTHER DISCOUNT OR OFFER.

**SHOP ONLINE 24/7**

'13 JEEP PATRIOT \$248/MO	'13 HONDA CIVIC \$248/MO	'11 DODGE CARAVAN \$232/MO	'13 CHRYSLER 200 \$232/MO	'09 FORD F150 SXT \$215/MO	'08 RAM 1500 SXT \$215/MO	'11 DODGE CALIBER \$215/MO	'10 CHEVY HHR \$215/MO
'03 MITSUBISHI MONTERO \$6,995	'08 RAM 1500 \$6,995	'04 RAM 1500 \$6,995	'07 CHRYSLER PT CRUISER \$6,995	'96 GMC JIMMY \$4,995			

2013 Honda Civic Sedan AT

**\$18,965** **39 MPG**

Finance Any New 2013 Civic **0.9% APR/24 Months**

For well qualified buyers. See Dealer for details. Now Through January 6, 2014

**IF YOU MAKE \$350 WEEK YOU ARE PROBABLY ALREADY APPROVED!**

- 1) WE WILL WORK TO BEAT ANY DEALER'S ADVERTISED PRICE!**  
MUST BRING COMPETITORS AD WITHIN 20 MILE RADIUS BE EXACT YEAR, MAKE, MODEL AND EQUIPMENT IN DEALERS STOCK. ON NEW VEHICLES ONLY.
- 2) 72 HOUR FREE TRIAL EXCHANGE:**  
(YOU CAN EXCHANGE YOUR NEW HONDA FOR ANOTHER ONE WITHIN 3 DAYS FOR FREE...NO QUESTIONS ASKED)
- 3) 24 HOUR LOVE IT OR LEAVE IT PLAN:**  
(WE ARE SO SURE YOU WILL BE COMPLETELY SATISFIED WITH YOUR NEW HONDA, THAT IF YOU ARE NOT...YOU CAN BRING IT BACK WITHIN 24 HOURS ABSOLUTELY FREE. JUST LIKE THE DEPARTMENT STORES! MAXIMUM 24HR. PERIOD AND 100 MILES NO CHARGE.)

**WHY GO ANYWHERE ELSE!**

12 HONDA RIDGELINE \$472/MO	12 HONDA PILOT \$440/MO	10 HONDA RIDGELINE \$392/MO	11 RAM 1500 \$376/MO	11 CHEVY TAHOE \$376/MO
'07 DODGE CALIBER \$7,995	'99 RAM 1500 LARAMIE \$8,995	'02 RAM VAN 2500 \$9,995	'02 RAM 1500 \$10,995	'08 RAM 1500 \$10,995
'03 RAM 2500 \$152/MO	'07 VOLVO CX90 \$152/MO	'12 FIAT 500 POP \$184/MO		

**100s TO CHOOSE FROM!**

11 HONDA CRV \$280/MO	10 HONDA CRV \$296/MO	12 HONDA ACCORD \$296/MO
12 HONDA CRV \$376/MO	13 TOYOTA TACOMA \$360/MO	10 HONDA ODYSSEY \$312/MO

**ZERO DOWN DELIVERS**

2013 Honda CR-V AWD-AT

**\$24,195** **30 MPG**

Finance Any New 2013 CR-V **0.9% APR/24 Months**

For well qualified buyers. See Dealer for details. Now Through January 6, 2014

## Unwrap A Great Deal This Holiday Season!

**DON'T MISS IT! 5 DAYS ONLY!**



# 386.755.6500

THURS. DEC. 26TH	FRI. DEC. 27TH	SAT. DEC. 28TH	MON. DEC. 30TH	TUES. DEC. 31ST
------------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	-----------------------

2018 SW MAIN BLVD. LAKE CITY, FL

www.SunbeltHonda.com

# OUR LOWEST PRICES OF THE YEAR!!

\*MSRP TOTAL OUT AT SIGNING. INCLUDES DOWN PAYMENTS WITH NO SECURITY DEPOSIT. EXCLUDES TAXES, TITLES AND DEALER FEES. FOR VEHICLE QUALITY LESSORS, SEE DEALER FOR COMPLETE DETAILS.

FINAL DAYS CALENDAR YEAR END SALES EVENT FINAL DAYS CALENDAR YEAR END SALES EVENT

# Final Days CALENDAR YEAR END SALES EVENT



Ends Dec. 31st!! HURRY IN TODAY!!



## 'Tis The Season Of Giving

And Prince Automotive Is Giving You More Reasons To Buy Now...



## Reasons to buy before Dec. 31st:

- Title Tax Fee Increases From 6.5% To 6.75% Beginning In 2014!
- Special Tax Depreciation Laws Benefiting Your New Car Purchase Expire On December 31, 2013!
- No Payments Until Spring!
- Huge Factory Incentives And Rebates End!
- Special Bonus Cash Ends!

**Hurry In!**  
Ends December 31st!

**Hurry In!**  
Ends December 31st!

2014 Chevy Silverado  
1500 Crew Cab LT



stk# 7324

Save up to

# \$6,500

OFF MSRP!

2014 GMC Sierra  
1500 Crew SLE



stk# 7433

Example: Chevrolet Silverado stk# 7325MSRP \$38,045 - Prince Discount \$2,000, Rebate \$3,500, Trade In Rebate \$1000.

## LARGEST SELECTION OF NEW CHEVYS, BUICKS, GMCs in South Georgia!!!

2014 Chevrolet Cruze  
stk# 7499



**\$17,424 or \$259/Mo.**

2014 Chevrolet Malibu  
stk# 7655



**\$20,469 or \$299/Mo.**

2014 Buick Verano  
stk# 7349



**\$22,489 or \$329/Mo.**

All prices include all applicable rebates and are plus tax and title. All payments are with \$0 down for 75 months @ 2.59%. Lender approval required.

## MODEL YEAR END SAVINGS On All Remaining 2013's

2013 Buick Lacrosse  
stk# 7027



**Only... \$429/Mo.**

2013 Chevrolet Volt  
stk# 6727



Your Choice **0% APR For 72 Months!**

2013 GMC Yukon XL  
stk# 7088



2013 Yukon stk# 7088 MSRP \$555,940, selling price \$52,615. Plus tax and title. \$731 per month for 72 months with 0 down.



4550 N. Valdosta Rd • Exit 22, I-75  
Valdosta • 229-242-3311  
[princeautovaldosta.com](http://princeautovaldosta.com)

845187

FINAL DAYS CALENDAR YEAR END SALES EVENT FINAL DAYS CALENDAR YEAR END SALES EVENT

# Suwannee C.I. inmate 'engineered' prison escapes

Continued From Page 1A

side ensuring the forged documents were delivered to the Orange County Clerk's Office.

Terrance Goodman, 37, Panama City, a friend of Jenkins, 34, Union Correctional Institution, drove Jenkins and Walker to Panama City and rented them a motel room.

Inmates Jenkins and Walker were serving life sentences for murder from Orange County. Both escaped from FCI after the DOC received fraudulent release docu-

ments from the Orange County Clerk of Court. Jenkins escaped on Sept. 27 and Walker escaped on Oct. 8.

The FDLE, along with the Bay County Sheriff's Office, Panama City Police Department and the U.S. Marshals Service Task Force arrested both inmates on Oct. 19 at Coconut Grove Motor Inn in Panama City Beach.

Nashaddai received charges of two counts conspiracy to commit escape and two counts principal to escape.

According to DOC records, Nashaddai escaped from the Pinellas County Jail in

Oct. 2009 using a forged document, similar to the inmate escape scheme.

Nashaddai was jailed and later sentenced for forgery of bills. He was listed on the Florida DOC website Monday as close custody with a current release date, prior to his current charges, of Aug. 8, 2031.

FDIC Director of Communications Jessica Cary said the DOC has safeguards in place which requires verification of any order of the sentencing judge that results in the early release of an inmate from department custody.

"Upon receipt of any order that appears to modify a sentence, the Department's Bureau of Admissions and Release provides a copy of the order, along with a form for the sentencing judge's independent verification of the order, and will not release the inmate or take any other action in regards to the order until this verification is received," said Cary. "The department is also evaluating existing inmate law library procedures, and determining what we must statutorily and constitutionally continue to provide."

## Magic of Christmas abounds in Suwannee County couple

Continued From Page 1A

joy the spirit of Christmas, but they especially enjoy sharing the joyous season with others.

"It is for the people from the Advent Christian Village that we do all of this," Dorthy explained. "It is for anyone else who appreciates it," she added.

With pleasant smiles, Dorthy and Ken explain how much their annual visitors from the ACV enjoy the short journey to take in the lights, Christmas trees, animated figures and an abundance of food that never fails to please.

Dorthy's reputation for preparing delicious food and treats precedes her and she successfully defends that reputation each year when residents from the ACV's Dacier Manor arrive by bus and join the Smiths for an enchanted evening of Christmas cheer. In addition to Dorthy's mouthwatering chili and endless desserts, a birthday cake is provided, compliments of Dairy Queen of Live Oak. The cake simply says, "Happy Birthday Jesus."

According to the Smiths, they have been hosting residents from the ACV for 14 years. Most of their guests from the Village are repeat visitors.

"One resident has attended 10 of the 14 years that we have been doing this," Dorthy stated.

The small bus from the ACV made its annual stop at the Smiths' home on the evening of Dec. 9, with 14 residents and five helpers from Dacier Manor onboard. In addition to those in attendance from the ACV, a few other friends were available to lend a helping hand to Dorthy and Ken. With the aroma of Dorthy's scrumptious food, laughter, conversation and genuine Christmas cheer filling the air, the magic of Christmas once again filled those in attendance with joy, which in turn, delighted their humble hosts.

Of course, the food and company was enjoyed by everyone, but the extensive decoration and work that has been put into the interior and exterior of the Smiths' home is a highlight that cannot be overlooked.

### Transforming into a Christmas village

While there is decorations galore inside the Smith home, the outside provides abundant lights, animated reindeer, and six outdoor buildings that serve as a sanctuary for countless Santa Clauses, angels, snowmen and Nativity scenes. Ken has built a few of the buildings on wheels to simplify placing them each year when the decorating begins.

A couple of small storage sheds in the outside display would certainly qualify for miniature Christmas cottages. Once the season is over, the small buildings are transformed back into storage units for the massive collection of Christmas trinkets, lights, and greenery.

Ken is not at all reluctant to admit how much he enjoys contributing to the cause. Because Dorthy, his wife of 24 years, finds so much joy in transforming their place into something that might resemble a Christmas village or even the North Pole, Ken finds delight in the annual project. It is not difficult to realize how much Ken enjoys helping Dorthy, but one can readily see that he finds much joy in making dim lights shine or broken ornaments whole again. It is simply part of who he is.

With affection, Dorthy acknowledges that Ken's expertise makes it all possible. Ken, who is retired from the construction industry, can usually identify the source of an electrical or mechanical problem. With an instinct for mending and restoration, he steadily works and refurbishes faulty ornaments and lights to give them new life.

When asked if the amount of their decoration has increased over the years, Dorthy confirmed that it has.

"It has grown because different people have contributed different items," Dorthy said.

Strolling through their home, Dorthy spontaneously points out different ornaments, some store bought and others handmade. She recalls where they came from, who made them, or how long she has had them. There is often a heartfelt story that goes with the ornaments and it is evident that Dorthy, a native of Suwannee County, cherishes the memories and values the friendship of those who have contributed to her extensive décor.

When asked if any of the items that she proudly displays each season have special meaning, she pointed to a jolly, animated figurine that resembles Santa Claus.

"He reminds me of my Grandfather Davis," she cheerfully admitted.

With the touch of a button, the jolly old guy bellowed out Feliz Navidad.

The Smiths' home and the grounds that surround it appear to radiate Christmas magic, but Ken and Dorthy readily admit there is no magical transformation that takes place overnight each year. The work begins in early September while the summer heat lingers.

"It is usually done by Thanksgiving," Dorthy explained. "But this year it was the first week in December before it was completed."

According to Ken, the weather didn't cooperate much this year and the finished product was unveiled and lit up a few days later than usual.

Since the vast amount of decoration does not fall into place overnight, it obviously does not come down very quickly either. Dorthy admits that she is sad when the time comes to take all the cheerful trinkets down and store them away in the outside storage buildings each year.

### Back to normal

Restoring their place to normal is a task that Dorthy and Ken undertake one room and one building at a time. According to Dorthy, it was almost March before all the decorations came down after last year's Christmas season.

"We wanted those who had not seen it to have the opportunity to do so," she emphasized.

Dorthy and Ken report that a number of people do go by their 144th Street home each year, which is located just west of 209th Road, to take in the magic of Christmas.

The couple, who attend Friendship Baptist Church, is quick to profess that Christmas is all about celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ and sharing their love and abilities with others. One might sense that Dorthy and Ken feel a little sad when the time comes to store all the Christmas decoration away for spring and summer, but anyone can recognize that the Christmas spirit within them is impossible to store away. After all, it is the most wonderful time of the year.

## Gov. Scott stops in Lake City

Continued From Page 1A

of Allegiance and the National Anthem was sung by Kay Poltorak.

While everyone enjoyed the delicious food that was prepared for the group, Rep. Elizabeth Porter spoke for a couple minutes.

"When you look around at the entire country, across the nation, and you see how backwards some of the states are marching, and they just have the wrong idea," said Porter. "They're going in the wrong direction, but what we are doing here in the state of Florida, is moving in the right direction. So much of that is thanks to our governor and the support he gets in the House and Senate to advance the kind of business building, freedom building ideas that we try and he supports."

Porter said the Republican Party of Florida also wants to support Gov. Scott's ideas, as well.

"We don't want to be like New York and we don't want to be like California," said Porter. "We don't want to try and squash the business people that are the job creators in our country. We want to do exactly what we've been doing in Florida for the past 4-6 years, and that is giving our business people the freedom to grow their business so that they will hire more people. They'll have jobs. They'll have expendable income and we will be able to continue to improve across the state, from top to bottom."

Porter said Gov. Scott has been a boon to the state and she is confident he will continue to do so.

Brief speeches were made by Rep. Van Zant and Judge Douglas, who asked everyone to welcome "a political leader who's restoring the 'American Dream' which seems to be lost on the rest of the country."

Gov. Scott entered the room to a raucous round of applause as he stepped up to the podium. He proceeded to tell the crowd a little about his childhood before moving on to the important issues of the state of Florida.

Scott said in 2010, 832,000 people in the state of Florida lost their jobs and unemployment hit a peak of 11.1 percent.

"We basically increased state debt by \$8.7 billion," Scott said. "What did we get for it? Housing prices collapsed by 40 percent. Whatever business you were in, you were pretty much hurting in Florida."

Scott reminded everyone that there is no state income tax in Florida, it is a right-to-work state where you don't have to be a member of a union, there are low business taxes, it is the gateway to Latin America, and the expansion of the Panama Canal is coming up.

"People like to visit our state," said Scott. "In 2010, 82 million tourists came to our state. How did we do it? Because we didn't focus on jobs."

When he first got elected, Scott said he contacted several consulting firms whose job it is to find suitable places for businesses to operate and was met with resistance. Many of them told Scott that Florida doesn't care about businesses, but only about being the state where people either vacation or retire. Calls to Tallahassee from businesses who wanted to come to Florida, he was told, were not addressed in a timely manner. Scott said he set out to change all of that.

Scott said anyone who works for a state agency has the duty to help create more jobs for the people of Florida in any way possible. He has also been cutting sales taxes,

property taxes, and regulations to make it easier for new businesses to come in.

Scott's speech wasn't all business. He spent some time telling anecdotes about Gov. Rick Perry in Texas, which engaged the crowd with laughter, but then it was back to business.

"In two years and 10 months, unemployment has gone from 11.1 to 6.7 percent," said Scott. "That's 440,000 jobs."

For the month of October, Florida private businesses generated 46,000 jobs, compared to Texas with only 12,000 jobs, Scott explained. Additionally, this year Florida expects to have a total of about 95 million tourists (up from 82 million), whom, he said, pay a lot of sales taxes.

"So, we've increased our state revenue that way," he said.

Since he's been in office, Scott said the state has lowered their unemployment rate, paid off a \$3.5 billion unemployment debt to the federal government, and there are currently 279,000 job openings in the state right now.

"We're headed in the right direction," said Scott.

Education was another topic Scott touched on, saying that the state has increased funding for education, and that Florida's 4th graders are number 2 in the world for reading, as well as other facts about graduation rates, teacher quality and Florida's excellent colleges.

After all the business talk, Scott said, "The year 2014 is a bad year to run for governor, but this is a great job. No one else should run," he added. "That would be nice. The truth is, if you like people, there is no better job than being governor of the state."

After the meeting, Scott spent some time mingling with the guests.

## Rep. Yoho introduces bill to repeal ACA if enrollment numbers not met

Continued From Page 1A

Yoho has introduced H.R. 3784, the Nullifying the Unconstitutional Mandate By Evaluating Results (NUMBER) Act. This legislation fully repeals the healthcare law if seven million people are not enrolled in the exchanges by March 31.

Congressman Yoho was joined by Reps. Bridenstine (Okla.), Duncan (S.C.), Franks (Ariz.), Graves (Ga.), Hall (Texas), Hudson (N.C.), Hultgren (Ill.), Jones (N.C.), LaMalfa (Calif.), Massie (Ky.), Messer (Ind.), Pittenger (N.C.), Rice (S.C.), Salmon (Ariz.), Scott (Ga.), Stockman (Texas), Weber (Texas), Westmoreland (Ga.), and Wilson (S.C.).

"The Obama Administration likes to claim that this healthcare law is hugely popular and is wanted by the American people. I disagree. If the Administration can't even make their own target numbers then the American taxpayer should not be further burdened by

this terrible law," said Yoho. "This commonsense bill simply holds the Administration accountable to those numbers, and if they are not met the Affordable

Care Act is fully repealed."

Congressman Yoho is also a cosponsor of H.R. 2300 and H.R. 3121, two alternative proposals to the Affordable Care Act.



In order to allow our employees time off to spend with their families the following deadlines will be in effect:

**Wednesday, Jan. 1 edition**

Classified Line Ads.....	4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 26
Legal Advertising.....	4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 26
Retail Advertising (B section).....	2 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 26
Retail Advertising (A section).....	2 p.m., Friday, Dec. 27

**Friday, Jan. 3 edition**

Classified & Legal Line Ads .....	9 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 31
Retail Advertising .....	9 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 31

**Have a safe and happy holiday**

**Our office will be closed on Jan. 1**

## Suwannee Democrat

211 Howard St. East • PO Box 370, Live Oak, FL 32064  
386-362-1734 • 800-525-4182

844273

# Viewpoints/Opinions

## BIBLE VERSE

“[ The Birth of Jesus ] In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.”

Luke 2:1, 4-5 NIV

## Suwannee Democrat



MYRA C. REGAN  
Publisher



JEFF WATERS  
Editor

Members of the Suwannee Democrat editorial board are Myra C. Regan, publisher, and Jeff Waters, editor. Our View is formed by that board.

## Editorial objectives for 2013

1. Reduce waste in local government
- ✓ 2. Revitalize downtown Live Oak
- ✓ 3. Continue work on Perimeter Road
- ✓ 4. Attract more business and growth
5. Build up I-10, US 129 corridor

## The Christmas Story according to Luke

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, good will toward men.

Luke 2:4-14

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters must contain your full name, address, daytime phone number and city of residence. Letters must reflect issues of current interest to the general public and be concise.

Management has the right to refuse any material that it believes does not meet standards of publication.

Send submissions to:

nf.editorial@gafnews.com or Suwannee Democrat, PO Box 370, Live Oak, FL 32064.

## GUEST COLUMN

# Christmas celebrates the promise of light

Taylor Armerding  
CNHI News Service

‘Tis the season – amid the shopping frenzy – for reading and hearing various reminders of “what Christmas is really all about.”

They tend mostly to be about organizations that provide gifts and Christmas dinners to poor children and their families. Those are wonderful, laudable things to do, and they are indeed among the things Christmas is all about. They are just not the only things. Here are some reminders to me of a few others.

It is not news that, in our hemisphere, this is the darkest time of year. Although I am not a fan of short days and long nights, Dec. 21 is also one of my favorite days of the year because it holds the brightest promise – a promise celebrated since ancient times.

Starting now, it will get no darker. The movement back to the light begins almost imperceptibly – a few seconds a day to start – but it is inexorable. The light will triumph over the dark, a promise kept with a celestial rhythm set since the beginning of time. It is a promise Christians also observe in the celebration of the birth of Christ; one of His names is “Light of the world.”

I have thought about that more than usual this season because the darkness of human mortality has been closer to me than at most times in my generally very fortunate life.

It is part of the human condition. We are not built to last. As one of my favorite writers observes rather caustically from time to time, “The chances of death are 100 percent.”

Still, there are times when it seems more of a thief, arriving well ahead of schedule with what appears to be random cruelty.

At this time of year, while the toughest thing for millions of us is figuring out what gift to get for friends or family members who already have everything they need, a close friend for decades is watching the gift of her own life fade while she struggles with cancer.

She has beaten the odds in one way – outlasting the prognosis for nearly an extra year – and while hope remains, another miracle looks unlikely. As Bob Dylan wrote about himself not long ago, “It’s not dark yet, but it’s getting there.”

Perhaps in one way. But in another, to paraphrase Samuel Johnson, who reportedly said the prospect of death “wonderfully concentrates the mind,” the dark often prompts us to generate light from sources we might never have thought were within us.

With darkness looming and grief a constant presence, the light of love from her husband, my good friend since childhood, is brighter than ever. He is her companion, caretaker

and lover in a way that most of us never contemplate when we make the vows and the future seems limitless and bright. It is a light that will never banish death but will last much longer than both of their lives, passed along to their children, grandchildren and generations yet to be born – how to love in sickness as well as health.

They struggled at times over the years, like most of us do. But when he was sick some years ago, she was there with that same light, and all that other stuff became as trivial as it ought to be all of the time.

So, no matter how it ends – and it will end for all of us at some point – her path is bathed in light.

In another part of the country, a young couple who are close friends of my daughter-in-law are mourning the loss of a daughter who was a light in their lives for not quite five months.

She was, in the view of many, unlucky from the start. She had Down syndrome. She had a congenital heart problem. Her parents knew that she would probably be with them for only a short time, but her death, following what had seemed to be a successful heart surgery, was still a shocking, wrenching grief.

Yet, amid that sorrow, this is some of what her young father had to say to those who gathered for her memorial service:

“As Jesus reminds us, a light in a dark room ought not to be kept hidden. Its light is life-giving, and it must be shared. And so I would like to share with you about this little light named Julia ...

“Julia was a gentle whisper of God – a soul closer to the veil between this life and the next than I have ever known – quiet, humble, and like other babies in many ways, yet from the beginning, somehow in a special way closer to the raw, unfathomable power of the creating God of the universe than you or I ...

“Those that had the privilege of meeting Julia and holding her will know what I mean when I say that her eyes sparkled with eternal joy, that the deepness of her gaze held something wondrous and mysterious that transcended words or heart defects or genetic anomalies.

“Julia’s beautiful, wonderful, sparkly gaze touched me to the core of my soul, deep calling to deep, and convinced me more than anything before in this life that God loves me.”

Those are the words of one wracked by the pain of death but still at peace, banishing the dark with the light of love that passes understanding.

That is also what Christmas is all about.

Taylor Armerding is an independent columnist. Contact him at t.armerding@verizon.net

## GUEST COLUMN

# Up on the house top click, click, click

By Dwain Walden  
The Moultrie Observer



Recently, I’ve read some commentaries where people told about the moment they first realized there was no Santa Claus. I got to thinking about that, and I couldn’t recall a specific moment when such realization came to me. It’s kind of like I absorbed that wisdom during a progression of maturity. No single event did it.

I’m not sure I ever believed there was a real physical jolly old elf who could drop down the chimney with a Red Ryder BB gun. You see our fireplace at the old farm house was not very proficient. It smoked more than it heated. So the fireplace was closed up, and we had one of those big iron wood-burning heaters with its smoke-stack feeding into the chimney. I do recall specifically the night I tossed a pack of firecrackers in it. When they started going off, people were running from one room to the other, bumping into each other like Keystone cops not knowing where they were going or what they were going to do when they got there. I was rolling in the floor laughing. Shortly afterward I learned that Red Camel overalls had very little padding in the seat.

So early on I knew Santa couldn’t get down our chimney. And apparently there are people who still haven’t embraced chimney construction. Almost every year we read about someone getting stuck while trying to climb down a chimney. Hey folks, go measure a flu liner and then check your waist size. There’s a cause-and-effect scenario there that’s crucial to your success or failure.

Now I do recall once when someone dressed up in a Santa suit came to our house on Christmas Eve night and scared the hell out of me. For that one moment I thought this character might have heard about the firecracker incident and was there to chastise me in some fashion... you know, that good and bad list thing.

Even though I don’t recall really believing in Santa or a moment when I quashed the concept that there was one, I do recall specific Christmases. I remember one at a very early age where I got a toy rake and hoe as a gift. Later on in life I realized that this was probably a move on the part of my dad to get me ready for the real thing. You see, we were farmers, and by the time I was 10 I was in the peanut field with my own “big boy hoe” chopping cockle burrs. Smart move on my dad’s part. He couldn’t talk to you about psychology, but he knew what worked. Also, he couldn’t read music, but he could play the harmonica.

But even though I didn’t really believe in a Santa, I didn’t go around expounding on the subject. It’s a good story and it means well. I’ve read the old “Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus” letter many times, and I grasp that it’s about a concept of love, sharing and goodwill toward men. And I can embrace the metaphor if not the fat man in the red suit. Also I realize there are some among us who probably think that a metaphor is something you put on a cold sore, and they need to believe literally. That’s just the way

things are. Or as Leonard Hofstadter on the “Big Bang Theory” said in one episode while disguised as a hobbit, “That’s how we roll in the Shire.”

I guess maybe it’s a good thing that my understanding of the Santa thing was a gradual progression as opposed to a single event. Sometimes when something happens so abruptly, it can be traumatic. And depending on one’s mental acuity, therapy might be required. One day such a person might find himself on a therapist’s couch discussing such thoughts of betrayal at such an early age.

I think maybe that old song, “I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus” helped some youngsters begin to make the transition from North Pole mythology into the real world. However, some may have had a relapse on the subject with a more recent follow-up titled, “Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer.”

Whatever, I wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Dwain Walden is editor/publisher of The Moultrie Observer, 229-985-4545. Email: dwain.walden@gafnews.com.



Have a safe and wonderful New Year



# Branford News

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

## Legion Post 59 Christmas supper

Here are a few scenes from Legion Post 59's Christmas supper held recently. The Post 59 next meeting will be on Jan. 21, at 7 p.m.



Commander Chris Keeney presided over the Christmas supper meeting at Branford's Hatch Park.



Chaplain Al Donovan, by his wife Doris, pronounced the invocation.



As the first winner of a door prize, Millie McGee got the first choice of the many table decorations.



Smiling faces from one of the tables.



Folks talked and visited during the supper.



Adjutant Skip Trubey kept busy gathering donations for door prizes and the 50/50 drawing.



John Metzger, left, the Post's second WW2 veteran, along with Chaplain Al, was able to attend. Peggy and Scott Peterson, center and right, kept him company.



The tables were packed.



Bill Peeler, right, was the winner of the 50/50 drawing of \$630. Skip Trubey cheerfully relinquished the Legion cash.



Thomas Robinson got the most looks as many of us have never seen him looking so regal in a suit and tie. He's with his daughter, Post Secretary Kimberly Chandler and Thomas' wife, Carol.



Melba & Paul Morris enjoyed seating at the head table.



Humberto Castellanos introduced his lady friend Aithnid.



Jimmy & Carol Terry.



Jule & Millie McGee enjoyed the camaraderie.



A look at Al's plate before dessert time. Courtesy photos

### INDEX

Arrests .....2A  
Legal Notices .....4B  
Obituaries .....5A

Sports .....1B  
Suwannee Living .....4A  
Viewpoint .....6A



HI 58 LO 49

PAGE 2B

Follow us on FACEBOOK

# 144th Street winter wonderland

Ken and Darthy Smith transform their 144th Street each year into a winter wonderland filled with all things Christmas. They begin decorating in September. This year on Dec. 9 they invited a few friends to celebrate the joy of Christmas.



A Christmas cottage fit for an elf.



An inside view of the outside buildings.



This birthday cake was compliments of Dairy Queen of Live Oak.



Several portable buildings display holiday cheer.



Ken and Darthy Smith pose in front of the Christmas tree.



Several friends were available to assist the Smiths Monday evening, Dec. 9.



As always, Darthy's treats were a hit.

## BUSINESS DIRECTORY

**Byrd's Power Equipment**  
Sales & Service  
All Makes & Models  
**HUSQVARNA.**  
Open Saturdays  
11860 E. U.S. 27, Branford, FL 32008  
Hours: Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-5 p.m. (386) 935-1544  
Saturday 7 a.m. - Noon

**PLACE YOUR BUSINESS CARD HERE**

**Suburban Propane**  
24-HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE  
Automatic Fuel Delivery • Prompt Installation & Repair  
Safety Trained Professionals • Easy Payment Plans  
Our Business is Customer Satisfaction  
502 SUWANNEE AVE. SW • BRANFORD  
**386-935-1728**

**NORTH FLORIDA PHARMACY** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 am-6:00 pm  
Saturday 9am-1pm Sunday-Closed  
OF BRANFORD  
Now accepting Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Options  
Everything For Your Home Recovery From Prescriptions to Medical Supplies  
Cherry Lambert Pharmacist 305 SW US Highway 27 Branford, Florida 32008 (386) 935-6905

**To advertise your business here, call 386-362-1734 for more information**



Darthy Smith and Jo Ann Matthews (right) prepare to serve seconds...,or maybe the third helping.

### 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.

12/16/13.....10.77	12/20/13.....11.03
12/17/13.....10.85	12/21/13.....11.02
12/18/13.....10.96	12/22/13.....10.99
12/19/13.....11.02	12/23/13.....10.96

Sponsored By:  
**SCAFF'S Supermarket**  
Branford 386-935-1527



Ken and Darthy Smith begin decorating for Christmas in early September.  
- Photos: Jeffrey Boatright

## Christina Hilliard joins the SRWMD as a business process analyst

Christina Hilliard joined the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) as a business process analyst within the Administrative Services Bureau on Dec. 2. In this capacity, she will assist in the development of the preliminary and tentative budget, monitor fund balances in special revenue accounts, and assist in the preparation of monthly financial statements and corresponding reports, among other tasks.

Prior to joining the District, Hilliard

worked as a bookkeeper for various companies and as a freelance bookkeeper, where her duties included general accounting and tax preparation.

Hilliard holds a Bookkeeping Certificate in Accounting from Lapeer County Vocational Technical School in Attica, Mich.

"The District is pleased to have Christina Hilliard join our team to provide financial support in our Finance Office," said District Executive Director Ann Shortelle.



Hilliard

### 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.

### North Florida Animal Rescue Health Center

**Medical** — North Florida Animal Rescue Health Center is now open for all of your pet's medical needs. We are a full service, state-of-the-art medical facility that offers spays and neuters, medical treatments, vaccinations, flea and tick control and so much more. Contact us at 386-963-1354 to schedule your appointment.



**Grooming** — North Florida Animal Rescue now offers full service grooming. Please contact us at 386-963-1295 for more information.

**Adoption** — Come to North Florida Animal Rescue to find your forever friend! We have many dogs and cats ready for adoption. Please contact us at 386-963-1295 or see our website at [www.northfloridaanimalrescue.org](http://www.northfloridaanimalrescue.org) for more information.

**Pavilion** — North Florida Animal Rescue's pavilion is available for all of your special events. Weddings, receptions, birthdays and more. Contact us at 386-963-1295 for more information.

842657

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



### From Our family to yours!

Be a part of the leading community news source this holiday season and in 2014. We can effectively promote your business to our readers who will become your customers when you advertise with us.

## Spot On

ADVERTISING

The Choice is Black and White

### The Suwannee Democrat

**386-362-1734**

211 Howard St. East • Live Oak, FL 32064

[www.suwanneedemocrat.com](http://www.suwanneedemocrat.com)

842869

Meaningful jobs and career opportunities

# The difference is real.

Meaningful work: It's not just a cliché. At Mosaic, it's a difference that's real. We offer challenging opportunities that promise to make the most of your skills. That means you'll have the chance to dig into work that matters and make an impact right from the start.

Discover our difference for yourself. With phosphate production facilities in Florida and Louisiana, and operations across the globe, Mosaic's mission is to help the world grow the food it needs.

Discover our career opportunities at [mosaicco.com/careers](http://mosaicco.com/careers).



845772

# CHRISTMAS SAVINGS!

at Sunbelt Live Oak



**BIG** FINISH 2013  
GREAT YEAR-END DEALS.

# NO

MONEY DOWN DELIVERS

# NO

INTEREST FINANCING FOR 72 MONTHS

LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE GONNA NEED A BIGGER TREE TOPPER.

**NEW 2013 RAM 1500**

**\$6,200 TOTAL SAVINGS**

**2014 RAM**

**\$222 PER MO**  
**39 MO LEASE**  
2999 DAS



**ALL NEW 2013 CHRYSLER**  
Town & Country, 300 & 200

**0% | 72 MOS APR**

**ALL NEW 2013 DODGE DART, AVENGER, CARAVAN, DURANGO, CHARGER, JOURNEY & CHALLENGERS**

**0% FOR 72 MONTHS**

**2014 Jeep Wrangler**

**\$309 PER MO**  
**39 MO LEASE**  
2499 DAS

**ALL NEW 2014 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE**

**\$359 PER MONTH**  
**36 MONTH LEASE**  
\$2499 DAS

**2014 Dodge Dart**

**\$199 PER MO**  
**39 MO LEASE**  
2499 DAS

**Jeep**  
THE ALL NEW JEEP CHEROKEE LIMITED.

**WELCOME TO UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES.**  
BUILT FREE

**IT'S HERE!**

- 9-SPEED TRANSMISSION
- UP TO 28 MPG
- 3.2 L
- 275 HP

**Sunbelt** SE HABLA espanol

**Jeep RAM**

HOURS: M-F 8:30am - 6:30pm Saturday 9:00am - 5:00 pm  
1307 West Howard Street (US 90) Live Oak

**386-362-1042**

**SAVE MORE PAY LESS!**

[www.sunbeltchryslerjeepdodgeofliveoak.com](http://www.sunbeltchryslerjeepdodgeofliveoak.com)

# SPORTS

Additional  
Santa  
Letters  
page 2B



SHS basketball

## Boys defeat Buchholz



A Suwannee player dribbles the ball past his Fort White opponent earlier in the season. - Photo: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

Staff

The Suwannee High School boys basketball team defeated Buchholz of Gainesville Dec. 14, in their last game before press time for this edition. The final score was 62-52.

This is the only win for the Bulldogs varsity team which has experienced very close upsets.

The Bulldogs as of this game were at

1-6 overall and 0-2 in 5A District 2.

Nov. 29 Vs. Columbia 58-57 loss  
Dec. 3 Vs. Fort White 75-35 loss  
Dec. 5 @ Baker County 67-66 loss  
Dec. 6 @ Wakulla\* 49-41 loss  
Dec. 10 @ Rickards\* 66-50 loss  
Dec. 13 @ Trinity Christian 57-55 loss  
Dec. 14 Vs. Buchholz 62-52 win  
denotes district game

Melody basketball

## Boys beat Branford, Lafayette

Staff

The Melody Christian Academy Wildcats defeated Branford and Lafayette at the Suwannee Coliseum recently.

On Friday, Dec. 13, the boys defeated

Branford, 78-44. Then on Tuesday, Dec. 17, Melody beat Lafayette, 83-50. Both those games were district matches.

The boys take a break until Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. when they take on Fort White in Live Oak.



A Melody Wildcat in action in a recent match. - Photo: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

SOS soccer

## Lady 'Dogs beat Eastside

By Doug Mabey

SHS JV soccer head coach

The Suwannee High School Lady Bulldogs varsity team traveled to Gainesville again, on Dec. 17, this time to face an Eastside team who has also had its share of injuries. They canceled their JV program in order to pull some players up to play for the varsity team.

If Eastside's record was any indication, this game would be a challenge for Suwannee.

The game went the entire first half without a score. The second half continued that way until EHS scored the first goal of the game with 27 minutes left in the game, off a corner kick with lots of rebounds and feet involved.

Suwannee responded just 20 seconds later with their own goal by Sierra Waddy and assisted by captain Grace Brett. Suwannee struck again only two minutes later when Waddy scored again, assisted again by Brett. There was a lull for about eight minutes when Suwannee scored the final goal of the game, this time by Riley Walczak, assisted by Waddy.

EHS had a penalty kick late in the game which was stopped by keeper Brooke Wainwright, one of 17 saves for her on the night.

Suwannee improved their record to 8-6-0 and Eastside dropped to 12-4-0.

The ladies take a break from action until Tuesday, Jan. 7 when they play Santa Fe at home at 7 p.m.

Branford basketball

## Boys look to bounce back after holiday break

Staff

The Branford High School boys basketball team is 5-6 overall and 1-4 in 1A District 5 as of Tuesday, Dec. 17, according to MaxPreps.com.

The team, coached by Perry Davis, lost their last three games. They played Hamilton County on Dec. 17 for a final score of 79-52, Hamilton County; on Dec. 16, they played Meadowbrook Academy and fell 57-49 and on Dec. 13, they played Melody Christian Academy and fell 78-46.

Prior to those three games, Branford defeated Lafayette on Dec. 10, 61-60, and Cedar Key on Dec. 6, 61-55.

The boys are off for the holidays until

Jan. 6, when they host Bell at 8 p.m.

Nov. 19 Vs. Trenton 55-40 win  
Nov. 21 Vs. Dixie County 64-51 win  
Nov. 25 Vs. Bronson 64-34 loss  
Nov. 26 @ Trenton 59-41 win  
Dec. 3 @ Hamilton County\* 78-55 loss

Dec. 5 Vs. Jefferson County\* 61-42 loss  
Dec. 6 Vs. Cedar Key 61-55 win  
Dec. 10 Vs. Lafayette\* 61-60 win  
Dec. 13 @ Melody Christian\* 78-46 loss

Dec. 16 @ Meadowbrook 57-49 loss  
Dec. 17 Vs. Hamilton County 79-52 loss

denotes district game

BHS basketball

## Girls beat Cedar Key, fall to Lafayette

Staff

The Branford High School girls basketball team is 3-5 overall and 1-2 in 1A District 5, according to MaxPreps.com.

The team is coached by Carla Suggs.

The Lady Buccaneers fell to Lafayette Dec. 10, 49-30 and beat Cedar Key on Dec. 6, 43-10. They beat Jefferson County in a district match on Dec. 5, 54-41.

SEE GIRLS LAFAYETTE, PAGE 3B

## SMS wrestlers take 2nd at Falcon Invitational

Submitted

Suwannee Middle School wrestlers took second place during the Falcon Invitational at Lake City Middle School on Dec. 14. The tournament lasted for the better part of the day.

SMS had many boys take first,

second, third and fourth in their respective weight classes and had the second most points overall as a team, earning them the second place trophy.

SMS wrestling is coached by Paul Horne with Cory Horne assisting.

See photo on 3B

# Additional Santa Letters

We apologize, these letters were left off the Santa letters that were published in Friday's edition.

**Mrs. Mandy Ramsey's  
First Grade Class**

Dear Santa,

I want a BorBrBe. and I want to a SKOODr Love, Hailey

Dear Santa,

I Ben rilly good So I want a oWt Futidid SKoodr and a litl BaBe dog. Love, Timothy

Dear Santa,

I wood like to have a Lego hingog for CriSmis and A IPad and a X Boxe 360 and a 3DS and a Bulldogs short love, Tayvin

Dear Santa,

I ipod and a tess nomes a Santa toy Love, Michael

Dear Santa,

I have bin good! Arsey helloucotar Medllofet Spiy gougles Spiy gouf DS nitindo Its boutr Ruotonr mostr truck Love, Daniel

Dear Santa,

I have ben good this year. I would like a brbedoll and some new close to go with it. I wold like a new helmet to go with my bike. And some new stuff for my brbe hoers. And toy story toys. Some dress up stuff and a TV Love, Chloe Waters

Dear Santa,

I ben good at school and I want ole uv the mostr hieye toy's on Crismeis Santa pelaea. I love you Santa! Love, Emma

Dear Santa,

Foreeler Barby doll Nalie polich Gum, new toy box, and big tablite. Clock, phon, towlehody comeuter Choret, clollinder, centers car Crans for school, cabnits, sattle for my hors Map, cards in a box and my own pupy Makup, colers, one of those coler thigs that coler on yarn Hair a crimiss slay a new dress yoy and a book Love, Cadence

Dear Santa,

I bin good can you git me a chowy and a kind fiyr and slign and a ipod and a crims tree and a heyr From Zeela

Dear Santa,

Foreeler Barby doll Naile poich Gum New tow box And I want a drbi Love, Antyonise

Dear Santa,

Teder deayes Pokemon game and a Fon And I want a gun ball mushen I want a mracer mushen and a yoyo. Love, Thomas

Dear Santa,

I bin rile good this yer I wood lik a brbey and a Irens and a hooloa a prtey pesl a tede bara bik and a pet kras and papr have a mil makaa snow. Love, Catalina

Dear Santa,

I've bin good this yir. I want a SUV moststr simi I do avre tang in the wold I love you Santa. I biliv in you Santa. Logo Fire Man Logo Kit Goldn TV Gost radr 3, 4, 5, 6, 100, 200, 300, and 400 DVD Love, Tristan White

**Anne's Kitchen**  
9980 Hwy 90 (at CR49)  
Live Oak, FL 32060

Wow! Buffalo wings are so good!  
I don't have the heart to tell her!

**Wings 59¢**  
Open 6am - 7pm  
7 Days A Week

Dear Santa,  
I bnwrin good. I wout a game in I wrut bik in I wrut a brasi brow in I wout a mruth tuck in I wout lego stret in wout a mr user nomes in I wout a frow tess nomes in I wout a dog mom dog in wout nraner in I wout afron druck bik Mraw crims Love Christopher

Dear Santa,  
I with I can toc to the elf frevr and frever becus sumtis I fil sad and lole bimisef. Love, Cason

**Mrs. Marvette Gwinn  
Suwannee Primary  
School  
First Grade**

SEE SANTA, PAGE 5B

**127 Howard Street E.,  
Live Oak, FL  
Phone: 386-362-4539  
Toll Free: 1-800-557-7478  
Se Habla Espanol**

Professional service with an Old Fashioned Touch!

EMAIL: info@poolerealty.com

<p><b>JUST LISTED-</b> 3/1 1/2 bath on 10 acres. Home needs some finish work. Large pond in the back yard and small creek. \$65,000. MLS#85974 Hamilton County</p>	<p><b>LOVELY 2/2 DWMH</b> on 1.5 acres. Priced to sell. Larger than it looks, this home has no wasted space. Spacious bedrooms and baths. Move-in ready. \$69,000. Call Nelda Hatcher, 386-688-8067 MLS#81372 www.RealEstateShows.com/656604</p>	<p><b>HOME ON THE SUWANNEE.</b> ready for you to move in. Completely furnished, Big screen TV, stereo system, blue-ray, ping-pong table for the kids or your self. Bring all offers. \$79,900. Call Ric Donovan, 386-590-1298 MLS#85646</p>
<p><b>BRING THE HORSES!</b> Secluded and private 3/2 brick home with a super large family room sitting on 10 acres. Professionally built horse barn with 6 stalls and tack rooms, metal work shop, board fencing. \$110,000. Call William Golightly, 386-590-6681 MLS#85571</p>	<p><b>REDUCED!</b> 3/2 DWMH in Butterfield Acres. Split floor plan, spacious kitchen, workshop. Close to the Advent Christian Village. \$110,000. Call Nelda Hatcher, 386-688-8067 MLS#84670 www.RealEstateShows.com/696545</p>	<p><b>JUST LISTED-</b> 1,800+ sq.ft., 3/2. Convenient location to shopping, hospital, and interstate. Great home with screen porch, side entrance garage, fireplace, paved circular drive. \$122,500. MLS#85947 Columbia County</p>
<p><b>LARGE BRICK HOME</b> on 5 acres, mostly in maturing planted pines, nice landscaped yard around home w/koi pond. Covered in-ground pool w/solar heating, chain link fencing, &amp; pole barn. \$250,000. William Golightly, 386-590-6681 MLS#85214</p>	<p><b>NATURE LOVERS</b> Acethe wildlife are guaranteed to come visit the running creek on this private 46 acres with 3/2 brick home built in 2005. Offers open floor plan overlooking the pool enclosure, paved driveway, 2 car garage and 2 storage buildings. \$428,000 MLS#84892 ask for Kellie</p>	<p><b>55+ ACRE FARM</b> w/ beautiful 2 story home. All bedrooms downstairs, bonus room upstairs, high ceilings, dbl sided FP &amp; the character of an older home. In-ground pool, partial wrap around porch, pasture, woods and much more. \$425,000. Kellie Shirah, 386-208-3847 MLS#84924</p>

**REDUCED-** BEAUTIFUL natural wooded 2 acre lot with no deed restrictions. Great for land/home package \$12,900 Call Ric Donovan, 386-590-1298 MLS#77773

**LOT ON CR 250-** 1 acre close to Dowling Park. Site built or mobile homes allowed. Property has well, septic, and power pole in place. \$18,000. Call Nelda Hatcher, 386-688-8067 MLS#85552

**CLOSE TO TOWN-** 5 acres with paved road frontage. Huge granddaddy oaks and some planted pines. Well on property. \$24,000. Call David Mincey, 386-590-0157 MLS#85800

**NICE** little home with room for the horse. Some of the property pasture and some wooded. 3/2 DWMH & 4 ac. \$54,900. David Mincey, 386-590-0157 MLS#83455

**CUTE** 2/1 home on 1 acre. Paved road, very secluded and private. Fenced. Less than 3 miles from Charles springs/ Boat ramp. \$69,900. Call Sylvia Newell, 386-590-2498.

**www.poolerealty.com**  
Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; Sunday by appointment

WE'RE ALWAYS OPEN ONLINE @ [www.RMFORD.COM](http://www.RMFORD.COM)

<p><b>2013 FORD F150 XL</b></p> <p><b>UP TO \$8,210 OFF MSRP</b></p> <p><small>MSRP: \$34,710 - \$22,500 RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH - \$1,000 FORD CREDIT RETAIL BONUS CASH - \$1,750 RETAIL TRADE-IN ASSISTANCE BONUS CUSTOMER CASH - \$3,210 RTM DISCOUNT</small></p>	<p><b>2013 FORD F150 XLT</b></p> <p><b>UP TO \$8,600 OFF MSRP</b></p> <p><small>MSRP: \$31,660 - \$1,000 RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH - \$1,000 FORD CREDIT RETAIL BONUS CASH - \$1,750 RETAIL TRADE-IN ASSISTANCE BONUS CUSTOMER CASH - \$5,660 RTM DISCOUNT</small></p>		
<p><b>2013 FORD F150 STX</b></p> <p><b>UP TO \$7,800 OFF MSRP</b></p> <p><small>MSRP: \$31,850 - \$2,250 RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH - \$1,000 FORD CREDIT RETAIL BONUS CASH - \$1,000 RETAIL TRADE-IN ASSISTANCE BONUS CUSTOMER CASH - \$3,850 RTM DISCOUNT = \$24,000</small></p>	<p><b>2014 FORD EXPLORER</b></p> <p><b>\$28,000</b></p> <p><small>MSRP: \$31,555 - \$2,000 RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH - \$1,555 RTM DISCOUNT = \$28,000</small></p>	<p><b>2014 FORD MUSTANG V6 COUPE</b></p> <p><b>0% APR &amp; \$2,995 OFF MSRP</b></p> <p><small>MSRP: \$22,995 - \$500 RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH - \$1,000 RTM DISCOUNT = \$28,000</small></p>	<p><b>2014 FORD FUSION S</b></p> <p><b>0% APR &amp; \$3,195 OFF MSRP</b></p> <p><small>MSRP: \$22,695 - \$500 FORD CREDIT RETAIL BONUS CASH - \$2,695 RTM DISCOUNT = \$19,500</small></p>

**Rountree-Moore** **2588 US HIGHWAY 90 WEST LAKE CITY, FL 32055**  
**800.536.8168**

**SELLING FORDS & SERVING OUR COMMUNITY SINCE 1924**

SPORTS

# SMS wrestlers take 2nd at Falcon Invitational



The team took second on Dec. 14. See 1B for the story. Courtesy photo

## Boys defeat Buchholz



Malik Jones feels pressure from the Fort White Indian. Photo: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

## Girls beat Cedar Key, fall to Lafayette

Continued From Page 1B

The ladies return to action following the holiday break to play Lafayette in a rematch on Jan. 7.

Nov. 11	@ Madison County	65-45 loss
Nov. 19	Vs. Trenton	26-20 loss
Nov. 21	Vs. Dixie County	50-10 win
Nov. 25	Vs. Bronson	40-35 loss
Nov. 26	@ Trenton	59-46 loss
Dec. 3	@ Hamilton County*	62-55 loss
Dec. 5	Vs. Jefferson County*	54-41 win
Dec. 6	Vs. Cedar Key	43-10 win
Dec. 10	Vs. Lafayette*	49-30 loss

\* denotes district game

**Keep it Real. Keep it Honda.**

**OIL CHANGE SPECIAL**

**PLUS 40 PT. INSPECTION**

**\$29<sup>95</sup>**

**OPEN SAT 8-NOON**

Includes up to 5 QTS of Honda recommended oil Plus Tax & Disposal

Open Mon-Fri 7:30-5:30

**2018 MAIN BLVD. LAKE CITY, FL**

**386-755-6500**

Visit us online at: [www.SunbeltHonda.com](http://www.SunbeltHonda.com)

**THIS HOLIDAY GIVE SOMETHING**

**STIHL**

**DEPENDABLE**

**MS 170 CHAIN SAW \$179<sup>95</sup>**

**BG 55 HANDHELD BLOWER \$149<sup>95</sup>**

**FS 45 TRIMMER \$159<sup>95</sup>**

**GET GEARED UP**

Are you ready for a **STIHL**?

**JOHN'S LAWN EQUIPMENT**

1629 N. Ohio Ave. (Hwy. 129)  
Live Oak, FL 32064 • 386-362-5020

Mon. - Fri. 7-5:30pm  
[www.Johnslawneq.com](http://www.Johnslawneq.com)

STIHLusa.com

**10% OFF**

Locally Owned & Independently Operated

All Retail Purchases

**All Parts Purchased**

\* Excludes commercial and special price items

**Little Jon's CARQUEST AUTO PARTS**

386-219-0315

Open Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Saturday: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

**PUZZLE SOLUTION**

D	I	S	B	A	R	S	I	L	T	E	D		
D	E	C	E	A	S	E	A	W	A	I	T	E	D
O	F	C	R	O	S	S	W	O	R	D	M	E	
D	E	N	T	S	E	L	Y	D	E	C	O	R	
G	R	U	S	D	A	R	E	S	S	A	T	I	
E	S	M	B	E	L	R	I	B	M	I	D		
E	L	A	N	S	E	R	E	N	E				
S	A	R	O	S		B	E	R	G	S			
E	R	A	S	E	S		B	E	D	A			
V	A	T	D	A	T	C	A	L	M	I	A		
E	P	O	S	C	A	R	A	T	H	E	C	K	
R	A	R	E	R	W	B	N	S	A	N	E	R	
A	H	G	A	R	D	E	N	H	O	E	M	O	
L	O	C	A	T	O	R	E	A	R	T	H	E	N
S	U	R	E	T	Y	S	E	A	S	O	N		

# College basketball's snooze season almost done

Tom Lindley  
CNHI News Service

One of the best Christmas presents that college basketball fans receive is the end of the dreadful, pre-conference schedule. Until this point in the season, except for a few made-for-TV match-ups, competitive offerings are slim. Most college powers set up schedules guaranteeing 10 wins by the time they play their first conference game of the season. That's becoming a problem for college basketball, where the early games are oftentimes boring and the outcomes mostly assured. It's good for a coach who wants to pad his schedule, but not so for fans who pay good money to watch bad teams. Recent estimates of the Rating Percentage Index (RPI) used to evaluate teams at the end of the season, which factors

schedule strength, showed that Indiana so far has played seven teams ranked 150th or lower. The Hoosiers aren't alone. Louisville claims six victories against bottom-feeders, while Kentucky, UCLA and Duke have five. The list could be much longer. Conversely teams with the poorest records play the toughest schedules. Among the Top 10 in the Strength of Schedule rankings thus far are North Dakota (1-6), Oakland (2-9), Santa Barbara (4-3) and Grambling (0-4). They do get paid well - in ticket receipts - for their beatings. It wasn't always this way. When Denny Crum coached Louisville to two national championships, he loaded up the early portion of his schedules in hopes of getting his teams ready for conference play. For instance, in 1985, his pre-New Year schedule in-



Tom Lindley

cluded Miami (Ohio), St. John's, Tulsa, Kansas, Purdue, Indiana and Kentucky. It worked. The Cardinals won the 1986 NCAA crown. Today's soft schedules make it harder to tell which teams are the better ones in the opening weeks of the season. It's generally safe to say the powers

use the initial weeks to reload and work new players into their systems. The most interesting aspect of the season so far has been the introduction of high-level freshman phenoms. Given the hype, big things were to be expected at Kentucky, Kansas and Duke. So far, the freshmen have played well, but not like the memorable, one-and-done game-changers they were projected to be. Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim was the first to acknowledge that not all that glitters is gold. Good players, yes; great players, no. At least so far. "There's no player that's out there on the horizon that's a Tim Duncan or a LeBron James," he said. "I've seen all these guys play. I think they're very talented players. They're not that kind of player." That's not the assessment that was expected at John Calipari U., where the

freshmen had already been dubbed "the greatest class ever." There was banter about an undefeated season at Kentucky, but Calipari's Wildcats have already lost three games. A showdown against defending national champion Louisville is on tap for Dec. 28. It's been much the same at Kansas, where Andrew Wiggins arrived on campus amid comparisons to former Jayhawk star Wilt Chamberlain. Three early-season losses have tempered those comments, but Kansas has played the toughest schedule of the major powers so far, much to its credit. Duke is off to an 8-2 start and looks to have the best freshman in the country in 6-foot-8 Jabari Parker, who is averaging 22 points a game. The Blue Devils have been ranked in the Top 10 dating back 222 games. That's likely to continue.

All these teams should survive the two month-plus grind of conference games to play in the NCAA Tournament in March. How far they go will depend on whether the freshmen have matured as college players and shaken off bad habits from high school and AAU. Calipari summed up the situation accurately in an assessment of his own players this week on his website, but it probably could go for other budding stars, as well. "They are great kids," he said, "but they have bad basketball habits they keep falling back to." The good news is that the shake-out is about over. The days of playing no-names will be done, and it will be time to step up and play or get out of the way.

Tom Lindley is a CNHI sports columnist. Reach him at [tindley@cnhi.com](mailto:tindley@cnhi.com)

## Calendar of Events

### Suwannee Amateur Radio Club

First Tuesday, social at 6:30 p. m., followed by regular meeting at 7, at its club house, located north of I10 & US129, Live Oak. Call for exact location and directions. Visitors are always welcome! The club offers periodic testing for your ham license. The club's web site is [www.suwanneearc.org](http://www.suwanneearc.org). Amateur radio operators (HAMS) provide emergency radio communications for those organizations involved in emergencies like law enforcement, hospitals, shelters and the American Red Cross. Contact the club's president, Ron, 688-4057, for more information.

### Toys for Kids +

Over the past years generous and loving folks of our area have helped us fulfill the Christmas wishes of needy children that might not otherwise have had a Christmas. Many of the families have requested food, blankets and shoes. Should you know of a child that needs help, or if you would like to sponsor a child or family in need, you may call Roger Burnside at 386-935-3343.

You may drop off your donations at the Branford Town Hall, O'Brien Feed and Hardware Store, and Thompson Construction, or at 25241 SR 247 in O'Brien.

No donation is too small and all will be greatly appreciated.

### Artisans and Growers Market Opens in the Wirick-Simmons Garden

At the corner of Pearl and Cherry Streets This market will be open the first Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If you Make it -- Bake it -- Grow it -- or Sew it, you can sell it here

\$5.00 for your table -- We furnish three canopy tents \$10.00 for 12x12 space on lawn for your tent or pick-up All proceeds benefit the Monticello Old Jail Museum For more information Contact: Anne H. Holt Phone: 850-576-0721 E-Mail: [ahholt@ahholt.com](mailto:ahholt@ahholt.com)

### Boy Scout Troop 693 has new sponsor, meeting location

Boy scout troop 693, Harry Reeve scoutmaster, [troop693@windstream.net](mailto:troop693@windstream.net), (386) 590-6121, have begun meeting at the Live Oak Shrine Club, 11557 100th Street, on Thursdays, 6:30 - 8 p. m.

The Shrine Club has recently become its charter organization!

Membership is open to 11-17 year-old boys.

### Attention bridge players

A group of bridge players meet every Monday at 6 p.m. at Sakura Restaurant, 1548 S. Ohio Ave., Live Oak to play Chicago bridge. We have openings for players. Please contact Lucille Heinrich at 362-5995 for more information.

Want to learn bridge or brush up on your skills? Meet at Sakura Restaurant on Monday at 5 p.m. for an hour of FREE tutoring. Contact Lucille Heinrich at 362-5995 to register.

### Line Dance Lessons

Free each Wed night at 7:30 p.m.

Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park, Live Oak, Florida  
**Pony Express & North Florida Equestrian Team**  
Open/4-H horse shows. Jan. 18, Feb. 1, March 1, Last show TBA. Registration starts at 9 a.m. Classes at 10 a.m. Bob Holmes arena 1302 11th SW Live Oak, Fla. 32060.

Collective points, end of the series awards & banquet, 1st - 6th place ribbons, Halter Grand & Reserve. Photographer, concession, covered arena, & plenty of shaded parking.

\$6 per class, \$40 ride all day, multi horse & family discounts. \$5 ground fee for non showing horses. Current coggins is required.

Pre Registration starting at [\[hclub.yolasite.com/\]\(http://hclub.yolasite.com/\)](http://ponyexpress4-</a></p>
</div>
<div data-bbox=)

If you have any questions please feel free to email Us at [ponyexpress4h@hotmail.com](mailto:ponyexpress4h@hotmail.com) or call Katherine King (386) 209-1524

### Florida Telecommunications Relay

A representative from Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc will be at Belton Hearing Aid Center, located at 109 East Howard Street in Live Oak on the first Monday of every month to distribute FREE Hard of Hearing telephones. Also, free hearing screening are available, if there are any questions or to schedule an appointment call Candi at 386-362-5452.

### 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 SRWMD 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

SEE CALENDAR, PAGE 5B

### Suwannee Legals

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

CASE NO.: 12-329-CA

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.  
Plaintiff,

vs.

TRAVIS MEEKS AKA TRAVIS R MEEKS, ET AL  
Defendants

### RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated December 6, 2013, and entered in Case No. 12-329-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit in and for Suwannee County, Florida. Bank of America, N.A., Plaintiff and TRAVIS MEEKS AKA TRAVIS R MEEKS, ET AL, are defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the front steps of the Suwannee County Courthouse located at 200 South Ohio Avenue Live Oak, FL 32064 at 11:00 a.m. on this 16th day of January, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment entered August 26, 2013.

ALL THAT CERTAIN LAND SITUATE IN SUWANNEE COUNTY, GEORGIA: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NE ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 12 EAST, SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THENCE RUN SOUTH 210 FEET; THENCE RUN EAST 210 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 210 FEET; THENCE RUN WEST 210 FEET.

Property Address: 16192 24TH ST, LIVE OAK, FL 32060

A person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 9th day of December, 2013.

(Court Seal)  
By: */s/ Jillian Herron*  
As Deputy Clerk

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2.065.

If you are a person with a disability who requires accommodations in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, the provision of certain assistance. Individuals with a disability who require special accommodations in order to participate in a court proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator, 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Room 408, Lake City, FL 32055, (386) 719-7428, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. 12/25, 01/01

### Suwannee Legals

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

CASE NO.: 2012-000266-CA

FIRST FEDERAL BANK OF FLORIDA, a FEDERALLY CHARTERED SAVINGS BANK,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHELLE BATISTA, et al,

Defendant.

### NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Plaintiff's Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 17, 2013, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on January 9, 2014 at 11:00 A.M. (EST), at the SUWANNEE County Courthouse, 200 South Ohio, MLK Jr. Ave., Live Oak, FL 32064:

For a Point of Beginning commence at the Southwest Corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; thence run North 89 degrees, 57 minutes, 50 seconds West, a distance of 24.99 feet to the East Right-of-Way line County Road No 49; thence run North 00 degrees, 38 minutes, 00 seconds East along said East Right-of-Way line a distance of 245.00 feet; thence run South 89 degrees, 57 minutes, 50 seconds East along the South Right-of-Way line of Pine Oak Drive (a 60 foot Right-of-Way) a distance of 300.80 feet; thence run South 00 degrees, 38 minutes, 00 seconds West, a distance of 245.00 feet; thence run North 89 degrees, 57 minutes, 50 seconds West, a distance of 275.81 feet to the Point of Beginning. Being those same lands described in Official Records Book 209, Page 263, of the Public Records of Suwannee County, Florida.

Property Address: 9992 108th Trail, Live Oak, FL 32060

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

Dated: December 18, 2013.

(Court Seal) BARRY A. BAKER, CLERK

By: */s/ Jillian Herron*  
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation to participate should call the ADA Coordinator, Jacquetta Bradley, P.O. Box 1569, Lake City, FL 32056, 386-719-7428, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired call (800) 955-8771; if you are voice impaired call (800) 955-8770. 12/25, 01/01

**Needed.**

© 2013 Wonderful Media. © 2013 Find&Save

**Wanted.**

**With Find&Save it's all on sale.** From stuff for cooking to stuff for playing, find the best sales on what you need—and what you want—with Find&Save. Use this new searchable, comprehensive collection of sales at your favorite local stores to browse, connect with other shoppers, and save a bundle.

[www.suwanneedemocrat.com](http://www.suwanneedemocrat.com)

brought to you by  
**Suwannee Democrat**

830199



# Calendar of Events

Continued From Page 4B

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](http://suwannee.floridatrail.org), or Suwannee MeetUp Group at: [www.meetup.com/suwannee-FTA](http://www.meetup.com/suwannee-FTA). You may also contact the Chapter Chair, Irvin Chance, at [andchance@msn.com](mailto:andchance@msn.com) or by phone at 386-330-2424.

### 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 receive 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.

### 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](http://www.agingresources.org). You can also contact Cindy Roberts at (352) 692-5260 or [robertsc@agingresources.org](mailto: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.

# Additional Santa Letters

Continued From Page 2B

Dear Santa Claus,

I like to make chocolate chip cookies with my momma. Please bring me three things for Christmas. I would like a phone, a baby doll and a playhouse. Love, Melanie Jones

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been very good to drisl. Please bring me three things for Christmas. I would like an i fon, a shiny red fishin pole and a litl radio. I would like to see one of your randir. Love, Case Sansousi

Dear Santa,

I am a good football player. Would you bring me three things for Christmas? I would like an I pde, a football and a socker ball. How do you make all those toys? Love, Christian Harrell

Dear Santa Claus,

I been wrking on my behavrv very, very, much and I made it. I am hapey because my teacher bought me a happy meal from Dairy Queen. Would you bring me three things? I would like a tent, a four wheeler and a train set. Those are fun to play with. How do your reindeers fly? Love, Alex McLeod

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a very nice girl. Please bring me three things. I would like two wii games, a furbee and a tede bear with clothes. I would love these rile much. How do you drop off the presents? Love, Emaysa Blue

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been very nice to my bruthr. Would you bring me three things? I would like an I Pod, a goodtor and a new book-bag. How do you make all the presents? Love, Caylee Coffman

Dear Santa Claus,

I play with my frinds on the swings. Would you bring me three things? I would like a flutter fly fairy, a Barbie doll that has long hair and a sony TV in my room. How are your elfs doing? Love, Janiya Washington

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been very nice to my friends. Would you bring me three things? I would like a purple bike, a snowman puzzle and some black boots. How many elfs are watching us?

Love, Sara Sulliva

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a nice boy. Would you bring me three things? I would like an exbox 360, an intendow 3DS, and a flat screen TV. Do you wat a lot of cookies? Love, Riley Warner

Dear Santa,

I play football with my brothers. Would you bring me three things? I would like an ipod, a PSP and a tablet. What do your wife look like? Love, Elijah Ivey

Dear Santa Claus,

I like to help my teacher. Would you bring me three things? I would like a play piano, a Barbie house, and a monster high barbie. How do you make all the toys? Love, Logan Flowers

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been nice. Would you bring me three things? I would like an Xbox, new Nike shoes and a motorcycle. Love, Jamarion Thomas

Dear Santa Claus,

I help people in my class take their AR tests. Would you bring me three things? I would like black boots with fur on them, a head bands act up and a new Barbie shirt. Love, Jakiya Washington

## Easy ways to enjoy a flu-free winter

Spending significant time in close proximity to others indoors can make people more susceptible to the flu. As a result, winter, when people typically spend more time indoors than outdoors, is often dominated by the sniffing and sneezing synonymous with the flu. But men and women can take steps to protect themselves from the flu this season.

\* Get a flu shot. Some people prefer to avoid getting a flu shot because they want to build up their natural immunities or they believe the shots can make them sick. But most flu shots contain an inactive virus that will not make you sick, and will only trigger your body's immune system response to a foreign invader. It can take a couple of weeks for full immunity to develop, so it's possible to still get sick even after a flu shot has been administered. Also, a flu shot does not guarantee recipients won't get the flu. People can still get the flu after receiving a flu shot, as it may be another strain of the virus. But flu shots are largely effective.

\* Quit smoking. Smoking cigarettes and cigars can affect the immune system and also compromise the body in a number of different ways. Smoking can disable mechanisms in your breathing passageways that serve as natural repellants to the flu. These include the hairs on the lungs that brush away contaminants. Smoking also can create holes in the lining of lower air passages, and such holes can make people more susceptible to illness, including the flu. Smokers who get the flu typically find that the flu further complicates their ability to breathe.

\* Avoid sick people. When those around you are sick, it is best to keep your distance, especially when those people have the flu. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention state that people with the flu can spread it to others up to six feet away. Flu viruses are spread mainly by droplets of bodily fluids expelled during coughing, sneezing and even talking. This is why doctors recommend that anyone who has the flu stay home from work or school until they are fully recovered.

\* Be especially cautious when pregnant. According to Dr. Cameron Wolfe, an infectious disease specialist at Duke University Medical Center, women who are pregnant are at a higher risk of complications and even death from influenza. Doctors don't fully understand why, but many feel that because the flu can compromise a woman's ability to breathe well, this makes it difficult for oxygen to be passed on to the fetus. Pregnant women should speak with their obstetricians about the safety of the flu shot.

\* Get plenty of rest and good food. Adequate sleep and a healthy diet can bolster your immune system. It's important to stay hydrated, eat fruits and vegetables rich in vitamin C and prioritize getting a good night's sleep each night.

\* Beware of homeopathic remedies. Always check with a doctor before adding any natural remedies to your flu-fighting repertoire. While some supplements like elderberry syrup, zinc and osillococcinum can mitigate symptoms of the flu, there's no solid evidence that these items offer any preventative value. Homeopathic remedies also can interfere with medications or may be dangerous to a developing fetus, so do not take these substances without first checking with a doctor.



**Family Dentistry**  
**HERBERT C. MANTOOTH, D.D.S., P.A.**  
 602 Railroad Ave., Live Oak, FL  
**(386) 362-6556**  
**1-800-829-6506**  
 (Out of Suwannee County)

**URGENT MEDICAL CARE DOCTORS OFFICE**

Sat. & Sun. 10 am- 2 pm  
 Mon.-Fri. 8 am-5 pm

Walk-ins And Same Day Appointments Available

Open 7 Days a Week Sat. & Sun. 10 am - 2pm

Efficient, Affordable, Alternative to ER Visits  
 Medicare, BCBS, Self-Pay and Most Insurance Accepted

Live Oak Office 386-208-1200  
 609 SW 5th St. (Behind Auto Zone)

Two Locations To Serve You

Jasper Office 386-792-2985  
 413 SW 5th Ave.

**Physical Therapy**  
*Hc Healthcare, Inc.*  
 "Meeting All Your Rehabilitative Needs"

- Physical Therapy • Specializing In Arthritis • Fibromyalgia
- Geriatrics • Spinal & Joint Pain • Sports Injuries • Work Injuries
- Pediatrics • Manual Therapy • Lymphedema

Locally Owned & Operated

Live Oak 208-1414 • Medicare, Protegrity  
 Lake City 755-8680 • Blue Cross, Av Med

A Medicare Certified Rehabilitation Agency

John Palmer, Physical Therapist  
 Lacey Bailey, Physical Therapist Assistant

**North Florida Pharmacy**

- Medical Equipment
- Oxygen

"Everything For Your Home Recovery"

Locally Owned & Operated

305 SW U.S. Hwy. 27, Branford, FL 32008  
**(386) 935-6905**

229 W. Main St., Mayo, FL 32066  
**(386) 294-3777**



# HAPPIER *Holiday Hors D'oeuvres*

**FAMILY FEATURES**

**H**oliday entertaining is all about food, wine and quality time with family and friends. This year, try a new approach to holiday get-togethers by hosting an hors d'oeuvres party.

Skip the hassle of preparing a full meal by serving a number of small bites, dips and spreads for your guests to enjoy. Most hors d'oeuvres can be prepared ahead of time so you can spend more time with your guests instead of in the kitchen, making it easy to entertain flawlessly.

The best part is you don't have to break the bank to host a fabulous holiday gathering. By switching from national name brands to a grocer like ALDI, party essentials and seasonal must-haves, such as holiday gifts and baking necessities, can be as much as 50 percent less. Manufactured by many of the nation's leading food producers, these exclusive brand items often meet or exceed the quality and taste of the national name brands.

Try these hors d'oeuvre serving tips from food stylist and loyal ALDI shopper Janice Stahl:

- **Rethink the regular:** Surprise guests and get creative with classic recipes by changing the presentation. Square pizza bites, circular tea sandwiches or star-shaped fruit make entertaining fun.
- **Keep hors d'oeuvres simple:** Serve foods that are bite-sized and easy to pick up. Try skewers to create festive kabobs, which are perfect for nibbling.
- **Presentation is everything:** Experiment with serving pieces like vases, champagne glasses or appetizer cups that add special interest to bite-sized snacks from chips and dip to shrimp cocktail.

With these simple tips and recipes, you'll be ready to throw a festive holiday hors d'oeuvres party that's easy and affordable. Visit [www.aldi.us](http://www.aldi.us) for more entertaining ideas.

## Cranberry Shrimp Ceviche Cups

*\$0.58 per serving at ALDI*  
 Recipe courtesy of Chef Alyssa, ALDI Test Kitchen  
 Prep time: 20 minutes, plus 1 hour to chill  
 Cook time: 3 minutes  
 Yields: 16 ceviche cups

- 1 1/2 teaspoons iodized salt, divided
- 16 ounces medium raw shrimp, thawed
- 1 cup dried cranberries
- 1/2 red onion, roughly chopped
- 1/2 cup fresh parsley
- 1/2 jalapeno, roughly chopped
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 cup fresh lime juice
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper or ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- 16 ounces tortilla chips
- 2 limes cut into wedges
- Fresh cranberries, optional

Bring medium pot of water to a boil. Season with 1 teaspoon salt. Add shrimp and cook for 3 minutes. Immediately plunge cooked shrimp into ice water bath. Peel shrimp and place in flat dish. In food processor, combine cranberries, red onion, parsley and jalapeno. Pulse until finely chopped. Add cranberry mixture to shrimp. Add lemon juice, lime juice, remaining salt, crushed red pepper and oregano. Stir to combine ingredients thoroughly. Refrigerate for 1 hour. To assemble, spoon ceviche, about 4 to 5 shrimp each, into small clear cups or glasses. Garnish with tortilla chips and lime wedges.



## SIGNATURE DRINK

A signature drink is a must at any holiday soiree. Get creative by offering guests a specialty cocktail that matches the color scheme for the event. An avid party hostess, food stylist Janice Stahl makes the occasion special by pairing white wine with a splash of cranberry-pomegranate juice, garnished with fresh fruit or herbs. Giving your signature drink an original name to reflect your personality is an added touch your guests will love. For a lasting impression, hand out recipe cards of your signature drink as party favors.

### Signature Drink

*\$0.58 per serving at ALDI*  
 Recipe courtesy of ALDI Food Stylist, Janice Stahl

- Sugar for glass rim
- 1/2 cup white wine
- 1/2 cup cranberry-pomegranate juice
- 1 tablespoon fresh cranberries
- Fresh fruit for garnish

Dip rim of glass in sugar. Pour wine and juice into glass, stirring to combine. Drop in cranberries, along with any additional fruit desired. Serve immediately.

### Pistachio Lemon Truffles

*\$0.43 per serving at ALDI*  
 Recipe courtesy of Chef Michelle, ALDI Test Kitchen

Prep time: 30 minutes, plus 1 hour to chill  
 Cook time: 30 minutes, plus 1 hour to chill  
 Yields: 24 truffles

- 1 1/4 cups pistachios, shelled
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 4 ounces plain goat cheese
- 3/4 cup dried mixed berries, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon iodized salt
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 4 teaspoons finely chopped lemon zest
- Pinch ground black pepper

Roughly chop pistachios, place in bowl. With electric mixer, cream together remaining ingredients. Refrigerate for 1 hour. Scoop tablespoon size balls of cheese mixture and roll in pistachios to coat. To serve, sprinkle platter with remaining pistachios and place truffles on top. Serve with crackers.

# NORTH FLORIDA CLASSIFIEDS



Place A Classified Call:  
**386.362.1734** or  
 Toll Free: **1.800.525.4182** or  
 Fax: **386.364.5578**  
 Hours:  
 M-F: 8am-5pm  
 Closed: Sat & Sun  
 We Accept:

## Announcements

**ATTENTION ADVERTISERS**  
**\*PROOF READ YOUR AD**  
 Any error must be reported the first day of publication. Should the error inhibit response, credit will apply only to the first run date. The South Georgia Media Group is not liable for any loss or expense that results from publication or omission. We reserve the right to edit, reject or refuse any and all advertising submissions.

**CAVENDER CREEK CABINS,** Dahonega, North Georgia Mountains. \*\*WINTER SPECIAL: Buy 2 Nights, 3rd FREE! 1, 2 & 3 Bedroom Cabins with HOT TUBS! Virtual Tour: www.CavenderCreek.com Cozy Hot Tub Cabins! 1-866-373-6307

**SUWANNEE DEMOCRAT CLASSIFIEDS DEADLINE:**

**FOR WEDNESDAY EDITION: NOON ON FRIDAY**

**FOR FRIDAY EDITION: NOON ON WEDNESDAY**

CALL 386-362-1734  
 EXT. 102  
 (800-525-4182)

EMAIL:  
 louise.shedd@gnnews.com

Do you need help with elderly care or housekeeping? References available upon request. Avail: 8, 12, 24 hr shifts. Kay Meyers: 386-935-0169 or 386-984-9077.

## Help Wanted

**ACCOUNTANT/AUDITOR**  
 Wayne Frier Home Centers  
**Primary Duties:**  
 • Prepare accounting data for month-end close  
 • Conducts various audits and reports for management  
 • Oversee, hire a train book-keeping staff members  
**Requirements:**  
 • Degree in Accounting/Finance or equivalent experience  
 • Ability to work independently and perform detailed work  
 • Quick books experience  
 • Extensive travel throughout North Florida is required  
 Fax resume to CFO at 386-362-4781

## Help Wanted

**Advent Christian Village**  
**Current JOBS Line**  
**Advertisement call 658-5627**  
**or visit www.acvillage.net**  
**24 hrs/day, 7 days/week**

EMT - Part Time

For local area community for night time & weekend shifts. Current valid Florida EMT certificate and DL required with good driving record. Prior experience a plus.

Competitive pay, access to onsite daycare and fitness facilities. Apply in person at Personnel Office Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., or fax resume/credentials to (386) 658-5160.

EOE / Drug-Free Workplace / Criminal background checks required.

**FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER**  
 The Levy County Health Department is seeking a Family Support Worker, Position #64000015 to work in Suwannee County but will provide services in Dixie, Gilchrist and Levy counties. Position will provide basic social services to individuals and/or families participating in the Healthy Families Program. Must be able to speak and write Spanish and English fluently. Must be willing to travel. Must be fingerprinted. May be required to work extra hours or days in the event of an emergency. Salary range is \$22,453.60-\$29,765.86. Applications will be accepted online at [www.peoplefirst.myflorida.com](http://www.peoplefirst.myflorida.com) State of Florida applications may be mailed to State of Florida, People First, Staffing Administration, PO Box 44058, Jacksonville, FL 32231 or faxed to (904) 636-2627 by 12/28/13. EEO/AA/VP Employer

## Help Wanted

**INMATE CREW LEADER**  
**PUBLIC WORKS**

The Public Works Department is currently seeking applicants for a full time position of Inmate Crew Leader. This position is open until filled.  
**Applications may be obtained at the Suwannee County Building Department, 224 Pine Avenue, Live Oak, FL 32064, (386) 364-3407 or Public Works, 13150 80th Terrace, Live Oak, FL 32060, (386) 364-3400.** The Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners is an equal employment opportunity employer that does not discriminate against any qualified employee or applicant because of race, color, national origin, sex, including pregnancy, age, disability, or marital status. Spanish speaking individuals are encouraged to apply. All applicants subject to a pre-employment physical. Successful completion of a drug test is a condition of employment. EE/AA/VD

**Coord for XCEL-IT Program/ Clinical Coord/ Maintenance Equipment Specialist/ Staff Assistant.**  
 See [www.nfcc.edu](http://www.nfcc.edu).

## Lost & Found

**FOUND DOG:** Near CVS in Live Oak. Tan Female Dachshund mix. Very affectionate. Call Chuck at 386-330-5343 or (cell) 386-249-5013.

## Pets/Free Pets



**Red Bloodhound**  
 1 year old, female, CKC Registered, sweet girl, has a great nose for tracking. She's just too much for me to handle. asking \$600. OBO. Valdosta. Call 229-251-0000 or 229-559-9981

**AKC REG. GERMAN SHORT HAIR POINTER PUPPIES,** Ready now. \$250 and up. Also taking deposits on German Short Hair Pointer Puppies that will be ready for Christmas. CKC registered Beagles, puppies ready for Christmas. \$150 and up. All updated on shots. Parents on premises. Call (912)592-6813 for more info.

## Heavy Equipment



**1995 CAT 426B**  
 2793 hrs. MFWD coupler, bkt, forks 24" rear bkt 54" forks \$24,500.  
 Call 229-977-1643

## Wanted to Buy

**FirstDay CASH FOR FLORIDA LICENSE PLATES!**  
 \$1000 for Lafayette Co Tags dated 1911-17, \$100 each for FL tags starting with #82 for years 1938, 40, 42, 43, 45, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, and 54. Jeff Francis [gobucs13@aol.com](mailto:gobucs13@aol.com) or 727-424-1576.  
[www.floridalicenseplates.com](http://www.floridalicenseplates.com)

**FOSSILS & ARROWHEADS.** I want to buy fossil bones, shark teeth, etc. as well as arrowheads that were legally obtained. Top dollar paid for all types. (229) 220-9622.

**WANTED: WHOLE JUNK CARS \$300 & UP. NO TITLE NEEDED. FREE PICK UP.**  
 386-878-9260 OR 386-752-3648

## Campers/RV/Sales

**MONTE CARLO PREMIUM EDITION, 2013,** 40 ft. Tri-axle, 3 super slides, 2 AC's, washer/dryer, awning on all windows, fireplace, electric awning, full bath, microwave, hide a bed sofa, will deliver, \$29,995. call 863-242-1059

**WE BUY USED RV'S!**  
**CALL 229-740-0375**

## Apartments for Rent

Apartments for rent in Live Oak, FL. Mobile Homes for rent in Fort White & White Springs, FL. Call 386-362-9806 or 386-623-3404.

## Houses for Rent

**Available January 2014:** 4Bd/2Ba brick home. \$800/mo. First, last & \$500 sec. dep req'd. Pets allowed. Indoor pets \$350 non-refundable deposit. 386-362-6556.

**Four Bd/Two Ba brick home.** \$700/mo. First, last & \$500 sec. dep. req'd. Pets allowed. Indoor pets \$350 non-refundable deposit. 386-362-6556.

## Houses for Rent

Rural beauty & privacy near I-10 & US 90 NW of Live Oak, FL. 3Bd/1.3Ba. \$775/mo. Optional pasture available. 626-512-5374

## Mobile Homes for Rent

**Horses, cows, goats?** Over 3 ac near the Suwannee River in Mayo, FL. DWMH, 3/2, compl. renov. \$550/mo, 1st, last, \$500 deposit. 904-471-3343

**LIVE OAK 2 Bedrooms** from \$350/mo. NO PETS. HUD accepted. Security Deposit Required. Call 386-364-7660.

**One Bd/one Ba w/loft & full kitchen,** WD hook-up. Next to Lake Peacock, Live Oak, FL. Call 386-209-5991.

**SWMH, 2Bd/1Ba,** in Jasper, FL, off Hwy 751. CH&A. NO INSIDE PETS. \$400/mo plus \$400 sec dep. Call 386-792-3214.

**SWMH, 2Bd/1Ba,** in O'Brien, FL. \$165/weekly plus \$200 sec dep req'd to move in. Includes elec. & gas. Call 386-364-4032.

**Very nice & clean.** 3bd/2ba. 1 mi from Live Oak, FL. \$650/mo, 1st, last & \$300 sec dep. NO PETS! Call 318-840-4802 or 386-362-3002.

## Vacation Rentals

**BEACH/GULF FRONT CONDO**  
 Panama City, FLORIDA  
 1350 sqft, king, queen & bunk bed, sleeps 6 comfortably. Full sc kitchen, living room, dining room, 11,000 sqft lagoon pool, wading pool & hot tubs. Premier Golf Course. Restaurant on site.  
**RATES ARE:**  
 Winter - \$135 night / \$756 wk / \$1800 mo.  
 Spring - \$190 night / \$1100 wk / \$2850 mo.  
 Spring Break - \$1800 wk  
 Summer \$265 night / \$1800 wk  
 Fall \$175 night / \$1100 week  
 Sales tax 12.62%, cleaning fee \$85. Must be at least 25 years of age to rent. Rates subject to change without notice.

**ONE ACRES**  
**O'BRIEN/MCALPIN AREA**  
 Beautiful Secluded Country Setting. High & Dry, Owner Financing. NO DOWN \$29,900 \$307/mo - 352-215-1018  
[www.LandOwnerFinancing.com](http://www.LandOwnerFinancing.com)

**ONE ACRE PAVED ROAD FRONTAGE**  
 Beautifully Wooded, Owner Financing. NO Down. \$14,900. Only \$153/mo 352-215-1018  
[www.LandOwnerFinancing.com](http://www.LandOwnerFinancing.com)

## Homes for Sale



**GREAT HOME FOR SALE BY OWNER! MUST SEE!!!**  
 14 FAYE COURT TIFTON, GA

Charming 3 bedroom 2 bath home currently available 3 miles from town!!! Property sits on .7 acres in the Mill Creek Cove neighborhood at the end of a cul de sac. Back of property has woods that have been cleaned out, along with a beautiful creek that runs the length of the property. The property has also been professionally landscaped. Inside this 2006 built home with 1399 sq ft, several upgrades have been made including crown molding throughout, a security system, new light/fans/sink fixtures throughout and new appliances! All bedrooms have walk in closets! A must see at a great starting price of \$135,000. This house is FOR SALE BY OWNERS ONLY! NO renting, leasing, or owner financing.

Please call 678-662-3948 to schedule a time to see this beloved and well kept home!

**In downtown Live Oak, FL.** 3Bd/2Ba on double lot w/peach trees and grapevine, dbl-car garage. On high ground. \$150,000. Call 386-397-0602.

## REAL ESTATE

**You can Reach Over 4 Million Potential Buyers** for your product through our Internet and Newspaper Network in Florida and throughout the Nation.  
 Call Treena at **386-362-1734**

## Mobile Homes for Sale

**DOUBLE WIDES**  
 • 28x74 5bd/2ba, \$34,900  
 • 28x52 3bd/2ba, \$29,900

**SINGLE WIDE**  
 • 16x80 3bd/2ba, \$19,900  
 • 14x60 3bd/1ba, very clean, \$10,500 (limited time only)

**Delivery & setup will be arranged.**



See all photos at [Repo123.com](http://Repo123.com)  
 Call 229-460-5362

**LIKE NEW!** 24x64 3BD/3BA, Double wide total refurbished on 1 acre of land in N. Lowndes Co.; Country Living, Very Private, tall pine trees, gold fish pond, \$69,900. Possible owner financing with 25% down. No credit check. **CALL 229-460-5362**

## Acreage/Land/Lots Sale

**FIVE ACRES DOWLING PARK**  
 Well, Septic, Power, Paved Rd frontage. Owner financing. NO DOWN \$59,900 \$526/mo. 352-215-1018  
[www.LandOwnerFinancing.com](http://www.LandOwnerFinancing.com)

**FOUR ACRES**  
**O'BRIEN/MCALPIN AREA**  
 Beautiful Secluded Country Setting. High & Dry, Owner Financing. NO DOWN \$29,900 \$307/mo - 352-215-1018  
[www.LandOwnerFinancing.com](http://www.LandOwnerFinancing.com)

**Lots on the Santa Fe & Suwannee Rivers** in Hamilton County, FL. On high ground (100' or > above sea level). Call 386-397-0602 for more information.

**ONE ACRE PAVED ROAD FRONTAGE**  
 Beautifully Wooded, Owner Financing. NO Down. \$14,900. Only \$153/mo 352-215-1018  
[www.LandOwnerFinancing.com](http://www.LandOwnerFinancing.com)

## Real Estate Wanted

**I'M LOOKING TO BUY MOBILE HOMES**  
 Nothing older than 1980  
 Call 229-289-8193

## Autos for Sale

**VW PASSAT SE 2013**  
 19k miles  
 Maroon-Leather Interior  
 \$16,500  
 850-559-7370

**2014 Kia Optima**  
 2600 miles  
 Grey Metallic/Beige Interior  
 4Cyl/Auto-Clean Carfax  
 \$17,900  
 850-559-7370

**CADILLAC XTS 2013**  
 9k miles  
 Silver/Black Interior  
 Loaded  
 Sunroof - Navigation  
 \$35,000  
 229-224-6888

**NISSAN ALTIMA 2.5 S 2013**  
 Maroon, 20K miles,  
 \$14,900  
 call 850-559-7370

## Motorcycles/ATV/Golf Cart

**EZGO Txt Electric Golf Cart 2007**  
 Factory refurbished, like new, 1 yr old Trojan batteries  
 OEM light kit, 4 inch lift kit, Rear flip seat, \$4650.  
 Call 229-591-2027  
 Can be seen at Shiver Golf Carts in Tifton

**STREET GLIDE HARLEY DAVIDSON 2009,** less than 9,700 miles. The color is black ice/Blue Ice. Stage 1 kit. Hwy pegs. Custom windshield and a back rest. \$16,000 Negotiable. Call 229-322-5737 Can be seen in Warwick, Ga

## ATTENTION!

• Home Inspections  
 • 4pt Insurance Inspections  
 • Wind Mitigation  
**Call Paul Dial C.R.P.I.**  
**386-364-4434 or 386-590-6534**  
[suwanneevalleyinspections.com](http://suwanneevalleyinspections.com)  
 Certified  
 State of FL License #H11804

## Adoption

866-314-3769

## UNPLANNED PREGNANCY?

Adoption-A brave & selfless choice. Medical, living & counseling expenses paid. Choose the loving & financially secure family. Compassionate Atty. Lauren Feingold 24/7 866-633-0397 [www.fkhearttoheart.net](http://www.fkhearttoheart.net) #0958107

## A childless, young, successful woman seeks to adopt.

Will be HANDS-ON Mom! Financial security. Expenses paid. Visit: [www.jodi2adopt.webs.com/](http://www.jodi2adopt.webs.com/), call Jodi 1-800-718-5516 or text 609-770-1255. Adam Sklar #0150789

## Help Wanted

### DRIVER TRAINEES

**NEEDED NOW!** Learn to drive for US Xpress! Earn \$700 per week! No experience needed! Local CDL Training. Job ready in 15 days! (888)368-1964

### Heavy Equipment Operator

Training! Bulldozers, Backhoes, Excavators.  
 3 Weeks Hands On Program.  
 Local Job Placement Assistance.  
 National  
 Certifications. GI Bill Benefits  
 Eligible. 1-866-362-6497

### Experienced OTR Flatbed

Drivers earn 50 up to 55 cpm loaded. \$1000 sign on to Qualified drivers. Home most weekends. Call: (843)266-3731 / [www.bulldoghiway.com](http://www.bulldoghiway.com). EOE

## Miscellaneous

**AIRLINE CAREERS** begin here - Get FAA approved Aviation Maintenance Technician training. Housing and Financial aid for qualified students. Job placement assistance. Call AIM

## Schools & Instruction

866-314-3769

### You can become an expert in HVAC installation and repair.

Pinnacle Career Institute Online HVAC education in as little as 12 months. Call us today: 1-877-651-3961 or go online: [www.HVAC-Online-Education.com](http://www.HVAC-Online-Education.com)

## Condos

### Condos for Sale

**FLORIDA WATERFRONT CONDO LIQUIDATION SALE!** Brand new 2BR/2BA 1,690sf luxury condo only \$149,900 Originally under contract for \$365,000. Near downtown Orlando & all theme parks/attractions. Must see. Call now 877-333-0272, x 173

## Help Wanted

### Experienced OTR Flatbed

**Drivers earn 50 up to 55 cpm loaded.** \$1000 sign on to Qualified drivers. Home most weekends. Call: (843)266-3731 / [www.bulldoghiway.com](http://www.bulldoghiway.com). EOE

### DRIVER TRAINEES

**NEEDED NOW!** Learn to drive for US Xpress! Earn \$700 per week! No experience needed! Local CDL Training. Job ready in 15 days! (888)368-1964

### Heavy Equipment

**Operator Training!** Bulldozers, Backhoes, Excavators.

## 3 Weeks Hands On Program.

Local Job Placement Assistance. National Certifications. GI Bill Benefits Eligible. 1-866-362-6497

## Real Estate/ Land for Sale

**BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN BARGAIN!**  
 25 acres only \$84,900. Beautifully wooded rolling mountaintop terrain, backs up to national forest. Enjoy stream, abundant wildlife, spectacular views, trails throughout. Paved rd frontage municipal water, utilities - all completed. Excellent financing. Call now 866-952-5303, x 83

## Real Estate/ Lots & Acreage

**TENN. LAND BARGAIN WITH FREE BOAT SLIP!**  
 1.70 acres meadows overlooks 140 acre Nature Preserve, streams & ponds. Only \$19,900. 6.1 acre hardwoods Only \$27,900. FREE boat slips. Excellent financing, little down. Call now 1-877-888-0267, x446



Classified | Display | Metro/Daily  
**Statewide Classified Ad for Week of 12-24-13 — 12-31-13**

## -FOR RENT-



**GREAT RATES FOR NICE LOOKING RENTALS - STARTING AT \$300 PER MONTH FOR SINGLEWIDES AND \$450 PER MONTH FOR DOUBLEWIDES. WATER, SEWER, AND GARBAGE INCLUDED. NO PETS.**  
**386-330-2567**

# A Christmas Message from Cass

Wow what a year! As we reflect back on the end of our 15th year, it is so humbling to realize just how blessed we are. These blessings have come in the form of so many wonderful new friends and customers with relationships that we will treasure forever.

We are so grateful for those of you who have made us your Automotive Dealer of choice. It has been a sincere pleasure serving you and your family while earning your trust & loyalty. We are encouraged about the upturn in the economy and certain that if we all unite together our nation's future will be bright.

We completed our first full year at the Chevrolet Dealership in Quitman. We are humbled by your overwhelming response to our offering the Chevy brand. The growth has been phenomenal, and we are excited about our expansion plans for 2014. It is an honor to now be able to offer you the sale and service of a full line of Chevrolet vehicles in Quitman; as well as Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, & Ram vehicles in both Valdosta & Quitman.

We have only been able to accomplish so much because of the Lord's favor and yours; we thank you both for that. We are extremely grateful to live in a community that values friendship, and a country, that thanks to so many brave young men and women, remains the enduring symbol of freedom throughout the world.

Please take the time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. In today's society, with so many distractions and secular groups trying to remove any resemblance of Christ from Christmas, I pray that you will focus on what is really important.

This special season is about family, love, kindness, generosity, and the true peace on earth that began in a manger some 2000 years ago. With the birth of that child, who has been called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and the Prince of Peace we have been given hope and a destiny that will last for eternity. Scripture tells us that children are a true gift from the Lord. We thank our Heavenly Father for ours and for yours during this special season. I pray His blessings on you & your family this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

Your friend in the car business,  
*Cass*

## Merry Christmas from our family to yours!



# CASS BURCH



Dino "Baby New Year" Daniel  
Nissan Manager

# NEW YEAR NEW SAVINGS

Jeff "Baby New Year" Mosely  
Chevy Manager



**NEW 2014  
NISSAN ALTIMA**

**ONLY \$179<sup>36</sup>  
MO**



**NEW 2014  
CADILLAC ATS**

**0% APR<sup>60</sup> + \$1,000  
BONUS CASH**



**NEW 2014  
CHEVY SILVERADO**

**ONLY \$279<sup>36</sup>  
MO**

 <b>2001 CADILLAC SEVILLE</b> <b>\$3,000</b>	 <b>2006 CHEVROLET SILVERADO</b> <b>\$6,000</b>	 <b>2005 NISSAN ARMADO</b> <b>\$7,000</b>	 <b>2004 MAZDA RX-8</b> <b>\$8,000</b>	 <b>2009 CHEVROLET HHR</b> <b>\$9,000</b>	 <b>2009 SATURN VUE XE</b> <b>\$10,500</b>	 <b>2006 HONDA CR-V SE</b> <b>\$11,000</b>
 <b>2007 CHEVROLET COLORADO</b> <b>\$11,000</b>	 <b>2011 CHEVROLET MALIBU</b> <b>\$11,000</b>	 <b>2010 MAZDA MAZDA6</b> <b>\$11,500</b>	 <b>2007 GMC ACADIA</b> <b>\$11,500</b>	 <b>2001 JEEP COMPASS</b> <b>\$12,000</b>	 <b>2008 CHRYSLER 300</b> <b>\$12,000</b>	 <b>2013 CHRYSLER 200</b> <b>\$13,000</b>
 <b>2012 VOLKSWAGON JETTA</b> <b>\$13,000</b>	 <b>2012 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN</b> <b>\$13,500</b>	 <b>2013 HYUNDAI ELANTRA</b> <b>\$14,000</b>	 <b>2012 NISSAN ALTIMA</b> <b>\$14,000</b>	 <b>2013 CHEVROLET IMPALA</b> <b>\$15,000</b>	 <b>2012 TOYOTA CAMRY</b> <b>\$15,500</b>	 <b>2013 KIA OPTIMA</b> <b>\$15,500</b>
 <b>2013 NISSAN ALTIMA</b> <b>\$15,500</b>	 <b>2012 DODGE RAM 1500</b> <b>\$16,500</b>	 <b>2011 MINI COOPER</b> <b>\$16,500</b>	 <b>2013 NISSAN JUKE</b> <b>\$16,500</b>	 <b>2011 CHEVROLET COLORADO</b> <b>\$17,000</b>	 <b>2013 NISSAN XTERRA</b> <b>\$17,500</b>	 <b>2010 CADILLAC CTS</b> <b>\$17,500</b>

## ROUNTREE MOORE

**APPLY ONLINE 24/7**  
LENDING REPRESENTATIVES  
AVAILABLE TO PROCESS LOANS FOR  
IMMEDIATE DISPOSAL

\*\$2,399 due at lease signing.  
\*\*\$1,629 due at lease signing. See dealer for details.  
All prices plus tax, title & license, (TT&L), all rebates and incentives assigned to dealer. Photos for illustration purposes only. Not responsible for errors in typography or photography.

4316 HWY 90 WEST LAKE CITY, FL

# 888-513-9930

SHOP ON-LINE 24/7 • 100'S OF VEHICLE TO CHOOSE FROM



## www.RMChevy.com