

BROWN IS STATE CHAMPION

Suwannee High School senior wrestler Shawn Brown is the Class 1A state champion at 160 pounds. This is Suwannee's first state champion since 2010. Sports, 1B. Courtesy photo



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Chamber names new executive director

Austin Richmond brings valuable business experience to post

By Bryant Thigpen
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Suwannee County native Austin Richmond was named the executive director of the Suwannee County Chamber of Commerce last week, according to Bruce Tillman, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce board. Richmond's first day in the office was Thursday, Feb. 13.

Richmond was born on May

13, 1975 to Jim and Roberta Richmond and was raised in O'Brien, in South Suwannee County. He attended Suwannee County schools and graduated from Branford High School in 1994.

Following high school, Richmond packed his bags and moved to the Palmetto State to attend the University of South Carolina. In 1999, Richmond graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administra-

tion with a focus on marketing and management from the University of South Carolina.

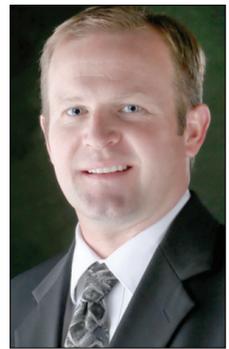
In 2002, he married the love of his life, Cara, and they have four children: Zoe, Gavin, Logan and Jacob.

In Charleston, South Carolina, Richmond worked as an intern for the Chamber of Commerce, assisting in organizing events and expanding its membership.

From South Carolina, Richmond moved to Gainesville and

later transferred to Jacksonville Beach during a three year stint with the American Cancer Society, where he held the position as the special events manager.

While employed at Everbank Financial and ABN AMRO in Jacksonville, for 10 years, Richmond developed important leadership skills and exceptional customer service skills. Richmond's ability to solve problems and be detail oriented also gained Richmond a respectable



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Richmond

\$4.5 million loan granted

County to use funds for catalyst site, lawsuit

By Bryant Thigpen
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The Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously recently to adopt a resolution and accept the terms of a loan agreement in the amount of \$4.5 million.

The funds will be used to cover projects performed at the catalyst site in Northwestern Suwannee County and to cover costs associated with a \$3.5 million lawsuit over the county's breached agreement with Suwannee Land-

ing. The loan was obtained through Capital City Bank.

According to Chief Financial Officer Leeta

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FILLING THE GAPS Minority teacher recruitment on tap at recent meeting



Malinda Jackson James Ph.D. gives a presentation to the Suwannee County School Board and public regarding minority teacher recruitment.

- Photo: Andrew McGee

By Andrew McGee
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The Suwannee County School Board held a community meeting at Triumph the Church and Kingdom of God in Christ on Tuesday, Feb. 11. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the public of the board's Minority Teacher Recruitment Plan.

Suwannee County School Director of Human Resources, Dr. Bill Brothers invited long-

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City committee: Remove 'use it or lose it' policy regarding paid time off

By Bryant Thigpen
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The Live Oak City Administration and Finance Committee agreed Friday at a special called meeting to remove the "use it or lose it" policy regarding paid time off (PTO). The committee's recommendation, proposed by City Administrator Kerry Waldron, will

now go before the Live Oak City Council for a final decision. If passed, city employees will be able to accrue paid time off without a cap. However, if an employee is terminated or leaves the city for any reason, the individual will be paid a percentage of their accrued time based on their completed years of service.

At a city council meeting in December of 2013, councilors voted 3-2 to place a moratorium on the "use it or lose it" policy for 90 days for further discussion.

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Teen injured in I-10 crash

By Joyce Marie Taylor
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A Brandon teen was critically injured after a crash on Interstate 10 in Suwannee County Friday, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

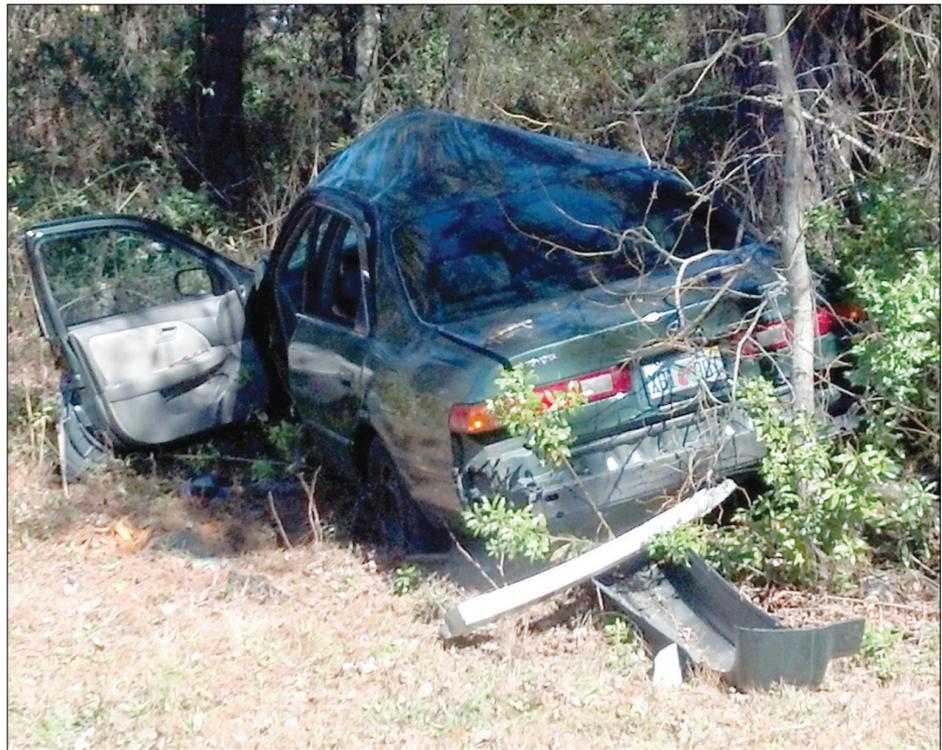
Reports show that around 10:45 a.m., Kaleigh Mack, 19, Brandon,

was traveling east on I-10 at mile marker 287, three miles east of US 129, in a 1999 Toyota Camry in the left lane when for unknown reasons she swerved toward the median. The vehicle rotated counter clockwise and the front passenger door crashed into a tree in the median.

Suwannee County Fire Rescue arrived on the scene and had to extri-

cate the driver from the vehicle. Mack was transported by Air Life 7 of Live Oak to Shands UF Trauma Center in Gainesville in critical condition, reports state.

According to witnesses at the scene, there were no obvious reasons or indicators to explain why the driver swerved from her lane of travel, FHP said.



The driver in this crash was critically injured Friday on I-10 in Suwannee County. - Photo: Suwannee County Fire Rescue

CITY: Mobile car washing businesses not allowed

Development manager tasked to find solution.

By Bryant Thigpen
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The Live Oak City Council directed the Live Oak development manager recently to review the city's land development regulations

and create a proposal that might allow mobile car washing businesses to operate within the city limits. This request came about after a mobile car washing business was told to stop from operating in the city.

According to councilor John

Yulee, Willie Ford Jr. of North Florida Mobile Detailing, approached him stating Live Oak Code Enforcement Officer Lynn Touchton prohibited Ford from washing a vehicle.

"The code enforcement officer,

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Live Oak City Hall.

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- FHP-Florida Highway Patrol
- FWC-Florida Wildlife Commission
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- P & P-Probation and Parole

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 DOC-Department of Corrections
 Feb 11, Daniel David Dennis, 34, 1518 Willowbranch Road, Jacksonville, FL, VOP O/C Grand Theft III: Specified Property, Bond \$5000.00 or \$500.00 Cash to P&P: SCSO- A. Sutton/T. Ford
 Feb 11, Javion Montreal Dye, 18, 2866 CR 141, Jennings, FL, Retail Theft: SCSO- M. Henry
 Feb 11, Margaret Starr Healey, 24, 1108 Platt Street, Live Oak, FL, Fraud use of Credit Card, Grand Theft: LOPD- Riggs
 Feb 11, Jessica Dawn Rinehart, 36, 12910 US Hwy 90 W Lot 137, Live Oak, FL, Wakulla Cty Wrt: Failure to Pay Child Support, Cash Only Purge: SCSO- T. Smith
 Feb 11, Brandy Nicole Wilson, 29, 4654 85th Rd, Live Oak, FL, Battery, Battery Dom/Violence, Burg/of Conveyance, Petit Theft: SCSO- K. Descarreaux
 Feb 12, William Howard Hunt, 25, 4370 280th St, Branford, FL, Deal in Stolen Property, Trespass, Petit Theft, Deal in Stolen Property, Trespass, Petit Theft: SCSO- C. Ferguson
 Feb 12, James Clayton Parrish, Jr., 26, 1207 NW Ashley Dr, Lake City, FL, VOP O/C Dealing in Stolen Property: P&P- S. Schadlbaur
 Feb 12, Justin Robert Zander, 31, 12019 US Hwy 90 Lot 119, Live Oak, FL, Reckless Driving W/Prop Damage, DWLS-2nd Offense, Columbia Co-VOP O/C DUI: FHP- A. Hughes
 Feb 13, Tashana Yvette Holsley, 34, 15421 US Hwy 129 S, Live Oak, FL, Battery (Dom Violence): SCSO- S. Thakor
 Feb 13, James Marion Prescott, 32, 16887 65th Rd, Wellborn, FL, VOP-Sudden Snatching-No Weapon-Orange County Warrant: SCSO- Cpl. J. Stout
 Feb 14, David Courtney, 20, 5120 Valerie St, Houston, TX, Poss Oxycodone, Poss Cocaine, Poss Ketamine, Poss Drug Para, 1st App PD Appt Decker: DTF- M. Ramirez
 Feb 14, Macaully M Aswad, 21, 4200 59th Ave, St Pete, FL, Poss Cocaine, 1st App PD Appt Decker: SCSODTF- B. Barrs
 Feb 14, Chandler Doyle Evans, 19, 1160 Glenbrook Dr, Franklin, TN, Poss Cocaine, Poss Controlled Sub, 1st App PD Appt Decker: DTF- W. Kelly
 Feb 14, Robert Leavitt, 50, 1728 Cheryl Dr, Winter Park, FL, Poss -20 Cannabis, Poss Drug Para: DTF- D. Brown
 Feb 14, Jennifer Sexton, 38, 909 Candlberry Rd, Orlando, FL, Poss -20 Cannabis, Poss Drug Para: DTF- D. Brown
 Feb 14, Daniel Henry Green, 28, 159 Spring St, Naugatuck, CT, Poss +20G Cannabis, Poss Drug Para, 1st App PD Appt Per FWF: SCSO- B. Kastor
 Feb 15, David McGuire, 21, 2220 Floral Dr, Boulder, CO, Poss +20 Cannabis, Poss WIT Sell Cocaine, Poss LSD, 1st App PD Appt Decker: SC-SODTF- M. Landis
 Feb 15, Shelane Roustio, 22, 10625 Wyndlif Dr, Orlando, FL, Poss Alprazolam, Poss Clonazepam, Poss MDMA, Poss -20

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Jamie Davis and band, Crosstyz Band to perform this weekend at SOS Music Park

Nashville recording artist Jamie Davis and his band will be in the house at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park (SOSMP) Saturday, Feb. 22, for a night of

true country music. The weekend will get underway Friday, Feb. 21, as Crosstyz Band of Lake City rocks the house.

Jamie Davis literally be-

gan his life sleeping in a guitar case backstage. Today he headlines his own shows. Jamie, a personable singer, songwriter and guitar player, was destined to one day be a country artist, and that he is. Coming from a large network of North Florida musicians, surrounded by music from his mom and dad's family, Jamie learned at an early age he was blessed with the gift of music. One of his most memorable moments is performing for former president George W. Bush. That was a great time in Jamie's life but also time in which he was missing his family. So in 2005 Jamie returned home to North Central Florida. Today, he's booked solid every week, performing all over Florida, including the SOSMP where he is a regular on the Music Hall stage. It only takes once hearing this band to make you a fan. Come on out Saturday night and bring those dancing shoes, you're going to need them all evening.

Lake City's Crosstyz Band continues to grow in popularity as it criss-cross-



Crosstyz Band

es North Florida playing the band's brand of country, Southern rock and more. Crosstyz has shared the stage with acts such as Neil McCoy, Diamond Rio, Daryl Singletary, George Jones and Toby Keith to name a few. This band has a great sound and energy that makes it a favorite with fans. The band has also created an interesting side dynamic as four of the members share careers in EMS.

This band has a great sound and energy that makes it a favorite with fans. Come on out, bring your sweetie and get out on that dance floor and show off some moves Friday, Feb. 21 in the SOSMP's Music Hall as Crosstyz kicks off the weekend.

Doors to the Music Hall open at 6 p.m., shows begin at 8 p.m. Come enjoy dinner, dancing and great music. Free admission.

For more information about the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park, call 386-364-1683, email spirit@musicliveshere.com or go to www.musicliveshere.com and see the dates for all the exciting events coming up such as the RV show, SpringFest, Waneec and more. The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park is located at 3076 95th Drive 4.5 miles north of Live Oak.



Jamie Davis

Extension update

Butterflies are bountiful in North Florida

By Carolyn Saft

UF/IFAS Extension Suwannee County Horticulture Agent

There are more than 765 species of butterflies found in North America north of Mexico. Florida boasts over 180 verified butterfly species representing some 170 native or newly established species and 17 tropical vagrants. We are so fortunate to have approximately 125 different butterflies in North Florida. Within that mix, around 40 are considered either unique to the state or occur mostly within its boundaries. This diverse butterfly fauna is the highest of any state east of the Mississippi River and helps make Florida a premier location for butterfly gardeners.

Not only do they bring a smile to our face, they also play an important ecological role in our landscapes. Butterfly adults help pollinate our flowers and the larvae provide food for many other critters including songbirds. Most adult butterflies found in Florida rely on flower nectar for food. While many tend to be attracted to a variety of available brightly-colored blossoms, different butterfly species have distinct color preferences, feeding behaviors, and proboscis lengths. (The butterfly's proboscis is like a long coiled straw used to sip liquid nectar from flowers.) These factors help determine which flowers a butterfly visits. As a rule, small butterflies nec-



Saft

tar from small flowers and large butterflies nectar from larger ones. Some butterflies flutter like a hummingbird while feeding, pausing only briefly at each flower. They can often gain access to nectar in long tubular blossoms. Others rest for some time on each blossom. A wide mix of flower colors, shapes, and sizes provides appealing and accessible food to a greater number of butterfly species. It also makes your garden more eye-catching.

Some adult butterfly species rarely or never visit flowers. They feed instead on tree sap, or the fermenting juices from rotting fruit or plant material, animal dung (droppings), and dead animal remains. It takes all kinds to make an interesting world.

The funny thing about butterfly gardening is that you must plant larval plants that the caterpillars will munch on until they are just little

stubs sticking up from the ground. Adult butterflies will come and visit, but if you want them to stay you must have their favorite host plant for their larvae to feed on. We suggest that you tuck and mix these larval plants in with evergreen and flowering plants so that you don't have a mass of half eaten plants in one area. Adult butterflies will not lay their eggs just anywhere so larval host plants must be tailored to individual butterfly species that you are trying to attract. So... unless you have acres of land at your disposal, you will need to be selective in your plant choices.

There are few things more enjoyable than watching a child chase butterflies or when they view a new butterfly emerge from a pupae, it really opens their eyes to the wonders of nature. Since many of our youth spend limited time outside, butterfly gardening offers an interactive opportunity to engage kids in learning about science and our natural environments. The North American Butterfly Association (NABA) has a butterfly checklist you can download from their website and also holds events to count butterflies annually. There is a North Florida Chapter that is available for specific information to our area. Another idea is to take a day trip down to Gainesville to the Butterfly Rainforest where live butterflies are fluttering

around a large atrium filled with butterfly plants. While visiting there, you might get lucky and have butterflies land on you if you hold still long enough or are wearing the right perfume.

The UF/IFAS Extension Suwannee County Master Gardeners will be hosting a workshop, "Attracting Butterflies to Your Yard" on March 13, 2014 from 9:00am-11:30 am at Heritage Park and Gardens. For more information about the workshop or to get a publication about Butterfly Gardening, please contact Carolyn Saft (csaft318@ufl.edu), Pam Burke (peburke@ufl.edu), or Kasey Bass (kasey-bass@ufl.edu) call 362-2771.

The University of Florida is an equal opportunity institution. Information for this article was taken from "Butterfly Gardening in Florida" by Jaret C. Daniels, Joe Schaefer, Craig N. Huegel, and Frank J. Mazzott.

Congressman Yoho to visit

Will be at Woman's Club of Live Oak March 7



Congressman Ted Yoho will be speaking at the Woman's Club of Live Oak on March 7 from 12-1 p.m. The public is invited to attend but seating is limited. Please RSVP by March 5 by calling Janet Airth at 386-362-4915.

Suwannee Relay for Life car show

Saturday, March 29 at South Oaks Square, 1528 S. Ohio Ave., Live Oak. All proceeds go to Relay for Life. Registration is from 9-11 a.m. Judging is at 2:30 p.m. and awards are at 3 p.m. Save \$ and pre-register before March 14. Goodie bags for the first 50 paid registrations. All cars, trucks are welcome. New, muscle, street rods, antiques, imports and others.

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Moore speaks at Altrusa meeting

Dr. Edwin Moore, medical director of emergency department for Shands Live Oak Regional Medical Center, was the guest speaker during the Altrusa International of Live Oak meeting of Feb. 13. Dr. Moore's subject was one of great interest as the topic was "Women's Heart Disease and Prevention". He indicated that heart attacks are the number one killer of women in the USA. He emphasized that women need to take proactive steps in preventing heart disease. He highlighted the risks involved as well as the steps women need to take to overcome those risks and the need to make their health a top priority! Lastly, to learn the warning signs and call 911, do not drive yourself, if you feel you may be having a heart attack. Don't be embarrassed



Dr. Edwin Moore Courtesy photo

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Marriage licenses

The following couples applied for a marriage license the week of Feb. 10-14, 2014:

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- Phillip Andrew Vester to Alexandria Lynn Fenner
- Tanner Bennett Fore to Courtney Cheyenne Hayes

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Highlights of the day include an Academic and Student Resource Expo in the Colin P. Kelly Fitness Center, campus tours, scholarship drawings, financial aid application assistance, and opportunities to explore NFCC degree and certificate programs and talk with program instructors and advisors. As an incentive to enroll

early for NFCC's 2014 summer and fall terms, high school seniors and all first time college applicants who complete an admissions application at NFCC PREVIEW pay no application fee – applying to NFCC is completely free on Saturday, March 1; a \$20 savings.

NFCC staff will also be on hand to assist future students complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Visit www.nfcc.edu/experience-nfcc for a complete list of information needed to complete the FAFSA.

Entertainment includes a free concert featuring two bands - J n'Dem and Midnight Rain – from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. as well as a variety of educational presentations and displays throughout the day.

NFCC PREVIEW is open to anyone interested in attending NFCC or finding out more information about the college and its many programs and offerings. For more information contact the NFCC Office of Recruitment and Student Development at (850) 973-1628 or mauldinm@nfcc.edu. More information is also available at www.nfcc.edu/experience-nfcc.

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Gene Johnson
Jan. 19, 1942
Feb. 16, 2014

Gene Johnson, age 72, of Live Oak, Fla. passed away Sunday morning, Feb. 16, 2014 at his home. He was a native and life long resident of Live Oak working for Columbia Grain & Ingredients, Inc. as an Independent Truck Driver. He served in the Florida National Guard for six years. Gene was a thoughtful, courteous, southern gentleman with a kind heart. He had taken up playing golf a little over five years ago and absolutely loved it. He won the first golf tournament he ever played in, the Westwood Baptist Church Tournament. He spent his free time antiques and attending yard sales. Gene enjoyed truck restoration and his passion was fully restoring a 1936 Dodge Pickup Truck.

He was a wonderful, loving husband, father and grandfather who enjoyed spending time with his family. He was a member of the Westwood Baptist Church and the Fishermen Sunday School Class.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Johnson, Live Oak; one daughter, Lisa Mills, Live Oak; one son, Jay (Ronda) Johnson, Live Oak; one brother, Larry (Gail) Johnson, Live Oak; three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Visitation was held Tuesday evening from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Funeral services will be held, 11 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2014 in the Westwood Baptist Church with Dr. Jimmy Deas officiating. Interment will follow in the Live Oak Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Bosom Buddies or Team Buckaroos/Relay for Life, 13037 97th Road, Live Oak, Fla. 32060.

Please sign the guestbook at www.harrisfuneralhomeinc.net. Harris Funeral Home & Cremations, Inc., Live Oak, Fla. 386-364-5115 is in charge of all arrangements.

Royce Leaton Morgan
March 3, 1931
Feb. 14, 2014

Royce Leaton Morgan, age 82, of Day, Fla., passed away peacefully at home after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were Sunday, Feb. 16, 2014 at 3 p.m. at Beggs Funeral. Burial was in Bethel Creek Cemetery, Lafayette County, Fla. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the Funeral Home.

He was born in Mayo, Fla. on March 3, 1931, the son of T.L. Morgan and Ruth Stubbs Morgan. He was a life long resident of Day, Fla. He was employed by the State of Fla., Department of Transportation for 28 years. He was of the Baptist faith and attended the First Baptist Church of Dowling, Park, Fla. He was a life member of the Day Masonic Lodge, having received his 60 year pin a few months ago. He was also a mem-

ber of the Woodman of the World. He served two years in the Army during the Korean War. Before his illness he enjoyed hunting, fishing and raising Bob White quail.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Deloris Herrin Morgan of Day, Fla. One brother Harvey Morgan and his wife Louise. A special nephew, Luke Mosley. A sister in law Dorothy Hines and many nieces and nephews.

Beggs Funeral Home Madison Chapel, 235 NW Orange Ave., Madison, Fla. 32340 850/973-2258 Fax: 850/973-4716 Madisonchapel@embarqmail.com in charge of all arrangements.

Jesse I. Wood, Jr.
April 3, 1923
Feb. 15, 2014

Jesse I. Wood, Jr., 90, passed away Saturday Feb. 15, 2014 in the VA Hospital Lake City, Fla.

Mr. Wood was born April 3, 1923 in Branford, Fla. and lived most of his life in this area. He was a University of Florida Graduate majoring in agriculture, he retired from the Farmers Home Administration as Assistant District Supervisor, a Past Master and 50 plus year member of Branford Masonic Lodge No. 130 F&AMA US Army Veteran of WWII, a member and Senior Deacon of Branford First Baptist Church.

He and his wife, Devanda J. "Dee" Wood who passed away in 2009 were married 60 years.

Survivors include, one daughter, Donna & Larry Shipley of Branford, Fla., One son, Jesse I. "Rusty" Wood, III & Susan of St. Petersburg, Fla., two brothers, Ken Wood of Live Oak, Fla., and Carl Wood of Perry, Fla., four grandchildren, Shane Shipley, Shelly Shipley, Jesse I. Wood, IV, Janessa Wood, three great grandchildren, Lydia Fathers, Everett Shipley and Olyvia Shipley.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014 at 1: p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Branford with Rev. Eddie Blalock and Rev. Gordon Keller officiating. Interment will follow in Walker Creek - Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery, Lafayette County, with Masonic Grave Rites. Visitation will be held Wednesday evening 5 - 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Please sign the guestbook at danielsfuneralhome.com

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



Michael Eugene Jenkins, Sr.
Dec. 29, 1951
Feb. 11, 2014

Michael Eugene Jenkins, Sr., 62, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2014 at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Lake City, Fla. He was born Dec. 29, 1951 to Charles E. Jenkins and Goldie Cook-Jenkins in Jacksonville, Fla. He

loved music and playing the drums, as well as, making people laugh. Michael was a loving and proud Father and Son.

Michael is preceded in death by his Mother, Goldie Cook-Jenkins and his Sister, Donna K. Underwood.

Mr. Jenkins is survived by his Father: Charles E. Jenkins, Brother: James E. Jenkins, Sr. (Susan), Daughter: Tonya D. Nix, Son: Michael E. Jenkins, Jr. (Barbara), four Grandchildren, Taylor Kintz, Larry M. Jenkins, Caydon Mann, Destiny Hewiett, one Great Grandson Blane Jenkins, two Nephews: Michael A. Jenkins, James E. Jenkins, Jr. and one Niece: Malisa Grest.

A Memorial Service will be scheduled at a later date.

Arrangements trusted to ICS Cremation & Funeral Home, 357 NW Wilks Lane Lake City, Florida. 386-752-3436 www.icsfuneralservices.com

Tracy Marie Deas
Feb. 12, 2014

Tracy Marie Deas, 42, a resident of Live Oak, Fla. passed away Feb. 12, 2014.

Mrs. Deas was a lifelong resident of Suwannee County. She was of the Baptist faith. She was employed with the Dept. of Corrections after sixteen years of service and had retired in 2013. She loved spending time with her family and friends and was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She was a graduate of Suwannee High School Class of 1989.

Survivors include her husband, Charles Deas, Live Oak, Fla., her daughter: Brooke Nicole Deas, Live Oak, Fla. two sons: Charles Tyler (Alex) Deas and Phillip Kyle Deas both of Live Oak, Fla. Her mother and father: Phillip and Janet Northrup Higdon, Live Oak, Fla. Two Brothers: James "Jimmy" Higdon, White Springs, Fla. and Scotty Higdon, Live Oak, Fla. One grandchild, Charles Mason Deas, Live Oak, Fla.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday Feb. 18, 2014 at 3 p.m. in the Chapel of Dees-Parrish Family Funeral Home. Interment followed in the Live Oak City Cemetery, Live Oak, Fla. The family received friends Tuesday Feb. 18, 2014 from 1 - 3 p.m. just prior to the service at the funeral home. Arrangements were under the direction of Dees-Parrish Family Funeral Home, 458 S. Marion Ave. Lake City, Fla. 32025. Please sign the guestbook at www.parrishfamilyfuneralhome.com.



Eleanor Frances Smith Chandler
June 10, 1933
Feb. 11, 2014

Eleanor Frances Smith Chandler, 80, of Jacksonville, Fla., passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2014. Eleanor was born June 10, 1933, in Jacksonville, to the late Clyde O. Smith and the late Frances Wetherington.

Eleanor was preceded in death by her husband, Col. Harold Kimball Chandler. Eleanor is survived by her three loving children—her son Hal Chandler, and two daughters, Fran Hill and Angie Cook—and by eleven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Eleanor obtained a bachelor's degree from The University of Georgia and a master's from Nova Southeastern University. Eleanor was a school teacher for many years. As an Army wife she lived in Georgia, Japan, Massachusetts, Texas, and Virginia. After her husband's retirement they lived in Live Oak, Fla.; Tokyo, Japan; Sydney, Australia, and Topeka, Kansas before settling in Jacksonville. Eleanor was a long-time member of First Baptist Church of Jacksonville. Her faith in Christ was real to her, which she demonstrated by the way she raised her children and by the impact she had on her family and friends and community. All of her children and grand-children have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. She shared her faith through many ministries including leadership in Baptist Women's Missionary Union, Girls in Action, Sunday School, and home Bible studies. She was a great storyteller, who kept her grandchildren up late with creative tales and fun stories. Her sweetness, joy, and laughter will be long-remembered.

The family would like to express its appreciation for the wonderful community of caregivers at Clare Bridge, the dedicated servants of Northeast Florida Community Hospice, and the loving ministers and members of First Baptist Church of Jacksonville. A visitation was held on

Tuesday, Feb. 18 from 6-8 p.m. in Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home of Mandarin. A memorial service will be held in Maryland and the interment will be in Arlington National Cemetery at a date and time to be determined.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home of Mandarin, 11801 San Jose Blvd. Jacksonville, Fla. 32223. www.hgmandarin.com (904) 288-002



Ezekiel Brown
Feb. 12, 2014

Ezekiel Brown a resident of Live Oak, Fla. passed away Feb. 12, 2014 in Suwannee Health Care Center.

Mr. Ezekiel Brown is survived by five children: Ronnie Brown, Lonnie Brown, Katrina Pridgen, Ezekiel Jr. and Marveta Brown and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral service for Mr. Ezekiel Brown will be held in the Bethlehem A.M.E. Church Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. Visitation for family and friends will be held Friday, Feb. 21, 2014 in the Udell Funeral Home Chapel from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Burial will be in the Bakerville Cemetery.

D.M. Udell and Sons is in charge of all arrangements. Call D.M. Udell and Sons at 386-362-4189 or cell 386-209-0223 Douglas M. Udell L.F.D. and Douglas M. Udell II L.F.D.

Vernon Joseph Bird, II
July 27, 1947
Feb. 12, 2014

Vernon Joseph Bird, II, 66, of Live Oak, passed away on Feb. 12, 2014 at his residence following an extended illness. Mr. Bird was born in New Orleans, LA. on July 27, 1947 to the late Vernon Joseph Bird, Sr. and Etelle Oller

Bird. He lived most of his life in Bell Chase, LA. having lived in Live Oak since 2005. Mr. Bird was a very Kind and generous man; and loved to fish. Mr. Bird was the owner and operator of a tandem trucking company; He was of the Full Gospel faith.

Mr. Bird is survived by his loving wife: Brenda Wilson Bird of Live Oak; three sons: Darryl Bird of Harvey, LA.; Gerald Bird (Kim) of Gretna, LA. and Nicholas Bird (Tasha) of Bell Chase, LA.; four daughters: Monica Meaux of Metairie, LA.; Laura Bird-Leaber of Bell Chase, LA.; Catherine Signorelli of Youngsville, LA. and Angela Collins of Live Oak; sister: Elaine Lombardo (A.J.) of Myrtle Grove, LA. Seventeen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren along with many other extended family members also survive.

At this time there are no services scheduled for Mr. Bird. Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Dees-Parrish Family Funeral Home, 458 S. Marion Ave., Lake City, Fla., 32025. Please sign the online guestbook at www.parrishfamilyfuneralhome.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Yannick Dave Lachance
Feb. 12, 2014

Yannick Dave Lachance, 29, Branford, Fla. passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2014.

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

Lois Leming
Feb. 12, 2014

Lois Leming, 75, Live Oak, Fla. passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2014.

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

Julia Arbour
Feb. 11, 2014

Julia Arbour, 75, Live Oak, Fla. passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2014.

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Romans 8:38-39 NIV

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1. Revitalize downtown Live Oak.
2. Continue work on Perimeter Road.
3. Continue developing catalyst site.
4. Update our LDRs and comp. plan to better protect resources and plan for growth.
5. Wise use of tax dollars.

The Democrat says!

Police chief should not be elected

The Live Oak chief of police position has been the center of discussion for several weeks now as the Live Oak Charter Review Committee and the Live Oak City Council discussed whether or not to amend the charter to make the position of police chief an elected post or keep it as an appointed position, as it currently is. The council voted last week 3-2 to put it on the May ballot to let the people decide. However, the measure still has to pass two public readings before it's final.

Councilman John Yulee brought the matter up at the city council meeting on Feb. 11, stating an appointed position is showing "favoritism."

According to Yulee, the definition of favoritism is "unfair treatment to some people or showing special favor to someone."

We believe the chief of police position has been shown favoritism recently: unfair treatment.

The only elected officials in the city of Live Oak government are the five city councilmen, the mayor and the city clerk.

Besides the police chief position, the city administrator, Live Oak fire chief, finance director and public works director are all appointed positions. Why weren't they included in discussions to be elected positions?

At a previous council meeting, two recommendations were presented to the council from the Live Oak Charter Review Committee, one which supported placing the position on the ballot, and one that opted for it to remain appointed. The council agreed to take each recommendation under review.

Qualified concerns

Yulee further stated, "An appointed position is considered favoritism ... It should be open for anyone to run for chief of police."

According to the Supervisor of Elections office, the only requirement to be a candidate for a city or county office is they must be a registered voter. However, with an appointed position, a pool of candidates are interviewed and the individual thought to be most qualified is selected by a panel of five members to hold the position. The appointed person must also answer to those five; an elected person would not have to.

We believe the recommendation to change the police chief position to an elected position was not in the best interest of the city.

In the words of Yulee, "We are not in the business to show favoritism to anyone."

OPINION Concealing evil



A MINORITY VIEW

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BY WALTER WILLIAMS

Evil acts are given an aura of moral legitimacy by noble-sounding socialistic expressions, such as spreading the wealth, income redistribution, caring for the less fortunate, and the will of the majority. Let's have a thought experiment to consider just how much Americans sanction evil.

Imagine there are several elderly widows in your neighborhood. They have neither the strength to mow their lawns, clean their windows and perform other household tasks nor the financial means to hire someone to help them. Here's a question that I'm almost afraid to ask: Would you support a government mandate that forces you or one of your neighbors to mow these elderly widows' lawns, clean their windows and perform other household tasks? Moreover, if the person so ordered failed to obey the government mandate, would you approve of some sort of sanction, such as fines, property confiscation or imprisonment? I'm hoping, and I believe, that most of my fellow Americans would condemn such a mandate. They'd agree that it would be a form of slavery -- namely, the forcible use of one person to serve the purposes of another.

Would there be the same condemnation if, instead of forcing you or your neighbor to actually perform weekly household tasks for the elderly widows, the government forced you or your neighbor to give one of the widows \$50 of your weekly earnings? That way, she could hire someone to mow her lawn or clean her windows. Would such a mandate differ from one under which you are forced to actually perform the household task? I'd answer that there is little difference between the two mandates except the mechanism for the servitude. In either case, one person is being forcibly used to serve the purposes of another.

I'm guessing that most Americans would want to help these elderly ladies in need but they'd find anything that openly smacks of servitude or slavery deeply offensive. They might have a clearer conscience if all the neighbors were forced (taxed) to put money into a government pot. A government agency would then send the widows \$50 to hire someone to mow their lawns and perform other household tasks. This collective mechanism makes the particular

victim invisible, but it doesn't change the fact that a person is being forcibly used to serve the purposes of others. Putting the money into a government pot simply conceals an act that would otherwise be deemed morally depraved.

This is why socialism is evil. It employs evil means, confiscation and intimidation, to accomplish what are often seen as noble goals -- namely, helping one's fellow man. Helping one's fellow man in need by reaching into one's own pockets to do so is laudable and praiseworthy. Helping one's fellow man through coercion and reaching into another's pockets is evil and worthy of condemnation. Tragically, most teachings, from the church on down, support government use of one person to serve the purposes of another; the advocates cringe from calling it such and prefer to call it charity or duty.

Some might argue that we are a democracy, in which the majority rules. But does a majority consensus make moral acts that would otherwise be deemed immoral? In other words, if the neighbors got a majority vote to force one of their number -- under pain of punishment -- to perform household tasks for the elderly widows, would that make it moral?

The bottom line is that we've betrayed much of the moral vision of our Founding Fathers. In 1794, when Congress appropriated \$15,000 for relief of French refugees who had fled from insurrection in San Domingo to Baltimore and Philadelphia, James Madison rose on the floor of the House of Representatives to object, saying, "I cannot undertake to lay my finger on that article of the Constitution which granted a right to Congress of expending, on objects of benevolence, the money of their constituents." Tragically, today's Americans -- Democrat or Republican, liberal or conservative -- would hold such a position in contempt and run a politician like Madison out of town on a rail.

Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University. To find out more about Walter E. Williams and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

FROM OUR READERS

Dear editor,

Instead of being worried about what kind of companies may want to invoke their "by right" to locate to Suwannee County, Suwannee County should decide which kinds of companies that we want to be here and invite them to come.

We should be proactive in pursuing the right companies for Suwannee County, and then Suwannee County can grow on our own terms without affecting the integrity of our unique community. Suwannee County should create its own destiny and make it a reality. We can keep Suwannee County the paradise that we love while providing growth and opportunities for our children.

The key is to agree on the kind of growth and opportunities that we want as a community and put the right group of individuals in place that will work with the best interests of our county in mind and not their own political and personal agendas. If we do not proactively pursue companies to locate in our community, we will always be subject to any kind of company trying to invoke their "by right" to be here even if against the will of the people.

Create a vision for Suwannee County and make it happen on our own terms.

Cindy Robinson
Live Oak

Dear editor,

Another tragic accident at the junction of CR 137 and US 90. Two days after the re-striping was done.

I live and work in Wellborn and cross this intersection a minimum of two times a day, seven days a week. I am very glad that the lines have been redone. However, who in their right mind decided to put the double yellow lines curving to the right as the Northbound lane of CR 137 stops at US 90?

I have not only seen a lot of crashes there, but at least three "close calls" per week. People pull up to US 90 (going North), way over on the right side and then either go across US 90, or even worse, turn left heading to Live Oak. All

because of these bent lines!

On the other side of US 90, on CR 137, heading south, the double yellow lines are straight where they stop at US 90. That doesn't stop people from pulling far to the right. As I try to cross US 90, these people pass me on the right trying to go straight across US 90 or even turning left to head to Lake City.

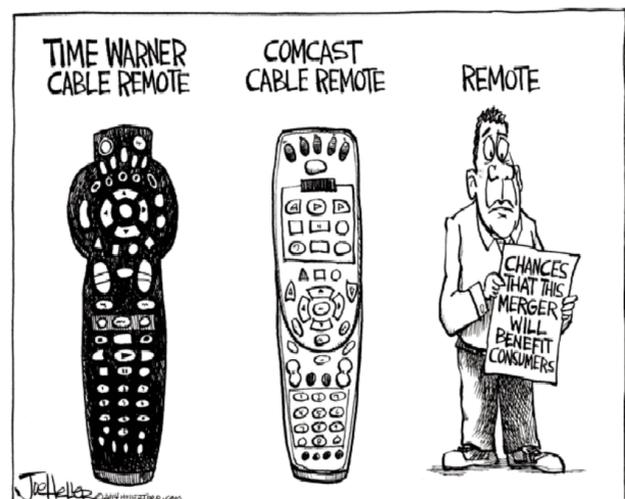
In all my decades of driving in the USA and overseas, I have never seen such insane behavior. I even asked the crew painting the lines why they were curved. Their answer: "we just painted it the way the old ones were". Great answer, huh?

Ron Bussiere
Retired engineer
Wellborn

From a reader,

Congratulations to our local Dairy Queen for being selected as winner of corporate's Queen's Champion Award! We are blessed to have them in Live Oak!

Tom Burnett



Letter and Rant & Rave guidelines on elections

Qualifying for the city of Live Oak election in May is noon Monday, March 17 through noon March 21. The election will be held May 6 with a run-off, if needed, on June 10. Up for grabs are positions of the mayor, city council seats for Districts 1 and 4 and city clerk. The following guidelines are for this and every election.

1. Letters from a candidate will be treated as a press release and will be reported as a story, with balance when needed.
2. Letters from the general public should stick to the issues and positions on issues and qualifications of the candidates. No name-calling or abusive language will be accepted.

3. Letters must be 250 words or less on letters supporting, endorsing or criticizing candidates.
4. Only two letters per month will be allowed from the same person.
5. Letters regarding ballot issues other than candidates will be treated as letters of interest to the general public.
6. The deadline for letters on elections and ballot issues is noon Monday one week before an election for final publication on Wednesday, six days before an election.
7. Rants or Raves will not be accepted on candidates. They will be treated as a letter to the editor.
8. This newspaper reserves the right to decline publication of any letter it believes does not meet standards of publication.

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.

UF/IFAS Extension 2014 Program Plans

By Mary Sowerby
UF Regional Dairy Extension

The year 2014 is well underway as are many programs being planned at the University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences/Suwannee County Extension Office. We would like to share some of our "resolution" programming for 2014, starting with our youth.

Each agent allocates from five to nearly 100 percent of their time to youth development programs. 4-H Agent Brian Estevez leads the charge in helping youth "Make their best better" (the 4-H motto). Every agent is involved in one or more summer camps (open to all students from 8 to 18) and/or the Fall Harvest Festival. Mr. Brian cooks up a new "From Farm to Table" camp every year and has resolved to surprise campers with another fun learning adventure in agri- or aquaculture this year.

Horticultural agent Carolyn Saft has been amazing students the past couple of years with her creative "Bug Camps". In 2014 she has resolved to change species and hold a "Doggie Day Camp" instead. If your children love dogs, they will love this week of camp.

Prior years' Trash to Treasure Camp instructor Katherine Allen (Family and Consumer Sciences Agent) has resolved to teach students smart "be your own boss" business tactics this year in Entrepreneurship Camp. It should be an amazing adventure.

Family and Consumer Sciences Agent Cathy Rogers is specializing her ever popular sewing camps this year into a "Quilt in a Week" Camp. This should be a real treat for her stu-

dents as Ms. Cathy shares her talent for beautiful quilt making.

B-cubed (Bovine Buzzer Battle/Dairy Quiz Bowl) Camp will take on two new aspects this year: 1) it will become a full day and night camp and 2) it will be open to students statewide. Regional Specialized Dairy Agent Mary Sowerby plans to focus on nutrition: from field crops, to ration formulation, to digestive tracts, to nutritional diseases this summer as students prepare for the State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest. Any student from novice to experienced Quiz Bowl participant who likes cows and science is welcome.

Agricultural Agent Elena Toro, along with Brian Estevez, coordinate the Annual Fall Harvest Experience for area fourth graders held at the Suwannee Valley Ag Extension Center farm. One or more new crops will be featured this year along with pumpkins, squash and gourds, and amazing mazes through corn, sorghum or who knows what this year.

4-H events happen year around from the delicious Holiday Bake-off which takes place in December, to the Suwannee County Fair spring events, to Farm and Meats Judging, to County Council and Club meetings, to early school release day programs to summer residential camp at Camp Cherry Lake, to Statewide Legislature and Congress and much more. Brian Estevez strives to make each experience special and fun for the youth.

Extension programs are not just for youth although every agent has resolved to provide quality and impactful programs for them. But the same holds for adults in the community. Cathy Rogers has resolved to help community members

change their lifestyles to reduce debt and save for emergencies, retirement and personal goals.

Both Katherine Allen and Cathy Rogers are striving to improve the health of Suwannee County citizens through nutrition and diabetes programs. Katherine has also resolved to continue working to enliven downtown Live Oak, and help keep us healthy through Serv-Safe restaurant employee training programs.

Carolyn Saft has new programs planned which

will be held at Heritage Park this year on trees, birds, wild flowers, home gardening and many other topics. Elena Toro and Mary Sowerby have both resolved to assist Suwannee agricultural producers to maximize production and profit with ongoing specialized programs.

The year 2014 holds great promise for the UF/IFAS Extension programs we conduct to make a positive impact on your life or your children's. They are open to all members of the community. We

hope you will participate and if you have questions or suggestions, call us (386-362-2771) or stop by our office which is beside the Agricultural Coliseum, next door to Shands Live Oak Hospital. You can also check our website (<http://suwannee.ifas.ufl.edu>) for our program calendar and other great educational resources for "Solutions for Your Life."

Extension programs are open to all people regardless of race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.



Sowerby

Tri-County Irrigation honored



Valley dealer members pictured with Len Adams, group president, Valmont Global Irrigation.

(VALLEY, Neb.) – Valley Irrigation has announced Tri-County Irrigation of Live Oak as a Valley Performance Plus Dealer at the company's 2014 National Meeting. Tri-County Irrigation has earned this honor for excelling in the areas of service, aftermarket support and sales.

The Valley Performance Program accredits dealerships that meet the highest standards across a variety of criteria. Evaluations are based on customer service ratings, goal achievements and core requirements in relation to dealership growth plans. Additional measure is considered to develop an overall evaluation of the dealership in respect to the entire customer experience and support after the sale.

"The status of being known as a Performance Plus Dealer exemplifies the dedication of the dealership to Valley products and the commitment to providing superior service to Valley customers," stated Rich Panowicz, Vice President of North American Sales, Valley Irrigation.

Valley, the leader in mechanized irrigation, encourages their dealers to set the bar in their industry, delivering the

highest standard of service and product support to their irrigation customers.

Panowicz continued, "We are proud to honor and recognize our dealers for their excellence in these areas. We sincerely believe as our dealers challenge themselves from year to year that we will be recognizing them for greater levels of achievement. The Valley Performance Program allows us the opportunity to reinforce the valuations that lead to industry success."

Growing gourmet mushrooms

UF/IFAS Suwannee County Master Gardeners will be offering a "Growing Gourmet Mushrooms" workshop on Wednesday, Feb. 26, from 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Suwannee County Extension Office.

Learn to grow your own Shiitake & Oyster mushrooms using two different techniques! Join us for a presentation and hands on activities where you inoculate both Shiitake & Oyster Mushrooms into different substrates so you can grow your own mushrooms for a great nutritional food option.

Participants will be able to purchase take-home mushroom starter kits.

For more information, contact Carolyn Saft or Kasey Bass at the Suwannee

County Extension Office at 386/ 362-2771 or csaft318@ufl.edu.

Extension programs are open to all people regardless of race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in any activity should contact the Suwannee County Cooperative Extension Service at 1302 Eleventh Street, SW, Live Oak, Florida 32064 or telephone 386-362-2771 at least five working days prior to the event. Hearing impaired can access the foregoing telephone by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 or 800-955-8772 (TDD).

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National news

Teen mom says she's a mass murderer

Lost count of how many killings at 22 in five states

Francis Scarcella
 CNHI News

Sunbury, Pa. — A diminutive teenage mother charged with the stabbing death of a central Pennsylvania man she lured with an online companionship ad says she has been on a cross-country murder spree since she became involved with a satanic cult six years ago.

Miranda Barbour, 19, made the shocking admission to the Sunbury Daily Item during a recorded interview Friday in the library of the Northumberland County Prison where she is an inmate.

The soft-spoken, five-foot tall Barbour could not recall specifically how many murders she had committed, saying: "When I hit 22, I stopped counting."

She said some of the slayings occurred in Alaska, Texas, California and North Carolina and that she had no remorse because she killed only "bad people."

Barbour said she confessed to the murder spree because "it is time for me to be honest and I feel I need to be honest." She said she is willing to work with authorities "to pinpoint ... on a map" where the murders occurred.



Miranda Barbour, of Selinsgrove, enters Northumberland County Court for her formal arraignment in January. - Photo: Francis Scarcella/The Daily Item

Sunbury police said they are working with authorities from several states and the FBI regarding Barbour's possible involvement with unsolved murders elsewhere. The investigation includes looking into the death of a man with whom Barbour

had a 1-year-old child. "From information we gathered, we are seriously concerned and have been in contact with proper authorities," said Sunbury Police Chief Steve Mazzeo.

Barbour and her husband, Elytte Barbour, 22, are accused of killing Troy LaFerrara, 42, of Port Trevorton, Pa., three months ago. Both are being held without bail.

LaFerrara's body, with 20 stab wounds, was found Nov. 12 in an alley in Sunbury. Police said he had responded to a Craig's List posting promising female companionship in exchange for money.

The murder occurred three weeks after the Barbours were married and had moved to the Sunbury area from North Carolina. Elytte Barbour told police at the time of the couple's arrest in early December that they had planned to kill someone to celebrate their marriage, and that his wife took him to a strip club afterwards as a birthday present.

Miranda Barbour said in her jailhouse interview that she became associated with a satanic cult when she was 13 and living in Alaska with her mother. She said she came under the influence of the cult leader and that he helped her kill her first victim.

"It was in an alley and he shot him," she said. "Then he said to me that it was my turn to shoot him. I hate guns; I don't use guns. I couldn't do it so he came behind me and he took his hands and put them on top of mine and we pulled the trigger. And then from there I just continued to kill."

Eventually, she said, she moved to North Carolina, had a baby and sought "to start over and forget everything I did. I knew something was bad inside me and the satanic beliefs brought it out. I embraced it."

Francis Scarcella is a reporter with the Sunbury, Pa., Daily Item.

Uniform and shoe fair

Sponsored by Shands Live Oak Regional Medical Center Auxiliary. The event will be in the cafeteria on Thursday, Feb. 27, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Payroll deduction is available for eligible employees.

SHS Advisory Council to meet

The next meeting of the School Advisory Council for Suwannee High School will be Thursday, Feb. 20, at 6 p.m. It will be held in the cafeteria at SHS. All interested students, parents, teachers and community members that would like to participate and become involved in SHS are invited to attend.

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Country Music's David Nail and LoCash Cowboys added to the already awesome 2014 Suwannee River Jam artist line-up

The artists signed now number 11 with more to be announced

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Hold on there Suwannee River Jam fans, two new artists have just been added to the already spectacular 2014 Suwannee River Jam line-up April 30 - May 3! David Nail and LoCash Cowboys will be among the terrific country artists already on tap for this annual event at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park (SOSMP) in Live Oak.

Nail and LoCash will join already signed country artists Brantley Gilbert, Montgomery Gentry, Justin Moore, Charlie Daniels and his band, Chris Cagle, Colt Ford, The Mavericks, JJ Lawhorn and The Lacs.

Go online to suwanneeriverjam.com to order tickets now before the prices go up. You may also email spirit@musicliveshere.com or call the SOSMP at 386-364-1683 with credit card in hand for Easy Pay! Buy today, you'll have it paid for before the Jam, sponsored by Budweiser, S & S Food Stores and other fine co-sponsors, arrives! S & S Food Stores in North Florida has

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David Nail has made a career of singing songs few artists dare touch in contemporary country music - sad songs. He's had hits with singles about cheating ("Let It Rain") breakups ("Red Light") and failed dreams ("Turning Home") and has owned every one, singing as if from personal experience. Other songs include "Someone Like You," "Whatever She's Got" and more. David Nail has been added to the terrific lineup of country artists for the 2014 Suwannee River Jam and fans can expect to hear firsthand his many hits. David's ability to make such tales of heartbreak and loss his own is what defines him as an artist—one capable of finding and recording songs that are deeply relatable to him and to listeners. The ACM Award-nominated Nail, an artist who wears emotion as a badge of honor, has a singer's voice without peer. To some, he is country music's Adele, and even covered the British singer's "Someone Like You" on his 1979 EP.

The LoCash Cowboys' time has come.



David Nail.



LoCash Cowboys.

They have their first powerhouse indie album, LoCash Cowboys. What else would you expect from the duo that co-wrote Keith Urban's number one "You Gonna Fly," and "Truck Yeah," a smash for Tim McGraw? The guys, well-known to SRJ fans due to their many performances for adoring fans at the SOSMP's SRJ, feel their new CD is perfect. "We've captured everything LoCash is about on this album," said Chris Lucas, cowboy-hat-wearing half of the team. "Country music really boils down to the power of the song," sums up the eloquent Preston Brust. LoCash puts on a high-energy show loved by fans with never a dull moment. "It's really all about the crowd, about making them feel their lives are changing," said Preston, whose great uncle Albert E. Brumley wrote the gospel classic "I'll Fly Away." The guys are doing exactly what they have always wanted to do, perform country music in their own unique way. The duo wrote and recorded the theme song for Tanya Tucker's reality show "Tuckerville," and is in negotiation

for a television show of their own! Don't miss an all new experience this year at the SRJ when LoCash Cowboys are featured in a special Saturday (May 3) Q & A time in the Music Hall where fans may meet the band and take part in an exclusive Q & A with the band that could progress into special music requests. They will close out the 2014 SRJ with a midnight performance. See upcoming schedules for times and places.

For more information about The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park or if you would like to make reservations for RV parking, cabins, primitive camping or camper parking at the SOSMP, call 386-364-1683, email spirit@musicliveshere.com or go to www.musicliveshere.com. Accommodations will fill up quickly for this Suwannee River Jam so make your reservations now!

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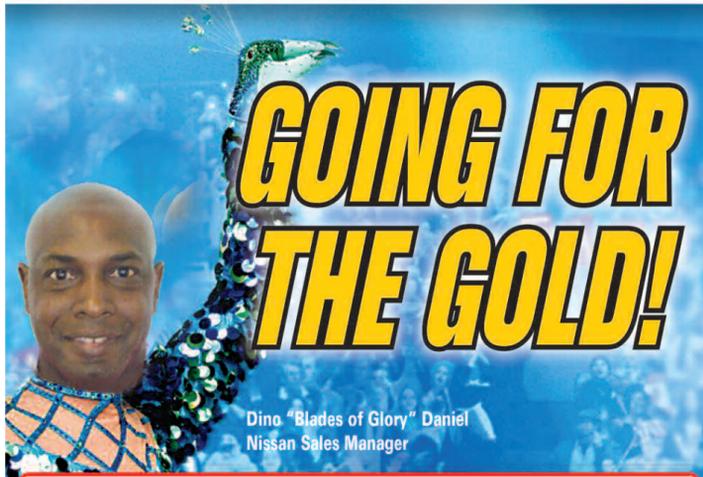
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NFCC Artist Series presents California Dreaming Feb. 28
National tour coming to North Florida Community College

MADISON, FL – Take a musical journey through the time when folk music met rock music and gave birth to an explosion of music that was danceable, singable and oh so romantic when the North Florida Community College Artist Series presents the national tour of California Dreaming on Friday, Feb. 28 at Van H. Priest Auditorium, 7 p.m.

California Dreaming celebrates that brief magical moment in the mid-'60s and early '70s when American youth migrated to California by the millions and transformed pop culture forever. When well-groomed folk musicians grew out their hair and plugged in their Fenders and Rickenbackers, the radio began to sizzle with tight harmonies and dreamy lyrics.

California Dreaming features the music of groups like the Mamas and Papas, The Beach Boys, The 5th Dimension, The Byrds and Crosby, Stills & Nash. The show is a tribute to and filled with music that defined an era and introduced the world to the good vibrations of love, peace and summertime fun. Enjoy songs like "What a Day for a Daydream," "I Get Around," "Turn, Turn, Turn," "Did You Ever Have to Make Up Your Mind," "Surfin' U.S.A.," "Our House," "Dream a Little Dream of Me," "Little GTO," "Good Vibrations" and "California Dreamin'."

The show is produced by Springer Theatricals, the national touring arm of the Springer Opera House, a 143-year-old National Historic Landmark theatre in Columbus, Ga.

California Dreaming will be performed at NFCC's Van H. Priest Auditorium at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28. Tickets are on sale now at the NFCC College Advancement Office. Call (850) 973-1653 for tickets or more information. More information is also available at <http://www.nfcc.edu/community-programs/artist-series>.

Local events

MOAA - Military Officers Association of America

The Suwannee River Chapter of MOAA meets monthly at the Lake City Elks Lodge. The meetings include a social period, dinner, and a program of military or civic interest. All active duty, retired and former military officers, including Reserve and National Guard, and spouses/guests are welcome. For information and reservations call Steve Casto at 497-2968 or Vern Lloyd at 752-4885. The Suwannee River Valley Chapter, founded in 1990, is one of over 400 MOAA chapters around the world.

Celebrate Recovery

You are invited to "Celebrate Recovery" a Christ centered recovery program and a free spaghetti dinner at the First Baptist Church of Dowling Park on Friday evening Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery is a biblical and balanced program that helps us to overcome our hurts, hang-ups, and habits. It is based on the actual words of Jesus rather than psychological theory. The church is located near the intersection of CR 250 and CR 136 at 11274 235th Ln. in Dowling Park. For more information call 658-2360 or 364-4800.

Family and Friends Day

Greater New Bethel AME Church will observe its annual Family and Friends Day celebration on Saturday, Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. The preacher for the occasion will be the Rev. Michael Ward of Bethel AME Church, Jasper. Dinner will be served following the services. Everyone is cordially invited to come and worship with us. Sis. Eva Polite and Sis. Melissa Mckire - chairpersons; Rev. Albert Bivens Jr., pastor.

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FIRST HAND EXPERIENCE

Branford FFA advisor Stacy Young shares her recent adventures

Young was one of 11 teachers in the entire state of Florida selected to make up the 2014 Agriscience Leadership Team

By Andrew McGee
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Branford High School FFA advisor Stacy Young returned recently from a three-day "field trip". Young was one of 11 teachers in the entire state of Florida selected to make up the 2014 Agriscience Leadership Team that toured many businesses in the state. Last year, school superintendents nominated two likely candidates - either a science or agriculture teacher - from their district to hopefully be chosen.

"We submitted resumes and answered essay questions," said Young. "The team consisted of agriculture teachers, an advanced placement biology teacher, a middle school science teacher, a principal and a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) academy coordinator. I was one of the 11."

Day 1

The first day, Young said the team went to FernTrust Inc. in Seville, Florida. According to their website, "FernTrust Inc. was founded in 1986 as a cooperative of quality oriented growers sharing a rich history in agribusiness. Unique to the industry, acting as a cooperative allows the grower-members to do what they do best - grow the highest quality foliage available."

"They market ferns and greenery and ship throughout the US and internationally," said Young. "One of the things is they had trouble marketing their ferns, so it all came together as a co-op thing. Now they're marketing their products more efficiently."

Young said when you go into the larger super markets and see the floral arrangements, FernTrust is a company that sells them the greenery in bunches so florists can use them to make nice floral gifts.

"One of the cool things is they found a way to spray paint ferns," said Young. "There's a type of fern they spray paint and it's a growing interest."

She said they spray paint them all sorts of bright, vibrant colors, like red, pink or blue depending on what a customer might prefer or request. An example they mentioned on the tour was about one of the promoters for the Seattle Seahawks had FernTrust specially spray the ferns to be used for their big Super Bowl victory party this year.

After the group left the FernTrust facility, they visited an olive farm.

"Evidently, olive trees are going to be a new thing in Florida," said Young. "They grow well in our climate. Actually our environment is great for them."

Young said farmers told

them there was an imaginary horizontal line through Central Florida. North of the line, olive growers can produce a good crop whereas south of the line, the climate is too tropical.

"They say that our climate in Suwannee County is one of the best areas for this (olive growing) in Florida," said Young. "Olive leaf extract is going to be a big hit. It helps cure illnesses. So, not the olive just for the oil, but for the extract. That's going to be a big thing."

Next up was the Reptile Discovery Center, a serpentarium in Deland where the venom of snakes is harvested. It's shipped out to other locations where it is converted into antivenin.

"They had a green mamba that was so pretty, but it's extremely deadly," said Young.

The different species of mamba are fast-moving venomous snakes all indigenous to Africa.

"We got there too late to see them extract venom, but we got to see all the tools and they walked us through it," said Young.

Day 2

"The next day we went to the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Center for Elephant Conservation," said Young. "Their main thing is to protect the Asian elephant."

She said it was in a remote place and didn't disclose its location because it is the wish of the center that the general public not know as to best protect the elephants.

Young's thought was that most people didn't look at the situation through the perspective of the facility.

"It is the most humane place I've ever been in my life," said Young. "Those elephants are so well taken care of, it is unbelievable. I was fascinated."

She said the center is studying how to breed the elephants because breeding has been a problem due to the difficulty in artificial insemination, but they're making advance-



The 2014 Agriscience Leadership Team at Four Corners Mosaic with the huge dragline bucket used to mine phosphate rock.

ments. They've had babies born from artificial insemination. The center is trying to increase the number of elephants because they're endangered.

"It's really, really bad," said Young. "So one of the main things they're trying to do is re-populate, to increase population."

Young was told that elephants have quite a long gestation period. It takes 22 months for an elephant to have her baby, but if she miscarries, the elephant caregivers may not know it because sometimes elephants mummify their young inside their wombs.

"So, if the baby dies inside the body, the mama may pass it or it becomes mummified and if that happens, it can stay in the body up to five years," said Young. "I learned more about elephant reproduction than I thought I'd ever learn."

Young expressed again what a top-notch facility it was and how well the animals were cared for.

"Out of all the places I've ever been, that by far is the most amazing place. The people are out-of-this-world friendly," said Young. "I was just impressed."

Young and her group's journey continued as they visited Four Corners Mosaic, a facility that mines and processes phosphate rock, the raw material for phosphate fertilizer production. She said they were taken on a drag line.

"That's something not everyone gets to see," said Young. "Very few people get to operate a drag line because it's dangerous."

The operator conducting the demonstration has been working the drag line for 19 years. The group was able to climb up into the "bucket" which Young described as being the size of a truck.

"It goes out and swings

around and (the operator) digs the earth up and then he takes it back the other way and puts it down," said Young.

The group learned about land reclamation which refers to the process of creating new land from the riverbeds or the sea. The land that's been reclaimed is known as the landfill or the reclamation ground and they also saw how ponds were built.

Day 3

The next day, the group got up early to tour Highland Packaging Solutions Inc.

The company produces plastic containers fruit is packaged on that is found in super markets. They were told the the way to tell if the container is from HPS is to flip it over and it will have the company name on the bottom.

"Every farm that uses them, they put new labels on them," said Young. "They even do it for farms all over the country."

What made a huge impression on Young was the story of how the huge company began. Steve Maxwell was a man who worked in the fields digging potatoes during the day and at night he loaded potato trucks for his brother. He wanted to start his own business and had a friend in Texas who he helped out at one time, so he asked him if he would help invest in his business. His friend flew in from Texas and they started the packaging business. It started in a little room and they had to put up tarp because there were termites in the wood.

"Now he has this multi-million dollar business," said Young. "One thing about him is he's still genuine and true. He knows with hard work you can get to where you're going."

Near the final leg of the tour, Young and the others

visited a blueberry farm owned by Jorge Salmeron. What made the farm unique was that Salmeron started when he was 16. When he was in school, he picked blueberries with his family who were migrant workers and as the climate changed, they would move with the crops.

Young said he convinced his parents not to move with the crops anymore and he began working for a man in the blueberry business. While working, Salmeron went to school and earned a degree in teaching. He is now a migrant liaison instructor at Durant High School in Plant City.

"He borrowed \$10,000 from his father to start his business, a blueberry farm," said Young. "He was really good at grafting them and paid his dad back within three months and now owns 10 acres of blueberries."

Young said she was impressed because Salmeron started with nothing and now owns a thriving business. His goal was that the business be successful enough in five years to support his family. She said his true love is to farm blueberries and that's what he's setting out to do.

The final stop for the group was at Brandon Farms where they grow strawberries. Because of the cold weather, they were unable to see them picking strawberries.

"That was pretty limited, but by that time, we were pretty worn out," Young said.

The next adventure for Branford's FFA Chapter is to go to Tallahassee in March to promote agriculture and to let the legislators know how important agriculture is to our community and how extremely important agriculture education is to our society.



Branford FFA advisor Stacy Young poses with an elephant at Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Center for Elephant Conservation. Courtesy photos

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ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE AT DOWLING PARK

Community Currents

A place to thrive after retirement

By Sandie Hugg
ACV's Chief Program Officer

I am happy to say that I feel privileged to be a member of Advent Christian Village, as well as a staff member. I live in the independent living portion of this outstanding retirement community. My family would love for me to move back to Tallahassee so that we could see more of each other. The thought of that makes my heart sing. However, when I honestly examine how different that would be from what we do now, I conclude that their already busy lives really can't fit in more time for me than they already do. My life would drastically change, but not in the positive way I would desire. Besides, I love living in this community!

We hear many family members of senior adults say they would rather have their parents live with or near them than in a retirement community, so they can spend more time together. Who wouldn't want that? But, there are tradeoffs. It's easy to overlook the benefits of retirement community life, because many imagine it to be a place where people sit around in rocking chairs looking depressed. The reality is that many retirement communities offer an outstanding life for their residents, where, after settling in, people actually thrive beyond a level they have known for many years. Consider the benefits of retirement community life.

First, the sense of camaraderie among residents is very difficult to find elsewhere. Peers from a variety of backgrounds and experiences live in one location and see each other daily. The close proximity offers far more opportunities for interaction than virtually any other setting. It is quite common for residents of retirement communities to develop more and deeper friendships than ever and the result is an amazing support system.

Most include fitness facilities in order for resident's to feel their best and remain healthy and active. This in itself is a huge benefit toward overall wellbeing. We have many members whose doctors have reported that they have avoided heart attacks, strokes and fractures because they are regularly exercising. And workouts become more fun when they become a group event.

Services are available and easily arranged when needed. This gives an amazing sense of security to senior adults, who may not need services now, but enjoy knowing that if they ever do, they are easily accessed.

No longer having to keep up with household or lawn maintenance is one benefit that many of our members report as a huge weight off their shoulders. Their time is freed up for what they really want to do, and they know there is someone who will look after any issues that come up so they don't have to.

Outside such communities, activities of interest are sometimes only available on weekends or evenings, leaving hours of the day without such opportunities. Active seniors sometimes have difficulty finding activities that interest and stimulate them. In retirement communities, a smorgasbord of activities is available to choose from throughout the day. Some appeal to more active seniors and others to those who prefer a quieter lifestyle. All tastes and activity levels are taken into account.

While on the subject of activities, many have the idea that all there is to do is golf or play bridge. They are looking for more meaning in their later years. Many retirement communities today are offering classes for resident's continued enrichment and growth. Volunteer opportunities are



Sandie Hugg

available to encourage people to keep their skills sharp and to give them a continued sense of purpose. Faith-based communities offer spiritual enrichment and opportunities for service.

We commonly hear people say they are not ready to move to a retirement community. They want to wait until their health forces them to make that move. Those who do so find themselves arriving in a community without being able to enjoy the best things about it. While the community can still benefit them at that point, their health prevents them from participating in the events and amenities that make it so enjoyable. Adjustments are always more difficult at that point. They haven't had an opportunity to form friendships first, so they don't have as strong a support system. Therefore, they feel lonelier and have a harder time acclimating than those who move before they "need" to.

There is so much that retirement communities offer, why would they wait? Many of our members say that moving here opened up an amazing new chapter to their lives that they never thought possible. So, before you encourage Mom and/or Dad to move close to you, take a moment to think about what they would be missing out on with such a move.

Take it from me; living in a retirement community is a wonderful way of life. Encourage your parents to do it now and enjoy life. I can't tell you how glad I am that I live at Advent Christian Village. I'm happy to say this is where I intend to live out my retirement years!

About the author: Sandie Hugg has been working with senior adults since 1979. After earning her business administration degree and nursing home administrator's license, she held various positions in the health care field, eventually becoming Vice President of Morton Plant Hospital in Clearwater, Florida. From there, she worked with Westminster Communities and currently, she is Chief Program Officer of Advent Christian Village. Sandie not only works at ACV, but is also a resident of ACV's River Woods neighborhood. Sandie has a grown daughter and one grandson, who is her pride and joy.

Oral health for seniors

Your teeth can last a lifetime with proper home care and regular dental checkups. No matter what your age, you can keep your teeth and gums healthy by

brushing twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste, flossing daily and seeing your dentist regularly for professional cleanings and checkups.

Even when seniors brush and floss regularly, they may face certain issues when it comes to their oral health. Wearing dentures, taking medications, and general health conditions are some of the issues many seniors face. Luckily, dentists and physicians can help face most of these challenges quite successfully.

Cavities and decay on the root surfaces of the teeth are more common in older adults, so it's important they brush with a fluoride toothpaste, floss daily and see a dentist regularly.

Sensitivity can be an increasing problem as one ages. Your gums naturally recede over time, exposing areas of the tooth that are not protected by enamel. These areas are particularly prone to pain due to cold or hot foods and beverages. In severe cases, cold air, as well as sensitivity to sour

and sweet drinks and foods, can occur. Those experiencing sensitivity can try an anti-sensitivity toothpaste. If the problem persists, a dentist should be consulted, as the sensitivity may be an indication of a more serious condition, such as a cavity or a cracked or fractured tooth.

Dry mouth is a common condition in seniors, and one that may be caused by medications or certain medical disorders. Left untreated, dry mouth can damage your teeth. Your dentist can recommend various methods to restore moisture in the mouth, as well as appropriate treatments or medications to help prevent the problems associated with dry mouth.

Existing health conditions such as diabetes, heart disease or cancer can affect oral health. Be sure to let your dentist know of any general health issues you're facing, so that he or she understands the whole situation and can help you meet your special requirements.

Dentures can make life



Whether you're 19 or 90, good oral health is important. It keeps teeth in your mouth, helps keep disease out of the body, and makes you a more pleasant person to be around.

easier for many seniors, but they require special care. Denture wearers should follow their dentist's instructions carefully and see their dentist if any problems arise. An annual checkup is recommended for long-term denture wearers.

Gum disease is a poten-

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Community Currents



A Band of brothers. Men seeking to learn more about their wild hearts took Camp Suwannee at Advent Christian Village by storm last month.

Boot camp comes to ACV

Camp Suwannee at Advent Christian Village recently became a "men only" zone. One hundred fifty men took the grounds by storm Jan. 16-19, transforming Rumph Pavilion into a military training zone and taking advantage of the Suwannee's natural surroundings to its manliest extent.

For the second year in a row, the Florida Band of Brothers Boot Camp was held at Camp Suwannee. Boot Camps of this kind take place in several U.S. and Canadian locations. This location sees most of its participants traveling from Atlanta and south Florida. The group likes meeting at the Village because it's a good place to get away from home, "unplug," and stay in cabins.

What is a Band of Brothers Boot Camp? Simply put: It's an intensive, cooperative and fun weekend where men learn it's OK to be men. The first Boot Camp was hosted at Sharpe Ridge in California in 2009 by Mike Minter, an insurance salesman and financial planner with Primerica. Minter used the video series based on John Eldredge's book *Wild at Heart: Discovering the Secret of a Man's Soul* as the basis for the weekend.

Eldredge explains that men need to be adventurous and daring, but still have a deep relationship with the Lord. Eldredge quotes Joshua 1:6-7, 9: "Be strong and

courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

It is upon these ideals that Eldredge introduced an eight-part video series to be used by men's groups with the following topics: the heart of a man, the poser, the wound, healing the wound, a battle to fight, an adventure to live, a beauty to rescue, and a band of brothers. Much of each Band of Brothers Boot Camp centers around the video series, but Guy Shashaty, one of the Florida Boot Camp leaders, says the more powerful part is when those leaders known as "responders" speak.

After each part of the video series is shown, one or more responders testify to how they can relate to the video: how they struggled and found resolution or how they are currently struggling and working on a solution. These personal stories help the other attendees realize they aren't alone in their feelings and experiences. "The true purpose of the Boot Camp," explains Shashaty, "is to help men realize who they were created to be and to give them permission to be who they are."

Band of Brothers Boot Camp is available to any man at least 18 years old. Visit their website at www.bofbbootcamp.com for more information.

Drama on the horizon for ACV

Advent Christian Village's Live! at Dowling Park will experience a dramatic shift next month in their predominately all-musical Artist Series. Series coordinator Dick Grillo is excited to bring *The Man from Aldersgate* to the stage on March 4 at 7:00 p.m. The one-man show is being performed in The Village Church and stars BJ Johnston as John Wesley, the 18th-century, British evangelist.

Compiled from the actual journals of John Wesley by playwright Brad L. Smith and told through the powerful medium of drama, *Aldersgate* brings to life John Wesley and his dynamic ministry. Using Wesley's own words, Johnston tells how Wesley's faith in Jesus Christ sparked a revival that changed the history of England and America.

Wesley exhorts his audience to embrace a more disciplined life of faith through teachings from the

Word of God. Through the play, audiences gain new insights into the importance of prayer, how personal failure can teach you to trust Christ, how religion is the most dangerous idol of all, and how a mother's faith can shape a child's destiny.

John Wesley, born in 1703, probably did more to promote holiness than any other figure in English history. Come experience the life and times of the man who rode over 250,000 miles on horseback to bring spiritual renewal to the English-speaking world.

Johnston's years of training and experience serve to truly bring Wesley to life. After earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts in acting and a minor in dance from Stephen's College—followed by a Master's degree in theatre education from Scarritt College—Johnston performed several thousand one-man People Mover shows at Six Flags Over Georgia and in hundreds of

schools utilizing mime, magic, music, stories and dance.

Besides his formal education, he has studied at the Wisconsin Mime School and the Cambridge School of Ballet; and he studied opera and vocal performance at Boston University. Throughout his career,

Johnston has appeared in more than 50 theatre productions across America.

Call (386) 658-5343 to reserve your tickets for *The Man from Aldersgate* or buy them at the door the night of the performance. This event is included at no charge for Artist Series season ticket holders.



BJ Johnston will bring John Wesley to life at Advent Christian Village March 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Oral health for seniors

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tially serious condition that can affect people of all ages, but especially people over 40. A number of factors can increase the severity of gum disease, including bad diet; poor oral hygiene; systemic diseases, such as diabetes, heart disease and cancer; environmental factors such as stress and smoking; and certain medications that can influence gum condition.

Because the earliest stages of gum disease are reversible, it is important to

spot it early on. Regular dental checkups can insure early detection and treatment of gum disease. Best of all, it is easy to prevent gum disease from developing in the first place by practicing proper oral hygiene.

Whether you're 19 or 90, good oral health is important. It keeps teeth in your mouth, helps keep disease out of the body, and makes you a more pleasant person to be around.

Source: Colgate Oral and Dental Health Resource Center (www.colgate.com)

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Minority teacher recruitment on tap at recent meeting

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time educator and colleague, Malinda Jackson James Ph.D. to present suggestions and strategies to help improve the district's minority teacher hiring practices.

"We've enlisted the support and help to develop our minority recruitment plan," said Brothers.

Consultant perspective

James began by saying she consulted with Brothers and Superintendent Jerry Scarborough on why they wanted to change and how to improve their minority recruitment plan. She read their mission statement and found it to be noteworthy.

"They told me they believed all districts should have a diverse population of people working on the professional level as well as non-professional," said James. "So, Suwannee County recognizes the need for greater diversity within their teacher and administrator force."

James said their research found that diversifying minority teacher recruitment promoted creativity, productivity and good citizenship. It was also believed that children needed to see role models they could identify with.

James said she met with district principals to reiterate how important it was for them to take the information to the teachers so everyone was "marching to the same tune" for the betterment of the children they serve.

"We are moving forward to getting more highly qualified minority teachers and administrators in this school district because we believe it is the best thing for the students here to be success-

ful," said James.

She said with the current hiring policy, it was clear to her that it was the intent of Suwannee County Schools to be fair and equitable. James suggested they make a revision in the current policy by adding administrative, instructional and non-instructional employees to be assigned to serve on interview committees.

James said she was aware that some school principals do use teachers at times to assist in the interview process, but thought it should be policy.

She also recommended that a designee, other than the principal, be given the authority to hire a teacher provided it be consistent with current school board policy.

"If they see a teacher that meets the qualifications and is a minority, they should be able to offer that teacher a conditional contract so as to 'hold them,'" said James. "If you leave them there (job fair for instance), when you come back, they're gone. Someone else has them."

James said there needs to be incentives for minorities to come and work in the Suwannee County School system.

School board perspective

Brothers said some of the suggestions James made has already been implemented or will be soon, such as instructional and non-instructional employees to be assigned to serve on interview committees, and allow the superintendent's designee, other than a school principal, to make a "conditional offer" for a teaching position.

The district is also posting job advertisements on several websites such as, K-12

JobSpot, Teachers-Teachers.com and Applitrack to reach a larger population of minorities, and they'll soon be posting jobs on the University of Phoenix website as well.

Brothers then went over some of the demographics beginning with all employees. He said he would mainly be focusing on the numbers of black, hispanic and white.

Black - 13 percent
Hispanic - 3 percent
White - 84 percent

Of the civilian workforce in Suwannee County, 20 years and older and at all education levels:

Black - 10 percent
Hispanic - 5 percent
White - 84 percent

"I'm not going to draw any conclusions, I just want to share those statistics with you," said Brothers. "What should our teaching force look like? We look at career development theory that says, 'I want to see a teacher that looks like me' and you say, 'Should that demographic fit the student population or the work force?'"

Brothers then shared statistics which showed the makeup of all students within Suwannee County Schools.

Black - 15 percent
Hispanic - 15 percent
White - 66 percent

Out of the county's population, adults who have at least a bachelor degree:

Black - 9 percent
Hispanic - 8 percent
White - 80 percent

"According to these statistics, 1,775 individuals have a bachelor's degree, which of course is one of

the primary requirements for having a teaching certificate. That's the reason I'm presenting that to you," said Brothers.

He went on to say there was a difficult time filling the positions of the support staff which doesn't require a college degree or a high school diploma. Brothers said they still prefer to hire someone with a high school diploma or a GED.

The support staff numbers (bus drivers and custodians) are:

Black - 33 percent
Hispanic - 2 percent
White - 65 percent

Public opinion and questions

"The bottom line sounds OK because of the number of blacks we have here versus the number of whites," said Dr. Carolyn Bailey. "When you actually look at the jobs that have zero black or zero hispanic, I want to know what are the qualifications for some of these (non-teaching) positions."

She said, for example, there was a lack of minorities filling the positions of teacher aides or reading coaches in the classroom. She said what concerned her was there were people that possessed useful skills and may be willing to teach, but do not possess a bachelor's degree or teaching certificate.

"I'll use myself as an example. What does an ROTC

instructor have to have?" asked Bailey. "I was in the Marine Corps. How come I couldn't teach basic training for ROTC?"

She said she brought the point up because of what James had said earlier about the community needing to be involved in order for the new recruitment plan to work.

"When she (James) was talking about being able to 'use the community' and hire the community and be able to be a part, you have to find where we fit," said Bailey.

James told her whatever teaching position it might be, the state of Florida has a requirement for it, that the school district doesn't make that determination. Brothers said that in the case of an ROTC instructor, the Navy would certify a person to be eligible. For k-12 positions, the teacher is required to have a bachelor's degree.

"When you get into trade specifics, whether it be welding or auto body, those kind of things, industry experience can be used as an alternative," said Brothers. "By and large, a bachelor's degree."

Barry Hicks said he has several degrees and was a licensed funeral director and business owner. He said he applied to be a substitute teacher in September, 2013, and never received a call back.

"I'm still trying to figure out what it is you need," said

Hicks. "I have at least three years of experience substituting in the Philadelphia school system."

He said he's offered his services at the schools at least six times this year. He said for Black History Month, he is willing to talk to kids about being a business owner and about the importance of having an education.

"I'm a little puzzled about what it takes to get into the Suwannee County School system," said Hicks.

Brothers answered saying there was a training class the school system has available for substitute teachers in the month of August and there is usually a long list of people that begin the training, but decide it's not for them by the end of the year. He encouraged Hicks to sign up for the class when it was available. Brothers said to be guest speaker it is usually up to the teacher or the volunteer coordinator to line up guest speakers for the schools.

Scarborough made some final comments. He asked the administrators and teachers present to all stand.

"The individuals you see before you tonight have been hired by the Suwannee County School system," said Scarborough. "These are the ones you can trust in and the ones that are going to make a difference. We're committed and we're going to make it happen."

CITY: Mobile car washing businesses not allowed

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Ms. Touchton, stopped him and stopped him from washing the vehicle. He had cleaned half of the vehicle, but she shut him down completely," Yulee said.

Touchton said her reason for stopping him was because he was on CSX property, not on a commercial business lot.

"I did observe him before he even started to wash the car to see what he was exactly going to do," Touchton said. "He just got the back quarter panel started with soap. Because of where he was, he was actually on CSX property and the runoff from the vehicle was running down the road. I felt that was something that we had to stop immediately."

Touchton said she offered for him to move the vehicle to the city hall parking lot and ask City Clerk John Gill where he could finish the work.

Yulee said Ford has a state license and had attempted to purchase a permit at City Hall to clean cars in the city, however, an employee told Ford there wasn't an ordinance that permitted what he was doing.

According to Live Oak Development Manager George Curtis, car washing is not allowed in some zoning districts.

"Car washing is regulated according to the zoning district, and there's only certain zoning districts you can conduct that in," Curtis said. "You have to have a place of business. We have established ones that are within the city that are properly licensed, paying insurance and utilities."

Curtis said for folks should not be allowed to operate outside of the boundaries that are currently established in the land development regulations and that there's no provision for mobile car washing businesses.

"I'd be interested to hear from the existing car washes that are in busi-

ness with legitimate store fronts to hear what their point of view on this subject would be," Curtis said.

Curtis also said the text could be modified to provide for a mobile business to go house to house and conduct business on somebody's residential property.

"Just to set up in the middle of a parking lot or on side of the road and start making business when you don't have all the perimeters in place that a regular business has with driveways and parking and pedestrian ways, you open the door for chaos," Curtis said.

"Car washing as it stands, not only are there land development regulations, but there's language that Ms. Touchton found in the Department of Business Professional Regulations on car washing because there's contaminants, and there's a federal clean water act, and then there's state EPA regulations that all pertain to car washing," Curtis said.

"I did a little researching, and the cities that do allow it require you to catch 100 percent of the water that comes off that car and go properly dispose of it," he said.

With the current policies in place, a mobile car washing business is not supposed to go to a residential house and wash cars as a business.

"We can't write somebody an allowance to operate a business if that provision is regulated where you can conduct that (car wash) and how you can conduct that," Curtis said. "That's the whole basis of what zoning does. It provides an environment that guides certain types of uses to appropriate locations. It's not that a provision could be made for somebody to come to your house (and conduct business), it just doesn't exist right now."

Within the city limits, mobile homes are permitted to be pressure washed, but cars are currently prohibited.

"It's OK to pressure wash a home in the city, but it's not OK to pressure wash a car? I don't understand that," Yulee said.

Ford told the *Democrat* he has been washing vehicles for 15 years and really enjoys it.

"I'm a small business and I don't have the money to buy a building and pay all the fees that come with it, but I felt like it would be a really good (mobile) business and could prosper," said Ford. "So I thought if I got a truck, a water tank and a generator, I could still do the same job at the work site."

Ford said he doesn't understand how you can pressure wash a mobile home but not a small car.

"It's stopping me as a taxpayer and stopping me from supporting my family," said Ford.

Ford said he is now washing cars at a lot on North Ohio Avenue.

"I would like to see them change this ordinance," said Ford.

Curtis said the land development regulations could be changed to allow mobile businesses to operate in the city, however, it would have to go before the planning and zoning board to review it and make a recommendation to the city council. If it's changing the uses that are allowed for one specific thing, it will cost approximately \$1,500 to make the changes necessary, including advertisement for required hearings.

"It's about a three month process," Curtis said. "Whenever you change a land development regulation, it also has to be found consistent with our comprehensive plan. You have to bring it before the planning and zoning board, and then it comes to the city council for two readings of the ordinance."

Curtis said he hopes to have something for the council to review within the next two council meetings that might permit mobile businesses to operate within the city.

Arrest Record

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Cannabis, Poss Drug Para, 1st App Pd Appt Decker: SCSODTF- Ramirez

Feb 15, Nicolas Birge, 23, 6554 Harbour Blvd, Panama City, FL, Poss -20 Cannabis, Poss Drug Para: SCSODTF- B. Barrs

Feb 15, Jessica Motta, 27, 7301 W Cypresshead Dr, Parkland, FL, Poss -20 Cannabis, Poss LSD, 1st App PD Appt Decker: SC-SODTF- L. Rogers

Feb 15, Ricardo Daniel Acuna, 30, 14691 SW 23rd St, Davie, FL, Poss -20 Cannabis, Poss Drug Para: SCSODTF- C. Watson

Feb 15, Chad Weinkoff, 25, 17331 Ventana Dr, Boca Raton, FL, Poss -20 Cannabis, Poss Drug Para: SCSODTF- B. Brown

Feb 15, Christopher Robert Bonner, 27, 2708 SE Kern Road, Port St Lucie, FL, Trespass After Warning: SCSO- C. Ferguson

Feb 15, Mark Alvin Solly, 23, 3596 Cosmos St, Palm Beach Gardens, FL, Poss -20G Cannabis, Criminal Mischief, Poss Drug Paraphernalia: SCSO- W. Kelly

Feb 15, Martin Lopez, 23, 6619 187th PL, Live Oak, FL, Agg/Assault, Battery/Dom/Violence, Child Abuse, 1st App PD Appt Decker: SCSO- H. Harris

Feb 15, Monica Bedi, 21, 3536 Alafaya Commons, Orlando, FL, Poss Cocaine, Poss Drug Para, Poss -20 Grms Cannabis, 1st App PD Appt Decker: SCSODTF- Kelly

Feb 15, Kristian Kalil, 23, 584 Carey Way, Orlando, FL, Poss Cocaine, Poss -20 Cannabis, Poss Drug Para, Resisting W/Viol, 1st App PD Appt Decker: SC-SODTF- W. Kelly

Feb 15, Kyle Scott Sulli-

van, 26, 418 Palm St, Mt Pleasant, SC, Poss -20 Cannabis, Poss Drug Para, Poss MDMA, Poss Alprazolam, Poss Colazepam, 1st App PD Appt Decker: SCSODTF- L. Rogers

Feb 15, David Mark Mosher, 27, 1537 Pine St, Niceville, FL, Poss MDMA, 1st App PD Appt Decker: SCSODTF- H. Smith

Feb 15, Kody James Whitford, 20, 8034 Rt 22, West Chazy, NY, Poss LSD, Poss LSD WIT Sell, Poss -20 Cannabis, Poss -20 WIT Sell, Poss Drug Para, Tampering W/Evidence, Resis W/Viol, Poss MDMA, 1st App PD Appt Decker: SCSODTF- C. Watson

Feb 15, Alexander F Bale, 19, 135 Lakeview Dr, Dallas, GA, Poss MDMA, Poss Cocaine, Poss Drug Para, 1st App PD Appt Decker: SCSODTF- M. Ramirez

Feb 15, Wesley Reid Young, 22, 3419 Wild Plum Way, Buford, GA, Poss Cocaine, Poss LSD, 1st App PD Appt Decker: SCSODTF- W. Kelly

Feb 15, Jose Fabregas, 33, 15504 SW 104th Ave, Miami, FL, DWLS:

Chamber names new executive director

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reputation.

In 2013, Richmond moved his family to Virginia and was part of a group of professionals that assisted a multi-million dollar rebranding effort at the historic Mountain Lake Lodge in Pembroke, Va.

Earlier this month, Richmond accepted the position as the executive director for the Suwannee County Chamber of Commerce.

DALE- J. Williamson Feb 16, Nickholas Arthur Stewart, 25, 16207 221st St, Live Oak, FL, Resist W/O Viol, Writ Bodily Attachment, Columbia Co Wrt Non Supor: SCSO- T. Roberts

Feb 16, Maurice Jenkins, 23, 820 SW 7th St, Live Oak, FL, Retail Theft, 1st App PD Appt Decker: SCSO- Harris

Feb 16, Shirley Cason, 53, 617 SW Walker Ave, Live Oak, FL, Agg Battery, 1st App PD Appt Decker: LOPD- T. Williams

Feb 16, Ian H McMillian, 22, 331 Sumter St, Charleston, SC, Poss -20 Cannabis, Poss Drug Para, Poss Cocaine, 1st App PD Appt Decker: SCSODTF- B. Brown

Feb 16, Stephen Joseph Vitale, 23, 22 Deep Hollow Lane, Lancaster, PA, Poss Bath Salts (MDPV), Inhalation of Damg Chem, 1st App PD Appt Decker: SCSODTF- H. Smith

Feb 16, Cory shane rothermel, 23, 101 Cottontail Ct, Lancaster, PA, Poss Bath Salts (MDPV), Poss -20 Cannabis, Poss Drug Para, 1st App PD Appt Decker: SCSODTF- H. Smith

As part of his game plan, Richmond said his top priorities will be focusing on building chamber membership and community events.

"I'm really excited to be back and looking forward to working with everybody in the county to build our existing Chamber of Commerce," Richmond said.

If his schedule permits, Richmond said he enjoys working and maintaining the land he was raised on in O'Brien.

City committee: Remove 'use it or lose it' policy regarding paid time off

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According to the city's PTO policy, for a city employee who works 40 hours per week, the caps for PTO are: 0-1 year, 136 hours; 2-9 years, 176 hours; 10-19 years, 216 hours; 20-30 years, 256 hours; and 31 plus years, 288 hours.

For a city fireman who works 53 hours per week, the caps for PTO are: 0-1 year, 215 hours; 2-9 years, 303 hours; 10-19 years, 391 hours; 20-30 years, 479 hours; and 31 plus years, 567 hours.

Waldron presented the committee with a recommendation.

"(Finance Director Jan Parkhurst and I have met a couple of times to discuss what might be some potential solutions to our PTO policy," Waldron said. "We've also met with the auditors to discuss with them our thoughts."

While employed by the city

Waldron said the current policy states that a person can accrue PTO time based upon completed years of service with the city of Live Oak with a cap on the number of

hours that can be accrued. "If someone has exceeded that cap, the city allows you to until Jan. 31 to use that time and bring it below the cap, if not you lose that time," Waldron said.

Waldron asked the committee to consider removing the cap on current employee's earned PTO.

Waldron also noted that an individual earns PTO time during their probation era, however, the policy stated they're not permitted to use it during their first 12 months of employment, unless approved by the city administrator.

For the first year, a city employee would earn 2.26 PTO hours per pay period.

Committee member John Yulee asked Waldron what the protocol is if an employee has a medical emergency during their first year of employment with the city.

Waldron said the decision to allow the person to use accrued time would be at the discretion of the city administrator.

Committee chairman Adam Prins questioned the prohibition of using the PTO time during the first year.

"If it's their earned time,

why prohibit them from using it?" Prins asked. "If they've earned the leave, it's theirs to take as they see fit. It's theirs to use to be productive at work. If they need it every time they earn it, it's theirs to use."

Following further discussion, the committee agreed unanimously to allow employee's to take their PTO time beginning the date of their hire as earned, rather than a 12-month waiting period.

Waldron asked to remove the PTO cap accrual and that department heads will continue to manage their PTO requests with due consideration of given staffing requirements, work load and other various reasons. The committee unanimously agreed.

Following employment

Waldron said the policy also allows for a person with accrued PTO time that leaves their employment, whether terminated or leave by their own choice, to be paid a percentage for their PTO time, based on their completed years of service.

Waldron recommended modifying the policy to leave the PTO accrual rate

and cap in place as it's currently listed to determine the payout at the time of termination or leaving employment.

"If you were to be an employee of 20 years and you leave the employment of the city, and you had 10,000 hours (an exaggerated illustration), you would only get paid what the cap is," Waldron explained.

"We talked with the auditors, and the only liability is to what the cap is," he said. "Employees will not lose their time if they haven't taken it, they just wouldn't be compensated for it up to the cap."

Waldron noted by only paying the cap, the city would not be financially burdened having to pay an enormous amount of leave time at once to an employ-

ee that leaves city employment.

Yulee made a motion to accept the city administrator's recommendation, which was seconded by Bennie Thomas, and passed 3-0.

The recommendation regarding PTO time will go before the Live Oak City Council at a later meeting for final approval before becoming official.

\$4.5 million loan granted

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Bronson, the loan is broken down into two types: a taxable loan in the amount of \$2.65 million priced at 3.25 percent interest rate fixed at five years and adjusting annually thereafter; and a tax exempt loan in the amount of \$1.85 million priced at 2.15 percent interest rate for five years, adjusting annually thereafter.

Payments will be made quarterly beginning April 2014. The loan will have a maturity date of Jan. 1, 2024.

So far, the county has invested a total of \$8,725,457.43 on projects at the catalyst site. Of that amount, \$6,035,241.73 was county taxpayer money while the rest, \$2,690,215.70, was grant money (state taxpayer

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Although the project is still in the works and more money will be received and

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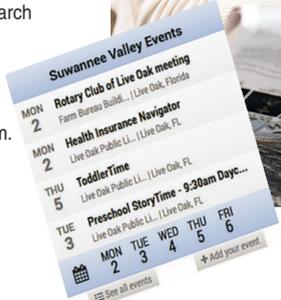
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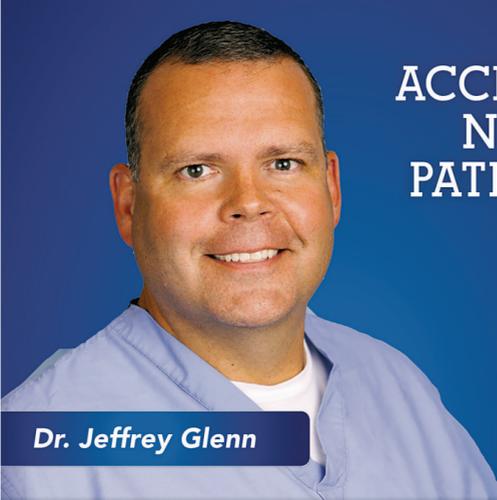
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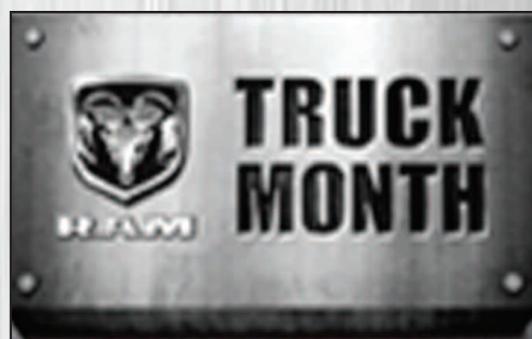


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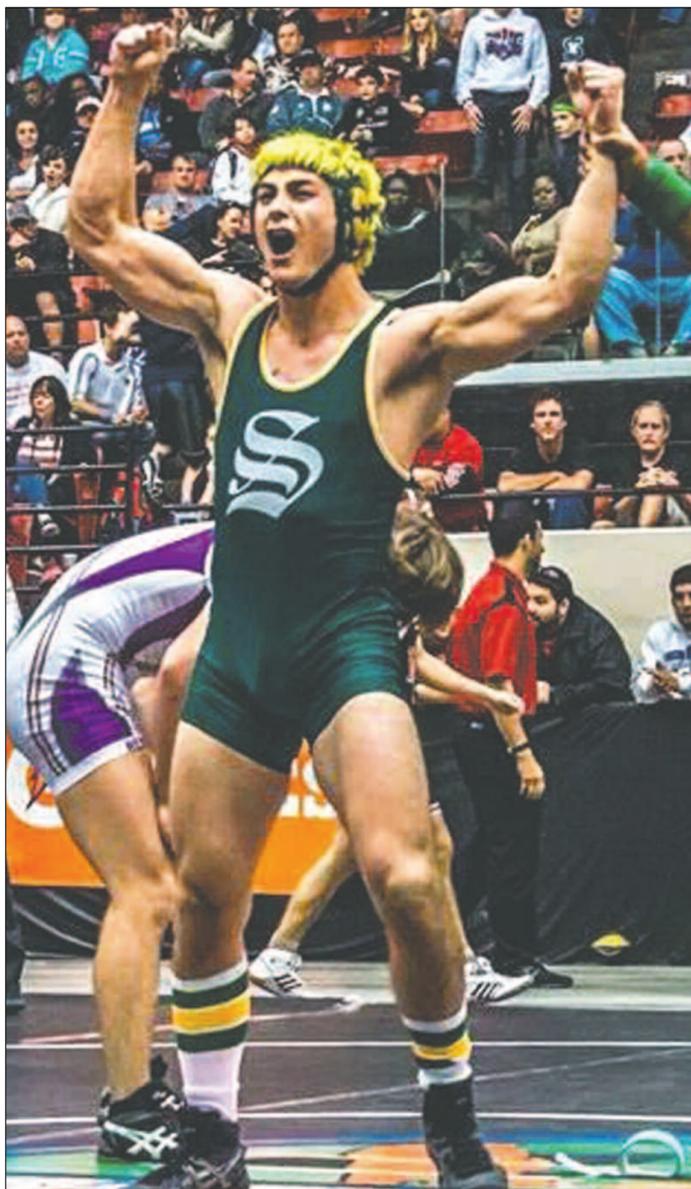
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Brown is state champion



Suwannee High School senior wrestler Shawn Brown is the Class 1A state champion at 160 pounds. This is Suwannee's first state champion since 2010. Congratulations, Shawn. Courtesy photo

SHS JV softball Ladies beat Madison County JV, 10-7



Briana Shearer (#18 for Suwannee) at plate. Courtesy photos

Submitted

The Suwannee High School JV softball defeated the junior varsity of Madison County Feb. 11 by a score of 10-7. The SHS team jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first. The Lady Dogs' threat began with a double by Emily Watson. A single by Deni Allen then moved Watson from second to third. Aleah Bryant singled,

bringing home Watson.

With the Lady Dogs trailing by one in the fourth, Shyla Hollan came to the plate and singled, scoring Aiyhani McCall. Hollan went 1-1 and drove in one.

The fifth spelled defeat for Madison County, as the Lady Dogs grabbed the lead for good. More runners rounded the bases on an RBI double by Savannah Slaughter and a two-run home run

by Kaila Dalton.

The Lady Dogs added two more runs in the top of the sixth. Dalton started the inning with a double, scoring Bryant. That was followed up by Briana Shearer's double, bringing home Dalton.

The Lady Dogs combined for 16 hits and nine RBIs. Players with multiple hits were Emily Watson 2-4, Aleah Bryant 2-

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Brett signs with VSU

Passion, strong work ethic pays off for soccer athlete

By Andrew McGee
andrew.mcgee@gafnews.com

Feb. 13 marked a happy day for the Brett family as Grace Brett signed a soccer scholarship to play with the Valdosta State University Blazers in the fall.

Oldest daughter of Tommy and Faith Brett, Grace has for several years been an integral part of Suwannee County's soccer programs. Grace is homeschooled and is in her senior year.

Faith remembers when Grace was small how she went all-out whenever it came to soccer practice or a game.

"When she was about five or six years old," said Faith. "Right from the get-go, she got on the field. She was 180 out and she would be on the sidelines going crazy even when she wasn't in the game."

Faith watched Grace go from being a small energetic girl who loved the sport to an incredible athlete who's now moved up to the college level.

Was Valdosta State her first choice?

"I know she had been going to some (soccer) camps," said Faith. "She had two other schools that had approached her and she just found Valdosta State was kind of where she would fit better."

Tommy said it's going to be a bit tough to see his oldest child leave the nest, but that he's very proud of her.

"She's worked hard for it," said Tommy. "I'm just glad to see her make this accomplishment."

He said he knows the level of commitment is going to be even tougher, but he's looking forward to seeing her play college ball.

Grace said she fell in love playing soccer when she was only five years old and although a bit apprehensive, she's ready to dig in.

"I'm excited. I'm nervous, but I'm ready to start a new chapter in my life," said Grace.

She does agree that Valdosta being only an hour away is convenient for several reasons and of course both parents are glad she's still close to home.

"I can come home when I need to," said Grace. "If I'm having problems...oh, and free food."

She played center midfield in high school and is hoping



From left, pastor and coach Tommy Brett, Grace Brett and Faith Brett. - Photo: Andrew McGee

to play that position or possibly as forward in college, but said she'll play wherever the coach best needs her.

All Grace's coaches and former coaches agree that her energy and work ethic are outstanding. She never gives up.

"The one thing I want to talk about the most is her work ethic," said former SHS girls' soccer coach Bill Harris.

He said some teams or a few members of a team could come to a practice thinking it was going to be easy or maybe the team was tired, but Grace was full-on all the time.

"She actually kept me on my toes to make sure we always had a good workout program," said Harris.

"Like coach Harris said, her work ethic is second to none," said SHS coach Michael Swinney. "I'm looking forward to come and see you play and reading great

things about you."

Tommy thanked all the coaches for coming and for their contribution to Grace's athletic career. He said it's fine tuned her to be the soccer player she's become. He said as being one of her coaches, he's been the hardest one on her and showed no partiality.

"She's always had a strong work ethic and I've never had to tell her to get on it, she would just do it," said Tommy.

He said as a coach, you can teach players how to touch a ball, how to receive and about tactical play, but that you can't teach passion and that's something Grace has a lot of.

"My ultimate goal is not for her to be the best soccer

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Suwannee baseball opens season with win

Submitted

The Suwannee High School Bulldogs varsity baseball team opened the 2014 season on the road Feb. 11, with a convincing 14 to 2 win over the Lafayette Hornets. The Bulldogs scored early and often, jumping on the Hornets with four runs in the first inning, scoring two runs in each of the second, fourth, and fifth innings, and scoring four more runs in the seventh inning.

Lafayette scored single runs in the first and third innings.

Starting SHS pitcher Dusting Driver, the lone senior on this year's team, tossed four innings to pick up his first win of the year on the mound. He allowed two earned runs while scattering six base hits, and struck out six Hornet batters. Junior Brandon Furry came on in relief and pitched two scoreless innings, allowing only one base hit with one strikeout. Freshman Josh Boyette closed out the game by tossing a perfect seventh inning with a strikeout.

At the plate, the Bulldogs banged out 13 hits and drew eight base-on-balls from Hornet pitchers in the rout. Junior left fielder Wyatt Jackson had two singles in two official at-bats, three RBI, scored four runs, drew three walks, and added a stolen base to lead the hitting attack. Junior shortstop Parker Stephens had two singles and a double, two

RBI's, and scored a run in four at-bats. Driver contributed three singles, scored two runs, and had a stolen base. Junior right fielder Rhett Baldwin singled and doubled, drove home a pair of runs, scored twice and also had a stolen base.

Junior center fielder Tim Carter had a single and a pair of RBIs with a run scored, and junior third baseman John LeDew singled and knocked in a run. Freshman catcher Sam McMillan doubled, freshman first baseman Chase Hatfield drew a walk and scored a run, and freshman second baseman Jackson Greene laid down two sacrifice bunts and scored twice.

"After losing five senior starters from last year's team, this was a great way to get the new baseball season started. We only have one senior on the team this year and four returning starters, so we were anxious as coaches to see how our guys would respond their first game out," said coach Terry Mixon. "We were very pleased with the way they played, and we are looking forward to seeing this group develop as the season plays out. We have 12 players on the roster, with four of those being freshmen. Each one of them contributed in the win against Lafayette."

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Brett signs with VSU

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 player or to get the best education," said Tommy. "I know that sounds weird in our day because we're success oriented and I know in this academic setting it may not be appropriate, but my ultimate goal in life is for her to love the Lord Jesus Christ and to serve Him."

He said whether as a housewife or being a soc-

cer player, in whatever you do, give it your all to the glory of God.

He ended, "That's what I pray for you."

Former SHS coach Darrell Curls thanked the SHS administration and school board for their support and trust, and for the coaching staff in improving the athletic program.

"Grace, has a never quit work ethic," said Curl. "She's a player who's

willing to dedicate her mind, her body and her blood to a sport that she loves."

He said she has a 3.85 GPA and is very serious about her academics. He said her being a focused athlete and getting good grades will open doors for her and that she has a bright future ahead of her.

"She will represent her family and this community very well," said Curls.

Ladies beat Madison County JV

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4, Briana Shearer 3-4, and Kaila Dalton 3-4. Dalton singled in the third inning, homered in the fifth, and doubled in the sixth.

Savannah Slaughter hung tough on the mound for the entire game. While keeping her composure and endurance, Slaughter was able to hold the lead in the bottom of the sixth inning to bring home the Lady Dogs JV's first win of the season.



Kaila Dalton (#17 for Suwannee) at bat.



Team congratulating Kaila Dalton for her two-run home run. Courtesy photos

Calendar of Events

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Greater New Bethel AME Church will observe its annual Family and Friends Day celebration on Saturday, Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. The preacher for the occasion will be the Rev. Michael Ward of Bethel AME Church, Jasper. Dinner will be served following the services. Everyone is cordially invited to come and worship with us. Sis. Eva Polite and Sis. Melissa Mckire - chairpersons; Rev. Albert Bivens Jr., pastor.

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at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash. At the front steps of the Suwannee County Courthouse, 200 S. Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32060 at 11:00 a.m., on March 4, 2014.

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.

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 12th day of February.

(Court Seal)
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: /s/ Jillian Herron
Deputy Clerk

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you are a person with a disability who requires accommodations in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, the provision of certain assistance. Individuals with a disability who require special accommodations in order to participate in a court proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator, 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Room 408, Lake City, FL 32055, (386) 719-7428, within two (2) business days of receipt of notice to appear. Individuals who are hearing impaired should call (800) 955-8771. Individuals who are voice impaired should call (800) 955-8770. 02/19, 26

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE SUWANNEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD will meet at the Branford Elementary School Cafeteria, 26801 SR 247, Branford, Florida, on the following date and time:

Tuesday, February 25, 2014

6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

School Board meetings are open to the public with the exception of Expulsion Issues, which are private. Anyone present wishing to appeal any decision made during the Regular Meeting will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the meeting is made, including any testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

/s/ Jerry A. Scarborough
Jerry A. Scarborough
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
02/19

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

CASE NO.: 2013-397-DR

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:

SANDRA LIZBETH URIBE,

and

JUAN JESUS CORTES TREJO,

Husband.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PUBLICATION

TO: JUAN JESUS CORTES TREJO

Address Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Dissolution of Marriage, including claims for dissolution of marriage, payment of debts, division of real and personal property, and for payments of support, has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action on Angela M. Cancio, of CANCIO & ROMAGNOLLO PA, P.O. Box 6051, Live Oak, FL 32064, on or before March 18, 2014, and file the originals with the clerk of this court at SUWANNEE County Courthouse, 200 South Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32064, either before service on Petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

DATED this 22nd day of January, 2014.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT (Court Seal)

By: /s/ Felicia Flowers
Deputy Clerk

01/29, 02/05, 12, 19

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

CASE NO.: 61 2013 CA 000167

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
Plaintiff,

vs.

FIDEL T. LICOURT A/K/A
FIDEL LICOURT, et al,

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated February 03, 2014 and entered in Case No. 61 2013 CA 000167 of the Circuit Court of the THIRD Judicial Circuit in and for SUWANNEE COUNTY, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff and FIDEL T. LICOURT A/K/A FIDEL LICOURT, et al are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at FRONT STEPS IN FRONT OF THE SUWANNEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 25th day of March, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

Suwannee Legals

PART OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 13 EAST, SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: FOR POINT OF REFERENCE, COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 32, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 57 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 32, A DISTANCE OF 2339.96 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 57 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 340.63 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 581.37 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 57 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 302.13 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 741.40 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 30.00 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1322.83 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. ALSO COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 32, OLD SUGAR MILL FARMS, PHASE ONE (UNRECORDED).

SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS FOR UTILITIES OVER AND ACROSS THE WESTERLY 10.00 FEET AND A 20.00 FOOT EASEMENT FOR UTILITIES, THE CENTERLINE OF WHICH COMMENCES AT A POINT OF BEGINNING LOCATED 439.78 FEET NORTH 00 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF NORTH PARCEL, LOT 8, OLD SUGAR MILL FARMS, PHASE ONE (UNRECORDED), THENCE RUN EASTERLY 30.00 FEET WHERE IT CROSSES THE WESTERN BOUNDARY AND ENTERS SOUTH PARCEL, LOT 8, OLD SUGAR MILL FARMS, PHASE ONE (UNRECORDED).

WITH AND SUBJECT TO A 60.00 FOOT EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS AND A 20.00 FOOT EASEMENT FOR UTILITIES AS DESCRIBED HEREON, ALSO SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR UTILITIES OVER AND ACROSS THE WESTERLY 10.00 FEET THEREOF.

TOGETHER WITH: A 60.00 FOOT EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS, LYING 30.00 FEET EITHER SIDE OF AND PARALLEL TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED CENTERLINE: SITUATED IN THE NORTH 1/2 OF SECTION 32 AND PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 13 EAST, SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: FOR POINT OF REFERENCE COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 32, THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 32, AS PER THE UNRECORDED PLAT BOOK OF HIDDEN OAKS, A DISTANCE OF 1285.97 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 338.64 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF HEREIN DESCRIBED CENTERLINE, SAID POINT OF BEGINNING BEING THE RADIUS POINT OF A CUL-DE-SAC CONCAVED WESTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 504.82 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 611.78 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE OF A CURVE CONCAVED SOUTHWESTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 3022.48 FEET; THENCE RUN ALONG AND AROUND SAID CURVE, A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF, SOUTH 86 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST, 301.12 FEET TO A POINT OF REVERSE CURVE OF A CURVE CONCAVED NORTHEASTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1674.62 FEET; THENCE RUN ALONG AND AROUND SAID CURVE, A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF, NORTH 82 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 48 SECONDS EAST, 409.22 FEET TO A POINT OF TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST, 409.22 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE OF A CURVE CONCAVED NORTHEASTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1674.62 FEET; THENCE RUN ALONG AND AROUND SAID CURVE, A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF, NORTH 82 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 48 SECONDS EAST, 409.22 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST, 397.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 57 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 591.00 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE OF A CURVE CONCAVED SOUTHEASTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 504.82 FEET; THENCE RUN ALONG AND AROUND SAID CURVE, A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF, NORTH 87 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 04 SECONDS EAST, 193.26 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE; THENCE RUN SOUTH 81 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 48 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 745.09 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE OF A CURVE CONCAVED NORTHEASTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1674.62 FEET; THENCE RUN ALONG AND AROUND SAID CURVE, A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF, SOUTH 86 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST, 242.12 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE; THENCE RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 386.92 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE OF A CURVE CONCAVED SOUTHEASTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1985.67 FEET; THENCE RUN ALONG AND AROUND SAID CURVE, A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF, SOUTH 85 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST, 398.55 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST, 409.22 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 57 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 591.00 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE OF A CURVE CONCAVED NORTHEASTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1674.62 FEET; THENCE RUN ALONG AND AROUND SAID CURVE, A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF, NORTH 82 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 48 SECONDS EAST, 409.22 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE; 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SHS track and field

Bulldogs participate in Eastside invitational

Here are the results of the Eastside Invitational for Suwannee High School held on Saturday, Feb. 15. SHS participates in the Panhandle Open in Plant City at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 22. The first home meet is the Suwannee Invitational on Saturday, March 1 at 9 a.m.

<p>F 100 Meter Hurdles 1) Logan Boss 15.59 2) Tatyanna Cherry 20.76</p> <p>F 100 Meter Dash 1) Daycia Bandy 13.03 17) I'munique Mitchell 16.04 18) Faithia Lee 16.41</p> <p>M 100 Meter Dash 2) Denzel Washington 11.43 5) Aaron Mcalister 11.60</p> <p>M 110 Meter Hurdles 1) Zachary Smith 18.13 2) Steven Potter 20.09 4) koriegh White 20.59 5) Darios Herring 21.28</p> <p>F 1,600 Meter Run 5) Autumn Raulerson 6:25.17 11) Koryn Becker 7:45.18</p> <p>M 1,600 Meter Run 2) Jason Brown 4:49.92 13) Cameron Potter</p>	<p>6:03.41 17) Leon Holmes 6:28.24</p> <p>F 200 Meter Dash 1) Daycia Bandy 27.55 12) Lakiya Rossin 31.78 17) Jashari Blige 33.27</p> <p>M 200 Meter Dash 2) justin martin 22.89 3) Denzel Washington 23.33 4) Aaron Mcalister 23.58</p> <p>F 300 Meter Hurdles 1) Logan Boss 48.66 3) Savannah Jackson 57.78 4) Anna Wright 1:00.41</p> <p>M 300 Meter Hurdles 1) Steven Potter 44.93 3) Zachary Smith 47.48 5) koriegh White 51.26 6) Gary Sansone 52.61</p> <p>F 3,200 Meter Run 5) Katie Stalvey 14:33.07 6) Merrideth Lord 14:39.95</p>	<p>M 3,200 Meter Run 2) Jason Brown 10:59.76 8) Zachary Pennington 14:25.11 9) Gary Sansone 14:56.81</p> <p>F 400 Meter Dash 12) Tatyanna Cherry 1:14.49</p> <p>M 400 Meter Dash 2) Jamari Wheeler 55.88 4) Nate Owens 57.31 7) juwan kinsey 59.34 9) Kieth Clarridy 59.88</p> <p>F 4x100 Meter Relay 1) 58.58</p> <p>M 4x100 Meter Relay 1) 43.28</p> <p>F 4x400 Meter Relay 2) 4:57.40</p> <p>M 4x400 Meter Relay 3) 3:54.61</p> <p>F 4x800 Meter Relay 2) 11:37.70</p> <p>M 4x800 Meter Relay</p>	<p>2) 9:12.95</p> <p>F 800 Meter Run 5) Megan Ellis 2:51.69 11) Kaitlin Drawing 4:09.73</p> <p>M 800 Meter Run 7) c.j. oliver 2:16.16 9) Jaquez Strickland 2:18.37 17) Wyatt Jarvis 2:28.49 18) Trevor Clements 2:31.49</p> <p>F Discus 3) Carrie Smith 66-5 5) Sarah Brown 57-11 7) Anna Wright 53-7 8) Danielle Hurst 51-6</p> <p>M Discus 1) Cari Blaylock 115-1 2) Cody Mercer 109-2 6) Michael Tolbert 79-8</p> <p>F Long Jump 1) Daycia Bandy 15-3.5 8) Jashari Blige 12-1.25</p>	<p>9) Shana Kilby 11-11.75 12) Kierra Cherry 10-0.25</p> <p>M Long Jump 1) justin martin 21-1 5) Denzel Washington 18-5</p> <p>9) Dea Coleman 17-6.5</p> <p>F Shot Put 2) Genesis Leggett 26-8 3) Jade Brown 22-2.5 7) Carrie Smith 23-2.5 9) Sarah Brown 19-8.5</p> <p>M Shot Put 1) Seth Dickerson 39-0 2) Steven Anderson 37-4 2) Cody Mercer 38-5.5 3) Jeffery Clayton 36-11</p> <p>F Triple Jump 1) Logan Boss 34-6</p> <p>M Triple Jump 2) Jaquez Strickland 36-6 3) Jamari Wheeler 35-11 4) Nate Owens 35-7 5) Greg Fort 33-6</p>
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Calendar of Events

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Boy scout troop 693, Harry Reeve scoutmaster, 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!

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Amazing facts about the human heart

Every Valentine's Day homes and businesses dress up the decor with cupids and hearts to celebrate a day all about love and affection. The heart shape has been used to symbolically represent the human heart as the center of emotion and romantic love. Hearts symbolizing love can be traced back to the Middle Ages.

Those familiar with human anatomy realize that an actual heart bares very little resemblance to the ideographic heart shape used in art and imagery. Similarly, the human heart really has nothing to do with human emotions. Despite this, there are many interesting components of the heart, and a man or woman truly cannot love or live without one.

The heart as an organ is relatively small in size. It is roughly the size of a fist and weighs only 11 ounces on average. Although diminutive, the heart is responsible for pumping 2,000 gallons of blood through 60,000 miles of blood vessels each day. It accomplishes this by beating 72 times a minute in a healthy adult. All of the cells in the body receive blood except for the corneas in the eye.

The heart works harder than any other muscle in the body. In a fetus, it begins beating at four weeks after conception and will not stop until a person's time of death. Even then, sometimes the heart can be revived. A heart can also continue to beat outside of the body provided it has an adequate oxygen supply.

Although many people refer to all of the blood vessels in their body as "veins," they're actually a combination of veins and arteries. Veins carry fresh, oxygenated blood to the body through arteries. The main artery leaving the left heart ventricle is called the aorta, while the main artery leaving the right ventricle is known as the pulmonary artery. Blood traveling back to the heart flows through veins after it has passed the lungs to pick up oxygen. The thumping noise that is heard while the heart is beating is actually the chambers of the heart closing and opening as blood flows through.

While the heart may not be the cornerstone of emotions, it can be affected by feelings. Studies have shown that a "broken heart" is a real occurrence, according to Live Science. Bad news or a breakup with a loved one can put a person at increased risk for heart attack.

This type of trauma releases stress hormones into the body that can stun the heart. Chest pain and shortness of breath ensue but can be remedied after some rest.

Conversely, laughter and positive feelings can be beneficial for the heart. Research has shown that a good laughing fit can cause the lining of the blood vessel walls -- called the endothelium -- to relax. This helps increase blood flow for up to 45 minutes afterward.

Although having a big heart colloquially means that a person is loving and goes out of their way for others, physically speaking, a big heart is unhealthy. An enlarged heart can be a sign of heart disease and compromise the heart's ability to pump blood effectively. Left untreated, it can lead to heart failure.

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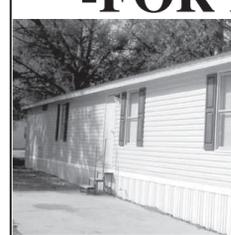
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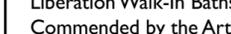
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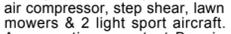
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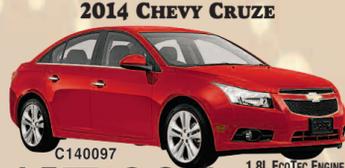
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