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CSX Transportation has ordered the owners of the Village Inn Apartments, formerly Blue Lodge, to remove the entrance towers and wall from the railroad's right of way. The structures have been a landmark on US 90 West in Live Oak for more than 60 years. - Photo: Jeff Waters

Live Oak landmark has to go, says CSX

Railroad wants entrance towers to old Blue Lodge removed from right of way

By Jeff Waters jeff.waters@gafnews.com

The owners of the Village Inn Apartments, once known as Blue Lodge, have been ordered to remove two entrance towers and a wall that have been part of the landscape on US 90 West for 69 years.

local railroad. The owners of the Village Inn fear CSX plans to close the crossing there, thus hampering access to the apartments and business office.

However, CSX denies that is the case - at least for now.

"At the moment we do not intend to close the crossing," said spokesperson Gary Sease. "We obviously don't have that authority. The state would have to tell us,

and they haven't yet."

Assuming CSX does not intend to close the crossing, the reason for the order to remove the towers and wall is unclear.

An agreement was signed in 1940 by Seaboard Railroad and the founder of Blue Lodge, LaVergne Blue, to allow the structures to be built on the railroad's right of way. However, current rail owner CSX Transportation said in a letter to Village Inn Apartments owner Al Dalton that the company is terminating that agreement.

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Veterans ceremony set for Wednesday

Folks will fill the Live Oak Cemetery Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. to honor U.S. veterans.

Veterans Day, then known as Armistice Day, was first introduced to America in November 1919 by President Woodrow Wilson, in commemoration of the end of World War I.

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'Sound of Suwannee' qualifies for State

Staff The Suwannee High band, the Sound of Suwannee, came away from the 2009 Southern Showcase of Champions Marching Band Invitational in Alachua recently with a "Superior" ranking and a third place showing in their division. More importantly, the band earned a berth in

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Better fire protection in the works for Luraville

By Jeff Waters jeff.waters@gafnews.com

Residents of Luraville will be getting a new volunteer fire station soon.

The Suwannee County Commission approved a bid of \$236,348 to GRG Building & Contracting of

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To view previous volumes of SHS Total access, go online at www.Youtube.com and type keywords "SHS Total Access" into the site search menu. Be sure to visit the site Monday around 9:30 a.m. to catch the newest episode.

Total Access a YouTube hit for SHS

Students produce Internet show with barely any budget

By Carnell Hawthorne Jr. carnell.hawthorne@gafnews.com

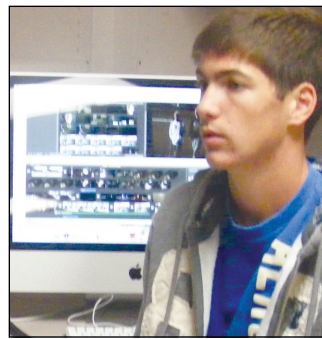
Thanks to some smart, resourceful students at Suwannee High, local folks and those abroad now have full access to the latest happenings at SHS.

Wednesday, nearly 20 students in instructor Steve Johnson's television production class were hard at work completing assignments and editing show material for their weekly YouTube podcast called SHS Total Access. Their newest episode airs Monday morning.

Each week, students prepare a 9 1/2 minute long volume of the campus-related online show.

"Since around Christmastime last year, we've gone from producing one show a month to a new show every other week, and now we produce the show once a week," said 18-year-old Brenna Manns.

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Student producer Jake Hayes, 17, edits a "Most Valuable Dog" segment for the YouTube show SHS Total Access.

- Photo: Carnell Hawthorne Jr.

"All I can give my students is experience and imagination. That's pretty much what we live on here. I think the product speaks for itself."

- Instructor Steve Johnson

North Florida water under threat again

SRWMD adamant about keeping the Suwannee within its banks

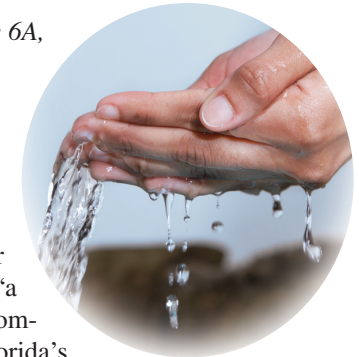
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See Our View, Page 6A, for related commentary.

The Florida Senate Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee has called for the establishment of "a central regulatory commission to oversee Florida's water resources and supply development," according to an interim committee report.

Such a move could involve sending water from the Suwannee River south to appease the growing demands of economic development and to replace dwindling water supplies there.

"A water supply commission could oversee building pipelines and storage tanks 'needed for the storage and distribution of water over a broad geographic area so as to provide water to and between regional water supply entities,'" the St. Petersburg Times reported Oct. 31, quoting a draft report by the Council of 100, a Tampa-



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CORRECTIONS The Rev. Willie Lee, pastor of Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church on Roberts Street in Live Oak, did not make two statements attributed to him in an Oct. 21 Suwannee Democrat story concerning possible legal action in a dispute over access to the church.

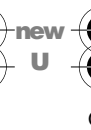
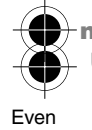
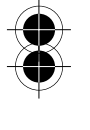
Miss Majestic Pageant contestant Jasmine Henderson was incorrectly identified on Page 12A of the Nov. 4 Suwannee Democrat. Our apologies.

Ebenezer A.M.E. Church anniversary Ebenezer A.M.E. church, 411 Parshey will be celebrating their 141st anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 8, 2009, at 4 p.m., Rev. Clifton Riley, will be the guest speaker.

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# EXTENSION UPDATE Just what is the Cooperative Extension Service?



By Mary Sowerby  
Regional Specialized Dairy Agent

Call 386-362-2771 and a pleasant voice will answer, "UF/IFAS/Suwannee County Extension Service. How may I help you?"

You would have reached the Suwannee County Extension Office at 1302 11th Street SW, next to the County Ag Coliseum and Fairgrounds. Extension offices found in each county of the state have been described as the local front door of the University of Florida.

Helping you is what the Cooperative Extension Service is all about. Historically, the 1914 Smith-Lever Act provided federal support for land grant institutions (in Florida they are the University of Florida and Florida A&M) to offer educational programs. These programs were and continue to enhance the application of useful and practical information beyond their campuses through Cooperative Extension efforts with state and local communities.

Today that means a wealth of practical information is available through the Extension office. From help identifying the disease of a plant; to money management tips; to crop fertilizer recommendations; to teaching 4-H livestock judging; to helping find the solution to your life's problems. In fact, at your fingertips through the Internet, there is an incredible library of information found at the UF Extension Web site: <http://solutionsforyourlife.ufl.edu>.

Each of the five county

agents, and one regional agent with offices in the Suwannee County Extension Office have advisory committees who share programming suggestions based on their needs. Since needs change, so do programs, which are constantly evolving with new research-based information.

The agents in our office each have their own specialties:

Katherine Allen - (County Extension Director) Energy efficient home building, food safety and canning; advisor to the Home and Community Educators.

Brian Estevez - 4-H youth programs.

Cathy Rogers - Nutrition and money matters, including classes for diabetics and new homeowners. In addition, she coordinates the county Family Nutrition Program grant from which Bonnie Box teaches nutrition to all the Live Oak Pre-K through first grade classes.

Carolyn Saft - Horticulture, including the Florida Friendly Landscaping program and training Master Gardeners to help answer homeowner landscape and plant questions.

Mary Sowerby - (Regional) Dairy production, financial and nutrient management.

Elena Toro - Agriculture, especially livestock, forages and farm management.

In addition, we are blessed to have two Regional Specialized Agents who work out of the Suwannee Valley-North Florida Research and Education Center (phone number 386-364-1725):

Bob Hochmuth - Small farms and vegetables;

Linda Landrum - Marketing and rural development.

If these folks do not know the answers to your questions, they tap into the knowledge of specialists at the University of Florida. From there an Extension network throughout the land grant university

system is available for reference.

Assisting with question answering and educational programming at the Suwannee County Extension Office, are a wonderful support staff: Diane McMillan, Wanda Walters, Pam Burke and Carolyn Williams. These ladies keep things going as agents are out and about doing one-on-one consultations or educational programs.

In addition, a fantastic group of people serve as volunteers who do everything from teaching about bats and humming birds as Master Gardeners, to leading local 4-H Clubs, to teaching nutrition and cooking as Home and Community Educators, to acting as advisors to the various program areas, to answering the phone when all staff members are meeting.

Ultimately, the whole purpose of the Suwannee County/University of Florida/ Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Cooperative Extension Service, is just that - to provide service to the citizens of Suwannee County.

It is all about YOU: Your questions and informational needs. So please do not hesitate to contact us.

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

## 'GOD OF THIS CITY - TIME OF PRAISE' CANCELED

"God of This City - Time of Praise," scheduled for Nov. 14 at Millennium Park in Live Oak, has been canceled.

## Old Timey Day at Shady Grove

Shady Grove Baptist Church will host Old Timey Day on Saturday, Nov. 7, beginning at 8 a.m. Come and join us for a fun-filled day. Sample foods cooked on wood burning stove 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. There will be a grist mill, windmill, wood-splitting, rock-crushing, cane grinding, syrup making, steam engines, antique cars and antique tractors. Desserts and coffee, fun around the firepot, 5-6 p.m. This will be a day of fun for the whole family and it's all free. Shady Grove is located 15 miles west of Live Oak at 5858 River Road.

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## November is Hospice Month in Suwannee



Suwannee County honored hospice caregivers, volunteers and staff at Tuesday's county commission meeting by proclaiming November Hospice Month. Here, Commission Chairman Jesse Caruthers congratulates Hospice of the Nature Coast acting Regional Manager Amanda Davis. - Photo: Submitted

## Florida Trail Association to meet

The Suwannee Chapter of the Florida Trail Association will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Nov. 9 from 7-9 p.m. at the Suwannee River Water Management District on US 90 and CR 49, two miles east of Live Oak. The public is welcome.

The program will feature Mark Ackerman, son of author Joe Ackerman, who wrote Florida Cowman, A History of Florida Cattle Raising. The presentation will include tales of the cracker cowboys of Florida.

After the program stay for a discussion about Suwannee Chapter's upcoming tours and trips, many of which are open to the public.

The Suwannee Chapter maintains many miles of the Florida National Scenic Trail along the banks of the Suwannee River for the hiking public.

For more information, contact Chapter Chair Sylvia Dunnam, 362-3256, [dunnams@windstream.net](mailto:dunnams@windstream.net).

## Campaign rally for Randy Hatch

A campaign rally for Randy Hatch is set for Nov. 12 from 5-7 p.m., at Soldier's Grill and General Store, 22888 S.R. 247.

Hatch is seeking the office of state Agriculture Commissioner.

R.S.V.P.: Pat Williams, 386-935-0847.

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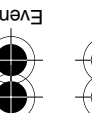
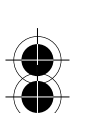
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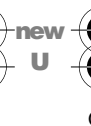
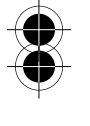
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SHS grad Peters returns to Iraq

Second tour of duty for Live Oak native

Submitted Lee I. Peters III has been deployed to Iraq for his second tour of duty with the 3rd Infantry Division, based at Fort Stewart, Ga.

Peters is assigned as the Deputy Public Affairs Officer for the division, and works out of division headquarters for the 2-star general in-charge of the 3rd Infantry Division. This will be the fifth deployment for the division since the start of the Iraq War.

Peters enlisted in the Army after graduation from Suwannee High School in 1988, and has attended West Point, where he was commissioned as an officer in 1995. He has served his country in Korea, Hawaii and Germany, prior to his first deployment to Iraq, in 2007, for the 15-month "surge."

Infantry Division. Several family members

traveled from Live Oak to Fort Stewart, Ga. to wish

him well and Godspeed for a safe return.



From left: Ryan J. Peters (brother), Tammy M. Peters (sister), Lee I. Peters III, Lee I. Peters Jr. (father) and Mabel L. Peters (mother).

Five Church Revival

November 8-12, 2009

Sunday, November 8, 6 p.m. Dowling Park Baptist Church, speaker Rev. Bobby McCray.

Monday, November 9, 7 p.m. - Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, speaker - Rev. Shawn Johnson

Tuesday, November 10, 7 p.m. Orange Baptist Church, speaker Rev. J. H. Brown

Wednesday, November 11, 7 p.m. - Pine Level Baptist Church, speaker - Rev. Shawn Johnson.

Thursday, November 12, 7 p.m. Dowling Park First Baptist Church, speaker - Rev. Morgan Campbell

Please pray for each church and each speaker.

Dowling Park hopes to be in their new sanctuary.

NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL HEALTH DEPT.

November: American Diabetes Month

By Mindi Clark, R.N.

November is American Diabetes Month. Please join the Suwannee County Health Department and the American Diabetes Association in the campaign to help stop the diabetes epidemic. Nearly 24 million adults and children are living with diabetes and it is estimated that 57 million Americans have pre-diabetes (blood glucose levels higher than normal) or are at risk.



There are three types of Diabetes: Type 1, Type 2 and Gestational Diabetes. Each type happens for different reasons but one is not worse than another. They all result in high blood glucose levels.

There are some common symptoms that one may experience with diabetes. Some of those symptoms become bothersome and a person will seek help from a doctor.

Symptoms of Type 1 Diabetes may include:

- \* Fatigue (tiredness)
\* Blurred vision
\* Frequent infections
\* Poor wound/sore healing
\* Dry, itchy skin
\* Numbness and tingling (like sleeping) in hands, legs and feet

Symptoms of Type 2 Diabetes may include:

- \* Frequent urination
\* Increased thirst
\* Increased hunger
\* Unexplained weight loss

Uncontrolled diabetes can lead to complications that affect your:

- \* heart
\* blood vessels
\* eyes
\* kidneys
\* feet
\* nerves
\* sexual function
\* emotional health

If you have experienced any of the above symptoms or if you have a family history of diabetes, please contact your doctor to be tested for diabetes. Many times, diabetes can be controlled with food and activity and sometimes medications.

The American Diabetes Association has information on its Web site www.stopdiabetes.com, Facebook at facebook.com/AmericanDiabetesAssociation and Twitter.com/AmDiabetesAssn.

So take care of your health and decide to make the change for a healthier life by taking care of you.

WEDDING REMINDER

Swords & Milton

Micah Swords would like to remind you of the marriage of his mother Bethany Swords to Luke Milton.

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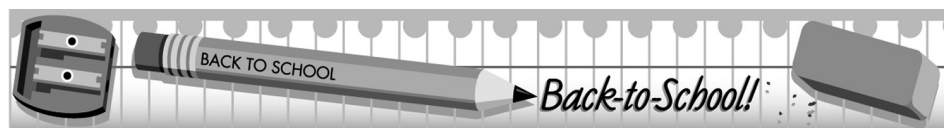
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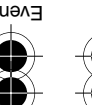
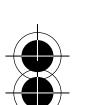
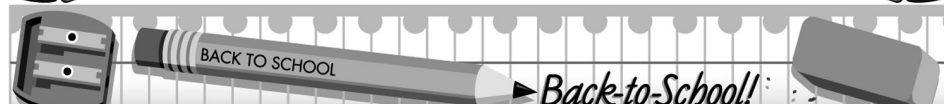
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# Suwannee/Lafayette Retired Educators host state workshop



From left: Kenneth Lee, Andrea Miller, Elouise Green, Judy Sweat, Charles Blalock, Debbie Scott.

- Photo: Submitted

The Suwannee/Lafayette Retired Educators served as hosts of a District 3 workshop for the State Retired Educators in Perry recently.

District 3 Director Flora Woodfaulk presided and facilitated the workshop. State President Marie Grien assisted by vice president Esther Twitchell, state director Virginia West and executive secretary Barbara Williams were also participants.

SLREA's president, Elouise Green welcomed the units of District 3

(Dixie, Madison, Suwannee/Lafayette and Taylor) followed by two general sessions and three breakout sessions. The workshop was very informative and enjoyed by all attendees.

The SLREA extends a hearty invitation to potential members and members to participate in activities planned for the coming year.

### Judy Dees Sweat appointed District 3 Trustee

Judy Sweat will serve the unexpired term of Joannette H. McMillan, who resigned as District 3 Trustee on May 29.

Judy retired in December 2000, after twenty-one and a half years of service with Suwannee County school system. She taught middle school Language Arts, Elementary Grades 2-5

(reading labs and self-contained classes). She taught adult education in the vocational school night program and served as assistant principal/curriculum coordinator, principal, and Director of Human Resources.

She spent eight years in the classroom and twenty-one and a half years in administration. She is a graduate of the University of Florida with a Bachelor's in Secondary English, a Master's in Elementary Education, and a Specialist in Administration and Supervision.

Judy has been an active member of the Suwannee/Lafayette Retired Educators Association since retiring. She has returned to her hometown of Mayo after living for a short while in South Florida.

### Joannette H. McMillan (Suwannee/Lafayette REA)

Joannette H. McMillan is active as a community volunteer in the Mayo United Methodist Church where she decorates the church and cooks meals for church events.

She is very active in the Mayo Eastern Star and Mayo and Live Oak Woman's Clubs. She is a Charter Member of Gamma Nu Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, and Suwannee/Lafayette Retired Educators Association. She is the outgoing FREF District 3 Trustee.

## GOLF SCRAMBLE BENEFIT

for Suwannee County School's Students in Transition

Hosted by Employees of Suwannee CI

Friday, November 13, 2009

The Country Club of Lake City (formerly Southern Oaks)  
386/752-2266

Registration - 7:00 am

Tee Off - 8:00 am

Entrants call Major Dennis Crawford at  
386/963-6136 (work)  
or 386/867-0674 (cell)

Limited to first 30 teams entered

Deadline for entry - November 5, 2009

Format - 4 Person Scramble

Prizes: 1st and 2nd Place  
Closest to the Pin & Straightest Drive

Entry fee - \$60/person

"A person never stands so tall, as when they stoop to help a child"

HOLE SPONSORS appreciated at \$50 per hole  
A sign with your name or business on it, will be placed on the course  
Call Lisa Garrison 386/647-4623 or Debra Ross 386/647-4628

"Help us help our Homeless Students"

## SRWMD Governing Board to meet

The Suwannee River Water Management District's Governing Board will meet Nov. 12 at 9 a.m. at Otter Springs Park & Campground, Springhouse Lodge, 6470 SW 80th Avenue, Trenton (352-463-0800). The meeting is to consider District business and conduct public hearings on regulatory and land acquisition matters. A workshop held at the Cedar Key Public Library, 460 2nd Street, Cedar Key, (352-543-5777) will follow the Governing Board meeting.

All meetings, workshops, and hearings are open to the public.

## Church Yard Sale

Live Oak Christian Church will hold a yard sale on Saturday, November 7, 8 a.m. - 12 noon.

The church is located at 1015 North Ohio Avenue, Live Oak. Our goal is to raise funds to defray the cost of attending the Women of Faith Conference next summer.

## St. Luke's Busy Hands for Babies yard sale

Saturday, November 14, St. Luke's Busy Hands for Babies yard, bake sale, and handmade table.

St. Luke's Busy Hands for Babies will hold a yard sale from 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 1391 SW Eleventh St., Live Oak, across from the Garden Club.

The sale will be inside and there will be clothing, books and lots more. Come and see our handmade gift table for Christmas ideas. The proceeds to buy material and yarn to make items for two children's hospital's located in Gainesville and Jacksonville.

## Westside Baptist Church to hold Fish Fry

Westside Baptist Church of Live Oak will be holding a fund raiser fish fry in the parking lot of Lowe's on US 129 North, on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The menu will be

mullet, beans, coleslaw. The cost per plate will be \$6.50. Come help us raise funds for our church.

For more information please call 364-4601 or 658-3895.



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# Viewpoints/Opinions

## BIBLE VERSE

“This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God’s servants, who give their full time to governing.”

- Romans 13:6

## Suwannee Democrat



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## OUR VIEW Suwannee Democrat

### The lure of easy water

Face it, we’re never going to be free of the threat to our water supply posed by South Florida developers and politicians.

The Florida Senate got into the act a few weeks ago, issuing an interim report that resurrects a wrong-headed idea from 2003: the creation of a statewide water panel with power to send the precious resource from one part of the state to another, depending on where it’s “needed.”

That idea echoes the thinking of the Council of 100, a powerful Tampa-based business group that published a report to that effect in 2003, and has since issued an updated draft just to make clear they aren’t giving up.

We can fight them off for a while, but what we really fear is this. South Florida politicians see the Suwannee as their ace in the hole, and have for some time. They may not win this round of the water wars, but in their minds, when things get bad enough - when the state’s economy might otherwise begin to crumble - we’ll give up our water, and willingly.

We’ll see about that.

In the meantime, let’s hope the conservation bug bites our brothers and sisters to the south. Something’s got to give somewhere. And stranger things have happened.

## ONLINE OPPORTUNITY QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Do you think the U.S. should send more troops to Afghanistan?

Vote online at [www.suwanneedemocrat.com](http://www.suwanneedemocrat.com)

### Poll Results (10-29-09)

Have you begun your Christmas shopping yet?  
Yes 28% No 72%

This poll is not scientific and reflects the opinions of only those Internet users who have chosen to participate. The results cannot be assumed to represent the opinions of Internet users in general, nor the public as a whole.  
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# Rant & Rave

## Want to vent? Our hotline is open 24/7.

Suwannee Countians, it’s time to speak your mind! How? By calling the Suwannee Democrat Rant and Rave hotline. The hotline never closes and is your way to let it out. You can let everyone know how you feel -- as long as you express yourself in a respectful way.

Note: In written entries to Rant and Rave, errors in spelling, grammar or punctuation are those of the authors.

Lissen up, got me a great idea here! Let’s take a coupla million taxpayer \$\$\$ and buy us up a wealthy familie’s estate. Then we can make a showcase of this home for all the tourists we ain’t got ‘cause we likes to chase folks off ‘round here, ‘course we could rent it out to for events, but only to sweet tea sippin’, bible thumpin type folks. Boatloads of bucks there I’ll reckon. Thataway we can remove it from the tax role, set up yet another do nuthin’ board to run it, maybe hire some politicians nephew for ‘bout 30 grand to sit there an look at it, raise homeowners an gas tax some more to maintain it and give the useless tourism board some money to promote it. What the hell, we’s a rich, progressive, open minded bunch ‘round here. This here democracy thang is a give an take deal, 90% givin & 10% a takin. Well we could always buy up some bogus bonds to cover it. Ah tol’ you this was a good idear.

In response to your narrow-minded ranters concerning the recent Magnolia Festival at the Spirit of The Suwannee Music Park. Thanks for focusing on the negative aspect that of large gathering. Yes there were 20 arrests over the 4-day festival, but there were thousands of concert-goers and hundreds of fine musicians playing everything from Bluegrass to Rock and Roll. The festival atmosphere was incredible, as it always is and for the vast majority of visitors to the park, a fantastic time.

The police officers working the festival did an outstanding job as usual, but if you ask them they will tell you overall the crowd was peaceful, respectful and law-abiding. I bet most of them would rather work this festival than put up with the drunken rednecks at the country jam.

Lastly, the Suwannee Democrat chose to ignore the festival, as usual, until after the fact with the negative news. Next year try doing some positive articles regarding the musicians, the organizers and fans of great music. By the way the Bear Creek Festival is coming up in a few weeks. Hint, Hint. Get out the Funk!

Editor’s note: For the record, we devoted a full page to Magnolia Fest coverage. See Page 9 of Classified Marketplace in our Wednesday, Oct. 21 edition.

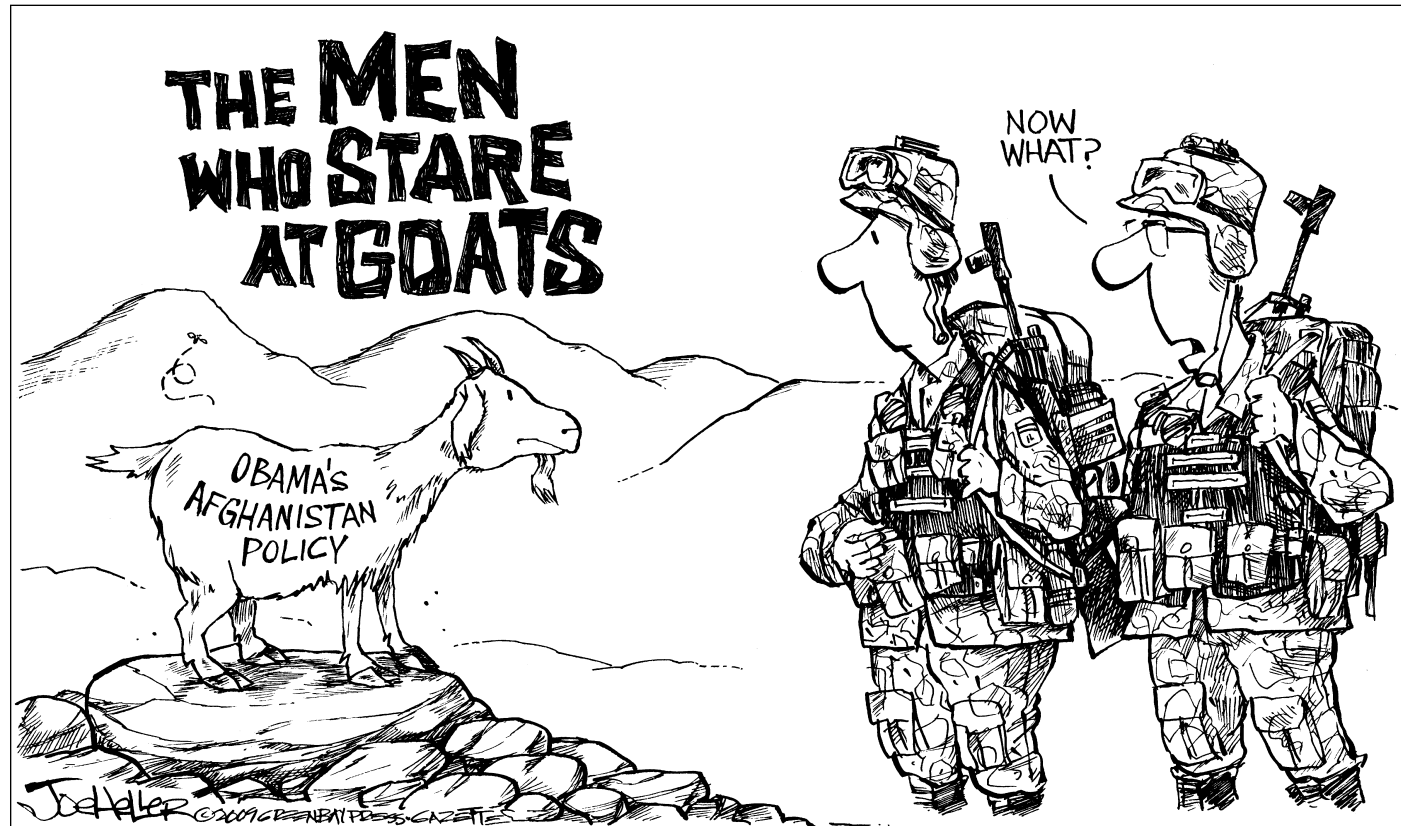
Why is it that the people who hold a job, even though it is a pay check to pay check job can’t get assistance with food, gas or the necessities like that just because they make a \$100 +/- a \$1 too much? If you step back and look at this, the ones that are receiving assistance are those who stay at home jobless or the ones who get a job for a month then quit because it is too hard for them or that they are plain lazy. People who do work for a living have to pass a drug test or a back ground check to keep their jobs and receive a pay check. Right? Well it should be the same for those who receive a welfare check, food stamp card or any monetary assistance from the tax payers. The Working Class that needs a little help!!

With the elections coming up maybe it’s time to address the noise ordinance as well as window tints in cars, SUV’s and pickup trucks. Thank you.

Taxpayers what would be wrong with borrowing six or eight drug sniffing dogs from surrounding counties when large events are happening in Suwannee County? One officer could walk his dog around each vehicle that entered the event, while the rest of the officers walked their dogs through the crowds during the whole event. What about it police chief and sheriffs, let’s have some comments. Do you think it would work? Answer please in the Democrat, the taxpayers want to know.

I have a rave, I would like to say woo hoo! my husband is coming home from South Dakota, Fort Meade where he has been gone four months, and I missed him. And also Go Lady Dogs volleyball, and our daughter. Woo hoo!

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## GUEST COLUMN

### I’ll just watch from a safe distance

By Dwain Walden

Today I read where “expert” snake hunters snared 37 Burmese pythons during a trial hunting season in South Florida. These boogers can get to be as big around as an irrigation pipe and as long as two bass boats.

This invasive snake population is estimated in the tens of thousands. Reptile experts say the problem stems from pet snakes that were released into the Florida wilds. Now I find the term “pet snake” as a contradiction in terms. I understand their place in nature but not in my house.

And it’s feared that these snakes will upset the Florida ecosystem.

But I think there’s another danger that hasn’t been considered. Just imagine two good old boys out there in their jon boat, hauling bass out of a canal. Something very large slithers toward their boat. It probably smelled the Vienna sausages. Chances are, they have had a few beers and suddenly they think they are extras in a Tarzan movie. They start flailing around in the boat, yelling and

screaming for help, slinging treble hooks and otherwise creating havoc. They could get hurt.

I don’t really know what an “expert” snake hunter is in this regard. Down in Whigham, Ga., I once hunted rattlesnakes as a rite of assage until I found a few, and I realized that it really wasn’t fun. Standing at a gopher hole with a plastic hose to your ear with a rattlesnake singing his rattles on the other end is not a natural thing. Even though I knew that rattlesnakes couldn’t crawl up that hose, my imagination would override my logic and would cause bad dreams. I would wake up and run to the bathroom mirror sure to find fang marks on my ear.

But even on my worst day of hunting rattlesnakes, I felt the endeavor to be manageable. I could not possibly think that, however, if I was hunting something that could eat a good size pig for breakfast.

Now the fact that pythons are not poisonous is not german to this issue in my book. The fact that they can squeeze you to death and have you for lunch is. You can get treated for a rattlesnake bite, but once you’ve been eaten ... well, you get the picture, although you might

debunk anyone’s notion that you would never amount to poop.

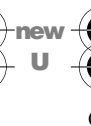
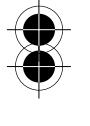
I haven’t heard where PETA stands on this issue. But I also won’t be surprised if they come out in favor of the pythons. Snakes could actually become a political issue rather than just being reference to a politician.

And I’m sure someone is already working on some lawyer/snake jokes. (To my lawyer friends, I have not come up with any ... yet.) But if I did, it probably would have to do with lawyers not hunting these snakes out of professional courtesy. And I’m sure there are some lawyers who could write a few jokes about journalists.

I guess I respect those people who will hunt these snakes. But in that vein there’s several things you will never read about me. They include me being found frozen on some mountain peak, my parachute not opening, my bungi cord being six feet too long and me being eaten while trying to capture a 20-foot Burmese python. And you can take that to the bank, or bury it in your back yard if you find that applicable.

(Dwain Walden is editor/publisher of the Moultrie Observer, 229-985-4545. E-mail: [dwain.walden@gafnews.com](mailto:dwain.walden@gafnews.com))

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# Branford News

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## Looking out for the little ones

### Branford man wants every child to have a toy under the tree

By Stephenie Livingston  
stephenie.livingston@gafnews.com

Ten years ago Roger L. Burnside watched as a nurse at the Branford Health Department asked a little boy with "big ol' brown eyes" if Santa Claus had been good to him. The boy shook his head no.

"We looked at each other and our hearts melted," said Karen Longest, senior clerk at the health department. "Roger made a vow that it would not happen again."

Burnside, along with the Branford Health Department, made sure that boy received a bag of goodies, and thus began Toys for Kids Plus. Since then, the organization has gathered clothes, food, and toys each year to ensure no child misses out on the joy of opening a Christmas present.

When Burnside first began Toys for Kids Plus, he never imagined how quickly the operation would grow. "Back when I started it, I was unaware of the extent," said Burnside. Toys for Kids Plus gathers presents for hundreds of Branford children each year. Usually enough is raised for each child to receive shoes, pants, a shirt and one or two toys, said Burnside. "Sometimes we deliver it because people don't have gas to come get it," said Burnside.

In the midst of a slowed economy, Burnside said Toys for Kids Plus is experiencing more requests now than in years past, and is also receiving fewer donations. "There is a lot of need for such a small area," said Burnside. And so, this year more than any other, Toys for Kids Plus needs everyone who can to donate. "I've said that I don't have to worry about getting gray hairs this year," said Burnside. "I've already gone white headed from worry in years past."

"Roger's got the biggest heart," said Longest. "I remember one time, it was a cold and rainy day, and someone came in and said there was a man outside riding his bicycle without a coat on. Roger hunted down a coat someone had donated and gave it to the man." Even if a family in need is reported last minute, Burnside does not allow anyone to be left out. "Roger has even delivered gifts on Christmas day before," said Longest.

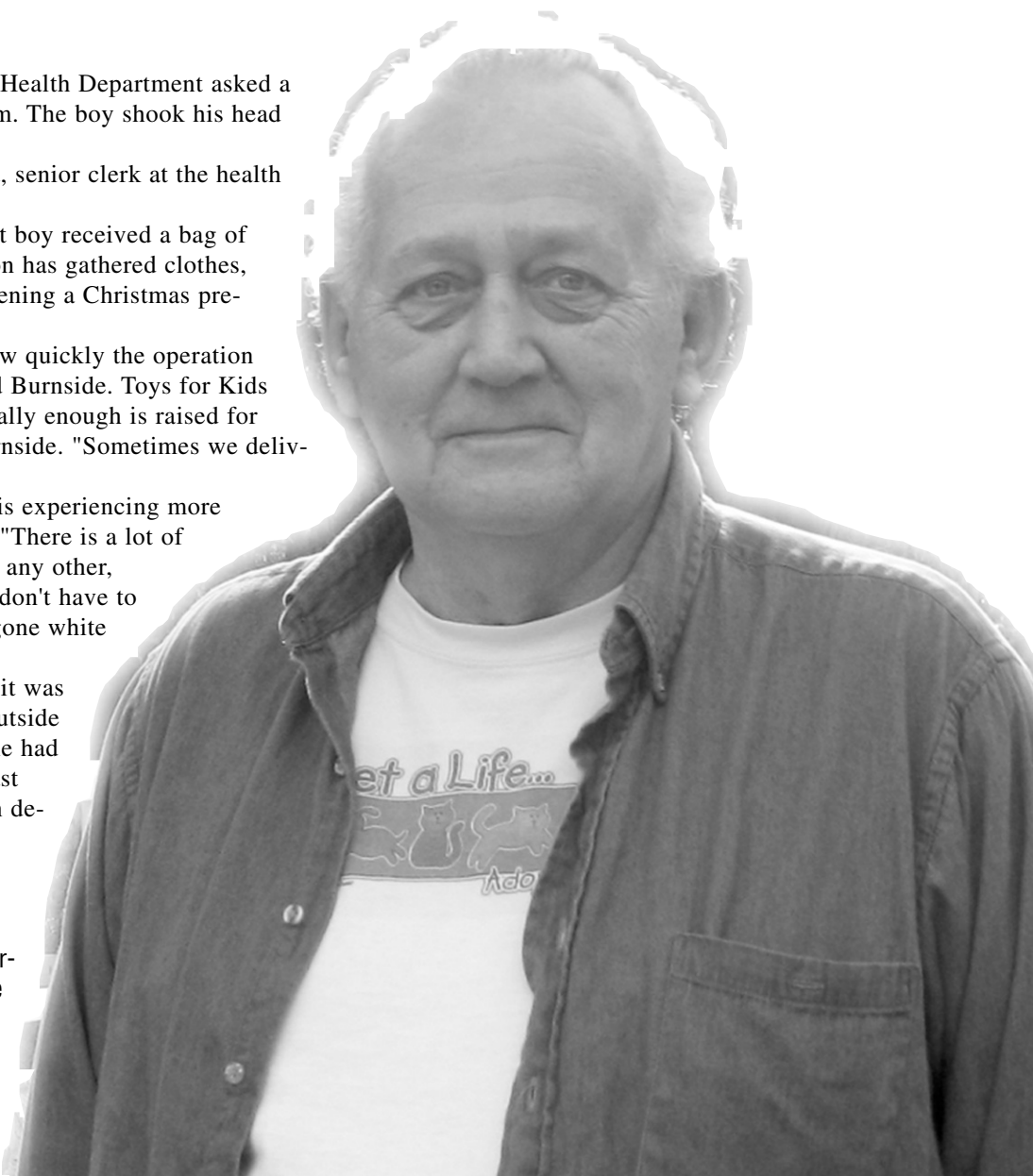
In addition, the group usually provides 30-40 Christmas dinners to families in need.

However, Burnside owes the programs success to those who donate each year. "There really are some very generous people here," said Burnside.

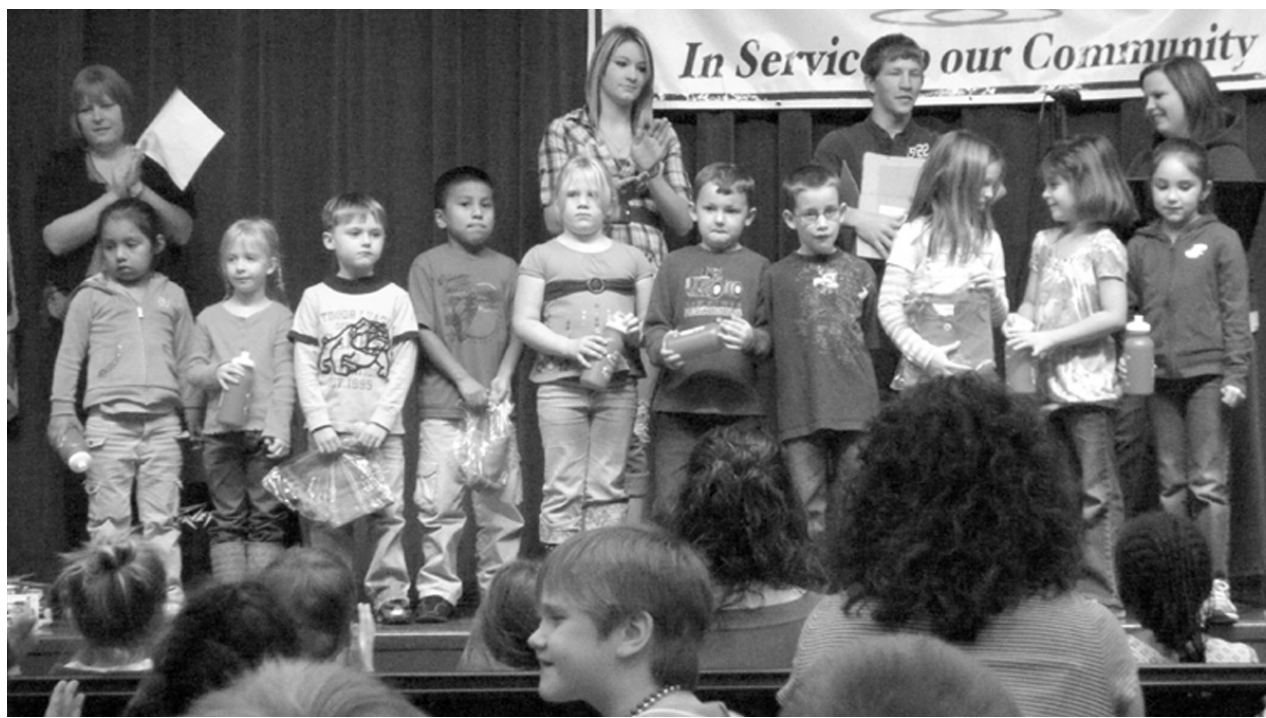
To donate call 386-935-1133 or 386-935-3343.

Roger Burnside volunteers with many different local organizations and has become Branford's liaison for families in need. In the past, he has also volunteered countless hours at the animal shelter and has taken in 17 dogs of his own.

- Photo: Stephenie Livingston



## Leadership at Branford schools



Applause for winners of a recent coloring contest at Branford Elementary.

The Branford High School Leadership class sponsored a coloring contest for students in kindergarten through second grade. First through third place received a Say No To Drugs water bottle. The overall winner for each grade level received a Say No To Drugs T-shirt.

### The winners were:

#### Kindergarten

Reyhan Landen, overall winner (Mrs. Barnett); Bryanna Mullins, 1st place (Mrs. Holtzclaw); Alexandra Moreno, 2nd (Mrs. Klecka); Wyatt Bolline, 3rd (Mrs. Keller).

#### First grade

Johnathan Xithe, overall winner (Mrs. Coker); Gracie Adams, 1st place (Mrs. Cassube); Drew Betz, 2nd



Branford High students, including Roxie Eilers, Ruby Short, Kirk Davis and Erin Bronson, presented the awards.

- Photos: Submitted

(Mrs. Byrd); Barrett Young, 3rd (Mrs. Byrd).

#### Second grade

Amber Slone, overall winner (Mrs. Hatch); Jessica Medina, 1st place (Mrs. Cannon); Rianna

Thompson, 2nd (Mrs. Demoss); Adrianna Saavedra, 3rd (Mrs. Cannon).

## McAlpin Community Club to hear about Suwannee Valley Electric rate changes

The McAlpin Community Club meeting on Nov. 9 will begin at 7 p.m. with a potluck supper. Please bring a covered dish to share.

John Martz, of Suwannee Valley Electric Co-op, will be our speaker. In view of the recent announcement of rate changes, you won't want to miss this meeting.

Everyone is welcome to attend. The Club is located at 9981 170th Terr. in McAlpin, directly across from the Post Office. Membership fees are \$5 per family per year. For information, call Donna Wade at 963-3516 or Shirley Jones at 963-5357.

## Banker speaks at Branford Rotary



Rotarian Clif Bradley, president of Capital City Bank in Branford, spoke to the club recently. He talked about business, banking, the economy, and trust and honesty.

- Photo: Trannie Lacquey

## Campaign rally for Randy Hatch

A campaign rally for Randy Hatch is set for Nov. 12 from 5-7 p.m., at Soldier's Grill and General Store, 22888 S.R. 247.

Hatch is seeking the office of state Agriculture Commissioner.

R.S.V.P.: Pat Williams, 386-935-0847.

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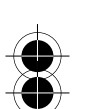
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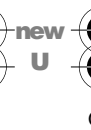
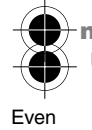
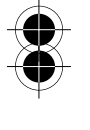


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O'BRIEN & OUR NEIGHBORS

'Bits & Pieces' from south Suwannee County

By Ana Smith

This past week I had to do a little "calendar" and put some things on a couple of lists. One bit of scheduling was writing in dates of upcoming events to benefit our animal shelter...

In the course of emptying drawers, cleaning out closets, and moving furniture around, it's amazing what things you find, isn't it? I thought I had purged my closets long, long ago, but found a small box tucked way back in a small closet that contained one of Harold's favorite jackets...

And as I sorted through books that had been on the small bookcase, something compelled me to take one that had been given to Harold and put it beside my chair to read later.

of space after each one in which to write your thoughts and responses. The book is "In His Hand" written by Patti Becklund. One story had a bookmark in its fold, which had to have been put there by Harold.

I also found one of my many pens that keep disappearing, a small spoon that doesn't belong to any tableware I own but that was used specifically to take liquid medicines, and a pretty Christmas brooch that has been missing for two years...

with no printed message in which to send notes just to say hello.

This week I don't have local news for this column, but I ask that you please include in your prayers Becky Fletcher and Sherlynn Cramer who have medical issues.

I am finally getting the batteries in my wheelchair which is getting a very thorough cleaning, so I'll once again be able to get out whenever I want and go wherever I want on my own.

From "Humorous Quotations" by Bob Phillips: "An abnormal person is anyone who behaves differently from you."

"No man knows what absentmindedness really is until he finds himself dialing his own telephone number."

"You never know how absurd your own opinion is until you hear somebody else quoting it."

"If most accidents happen within five miles of home, why don't we move ten miles away?"

"Old accountants never die; they just lose their balance."

"The most important thing in acting is honesty. If you can fake that, you've got it made!"

Have a wonderful week! And don't forget to start your "blessing box"! God bless!!

Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. seeking location in Branford

Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc., a non-profit organization is seeking a location in the Branford area that could be used to serve meals to persons 60 years of age or older.

Any business, organization or church that has

space available and would be interested in assisting in this much needed service to the elderly population of Branford, should contact Bruce Evans, Senior Center Director, at 362-1164 or Janis Owen, Director of Client Services, at 362-4115, ext. 240.

Toys for Kids+ 'We really need your help'

By Roger L. Burnside

Toys for Kids+ really needs your help. Christmas is a time of joy and celebration; unfortunately there are many children in the Branford area that will be missing the joy of receiving Christmas presents.

With the economy the way it is right now we are experiencing more requests than in past years. No donation is too small, if you can just provide one toy, a box of food, a winter coat or shoes it will be greatly appreciated.

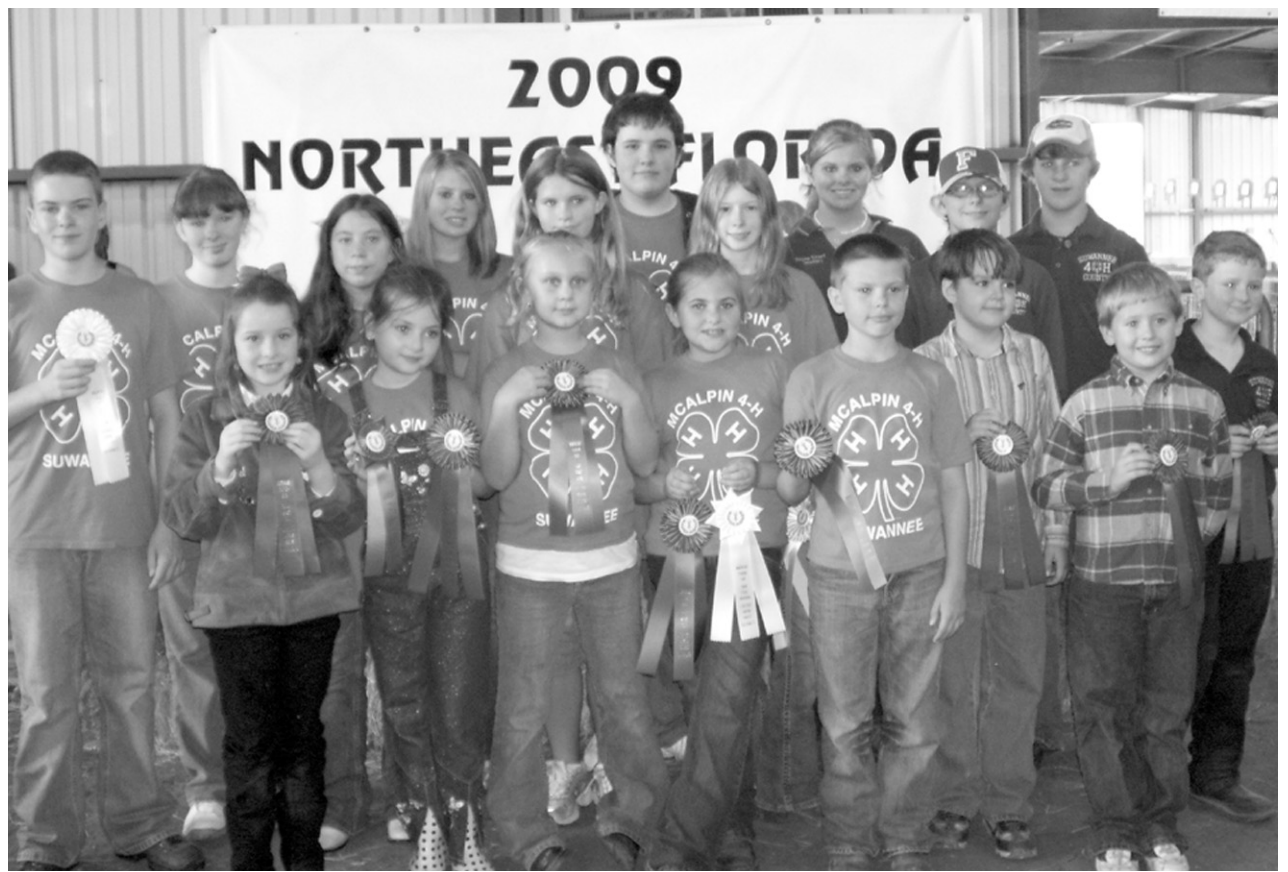
Anyone interested in helping us with this project can take their donations to the Branford Health Department. You may also call Karen at the Branford Health Department at 386-935-1133 or Roger Burnside at 386-935-3343.

Over the years the folks in the Branford area have brought a lot of joy to the area's children and their families, for this we thank each and every one of you. The smiles and appreciation the children express each year make this project a blessing to all.

Babe Ruth meeting set

A meeting to elect officers for the Branford Babe Ruth Baseball League will be held at Hatch Park Community Center on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. All interested are invited to attend.

McAlpin 4-H wins at Callahan farm judging



The McAlpin 4-H Club won big in a recent farm judging contest in Callahan.

- Photo: Submitted

By Tiffanie L. White Reporter McAlpin 4-H Club

from Suwannee County competed in Callahan for farm judging. The McAlpin 4-H Club Jr. Division won 1st place. This group consisted of

Cole H., Kara C., Laura C. and Tiffanie W. Kara C. won 1st place and Tiffanie W. won 3rd place from this division for individual.

The Intermediate division won 3rd place. This group consisted of Emily B., Taylor M., and Kenneth M. From this division Taylor M. won 3rd place individual. The Farm Fresh 4-H club won 2nd place in the Jr. Division.

Although the Sr. division did not place they did a really good job. These wonderful 4-H'ers judged two classes of hogs, one class of cows and one class of sheep. Congratulations to all the Suwannee County club members for their hard work, dedication and achievements.

Good luck in Tallahassee on Nov. 14. Bring home some more awards.

Church Directory

Table listing church directories with columns for church name, pastor, address, phone, and service times. Includes Hatch Bend Apostolic Church, Branford United Methodist Church, Burlington Santa Fe Church of Christ, Living Springs Family Worship Center, Branford Church of God, San Juan Catholic Mission, Peace Baptist Church S.B.C., McCall's Chapel, First Baptist Church, Lebanon Baptist Church, Pinemount Baptist Church, and Ephesus Advent Christian Church.

Food for Thought

What Sin Can Do! Today, we have many enemies. Of these enemies, sin is number one. Sometimes men put false labels on sin. We might try to justify sin or even water it down. We must understand there is a consequence to sin [Rom. 6:23]. What does sin do? 1) Sin Enslaves Us: Rom. 6:16 and John 8:34 tells us we can become a servant of sin.

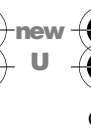
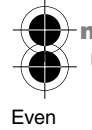
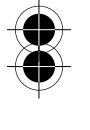
Ken Campbell, Evangelist Burlington-Santa Fe Church of Christ

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### Branford News

## Rummage sale at Ephesus Advent

A large rummage sale will be held at Ephesus Advent Christian Church on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

The church is located at 9959 SE CR 405.

Directions:  
From Branford: On US

27, travel 5 miles west toward Mayo to CR 405 (sign on left: Ephesus Advent Christian Church). Turn left; continue for one mile to church on right. Sale located at the first building on right of property.

Proceeds go to The Mary

Atwell Circle, Women's Home and Foreign Missions.

Faye Walker Anderson-Copier, President.

For more information please call Mona Hurst, 386-935-1184 or Inez Adams, 386-935-1769.

## Fall Festival at Beachville Advent

Beachville Advent Christian Church, located at 24815 CR 49, the intersection of SR 247 and CR 49, will hold its 3rd annual Fall Festival on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. All are invited for a day of fun, food (hamburgers, sausages, chili, funnel cakes, nachos, cotton candy, cakes, cookies) and music and

just plain fun! Bounce House, games, door prizes, music by "Mainstream" and other local talent. There will also be a chili cook off. Register for this by calling 386-935-0723 (you can leave a message) and a cake auction too. All games, bounce house, activities are FREE! Food will be available for purchase.

## Be ready for the Mayo game!

### FRONT



Order your 'Take Back the Helmet' T-shirt today. See a Branford varsity cheerleader or call 386-209-0263 to order. Shirts are

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For more information please contact Donna Hardin at 386-590-2333.

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## Women's Club plans inaugural Fall Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale

Crafters, quilters, artist of any kind, and small business owners that work out of their home are invited to participate in the Branford Women's Club First Annual Fall Holiday Bazaar on Nov. 21. Any and all people in the surrounding counties are welcome to set up a booth or table to sell and promote their craft or small business. This event will be held at the Women's Club located on Highway 247 (Branford/Lake City Highway) just outside of Branford. Indoor space with tables provided are

\$12 and outside spaces (you provide table or tent) available for \$8.

This is our inaugural Fall Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale. The Women's Club of Branford will have for sale a large variety of baked goods that you can purchase for the upcoming Thanksgiving Day weekend. We welcome all of the surrounding communities to come set up or just come and shop for that special gift for the holiday.

Deadline to sign up for this event is Friday, November 13. Inside space is

limited so please contact us early to reserve your table. For more information contact Charlene Kutis at 386-935-3531 or Stevie Widington at 386-935-9276.

## Troop 225 bake sale

Girl Scout Troop 225 is holding a bake sale in the Branford Pet Store parking lot on US 27 Saturday, Nov. 7, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

## Community Thanksgiving dinner set for Hatch Park



Front row, from left: Clara Whitehead, Audrey Howell; back row, from left: Herb Stucky, Annie Jackson, Jim Hollis, Rev. Bruce Arnold, Rev. Dale Dansby.

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**Submitted**

The Branford area Inter Church Ministries will host a community Thanksgiving dinner on Saturday, Nov. 21 in the Community Center at Hatch Park. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A traditional Thanksgiving dinner of turkey, ham, dressing, cranberry sauce, vegetables, sweet potato casserole, desserts and soft drinks and iced tea will be served.

All are welcome to attend, regardless of age, race, social status or religion. This is a community event meant to bring us together in Thanksgiving. There will also be musical entertainment and maybe even some door prizes, and a gospel message.

Come and bring a friend as we celebrate Thanksgiving in Branford!

Also, on Saturday, Dec. 12 we will hold the annual Keeping Christ in Christmas Festival and Parade. Booths and entertainment will be in Hatch Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a short break for the parade. The parade will line up at the Branford High School football field. It will begin at 1 p.m. and end at Hatch Park.

Vendors interested in having a booth may contact Mamie Jackson at 386-935-9121. If you are interested in being part of the musical entertainment, contact Kathy Woolard at 386-935-1127 or 935-6400. For the parade, contact Debbie Yates at 386-935-3131.



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Publisher

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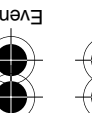
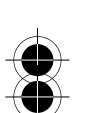
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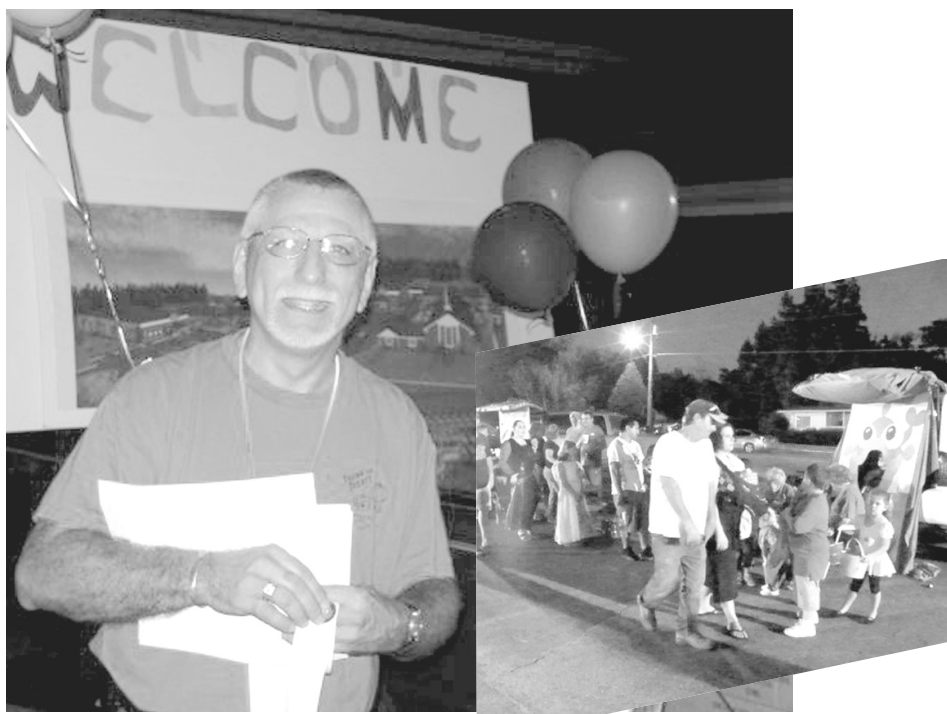
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# Trunk or Treat



Dr. Jimmy Deas, pastor, welcomes all visitors to Westwood's annual Trunk or Treat event held Saturday, Oct. 31. Live Oak and area children and their parents enjoyed a safe place to trick or treat. The parking lot was full of games, bounce houses, food and of course cars and vans backed up to display special messages from scripture and to hand out candy to the hundreds of fairy princesses and pirates (photo inset). Trunk or Treat is on Facebook. Sign up for Facebook to connect with Trunk or Treat. [www.facebook.com/pages/Trunk-or-Treat/132634564937](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Trunk-or-Treat/132634564937). - Photo: Staff

## Treats, no tricks



Publix opened their doors to children dressed in costumes Halloween night for a cute and safe Halloween event. Pictured in the bakery are, Krystal Spalding, Etna Spalding and Lisa Fleming (who said she was dressed as a Publix Bakery team member). The little pirate getting his Halloween cookie is Evan Spalding. - Photo: Staff

## The Safety Line From Suwannee County Fire/Rescue

# The importance of fire codes

By Paul Haas  
Suwannee County  
Fire Marshal

Why do we have fire codes and fire inspections? This is a question often asked during a routine fire inspection. To answer that we have supplied the following Florida State Statute and a small portion of the Florida Administrative Code:

633.121 - Persons authorized to enforce laws and rules of State Fire Marshal.

The chiefs of county, municipal, and special-district fire departments; other fire department personnel designated by their respective chiefs; and personnel designated by local governments having no organized fire departments are authorized to enforce this law and all rules prescribed by the State Fire Marshal within their respective jurisdictions. Such personnel acting under the authority of this section shall be deemed to be agents of their respective jurisdictions, not agents of the State Fire Marshal.

69A-60.007 Enforcement of the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

(1) Section 633.025, F.S., provides that each municipality, county, and special district with fire safety responsibilities is required to enforce the Florida Fire Prevention Code. Such enforcement requires inspection of each new building subject to the Florida Fire Prevention Code and includes periodic inspections of each existing building subject to the Florida Fire Prevention

Code.

We are often asked why do we need fire codes and why do we need to strictly follow them? Fire codes are there to protect human life from fire. Prevention of deadly fires such as the February 20, 2003 Station Nightclub Fire in Rhode Island that claimed the lives of 100 people, or the November 21, 1980 MGM Grand Hotel Fire that claimed the lives of 85 people is the life-saving purpose of fire coding. Each tragic fire leaves its mark on fire codes. After those fires, the NFPA and states reassessed the codes and made changes to prevent those causes or situations that contributed to loss of life. One significant fire code change was made in 2003 by the state of Florida after a deadly fire at Seton Hall University in 2000. Florida saw a potential for loss of human life in dormitories and strengthened the existing fire code to require automatic sprinklers in all new dormitory construction. Every line of fire code has a tragic story behind it. This is why we place so much importance on the fire code and the value of human life.

Every county, city, and municipality within the state of Florida is bound by the Florida Fire Prevention Code. The Florida Fire Prevention Code consists of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Code 1 and 101. These two "master codes" set the foundation for fire coding within the State of Florida. Counties, cities, and municipalities can add to or strengthen the base code, but can never reduce or take away from that code's requirement(s). The NFPA Codes are accepted nationally as the "standard." Every three years the Florida Fire Prevention Code is reviewed by peers and modifications are made. On that triennial basis, the "new" code is adopted. Is the fire code law? The answer is yes. Failure to adhere to or administrate the fire code is a violation of statutory law. Does the Florida Fire Marshal interpret the fire code? No,

both the statutes and the fire code itself specify that the authority having jurisdiction (the fire department with responsibility for or over that area) is the interpreter and administrator of the code. Can a local official such as a city or county commissioner overrule the interpretation of the fire code? No, that would be a violation of the state constitution, administrative code and ethics. Can a building official or building inspector rule on fire codes? No, both the Florida Building Code and the Fire Code specifically address the venue and responsibility for the separate codes.

Who is the authority having jurisdiction for Suwannee County when it concerns fire code? The Suwannee County Fire/Rescue Department is the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ).

Where can I view a copy of the Florida Fire Prevention Code? There are two sources, one is your local fire department and the other is the Florida Fire Marshal's Web site (the online version is read only). Are residential homes required to meet the fire code and be inspected? No, one and two family dwellings are at this time exempt from the code. Can I obtain a copy of the Fire Code? Yes, we will assist you with obtaining a copy of the fire code or any section of the code that you might need. Can I call the fire department and ask questions about the fire code? Yes, that's our job. For any questions, concerns or to schedule a fire inspection of your building, please call the Suwannee County Fire/Rescue department at 364-3404.

## Suwannee High Class of 1980

The Suwannee High Class of 1980 is planning their 30 year class reunion. If you were a member, had a child, sibling or relative as part of the graduating class, please email your name (maiden and married), address, phone number and email address to [shsclass1980@yahoo.com](mailto:shsclass1980@yahoo.com). Or call 386-362-6309 to leave a message.

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Obituaries



Ernest Newton Turner

Ernest Newton Turner December 8, 1975-November 2, 2009

Ernest Newton Turner age 33 of Inverness, FL died on Monday November 2, 2009 at Citrus Memorial Hospital in Inverness, FL. He was born December 8, 1975 in Brooksville, FL. He came to Citrus county 18 years ago from Live Oak, FL. He attended Live Oak High School where he was on the Wrestling team, and was a 1994 graduate of Dunnellon High School where he was a member of the FFA. He was an avid Hunter and all around Outdoor sportsman. He was employed by Brian Williams Fencing in Lecanto, FL and he was of the Baptist faith. Survivors include his companion of 14 years Pamela Tuten of Inverness. His Mother and Stepfather Emma and Randy Corbin of Live Oak, FL and Father and Stepmother Ernest and Teresa Ryals of Dunnellon, FL. Children Joshua and Heather Tuten of Inverness, FL Brothers Matthew Corbin (Pam) of Live Oak, FL and Eric Ryals (Laci) and Travis Ryals all of Dunnellon, FL. Sisters Cynthia Straight (Noah) of Inverness, FL and Heather Turner of Lake City, FL. 3 Grandchildren and 6 nieces and nephews. A Memorial service will be conducted on Saturday November 07, 2009 at 12:00 (Noon) from the Strickland Funeral Home Chapel in Crystal River FL with pastor Terry Sponholz officiating. Private cremation arrangements are under the care of Strickland Funeral Home with Crematory Crystal River, FL.

Mary Evelyn "Shorty" Buchanan November 1, 2009

Day: Mary Evelyn "Shorty" Buchanan, died Sunday, November 1, 2009 at North Florida Regional Medical Center, Gainesville. In Lieu of flowers donations may be made to Lottie Moon Missions, PO Box 134, Day, Florida 32013 or the Florida Childrens Home. Funeral services will be Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at 11:00 AM at Brewer Lake Baptist Church, with burial at Day Cemetery. The family will receive friends Monday November 2, 2009 from 6 - 8 PM at Brewer Lake Baptist Church. She lived in Lafayette County most of her life and was a Homemaker and a Member of Brewer Lake Baptist Church. She is survived by 1 daughter: Brenda Gayle Land and husband (Rod) of Mayo; 1 Grandson: Jason Land of Mayo. 2 brothers; Tom Sheppard and (Betty) and Robert Sheppard and (Evelyn) both of Live Oak. She was predeceased in death by her husband T. C. Buchanan. Beggs Funeral Home, 235 NW Orange Avenue, Madison, Florida.

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Death Notice

Matthew Adolphus Marable February 23, 1921-October 30, 2009

Matthew Adolphus "Jack" Marable died on October 30, 2009.

A funeral service was conducted at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at Hayworth-Miller Silas Creek Chapel.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Marable family or the National Kidney Foundation.

Avery Matthew Murnahan November 4, 2009-November 4, 2009

Avery Matthew Murnahan, infant, of Live Oak, FL passed away Nov. 4, 2009 in Shands at Lake Shore in Lake City, FL.

Graveside services will be held, Sat. Nov. 7, 2009 in the Live Oak Cemetery with Rev. Bobby McCray officiating.

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

Better fire protection

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Jacksonville to construct the building. It will be located on the corner of Highway 51 and CR 252.

Public Safety Director and Fire Chief Charlie Conner said the building will be a big improvement.

"The station that is there now is falling down around them," said Conner.

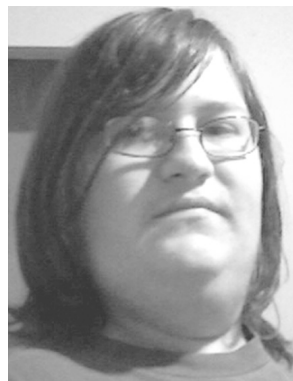
He said the new location of the building will benefit residents of Luraville.

"It will be more centrally located which means we will be able to get to folks quicker," said Conner.

Construction on the new building should begin shortly.

GAMETIME

Operation Flashpoint is back



By Cody Webb

Gamers are used to seeing first-person shooters boasting that they're "realistic;" from games like the Ghost Recon series to Rainbow Six, a lot of series feature a realistic mode or difficulty. Only one game series brings realism to the next level, and that series is the Operation Flashpoint games. The players who experienced the last game were treated to a teeth-grinding and nerve-shattering experience, with the only really bad thing about it was the fact that the graphics were downright ugly. Well, tactical shooter fans, Operation Flashpoint is back in Dragon Rising, and it aims to bring you as close to a real firefight as you'd ever care to get!

First things first: Dragon Rising is available for the Xbox 360, PS3 and Windows PC; and it's rated M for Mature for a really good reason. With the realistic gameplay comes realistic damage features to human bodies, and it's not pretty. Gamers with weak stomachs may want to avoid this, or at least avoid looking too closely at their kills. Dragon Rising was developed by Codemasters, the folks behind the Dirt racing games, which makes it a little depressing they didn't provide the totally open-ended island they promised. Players are confined to a set mission area, albeit a large set mission area, that they aren't allowed to leave. Now that we've got the

warning out of the way, let's talk about the game itself. The story? Forget about it, it's not that important. But if you want the short version: Russia asks us to fight Chinese forces on a resource-rich island for them. Fans of note that Dragon Rising got a huge graphical upgrade from its predecessor. Grass sways about as you run and crawl through it, smoke drifts up from ruined vehicles and curls into the sky while obscuring your vision. It's the little touches that make Dragon Rising more immersive. The only downside to the great visuals would have to be that now it's a pain to spot enemies. I realize this is true to life, but I also get the feeling that most shooters will be swayed away by this. The gameplay remains mostly intact from the original Operation Flashpoint; the controls feel

solid and fluid. Again, the little touches that the developers added shine through here; from dropping into prone from standing and having dirt hit your face to standing up a little bit to crouch-run. As is typical in just about every game, there's a difficulty select option, but in Dragon Rising it doesn't affect damage taken or amount of ammo you can hold. The higher the difficulty, the less of a H.U.D. that players will have. In layman's terms: if you're on Hardcore you won't have a compass, ammo counter, mini-map or health monitor, you'll have to count your bullets and remember to check your map occasionally.

Another thing that hurts the experience is the incredibly stupid A.I. that drives your squadmates. Most of the time they'll listen to the orders you

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Rant & Rave

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I first want to compliment the Suwannee County EMS. My dad recently was in the middle of having a heart attack, the ambulance came, and they were very compassionate and did their job wonderfully. My rant though is that it took them almost thirty minutes to get to our home which is just outside of town. The EMTs were great they, did their job wonderfully, but my dad could have been there dying. But come to find out the EMTs were busy carrying someone to the hospital, who did not have a mode of transportation and she was just "feeling bad." I encountered the same person while I was in the ER waiting to hear about my dad, and I was absolutely appalled that the ambulance had to transport her. There was nothing wrong with this person, she was just not feeling good. I'm confused that when the emergency room became a regular doctors office and when did our EMTs become a transport service? We pay our tax dollars for this service to be available to us to use in an emergency and I am just saddened to see that another service, that is meant to help people is being abused. Again, I applaud the EMTs, they did a wonderful job. I am just ashamed of the people who abused the system.

Ya'll don't need to fret none about any fun lovin', enlightened, money spendin' folks who attend events at the music park movin' here. They wouldn't even dream of it. The park is the only thing we got that brings in tourism money to any amount. It is private property, so why is the law hassling people who spent a lot of money to visit here? Maybe if'n we spread our sorry reputation around enough nobody will come & we can lose more income & business. Of course we can brag up our agritourism of bankrupt dairy farms or maybe a tent revival, that's what most American families want to do for vacation & leisure. If we could arrest people for stupidity, this county would be rollin' in dough.

What happened to the COMICS & PUZZLE page? We subscribed to the paper in mid-October only to find there is no COMIC & PUZZLE page. Surely you don't expect that the pitiful "little" crossword in the TV section makes up for the one we lost! It's bad enough we only get a paper two days a week; now NO PUZZLES OR COMICS. What is this world coming to!!!

Did it ever occur to anyone that maybe we need to be more concerned with teaching the kids to read & write

instead of worried about coverage of a game that only involves a small group at considerable public expense? If our graduation rate was as good as our football support, that would be news worthy.

In response to the letter about illegal aliens in Live Oak. Although you may not see them on the front page for selling drugs you will see them arrested on a regular basis if you check out the sheriff's website. The normal charges are dui, no drivers license and domestic violence. There have been numerous accidents in our county where the drivers caused the accident and left the vehicle behind to run away. When the plates are run they usually come up as stolen which is the only way they can get a plate. I raised several teenage girls who wouldn't walk through Wal-Mart alone because there would be a dozen Mexicans following them through the store. This may not be Arizona, but the problem is just as real here.

To the people in this county that can't find anything better to do then complain about people getting locked up for a lil weed over the weekend at the music park. Just leave if you can't live here because a few people got locked up over a lil pot smoking at a music thing then just leave. By the way the same number of people get arrested at college and pro ballgames every weekend. Its life get over it if you don't like it leave

I am responding to the person who wrote about the H1N1 flu and the health dept. not giving out material in english or spanish, I agree w/ you 100%! this is America, and if you come here and can't read or write or speak english, then you need to go back to the place where you came from. This Is America and we Americans Love Our Country! So if you can't or wont speak English, then go back to Mexico or where ever it is you snuck across the Border or how ever you entered to Our Great Country!!

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North Florida water under threat again

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based business group.

According to a 2003 Council report, such a commission "would be comprised of at least seven members, with at least one from each of the five water management districts." The Council's recent draft echoes the sentiments of its 2003 report.

The Senate interim report is more or less in sync with both of those.

The Council has even presented the idea of "a state water czar" — one who would have full oversight on statewide demands and water supply.

"This would change the whole face of the water management in the state," said Kirk Webster, deputy executive director for the Suwannee River Water Management District. "It would modify the whole management structure."

The Council's 2003 report suggested ways to "ensure an adequate water sup-

ply to sustain the environment and accommodate forecasted population growth demands" throughout the state.

That same year, Lee Arnold, the leader of the Council of 100 study group, called the Suwannee River region "the Saudi Arabia of water."

That statement never sat well with Suwannee River Water Management District officials. In fact, Webster says it's simply "inaccurate."

"Once you take into account the needs of our natural water system — our rivers and springs — there is no Saudi Arabia-like supply in North Florida."

He said any modifications made to local waterways "could have a detrimental effect depending on changes to the nature system."

The original September 2003 Council report stated that "South Florida consumes 50 percent of the fresh water used in Florida," although that number

may have changed. "Current demands for public water supplies in this region are greater than demands for public supplies in 39 individuals states."

The Council concluded that "Florida needs to refocus its management of water supply efforts to sustain the environment and meet forecasted population growth demands."

Webster said the the focus should be more on water conservation, reuse, desalination, and reservoir construction, than on drawing water from North Florida. That's the premise behind the "Local Sources First" law established by state legislators in 1998, which urges counties and cities to exhaust all reasonable possibilities for water within their borders before attempting to get it from somewhere outside their boundaries.

"There's a lot of solutions out there," Webster said. "We could all do a better job of water conservation."

He, along with the SRWMD governing board, strongly oppose sending water, particularly from the Suwannee, down to south Florida.

"The governing board has consistently been opposed to transfer of water out of this area. That's consistent with the desires of the citizens of the water management district," Webster said.

He, and others, worry about the effects the council's suggestions could have upon the livelihood of North Florida residents.

"A lot of our lifestyle in North Florida is based on our rivers, lakes and streams. Who's going to decide what's fair? That's what they're trying to create with the Council of 100," Webster said.

The Council's latest draft will be the topic of discussion at a Council meeting later this month. In the meantime, local water district leaders remain steadfast, poised and ready for whatever may come flowing their way.



# Total Access a YouTube hit for SHS

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She, along with classmates Jake Hayes, Garrett Rowe and Greg Bowers collaborate as producers. All students, at one time or another, have taken on the roles of idea generators, interviewers and show hosts to broadcast topics of interest from around SHS and throughout Live Oak.

"We have different people hosting each week, so we all can get a grade. We're all contributing to the show," Manns said.

The Internet podcast is usually divided into several short segments such as the Bulldog Minute, Word at Suwannee High (W.A.S.H), In the Know, Profile of the Week, Most Valuable Dog (MVD), public service announcements, and show extras.

This week students were focused on completing Volume 9 of their second season.

The idea for the Internet show came from sheer

student ingenuity and wit, Johnson explained.

"There's been a television production program here for years, but it was all analog and captured on VHS tape," he said. "We took a lightning hit about three years ago and all our equipment went kaput. It just gave up the ghost."

Since then, the school has conducted its regular morning program over the school intercom system.

"We don't have a closed circuit system to do news morning broadcasts, so they do it like in the 50s, over the P.A.," Johnson said.

But that could one day change.

With the elimination of the school's theater program last year, residual funds were transferred to the online venture, Johnson said.

At that time, students began using a donated handheld camera to shoot footage and an old Macintosh computer to edit and post their work online.



Student Tyler Hadden, 18, looks on as classmate Nick Woolsey, 16, tries his hand at editing a public service announcement about bullying. - Photo: Carnell Hawthorne Jr.

The class has since upgraded to two newer Macs

and several handheld digital cameras.

"Students choose their own subject matter," Johnson said. "They go through a process of storyboarding, setting appointments, conducting interviews and filming on location. They then download their footage from the cameras to the computers and use film making editing software to put their segments together."

The entire process is done from start to finish at hardly any cost.

"You can download to YouTube up to 10 minutes for free. Anything over that and you have to have a membership," Johnson said. "Our expense is phenomenal. We really don't have any, except for batteries for the microphone and money for DVDs to make copies of the show."

The real payoff, however, is students' sense of ac-

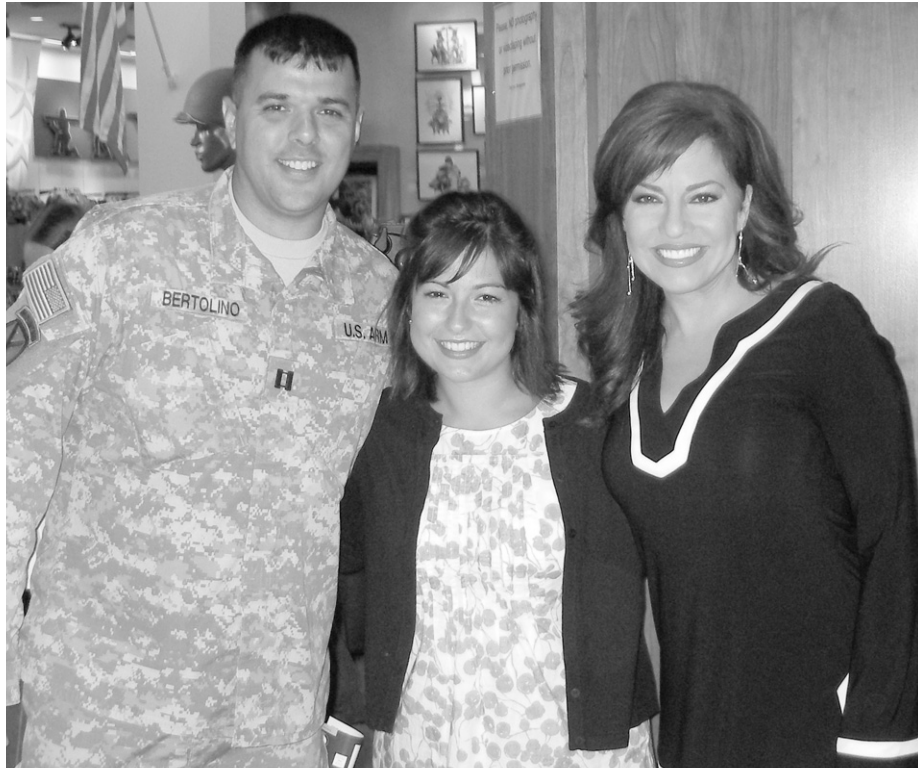
complishment at the end of the day.

"We get a lot of feedback," said senior Jake Hayes. "I had someone come up to me and say they've watched all the episodes and really thought they were awesome."

The show averages about 300 Web hits per episode.

Johnson says that's what the program is really about.

"Our students have to compete with other schools that are more technologically equipped. We have to scramble here to compete," Johnson said. "All I can give my students is experience and imagination. That's pretty much what we live on here. I think the product speaks for itself."

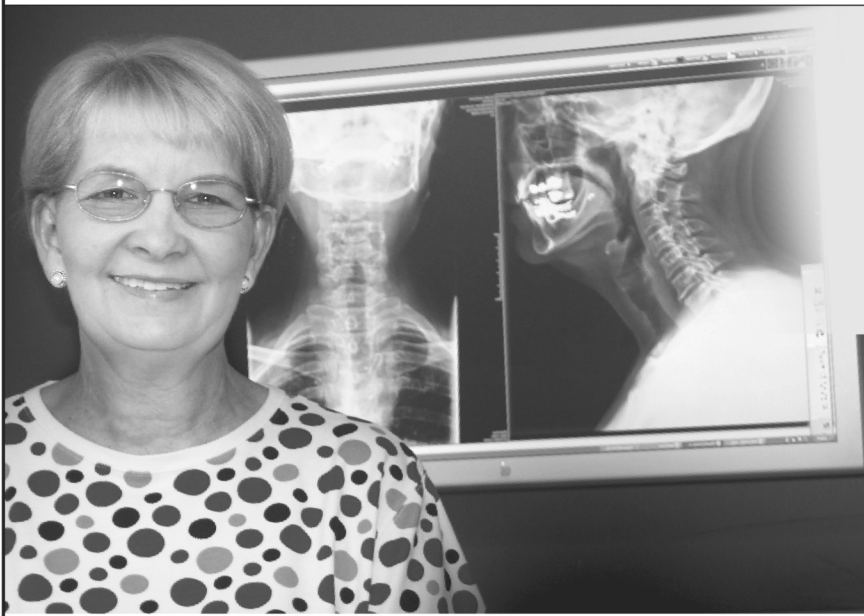


## Suwannee couple gets CNN 'Salute'

Capt. James P. Bertolino and his wife, Laramie, will be part of a four-hour special "Salute to the Troops" anchored by CNN reporter Robin Meade on Veterans Day next Wednesday. Meade (right) toured Fort Benning, Ga. and interviewed the couple just before Bertolino left for Iraq. - Photo: Submitted

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Dot had surgery at **Jack Hughston Memorial Hospital** to fix her condition. The relief from the pain was immediate, she said.

"If you have to have surgery, that's the place to be," said Dot, who has five adult children and eight grandchildren. "It was the best hospital experience I've ever had. The people are so pleasant and everybody made me feel so comfortable."

Dot said she has a new appreciation for Hughston. "I will tell everybody that's where they need to go. They are the best."

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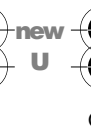
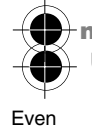
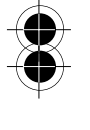


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# County will comply with Red Flag Rule

By Jeff Waters  
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Suwannee County Coordinator Murphy McLean said the county will soon be in compliance with a new law designed to help prevent identity theft.

McLean told commissioners Tuesday that new Red Flag Rules were to be in place Nov. 1, 2008, but the county has yet to meet its obligations. The federal government passed the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act (FACT) of 2003 to ensure that all businesses that extend credit to implement written identity theft prevention programs.

McLean said the county can fulfill that objective by simply training personnel that deal with customer accounts.

"It's basically just a training that needs to be done," said McLean. "We're just trying to make sure we're compliant."

McLean said FACT will affect only a couple of departments, including EMS, which sometimes extends credit to patients who cannot immediately pay for services.

# Live Oak landmark has to go, says CSX

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The manager of the apartments and Al Dalton's daughter, Sadie Dalton, said they were surprised by CSX's demand.

"My father and I were shocked and dismayed when CSX Transportation informed us that we must demolish the entrance to our home, our business and livelihood as well as this local, historic landmark by November 20, 2009," said Apartment Manager Sadie Dalton in a letter to the Suwannee County Commission. "To be given no alternatives and told we had less than one month to comply is unreasonable."

The Blue Lodge was

built in 1937 as a place for motorists and locals alike to go for food and rest. The crossing to the lodge was constructed 12 years earlier.

Sadie Dalton said in the letter that CSX had requested the closing of the crossing in 2007, but she and Al Dalton refused, based in part on the historical significance of the lodge to the community. A preliminary application to have the site listed on the National Register of Historic Places was approved earlier this year and a tour is scheduled by the Suwannee Historical Museum Nov. 21.

Sadie also told commissioners that closing the crossing could hinder re-

sponse from local emergency response workers.

Public Safety Director Charlie Conner agreed.

"Anytime you have a situation where we can't get up to the residence isn't a good fit with me,"

said Conner. "If you close off access to fire/rescue, that needs to be looked at real closely by CSX and the business owners."

Commissioners approved a resolution asking CSX to relent.

# Operation Flashpoint is back

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give them, but you'll often see them standing up in plain sight, or ignoring your orders altogether! This results in them dying at the hands of the reasonably smart enemy A.I., which leads you to having to heal them periodically. Honestly, the best way to play the campaign is with four friends over Live, PSN or broadband.

I cannot stress how much work Codemasters went into making each and every gun feel as unique and realistic as they do in real life. They perform just as they would in real life, and even sound much like they would as well. This same dedication to a realistic experience also went into the animations; Codemasters even went so far as to motion-capture real life soldiers to make each animation look real!

Finally we come to multiplayer; which has two different modes currently: Annihilation and Infiltration. Annihilation is essentially team deathmatch with players controlling their own squads of three; unfortunately, these three squadmates have the stupid A.I. that plagues the campaign which inevitably leads them to being cannon fodder. Infiltration fares better, though, tasking players to work together to achieve an objective. This leads to hours upon hours of tactically fun shooting, provided your team communicates and performs well together.

So there you have it.

Dragon Rising brings realism back, but not with as big a bang as fans were hoping for. Out of the three systems you can get the game for, I recommend it most for the PC since you get an added in Mission Editor which allows you to create your own missions. Those of you stuck on consoles, though, don't worry. Dragon Rising provides plenty of tactical shooting and strategy, earning itself a B.

Cody Webb, a 2008 graduate of Suwannee High School, lives in Live Oak.

The Suwannee High band is accepting donations to help finance the trip to Tampa. Donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 1222 Live Oak, Florida 32064. For additional information, contact Daniel McMullen, Sound of Suwannee band president, at 386-208-4695 or dmc62@windstream.net.



Sound of Suwannee band members during a recent Bulldog football game. - Photo: Submitted

# Veterans ceremony set for Wednesday

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Come out to the cemetery at 11 a.m. Wednesday to show your support for those who have served to defend our freedom.

Veterans can later stop by Grace Manor Restaurant on Duval Street where they can take advantage of a 25 percent savings on Veterans Day.

The Live Oak Cemetery is located at the intersection of Ohio Avenue and Winderweede Street.

# 'Sound of Suwannee' qualifies for State

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the Florida State Marching Band competition, set for Nov. 21 in Tampa, with the finals to follow later that evening in nearby St. Petersburg.

"I am extremely proud of each band member's ability to step up and continually improve their skills each week, and get

excited about showcasing their talents at competition," said SHS Band Director Stacey Gindlesperger. "Their hard work and dedication has paid off, and we now look forward to competing at the state level."

The SHS band performed its competition show, "Spy Zone," before multiple judges and a

packed stadium of parents, friends and bands from around the state. The program included selections from the 1970s TV show Mission Impossible, jazz theme Harlem Nocturne from Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer, and For Your Eyes Only, the opening theme to the James Bond movie of the same title. Each piece

featured a different soloist, including students Brenna Manns and Erin Carroll, guard; Tori Bilodeau, trumpet; and Lindsay Michael, clarinet.



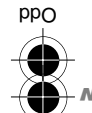
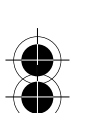
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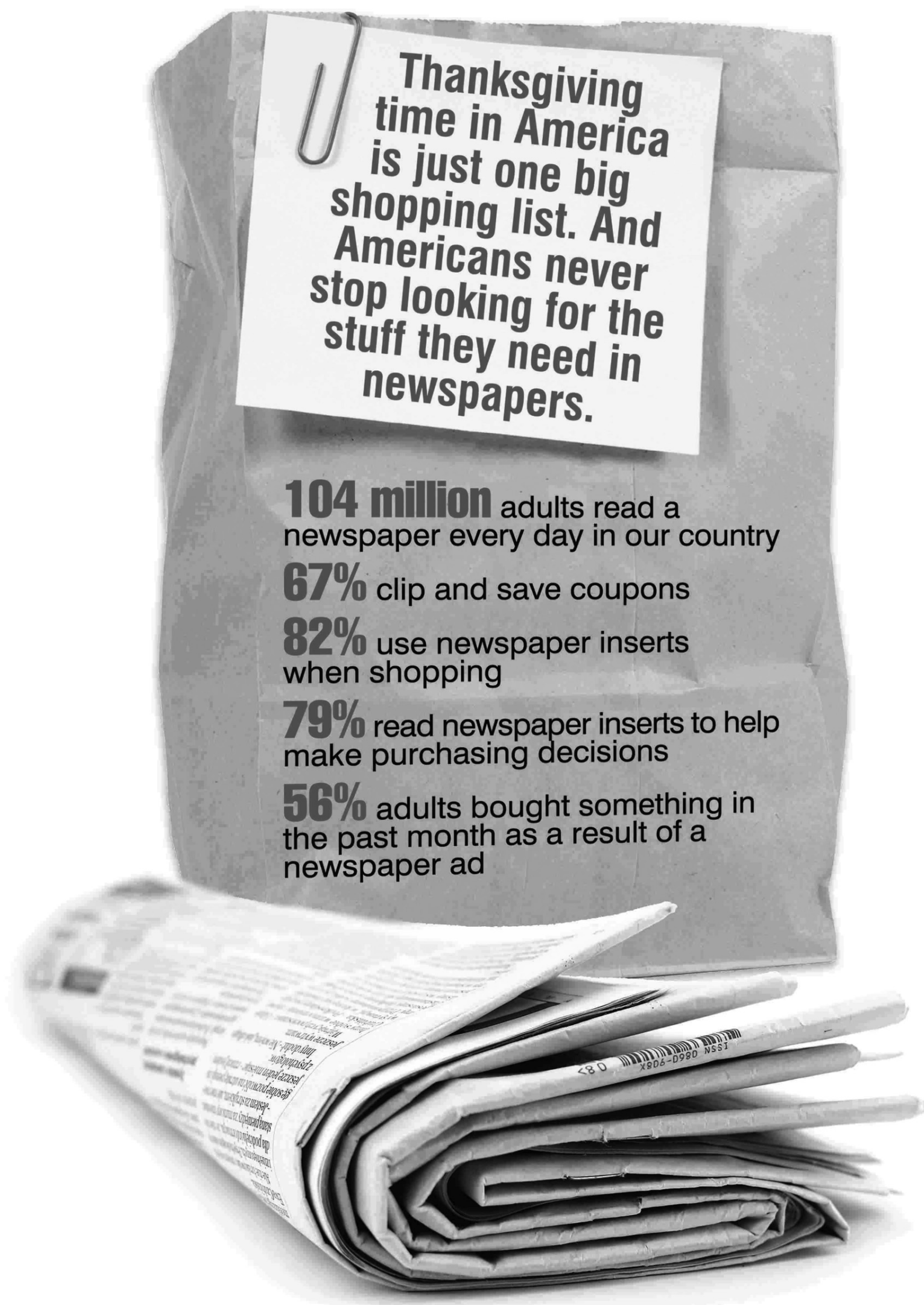


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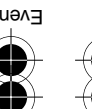
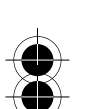
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**And let's all have a successful Thanksgiving.**



# Great nursing recognized



Goldie Fralick (center), an employee at Suwannee Middle School, received a certificate Oct. 27 for her hard work and dedication as a school nurse. Fralick, pictured here with Superintendent Jerry Scarborough and health and food services coordinator Margaret Wooley, was recently recognized as one of the "Great 100 Nurses" by the Florida Nurses Association at the Centennial FNA Convention held September 23-26 in St. Pete Beach.

- Photo: Carnell Hawthorne Jr.

## Blood drive

These are the results so far for the "What Team Do You Bleed For?," blood drive being held by Life South Community Blood Center. As you can see Florida has a pretty good lead right now. But Florida State has always been a second half team! Call 888-795-2707 Ext: 41209 or go to lifesouth.org to find out how you can get involved.

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The 60-mile run will begin at the Gainesville American Legion Post 16, 4701 NW 6th St. at 10 a.m. Last out by 11 a.m. Stops at the Newberry American Legion, High Springs Lions Club, ending at the American Legion Post 57 on US41 Lake City. Last in at 1:30 p.m.

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### Christian Mission In Action Community Fellowship Dinner

The Christian Mission In Action Community Fellowship Dinner is set for Saturday, Nov. 14 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Hale Recreation Center, Duval Street, Live Oak. There will be door prizes and a delicious traditional dinner. Food and monetary donations needed. Contact Mrs. Barbara Baker at 386-364-4988 or Mrs. Audrey Howell at 386-364-4560. Co-sponsored by: Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, Rev. Delores T. Bell, Pastor and Masonic Lodge #21, Stanley Woodson, Worshipful Master.

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Bulldogs

Bulldogs take on Indians tonight



Suwannee's Jacob Palmer pounds a Baker Wildcat last Friday. The Suwannee Bulldogs are down to their last two games of the season. Come out tonight and support the 'Dogs as they prepare to scalp the Indians of Baldwin at Paul Langford Stadium.

- Photo: Paul Buchanan - SuwanneeSports.com

Buccaneers

Bucs face the Bulldogs of Bell tonight



The Branford Buccaneers are pictured here recovering a fumble in last Friday's game against St. Joseph. Travel with the Bucs to Bell tonight as they prepare to battle it against the Bulldogs.

"We are preparing for a tough game," said coach Bill Wiles. "Bell always plays us tough. We better be prepared or we will be in trouble. We are battling some injuries and are a little thin at some spots. We need to be mentally ready for a physical opponent that plays very hard." Branford's record is 7-1. The Bulldogs of Bell are 2-5.

- Photo: Lawanna Gaylard

Third place for boys swim team; girls place 6th

By Jeff Waters jeff.waters@gafnews.com

Nine members of the Suwannee High School swim team qualified for regionals Thursday, Oct. 29 at Districts in 13 events. Five relays also qualified.

Regionals are set for today at Florida State University's Morcom Aquatic Facility in Tallahassee.

T.J. Vickers reset his school record at Districts for the 100 butterfly with a 58.93. Vickers previously broke Suwannee's school record against P.K. Yonge Oct. 19.

Also setting a new school record at 1:40.60 was the boys 200 freestyle relay made of Vickers, Marshall Boggus, Vance Wiggins and Greg Bowers.

Swimmers that qualified for regionals:

- Adair Artman: 100 fly and 200 free
Lindsey Brothers: 200 IM
Katalina Spicer: 200 IM
Katherine Haney: 50 FR and 100 FR
T.J. Vickers: 100 fly and 50 FR
Marshall Boggus: 100 FR
Michael McWilliams: 500 FR
Vance Wiggins: 500 FR and 100 back
Ryne Turner: 100 back

Five relays that qualified:

- Girls 200 medley and 200 freestyle relays
Boys 200 medley, 200 freestyle and 400 freestyle relays

Vickers breaks record again



Lindsey Brothers in a recent match. - Photo: Paul Buchanan - SuwanneeSports.com

SPORTS COMMENTARY

The Duke

Sportabout By Tom Daniels

As the World Series draws to an end and Chase Utley becomes Mr. November there is another name you should remember, Duke Snider. Joe DiMaggio was roaming centerfield for the Yankees as a young Mickey Mantle prepared, Willie Mays was dazzling them with speed, power and defense at the Polo Grounds. Duke Snider was a bum at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn. The comparisons were always Mantle and Mays. Someone forgot ... "Willie, Mickey and the

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Lady Bucs cross country team downs Suwannee

By Eric Rodriguez

The Branford girls cross country team defeated Suwannee Oct. 31. The score

was 37-22.

Branford ended the season undefeated on their home course. Branford's Ashley Horn came in first place and completed

the three mile course in 20:15, followed by Branford's Kendall Hall at 20:49. Suwannee's Lindsay Michal was third at 21:08.

A nailbiter for Upward

Submitted

Week five of Upward and the flag football teams continue to be quite evenly matched. The Division 3 game was a nailbiter that ended in a 13-13 tie to bring the teams into overtime. After a double overtime, the Rattlers pulled out a long and hard fought victory over the Cobras. The teams are all of similar skill level. That is because all players have a skills evaluation prior to the beginning of the season. Ability levels from the evaluations are entered into a computer program that picks the team players so the teams will be evenly matched.

Individual and team pictures were taken prior to the games so the kids will have a reminder of this first season of Upward play.

Suwannee County Sheriff's Deputy Brian Barrs and his canine partner, Bullet, provided the half time devotion. Deputy Barrs spoke to the choices that we all have to make in this life. Every choice we make is a chance to witness for Jesus no matter who you are. In life, just like on the Upward playing field, we can all be winners.



Suwannee County Sheriff's Deputy Brian Barrs and Bullet after devotions at Upward. - Photo: Submitted

SPORTS

Small-town success story

By Buddy Collings CoachesAid.com contributor

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Veteran North Florida coach Bill Wiles knows all about the small-town pleasures of coming back home. He tasted high school football's big time as an assistant coach at Georgia powerhouse Lowndes County and relished the intensity of Friday night big-school showdowns matching the Vikings with the likes of fabled crosstown rival Valdosta.

But when his wife of 20 years, Melissa, became pregnant with their first child, Wiles knew when it was time to bring her back to family.

Wiles is quite content in his fourth year as head coach at Branford, which sits on the banks of the Suwannee River about 50 miles northwest of Gainesville. Proud that his Buccaneers (6-1) achieved one of their preseason goals last week when they clinched their third consecutive season with a better than .500 record. Branford, often overmatched over the years, hadn't strung together three winning seasons in a row since 1979-81.

But what Wiles sounds most proud of this year is that the star of his tight-knit team of country boys is a senior who showed he also shares an appreciation of what down home means.

John Perry, a dominating back in Branford's old-school wing-T and single-wing scheme, was tempted last spring with the idea of leaving his hometown to play for a spread offense somewhere that could showcase his potential as a wide receiver to college scouts. Maybe he would cross the river and play for Branford's rival, Mayo Lafayette, which has historically dominated the Bucs. Maybe he would find a bigger school that tossed the ball around the yard.

"There was a point where I thought he was gone," Wiles acknowledges. "He had pretty much made up his mind that if he wanted to go to college he needed to be somewhere people could see him catch the ball a lot. I told him I loved him and if he really believed it was going to enhance his future, then I was going to wish him nothing but the best. He's a great kid."

Branford coach Bill Wiles is pretty happy that star running back John Perry stayed at the school. (Photo from Branford High School)

But Perry, one of the few black students at Branford, couldn't tear himself away. Not from boys he had known all his life, not from a school where his aunt teaches, not from the coach who sometimes dropped by with his wife and baby boy

Patterson to ask John if he wanted to come along for a dinner out.

"About two weeks before we started practice, here comes John, and he said, 'Coach, I can't do it. I was raised my whole life in Branford. Coach, you've been like a daddy to me. I don't want to play my senior year somewhere else.'"

The rest is history that is still happening. With Perry playing with a renewed passion, Branford's team of 25 players is enjoying one of the best seasons its town has seen since the school's glory days of the 1970s - which included a 38-game regular-season winning streak.

Branford, which plays an independent schedule that includes longstanding rivals like Bell, Trenton and Lafayette, scored a 63-24 homecoming victory over Bronson (1-7) last week with Perry unleashing three big plays before Wiles harnessed his workhorse. The 6-1, 190-pound senior opened the scoring with a 60-yard punt return for a touchdown and scored a pair of TDs covering a total of 154 yards on his first two carries before Wiles started compassionately substituting in a game that was 36-0 after one quarter.

It was the same story in a 52-7 win at Florida Deaf earlier this season. Perry broke a 92-yard kickoff return early but then mostly blocked and tackled while teammates took turns getting the touches. He's not worried about padding his stats.

"My goal now is to win out the rest of our games and go to a bowl game, hopefully," Perry said Wednesday morning.

When Wiles, who coached Graceville to the Class 1A state championship in 1993, has needed Perry, he has delivered. Perry rushed for 300-plus yards twice in Branford's first five games and was right at 1,000 yards by midseason. He rambled for 321 and scored all four of his team's touchdowns in a Week 2 28-13 win at Trenton and came up huge when the Bucs battled for a 33-26 win over Jacksonville Paxon.

"To be honest with you, John played with pretty much no passion, no emotion the past two years," Wiles said. "That was after he played like gangbusters for us at cornerback as a ninth grader. But it's like the light went back on this year. He's doing whatever I ask him to do and he's playing his tail off. This whole team gives us great effort, but John is our bell-cow. No doubt about that."

Wiles believes Perry is determined to prove to himself and others that one of the two-lane roads that runs through Branford can get him to college football. He has a chance to be the school's first signee since Wiles came back to be an assistant to



Branford coach Bill Wiles and star running back John Perry.

- Photo: Branford High School

Steve Brown six years ago.

"Whoever offers me, really," Perry said of his college hopes. "I just want to go to college and play."

"I'm getting a whole lot of interest from I-AA, D-II type of people, and I'll be severely disappointed if he doesn't get something," Wiles said. "I believe he will. John is a full academic qualifier. I know Carson-Newman likes him as a wide receiver. Some of the other schools see him as a strong safety. I took him down to USF's invite-only camp last summer, and it looked to me like he competed toe-to-toe."

Wiles will do whatever he can to get Perry's name out there, and Perry will give it his all for a team that concludes its regular season with challenging games, starting Friday night at high-scoring St. Joseph's Academy (6-1) of St. Augustine. The Bucs play at Bell (2-5) on Nov. 6, then finish Nov. 13 at home against Lafayette (5-2), which blanked the Bucs 35-0 last season and has been state-ranked in 1B this year.

Whatever happens, Perry said finishing what he started as a 5-year-old playing for Branford's Little Bucs Pop Warner program has worked out just fine.

"Coach Wiles is a good man," Perry said. "He taught us everything we know. He taught us how to be men."

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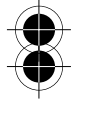
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SPORTS

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COMMENTARY

The Duke

Sportabout

By Tom Daniels

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Duke," as the song goes. He got last billing. It is kind of like saying Carlton was second fiddle to Koufax and Spahn. The company is not bad.

Duke Snider hit four homeruns in the 1952 and 1955 World Series, then a National League record. When he retired his 11 homeruns over six World Series was the best in National League history. The World Series, however, was not his only legacy.

Before hitting 40 homeruns was commonplace, Babe Ruth was and is the only player to hit 40 or more homers over a seven-year period. When Snider retired in 1964 he was the only National Leaguer to hit 40 or more homers over a five-year period. Ruth was the A.L. leader, Snider the N.L. Snider hit his 400th homer as a New York Met in the Polo Grounds. At the time it put him in the top ten. He would finish with 407.

The Silver Fox retired a Giant but will always be remembered as a Dodger. A lifetime .295 hitter, he is also the only National Leaguer to score over 120 runs three consecutive seasons. In 1953 and 1954 he was a Triple Crown contender finishing in the top five in all three categories.

So as the World Series concludes and you hear tales of Reggie Jackson, remember the Duke because by now we've all forgotten ... "Willie, Mickey and The Duke."

Florida Fish Busters' Bulletin

Common carp is both exotic and common

November 2009  
Bob Wattendorf

Common, yet exotic; snubbed, yet revered - the common carp is truly an oxymoron. They are native to other countries and were stocked here by people. Many Florida anglers disdain them, but they also have some dedicated aficionados.

They evolved in the Caspian Sea and expanded their range naturally to the Black and Aral seas and west to the Danube River in Germany. That all sounds pretty exotic to me and not at all common.

As one of the earliest fish to be cultured, carp were a major staple in Eurasian diets and among the most genetically modified fish species ever. Monks selectively bred variants, called mirror carp or the nearly scale-less leather carp, that were easier to prepare for the table. In the 1820s, the Japanese began breeding beautifully colorful koi, with fancy flowing fins and other genetically selected features, which sold for thousands of dollars apiece. One famous scarlet koi lived for 226 years from 1751 to 1977.

Although stories vary, it seems most credible that five common carp from Germany were imported into the United States in 1872 for commercial purposes. In 1877, the U.S. Fish Commission imported additional carp from Germany, and for 20 years or so stocked the species as a harvestable food fish throughout most of the United States. More recently, introductions of common carp resulted from use of juvenile carp as bait fish.

Within Florida, common carp are known to be breeding only in the Apalachicola and Ochlockonee rivers in North Florida, where they are found in diverse habitats, from steep natural banks to gentle banks and near dike fields, sand disposal areas, rocky outcrops and backwater sloughs. They are not nearly as abundant in Florida as most other states, possibly because of our short, mild winters. Isolated collections of common carp in South Florida are believed to be the result of released bait; however, use of carp for bait in Florida is illegal.

In the United States today, the common carp is often regarded as a pest fish, because of its tendency to destroy vegetation and increase water turbidity. Adults feed by sucking up bottom silt, and selectively removing insect larvae, crustaceans, snails and other small food items; and organic debris (muck) itself may be an important component of the diet.

Because they have been present since the first fisheries population surveys, any impact on native fishes would be difficult to determine. Having been established for so long, common carp would be virtually impossible to eliminate.

In Europe, they are eagerly sought by anglers, because they are difficult to hook, and put up a tough fight. According to some accounts, the only European sport fish more popular are Atlantic salmon and rainbow trout.

In the United States, groups, such as the Carp Anglers Group and American Carp Society, have sprung up to promote sportfishing for common carp.

Pavel Hastik of Florida took third place in the Summer TOKS Big Four International (www.bigfourcarp.com) by landing four carp weighing a total of 100.06 lbs. He caught these carp from the Apalachicola River, the heaviest weighing 28 lbs. The Florida record is 40.56 pounds, and IGFA reports the world record was caught in France and weighed 75.69 pounds.

If you decide to angle for them, the best baits include dough balls, canned corn, bread crusts and worms fished on the bottom. They are classified as nongame fish, so there are no bag or size limits, although a license (or legal exemption) is required, and you should not release any alive. Use 2.0-6.0 hooks, with a sinker and no float; typically start with your bail open if you are using a spinning reel and be prepared for a long run and strong fight. Other sportsmen pursue carp using bowfishing techniques. In North Florida, this is legal using crossbow or bow and arrow from a boat or from shore, except at the spillways of the Jim Woodruff Dam on the Apalachicola River. Night bowfishing tournaments with lights are popular and do not require a permit.



Pavel Hastik with this Apalachicola-caught fish from his third-place tournament finish. - Photo: FWC



Peter Mikulicka with a 25-lb.-plus common carp from Lake Talquin. - Photo: FWC

Carp are very tasty; in fact, they are considered a delicacy in many countries. However, they have two rows of small, floating bones above and below the lateral line. Breaking the floating bones by either scoring the fillet or grinding it up is important to making your meal enjoyable. Boiling, smoking or barbecuing are popular methods of cooking them.

So the name may be common, but nonetheless they are exotic and fascinating fishes.

A nailbiter for Upward



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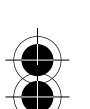
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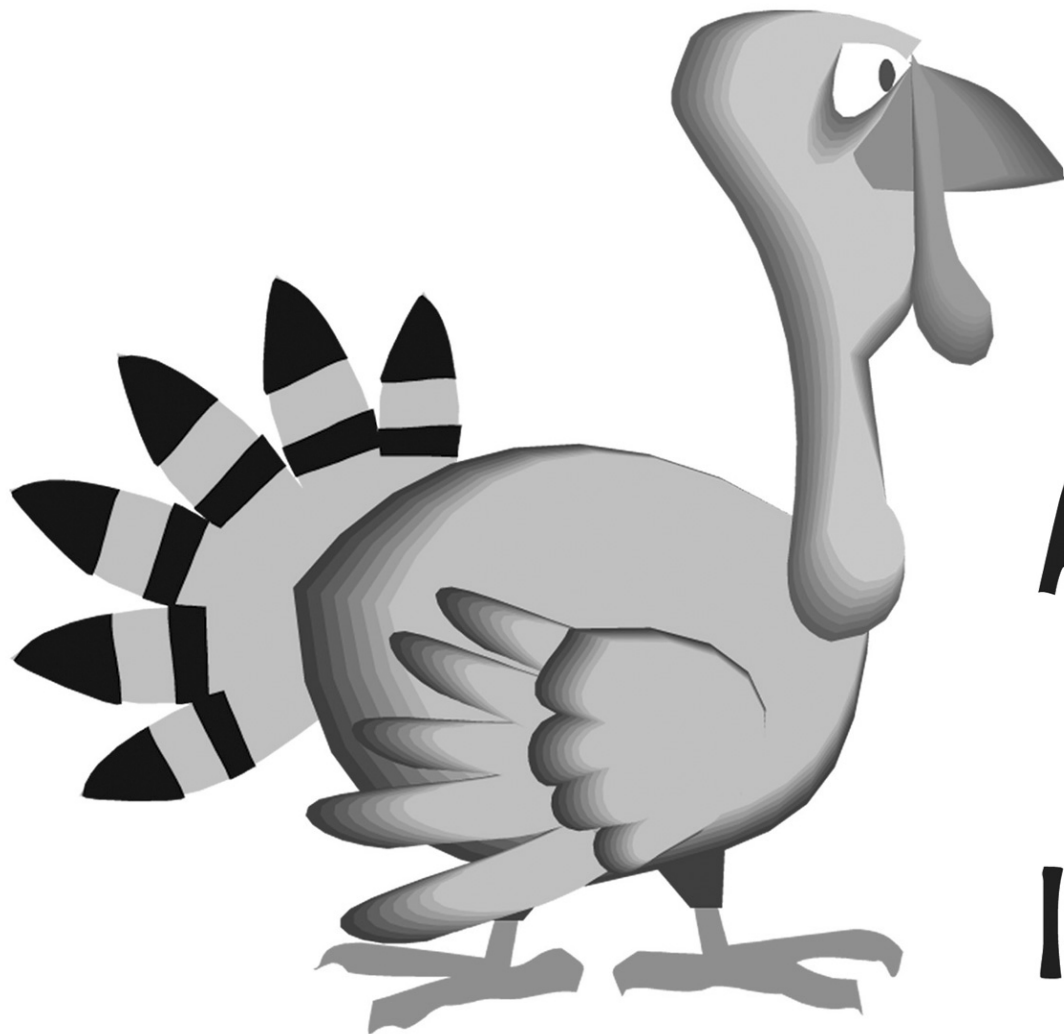
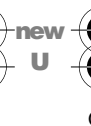
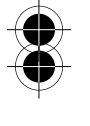
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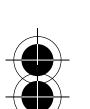
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# How late?



By David H. Matier  
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"Hath a nation changed their gods which are yet no gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit. Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the Lord. For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water." (Jeremiah 2:11-13). What kind of trade has been made? The early settlers, such as those who came on the Mayflower, came searching for a place where they could worship the Lord God without being persecuted by some state church. They were people who put God first in their lives – the Bible was the primary book in their schools. The early settlers didn't want to be told by a particular church what doctrine they must believe but wanted the freedom to read and interpret the Bible for themselves. They were men and women of high moral and ethical character; living holy and sanctified lives. Their churches were a central part of their lives. The communities were built around the church (this is still evident in the small villages in New England where the old churches still stand in the center of the quaint towns). All of the great universities were established by Bible believing men only to be taken over by those who would rather have nothing to do with the Bible in our day!

What kind of trade has been made by the United States? Has America traded that which made her special and unique for that which is unprofitable? Many Americans have turned their backs on God and have tried to find answers elsewhere: in education, employment, money (1 Timothy 6:10), the cults (Humanism – declared a religion in 1963,

Spiritualism, Modernism, to just scratch the surface) and everything but the truths of God's Word - "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;" (II Timothy 4:3). This is the time! A large portion of the people that attend church regularly are more interested in getting out to go to the local buffet than they are about what the preacher is saying! What's the message from God today needs to be the mindset of God's people – America needs to hear from God! America needs revival!

What's being seen in America and all around the world is a confirmation of the Word of God. It declares the nearness of His coming. Things that the prophets could have never imagined but told us about are beginning to happen. A world wide identification mark (666) may have been impossible to imagine at one time – but it's not today! A cashless society is practically here already. All of the horrible things you witness in the news and see on the streets all around you, though upsetting, should be encouraging because they should tell you that the coming of Jesus is getting closer. It's sort of like the little girl who was laying in her bed listening every hour to her family's grandfather clock because she couldn't sleep. When it got to 11 p.m. – it chimed once, twice,...10 times, 11 times, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and when it chimed for the 18 time she hurried into her parents' bedroom and woke up her parents and said, "Mom, Dad, it's later than it's ever been before!"

Dr. John Walvoord said, "I have been studying prophecy for many years (over 50), and while I do not believe it is possible to set dates for the Lord's return, I do sense in the world today an unprecedented time of world crises that can be interpreted as being preparatory for the coming of the Lord. If there ever was a time when Christians should live every day as though Christ could come at any time, it is today."

Jesus said, "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matthew 24:36, 37)

Brother, Sister it is later then it has ever been before!

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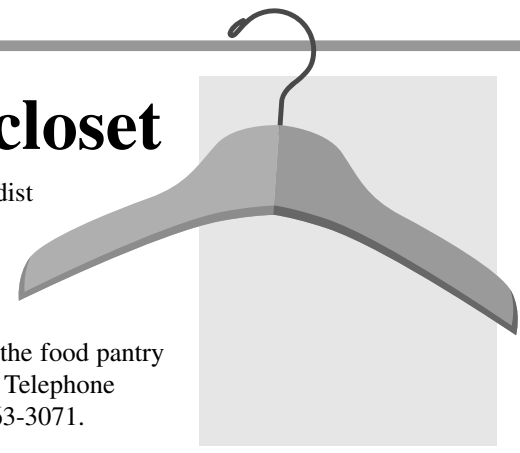
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# The key word is "Difficult"

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# The trials and triumphs of the chronically lazy

By James L. Snyder

All through my formative years my father and other authority figures railed quite mercilessly against what they called being lazy. According to them, laziness was about as close to the unpardonable sin as a human could possibly get without being burned by hell's blaze. The lesson for me was, "With all thy getting, get as far away from laziness as possible."

These authority figures backed up their opinions about laziness with a fervor of work bordering on the frenzy. Just suggest that perhaps they were leaning towards, just a little bit lazy, and boy, would they explode in a ferocity of work leaving everybody in their smoke. They will even work on their day off.

Instead of relaxing and having fun, these lazy-challenged people spend all their time and energy working zealously as though everything depended upon them getting something done on time.

One of the great sayings of these lazy-challenged people is, "If the Devil finds a man idle, he'll set him at work." This, as everybody knows is an old Scottish proverb. The meaning is quite simple. If you do not find something to fill your mind, the devil will fill it for you.

Now here is the problem as I see it. All of these authority figures are confusing the issue. "Lazy," and "idle," are not synonymous. Someone may have a very idle mind while his hands are busy doing something. Moreover, the lazy person may have a mind more active than other people, but with his hands folded on his lap.

Being idle is one thing but being lazy is something altogether different.

There is another saying not quite as popular but goes something like this, "If you want something done quickly and efficiently find a lazy man to do it."

A man with an idle mind is someone who is not doing anything productive but wasting a lot of time and energy doing it. And I can see why this could be a very tempting sphere of operation for the devil. If anybody sees an empty workshop with some fine machinery but nobody is working it, the temptation is to help yourself. Nothing is more unnerving than seeing something go to waste. An idle man, however, does not care about those things.

A lazy man is rather different. He refuses to waste anything, especially energy, particularly his own. To compare this lazy man with the lazy-challenged man is quite an eye-opener.

The lazy-challenged person wastes more energy and accomplished less than any other category of man. With such a fear of being labeled lazy, they will spin their wheels frantically and accomplish precious little to show for their effort.

Activity, yes. Lots of it. So much so that their smoke gets in your eyes.

On the other hand, the

lazy person takes a different approach to the matter at hand. Before cranking up into full work mode, he sits down to ponder the whole matter and plans his strategy. Thinking is his specialty.

One thing a lazy man knows is this, some things if put off long enough do not have to be done at all. This is a great savings of energy in the long run. Other people would frantically try to accomplish and finish everything that comes across their desk immediately.

The curse of "immediately," is that very few things need to be done immediately. Somehow, people have gotten the weird notion that if something needs to be done; it needs to be done immediately. But most things are like a fine wine. It takes a lot of aging before it is ready to drink. I like what a great actor once said, "We will sell no wine before its time." The lazy man's version is, "I will do no work before it's time." Then pray that it's time never comes.

Some things done immediately only create more work. It is a discerning man (lazy man) who knows what needs to be done and what does not have to be done at all. Those people who are greatly allergic to being called lazy are afraid not to do something, while the lazy man is quite content to let some things go undone.

One more thing about a lazy man. Before he will do anything, he will try to figure out the quickest and easiest way to do it without spending a lot of energy or time. He guards his energy as an old miser guards his coins at night.

The lazy person is not intimidated by activity. However, he has that deep-seated satisfaction of knowing that he may not do everything but what he does do he does as effortlessly as possible.

Peter, the angler turned apostle, understood this idea of leisurely casting your life upon the Lord. "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (1 Peter 5:7 KJV).

Even Jesus understood this when he said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30 KJV).

The essence of wisdom is this; do not do for yourself what has already been done for you. Very simply put, Jesus has done it all for you.

The Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, 1471 Pine Road, Ocala, FL 34472. He lives with his wife, Martha, in Silver Springs Shores. Call him at 352-687-4240 or e-mail jamesnyder2@att.net. The church Web site is www.whatafellowship.com.



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CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday

Nov. 11

Healing service

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We are located at 9317 US Hwy 90 West, about six miles West of I-75. For further information contact Fr. Don Wilson at 386-754-2827.

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Wanted: church news

The Suwannee Democrat needs you. Please let us know of any interesting events or happenings at your church. The Suwannee Democrat will run them on the church page for free. Send information and/or photos via email to nf.editorial@gafnews.com or drop them off at the front desk at 211 Howard St. East. For more information call 386-362-1734.

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Ongoing church meetings

AWANA clubs-Wednesday nights, First Baptist Church of Live Oak. Info: 386-362-1583, www.fbcliveoak.org-click on children's ministry.

Bethel Creek Baptist Church - hosts a singing group at 6 p.m., first Sunday. Church is located at 8945 CR 53, Day. Birthdays and anniversaries will be celebrated after the singing and all are welcome.

Bible college classes offered - Third Saturday, from 2-

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Devotional and

ADVENT CHRISTIAN
FIRST ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
699 Pinewood Drive
(386) 362-1802
Rev. Tim Carver, Pastor
SUNDAY
Sunday School.....9:30 am
Worship Service.....10:30 am
Evening Service.....6:30 pm
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study.....10:30 am
501031-F
BIXLER MEMORIAL ADVENT CHRISTIAN
Advent Christian Village, Dowling Park
Rev. Steve Lawson & Rev. Rosemary
Humbles & Rev. John Harper
Youth Pastor Rev. Randy Lamb
SUNDAY
Morning Worship.....9:55 a.m.
Christian Education Hour.....11:15 a.m.
Evening Worship and
Children's Group.....6:00 p.m.
501065-F

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FAITH IN CHRIST CHURCH
9317 U.S. Hwy. 90 West, Lake City
1/2 mile east of Suwannee/Columbia County line
Rev. Don Wilson
www.ficang.org
SUNDAY
Holy Communion.....9:30 am
1928 Book Of Common Prayer
Bible Study.....10:45 am
For more information:
Church Office 754-2827
Rev. Wilson 208-9882 558116-F

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Live Oak, FL 32066
(386) 658-2360 or (386) 658-3715
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www.dowlingparkbaptist.com
SUNDAY
Sunday School.....9:30 am
Worship Service.....10:45 am
Evening Bible
Exploration Services.....6:00 pm
•Nursery Available all Services
•Pre-K to 2nd Grade Junior Church
conducted during 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship Service
WEDNESDAY
Mid Week Prayer Service.....6:30 pm
501067-F

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401 West Howard Street • Live Oak, FL 32064
Phone: 386-362-1583 • Fax 386-364-6478
Email: firstbaptistchurch@fbcliveoak.org
www.fbcliveoak.org
Rev. Phillip Herrington, Pastor
Rev. Steve Sweitzer, Pastoral Care/Administration
Rev. Alan Lott, Music and Worship
SUNDAY
Early Worship.....8:30 am
Sunday School.....9:45 am
Morning Worship.....11:00 am
Discipleship Training.....6:00 pm
Evening Worship.....7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY
AWANA.....5:50-8:00 pm
Youth Discipleship.....5:30-6:30 pm
Dulos - Youth.....6:45-8:00 pm
Adult Small Group.....6:00-8:00 pm
Midweek Prayer.....6:30-7:30 pm
501068-F

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor: Dr. David Teems
14364 140th St., Live Oak, FL 32060
386-776-1010 or 386-776-1418
email address: Suwannee baptasso@alltel.net
SUNDAY SERVICES
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....9:45 am
Worship Service.....11:00 am
(Children's Church during Morning Worship)
Discipleship Training.....6:00 pm
(Women's Bible Study, Men's Bible Study,
Youth Discipleship, Youth Choir, Children's Choir
Evening Worship.....7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY SERVICES
Wednesday Evening Supper.....5:45 pm
Awanas.....6:30 pm
Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00 pm
Nursery available during all services
558112-F

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SUNDAY
Sunday School.....10:00 am
Morning Worship.....11:00 am
Evening Worship.....6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY
Prayer & Worship.....7:00 pm
Children & Youth Program.....7:00 pm
558117-F
PINEMOUNT BAPTIST CHURCH
US 129 South (Across from the S&S Store)
Post Office Box 129-McAlpin, Florida
(386) 362-5634
Nursery provided for each worship service
Worship and Fellowship Opportunities of the Week
Pastor: Matthew Barker
SUNDAY
Bible School.....9:45 am
Morning Worship.....11:00 am
Evening Worship.....6:30 pm
WEDNESDAY
Family Night Supper.....6:00 pm
AWANA Club.....6:30 pm
Prayer Meeting.....7:00 pm
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together... but encouraging one another.
Hebrews 10:25 558118-F

BAPTIST (SOUTHERN)
WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
13969 Railroad St.
Live Oak, FL 32060
"Experiencing God Together"
Van Freeman, Pastor
386-397-1350
SUNDAY
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Children's Church.....11:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.
555677-F
WESTWOOD BAPTIST
920 11th Street, SW (Newbern Road)
362-1120
Dr. Jimmy Deas, Pastor
Rev. Jim McCoy, Minister of Music
and Senior Adults
SUNDAY
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship & Childrens Church
10:50 a.m.
Discipleship Training.....5:00 p.m.
Children's Choirs.....6:20 p.m.
Youth Choir.....5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship Service.....6:30 p.m.
TUESDAY
Men's Prayer Group meet at Dixie Grill.....6:30 a.m.
Lady Quilters.....9:00 a.m.
Praise Team Rehearsal.....7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Ladies Prayer Group.....9:30 a.m.
Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal.....5:00 p.m.
Mid-Week Service.....6:30 p.m.
Youth Group.....6:30 p.m.
RA's, GA's, Mission Friends.....6:30 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal.....7:30 p.m.
1st Thursday of each month
Senior Saint Singers Rehearsal.....10:00 a.m.
3rd Thursday of each month
Senior Saint Singers Rehearsal.....10:00 a.m.
Senior Adult Bible Study.....11:00 a.m.
Senior Adult Covered Dish Luncheon.....12:00 noon
501073-F

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386-963-5603
SUNDAY
Bible Study (Sunday School).....9:45 am
Celebration Worship.....11:00 am
Evening Worship.....6:00 pm
Depth (Student Bible Study).....6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY
Family Supper.....5:00 pm
Kidz Club.....6:00 pm
Discipleship Classes for Adults.....6:30 pm
Flood Student Worship.....6:30 pm
501074-F
WELLBORN BAPTIST CHURCH
Dr. Donald Minshev, Senior Pastor
Rev. Tommy Smith, Minister of Education and Youth
Mr. Tim Scott, Worship Leader
U.S. 90 West & Lowe Lake Rd., Wellborn
Church Phone 963-2231
wellbornbaptist@windstream.net
SUNDAY
Sunday School.....9:15 am
(Classes for all ages)
Morning Worship Service.....10:30 am
Children's Church (Grades K-4th)
Children's Choir.....4:45 pm
CiA/Mission Friends.....6:00 pm
Evening Worship.....6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY
Family Dinner.....5:30 pm
AWANA.....6:30 pm
One Way Youth Ministry (Grades 7-12).....6:30 pm
Prayer/Bible Study.....7:00 pm
Nursery is available for all services
501075-F

SHADY GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST
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Rev. David Hingson, 658-2547
SUNDAY
Sunday School.....9:45 am
Worship.....11:00 am
Church Training.....6:00 pm
Evening Worship.....7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY
AWANA Club (Ages 3-12 grades)....6:25 pm
Prayer & Bible Study.....7:00 pm
501128-F
SUWANNEE SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
3801 US Hwy. 129, Live Oak, FL
Pastor Sid Baker
129 North, 3-1/2 miles past McDonalds
SUNDAY
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.
558119-F

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(386) 362-3971
Pastor Ed Tharpe
(129 S. to 11th St. go to roundabout follow
to 136. Travel approx 7 miles turn right
onto 169th Rd.)
SUNDAY
Sunday School.....9:30 am
Morning Worship.....11:00 am
Evening Worship.....5:00 pm
Choir Practice.....4:00 pm
WEDNESDAY
Prayer service.....6:00 pm
Team Kid Club.....6:00 pm
Nursery & "Little Children's Church" provided
558120-F
ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH
5203 County Road 795
362-3101 - Church
Rev. David McKeithen
SUNDAY
Sunday School.....9:45 am
Morning Worship.....11:00 am
Evening Worship.....6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY
Prayer Service.....7:00 pm
501117-F

MARY BELLE BAPTIST CHURCH
14919 76th St.
(West 90, 1-3/4 miles from the Jiffy Store)
Darrell Curls, Pastor
SUNDAY
Sunday School.....10:00 am
Morning Worship.....11:00 am
Evening Worship.....6:00 pm
501070-F
MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
18305 56th St., Live Oak, FL
386-362-3782
Rev. Bobby McCray, Pastor
(386-294-1337)
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.
Children's Church Provided
Wed. Night Prayer & Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.
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CATHOLIC
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928 East Howard St. U.S. 90 East
Father Richard Perko
P.O. Box 1179 Live Oak, Florida 32060
(386) 364-1108
SUNDAY
St. Therese of the Child Jesus (Jasper)
Sunday Mass.....8:00 am
St. Francis Xavier (Live Oak)
Sunday Mass.....9:30 am
Sunday (Spanish) Mass.....12:00 pm
WEDNESDAY
Wednesday Mass.....7:00 pm
THURSDAY
Thursday Mass.....9:00 am
FRIDAY
Friday Mass.....9:00 am
SATURDAY
Saturday (Vigil) Mass.....5:00 pm
501129-F

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1391 SW 11th Street, Live Oak
WEDNESDAY
Eucharist & Unction.....10:30 am
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THURSDAY
Eucharist.....7:00 am
SUNDAY
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Eucharist.....11:00 am
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SUNDAY
Sunday School.....10:00 am
Morning Worship.....11:00 am
Evening Worship.....6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY
Prayer & Worship.....7:00 pm
Children & Youth Program.....7:00 pm
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WEDNESDAY
Family Night Supper.....6:00 pm
AWANA Club.....6:30 pm
Prayer Meeting.....7:00 pm
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WEDNESDAY
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& 6:00 pm
THURSDAY
Eucharist.....7:00 am
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Old Time Gospel Memorial Jamboree-first Friday, 6:30 p.m., in Lee Worship Center, 398 Magnolia Drive, Lee; free Gospel concert; open mike; everyone is invited, bring a covered dish and bring a friend; door prize; free will offering and donations taken to benefit the roof building fund and expenses of the sing; groups, singers and pickers, if you want to perform or for more information, contact Allen and Brenda McCormick, 850-971-4135, after 6 p.m.

Mothers of Pre-schoolers (MOPS) A faith-based support group for mothers with infants to school age children. Come and enjoy talking with other

moms, guest speakers, snacks, crafts, children's activities; 9:30 a.m.-noon; second and fourth Tuesdays, September-May) at First Baptist Church, 401 W. Howard Street, Live Oak; Info: 386-362-1583.

Christian Mission in Action - first Tuesday, 6 p.m., at Triumph the Church and Kingdom of God in Christ Youth Center, 12001 NW Seventh St., Live Oak; Info: Audrey Sharpe, 386-364-4560.

Christian Mission in Action Ministry - free food and clothing give-away, second Saturday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at John H. Hale Park and Recreation Center, Duval Street, Live Oak; Info: Audrey Sharpe, 386-364-4560.

Christian Mission in Action Ministries - Free clothing

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Church Directory

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Children's Ministry-Youth Ministry-Adults Services: Sunday 10:00 am and 6:00 pm (TBA) Wednesday 7:00 pm - Adults Children's Ministry Revolution Youth Church Saturday 7:00 pm Revolution Club Nursery Available All Services Pastor Frank C. Davis 499938-F

CHRIST CENTRAL MINISTRIES 15445 US Highway 129 S. (7 miles South of town) (386) 208-1345

Sunday Morning Service.....10:30 a.m. Wednesday Dinner, open to public.....5:15 p.m. Wednesday Night Service.....7:00 p.m. Pastor Wayne Godsmark, Lead Pastor 499943-F

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SUNDAY Sunday School.....9:45 am Morning Worship.....11:00 am Evening Worship.....6:00 pm WEDNESDAY Evening Prayer Meeting.....7:00 pm "A Church on the Move" 50005-F

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

LIVE OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH Pastor: Dr. W. Ray Kelley Corner of Hamilton and Ohio Aves. (Hwy. 129 N) (386) 362-1085 (386) 209-1614 www.liveoakchristian.org

SUNDAY Sunday School.....10:00 am Family Worship.....11:00 am Evening Worship.....6:00 pm WEDNESDAY Bible Study.....7:00 pm 50009-F

PRESBYTERIAN

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH U.S.A. 421 White Avenue, Live Oak (386) 362-3199 Pastor Shirley Mergan

SUNDAY Sunday School.....9:45 am Worship.....11:00 am Communion First Sunday of every month 50012-F

PRESBYTERIAN (PCA)

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 830 Pinewood Street, Live Oak, FL (386) 362-2323

SUNDAY 9:45 AM Sunday School for children, youth and adults 11:00 AM Morning Worship WEDNESDAY 5:45 PM Family Fellowship Meal 6:30 PM Kingdom Kids Children, Partners in Christ Youth, and Adult Bible Study 7:30 PM Choir Practice Randy Wilding, Pastor A Christ-centered, Gospel-proclaiming, People-loving, Family Church 50011-F

PENTECOSTAL

DOWLING PARK CHURCH OF GOD 23500 CR 250, Dowling Park • 658-3151 www.dowlingparkcog.com Rev. Shane Pooler

SUNDAY Sunday School.....9:45 am Morning Worship.....11:00 am Children's Church.....11:00 am Evening Worship.....6:30 pm WEDNESDAY Family Training.....7:00 pm Classes for every age Nursery Provided on Sunday 50112-F

PENTECOSTAL

LIVE OAK FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD 13793 76th St. (Mitchell Rd.), Live Oak, FL Rev. Darin Wilson 362-2189 SUNDAY

Sunday School.....9:30 am Children's Church.....10:30 am Morning Worship.....10:30 am Evening Worship.....6:00 pm Wednesday Night.....7:30 pm 501124-F

LIVE OAK CHURCH OF GOD 9828 US Hwy 129 South Rev. Fred R. Watson 362-2483 Web: www.liveoakchurchofgod.com

SUNDAY Sunday School.....9:45 am Morning Worship.....10:38 am Children's Church.....10:38 am Childrens Choir.....5:30 pm Evening Worship.....6:30 pm WEDNESDAY Pre-service Meal.....5:45 pm Family Training Hour.....7:00 pm Preschool Classes, Boys Clubs, Girls Clubs, V.I.B.E. Youth Church, Young Adults Class and Sanctuary Bible Class FRIDAY Prayer at the Gates of the City.....7:00 - 8:15 am 501138-F



SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

LIVE OAK SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH Pastor Brandon White 11239 SR 51, Live Oak, FL 32071 364-0717 English; 330-2575 Spanish SATURDAY SERVICES Sabbath School.....9-15 am Devine.....11:00 am

TUESDAY Worship & Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m. 501118-F

UNITED METHODIST

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 311 S. Ohio Avenue, Live Oak • 362-2047 Pastor: Dr. William Finin "COME WORSHIP WITH US"

SUNDAY Contemporary Worship.....9:00 am Sunday School.....10:00 am Morning Worship.....11:00 am

WEDNESDAY

Youth Meeting.....6:00 pm Adult Handbells.....6:00 pm Men's Crusaders.....7:00 pm Chancel Choir.....7:30 pm Nursery available Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 services 501916-F

NEW HARMONY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 160th St. (Go south on 51 to 160th, turn right) Pastor: Stan Posey Phone (386) 776-1806 SUNDAY

Sunday Worship.....9:30 am Bible Study.....10:30 am WEDNESDAY Women's Bible Study.....10 am 501120-F

PINE GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 5300 CR 136A, Live Oak Phone (386) 362-5595 Pastor George Swarengin SUNDAY

Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Choir Practice.....5:00 p.m. Traditional Service.....11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.

MONDAY

Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Youth Group Service.....5:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal.....6:00 p.m. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m. "Enter to Worship .... Depart to Service" 501119-F

WELLBORN UNITED METHODIST 12005 CR 137 963-2154 • 963-3071 Pastor James Messer Music: Geiger Family

SUNDAY Sunday School.....10:00 am Worship Service.....11:00 am Evening Service.....6:00 pm @ Huntsville UMC, Lake Jeffery Road Youth Meeting.....3:00 pm

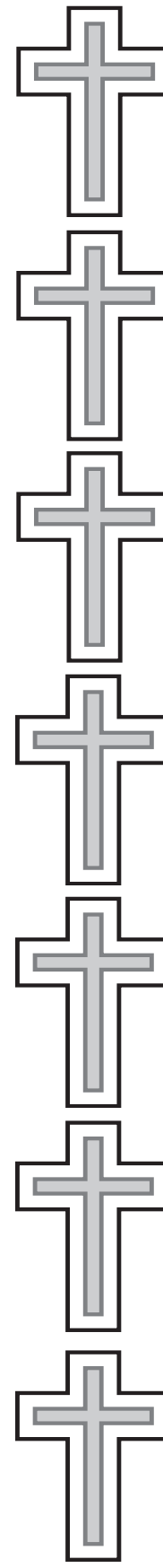
TUESDAY

Prayer Intercession at the Alter 7:00 am, Noon and at 7:00 pm Church is opened all day, Everyone is welcome

McLeran Memorial Public Library Tuesday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Saturday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00 pm 558121-F



Do Good Work and Serve the Lord

It is fairly common, and almost a cliché, to note that the Protestant work ethic fueled capitalism, giving capitalism such guiding virtues as hard work, frugality and efficiency. While honest labor and thriftiness may still be virtues held in high regard, it is tempting to feel that capitalism has somehow lost its soul. Instead of producing high-minded, hardworking Christians who value work, it has produced spirited automatons who dread work and mindlessly consume whatever the market has to offer. Even Adam Smith, capitalism's first and foremost theorist, warned in "The Wealth of Nations" that specialized labor would tend to make work boring and alienate labor from its product. So, is there a way to keep work from being so stultifying? Of course, it depends somewhat on the work in question, but any labor that is interesting is redemptive, whether it is figuring out what is wrong with someone's car that won't start, planting a garden, or cleaning a house. Another way to redeem work is to do it in a craftsman-like way. There is something inherently pleasurable in doing something well, especially if there is some product to behold or savor at the end of our work. Consider how God Himself beheld His handiwork on the seventh day, and declared that it was good. So, perhaps we should figure out a way to take genuine interest in our work and devote ourselves to doing it well, however humble it may be. Do good work; God is watching.



So I saw that there is nothing better than that a man should enjoy his work, for that is his lot...

R.S.V. Ecclesiastes 3:22

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# Protect your heart

In the opening scene of the movie "Hope Floats," Sandra Bullock's character finds out that her husband is having an affair and wants a divorce. On national television.

Even in a movie, that level of humiliation is hard to witness, and even harder to endure. Humiliation occurs when someone's self-respect or dignity is damaged, and nothing does a better job than rejection. The hard truth remains that rejection is a fact of life and even when we don't understand it, rejection has the potential to free us up for better things. New opportunities and healthier relationships are just a few examples of how rejection is not the worst thing that can happen to us.

Flip that over to the other side. Who have you rejected? An even better question might be how did you reject them? I was talking with a group of teenage girls recently, and



**Heart Matters**  
By Angie Land

one of the girls had nothing but complaints about her current boyfriend. Curious, I asked the obvious question, "If you feel that way, why don't you break up with him?" Her reply was one I have heard often: "Oh no, I can't break up with him, it would hurt his feelings." Clearly, she was rejecting him. He was just the only one who didn't know it. We definitely

need a new perspective.

Dating is the bridge between being single and the covenant of being married. It is the place to work through issues and gives the opportunity to build relationship skills. Unless you are planning to marry the first person you date, you will at some point either be rejected or be the rejecter. While no one enjoys being rejected, often being the rejecter can prove to be the most difficult. In their book, "The Art of Rejection," authors Michael and Hayley DiMarco explain, "People tell us one of the major reasons they're spending a lot of time thinking about a breakup before the actual breakup is that they are trying to figure out how to defend their reasons, if you have a sense that you want out of the relationship, go with that. Don't be afraid of hurting the other person's feelings, because you are not in control of how

they will react. You are only in control of your own life. In the end, breaking it off at the first sign of serious trouble will be much better than letting it linger until it becomes more and more painful to break up."

In Proverbs 4:23, the Bible instructs us to "Guard your heart with all diligence, for out of it is the wellspring of life."

Guarding your heart doesn't mean that you break up over a simple difference of opinion, but rather that you investigate your feelings. If you realize that your feelings have

changed, you begin to feel trapped in the relationship or start to dread spending time together, its time to break it off, before you head towards marriage! There are also a few red flags that you need to pay attention to even if your feelings aren't the problem: abuse, lies and cheating. These are not relationship problems, they are character problems that will continue to worsen in a relationship where they are tolerated. Get out now, there is much more at stake than hurt feelings. Healthy relationships make you both better. So keep

searching and don't settle for less. Because your heart matters.

Blessings, Angie

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# The key word is "Difficult"

By Derek Maul

Here around Tampa the fall is long overdue, so Monday's long walk with Scout felt especially refreshing at around 65 degrees and clear. It was, however, one of those cobweb mornings. I took pretty much everything I have to free my mind and my spirit from a low-hanging cloud that's been difficult to shake.

There's the key word: "Difficult". For too many of us, spirituality is either easy or it is non-existent; pick one and get on with it. Maybe we hear too many misleading messages about faith; perhaps we live in an entitlement culture where results are everything and the journey is optional at best; my guess is we're dealing with a potent combination of the two.

But the net effect is a tendency to engage our spiritual lives this way: "Fill me with warm, fuzzy feelings, right now, or I'll look elsewhere for my satisfaction."

So this morning I had to fight for my peace, wrangle for my assurance, choose to believe in spite of the distance I felt from God, and pretty much apply the practice of a devotional orientation regardless of the disinterest my gut-level response suggested.

Bottom line: When I only launch my new day in a faith-oriented direction when I already feel faith-oriented in my heart - then the entire point of engaging the journey is lost! This pilgrim path - and I really am a "Pilgrim in Progress" - is



more about my decision to move forward than it is about achieving a constant "God-moment" in my heart.

Sure, those "God-moments" are more likely to show up when we are moving in the correct direction. But that's not why we do it. We move forward because we are faithful; we move forward

because we understand that real, soul-level, peace is neither shallow nor is it cheap; we move forward because that is what a pilgrim does.

"Moving away from part-time Christian status is not one decision but a series of decisions, sometimes several times a day. This journey is a cradle-to-grave adventure, an ongoing challenge, and the process likely didn't begin in one definitive moment. Pilgrimage is driven by movement - forward and circling back - full with amazing possibility and the promise of reinvention." (Derek Maul, "The Unmaking of a Part-time Christian", p137)

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## Find wildlife hidden in your yard



When you look out the window, you probably see trees, bushes and sometimes birds eating wild seeds or berries. But what if you go outside and look about? Do you see ants crawling on the ground? Maybe a butterfly sitting on a flower? Did you know there are many kinds of animals you cannot see unless you look really hard?

All sorts of animals - big and small - live in your backyard. Some fly, some crawl, some jump and some slither. They live under rocks, logs and leaves; up in bushes or trees; near water; and in holes in the ground and cracks in your house.

For your first Backyard Safari, look under a plant's leaves, especially if they look as if something chewed on them. This is where caterpillars hang out. They look like worms with many legs. Some caterpillars look hairy and others are smooth. Caterpillars change into pretty butterflies or moths. Leaves hide caterpillars from birds that might want to eat them for lunch.

Unless you know what kind of caterpillar you are looking at, do not touch it. Sometimes the ones that look furry are prickly. They could be poisonous.

Ask an adult to help you turn over a log or large stone (be sure to turn the log toward you in case there is a snake hiding underneath). It is not hard to find a beetle because there are many different ones. In fact, they are the largest group of insects on Earth. Look for the bugs with biting mouths and hard front wings that protect them.

Some beetles help people by using their jaws to eat tiny critters that chew on flowers or dine on vegetable gardens. Other beetles are pests because they eat the food people grow.

Beetles lay their eggs in dead, fallen trees or logs. When you turned the log over, did you also see tiny white, squishy "worms" wriggling around? These grubs are baby beetles. Other animals and bugs that call logs and fallen trees home are pill bugs (roly-polies), ants, salamanders, lizards, frogs, earthworms, termites and centipedes.

### Fill out a calendar

Join the Get Outdoors Florida! movement. Make a monthly list of animals in your yard. See if you can name each one. Maybe draw a picture of them. If you have a magnifying glass, that will help you find and describe the tiny creatures. By writing down what you see every month, you will learn when Florida animals are the busiest.

Be a safe backyard detective and never pick up animals unless an adult is with you. Never pick up a spider. Spiders bite, and a few are poisonous to people. Remember to return anything collected for study to its home. Happy critter hunting!

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

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give-away on the third Saturday of every month 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Triumph the Church and Kingdom of God in Christ Youth Center, 12001 NW Seventh St., Live Oak; Info: Audrey Sharpe, 386-364-4560 or 386-266-6816.

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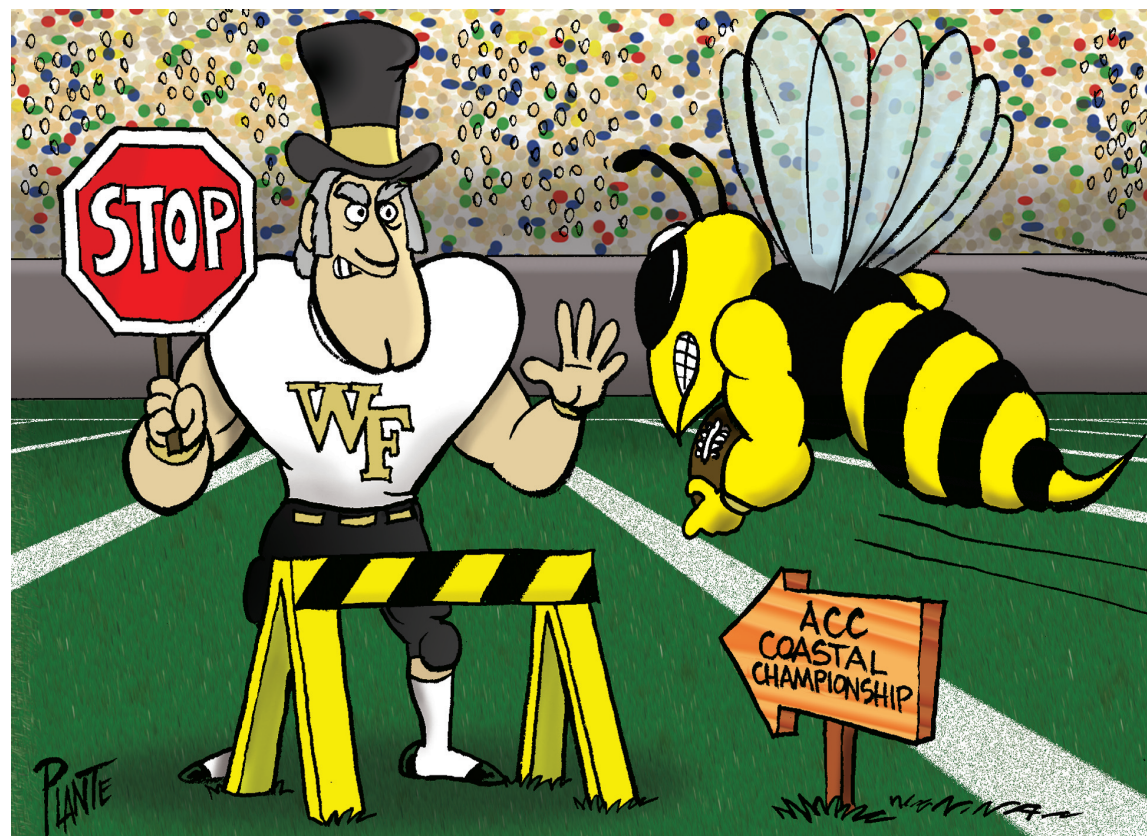
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The ACC this week

GAME OF THE WEEK Wake Forest at Georgia Tech



Deacons could be spoilers

The only certainty in the topsy-turvy Atlantic Coast Conference is Georgia Tech's grasp on its own destiny. Ranked 10th in the latest BCS rankings and riding a six-game winning streak, the Yellow Jackets will look to take another step closer to their second Coastal Division championship in the last four seasons and a shot at the Orange Bowl when they play host to a hard-luck Wake Forest squad on Saturday afternoon.

Although Georgia Tech has a rich football heritage that includes the almost-forgotten 1990 co-national championship season, the Wake Forest game kicks off the Yellow Jackets' most significant month in recent years. If all goes according to plan, Georgia Tech will have the credentials and the spoils of success to continue to entice recruits and usurp Virginia Tech as the conference's next powerhouse.

However, the ACC is arguably the craziest of the six major BCS conferences, and Wake Forest should not be discounted. The Demon Deacons have a championship pedigree of their own, a great coach in Jim Grobe and the knowledge that they are 10 points away from being 8-1 themselves.

Records: Wake Forest 4-5 (2-3 ACC Atlantic); Georgia Tech 8-1 (5-1 ACC Coastal). Coaches: Wake Forest's Jim Grobe (91-82-1); Georgia Tech's Paul Johnson (124-44). Series: Georgia Tech leads 20-8. Kickoff: 3:30 p.m. ET Saturday. TV: ABC/ESPN2.

Keys for Wake Forest: Ball security. An interception and three lost fumbles against Miami put a damper on the program's best offensive showing (in terms of yardage) in four years. Handling the run. Navy ran for 338 yards on 64 carries and controlled the clock for 34 minutes two weeks ago in a 13-10 win over the Demon Deacons.

Keys for Georgia Tech: Embry Peoples has to be a pass-catching threat out of the backfield. Peoples collected 117 yards and a touchdown on two grabs against Vanderbilt, while Demaryius Thomas, the conference's top receiver, had four receptions for 76 yards and a score. Continue to keep it clean. The Yellow Jackets were flagged just once against the Commodores.

THE REST OF THE MATCHUPS

Virginia Tech at East Carolina

Records: Virginia Tech 5-3 (3-2 ACC Coastal); East Carolina 5-3 (4-1 Conference USA East). Coaches: Virginia Tech's Frank Beamer (224-115-4); East Carolina's Skip Holtz (68-48). Series: Virginia Tech leads 9-5. Kickoff: 7:30 p.m. ET Thursday. TV: ESPN.

Keys for Virginia Tech: Make stops. North Carolina converted 10 of its 19 third-down chances and held the ball for a little more than 36 minutes in a 20-17 win over the Hokies on Oct. 29. Shut down Dominique Lindsay. The East Carolina running back, who had his third 100-yard rushing game of the season with 139 yards in a 38-19 win over Memphis on Oct. 27, averaged 5.8 yards per carry in four October games.

Key for East Carolina: Just as they did in last year's 27-22 upset win over the Hokies, the Pirates need to put their own spin on Beamer Ball. East Carolina has the nation's fifth-best punter in Matt Dodge and leads Conference USA in punt returns and turnover margin.

Virginia at Miami

Records: Virginia 3-5 (2-2 ACC Coastal); Miami 6-2 (3-2 ACC Coastal). Coaches: Virginia's Al Groh (85-89); Miami's Randy Shannon (18-15). Series: Miami leads 4-2. Kickoff: Noon ET Saturday. TV: Raycom Sports.

Keys for Virginia: Return game must provide a boost. The Cavaliers rank 11th and 12th, respectively, in the

conference in punt return and kickoff return yardage. Move the chains. Virginia, which ranks last in the conference with a third-down conversion rate of 32.0 percent, has converted only 10 of its last 43 third-down chances.

Keys for Miami: Make a commitment to the ground game. Jacory Harris threw for 330 yards with three touchdowns and one interception on 22-of-43 passing against Wake Forest, but Miami ran the ball just 21 times and had its defense on the field for nearly 39 minutes. Demoralize Virginia's offensive line early. Virginia ranks 105th among FBS teams in rushing offense and yields a conference-worst 3.5 sacks per game.

Maryland at N.C. State

Records: Maryland 2-6 (1-3 ACC Atlantic); N.C. State 3-5 (0-4 ACC Atlantic). Coaches: Maryland's Ralph Friedgen (66-42); N.C. State's Tom O'Brien (89-64). Series: Maryland leads 31-30-4. Kickoff: 1 p.m. ET Saturday. TV: ESPN360.com.

Keys for Maryland: Torrey Smith has to play an integral role in the passing game. The conference leader in all-purpose running has caught only five passes for 47 yards in the last two games after making 31 grabs for 519 yards in the first six games. Strong linebacker play. In addition to having the conference's top tackler in Alex Wujciak, the Terrapins got a career-high 13 tackles from Ben Pooler in a 17-13 loss to Duke two weeks ago.

Keys for N.C. State: A little help from a defense that has given up an average of 44.0 points during the Wolfpack's current four-game losing streak. A heavy workload for Toney Baker, who had a season-best 19 carries for 112 yards and helped the Wolfpack put together their best offensive day in five years against Florida State.

Duke at North Carolina

Records: Duke 5-3 (3-1 ACC Coastal); North Carolina 5-3 (1-3 ACC Coastal). Coaches: Duke's David Cutcliffe (53-40); North Carolina's Butch Davis (68-36). Series: North Carolina leads 55-35-4. Kickoff: 3:30 p.m. ET Saturday. TV: ESPN.

Keys for Duke: Defense sets the tone. The Blue Devils defense yielded only 1 yard and was on the field for one minute and 24 seconds in the first quarter against Virginia. Running backs must continue to serve as Thaddeus Lewis' last line of protection and give him extra time to dissect North Carolina's defense.

Key for North Carolina: Be physical with Duke wide receivers Donovan Varner and Conner Vernon. Varner had his third straight 100-yard receiving game and Vernon tallied his third 100-yard receiving game of the season against Virginia.

Florida State at Clemson

Records: Florida State 4-4 (2-3 ACC Atlantic); Clemson 5-3 (3-2 ACC Atlantic). Coaches: Florida State's Bobby Bowden (386-127-4); Clemson's Dabo Swinney (9-6). Series: Florida State leads 16-6. Kickoff: 7:45 p.m. ET Saturday. TV: ESPN.

Keys for Florida State: Defense cannot continue to give up the big play. An 80-yard touchdown pass from N.C. State's Russell Wilson to Owen Spencer this past Saturday was just the latest big play allowed by defensive coordinator Mickey Andrews' unit. Discipline. The Seminoles average a conference-worst 73.1 penalty yards per game, while the Tigers are the ACC's least penalized team.

Key for Clemson: An effective and efficient Kyle Parker. Just when it appeared that the redshirt-freshman was turning the corner, he threw for 70 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions on 6-of-17 passing in this past Saturday's 49-3 win over Coastal Carolina.

2-MINUTE DRILL

BOSTON COLL. Senior Steve Aponavicius became the school's all-time scoring leader by booting four extra points and a 19-yard field goal in this past Saturday's 31-10 win over visiting Central Michigan. Aponavicius entered the Eagles' open week with 267 career points.

CLEMSON Quarterbacks Kyle Parker and Willy Korn and wide receiver Jacoby Ford each threw a touchdown pass in this past Saturday's 49-3 win over visiting Coastal Carolina. It was the first time that Clemson got touchdown passes from three different players since a 54-21 win over Duke on Oct. 20, 1984.

DUKE Junior Will Snyderwine extended his streak of consecutive successful field-goal attempts to 11 by converting all five of his tries in this past Saturday's 28-17 win at Virginia. Doug Peterson, who accomplished the feat against Maryland 12 years ago, was the last Duke player to kick five field goals in the same game.

FLORIDA ST. Sophomore Jermaine Thomas rushed for a career-best 186 yards and two touchdowns on 20 carries in this past Saturday's 45-42 win over visiting N.C. State. It was the best performance by a Florida State running back since Leon Washington ran for 195 yards in a 2005 Gator Bowl win over West Virginia.

GA-TECH Junior running back Jonathan Dwyer moved up the record books by running for a career-best 186 yards and three touchdowns in this past Saturday's 56-31 win at Vanderbilt. Dwyer moved to third on the school's career rushing touchdowns list and seventh on the school's all-time scoring list.

MARYLAND Just two days after registering two total tackles in a 17-13 loss to Duke, freshman linebacker Ryan Donohue collected a game-high nine stops for the Terrapins' junior varsity team in a 14-13 loss to Fork Union Military Academy on Oct. 26.

MIAMI Miami had nine different players haul in passes from Jacory Harris in this past Saturday's 27-26 win at Wake Forest, including sophomore Travis Benjamin, who capped a game-winning drive that covered 82 yards with a 13-yard touchdown grab.

N. CAROLINA The Tar Heels picked up their first conference win of the season and extended their winning streak against ranked teams to four with a 20-17 win at Virginia Tech on Oct. 29. North Carolina's last four-game winning streak against ranked teams began at the end of the 1992 season.

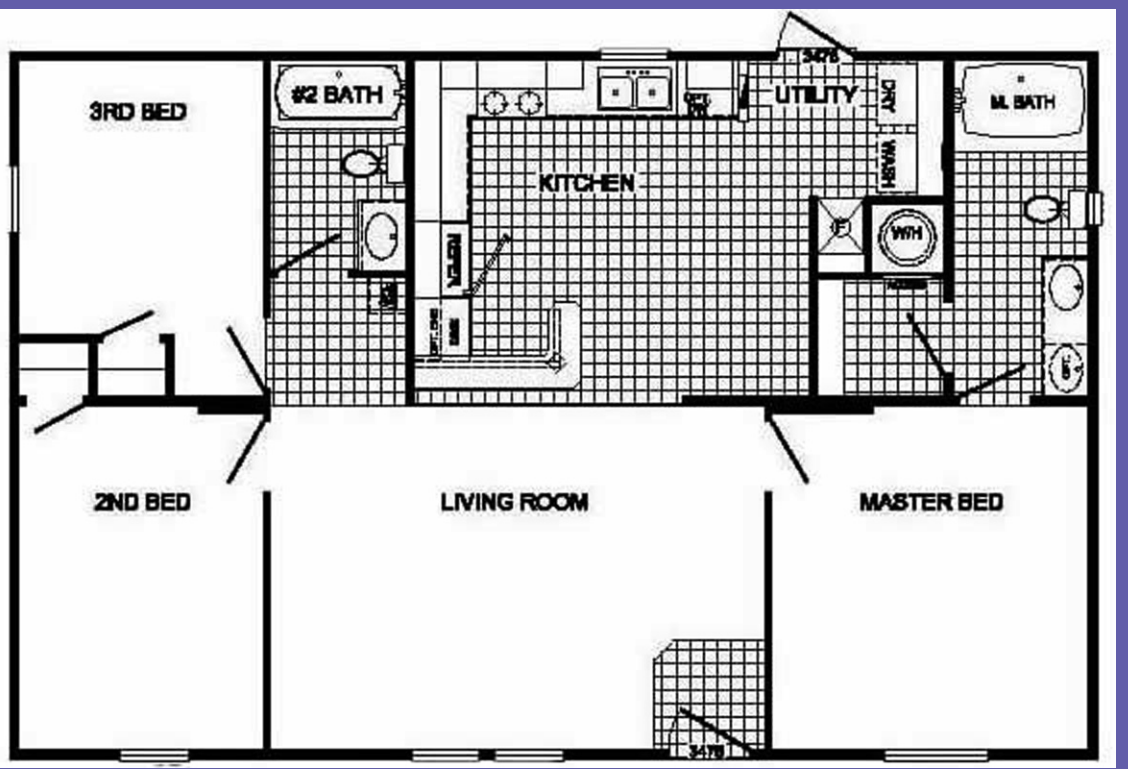
N.C. STATE Sophomore Russell Wilson threw for a career-best 349 yards and tied a school record held by two other quarterbacks with five touchdown passes against Florida State. Terry Harvey had one five-touchdown game in the early '90s, and Philip Rivers had three earlier in this decade.

VIRGINIA With a 343-yard performance against the Cavaliers, Duke quarterback Thaddeus Lewis became the third ACC player to throw for at least 2,000 yards in four consecutive seasons and the seventh conference player to throw for at least 9,000 yards in a career. Lewis' 42-yard touchdown pass that gave the Blue Devils an 18-17 lead with 3:45 left was the first allowed by Virginia in the month of October.

VA-TECH Freshman tailback Ryan Williams' second lost fumble of the season enabled North Carolina to get a game-winning 21-yard field goal from Casey Barth on the game's final play. Williams, who needs 70 more yards to reach 1,000 on the season, had not lost a fumble since mugging a punt against Alabama in the season-opener.

WAKE FOREST Senior QB Riley Skinner moved into second place on the conference's all-time completions chart with 349 yards on 29-of-43 passing against Miami, but he was knocked out of the game in the fourth quarter after sustaining a hit on a 12-yard run. Fifth-year senior and former walk-on Ryan McManus accounted for 59 yards of total offense in relief of Skinner.

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PASSING YARDS table listing players like Ryan Mallett, Stephen Garcia, and Joe Cox with their yardage.

RUSHING YARDS table listing players like Ben Tate, Mark Ingram, and Anthony Dixon with their yardage.

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TOTAL OFFENSE table listing teams like Stephen Garcia, Ryan Mallett, and Tim Tebow with their total offense yards.

SCORING table listing players like Leigh Tiffin, Wes Byrum, and Mark Ingram with their points.

INTERCEPTIONS table listing players like Johnthan Banks, Mark Barron, and Walter McFadden.

TEAM LEADERS

PASSING OFFENSE table listing teams like Arkansas, South Carolina, and Georgia with their passing offense yards.

RUSHING OFFENSE table listing teams like Florida, Auburn, and Mississippi State with their rushing offense yards.

TOTAL OFFENSE table listing teams like Florida, Arkansas, and Auburn with their total offense yards.

PASSING DEFENSE table listing teams like Florida, South Carolina, and Vanderbilt with their passing defense yards.

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The SEC this week

GAME OF THE WEEK LSU at Alabama

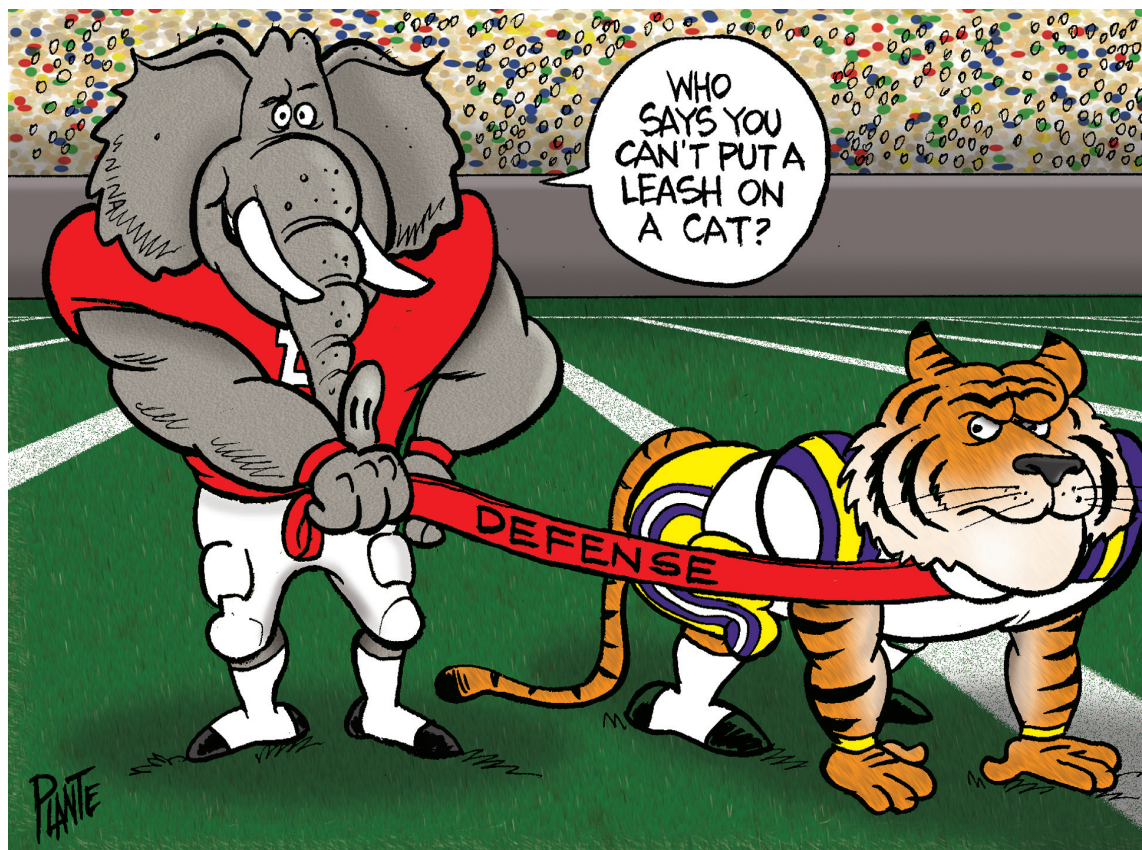


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'Bama can clinch West title

With much of the LSU faithful and national media content to concentrate on history this week, Alabama should be concerned only with the present when it plays host to the Tigers on Saturday afternoon at Bryant-Denny Stadium.

As long as Nick Saban is on the Crimson Tide sideline, some of the focus for this annual Western Division showdown will always shift to Saban's past relationship with the Bayou Bengals. LSU owes a debt of gratitude to Saban for helping develop a powerhouse program and leading the Tigers to their first national championship in 45 years, but it will most likely never be acknowledged because Saban returned from the NFL's Miami Dolphins to work his magic in Tuscaloosa.

Despite slipping to third in the last BCS rankings, Alabama still has too much going for itself to get involved in a history lesson and media hype. All hard-running sophomore Mark Ingram and the nation's fourth-ranked defense need to know is that a win over the Tigers sends the Crimson Tide back to Atlanta for a SEC Championship Game rematch against defending national champion Florida. Records: LSU 7-1 (4-1 SEC West); Alabama 8-0 (5-0 SEC West). Coaches: LSU's Les Miles (77-33); Alabama's Nick Saban (118-50-1). Series: Alabama leads 44-24-5. Kickoff: 2:30 p.m. CT Saturday. TV: CBS.

Keys for LSU: Compete in the trenches. Alabama leads the league in sacks and tackles for loss. ... Kick coverage. Alabama's Javier Arenas ranks fifth and 23rd, respectively, among FBS players in punt-return and kickoff-return yardage. Keys for Alabama: Shut down LSU's Charles Scott, who had a breakout performance in this past Saturday's 42-0 win over Tulane with a season-best 112 yards and two scores on 18 carries. ... Leigh Tiffin cannot be the Crimson Tide's most effective offensive weapon. The senior has booted 12 field goals over the past three games and accounted for 36 of Alabama's 54 points during that stretch.

THE REST OF THE MATCHUPS

South Carolina at Arkansas Records: South Carolina 6-3 (3-3 SEC East); Arkansas 4-4 (1-4 SEC West). Coaches: South Carolina's Steve Spurrier (176-65-2); Arkansas' Bobby Petrino (50-20). Series: Arkansas leads 10-7. Kickoff: 11:21 a.m. CT Saturday. TV: SEC Network.

Key for South Carolina: A cool, calm and collected Stephen Garcia. Garcia may have had his third 300-yard game of the season against the Volunteers, but he misfired on 25 attempts and looked confused at times. Key for Arkansas: Ryan Mallett against the nation's third-best pass defense. The Arkansas quarterback completed only 36 of his 96 pass attempts in losses to Alabama, Florida and Mississippi.

Eastern Kentucky at Kentucky

Records: Eastern Kentucky 5-3 (5-2 FCS Ohio Valley); Kentucky 4-4 (1-4 SEC East). Coaches: Eastern Kentucky's Dean Hood (13-7); Kentucky's Rich Brooks (127-154-4). Series: Kentucky leads 2-0. Kickoff: 1 p.m. ET Saturday. TV: WKYT or WMYT.

Key for Eastern Kentucky: Stifle the Kentucky running game. The Colonels lead their conference with an average of 7.9 tackles for loss per game. Key for Kentucky: Forget about challenging Jeremy Caldwell. The Eastern Kentucky sophomore has had three two-interception games this season and ranks first among FCS players in interceptions per game.

Tennessee Tech at Georgia

Records: Tennessee Tech 5-3 (4-2 FCS Ohio Valley); Georgia 4-4 (3-3 SEC East). Coaches: Tennessee Tech's Watson Brown (106-170-1); Georgia's Mark Richt (86-26). Series: Georgia leads 1-0. Kickoff: 1 p.m. ET Saturday. TV: Pay-per-view.

Key for Tennessee Tech: Test the Bulldogs' ability to protect the football. Georgia ranks last in the conference and 119th among FBS teams in turnover margin. Key for Georgia: Establish Washaun Ealey as the feature back of an offense that ranks last in the conference in rushing yards per game.

Furman at Auburn

Records: Furman 4-4 (3-3 FCS Southern); Auburn 6-3 (3-3 SEC West). Coaches: Furman's Bobby Lamb (60-33); Auburn's Gene Chizik (11-22). Series: Auburn leads 3-0. Kickoff: 12:30 p.m. CT Saturday. TV: Pay-per-view.

Key for Furman: Keep quarterback Jordan Sorrells upright. Furman has given up only six sacks this season. Key for Auburn: Take Adam Mims out of the equation. The Furman receiver is tied for 10th in the FCS in receptions per game and is 31st among FCS players in receiving yards per game.

Memphis at Tennessee

Records: Memphis 2-6 (1-4 Conference USA East); Tennessee 4-4 (2-3 SEC East). Coaches: Memphis' Tommy West (84-92); Tennessee's Lane Kiffin (4-4). Series: Tennessee leads 20-1. Kickoff: 7 p.m. ET Saturday. TV: ESPN.

Key for Memphis: Ground warfare. The Tigers must contain Tennessee's Montario Hardesty and get a good game from Curtis Steele, who has rushed for an average of 151.7 yards over the past three games. Key for Tennessee: Move the chains. A 3-for-14 showing on third down by the Volunteers gave South Carolina glimmers of hope this past Saturday.

Vanderbilt at Florida

Records: Vanderbilt 2-7 (0-5 SEC East); Florida 8-0 (6-0 SEC East). Coaches: Vanderbilt's Bobby Johnson (89-99); Florida's Urban Meyer (91-17). Series: Florida leads 31-9-2. Kickoff: 7:15 p.m. ET Saturday. TV: ESPN2.

Key for Vanderbilt: Touches for its big-play freshmen. Warren Norman and Zac Stacy combined for four Vanderbilt touchdowns and 200 yards from scrimmage in this past Saturday's 56-31 loss to Georgia Tech. Key for Florida: Reduce Tim Tebow's workload. The Florida QB has continued to get the bulk of the carries the past three weeks, while Jeff Demps, Chris Rainey and Emmanuel Moody have seen a combined 56 carries over that time.

Northern Arizona at Mississippi

Records: Northern Arizona 5-3 (4-2 FCS Big Sky); Mississippi 5-3 (2-3 SEC West). Coaches: Northern Arizona's Jerome Souers (66-67); Mississippi's Houston Nutt (125-77). Series: First meeting. Kickoff: 6:30 p.m. CT Saturday. TV: Comcast Sports South.

Key for Northern Arizona: Avoid interceptions. Junior QB Michael Herrick, who ranks sixth among FCS players in total offense and pass efficiency, threw 10 touchdown passes against no interceptions in Northern Arizona's five wins. Key for Mississippi: More Dexter McCluster, less Jevan Snead. McCluster had his second straight 100-yard rushing game with a career-best 186 yards against Auburn, while Snead threw for 175 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions on 16-of-35 passing.

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ALABAMA The Crimson Tide's Nick Saban, Florida's Urban Meyer and LSU's Les Miles were among the 20 FBS coaches recently named to the watch list for the Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year award. Saban claimed the award in 2003 for guiding LSU to a BCS national championship.

ARKANSAS The host Razorbacks scored the most points of the Bobby Petrino era in this past Saturday's 63-27 win over Western Michigan. It was the most points scored by an Arkansas team since a 63-13 victory over New Mexico on Sept. 4, 2004.

AUBURN Senior running back Ben Tate surpassed the 1,000-yard mark for the season and became the fifth player in program history to collect at least 3,000 rushing yards in a career by running for 144 yards and one score in this past Saturday's 33-20 win over visiting Mississippi. The performance marked Tate's sixth 100-yard rushing game of the season.

FLORIDA Senior QB Tim Tebow resurrected his hopes of becoming the second player in college football history to win two Heisman Trophies by accounting for four touchdowns in last Saturday's 41-17 win over Georgia. Tebow's two rushing scores moved him to the top of the conference's all-time rushing touchdowns list and into third place on the conference's all-time touchdowns list.

GEORGIA Last Saturday's contest in Jacksonville marked the first time in program history that the Bulldogs donned black helmets and the first time in over a decade that they wore black pants. Georgia first wore black pants for a 33-6 win over Wisconsin in the 1998 Outback Bowl win and again a little less than 11 months later for a 38-7 loss to Florida.

KENTUCKY Junior Derrick Locke moved within 79 yards of 1,500 rushing yards for his career by running for 103 yards and a score on 17 carries in this past Saturday's 31-24 loss to visiting Mississippi State. Kentucky's average of 186.6 rushing yards per game this season is its highest in 14 years.

LSU The Tigers extended the nation's longest active winning streak over nonconference foes to 22 and gave head coach Les Miles sole possession of third place on the school's all-time wins chart with this past Saturday's 45-0 victory over visiting Tulane. Miles and current Alabama head coach Nick Saban entered the game tied with 48 victories.

MISSISSIPPI Freshman Jesse Grandy became the third player in program history to score on two kickoff returns in the same season when he ran back a third-quarter kickoff against Auburn 82 yards. Grandy's first kickoff return for a score came on the first play of a 48-13 win over UAB two weeks earlier.

MISS. STATE After rushing for just 48 yards on 15 carries in last year's 14-13 setback to Kentucky, senior running back Anthony Dixon set a school record this past Saturday by running for 252 yards on a career-high 33 carries. The performance by the school's all-time leading rusher ranks as the 15th best in conference history.

S. CAROLINA The Gamecocks committed three first-half turnovers that led to 21 Tennessee points in this past Saturday's 31-13 loss at Neyland Stadium. South Carolina finished with a season-high four turnovers in the setback.

TENNESSEE Claiming that the program's first Halloween home game in 67 years "presented a unique opportunity," Tennessee director of athletics Mike Hamilton said that the decision by the Volunteers to wear black jerseys against South Carolina should not "be interpreted as a move away from our traditional colors (orange and white)."

VANDERBILT Freshman RB Warren Norman broke D.J. Moore's single-season school record for kickoff return yards by collecting 184 yards on seven returns in last Saturday's 56-31 loss to visiting Georgia Tech. Norman joined former Tennessee standout Willie Gault as the only players in SEC history to score three TDs in a season on kickoff returns.

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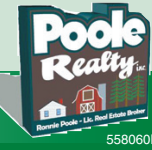
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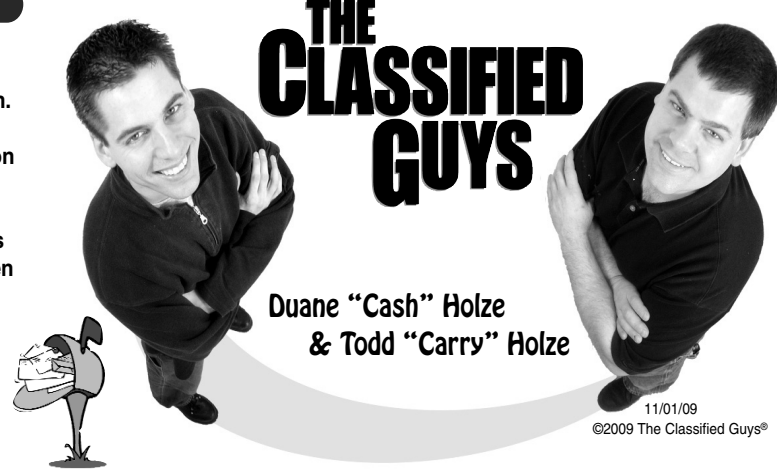
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Carry: Fortunately, the questions in an interview should be much easier to answer than a high school exam. After



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all, the questions are all about you.

Cash: However, you should take some time before the interview to brush up on the company. Read about them on the internet and learn how they operate. The more you know, the better prepared you will be for the interview.

Carry: You're fortunate to already know that your interview will contain competency-based questions. Unlike the "get to know you" ones, these questions focus on your past behavior or performance in various situations.

Cash: Rather than directly asking about your skills, knowledge or attitude, the idea is to have you explain previous situations and how you han-

dled them. For instance, instead of asking if you work well with others, the interviewer will ask you to explain a difficult situation from a previous job and how you resolved the issue. They will then interpret the kind of relationships you may create with co-workers.

Carry: The best way to prepare for a competency interview is to think of your previous experiences and how you handled them. A good answer to a competency question should include stating the situation, the actions you took and the final results.

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"I called him like you asked," she explained, "and told him to bring his resume and references to the interview."

"So what is the problem?" I asked. "Well," she replied hesitantly, "when I told him to bring along his references, he said that he wasn't sure if they could all make it to the interview."

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Suwannee County Construction Licensing Board will hold a meeting on TUESDAY, November 10, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the Suwannee County Administration Building, Second Floor, located at 224 Pine Ave., Live Oak, FL 32064 11/4, 6

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the Northwest Florida Regional Housing Authority will hold a Special Meeting, November 10, 2009 in the Regency Room of the Ramada Inn North, 2900 North Monroe St., Tallahassee, Florida. Meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. E.S.T. The meeting will be open to the public. 10/30 11/6

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT OF THE SUWANNEE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING ALSO AS THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3215, Florida Statutes, comments, objections and recommendations concerning the Evaluation and Appraisal Report of the Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan, hereinafter referred to as the Comprehensive Plan, will be heard by the Planning and Zoning Board of Suwannee County, Florida, serving also as the Local Planning Agency of Suwannee County, Florida, at a public hearing on November 19, 2009 at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the City of Live Oak City Hall, City Council Meeting Room, located at 101 Southeast White Avenue, Live Oak, Florida.

This public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of this public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning this matter will be published.

At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the Evaluation and Appraisal Report of the Comprehensive Plan.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. 11/6

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Auction to be held at: Duncan Tire & Auto 970 Hamilton Ave., NE Live Oak, FL 32064 386-362-4743

Auction Date & Time: November 20, 2009 at 3:00 pm

The following vehicle will be auctioned for unpaid storage and towing charges:

1996 FORD 1FALP52U5G137474 11/6, 13

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE

THE STORAGE PLACE LOCATED ON HIGHWAY 27 IN BRANFORD, FLORIDA

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC SALE TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2009 AT 8:00 A.M. THE SALE WILL BE HELD AT THE STORAGE PLACE FACILITY IN BRANFORD, FLORIDA.

THE SALE IS BEING HELD TO SATISFY A LANDLORD'S LIEN. EVERYTHING SOLD IS PURCHASED "AS IS" "WHERE IS" FOR CASH. THE STORAGE PLACE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL ANY PUBLIC SALE THAT IS ADVERTISED. ALSO, THE STORAGE PLACE HAS THE RIGHT TO NO SALE A UNIT IF DEEMED NECESSARY. THE UNITS BEING SOLD ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- U97 - JAMES LEFEVER
U22 - TRAVIS RILEY
U118 - VICTORIA HOLMES
U109 - NIKKI WOJCIK
U04 - JAMES HARRISON
11/6, 11, 13

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 times:

TUESDAY November 10, 2009

- 10:00 a.m. Workshop Session
Budget
Contracts
Curriculum Issues
Facilities
Personnel Issues
Policy Issues

- 3:00 p.m. Special Meeting
Budget
Contracts
Curriculum Issues
Facilities
Personnel Issues
Policy Issues

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.

Jerry A. Scarborough Superintendent of Schools 11/6

SURPLUS PROPERTY SALE

Eight wheelchair equipped vans. Envelopes marked "Sealed Bids" must be received by mail by Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. P.O. Box 70, Live Oak, FL 32064 by Tuesday, December 1, 2009. Please make sure the VIN is clearly marked bids submitted. The vehicles may be inspected at the Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. building in Mayo, FL and the Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. building in Cross City, FL. For more information, please call (386) 362-4115 ext 242. Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. reserves the right to refuse or reject any bid. 11/6

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CJBAT tests

Monday - Thursday

Monday - Thursday at 5 p.m. (by appointment): CJBAT (Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test) at NFCC Testing Center (Bldg. #16), Madison. CJBAT is required for acceptance into Corrections & Law Enforcement programs. Photo ID required. Pre-registration & scheduling time and date are required. To register please call 850-973-9451.

Suwannee High Class of 1980

The Suwannee High Class of 1980 is planning their 30 year class reunion. If you were a member, had a child, sibling or relative as part of the graduating class, please email your name (maiden and married), address, phone number and email address to shsclass1980@yahoo.com. Or call 386-362-6309 to leave a message.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 2009-CA-000113**

**21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION,**  
Plaintiff,

-vs.-

**LINDA D. MUDD A/K/A LINDA DIANA MUDD F/K/A LINDA D. WESTER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LINDA D. MUDD A/K/A LINDA DIANA MUDD F/K/A LINDA D. WESTER; VICTOR LEE MUDD A/K/A VICTOR L. MUDD; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF VICTOR LEE MUDD A/K/A VICTOR L. MUDD; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S); IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2;**

Defendants.  
**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Suwannee County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Suwannee County, Florida described as:

**Lot 11, BREAM LAKE SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 145, of the Public Records of Suwannee County, Florida.**

To include at:  
**2005 Nobility Homes, Inc. VIN N19574A 101245396**  
**2005 Nobility Homes, Inc. VIN N19574B 101247243**

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the front steps of the Suwannee County Courthouse, 200 S. Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32064 at 11:00 a.m., on December 1, 2009

DATED THIS 29th DAY of October, 2009.

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 sixty (60) days after the sale.

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 29th day of October, 2009.

SEAL  
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT  
By: Sharon Hale  
Deputy Clerk

THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY:  
Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra  
9204 King Palm Drive  
Tampa, FL 33619-8660  
Attorneys for Plaintiff

In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ASA Coordinator no later than seven (7) days prior to the proceedings. If hearing impaired, please call (800) 955-9771 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (voice), via Florida Relay Service.  
11/6, 13

**IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, IN AND FOR MADISON SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 09-159-CA**

**SUWANNEE LAND, INC.,**  
a dissolved Florida corporation,

Plaintiff,

-vs.-

**VELY MICHEL, EVENS ANIOCE, LUBNI CAZEAU and JACQUES AUBOURG,**

Defendants.

**CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE UNDER F.S. CHAPTER 45**

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, under a Final Judgment of Foreclosure, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the SUWANNEE County Courthouse, Live Oak, Florida at 11:00 a.m. on **NOVEMBER 24, 2009**, the following described property:

**The North 20.00 acres with 30' of easement of the 54.22 acres of Charles Springs South on County Road 229th Drive in Suwannee County, Florida, according to Survey #281-03-2004-3A, of Public Record.**

If 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.

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. Please contact the Court Administrator at (386)758-2163, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711.

Dated: October 29, 2009

SEAL  
Barry A. Baker  
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT  
By: Sharon Hale  
Deputy Clerk

Cary A. Hardee, II  
Attorney at Law  
Post Office Drawer 450  
Madison, Florida 32341  
Telephone (850) 973-4007  
Facsimile (850) 973-8495  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
11/6, 13

**STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE OF DRAFT PERMIT**

The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its preparation of a draft permit to Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, Mr. Marc McCann, 19740 U.S. Hwy. 90, Live Oak, FL 32064 for the Pilgrim's Pride Processing Plant. This permit authorizes the permittee to operate an industrial wastewater treatment facility. Wastewater is generated from poultry processing, byproducts processing, the hatchery, sanitary wastes, water treatment plant filtrate, sanitation, and stormwater. The facility produces a monthly average waste stream flow of 1.5 million gallons per day (MGD). Collected wastewater goes into the dissolved air flotation (DAF) unit and then into the 15 million gallon (MG) anaerobic basin. Sanitary wastewater bypasses the DAF and joins

the process waste stream entering the anaerobic basin. Treated water then flows into the 0.5 MG anoxic basin, then into the 1.4 MG aeration basin, and then is split into the north and south 0.1 MG clarifiers. Activated sludge is returned to the anoxic basin and waste sludge is sent to the aerobic sludge digester. Treated wastewater from the clarifiers flows into the 7.5 MG facultative polishing pond and is then pumped to the denite filters after which the waste stream receives pH adjustment treatment and then flows through the chlorine contact chamber. The final treatment step is disinfection and then the treated wastewater is discharged into the Suwanee River, a Class III Outstanding Florida Surface Water. Waste sludge treated in the aerobic sludge digester is land applied by spray irrigation to a 44 acre site with an application rate of 0.04 MGD. An on-site closed loop recycle system is used for washing forklifts, engines, and other miscellaneous items. Wash water is treated using an oil/water separator and then is reused for washing. No discharge occurs from this system. All waste oil and solids are disposed of in a department approved manner offsite. The facility is located at latitude 30o22'18.99" N, longitude 83o9'29.85" W on US Hwy 90 West, Live Oak, Florida 32064-1000 in Suwannee County.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the Department's draft permit or may submit a written request for a public meeting to D. Anh Vo, P.E., 7825 Baymeadows Way, Suite B200, Jacksonville, Florida 32256-7577, in accordance with Rule 62-620.555, Florida Administrative Code. The comments or request for a public meeting must contain the information set forth below and must be received in the Department's Northeast District Office within 30 days of publication of this notice. Failure to submit comments or request a public meeting within this time period shall constitute a waiver of any right such person may have to submit comments or request a public meeting under Rule 62-620.555, Florida Administrative Code.

The comments or request for a public meeting must contain the following information:

- The commenter's name, address, and telephone number; the applicant's name and address; the Department permit file number; and the county in which the project is proposed;
- A statement of how and when notice of the Department's action or proposed action was received;
- A statement of the facts the Department should consider in making the final decision;
- A statement of which rules or statutes require reversal or modification of the Department's action or proposed action; and
- If desired, a request that a public meeting be scheduled including a statement of the nature of the issues proposed to be raised at the meeting.

If a public meeting is scheduled, the public comment period is extended until the close of the public meeting. However, the Department may not always grant a request for a public meeting. Therefore, written comments should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice, even if a public meeting is requested.

If a public meeting is held, any person may submit oral or written statements and data at the public meeting on the Department's proposed action. As a result of significant public comment, the Department's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this draft permit.

The permit application file and supporting data are available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Department's Northeast District Office, 7825 Baymeadows Way, Suite B200, Jacksonville, Florida 32256-7577, at phone number (904)807-3300.  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO: 61-2009-CA-185**

**BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P.**

Plaintiff,

**RUFUS DAVENPORT; DAWN DAVENPORT; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors or other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants,**

Defendants.

**AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit court of

Suwannee County, Florida, will on the 5th day of January 2010, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. at Front steps, 200 S Ohio Avenue, Suwannee County Courthouse in Live Oak, Florida 32060, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situate in Suwannee County, Florida:

**Lots 1, 2, 3, 8, 9 and 10, Block N1, of the City of Live Oak, Florida, in Section 23, Township 2 South, Range 13 East, according to the map of Parsley Estate on File in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit court of Suwannee County, Florida.**

Less and except:

**That part of Lot 1 of Block N1 of Original Town of Live Oak, Florida, as recorded in Plat Book 40, Page 10 of the public Records of Suwannee County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:**

**Begin at the Northeast corner of Lot 1, Block N1, as described above and run thence Northwesterly along the North line of Lot 1, a distance of 5 feet; run thence Southeasterly, 7.07 feet to the Easterly line of said Lot 1, at a point 5 feet Southwesterly from the Point of Beginning; run thence Northeasterly along said East line of Lot 1, a distance of 5 feet to the Point of Beginning.**

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 27th day of October, 2009.

if you are a person with a disability who needs accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, for the provision of the certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at 200 S. Ohio Avenue, Live oak, Florida 32060, Telephone (386)364-3498 within 2 working days of your receipt of this document. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.

SEAL

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Sharon Hale  
Deputy Clerk

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF  
Lindsay Williams Brown  
BUTLER & HOSCH, P.A.  
3185 S. Conway Road  
Suite E  
Orlando, FL 32812  
(407)381-5200  
B&H #272675  
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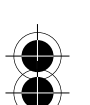
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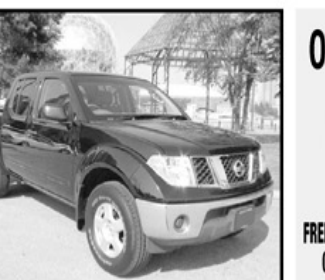
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION NO. 612007CA000240001XX

LAFAYETTE STATE BANK Post Office Box 108 Mayo, Florida 32066 Plaintiff,

vs.

LIVE OAK BEVERAGE BARN, INC. 804 N. Ohio Avenue Live Oak, Florida 32064, and 21385 126th Place Live Oak, Florida 32060, and CHERYL ANN EVANS 21385 126th Place Live Oak, Florida 32060, and CLYDE STANLEY EVANS 21385 126th Place Live Oak, Florida 32060, and unknown tenants; and other unknown parties in possession, including the unknown spouse of any person in possession of the property, and if a named Defendant is deceased, the surviving spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against that Defendant, and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the named or described Defendants,

Defendants

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE PURSUANT TO SECTION 45.031(1), FLORIDA STATUTES

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 21, 2009, in the above styled action I, Barry Baker, Clerk of the Court, will sell at public sale the following described real property:

Parcel 1:

Lots 3, 6 and the South 20 feet of Lot 2, Block G, Slate's Addition to the City of Live Oak, according to the plat thereof recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court, Suwannee County, Florida.

And All Equipment, Furniture, Fixtures and General Intangibles located on the above described Parcel 1.

And

Parcel 2

The Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 14, Township 3 South, Range 11 East, Suwannee County, Florida, Containing 10.08 acres more or less.

Together with and subject to a 60.00 foot easement for ingress and egress over and across the South 10.00 feet of the North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 and the North 50.00 feet of the South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 14.

Together with the subject to an 10.00 foot utility easement over and across the North 10.00 feet of the South 20.00 feet of the North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 14.

The sale will be held on December 3, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the front steps of the courthouse in Suwannee County, in Live Oak, Florida, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes.

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

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. PLEASE CONTACT SONDRRA WILLIAMS, COURT ADMINISTRATOR, POST OFFICE BOX 1569, LAKE CITY, FLORIDA 32056, TELEPHONE: (386)758-2163, WITHIN 2 WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 711.

DATED: October 21, 2009

SEAL

BARRY A. BAKER As Clerk of the Court

By: Sally Pirt Deputy Clerk

10/30 11/6

IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, IN AND FOR MADISON SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 09-160-CA

SUWANNEE LAND, INC., a dissolved Florida corporation,

Plaintiff,

-vs.-

VERONEL PIERRE,

Defendant.

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE UNDER F.S. CHAPTER 45

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The South 34.22 acres with 30' easement of the 54.22 acres of Charles Springs South on County road 229th Dr. in Suwannee County, Florida, according to Survey #281-03-2004-3A, of Public Record.

If 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.

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Dated: October 29, 2009

SEAL

Barry A. Baker CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

By: Sharon Hale

Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE CITY OF LIVE OAK LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

BY THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF LIVE OAK, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the City of Live Oak Land Development Regulations, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, objections, recommendations and comments concerning a Special Exception, as described below, will be heard by the Board of Adjustment of the City of Live Oak, Florida, at a public hearing on Monday, November 16, 2009 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the City Council Meeting Room, City Hall located at 101 White Avenue Southeast, Live Oak, Florida, to consider the following:

SE 09-1, a petition request by Preston Ventures, LLC, to be granted a Special

Exception, as provided for in Section 4.13.5 of the Land Development Regulations, to permit a Long Term Care/Assisted Living Facility in a Commercial, Intensive (C-I) Zoning District in accordance with an application/petition dated October 20, 2009, to be located on property described, as follows:

Location and Legal Description of Subject Property:

Legal description according to the Official Records Book 1430, Page 413, of the Public Records of Suwannee County, Florida: Part of Block 51 of the Original Town of Live Oak as shown on the old Tax Assessor's Block Book Section Map Number 15 situated in Section 23, Township 2 South, Range 13 East, Suwannee County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: For a Point of Beginning, commence at the intersection of the Southerly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 90 with the Westerly right-of-way line of Green Avenue; thence run South 2615'48" West, along said Westerly right-of-way line, a distance of 74.53 feet to the North line of Hildreth's Addition as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 13 of the Public records of said county; thence run North 6440'42" West along said North line, a distance of 363.00 feet; thence run North 2615'48" East, a distance of 93.13 feet to said Southerly right-of-way line, said Southerly right-of-way line being a

curve concaved Southwesterly, having a radius of 5679.58 feet; thence run along and around said curve, a chord bearing and distance of South 6144'37" East, 363.17 feet to the Point of Beginning;

Also known as the Old Live Oak Motel, 823 West Howard Street, Live Oak, Florida;

Containing 0.70 acres, more or less.

A copy of the petition for special exception is available for inspection by the public at the office of the Development Manager, City Hall Annex, 416 Howard Street East, Live Oak, Florida, during regular business hours;

phone 386-362-2276.

The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearings shall be announced during the public hearings and that no further notices concerning this matter will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearings.

At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the referenced petition.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearings, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

B.W. Helvenston Chairman of the Live Oak Board of Adjustment

ATTEST: George Curtis Development Manager 11/6

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# Your Guide to Kitten Care

FAMILY FEATURES

**A**dopting a kitten is especially exciting and can be a very enjoyable experience for the whole family. When choosing to bring a kitten into the family, explore all avenues to adoption, including humane shelters, breeders and rescue organizations.

- Look for kittens that are friendly, outgoing and do not struggle when gently handled.
- Be sure the coat looks shiny and the eyes are clear.
- If you can gather information about the kitten's parents, it may aid in understanding any long term health or behavioral concerns.
- Seek expert advice from veterinarians, animal welfare organizations, breeders and/or online kitten care resources like kittenchow.com.

By preparing ahead of time, you can welcome your new kitten into your life with confidence and get the most out of the life you share. Web sites, like kittenchow.com, make the preparation period easier by offering an informative kitten care video series called the "The Kitten Connection™." Hosted by Board Certified Veterinary Behaviorist Dr. Karen Sueda, the 13 videos cover a wide range of topics from socializing your new kitten to understanding your kitten's transition to adulthood. The series is full of easy steps to help you enrich your relationship with your kitten and create a foundation of well-being for many years to come.

Choosing to adopt a kitten is a lifelong decision, so establishing a connection with your kitten right off the bat is very important. Kittens are only kittens for a year, but this short time is the most significant stage of a cat's development.

Here are some tips to get you and your kitten started down the right path:

## Kitten Care First Days Checklist

From preparing a shopping list to introducing your kitten to existing pets, consider these easy tips for welcoming a kitten into your home and into your life:

### What you need most.

A quick trip to the local pet supply store can help you find everything you need to keep your kitten happy, healthy and safe.

- A pet carrier for transporting your kitten in the car.
- Litter and a litter box.
- Food and water bowls.
- A supply of kitten food such as Purina Kitten Chow.
- Grooming tools, toys and a scratching post are also important to your kitten's socialization and in the development of routines.

## The First Days Home

A kitten needs a safe place where she can rest, relax and not get into harm's way. Allow your kitten to acclimate to her new environment slowly. Choose a quiet, small room and make that "home base" for the first few days. This area should have the kitten's food, water, bed and litter box. Once your kitten feels comfortable and confident, allow her to begin exploring.

### Safety first.

Kittens are curious and playful, but they can get themselves into trouble unintentionally. Take a look around your house and examine the world from your kitten's view. Consider wires, plants, sharp objects and small items that can be chewed on or swallowed and remove them from your kitten's reach. It is also smart to keep your new kitten indoors and out of danger.

### Making introductions.

When you introduce your kitten to existing pets, it is important to do so with care and caution. Introductions through a closed door will help each one become familiar with the other by smell. Then follow-up with a relaxed face-to-face meeting. Treats and playtime are great ways to encourage healthy interactions and pleasant associations. Keep litter boxes and food and water bowls separate in the beginning to maintain household harmony and alleviate competition.

### Proper eating habits.

Kittens tend to be occasional eaters, and this can sometimes be interpreted that a kitten does not like a certain diet. Much like adult cats, kittens tend to graze and want to return to their food intermittently. Kittens, like babies, need their own special food. Establishing proper eating habits for your kitten helps prevent problems before they start and gives your kitten the best nutritional foundation for a long and healthy life.

### Make litter box training a breeze.

Instinct will usually guide your kitten to develop good litter box habits, but you can help the process by establishing a private location for the box and cleaning it regularly. Many kittens prefer a smaller box with low walls, and then you can help them work up to a larger box in time. Place the litter box in a quiet, out of the way location away from your kitten's food and water, and when your kitten starts interacting with the litter in the box, then calmly praise her to reinforce the behavior.

### First visit to your vet.

One of the first items of business with your veterinarian will be a thorough examination and schedule of vaccinations. This visit is also



Veterinary Behaviorist and Purina Cat Chow Mentor Dr. Karen Sueda

a good time to discuss spaying and neutering. Ask any other questions you have about health and behavior. Schedule follow-up visits, and in between appointments, do your own "home health checks," checking for any bumps or growths while petting or grooming your kitten.

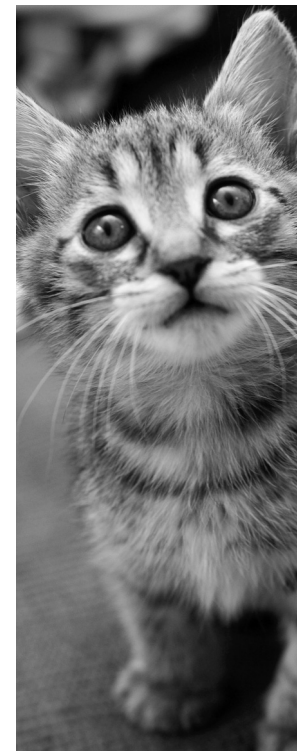
It may sound a little overwhelming at first, but you will find that it all comes relatively easily and naturally when you love your kitten like you would any other member of the family. Taking the time to play with her, care for her and ease her into your home environment goes a long way toward ensuring that she has a happy, healthy and long life with you.

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## Forget-Me-Not campaign underway

Disabled American Veterans Chapter #126, 226 Parshley St. SW, Live Oak will be at the following locations from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. on the dates indicated: Publix and Winn Dixie through Nov. 7 and Wal-Mart on Nov. 6-7.

The DAV Forget-Me-Not contributions help local disabled veterans.

They didn't forget their duty. Please don't forget them.

## Seasonal flu vaccines available to eligible veterans

Through Jan. 29 In an effort to reduce the impact of the seasonal flu and connected illness, enrolled/eligible veterans may obtain a seasonal flu vaccination through Jan. 29 at the Lake City VA Medical Center.

This is an especially challenging influenza season this year. Many people suffer severe consequences from the flu. It is very important for every veteran to get his or her flu shot. The flu shot is the only measure of protection from the influenza virus.

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