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Man injured battling house fire



A Suwannee County man was seriously injured trying to battle the blaze to his home pictured here late Thursday night. - Photo: Suwannee County Fire Rescue

By Jeff Waters, editor
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A 36-year-old man sustained serious burns while trying to extinguish a fire that was consuming his home off 173rd Place in the Falmouth area late Thursday night, according to Suwannee County Fire Rescue.

Fire Marshal Tim White reported that SCFR responded to a fire alarm at 11:21 p.m. Thursday in reference to a structure fire off 173rd Place in Western Suwannee County. When crews arrived they found a doublewide mobile home about three quarters of the

way involved with fire.

William Foster, 36, tried extinguishing the flames but was burned, according to family members and his girlfriend, White stated. Foster was flown to a burn unit at UF Health Shands Hospital where he was listed in fair condition Tuesday. Most of the home received heavy fire damage and was deemed a total loss, White reported.

The cause of the fire is under investigation at this time.

The Suwannee County Sheriff's Office Victims Advocate Unit is arranging donations for this family. If you would like to help, please call 386-362-2222.

CRA director position on hold, for now



CRA chairman Keith Mixon asked the board to consider utilizing a consultant versus hiring a full-time director.

CRA will consider consultant versus full-time director

By Bryant Thigpen
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The Live Oak Community Redevelopment Agency board agreed unanimously at a recent meeting to postpone interviewing and naming a CRA director until the board can decide the future of the position. The board will decide at an upcoming workshop

whether to fill the position or hire an outside consultant.

If the position is filled, the board decided in a unanimous vote that the CRA director will report directly to the city manager.

So far, 19 applicants have applied for the position.

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Restoration goals for Suwannee and Santa Fe River basins adopted

Department defines scientifically derived pollutant limit and paves the way for restoration

Submitted by DEP

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection has adopted water quality restoration goals to reduce bacteria in 17 creeks, streams and sinks in the Suwannee and Santa Fe River basins. The restoration goals, known as Total Maximum Daily Loads, define the reductions necessary to bring the waterbody up to state water quality standards that protect human health and aquatic life. Fecal coliform bacteria in these waterbodies are at elevated levels, indicating the possibility of human or animal waste contamination. The scientifically derived restoration goals will act as the target for long-term restoration plans DEP will develop in cooperation with stakeholders and the public.

As an alternative to 17 separate efforts to adopt restoration goals, DEP is

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The charred remains of a home in Southern Suwannee County. - Photo: Suwannee County Fire Rescue

Oil lamp cause of South County fire

No injuries were reported in late-night fire

By Jeff Waters, editor
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Fire destroyed a home off of 65th Place near Sandy Point in Southern

Suwannee County late Thursday night, according to Suwannee County Fire Rescue.

Fire Marshal Tim White reported SCFR responded to a fire alarm call shortly before 9 p.m. Thursday. When crews arrived on scene they found a

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Rabies alert issued in Suwannee County

Submitted

Pamela M. Blackmon, RN, BSN, MPH, Florida Department of Health in Suwannee County administrator, has issued a rabies alert for a specific area within Suwannee County. All residents and visitors, especially those within the area south of Highway 90 and west of 185th Road,

are asked to maintain a heightened awareness that rabies is active in this county.

The alert is in response to a positive laboratory result from a cat. The rabies alert in effect began August 29, 2014.

Residents and visitors are advised to take the

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- Map: Google

Music park wins six statewide industry awards



Three first place and three second place awards from The Florida Festival & Events Association

Submitted

The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park (SOSMPC) in Live Oak won six 2014 statewide awards at the Aug. 15, Florida Festival & Events Association (FFEA)

SunSational Awards. The awards were given out during the 20th anniversary convention and tradeshow held at Walt

Disney World in Orlando.

SOSMPC awards included three first

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Arrest Record

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The following abbreviations are used below:
SCSO-Suwannee County Sheriff's Office
LOPD-Live Oak Police Department
FDLE-Florida Department of Law Enforcement
FHP-Florida Highway Patrol
FWC-Florida Wildlife Commission
DOT-Department of Transportation
OALE-Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement

P & P-Probation and Parole
USMS-US Marshals Service

ATF-Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
DOC-Department of Corrections

Aug 28, Maurice Hall, 23, 19096 CR 349 North, O'Brien, FL, FTA (Arraignment-NVNDL), Columbia Co-Cash or Surety: SCSO-C. Watson

Aug 28, Terrell Antwon Perkins, 27, 12910 US 90 W Lot #12, Live Oak, FL, VOP (No Valid DL), Cash Only to SVPS: SCSO- T. Roberts

Aug 28, Latajah Demetrice Jones, 22, 1121 NE Davis St, Live Oak, FL Battery-Dom Violence: SCSO-T. Lee

Aug 28, Gina Marie Myers, 28, 16685 Suwannee St, White Springs, FL, VOP O/C Grand Theft: SCSO-T. Ford

Aug 28, Nancy Rose Palmer, 61, Homeless, VOP O/C Neglect Elderly or Disabled Adult: SCSO-A. Sutton

Aug 28, Heshimu Christoph Thomas, 42, 535 Walker Ave, Live Oak, FL, Leon Co-VOP O/C DWLS/R: SCSO-T. Lee

Aug 29, Forrest Hayward Greene, 45, 14622 149th Loop, Live Oak, FL, VOP-Improper Exhib of Wea, VOP-Battery: SCSO-B. Williams

Aug 29, Jonathan David Brown, 30, 1324 2nd St, Jasper, FL, VOP-Uttering a Forgery, VOP-Grand Theft III, \$6000 Surety or \$600 Cash: P&P-J. Bristol

Aug 29, Brandi Syntell Nelson, 35, 1727 Longa Ave SE, Live Oak, FL, Retail Theft: LOPD-J. Bates

Aug 29, Anthony Leon

Webb, 49, 13399 30th Street, Live Oak, FL, Poss - 20 Grams Cannabis: SCSO-R. Fleming

Aug 30, Refugia Irene Mata, 28, 815 Ranchero Rd, Kerrville, TX, No Valid DL: OALE-J. Aretino

Aug 31, Johnny Lee Livingston, 48, 818 NW Walker Ave, Live Oak, FL, Felony DWLS: FHP-K. Davis

Aug 31, Trenton M. Thompson, 23, 4194 284th St, Branford, FL, Battery (Dom Viol), VOP O/C Forgery, OR \$500 Cash: SCSO-J. Brooks

Aug 31, Andrew Jackson Miller, 29, 5548 County Rd 136, Live Oak, FL, DWLS: SCSO-B. Barrs

Aug 31, Kenneth Jerome Cooks, 45, 826 SW 9th St, Live Oak, FL, VOP-DWLSR, VOP-Poss -20G Cannabis, \$1000.00 Cash to SVPS: SCSO-L. McDaniel

Aug 31, Gerald Greenwood, 42, 4700 SW Archer Rd, Gainesville, FL, Leave Scene of Crash with Property Damage, DUI W/Property Damage, Felony DWLS 3rd Off: FHP-D. L. MacLaren

Sept 1, Donald Lee Ross, 66, 518 Lincoln Ave, Live Oak, FL, VOP O/C Traffic in Stolen Property: SCSO-R. Fleming

Sept 1, James Clayton Parrish, 27, 20410 CR 49, O'Brien, FL, VOP-Dealing in Stolen Property: SCSO-C. Watson

Sept 1, Joseph Bernard Combs, Sr., 37, 314 Houston Ave, Sexual Battery by Force, Poss Firearm by Felon, VOP O/C Sale of Cntrl Sub W/I 1000' Pl of Worship, VOP O/C Sale of Cntrl Sub W/I 1000' Pl of Worship, 1st Appear/WFW/PD Appt: LOPD-M Mauton

FHP: Feeling sleepy?

Save a life, pull off the road

Drowsy driving is dangerous driving

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Do you fight to keep your eyes open and your head up when you are tired? All too often this scenario is real on Florida's roadways. To help prevent crashes caused by driver fatigue and to bring awareness to the dangers of drowsy driving, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and the Florida Department of Transportation are teaming up with lawmakers and safety advocates during Florida's Drowsy Driving Prevention Week, Sept. 1-7 in memory of Ronshay Dugan, who was killed in 2008.

"Alert drivers make for safer roads," says DHSMV Executive Director Terry L. Rhodes. "To help get everyone home safely, the Department reminds motorists never to drive tired."

FDOT Secretary Ananth Prasad said, "The department recognizes that making our roads safer includes driver responsibility and encourages all motorists not to drive drowsy. Be alert every trip, every time you get behind the wheel."

"Six years ago, the life of a little girl was tragical-

ly taken in a crash that easily could have been prevented," said state Representative Alan Williams, who sponsored the legislation in 2010. "Drowsy driving can be eliminated by simply planning and making a conscious decision to pull over and rest when you're tired. I applaud Ronshay's family for keeping her memory alive and fighting to prevent other senseless deaths."

How to prevent fatigue driving:

* Allow plenty of time to get to your final destination.

* Avoid driving at times when you would normally be asleep.

* Drink caffeine. Two cups of coffee can increase alertness for several hours.

* Drive sober.

* Get a good night's sleep before you travel.

* Take a break every 100 miles or 2 hours.

* Take a nap—find a safe place to take a 15 to 20-minute nap, if you think you might fall asleep.

* Use the buddy system, switch drivers when needed.

Local students honored for academic achievement

North Florida Community College announces President's Honor Roll

MADISON, FL – Several area students who attend North Florida Community College were named to the President's Honor Roll at the conclusion of NFCC's Summer Term 2014. The President's Honor Roll recognizes outstanding academic achievement at the completion of each semester. Inclusion on the list is awarded to all full-time students who, during the term, have earned a grade point average of 3.75 or greater for at least 12 college credit hours of course work.

NFCC students recognized for academic achievement and named to the President's Honor Roll for Summer Term 2014 are:

Hamilton County

Brad E. Snow

Suwannee County

Kelsey A. Cowin
Gramby L. Croft
Edwin J. Leathlean

NFCC would also like to recognize the following students who were named to the President's Honor Roll for Spring Term 2014 (they were inadvertently left off the original Spring Term 2014 President's Honor Roll listing):

Hamilton County

Heather L. Troyer

Lafayette County

Emily N. Fredriksson

Suwannee County

Autumn D. Denmark
Congratulations to all students for their outstanding academic achievement. For information contact the Office of College Advancement, (850) 973-1653 or email News@NFCC.edu.

Huge Veterans Day activities planned

The Live Oak Woman's Club, Elks Club, Lions Club, and Rotary Clubs are sponsoring a day of activities to honor the veterans of Lafayette, Hamilton, and Suwannee counties.

A parade is scheduled for 9 a.m. with the usual 11 a.m. cemetery services in Live Oak Cemetery. The Barrett Masonic Lodge is providing free child ID services at the Suwannee County Coliseum on 11th Street beginning at 11 a.m. and a lunch of hot dogs, chips, and sodas will be available for purchase.

An afternoon of varied local entertainment will begin at 1 p.m. in the Coliseum.

For more information, please contact Pat Roberts at 386-362-6815.

Suwannee PAWS grand opening event

Suwannee PAWS Inc. grand opening and pet adoption event, Friday, Sept. 26. Ribbon cutting is at 1 p.m. with the event from 2-8 p.m. Located in the Badcock & More shopping plaza, one mile north of US 90 on US 129.

We will have open house, drawing for items such as discounts on clinic services, free spays/neuters, gift baskets, children's items, gift cards and door prizes. Animals (dogs and cats) from local shelters and rescues will be present for adoption as well.

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The first week six week class we are offering will be basic sewing and light maintenance on vehicles.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions. You must call and register your child by Sept., at 386-935-2440.

A world of opportunity at the 2nd annual Operation Christmas Child meeting and gospel sing

Westwood Baptist Church Family Center, Live Oak, 2 - 5 p.m. - Sept. 13, 2014 - Enjoy first-hand the unique experience of how a small Christmas gift box can mean so much to needy children all over the world. We are honored and excited to learn more about the impact of a shoebox on the lives of Lejla Allison from Bosnia; Alex Nsengimana,

a survivor of genocide in Rwanda; and Livia Satterfield from Romania.

Gospel music will be provided by Amber Jones, Life Song Gospel Music Trio and Amber Lee Abbott.

Along with the Gospel music there will be a baked potato bar with all the fixings. There is a suggested donation of \$5 each, all of which will go toward Operation Christmas Child.

Hamilton fights back against Sabal Trail pipeline

By Joyce Marie Taylor

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The proposed Spectra Energy/Sabal Trail natural gas transmission pipeline that would pass through the Withlacoochee River in Hamilton County has local residents up in arms and vowing to fight.

Spokesperson Chris Mericle, who brought several other citizens with him, addressed the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners at their Aug. 19 meeting. Mericle asked for the board's support in informing the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and other interested parties about the potential risks to the public's health, safety and welfare, and to help protect water resources and the natural environment.

Also in attendance at the meeting was Senator Bill Montford's (D-Inverness) legislative assistant Marcia Mathis, who promised to do whatever possible to support the citizens of Hamilton County.

Mericle owns property along the Withlacoochee near the affected area. He came to the meeting prepared with an independent hydrogeological study prepared by professional geologist David Brown from Progressive Water Resources, along with detailed maps of the springs, karst windows, underground cave system, and sinkhole and depression features of the area.

"I'm not against the use of natural gas and I'm not against natural gas pipelines," said Mericle. "What I am against is placing a large diameter, directionally drilled gas pipeline through a geologically hazardous area."

Mericle said he and his supporters went to the FERC scoping meeting to voice their concerns and also posted those concerns online.

"FERC, who has the final say as to where the pipeline route will go, has included springs and karst terrains as concerns that should be avoided," Mericle said. "Both FERC's and Sabal's geologists have been onsite and agree that both exist in this area."

Suwannee River Water Management District (SR-WMD) Executive Director Ann Shortelle and geologist Carlos Herd have also been onsite, he said.

"Not only do they agree that this site is very sensitive, karstic and full of springs, but they have commented to FERC as such," said Mericle.

Shortelle, he said, wrote a letter to FERC in April recommending the proposed route be modified to avoid

highly sensitive water resources.

"The national EPA has also written a letter in July to FERC saying they are concerned for proposed wetland and stream crossings that may impact special aquatic sites," Mericle continued. "The locations of heightened concerns include fresh water springs in the North Florida region. It also cites the Clean Water Act, saying these pipelines are required to take the least damaging environmental route. They presume alternatives exist."

Mericle said Florida Governor Rick Scott has set aside millions of dollars to safeguard and restore springs, and the proposed pipeline route threatens to destroy them.

"We have 198 concerned citizens on this petition asking that the pipeline be moved to a more environmentally responsible route," Mericle said, as he held up a manila folder. "The petition has also been uploaded to the FERC website. All these people and agencies have asked FERC and Sabal to abandon this river crossing, but Sabal is proceeding to move forward through this special aquatic site."

After hitting so many roadblocks, Mericle said the concerned citizens figured it was time to hire a Florida certified geologist to prepare a study of the area where the proposed pipeline will cross the river, which is .8 square miles. There are 11 springs, four karst windows and 97 sinkholes in and around the area where the proposed pipeline would be placed, Mericle said. He also said a lot of the sinkholes are active.

At the northernmost part of the studied area is Morgan Spring that has a mapped cave system, which extends over 200 feet deep, Mericle explained.

"That's far deeper than what the horizontal drilling is proposed to go," he said. "The horizontal directional drilling could intersect spring conduits, affect spring well flows, and ultimately river base flow. Grouting in this cavernous, fractured terrain will likely be ineffective and could contaminate fresh water resources."

The site, he said, has active sinkhole formations that, if disturbed, could have disastrous consequences if there was a pipeline rupture, explosion or toxic fuel spill.

The independent study conclusion, Mericle explained, is that given the high number of karst features, caverns, fracture systems, and the difficulties experienced by the test drilling, it is imperative that an alternate location be identified, since the proposed site fails on all aspects of sound geologic principles.

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Suzanne M. Edwards
Regional Director

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The next National Diabetes Prevention Program in Suwannee County begins Sept. 23, and will meet weekly each Tuesday from

4-5 p.m. for 16 weeks and then meet monthly at the same time through the following Aug.

Classes will be held at the

UF/IFAS Ext. office in Suwannee County. Pre-registration is required by Sept. 12, and a blood-based diagnosis of pre-diabetes is encouraged. For more information contact Cathy Rogers or Karen McGalliard (386) 362-2771.

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Savvy Senior

How to get Social Security benefits when you're disabled

Dear Savvy Senior,

What do I need to do to get Social Security disability? I'm 57 years old and have some health issues that are keeping me from working, but I've heard it's very difficult to get benefits.

Need Assistance

Dear Need,

The process of getting Social Security disability benefits can be tricky and time-consuming, but you can help yourself by doing your homework and getting prepared.

Last year, around 3 million people applied for Social Security disability benefits, but two-thirds of them were denied, because most applicants fail to prove that they're disabled and can't work. Here are some steps you can take that will improve your odds.

Get Informed

The first thing you need to find out is if your health problem qualifies you for Social Security disability benefits.

You generally will be eligible only if you have a health problem that is expected to prevent you from working in your current line of work (or any other line of work that you have been in over the past 15 years) for at least a year, or result in death.

There is no such thing as a partial disability benefit. If you're fit enough to work part-time, your application will be denied. You also need not apply if you still are working with the intention of quitting if your application is approved, because if you're working your application will be denied.

Your skill set and age are factors too. Your application will be denied if your work history suggests that you have the skills to perform a less

physically demanding job that your disability does not prevent you from doing.

To help you determine if you are disabled, visit ssa.gov/dibplan/dqualify5.htm and go through the five questions Social Security uses to determine disability.

How to Apply

If you believe you have a claim, your next step is to gather up your personal, financial and medical information so you can be prepared and organized for the application process.

You can apply either online at ssa.gov/applyfordisability, or call 800-772-1213 to make an appointment to apply at your local Social Security office or to set up an appointment for someone to take your claim over the phone.

The whole process lasts about an hour. If you schedule an appointment, a "Disability Starter Kit" that will help you get ready for your interview will be mailed to you. If you apply online, the kit is available at ssa.gov/disability.

It takes three to five months from the initial application to receive either an award or denial of benefits. The only exception is if you have a chronic illness that qualifies you for a "compassionate allowance" (see ssa.gov/compassionateallowances), which fast tracks cases within weeks.

If Social Security denies your initial application, you can appeal the decision, and you'll be happy to know that roughly half of all cases that go through a round or two of appeals end with benefits being awarded. But the bad news is with backlog of about 900,000 people currently

waiting for a hearing it may take a year or longer for you to get one.

Get Help

You can hire a representative to help you with your Social Security disability claim. By law, representatives can charge only 25 percent of past-due benefits up to a maximum of \$6,000, if they win your case.

It's probably worth hiring someone at the start of the application process if your disability is something difficult to prove such as chronic pain. If, however, your disability is obvious, it might be worth initially working without a representative to avoid paying the fee. You can always hire a representative later if your initial application and first appeal are denied.

To find a representative, check with the National Association of Social Security Claimants' Representatives (nossr.org, 800-431-2804) or National Association of Disability Representatives (nadr.org, 800-747-6131). Or, if you're low-income, contact the Legal Services Corporation (lsc.gov/find-legal-aid) for free assistance.

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

How to recognize and handle senior gambling problems

Dear Savvy Senior,

How can you know when someone has a gambling problem? Since my father passed away a couple years ago, my 76-year-old mother spends a lot of time at an Indian casino near her house playing slot machines.

Troubled Son

Dear Troubled,

It's a great question. Problem gambling among seniors is definitely on the rise. Seniors have time and money on their hands, and the influx of casinos across the country have made access to gambling much more convenient. Here's what you should know, along with some tips and resources that can help your mom if she does indeed have a problem.

Problem Gambling

For most older adults, gambling is simply a fun recreational activity, but for those who become addicted to it, it can be a devastating disease that can financially wipe them out.

There are a number of reasons why seniors can be vulnerable to gambling problems. For starters, seniors are often catered to by casinos with free bus transportation, free or discounted meals, special rewards and other prizes as a way to entice them.

In addition, many seniors use gambling as a way to distract or escape feelings of loneliness, depression, sadness, or even a chronic health condition. Some

may have financial problems they are seeking to overcome. And some may have cognitive impairment that interferes with their ability to make sound decisions.

Adding to the problem is that many seniors may not understand addiction, making them less likely to identify a gambling problem. Or they may be confused or embarrassed that they can't control their urges to gamble and reluctant to seek help because they think that at their age, they should know better. And even if they recognize that they have a problem, they may not know that help is available or where to get it.

You should also know that while there are many gambling options for people to get hooked on today, casino slot machines are far and away the most popular among seniors. Slot machines are much more addictive than the old machines of yesteryear with spinning lemons, cherries and melons. Many of today's slot machines offer intense sensory stimulation with large video screens, music and vibrating, ergonomic chairs.

Find Help

How can you know if your mom has a gambling problem? Gamblers Anonymous offers a 20 question online test at gamblersanonymous.org that your mom can take to help determine if she has a problem. In the meantime, here

are some questions you can ask to help evaluate her situation.

· Is she preoccupied with gambling, constantly talking about it, or planning to gamble versus doing her normal activities?

· Is she gambling more and more money to get the same level of excitement?

· Is she using her retirement funds or other savings to gamble, or is she pawning or selling personal items to get money to gamble with?

· Has she lost control to the point that she can't set a limit of time and money to spend in the casino, and stick to it?

· Does she become uncomfortable, angry or lie when you ask her about her gambling activities?

If your mom answers yes to any of these questions, she may have a problem. To find help contact the National Council on Problem Gambling (ncpgambling.org), a non-profit organization that operates a 24-hour national hotline at 800-522-4700. They can direct you to resources in your area, including counselors who have been trained through the National Certified Gambler Counseling Program.

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

Calendar of Events

Singles potluck dinner

Attention Local Singles in the Live Oak and Lake City area. Interested in getting together for some good food and fun.

We will meet at the Faith in Christ Church located 282 S.W. Magical Terrace in Lake City, Fla.

Saturday Sept. 6 at 5 p.m.
Call or text Tony at 386-623-5210
Or Dani 386-288-0961 or Julie 386-438-3394

Suwannee County Seniors

Meet at Suwannee River Economic Council's Senior Center, 1171 Nobles Ferry Road NW, Live Oak, on the following days and times:

Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Breakfast: 8:30 a.m. Lunch: 11:30 a.m.
Bingo: (Wednesdays) 10 a.m.
Meeting/Service: (Fridays) 10 a.m.
Telephone: 386-362-1164

SAR Meeting

The Lake City Chapter of The Sons of The American Revolution will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 2, at 6 p.m. at the Old Times Country Buffet, which is located in the Lake City Mall. The September meeting will include a Reunion Presentation for the Sons of the American Revolution, featuring legendary banjo player Skip Johns and his band. The group has appeared on the Grand Ole Opry, and have opened for many country and bluegrass legends, including Johnny Cash. A special feature of the evening entertainment will be Dueling Banjos.

Visitors are always welcomed. For more information call Jim Craig at 386-752-0015, or Ray Millican at 386-963-2264.

Social Sewing Club

Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. For more information, call 386-362-4062.

Class of 75 40th reunion organizational meetings

Monday, Sept. 22, 2014
Monday, Oct. 27, 2014
Place: Suwannee County Regional Library meeting room--US Hwy 129 S., Live Oak, Fla.
Time: 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Contact info: Jane Gamble Moore---386-208-2035---jgmoore57@windstream.net
Clyde Fleming---386-208-2058---flemingc@windstream.net
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Zachary Pritchard May 16, 1990 - Sept. 2, 2010



It has been four years since you left us. Your laughter and lovely smile are gone forever. Our hearts are broken that we do not have you with us. We cannot hold you, or touch you, but we have many memories. Your memories are our keepsake and will remain with us until we see you again. God has you in his keeping and we have you in our hearts.

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Your Family

SUWANNEE RIVER READINGS Branford 2014



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The following couple applied for a marriage license the week of Aug. 25 to 29, 2014:

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For information call Sandy Killian at 386-249-5181

Second Blackwater Music Festival held at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park

The second Blackwater Music Festival was held Aug. 21-23, at The beautiful Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park & Campground in Live Oak, with dozens of bands enter-

taining in record-breaking heat. But, music fans, true to form, made it through the hot weekend as they enjoyed bands such as Slightly Stoopid, Easy Star all-Stars,

Stephen Marley, Beebs & Her Moneymakers, Zoogma and many, many more great bands. Music was played on four different stages during the musical weekend.



The Expanders heating up the afternoon with music while music fans danced in front of the Porch Stage Aug. 22 during the Blackwater Music Festival held at the beautiful Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park & Campground in Live Oak.



It may have been hot but music loving guests at The Blackwater Music Festival Aug. 21-23 at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park in Live Oak, made the best of it and never missed a beat!

OBITUARIES



Walter Stebbins
Feb. 22, 1931
Aug. 31, 2014

Walter "Wally" Stebbins' flew away to his place in Heaven to be with the Master on Aug. 31, 2014 after a brief illness. He was 83. He retired from his 14 year job as Air/Sea manager for Royal Caribbean Cruise lines in Miami and moved to beautiful Suwannee county in 1989 with his wife of 30 years, Virginia "Ginny." Wally was a member of Philadelphia Baptist Church, a choir member, and former choir conductor. He loved his church, his wife/ home, his dogs, cats, and birds. In earlier years he made all state as a cross country runner at Madison West High School. He was a member of the Univ. of Wisconsin marching band and went to the Rosebowl with them. He was conductor and artist for his popular dance band, the "Wally Stebbins Orchestra". He was a competitive sailboat racer, and had the 1st waterski show in Madison, Wisconsin. He graduated from the Univ. of Wisconsin in finance/accounting and worked as an accountant for

a few years but changed his career and got a second degree to enable him to teach 6th grade. He taught for 15 years and during the same time was a rescue boat operator for the University of Wisconsin Lifesaving Station. As a community Santa Claus in Whitewater, Wisconsin, he rode a fire engine through town to Santa's workshop.

His children are Bill Stebbins (Julie), Julie Stebbins (partner Scott), Ken Stebbins (Karen) an Andrew Stebbins (Barbara). He was predeceased by another daughter, Cindy. His grandchildren are Jamie and Jillian, Ty and Eric, Jessica and Lauren, and Noah and Kendra. His step children are Julie Thompson, Donna Smith, and Douglas Browning. He will be missed!

ICS cremation in charge of all arrangements. Ashes will be scattered around his loved 10 acres.

Clara Higginbotham
April 1, 1933
Aug. 30, 2014

Clara Higginbotham, age 81, of McAlpin, FL passed away Saturday morning, August 30, 2014 at Haven Hospice in Lake City, FL. The LaGrange, GA native moved to McAlpin in 1969 from Jacksonville, FL. She was a homemaker and supporter of the Battered Women Organization, was a donor to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and a member of the McAlpin Advent Christian Church.

Clara was the last survivor of fourteen children.

She is survived by her husband, L.C. Higginbotham, McAlpin, FL; two sons, Danny Higginbotham and Ray (Patricia) Higginbotham, both of McAlpin, FL; one daughter, Laura Haynes, McAlpin, FL; seven grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held, Thursday, Sept. 4 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Sept. 5, 2014 at 11 a.m., in the McAlpin Advent Christian Church with Rev. David Collins officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Please sign the guestbook at www.harrisfuneralhome-inc.net.

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



Reina Dukes-Brown
Aug. 24, 2014

Reina Dukes-Brown, 45, passed away Aug. 24, 2014. She is survived by a host of loving relatives and sorrowing friends. Memorial service will be held 11 a.m., Sat., Sept. 6, 2014 at Live Oak Shrine Club, SE 100th St., Live Oak, Fla. 32060.

Arrangements entrusted to C. L. Page Mortuary, Inc., 3031 Moncrief Rd., Jacksonville, Fla. Please sign the Guestbook at WWW.CLPAGEMORTUARY.COM

Branson Roland Fisher Jr
Oct. 4, 1937
Aug. 28, 2014

Branson Roland Fisher Jr, 76, of Perry, died Thursday, Aug. 28, 2014. Branson was born Oct. 4, 1937 in Perry, Fla., to the late Roland and Nancy (Heard) Fisher.

Branson was of the Episcopal Faith and was a member of St. James Episcopal Church in Perry. He was a veteran of the United States Army. He then worked in law enforcement for 47 years. He retired as the Chief Investigator for the State Attorney's Office in the 3rd Circuit. In his spare time he enjoyed gardening, playing guitar, photography, watching wildlife and especially spending time with his granddaughters.

He is survived by his wife Ann Waldrep Fisher, of Perry, Fla., step-son Donn Smith and his wife Robin, two granddaughters: Laurie and Keeley Smith, all of Madison, one sister Luan Slaugh-

ter and her husband Jimmy, two nephews: Kevin Slaughter and his wife Holli and Brett Slaughter, and two great nephews: Brandon and Tyler Slaughter.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 4, 2014 at Joe P. Burns Funeral Home in Perry with Pastor Steve McHargue and Mr. Jerry Blair officiating. Interment will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery in Per-

ry. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2014 at Joe P. Burns Funeral Home. Memorial contributions can be made to the local Animal Shelter or to a charity of your choice. All arrangements are under the care of Joe P. Burns Funeral Home.

You may send condolences to the family at www.joepburnsfuneral-homes.com.

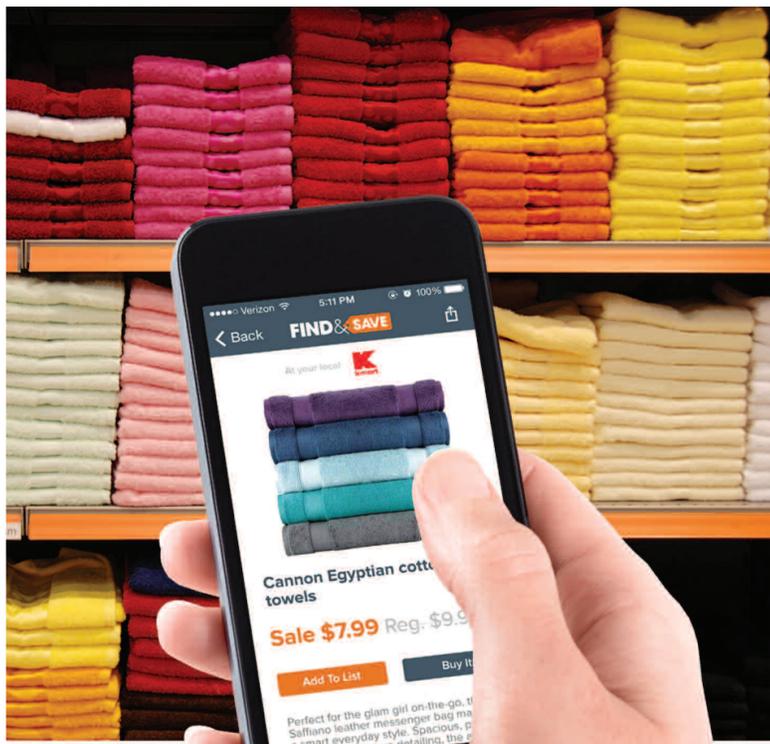
homes.com.

DEATH NOTICE

Edna Mae White
Aug. 25, 2014

Edna Mae White, 87, Live Oak, Fla. passed away on Monday, Aug. 25, 2014.

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



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BIBLE VERSE

“The earth is filled with your love, Lord; teach me your decrees.” **Psalm 119:64 NIV**

Editorial objectives for 2014

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

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GUEST COLUMN

While I was roosting on the windmill

Dwain Walden
The Moultrie Observer

Recently, I got an offer from some company that tells me that they can analyze my dreams. Well actually, they can sell me a program that will allow me to analyze my dreams. And no, I'm not buying it.

I realize that analyzing dreams has its basis in the Bible where Joseph tells the Pharaoh what his dreams mean. Now I'm not going to pooh pooh the Old Testament in that regard. I've already been called the anti-Christ once and I've had people to ask me if it would be okay for them to pray for me. I always told them that they didn't need my permission — that most days I needed all the help I could get. I think what they meant is that they thought my soul was already getting a bit charred, and they wanted to put me on a higher rack on the grill and maybe that would buy me enough time to fix things.

Most of the modern day analyzing that I've come in contact with has more to do with fortune telling, voodooing and hoodooing. And from my experience, most dreams are crazy as a sprayed roach, and if there is any significance to them, I'm not sure I want to know.

I'm sure there are some psychologists who have strong opinions that dreams are manifestations of a lot of thoughts and activities that seep through the subconscious when we are not distracted by things associated with being awake.

This is theory, of course. Our brains don't have a port where you can plug in a monitor and the dreams can be downloaded. Yet.

And it might not be a complex issue at all. It could be that one has too much barbecue or fried chicken for supper and somewhere in that cranial cosmos the software gets polysaturated and all of a sudden we are attempting to slay dragons with plastic swords and rubber bullets.

I've written about stupid dreams before. Most dreams, I think, are rather catawampus. I mean they don't follow real-life sequences.

For instance, one might be catching a five-pound bass out of a rain puddle in the front yard. In another scenario, one might fly down off the windmill, which could have some basis in fact. But flying up on the windmill would be purely fairy tale. And, of course, flying down would likely wake you up.

When I was growing up I heard people say that if you dreamed that you were falling off a cliff and you didn't wake up before you hit bottom, that you would die. I had a lot of weird dreams but that saying never scared me because in many of my dreams I could fly ... just high enough off the ground that the whampus cat and the hogbear couldn't reach me.

Even though I've never sought to analyze my dreams, I have wondered about them. And we all know that sometimes dreams seem so real. I had a woman tell me that she dreamed she and her sisters were on the Family Feud Show. It was so real to her she called one of her sisters the next day to see how much money they won. Well I'm thinking there may have been other factors involved outside of that REM sleep thing.

I think many of us share similar dreams. I think there's a common thread that includes being back in high school and we're panicking about an overdue essay. Or that we are in a very public place in our underwear. Or that we shoot at the monster and the bullet floats out of the end of the gun barrel. Or that we are at the polling place voting on term limits.

Oh well, maybe that last one is just my dream. Jump in there and share it with me if you like. But I think it might be like that thing where we fall off the cliff ... we wake up before we find out the outcome.

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OPINION

Things I don't understand

There are things that really puzzle me. Some life insurance companies charge lower premiums if you haven't made a life-shortening lifestyle choice. Being a nonsmoker is one of them. Actuarially, that makes sense because the life expectancy for smokers is at least 10 years shorter than for nonsmokers.



A MINORITY VIEW

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BY WALTER WILLIAMS

Insurance company policies charge higher premiums to those who are obese. The National Institutes of Health reports that those with a body mass index greater than 40 have a six- to 14-year lower life expectancy. Again, actuarially, that makes sense. Indeed, there's a strong advocacy for higher life insurance, as well as health insurance, premiums for those whose lifestyle choices impose a greater financial burden on society, which obesity does. But there's one important exception.

According to the International Journal of Epidemiology, life expectancy at age 20 for homosexual and bisexual men is eight to 20 years less than for all men. That's a lifestyle shortening of life expectancy greater than obesity and tobacco use. Yet one never hears of insurance companies advertising lower premiums for heterosexual men. You say, "That would be discrimination." You're right, but why is it acceptable for insurance companies to discriminate against smokers and the obese but not homosexuals? After all, they are all Americans and protected by the Constitution. It's really a matter of politics, as seen by the journal's publication of an article titled "Gay life expectancy revisited" (<http://tinyurl.com/25ejq2d>). The publication had to soft-pedal its study results because of complaints that pointing out life expectancy differences between heterosexuals and homosexuals had become fuel for homophobia. The bottom line is that homosexuals have far greater political power and sympathy than smokers and the obese.

Sticking with medical issues, Dr. Tom Frieden, head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said, "Ebola poses little risk to the U.S. general population." If one cannot contract Ebola, as the CDC claims, except

through exchange of bodily fluids, then why were millions of dollars spent transporting Ebola patients Dr. Kent Brantly and Nancy Writebol from Liberia to a U.S. hospital under extreme isolation procedures? The CDC's Ebola claim strikes me as fishy. To use a line spoken by Marcellus in William Shakespeare's "Hamlet," "something is rotten in the state of Denmark."

There are warning labels that puzzle me, engendering considerable disrespect for my fellow Americans' intellect. How about the warning, "Do not hold the wrong end of a chain saw." On packaging for a clothes iron is the warning, "Do not iron clothes on body." A Superman costume contained the warning, "Wearing of this garment does not enable you to fly."

Then there are the "do not take internally" warnings. Most often, the product containing this warning isn't something one reasonably takes internally, such as butter, soda or cough syrup. The warnings are on products such as paint, bleach and other cleaning fluids. I'm wondering how many grown Americans actually took a swig of something like Minwax, bleach or paint thinner. Then there's a warning label that appears on some automobile windshield sun screens, which people purchase to keep their cars cool: "Do Not Drive With Screen In Place."

Here's my take. The warning labels are all a waste. A person dumb enough to drink Minwax, bleach or paint thinner or drive with a sun screen in place is probably also too dumb to read. Speaking of warning labels, there's a debate about whether mother's milk is good or bad for infants -- a preposterous debate, considering the historical success of nursing manifested by a world population of 7 billion. If government authorities, such as the Food and Drug Administration, conclude that mother's milk is hazardous, I'm wondering where they're going to put the warning label.

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GUEST COLUMN

Americans' ignorance on Middle East is Obama's bliss

By Taylor Armerding
CNHI News Service

A major theme of President Obama's conservative critics is that he is naïve when it comes to foreign policy. It appears that way with alarming regularity, but I'm not so sure.

The president is highly intelligent, and it doesn't take a Ph.D. in international relations to understand what is going on in the Middle East, Russia and China.

I think it's more accurate to say that Obama thinks the majority of American citizens are naïve about foreign policy. The evidence of that is abundant.

A majority of Americans - thanks in part to Obama's incentives that promote dependency by celebrating more people on food assistance, allowing young adults to stay on their parents' health plans until they are 26, providing more government money to single mothers when they have more children, etc. - have become predictably soft and dependent.

They don't want to hear unpleasant news. They don't want to hear that the country might have a bigger problem than income inequality or rich people who allegedly don't pay their "fair share" of taxes. (The top 10 percent pay 68 percent of taxes while making 45 percent of income; and the bottom 50 percent pay 3 percent while making 12 percent.)

They want to believe that if we just leave people in other parts of the world alone, they will leave us alone. A majority of Americans want to hear that if we just stop attacking and "occupying" other countries and "stealing" their oil, people there will go back to minding their own business since their only objection is to our "interference" in their affairs.

They don't want to hear that radicals in other parts of the world think even poor Americans are too rich and immoral; that they would like to burn our cities and kill us by the millions; or that they are willing - even eager - to die in the cause of killing Americans.

They don't want to hear that it takes all sides of a conflict to really end it. What they want to hear is that the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are over, never mind any nettlesome questions like whether militants in those countries agree.

They want to believe that simply telling terrorists that they are "on the wrong side of history" and "the future is won by those who build and not destroy" will make them shake their heads in sorrow that they didn't figure that out on their own, put down their guns and missiles, and go home.

And the president is saying exactly what most Americans want to hear. Even the latest in a string of atrocities - the beheading of American journalist James Foley - didn't really change the narrative.



Armerding

Recently, Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, declared that the terrorist group now calling itself the Islamic State "will eventually have to be defeated. ... Can they be defeated without addressing that part of their organization which resides in Syria? The answer is no. That will have to be addressed on both sides of what is essentially at this point a nonexistent border."

But just days later, presumably after a smackdown from the president or his people, the general said attacking the Islamic State in Syria was unnecessary since it is not a threat to America.

The president, himself, who had called the Islamic State (then known as ISIS, or the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria) nothing more than a "jayvee team" in comparison with al Qaeda, still dismissed the idea that the group was at war with the United States. It might claim that out of "expediency," he said, "but the fact is they terrorize their neighbors."

Yes, they do. And their goal is to terrorize us and destroy us, as well. They are not just "claiming" they are at war with us. They are, whether we think so or not.

But it is so very unpleasant to think about that. It's so much more soothing to think that this is just heated rhetoric - you know, the kind you hear from attack ads during a tough political campaign - and that as soon as the Islamic State gets control of Iraq or perhaps the entire Middle East, everything will calm down if we just stay away and don't interfere.

Hey, let's relax and watch a reality show.

Yeah, we've heard that "freedom isn't free." But since rich people aren't paying their fair share anyway, they can pay for it.

Maybe, as a professor interviewed this past week on NPR declared, Obama is much smarter and more Machiavellian in his foreign policy than anybody knows. According to the prof, the president knows that the various Muslim extremists will simply attack and destroy one another if their common enemy, America, withdraws from the scene.

But maybe the battle-hardened and media-savvy terrorists mean what they say - that they intend to attack America. Maybe the fact that they are recruiting hundreds of Americans and Europeans to their cause, and that our borders are laughably porous so we can be welcoming to "undocumented immigrants," should get our serious attention.

Sure, we have the greatest military in the world. We're the Goliath on the international stage. But you know what happened to Goliath. I suspect the terrorists know, too.

The president tells us what we want to hear, not what we need to hear. And the most troubling thing is that most of us are fine with that.

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BHS Band

With growth comes need

By Andrew McGee

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The Branford High School band program has grown by leaps and bounds in contrast to the last two years according to BHS Band Director Carl Manna. He is ecstatic that so many students are taking an interest in learning to play an instrument. He is also the BHS dean of students and attributes his strong relationship with the students partially, if not entirely, to the almost supernatural growth and intrigue of the school's music program. Manna's good rapport with the students is proving what once was a negative slant, being a band geek, is now actually pretty cool.

The dream

"I'm very excited the band program is growing," said Manna. "I had a goal of having a marching band of 80 students by this year."

He said to have a marching band of 80 has almost been the slogan since his return to BHS since 2010. Currently, there are 24 members marching this year. Manna was supposed to have 32, but some students have either left the program or have moved away. Manna said that's expected for any new school year. He has a full drum line and the rest of the band is well-balanced.

"The recruiting has been tremendous," said Manna. "I have 62 in the middle school band class and 22 or 23 in the high school class."

He said the new ones in the high school band are not all veterans. Some of those are also recruits and new to the program.

"Technically, my numbers are about 85 coming through the band room in two classes," said Manna. "So, the program is growing."

Last year's numbers were a far cry from this year's with a mere nine students in high school band and 22 for middle school. The year before that, Manna said there were only seven students in middle school band.

He has told his new student musicians-to-be that they aren't required to march. If they have other interests like sports, he encourages it. He just wants them to pick up an instrument and learn how to play it.

The dilemma

Despite a school band director's "dream come true", there is a drawback. BHS does not have enough instruments to fulfill the needs of the huge influx of new band students.

Manna has had many band student parents ask him for advice on providing instruments for their kids besides having to buy them which can carry a hefty price tag.



BHS Band Director Carl Manna gives his middle school students options in acquiring a musical instrument.

- Photo: Andrew McGee

One suggestion was to rent instruments from the BHS Band Boosters which cost \$50 an instrument per semester.

Manna said parents can also rent an instrument from any of the several music stores in the area. Through the store rental, there is insurance on the instrument. If anything happened to it, it would be replaced by a new instrument without any additional charge to the student.

"Typically, those are about \$20 to \$30 a month," said Manna.

He said, thankfully, there are individuals who have been most generous by donating instruments to the band. He said folks have donated a couple of flutes, french horns and trombones. He also said borrowing an instrument would be a viable and cost-effective option. Manna also encouraged his students to talk to their rela-

tives about their need for an instrument.

"Your grandmas and grandpas are probably excited about you being in a band program," said Manna. "Your aunt or your uncle, someone in your family is excited about you being in the band. They may even give you an instrument."

Manna said they have no idea how generous some can be towards the fine arts.

Manna told them he sent out an appeal for instrument donations on Facebook this past summer.

"Since 2001, I've never had this many kids in the band program period, much less only middle school," said Manna. "So, you guys are at the beginning stages of us having a very competitive, huge band program."

He said it would be a challenge, but he was determined to make it happen.

American Legion Post 107 participates in Adopt-A-Highway program



Members of the American Legion, Auxiliary Unit and Sons of the Legion gathered at the Post on Wednesday morning, Aug. 13, for our first Adopt-A-Highway trash pickup on CR 142 in McAlpin. Twenty two volunteers walked two miles from US 129 south to 97th Lane. An estimated 200 pounds of trash was collected in a two hour period. If your business, group or organization would like to participate in the Adopt-A-Highway program contact the Live Oak Public Works Department and they will help you get started. If you are a veteran or family member of a veteran and are interested in joining the American Legion please contact 362-5987. Photo: Volunteer A.J. Berrigan

Sparkleberry chapter to resume meetings

The Sparkleberry Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society Meeting will resume its schedule of regular monthly meetings starting Tuesday, Sept. 9. The meeting will be held at the Hatch Park Community Center, 403 SE Craven St., in Branford, starting at 6:30 p.m. Our program will be on Native Bees, presented by Corey Stanley-Stahr, PhD.

Dr. Stahr, University of Florida Honey Bee Research and Extension Laboratory of the Department of Entomology and Nematology, will be talking about our native bees and the Integrated Crop Pollination Project (ICP) currently going on nationwide. Her discussion will be about identifying and

encouraging the use of native bees for crop pollination instead of relying totally on the honey bee.

The Sparkleberry Chapter meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Hatch Park Community Center except for June, July, and August. Our meetings are open to the public, so please join us.

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BHS class of 1964 50th class reunion

Please make plans to join us for Branford High School's class of 1964, 50th class reunion. This reunion will be held Oct. 3 and 4, in Branford.

On Friday, Oct. 3, we will gather at the BHS football

field at 6 p.m. for hamburgers and then attend the BHS homecoming football game together.

On Saturday, Oct. 4, at 5:30 p.m., we will gather at Branford Shrine Club for dinner and fun evening together.

If you would like to attend, please contact:

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Hamilton fights back against Sabal Trail pipeline

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Mericle said he was doing his best to supply the commissioners with the facts without getting emotional.

"But it is emotional," said Mericle. "My daughters are six-generation Floridians. They grew up in that river and swimming in those springs, and I know you all have got similar experiences. I'd like to see future generations of our kids be able to enjoy what we have. If we're not going to protect these springs and this river, who is?" he asked.

Mericle said State Rep. Elizabeth Porter said she would also write a letter to FERC that would include pertinent information from SRWMD. Commission Chair Josh Smith said the board has reached out to Porter for the last two months.

Mathis advised the board that Sen. Montford was part of a non-partisan group of senators who sponsored legislation to protect Florida springs.

"This is very near and dear to his heart," said Mathis. "He said to tell you that he will do whatever he needs to do to try to protect these springs. We've already been in contact with SRWMD, so whatever you need us to do, he said he'd be glad to do that for you to protect the springs."

Mericle said he spoke to FERC's project manager and was told there are other routes for the pipeline being evaluated that include the I-10 and I-75 corridors, "but it doesn't seem like they're really evaluating them with much gusto."

"He told me there were routes as far away as a few miles to 20-30 miles away,

but they're still moving forward here," said Mericle.

The geologist from FERC, Mericle said, is from Michigan and is not certified in Florida.

"He doesn't even know about Florida," said Mericle.

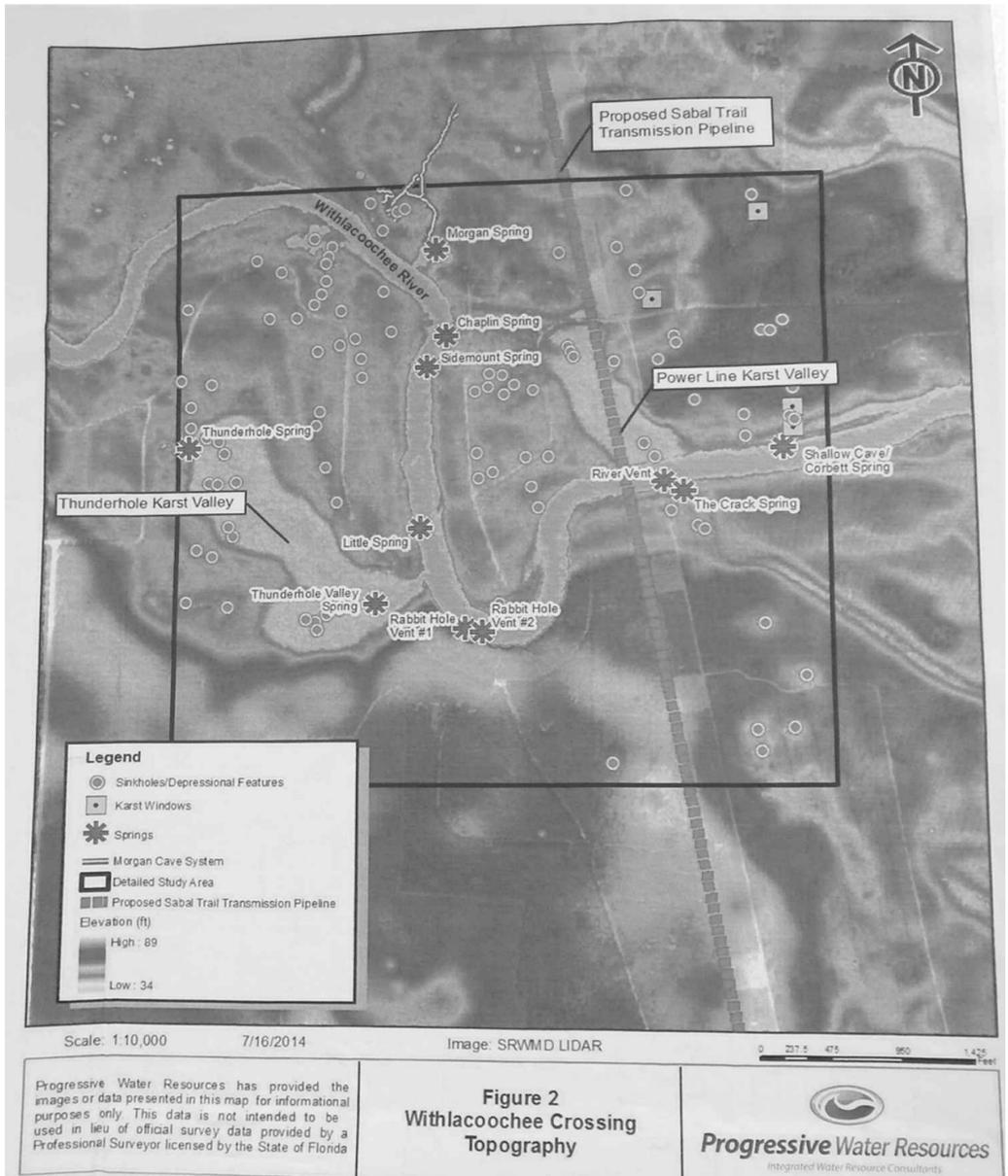
Wayne Crotty, Joe McClung and Russell Tapem, other residents who live in the affected area, addressed the board and reiterated everything Mericle said. They urged the board to take a stand and pass a resolution, and do everything possible to protect Hamilton County from any adverse effects of the Sabal Trail Pipeline by getting it rerouted away from the Withlacoochee River.

A special meeting was called on Friday, Aug. 22, and the board voted to pass Resolution 14-10 that expressed their concerns about the proposed pipeline route across the Withlacoochee River that forms the western boundary of Hamilton County.

A portion of the resolution states, "This board is particularly concerned for proposed wetland and stream crossings that may impact special aquatic sites."

The resolution also states that the board has no opposition to the installation of pipelines that support Florida's economy, however, they recommend the pipeline route be reconsidered to avoid sensitive karst regions that can have a significant impact on the water resources in the area.

The resolution is being sent to Mericle, as well as the Congressional Delegation, the State Legislative Delegation for Hamilton County and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.



The controversial area in Hamilton County where the Sabal Trail Pipeline is proposed to cross the Withlacoochee River.



Resident Chris Mericle asks the county commissioners for support in stopping the proposed route of the Sabal Trail Pipeline.

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Bow down: Chaplains, religious expression banned from Central Florida high school football



BANNED: Acting on complaints from an out-of-state activist group, Orange County Public Schools is banning chaplains and various forms of religious expression.
- Courtesy photo: Apopka High School

By William Patrick Florida Watchdog

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida's fourth

largest public school district is cracking down on religious expression at sporting events — just in time for

high school football.

Orange County Public Schools has banned team chaplains, signs with Bible references and religious-oriented phrases from appearing on student-athlete clothing. Just in case, religious music is also prohibited from game tapes.

The new policies aren't a response to complaints from parents or the school district's 185,000 students but rather from an out-of-state anti-religion group that launched a block-and-tackle campaign against a Central Florida high school more than a year ago.

The Freedom from Religion Foundation sued the school district — roughly the 10th largest in the country — in federal court in June 2013 and in March sent a letter to the Orange County Schools' general counsel alleging "rampant religious activity" at Apopka High School.

On news of the recent rule changes, the Wisconsin-based organization took to spiking the pigskin.

"The same Florida school district that is allowing atheists to distribute literature is now abolishing athletic chaplaincies for its teams and removing Bible verses from sports venues and apparel,"

the group said Thursday in a news release.

FFRF believes social and moral progress is best achieved in the absence of religion, according to its website. The groups says it has 20,000 members, of which 950 live in Florida.

While religion may not be for everyone, there's been no shortage of student progress at Apopka High School, according to Todd Lamphere, now former chaplain of Apopka's Blue Darter football team.

Lamphere, with 18 years of youth experience, told Watchdog.org "hundreds of kids have been positively impacted" through religiously motivated efforts at the school.

In a phone interview, he said almost \$30,000 in funding initiatives have been contributed through the Venue Church, which he co-founded, including feeding the football team. Helping students with financial needs and family problems is a priority, he said.

"Our focus isn't proselytizing."

"We give kids rides (home) after practice and sometimes buy them dinner," Lamphere said. "Some people just have an issue with everything that

has to do with God."

According to U.S. News and World Report, minority enrollment at Apopka High School is 62 percent, and 43 percent of students are considered economically disadvantaged.

In a city of just 41,500, the Blue Darter football team won a state championship in 2012 and finished second last year.

But an Aug. 19 memo from the school district's top lawyer, Diego Rodriguez, cited case law and a desire to avoid costly litigation as the reason behind the district's decisions.

"While I understand that there may be long-standing practices of the football team and other athletic teams at Apopka High School and possibly at other schools, such practices run afoul of established constitutional cases that prohibit such government-led action, even if these practices may even be endorsed and supported by the community at large," Rodriguez wrote.

Lamphere said he doesn't blame district officials: "They're not bad people, they're enforcing the law as they interpret it."

Lamphere said he'll follow the new rules and be available as a

"life coach" for interested students.

For its part, FFRF will be watching. The group says it previously took photographs of Lamphere and some football coaches and players with heads bowed, praying. In its complaints, FFRF made it clear it monitors social media and YouTube to find instances of religious-oriented expression.

The group tried to have elements of the Venue Church barred from the Apopka High School campus. But, by law, religious organizations have the same rights as social and civic groups when it comes to using school facilities. Outright banning them would be discriminatory.

FFRF still has a number of outstanding complaints with the district, including one alleging high school graduates are holding school-related events in churches and another that says some school faculty members are "forcing students to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance."

Music park wins six statewide industry awards

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place awards for Commemorative Poster, Green Program and Sponsor Program. Second place awards were for Radio, Social Media and Community Outreach. The awards were accepted by Teena Peavey, marketing director for The SOSMPC. Peavey also serves on the state FFEA board and is active statewide in FFEA activities.

The 1st Place Commemorative Poster Award - awarded for the beautiful Wane Music Festival 10th Anniversary; The 1st Place Green Award - Awarded for the extensive recycling program conducted at the SOSMPC year round and during festivals; and The 1st Place Sponsor Program Award - Awarded for a program the SOSMPC entered into with Columbia County Tourist Development Council and Budweiser Drink Responsible Program. SOSMPC ran busses to and from five hotels in Columbia County from 10:30 a.m. - 2 a.m. during Wane Music Festival, resulting in more than 1,000 room nights booked.

Second place Radio Award - awarded for a catchy Suwannee River Jam radio commercial; 2nd Place Social Media

Award - involved constant and lively interaction by the SOSMPC on its Facebook page with fans regarding upcoming events and lastly, The SOSMPC was awarded 2nd place in Community Outreach for its Soap for Soldiers Project during the Suwannee River Jam where guests donated care packages for overseas American soldiers. SOSMPC partnered with Sunbelt Honda, CMS Staffing, The US Navy and US Marines to collect soap, wipes, sunscreen, toothpaste and more for America's soldiers stationed overseas. "The SunSational Awards have recognized and celebrated the talents of our members for more than two decades," said Suzanne Neve, FFEA executive director. "This year, we added several new categories and received our highest volume of submissions to date. We're proud of our members and their events - and excited to recognize them in this way each year."

If you would like to know more about The SOSMPC, call 386-364-1683, email spirit@musicliveshere.com or go to www.musicliveshere.com. The SOSMPC is located at 3076 95th Drive, Live Oak.

Rabies alert issued in Suwannee County

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following precautions:

- Avoid contact with free roaming domestic or any wild animals.
- Do not leave pet food outside and secure outside garbage in covered containers to avoid attracting wild animals.
- Contact your veterinarian to make sure your dogs, cats or ferrets have a current rabies vaccination.
- Do not feed any stray or wild animals; never adopt wild animals or bring them into your home.
- Teach children never to handle unfamiliar animals, wild or domestic, even if they appear friendly.

Law enforcement and animal control officials are requested to assist in enforcement of the following requirements:

- All dogs, cats and captive wild mammals shall be confined to their owner's premises. Confinement shall be by fence, cage, on a leash under control of a responsible person, or inside the living quarters or related building.

This alert ends in 60 days, unless another incident occurs within the alert area. Please contact a local veterinarian for questions regarding the health of an animal.

If your pet is bitten by a wild animal, seek veterinary assistance for the animal and contact Suwannee County Animal Control at 386-208-0072. Persons who have been bitten or scratched by wild or domestic animals should seek medical attention and report the injury to the Florida Department of Health in Suwannee County at 386-362-2708, Ext. 245.

For further information on rabies, go the Florida Department of Health website at <http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/rabies/index.html>.

The Department works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts. During 2014, the Department is recognizing 125 years of public health in Florida with educational opportunities and events. Please visit www.FL-Health125.gov for more information.

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proposing a basin-wide goal; an accompanying report identifies the specific bacteria reductions required for each waterbody. A basin-wide TMDL is ideal for waterbodies impaired by bacteria because the water quality target and restoration techniques are typically consistent even if the scope of the impairment varies. Sources of fecal coliform bacteria include wastewater treatment facilities, agricultural runoff, stormwater runoff associated with urban development and natural sources such as wildlife.

"DEP's goal is to improve the health of Florida's waters as efficiently as possible," said Tom Frick, director of the Division of Environmental

Assessment and Restoration. "Cutting unnecessary process means we can move quickly to restoration."

The Suwannee River Basin, located in southern Georgia and north-central Florida, is one of the largest and most ecologically important blackwater river systems in the Southeastern United States. The diverse habitats in the basin support a large variety of wildlife, including several federally or state endangered and protected species. The Suwannee River has been referred to as one of the most pristine and undeveloped river systems in the United States, and has been designated an Outstanding Florida Water by DEP. Several protected natural areas are located within the basin, including three

national wildlife refuges, 10 state parks or preserves, public lands and the Big Bend Seagrasses Aquatic Preserve.

The Santa Fe River originates in a headwater swamp, flows underground and re-emerges at Santa Fe River Rise. Caves and conduits are common in the basin, offering recreational opportunities for cave divers. The Santa Fe River and associated spring systems are also popular recreation areas for swimming, tubing, paddling, boating, diving and snorkeling.

More information on the basin-wide bacteria TMDL proposed for the Suwannee and Santa Fe basins can be found on the department's website <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/tmdl/>

CRA director position on hold, for now

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"We still have to close out this year, I don't think we need to be in a big hurry to hire a CRA director," said CRA chairman Keith Mixon. "I would still like the board to consider the possibility of discussing with a consultant to see what they might offer and bring to the table in lieu of hiring just a full-time director."

Mixon added, "I'll also say from what I've looked at in the resumes, that it would behoove us to keep that open."

Board member Tim Alcorn asked who would assist local business people with questions regarding CRA

grants.

"Who is going to be here to answer these people's questions?" Alcorn asked. "Six months ago, we all sat up here and said, 'We have got to have somebody, boots on the ground to answer these questions and be here. We got to have a face. We got to have an office.'"

Board member Jennifer Seaman said accountability needs to be considered when moving forward with the position.

"The other thing...is accountability. I think that position that we've had in the past, we've allowed him to make decisions that maybe shouldn't have been made and that

needs to be addressed," Seaman said.

Mixon then asked the board to consider tabling the CRA director position until a budget workshop could be held to determine the future of the position.

Discussions then continued about the person filling the position answering directly to the city manager.

"As far as I'm aware, this is the only position that doesn't answer to the city manager," Mixon said. "I think we have better oversight if that position answers to the city manager."

The board voted unanimously to have the CRA director position answer directly to the city manager.

Oil lamp cause of South County fire

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doublewide mobile home with fire showing from half of the structure. Occupants of the home attempted to extinguish the fire, but it progressed too quickly, White reported. All occupants were able to exit the home without any injuries.

White reported fire dam-

age to about three quarters of the home. The fire was determined to be accidental caused by an oil lamp that was knocked over by a family pet.

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Six solo artists and three bands will battle for the only winner's spot Sept. 5. The winner will represent WQHL in the state finals Sept. 13 here at The SOSMPC! Saturday night, Sept. 6, Band of Brothers will rock the house, come on out

If you missed the WQHL The Big Country's Country Showdown preliminary competitions, you missed some of the greatest music at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park & Campground (SOSMPC) Music Hall! Nine contestants will battle it out Sept. 5 in the Music Hall as judges select only one winner to move forward and represent WQHL and the SOSMPC in the Florida State Country Showdown Sept. 13, all right here in the Music Hall!

WQHL Country Showdown 2014 preliminary winners competing Sept. 5 are Brittney Lawrence (Jacksonville), Barbed Wire Creek Band (Bayou George), Late Night Session Band (Live Oak), Alexis Branscomb (Lake City),

Jessica Davis (Lake City), Kara Frazier (Jacksonville), 309C Band (Palatka), Willow Veda (Lake City) and Jolie Crapo (Jacksonville/St. Augustine). Come join us during this 2014 final Country Showdown competition where only one act, a solo artist or one band, will be named the winner and move on to state. The state competition will be held Sept. 13 at The SOSMPC Music Hall where winners from across Florida as well as one solo artist and one duet from Georgia will compete to be awarded \$1,000 and move on to the regionals, just one step away from the Grand Ole Opry stage and the chance to win \$100,000 and be named the Best New Act in Country Music! Please plan now to come out and support these artists. If you need to make reservations for tables, call the SOS Café and Restaurant at 386-364-1703 and ask for Marc.

Saturday night, Sept. 6, the great Band of Brothers of Mayo, Fla. will return to the Music Hall with its fabulous band to entertain you from 8 p.m. - midnight. Dancing is highly encouraged and recommended! Don't forget those dancing shoes either night! This band rocks the house every time they take the stage with great music, great per-

formances by lead singer Travis Prine supported by Hal Thomas on vocals/guitar; Ross Wimberly - drums; Tyler Wimberly - guitar; Kevin Barrington - guitar and Scott Wimberly - guitar. If you're looking for a great night listening and dancing to a great band of good ole country boys, this is it!

Please check our website at www.musicliveshere.com to see our many events coming up such as Magnolia Fest with Lyle Lovett, Suwannee Hulaween and much, much more. Also, go to our Facebook page and like us so you can keep up with what's going on at The SOSMPC.

If you would like to make reservations for RV parking, cabins, primitive camping or camper parking for events such as the Country Showdown North Florida Finals or state competition or need more information, call The SOSMPC at 386-364-1683, email spirit@musicliveshere.com or go to www.musicliveshere.com. The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park & Campground is located at 3076 95th Drive, Live Oak, Fla, 32060, 4.5 miles south of Interstate 75 and 4.5 miles north of Interstate 10 off US 129.



309C Band



Barbed Wire Creek Band



Late Night Sessions



Alexis Branscomb



Jolie Crapo



Willow Veda



Brittney Lawrence



Kara Frazier



Jessica Davis

FCAT bash a smash

Submitted

School may be back in session but memories of the Suwannee Middle School's Summer Bash continue. It was a great day.

SMS set out to encourage all students to do their best on Florida's Comprehensive State Assessment (FCAT) given in the spring. Students were notified early in the school year that if they achieved proficiency, or "passed" the test, they would be invited to celebrate with an exciting summer party. SMS also wanted students who may perhaps struggle with academic gains to try their very best. If these students made even small gains in their state scores, they would also be invited to come out and enjoy the celebration. The goal for this event was to inspire each and every

child to work hard. And it worked! Almost 800 middle school children qualified to attend the 2014 SMS Summer Bash!

On the morning of Wednesday, July 30, hundreds of students arrived at the school and participated in various games, including wheelbarrow racing, beanbag toss, hoola hoop contests, and a football throw. The treasure dig was a well-liked game where the kids plowed through a large pile of sand to find toys and special prizes. Face painting by Nada Meeks, and manicures by the SHTC Nail Technology Department had long lines waiting their turn! The Sno-Cone booth was also a busy place. One of the most popular games included a 40 foot blowup obstacle course where two students at a time competed for the fastest finish. Principal Jay Jolicoeur sat in the popular Dunking Booth as SMS

students lined up to throw at a target in hopes to see him plunge into the water. What a great sport, Mr. J.

School Board members, Jerry Taylor and Julie Ulmer were in attendance.

Police Chief Buddy Williams and our Live Oak Police Department provided free hotdogs, chips and ice-cold water. The LOPD also brought a K-9 unit to display the amazing abilities of these canine officers. Students enjoyed petting "Rocko" after the demonstration. Our Live Oak Fire Department attended the Bash and raised their ladder to occasionally shower the kids in the July heat! It was awesome!

Many individuals, community businesses, and organizations came together to help make this event an exciting day. Our sincerest thanks go out to our sponsors:

First Federal Bank of Live Oak, Dairy Queen, James Prevatt, P.A., Live Oak Event and Party Rentals, Russ and Sue Colson of Cedar Key, Beaver's Trucking, Celebrations, The Dixie Grill "Coffee Bunch", LOPD, LOFD, Ernie Sellers, P.A., North Florida Printing, Brant and Susie Helvenston, The Live Oak Kiwanis Club, Walmart, and the faculty and staff of Suwannee Middle School.

The final event of the day was a prize give-away. Every student who came to the Bash put their name in a random drawing for prizes. Prizes included gift cards, sports merchandise, and three grand prize E-tablets!

Suwannee Middle School plans to continue this event in the future in order to inspire greatness and applaud the accomplishments of our students.



From left: SMS assistant principals Keri Bean and Kimberly Jennings; Principal Jay Jolicoeur; and Dr. Susie Helvenston, coordinator of the FCAT Bash.



Live Oak Police Chief Buddy Williams and the Live Oak Police Department provided food.



School Board members Jerry Taylor and Julie Ulmer.



Kids pet Rocko.



Face painting courtesy of Nada Meeks.



Kids enjoy the refreshing water courtesy of Live Oak Fire Department. Courtesy photos

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SPORTS



Dogs take wind out of Tornadoes

Shuts out Bradford County, 38-0

Staff

The Suwannee High School Bulldogs football team met the Bradford Tornadoes on their turf Friday night, but the Dogs didn't get swept up. On the contrary, the Dogs came to win and win they did with a 38-0 final against the home team.

It was the first official game of the season for both teams.

It was Bulldogs all the way and the team scored 21 points in the first half.

In the first quarter, with about 7:06 to go, quarterback Steven Anderson handed off to Aaron McAllister who ran the ball in from about 24 yards out. This was only the second play for Suwannee.

The Tornadoes took the ball on the 20 yard line for a first and 10. A Tornado dropped the ball, but recovered it only to be knocked down by Suwannee's Jai Kinsey and Joe Combs. The Tornadoes lost about three yards and couldn't recover.

Suwannee's Anderson handed off to Denzel Washington with about 3:10 to go in the first quarter. Washington walked it in from about the two yard line thanks to great blocking by Kinsey.

The first quarter ended with Suwannee leading 14-0.

The second quarter was all Bulldogs again, but the Tornadoes kept them to one touchdown. McAllister ran it in with about 1:11 to go. Trevor Ross success-



Denzel Washington hangs on to complete a touchdown for Suwannee. - Photo: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

fully added the point afters.

In the third quarter, Ross kicked a 37 yard field goal with about 8:30 left on the clock in that quarter, bringing the score to 24-0, Bulldogs.

Suwannee took another one in the end zone when Washington ran it in from 37 yards out, untouched by

any Tornadoes.

In the fourth quarter with about 5:30 to go in play, Jerry Holliman took it into the end zone. Ross kicked a successful point after, bringing the final score to 38-0.

The Bulldogs will face Hamilton County Friday night at home in Live Oak. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m.

Branford sneaks past Aucilla Christian



The Branford Buccaneers ready for action. - Photo: Andrew McGee

The Branford Buccaneers football team edged the host Aucilla Christian Warriors (Monticello), 26-19 in Friday's non-league bout.

The Buccaneers were down six to nothing going in the half. The team came out the second half playing a lot better.

"We thought it would be a close game,"

said coach Roy Harden. "They had decent speed and they had some pretty skilled kids we were a little bit concerned about. Defensively, we gave up a couple of long passes and they scored on us in the fourth quarter. Overall, I thought the second half we played well."

Branford's Brandon Wilson had a five

yard run touchdown in the third quarter. Jordan Weidle had a one yard run touchdown in the fourth. Brandon Wilson ran it in for 12 yards in the fourth and Alec Burt had a 26 yard touchdown with about 3 minutes to go in the fourth.

Burt also had 15 carries for 137 yards. Wilson had four tackles and an assist and

six pass breakups.

In their next game, the Buccaneers face the Trenton Tigers in a non-league bout, on Friday, Sept. 5. Branford will attempt to advance on its 1-0 season record. The Tigers enter the bout with a 1-0 record after their 17-14 non-league win over Lafayette.

Teens eager to play under the lights

By Tom Lindley
CNHI News Service

Saturdays belong to the collegians and Sundays to the pros, but Friday nights are still the domain of high school athletes.

The preps might not have the glamour of older, more accomplished players, but the good news is their sports aren't disappearing, as some pundits have predicted.

A survey by the National Federation of State High School Associations, released last week, showed that almost 7.8 million boys and girls participated in high school sports in the last school year.

That's especially good news following a flood of negative studies of sports and the con-

cern over serious injuries, especially concussions.

The report showed the first increase in football numbers in five years. An additional 6,607 boys joined 11-player football teams last year, pushing the grand total to 1,093,234. Surprisingly, 1,715 girls played high school football, an increase of 184 from the previous year.

About 40 sports were listed in the High School Athletic Participation Survey.

Bob Gardner, executive director of the federation of high school associations, had reason to be pleased.

"With the precautions that are in place nationwide to address concussions in high school sports, including football, we have

maintained that the risk of injury is as low as it ever has been," he said in a written statement. "Certainly this rise in football numbers is a confirmation of those beliefs and indicates the strong continued interest nationwide in high school football."

High school sports remain a big draw for fans, too. A study of data from the 2009-10 school year estimated that 510 million fans attended athletic events. Football and boys and girls basketball drew about 336 million spectators for regular-season and playoff games.

That survey, Gardner said at the time, showed high school sports "continue to be a big part of communities throughout our na-



SEE TEENS, PAGE 2B Lindley

Teens eager to play under the lights

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tion.” Athletic directors, coaches and school officials have worried about shrinking numbers of fans and whether that could mean cuts in athletic teams and financial support for their programs.

Some schools are learning from pro and college teams and finding ways to promote and market their athletic programs. Many turn to social media as a fast and inexpensive way to promote attendance.

The key, athletic officials say, is to work overtime on making attendance a “fan friendly” experience. Another critical step is to involve grade school and middle school students in promotions, so they become fans at an early age.

The most important element is fun. Having a good time and enjoying yourself ranks higher than anything -- even winning -- in terms of turning fans into repeat customers.

Keeping athletes interested is a priority, too. The No. 1 reason that boys and girls quit teams is because it's no longer enjoyable, according to a new study from the Milken Institute School of Public Health at George Washington University in Wash-

ington, D.C.

The study identified 81 “fun” factors. The top-rated ones weren't winning or getting medals but being a good sport, trying hard and positive coaching.

“When we think about fun we think about this abstract, elusive thing, and now we're trying to define it,” Amanda Visek, a George Washington professor who authored the study, told USA Today.

Another piece of good news from the survey of the state athletic associations: The increase in sports participation is evenly distributed among boys and girls.

“This past year's report on sports participation in our nation's high schools was another great statement about the importance of these education-based programs,” Gardner said.

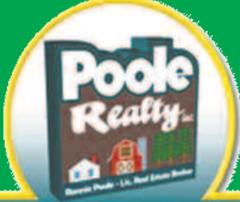
A great way to support your community, its schools and, most importantly, the boys and girls who work hard in practice and competition is to round up the family and attend a game.

The price is a bargain, the popcorn is fresh, and the players will appreciate it.

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



More teens - boys and girls - are coming out to play high school football reversing several years of decline.



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Coach Roy Harden talks to team members.



The Branford High cheerleaders. - Photos: Wynette Sumner

Explaining Sensory Processing Disorder

Educators and parents must now be more cognizant today about the various needs of their students and children. The lines between certain learning disabilities and conditions are not always easy to decipher, and this is especially true with a condition known as sensory processing disorder.

Sensory processing disorder, sometimes referred to as sensory integration dysfunction, involves the way the nervous system receives messages from the senses and transforms them into appropriate motor functions and behavioral responses. When a child has SPD, his or her sensory signals are not organized into appropriate responses. This can present challenges when performing everyday tasks, says the Sensory Processing Disorder Foundation. Clumsiness with regard to motor skills, behavioral problems, difficulties in school and anxiety are just some of the conditions that may result from SPD if no treatment is sought. A person with SPD may find clothing, physical contact or some sort of sensory input, like light or sound, to be uncomfortable, while another may underrespond to certain stimulation, such as not reacting quickly enough to pain. Others with SPD may not have adequate motor skills, leading them to consistently fall or trip. Some people with SPD overly seek out stimulation and sensation to a point where they are often misdiagnosed with ADHD. Identifying and understanding SPD is essential, as such an understanding can mean the difference between getting the right treatment or being misdiagnosed. Some people with SPD are medicated for other issues, when SPD really is the cause of their problems.

SPD is most common in children, although it can occur in adults. The exact cause of the condition, and other neurodevelopmental disorders, have not been entirely identified. Doctors believe SPD is often inherited and SPD causes are ingrained in DNA. Prenatal and birth complications also have been implicated, and environmental factors may be involved. However, researchers believe SPD is the result of factors that are both genetic and environmental.

An accurate diagnosis of SPD means that most children will be treated with some form of occupational therapy. Listening therapy and other therapies may be combined. Therapy may take place in a sensory-rich location that is challenging but fun. Additional support may be needed in the classroom for school-aged children. Because

kids with SPD have brains that are wired differently, they may require different approaches to learn their lessons. The disorder does not make them any less intelligent; it just means lessons need to be tailored to meet their needs.

The best course of action is to ask a doctor to conduct tests to determine if a child has SPD.

Research shows that families who work together with educators, therapists and other family members have the highest levels of success with regard to making life easier for someone with sensory processing disorder. Furthermore, parents who suspect their child has SPD can refer to this checklist, which is available at www.sensory-processing-disorder.com/sensory-processing-disorder-checklist.html. A child may not exhibit all signs of SPD, but the list can be a good starting point for conversations with a doctor.



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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

Case No. 14-A-32

In Re: Adoption of Baby Boy Givens DOB: 06/26/2014 by and through An Open Door Adoption Agency, Inc.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS

To: Unknown Biological Father of a Child born June 26, 2014, in Lowndes County, Georgia to Mashady Givens, the natural mother

You are hereby notified that a Petition to Terminate Your Parental Rights has been filed in the above-styled Court by The Open Door Adoption Agency, Inc. through its attorneys.

The mother of the child has surrendered her rights to the child to the Petitioner, The Open Door Adoption Agency, Inc., and the Petitioner intends to place the child for adoption.

Pursuant to Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 19-8-10, 19-8-11, 19-8-12 and other pertinent laws, you are advised that you will lose all parental rights to this child, and you will neither receive notice of nor be entitled to object to the adoption of the child, unless, within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this notice, you file a Petition to Legitimate the Child, pursuant to O.C.G.A. 19-7-22 and give notice in writing of the filing of such Petition to this Court and to the attorney listed below. You must prosecute the action to final judgment. You are further advised that if you intend to object to this Petition, you must file an Answer to the Petition to Terminate Parental Rights within thirty (30) days in the Superior Court of Thomas County, Georgia. You are urged to immediately retain legal counsel to assist you in this matter.

You should contact the attorney for Petitioner, Chris E. Ambrose, Silvis, Ambrose, Lindquist & Coch, P.C., 220 S. Hansell Street, P.O. Box 1557, Thomasville, Georgia 31799, telephone 229-228-4258 for further information. All notices to or correspondence with the Petitioner and copies of all pleadings or proceedings you may file in any court in regard to the above-referenced Child should be served upon him.

Dated this 18th day of August 2014.

SILVIS, AMBROSE, LINDQUIST & COCH, P.C. ATTORNEYS FOR THE OPEN DOOR ADOPTION AGENCY, INC.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SUWANNEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD will meet in the School Board Meeting Room, 702 2nd Street, NW, Live Oak, Florida, on the following date and time:

Thursday, September 4, 2014

5:30 p.m. Public Hearing to adopt the final Millage Rates and final Budget for 2014-2015

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

/s/ Jerry A. Scarborough JERRY A. SCARBOROUGH SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS 09/03

PUBLIC NOTICE

Suwannee County will submit the Annual Report required by the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program for fiscal years 2011/2012, 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 by September 15, 2014. Copies of the reports are available for public inspection and comment at the Office of the Chairman of the Suwannee County Board of Commissioners, Live Oak, Florida. 09/03

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.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Suwannee County, Florida, will on the 16th day of October, 2014, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. Front steps, 200 S Ohio Avenue, Suwannee County Courthouse in Live Oak, Florida 32060, offer for sale

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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.

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

Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the foreclosure sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim on same with the Clerk of Court within 60 days after the foreclosure sale.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 26th day of August, 2014.

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

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT (COURT SEAL)

By: /s/ Jillian Herron Deputy Clerk

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

CASE NO. 612014CP000133CPAXMX

IN RE: ESTATE OF ELIZABETH GIORDANO, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the ESTATE OF ELIZABETH GIORDANO, deceased, whose date of death was June 19, 2014, is pending in the Circuit Court for Suwannee County, Florida, Probate Division, 200 S. Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, FL 32060. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the attorney for the estate are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is August 27, 2014.

Attorney for Personal Representative:

JOHN MOXLEY, P.A. John Moxley, Esq. 3933 SE 13th Street Ocala, FL 34471 Fla. Bar No. 124157 Tel. (352) 694-3618 Fax (352) 694-3617 Email: jmxoley36@aol.com

Personal Representative:

John Moxley 3933 SE 13th St. Ocala, FL 34471 08/27, 09/03

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

CASE NO.: 14000067CAMXAX

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ELLAMAE KLIMKEWICZ, et al.,

Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF ACTION FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY

TO: ELLAMAE KLIMKEWICZ: ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: 13911 80TH PL, LIVE OAK, FL 32060

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ELLAMAE KLIMKEWICZ: ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: 13911 80TH PL, LIVE OAK, FL 32060

Residence unknown and if living, including any unknown spouse of the Defendant, if remarried and if said Defendant is dead, his/her respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant; and the aforementioned named Defendant and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendant and such of the unknown name Defendant as may be infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui jurs.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property to-wit:

A PART OF TRACT 52, PARCEL 8, LIVE OAK RANCHETTES (UNRECORDED) IN THE E1/2 OF THE SE1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF THE SE1/4 OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 13 EAST, SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID E1/2 OF THE SE1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF THE SE1/4; THENCE N 01°01'08" W, A DISTANCE OF 284.74 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE N 01°01'08" W, A DISTANCE OF 127.37 FEET; THENCE N 89°18'43" E, A DISTANCE OF 336.30 FEET; THENCE S 01°01'26" E, A DISTANCE OF 127.4 FEET; THENCE S 89°19'12" W, A DISTANCE OF 336.31 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER AND ACROSS THE EAST 30.00 FEET OF THE SOUTH 284.88 FEET OF SAID EAST 1/2 OF SE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 AND OVER AND ACROSS THE SOUTH 30.00 FEET OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 OF SECTION 17, SAID EASEMENT RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 809, PAGE 410 AND O.R. BOOK 374, PAGE 375, AND O.R. BOOK 208, PAGE 134, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH ONE 2000 CLAY DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME WITH IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS WHC010313GAA AND WHC010313GAB LOCATED THEREON AND CONSIDERED A PART THEREOF. THESE MOBILE HOME TITLES HAVE BEEN RETIRED WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES ACCORDING TO FLORIDA STATUTE SECTION 319.261 AND HEREAFTER WILL ALWAYS BE A PART OF THIS REAL PROPERTY.

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This action has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, to it on the Plaintiff's attorney, FLORIDA FORECLOSURE ATTORNEYS, PLLC, whose address is 601 Cleveland Street, Suite 690, Clearwater, FL 33755, on or before 30 days after the first publication, and file the original with the Clerk of the Circuit Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 8th day of August, 2014.

(Court Seal) Clerk of the Court SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: /s/ Jillian Herron Deputy Clerk

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

CASE NO. 14-152-CA

CAPITAL RESOURCES FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC., a limited liability company,

Plaintiff,

vs.

BHOJNARINE SHARMA,

Defendant.

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NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: BHOJNARINE SHARMA LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose an Agreement for Deed on the following described property:

For Point of Beginning: Commence at the Southeast corner of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 2, Township 3 South, Range 11 East, Suwannee County, Florida, and run thence West along the South line of said SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 a distance of 438 feet; thence run North a distance of 306 feet; thence run Northeast a distance of 465 feet, more or less, to a point on the East line of said SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4, said point being 516 feet North of the point of beginning; thence run South along said East line, a distance of 516 feet to the Point of Beginning; subject to the road right of way.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Eddie M. Anderson, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 1179, Lake City, Florida 32056-1179, no later than thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. There may be money owed to you after a foreclosure sale. You may contact the clerk of the court at (386) 362-0500 for information on what you need to do to get the money. You do not need to hire an attorney or other representative to get this money.

DATED on August 20, 2014.

(Court Seal) BARRY A. BAKER, Clerk of Court

By: /s/ Sallie Pert As 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.: 61-2012-CA-000130

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

TERESA DILLON, et al.

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to an Order Canceling and Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated August 21, 2014, entered in Civil Case Number in the Circuit Court for Suwannee County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. the Plaintiff, and TERESA DILLON, et al., are the Defendants, I will sell the property situated in Suwannee County, Florida, described as:

THE NORTH 210.0 FEET OF THE WEST 420.0 FEET OF THE SOUTH 495.0 FEET OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH RANGE 14 EAST, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH: 1998 GENE MOBILE HOME ID# GMHGA4329717510A & GMHGA4329717510B, TITLE NOS. 7325911 AND 73252912 24 X 60

at public sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Front Steps of the Courthouse at the Suwannee County Courthouse located at 200 South Ohio Avenue in Live Oak, FL 32064 at 11:00 A.M., on the 23rd day of September, 2014. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated: August 21, 2014.

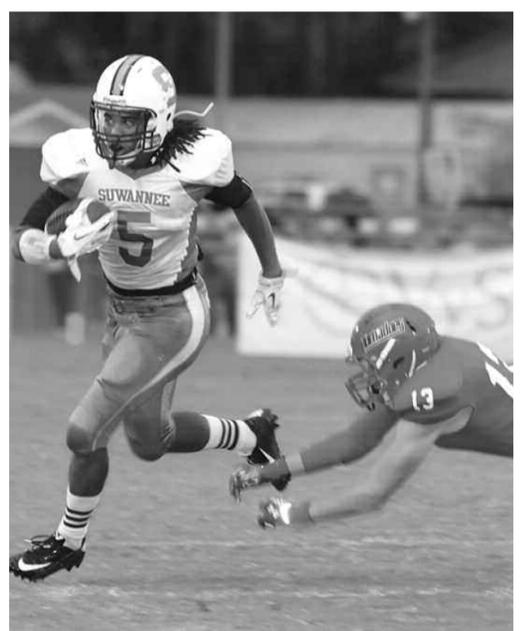
(Court Seal) By: /s/ Sallie Pert Suwannee County Clerk of Court CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation to participate should call the ADA Coordinator, Jacquetta Bradley, P.O. Box 1569, Lake City, FL 32056, 386-719-7428, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired call (800) 955-8771; if you are voice impaired call (800) 955-8770. 09/03, 10

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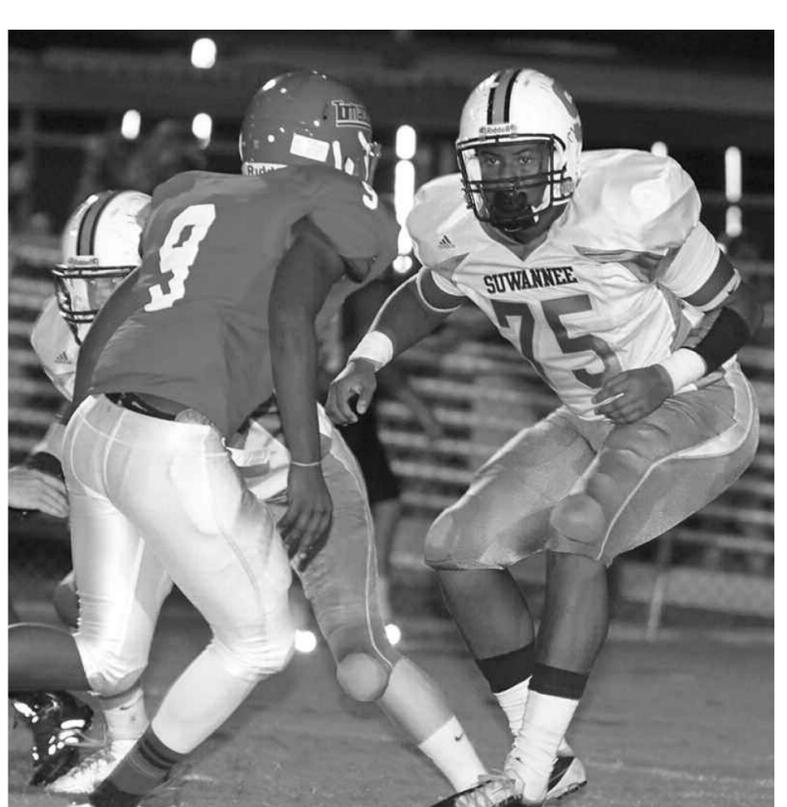
Trevor Ross kicks a successful point after.



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 Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. has a job opening for a Member Services Representative. This position reports directly to the Member Service Manager and its purpose is to provide prompt, accurate, and courteous service to the member-consumer both in person and by phone. This position requires a High School Diploma or Equivalent with a minimum of two years' experience in Customer Service. Ability to speak fluent Spanish is preferred. Applications and Resumes are being accepted at the following website: <http://candidateink.com/SVEC>. The deadline for accepting applications is Wednesday, September 3, 2014. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

NOW HIRING
Experienced Buncher Operator, Experienced Loader Operator for busy log crew.
 MUST be experienced in the log woods; must be dependable, self-reliant, motivated & hard working. Master Logger certified is a plus, but not required. Pay is competitively based upon skill level, experience & dependability. Must be able to operate slasher and delimeter. Advancement to Crew Foreman may be a possibility, depending upon knowledge, skill level, work ethic, motivation, and if you are a team player. Hard-workers ONLY please.
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FirstDay
Private party looking for an individual experienced in the installation of metal roofing to help replace roof on my private home near Mayo, FL. 865-458-8944

FirstDay
PART TIME COLLECTION SITE ATTENDANT
 The Lafayette County Commission will be accepting applications for a part-time collection site attendant.
 Applications may be picked up at the office of Clerk of Court, 120 West Main Street, Mayo, Florida 32066. All applications are due by Friday, September 5, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.
 The Lafayette County Board of County Commissioners is an equal employment opportunity employer that does not discriminate against any qualified employee or applicant because of race, color, national origin, sex including pregnancy, age, disability, or mental status.

Help Wanted

FirstDay
PART-TIME CUSTODIAN
 The Lafayette County Commission will be accepting applications for a part-time position for custodian of the Third District Community Center. The position includes cleaning the center after each use by the general public.
 Applications may be picked up at the office of Clerk of Court, 120 West Main Street, Mayo, Florida 32066. All applications are due by Monday, September 8, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

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NOTICE OF INTENDED EMPLOYMENT AND REQUEST FOR APPLICANTS

The Hamilton County Road Department gives notice of intent to fill available positions at the Road Dept.

TRUCK DRIVER/ MAINTENANCE WORKER (40 hours per week)
 Salary: \$22,880.00

Qualifications: Applicant must be able to operate various types of equipment. They must have a current Class B CDL Florida license. Be willing to learn to operate various kinds of equipment and perform other maintenance jobs as directed by the County Road Superintendent. Applicant must be able to pass a drug test.

Submit applications to the Hamilton County Road Department, 1623 M.L.K Drive, Jasper, Florida 32052

Closing date is September 12th, 2014

Hamilton County is a Drug Free Workplace and an Equal Opportunity Employer. Veteran's preference will apply, in accordance with Section 295.07 Florida Statutes.

TRUCK DRIVERS
 Williams Dairy Trucking Company is accepting applications for Full & Part-Time positions. Must be at least 23 yrs. old, possess a valid commercial drivers license with tanker endorsement and have clean MVR. At least 2 years of experience req. Please contact us at 912-367-9160 for applications and job information.

WANTED: 2 volunteers 2-3 hrs/day, 3-4 days/wk to work with cats at a Cat Sanctuary. Email: preenacres@windstream.net or call 386-658-6438.

Pets/Free Pets
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 3 Bulldog mix puppies, 9 weeks old.
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FOR SALE: Washer & Dryer \$100. each. All in good condition. 386-792-3956 or 386-965-9598 or 678-617-5560.

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Would you like to work in Health Care? Then become a Certified Nursing Assistant. Quest Training offers a nurse-taught prep class. NO GED required if age 18. Day & evening classes. Professional training site and high pass rates. 386-362-1065

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FOR SALE: "GHEENUE" 16' Fiberglass Canoe & 3HP Evinrude motor. \$350.00 for both. 678-617-5560 or 386-792-3956.



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