



## Undercover sting results in arrest of local convenience store owner

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On Wednesday, June 5, the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) Criminal Investigation Division and Narcotics Unit conducted a controlled operation that resulted in the arrest of 28 year old Live Oak resident

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Photo courtesy of Suwannee County Sheriff's Office  
Divyesh Vinay Patel was read his Miranda Rights after being arrested by the SCSO following a controlled operation by the Criminal Investigation Division and Narcotics Unit.

## White Springs announces new Mayor



Photo courtesy of Town of White Springs  
Jacqueline Williams smiles for a photo after being named the new Mayor of White Springs.

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During the White Springs Town Council meeting on Tuesday, April 25, the council elected a new mayor from among themselves. Jacqueline Williams, who has been a member of the White Springs Town Council for three years and has worked closely with the previous mayor, now Vice-Mayor Anita Rivers, was honored with the position.

## Advent Christian Village resident celebrates 108<sup>th</sup> birthday



Advent Christian Village  
Contributor

Advent Christian Village (ACV) is proud to celebrate the 108<sup>th</sup> birthday of Marjorie Zuidema Hoffman, currently the oldest living resident at ACV.

Born and raised in Holland, Mich., her family was among the first settlers in that area when they came over from

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Photo courtesy of Advent Christian Village  
Marjorie Zuidema Hoffman (bottom left) was joined by her family at her 108<sup>th</sup> birthday at Advent Christian Village.

## New Republican Headquarters open in Live Oak



Riverbend News photo by Lucy Golub, June 7, 2024  
The Republican Party in Live Oak cuts the ribbon in front of its new headquarters, located at 203 Howard St., in Live Oak.

## Undefeated Suwannee Bombers clinches Top Gun Zone Championship drop a bomb at championship



Photo courtesy of Katee O'Quinn

The Bombers and their coaches stand with their championship award after winning the game.

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Top Gun Sports USA is an

organization dedicated to fostering a love of baseball and softball among younger generations. Recently, one

team, the Suwannee Bombers 13u baseball team, participated in the Top Gun Zone 13u

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## HCSO ANNOUNCES DRIVER'S LICENSE AND VEHICLE INSPECTION CHECKPOINTS

Hamilton County Sheriff's Office  
Contributor

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) will be conducting driver's license and vehicle inspection checkpoints during the weeks of Monday, July 1, until Monday, Sept. 30, in Hamilton County.

Recognizing the danger presented to the public by defective vehicle equipment, Deputies will concentrate their efforts on vehicles being operated with defects such as bad brakes, worn tires and defective lighting

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**Around the Banks**



**Johnny Bullard**  
Guest Columnist

People often ask me when I mention the Colonial Hotel, which was part of the White Springs community for over five decades before being dismantled by the State of Florida, "Are you referring to the Telford?" The answer is "No." I am referring to the old, white, majestic Colonial Hotel located just north of the South gate entrance of the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park.

The Colonial opened its doors on New Year's Eve of 1911, right at the beginning of 1912. A dear friend of our family, a longtime prominent citizen of White Springs, now deceased and who shall remain nameless, told me about the opening of the Colonial Hotel:

"My mother owned a millinery, dress shop, atelier in White Springs when it was a major spa. She traveled twice a year to New York City and every other year to Paris to purchase couture from the leading designers of the day. She traveled to France on the first of November and visited with a cousin in London. She knew the Colonial was opening. She had my measurements and had written the House of Worth in Paris about an evening gown for me. Three days before the Colonial Ball, my Worth original arrived. It was beautiful, ecru colored with deep green and emerald beadwork around the bodice and on the train. It was exquisite. Mine was not the only couture original worn that evening. It was a beautiful event. Candles, a huge Waterford Chandelier in the ballroom, a full orchestra from New York."

By the time of my childhood, the Colonial resembled a faded gentry. There were still traces of finery, and the dining room was famous for its means, but some of the original sparkle was gone, as the



Photo courtesy of Florida Memory

The Colonial Hotel was built in the early 1900s near the White Springs Springhouse.

interstate highway system spelled the decline of many small towns, including White Springs, that had bustled when US 41 was THE major highway into Florida.

I remember going to lunch and dinner at the Colonial. I remember celebrating a birthday there with my paternal grandmother. I remember when dressing up, lunching and dining were leisurely activities, which is probably the reason one travel writer expressed about the Colonial:

"Tantalizing and hot buttermilk biscuit, wonderful Virginia ham, succulent roasted turkey and roast beef all served in the impressive dining room with its snow white linen covered table and heavy sterling flatware. One truly

field dining here within a stone's throw of the Historic Suwannee River that all is well with the world and God is truly in His heaven."

The Colonial Hotel, the Springhouse and the former White Springs Motor Court, formerly the original office for the Suwannee River Water Management District, were sold to the state of Florida in 1970. The state dismantled the Springhouse and the Colonial Hotel, and shortly thereafter, as if a cloak of mourning fell on the town, the springs ceased their flow. Looking at the vacant lot and the concrete sidewalk that once welcomed many distinguished visitors to White Springs now serves as a silent memorial to a once-grand hotel.

From the Eight Mile Still on the Woodpecker Route north of White Springs, wishing you a good week.

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**Arrest**  
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Divyesh Vinay Patel, owner of the Chevron convenience store, also known as PRAYAG INC., located at 6647 US Hwy 129 N, in Live Oak.

According to the SCSO report, during the operation, investigators utilized an underage undercover law enforcement officer to attempt to purchase alcohol, nicotine vapes and THC vapes. Patel reportedly requested the undercover officer's identification, and upon reviewing the Florida driver's license, noted that the individual was underage. Despite this, Patel proceeded to complete the sale, totaling nearly \$90.

Following the transaction, investigators arrested Patel on multiple charges: two counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, one count of sale of tobacco products to a person under the age of 21, and one count of sale of alcohol to a person under the age of 21. The report states the operation

was prompted by numerous complaints received by the SCSO alleging that Patel was selling restricted items to minors, including reports of sales to children as young as 13 years old.

In a Facebook post made by the SCSO, Sheriff Sam St. John emphasized the dangers of underage vaping and drinking, urging youth to refrain from engaging in illegal activities. He highlighted the potentially life-altering consequences of such behaviors. Sheriff St. John also issued a reminder to all business owners in Suwannee County who sell alcohol or tobacco products to check identifications diligently and refuse sales to underage individuals.

"Our youth are the future of this country and our most precious resource," the SCSO stated. "Sheriff St. John and the men and women of the SCSO stand committed to safeguarding and protecting the youth of Suwannee County."

To report similar incidents, residents can contact the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office at (386) 362-2222.

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the Netherlands in the 1840s to escape religious prosecution. She has fond memories of growing up in a close, loving family, where her father, Jacob, was the City Engineer of Holland but still spent a lot of time with his wife, Reka, and their three children. Hoffman was the middle child who became a nurse; her older brother, Jacob (Jay), was an ear, nose and throat (ENT) specialist who became Chief of Staff at Weld County General Hospital, and her younger brother, George, was a renowned doctor and surgeon who had the title of the Director of Surgery at Johns Hopkins and later became Vice Provost for Medical Affairs and Professor of Surgery at the University of Michigan.

Hoffman married Howard Hoffman, a funeral director, in 1936 at the age of 20. "It was all he ever wanted to be," recalls their granddaughter, Janie. "Even as a child, he played at being a funeral director!" They had one child, Paul, and Hoffman while working as a nurse but she also played the organ at the funeral home.

In 1968, they retired to Tarpon Springs and enjoyed traveling the world extensively, before Howard passed away in 1987 from cancer. Their son relocated to Tampa to be closer to them and found work as a news anchor at a local television station there. He and his wife, Jane, had four children: Tammy, Lisa, Tim and Janie. As their health declined, they moved in with their daughter, Janie, in Bell, Fla., and now it was Hoffman's turn to follow her son to a new home.

Janie did extensive research to find just the right place for her grandmother and chose ACV because of its Christian values, continuum of care, and friendly environment. Hoffman moved into her own apartment in Dowling House in 2015 at age 99 and immediately knew it was the right place for her. She frequently tells her family, "This is a good place. I'm happy here!"

Three years later, at 102, she transferred to Dacier Manor for assisted living, and has been in Good Samaritan Center for two years now.

"When she was 102, the hospice that had been providing care for her said she no longer qualified for their services and released her," said Janie. "I guess they were right since she's still going strong at 108!"

Janie and her sister, Lisa, both realtors who live locally, have always visited their grandmother frequently, but during the COVID-19 lockdown, the family had to rely on the telephone to keep in touch. Paul continued to call his mother every morning, at 9 a.m., and every day, she'd say the same thing: "Who's this?" When he contracted COVID-19, he did not tell his mother because he didn't want to worry her, but he continued his daily calls, even on the day he died in 2021 at the age of 83. ACV was still in lockdown, and none of her family was able to come to tell her the devastating news in person. Paul hadn't even told her that his own wife had died three months earlier, so it was especially hard for his daughters to share the news of both of their parents' deaths with their grandmother.

Hoffman has had a life full of activity and adventures, but the story she told the most is how she was kidnapped at the age of 5. A woman had snatched her up while she was outside, and drove off with her in a car but stopped in town, and when she left to go into a building, little Hoffman jumped out of the car and began crying loudly, attracting the attention of another woman who she says saved her. Her family was never

able to learn the identity of the woman who rescued her, and referred to her always as "an angel sent by God."

Longevity is part of her genetics, with a mother who lived to be 98 and brothers who both lived to be 92, but Hoffman has certainly outlasted them all. She remains alert and cheerful, socializes with other residents in the court, does word search puzzles daily, and even still plays the piano and sings with her friend Joan Wittman. She has long been completely deaf, but her vision is good, and visitors communicate with her by writing on a notepad or cell phone. She is still mobile, and able to get around with a walker when she wants, although she relies on a wheelchair for longer trips. Her granddaughters and great-grandchildren are frequent visitors. "We don't dare show up without chocolate," says her granddaughter, Lisa. "It's her elixir for a long life!"

Hoffman's legacy includes her son, Paul, four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren, ranging in age from 5 to 16. We hope to continue celebrating with Hoffman, and are blessed to have her as part of our community!

**Championship**  
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Colin Palmer, Micah Halstead, John Henry, Jace Olive, Channing Williams, Shane Wright, Cooper Wainwright, Ezra Jernigan and Kobe Staley. They

Championship. The team included Baylor Ahrens, Braxton Bean, Jayden Jenkins,

were led by coaches John Palmer, Travis Henry and Don Wainwright.

The team had to face a gauntlet of four different opponents, beginning with the North Florida Heat Pick-Up, where they claimed a 9-3 victory. Following this, the team faced off against the Peach Cobblers, emerging with a 5-4 win. They

then proceeded to play against the Generals, winning with a score of 6-2. The tournament championship game saw the undefeated Suwannee Bombers once again, facing off against the North Florida Heat Pick-Up. The Bombers continued their dominating trend, securing the championship win with a score of 7-3.

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equipment. In addition, attention will be directed to drivers who would violate the driver's license laws of Florida.

The HCSO has found these checkpoints to be an effective means of enforcing the equipment and driver's license laws of Florida

while ensuring the protection of all motorists. The checkpoints will be: US Highway 41, County Road 145, Northwest 16th Avenue, County Road 751, County Road 25A, State Road 6 West, County Road 6 East, County Road 141, County Road 143, County Road 51, County Road 249 and US Highway 129.

# Florida government takes action to prevent scams

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Florida's governor and attorney general took action last week, including signing a new law and releasing a consumer alert to help prevent Floridians from being hurt by scams.

Gov. Ron DeSantis signed nine bills on Tuesday, May 28, including Senate Bill (SB) 556, the Protection of Specified Adults. SB 556 targets specified those who are "vulnerable adults," including seniors over the age of 65 and those who may be victims of suspected financial exploitation. The bill defines a vulnerable adult as a natural person over the age of 18 whose ability to perform everyday activities of daily living or provide for his or her own care or protection is impaired due to mental, emotional, sensory, long-term physical or developmental disability, brain damage or the infirmities of aging. SB 556 allows financial institutions to delay disbursements or transactions to specified adults if they suspect the adult is being financially exploited. The bill specifies six conditions financial institutions must follow to delay disbursements and transactions, including developing and implementing training to educate employees about financial exploitation, and the institution must reasonably believe financial exploitation is connected to the transaction of the specified adult.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) 2023 Elder Fraud Report, Florida had the second-highest number of fraud complaints by individuals over 60, with 8,138 complaints. Florida was also the second-highest state in terms of losses for individuals over 60, with a reported total of \$293,817,911. SB-556 aims to help protect these individuals from financial exploitation, such as scams or phishing. The bill will take effect at the beginning of next year, on Jan. 1, 2025.

Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody also addressed scams last week on Wednesday, May 29, through a consumer alert about "malvertising." Moody described malvertising as a cybercrime tactic where scammers leverage sponsored links on search engines to mimic frequently visited pages, but their links lead to malware-infected websites that can easily access personal information stored in your device. Malwarebytes, a cyber protection and privacy software company, found in their 2024 ThreatDown State of Malware report that malvertising has increased in recent years as a more common form of scamming. Moody said in the consumer alert that Floridians can be vigilant for malware by verifying URLs and reading the description of a link carefully for errors before clicking it and using reliable security software on their devices. Moody has previously released consumer alerts about various types of scams, including the recent SunPass scams, tax season scams, government imposter scams and more.

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## Suwannee Commissioners approve value adjustment board nominations

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On Tuesday, May 21, the Suwannee County Board of Commissioners met for its regularly scheduled meeting. The meeting began with the approval of the minutes from the previous meeting. The board then turned to hear public comment, to which there was only one response. Keith Broaders announced that he would be hosting a constitutional class. The board then turned to its consent agenda, pulling one item for further conversation before approving the rest of the consent agenda.

The pulled item was the approval of appointments to the Value Adjustment Board. The board required two county commissioners as regular members, one county commissioner as an alternate, one citizen as a regular member and one citizen as an alternate. After some discussion, Commissioners Travis Land and Franklin White were selected as regular members, Commissioner Maurice Perkins was selected as the alternate and Commissioner Land was made chairman of the board.

The board then moved on to staff items. Fire Chief Eddie Hand requested the board and community's thoughts and prayers for Dixie County Fire Rescue, as they had recently suffered the loss of a battalion chief. He also told the board that Suwannee had offered to help out the department as they recuperated from this loss. Deputy Sheriff Buddy Williams then stood up to speak, thanking the board for approving the body scan system for the sheriff's office, as it had already identified diseases early in some deputies.

The board moved on to the commissioner items next. Commissioner Don Hale thanked the rest of the board for approving the Suwannee River Water Task Force. Commissioner Perkins announced that in a few weeks there would be an informational meeting regarding a federal assistance grant available to farmers. It was then County Attorney Adam Morrison's turn to speak. He told the board about an issue regarding the gate along the Suwannee River, on Suwannee property, yet

owned by Hamilton County. Morrison explained that the gate was used by both counties and this problem had only recently been realized. He asked how the board would like to proceed, whether to leave the gate where it was or move it. The board decided that since it had never been an issue before, there was no reason to make a change and elected not to do anything.

Morrison then brought up the county's current policy of taxing a fire assessment against vacant property owned by churches and other non-profits. He continued explaining that the county had regular issues with these entities not paying the assessment, specifically because the bill was being sent through the Tax Collector's office, and most of the entities assumed they need not pay the bill, as they are exempt from taxes. The board discussed the issue, and discovered that no longer assessing would lose the county a maximum of only \$5,000, though it was stated in the meeting the number was probably closer to \$2,000. The board elected to stop charging the fire assessment, and to retroactively reimburse any payments for the assessments going back five years.

The board then moved on to general business. The first item was a discussion on whether to make June 19, Juneteenth, a paid county holiday. After some discussion, and the reveal that every paid county holiday cost the county \$74,000, the board elected to make a proclamation declaring the day a holiday, but unpaid.

County Administrator Greg Scott was then given the floor. First, he told the public that the county was doing debris pickup from the recent thunderstorm, in which county roads right of ways would be picked up between May 28 and June 7. He also announced that the county was starting budget preparation and were reviewing county equipment that may need repairing or replacing. After some closing comments from the commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The next Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners regular meeting was held on Tuesday, June 4, at 5:30 p.m. Check back on a later edition of the *Riverbend News* to read about the meeting.

## Concerns raised over Hamilton Downs Horsetrack annexation

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The Jennings Town Council's regular meeting on Tuesday, June 4, opened with the swearing-in of council members Ann Crumedy and Charles Barrett for another term. This was followed by the reappointment of Crumedy to the position of Vice Mayor and Barrett to the position of Mayor.

Afterward, the council proceeded to approve the agenda modification to add an item under the section outlined for new business. Spencer Nabors, Hamilton County's State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program Coordinator, was unavailable to provide an update on the town's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), so the council moved on to approve the consent items.

The following section provided the town directors a moment to address the council with updates pertaining to the town. First to speak was Town Manager Jennifer Hightower, who informed the council members that the town's 2022-23 audit was wrapping up and that there would be a presentation on the item at the next regular meeting. She also noted that she has been working with the Florida Rural Water Association (FRWA) on a utility rate study and will report on that at the next meeting.

Josh Johnson, Director of the Public Works Department, was next to address the council. His only update was to inform the council and residents in attendance that the FRWA was continuing to figure out how many residents have lead or copper waterlines running to their houses.

Police Chief Reginald Akins was not in



Riverbend News photo by Danny Federico, June 4, 2024  
**Ann Crumedy (left) was reappointed to the position of the Vice Mayor of the Town of Jennings, and Charles Barrett (right) was reappointed to the Mayor position during the town council's Tuesday, June 4, regular meeting.**

attendance to provide an update. However, Vice Mayor Crumedy was asked to bring up his ongoing request to hire an additional officer. During the brief discussion, revenue became the main issue with the request, with Town Manager Hightower stating it wasn't in the budget to hire a new officer.

Following this discussion, the council proceeded with its next item, which was the request for a temporary septic tank to be used at the future location of Trulieve, a marijuana dispensary, on County Road 143 near the Jennings KOA Holiday entrance. The item was initially brought to the council's attention by Chadd Mathis with the Hamilton County Development Authority during the regular meeting on Tuesday, May 7. Currently, there is no water or sewer in the area of the 0.91-acre parcel, which led Mathis to request the temporary

use of a septic tank until permanent utilities are established. The council unanimously approved the request.

Next was the item that was added at the beginning of the meeting, which was the opportunity for the council to continue its services with Rickerson Legal through the appointment of Sheena Rickerson's new colleague, Michael Pope, to the position of Town Attorney in her stead. Due to her being a candidate for the seat of Hamilton County Judge, Rickerson's resignation was announced during the previous month's meeting as a result of a conflict of interests. However, upon

further review, the Town of Jennings had signed a contract with Rickerson's law firm, not with her individually. As such, Rickerson suggested the town take on the services of her new colleague, Pope, while she continued her campaign. In the event that she doesn't win the election, she would resume her position as the town's attorney; however, if she does win, Pope would continue to serve in the town attorney position until the contract's end.

Councilman John Prine suggested that the council do a six-month trial of Pope's services instead of approving him for the full position. However, Councilwoman Cynthia Daniels and Vice Mayor Crumedy disagreed, stating that the contract would still be with Rickerson Legal; the only change would be replacing Rickerson's name with Pope's. After a brief debate, Daniels made a motion to continue legal services with Rickerson Legal but replace Rickerson's name with Pope's. Her motion was seconded by Crumedy and eventually approved.

Town Manager Hightower then presented a change order for Midtower and Associates for a decrease in funds for a sewer rehab project. The item was approved unanimously.

The final official item of business was scheduling a meeting to appoint a council member to the vacant seat. Hightower stated the qualifying period is from Monday, June 10, through Thursday, June 13, and that a meeting would need to be scheduled for the following week to fill the seat. After a brief discussion, the council scheduled the meeting for Tuesday, June 18, at 6 p.m.

The meeting was closed out with a public comment from resident Linda Stowell, who addressed the council on the recent proposal for the annexation of approximately 300 acres just south of Interstate 75 on County Road 143 for the Hamilton Downs Horsetrack. "Why would he want to be annexed into the Town of Jennings, which is just going to add additional taxes to his tax bill?" Stowell questioned. "What is his purpose for wanting to pay more taxes? What is Jennings giving to him to agree to this?"

Hightower stated Glenn Richards, the owner of the 300 acres, is not receiving any incentive from the town. However, Stowell continued to question why he would want to increase his tax rate. "My concern is, is Jennings entering into something that's going to cost Jennings and the people who live here?"

After a bit of discussion, Councilwoman Daniels requested Stowell return for the next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 2, so Attorney Pope and Richards can answer her questions.

Following this, the meeting was adjourned. The next regularly scheduled Jennings Town Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 2, at 7 p.m. in the council chambers of Town Hall, located at 1291 Florida St.

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### MORSELS FOR ZION'S POOR

The FAITH of GOD's elect has been the same in all ages, yet those who have lived since the Incarnation of CHRIST and the plain revelation of HIS person and finished work do enjoy a more glorious understanding of redemption than those who came before. The Jews assumed (as do many professing Christians), that the giving of the Law to Moses was an end in itself. Yet the unfolding of the gospel reveals that this Law was merely a temporary measure designed to bring the sons of GOD to HIM who is the true LAWGIVER and the SAVIOR of sinners. "The law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith." Sin existed and was condemned long before the Mosaic law was ever instituted. Sin is a condition of the heart rather than simply breaking a code. The removal of sin required a much greater sacrifice than any which was described in the law of Moses. Therefore, it was necessary that an effective PRIEST must come from a different order than that of Levi. JESUS CHRIST is just such a PRIEST having the power of an endless life and being a MAN with a perfect character, "For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified." HE is a PRIEST forever. HE did not become a PRIEST as an afterthought or remedy. Rather, HE came into the world as a PRIEST of the most high GOD to perform the PRIESTLY work of sacrifice. As such, HE has ever been the REPRESENTATIVE of HIS people, hidden in HIM from before the foundation of the world. HIS elect have never been without a PRIEST before the throne of GOD. HE is a PRIEST forever. While the ages roll, HE shall continue in this same PRIESTLY office and be glorified forever as that LAMB slain, worthy of all exaltation. HE is a PRIEST forever. No sinner who has fled to HIM for refuge need ever fear being cast from HIS presence for HE pitieth them and they shall never be ashamed nor confounded, since HE is their RIGHTEOUSNESS before the throne of GOD where HE sits as a KING forever.

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## Public comment sparks debate on Branford Town Council's equipment purchases



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Public comments raised during the Branford Town Council's regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 14, called the town's purchase of various items of equipment into question.

After the council finished reviewing its regular agenda items, the floor opened up for public comment. At this time, Danny Griffith questioned what was going on with a Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD basic one-ton flatbed truck they had approved for the town during last year's budget meeting. Ken Saunders responded, stating the State had run out of funding, but the town was on the list for next year. In addition, Town Clerk Aleshia Terry informed that Dale Kinsey, the town's Public Works Director, was introduced to a grant that would help pay for the purchase.

"You can get a truck for that budget if you look around," Mayor Donny Glover stated. "We don't have to wait another year for a truck."

"We're getting a better truck, though," Terry responded.

"Well, any truck's better than a better truck," Griffith stated. He then went on to claim the town had gone ahead and purchased a trailer for the truck, which hadn't been used. "It's blatantly a disregard for taxpayer money. You bought the cart before the horse."

However, in a public record request interview with Terry, it was revealed that the grant Kinsey was introduced to would pay 55 percent of the purchase price of the truck in question, meaning the town would only have to pay the remaining 45 percent. Upon further interviewing, Terry stated the vehicle was initially approved at the cost of \$36,982; however, when Kinsey went to order it, the price had doubled to around \$74,000, and the dealership would not honor the quote. Additionally, the town applied for a better truck, which includes a utility bed with toolboxes. Terry stated the grant was submitted on Feb. 23, 2024, but confirmed that the government's funding had run out for the year. Furthermore, the trailer was purchased on Oct.

20, 2023, for a price of \$13,490, which was less than the budgeted amount of \$14,135. Terry added that Kinsey has used the trailer many times and has been "a big help" to the town's employees and citizens in picking up debris from recent storms.

Griffith then went on to state that the town had approved the purchase of a new brush for a tractor and questioned whether it had been used. "Why do we need it then?" he asked when it was revealed the brush had not been used yet.

In the interview with Terry, it was confirmed that the brush was purchased on June 16, 2023, for \$15,302.84, which came out of funds set aside for roads and streets. She stated the brush was bought to help clean the streets and Ivey Park when the river floods. However, Terry noted that the State had cleaned the roads after Hurricane Idalia before the new brush could be used.

"Our Public Works Department works very hard to find the best price on any equipment that needs to be purchased, bids that need to be sought, or parts that need to be ordered to save our taxpayers money," Terry stated.

Griffith's final item was the council's approval of four appropriation requests from last year. "What's going on with those?" he asked.

The four requests in question were the main waterline looping and elevated water storage tank project, the Hatch Park football/soccer field, the spray field, and the relining of the town's manholes. During the meeting, questions were raised as to whether or not the requests were submitted. Upon speaking with Terry, it was revealed that two were -- the main waterline looping and elevated storage tank project, which was submitted for \$900,000, and the Hatch Park football/soccer field, which was submitted for \$500,000. However, the town did not apply for another grant for the spray field because it had already been awarded one for \$300,000 to enlarge the area.

"The relining of the manholes was not applied for at that time because we did not have a proper estimate on the cost," Terry stated. "Getting a proper estimate involves a study that considers the total cost of a project as well as

potential increases of the costs before we get the funds. If we were to underestimate the cost of the project because we didn't get a proper estimate, we run the risk of getting insufficient funding that would leave the taxpayers funding the rest of the project. At this point, we are still in the process of getting proper estimates to submit an accurate estimate and time frames for the next appropriation application that comes up in November 2024."

"They put in for it, but they did not go lobby for it," Mayor Glover stated during the meeting. "So, they didn't know anything about it."

"So that just sets us back another year trying to get grants," Griffith replied. "As a citizen here, it saddens me when you've got people here that want to help. They even offer their time to help. They were told no." He then turned to address the citizens in attendance before ending his comments. "Now the town, the taxpayers, all of you guys, you just lost out on a chance for more money to progress the town further. It's just a shame."

In response to the question of whether the appropriations requests were lobbied for, Terry stated she contacted the offices of Representative Jason Shoaf and Senator Corey Simon. "I did not speak directly to Jason or Corey, so no, I guess we didn't lobby for the grants," Terry said. "We are not like the county, which pays a lobbyist to handle its appropriations requests, and Representative Shoaf and Senator Simon have an office in Live Oak. This is only the second year that we have applied for these funds. The Parks and Recreation Department submitted a Florida Department of Environmental Protection grant for \$200,000 for the football/soccer field, which we believe is going to be approved."

Following this, the council members gave their closing comments before the meeting was adjourned. The next Branford Town Council meeting was held on Tuesday, June 11, at 6 p.m. in the Branford Town Hall, located at 502 SW Suwannee Ave.

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# In Loving Memory

## Martha Brown Cheek

Martha "Punkin" Brown Cheek, age 94, of Live Oak, Fla., passed away peacefully at the Haven Hospice House in Lake City, Fla. She is survived by daughter, Anna (David); son, Bill (Becky); daughter-in-law, Chris; nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Tom, Sr. and sons Tom, Jr. and John.

Martha was born and raised in Trenton, Fla., and attended Trenton High School where she was captain of the girls basketball team. As a teenager she was a "spotter" for the civil defense during World War II. With binoculars to help her identify airplanes, she would call a number in Jacksonville, give her call sign of "Long Eleven," and give the plane tail numbers to the person. Martha attended FSU and was proud to have been there the first year they went to co-ed.

She and Tom married in 1948, moved to Live Oak in 1956, and formed Cheek Drug

Company. They raised their family in Live Oak and enjoyed many years there with kids, grandkids, great-grandkids and a host of friends. Martha was an active, faithful member of First Methodist Church of Live Oak and will be missed by all that knew and loved her.



The family would like to thank all the caregivers that helped take care of our mother the last several years.

There was a service to celebrate Martha's life on Monday, June 10, 2024, at 11 a.m. at her home church, First Methodist Church of Live Oak.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to First Methodist Church of Live Oak General Fund or Haven Hospice, Lake City, Fla.

Please sign the online guestbook at [www.danielsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.danielsfuneralhomes.com).

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

# Community Calendar

## Tuesdays - Sundays

"You want to drink? That's your business. You want to stop? That's our business." Join Live Oak's Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) group to discover a new way of life. Regular Live Oak AA meetings are held each week at 7 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays. Men only meetings are held each Sunday at 8 a.m., and are followed by women only meetings at 4 p.m. The group also holds Al-Anon and AlaTeen meetings every Sunday at 2 p.m., which are open to friends and family of all ages. Each session will be held in the building next to the Suwannee County Health Department at 911 Nobles Ferry Rd., in Live Oak.

## Wednesday, June 12 and Thursday, June 13

Let TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) help you with your weight management goals. TOPS is a weight-loss support group that meets weekly on Wednesdays and Thursdays. TOPS will meet on Wednesday, June 12, at 9:15 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, located at 9989 CR 136, in Live Oak. The group then meets on Thursday, June 13, at 9 a.m. at First Advent Christian Church, located at 699 Pinewood Dr. SW, in Live Oak. For more information, call (386) 362-5933 or (386) 362-5995.

## Wednesday, June 12

All behavior is communication, we just need to listen! Join the Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS) at the Jasper Public Library to explore the relationship between the sensory and emotional systems and behaviors seen in those affected. This session will give tools to help parents and families understand the sensory systems and how they can help their child at home. Fun activities for the kiddos will be provided while parents attend the session from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Jasper Public Library is located at 311 Hatley St.

## Thursday, June 13

Chill out and enjoy an evening of anime with the Suwannee River Regional Library! From 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., adults will be able to watch anime, draw, cosplay, enjoy refreshments and mingle with other fans. The Suwannee River Regional Library, located at 1848 Ohio Ave. S, in Live Oak.

## Saturday, June 15

Christ Central Live Oak will be selling pulled pork and smoked chicken plates for \$10 beginning at 10:45 a.m. in the Cheek and Scott parking lot. Sales will continue until the food is gone. This event is a fundraiser for the church's youth enrichment programs. Cheek and Scott is located at 1520 Ohio Ave. S, in Live Oak.

## Saturday, June 15

AMERICAN PATRIOTS will welcome candidates for Suwannee County Tax Collector to speak at its forum from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Live Oak City Hall, located at 101 White Ave. SE. Each candidate will introduce herself and then answer questions submitted by members of the audience. The questions will be anonymously submitted and randomly selected. After audience questions, the candidates will give closing remarks.

## Monday, June 17

Join the Branford Public Library at 5:30 p.m. for its "Mondays are Murder" true crime book club. Participants will receive a list of resources to discuss as they dive into the Athalia Ponsell Lindsley case. The Branford Public Library is located at 703 NW Suwannee Ave.

## Tuesday, June 18

The Lafayette County Public Library is hosting plenty of fun events for its summer program. Join them from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for Animal Tales: "Zoofari Earth." This program is available for all ages. The Lafayette County Public Library is located at 120 NE Crawford St., in Mayo.

# JAIL REPORT

## Hamilton County

### June 5

**Juan Jesus Martinez**, moving traffic violation

### June 7

**Barbara Elaine Vickery**, moving traffic violation, failure to appear

**Gary Lee Grantham**, probation violation

**Jakevione Antwon Lee**, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, possession of weapon by convicted felon, grand theft of a firearm, resist officer without business, cruelty toward a child, carrying concealed unlicensed firearm, evidence destroying

**Everett Clayton Bias**, moving traffic violation, vehicle theft

## Lafayette County

### June 5

**Randall Napier**, out-of-county warrant

### June 6

**Lonnie Barnett**, two counts opium or derivative manufacturing, two counts drug equipment possession, opium or derivative possession

**Agustin Botello-Zea**, out-of-county warrant, driving while licenses suspended

### June 8

**Shawn Sutton**, driving while license suspended or restricted

**Ashley Myers**, drug possession, cocaine possession, marijuana possession, driving under the

influence, drug equipment possession

### June 9

**James Keen**, violation of probation

## Suwannee County

### June 3

**LB Gross**, battery on the elderly

**Jacqueline Ann Bennett**, burglary, fraud impersonation, petit theft, probation violation

**Cierra Lynn Wood**, failure to appear

**Dominick Trayvon Raschdorf**, moving traffic violation

**Iris Leigh Plummer**, petit theft, deal in stolen property

### June 4

**Hollins Trayvon Mills**, failure to appear

**James Thomas Keen**, out-of-county warrant

**April Elizabeth Whitt**, deal in stolen property, grand theft

**Shannon Rachel Davis**, probation violation

**Keith Lamar Canady**, probation violation

**Lakevia Nicole Hall**, hit and run

### June 5

**Billy Ray Fowler**, probation violation

**Brianna Nicole Lopez**, driving under the influence, drug equipment possession, drugs possession

### June 6

**Alexia Casanova Rivera**, cocaine possession, marijuana possession, drug

equipment possession, out-of-county warrant

**Nu'quisya Quontasia Anderson**, probation violation

**Heather Paige Blew**, disorderly intoxication, battery, resist officer without violence

### June 7

**Thomas Grayon Vickers**, probation violation

**Samuel Bruno Oyola**, probation violation

### June 8

**Jose Antino Saldana**, drugs possession, trespassing, battery, resist officer without violence

**Deric William King**, battery

### June 9

**Pedro Pedro Diego**, disorderly intoxication

**Manuel Rincon Torres**, moving traffic violation

**Michael Allen Quinones**, aggravated battery

**Zackary Don Morris**, indecent exposure

**Jerica Shada Bower**, probation violation

**Troy Randolph Tyre**, battery

**John Riley Taylor**, out-of-county warrant, withhold support

### June 10

**Jami Lyn McKinnon**, moving traffic violation, possession of controlled substance, drug equipment possession

**Christopher Nathaniel Forcucci**, drugs possession, drug equipment possession, nonmoving traffic violation

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# Branford Rotary Club welcomes new members

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The Rotary Club of Branford relies on its members' dedication to unite and create lasting change within its community. As such, inducting new members is important for the club's ongoing impact and for bringing fresh perspectives and skills. Joining the Rotary Club connects members with a mixed group of individuals who are driven to give back to the community. Regular meetings and events provide opportunities to discuss community needs, develop solutions, expand leadership skills, and build lasting connections. Membership is by invitation only. A current member or sponsor invites a prospective member to attend meetings and, if interested, submits their name to the membership committee for



Photo courtesy of Trannie Lacquey

New Rotary Club of Branford member Madison Byrd (left) was pinned by her sponsor and mother, Jenny Lloyd.



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New Rotary Club of Branford member Danielle Derisory (left) was pinned by her sponsor, Lisa Flowers.

consideration. Prospective members must demonstrate a commitment to service and be able to meet attendance or participation requirements. Members are expected to attend weekly meetings and participate in club activities or projects.

Recently, the club inducted its two newest members, Danielle Derisory and Madison Byrd. Derisory was pinned by her sponsor, Lisa Flowers, and Byrd was pinned by her sponsor and mother, Jenny Lloyd.

# Smile Like Lainey with upcoming Family Fun Day

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Get ready for the Smile Like Lainey Family Fun Day! On Saturday, June 29, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Live Oak Coliseum parking lot, located at 1302 11<sup>th</sup> St. SW, will transform into a hub of activities for all ages. The event will include live entertainment from local artists, vendors and food trucks, a community-wide yard sale, face-painting, a silent auction and other fun family activities.

In addition, attendees will have the opportunity to showcase their prized vehicles in the Different Dimensions Car Show, which is open to all sorts of vehicles. If it has a motor, bring it! To participate, text Lynn Deas Sweat at (386) 365-4774 with your name, contact information, city or town of residence, and the vehicle's year, make and model. There is a non-refundable \$20 fee per vehicle, payable via Cash App at \$5Loaves2FishOutreach with the memo: "Lainey's Car Reg." Vendors interested in setting up at the event can do so by



Photo courtesy of Darbi Holtzclaw  
Lainey Holtzclaw

purchasing a 10-foot by 10-foot tent area for a non-refundable fee of \$35. Vendors may purchase more than one tent area. Payment can be made via Cash App at \$5Loaves2FishOutreach with the memo: "Lainey's Tent." Once payment is made, vendors should contact Sweat with their name, contact information, city or town of residence, and vendor type.

Donations for the silent auction are welcome and can be made by contacting Sweat. Additionally, donations can be made directly to Lainey Holtzclaw's family through Cash App at \$5Loaves2FishOutreach with the memo: "Lainey's Donation."

Lainey, the infant daughter of Branford residents Darbi and Markell Holtzclaw, has been diagnosed with a rare genetic mutation called THG1L. However, despite the challenges she's faced, Lainey continues to be a beaming light of joy, spreading her infectious smile wherever she goes. Be sure not to miss out on the upcoming family fun day, which aims to support "Little Lainey's" journey. To keep up with the Holtzclaws, follow "Lainey's Journey" on Facebook.

# The glamorous Suwannee Superstar talent auditions: Your chance to shine

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The day of the newest, biggest and most anticipated premier talent show in North Florida is rapidly approaching, and your chance to be a part of it will soon be gone. In the Suwannee Superstar Talent Competition, presented by the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park and Campground, people just like you will have a chance to showcase their musical talents and the perfect platform to launch a career. Do you have what it takes to captivate the audience and showcase your skills?

For those who aren't fond of performing, simply attending and watching the participants makes you a part of the show. The competition isn't only based on skill. There are several categories on which scores are based, a few being the participant's stage presence and connection with the crowd. This means that the members of the audience will get to "be a judge" in the talent show!



The auditions will be on Saturday, July 13, at 7 p.m., at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park and Campground, located at 3076 95<sup>th</sup> Dr., in Live Oak. From there, the top five contestants from each audition will move on to the finals on Saturday, Aug. 10, at 7 p.m., before the Suwannee Superstar will be announced.

To register for the Suwannee Superstar Talent Competition or for more information, visit [www.musicliveshere.com](http://www.musicliveshere.com) and visit the "Competitions" page.

# Suwannee County Chamber of Commerce Resource Fair for small businesses

Danielle Hampton  
Contributor

The Suwannee County Chamber of Commerce is hosting a free Small Business Resource Fair in Live Oak on Thursday, June 13. "This is a one-stop shop for established and aspiring small business owners," said Danielle Hampton, the chamber's executive director. "We invite you to come talk to our exhibitors and learn how their technical assistance and services could help your businesses become even more successful."

The resource fair will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Suwannee County Chamber of Commerce, 212 Ohio Ave. N, in Live Oak. Register for the free event at [tinyurl.com/yt7behu3/](http://tinyurl.com/yt7behu3/). Call (386) 362-3071 for more information or email [staff@suwanneechamber.com](mailto:staff@suwanneechamber.com).

Hampton said attendees can drop-in anytime and go from table to table to talk with exhibitors. Or they can make an appointment for free, private business consultations with Small Business Development Center (SBDC) experts. Rosalind Bryant, a lending specialist with the U.S. Small Business Administration, will give two presentations: "How to Start a Business" from noon to 1 p.m., and "Funding to Start or Grow a Business" from 3-4 p.m. Experts from the SBDC at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville will offer the

consultations. After meeting in-person at the event, the business owner can choose to continue the relationship with the consultant with ongoing phone calls or virtual meetings.

The SBDC also offers free technical assistance such as workshops, trainings and marketing projections and data that would normally be too expensive for small business owners to afford. Those wishing to sign up for a consultation should first register at SBDC's website at [floridasbdc.org/request-for-consulting/](http://floridasbdc.org/request-for-consulting/) and then contact Hampton at (386) 362-3071 to schedule their one-hour appointment at the June 13 event.

**In addition to the SBDC, other exhibitors include:**

- U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) – Guaranteed loan programs to help new business owners succeed at acquiring funding; 7a, 504, microloans; government contracting and certifications; disaster loans and more.
- CareerSource – services to help recruit, screen and train employees.
- FL Rapid Response Program – layoff prevention programs such as Short-Term Compensation and more.
- FSA/USDA – agricultural loans and disaster recovery options.
- FL Department of Commerce – economic development, rural development and funding programs.

# Wellborn Blueberry Festival celebrates 30<sup>th</sup> year



Riverbend News photo by Lucy Golub, June 1, 2024

Over 100 vendors offered a variety of handmade clothing, plants, artwork and other goodies for sale.



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Youth were able to get their faces painted at the festival.



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Attendees were able to view an array of vintage and classic cars on display.

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Residents from all around the area flooded Andrew's Square in downtown Wellborn on Saturday, June 1, for the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Wellborn Blueberry Festival. This annual event aids in raising funds for the Wellborn Community Association (WCA), which is a 501(c)(3) corporation, supports their goal of enhancing life in the community and its surrounding areas.

Plenty of delicious blueberry treats were available for purchase at the Country Store, including cobblers, jams, jellies, syrups and even blueberry pies baked by RIVEROAK's culinary students. In addition to these assorted treats, over 100 vendors offered a variety of handmade clothing, plants, artwork and other goodies for sale.

If they got there early enough, festival-goers were able to enjoy the WCA's famous blueberry pancake breakfast. Three locations were open until 10 a.m., allowing patrons the opportunity to grab the fluffy goodness no matter where they were. For those who arrived too late to partake of the pancake breakfast, there were plenty of other food vendors who supplied tasty meals to choose from. Many were even able to beat the heat with an assortment of ice cream and cold drinks to choose from.

Vintage and classic cars were on display for young and old alike to view. In addition, youth that attended were able to play games and look out over Andrew's Square while riding atop a camel. Live music offered the perfect reprieve for those who needed to take a break from the sun.

As a result of the hard work of the WCA's members and volunteers from the community, the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Wellborn Blueberry Festival was just as big of a hit as it has been in previous years.

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# Happy Father's Day

## My second Father's Day

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Almost exactly a year ago, I published my first Father's Day article. I wrote it from the perspective of being a new father, as my wife and I had just had our first baby. He was only 7 months old at the time; I was beginning to deal with an infant and a wife who was postpartum. The whole world of child-rearing was brand new. Of course, many will say that is still the case, and while that is partially true, a lot of time has gone by in a year, and now my son is much older, and my wife and I are expecting our second child. So, once again, as we celebrate Father's Day, I would like to put out some lessons I have learned and some observations I have made regarding the people in my life.

**Me:**

My life continues to change each day since I have become a father. The sleepless nights are an almost distant memory; my son now sleeps through the whole night mostly without a hitch, and thus, so do I. However, a new beast of exhaustion has reared its head. While I may get a full night's sleep these days, it doesn't mean my days are less exhausting. The amount of energy packed into his little 1-year-old self is overwhelming. Even when he is tired, he has more energy than me. It has forced me to start to reckon with myself in a new way.

I used to exercise, work out and take care of myself for vanity or to attract the attention of a girl. However, I am now happily married and don't view myself with the same vanity I once did in high school. Yet, a new thought has entered my head recently and has forced me to put more thought into my exercise and diet. I want to do two important things for my son: I want to make him feel safe, and I want to be an example of what a protector is. Then I think to myself, how on Earth can I be an example or protect my son if I let myself go? I tend to be a couch potato, but having a son and another baby on the way is forcing me to reckon with this and other faults within myself. While



Riverbend News photo by Christian Peterson

Four generations of my family stand together. Pictured, from left to right are: Matthias Peterson (my son), Christian Peterson (me), Tommy Peterson (my father) and Dennis Peterson (my grandfather).

improving oneself for the simple fact of improving is a great thing, there is something more potent to the act of doing it for the sake of someone else.

Another key aspect of my life that is changing is my own view of other people. I have never been, and probably will never be, a very empathetic person. I am incredibly confident in my choices, my moral compass, and my beliefs. I do not cower to anybody over anything like this, and I never plan to. While all these things are important, and they are things I wish to impart to my son, I also want to show that empathy for others is still an important aspect. There is nothing wrong with disagreeing with someone who is wrong, but it is important to be kind and understand their position or, at least, why they come to that conclusion. It affects me even in dealing with my son himself, as I attempt to understand his feelings and language as he only communicates his emotions. It especially comes to mind as I prepare for another infant in the household, especially one that may be a girl who leans towards emotion a little more than my son does.

**My wife:**

As I stated before, being a father has changed the way I view other people. I am not a gentle person, and my wife

knew that when she married me, she knew that I tended to be matter-of-fact and blunt even if it threatened to hurt others. I also have a bad tendency to think that no matter what, I am the smartest person in the room. However, watching my wife be a mother has humbled me to a significant degree. While she is absolutely better at making sure that Matthias is comforted when he is upset and being there when he needs somebody to hold him because he is sad, she has also grown to be the mother she needs to be in other ways.

When Matthias was first born, my wife was incredibly gentle; in fact, I remember a point when she attempted to show him a photo and dropped her phone. It probably fell only 6 inches, but it hit Matthias in the face. He cried obviously, and she lost it, asking if I thought he would remember what she had done and if Matthias would forgive her. I laughed in the moment at the ridiculousness, but as time has gone on, I have come to appreciate her focus on Matthias's safety in ways I haven't been able to. But at the same time, I have watched her grow to be more understanding as to how tough a baby is. She is more willing to let Matthias make mistakes and get hurt so that he can learn his own lesson. It is

something I appreciate so much about her, and every time I see growth in her as a mother, it makes me fall more and more in love with her.

**My son:**

As many know, children grow incredibly fast and incredibly slow at the same time. When I first wrote my original Father's Day article, if my memory serves, Matthias was barely crawling. However, it has been a year and, let me say, that kid has grown like crazy. He crawls, walks, runs and even attempts to jump (though his feet never leave the floor when he does). He can tell you what all kinds of different animals make, including my personal favorite, Godzilla. He knows how to say "please" if he wants something, and he knows who each of his grandparents, aunts and uncles are. However, the thing he has been reminding me of most recently is the wonder and appreciation one should have for life.

Matthias finds joy in everything: the sight of a dog, the size or color of a shoe, the vroom of a car, or me getting home from work a little early. Each one of these things immediately makes Matthias overjoyed; even though they may be incredibly small things, it is a healthy reminder that I should be grateful. Every night, when we pray before

Matthias goes to bed, we thank God for all kinds of things, and initially, I attempted to make them deep, profound things. However, as Matthias has grown up a little more, I now thank God for the little things. Sometimes, we thank God for grass, trees, dogs, cats, cars, flowers, air, you name it. Each one is something to be grateful for, and Matthias is a daily reminder of that fact.

**My father:**

My own relationship with my father continues to be far different from when I lived under his roof. While he obviously remains my father, and I respect him as such and take his advice highly, the situation seems to be working in my favor as well. I now speak to my father more freely and knowledgeably than before, and it seems to me he is more open to my thoughts. Of course, he always was, but now, as I continue the journey of fatherhood, I find my father and I in a brotherhood that can only be found by those who have become fathers. I have also come to enjoy seeing my own father interact with my son. It is clear that Matthias loves his grandpa, and they have fun with each other. The mere fact that these two polar opposite individuals, a toddler and an older man, are finding so much enjoyment in each other makes me happy, both as a son and as a father.

Being a father is still incredibly difficult, which I will not deny. Helping to raise and rear the next generation of humanity is a daunting task, especially when dealing with the most emotional and non-thoughtful version of a human. However, the greatest joys of my life so far remain in such a small package. Seeing Matthias loving the gorillas at the zoo or taking a bite out of food and loudly exclaiming "MMMM" because of how good it tastes. I still have never tired of being a dad and still wouldn't trade it for anything. I praise God every day for my wonderful son and for the wonderful father that I have. So, from a first-time father (for a couple more months at least) to his own father and all the other fathers out there, happy Father's Day!

# Church Directory

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

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WEDNESDAY  
Church Dinner .....5:45 p.m.  
AWANA .....6:30 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.

# Choose Joy with Beachville Advent Christian's Ladies' Retreat

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Discover God's promises are for everyone with Beachville Advent Christian Church's 2024 Choose Joy Ladies' Retreat. This day for women to enjoy being together is scheduled for Saturday, June 29,

from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Leesa Gonzales will be the event's special guest speaker, and a time of worship will be led by Beth Johnston. A catered lunch will be included. To RSVP for the ladies' retreat, call Jackie Glover at (352) 812-6622 by Thursday, June 20. Beachville Advent Christian Church is located at 24815 CR 49, in O'Brien.



## Explore faith with Bible summer fun

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The sun is getting brighter, the air is getting warmer, and the school year has drawn to an end. You know what that means: summer vacation is here! This also means many churches are gearing up to hold vacation Bible schools (VBS) – week-long programs filled with fun activities geared toward teaching youth about the word of God. Most VBS programs have a set theme for the week, and lessons that teach about a specific verse of the day.

Riverbend News would like to share these programs happening in the tri-county area in our upcoming VBS Community Calendar. If your church will be hosting a VBS, please reach out to Danny Federico at reporter3.riverbendnews@gmail.com or call (386) 364-4141.

Here's what's going on so far!

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5314 98th Ter., Live Oak, Fla.
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6 p.m.-8 p.m., dinner included.  
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607 NW Suwannee Ave., Branford, Fla.  
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July 15-18  
9 a.m.-12 p.m.  
6114 280th St., Branford, Fla.  
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July 22-26  
6 p.m.-8:30 p.m., dinner included.  
3029 SE SR 500, Branford, Fla.  
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# 20 honored in RIVEROAK Practical Nursing Capping Ceremony



Riverbend News photo by Danny Federico, May 17, 2024

Twenty RIVEROAK Technical College students were honored for their hard work during the Practical Nursing Capping Ceremony, which was held on Friday, May 17. Pictured in the back row, from left to right, are: Liviya Harrell, Shannon Johnson, Isabella Manzo, Camdyn Chauncey and Nayla Soules. Pictured in the middle row, from left to right, are: Alexia Young, Austin Knowles, Madisson Mayne, Noddia Newton, Mary Stacey, Savonia Richardson, Brittany Bryant, Ana Cardenas, Ke'Ana Gwinn, Veronica Brown and Cody Stormant. Pictured in the front row, from left to right, are: Kayli Carlisle, Hannah Harper, Elizabeth Robinson and Alexandria Davis.

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RIVEROAK Technical College celebrated a significant milestone for 20 students on Friday, May 17, as it hosted its Practical Nursing Capping Ceremony at the Live Oak Church of God. With the symbolic pinning and capping, students were adorned with emblems representing the end of their educational journey and their continued commitment to practical nursing. The ceremony not only honored the achievements of the graduates but also emphasized their pledge to uphold the highest standards of patient care and ethics.

Congratulations to the following students: Veronica Brown, Brittany Bryant,

Ana Cardenas, Kayli Carlisle, Camdyn Chauncey, Alexandra Davis, Ke'Ana Gwinn, Hannah Harper, Liviya Harrell, Shannon Johnson, Austin Knowles, Isabella Manzo, Madisson Mayne, Noddia Newton, Savonia Richardson, Elizabeth Robinson, Nayla Soules, Mary Stacey, Cody Stormant and Alexia Young.

Additionally, six students received prestigious scholarships following the ceremony. Shannon Johnson, Isabella Manzo, and Savonia Richardson were presented with the Shands Live Oak Auxiliary Scholarship. Ana Cardenas received the Thelma Driver Memorial Nursing Scholarship, Hannah Harper was presented with the Pat Collins Memorial Scholarship, and Cody Stormant was the recipient of the Jah Clark Scholarship.

## *Branford High School celebrates athletes with night of honor*



Photo courtesy of Erin Roberts/Studio 386

The softball team smiles for a photo after a dominating season.



Photo courtesy of Erin Roberts/Studio 386

The football team poses with their awards.

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On Monday, May 13, Branford High School held its annual BSPYs (Branford's Excellence in Sports Performance Yearly) ceremony. This celebration, modeled after ESPN's ESPYs, is dedicated to honoring the hard work, effort and accomplishments of the school's athletes. The high-brow evening event highlighted the achievements of students from various grades and sports disciplines, highlighting the importance of athletic excellence in the Branford community.

One of the evening's key moments was the presentation of the 2024 Military Athlete Awards, which went to Damian Green, McKayden Wilkerson and Ian Bartlett. The

Senior Athletes of the Year were recognized, with Jadyne Mosley and Austin Malaguti receiving this honor. Wilkerson and Austin Humphries were named the 2024 Senior Scholar Athletes of the Year for their exceptional balance of academics and sports.

The event also celebrated the dedication of coaches, with Mendy Sikes being named Coach of the Year for her outstanding contributions to the school's volleyball program.

The ceremony continued with recognitions of athletes who have committed to playing sports at the collegiate level. Colby Carver committed to Warner University for football, Kennedy Walker to Florida State College at Jacksonville for volleyball, Mosley to Southeastern University for track and field, and Malaguti to Warner University for football.

A particularly anticipated part of the BSPYs was the announcement of the most valuable athletes from each grade. In the sixth grade, Lalyne Sikes and Eli Bass were honored. Seventh-grade winners were Leah Thompson and Ollie James. Adyson Beard and Keaton Brown took the awards for the eighth grade.

The high school athletes were also celebrated, with ninth-grade winners being Anabella Dicks and Kyler Williamson. Tenth-grade accolades went to Kayley Johnson and Ar'Kayvion Jones, while the 11<sup>th</sup>-grade winners were Morgan Brennan and Troy Roberts.

The BSPYs ceremony once again showcased Branford High School's commitment to celebrating and fostering athletic talent, providing a memorable evening for all attendees.

# Remembering Suwannee: Wellborn, Part 1



Eric Musgrove  
Contributor

Wellborn is one of the oldest communities in Suwannee County; the area around it was settled by Americans before practically any other location in the County. Wellborn's age, coupled with its story, makes for an interesting (to me, anyway!) series of articles. So, today, we begin a multi-article look at Wellborn's history.

Photo courtesy of Rob Wolfe  
Eric Musgrove

Historians would say that the present community of Wellborn began in the early 1830s when George E. McClellan claimed 560 acres at Wellborn's present site along the Old Spanish Trail (later increased to more than 2,000 acres). At the time, Native American attacks were still common in this frontier area of Florida. While the first homes were under construction, a lookout was posted to warn of Seminole Indian raids. McClellan's plantation home soon became a stop for stagecoaches traveling between St. Augustine and Pensacola; it was where horses were changed out, and the injured (from the Seminole Indian attacks) were treated. McClellan called his community "Little River" after a short river that ran from McClellan Lake into what is now Wellborn

Lake. Little River shows up on several maps until the 1870s, when the

name "Wellborn" first appeared with it, then replaced it. Interestingly, by the 1880s, there would be another community named Little River, located south of Wellborn and east of McAlpin, only about five miles away from the original.

The Second Seminole War broke out at the end of 1835, and several battles and massacres occurred in North and Central Florida. By September of 1837, problems with Seminole Indians in northern Florida required detachments of soldiers to be stationed at Charles' Ferry (at what is now Charles Springs), a nearby plantation, and on the Madison County side of the River at San Pedro. This threat had disappeared almost completely by the summer of 1838 as most Native Americans were moved elsewhere. Most of the soldiers and militia units were either disbanded or moved to areas of greater military activity, and the settlers who had fled to fortified outposts returned to their homes. However, the danger was not over for the residents of North Florida. The last recorded Indian raid in what is now Suwannee County was near present-day Wellborn in February of 1842 when the wife and several children of Richard "Dick" Tillis (called "Tullis" in some accounts) were massacred while he was helping a neighbor. A full account of the attack, as well as McClellan's letter to the governor petitioning for military assistance, can be found in the minutes of the Fourth Session of the Legislative Council of the Territory of Florida (1842). It is quite the interesting read.

Several "forts" were listed as being in Suwannee County during the Second Seminole



Photo courtesy of Suwannee County Clerk of Court  
George E. McClellan, 1838.

War, although most were probably no more than a few logs set up as breastworks and barricades around existing buildings. Columbia County pioneer George Gillett Keen, in his published reminiscences, mentions a Fort Jinks at modern-day Wellborn during this time. After the end of the Second Seminole War in 1842, this presumed fort, as well as the others in the area, were abandoned and soon stripped of any useful equipment by nearby settlers whose numbers increased with the threat of Indian attacks now gone. Today, little remains of these forts and outposts except a few scattered relics and place names throughout Florida (including Fort White, Fort Lauderdale, etc.).

In next week's article, we will continue our history of Wellborn.

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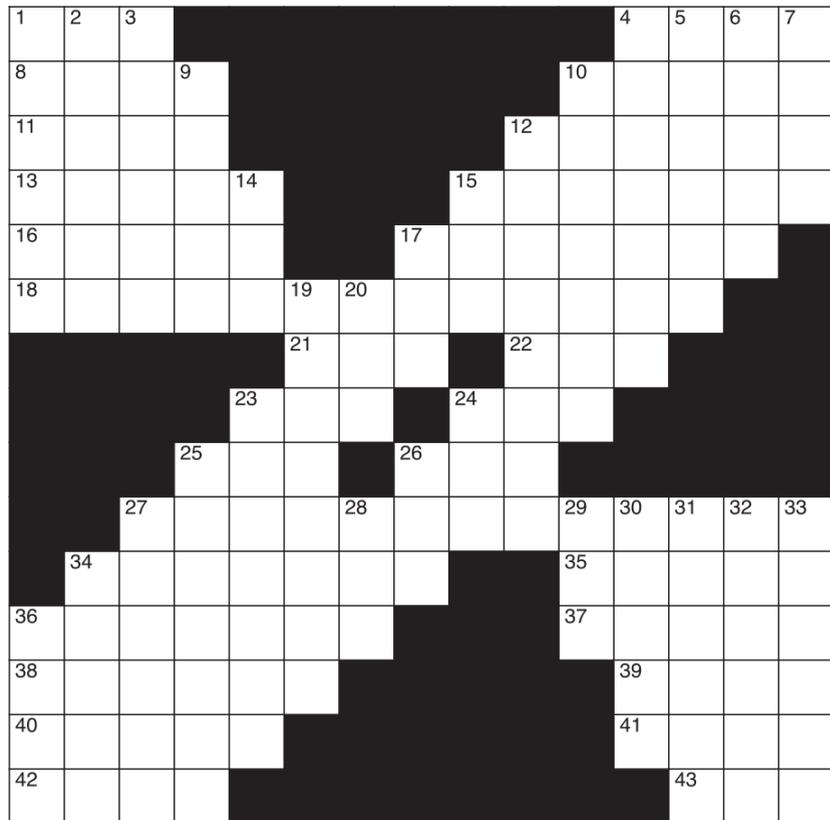
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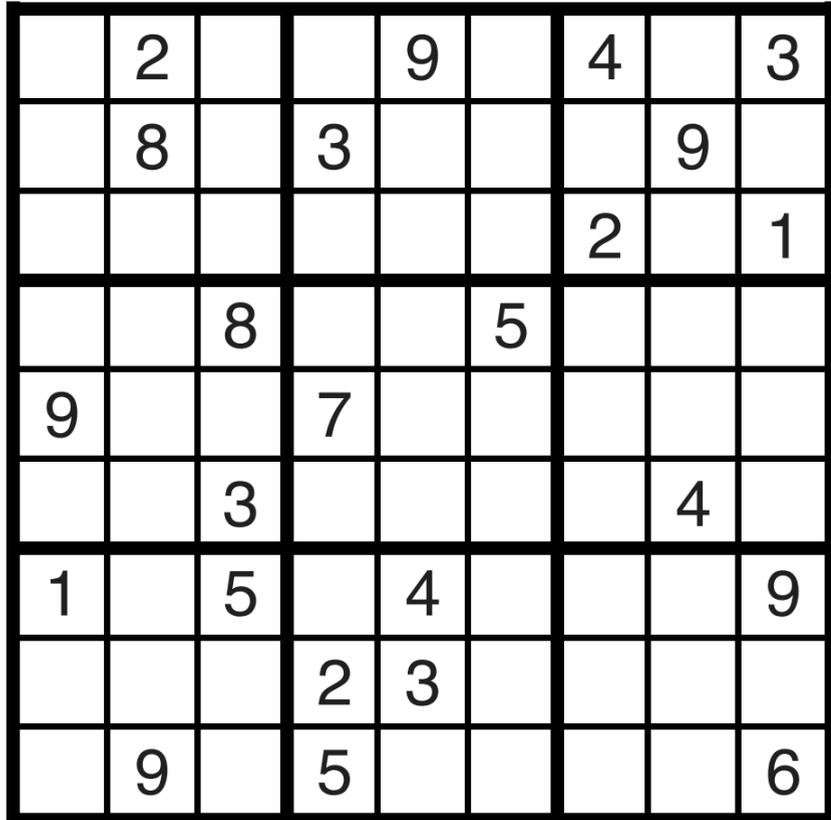


# Puzzle

## Crossword



## Sudoku



Level: Advanced

### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Baby's dining accessory
- 4. Something free
- 8. Ancient Egyptian deity
- 10. Set-like mathematical categories
- 11. Top-quality
- 12. Expansive
- 13. Seizure
- 15. People with congenital absence of pigment
- 16. Gains
- 17. Mocked online
- 18. Clint's son
- 21. Body part
- 22. Humor
- 23. Code number
- 24. Your physique
- 25. Family of regulator genes
- 26. LA football player (abbr.)
- 27. "The Blonde Bombshell"
- 34. Charity
- 35. Bluish greens
- 36. Examined closely
- 37. A type of equation
- 38. Stretched uncomfortably
- 39. Indian religious god
- 40. Clocks
- 41. Slowly leak through
- 42. Witnesses
- 43. Midway between south and southeast

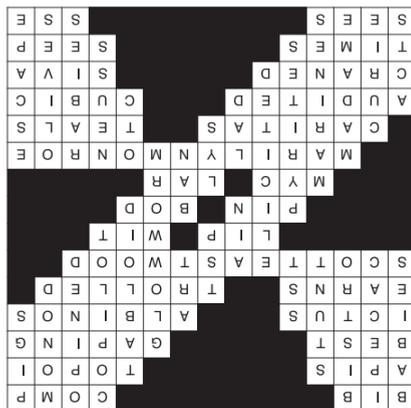
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### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Nestlings
- 2. Induces vomiting
- 3. A place to eat
- 4. Partner in the air
- 5. Offered one's take
- 6. Nobel-winning French biologist
- 7. Farm animals
- 9. Prevent from growing
- 10. Sensationalist periodical
- 12. Soft-bodied beetle
- 14. Very fast airplane
- 15. Imaginative creation
- 17. Recipe measurement (abbr.)
- 19. Evoked a response
- 20. French river
- 23. Shiny yellow minerals
- 24. Make illegal
- 25. U.S. military branch
- 26. River in France and Belgium
- 27. A woman of refinement
- 28. Male child
- 29. Type of medication
- 30. German city
- 31. Animal disease
- 32. Mediterranean dietary staple
- 33. Sneak out
- 34. Radioactivity unit
- 36. Performs on stage

## Solutions ✓



6	7	3	7	8	1	5	4	2	9	6
4	1	5	1	9	3	2	6	2	8	7
9	2	8	7	4	6	4	5	3	1	3
8	4	8	1	7	4	2	9	3	5	6
5	9	4	2	7	8	3	1	6	3	7
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PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 612400098CPMXAX

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The administration of the estate of THOMAS CLYDE WHITE, deceased, whose date of death was April 19, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Suwannee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 200 Ohio Avenue S, Live Oak, Florida 32064. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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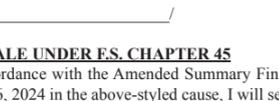
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
IN RE: ESTATE OF JOSEPH BENJAMIN OLIVER ROBERTS IV  
Deceased.  
File No. 61-2024-CP-0096  
Division Probate

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of JOSEPH BENJAMIN OLIVER ROBERTS IV, deceased, whose date of death was June 2, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Suwannee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 501 W. Adams Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202. The names and addresses of the co-personal representatives and the co-personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is June 12, 2024.

Attorneys for Co-Personal Representatives: Co-Personal Representatives:  
*[Signature]* *[Signature]*  
THOMAS M. DONAHO, JR. MACHON ROBERTS KVISTAD  
Florida Bar Number: 0078530 8860 Adams Road  
MICHELLE MEDINA Callahan, Florida 32094  
Florida Bar Number: 772623  
DONAHO & MCMENAMY, P.A.  
245 Riverside Avenue, Suite 150  
Jacksonville, FL 32202  
Telephone: (904) 354-8080  
Fax: (904) 791-9563  
E-Mail: eservice@dmjlaw.com  
JOSEPH BENJAMIN OLIVER ROBERTS, IV  
169 NW Lakeside Ct.  
Lake City, Florida 32055  
06/12, 06/19

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
FIRST FEDERAL BANK,  
Plaintiff,  
CASE NO: 2023CA000238

-vs-  
UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, CREDITORS, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST ROBIN LUMPKIN, JR., DECEASED,  
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, CREDITORS, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST ROBIN LUMPKIN, JR., DECEASED

Last Known Address: 8274 97th Road, Live Oak, FL 32060

You are notified of an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Suwannee County:

PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW 1/4) OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 14 EAST, SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING, COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW 1/4), THENCE RUN N 00°09'44" E ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 20, A DISTANCE OF 284.96 FEET; THENCE RUN N 88°52'39" E, A DISTANCE OF 174.25 FEET; THENCE RUN N 00°09'44" E, A DISTANCE OF 215.04 FEET; THENCE RUN S 88°52'39" W, A DISTANCE OF 29.25 FEET; THENCE RUN N 00°09'44" E, A DISTANCE OF 145.00 FEET; THENCE RUN N 88°52'39" E, A DISTANCE OF 151.00 FEET; THENCE RUN S 00°09'44" W, A DISTANCE OF 145.00 FEET; THENCE RUN N 88°52'39" E, A DISTANCE OF 169.73 FEET; THENCE RUN S 00°01'38" W, A DISTANCE OF 499.97 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW 1/4); THENCE RUN S 88°52'39" W ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 466.91 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO EXISTING COUNTY ROAD RIGHT OF WAY  
8274 97th Road, Live Oak, FL 32060

The action was instituted in the Circuit Court, Third Judicial Circuit in and for Suwannee County, Florida; Case No. 2023CA000238; and is styled FIRST FEDERAL BANK vs. Kathy Francis Lumpkin/KATHY LUMPKIN A/K/A KATHY LUMPKINS, Robin Lumpkin, Unknown Spouse of Kathy Francis a/k/a Kathy Lumpkin a/k/a Kathy Lumpkins, First Federal Bank, Robert A. Sandow, Unknown Occupant 1, Unknown Occupant 2, Markey Terrell Mallarya/k/a Markey T. Mallary, Adrian Rentz Sra/k/a Adrian Devone Rentz a/k/a Adrian D. Rentz a/k/a Adrian Rentz, Suwannee County Clerk of Court, Braxton Armani Babcock, State of Florida Department of Revenue, Lorenzo Dewayne Lumpkins/k/a Lorenzo Lumpkins, Shaminka Sherell Brummage/k/a Shaminka Sherell Mallary, Ramona Denise Lumpkins Newsome a/k/a Ramona D. Newsome a/k/a Ramona Lumpkins-Newsome, Jusui Chattman Lumpkina/k/a Jusui Chattman-Lumpkin a/k/a Jusui C. Lumpkin, Shanard C Lumpkina/k/a Shanard C. Lumpkin, Annie Plummer, Unknown Heirs, Beneficiaries, Devisees, Creditors, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Trustees and all other parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against Robin Lumpkin, Deceased, Robyn Elise Lumpkin, a minor child in the care of her mother and natural guardian Kathy Lumpkin, Daylon Jarrod Lumpkina/k/a Daylon J. Lumpkin, Unknown Heirs, Beneficiaries, Devisees, Creditors, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Trustees and all other parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against Robin Louis Lumpkins a/k/a Robin L. Lumpkins a/k/a Robin Lumpkins a/k/a Robin L. Lumpkins, Jr., Deceased, Kayla Shundrika Lumpkins and Elizabeth D Kirby. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the action on Ian Hudson, Esq., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 255 South Orange Ave, Suite 900, Orlando, FL 32801 on or before \_\_\_\_\_, (or 30 days from the first date of publication) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately after service; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter a judgment or decree in the Plaintiff's interest which will be binding upon you.

DATED: 5-31-24

Suwannee Clerk of the Circuit Court  
As Clerk of Court  
*[Signature]*  
By: *[Signature]*  
As Deputy Clerk  
Suwannee County, Florida  
06/12, 06/19

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lafayette County Commission will be accepting applications for an operator position at the Public Works Department. Applicants are preferred to have a Class A CDL license. Applications may be picked up and are to be submitted to the Clerk of Court's office in the Courthouse at 120 West Main Street, Mayo, Florida. The deadline for turning in applications is Friday, June 14, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. The Lafayette County Board of County Commissioners is an equal employment opportunity employer that does not discriminate against any qualified employee or applicant because of race, color, national origin, sex including pregnancy, age, disability or mental status.

By Order Of:  
Ernest L. Jones, Chairman  
Lafayette County Commission

06/05, 06/12

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lafayette County Commission will be accepting applications for a part-time Library Aid position. Applications may be picked up and are to be submitted to the Clerk of Court's office in the Courthouse at 120 West Main Street, Mayo, Florida. The deadline for turning in applications is Friday, June 14, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. The Lafayette County Board of County Commissioners is an equal employment opportunity employer that does not discriminate against any qualified employee or applicant because of race, color, national origin, sex including pregnancy, age, disability or mental status.

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SURPLUS PROPERTY SALE

Six (6) wheelchair equipped transit vehicles. Envelopes marked "Sealed Bids" must be mailed or delivered to Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. P.O. Box 70, Live Oak, FL 32064 by Monday, July 8, 2024. Please make sure the VIN is clearly marked on bids submitted. Vehicles may be inspected by appointment only. For appointments to inspect vehicles contact Sheryl Hartzog, Operations Manager, at [shartzog@suwanneecouncil.net](mailto:shartzog@suwanneecouncil.net) or 386-496-0624. For additional information or questions contact Stephanie Barrington, Director of Transportation, at [sbarrington@suwanneecouncil.net](mailto:sbarrington@suwanneecouncil.net). Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. reserves the right to refuse or reject any bid.

06/12

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING: The District Board of Trustees of North Florida College will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the NFC Board Room in the Student Center (Bldg. #9), 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL. For more information, an agenda or to request disability-related accommodations, contact the President's Office at (850) 973-1618 or email [wheeler@nfc.edu](mailto:wheeler@nfc.edu). NFC is an equal access/equal opportunity employer.

06/12

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

ROSE ACCEPTANCE, INC  
Plaintiff  
CASE #: 24-2022-CA-008  
vs.  
REESE CRUSAN; ET AL.;  
Defendants,

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 22nd day of May, 2024, and entered in Case No. 242022CA000008CAAXMX, of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit in and for Hamilton County, Florida, where, ROSE ACCEPTANCE, INC., is the Plaintiff, and REESE CRUSAN; KIMBERLY CRUSAN; and UNKNOWN TENANT # 1 N/K/A BOBBY SIMMONS, are Defendants. W. GREG GODWIN, as the Clerk of the Circuit Court, shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Hamilton County Courthouse, located at 207 NE 1st Street, Jasper, Florida 32052, at 11:00 AM, on the 24th day of July, 2024, the following described property as set forth in said final judgment, to wit:

CITY OF JENNINGS, COUNTY OF HAMILTON, STATE OF FLORIDA

LOT 19 OF JENNINGS ACRES SUBDIVISION A SUBDIVISION AS PER THE PLAT THEREOF FILED AT PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 76, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA. ALSO INCLUDING A 1994 HORN MOBILE HOME SERIAL # H104109G, WHICH IS PERMANENTLY AFFIXED AND ATTACHED TO THE REAL PROPERTY.

PARCEL ID NUMBER: R 3482-190  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 5731 NW 47TH WAY, JENNINGS, FL 32053

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.

Dated this 5 day of June, 2024.

Submitted by:  
TAROKH LAW, PLLC  
PO BOX 10827  
TAMPA, FL 33679  
813-922-5510  
E-mail for service:  
jason@tarokhlaw.com

W. GREG GODWIN  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
BY: *[Signature]*  
As Deputy Clerk  
Suwannee County, Florida  
06/12, 06/19

BID SOLICITATION NO. 2024-15

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SUWANNEE COUNTY, FL  
WILL RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Livestock Building Demolition

Date/Time/Location for Receiving BIDs:

Friday, July 12, 2024, 4:00 pm  
Late submittals will not be considered  
Suwannee County Clerk of Courts  
Cashier Window  
200 S Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, FL 32064  
(386) 362-0500

Date/Time/Location for MANDATORY Pre-Bid Meeting:

Wednesday, June 26, 2024, 10:00 am  
Suwannee County Agricultural Building  
1302 11th St SW, Live Oak, FL 32064

Date/Time/Location for BID Opening:

Tuesday, July 16, 2024, 10:00 am or soon thereafter  
Judicial Annex  
218 SW Parsheley St., Live Oak, FL 32064

Question Deadline:

Friday, June 28, 2024, 5:00 pm  
Late questions will not be answered

BID Documents Available from:

www.demandstar.com  
www.suwanneecountyfl.gov or  
Suwannee County Administration  
13150 80th Terrace, Live Oak, FL 32060  
(386)364-3400

Description: Suwannee County is inviting qualified contractors to bid on the Livestock Building Demolition project. Project includes demolition, removal, and haul of all at grade and below grade infrastructure within the limits of construction shown on the construction documents including but not limited to structures, buildings, misc. concrete/pavement, footers, columns, etc. All utilities within project area shall be removed and capped at limits of construction. Upon completion of all demolition activities, site shall be uniformly graded to a smooth surface and stabilized with seed/mulch.

SUWANNEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
TRAVIS LAND, CHAIRMAN  
06/05, 06/12

RFQ-25-201 Construction Manager for RIVEROAK Technical College Expansion Project

The Suwannee County School Board is seeking a Construction Manager at risk for the following:  
RIVEROAK Technical College Expansion Project

Services will include, but are not limited to: construction cost estimating (including during the design phase(s)), bid preparation, construction management at-risk, generation and update of project schedules, cost control and monthly progress reports.

Any firm or individual desiring to provide these services can download the information packet from the District web site: <https://www.suwannee.k12.fl.us/documents/departments/finance/bids/601630>

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Suwannee County School Board Office: 1740 Ohio Avenue, South, Live Oak, FL 32064. The budget, scope of project and preliminary architectural drawings will be delivered during this meeting.

Questions must be submitted in writing by email to [ethan.butts@suwannee.k12.fl.us](mailto:ethan.butts@suwannee.k12.fl.us) no later than 3:00 p.m. on Monday, July 8, 2024. Questions and responses will be posted on the website.

Interested firms should also file the following documents: Contractor's Qualification Statement (AIA 305-1986), current resumes of firm principals and proposed management team, copy of current State of Florida professional registration(s) which shall include State-Certified Licensed General Contractor information, statement of current Professional Liability Insurance and Bond Limits from the insurer, a letter of intent, and any other information the applicant deems appropriate. Firms desiring to provide professional services for the above project(s) shall submit one (1) original and five (5) copies of written responses containing all of the requested information by **Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.** Mail or deliver sealed submissions, clearly marked:  
RFQ 25-201  
Suwannee County School District  
Marsha Brown, Chief Financial Officer  
1740 Ohio Avenue, South  
Live Oak, FL 32064

06/12, 06/19

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SUWANNEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD will meet in the School Board Meeting Room, 1740 Ohio Avenue, South, Live Oak, Florida, on the following date and times.

Tuesday, June 25, 2024  
6:00 p.m. Public Hearing - Proposed Rules  
Regular Meeting (immediately following Public Hearing)

School Board meetings are open to the public with the exception of Expulsion Issues, which are private. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the School Board, with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he/she will need a copy of the official record of the meeting. The official record of any School Board meeting consists of the official minutes, approved by the Board, including any back-up materials or documents submitted to it, and a transcript of the audio and/or visual recording of the meeting, if any, made and maintained by the District. It is the responsibility of the party requesting a copy of audio/visual recording to have it transcribed for appellate purposes.

*[Signature]*  
Ted L. Roush  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
06/12

PUBLIC NOTICES CONTINUED

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MARK H. FINK, the holder of the following tax certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate number, the description of property, and the names in which it is assessed are as follows:
TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4212/2017-818
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LEG LOTS 1 & 2 BLK 1 SUWANNEE MANOR
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: EVANGELINA WALLED
C/O GEORGE WALLED 6660 LEMINWOOD CT. LORAIN, OH 44052
All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.
Unless such tax certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such tax certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder in the Suwannee County Court House Judicial Annex Bldg., 218 Parshey St., Live Oak, FL 32064 on
Thursday, July 11, 2024 AT 11:00 A.M. or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
BARRY A. BAKER/ CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
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TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4213/2017-825
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LEG LOTS 1 & 2 BLK 8 SUWANNEE MANOR ORB 1154 P 246 WD YR 05
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: LUTCHMIN VICKI ANN HARDING
8470 LAGOS DE CAMPO BLVD. TAMARAC, FL 33321
All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.
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TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4214/2017-857
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LEG LOTS 21 & 22 BLK 11 SUWANNEE CREST SUB-DIV ORB 1193 P 86 WD YR 06
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: EVADNEY SHEPHERD
15049 85TH RD. LOXAHATCHEE, FL 33470
All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.
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TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4215/2017-859
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LEG LOTS 19 & 20 BLOCK 1 NORTHEAST SUWANNEE HEIGHTS ORB 1345 P 188 WD YR 07
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: ALTURO SARJU
541 SW 38TH AVE, FT LAUDERDALE, FL 33312
All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.
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TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4216/2017-883
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LEG LOTS 10 11 & 12 BLK 9 SUW EST ORB 459 P 372 WD YR 94
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: ATHENA S. WADI
535 UNION CHURCH RD. FORT VALLEY, GA 31030
All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.
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TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4217/2017-889
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LEG LOTS 12 13 & 14 BLK 10 SUWANNEE EST ORB 1874 P 317-18 SWD YR 2016
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: SHAWN SEIP
106 RIDGEVIEW DR. EUSTIS, FL 32726
All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.
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TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4218/2017-2225
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LEG LOTS 25 & 26 BLK 6 SUW R PK EST UNIT 2 ORB 178 P 250 WD
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: EDWARD E. KING
2815 KENWOOD AVE, FT. WAYNE, IN 46805
All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.
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TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4219/2017-2230
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LEG LOT 34 BLK 6 UNIT 2 SUWANNEE RIVER PARK ESTATES ORB 188 P 499 WD YR 92
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: KENNETH L. ASBELL
5059 PECAN RD, OCALA, FL 34472
All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.
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TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4220/2017-2140
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LEG LOT 53 BLK 11 UNIT 1 SUWANNEE RIVER PARK EST ORB 193 P 628 WD
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: ROBERT T. COOK
2260 RABBIT RUN RD, VINE GROVE, KY 40175-6619
All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.
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TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4221/2017-2859
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LEG 1.25 ACRES PARCEL 2-THE E 495.00 FT OF THE S 110.00 FT OF THE N1/2 OF NE1/4 OF NW1/4 OF SE1/4 ORB 750 P 497 WD YR 2000
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: DOUGLAS LUTZ
4076 MACKINAW RD, BAY CITY, MI 48706
All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.
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TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4222/2017-2875
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LEG LOT 11 BLK 33 DOWLING PARK
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: CLARENCE W. YOUNG
C/O PHYLLIS DARLENE MOODY 9234 DAISY AVE., FOUNTAIN VALLEY, CA 92708-2202
All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.
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TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4223/2017-914
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LEG LOTS 3 & 4 BLK 5 SOUTHEAST SUWANNEE HGTS ORB 109 P 764
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: FREDERICK H JURGES
95 N FULTON ST, WILKES BARRE, PA 18702
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TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4224/2017-2251
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LEG LOTS 21 & 22 BLK 8 SUW R PK EST UNIT 2 ORB 880 P 168 WO YR 2002
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: DOUG COMSTOCK
2081 SOUTH FLAT ROCK RD, DOUGLASVILLE, GA 30134
All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.
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TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4225/2017-2151
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LEG LOT 51 BLK 12 SUW R. PK EST UNIT 1 ORB 404 P 459 WD YR 91
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: FRANKLIN P. COLEMAN
1842 SHADOW CREEK RD, GREEN ACRES, FL 33413
All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.
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TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4226/2017-2270
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LEG LOT 16 BLK 12 SUW R. PK EST UNIT 2 ORB 1041 P 263 WD YR 04 ORB 1676 P 409 DC YR 2012 (JAMES LLOYD QUINN SR)
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: JAMES L. QUINN ESTATE
9808 191ST RD, LIVE OAK, FL 32060
All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.
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TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4227/2017-2274
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LEG LOT 15 BLK 13 UNIT 2 SUWANNEE RIVER PARK EST. ORB 93 P 44
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: HARRY C. & MARTHA A. MILLER
859 BRACKENRIDGE AVE., BRACKENRIDGE, PA 15014
All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.
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TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4228/2017-2284
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LEG LOT 11 BLK 4 SUW. R. PK. EST UNIT 3 ORB 665 P 327-28 WD YR 98
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: ALMA B. IMHOFF
419 VINEMONT RD, READING, PA 19608-9025
All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.
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TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4229/2017-2285
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LEG LOT 1 BLK 5 UNIT 3 SUWANNEE RIVER PARK ESTATES ORB 1499 P 412 WD YR 09
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: ALBERT J. PIKUL
5 CREST VIEW RD, W GREENWICH, RI 02817
All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.
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TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4230/2017-3062
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LEG .88 ACRES COMM AT NE COR OF SE1/4 OF NE1/4 & RUN W 25 FT S 489.70 FT TO POB S 170.30 FT S 88 DEG W 237 FT N 152.70 FT N 86 DEG E 237.80 FT TO POB ORB 1562 P 322-23 QCD YR 2010 (THOMAS F. ARNOLD SR DECEASED PER STATE RECORDS 5/11/14) ORB 1943 P 62-64 PRD YR 2017
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: SPRING ANN MILLS
1196 SW JAMESTOWN GLN, LAKE CITY, FL 32025
All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.
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TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4231/2017-1328
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LEG LOTS 5 & 8 BLK 11 RR ADD ORB 1148 P 428 TD YR 05 ORB 1154 P 402 SWD YR 05 ORB 1514 P 413 QCD YR 09 DIVISION PROBATE FILE NUMBER 48-2009-CP ORBANCE CNTY FL YR 2011
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: JOYCE O BAKER LALLEMAND
C/O KIMBERLEY BAXTER 6570 SW 9TH PLACE, NORTH LAUDERDALE, FL 33068
All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.
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TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4232/2017-2310
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LEG LOTS 5 6 & 7 BLK 13 SUW R PK EST UNIT 3 ORB 149 P 323 WO 7-3
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: HAL & DOROTHY A. WIMBERLY
719 S. LOGAN DR. APT. 2, EDINBURG, TX 78539
All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.
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TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4233/2017-2323
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LEG LOTS 10 & 11 BLK 16 SUW R PK EST UNIT 3 ORB 134 P 498
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: JOSEPH PECHACEK
C/O DANIEL PECHACEK 390 E MAIN ST, HARRISON, MI 48625
All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.
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TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4234/2017-2325
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LEG LOTS 23 24 25 & 26 BLK 16 SUW RIVER PARK EST UNIT 3 ORB 214 P 476
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: JOHN BURGESS
6055 KINMORE ST., DEARBORN HEIGHTS, MI 48127
All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.
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TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4235/2017-2327
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LEG LOTS 21 BLK 17 UNIT 3 SUWANNEE RIVER PARK ESTATES ORB 1499 P 412-414 WD YR09
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: ALBERT J. PIKUL
5 CREST VIEW RD, W. GREENWICH, RI 02817
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Due to unpaid monthly rent the Village Attic will dispose of stored items in the following rental units at the Village Attic in Dowling Park.

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