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Did the White Springs Town Council break its town charter?

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The White Springs Town Council recently broke its own town charter while attempting to fill vacant seats on the council. On Tuesday, May 28, the White Springs Town Council met for its

regularly scheduled meeting. In attendance were Anita Rivers, Jacqueline Williams and Kizzie Burch. One council seat had yet to be filled and the other was abdicated by Linnie Polt. There were a total of three letters of interest to fill the vacant seats from Randolph Williams, Cheryl McCall and Jodi Watson. The council chose to put Williams and

Watson in the two vacant seats. However, this decision in itself is a violation of the White Springs Town Charter.

The charter specifically speaks on this type of situation in Section 2.03(d) Extraordinary Vacancies. It reads as follows: "Should two or more vacancies occur simultaneously on *See "Charter" on page 4*

O'Brien teen injured in tractor tire explosion

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In the early hours of Friday, June 14, 17-year-old Janna Roberts, an O'Brien resident, suffered severe injuries following the explosion of a tractor tire she was inflating. Janna, the daughter of Lisa and Ethan Roberts and the Chaplain for the Branford High School (BHS) Senior FFA Chapter, was immediately airlifted to Shands Hospital in Gainesville, Fla., for emergency medical treatment.

Upon arrival at the hospital, Janna underwent critical surgery to remove crushed bone fragments from her skull. In an effort to accommodate brain swelling, doctors also removed the right side of her skull.

She has been placed under a medically induced coma and remains in critical condition. Doctors have indicated that the coming week will be crucial for her recovery.

"The outpouring of love and support for Janna reminds us how powerful it is to live in such a small community," Lisa, Janna's mother, stated. "Janna is strong, and is a fighter, and we know that God has a plan for her."

During this challenging time, Aubrey Wilkerson – a close friend of the Roberts family – stated the Branford community is rallying support for the Roberts family.

ThreeRiversDesign, a Branford-based printing company, collaborated with Janna's friends in the BHS Class of 2025 to design a shirt to sell as a fundraiser. The shirt features Janna's favorite color, scripture and other elements "that are a nod to her faith and love." Shirts can be purchased at www.threeriversbranford.com/product/janna-strong-fundraiser-shirt/459 for \$25 to \$28 and are available in sizes ranging from youth small to adult 3XL.

Branford Love N Care

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Janna Roberts

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Single-vehicle accident results in fatality

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A 28-year-old McAlpin man was pronounced deceased following a single-vehicle accident that occurred at approximately 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12. According to the Florida Highway Patrol report, the man was traveling south on 137th Road near 188th Street in Suwannee County when the incident occurred. For reasons unknown, the driver's sport utility vehicle traveled off the roadway and collided with a fence before overturning. The driver was pronounced deceased on the scene of the accident.

Accident results in death of Mayo teen

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A 19-year-old passenger was pronounced deceased following a single vehicle accident that occurred at approximately 3:15 a.m. on Sunday, June 16, in Lafayette County.

According to the report filed by the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), a 19-year-old Mayo man was traveling east on Southwest LC Folsom Road in a pickup truck. For reasons unknown, the pickup truck struck a tree on the south edge of the road, ejecting the vehicle's 19-year-old male passenger, also from Mayo.

The passenger was pronounced deceased on the scene by emergency responders. The driver was reported to have sustained minor injuries. FHP reports that the investigation is still ongoing.

RESIDENTS URGED TO STAY VIGILANT AMONG STRING OF VEHICLE BURGLARIES

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Over the past several days, the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) has responded to a series of vehicle burglaries in the McAlpin, Live Oak and Luraville areas. According to a recent Facebook post by the SCSO, the suspects appear to be targeting unlocked vehicles and checking door handles in neighborhoods for easy access.

The SCSO is urging residents to take preventive measures to safeguard their belongings. "Please make sure you lock

up your vehicles, remove your personal items from plain sight in your vehicle, and when possible, implement outdoor lighting at night," the Facebook post states.

Additionally, the SCSO is requesting the community's assistance in apprehending the suspects responsible for the recent string of burglaries. Anyone with information related to these burglaries is encouraged to contact the SCSO at (386) 362-2222. Tips can also be provided anonymously to Suwannee County Crime Stoppers by calling (386) 208-8477 (TIPS).

Live Oak Police Department warns of organization named "Citizens Behind the Badge"

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An organization named "Citizens Behind the Badge" is soliciting donations and using the name of the Live Oak Police Department without its authorization.

The Live Oak Police Department wants to make it clear that it does not ask for donations from the public and it has not given permission to any group on its behalf.

The Live Oak Police Department advises the public to be careful and to not provide any personal information or financial contributions to this organization.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the Live Oak Police Department at (368) 362-7463.

The Live Oak Police Department is located at 205 White Ave SE, in Live Oak.

Riverbend News' Second Annual Blackberry Festival happening Saturday

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It is with the greatest pleasure that the *Riverbend News* announces its Second Annual Blackberry Festival will be taking place this Saturday, June 22. Originally held annually by the Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce, *Riverbend News* has decided to step up and help keep this fun-filled festival going.

From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., attendees will be able to enjoy browsing through a plethora of craft vendors and enjoy savory delights from various food

vendors.

In addition, the winners of the Second Annual Miss Blackberry Photogenic Contest will be able to pick up their crowns and sashes. Are you interested in entering your princess in this competition? Then

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New council members elected for Live Oak



Photo courtesy
Vanessa Brown Robinson



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Gladys Owens



Photo courtesy
David Alford

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In the runoff election held on Tuesday, June 11, for the Live Oak City Council District 5 seat, Gladys Owens secured a victory with 74 votes, defeating incumbent Tesie Allen, who received 34 votes. This followed the election held on Tuesday, May 7, where Owens had finished just one vote behind Allen. However, as neither candidate received the required 50 percent vote to win outright, a runoff

election had to be held. Joining Owens is Vanessa Brown Robinson in the District 2 seat, having received 74 votes compared to her competitor, Jackie Cherry, who received 33 votes. David Alford ran unopposed, automatically claiming the seat for District 3. The three will be sworn in during the Tuesday, July 9, regular Live Oak City Council meeting, which will begin at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall, located at 101 White Ave. SE.

The votes are in for the Branford Town Council



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Kevin Knighton



Photo courtesy
Alice Childress



Photo courtesy
Ken Saunders



Photo courtesy
Jay Hatch

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Branford Town Hall saw a record voter turnout on Tuesday, June 11, with approximately 197 individuals casting their ballots for the election of four seats. Positions up for election included Mayor, Post 1, Post 2 and Post 5.

With 141 votes, Ken Saunders defeated incumbent Donny Glover, who received 56 votes, in the Mayoral race.

Kevin Knighton secured Post 1 with 140 votes, while his opponent, Diamond Bateson, garnered 56.

Having received 148 votes, incumbent Alice Childress will retain her position in Post 2. Her opponent, Charlotte Arnoldi, collected 49 votes.

The final seat up for election was Post 5, which incumbent Jay Hatch will continue to represent. He obtained a total of 156 votes, while his opponent, Danny Griffith, received 38 votes.

Following the election, the council met in a brief meeting to approve the payment of the outstanding bills. Childress made a motion, which was seconded by Hatch and subsequently approved.

Hatch then made a motion to hold the remaining agenda items until the next meeting, which took place on Tuesday, June 18, at 6 p.m. Childress seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Be sure to pick up the Wednesday, June 26, edition of the *Riverbend News* for coverage of this meeting.

Live Oak City Council concerned about shootings on Walker

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On Tuesday, June 11, the Live Oak City Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting. The meeting began with the approval of the agenda. The council then approved the minutes from previous meetings before moving into public comment. The first speaker was Anda Chance, who provided the council with a brochure showcasing what festivals that the Suwannee Festival Committee puts on for the county, including the Heritage Fall Festival, All Aboard Festival and the Wildflower Festival.

Patricia Evans was the next speaker. She told the council that she was in a predicament, as her property was affected by the recent sewer spill. While the city had taken responsibility and fixed the problem, it had still flooded her property and had destroyed her renter's belongings. She further explained that the first

sewage spill on March 31 backed up into the house, and the second sewage spill on April 11 flooded the entire house. Evans continued, saying that she was seeking some form of restitution from the city for the loss she and her tenant have incurred. Jennifer Hudson, the tenant, stood with Evans and described the destruction wrought on her house by the spill. The council responded that they were aware of the situation, and were in discussion with lawyers about how to best proceed.

Robert Ford was the next speaker. He presented the board with a proclamation approved by the Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners, proclaiming, Wednesday, June 19, as Juneteenth. He read the proclamation and told the city about different Juneteenth celebrations that were being planned.

After him was Janice Akins, who was concerned about grass not **See "Shootings" on page 4**

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Local chef wins national recipe contest



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Rebecca Thomas is presented her \$20,000 check by the Pillsbury Doughboy and Rosa Braley.

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On Tuesday, June 4, the City of Live Oak welcomed representatives from General Mills, along with the iconic Pillsbury Dough Boy, for a special occasion. Rebecca Thomas, a chef at Dixie Grill, achieved national recognition by winning first place in the General Mills Biskies recipe contest with her strawberry cream biscuit bites.

The celebratory event allowed Thomas to finally accept her grand prize: a \$20,000 check from General Mills. The occasion was marked with festivities, during which attendees had the chance to meet the Pillsbury Dough Boy and taste Thomas's award-winning biscuits. The strawberry cream biscuit bites have also now been added to the Dixie Grill menu, offering patrons the opportunity to enjoy the renowned creation. Thomas plans to reinvest her prize money into Dixie Grill, ensuring the establishment can continue serving its patrons for years to come.

"I am beyond proud! A big achievement that I get to claim. When you put your mind to it, anything can happen," Thomas said.

ANOTHER FORECAST CALLS FOR EXTREME HURRICANE SEASON

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It bears repeating that all indications are that the coming Atlantic hurricane season, which officially began on Saturday, June 1, is shaping up to be doozy.

The latest outlook, released by Colorado State University (CSU) on April 4, calls for the highest number of hurricanes since the university began making the annual predictions in 1995.

The CSU forecast calls for an extremely aggressive season, with 23 named storms, 11 of them hurricanes and five major storms in the Atlantic basin, which includes the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico.

"Everything is leaning toward an extremely active season, including still record warm Atlantic water temperatures and a pretty rapid transition over to La Niña," Phil Klotzbach is quoted saying in USA Today.

Klotzbach is senior research scientist in the atmospheric science department at Colorado State University.

A typical season, based on records dating from 1991 to 2020, averages about 14 tropical storms, seven of which turn into hurricanes, according to the USA Today story.

Other organizations that have so far also predicted an extremely active Atlantic season are the UK Met Office and European Center for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), meanwhile, has yet to release its seasonal outlook, which is expected to come out in May.

Experts attribute the hyper season in part to warm ocean water, which fuels hurricanes. Then there is also La Niña, which contributes to a more unstable atmosphere and affects weather patterns worldwide.

Although the experts can't forecast landfalls

prematurely, they note that La Niña tends to allow more hurricanes to move increasingly westward across the Atlantic rather than peeling off to the north as they approach the islands in the far eastern Caribbean.

Meaning that the pattern makes hurricane landfalls more likely to occur along the East Coast, from Florida to Maine, and more toward Florida than toward Texas and Alabama.

The Atlantic hurricane season officially runs from June 1 through Nov. 30, with the most storm activity typically between mid-August and mid-October. That said, hurricanes can occur earlier than June 1 and later than Nov. 30.

As of Sunday, June 16, the US National Weather Service of Jacksonville noted it was closely monitoring the potential for tropical development north of the Bahamas later this week and approaching Florida between Wednesday night, June 19 and Thursday, June 20.

Florida TaxWatch forecasts Florida's economy through 2028

Florida TaxWatch
Contributor

On Thursday, June 6, Florida TaxWatch released "Florida Economic Forecast (2023-2028)." In this report – the first in a new quarterly series – the taxpayer research institute assesses various data, including population and net migration, employment, gross domestic product (GDP) and income growth and tourism, to provide a forecast of Florida's economy through 2028. The data upon which these forecasts are based is provided through a partnership with the Regional Economic Consulting Group (REC Group), a research-based consulting firm that provides economic studies to help guide and inform business leaders and policymakers.

Florida TaxWatch President and CEO Dominic M. Calabro said, "Currently, Florida's economic growth continues to outpace other states across the nation, and we also boast the 14th largest economy in the world. This formidable status can certainly be attributed, in no small part, to our state leaders' conservative fiscal policies and strategic response to the COVID-19 pandemic, but the question remains: Is it

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	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Florida's Economic Growth	4.6%	2.1%	1.6%	1.6%	1.9%	1.9%
Thousands of New Jobs	323.0	166.4	130.0	108.0	118.4	130.3
Income Growth	5.0%	4.6%	6.2%	5.8%	5.4%	4.8%
New Residents Per Day	884	868	857	847	836	820
Millions of Tourists	137.6	140.4	142.9	147.2	152.8	158.5

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Good news, bad news on dental pain care seen in new study

Americans who have a tooth pulled or another painful dental procedure in the United States today are far less likely to get opioid painkillers than they were just a few years ago, a new study shows. That's good news, since research shows that opioids are not necessary for most dental procedures.

But the COVID-19 pandemic seems to have thrown a wrench into the effort to reduce opioid use in dental care – and not just in the few months after dentists and oral surgeons started providing routine care again after a pause in spring 2020.

The decline in opioid prescriptions filled by dental patients was much faster in the pre-pandemic years of 2016 through 2019, compared with the rate of decline from June 2020 to December 2022, the study shows.

In all, the researchers estimate, 6.1 million more dental opioid prescriptions were dispensed between June 2020 and December 2022 than would have been if pre-pandemic trends had continued. And American dentists and oral surgeons were still prescribing opioids in late 2022 at four times the rate that another study showed British dentists were in 2016.

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Charter

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to call a special election to fill the vacant council positions; such election shall be held in the manner prescribed by the laws of the State of Florida and the provision of Article IV of this charter.” The charter continues in Section 4.05 Determination of Special

the Town Council, the remaining members shall, within 15 days, call a special meeting

Election Results, reading: “In the event of a special election to fill two or more vacated council seats, the persons with the highest vote totals will be awarded the council seats with the longest available terms. Members elected thereby will serve out the remaining terms of the seat awarded.”

The charter specifically reads that, in the case of two vacant council seats, a special election is to be held. However, in the Tuesday, May 28, meeting of

the White Springs Town Council, the council members chose the two people who would sit on the council without holding a special election. This is a direct violation of the town charter, which requires a special election be held so the public may have a voice in their local government. *Riverbend News* reached out to the Town of White Springs for comment and were told, “no comment,” by Town Manager Vanessa George.

Roberts

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\$28 and are available in sizes ranging from youth small to adult 3XL.

Branford Love N Care Preschool will also be holding a lemonade stand

fundraiser on Thursday, June 20, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition to lemonade, there will also be snow cones and a bake sale. Individuals who would like to help or make donations to the fundraiser can do so by contacting Lisa Parrish at (386) 205-0546.

There will also be an

online cake auction, organized by Megan Carisi Little on Facebook. Bidding began on Tuesday, June 18, at 10 a.m. and will close on Thursday, June 20, at 6 p.m. Pick-up will be on Saturday, June 22, between 10 a.m. and noon at Branford Town Hall, located at 502 SW Suwannee

Ave. To participate in the cake auction, follow Megan Carisi Little on Facebook for a special group, which went live on Tuesday, June 18, at 10 a.m.

Additionally, individuals who would like to donate directly to the Roberts family can do so via CashApp to

Lisa Roberts at *\$LR3554* or by donating to the account opened at Capital City Bank, located at 814 Suwannee Ave., in Branford.

“Thank you to all who have donated,” Lisa said. “But most importantly, please continue to pray for healing and recovery.”

Festival

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you're in luck – the deadline for submissions has been extended to noon on Friday, June 21.

Categories open for submissions include 12 to 23 months old, 4 to 6 years old, 10 to 12 years old, 13 to 15 years old and 16 to 18 years old. Entries should be 5 inch by 7 inch printed photos and must be dropped off in person. A \$15 entry fee will apply to each entry, and only one photo per contestant may be entered.

Photos must have been taken after Jan. 1, 2024, and the contestant must be alone in the photo. Judges will be looking at the uniqueness of the photo, the effectiveness of capturing the moment, whether the contestant's personality

shines through, and the photogenic quality.

Winners will be announced on *Riverbend News's* Facebook page and will be published in the newspaper. Winners will be able to pick up their crowns and sashes at *Riverbend's* booth at the Blackberry Festival. For more information about the Miss Blackberry Photogenic Contest, contact Danny Federico at (386) 364-4141 or *reporter3.riverbendnews@gmail.com*.

Entry to the Second Annual Blackberry Festival is free. It will be held at Jasper City Park, located at 205 Hatley St.

The Blackberry Festival is proudly sponsored by the City of Jasper and Pop's Sanitation.

Shootings

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that grass, as she felt it was out of hand. The council responded that City Manager Larry Sessions would take a look at the area and see what the city could do.

Next up to speak was Anita Williams, who voiced her concern about shootings around Walker Street. She claimed that she had even spoken with the sheriff, the school and even Commissioner Maurice Perkins, voiced his concern about the shootings in his own neighborhood. She requested that the council work with the police department, the sheriff's department and the board of county commissioners to brainstorm some ideas to stop these incidents. Some of her own ideas included a reward for information or the apprehension of these individuals, and contact CrimeStoppers to see what could be done too stop this violence. Sessions responded, stating that he is aware of that situation and the police department was looking into it. He explained he wasn't sure if the

being cut on 6th Street and 8th Street. She asked the city who is responsible for cutting

city could offer an award, but the fact of the matter was that rumors were spreading about who did it and people are too afraid to tell what happened, so he was unsure that a reward would help the situation. Williams responded that she understood all of that and wasn't even asking for more information in regards to the investigation but asking if there was a way to provide anonymous tips for a reward. She claimed that she had spoken to State Attorney John Durrett and he had agreed that was a good course of action. Williams suggested a few more solutions, including a gang task force and more law enforcement presence in areas with high crime rates. She ended by saying that people are scared to be out at night, even on their porches, and the community wants to be proactive and stop these crimes.

At this point Captain Jason Rountree from the Live Oak Police Department (LOPD) approached the stand to respond. He complimented Williams on voicing her concerns and stated she was correct, there are rewards offered through CrimeStoppers and that the police department has already received tips through that avenue about

this particular shooting. He explained that one of the major issues that the LOPD finds is that they are a much smaller entity than the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office (SCSO). However, they still police a great number of people. Rountree continued, wanting to assuage fears by stating there have been leads for the case and, while he cannot reveal specific details they were working hard on it, citing a 28 hour work day he had worked on this very case. He then told everyone that the LOPD is presented with two different challenges: one is the simple evidence-based issue of working the case and finding the answer with evidence, while the secondary issue is community based. Rountree continued, saying that part of it was the fear the community felt about the criminals, and the other was that LOPD needed to work on its relationship with the public, itself. He ended by encouraging the public with information about this case or others to come forward and present their testimonies to the police department.

The rest of the meeting continued as normal. The next Live Oak City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 9, in Live Oak City Hall, located at 101 White Ave SE, starting at 5:30 p.m.

TaxWatch

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sustainable over the next several years? Florida TaxWatch is proud to offer this report to help answer that question, inform additional research, and plan for the Sunshine State's bright future.”

According to Florida TaxWatch, Florida's population is projected to increase by approximately 1.45 million people from 2023 to 2028 (from 22.7 million to 24.1 million). However, net migration, or the number of people moving to the state every day, is expected to decrease from 884 in 2023 to 820 in 2028. This reflects a shift in the balance between people moving into Florida and people moving out of the state, with more people predicted to move into the state, but at a slower (decreasing) rate. Those leaving the state cite concerns such as increased costs of

living, rising property taxes, rising property and automobile insurance, rising housing costs, worsening traffic, and more frequent and severe weather events.

In terms of employment, Florida TaxWatch indicates the number of Floridians with a job is projected to increase from 9.8 million in 2023 to 10.4 million in 2028, while the state's unemployment rate is projected to increase from 2.8 percent in 2023 to 4.3 percent in 2026 and ultimately decrease to 4.2 percent in 2028.

The difference between the growth rate of Florida's GDP (raw) and real GDP (adjusted for inflation), meanwhile, is becoming smaller – from 5.2 percent in 2023 to a projected 2.2 percent in 2028 – which Florida TaxWatch suggests means the rate of inflation is expected to decrease in the coming years. Additionally, the growth rate in per capita income was five percent in 2023, but it is predicted

to increase to 6.2 percent in 2026 and then decrease to 4.8 percent by 2028. That is an annual average growth rate of 5.9 percent, signifying Floridians' spending capabilities will be on the rise.

Regarding tourism, which directly supports 1.3 million jobs and is responsible for \$73 billion in employee wages throughout Florida, Florida TaxWatch notes the industry will maintain its strong growth and the number of visitors is projected to continue increasing year-over-year through 2028.

Altogether, Florida TaxWatch projects that Florida's economy will continue to grow, but at a slower rate through 2026, and then begin to return to more characteristic measures as businesses and consumers transition from a "high inflation" environment to a "high interest rate" environment.

To learn more and access the full report, visit [https://floridataxwatch.org/Research/Full-Library/florida-economic-](https://floridataxwatch.org/Research/Full-Library/florida-economic-forecast-2023-2028)

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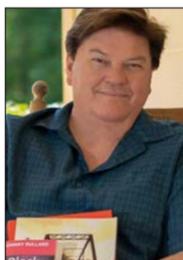
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Around the Banks



Johnny Bullard
Guest Columnist

Captain Charles Floyd Cone (1835-1924) was born in Camden County, Ga. He fought during the War Between the States and was an officer. As land was readily available in Florida, he settled about a mile north of White Springs. He built the historic home at the One Mile Sill (former turpentine distillery), which is currently owned by Mary Anderson Benton and her sister, Martha Anderson Hunt, both of Jacksonville, Fla. Their parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Anderson, Sr., purchased Cone Pasture, now part of the Big Shoals State Park, in the late 1930s.

Like Captain Cone, Anderson was primarily involved in the timber business, dealing with naval stores and lumber. In addition, Anderson owned the franchise of Cross Ties in several southern states. For many years, he received a certain amount from every cross-tie cut. He was an astute businessman and extremely conservative, and he served on the board of directors of the State Exchange Bank in Lake City, Fla.

Captain Cone was part of one of the most well-known and prominent families in the early to mid-20th century. The Cone family numbered among its members a Governor of Florida, Fred P. Cone, a Rear Admiral in the United States Navy, Admiral Hutch Cone, who later had a naval destroyer named in his honor, state legislators, educators, medical doctors, business owners, bankers, pharmacists and several Annapolis graduates, to name a few.

In the late 19th and early 20th century, the Cone and Adams families controlled most of White Springs, Fla. The families were not related by blood, but they were friends and political allies. The historic Captain Cone home was a two-story home built in the late 1850s. The late Mr. and Mrs. Anderson did a lot of restoration work on the home and added the columns on the portico. I spent many happy hours in that home visiting with the Anderson family, as they remain close family friends.

Just a bit of history of a beautiful, historic home located north of White Springs on County Road 135, better known as the Woodpecker Route. What stories this grand old home could tell. From the Eight Mile Still on the Woodpecker Route north of White Springs, wishing you a blessed week.

Letter to the Editor

Joe Biden last week announced new executive orders to address the immigration crisis at our nation's southern border, but unfortunately his actions are far too little and way too late. Last week's announcement is a desperate move by a president whose approval rating is under water and a reelection campaign that has slim chances this November.

While Biden's executive orders are more smoke and mirrors, the crisis at America's southern border is very real.

I've seen it with my own eyes. A few weeks ago, I joined a handful of other state legislators from across the nation to tour the U.S. Mexico border in Texas. I saw violence, crime and drugs flowing through the border at a rapid pace. The illegal immigrants are overwhelming the system, threatening our families and spreading lethal substances throughout our communities.

I believe that ensuring the safety of our communities is one of the most important roles of government. That requires the federal government to secure our borders and enforce the law. But the Biden Administration has done just the opposite.

On President Biden's first day in office, he paused all deportations. He stopped construction of the wall. And he has fueled a surge of border crossings that have not only overwhelmed our border patrol officers, but also riddled many towns and cities with desperate and homeless illegals who don't know where to turn.

During my time at the border, I felt as though I was transported to a third world country and witnessing a horror scene. We visited Eagle Pass, one of the busiest border points, where last year as many as 4,000 unauthorized encounters were recorded daily.

We took a helicopter tour over the Rio Grande and witnessed families trekking through waist deep water to reach American soil. Our guides showed us how the cartel monitors our defense systems and identifies the

weaknesses where they can slip harmful drugs through to their network of criminals across the nation.

Coyotes, the professionals that immigrants hire to help them cross the border, are utilizing social media to recruit American teenagers to meet families on the side of the road and take them to a nearby town.

It was heartbreaking to think of my own family pursuing this difficult journey to find freedom and build a better life. But the reality is a large portion of the illegals coming through do not have pure intentions. In fact, last year, border patrol arrested more than 35,000 aliens with criminal convictions or outstanding warrants nationwide. Hundreds of them were members of gangs.

The illegals crossing the border are not just from Mexico and Latin America. But other continents, too. Data shows that 24,000 Chinese nationals were apprehended at the border last year. So far this year, more than 22,000 Chinese nationals crossed over.

And the drugs. Last year, our border patrol seized more than 27,000 pounds of fentanyl coming across the Southern border. That's enough to kill 6 billion people. Federal officials estimate they are only able to seize 5 to 10% of illegal drugs smuggled across the border.

This crisis is not just putting pressure on our housing capacity and health care systems. This is not a matter of foreigners taking American jobs. The homelessness is not even the worst of it all.

The failure to secure our borders is putting our families in danger. It is contributing to a deadly drug epidemic. And I can't even fathom the risks to our national security with buses full of military-style Chinese nationals entering through the border and fanning out across the

nation.

Our state is doing its part. Florida has invested significant resources to send Florida Highway Patrol troops, Florida State Guard troops and Florida Fish & Wildlife officers to be stationed at the border. They are working with our allies in Texas to keep our communities safe and stop the flow of fentanyl into our country. During my visit, I thanked them all for their commitment and sacrifice to this effort. But this job should not have to fall on states like ours.

It is a serious national crisis, and it requires a real federal solution. If President Biden is not capable and willing to manage it, it's time we have a President and Congress who can and will.

Jason Shoaf is a Republican member of the House of Representatives. He serves in House District 7, which includes Dixie, Franklin, Gulf, Hamilton, Lafayette, Liberty, Suwannee, Taylor, Wakulla and Parts of Jefferson, Leon counties.

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Suwannee Commissioners announce parks and rec updates

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On Tuesday, May 7, the Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners met for its regularly scheduled meeting. The meeting quickly opened with public comment. The first comment was from Roberta Thomas, who took issue with the chicken houses possibly being erected near her home. She explained that, due to the fact the area was not zoned for this, she didn't feel it was appropriate that the item was simply dismissed at the last meeting. The board responded, clarifying that County Attorney Adam Morrison had some concerns about the legality of the chicken houses, which is why they were tabled. Then the board pointed to the agenda, which showed that the petitions for the chicken houses had been withdrawn and there was no further action to be taken on them.

Next to speak was Robert Ford, who told the story of a childhood friend of his named Gus McCray. He told the board about how he and McCray had both served in the military and, although they had grown apart over the years, Ford had never forgot about him. Sadly, McCray passed away before Ford was able to speak to him again. However, he was able to find McCray's grave and noticed that he did not have a Veteran's headstone. Ford got in contact with Lee Abersold, the Veterans Service Officer for Suwannee County. Abersold went above and beyond his duties to help find all the information needed to get McCray the headstone he deserved, and Ford was there to publicly commend and show his gratitude for

what Abersold had done for him and for his friend.

Following a few other comments announcing upcoming events or once again raising concern about the RV park decision, the public comment section came to a close. The board was then given a presentation from Florida Blue ProShare, one of the insurance providers for the county. The company let the county know that it is in good standing and that the numbers imply a healthy population throughout Suwannee County. Then, there was a presentation from Jimmy Norris and Charissa Setzer with economic development. The pair first made the announcement about Wave Armor breaking ground in Suwannee County, and expressed their excitement for the new business coming to Suwannee County. Then, they presented the new promotional video for Suwannee County that the office had been working on.

After this the board moved on to the consent agenda, approving all items unanimously. County Attorney Morrison went into further detail about the chicken houses that had the petition withdrawn, simply saying that they had discovered the chicken houses would currently be illegal and, after explaining it to the landowner, the petitions were withdrawn. The board was then given general updates from Jason Furry regarding parks and recreation, including the announcement that the repaving of the Branford Greenway is about 50 percent complete. On top of that, bids were coming in for the floating dock at Charles Springs, and all projects regarding the springs in the area were

moving along soundly. There was also an update on the First Federal Bank Sportsplex, and a thank you from the county for the company's generous \$10,000 donation to help replace the sign that was damaged during Hurricane Idalia. There was also an announcement that the county was working on getting an access road from Bass Road to the middle school to help alleviate traffic in the area. Finally, Furry announced that they were working on getting card readers at the pool, concession stands and the springs to help update the area to align more with the 21st century.

Morrison then took back over to talk about a couple of different things that had come to his attention. First was a loophole in the county's policies regarding prescriptions. He explained that, currently, it is not required that the county employees tell their supervisor about their prescriptions, even if the prescription could prohibit them from doing their jobs, such as operate heavy machinery. He explained this means that if something happened, they would not be able to take any action against the person. Morrison continued, explaining that they are not going to ask too much of the employees, simply that they let their supervisor know if they are on a prescription that would stop them from being able to perform a particular facet of their job. The board agreed this was necessary and asked Morrison to draft something to fix the issue. The board also approved the purchase of four lots in Branford at the price of \$45,000. The board continued with more general business before adjourning the meeting.

White Springs Town Council changes plans regarding renaming streets

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On Tuesday, June 11, the White Springs Town Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting. The meeting began with the approval of the previous meeting's minutes, followed by a financial presentation from Richard Powell of Powell Consulting. He told the council that they looked to be doing fine, and were remaining fairly under budget so far this year. The council then moved into the departmental reports.

First to speak was Vanessa George, the Town Manager for White Springs. She told the council that, the day before the meeting, they had received a report showing that a large portion of the town's property was uninsured, including the fire department. George recommended that the council call an emergency meeting to go through the items and decide what should and should not be insured. Then, after receiving a brief update from Ray Vuagh Director of Public Works, who told the council that he was working on some piping issues, the conversation turned to the fire department's report. Representatives of the fire department simply stated they were doing what they could and they have been working hard to divvy up the days between themselves so that everyone is getting a fair amount of work while ensuring the town is still being covered.

The council then turned to hear public comments. First to speak was Tay Dickinson, who simply wanted to tell the board and the community that the summer camp program in White Springs was full and, to him it seemed that all of the children were having a blast. Next up was Jim Hopkins, who spoke on behalf of White Springs Methodist Church. He explained to the council that there was an oak tree on their property that may be hazardous. The church had a tree surgeon come out and look at it and he warned them that, during the next big storm, it's possible the tree could lose some limbs and possibly even fall entirely. Hopkins continued, explaining that the tree is on city property, but it could be a danger to the community and he just wanted to warn the council about it. Finally, Scott Gay stood at the podium on behalf of Suwannee Hardware and Feed, which was offering to put on the Azalea Festival in the upcoming year if the town was unable to.

The board then moved on to, the final ordinance to rename Colonial Street to Florida Lee King Street in honor of the oldest living resident in White Springs. At this point, George stepped in to explain to the council that this may not be the wisest decision. She explained that every time a street name was changed it had a ripple effect amongst many entities, including but not limited to emergency management and the post office. George continued, explaining that it would be better to name the street in an honorary fashion, which puts the name above the original street sign, but does not actually change the name. She further explained that, even now, people who live on Colonial Street are having issues receiving mail because their street used to be Kendrick Street. The council decided to rescind the ordinance, redraft it and name the street honorary Florida Lee King Street.

The council then added Councilman Randolph Williams to the audit committee. After a few closing comments from the council, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular White Springs Town Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 9, at 6 p.m. in White Springs Town Hall, located at 10363 Bridge St.

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June 22 - July 7

In Loving Memory

Bryan Kaleb Radney

Bryan Kaleb Radney was born on Sept. 1, 1991, in Hahira, Ga., to Bryan and Willa Mitchell Radney. He passed away on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, in Ocala, Fla., after a long and hard-fought battle.

Kaleb spent his early childhood in his hometown of Jasper, Fla. His family later moved to Ocklawaha, Fla., where he lived until his passing. Kaleb worked as an over-the-road truck driver while also attending classes to earn his Bachelor of Science in computer software engineering. He excelled academically, making the Dean's List at Colorado Tech University. Despite his busy schedule, he made time to spend several weeks at home with his adored nephew, Liam. Kaleb was passionate about anime and Harry Potter and dreamed of visiting Japan. He was known for his intelligence, selflessness and great sense of humor. Those who had the opportunity to know him will deeply miss his laughter and debating skills.

He is survived by his mom and dad, Willa and Trent Mitchell Phillips; brother, William Radney (Destiny); beloved nephew, Liam

Radney; sister, Shannon Duey; paternal grandparents, Debbie Mitchell (Richard); maternal grandparents, Robert Mitchell (Louise); aunts, Stephanie Mitchell, Lorrie Horton, Savannah Conger (James), Kylie Wainwright (Barney), Jessica Hall (Cooper) and Anjanette Radney; uncles, Robert Mitchell, Chase Cannady (Amber) and Jerry Phillips (Michelle); and cousins, Cody Radney, Ashley Stalnaker (Lissett), Dillon Stalnaker (Felishia), R.K. Mitchell, Jordyn Radney, Kayln Horton (Moe) and Dustin Horton (Carley).

Kaleb was preceded in death by his dad, Anthony Bryan Radney; uncle, Ronald Radney Jr.; grandfather, Ronald Radney Sr.; brothers, Robert Phillips, Donnie Hensley and Dennis Collins; uncle, Carl Phillips; grandparents, Diana and Walter "Buddy" McGauley; grandmother, Nina Hensley; and great-grandmother, Hattie Rogers.

Services to celebrate the life of this kind young man will be held on Saturday, June 22, 2024, at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Jasper, Fla.



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 19 and Thursday, June 20

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 19, at 9:15 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, located at 9989 CR 136, in Live Oak. The group then meets on Thursday, June 20, 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 19

Emma Corbin will be hosting an open house for the grand opening of her sewing studio from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at her home, located at 16796 16th St., in Live Oak. For more information, call (386) 364-8553.

Monday, June 20

Join the Suwannee River Regional Library for an unforgettable evening of excitement, camaraderie and the thrill of the win at Bingo! Game night will take place from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the library, located at 1848 Ohio Ave. S, in Live Oak.

Saturday, June 22

Enjoy an array of food and craft vendors with *Riverbend News'* second annual Blackberry Festival from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Jasper City Park, located at 205 Hatley St. Entry to the festival is free. Additionally, enter your princess for a chance to be named 2024 Miss Blackberry. The deadline for entries into the Miss Blackberry Photogenic Contest has been extended to noon on Friday, June 21. Open categories include: 12-23 months, 4-6 years, 10-12 years, 13-15 years and 16-18 years. Entries must be printed and submitted in person. A \$15 fee will apply per entry. Call (386) 364-4141 or email reporter3.riverbendnews@gmail.com for more information.

Saturday, June 22

Learn how to write a novel in a day with five sessions presented by Lana McAra at the Suwannee River Regional Library. These free classes are open to the public, and will include the following schedule: 10 a.m., Find Your Blockbuster Idea; 11 a.m., Set Yourself Apart From Other Authors; Noon, Networking Lunch (bring your own); 1 p.m., Who Will Tell the Story; 2 p.m., How to Tell the Story; and 3 p.m., Where it all Happens. The Suwannee River Regional Library is located at 1848 Ohio Ave. S, in Live Oak.

Monday, June 24

Learn how to make your pool safe for the summer with a pool safety class presented by Katherine Allen of the UF/IFAS Suwannee Extension. The class is free and will begin at 5 p.m. at the Branford Public Library, located at 703 NW Suwannee Ave. Call (386) 935-1556 to register for the class.

Saturday, June 22

The Lafayette County Republican Executive Committee invites the public to meet with local candidates and engage in healthy political discourse with its upcoming "Meet the Candidates" event. The event will begin at 3 p.m. at Le Chateau Courtyard, located at 136 N Fletcher Ave., in Mayo.

Thursday, June 27

Whether you've recently separated from the military or are a Veteran with many years of civilian work experience, CareerSource North Florida will help you with all your employment-related needs. From 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Veterans can enjoy a complimentary cup of coffee sponsored by the American Legion Post 68 and learn about available Veteran resources. Coffee with a Veteran will take place at 1211 US 129, in Jasper.

Thursday, June 27

Join your favorite downtown businesses as they kick off summer in style. Shop, eat, drink and enter drawings to win prizes with the Small Biz Summer Bash, held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in downtown Live Oak.

Friday, June 28

The Lafayette County Public Library will be hosting a free special showing of the animated movie, "Up" from 3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Lafayette County Public Library is located at 120 NE Crawford St., in Mayo.

JAIL REPORT

Lafayette County

June 13

Jesse Padgett, battery
David Brantley, battery

June 16

Evan Buchanan, driving under the influence vehicular manslaughter

Hamilton County

June 12

Ky-Kesha Keirra Lamar Romain, probation violation

June 13

James Lionel Smith, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon

June 14

Andre Martinez Walls, two counts bribery

June 15

Jesus Yudel Alfonso, two counts nonmoving traffic violation, three counts moving traffic violation, fraud impersonation

Steve Maurice Townsend, nonmoving traffic violation, moving traffic violation, condition of release violation, flee and elude law enforcement, two counts resist officer

June 16

Damon Sha Crosby, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, abuse against elderly or disabled adult

Suwannee County

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, out-of-county warrant

Lovella Nmn Owens,

failure to appear
Shayla Leighann Gay, probation violation

Gregory William

Lambert, petit theft, deal in stolen property, two counts burglary

June 11

Keith Lamar I Ford, moving traffic violation

June 12

Lillianna Torres Cruz, probation violation
David Omar Cooper, two counts probation violation

June 13

John Bland Combes, probation violation
Darrin Keith Foster, probation violation
Kenneth Dale Fannin, probation violation

Jan Ray Skinner, failure to appear, grand theft, deal in stolen property

Pricella Ann Smith,

larceny, deal in stolen property
Daijuan Talee Perkins, petit theft

Brian Edward Nicholson, simple battery domestic violence

June 14

Efrain Gonzalez Cruz, moving traffic violation
Alfredo Chang Barreira, driving under the influence
Ana Maria Scott,

nonmoving traffic violation, moving traffic violation

Donnahvon Mio Francois, drugs possession, marijuana possession

Jeret Lee Hubbard, driving under the influence, drug equipment possession, drugs traffic, possession of controlled substance

Brian Keith Newman, vehicle theft, petit theft

June 15

Jerame Carl Barber, moving traffic violation
Allen Wayne Blankenship, loitering, resist officer without violence

Lizangela Aleman, possession of controlled substance, petit theft, smuggle contraband

Yuliana Lizabeth Gonzalez-Ochoa, moving traffic violation
Saul Soto Mejia, sexual assault, obstructing justice

June 16

Joshua Ray Compton, possession of controlled substance, grand theft motor vehicle

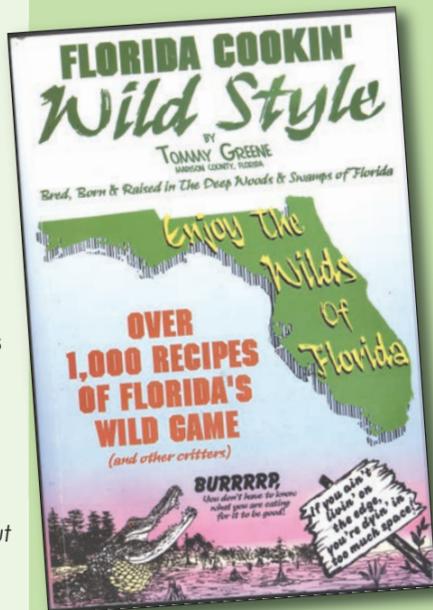
Rashad DeMarcus Harrington, trespassing
Joshua Cain Lovett, probation violation

June 17

John Richard Gay, disorderly intoxication
Alfonso Curtis Ross, probation violation
Gregory Jay Stanley, simple battery domestic violence

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DIVE INTO SUMMER FUN

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The days are getting longer, the sun is getting warmer and students are getting a hard-earned break from academics. This is a good thing for the kiddos, but can be a stressful time for parents and guardians. To help families find the perfect way to keep occupied during these two and a half months of free time, *Riverbend News* has compiled this detailed list of all the fun camps, events and various activities available for all ages to enjoy. Make sure to keep this list close at hand, because you won't want to miss out on these opportunities!

Hamilton County

Community Opportunities

• **Hamilton County Alcohol & Other Drug Prevention Coalition Summer Youth Camp**

“Academics, music, trips to NASA Space Center, Florida State University & Wild Adventures, games, water safety and splash pool, prizes and more!”

May 30-June 14

School Age Students

9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Cost: Free

J.R.E. Lee Community Center, 4280 SW CR 152, Jasper, Fla.

For more information, contact (386) 792-9388.

4-H Summer Day Camps

• For more information or questions, contact Beth Kerr at makerr@ufl.edu or (386) 792-1276. All programs will be held at the Hamilton Extension, located at 1143 US Hwy 41 NW, in Jasper.

• **Hometown Heroes Cloverbud Day Camp**

“Guests: Paramedics,

Firefighters, Law Enforcement

Vehicles: ambulance, firetruck, police car

Activities include games, crafts and story time.”

July 1-3

Ages 5-8

9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Cost: Free

Register before June 18 at

<https://hometownheroes.4honline.com>.

• **Destination: Work**

“Explore career options and learn soft skills needed to land and keep a job.”

July 15-19

Ages 13-18

8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Cost: Free

Register before July 2 at

<https://destination-work.4honline.com>.

Suwannee County

4-H Summer Day Camps

For more information, contact Suwannee County 4-H at (386) 362-2771. All programs will be held at the Suwannee Extension, located at 1302 11th St. SW, in Live Oak.

• **Cloverbud Camp**
“Learn all about 4-H opportunities available for our youngest 4-H participants.”

June 18-19

Ages 5-8, 12 spaces available

Cost: \$30

• **Junior Naturalist Camp**
“Explore coastal ecosystems as we wrap up our third year of studying Florida's ecosystems.”

June 24-27

Ages 9-13, 15 spaces available

Cost: \$65

• **Crafty Clover Days**
“Join us for a full day of arts and crafts with your peers and learn about opportunities to exhibit your creative works.”

Session 1: July 2, ages 6-10, 15 spaces available

Session 2: July 9, ages 11-19, 15 spaces available

Cost: \$25

• **Quilt in a Week Camp**
“Learn to make a quilt in a week. In addition to learning basic sewing skills, you'll learn about the history of quilting and other fabric arts.”

July 12-19, Aug. 1

Ages 10-18, 12 spaces available

Cost: \$60

• **Dig In Camp**
“Dig in and discover a whole world in the soil. Learn more about our soils and the vast opportunities we have because of them.”

July 31-Aug. 2

Ages 10-14, 12 spaces available

Cost: \$45

Suwannee County Parks and Recreation Camps

Registration for each program can be done in-person at the recreation department, located at 1201 Silas Dr. SW, in Live Oak, or by calling (386) 362-3004.

• **Summer Day Camp**
June 10-July 26
This camp is for youth ages 5 to 12. Activities include swimming, games, field trips, arts and craft projects, sports and more. The price to attend is \$20 per day or \$100 per week.

• **Pickleball Camp**
June 17-21
This camp is for youth ages 7 to 18 and will go from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the First Federal Sportsplex. The price to attend is \$50 per child.

• **Soccer Skills Camp, Session 2**
July 15-19
This camp is for youth ages 11 to 14 and will go from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the First Federal Sportsplex. The price to attend is \$75 per child.

• **Swim Lessons**
June 17-29, July 1-12 and July 15-26
There are three summer swimming sessions available. Swimming lessons are held Monday through Thursday, with Friday for rain-outs. Lessons will be held from 9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. to 6 p.m. Youth ages 4 and up are eligible to take part in these lessons. The price to attend these weekly sessions \$65 per child.

Free meals to kids and teens available

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Summer BreakSpot is working with local schools, libraries and community organizations to provide free and healthy meals to youth ages 18 and under during the summer months. This initiative aims to support children and teenagers by providing nutritious food options in accessible locations throughout the community. By partnering with these locations, Summer BreakSpot is committed to ensuring youth have access to the meals they need while school is out. The following is a list of Summer BreakSpot locations:

Hamilton County

• **Achiever's Christian Academy, Inc.**

1424 Hamilton Ave., Jennings, Fla.

Breakfast served Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Lunch served Monday through Thursday, noon to 12:30 p.m.

• **Hamilton County Elementary School**

5686 US 129 S, Jasper, Fla.

Breakfast served Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Lunch served Monday through Thursday, noon to 12:30 p.m.

• **Hamilton County High School**

5683 US 129 S, Jasper, Fla.

Breakfast served Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Lunch served Monday through Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to noon.

• **J.R.E. Lee Complex**

4280 SW CR 152, Jasper, Fla.

Breakfast served Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Lunch served Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to noon.

• **White Springs Public Library**

10643 Jewett St., White Springs, Fla.

Lunch served Monday through Friday, 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Lafayette County

• **Boys & Girls Club of Mayo**

386 SW Pine St., Mayo, Fla.

Breakfast served Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Lunch served Monday through Friday, noon to 1:30 p.m.

• **Lafayette Elementary School**

811 E Main St., Mayo, Fla.

Lunch served Monday through Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Suwannee County

• **Branford Elementary School**

26801 SR 247, Branford, Fla.

Breakfast served Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Lunch served Monday through Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

• **Suwannee Pineview Elementary**

1748 Ohio Ave. S, Live Oak, Fla.

Breakfast served Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Lunch served Monday through Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

• **Suwannee Riverside Elementary**

1625 Walker Ave. SW, Live Oak, Fla.

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Breakfast served Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Lunch served Monday through Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

• **Suwannee High School**

1314 Pine Ave. SW, Live Oak, Fla.

Breakfast served Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Lunch served Monday through Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

• **Suwannee River Regional Library**

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Lunch served Monday through Thursday, 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Additionally, for students in Suwannee County schools, meals can be picked up between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. at Suwannee High School and Branford Elementary School every Thursday, excluding July 4.



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Help save a dog with the Big Splash Dock Dive and Adoption event

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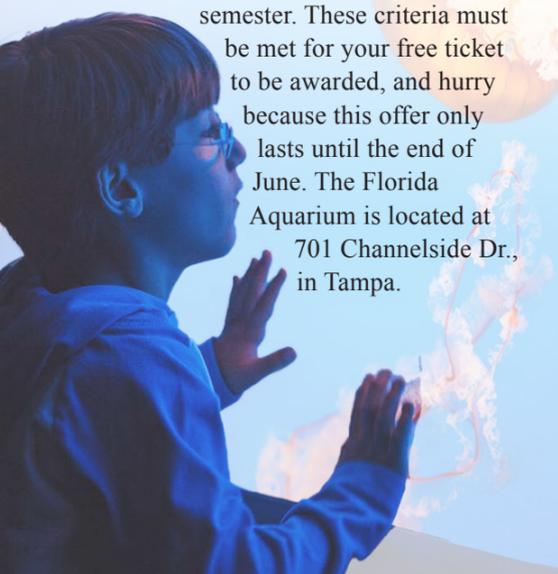
Dogs Playing for Life is a nonprofit organization that has recently begun to host canine adoption events. Partnering with Dock Diving, this group's goal is to get as many shelter and local rescue dogs adopted as possible. They have partnered with Kpro K-9 Training and North Florida Animal Rescue in order to host their Big Splash Dock Dive and Adoption Event on Saturday, June 22, at the Canine Center of Florida. This event will have adoption opportunities, a \$25 open dock dive, along with plenty of vendors and food trucks. This event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Canine Center of Florida is located at 16698 CR 137, in Wellborn.



Present your child's report card for free admission to the Florida Aquarium

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Throughout June, the Florida Aquarium, located in Tampa, is offering a special deal for students who earned good grades this school year. This offer allows any K-12 student living in Florida to bring their most recent school report card, printed or digital, to the aquarium's ticket window. Upon presenting their report card, the student will be allowed free admission, and two accompanying adults can purchase tickets for half-price. However, you can't bring just any report card to the window. The report card must show that the student earned all As or Bs, all Es or Ss and perfect attendance for the semester. These criteria must be met for your free ticket to be awarded, and hurry because this offer only lasts until the end of June. The Florida Aquarium is located at 701 Channelside Dr., in Tampa.



SCSO Division of Emergency Management hosts Hurricane Preparedness Day



Riverbend News photo by Danny Federico, May 22, 2024

The Suwannee County Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management hosted a Hurricane Preparedness Day on Wednesday, May 22, in the Wal-Mart parking lot. Individuals were able to stop by booths for the Small Business Administration, the Florida Department of Health, the North Florida Search Team and, of course, the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office, to learn all about disaster recovery assistance provided by each department.

Live Oak Fire Department receives grant from AAA Auto Club

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Photo courtesy of Live Oak Fire Department
Will Johnson (left) and Chief Sid Hayes (right) hold the grant from AAA Auto Club Enterprises.

Recently, the Live Oak Fire Department's very own Will Johnson secured a grant from AAA Auto Club Enterprises for the department to purchase two electric vehicle blankets. These blankets are helpful because, in the event that an electric vehicle catches on fire, they are much more useful at snuffing out flames than water. Using the electric vehicle blankets allows firefighters to quickly and safely extinguish fires involving lithium batteries found in newer electric vehicles. Water can be used for these fires, but a significant amount is needed, and there is a risk of the water having a chemical reaction with the battery. Therefore, these blankets are the best equipment for the Live Oak Fire Department to have in the case of an electric vehicle fire. The department has sent out a huge "thank-you" to AAA for helping keep the community, visitors and firefighters safe.

How fast can a dragonfly fly?



Carolyn Saft
Contributor

Photo courtesy of UF/IFAS
Suwannee Extension
Carolyn Saft

Summertime is a good time to view and admire a very beneficial insect: the dragonfly. Dragonflies have been around for over 300 million years, and these fabulous insects eat pesky mosquitoes and flies that are out in full force this time of

year.

Dragonflies are as acrobatic as hummingbirds—they can hover or fly vertically, fly side to side, backward and can even do somersaults. They can fly fast, too! They have been clocked consistently at speeds of 30 to 35 miles per hour. A dragonfly can pick off a mosquito in mid-air, and some dragonflies eat more than 100 mosquitoes in one day!

Dragonflies have incredibly large eyes that provide an almost 360-degree view. Thus, it is unlikely that a predator will sneak up on a dragonfly.

There are over 100 species of dragonflies in Florida and more than 450 species in North America. A female dragonfly lays eggs in or near water; clutch sizes can be as large as 1,500, with some females depositing several thousand eggs in a lifetime. Eggs hatch seven to eight days after being laid, but hatching can be postponed for up

to 80 days until the conditions are favorable.

Immature dragonflies are sometimes referred to as larvae or nymphs, or more accurately as naiads, because they lack a pupal stage. Naiads live in most aquatic habitats, and some can even survive in saltwater. All naiads are voracious predators feeding on everything from small invertebrates, such as mosquito larvae, to smaller vertebrates, such as fish and frogs.

When naiads are ready for their final molt, they leave the water and crawl onto the bank or vegetation, where they molt into adults. Much like a caterpillar emerging from a chrysalis, they need to pump fluids into their wings (they have four) and allow their bodies to harden before they can be effective fliers; it will take a few days before their bright colors show.

Residents can invite dragonflies to their yards by providing a water feature with a shallow area and a deeper zone of 2 to 3 inches.

If you don't have room or don't want a pond, provide perching plants such as purple coneflower, black-eyed Susan, Joe Pye weed or native grasses.

Another great attribute of dragonflies is that they don't have any stingers and are not interested in using humans as food. The next time you are out, see if you can spot the entirely green great pondhawk, the red saddlebag or the common green darter with their blue abdomens.

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 Since the publication of her book, Carroll has been invited to read to students at local schools.



Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Carroll
 Elizabeth Carroll, a resident of Live Oak, has recently published her first children's book, "Oh, Henry!"

Live Oak resident publishes first children's book

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Elizabeth Carroll, a resident of Live Oak, has accomplished an impressive feat with the publication of her first children's book, "Oh, Henry!" Her journey from growing up in Russellville, Ky., to becoming a children's author is inspiring.

Carroll describes her path as "a bit backward," having graduated from eighth grade before being homeschooled for a year. Then, at the age of 16, she got married and had three children. Seven years later, life threw her a curveball when she divorced and needed to support her family. It was during this challenging period that she obtained her General Education Degree (GED) and pursued higher education. She was accepted to Western Kentucky University (WKU), where she graduated with a degree in English Language Arts (ELA) and secondary education. Carroll began teaching high school ELA in 2006 and later earned a master's degree as a Reading and Writing Specialist.

After her new husband retired from the military in 2013, Carroll moved to Florida. She initially taught at High Springs Community School before joining Florida Gateway College in 2014, where she now serves as a professor and coordinator for the Bachelor of Elementary Education program. In 2016, she started her doctoral studies in Curriculum and Instruction at Northcentral University, graduating in January 2020.

"Life took a great big turn," Carroll said.

The inspiration for "Oh, Henry!" stemmed from a heartfelt conversation with one of her grandsons, who felt he was "bad" because he couldn't sit still and often got into trouble. This conversation deeply

moved Carroll and led her to write the story of Henry, a second-grade goat who faces similar challenges. The narrative emphasizes that no child is inherently bad but may need guidance and tools to navigate their energy and actions effectively.

"That broke my heart because I know he didn't hear that from us or his parents, but he still thought he was just bad when really he just needed help remembering what to do," Carroll stated. "After thinking about this conversation, I sat down one evening and just wrote out the entire book, then rewrote it so many times, then finally got the courage to send it into a publishing house."

The book's setting and characters draw heavily from Carroll's own life, particularly her family's miniature goats and other animals. Her home is shared with her husband, three miniature goats (O'Henry, Agatha Christie and Edgar Allen Poe), two miniature horses (Sugar and Cocoa) and a miniature dog (Barney). These animals, along with her five grandchildren, provide a continuous source of inspiration for her stories.

Carroll's goal with "Oh, Henry!" is not just to entertain but also to provide meaningful content for families, teachers and children. She hopes children see themselves in Henry and find the tools and skills they need to succeed, just as Henry does. To further assist parents and her young readers, Carroll has made additional resources available on her website, including editable task charts, activity pages and research to support families.

"I am so overwhelmed with the response so far to 'Oh, Henry!' Everyone has been so kind, and I have been honored to read in schools and have influencers posting about it on Instagram," Carroll said. "I worked diligently with the publishing house, Mascot Books and Amplify Publishing Group, and the illustrator, Agus Prajogo, throughout all of 2023, and I'm so excited that this idea is finally a reality, as I'm sure my entire family is, too!"

To learn more about Carroll or her book, visit www.adventures-of-henry.com.

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The book's setting and characters draw heavily from Carroll's own life, particularly her family's miniature goats and other animals.



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Remembering Suwannee: Wellborn, Part 2



Eric Musgrove
Contributor

In the Wednesday, June 12, edition of the *Riverbend News*, we began a study of the history of Wellborn, one of Suwannee County's earliest communities. We will continue that study today.

Due to the increasing number of settlers in the area that would soon become Suwannee County, the Florida Legislature petitioned the Federal Government in mid-December of 1856 to establish a mail route "from the House of Geo. E. McLellan's (sic) on Little River in Columbia County to Shoal Town on Suwannee River, via Samuel Barber's and Wm. Johnson's, a distance of thirty miles." Since a map from 1856 already showed "Little River P.O.," either Little River already had a post office (the most likely explanation), or the mapmakers were Johnny-on-the-spot with the map. Little River continued to have a post office through the Civil War when several maps showed it as "Little River P.O." However, Little River's days as a community were ending.

Photo courtesy of Rob Wolfe
Eric Musgrove

In 1857, construction began on an east-west railroad across North Florida, with the portion running through Suwannee County being known as the Pensacola and Georgia Railroad Line. The railroad was completed in 1861, linking Jacksonville with Tallahassee and beyond. One of the civil engineers who worked on building the railroad was Louis (also spelled "Lewis") Wellborn DuBois (also spelled "Dubose" or Dubois"), of Tallahassee. According to an old story that I passed on in print myself when I first started writing about our history many years ago, in appreciation for his help, DuBois was given 162 acres near the town that would bear his name. However, Suwannee County deed records actually show that DuBois purchased 240 acres on Jan. 16, 1860, from the public lands of the State of Florida; the cost was \$1.25 per acre. DuBois quickly surveyed and platted the town of Wellborn in 1860 (spelled "Welburn" or "Wellbourn" on some period maps), as also recorded in Suwannee County's deed records.

It appears from a cursory review of Suwannee County records that DuBois did not retain ownership of the 240 acres that originally comprised Wellborn for long, as he sold his acreage to more than a dozen different families within a year. One of those families who purchased property was the McLeran family, one of the most prominent families in Wellborn's history. According to some sources, the first post office at Wellborn was established in 1860 with Jesse N. McLeran as the first postmaster; however, other sources list Oct. 17, 1865, as the establishment date. In 1884, A. W. McLeran opened a general mercantile store before serving as a state senator from 1893 to 1897; the store remained a family business until sold in 1967. The McLeran House, built around 1900, still stands as a popular Bed and Breakfast.

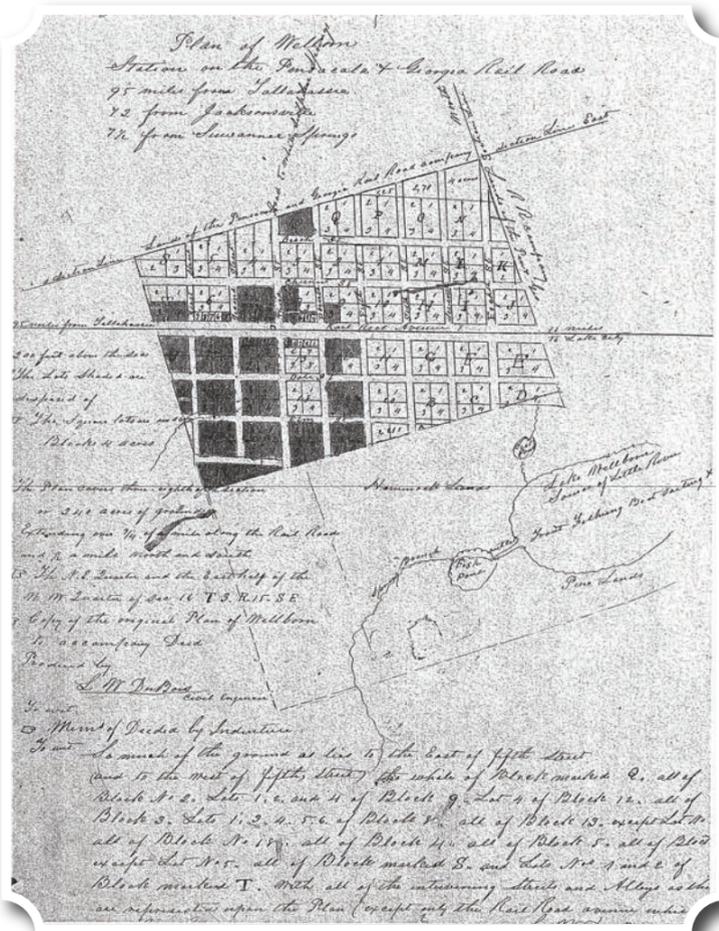


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Lewis Wellborn Dubois, having purchased 240 acres of land, surveyed and platted the town of Wellborn in 1860.

The completion of the Pensacola and Georgia Railroad through Suwannee County in 1860-1861 (besides indirectly giving the community its name) allowed Wellborn to expand as settlers availed themselves of the railroad access that ran through the middle of the village. On Nov. 27, 1863, during the War Between the States, the Florida Legislature corrected the original boundary line between the counties of Columbia and Suwannee. The correction affected the entire town of Wellborn (spelled "Welburn" in the Legislative Act), stating that all its citizens would be considered citizens of Suwannee County. The community's location on the eastern border of Suwannee County, coupled with the old county line, had proven problematic for citizens who didn't know if they lived in Columbia or Suwannee County!

We will continue to look at Wellborn's history next week.

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100 years ago this month: Historical events from June 1924

Metro
Contributor

The month of June has been home to many historical events over the years. Here's a look at some that helped to shape the world in June 1924.

- Austrian Chancellor Ignaz Seipel is shot by a disgruntled worker on June 1. Seipel survives after a bullet is extracted from his lung.

- The Chicago radio station WDAP is rechristened "WGN" on June 1 after it is purchased by the Chicago Tribune. The station's new moniker refers to the newspaper's slogan, "World's Greatest Newspaper." Both the WGN station and a television station of the same name continue to be operated out of Chicago today.

- The Indian Citizenship Act is signed into law on June 2 in the United States. The law recognizes all Native Americans who had been born in the United States or its territories as U.S. citizens.

- Influential novelist Franz Kafka dies in Austria on June 3. Kafka, only 40 at the time of his death, suffered from laryngeal tuberculosis and died from starvation after eating became too painful. Kafka, now considered a literary giant of the twentieth century, was a relative unknown at the time of his death.

- The German Reichstag approves the Dawes Plan on June 6. The plan staggers German reparations payments that were mandated in the aftermath of World War I.

- The United States enacts the Clarke-McNary Act on June 7. The act facilitates the purchase of land to expand the

country's National Forest System.

- Geologist and mountaineer Noel Odell watches British mountain climbers George Mallory and Andrew Irvine ascend from their base camp at Mount Everest on June 8. Mallory and Irvine are never again seen alive, and no trace of either man is discovered until 1999, when Mallory's body is discovered at an altitude of more than 26,000 feet.

- Ecuador extends the right to vote to women on June 9, becoming the first country in South America to do so.

- The Newton Gang carries out the largest train robbery in American history on June 12. The gang makes off with more than \$3 million (the equivalent of roughly \$54 million in 2024) after stopping mail train number 57 near Rondout, Illinois.

- On June 16, Italian Fascist politician Cesare Rossi surrenders to police in connection with the kidnapping of socialist and Italian Chamber of Deputies member Giacomo Matteoti earlier in the month. Matteoti's body is ultimately found in August and signs suggest he was beaten to

death. Though Rossi ultimately serves ample prison time for anti-fascist activities, he is not arrested for his involvement in Matteoti's murder until 1947.

- The Grand National Assembly of Turkey passes the Surname Act on June 21. The act requires every Turkish citizen to have a surname.

- Fritz Haarmann is arrested in Hanover, Germany, on June 23. Prior to his arrest, Haarmann was seen stalking boys, and a subsequent search of his apartment uncovers

evidence that Haarmann is a serial killer. Sometimes referred to as the "Butcher of Hanover," Haarmann is ultimately found guilty of murdering 24 young men and boys and is executed by guillotine in April 1925.

- Publisher William Randolph Hearst launches the New York Daily Mirror on June 24. Hearst launches the paper to compete against the New York Daily News.

- Brothers Jesse Barnes of the Boston Braves and Virgil Barnes of the New York

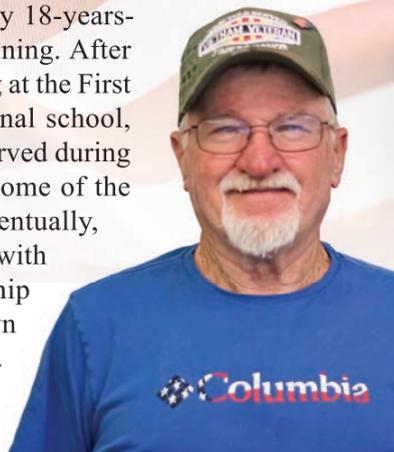
Giants toe the rubber against one another on June 26. The game marks the first pitching match-up between brothers in Major League Baseball history.

- American President Calvin Coolidge's 16-year-old son, Calvin, Jr., plays tennis on the White House tennis court on June 30. The president's son plays wearing tennis shoes but no socks and develops a blister on his toe that develops into sepsis. The younger Coolidge passes away on July 7.



Hometown Salute Charles Bean

Charles Bean was born in Hyattsville, Md., in 1945. He grew up across the United States, as his father served in the U.S. Navy and the family moved regularly. Eventually, Bean's family found themselves in Live Oak, where Bean would graduate from Suwannee High School. Upon his graduation in 1964, bean joined the U.S. Army at only 18-years-old. Bean went to Fort Gordon, Ga., for his basic training. After basic, he moved on to his Advanced Individual Training at the First Infantry Division in Fort Riley, Ks. He landed at signal school, where he specialized as a Teletype Repairman. Bean served during both the Vietnam War and Operation Desert Storm, some of the most well-known conflicts in American history. Eventually, Bean left the military in 1992, he retired as a Sergeant with the Vietnam Service Award, the Expert Marksmanship medal and many others. He moved back to his hometown of Live Oak and worked for Nutrien up until retirement. Bean has four sons that he remains proud of to this day.



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Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.

Gilbert Macias to speak at New Harmony United Methodist Church



Gilbert Macias

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Miami native Gilbert Macias will be a guest speaker at New Harmony United Methodist Church on Sunday, June 30. Macias is a concert pianist, and will be providing a special message for personal reflections. All in the community are invited, and are encouraged to give him a warm welcome. New Harmony United Methodist Church is located at 19983 160th St., in Live Oak. The service will begin at 9 a.m.

Worship with "Sunday Night Alive"

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The Oasis Church of Branford will be host to "Sunday Night Alive," an evening of worship and praise, on Sunday, June 23, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Three young men, who are just starting their ministry, will each deliver 10-minute messages. The community is encouraged to come out and support these aspiring ministers, whom Pastor Jim Hurst promises "will be something else." The Oasis Church of Branford is located at 11779 US 27. All are invited to attend this night of worship.



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Do you know of any upcoming church events happening in the tri-county area? Please, share them with us! We want to cover your fundraisers, revivals, yard sales, luncheons, concerts and more. Is your church having a food drive? How about a

camp for kids? Will you have a guest speaker? We want to know all about it! If you know of any upcoming events happening at your church, please email Danny Federico at reporter3.riverbendnews@gmail.com, call the Riverbend News office at (386) 364-4141 or visit us at 113 Duval St. NW, in Live Oak, to give us all the details.

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 weekly 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!

- **Clayland Baptist Church**
"WildLive! Showcasing Christ's Character"
June 17-21
6 p.m.-9 p.m.
Dinner at 5 p.m.
11409 193rd Rd., Live Oak, Fla.
(386) 249-0383
- **Rosemary Baptist Church**
June 19-22
5 p.m.-7 p.m.
Family cookout: June 22, 12 p.m.-2 p.m.
2001 CR 249, Live Oak, Fla.
(386) 842-2316
- **First Baptist Church of Branford**
"The Great Jungle Journey"
Ages 4-12 years
July 8-12
9 a.m.-12 p.m.
607 NW Suwannee Ave., Branford, Fla.
(386) 935-1363
- **Lebanon Baptist Church**
July 15-18
9 a.m.-12 p.m.
6114 280th St., Branford, Fla.
(386) 935-2440
- **Hatch Bend Baptist Church**
July 22-26
6 p.m.-8:30 p.m., dinner included.
3029 SE SR 500, Branford, Fla.
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Hamilton holds senior signing ceremony

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On Tuesday, May 14, Hamilton County High School (HCHS) held a senior signing ceremony. The event was an opportunity for many of the school's seniors to sign their certificates of intent to go to their respective colleges. The evening began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Denyla Cherry. Then an invocation led by Sarah Welch. Mistress of Ceremonies and HCHS counselor Roxanne Viar was then introduced as she began leading the students through the signing process.

Sarah Welch signed her intent to go to Edward Waters University and Kerrion Brown signed on to Florida Gateway College. Three different students, Denyla Cherry, Destiny Connelly and Anna Morgan all signed their letters of intent to attend Florida State



Riverbend News photo by Lucy Golub, May 14, 2024

Sophia Cerda stands with her family and her \$10,000 signing bonus check after signing with the United States Navy.

University. Then three more students, Ahmiya Bell, Austin Mercer and Kenya Turner all signed to attend North Florida College. After them was Clayton Dunaway and James Mitchell who both signed to go to RIVEROAK Technical College. Jackson Combass and Leia Steele followed signing on to the University of Florida. The evening continued with Bailey Driggers, who signed her intent to go to the University of South Carolina Sumter, while Antoine Hawkins signed the papers for Valdosta State University. The final college signing came from

Nykol Jackson who signed to Xavier University.

The evening was coming to an end but not before the final four students. While they had not elected to go to a specific college they had made their next life decision in serving the United States. Cole Kozera and Luke Steele signed on to serve with the United States Air Force. Meanwhile, Sofia Cerda and Samuel Hillhouse both signed up for the United States Navy. The ceremony came to an end with closing remarks from HCHS principal Ryan Mitchell.

Incoming sixth graders invited to Summer Bridge program

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Middle school is a scary place – new people, new teachers and a completely new school. The Hamilton County School District (HCSD) is providing an opportunity for upcoming sixth graders to get used to the environment they will be in throughout their middle school years. From Monday, July 22, through Thursday, July 25, incoming sixth graders are invited to attend the Rising Sixth Grade

Summer Bridge program at Hamilton County High School (HCHS). During the program, students will be able to meet their teachers for next year and tour their campus. There will also be lots of games, scavenger hunts, and other fun activities throughout the program. The Summer Bridge will begin at 9 a.m. and will last until 12:30 p.m., and breakfast and lunch will be served daily.

To register, visit <https://forms.gle/abshv6iqzg5wed9v6> or scan the QR code accompanying this article. HCHS is located at 5683 US 129, in Jasper.



Scan the QR code to register for the Hamilton County Summer Bridge program.



North Florida College
Contributor

North Florida College (NFC) is proud to recognize its Sentinels for outstanding academic achievement at the conclusion of its Spring Term 2024.

Students included in the President's List are full-time students who, during the term, earned a grade point average of 3.8 or higher for at least 12 college credit hours of coursework.

Those who are recognized in the Academic Dean's List have earned a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.79 on coursework of at least 12 hours. Congratulations to these outstanding Sentinels.

Students on the Dean's List include:

- Kayla Watson, Hamilton County
- Sarah Gray, Lafayette County
- Haylee Adair, Suwannee County
- Maya Brown, Suwannee County
- Spencer Crain, Suwannee County
- Shelby Crossno, Suwannee County
- Ariana Cuenca, Suwannee County
- Matthew Cupp, Suwannee County
- Jalyn Delcastillo, Suwannee County
- Erin Kirby, Suwannee County

- Keri Koehn**, Suwannee County
Brannan Lamb, Suwannee County
Elizabeth Roberts, Suwannee County
Sarah Shockley, Suwannee County
Rebecca Starling, Suwannee County
Students on the President's List include:
Justin Culbreth, Hamilton County
Logan McCulley, Hamilton County
Kiley Melvin, Hamilton County
Sebastian Tordsen, Hamilton County
Derrick Hewett, Lafayette County
Richard James, Lafayette County
Bryant Long, Lafayette County
Bryson Long, Lafayette County
Lillian Moseley, Lafayette County
Jack Peterson, Lafayette County
Ashlyn Blalock, Suwannee County
Macy Bowers, Suwannee County
Maci Buttram, Suwannee County
Ragan Chauncey, Suwannee County
Mario Coronado, Suwannee County
Brock Daniel, Suwannee County

- Clare Dunn**, Suwannee County
Kaitlin Freihofer, Suwannee County
Katie Hill, Suwannee County
Jilyanne Hiltibidal, Suwannee County
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Juneteenth: Celebrating the path to freedom

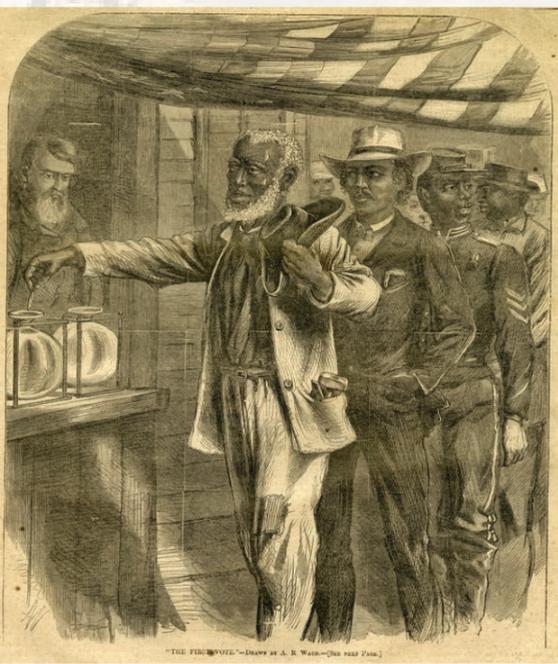


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This illustration titled "The First Vote" was printed in the Nov. 16, 1867, edition of "Harper's Weekly." It pictures African American men lined up to vote, a right which was later granted to them by the Fifteenth Amendment in 1870.



Photo courtesy of Florida Memory

Reenactors pose in front of the Knott House Museum during Tallahassee's Emancipation Day Celebration in 2015. The Knott House served as the Union Army's headquarters in 1865.

"Juneteenth has never been a celebration of victory, or an acceptance of the way things are. Instead, it's a celebration of progress. It's an affirmation that despite the most painful parts of our history, things do get better. America can change."

— Barack Obama, 44th President of the United States

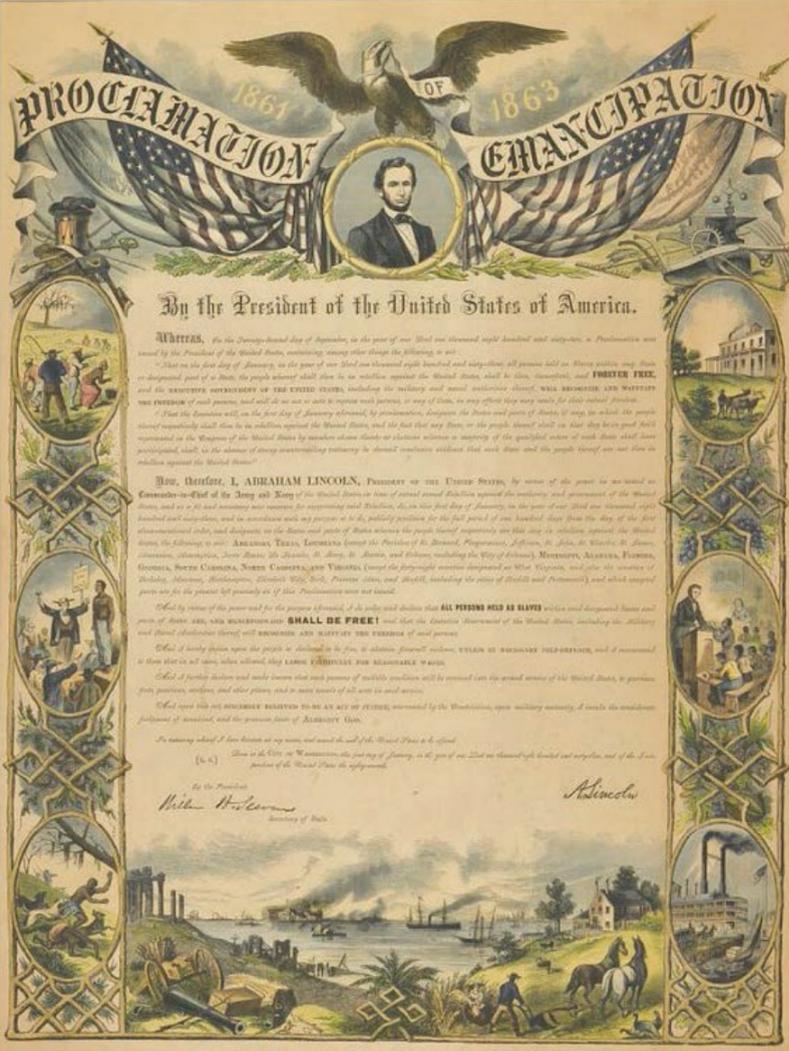


Photo courtesy of National Museum of American History

President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on Jan. 1, 1863, formally abolishing slavery.



Photo courtesy of Florida Memory

Josiah Thomas Walls was one of the first African Americans in the United States Congress elected from Florida during the Reconstruction Era.

"My humanity is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together."

— Desmond Tutu, Human Rights Activist

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Known as one of America's oldest holidays, Juneteenth (June 19) annually celebrates the end of slavery in the United States. According to *Juneteenth.com*, the celebration originates from Galveston, Texas, when Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, arrived on June 19, 1865, with "news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free." Although President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation two years prior on Jan. 1, 1863, it had little impact on Texans because of the "minimal number of Union troops to enforce the new Executive Order."

This changed, however, with the surrender of General Robert E. Lee in April 1865.

While it originated in Texas, Juneteenth has since become an observed annual holiday throughout America. Recently, in 2021, President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law, officially recognizing the celebration as a federal holiday. While it's not observed federally in Florida and over 20 other states, it is still recognized as a public holiday. In fact, according to the Pew Research Center, it was first observed in Florida in 1991, making it one of the first three states "outside of Texas to commemorate Juneteenth as a day of observance in the 1990s."

Early Juneteenth celebrations involved church-centered community gatherings, and *Juneteenth.com* adds that a few traditions that continue today include rodeos, fishing, barbecues and baseball. However, the holiday is "almost always focused on education and self improvement." This meant many celebrations featured prayer services, along with guest speakers and elders to "recount the events of the past."

Because of the freedoms associated with the date of June 19, Juneteenth is widely considered to be the country's second Independence Day. So, as America officially celebrates on Monday, June 19, take a moment to reflect on the number of lives touched by the message of freedom.



HCHS CHEERLEADING INTEREST MEETING TO BE HELD

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All Hamilton County High School (HCHS) students interested in being a part of the 2024-25 Trojan Cheer Team are welcome to attend the cheerleading interest meeting scheduled for Monday, June 24, at 6 p.m. in the

HCHS auditorium. This meeting will allow all future Trojan Cheerleaders to meet the new coaches and director and learn about the cheer team's vision and goals for the upcoming season. Information regarding tryouts and clinics will also be given out. HCHS is located at 5683 US 129 in Jasper.



Help send the Trojans to FCA Team Camp

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Hamilton County High School's football team is actively fundraising to attend the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Team Camp at Warner University in Lake Wales, Fla., in July. The three-day, two-night camp provides a unique opportunity for the athletes to train with college coaches while also benefiting from the guidance of their own coaches.

The camp costs \$200 per player, and the Trojans' overall fundraising goal is \$9,000. The funds will cover the expenses of all players participating in this



Scan this QR code to help send the Trojans' football team to the FCA Team Camp.

experience. The Trojan boys have been diligently working on various fundraising activities and are seeking community support to achieve this goal.

To support the team, individuals can sponsor a player or contribute to the overall camp costs. Donations can be made by scanning the QR code accompanying this article or by visiting <https://hamiltonfl.revtrak.net/hs/athletics/#/list> and clicking on the "Football Camp" tab.

The FCA Team Camp will take place from Wednesday, July 10, through Friday, July 12. For more information, contact Cynthia Cook at cynthia.cook@hamiltonfl.com or call (863) 443-0877.

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2023 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Town of Branford
PWS ID #2610109

We're pleased to present to you this year's **Annual Water Quality Report**. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is two wells that draw ground water from the Floridan Aquifer at a depth of 150 feet. The water is chlorinated for disinfection purposes and treated with poly-orthophosphate for iron control.

In 2023, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) performed a Source Water Assessment on our system and a search of the data sources indicated no potential sources of contamination near our wells. The assessment results are available on the FDEP Source Water Assessment and Protection Program (SWAPP) website at <https://fldep.dep.state.fl.us/swapp/>.

This report shows our water quality results and what they mean.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact the **Town of Branford** at **386-935-1146** or at clerk@townofbranford.net. We encourage our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall, 502 SW Suwannee Ave, Branford, FL 32008.

The Town of Branford routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations. Except where indicated otherwise, this report is based on the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2023. Data obtained before January 1, 2023 and presented in this report are from the most recent testing done in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations.

In the table below, you may find unfamiliar terms and abbreviations. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level or MRDL: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal or MRDLG: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (µg/l): one part by weight of analyte to 1 billion parts by weight of the water sample.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l): one part by weight of analyte to 1 million parts by weight of the water sample.

Picocurie per liter (pCi/L): measure of the radioactivity in water.

Radiological Contaminants							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Date of sampling (mo/yr)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Radium 226 + 228 or combined radium (pCi/L)	11/2021	N	1.2	N/A	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
Uranium (µg/L)	11/2021	N	1.2	N/A	0	30	Erosion of natural deposits

Inorganic Contaminants							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Date of sampling (mo/yr)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Barium (ppm)	11/2021	N	0.012	N/A	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (ppm)	11/2021	N	4.7	N/A	N/A	160	Saltwater intrusion, leaching from soil

Stage 1 Disinfectants							
Disinfectant and Unit of Measurement	Date of sampling (mo/yr)	MRDL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MRDLG	MRDL	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine (ppm)	Monthly 2023	N	0.80	0.5-1.9	4	4	Water additive used to control microbes

For Chlorine, "Level Detected" is the highest Running Annual Average (RAA) that occurred in 2023, computed quarterly, of monthly averages of all samples collected. "Range of Results" is the range of all individual samples collected in 2023.

Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Date of sampling (mo/yr)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5s) (ppb)	08/2023	N	1.25	N/A	N/A	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) (ppb)	08/2023	N	10.28	N/A	N/A	80	By-product of drinking water disinfection

Lead and Copper (Tap Water)							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Date of sampling (mo/yr)	AL Exceeded Y/N	90 th Percentile Result	No. of Sampling Sites Exceeding the AL	MCLG	AL (Action Level)	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper (tap water) (ppm)	08-09/2023	N	0.064	0	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits, leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (tap water) (ppb)	08-09/2023	N	0.9	0	0	15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Town of Branford is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- (A) Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- (B) Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- (C) Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- (D) Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- (E) Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency/Center for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

In our continuing efforts to maintain a safe and dependable water supply, it may be necessary to make improvements in your water system. The costs of these improvements may be reflected in the rate structure. Rate adjustments may be necessary in order to address these improvements.

We at the Town of Branford would like you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. If you have any questions or concerns about the information provided, please feel free to call any of the numbers listed.



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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, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST ROBIN LUMPKIN, DECEASED, Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, CREDITORS, GRANTEES, 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 S 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/a/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 Barry Baker As Clerk of Court By: As Deputy Clerk

06/12, 06/19

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

FREEDOM MOBILE HOMES SALES, INC., n/k/a STARS AND STRIPES MOBILE HOME SALES, INC. Plaintiff, CASE NO.: 23-CA-19

UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, SURVIVING SPOUSE, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, THE ESTATE OF IDA L. KIBLER, DECEASED, FRANCES M. KIBLER, TINA LORRAINE MARSHALL, UNKNOWN TENANT #1 AND UNKNOWN TENANT #2, Defendants.

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

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Amended Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 6, 2024 in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Suwannee County Courthouse at 11:00 a.m. on July 11, 2024, the following described property:

Lots 11 and 12, CONNOR'S POOL ESTATES, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 204, of the Public Records of Suwannee County, Florida

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated: June 6, 2024

Barry Baker Clerk of Court By: Deputy Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished through Florida's E-filing Portal and furnished by United States Mail on June 12, 2024 to each of the following:

"ATTORNEY TO DISBURSE"

Court Clerk

06/12, 06/19

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 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

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: As Deputy Clerk

06/12, 06/19

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

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: THOMAS M. DONAHOO, JR. Florida Bar Number: 0078530 MICHELLE MEDINA Florida Bar Number: 772623 DONAHOO & MCMENAMY, P.A. 245 Riverside Avenue, Suite 150 Jacksonville, FL 32202 Telephone: (904) 354-8080 Fax: (904) 791-9563 E-Mail: eservice@dmjxlaw.com MACHON ROBERTS KVISTAD 8860 Adams Road Callahan, Florida 32094 JOSEPH BENJAMIN OLIVER ROBERTS, IV 169 NW Lakeside Ct. Lake City, Florida 32055

06/12, 06/19

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

File No. 2024-CP-0024 PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOSEPH HARRIS RUSSELL, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Joseph Harris Russell, deceased, whose date of death was February 7, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Suwannee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 200 Ohio Ave. S, Live Oak, FL 32064. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's 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.

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The date of first publication of this notice is June 19, 2024.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Andrew Ponnock Florida Bar Number: 195420 10100 West Sample Road, 3rd floor Coral Springs, FL 33065 Telephone: (954) 340-4051 Fax: (954) 340-3411 E-Mail: andy@ponnocklaw.com Personal Representative: Ajike Coates 10800 153rd Rd. Live Oak, Florida 32060

06/19, 06/26

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the following events regarding adoption of Social Studies Instructional Materials:

Tuesday, July 2, 2024, School Board Meeting Room, 1740 Ohio Avenue, South, Live Oak, Florida

5:00 p.m. Secondary Social Studies Instructional Materials Adoption District Review Committee will meet for the purpose of selecting instructional materials for recommendation to the Superintendent of Schools.

For further information, please contact Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Jennifer Barrs at email: jennifer.barrs@suwannee.k12.fl.us; phone 386-647-4635.

06/19

Suwannee Cty Bd of Commissioners is accepting applications for

• Building Inspector • Code Enforcement Officer • Conservation Technician • EMT/Firefighter • Paramedic/Firefighter • Fire Chief • Flagman • Library Aide & Aide II • Maintenance Tech I • Park Attendant • Park Maintenance Worker I • Recreation Aide • Site Attendant • Staff Assistant (Extension Office, Parks & Rec) • Tractor Operator

Application & full details are available online at suwanneecountyfl.gov, Suwannee Cty Bldg Dept, 224 Pine Ave, Live Oak, FL 32064, (386)364-3407 or Suwannee Cty Admin, 13150 80th Terr, Live Oak, FL 32060, (386)364-3400. Positions will remain open until filled. Suwannee Cty Bd of Commissioners is an equal employment opportunity employer that does not discriminate against any qualified employee or applicant because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, genetics, handicap status, income status, or family status. Spanish speaking individuals are encouraged to apply. Successful completion of a drug test is a condition of employment, failure to successfully test free of illegal or controlled drugs will result in non-employment of the applicant for a minimum of 1 year. EEO/AA/V/D

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

GSMS DEVELOPERS, INC., a CIVIL DIVISION Florida corporation, CASE NUMBER 2024-CA-57 Plaintiff,

v. LAVERNE THOMPSON, if living, And, if not living, the unknown spouse, Heirs, Beneficiaries, Assignees, Trustees, Creditors and all other parties claiming by, Through, under or against LAVERNE THOMPSON, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure in the above-styled action dated June 7, 2024, that the following described real property: Lot 46 of Eagle's Pointe Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, page 519, public records of Suwannee County, Florida.

Street Address: TBD 96th Pass, Live Oak, FL 32060, and all attached fixtures shall be sold by the Clerk of this Court, at public sale, at the front steps of the Columbia County Courthouse, 200 S. Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, Suwannee County, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on Thursday, July 11, 2024, to the best and highest bidder for cash. Any person claiming an interest in any surplus from the sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the notice of lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. WITNESS my hand and official seal in the State and County aforesaid this 12 day of June, 2024.

BARRY BAKER Clerk of the Court By: Deputy Clerk (Court Seal)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT LAWSON TRUST, the holder of the following tax certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NUMBER 2024-CA-60

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Lafayette County Commission will be holding a regular meeting on Monday, June 24, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
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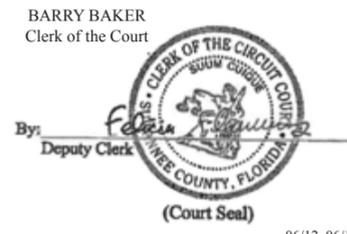
TO: CLINTON REID, Address Unknown
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT an action has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit, in and for Suwannee County, Florida.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING:
1. Open the Board of County Commissioners meeting.
2. Invocation and pledge to the flag.

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WITNESS MY HAND and the Seal of this Court this 17 day of May, 2024.
BARRY BAKER
Clerk of the Court

ENGAGEMENT & WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS
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PUBLIC NOTICES CONTINUED

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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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By: ARYELLA BEEDA, Deputy Clerk
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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.
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.
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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.
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.
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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.
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.
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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.
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.
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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.
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.
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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.
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.
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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.
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.
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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
All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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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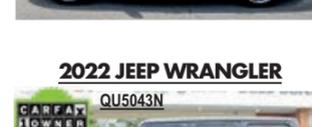
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TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4234/2017-2325
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LEG LOTS 23 24 25 & 26 BLK 16 SUW RIVER PARK EST UNIT 3 ORB 214 P 476
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: JOHN BURGESS
6055 KINMORE ST., DEARBORN HEIGHTS, MI 48127
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TAX 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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