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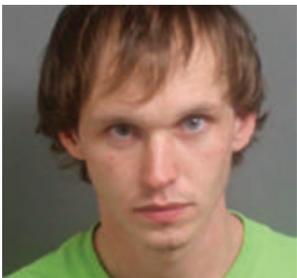
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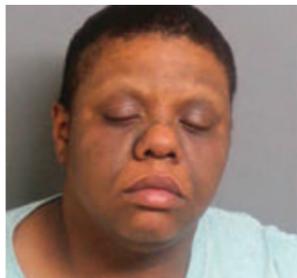
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## 16 ARRESTED — in Lafayette County — DURING LENGTHY DRUG BUST

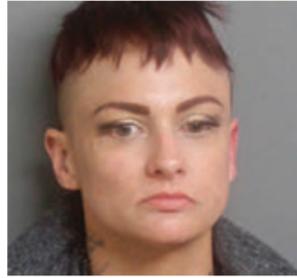
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The Lafayette County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) has obtained and served 16 arrest warrants in Lafayette County, Fla. The LCSO with assistance from Columbia County Sheriff's Office, Taylor County Sheriff's Office, Suwannee County Sheriff's Office, Perry Police Department, Lake City Police Department, North Star Multijurisdictional Drug Task Force, United States Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted a long-term investigation targeting individuals who actively engage in the sales of illicit narcotics. The investigations began after the LCSO received citizen complaints

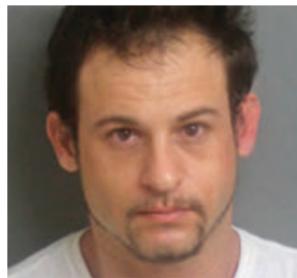
in reference to illegal narcotics activity. Their strong partnerships with other law enforcement agencies allowed them to work together to make sure Lafayette County is a safer place to live and work. Sheriff Brian Lamb wants to give thanks to the dedication of all those involved in these investigations. The investigations resulted in the following persons being arrested.

**Edward Allen Thomas**, 60-years-old; possession of drug equipment, misdemeanor; cocaine possession with intent to sell, felony and cocaine selling, felony. **Lance Reid**, 32-years-old, violation of probation, misdemeanor; cocaine possession, felony; cocaine distribution, felony; cocaine selling, felony; possession of drug equipment, misdemeanor and drug misbranded,

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Jaclyn Chambers



Zachery Leake



Tyrone Cook

## Riverbend News announces photo competition

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It is competition time for those in Lafayette County. In February, *Riverbend News* is publishing the first edition of *Hometown Connections*. This

publication will include an in-depth look at Lafayette County, including businesses, schools, extra curricular activities, government and more. It is a free publication circulated throughout the Riverbend area; it will also be available in various businesses throughout Lafayette County.

*Riverbend News* is offering a competition for the front cover. It is open to anyone in the Riverbend area, school students included. *Riverbend News* is asking for submissions of landscape photos of Lafayette County. The winner will have their

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## TOWN TALK: Why did the Jasper Fire Chief resign?



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Rumors have been circulating recently that the Jasper Fire Chief, Josh Waters, was fired from his position with the City of Jasper. This is untrue. In an interview with city manager Marcus Collins, the confusion was all cleared up. Waters had been working part time with a friend at a wrecker's company. Eventually, though, Waters was offered a position with better pay at the wrecker's company.

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## 100-year-old paratrooper

from Suwannee County honored  
by French Honorary Consul

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Almost 78-years-ago, on the morning of June 5, 1944, U.S. General Dwight Eisenhower announced, "Ok, we'll go." Within hours, a fleet of 3,000 landing crafts, 2,500 ships and 500 naval vessels departed English ports to cross the narrow strip of sea to German-controlled Normandy, France. A wave of Allied soldiers determined to liberate the country and the rest of Europe from the threat of the Nazi regime parachuted from a U.S. Army plane over Normandy. Just a few years older than the men he would shortly be fighting

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## COACH LENELLE PHILLIPS MORGAN HONORED AT BRANFORD HIGH SCHOOL



LeNelle Phillips Morgan

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On Thursday, Jan. 6, the Branford High School Lady Buccaneers varsity basketball team was set to host the Fort White Lady Indians. Before tip-off, Branford High School took the time to honor one of its most beloved coaches in Branford history, LeNelle Phillips Morgan. Branford High School Athletic

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## Emerald's Gem Box: *Integrity*



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Integrity, according to *Dictionary.com* means, “adherence to moral and ethical principles; soundness of moral character; honesty.”

What is integrity? It is the quality of being honest and having

strong moral principles. It is generally a personal choice to uphold oneself consistent to their own moral and ethical standards.

Integrity means doing the right thing, at all times and in all circumstances, whether anyone is watching or not! Integrity means doing the right thing no matter what the consequences are! Integrity is when your conscience agrees with your actions!

My Daddy always taught us, “There’s nothing worse than a thief or a liar” and “A man is only as good as his word.” Whenever I would leave the house to go out with friends he would hug me, kiss

me and say, “Always act like a lady.”

Whenever my brothers or I did wrong, we were punished - hard. But, if we lied or cheated, during that wrong, the punishment was 10 times worse.

People seem to have an enormous lack of integrity in the world today. Integrity seems to be something that isn’t taught or spoken of as much as it should be.

Marches and protests turn into violent beatings of other human beings; businesses are vandalized and/or destroyed; freeways and interstates are shut down because of the mass quantity of people standing in the way and innocent police officers are being ambushed and killed! And why? Because all of these perpetrators believe that their “excuses” and “reasonings” outweigh and justify their actions. They have chosen to ignore their inner feelings of what is right and wrong and/or were never taught it, to begin with. And the worse part ... no one is holding them accountable. The liberal media puts

a spin on it to where it sounds justified; the colleges are encouraging the students to participate and adults are blaming it on the immaturity of young people. It’s not immaturity - it is the absence of integrity!

Now, let’s bring it home a little closer. How do we use integrity and moral principles/values in our daily lives? If you’re a business owner, do you lie or cheat in order to make more money? As an employee, do you take home (steal) the company’s pens, paper and other office supply material? Do you sit at work and play on the internet and Facebook all day, when you should be working (and are being paid to work)? Do you call in “sick” to work when you’re not? Do you cheat on your spouse? Do you “cut corners” on your task at hand and not deliver the best you possibly could, just to try to get ahead?

Always remember

that dishonesty will follow you for a lifetime. Don’t lose the ability to be trusted as a person of integrity! That is the most valuable quality anyone can have; for a man is truly only as good as his word is.

Live with integrity and teach your children the same. Teach them to be honest and excellent in all that they do!

Remember who you are and what you stand for!

Success will come and go, but integrity is forever!

**Revelation 22:12** "Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done."



## Christian Concepts: *The truth is in Jeopardy*



**Gary King**  
Guest Columnist

Recently, *The New York Times* ran a story titled, “Amy Schneider Becomes First Woman to Surpass \$1 Million on Jeopardy.” The headline is absurd because Amy Schneider is not a woman. He is a self-identified transgender woman which means Amy is a man who fantasizes he is a woman. A string of pearls and a dress do not a woman make.

As Andrew T. Walker wrote, “Biological males do not become females by a sheer act of will or verbal declaration. Males can never become females and females cannot become males. Their own thinking about themselves does not reconfigure their genetics.”

Why has *The New York Times* compromised its journalistic integrity to report the truth? Why did the paper say Amy is a “woman” when Amy is undeniably a biological male? I am sure it is to spare Amy and the transgender community’s feelings. It is a symptom of our culture’s decline; feelings are more important than the truth.

A person seeking to purchase a passenger ticket from Delta airlines took exception to buying the ticket for either a male or female when the ticket was for someone who claims to be “non-binary.” U.S. airlines are required to get the passenger’s name and gender to issue a ticket. Delta did not have a non-binary option and this person took exception to Delta’s refusal to issue a non-binary ticket.

It seems some airlines are beginning to relax this requirement and allowing

a non-binary option to purchase tickets. I assume the reason the name and gender has been required in the past is so there will be an accurate passenger consist to help identify human remains in the event of a tragedy such as a crash.

In such instances the only means of identification sometimes are genetic. I feel safe in saying there are no “non-binary” genes. In such very real scenarios truth matters more than feelings.

The Ninth Commandment of the Decalogue reads, “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor,” (Exodus 20:16). The Scriptures enjoin us to tell the truth at all times. It is more offensive to me to deny the truth just to spare another’s feelings and may prove more tragic in the long run for the one lied to.

There are those who would argue little white lies are harmless, but it has been my experience that little white lies often harbor big black consequences. If we as a society continue to blur the line between fantasy and reality, the time will come when we will need to hear the truth but will not recognize it for what it is.

Jesus said, “Nor shall you make an oath ... But let your statement be, ‘Yes, yes’ or ‘No, no’; anything beyond these is of evil,” (Matthew 5:36-37). His point is a Christian should always be honest, we should say what we mean and mean what we say.

There is more at stake than the identity of a TV game show contestant; the truth is in jeopardy.

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## Around the Banks: *Steve's Stop n Shop*



**Johnny Bullard**  
Guest Columnist

Memory, at best, is selective and, at times capricious. I am speaking here from some personal experience.

I am writing this column on Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022.

Yesterday, I stood where I have stood so many times in Riverside Cemetery in White Springs, to pay my respects and bid a farewell to a longtime friend, Mrs. Steve "Dianne" Greene, longtime White Springs, Florida, resident.

The Florida sunshine steamed down on a cool January afternoon and, as the minister delivered his message of comfort and inspiration, my mind traveled to another place and time.

The place: "Steve's Stop n Shop", on the corner of US 41 and Bridge Street in White

Springs, during the days of my early teaching career at South Hamilton Elementary.

The memory caused me to smile, even as I wiped some tears away and I remembered a classic early 1950s filling station built by the late Fike Phillips Petroleum distributor that became "Steve's Stop n Shop" owned and operated by the late Steve and Dianne Greene.

"Steve's Stop n Shop" was located on a historic site. Next door to the "Stop N Shop" was the historic Bullock home, a rambling and beautiful white Victorian treasure built for a leisure class in a more leisurely era. The late Mrs. Bullock's maiden name was Sheffield, her ancestors were the first white owners of White Springs. The house and the station are both gone now, though fondly remembered.

Enough of the history, though. Primarily, what I recalled at Riverside was the joy

and happiness that was "Steve's Stop n Shop" which sold Amoco gasoline, petroleum products, but primarily my memories were of the old-fashioned hand dipped ice cream sold there.

Nothing, for me, has ever equaled it and maybe because of the laughter and happiness shared there, but the creamy sweetness, the flavors of butter pecan, creamy cherry vanilla and a seasonal favorite, coconut, beyond fantastic. Steve's Stop and Shop was an informal meeting place where you could enjoy visiting with the late Steve and Dianne Greene, the late Mrs. Effie Huggins or Mrs. Patsy Langford.

Life was not always a utopia, but in this small business we lived our lives in a peaceful and respectful manner.

We hugged each other, shook hands, cried some with each other, shared great stories and laughed a

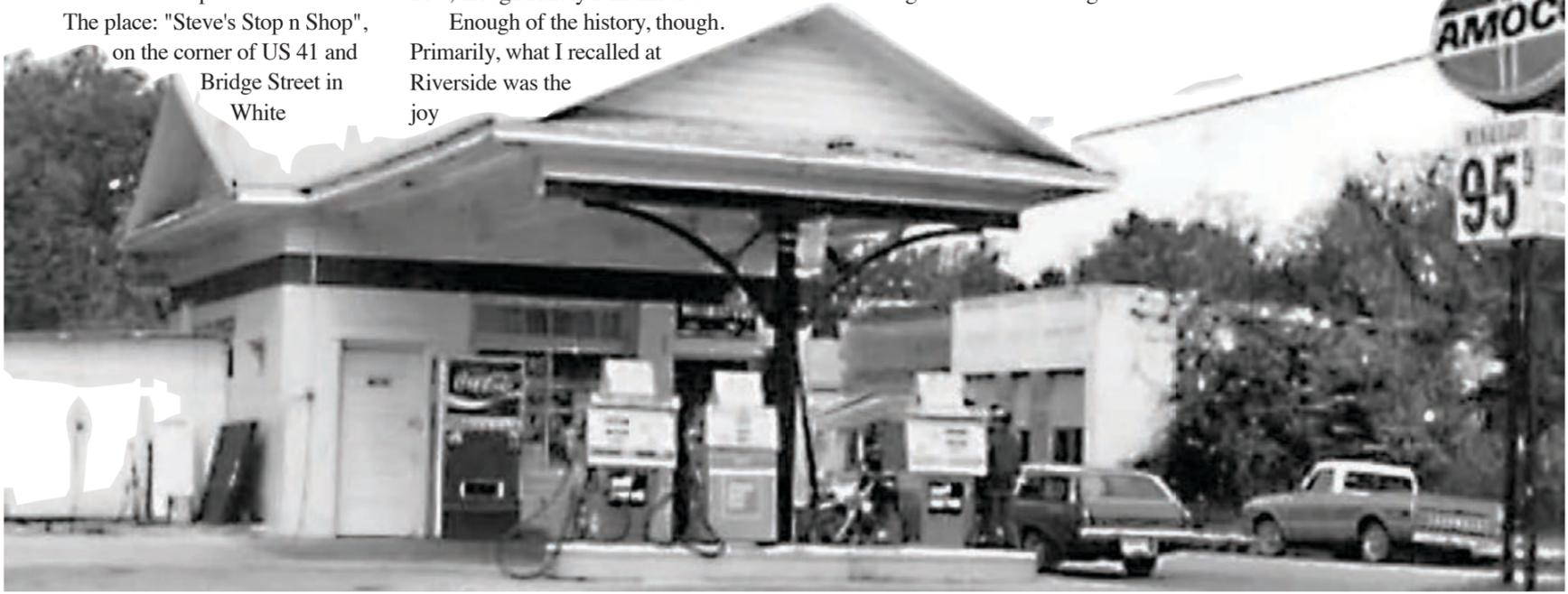
lot...

Yesterday, I stood at Riverside Cemetery but my memories, my alone, imperfect, selective and at times capricious, remembered with love and happiness the good times shared with friends and loved ones at "Steve's Stop n Shop".

Thank you to the late Dianne and Steve Greene for providing us for so many years, a place where we, as a people, lived these sweet, wonderful times in our home on the banks of the Suwannee River in White Springs.

I will have a triple dip of those sweet memories anytime.

From the Eight Mile Still on the Woodpecker Route north of White Springs, wishing you a day filled with joy, peace, and, above all, lots of love and laughter.



## Drug Bust

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felony. **Shaye Tulk**, 32 years old; two counts of child neglect, felony; possession drug equipment, misdemeanor and two counts of possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell or deliver, felony. **Joe Gaskins**, 48 years old; possession of drug equipment, misdemeanor and two counts of sell and delivery of methamphetamine, felony. **Jaclyn Chambers**, 28-years-old; an out of county warrant; possession of drug equipment, misdemeanor, and possession of drug without prescription, felony. **Zachery Leake**, 31-years-old, two counts of delivery of methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of a worship center, felony; three counts of delivery of methamphetamine, felony; three counts of possession of drug equipment, misdemeanor and three counts of selling methamphetamine, felony. **Tyrone Cook**, 48-years-old, sale of synthetic narcotics, felony; possession of synthetic narcotics, felony; possession of drug equipment, misdemeanor; sale of Cocaine, felony; cocaine possession, felony and possession of cocaine within 1,000 feet of a specific area, felony. **Fawn Hurley**, 36-years- old, two counts of possession of methamphetamine with

intent to sell, felony; two counts of possession of drug equipment, misdemeanor and two counts of delivery and distribution of methamphetamine, felony. **Jessica Crumity**, 38- years-old, drug selling within 1,000 feet of a worship center, felony; drug possession within 1,000 feet of a worship center, felony and possession of drug equipment, misdemeanor. **Calvin Pritchett**, 58-years-old, selling methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of a worship center, felony; possession of a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a worship center, felony and possession of drug equipment, misdemeanor. **Sunshine Reid**, 31-years-old, two counts of selling controlled substance within 1,000 feet of worship and or school, felony; two counts of cocaine possession within 1,000 feet of a worship center and or school, felony and drug equipment possession, misdemeanor. **Bubba Bird**, 21- years-old, three counts of drug sale, felony; two counts of drug possession, felony and possession of drug equipment, misdemeanor. **Sara Yother**, 44-years- old, battery, misdemeanor; introduction of contraband into facility, felony; possession of drug equipment, misdemeanor; possession and selling amphetamine, felony. **Jeffrey Ray Barnes**, 38-years-old, traffic in amphetamine, felony and drug equipment possession, misdemeanor. **Stephen Derrick Howard**, 37-years-old, sale of controlled substance in lieu of, felony.

## Competition

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photograph printed on the publication's front cover that will run for the year. The competition will be based on what landscape photograph encapsulates Lafayette County, including its heritage and the pulse of the people today. The deadline to submit your photo is Friday, Feb.4 at 5 p.m. Submissions are to be sent to [reporter2@riverbendnews.org](mailto:reporter2@riverbendnews.org) or [leetravick79@gmail.com](mailto:leetravick79@gmail.com). *Riverbend News* owns complete rights to all photographs submitted.

## Chief

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At this point, Waters came to Collins for advice. During the conversation, Collins did everything he could to talk Waters into staying. However, Waters chose to resign. Collins said that he, “parted on great terms with the city.” Collins also said that Waters was very excited about his new job and had plans to return as a volunteer firefighter for the city. Waters worked his final two weeks fully and then moved on to bigger and better things.

## Honorary

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alongside, 23-year-old Live Oak farm boy, Earl Mills was, just one of 13,100 American

paratroopers from Airborne Divisions that made night parachute drops early on D-Day.

On Thursday, Jan. 13, at his home in Live Oak that has been in his family for generations, Mills was thanked by the country of France through François Kloc, France’s honorary consul in Jacksonville.

Kloc made the trip to Suwannee County to the family farm that Mills’ grandfather homed during the Civil War and proceeded to grant Mills—who turned 100 last spring—with the red-ribboned Chevalier de la Légion d’Honneur (Knight of the Legion of Honor), the highest French distinction for military and civic accomplishments. "I thank you, in the name of the French government," Kloc said, handing the medal to Mills, who was seated outside his house with a blanket over his legs and a field of green farmland behind him. The award was created by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802 and its purpose is to honor exceptional service to France. American Veterans who risked their lives fighting in France during World War II qualify to apply to be decorated as Knights of the Legion of Honor.

Kloc, after the ceremony, said it's a symbol of how much his country owes to soldiers like Mills, a paratrooper who saw combat during the D-Day invasion and then again at the Battle of Bulge.

"It means everything. We always say we will never forget. If we are in France, there are villages, people, entire generations, able to be who they are. I was born in France and had the ability to be free and do what I wanted to because of Earl," Kloc says. He added that the decision to honor U.S. soldiers also shows the strong ties between the two countries. "The United States is the oldest ally of France and vice versa," he said. "This is something that will never be broken. That link is there forever because of the sacrifices of people like Earl who have really made this world a better place." George and Sheila Burnham, Live Oak citizens and friends of Mills, assisted with his application for the honor and were there to witness it awarded to him. It means a lot to Mills, they said.

Mills recalled the day during a 2020 *Times-Union* interview. "They told us, ‘There are going to be a lot of you standing here today that won’t come back.’ I thought I might be one of those guys.”

Shortly before midnight on June 5, Mills boarded a C-47 bound for Normandy and early on June 6 he made his jump. Because of the plane's evasive moves to avoid German anti-aircraft fire, Mills and his fellow paratroopers were scattered across the countryside. He spent a long night with men from another unit before meeting up with his squadron commander and heading down a deadly path back toward the beach.

Though he dislikes discussing his years of combat, he does recall his experiences in the Battle of

Bulge when he huddled in an icy foxhole as German airplane fire ate up the ground around him—he was eventually injured when an overhead artillery burst threw shrapnel into his face. Mills was sent from Belgium to a hospital in Paris and then rejoined his regiment until the end of the war.

Mills says he said he doesn't think back on the war that often, but it was clear what he was fighting for. "I think I thought about our country more than anything else," he stated. "I figured this was a job we all had to do. If we all got killed, we still had to fight the Germans. My primary thought was for my country and for my family and friends back home."

Mills is considered a hero by many—he disagrees. "I didn't feel like a hero. My opinion, the real heroes were the guys who were fighting and got killed. They gave their lives. I didn't give my life. To me, they're the real ones." However, Mills did acknowledge that he was very close to wounded people and those who got killed.

He joined the Air Force after leaving the Army, retiring in 1961. When the fighting was over, he began an 18-year-long career as a mail carrier and married Myrtle Hardee, whom he met in a Live Oak donut shop. They were married 68 years until her death in 2016. "I'm happy now because we're both Christians and even though Myrtle is not with me, according to God's words, I will be with her again in heaven. That's comforting to me. I know she's in a better place than I am. I will be so happy to see her again."

## Coach

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Director Alex O’Quinn led Buccaneer nation, family and friends that had come to honor Morgan in a small ceremony recognizing her for her achievements on the basketball court and in the classroom, as well as the impact she made on so many. During the ceremony, former player Carla Suggs took the opportunity to say a few words about what kind of impact Morgan had on her life and career. At which time Branford High School rededicated the basketball gymnasium in her name in honor for all she has done for the program and to honor the legacy she leaves behind. In small towns across America, high school coaches and teachers are not only the most impactful and influential people, but they are often the most memorable people in

someone's life. That is the case for Buccaneer Nation in Morgan.

Morgan was born on Dec. 1, 1946, where she graduated from Suwannee High School in June of 1964. She attended and graduated from Florida State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education. Before returning home, Morgan spent her first five years in the Brevard County School system. When she returned home to Suwannee County in 1973, she became the head basketball coach for the Lady Buccaneers. Morgan was bigger than basketball to generations, Morgan taught basketball and molded young women for life; not by wins and losses or championships, but simply by the woman she was. She will forever be known as a basketball coach to so many. The way you measure a coach is not by wins and losses, but by impacting

their players off the field or court. By judging the love and support of Buccaneer Nation towards Morgan, she is a world class Hall-of-Famer. The impact she made on so many and the legacy she left behind that still lingers around Branford High School today are direct testimonies of the type of coach and teacher she was. Those looking from the outside-in associate her name with basketball, but those that played for her or were taught by her see much more than a basketball coach. She was a mentor, a role model and, to some, she was simply the coach that would listen before or after practice. She was someone who was there to give a hug when the pain was too much to bear. To some, she was that smile that said, "while you may not see it, I see the best in you."

For 30 years, Morgan paced the Buccaneers gym. She never strived to be a Hall-

of-Famer or have the school gym named in her honor one day. Instead, she aspired to be the best version of herself and only expected that in return from her students and players. She won with honor and lost with grace; she instilled in her teams what it meant to wear the Buccaneers jersey and how important it was to conduct themselves as representatives of Branford High School. Thousands of stories are still told today inside the homes of Buccaneer nation; her influences still mold children to this day throughout Branford and beyond.

When one begins thinking of retirement in whatever their profession is, they often begin to contemplate what kind of legacy will they leave behind. Will they be remembered? What has their career meant to others? Morgan was more than a coach; she was larger than life. Players wanted to play for her and give her everything

because they knew Morgan gave them her very best. So, what is her legacy? Her love, actions and influence are timeless. While the players today and tomorrow may never know her as the generations before did, one thing will remain; if you are a Buccaneer, you are still being taught and coached in some way by Morgan, as her influences still roam the halls. Now, her booming presence will forever cast a shadow over Branford High School as gymnasium has been named in her honor. For future generations, when they don a Buccaneer jersey and walk into the gym, they are no longer playing for Buccaneer Nation, but also for the legacy of LeNelle Phillips Morgan, a legacy of class, elegance and excellence. Branford High School’s gymnasium will now forever be known as the LeNelle Phillips Morgan Gymnasium.

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## Live Oak City Council discusses upcoming ban on cyber cafes

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The Live Oak City Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan 11, at 5:30 p.m., in Live Oak City Hall. The meeting opened with a prayer by City Manager George Curtis, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The council then proceeded to adopt the agenda and approve the minutes from the previous council meeting held on Tuesday, Dec. 14.

The meeting then opened for public comment, with the first speaker being Cheryl Pruitt, who expressed concern about loud vehicles in the area. Pruitt first thanked Live Oak Police Department for assisting with a theft that took place on her property, “They’ve been there for us...I really honor them, they have gone out of their way to help us. I’m really proud to say we’ve got a good police force here, but after saying all that, I’d like to talk about my husband, Jimmy Pruitt.” Cheryl began by telling the board that her and Jimmy have been married for 56 years, and that he had driven tanks in the Vietnam War. Sadness could be heard in Cheryl’s voice as she explained that she has “seen results that have resurrected in his life that should have remained dormant due to a loud vehicle.” She added that after hearing a loud truck rev up and down the road from their home, Jimmy had rose from where he was sitting in their living room and said “Cheryl, I thought it was incoming fire.” Cheryl continued, “When he gets upset, I get upset...If you understand a combat soldier, their just really on guard 365 days, always looking out. I know this will be solved.”

The second speaker was Hazel Highland, who spoke about her water bill. “What got my attention with the water bill is that it was much higher than my light bill, something is wrong. Something is really wrong, and every month, I never see someone come up and read the meter.” Mayor Frank Davis responded to Highland’s

concerns by saying he will make sure the meter is read in February.

Gary Caldwell spoke next. He thanked City Manager Curtis for cleaning and replacing signs throughout the city. He added that Suwannee High School’s “Green Team,” who work to replenish trees in the school’s area. The Green Team is partnered with the Tree Replenishing Organization. On April 1, The Green Team will be planting 63 trees in the City of Live Oak to offset the amount of paper used by the school. Local businesses as well as individuals may request trees by visiting Suwannee High School’s Facebook page or email [amy.henry@suwannee.k12.fl.us](mailto:amy.henry@suwannee.k12.fl.us). Caldwell came before the board to encourage them to collaborate with the Green Team on planting a tree near city hall or elsewhere in Live Oak to establish collaboration between Suwannee High School and the City of Live Oak. 20 trees will be donated, afterwards, after that, trees will be \$5 each.

For National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, Mayor Frank Davis

stated, he brought officers up front and read the proclamation he made January 9, 2020, declaring that day National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Next Davis suggested that the council should have a workshop where they discuss what they want to see happen in Live Oak so the council can “share their vision.”

Next, there was discussion with Council action, Resolution 2022-01, a resolution approving a lease term extension request of the Suwannee County Chamber of Commerce: authorizing the execution of the lease term extension. The resolution would extend the lease to Sept. 30. This was approved with little discussion, a chamber representative announced that the chamber would go back to being open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. starting Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Resolution 2022-02 a resolution declaring certain personal property owned by the City to be either surplus to its needs and sold at a publicly noticed sale or determined to be obsolete, non-serviceable, or beyond

economic repair and authorizing the City to remove such surplus property when sold or disposed of from the fixed assets of the City. This was approved and the council moved on to the final item on the agenda.

Lastly, there was discussion and Council action, and a First reading of Ordinance 1475, an ordinance providing for the prohibition of simulated gambling devices; providing for the identification of simulated gambling establishments as a public nuisance and noxious use; providing for the prohibition of the use of simulated gambling devices for certain circumstances; providing for the creation of an enforcement mechanism for violations. It was noted that most operators lease the equipment from a software provider for a year or longer and Columbia County enacted a 180-day safe harbor for businesses to get rid of the equipment. It was decided that there would be a 30-day safe harbor for Live Oak after the Ordinance is passed. The board will further discuss the issue at a special called meeting on Jan. 25, at 6 p.m. in Live Oak City Hall.



Mayor Davis is pictured with law enforcement officers.

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## Eight substitutes and two volunteers approved at Laffayette County School Board meeting

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On Tuesday, Jan.18, the Laffayette County School Board held a regular meeting in the School Board Administration Building beginning at 6 p.m. The meeting began with a prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. The board next recognized two Students of the Month. Although there were four students for the month of January, two showed up to the meeting—Emma Herron K-2nd and Akeelah Jones, high school. The other two students of the month for January were Naomi Cardona, 3-5<sup>th</sup> and Tristan Fountain, Middle School.

Next, the board approved of eight new substitutes: Melissa Keen, Miriam Byrd, Patricia Gill, Gloria Hutson, Matthew Robinson, Tacarra Shiver, Quentin Sutley and Priscilla Swinson. Additionally, two volunteers were approved, Lee Trawick and Joseph Perry. Trawick will be a Volunteer Coach/Assistant and will be assisting with the Varsity Baseball Program. Perry will also be a Volunteer Coach/Assistant assisting with the baseball program.

A new supplemental position C-Team Baseball Coach, softball fundraisers for Boston butt sales and a swing/fan bundle raffle, and a contract with Class Wallet were all approved. The next item on the agenda was Lafayette Elementary School and Lafayette High School heating, ventilation, and air conditioning modifications. This action item was rejected. The board voted to revise the plan and reopen the bid process. Also to be rejected were approval of an Internal Account Audit Report because the action item with a drawn report was not ready and the approval of budget amendment because there were no budget amendments in January.

The next Laffayette County School Board meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 15, in the School Board Administration Building located at 363 NE Crawford Street, in Mayo.



Photo courtesy of Melissa Dicks

Akeelah Jones, High School Student of the Month



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Emma Herron, K-2nd Student of the Month

# American Red Cross and United Way of Suwannee Valley: *The Power of Giving*



United Way Contributor

The United Way of Suwannee Valley (UWSV) works alongside several programs throughout the local area that lend a helping hand to those in need. As a result, when you make a donation to the United Way, you can ensure that your contributions are making a true difference right in your own community. These local partner agencies are vetted through a screening process to ensure that donated funds are going directly towards a need in our community. Today, we are highlighting one of our partner agencies: American Red Cross.

The American Red Cross is a national organization that provides immediate emergency services for those affected by large, community-wide disasters, as well as single family disasters such as devastating home fires. While services can widely vary depending on specific needs, the organization focuses on meeting shelter, feeding, medical and clothing needs.

“The financial support we receive from UWSV is invaluable to us,” says the Capital Area Chapter Executive Director/State Relations Representative Sharon Council Tyler. “We are mandated by Congress to deliver our services, but it is an unfunded mandate, so we rely on the generosity of the American people to support our mission.”

Within the four-county area that UWSV serves, the American Red Cross gives an estimated \$30,000 a year to people affected by a disaster. Services range from providing community sheltering and feeding to providing loaded debit cards to families in need. The Red Cross also provides disaster preparedness programs to children through Youth Preparedness Programs and to adults, as well as other services such as their Service to Armed Forces program and Training Services, which provide CPR/First Aid Training.

“We appreciate and depend on the relationships that being partners with UWSV has afforded us,” Tyler said. “It helps tell our story and recruit others to help us deliver our mission. Every financial donation we receive from the UWSV area goes right back into the community in the form of direct financial assistance to our clients-it is truly neighbor helping neighbor.”

When you donate to the United Way, you are helping local agencies such as the American Red Cross make a direct impact on the lives of people in your own community. You can donate or learn more about the United Way of Suwannee Valley at [unitedwsv.org](http://unitedwsv.org) or by calling (386) 752-5604.

If each person donated \$2.75, or the average price of a cup of coffee per pay period, you would end up donating roughly \$75 per year. And, if 10,000 employees from the North Florida area donated the same amount, the community could see roughly \$750,000 go towards a charitable need in the community. This is the power of giving! Talk to your employer today about United Way’s Workplace Giving Campaign, where a gift from each paycheck helps support the community.

## Jail Report

### Lafayette County

**Jan. 17**  
Rene Todd, simple battery

### Hamilton County

**Jan. 15**  
Stephen Marcel Pittman, drugs- sell, drugs possession

**Jan. 17**  
Direll Dontae Hawkins, fraud, resist officer

**Jan. 18**  
Oliver Wendell Young, two counts marijuana possession, cocaine possession, synthetic narcotic possession, drugs possession, drug equipment possession

**Jan. 20**  
Brittany Nevada Cooley, failure to appear  
Jacon Larone Jackson, sex offender violation, probation violation

**Jan. 21**  
Padraic Antonio Peters, in for court  
Brian Charles Gregg, probation violation

### Suwannee County

**Jan. 14**  
Jahman Dwone Harris, probation violation  
Anthony Ray Gordon, contempt of court

**Jan. 15**  
Gregory Michael White, probation violation, moving traffic violation, nonmoving traffic violation  
Emanuel Medina Ramos, three counts failure to appear  
Ronald Alan Cadwallander, aggravated assault-weapon, resisting officer/arrest

**Jan. 16**  
Joshua Matthew Lykins, battery, hold for other reason  
Melissa Ann Faircloth, hold for other reason, failure to appear

**Jan. 16**  
Paul David Poulin, aggravated assault

**Jan. 18**  
Angie Thomas Denley, warrant service  
Nicole C. Stallings, two counts failure to appear  
Loren Avery Stratton, probation violation  
Jerry Lee Hamblin, probation violation

Taccara Alarice Moore, failure to appear

**Jan. 19**  
Adahid Diaz, grand theft- motor vehicle, hold for other reason, probation violation

**Jan. 20**  
Gerardo Borrell, three counts probation violation

**Jan. 21**  
Cynthia Elaine Carwise, probation violation  
James Patrick MacCourt, probation violation

**Jan. 21**  
Christopher Eric Hayes, failure to appear  
Clint Wilson Kinard, two counts failure to appear

**Jan. 21**  
Alan Lance Davis, two counts probation violation  
Amber Nicole Bracewell, hit and run,

probation violation  
Corey Antoine Jones, probation violation, fraud- impersonation  
Robert Delbert Minor, two counts failure to appear, withhold support

**Jan. 21**  
Allison Bernard J. Broxey, hold for other reason

**Jan. 21**  
Lucas Thompson Hernandez, two counts failure to appear  
Sirjamez Antonio Lydell Stevens, hold for other reason  
Jeremy Nolan Hall, possession of controlled substance, resist officer, fraud- impersonation, drug equipment possession, out-of-county warrant  
Alivey Mitchell Mosley, failure to appear

## Lafayette Veterans Office changes hours

Christy Hamlin Contributor

Lafayette County now has a dedicated local Veterans Service Officer located in the Lafayette County Courthouse. The office hours in the month of January 2022 will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays. Starting in February 2022 they will be open on Thursdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and available for appointments only on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The Veterans Service Office is an advocate for the Veterans and their families. This service has been Constitutionally Mandated. The office provides benefit information and facilitates access to the Veterans Administration Service network, disability, education, long term health care, pension and survivors benefits. The services are free to Veterans and their families. They look forward to providing service to our community of Veterans and hope to be of assistance.

### ASK DR. MANTOOTH

#### PERIODONTAL DISEASE INCREASES RISK OF MAJOR CARDIOVASCULAR EVENTS

People with periodontitis are at higher risk of experiencing major cardiovascular events, according to new research.

In a longitudinal study published recently in the Journal of Periodontology, researchers showed that inflammation associated with active gum disease was predictive of arterial inflammation, which can cause heart attacks, strokes and other dangerous manifestations of cardiovascular disease.

For the study, researchers performed positron emission tomography and computer tomography (PET and CT) scans on 304 individuals to view and quantify inflammation in the arteries and gums of each patient. In follow-up studies approximately four years later, 13 of those individuals developed major adverse cardiovascular events. Presence of periodontal inflammation was shown to be predictive of cardiovascular events, even after researchers controlled for all other risk factors, such as smoking, high blood pressure, obesity and diabetes.

Importantly, researchers found that bone loss from prior periodontal disease was not associated with cardiovascular events. Patients that did not have actively inflamed gums had a lower risk of cardiovascular disease -even if those individuals had a prior history of periodontal disease as evidenced by periodontal bone loss in their CT scans.

Researchers hypothesize that local periodontal inflammation activates and mobilizes cells signaling through bone marrow, which triggers the inflammation of arteries, leading to adverse cardiac events.

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# MARTIN LUTHER

## The Urgency of creating a beloved community

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On Monday, Jan. 17, the Dr. Martin Luther King (MLK) Committee of Suwannee County honored Dr. Martin Luther King with its 26<sup>th</sup> annual Dr. Martin Luther King parade through downtown Live Oak. A church service followed the parade at African Baptist Church and a luncheon at the

Douglas Center with guest speaker Lanetra Bennett. The MLK Committee of Suwannee County, Suwannee County School Board, Suwannee County Elected officials, Suwannee County Voters League, and the Grand Marshall Honorary Sonny Nobles were in attendance and Lynda Owns with the 2022 Grand Marshall Rev. Clifton Riley. Many other representatives were

throughout the parade, all in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King and his impact on such a turning point in America's history.

Riverbend News photo by Lee Trawick, January 17, 2022  
The Suwannee County Voters League encourages everyone to make their vote count in the MLK parade held on Monday, Jan. 17.



Riverbend News photo by Lee Trawick, January 17, 2022  
Douglas High School Alumni & Historical, Inc. show their pride for MLK parade.



Riverbend News photo by Lee Trawick, January 17, 2022  
Melody Christian Academy Homecoming King and Queen, Even Quetot and Shanya Hawkins.

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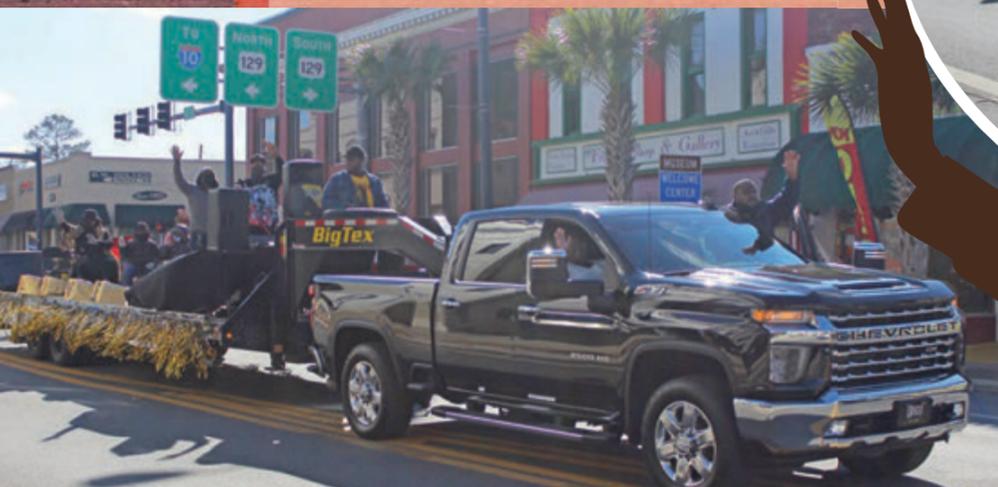
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Mt. Moriah Baptist Church represents America's colors with a smile.



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2022 Dr. Martin Luther King parade Grand Marshall Rev. Clifton Riley enjoys leading the parade.



Riverbend News photo by Lee Trawick, January 17, 2022  
Suwannee High School Band participated in the MLK parade on Monday, Jan. 17.



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Udell Funeral home promotes love and unity throughout the parade.

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# Caulk Can Keep You Warm

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Contributor

When cold weather visits us in North Florida, we tend to pay more attention to the openings in our homes. Just like zipping up your jacket keeps you warmer, caulking is a low-cost, do-it-yourself project to seal the leaks that allow cold air into your home. Caulk is a flexible material for cracks, gaps or joints less than ¼” wide. Caulk is used where the items don’t move, like door frames or window frames. Use weatherstripping instead of caulk to seal if you have parts that move, like doors and windows.

In addition to making you feel more comfortable in your home (by sealing air leaks), caulking can also prevent water damage inside and outside of the home. Apply caulk around faucets, ceiling fixtures, water pipes, drains, bathtubs and other plumbing fixtures. Not convinced to try it yet? Caulking prevents insects from coming inside to enjoy the warmth of your home in the winter and spring. Plugging the holes can also affect your heating and cooling costs. Before you begin, practice applying caulk to a piece of cardboard until you get the hang of it. Then, start with the exterior of the house. Look for any penetrations that enter the home and gaps around window frames. Inside, vent fans, recessed lights and electrical receptacles on exterior walls can be the source of cold air entering your home. With changing seasons, you will find expansion and contraction happens, so caulking is not a one and

“done forever” project.

### Selecting Caulking

Caulk comes in throw away containers or plastic tubes. Most caulking cartridges fit in half-barrel caulking guns (if possible, purchase one with an automatic release). Some pressurized cartridges do not require caulking guns.

When deciding how much caulking to purchase, consider that you'll probably need a half-cartridge per window or door. Caulking compounds vary in strength, properties and prices. Water-based caulk can be cleaned with water, while solvent-based compounds require a solvent for cleanup. Latex and silicone are the two most common types.

**Silicone:** Cannot be painted. Won't break down under prolonged exposure to the sun. Stays flexible after it dries which makes it ideal for outdoor use. Must be cleaned with a solvent like mineral spirits or naphtha. Good for rooms with high moisture levels due to its water resistance. May contain a fungicide. Not a good choice for high traffic resistance. Has the least adhesive properties.

**(Acrylic) Latex:** Easiest to use. Paintable. Indoor use. Clean up with water. Good for sealing around bathtubs and showers, filling in cracks in ceramic tile, wood, glass, etc. Good for sealing nail holes. Has the most shrinkage of all caulks.

**Latex with Silicone:** Paintable. Clean up with water. Hybrid sealants combine the durability/water resistance of silicone with the paintability of latex (and should be painted for protection when used outdoors). These can be used indoors or outdoors.

Some products have ingredients to resist mold and mildew.

### Polyurethane, expandable spray foam:

Expands when curing; good for larger cracks indoors or outdoors. Use in non-friction areas, as material can become dry and powdery over time. Clean with solvent such as lacquer thinner. Paint to protect from ultraviolet radiation during exterior use.

Manufacturing process produces greenhouse gases. Note: polyurethane caulk requires a solvent for cleanup and has the shortest life of the caulks but is paintable, adheres well, is flexible and is resistant to moisture, chemicals and corrosion.

The best time to apply caulk is during dry weather when the outdoor temperature is above 45°F (7.2°C). Low humidity is important during application to prevent cracks from swelling with moisture. Warm temperatures are also necessary so the caulk will set properly and adhere to the surfaces. Drying and curing are two separate processes. Curing usually takes longer than drying, so check the tube for specific instructions.

Caulking is an important skill to protect your home and the investment you have made in it. Caulk and caulking tools aren't expensive but can prevent future repair problems. For more information on our homebuying classes, contact the UF/IFAS Suwannee County Extension office, an Equal Opportunity Institution at (386) 362-2772. *Katherine Allen is a Family and Consumer Sciences Agent focusing on home issues, food safety and community development.*

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# Lafayette County Toxic Round-Up event collects hazardous waste

Alachua County Environmental Protection Department  
*Contributor*

The Alachua County Household Hazardous Waste Department in partnership with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Lafayette County Commission will sponsor a free “Toxic Round-Up” collection event to properly dispose of and/or recycle common household waste items that cannot be collected curbside.

Residents can bring hazardous waste items to the Mayo Community Center located at 176 SW Community Circle on Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Household hazardous waste can be toxic to the public and pose a threat to our environment if improperly discarded. In 2021, 3.48 tons of waste (6,964 pounds) was collected and neutralized in Lafayette County alone.

A total of 10 Toxic Round-Up events are scheduled for 2022 serving residents of Baker, Bradford Columbia, Union, Lafayette, Gilchrist, Nassau and Putnam counties. In total, the Alachua County Household Hazardous Waste department processed 112.68 tons of hazardous waste in 2021 from the Toxic Round-Up mobile collection events; including 11.38 tons of e-scrap, 61.33 tons of paint, 14.10 tons of used oil, 5.72 tons of batteries and 2.17 tons of pesticides.

Please use the following as a helpful guideline for items that will be accepted:

- Aerosol cans
- Antifreeze
- Automotive fluids – brake fluid, automatic transmission fluid, lubricants, etc.
- Batteries – automotive batteries, lead-acid, rechargeable, etc.
- E-Waste – computers, tv’s, microwaves, radios and other electronic waste.
- Fluorescent lamps and tubes, CFL & LED Bulbs
- Household Cleaners, degreasers

and Solvents

- Fertilizers, pesticides and insecticides (solid or liquid)
- Paint, paint thinner and other waste paint related materials
- Propane tanks
- Fire extinguishers
- Non-controlled pharmaceuticals (pills and liquid) and over-the-counter medications
- Gasoline, fuels
- Used oil and used oil filters
- Shop rags and absorbents
- Flares and ammunition
- Used vegetable oil

For your safety: All containers must be labeled. Please use a tub or tarp to contain any potential spills in your vehicle. If at all possible, please drive only with a well-ventilated cab and the windows open. For everyone’s safety, please remain in your vehicle and allow staff to remove items from your vehicle.

NOTICE: Trash and/or recyclables will not be accepted at the Toxic Round-Up events. Explosives, reactives, and/or radioactive, infectious or biohazardous wastes including sharps (syringes, needles and lancets) will not be accepted at the Toxic Round-Up events.

For any questions or concerns about the handling of additional wastes (which are not listed here, or which cannot be accepted at this event) please call Alachua County Household Hazardous Waste Collection at (352) 334-0440, prior to the event. All Lafayette County residents and small businesses are welcome! The event is free for residents; however Alachua County Environmental Protection Department must assess small businesses a nominal fee for eligible quantities of all aforementioned waste items. Small businesses may contact (352) 334-0440 for more information about associated fees and program availability.

For more information and a full list of accepted items, call Scott Sadler from Lafayette Public Works at (386) 208-2795 or visit [www.alachuacountyhazwaste.us](http://www.alachuacountyhazwaste.us)

## Community Calendar

If you would like to have anything added to the community calendar, please email us at [reporter3@riverbendnews.org](mailto:reporter3@riverbendnews.org) or give us a call at (386) 364-4141.

### Thursday, Jan. 27

Thursday, Jan. 27 is International Holocaust Remembrance Day. The Suwannee River Regional Library will display the poster exhibition Some Were Neighbors: Collaboration & Complicity in the Holocaust, from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, during the month. The exhibition examines the role of ordinary people during the Holocaust. The central role of Adolf Hitler and other Nazi leaders is indisputable, but they depended on countless others. Why were there some zealous participants in the persecution of Jews, while most simply went along or joined in? Why did so few help the victims? This exhibition examines the motives and pressures that influenced the choices and behaviors of individuals during the Holocaust.

### Thursday, Feb. 3

Quitting tobacco isn’t easy. Finding help should be. If you are ready to quit, join one of our Tools to Quit Tobacco group! This Free one time, two- hour group will give you tips on how to deal with

triggers, withdrawal symptoms and prevent relapse. You will also receive up to 4 weeks of free nicotine patches, gum or lozenges. This group more than doubles your chance of quitting for good.

Pre-registration is required. Our next TTQ is Thursday, Feb. 3 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at The Live Oak Public Library, virtual options are also available on the computer or over the phone. Call (866) 341-2730 to reserve your spot.

### Friday, Feb. 11

Join Suwannee’s UF/IFAS Extension on Friday, Feb. 11 at 9 a.m. for their Transplant

Production 101 class. Activities will include:

- Seed, tray, and media selection
- Scheduling
- Seeding methods and tips
- Maintenance and care
- Irrigation
- Transplanting

Registration is \$50 and includes class materials, lunch and refreshments. Class is limited to 20 participants, so register now at <https://www.eventbrite.com>.

## SUWANNEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HOSTING A CRIME PREVENTION COURSE

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The Suwannee County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) announced they will be hosting a crime prevention course on Monday, Jan. 31.

The Sheriff's Office said the course is going to be held at the Suwannee County Regional Library in Live Oak and will start at 6 p.m.

SCSO said deputies and investigators will be covering the following topics:

- Home Security and Theft Prevention: Ways to harden your home against burglary and to help in property recovery in the event you are burglarized.
- Identity Theft Prevention: How personal information is obtained on people, how the criminal uses your information, and what citizens can do to prevent or lessen their chances of becoming a victim.
- Cons and Fraud: Explore the current crimes relating to fraud and scams, and learn how to keep from being a victim

# BE PREPARED FOR THE 2022 TAX FILING SEASON

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The 2022 tax filing season officially kicked off on Monday, Jan. 24, when the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) began accepting and processing federal tax returns for the tax year 2021.

The deadline to file a 2021 tax return and pay any tax owed is Monday, April 18. By law, Washington, D.C. holidays impact tax deadlines for everyone in the same way that federal holidays do; Therefore, because of the District of Columbia’s Emancipation Day

holiday, the due date is April 18 instead of April 15. The Jan. 24 start date for individual tax return filers allows the IRS time to perform programming and testing that is critical to ensure its systems run smoothly.

“Planning for the nation’s filing season process is a massive undertaking, and IRS teams have been working non-stop these past several months to prepare,” said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig in an interview

with Forbes. “The pandemic continues to create challenges, but the IRS reminds people there are important steps they can take to help ensure their tax return and refund don’t face processing delays. Filing electronically with direct deposit and avoiding a paper tax return is more important than ever this year.”

The IRS is encouraging everyone to have all the information they need in hand to make sure they file a complete and accurate return. Having an accurate tax return can avoid processing delays, refund delays and later IRS notices.

The following tips from the IRS may help simplify filing and speed up refunds:

- Organize and gather 2021 tax records, including Social Security numbers, Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers, Adoption Taxpayer Identification Numbers and this year’s Identity Protection Personal Identification Numbers.
- Check [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) for the latest tax information, including the latest on reconciling advance payments of the Child Tax Credit or claiming a Recovery Rebate Credit for missing stimulus payments. There is no need to call.
- Set up or log in securely at [IRS.gov/account](http://IRS.gov/account) to access personal tax account information including balance, payments and tax records including adjusted gross income.
- Make final estimated tax payments for 2021 by Tuesday, Jan. 18, to help avoid a tax-time bill and possible penalties.
- File a complete and accurate return electronically when ready and choose direct deposit for the quickest refund

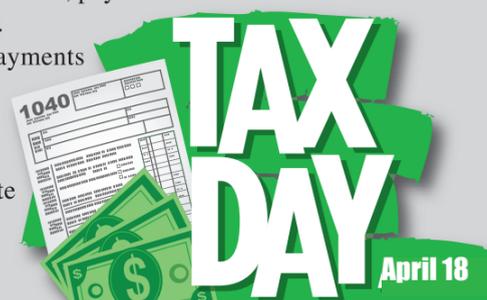


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# Mt. Olive Church takes enlightening trip to Gatlinburg



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Mt. Olive Church's youth group spent a wonderful weekend in Gatlinburg, Tenn. The group learned about Abundant Life and how they should be good stewards. The church made the following statement on the last day of the trip: "We are excited to see what the Lord has for our youth and leaders. Thank you for all your prayers, we ask for prayers for safe travels coming home tomorrow."



## Church Chuckles

**What did Jonah's family say when he told them about what happened before reaching Nineveh?** "Hmm, sounds fishy."

**What was Moses' wife, Zippora, known as when she'd throw dinner parties?** "The hostess with the Moses."

**Why couldn't the Israelites initially enter the Promised Land?** It wasn't the Pinky Promised Land.

**What did the classmate say when asked why they kept walking next to the same person at school?** "I was told I'm supposed to walk by Faith!"

**What do you call a Bible character who just pulled into church?** A parking Lot.

**What did David have in common with Hamilton?** He wasn't going to throw away his (sling)shot.

**Which nursery song would Jesus have heard the most?** "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

**How do you know that atoms are Catholic?** They have mass.

**What did Daniel tell his real estate agent?** "I'd prefer a house with no den."



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 Kids of the King.....7:00 p.m.  
 Army of Fire Youth.....7:00 p.m.

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 Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
 WEDNESDAY  
 Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

### Live Oak Church of Christ

1497 Irvin (SR 51), Live Oak, Fla. (386) 364-5922  
**Dennis Rosenbaum, Evangelist**  
 SUNDAY

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 Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
 Wednesday Evening Worship.....6:45 p.m.

### Live Oak Church of the Nazarene

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 SUNDAY

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Ted Roush

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# Superintendent Spotlight: *Ted Roush*

The superintendent is the top executive in a school district. It is his or her job to work out a school board's vision by making decisions on everything from educational programs to the staff in the district. Superintendents constantly work with school leaders, teachers and the public to work out what is best for the children in their system; an incredibly long, tiring and stressful job for anyone. Ted Roush is the man who makes it look easy. Roush has been the Superintendent for the Suwannee County School District since November 2016.

"My background in education started in 1992 as a substitute teacher, here, in the Suwannee County School District," Roush said. "Once completing college, I started my teaching career with the Taylor County School District during the 1994-95 school year, after completing my intern teaching experience at Taylor County High School. My first teaching experience was in a K-2 ESE/SED classroom at Perry Primary School. Following that experience, I worked the next eight years in the Columbia County School District, teaching middle school social studies at Lake City Middle School and then Fort White K-8 School. Beginning in 1998, I served as Assistant Principal at Fort White K-8 School and then as Assistant Principal at the new Fort White High School from 2000 to 2003. In June 2003, I was named Principal of my alma mater, Branford High School. I served as the Principal of Branford High for seven years, followed by five years as Principal of Suwannee High School. In July 2015, I became Assistant Superintendent of Administration for our district and was elected Superintendent of Schools in November 2016."

Being a superintendent isn't all just fun and games though, there are some real challenges. "At this current time, securing and retaining high quality personnel seems to be one of the biggest challenges," Roush said. "Personnel across all categories of employees are difficult to find. Social media is also one of the biggest headaches, because folks want to find their information many times in sources not rooted in fact. Years ago, before the emergence of social media, things were more simple and better, not only for people in general, in my opinion, but there were far fewer distractions for our students." However, that doesn't mean the whole job is all stress and no fun. When asked for a single moment in his career he had to be proud of Roush said, "A single moment is hard to define. I would say being named my school's Teacher of the Year, in 1998, was an honor and humbling experience. Being able to return to my home high school as the Principal in 2003 was also an honor that ranks as probably the most gratifying."

Another important aspect of being superintendent is implementing well thought out and beneficial ideas. It's a job that requires constant improvement. "I very much want to see an accountability system for students, schools and districts, that does not judge or grade on a single moment in time," Roush said. "So much happens during a school year other than testing for reading, math and so on. The student experience is so much richer than high stakes testing. Accountability is important and I am hopeful that the tide is starting to turn towards a more favorable approach to accountability. In Suwannee County, I want our programs to continue to grow and improve. From our rich elementary school experience, through middle-high school and into our own RIVEROAK Technical College, I want our school district to be seen as the "BEST CHOICE" for educational opportunities in the North Florida region."

"One day, when I look back on my career, I want to be able to say that I served my home district well. I want to be able to say that I hopefully contributed and made more good decisions than bad ones," Roush said. "I hope that I have been able to give back to a district that gave so much to me as a student. My hope is that we are building future leaders that will continue to propel our district to new heights in the years ahead. If I can, in this moment, be a part of helping secure the future of our District, I will feel like we have done a pretty good job."

Being so heavily involved with education and the district, Roush knows it inside and out. Therefore, he knows that Suwannee is a great school for your kids. "I want the public to know that we are here for them and for ALL of our

children. Most all of our folks come to work because they love what they do. We are here to make each child's experience the very best that it can be day to day. As a reminder, the single most important thing a parent can do, other than read to their child early in life, is to have them in school each and every day possible. A child's attendance is the single most impactful factor in determining what their educational outcomes would look like long-term."

Roush described the Suwannee County School District's benefits as offering a wide variety of programs, including traditional, virtual, adult education and community education classes. "There is truly something for almost everyone," Roush said. "Visit our website and contact us! We are here to help with all educational choice options!"

## Hamilton County School District honors board members



Photo Courtesy of Paula Williams

At the Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022 Hamilton County School Board Meeting Superintendent Lee Wetherington-Zamora joined the entire Hamilton County School District in honoring their school board members for National School Board Month. The Hamilton County School District served various beverages and homemade snacks to their board members and gifted each member a Trojan yard sign and a gift bag to show their appreciation for the board's service to the Hamilton County School District's staff, children and stakeholders. Pictured are Cheryl McCall, Gary Godwin, Chairman Johnny Bullard, Vice-Chairman Saul Speights and school board members.



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# BULLDOGS LOSE GRIP ON THE HURRICANES

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On Tuesday, Jan. 18, the Suwannee High School Bulldogs, varsity soccer team traveled to Gainesville to take on the Gainesville High School Hurricanes. The Bulldogs were looking to snap a two-game losing streak as they entered the last week of the regular season. Unfortunately, the Bulldogs were outscored 3-1 in the first half and failed to mount a response in the second half as they saw the Hurricanes score three more goals for a final score of 6-1 in favor of the Hurricanes.



Riverbend News photo by Lucy Golub, January 6, 2022  
Omar Carreon looks to score for the Bulldogs.

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Adrian Segura battles for the ball for the Bulldogs.



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Bulldogs Omar Carreon dribbles the ball through the defense.

## Lady Bulldogs overtake the Lady Trojans

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On Saturday, Jan. 22, the Suwannee High School Lady Bulldogs varsity basketball team traveled to Hamilton County to take on the Hamilton County High School Lady Trojans. The Lady Bulldogs were looking for their third straight win to keep them above .500 on the season. The Lady Bulldogs came out early, more than doubling the Lady Trojans output by a score of 11-5 in the first quarter. In the second quarter, the Lady Bulldogs extended their lead by outscoring the Lady Trojans by 16-8, giving the Lady Bulldogs a 27-13 lead at halftime. In the third quarter, the Lady Trojans tried to fight their way back into the game but could not cut into the Lady Bulldogs lead enough to make a difference as they headed into the fourth quarter. In the fourth quarter, the Lady Bulldogs Shadavia Jones closed out the Lady Trojans with a final score of 46-29. Jones led all scorers with 17 points and nine rebounds for the Lady Bulldogs.

## Lady Bulldogs regular season comes to an end

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On Tuesday, Jan. 18, the Suwannee High School Lady Bulldogs varsity soccer team saw the Columbia Lady Tigers come to town. This season, the Lady Bulldogs have already suffered one loss to the Lady Tigers and were looking for revenge. At the end of the first half, the Lady Bulldogs found themselves with a 1-1 tie going into the second half, but it was there the Lady Tigers managed to score one goal while the Lady Bulldogs ran out of time before they could answer. The Lady Bulldogs fall to 10 losses on the season after losing to the Lady Tigers by a score of 2-1. The Lady Bulldogs season record falls to 5-10-3 as the regular season ends.

## Bulldogs go out on top

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On Thursday, Jan. 20, the Suwannee High School Bulldogs varsity soccer team hosted the Gadsden County Jaguars. The Bulldogs were playing their last regular-season game and hoping for a big night and something to build on going into the playoffs. The Bulldogs came out early, outscoring the Jaguars 5-0 in the first half, then in the second half, they added three more goals while shutting out the Jaguars. The Bulldogs ended their regular season with an 8-0 victory over the Jaguars and taking their overall record to 8-7-5 on the season.

## Lady Bulldogs couldn't hold on

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On Monday, Jan. 17, the Suwannee High School Lady Bulldogs varsity soccer team traveled to take on the Keystone High school Lady Indians. The Lady Bulldogs were looking to get back into the win column after a rough stretch to the second half of the season. The Lady Bulldogs scored two goals in the first half while holding the Lady Indians to zero goals. Unfortunately, the Lady Indians outscored the Lady Bulldogs 3-0 in the second half for a final score of 3-2 for the Lady Indians. The Lady Bulldogs overall record falls to 5-9-3 on the season.

## Suwannee wins the battle of the Bulldogs

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On Thursday, Jan. 13, the Suwannee High School Bulldogs varsity basketball team hosted the Bell High School Bulldogs. The Suwannee Bulldogs were looking to end a two-game losing streak at the hands of the Bell Bulldogs. However, the Suwannee Bulldogs came out and outscored the Bell Bulldogs 17-10 in the first quarter. With a seven-point lead going into the second quarter, the Bell Bulldogs fought back and cut the Suwannee Bulldogs lead from seven to two, as the Suwannee Bulldogs led at halftime with a score of 30-28. In the third quarter, the Suwannee Bulldogs extended their lead to 11 by outscoring the Bell Bulldogs 25-16. To wrap up the game in the fourth quarter, the Suwannee Bulldogs closed out the Bell Bulldogs with a final score of 71-58.



### Hometown Salute

## Thomas C. Dixon Jr.



Thomas C. Dixon Jr. was born on Dec. 3, 1957, to Korean War Veteran Thomas C. Dixon Sr. and Mae Ruth Dixon, of Ocilla, Ga. He is the eldest of eight siblings, five of which chose to serve in the United States Military. Dixon Jr. graduated from Irwin County High School in 1976. While in high school, he was a member of the 1975 Georgia State Championship football team. Upon graduating high school, Dixon Jr. attended Tennessee State University before joining the United States Army National Guard in 1978.

Dixon Jr. attended basic training at Fort Benning in Georgia, where he also later attended advanced individual training (AIT) with a military occupational specialty (MOS) as an 11B Infantryman. After serving two years in the Army National Guard, he was honorably discharged in 1980. Dixon Jr. then joined the United States Air Force in April of 1981, attending basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, before being sent to Lowery Air Force Base in Denver, Co. He served in the United States Armed Forces for 10 years, during which he climbed the ranks to that of Sergeant.

In 1989, after leaving the military, Dixon Jr. began his new career in the healthcare field as a sterile processing tech in the operating room. Throughout his 33-year career, he has worked for three different hospitals and plans to retire on Friday, Jan. 28. Dixon Jr. received his Bachelor of Theology from Andersonville Theology Seminary in 2013 and is now pursuing a master's degree in Biblical Studies.

Dixon Jr. married the love of his life, Marlyn Dixon, on Aug. 21, 1999. Together, they raised six children who have now provided them with 18 grandchildren. Today, Dixon Jr. focuses on ministry and preaching the gospel to anyone who will listen. After retirement, he is looking forward to working on his farm, watching football and, most importantly, spending time with his wife.

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## Lady Trojans take control of the Lady Tigers

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On Monday, Jan. 17, the Hamilton County High School Lady Trojans varsity basketball team played host to the Union County High School Lady Tigers. After a 45 minute delay due to the Lady Tigers showing up late, the Lady Trojans got off to a sluggish start in the first quarter. As a result, the Lady Trojans found themselves trailing by one point as the second quarter began. However, the Lady Trojans came alive for the remaining three quarters by taking the lead in the second quarter. In the second half, the Lady Trojans kept the Lady Tigers at bay on their way to a 50-33 final score.



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#12 shoots a free throw to extend the Lady Trojans lead on their way to a 50-33 win.

## The Trojans stand tall in the end



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Trojans Devan Hawkins pulls up for a jumper over the Hornets.



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Vidal Lanier steps back for a three point shot for the Trojans.

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On Thursday, Jan. 20, The Hamilton County High School Trojans varsity basketball team traveled to Lafayette County to take on the Lafayette High School Hornets. The Trojans started slow, scoring only four points in the first quarter and found themselves trailing by 10 points at halftime. But as the third quarter began, so did the Trojans as they started closing the gap as the third quarter came to a close. Trailing 27-32 going into the fourth quarter, the Trojans tied the score with two minutes remaining in the game. After that, the game went back and forth, with neither team getting the edge until 11 seconds left; the Trojans then broke free in the lane for a layup that proved to be the final dagger for the Trojans. The Trojans claimed a 54-52 victory over the Hornets.

## Trojans end the regular season with a win

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On Tuesday, Jan. 18, the Hamilton County High School Trojans varsity soccer team hosted the Taylor County Bulldogs. The Trojans were looking to build on their win against the Fort White Indians as they prepared for the playoffs. However, the Trojans proved to be too fast against the Bulldogs as the Trojans ran out to an early lead and never looked back. The Bulldogs responded with only one goal to the Trojan's four goals. The Trojans end the regular season with a 6-3-2 record after a 4-1 victory over the Bulldogs.

## The Trojans overtake the Indians

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On Tuesday, Jan. 18, the Hamilton County High School Trojans varsity soccer team traveled to Fort White High School to take on the Fort White Indians. The Trojans were looking to rebound after a loss to the Suwannee Bulldogs. The Indians struggled to match the Trojans speed and it did not take long for the Trojans to take advantage of their opportunities. The Trojans jumped early on their way to a 5-2 victory over the Indians.



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Jose Encarnacion dribbles through traffic for the Trojans.



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Trojans Ally Kagombezi drives the ball down field.

## TROJANS END THE REGULAR SEASON WITH A WIN

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On Tuesday, Jan. 18, the Hamilton County Lady Trojans varsity soccer team traveled to Taylor County High School to take on the Taylor County Lady Bulldogs. The Lady Trojans have struggled this season but were looking to finally break into the win column after 11 attempts. Unfortunately, the Lady Bulldogs were too much for the Lady Trojans as the Lady Bulldogs jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first half. In the second half, the Lady Trojans failed to respond as the Lady Bulldogs continued to score two more goals in the second half to defeat the Lady Trojans 6-0. The Lady Trojans end the regular season with a 0-9-2 record.

## Lady Trojans fall to the Lady Bulldogs

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On Saturday, Jan. 22, the Hamilton County High School Lady Trojans varsity basketball team hosted the Suwannee Lady Bulldogs. The Lady Trojans were looking to bounce back after they suffered

a loss to the Lafayette Lady Hornets. Unfortunately, the Lady Bulldogs were not too kind to the Lady Trojans as the Lady Bulldogs scored 11 points in the first quarter to the Lady Trojans five. In the second quarter, things only got worse for the Lady Trojans, who saw their six-point deficit extend to 27-13 at halftime. However, in the

third quarter, the Lady Trojans fought back, winning the third quarter 11-10, but it wasn't enough to cut into the Lady Bulldogs score. In the fourth quarter, the Lady Trojans could not climb out of the hole they had dug themselves. As a result, the Lady Trojans suffered their tenth loss of the season with a final score of 46-29.

## Lady Trojans come up short in Mayo

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On Thursday, Jan. 20, the Hamilton County High School Lady Trojans, varsity basketball team traveled to Lafayette High School in hopes of building off their win from Tuesday over the Fort White Lady Indians. At the same time, the Lady Hornets were reeling over the loss of their Tuesday night game against the Aucilla Lady Warriors.

The Lady Trojans struggled to get to an early start in the first quarter as they struggled to move the ball against the Lady Hornets' full press defense. However, the Lady Trojans only trailed by four at the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter, the Lady Trojans had their worst quarter of the game, which left them trailing by a score of 25-12 at halftime. As the third quarter began, the Lady Trojans ran shot for shot against the Lady Hornets but could not stay up with the fast pace tempo the Lady Hornets were imposing. As the third quarter ended, the Lady Trojans found themselves trailing 26-43. In the fourth quarter, the Lady Trojans watched their deficit grow greater until they ultimately fell to the Lady Hornets by a final score of 57-32.

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## HORNETS CLIP THE EAGLES

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On Tuesday, Jan. 18, the Lafayette High School Hornets varsity basketball team hosted the Oak Hall Eagles. The Hornets were looking to build off their previous win over the Taylor County Tigers. The Hornets came out early and fed the hot hand in Nic'Kel Freeman, who led the Hornets with 27 points. The score went back and forth throughout the game, but as the second half got underway, the Hornets began to impose their high tempo on the Eagles. The Eagles had no answer for the Hornets, who scored 63 points to the Eagles 58. The Hornets move their overall record to 10-5 of the season.

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On Thursday, Jan. 19, the Lafayette Hornets varsity basketball team played host to the Hamilton County Trojans. The Hornets were coming into the game riding a 6-1 record in their last seven games. Unfortunately, the Hornets started sluggishly; while their defense held the Trojans to only four points in the first quarter, the offense could not take advantage and only scored 8 points in the first quarter. The Hornets came out in the second quarter and extended their lead by 10 points going into halftime. In the second half, the Trojans began running down the Hornets and erased a 10 point deficit. The Hornets were clinging to a five-point lead as the fourth quarter began. The Hornets continued to hold on to the lead until the final two minutes when the Trojans tied the game briefly before taking the lead 49-50. The Hornets bounced back and tied the game at 50-50; from there, both teams had fast breaks. With 11 seconds to go, the Trojans had the ball at the top of the key and made a break to the basket for an open layup securing the win for the Trojans 54-52, giving the Hornets their fourth loss of the season with only a week remaining in the regular season.

## The Hornets lose grip in the end

## LADY HORNETS SUFFER THE THIRD LOSS OF THE SEASON

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On Tuesday, Jan. 18, the Lafayette High School Lady Hornets varsity basketball team hosted the Aucilla Christian Academy Lady Warriors. The Lady Hornets have been on a roller-coaster since coming into the second half of the season after losing to the Trenton Lady Tigers by 27 points, then dominating the Bell Lady Bulldogs by 39 points. Looking to put the loss by the Tigers in the back of their minds, they were hoping to come out and impose their will early on with the Aucilla Lady Warriors. However, while the Lady Hornets scored 13 in the first quarter, the Lady Warriors were right there with 10 points of their own. The Lady Warriors then closed the gap in the second quarter, going into halftime with a score of 20-19 in favor of the Lady Hornets. Unfortunately, the Lady Hornets were outscored in the third quarter by 7-2, giving the Lady Warriors their first lead since early in the first quarter. Trailing by four points, the Lady Hornets came out in the fourth quarter with a sense of urgency, outscoring the Lady Warriors 13-10. Brooklyn Fleming led the Hornets with 14 points and 16 rebounds, but it was not enough as the Lady Warriors held off the Lady Hornets with a final score of 36-35.



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Monte Gillard looks to drive to the basket for the Hornets.



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Karlos Murphy ties the score with a free throw with only 1:15 remaining in the game.



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Amari Fleming finds space for a three-point shot for the Hornets.

## Lady Hornets TAKE DOWN LADY TIGERS

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The Lafayette High School Lady Hornets varsity basketball team played host Friday, Jan. 21, to the Union County High School Lady Tigers. The Lady Hornets were looking for their 15<sup>th</sup> win of the season. At the same time, the Lady Tigers have been struggling throughout their season. Haley Rosenbaum led the Lady Hornets with 20 points and 11 steals on the night. The Lady Hornets scored 25 points in the first quarter and held a 19 point lead at the end of the quarter. The Lady Hornets had extended their lead to 21 points by the end of the first half with a 31-10 score. In the second half, the Lady Hornets outscored the Lady Tigers 30-8 on their way to a final score of 61-18.

## The Lady Hornets swarm the Lady Trojans

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On Thursday, Jan. 20, the Lafayette High School Lady Hornets varsity basketball played host to the Hamilton County High School Lady Trojans. The Lady Hornets were hoping to protect home court with their smothering defense. Leading the Lady Hornets on the offensive side of the ball was Haley Rosenbaum with 22 points, at the same time on the defensive end of the court Brooklyn Fleming limited the chance opportunities with seven defensive rebounds. The Lady Hornets came out strong in the first quarter outscoring the Lady Trojans 12-8. In the second quarter the Lady Hornets defense smothered the Lady Trojans to only 4 points. As the third quarter began the Lady Hornets extended their lead and finished off the Lady Trojans in the fourth with the final score of 57-32.

## Hornets defend home court

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On Friday, Jan. 21, the Lafayette High School Hornets varsity basketball watched as the Union County Tigers invaded Lafayette High School. The Hornets were familiar with the Tigers after suffering a loss from them earlier in the season by a score of 52-29. But this time around, the Hornets were playing in front of their home crowd and looking for revenge.

In the first quarter, the Hornets battled early in a back and forth game; with both teams playing a similar style of basketball, the Hornets found the edge mid-way through the second quarter. While the game was close throughout, the Tigers could not find a way to stop Amari Fleming and Nic'Kel Freeman. Both with 13 points, Freeman had 13 offensive rebounds, giving the Hornets plenty of second-chance shots that perhaps was the edge the Hornets needed to control the ball and ultimately outscore the Tigers by a final score of 52-45.

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On Thursday, Jan. 20, the Branford High School Lady Buccaneers varsity basketball team traveled to Aucilla Christian Academy to take on the Aucilla Lady Warriors. The Lady Buccaneers dug themselves a hole early by only scoring one point in the first quarter. Trailing by nine points going into the second quarter, the Lady Buccaneers' deficit grew a little larger as they trailed the Lady Warriors by a score of 24-13 at halftime. In the Second half, the Lady Buccaneers matched the Lady Warriors point for point, but they could not cut into the 11 point deficit created earlier in the game. As a result, the Lady Buccaneers fell to the Lady Warriors by a score of 47-36.

## Buccaneers fall to the Tigers

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On Monday, Jan. 17, the Branford High School Buccaneers varsity basketball traveled to Trenton High School to take on the Trenton Tigers. The Buccaneers were riding a two-game winning streak and looking to extend it against the 9-7 Tigers. Unfortunately, the Buccaneers could not find their rhythm to start with, which allowed the Tigers to jump out early and never look back. The Buccaneers fought hard and kept pace with the Tigers, but the deficit was too much to overcome. The Buccaneers ultimately fell to the Tigers by a score of 41-69. Taking the Buccaneers record to 8-7 on the season.

## Buccaneers set sail to conquer the Aucilla Warriors

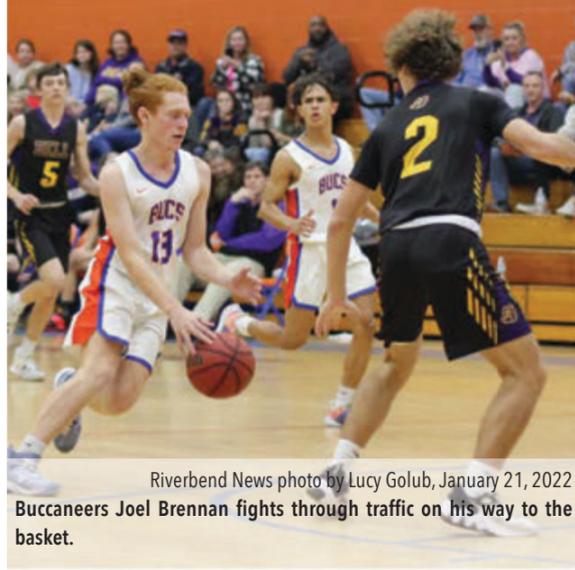
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On Thursday, Jan. 20, the Branford High School Buccaneers varsity basketball team traveled to Aucilla Christian Academy to take on the Aucilla Warriors. The Buccaneers outplayed the Warriors on all levels of the game, from shooting outside shots to rebounding under the basket. While the Warriors managed to score 43 points to keep the game semi-close throughout, the Buccaneers eventually ran away with a 62-43 point victory.

## BUCCANEERS CONTINUE TO STAY AROUND 500

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On Friday, Jan. 21, the Branford High School Buccaneers varsity basketball team returned home to take on the Bell High School Bulldogs. After trailing by four points at the end of the first quarter, the Buccaneers saw the Bulldog's lead expand to six points by halftime. However, the third quarter posed the most problems for the Buccaneers, as they only managed to score five points to the Bulldogs 14 points. Although the Buccaneers did outscore the Bulldogs in the fourth quarter, it was not enough to overcome a 15 point hole. As a result, the Buccaneers fell to the Bulldogs by a final score of 57-44.



Riverbend News photo by Lucy Golub, January 21, 2022  
Buccaneers Joel Brennan fights through traffic on his way to the basket.



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Buccaneers Cash Blalock pulls up for a jumper against the Bulldogs.



Riverbend News photo by Lucy Golub, January 21, 2022  
Easton Mikell slashes to the basket against the Bulldogs.

## Lady Buccaneers pick up their fifth win of the season

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On Friday, Jan. 21, the Branford High School Lady Buccaneers varsity basketball team played host to the Bell High School Lady Bulldogs. The Lady Buccaneers were looking to earn their fifth win of the season in front of their home crowd. Unfortunately, the Lady Buccaneers suffered a scare before the game started as their starting center Kenzie Certain went down with an ankle injury. But the Lady Buccaneers stayed composed as the game got underway. The Buccaneer's defense was the story of the night despite their offense scoring 54 points. The Lady Buccaneers defense did not allow a point in the first quarter and managed to hold the Lady Bulldogs to only five points by halftime.

Meanwhile, the Lady Buccaneers

had scored 13 points in the first quarter and led by a score of 38-5 at halftime. In the second half, the Lady Buccaneer's younger players gained valuable game experience on their way to a Lady Buccaneers victory with a score of 54-9. The Lady Buccaneers improve their overall record to 5-12 of the season.



Riverbend News photo by Lucy Golub, January 21, 2022  
Lady Buccaneers Jayden Bates shuts down the Lady Bulldogs with her defense.



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Annmarie Mowrer gets an easy basket for the Lady Buccaneers.

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# International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the

# HOLOCAUST

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Jan. 27, has been a very important day in history for many years. For example, all the way back to 98 A.D., Trajan succeeded his adoptive father as the Roman Emperor, under his rule the Roman Empire would reach its maximum extent. Or, for example, in 1606 the trial of Guy Fawkes and other conspirators began. In 1943, the Eighth Air Force sorted 91 B-17's and B-24's to attack the U-boat construction yards in Wilhelmshaven, Germany, which was the first American bombing attack on Germany. In 1944, the 900-day long siege of Leningrad was lifted. Only a short year later in 1945 the Soviet 322<sup>nd</sup> Rifle Division liberated the remaining inmates at Auschwitz-Birkenau. Jan. 27, continued for years to be an important day in history, however we choose the day as a day of remembrance. The International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust is celebrated on Jan. 27. In November of 2005 the United Nations General Assembly officially proclaimed the international holiday.

In between the years of 1940 to 1945,

roughly 1.3 million people, mostly

Jews, were forced to travel to Auschwitz by

Nazi Germany. In the

end, 1.1 million people

were murdered in

Auschwitz. By August of

1944 there were roughly

135,000 prisoners left. In

January of 1945, after

hearing of the Red Army's

approach on the camp,

60,000 prisoners were forced

on a death march. A death

march is a World War II term

for massive, forced transfers of

prisoners from one Nazi camp to

another. At roughly 3 p.m. on Jan.

27, Red Army soldiers from the

322<sup>nd</sup> Rifle Division arrived at

Auschwitz. Two hundred and thirty-

one Red Army soldiers lost their life

in the fighting around the area. Sadly,

survivors reported that they felt no

definite moment of liberation. In the

end there were roughly 7,000 prisoners

left behind in the camp. Most of these individuals were

seriously ill, specifically due to their treatment in the

camp. The makeup of those left behind were mostly

middle-aged adults, or children under the age of 15.

The soldiers did find 600 corpses, 370,000 men's

suits, 837,000 articles of women's clothing and 7.7

tons of human hair. Even the battle-hardened soldiers

were affronted by what they saw in the camps. Red

Army general Vasily Petrenko said, "I who saw

people dying every day was

shocked by the

Nazis'

indescribable hatred toward the inmates who had turned into living skeletons. I read about the Nazis' treatment of Jews in various leaflets, but there was nothing about the Nazi's treatment of women, children and old men. It was in Auschwitz that I found out about the fate of the Jews." As soon as the army arrived they, with assistance from the Polish Red Cross, began helping survivors how they could. Red Army hospitals took care of 4,500 survivors. There were also efforts to document those in the camp and as of late June 1945 there were still 300 survivors in the camp who were too weak to be moved.

The atrocities of World War II will forever live in infamy. Even more so the horror that was revealed at the liberation of Auschwitz. Elie Wiesel a writer, professor, political activist and holocaust survivor said, "After Auschwitz, the human condition is no longer the same. After Auschwitz, nothing will ever be the same." This was very true, once the world had its eyes opened to the monstrous actions by the Nazis, nothing was ever the same. The world was heartbroken by the knowledge of what happened, and to this day the world remains heartbroken. Therefore, on Jan. 27, we remember the more than

1.1 million people that were killed in Auschwitz. We

remember the more than 6 million Jews

who were murdered. We

remember the

horror of a state-

sponsored

genocide. We

remember the evil

things one human can

do to another. We

remember all this, and

we mourn those who

were lost.

However, through all

this hope and good

survive, Jan. 27, is also a

day of liberation, a day of

freedom. A day that those

who were being tortured saw

hope in the eyes of strangers.

From different countries, most

likely speaking different

languages, strangers saved Jews

from strangers. The human evil

was triumphed over by the good.

Eventually, the war would end,

and the good guys would win that

as well. Yes, we mourn, but we must

not lose hope in the good. That one-

day freedom and liberation shall

come. We must not lose memory of

the past, and we must learn from

it. So, mourn those who we

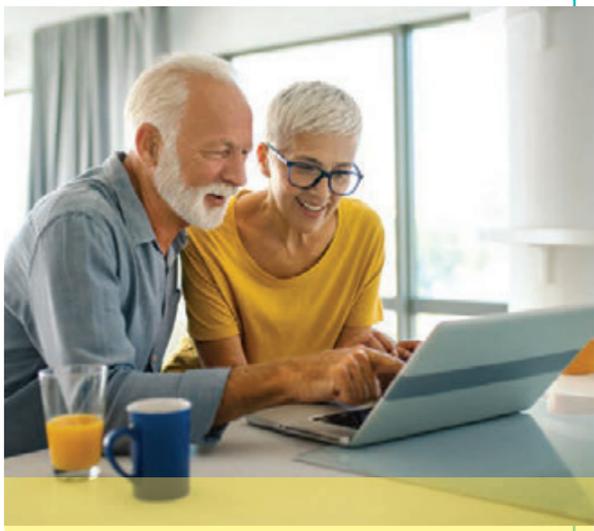
have lost to monsters, but

fight and stand up in the

name of

good.





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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The North Florida College Architect Evaluation Team will open bids from firms that responded to Request for Qualifications #22-01 Architectural Services For Minor Projects on a Continuing Basis. Responses from the firms will be evaluated and scored during this meeting. The Evaluation Team will select, in order of preference, firms deemed most highly qualified to perform the services. Those firms will be invited to make oral presentations to the Evaluation Team regarding their qualifications, approach to projects, and ability to furnish the required services. These proceedings are open to the public and will occur at the North Florida College Board Room, Building 9, 325 NW Turner Davis Drive, Madison, FL, 32340, on Monday, February 7, 2022, at 2:30 pm.

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

**FIRST GUARANTY MORTGAGE CORPORATION,**  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
**JENNIFER S. BEST, et al.,**  
Defendants.  
CASE NO.: 2019-CA-000066

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that W. Greg Godwin, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Florida, will on February 28, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. ET, Hamilton County Courthouse, 207 N.E. First Street, Jasper, FL 32052 in accordance with Chapter 45, F.S., offer for sale and sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Hamilton County, Florida, to wit:

### Parcel 1:

Beginning on the Section line dividing Section 31 and 32 in Township 2 North, Range 14 East, Hamilton County, Florida; at the Northwest corner of lands of Mrs. Julia Mullis as described in Deed Book 2, Page 202 and running North on said Section line 309.00 feet to the iron pipe at the Northwest corner of I.S. McBride 2 acres tract as described in Deed Book 4, Page 312; thence East along the North side of I.S. McBride property 478.00 feet to the Western edge of the Atlantic Coast line Right-of-Way; thence North along the Western edge of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Right-of-Way 318.00 feet to an iron pipe; thence Westerly 1190.00 feet to an iron pipe on the Eastern edge of the Georgia Southern and Florida Railroad Right-of-Way; thence Southeasterly along the Eastern edge of the Right-of-Way of the said Georgia Southern and Florida Railroad 736.00 feet to the Point of Beginning and being in the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32 and the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 31, Township 2 North, Range 14 East, Hamilton County, Florida.

### AND Parcel 2:

3/4 acres described as follows to wit: Beginning at a point on the Section line between Section 31 and 32 in Township 2 North, Range 14 East, Hamilton County, Florida at the Northwest corner of I.S. McBride Lands; and running West 229.00 feet to the East edge of the G.S. & F Railroad Right-of-Way; thence Southeasterly along the East edge of G.S. & F Railroad Right-of-Way 297.00 feet to the Section line; thence North on Section Line 188.00 feet to the Point of Beginning and being in the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 31, Township 2 North, Range 14 East, Hamilton County, Florida. TOGETHER WITH that certain 2010 Live Oak Manufactured Home, Serial Number LOHGA10911658A/B Property Address: 3651 Northwest 109th Place, Jasper, FL, 32052

pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in a case pending in said Court, the style and case number of which is set forth above.

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 before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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SUBMITTED on this 21st day of January, 2022.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. Case No.: 2021-DR-311. NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT). TO: (name of Respondent) BETZARD C BARBERA. DATED January 14, 2022.

HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP). Hamilton County requests proposals from qualified individuals or firms to provide Program Management and Administration services in support of the County's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) Program. SLFRF Program Management and Administration services shall include complete management in consultation with designated County staff to facilitate the implementation of the Hamilton County SLFRF Program Agreement.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. Case No.: 2021-295-DR. Division: FAMILY. IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: DONNA PATRICIA BRAMAN, Wife and SERGIO JAINEZ GERVACIO Husband. AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PUBLICATION. TO: SERGIO JAINEZ GERVACIO Address unknown. DATED this 20 day of January, 2022.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. In Re: The Marriage of: HOMER R. MCKEE, Petitioner and PEGGY S. MICK, Respondent. CASE NO.: 2021-DR-287. AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION (as to spelling of Respondent's last name). TO: PEGGY S. MICK ADDRESS UNKNOWN. DATED on 18th day of January, 2022.

HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP). Hamilton County requests proposals from qualified individuals or firms to provide Program Management and Administration services in support of the County's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) Program. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT FAIR HOUSING, HANDICAP ACCESS JURISDICTION. 01/19, 01/26

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. Case No.: 2021-270-DR. Division: FAMILY. IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: BEN EDWARD DAVIS, Husband and MARGARET ANN DAVIS, Wife. NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PUBLICATION. TO: MARGARET ANN DAVIS Address unknown. DATED this 18th day of January, 2022.

Rhett Bullard, P.A. Attorney for Plaintiff. 100 S. Ohio Avenue Live Oak, Florida 32064 Telephone: 386-362-2040. 01/19, 01/26, 02/02, 02/09

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIVE OAK, FLORIDA. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ordinance, which titles hereinafter appear, will be considered for enactment by the City Council of the City of Live Oak, Florida, at a public hearing on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matters can be heard, in the City Council Meeting Chamber, City Hall, located at 101 Southeast White Avenue, Live Oak, Florida.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION. IN RE: ESTATE OF MARILYN H. FRADDOSIO, File No. 2021-CP-232. Deceased. NOTICE TO CREDITORS. The administration of the estate of MARILYN H. FRADDOSIO, deceased, whose date of death was March 6, 2020, is pending in the Circuit Court for Suwannee County Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 200 South Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32064.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA. PROBATE DIVISION File No. 21000075CPAXMX. IN RE: ESTATE OF EDDIE WAYNE TUCKER, Deceased. NOTICE TO CREDITORS. You are hereby notified that Letters of Administration have been entered in the estate of Eddie Wayne Tucker, deceased, whose date of death was May 27, 2021, by the Circuit Court for Hamilton County, Florida, Probate Division, File Number 21000075CPAXMX the address of which is 207 1st St NE #106, Jasper, FL 32052.

ORDINANCE NO. 1475. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIVE OAK, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE PROHIBITION OF SIMULATED GAMBLING DEVICES; PROVIDING FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF SIMULATED GAMBLING ESTABLISHMENTS AS A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND NOXIOUS USE; PROVIDING FOR THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE OF SIMULATED GAMBLING DEVICES FOR CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF AN ENFORCEMENT MECHANISM FOR VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, the City hereby advises the public and all persons that: If you or another person decides to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearings, that you or said person will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, affected persons may need to ensure that a verbatim record/transcript of the proceedings is made that will be acceptable to a court, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

LEGAL NOTICE. COLUMBIA, HAMILTON AND SUWANNEE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD BUSINESS MEETING. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council announces a business meeting to which all persons are invited. DATE AND TIME: February 16, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. PLACE: Crew Building Conference Room in the Florida Department of Transportation Lake City Operations Center Maintenance Yard located at 734 Northwest Lake Jeffery Road, Lake City, Florida. DIAL IN NUMBER: Toll free 1.888.585.9008. CONFERENCE CODE: 864 183 272. GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To conduct the regular business of the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

REQUEST FOR BIDS. The Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners is soliciting bids to remove and replace existing flooring in the Hamilton Doctor's Building currently being occupied by Dr. Renaldas Smidtas. The building is located at 413 NW 5th St, Jasper, FL 32052. SCOPE OF WORK: Provide all labor, materials and specifications to remove existing VCT flooring, seal the substrate, and replace with new flooring. Materials: Provide color samples for tenant selection. All work and materials to be warranted for 36 months for workmanship and products used. Hamilton County vendors realize a 5% preference over non county vendors. Questions concerning this bid or scope of work should be addressed to Louie Goodin 386.792.6639. You may file your bid in the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court, Room 106, Hamilton County Courthouse, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida, any time before 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 28, 2022. Bids may be mailed or hand-delivered to the Clerk's Office. All bids received after this date and time will not be considered. NOTE: BIDS SHALL BE SUBMITTED IN TRIPLICATE, SEALED AND MARKED: "SMIDTAS' OFFICE FLOOR PROJECT". The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to refuse any or all bids in whole or in part, with or without cause, and/or to accept the bid that in his best judgment will be for the best interest of Hamilton County. "A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building, or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list." Dated this 13th day of January, 2022. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA 207 NORTHEAST FIRST STREET JASPER, FLORIDA 32052. 01/26, 02/02

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. THE HERMITAGE, LLC, Case No.: 61-2021-CA-000192, a Florida Limited Liability Company, Plaintiff, vs. DONNA REGISTER A/K/A DONNA BOWEN and VELMA C. PERRY if married, if alive and if dead, their respective known or unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors or other claimants claiming by, through, under or against the hereinabove individually, Defendants. NOTICE OF ACTION. TO: VELMA C. PERRY 345 SW VELLETT CT. LAKE CITY, FLORIDA 32024. YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to Quiet Title as to the following described lands located in Suwannee County, Florida: 00812001000 10-04S-15E LEG 12.02 ACRES FOR P.O.B. COMM AT THE SW CORNER OF SECTION 10 RUN N 00 DEG 48'19" E 30.00 FT TO THE N LINE OF THE S 30 FT OF SW 1/4 RUN N 89 DEG 51' 08 E 164.83 FT RUN N 00 DEG 49" 16' E 519.80 FT RUN N 89 DEG 51' 48" E 1007.46 FT RUN S 00 DEG 41' 55" W 519.59 FT TO THE N LINE OF THE S 30 FT OF SW 1/4 RUN S 89 DEG 51' 08" W 1008.57 FT TO THE P.O.B. ORB 1366 P 208 WD YR 07. TAX PARCEL # 10-04S-15E-00812001000 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to it, on RONALD W. STEVENS, P.A., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 1444, Bronson, Florida 32621, on or before thirty (30) days from the first date of publication, and file the original with the Clerk of Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a Default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on January 7, 2022. (seal) By: /s/ Barry A. Baker Clerk of Court. 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2

SUWANNEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AUCTION. There will be a Sheriff's Office auction at 10:00 AM, Saturday, February 12th, 2022. The auction will be located at the 218 Parsley St, Live Oak, FL 32064. An assortment of vehicles will be available. For more information, please contact J.W. Hill and Associates at 386-362-3300. This auction is open to the Public AB2083. 01/26

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