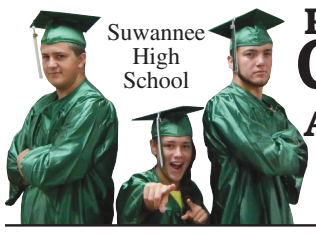

Presenting the Graduates of 2014

A Look at This Year's Graduating Classes

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Suwannee High School will hold graduation Saturday at 8 p.m. at Paul Langford Stadium in Live Oak.

Branford High School's graduation will be Friday at 8 p.m. at Buccaneer Field in Branford.

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PotashCorp lays off another 56 employees

Suwannee River Chemical Plant to close

20 Suwannee residents to lose jobs

By Joyce Marie Taylor
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PotashCorp White Springs announced Monday the second phase of layoffs at their Suwannee River Chemical Plant, which will be permanently closed, has been completed, according to Public Affairs Manager Mike Williams. A total of 56 employees, 45 wage and 11 salaried personnel, were notified personally by their supervisors or managers on Monday that they were being laid off, which is 44 less people than what was initially predicted last December, Williams added.

Personnel impacted in this second round of layoffs are from the following counties: Hamilton, 11; Columbia, 18; Suwannee, 20; Madison, 1; Lafayette, 2; and Valdosta, Ga., 4. These employees will work through June and July and will be officially laid off in August with appropriate severance packages and job assistance programs.

Williams said the Hamilton County Commissioners were also personally notified Monday.

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FCAT 3rd grade reading and math scores released

By Bryant Thigpen
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The Florida Department of Education recently released the results of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment (FCAT) 2.0 test for third grade reading and math. To be promoted to the next grade level, students must achieve a level two or higher or show good cause for promotion.

Understanding the grading system

According to the FDOE, achievement levels describe the level of success a student has achieved with the content assessed. Achievement levels range from 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest). To be considered on grade level, students must achieve Level 3 or higher. Level 3 indicates satisfactory performance. The State Board has established the minimum score in Achievement Level 3 as the

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Live Oak trees line Heritage Trail looking south toward Helvenston Street. - Photo: Andrew McGee

Heritage Trail, downtown landscaping underway

By Bryant Thigpen
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The Live Oak Community Redevelopment Agency is spearheading two development projects in downtown Live Oak which are undergoing landscaping, according to CRA Director Tim Williams. Here's a brief update of what is happening with Heritage Trail and the vacant lots that run parallel to Howard and Warren streets.

Howard, Warren

The redevelopment at the former site of two buildings has been in the works for quite some time, following a sinkhole that ultimately led to the demolition of those buildings. Since then, the sinkhole has been remediated and redevelopment of the lot is underway.

"The CRA Board separated the project into phases and Phase 1 is almost ready for bidding," said CRA Director Tim Williams. "Our consulting engineers are gathering the last information necessary to finalize the plans. We recently increased the scope of work to potentially include the installation of conduit under the proposed improvements according to Florida Power and Lights engineered plans so that utilities can be routed underground in the future, without tearing up the new roads."

According to Williams, Suwannee County Parks and Recreation

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Wellborn Blueberry Festival this Saturday

By Bryant Thigpen
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The Wellborn Community Association invites everyone to come out this Saturday to the 21st Annual Blueberry Festival for a day of fun in the sun. The event will begin at 7 a.m. and will last until 5 p.m. that evening.

Famous blueberry pancakes will be available for purchase from 7-10 a.m. Don't forget to stop by the Country

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Busy Bee anticipates opening late June

Service station to welcome Dunkin' Donuts, Burger King

By Bryant Thigpen
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Local residents are buzzing with excitement as construction of the Busy Bee nears completion and could open later this month, according to Marshall Beck, marketing director for Johnson and Johnson. The facility will be located at US 129 North and I-10 and will also house Burger King and Dunkin' Donuts.

Beck told the *Democrat* in a phone interview the company is excited about bringing this Busy Bee store to the community.

"Our goal is to be open by the end of June," Beck said. "We're just excited for the

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79 SMS students are industry certified

Some of the 79 Suwannee Middle School students who hold at least one industry certification in Microsoft Office. - Photo: Andrew McGee

By Andrew McGee
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Suwannee Middle School students were given the opportunity to become industry certified from Microsoft Office through the SMS IT Academy and the number that accepted that challenge has exceeded expectations.

"This was the first year for our academy and we were hoping for 50 certifications," said Jennifer Byrd, SMS IT teacher. "Seventy-nine students became industry certified."

Byrd said they each worked very hard for a total of 115 certifications. Byrd and other IT teachers, Jennifer Campbell and Keith Stavig, commended the students for their work ethic in achieving certifications.

Certifications range from PowerPoint, Excel, Word among others.

"I had no idea there would be this many students to get certifications," said Stavig.

SMS IT Academy is sponsored through Workforce Florida Inc. along with the Whetstone Group working together to help students become prepared for the workforce.

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Suwannee Spirit cheerleaders compete on national stage for top prize

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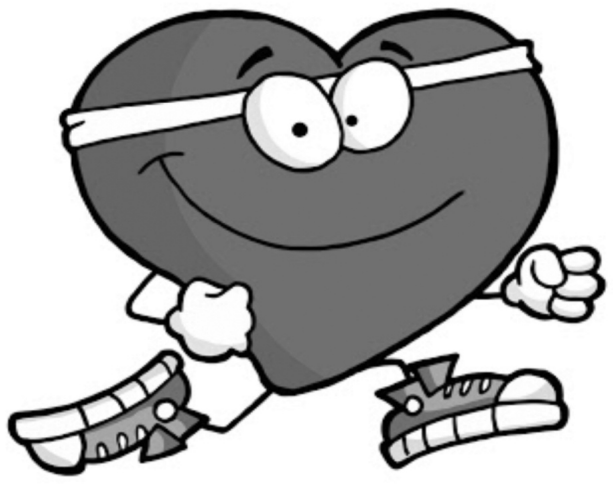

Love INC - Helping Families in Our Community Through the Love of Christ

Love INC's inaugural Kickin It For Kids 5K Run will be held Saturday, June 28, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Live Oak beginning at 7:30 a.m. Entry fee is one new pair of tennis shoes. This is the kick-off drive for Love INC's annual shoe drive to provide shoes for those children who are less fortunate and in dire need.

If you have any questions or to register, please call the Love INC office at 386-364-4673. You may also register online at ACTIVE.COM.

This event will help gather new tennis shoes for our kids for the 2014-2015 school year. Please help in any way you can. New tennis shoes may be any size, children's or adult sizes

Love INC is a "faith based" non-profit organization in Live Oak whose mission is to mobilize the church to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ (INC).

For more information, call the Love INC office at 386-364-4673 or to learn more about Love INC, go to *www.loveinc-suwanneecounty.org*. **Love INC is a registered 501(C)(3) charity and operates under the tax exempt guidelines as designated by the IRS and as such all donations made to us are tax free. Love INC - Helping Families in Our Community Through the Love of Christ.*

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The following abbreviations are used below:

SCSO-Suwannee County Sheriff's Office

LOPD-Live Oak Police Department

FDLE-Florida Department of Law Enforcement

FHP-Florida Highway Patrol

FWC-Florida Wildlife Commission

DOT-Department of Transportation

OALE-Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement

P & P-Probation and Parole

USMS-US Marshals Service

ATF-Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

DOC-Department of Corrections

May 29, Gary B Jordan, 34, 333 Macyln Cri. Apt. 3, Lake Placid, FL, Vop o/c Felony Dwls/r, Vop o/c Felony Dwls/r, Bond 15000.00 or 1550.00 Cash to P & P: SCSO- D. Falgout

May 29, Kyle Lawrence Weissleder, 19, 717 Darrow Ave, Live Oak, FL, Order to Take into Cust, Setting Hearing for Pretrail Detention: OALE- A. Davis

May 29, Gregory Scott Lane, 21, 13507 76th Terr, Live Oak, FL, Burg While Masked, Grn Theft III While Mask, Crim Miscf While Masked: SCSO- Sutton A.

May 30, Lorenzo Philmore, 43, 516 2nd Street, Live Oak, FL, Dwlsr (2nd Offense), Dui (2nd Offense): FHP- A. Hughes

May 31, Hank Luther Milton, 58, 3587 202nd Street, Wellborn, FL, Fta (Pass w/less ck x 4), Columbia Co- No Bond: SCSO- J. Vam Zile

May 31, William Richard Davis, 35, 27853 25th Place, Branford, FL, Violation of Injuction for Protection: SCSO- C. Ferguson

May 31, Nikeisha Tashan Lee, 25, 3772 150th Avenue NW, Jasper, FL, Poss- 20 Grams Cannabis, Poss Drug Paraphernalia: SCSO- W. Kelly

June 1, John Kelly Spires Jr, 45, 4120 E. Silver Sprgs #325, Ocala, FL, Obstruction by Disguise, Dwlsr (2nd Offense), DL Expired > 6 Mths: FHP- A. Hughes

June 1, Norma Marie Griffin, 31, 18522 40th Road N, Loxahatchee, FL, Leave Scene of Accident w/ Serious Bodily Injury 1st App N/Pd Appt Per WFW: FHP- E. Williams

June 1, Howard Lee Williams, 48, 609 Henry Street, Live Oak, FL, Criminal Mischief, Resist w/o Violence: LOPD- B. Harrison

June 2, Morgan Alexander Johnson, 20, 2324 Golden Aster St, Clermont, FL, Vop o/c Poss Controlled Sub W/I/T Sell/ Deliver, Vop o/c Poss Controlled Sub W/I/T Sell/ Deliver, Vop o/c Poss Controlled Sub W/I/T Sell/ Deliver, Poss Drug Para: SCSO- D. Falgout

June 2, Angela Leigh Gaar, 37, 1211 Houston Ave, Live Oak, FL, Columbia Co Wrt, Vop o/c Poss-20 Cannabis, Drug Para and Petit Theft: SCSO- B. Harris

June 2, Pauline Sixto, 45, 811 Ada Street, Live Oak, FL, Child Abuse Contributing to Delinquency of Child, Cash Bond Only: SCSO- S. Senea

June 2, Harley Posey, 19, 418 NE Duval St, Live Oak, FL, Vop-Petit Theft, **Cash Bond To SVPS**: SCSO- K. Descarreaux

June 2, Alexander Leroy Nix, 32, 1616 McCaskill Ave B-107, Tallahassee, FL, Felony Dwlsr Habitual: FHP- A. Hughes

June 2, Amanda Richardson, 33, 7485 135th Cir, Live Oak, FL, Vop-passs Worthless Checks, **Cash Bond SVPS**: SCSO- L. Rogers/D. Brown

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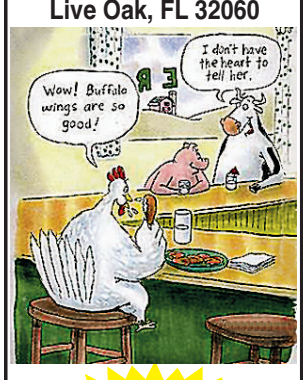

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Business savvy

Is my business healthy?

By Mark Yarick
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You took that big step and started your own business. Things have been rolling right along. You found a location, got everything set up and started building clientele. You are working hard, enjoying the challenge and have a positive outlook on the future. But is your business healthy? Is your profit margin good? Are you carrying too much debt? Are your employees effective enough? Many of these questions can be answered by analyzing your financial statements.

There are standard financial ratios that are used for financial analysis to help you determine and monitor the financial health of your enterprise. These ratios can also be compared with your industry, region, and business size to gauge your company's performance against others in the same line of work.

The use of the term "current" in financial statements denotes assets that can be converted into cash within a year and liabilities that will be resolved within a year. The current ratio shows your ability to pay your debts in the coming year. This ratio is total current assets to total current liabilities. A healthy current ratio is at least 2 to 1, showing that the business has twice as much cash, accounts receivable (money your customers owe you), inventory and other current assets, as it does accounts payable (money you owe your suppliers) and current debt.

The quick ratio is like the current ratio, but it ignores inventory. This shows your ability to pay your debts without liquidating (converting to cash) your inventory. This is important because it takes time to liquidate inventory and there may need to be other liquid assets to cover your liabilities in the short term. The quick ratio is cash and accounts receivable to total current liabilities. A healthy quick ratio is at least 1 to 1, but will be higher in industries that don't rely on inventory and lower in sectors that maintain large inventories.

The current and quick ratios give an indication of the company's liquidity. Profit margin ratios will help measure the company's profitability.

The gross profit margin looks at the inventory management, pricing and efficiency of the enterprise. It is gross profit divided by total sales. It is not possible to identify a healthy ratio here without considering the industry. Here are a few examples: the certified public accountants (CPA) industry over the last five years has shown a gross profit margin of 97 percent. The supermarket industry, on the other hand, has only shown a gross profit margin of 25 percent over the last five years and the machine shop industry, over the same time frame achieved a 45 percent gross profit margin.

The reason for the differences in gross profit margin is the structure of the industry. For the supermarket, the cost of inventory and labor are deducted from total sales to arrive at the gross profit. For the machine shop, labor and manufacturing costs are deducted to arrive at gross profit. The accountant, however, has no production costs or inventory to purchase for re-sale, so there are virtually no deductions to its total sales when calculating gross profit.

The net profit margin takes into account all of a company's non-production, non-inventory related costs. It is net profit divided by total sales. This value will reveal if the company is generating enough sales volume to cover these indirect expenses. A healthy net profit margin is also industry specific. Service industries with low overhead show higher net profit margins than labor intensive production facilities or large retailers. Using the same examples we see that the CPA industry averaged 21 percent net profit margin over the last five years. The machine shop sector in the same time frame posted six percent net profit margin and the supermarkets averaged 2.5 percent.

There are also ratios that measure efficiency, one being inventory days which shows how long it takes to turn over the items on your shelf. A lower number means that you are selling your products faster. This is also industry specific because some industries don't have inventory, or don't require as much inventory as others.

Another measure of efficiency is the accounts receivable days. This tells how long it takes for a company to get paid. This figure is also industry specific as some companies, like retail stores, do not bill or invoice, but accept payment at the time of purchase. A supermarket, for example, only has to wait an average of one day to collect outstanding balances compared to a CPA firm which has to wait an average of 30 days to get paid and a machine shop which has to wait an average of 47 days to get paid.

There are many more ratios and financial analytics that can be studied to measure the health of your business. It is important for the business owner to keep accurate records, learn how to evaluate financial statements and identify potential problems along the way. An English merchant at the turn of the 18th century compared the probable success of a merchant who didn't understand accounting with that of a mariner who had no navigation skills.

It is also important to understand that each specific industry has its own benchmarks. Your SBDC consultant can help you calculate and compare your financial analysis with industry averages for your particular geographic region and business size.

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Mark Yarick is a certified business consultant with the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) in North Central Florida and is hosted by the University of North Florida in the offices of the Suwannee County Chamber of Commerce.

OBITUARIES

Pvt. Jerome G. Smith
May 26, 2014

Jerome G. Smith, age 64 a resident of Live Oak, Fla. passed away on Monday, May 26, 2014 in the V.A. medical center in Gainesville, Fla., after a short illness.

He was the son of Mrs. Mae Ola Smith and the late Mr. James Smith. He was a member of Ebenezer AME church. He served his country during the Vietnam war where he received an honorable discharge.

Pvt. Jerome G. Smith leaves to cherish his memory, three sons, Carlo Smith, Sherell Smith and Cedrick Smith all of Live Oak, Fla. A loving mother Mrs. Mae Ola Smith, Live Oak, Fla., two sisters, Mrs. Melvonne and husband Alonza, Lake City, Fla. and Miss Arnda Smith, Live Oak, three brothers, Mr. Arthur Smith, Leroy and Anthony Smith, all of Live Oak, a host of grands, nieces, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services for Pvt. Jerome G. Smith will be held on Saturday, June 7, 2014 at 11 a.m. in the Ebenezer AME church Rev. Charles Graham pastor. Burial will be in the veteran section of the Live Oak, City cemetery. The family will meet and greet friends on Friday, June 6, 2014 at the Thomas Funeral Home from 6-8 p.m.

Thomas Funeral Home in charge of all arrangements.

Marjorie Harrell Musgrove
May 8, 1913
June 1, 2014

Marjorie Harrell Musgrove, age 101, of Live Oak, Fla. passed away Sunday, June 1, 2014 at Shands Live Oak Hospital in Live Oak, Fla.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 5, 2014 at Mt. Olive Church of Christ near Live Oak. Interment will follow in the Mt. Olive Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the church on Thursday beginning at 10 a.m.

Marjorie was born on May 8, 1913 to the late Remer and Luna Lee Harrell. She was a native and lifetime resident of Suwannee County. As a young woman she met and married her soul-mate, Vero "A.V." Musgrove and they made their home on "The Farm" in Suwannee County until his death in 2003. She was also predeceased by an infant daughter, Judith G. Musgrove and three sons, Harrell G. Musgrove, Wayne V. Musgrove Sr. and Leo Randall Musgrove.

Survivors include two sons, Sherwood Musgrove (Linda) and Windell Musgrove (Gail), two daughters, Lynette Waters and Linda Sweat (Charles), and a daughter-in-law, Glenda Musgrove, all of Live Oak, Fla.; one sister, Clara Mae Clothier of Pennsylvania; nineteen grandchildren, thirty-two great grandchildren and twenty-one great-great grandchildren.

She was a longtime member of Mt. Olive Church of Christ. "Granny" as she is fondly remembered, loved gardening and working in her flowers.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Surrey Place Nursing Center 110 Lee Ave S.E. Live Oak, Fla. or to Mt. Olive Church of Christ, 5084 153rd Road, Live Oak, Fla. 32060.

Harry T. Reid Funeral Home, Jasper, Fla. is in charge of arrangements.

Gerardo "Jerry" Lopez-Santiago
May 23, 2014

Gerardo "Jerry" Lopez-Santiago, 25, Live Oak, Fla. passed away on Friday, May 23, 2014. He is survived by his parents: Faustino Lopez and Marcelina Santiago; brothers: Pablo Garcia, Margarito Lopez, Ramon Lopez, Jesus Lopez, Emanuel Sanchez, Pablo JR. Garcia, Diego Garcia; sisters: Dolores Lopez, Delfina Lopez, Rosa Lopez, Fransisca Garcia and Blanca Lopez.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 1 at Daniels Memorial Chapel with interment following in the Live Oak Cemetery.

Please sign the guest book at www.danielsfuneralhome.com

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

DEATH NOTICES

Doug Dees
May 30, 2014

Doug Dees, 55, of Tallahassee, Fla. passed away on Friday, May 30, 2014.

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

Mary K. Gaffney
June 1, 2014

Mary K. Gaffney, 63, Live Oak, Fla. passed away on Sunday, June 1, 2014.

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

Rita T. Luther
June 1, 2014

Rita T. Luther, 96, Tallahasse, Fla. passed away on Sunday, June 1, 2014.

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Willie B Newsome
May 29, 2014

Willie B Newsome, a resident of Live Oak, Fla., passed away May 29, 2014, in the VA Medical Center, Lake City, Fla.

D.M. Udell and Sons are in charge of all arrangements. 362-4189 or 209-0223.

Bullard Brothers and Friends to perform on Father's Day

Bullard Brothers and Friends will present a program of song and devotional at White Springs United Methodist Church on Father's Day, Sunday, June 15, during morning worship services beginning at 10:45 a.m.

Featured are White Springs natives Jerry Lawrence, Johnny Bullard and Kerry Waldron, and their talented accompanist, Jerry Lawrence's wife Amanda Allen Bullard, who was raised in Alapaha County (that's the Jennings area).

We invite everyone to come join us for this special program. A covered dish luncheon will be served following the service. Come enjoy some good Southern Gospel music and celebrate the joy of worship with us on Sunday, June 15.

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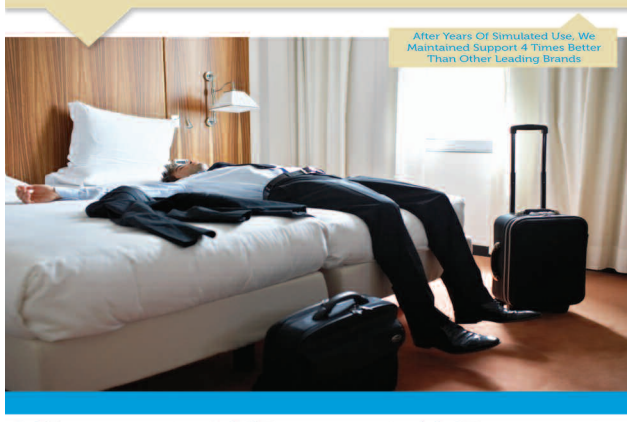

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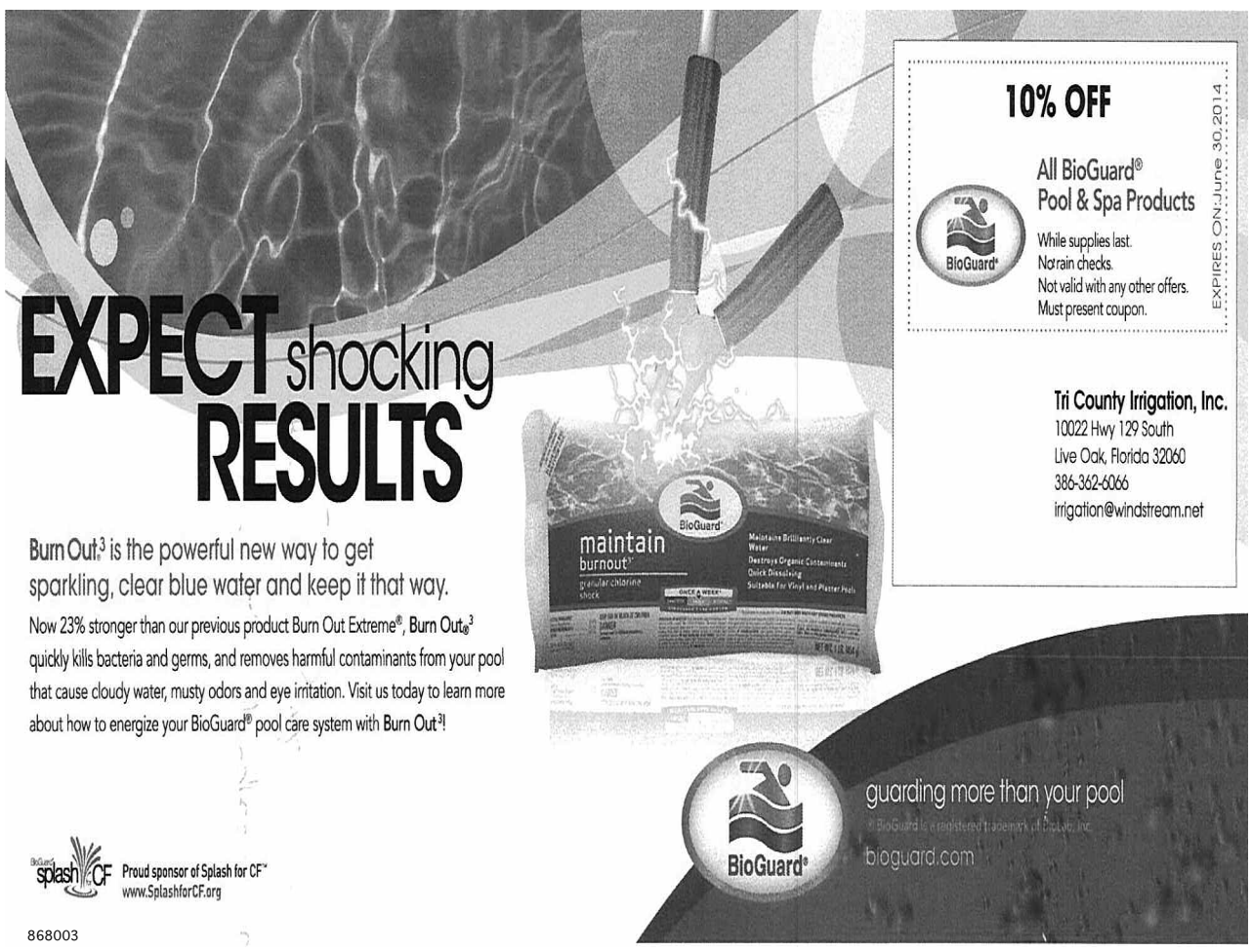

Gear Up Florida visits The Arc North Florida

Submitted

Across the state the Pi Kappa Phis guys have been participating in Gear Up Florida. They have one goal in mind as they set off across the 800 mile cycle event from shore to shore. They want to reach out to as many people as possible across the state of Florida, spreading a message of acceptance and understanding on behalf of people with disabilities.

The team members visit different organizations that support people with disabilities throughout Florida. Seeing the direct impact on the people they raise money for is very emotional for team members.

The group of 43 men arrived in Live Oak Friday, May 21, and enjoyed a home cooked meal with the staff and clients of The Arc North Florida. It is a great dinner event where the cyclists get to meet and greet the people they are on a mission to help. The Arc North Florida looks forward to their annual visit and support the Adults with disabilities in the surrounding counties.

Pi Kappa Phis guys enjoy a nice meal with The Arc North Florida clients.

Tropical Nights Rock the Suwannee at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park June 6 - 7 with Justin Case Band Friday & Jimmy Parrish solo and also The Flip Flop Boys Saturday

It's summer and the 8th Annual Tropical Nights Rock the Suwannee will be held Friday and Saturday, June 6 - 7, at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park (SOSMP) in Live Oak with a weekend of food, fun, music, good friends, the Kick in the Grass Kickball Tournament Saturday morning and lots of good times.

The Phlockers of the Suwannee are an official arm of the Parrot Heads In Paradise (PHIP) which was started in 1989. The international PHIP is endorsed by Jimmy Buffett. The idea was to bring together Jimmy Buffet fans for activities that range from community service and charity events to big parties, concerts, road trips and more. Friday night, June 6, the group will gather in the Jam Field for its 6th Annual Parrot Head Party, a private party open only to members with the famous Jimmy Parrish and the Waves Band bringing the entertainment. Singer/Songwriter Jimmy and his band were awarded the 2010 Trop Rock Music Association Horizon Award, nominated in 2011 in three more categories including Band of the Year, Album of the Year and Musician of the Year and 2012 nominees for Band of the Year.

Open to the public in the Music Hall Friday and Saturday night will be lots of music and fun. Friday night, June 6, the great Justin Case Band will be shakin' the house from 8 p.m. - midnight with great Southern rock, country and lots of good dancing music. Free Admission. Do not forget those dancing shoes when Justin Case Band is in the house!

Saturday, June 7, the Phlockers will start the day off with the Kick in the Grass Kickball Tournament at 9:30 a.m. in the Jam Field followed by free time in the afternoon. The evening gets underway at 6 p.m. in the Music Hall with a silent auction and a 50/50 raffle to benefit Hospice of the Nature Coast/Wishes Program. Music begins at 7 p.m. with Jimmy Parrish solo and the Flip Flop Boys. The Flip Flop Boys combine the country soul of the Gulf Coast with reggae vibes from the ocean to produce a saltwater twang. Saturday night will be a pirate theme so come out, join the Phlockers and dress in pirate attire or not! Free admission to everyone both nights

You might want to begin your weekend Thursday, May 29, and enjoy Teddy Mac's karaoke in the Music Hall from 7 - 10 p.m. Plan to show off your musical talent, listen or get up and cut the rug a bit! It's a fun night! Music Hall doors open at 5 p.m. for dinner when Teddy MacElvis is in the house!

Doors to the Music Hall open at 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday night for dinner. Delicious food and a full service bar available. Dancing is highly recommended

If you would like to make reservations for RV parking, cabins, primitive camping or camper parking for this weekend or need more information, call The SOSMP at 386-364-1683, email spirit@musicliveshere.com or go to www.musicliveshere.com. The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park is located at 3076 95th Drive, Live Oak.

Publix presents check to United Way of Suwannee Valley

Publix Super Markets Inc. District Manager, Phil Harrison presents the United Way of Suwannee Valley Executive Director, Rita Dopp, with the Publix Super Market Corporate Gift of $29,500 from the 2013-2014 Campaign. The local Publix Super Market campaign raised $21,846 in the Lake City Store and $15,886 in the Live Oak Store for a total of $67,232 for the United Way of Suwannee Valley. Pictured are Todd Gregory, Phil Harrison, Rita Dopp, Larry Rossignol.

Vacation Bible School at Dowling Park

The First Baptist Church of Dowling Park invites you to send your children between the ages of 3 through 12 to our Vacation Bible School starting Monday evening June 16, through Thursday, June 19. Starting time each night is 6:30 p.m. and concluding at 8:45 p.m. The theme this year is "Weird Animals" where your kids will learn that Jesus loves us all even when you're left out, different, don't understand and do wrong. The church address is 11274 235th Ln. near the intersection of CR 250 and CR 136 in Dowling Park. Call 386-658-2360 for additional details. Register online at www.Dowling-ParkBaptist.com.

Marriage license

The following couples applied for a marriage license the week of May 19 – 23, 2014:

Jason Edward Taylor to Savannah Faye Pruitt

Week of May 26 – 30, 2014:

Kenneth Wayne Dukes to Shanna Marie Nichols

SUWANNEE RIVER READINGS
Branford 2014

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Brain Bowl Team honored

The Suwannee Academic Boosters recognized the 2014 Suwannee High School Brain Bowl team during its May student recognition banquet on Thursday, May 15.

The team took the Division 3 state championship title at the 29th Commissioner's Academic Challenge in Orlando. Suwannee beat out five other teams in the final round to take the title.

Joe Flanagan, Suwannee Academic Boosters president welcomed those attending, recognized sponsors and introduced guests.

Following the invocation by President-elect of the Suwannee Academic Boosters John Hendrick, Flanagan explained the honorees' accomplishments and made individual presentations to each.

Speaker Andrew Lang, Suwannee High School graduate 2003 urged the team to use the collegiate experience to learn who you are, learn what you love and and learn how to solve problems. Lang was on the Brain Bowl Team when he attended SHS for three years. Lang graduated from Duke University in 2007 and is now a math teacher and college advisor at Melody Christian Academy.

Also making remarks were SHS Guidance Counselor Leah Harrell and sponsor Dr. Daniel Messcher.

Left to right, back row - Jacob Hendry, coach Michael Pate and Matthew Hendrick. Front row left to right - Kevin Herron and Zac Messcher.

Joe Flanagan, Suwannee Academic Boosters president, left makes presentation to Kevin Herron.

Joe Flanagan, Suwannee Academic Boosters president, left makes presentation to Jacob Hendry.

Andrew Lang.

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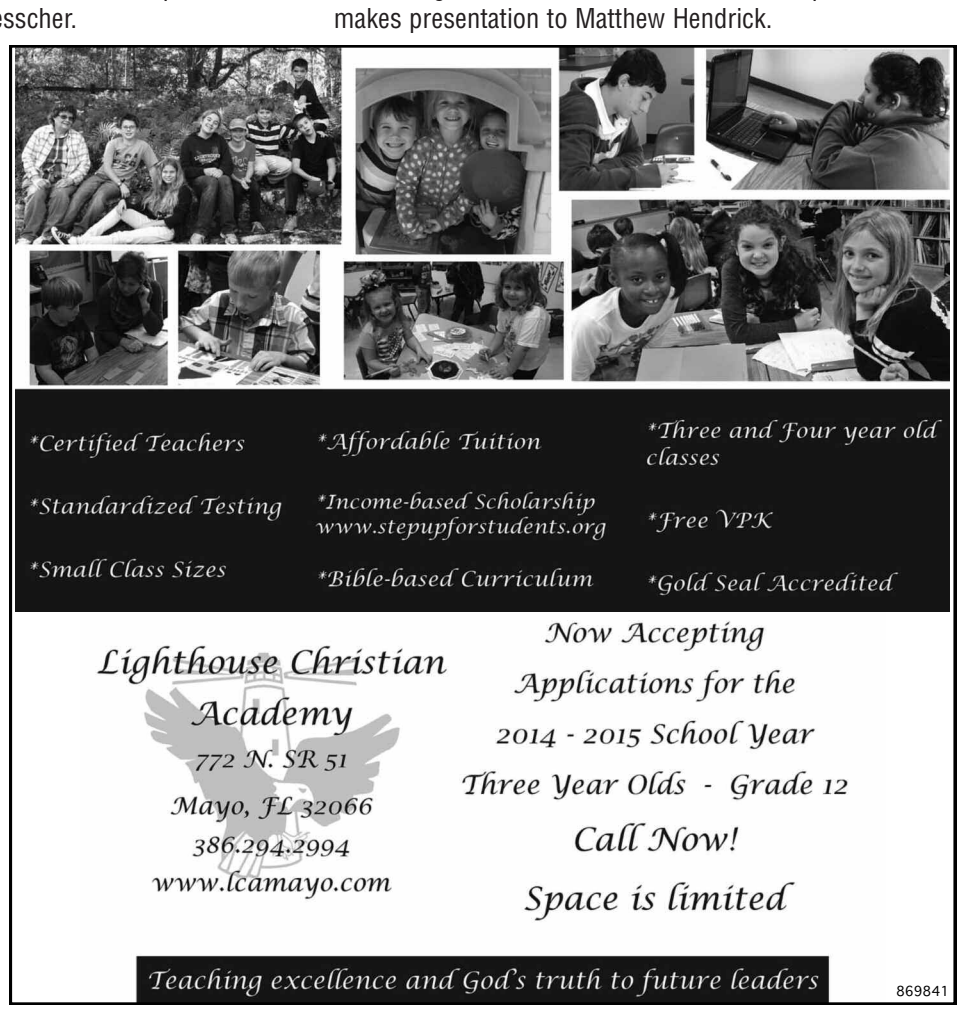

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GUEST COLUMN

Preparing for hurricane season

By Senator Marco Rubio

As we begin the 2014 hurricane season, which officially began on June 1 and ends Nov. 30, my Senate office stands ready to serve you in the event that a storm hits Florida and our people require federal assistance.

While the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicts a quiet storm season this year, history shows that even one storm can drastically impact our lives.

Hurricane awareness is vital to preparing for a hurricane. The best time to make sure you have all your personal property and business paperwork in order and safely protected is now, when the storm forecast is clear and we aren't scrambling to secure food, water and other basic necessities.

Should the need arise, knowing how to access federal assistance and sorting through any relevant information makes dealing with the potential after-effects of severe weather a little easier. And should disaster strike, it's comforting to know that there are organizations ready to help you with any questions or financial concerns you may have.

In severe cases, some federal agencies that offer recovery assistance include the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

If assistance is available, FEMA encourages you to register with them before going to a center. You can verify that you qualify and register online at DisasterAssistance.gov, via Smartphone at m.fema.gov or by phone at800-621-3362.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) offers low-interest disaster loans to homeowners, businesses and most private nonprofit organizations. To qualify for an SBA disaster loan, you must first make sure you are in an SBA declared disaster area. While each SBA disaster loan has its own criteria, most loans require similar documentation that you will need to gather and prepare. Again, the time to make sure you are organized and have all your paperwork in order is now.

Some things to keep in mind about seeking disaster-related financial assistance includes credit factors – which lenders take into consideration when reviewing your application. You should also assess your current financial standing to determine how urgent your financial need would be. Small business owners who may not qualify for traditional loans can seek assistance from other economic development agencies. As hurricane season gets underway, the key is to have a contingency plan in place to ensure you aren't caught off guard and don't face any unnecessary delays in attaining federal assistance.

In an effort to encourage hurricane preparedness, Florida residents are able to buy hurricane supplies, ranging from portable generators to flashlights, without having to pay for the state's six percent sales tax. This tax holiday for hurricane supplies ends June 8, and I encourage you to take advantage of this policy to help you and your families get prepared.

For the latest information on the 2014 Hurricane Season and to Get A Plan!, you can visit FloridaDisaster.org. More tips on preparing for a hurricane are available on our website at rubio.senate.gov.

Should you need further assistance throughout this year's hurricane season, my staff is available to help you at any of our offices throughout Florida. They are happy to answer any questions you may have, or put you in contact with someone who can.

This hurricane season, we ask that you be prepared, stay safe and stay informed. I am honored to serve you.

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OPINION

Petty annoyances

A MINORITY VIEW

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BY WALTER WILLIAMS

Most who read my columns think that I'm only annoyed by politicians, growing government and Americans who have little respect or love for liberty and our Constitution. There are other things that annoy me.

One annoyance is people's seeming inability or unwillingness to differentiate between the number zero and the letter "o." I've had conversations with telephone operators who have told me that I can reach my party by dialing, for example, 31o-3o55. Sometimes I've asked, "If I follow your instructions, by dialing the letter 'o' instead of the number zero, will I reach my party?" They always answer no and that I must dial the zero. Then I ask, "Why did you tell me 'o' when you meant zero?" Our chitchat usually degrades after that. It's not only telephone operators. How many times have you heard a student or teacher say, "He has a 4 point o GPA"?

I wonder whether the confusion stems from the fact that both o's and zeroes are round. Here's a definition that distinguishes them: "O" is a vowel and the 15th letter of the alphabet. Zero is defined as any number that when added to or subtracted from another number does not change the value of that number.

I recently made Microsoft Outlook my default email client, but I'm having a bit of a problem with it. When it's initially turned on, there's a message that reads, "Trying to connect." Similarly, on a cloudy morning, I hear weathermen say that the sun will try to come out later. So if Microsoft Outlook didn't connect or the afternoon didn't turn out to be sunny, could we say it was because Microsoft Outlook or the sun didn't try hard enough? But it's not just computer software technicians and weathermen who use teleological explanations that ascribe purposeful behavior to inanimate objects. Recently, I listened to brilliant lectures on particle physics by a distinguished physics professor, who said that strange quarks want to decay. In a cellular respiration lecture, another professor said that one mole of glucose wants to become 38 units of adenosine triphosphate. I'm wondering how these professors know what strange quarks and glucose moles want to do; have they spoken to them?

You say, "Williams, you're being too picky! What's the harm?" There's a great potential for harm when people come to believe that inanimate objects are capable of purposeful behavior. That's the implied thinking behind the pressure for gun control. People behave as if a gun could engage in purposeful behavior such as committing crime; thereby, our focus is directed more toward controlling inanimate objects than it is toward controlling evil people.

How many times have you heard a statement such as "Harold and myself were studying"? When one of my students makes such a statement, I sometimes ask, "What if Harold were not studying with you? Would you say, 'Myself was studying'?" That'd be silly. Words such as "myself" and "himself" are reflexive pronouns. Their proper use requires reference to the subject of the sentence. For example, "Harold injured himself." A reflexive pronoun can also be used intensively for emphasis, for example, "Harold himself was injured."

I have another grammar annoyance. How about when people make a statement such as "He is taller than me"? Whenever I hear such an error, I visualize Dr. Martin Rosenberg, my high-school English teacher during the early '50s, putting both hands on his waist and sarcastically asking the student, "Do you mean 'He is taller than me am'?" "Am" is the elliptical, or understood or left out, verb at the end of the sentence. The subject of a verb must be in the nominative case. To be grammatically correct, the sentence should be, "He is taller than I."

Considerable evidence demonstrates that most people are not bothered by my petty annoyances. I'm willing to give them the benefit of the doubt. It may be that it's I who is getting old and out of touch, having been educated during ancient times when nonsense was less acceptable.

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GUEST COLUMN

Veterans wait for healthcare, we wait for accountability

Taylor Armerding
CNHI News Service

Anybody who has served in the U.S. armed forces could not have been surprised when the Veterans Administration health care scandal "broke" last month.

Hidden wait times? Patients dying due to a lack of prompt treatment, with any mention of "delay" scrubbed from their records? Shredded documents?

It's all the standard dysfunction of government bureaucracies: If the real data might jeopardize your performance bonus, then you fudge the data. And you don't say anything when others fudge their data. Everybody takes care of everybody else – except those they are supposed to be taking care of.

People die as a result. But, as our compassionate socialist senator, Bernie Sanders of Vermont, said recently in response to questions about the scandal, "We know people die every day." True enough, Bernie. But I'm pretty sure you won't get put on a waiting list for necessary treatment if your own health declines.

In general, there is little to stop the VA's dysfunction. Is it going to go out of business? The money is coming from taxpayers, so it is inexhaustible. You can't go broke. How great is that?

I was in the Army for only two years, but I saw this syndrome at play with leave (vacation) time. Everybody got 30 days – six weeks – which is pretty good for your first job out of college. Not bad even after 20 years.

But everybody also knew how to massage the system so they'd get even more.

It was easy to get credit for a day of work on a Friday, even if you left on vacation on a Thursday night and never showed up for duty the next day. The same thing was true at the end of the next week; have somebody sign you back in the following Friday and get credit for working that day, as well. So, take off six working days (plus two weekends) and only get charged for four days leave.

Add it up, and it's another 15 days off a year – six weeks becomes nine. What do you think that does to efficiency and productivity? Almost everybody did it, and nobody reported it up the chain of command. It wouldn't have done any good. Almost all the majors and colonels were doing it, too.

So, the people on both the left and right who say it won't do any good to fire VA Secretary Eric Shinseki have a point. This kind of corruption is so deeply embedded into the culture of government that exchanging one head bureaucrat for another is unlikely to change it.

Anybody who came in and tried to eliminate catastrophic waiting lists would first have to be honest about how much it would cost, given the pay and benefit packages that government employees enjoy, and the cost of health care in general.

The only way health care is "affordable" by today's standards is for it to be rationed. It's easy to tell people all the things that are "covered," but it's much more difficult to provide those "covered" services to everybody who qualifies.

As a hospital president told me a couple of decades ago, "You can have a health plan that says you can get an MRI every week if you want. But if there are only one or two MRI facilities in your region, do you think that's going to happen? You'll wait months."

Beyond that, anybody who took charge of the VA and demanded accountability and better performance would get hit with so many union grievances that he or she would have little time for anything else.

The other indication that nothing will change once the press moves onto something else is the response of the president. It is the standard, predictable damage control that has been repeated over multiple scandals – the "Fast and Furious" gun-running operation, eavesdropping on The Associated Press, the IRS holding up applications of conservative groups for tax-exempt status in advance of the 2012 elections, the attack on the U.S embassy in Libya that left four Americans dead including the ambassador, and the botched rollout of Obamacare.

First, Obama has his spokespeople say the administration was unaware of this "unacceptable, outrageous" information until it was reported in the press, but that the president is very upset by it. This time, Shinseki was described as "mad as hell," so the president had to go one better by being "madder than hell."

Then comes the speech or press conference where the president declares that those responsible will be held accountable, and that he will "not rest" until the problem is solved or the perpetrators are brought to justice.

If possible, as in the VA case, the president will try to insulate himself from criticism by claiming that it will make whatever group is affected a "political football." Of course, by saying that, Obama is the one making the veterans a political football.

Finally, at some point, the president and his people will mock those who continue to demand answers for what has gone wrong by calling it a "phony scandal … without a smidgen of corruption."

The final proof that nothing substantive will change is that the president has been promising to fix the VA wait times since he started campaigning for the office.

It's been almost six years. It hasn't happened yet. Don't hold your breath.

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AL Post 59 May meeting

Submitted -

The American Legion Post 59 in Branford met earlier this month. Here are some pictures highlighting the meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Branford American Legion Post 59 will be at Hatch Park on June 17 at 7 p.m. All members should be on hand unless they are actually undergoing major surgery or the death angel is calling.

From the left, Adjutant Kimberlee Chandler, Commander Skip Trubey and Treasurer Bob Childress were the head table officials. Skip laid out the plans for organizing this year's Memorial Day gravesite flag decorations at many area cemeteries. Also the first formative ideas were presented for the post's participation in the annual Branford Fourth of July parade.

Twenty three members and guests were in attendance at the Hatch Park hall.

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From left, Past Commander Christian Keeney, Sgt-At-Arms Jule McGee and Quartermaster Larry McGrath.

From front, Vice Commander Jimmy and Carol Terry, Patsy and Service Officer Bill Peeler.

Chaplain Al Donovan, our only attending WW2 veteran was nominated to ride in the July 4 parade on an antique car fender. Al said ok, if they bungee him on.

New member Douglas and Mrs. Calderwood. He used to jump out of perfectly good airplanes for Uncle Sam.

From left, Thomas Robinson and Paul Morris.

From left, Tom Robinson and his daughter Kimberlee Chandler, Jimmy Terry and Al Donovan.

From left, Historian Tillman and Mary Sue George, Diane and Kirby Johns.

Thank you

The McAlpin Community Center would like to thank all our friends and neighbors who came to the spaghetti supper last Saturday, and were so generous with their donations. Thank you. Be sure to watch this paper for any announcements of coming events. We want to let everyone know the community center members will not be meeting during June, July and August, but look forward to seeing you again on the second Monday in September. For information call Barbara at 362-3044, or Donna at 963-3516.

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10th Annual Pre-Mother's Day Luncheon successful

Thank you partners, donors, supporters and friends for making this celebration of mothers a great success. Our men came out to serve the ladies, share gifts and fellowship. We honored the eldest mother a 91 years old to the youngest. Thank you all that came out and shared physically, financially and love. We look forward to see you all at our next event to celebrate Thanksgiving. Your continued support will always be appreciated. - Otha White Sr./Director.

Some of the volunteers with Director Otha White Sr., second from left.

Rev. Tommie Jefferson speaks to some of the mothers at the Pre-Mother's Day Luncheon recently.

Say cheese!

Some of the mothers at the luncheon.

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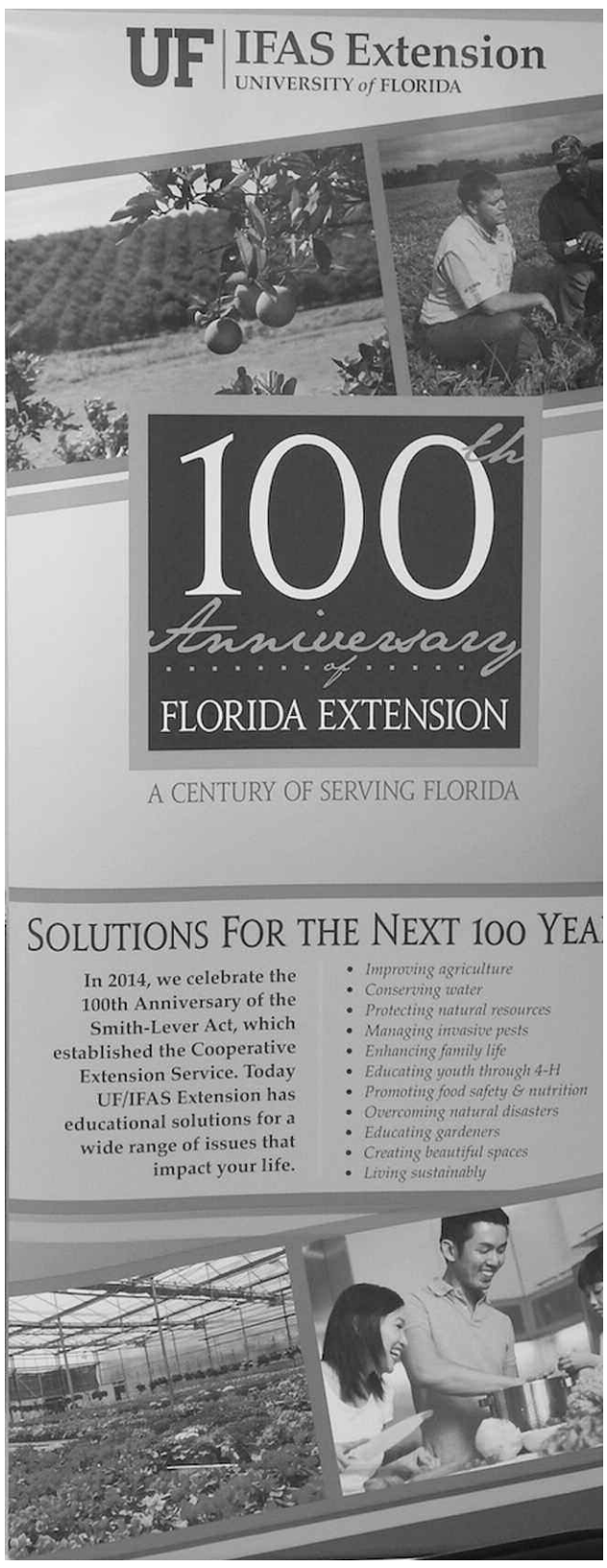

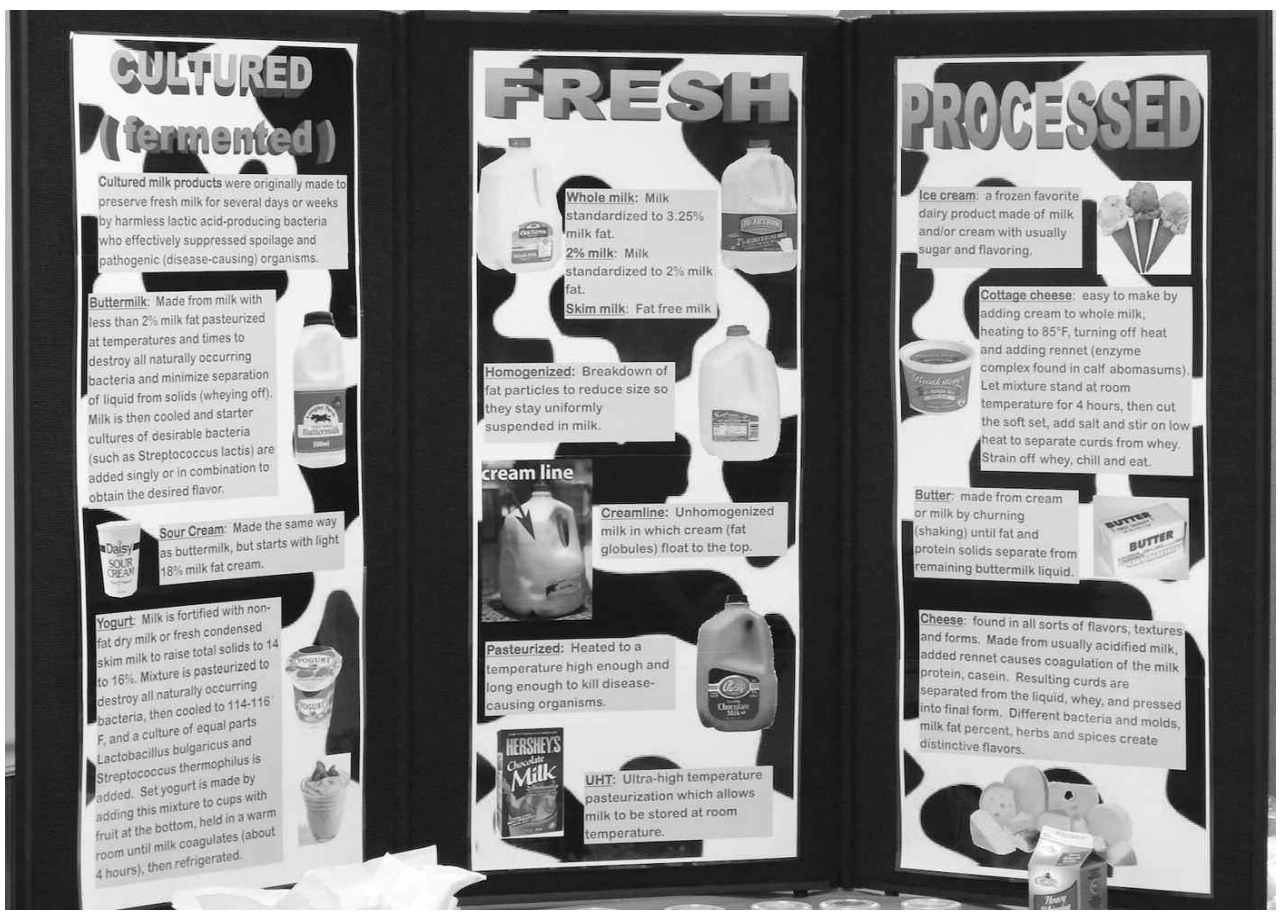

A display at the Extension celebration.

Suwannee Extension Agent Elena Toro, left, chats with a visitor.

Folks chat at the Extension celebration.

Democrat Editor Jeff Waters, second from left, chats with Chamber Director Austin Richmond and Diane McMillan. - Photos: Andrew McGee

A display of different photos of UF/IFAS Extension events in Suwannee County.

Help pour some love into Love INC's upcoming cook book

Want to help others? Can't get away to volunteer? Love INC has the answer - help Love INC raise money for those in need by sending in your favorite recipe for a Love INC cookbook fund-raiser! Couldn't be easier! The cookbook will be produced just in time for Christmas this year so the deadline to get your recipe in is Sept. 1. Much sooner would be even better.

Just submit your recipe(s) by mailing to Love INC of Suwannee County at 120 North Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, Fla 32060 or email it to lisak@suwanneeloveinc.com! Please make sure you double-check the ingredients and preparation details, making sure nothing is left out. Include a close-up photo (ah, come on now, just use your phone and do a selfie if you don't already have a good photo!) of yourself, your name as you would like it published with your recipe and your cell phone number in case we need to contact you. Your phone number will not be published.

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NFCC students honored for outstanding leadership

MADISON, FL – North Florida Community College recognized students from various clubs and organizations for outstanding student achievement and leadership outside of the classroom during the college's 2014 Student Leadership Awards Ceremony held in April. Students were honored based on their participation and leadership within NFCC clubs and organizations for the 2013-2014 academic year. Awards for Member of the Year, Unsung Hero, Outstanding Community Service by an Organization, Organization Advisor of the Year and All-Florida Academic Team were given.

NFCC Save Our Animal Resources (S.O.A.R.) ecology club was recognized as the Outstanding Community Service Organization. Mary Anne Wheeler, Dean of Enrollment Services at NFCC, applauded S.O.A.R. for a long-standing tradition of outstanding service to the NFCC campus and local community. More specifically the club was recognized for its annual "capture, tag and release" of Monarch butterflies at the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge to help track migration patterns of these amazing insects. NFCC student Samantha Crumly was named S.O.A.R.'s Member of the Year, receiving praise from S.O.A.R. advisor Bonnie Littlefield for her creativity and dedication, and was honored with the college's Unsung Hero Award for her tireless work behind the scenes.

Denise Bell, NFCC Student Services Coordinator and Student Government Association Advisor, was honored as the Organization Advisor of the Year. SGA officers Julia Morgan, Jonathan Bolick and Jonathan Cooks presented Bell with her award and described Bell as "a caring individual who has gone above and beyond her duties as an advisor." The students thanked Bell for the tremendous amount of work and dedication she has given to help students succeed and for her outstanding generosity.

NFCC student Rene Perez was named Member of the Year for both the NFCC Astronomy Club and the new NFCC Gaming and Technology Club. Perez was instrumental in forming the Gaming and Technology Club and was applauded for his leadership in both student organizations.

NFCC student Thuy Tran received the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Member of the Year Award and was also honored for being a member of the All-Florida Academic Team. She was applauded for outstanding academic achievement, leadership and community service.

NFCC student Bethany Dawkins received the Sentinel Service Corp Member of the Year Award. As a high school dual enrollment student, Dawkins was recognized for having perfect attendance at the Sentinel Service Corp meetings and for contributing over 50 volunteer hours this past semester. According the Kim Halfhill, NFCC Director of Recruitment and Student Development, NFCC Sentinel Service Corp members collectively has completed over 225 hours of service to the NFCC campus and community this semester alone.

NFCC student Johnathan Cooks received the Student Government Association (SGA) Member of the Year Award. Cooks was voted as the Member of the Year by his fellow SGA members for going above and beyond and bringing members together for a variety of worthy causes.

NFCC student Mandy Holley received the Sentinel Upstage Players Member of the Year Award. Holley was recognized for portraying a variety of roles in NFCC community theatre productions – Alice in "Alice @ Wonderland", Dorothy in "The Wizard of Oz", Annabelle in "The Little Mermaid" and Hayden in "Good People" – and for making her characters "truly memorable."

Students were also recognized for their participation in NFCC clubs and organizations for the 2013-2014 academic year.

INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS HONORED AT NFCC'S STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS CEREMONY INCLUDE:

Save Our Animal Resources (S.O.A.R.) Outstanding Community Service Organization

SUWANNEE COUNTY:

Jonathan Bolick	Active Member - Student Government Association
Scott Crapps	Active Member - Art Club
Stephanie Crapps	Active Member - Art Club
Austin Hadden	Active Member - Save Our Animal Resources
Rachael Ibarra	Active Member - Save Our Animal Resources
Tia Jackson	Active Member - CSSTRIDE
Paula Jordan	Active Member - Art Club Active Member - CSSTRIDE Active Member - Sentinel Service Corp
Joyce Marshall	Active Member - CSSTRIDE
Julia Morgan	Active Member - Phi Theta Kappa Active Member - Student Government Association
Kristina Sardina	Active Member - CSSTRIDE
Vassel Sneed	Active Member - CSSTRIDE
Thuy Tran	Member of the Year Award - Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) All-Florida Academic Team Active Member - Phi Theta Kappa Active Member - Student Government Association
Danee Wolfe	Active Member - Art Club

Summer Food Service Program - Summer 2014

The Suwannee County School Board will be participating in the Summer Food Service Program from Monday, June 16 through Thursday, July 31. The program operates Monday through Thursday with the exception of Thursday, July 3.

Open sites include Suwannee Intermediate and Branford High School. An open site may serve any child. Closed sites serve only those students who are enrolled in summer programs.

Children between the ages of 1 and 18 may participate at no charge. Breakfast and lunch meals are served.

A list of all sites, serving times, date of operations and type of sites:

Summer Sites 2014

Site Name	Site Address Site contact	Breakfast Serving Time	Lunch Serving Time	Dates of Operations	Type of Site
Suwannee High School Site # 04-0043	1314 Pine Ave Live Oak, FL Manager: Earnestine Riley 386-647-4022	7:45-8:15 AM	11:00- 11:30AM	June 9-Aug 7 CLOSED JULY 3rd & 4th	Closed: Limited to Summer Program Students
Suwannee Primary School Site # 04-0011	1625 Walker Ave SE Live Oak, FL Manager: Teresa Brannan 386-647-4308	7:45-8:15 AM	11:00- 11:30AM	June 9-Aug 7 CLOSED JULY 3rd & 4th	Closed: Limited to Summer Program Students
Suwannee Elementary School Site #04-0060	1748 S. Ohio /ML King Ave Live Oak, FL Manager: Katrina Johnson 386-647-4414	7:45-8:15 AM	11:00- 11:30AM	June 16-July 31 CLOSED JULY 3rd & 4th	Closed: Limited to Summer Program Students
Branford High School Site # 04-0089	407 Reynolds St. Branford, FL Manager: Lynda Kinsey 386-935-5625	7:45-8:15 AM	11:00- 11:30AM	June 9-Aug 7 CLOSED JULY 3rd & 4th	Open: Walk-ins Welcome
Branford Elementary School Site # 04-0089	26801 SR 247 Branford, FL Manager : Janice Lee 386-935-5715	7:45-8:15 AM	11:00- 11:30AM	June 9-Aug 7 CLOSED JULY 3rd & 4th	Closed: Limited to Summer Program Students
Douglas Center (Pal) Site # 04-0002	617 Ontario Ave. Live Oak, FL Supervisor: Kim Lane 386-208-1494	7:45-8:15 AM	11:00- 11:30AM	June 9-Aug 7 CLOSED JULY 3rd & 4th	Closed: Limited to Summer Program Students
John Hale Park Site # 04-0005	215 Duval St. Live Oak, FL Supervisor: Leslie Fry 386-209-0926	7:45-8:15 AM	11:00- 11:30AM	June 9-Aug 7 CLOSED JULY 3rd & 4th	Closed: Limited to Summer Program Students
Wayne Frier's Mobile Home Park Site # 04-0009	12788 US Hwy 90W Live Oak, FL Supervisor: Leslie Fry 386-209-0926	7:45-8:15 AM	11:00- 11:30AM	June 9-Aug 7 CLOSED JULY 3rd & 4th	Closed: Limited to Summer Program Students
African Baptist Site # 04-0007	502 Walker Ave, SW Live Oak, Fl Supervisor: Leslie Fry 386-209-0926	7:45-8:15 AM	11:00- 11:30AM	June 9-Aug 7 CLOSED JULY 3rd & 4th	Closed: Limited to Summer Program Students
Melody Christian Acadamy Site # 04-0008	10046 US Hwy 129S Live Oak, FL Supervisor Derrin Baldwin 386-364-4800	7:45-8:15 AM	11:00- 11:30AM	June 9-Aug 7 CLOSED JULY 3rd & 4th	Closed: Limited to Summer Program Students
Suwannee Intermediate School Site # 04-0042	1419 Walker Ave Live Oak, FL Manager: Phyllis Postell 386-647-4712	7:45-8:15 AM	11:00- 11:30AM	June 9-Aug 7 CLOSED JULY 3rd & 4th	Open: Walk-ins Welcome

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Extension Update

Mosquitoes are really bugging me!

By Carolyn S. Saft
UF IFAS Environmental Agent II
Suwannee County

Acckkk….another dang mosquito has pierced my skin again. This year's rain has the mosquitoes buzzing around me faster than I can swat at them. Even with bug spray applied, I am starting to look like I have the chicken pox. The heat of summer beckons summer attire of: shorts, sandals, sleeveless blouses as we head outside to tend to chores or go out and play. Health officials encourage us to wear long-sleeve shirts and long pants, avoid going out after dusk, or spray ourselves with bug spray. These suggestions are effective, but are sometimes hard to follow. So what are our options?

We have thousands of frogs croaking day and night, hopefully they are catching their fair share of mosquitoes. Lizards and fish will help reduce the populations and so will bats. Our suggestions are to leave dead palm fronds on palms and leave some Spanish moss hanging in the trees or install a bat house. These furry fellows enjoy feasting on mosquitoes, leafhoppers and beetles.

An insect-eating bat can consume from 500 to 1,000 insects per hour or well over 3,000 a night. A moderate size colony of 300 bats can eat one million insects per night. Most of our Florida bats are effective at controlling insect populations and can save you money that might have been spent on insect traps or chemicals, "No way" you say, "I don't want bats sucking my blood, giving me rabies or getting tangled in my hair." Take a deep breath, put your fears aside, and give these endangered critters a chance. First, there are no vampire bats that live in the United States, so your blood is safe from bats. Second, bat rabies account for only one human death per year in the U.S. On the other hand, dogs, "man's best friend" (I have three best friends), attack and kill more humans annually than die from bat rabies in a decade. Keep in mind that bicycles, playground equipment and pools are linked to more deaths than bats.

Rabies is almost always transmitted by a bite, though non-bite exposures can result from contact between infected saliva and open wounds or the mucous membranes of the eyes, mouth or nose. Careless handling is the primary source of rabies exposure in humans from bats. Tens of thousands of people have closely observed the emergence of 1.5 million Mexican free-tailed bats (Tadarida brasiliensis) in Austin, Texas each summer for 16 years without incident. What can you do to help prevent the rare transmission of rabies to humans? Vaccinate dogs and cats, and teach children to leave bats alone, just as they are taught to leave bees and unfamiliar dogs alone. Bats rank as North America's most rapidly declining and endangered land mammals. The largest known cause of decline is exaggerated human fear and maltreatment.

We encourage bats to live in our neighborhoods, but as with any wild animals, precautions to exclude them from our living quarters should be taken. Most bats that enter homes are lost youngsters looking for a safe environment. Exclusion of bats can be achieved by sealing cracks or holes in walls, keeping tight fitted screens on open windows and avoiding loose fitting doors to the outside or attic.

O.K., now you're willing to install a bat house, but have no idea what one looks like. General guidelines for bat houses include a minimum height of two feet, a diameter of 14 inches or more, a landing area extending below the entrance at least three to six inches and one to four roosting chambers. Roost partitions should be spaced three-quarters to one inch apart. All partitions and the landing area should have a rough surface. Air vents are necessary in our warm climate. Wooden houses should not be made out of pressure treated lumber, but painted

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or stained instead. The color of the outside depends on high temperatures in July. Our best bet is to use light colors or white for the outside due to our high summer temperatures. However, the inside should be coated with two applications of black stain, not paint. (Paint fills in the rough or grooved surfaces).

Site selection should be a place where there is a minimum of six hours of direct sunlight. Most nursery colonies choose roosts within one-quarter mile of water. Mounting of houses should be on poles or buildings; this offers the best protection from predators. The house should be 15 to 20 feed above the ground and away from any bright lights. Even though you have installed the perfect bat house, it may take a while for the bats to inhabit their new abode. Patience is a virtue when working with wildlife.

The University of Florida has one of the largest occupied bat houses in North America. Located next to Lake Alice, this house hosts about 20,000 bats that consumer 10 to 20 million insects each night. If you are visiting Gainesville, plan a trip at dusk to see the bats disperse; it is a very interesting sight to see.

To receive a publication on how to build a bat house, call the Suwannee County Extension office at 386/ 362-2771 or visit batconservation.org or www.batcon .org

FCAT 3rd grade reading and math scores released

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passing score for all FCAT 2.0 Reading, Mathematics, and Science assessments.

Students who scored a level 5 demonstrated mastery of the most challenging content of the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards.

Students who achieved a level 4 demonstrated an above satisfactory level of success with the challenging content of the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards.

Students who earned a level 3 grade demonstrated a satisfactory level of success with the challenging content of the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards.

Students at level 2 demonstrated a below satisfactory level of success with the challenging content of the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards.

Students who scored a level 1 demonstrated an inadequate level of success with the challenging content of the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards.

Suwannee County

Suwannee County has 480 students who were tested for grade 3 reading and math.

For reading, eight percent of the student body scored a level five; 20 percent of students scored a level four; 24 percent of students scored a level three; 27 percent of students scored a level two; and 21 percent of the students scored a level one.

The content of the reading test was broken down into four categories with a max number of points achievable for a particular section. Suwannee third grade students earned six out of eight points in vocabulary; 11 out of 17 in reading application; eight out of 12 in literary analysis: fiction and non-fiction; and five out of eight in informational text and research process.

As a result, 52 percent of students who took grade 3 FCAT reading passed with a level three or higher. The mean developmental scale score was 198, which means all third grade students combined earned a level 3 in achievement levels.

For math, five percent of the student body scored a level five; 10 percent of students scored a level four; 26 percent of students scored a level three; 30 percent of students scored a level two; and 29 percent of the students scored a level one.

The content of the math test was broken down into three categories with a max number of points achievable for a particular section. Suwannee third grade students earned 15 out of 21 points in number: operations, problems and statistics; five out of 10 in number fractions; eight out of 13 in geometry and measurement.

As a result, 41 percent of students who took Grade 3 FCAT math passed with a level three or higher. The mean developmental scale score was 194, which means all third grade students combined earned a level 2 in achievement levels.

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Lafayette County

Lafayette County has 113 students who were tested for grade 3 reading and math.

For reading, three percent of the student body scored a level five; 19 percent of students scored a level four; 18 percent of students scored a level three; 34 percent of students scored a level two; and 27 percent of the students scored a level one.

The content of the reading test was broken down into four categories with a max number of points achievable for a particular section. Lafayette third grade students earned five out of eight points in vocabulary; 10 out of 17 in reading application; eight out of 12 in literary analysis: fiction and non-fiction; and five out of eight in informational text and research process.

As a result, 39 percent of students who took grade 3 FCAT reading passed with a level three or higher. The mean developmental scale score was 193, which means all third grade students combined earned a level 2 in achievement levels.

For math, four percent of the student body scored a level five; nine percent of students scored a level four; 26 percent of students scored a level three; 36 percent of students scored a level two; and 26 percent of the students scored a level one.

The content of the math test was broken down into three categories with a max number of points achievable for a particular section. Lafayette third grade students earned 15 out of 21 points in number: operations, problems and statistics; five out of 10 in number fractions; and eight out of 13 in geometry and measurement.

As a result, 38 percent of students who took grade 3 FCAT math passed with a level three or higher. The mean developmental scale score was 193, which means all third grade students combined earned a level 2 in achievement levels.

Hamilton County

Hamilton County has 151 students who were tested for grade 3 reading and math.

For reading, two percent of the student body scored a level five; 12 percent of students scored a level four; 21 percent of students scored a level three; 38 percent of students scored a level two; and 27 percent of the students scored a level one.

The content of the reading test was broken down into four categories with a max number of points achievable for a particular section. Hamilton third grade students earned five out of eight points in vocabulary; nine out of 17 in reading application; seven out of 12 in literary analysis: fiction and non-fiction; and five out of eight in informational text and research process.

As a result, 35 percent of students who took grade 3 FCAT reading passed with a level three or higher. The mean developmental scale score was 191, which means all third grade students combined earned a level 2 in achievement levels.

For math, nine percent of the student body scored a level five; 19 percent of students scored a level four; 36 percent of students scored a level three; 19 percent of students scored a level two; and 19 percent of the students scored a level one.

The content of the math test was broken down into three categories with a max number of points achievable for a particular section. Hamilton third grade students earned 15 out of 21 points in number: operations, problems and statistics; six out of 10 in number fractions; and nine out of 13 in geometry and measurement.

As a result, 61 percent of students who took grade 3 FCAT math passed with a level three or higher. The mean developmental scale score was 202, which means all third grade students combined earned a level 3 in achievement levels.

Statewide results

There were 209,852 students in the state who were tested for grade 3 reading and math.

For reading, 10 percent of the students in the state scored a level five; 23 percent of students scored a level four; 23 percent of students scored a level three; 24 percent of students scored a level two; and 19 percent of the students scored a level one.

The content of the reading test was broken down into four categories with a max number of points achievable for a particular section. Third grade students statewide collectively earned six out of eight points in vocabulary; 11 out of 17 in reading application; eight out of 12 in literary analysis: fiction and nonfiction; and six out of eight in informational text and research process.

As a result, 57 percent of the students who took grade 3 FCAT reading passed with a level three or higher. The mean developmental scale score was 200, which means all third grade students statewide collectively earned a level 3 in achievement levels.

A total of 209,724 students were tested for math in the state. Nine percent of the third grade students who were tested scored a level five; 17 percent of students scored a level four; 31 percent of students scored a level three; 24 percent of students scored a level two; and 18 percent of the students scored a level one.

The content of the math test was broken down into three categories with a max number of points achievable for a particular section. Third grade students statewide earned 16 out of 21 points in number: operations, problems and statistics; six out of 10 in number fractions; and nine out of 13 in geometry and measurement.

As a result, 58 percent of the students who took grade 3 FCAT math passed with a level three or higher. The mean developmental scale score was 201, which means all third grade students combined earned a level 3 in achievement levels.

Heritage Trail, downtown landscaping underway

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recently planted large live oak trees on the vacant lots.

"Because we will be removing the river rock and concrete underlying the streets adjacent to the downtown sinkhole lots, installing landscaping and grass there at a later date would be complicated by the construction, so SCPR took on an expedited landscaping project there now," Williams said. "The installation of a decorative fence may lag a bit behind as materials need to be ordered and the other work must be completed first."

Williams said SCPR has been instrumental in managing this project.

"Without their assistance and support we would not have remained on schedule. Providing we remain on schedule, I believe the lots will be used for the Live Oak July Fourth Festival," Williams said.

The area is also the future home of the farmers market that is already on Fridays from 12-6 p.m. at John H. Hale Community Park on Duval Street.

Heritage Trail

Williams said landscaping for Heritage Trail is well underway and the project should be completed by June 20.

"The Live Oak trees are planted on the trail," Williams said. "General contractor Brent McCall and sub contractor Alfred Smith have been completing the bump outs for the benches and trash cans as well as laying sod."

SCPR has also been working with developing the landscape for this trail.

"SCPR has played a big role in delivering the landscaping portion of this project with irrigation, trees and landscape materials all being managed and supervised by them," he said. "I'd like to thank Greg Scott, Jason Furry and their team for their work and efforts to wrap things up quickly. I hope our rain delays are behind us and providing they are, the project should be complete by June 20."

Although the project is near completion, there's still much to do within the coming weeks.

"We still have the bollards, pedestrian crosswalk, pedestrian enhancements and striping, the balance of the landscape to install on the Helvenston Street side inclusive of trees, flowering trees and understory plants and I expect it all to be completed soon," Williams said. "Most of the equipment will be off the site after this week and there should be no reason why folks can't begin using the pathway at will, especially after working hours."

The trail will begin at Heritage Park and Gardens off Helvenston Street and end on US 90, just west of Railroad Avenue.

Service station to welcome Dunkin' Donuts, BK

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community."

This facility measures 20,500 square feet in size and is loaded from door-to-door with exceptional features.

Beck said customers will be treated to four soft-serve machines of yogurt and ice cream with all of the toppings; 40 flavors of fountain drinks with flavor shots; 12 Icee flavors; 10 flavors of caribbean cream frozen drinks; 20 flavors of southern iced tea and a cooler with the largest beer cave in town.

"We will have a full line of name brand gifts to choose from; a fudge factory where we'll make our own fudge; and we'll have all styles and flavors of beef jerky," he said. "Outside the building, there will be 28 fueling stations for cars."

Beck noted the company has been committed to the community by using several local companies during the construction of this facility and seek to employ Suwannee County residents at this store.

"We know we're going to get a lot of local business from this community, so we wanted to use local businesses to help us build this facility," Beck said. "We will also employ 80 people at this facility. We're very excited about it because we're bringing 80 jobs to the community."

The company began interviews mid May.

Employees will be eligible to receive benefits including insurance and 401(K) package. Beck also noted the company will be paying employees above the minimum wage threshold.

Individuals who are willing to join their team are encouraged to apply in person at the Johnson and Johnson headquarters, 1607 US Hwy. 90 East, in Madison.

Suwannee River Chemical Plant to close

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"This is a difficult day for our employees, their families and our company," said PotashCorp White Springs General Manager Bill Donohue. "These necessary changes do not reflect on the talents of people impacted by these decisions. We have an exceptional group of employees across the company, and these changes mean that we will lose a number of very capable and dedicated people who we sincerely thank for their contributions. We will do our best to assist those affected."

On Dec. 3, 2013, PotashCorp announced company-wide operational and workforce changes at all of their facilities, including White Springs. The decision stemmed from a review of business and operational needs that affected all three segments (potash, nitrogen and phosphate) and the changes were undertaken to enhance the global competitive position of the company.

A press release at that time stated challenges in the global phosphate market and an increased regulatory burden were what made the move necessary and what forced the closing of the Suwannee River Chemical Plant. The new operating level is expected to extend the life of the existing phosphate rock mine by approximately five years. The Swift Creek Chemical complex, mine and mill will continue to operate and White Springs will maintain about 389 positions at the facility.

The Suwannee River Chemical Plant was one of two plants at the White Springs facility. The first round of layoffs last December resulted in a reduction of 248 people and a change in management with Bill Donohue taking over as general manager. The second round of layoffs on Monday, June 2, left another 56 people out of a job for a cumulative reduction of close to 50 percent from previous employment levels.

Williams said PotashCorp will still be a major employer for this and surrounding counties with about 350-400 employees, as well as be a major taxpayer and community contributor.

The original 248 personnel impacted by the layoffs were: Alachua County-1; Baker County-2; Columbia County-91; Hamilton County-68; Madison County-2; Suwannee County-71; and Echols/Lowndes County, Ga.-13. Of the 248 personnel laid off, 27 percent lived in Hamilton County and 28 percent lived in Suwannee County.

"I want to stress the importance of keeping the safety of our people at the forefront" said Donohue. "Nothing we do should jeopardize this, and I encourage all our employees to be extra diligent through this transition, so that everyone goes home safely at the end of each and every day."

Wellborn Blueberry Festival this Saturday

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Store, which opens at 7:30 a.m., for the best homemade pies, cobblers, ice cream, jellies and jams.

The Blueberry Festival parade will start at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday. The theme is "Together We Can," and the grand marshall for this year's parade is James Montgomery, who is chairman of the Advisory Board of the Suwannee Valley Community Foundation.

Food and arts and crafts vendors will be available throughout the day. Also, be sure to stick around for some of the best local talent that will be appearing on the stage.

"We're all looking forward to the 21st Annual Blueberry Festival. Everything is organized and we're all anxiously awaiting for June 7," said Wendell Snowden, chairman for the Blueberry Festival committee. "We hope everyone will come out and support the Wellborn Community Association. We're praying for good sunny weather."

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SPORTS

Brain Bowl Team honored

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Suwannee Spirit cheerleaders compete on national stage for top prize

Grand champions

Suwannee Spirit Cheer Gym of Live Oak were crowned Grand Champions and earned The Golden Cup Award.

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Suwannee Spirit Cheer Gym of Live Oak recently competed at The Grand Finale National Cheerleading Championships in Jacksonville and were crowned Grand Champions and earned The Golden Cup Award.

Hundreds of cheerleaders, dancers and spectators from all over traveled to Jacksonville to compete in one of the most prestigious competitions held each year. Suwannee Spirit was represented by 60 cheerleaders, five teams, three coaches and over 300 fans.

The Suwannee Spirit Diamond squad competed in the level two senior small division. They received a superior rating and placed third. The Suwannee Spirit 11 & Under squad competed in the level one junior division, also receiving a superior rating and placing fourth. The Suwannee Spirit Tiny squad competed in the level one tiny five and under division and placed second.

The Suwannee Spirit Emerald squad competed in the level two youth division and with a flawless performance, they were awarded first place and crowned The Golden Cup Champions. Team members of this Championship squad are; Sophia Baldwin, Gracyn Berry, Macy Bowers, Jasyl Fields, Nicky Fletcher, Halleigh-Ray Harris, Aislinn Henry, Lyndsey Howard, Tyra Kalandyk, Erin Kirby, Logan Lloyd, Katie Otterbine, Kiera Palmer, Chloee Sanders, Lindsay Self, Hanna Stout and Maci Thomas.

The Suwannee Spirit Elite squad competed in the level three junior division and with an outstanding performance, they received first place and were crowned Grand Champions. Team members of this championship squad are; Olivia Benzing, Gracyn Berry, Kiera Bispham, Macy Bowers, Mallory Fernald, Jasyl Fields, Alexis Fletcher, Nicky Fletcher, Jessica Girard, Halleigh-Ray Harris, Aislinn Henry, Schyler Jerome, Tyra Kalandyk, Ashton Kelton, Logan Lloyd, Natalie Lord, Kiera Palmer, Sydney Poole, Haylee

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Just a few back flips.

Cheering tall. Photos: Tammy Johns Photography

Scandals, lawsuits could sink NFL commissioner

Tom Lindley
CNHI News Service

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell has been taking a little heat since it was reported that he's pulling down a cool $44 million a year.

That seems like a lot of money for attending football games. But after reviewing his work schedule and assessing the lawsuits and problems he faces, he probably earns every penny.

The NFL is the country's greatest sports empire. It prints money. It's also the subject of a tidal wave of litigation and public relations nightmares. Here's a sampling:

The most recent legal case was filed by a group of former players who charge they were knowingly and illegally fed painkillers and anti-inflammatories to keep them on the field without their team disclosing the long-term dangers associated with the practice.

This is another example of both sides agreeing that, "If you ask me no questions, I'll tell you no lies." Players play because that's what they're taught to do. From the first time they put on pads, they are reminded that playing football means playing with pain. No excuses, no exceptions.

It's also a job, and the lure of big money means they do what they must to keep the checks coming. Through their lawyers, some say they didn't understand when they took the many injections and pain-numbing medications what a big price they'd pay later.

Of course, blaming players because they

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failed to protect themselves from themselves isn't a winning defense. Who knows, there might not be a winning defense for the NFL. Nevertheless, it's a legal matter that's likely to draw plenty of attention and finger-pointing before it's resolved.

Another troubling lawsuit doesn't even involve the hard-hitting behemoths that give the NFL its reputation as a violent, physical game. This comes from the lasses who roam the sidelines displaying beautiful smiles and skimpy outfits.

This case, brought against about a half-dozen teams, cites violations of labor laws. In exchange for being shown on television and dancing across the field doing cheers during timeouts, cheerleaders receive a few dollars an hour – less than minimum wage. That's if they follow all the other rigid rules and regulations set for cheerleaders.

Settling this matter wouldn't cost NFL team owners much money, but even bringing it forward and exposing a tawdry practice is a black eye that besmirches the league's All-American image.

An examination of how cheerleaders are treated and how they are used to promote pro football could led to claims of sexual harassment. That's a fight the NFL might be hard-pressed to win - and certainly doesn't want.

It seems the NFL needs to admit its errors and use a little common sense.

Another major case still hanging over the NFL is the class-action concussion lawsuit brought by about 4,500 former NFL players. The sides reached a $765 million settlement last summer, but a federal judge has hesitated in certifying the agreement.

The original suit claimed the NFL covered up known risks of concussions and head trauma associated with playing pro football. The question the judge is weighing - and one that must leave Goodell worried - is whether the settlement, although large, was fair. It compensates injured players but is it enough to provide care and treatment for the rest of their lives?

There are other serious legal actions that reflect poorly on the league, even if the NFL is not be a defendant.

Hazing and bullying claims brought by Miami Dolphins lineman Jonathan Martin against a teammate have been embarrassing, if not legally actionable. Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice was charged with assaulting his fiancé in an Atlantic City hotel. The Redskins' nickname controversy won't go away. Then there have been the deeply disturbing allegations - including first-degree murder charges - against former New England star receiver Aaron Hernandez.

If the commissioner can correct those problems, he earns all of his financial rewards.

Tom Lindley is a CNHI sports columnist. Reach him at tlindley@cnhi.com.

Calendar of Events

Vacation Bible School

The First Baptist Church of Dowling Park invites you to send your children between the ages of 3 through 12 to our Vacation Bible School starting Monday evening June 16th through Thursday the 19th. Starting time each night is 6:30 p.m. and concluding at 8:45 p.m. The theme this year is "Weird Animals" where your kids will learn that Jesus loves us all even when...you're left out, different, don't understand and do wrong. The church address is 11274 235th Ln. near the intersection of CR 250 and CR 136 in Dowling Park. Call 386-658-2360 for additional details. Register online at www.DowlingParkBaptist.com.

Equine yard sale

The Pony Express 4H club's first annual equine yard sale will be Saturday June 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. under the Bob Homles arena in Live Oak Florida. The Pony Express will provide concession, free door prize drawings, and avtivietes for youth. Table spaces are $5.00 per spacee. We will be under the covered arena so rain or shine we will have a good time! Reserve your space online at http://ponyexpress4-hclub.yolasite.com/ or call Katherine King at (386) 209-1524. The arena is located at 1302 11 Street SW, Live Oak FL 32064.

"Celebrating Moms, Dads, and Kids"

Friday, June 6, 6-9 p.m. - a Fantastic Friday event sponsored by the High Springs CDC will be held in the downtown area of High Springs. The theme for the evening is "Celebrating Moms, Dads, and Kids". Enter our Apple Pie Contest, Chili Cook-off' and for the kids a Bedrock Ball Toss or the Little Engineer Drawing contest. For all ages there will be side-walk vendors, live music, an auction and a Scavenger Hunt. Come enjoy this fun evening of activities for all ages.

Christian singles group forming

Interested in getting together for fun and fellowship with other singles in a safe Christian environment.

You are invited to attend a social gathering at the faith in christ church located 282 S.W. Magical Terrace in Lake City, Fla. Saturday June 14 at 7pm

Refreshments provided

Call or text Tony at 386-623-5210

Take Charge of Your Diabetes

UF/IFAS Extension in Suwannee County is now offering an educational program to help adults with type 2 diabetes control their blood sugar to feel better and reduce risk of health complications. The program will include five classes, and a personal consultation with a registered dietitian. Classes will begin June 5, 2014 through July 3, 2014 to be held each Thursday evening from 6pm to 8pm at the Extension office.

We are now recruiting participants for this program. If you have been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes, are at least 21 years old, and are interested in being a part of this program, please call Cathy Rogers or Karen McGalliard at the Suwannee County Extension office at (386) 362-2771.

UF/IFAS Extension in Suwannee County is An Equal Opportunity Institution.

Need Help with Your Medicare Costs?

Want to see if you can save money on your prescription drug costs?

Can't afford to have the Medicare Part B Premium come out of your check every month?

Are you new to Medicare and not sure of your options?

Whether you are a Medicare beneficiary, family member or caregiver,

SHINE, a volunteer program under the FL Dept of Elder Affairs, provides you with free, unbiased and confidential information.

For assistance, please call the Elder Helpline at 1-800-262-2243 to have a volunteer return your call or come see us at:

Thurs, June 5	10am-Noon	Jasper Public Library
Wed, June 11 (Downtown)	1:30-3:30pm	Lake City Library
Thurs, June 12	1:30-3:30pm	Live Oak City Hall
Fri, June 20	10 am-Noon	Branford Public Library
Wed, June 25	1:30 -3:30pm	Lifestyle Enrichment Ctr (Lake City)

Douglass High School Class of 1961

Cordially invites fellow DHS schoolmates to join us as we celebrate our 53rd Class Reunion.

June 14, 2014 7 p.m.

Springville Community Center

White Springs, Fla.

Please RSVP on or before June 4, 2014.

Mrs. Ruth Robinson (386-362-9133)

Ronald White, candidate for School Board District 5

Ronald White will be the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Suwannee County Republican Executive Committee. The meeting is at 7 pm, Thursday, June 5, Live Oak City Hall.

The public is encouraged to attend our monthly meetings, hear from candidates and learn about issues that not only affect you, but your Community and Nation. Our Headquarters are open Monday - Friday, 10 am - 2 pm at 306 Ohio Ave, between the Courthouse and the Post Office. For more information friend us on Facebook and visit our website: www.suwanneegop.com

Announcement

The Hamilton County FAMU Alumni will be sponsoring a trip to Washington D.C. on October 17 -19, 2014. For more information you can contact either Charles Blalock (386- 362-5833), Leon Daniels, (386 792-1154) or Harold Lumpkin (386-397-2780). A deposit is required by June 15, 2014.

Free nursing home planning workshop

If you are concerned about how you will pay for nursing home care for yourself or your loved ones, attend this informative workshop led by Lake City Attorney TERESA BYRD MORGAN. The program will be held on Thursday, June 26, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of Gulf Coast Financial. Seating is limited and reservations are required. To reserve a seat, please call Shana Miller at 386-755-1977."

Together We Can

21st Annual Wellborn Blueberry Festival will be held June 7, 2014, in Andrews Square, 1340 - 8th Avenue, downtown Wellborn. Admission is free. Festivities will start at 7 a.m. Saturday morning with the Blueberry Pancake Breakfast. Three stations are open for your convenience. There will be around 100 arts & crafts and food vendors, children's amusements including ponies, the petting zoo and the water walkers, live entertainment by the Willow Creek Band, fresh blueberries and blueberry plants, and the Country Store featuring pies, cobblers, jam, syrup and more. The Blueberry Parade begins at 10:30 a.m. This year's theme is "Together We Can." Prizes are awarded for floats, equestrians and antique cars. For more info or directions, call 386-963-1157, e-mail wendellsnowden@prodigy.net, or see www.wellborncommunityassociation.com. Hosted by the Wellborn Community Association, Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation.

Spaghetti Supper

The McAlpin Community Center is having a spaghetti supper on May 31. Would you please publish the following article as often as you can, in as many places as you can, ending on May 30.

The 3rd annual Oktoberfest and barbecue competition

PorktoberQue, will again be held the last weekend of September at the Houston County Farm Center in Dothan, AL. The event features BBQ teams competing for $7700.00 in prize money under KCBS (Kansas City Barbecue Society) sanctioning and also promotes a German-style Oktoberfest. There are two stages featuring both polka music and contemporary music, an indoor biergarten, a "man cave"

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LOTS OF STORAGE & WORK AREA...3/2 DWMH, split floor plan, breakfast nook, screen porch, fenced pasture, 5+ ac., 24x23 garage/storage, 2 car carport, 20x37 workshop, plus 3 more storage bldgs. $87,000. Call Glenda McCall, 386-208-5244, MLS#86353

REDUCED- 1,800+ sq.ft., 3BR/2BA. Convenient location to shopping, hospital, and interstate. Great home with screen porch, side entrance garage, fireplace, paved circular drive. $98,500. MLS#85947 Columbia County

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION… 3/2, 1,782 sq.ft., 4 ac., no restrictions, only 9 mi. to Lake City, large living room, bedrooms, kitchen, cabinets galore, pantry, large walk-in closets, gated entrance, fenced, 2 storage bldgs. $99,500. Call Glenda McCall, 386-208-5244 MLS#77195

PRICED BELOW APPRAISAL- Immaculate 3/2 home in One of Mayo's, Fl. nicest S/D. Split floor plan, all appliances stay, tile and carpet throughout the home, 1 car garage, back deck looking into wooded back yard for privacy, nicely landscaped yard. This is a beautiful home. $150,000. Call Enola Golightly, 386-590-6684 MLS#86658

ONE ACRE for just $5,900. Located in Creekside Subdivision. 2 Lots to choose from. Site built homes only. MLS#78859 Live Oak

LOCATED on the banks of the Suwannee River just downstream from the Santa Fe. Approx. 1 mile from the Santa Fe River boat ramp. Complete with almost 2,000 sq.ft., walkway to the river, deck, and a floating boat slip. Completely furnished. $338,000. MLS#86409

NEW IMPROVED PRICE: 45,000+ sq.ft. Commercial building in Live Oak. Just minutes from Wal-Mart and I-10 interchange. $549,000. MLS#36340

5 ACRES- Partially Wooded lot with close proximity to Branford and the Sante Fe River. Manufactured Home allowed. $19,900. Call Vern Roberts, 386-688-1940 MLS#84488

9+ ACRES- 180 feet of highway frontage, close to Mayo and suited for your Site Built or Manufactured home. $22,500. Call Vern Roberts, 386-688-1940 MLS#84551

BANK OWNED- 1,296 sq.ft., 3/2 DWMH built in 1997. Needs TLC. Pretty lot, fenced back yard, small storage shed. Close to Suwannee State Park. $34,000. MLS#87416

NICELY REMODELED- older home, 3/1, 1,200+sq.ft., 5 acres. Beautiful hardwood floors, tongue and groove walls, FP, sunroom. Property has over half in 20 year old pines, dogwoods, large live oak trees. Adjoining 5ac available. $98,900. Call Sherrel McCall, 386-688-7563 MLS#85879

AWESOME!! Probably the most pristine lake in Suwannee County. 13 acres. Private access on both sides. Great bass lake and recreational uses abound. $179,000. Call Irvin Dees, 386-208-4276 MLS#86247

HERE IT IS, 77 acre hay field complete with two pivot systems, 30x100 hay barn. This property is within minutes of town or I-10 and I-75. Paved road frontage on two sides. This is the complete package. Don't miss this one. $319,000. Irvin Dees, 386-208-4276 MLS#87252

SURPLUS LAND SALE: Offered by Suwannee River Water Management District. Call for a list of available properties. 386-362-4539

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Sunday by appointment

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SPORTS

Suwannee Spirit cheerleaders compete on national stage for top prize

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Ross, Chloee Sanders, Lindsay Self, Taylor Truluck and Jasmine Williams.

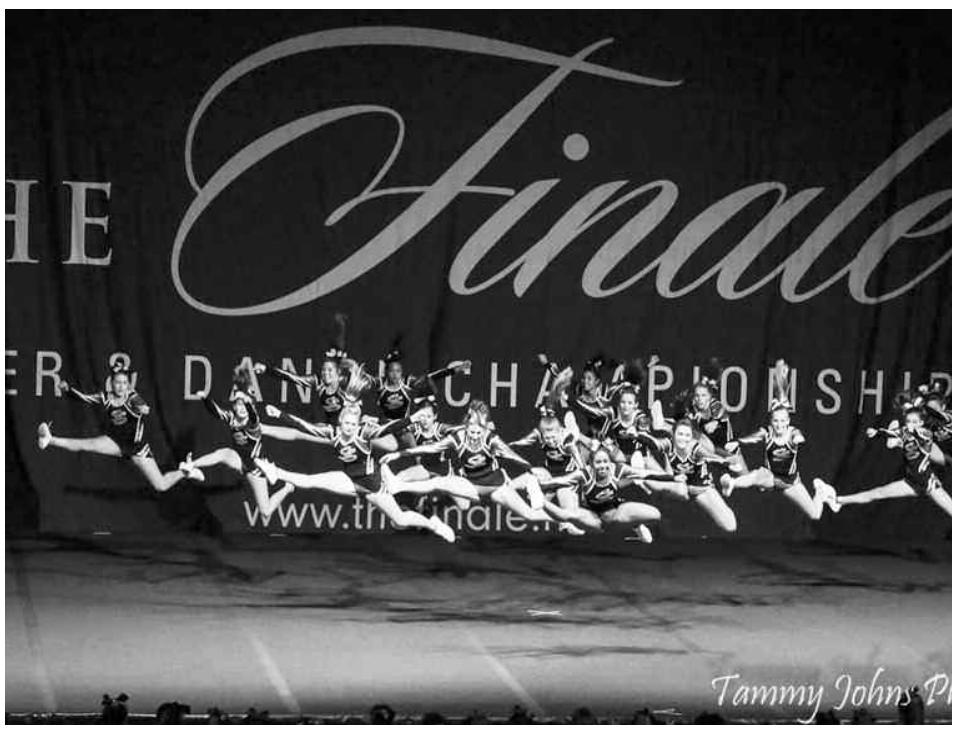
This was the final of six competitions that Suwannee Spirit competed in since January 2014. Each of these squads placed in the top five at each competition. They had to qualify for a bid at a previous competition in order to compete in the National Championships.

Congratulations to all of the competition cheerleaders of Suwannee Spirit. Each cheerleader represented Suwannee County, their families and themselves with great sportsmanship and respect.

Suwannee Spirit will begin summer classes June 24. Open registration for the summer program will be on Friday, May 30, from 3:30 p.m.-6 p.m. at Suwannee Spirit Cheer Gym. Please call (386) 590-7868 for more information.

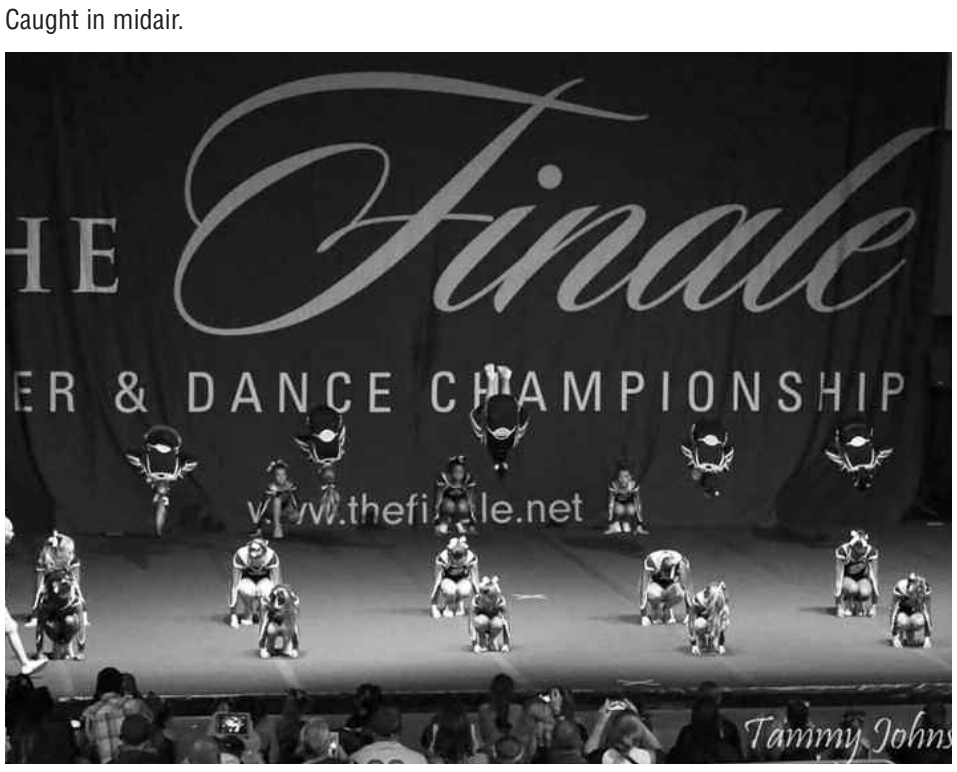
Suwannee Spirit is owned and coached by Angela Wood and Ila Crocker.

Cheerleaders cheer after winning the Grand Champions award.

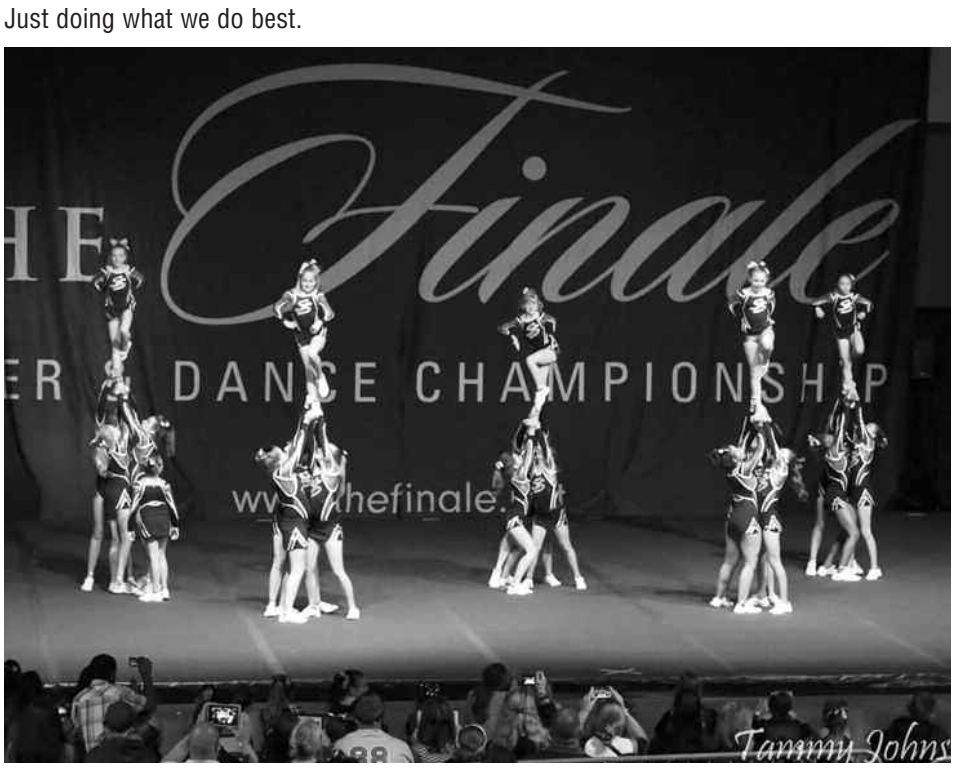


Caught in midair.

Just doing what we do best.



Flipping and performing well.



Suwannee cheerleaders show how it's done.

Flips and handstands are just part of the routine.

Teamwork at its finest. Photos: Tammy Johns Photography

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with TV's for watching your favorite football games, a cornhole tournament, free bounce houses for the kids to play on, shopping with vendors and many food-related activities.

The event is open Friday September 26th from 5-10 pm and again Saturday Septe. 27 from 10 a,m,- 6 p,m. Admission is $3 per person with children 6 and under free. Proceeds benefit the Houston County Land Water Rescue, the Houston County Farm Center, and nearly a dozen local non-profits who are also participating in PorktoberQue as a fundraising project. The event also offers free booth space to local non-profits who want to offer information or sell a product as a fundraiser. For more information, to become a vendor or to see the entertainment schedule visit www.PorktoberQue.com or call (334) 699-1475.

Vendors wanted for
Branford River Reunion

The Branford River Reunion committee is getting ready for the 4th of July celebration this year on Friday, July 4.

We are accepting booth applications for this day. We are looking for food, crafts and entertainment booths. It is $30 to set up a booth at Hatch Park in Branford. If you have a local club that needs to raise some money this is a good opportunity.

If you are interested in getting an application, give Peggy a call at 386-935-0021 and if no answer, please leave a message.

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.

Wellborn Blueberry Pancake Breakfast

1st Saturday monthly
7am-11am
Wellborn Community Center
Event to benefit Annual Wellborn Blueberry Festival

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Join us Monday and Tuesday 5-9 p.m.

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Let us help YOU see a BRIGHTER future!

Book Club for Adults at the Live Oak Library

The Live Oak Public Library will be hosting a Book Club for Adults on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. in the conference room. Join us to discuss your latest read. Refreshments will be served.

Please call the library at 386-362-2317 for more information.

Camera Club meets

The Branford Camera Club meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month, with an occasional exception, for the purpose of sharing, learning, and enjoying all things photographic. We are an eclectic group with experiences ranging from complete novice to consummate professional. Please join us.

For more information, please contact:

Carolyn Hogue, Program Chair, 386-935-2044

Skip Weigel, Technical Consultant, 386-9382

Suwannee Amateur Radio Club

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

Artisans and Growers Market
0pens in the Wirick-Simmons Garden

At the corner of Pearl and Cherry Streets

This market will be open the first Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

$5.00 for your table – We furnish three canopy tents

$10.00 for 12x12 space on lawn for your tent or pick-up

All proceeds benefit the Monticello Old Jail Museum

For more information Contact:

Anne H. Holt

Phone: 850-576-0721

E-Mail: ahholt@ahholt.com

Boy Scout Troop 693 has new sponsor, meeting location

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!

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

Attention bridge players

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

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

Florida Telecommunications Relay

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

Florida Trail Association Suwannee Chapter meetings

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

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

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

American Legion Post 107

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

American Legion Post 107

Turkey Shoot is held every other Saturday behind the Legion Post starting at 12:30 p.m. We have 8 rounds of fun and excitement and the winner of each round will receive either beef, pork, turkey or $$$$. Turkey Shoot is OPEN to the public. Call 386-362-5987 for more information. Post 107 location is 129 S., turn left at the American Flag and POW/MIA flag on to 142nd St. Post is 1 mile on the right.

The Live Oak Art Guild

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

Applications to fill vacancy at Advisory Council

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

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

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

The First Baptist clothes closet

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

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

We look forward to seeing you there.

Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program

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

Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.

Free breakfast & lunch
for ages 60 and older
When: Monday - Friday
Where: Senior Center
1171 Nobles Ferry Road
Live Oak, Fla. 32064
Time: Breakfast 8:30 - 10 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m.

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

Suwannee County Branch NAACP - Unit #5137

President: Mr. Lesley White

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

Telephone: 386-647-7360

Email: al101st@comcast.net

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

The Sparkleberry Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society

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

Boy Scout Troop 408

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

Cub Scout Pack 408

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

Elks Lodge Bingo

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

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Suwannee County Bassmasters

Do you enjoy bass fishing?

Are you the competitive type?

Do you enjoy associating with other fisherman?

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

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

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

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Sponsored by Walt's Live Oak Ford

Suwannee Country Club

June 21, 2014

Registration 8 a.m. • Tee-off 9 a.m.

$50 per player or $150 per team

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Suwannee Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: 61-2012-CA-271

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Plaintiff,

vs.

LAURA J. THROCKMORTON A/K/A LAURA J. ALLRED A/K/A LAURA JEAN THROCKMORTON A/K/A LAURA JEAN HARTMAN; ET AL.,

Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Suwannee County, Florida, will on the 17th day of June, 2014, at 11:00 o'clock A.M., at Front steps, 200 S Ohio Avenue, Suwannee County Courthouse in Live Oak, Florida 32060, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following-described property situate in Suwannee County, Florida:

Begin at the SW corner of NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Section 9, Township 6 South, Range 15 East, Suwannee County, Florida; thence run N 88 degrees 33'30" E along the South line of said NE 1/4 of NE 1/4, 660.33 feet, then N 01 degrees 19'27" W, 660.33 feet, thence S 88 degrees 33'30" W, 600.33 feet; thence N 01 degrees 19'27" W, 594.53 feet to the South Right of Way line of Bibby Road, a county paved road, thence S 89 degrees 21' W, along said South Right of Way line, 60.00 feet to the West line of said NE 1/4 of NE 1/4, thence S 01 degrees 19'27" W, along said West line, 1255.69 feet to the Point of Beginning, Suwannee County, Florida.

Together with that certain 1990 Double Wide Fleetwood Mobile Home with ID# G A F L K 3 4 A 1 2 1 7 2 S H & G A F L K 3 4 B 1 2 1 7 2 S H .

pursuant to the Final Judgment entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is indicated above.

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
(COURT SEAL)

By: /s/ Sallie Pert
Deputy Clerk

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

CASE NO. 61-2014-CA-000029

CAPITAL CITY BANK, a Florida banking corporation,

Plaintiff,

vs.

FRED JOHNSON a/k/a FREDERICK H. JOHNSON and MARGARET JOHNSON, husband and wife,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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Said sale shall be made to the highest and best bidder for cash pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment entered in the above styled cause and will be held on the Courthouse steps of the **SUWANNEE** County Courthouse in Live Oak, Florida, on the 17th day of June, 2014, commencing at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

All interested parties shall be governed accordingly by this Notice.

DATED this 19th day of May, 2014.

(Court Seal) /s/ Sallie Pert, D.C.
BARRY A. BAKER
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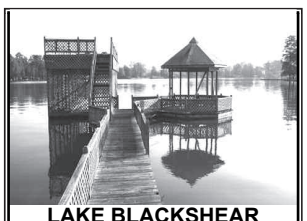

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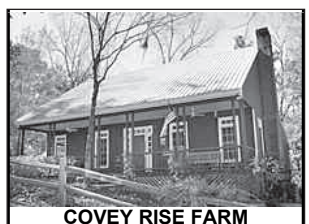

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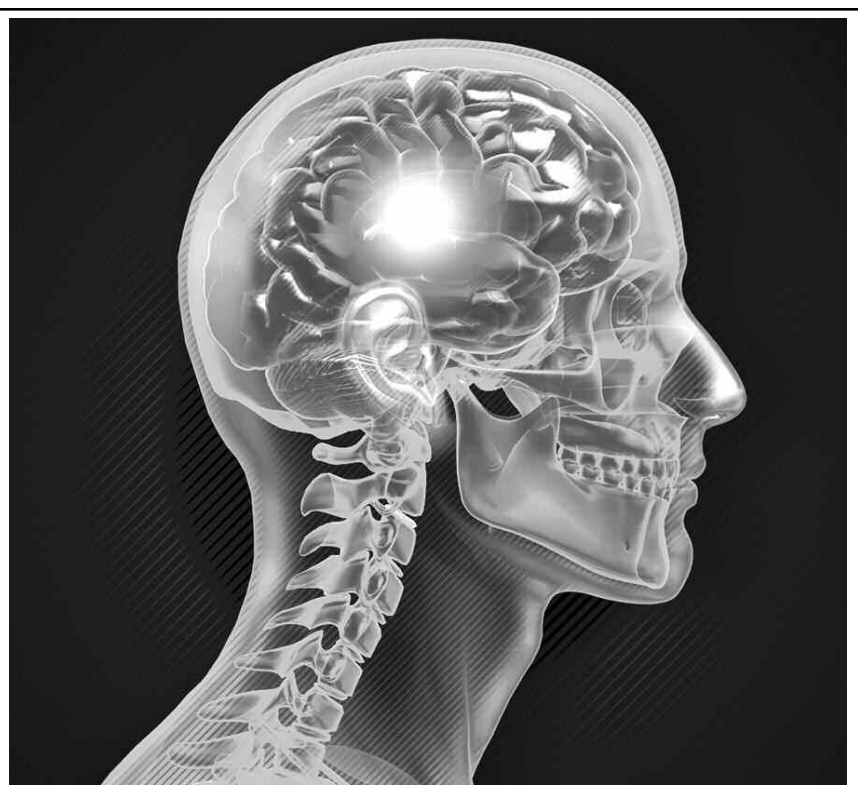

Summer is a season best spent outdoors, and many people anxiously await their opportunity to soak up some sun in the warm, summer air. But the summer heat can be relentless, posing a potentially significant threat to those who aren't careful when the dog days of summer arrive.

Heat exhaustion and heat stroke are two of the biggest concerns for those spending time under the summer sun. Differentiating between the two and understanding the causes and symptoms of each can help revelers survive the summer heat.

What is heat exhaustion?
Those who work or exercise in humid or hot conditions might have experienced some level of heat exhaustion. When a person is suffering from heat exhaustion, their body is losing its fluids through sweat, and that loss causes dehydration. The body will also overheat, with its temperature rising as high 104 F.

What is heat stroke?
Heat stroke can be life-threatening. When a person is experiencing heat stroke, his or her body's cooling system stops working, and the body's temperature can rise to 105 F or higher. The cooling system is controlled by the brain, so heat stroke can even damage the brain and/or additional internal organs.

What causes heat exhaustion?
Many people who suffer from heat exhaustion are not used to exercising or working in hot or humid environments, an unfamiliarity that makes them susceptible to heat exhaustion. Gardeners, for example, might be able to work in the garden in late spring and feel no ill effects. However, once summer arrives with its humidity and higher temperatures, those same gardeners are not accustomed to such conditions and might develop heat exhaustion as a result. Especially humid days make it difficult for the body to properly evaporate sweat, and the body will lose fluids and electrolytes. As this is happening, people who do not adequately replace those lost fluids are more likely to suffer from heat exhaustion.

What causes heat stroke?
Unlike heat exhaustion, which is largely caused by external conditions, heat stroke can result from an existing medical condition or medications. People with certain conditions or on medications that hinder the body's ability to sweat may be predisposed to heat stroke because their cooling mechanisms are already impaired or compromised. But heat stroke can also be caused by anyone exerting themselves in a hot environment, even if those people do not have a preexisting medical condition.

What are the symptoms of heat exhaustion?
Heat exhaustion symptoms vary but can include:
- sweating profusely
- feelings of dizziness
- muscle cramps or pains
- fainting
- dark-colored urine (dehydration)
- nausea
- pale skin
- rapid heartbeat
- headache

What are the symptoms of heat stroke?
A body temperature of 105 F or above is a telltale indicator of heat stroke, but additional symptoms may include:
- throbbing headache
- flushed, hot and dry skin
- slightly elevated blood pressure
- dizziness and light-headedness
- nausea and vomiting
- rapid, shallow breathing
- lack of sweating despite the heat
- rapid heartbeat that is strong or weak
- unconsciousness

What do I do if I suspect I am suffering from heat exhaustion?
If heat exhaustion is suspected, get out of the heat immediately, ideally into an air-conditioned room but under a tree in the shade if that's the only option. Call a doctor if you cannot keep fluids down or if you seem incoherent.

Those who can keep fluids down should drink plenty of noncaffeinated and nonalcoholic beverages, and remove any tight or unnecessary clothing. In addition, take a cool shower or bath, but ideally only do so if someone is around to monitor you.

What should I do if I suspect I am suffering from heat stroke?
Heat stroke is potentially life-threatening, so immediately dial 911 if you feel you have heat stroke. If you suspect someone else has heat stroke, administer some first aid while waiting for an ambulance to arrive. Move the person to an air-conditioned room, and try to get his or her body temperature down to a more manageable 101 F or 102 F. Wet the person's skin and apply ice packs to the armpits, groin, neck, and back, as these areas have an abundance of blood vessels close to the skin, and cooling them can help lower body temperature. TF127332

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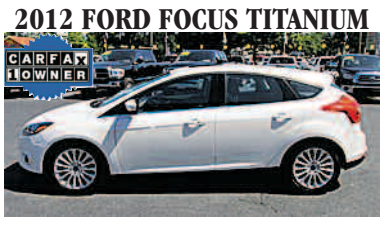

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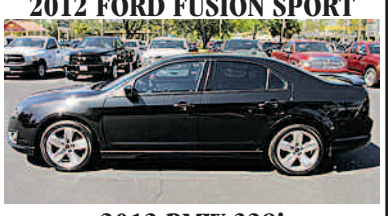

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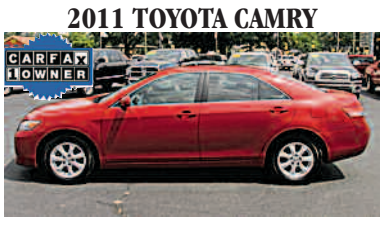

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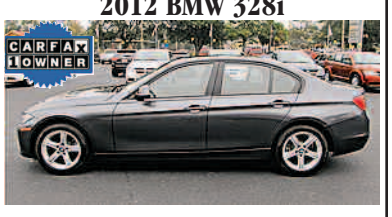

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