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# MURDER VICTIM FOUND IN BURNED VEHICLE

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In the early hours of Wednesday, Aug. 17, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) was contacted about a vehicle fire near the intersection of Northwest County Road 143 and North West County Road 146. There, investigators discovered a burned vehicle that contained a deceased body in the floorboard of the passenger seat. The body was transported to Jacksonville Medical Center, where the cause of death was determined to be a gunshot to the head. At this time, the HCSO contacted the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and the State Fire Marshalls Office for crime scene and investigative assistance.

Through investigative efforts, the victim was identified as an individual reported missing from Broward County who had last been in the company of 24-year-old Akeeme Cordell Brown.

Upon leaving the scene, Brown broke into the home of an elderly couple. Once the couple arrived home, they found Brown in their bedroom, where he proceeded to hold them both at gunpoint for over five hours. According to a report from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, the male resident

attempted to retrieve his firearm to protect himself, only to be pistol-whipped by Brown.

The man convinced Brown mid-afternoon that same day to let him retrieve his truck and drive him wherever Brown wished to go. Once inside the vehicle, the man shot Brown with a gun he had inside his vehicle. The elderly man then contacted authorities to report that he had shot Brown. Investigators from the HCSO, FDLE and the State Attorney's Office responded to the residence.

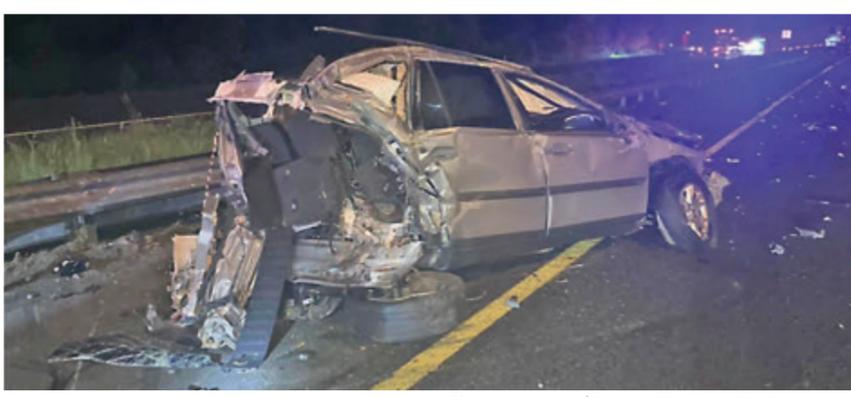
Prior to these events, on Feb. 20, 2020, a warrant was obtained, charging Brown with one count of manslaughter and two counts of attempted manslaughter. Bond was agreed to be set by the defense counsel and the State at \$5,000 for the manslaughter charge and \$2,500 each for the attempted murder charges for a total of \$10,000. The only conditions imposed were that Brown



Akeeme Cordell Brown

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# One injured in five-vehicle collision



Photos courtesy of Jennings Volunteer Fire Department

The Jennings Volunteer Fire Department worked tirelessly to clean up the accident.

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At approximately 12:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 10, five vehicles were involved in a collision in Jennings. According to a report from Florida Highway Patrol, a 2004 Volvo, driven by a 21-year-old male from Holiday, Fla., was traveling north on I-75. At the same time, a 2020 Nissan, driven by a 46-year-old individual from St. Louis, Mo., was traveling south on I-75. A 2017 Toyota was traveling south directly behind the 2020 Nissan, and a 2021 Freightliner Tractor-Trailer was traveling directly behind the 2017 Toyota. A 2019 International Tractor-Trailer was also traveling north on I-75.

For reasons undetermined, the Volvo abruptly traveled off the roadway, crossing the center grass median. The vehicle continued in a northwestern direction, overturning as it traveled to the southbound lanes, where it collided with the Nissan. After the Volvo's initial collision, it was struck by the Toyota. After the collision with the Toyota, the Volvo was struck again by the 2021 Tractor Trailer. After colliding with Volvo, the Freightliner Tractor-Trailer traveled across the center median to the northbound lanes where it collided with the 2019 International Tractor-Trailer. The Freightliner came to a final rest across all three northbound lanes, requiring the roadway to be closed for an extended time.

There were no fatalities in the incident and all of the drivers were wearing seatbelts; however, one of the drivers was hospitalized.

# NEW FIRE ZONING MAY HELP YOUR HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE

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The Live Oak Fire Department (LOFD) gives its insurance service office (ISO) number to the residents of Suwannee County. What does this mean for the residents? The answer is simple, it means potentially

saving hundreds of dollars a year on homeowner's insurance. What is an ISO rating and how will it benefit the residents of Suwannee County? An ISO score is provided to fire departments and insurance companies; the rating is a reflection of a community's preparedness for a fire. While the rating mainly focuses on the local fire department and water supply, there are many factors; 50 percent is

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## A simple way to meditate on Bible verses



**Sheryl Boldt**  
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I was one busy and exhausted mama. Three children under four and another on the way consumed my days and sapped my energy. Worse, the depression I'd battled since I was a teenager made even the simplest parts of life seem overwhelming. I cried almost every day.

I prayed for God to help me hold it together.

One day, a friend shared Philippians 4:8 (ESV) with me. "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." She emphasized the last phrase: "think about these things."

I nodded, faking understanding. I wish I'd been honest and asked her to teach me how to "think about these things." How could I think about true, honorable and lovely things when most of my thoughts were consumed with how to make it through another day?

I tried meditating on God's Word, but my thoughts would race and all the words would run together. And chasing three small kids with that ever-growing belly of mine didn't leave me with much spare time. Thankfully, I finally developed a method that worked.

Each morning, when I read my Bible and came across a verse that was relevant to my needs, I wrote it on an index card. Because I had trouble focusing on long sentences, I focused on one small segment at a time.

Using Philippians 4:8 as an example, I wouldn't try to ponder the entire verse at once. Rather, whenever I could grab a minute, I'd think and pray about a few words at a time, such as, "Finally, brothers, whatever is true." I'd ask the Holy Spirit for insight by praying something like, "Lord, teach me Your truths and how to recognize when the enemy is lying to me."

Then I'd pause to allow God to speak to my heart.

An hour or two later, or whenever my thoughts would head in a negative direction, I'd think about the phrase again or move to the next small segment, allowing the verse to continue reorient or shape my thinking. Learning to make my thoughts line up with God's Word has been one of the most transformative things I've done in my Christian walk.

Do you think this might work for you?

Try it for a couple of weeks and watch how God uses His Word to transform your thoughts – one small segment at a time.

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## Living God's Way: Remembering what was spoken



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The apostle Peter addresses a second letter to people who have a faith in Jesus like his. Among other things, Peter wants to remind them to remember the things which they have heard spoken "by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior by your apostles" (2 Peter 3:2). These two sources should be the basis

for our Christian faith.

The "holy prophets" are probably the writings of the Old Testament as we would describe them. These prophets spoke to the children of Israel centuries before, but some of this same information would be applicable to the Jews in the days of Peter.

The word spoken "by your apostles" was the commandment given by Jesus. In the immediate context Peter is talking about the second coming of the Lord, but there seems to be a principle here –

the apostles spoke the command of the Lord.

Peter seems to indicate that these two sources of information should be the basis for the hope these Christians have that Jesus is coming a second time. To put it into today's language, Peter is saying we should rely upon the Bible (the message spoken by the prophets and the apostles) as the basis for both our hopes and our faith.

In order for one to remember what has been spoken, they must have heard it at some time in the past. They must be familiar with the content enough that they would remember what has been said. Several things can be done to help us remember what "was spoken beforehand."

One is a constant reading of the text, both a casual and a purposeful reading. The casual reading will keep the message ever before us; the purposeful reading will generate a deeper understanding.

Listening to people who are teaching, preaching, explaining and giving illustrations as to how we might apply the text will also help us

remember what was spoken. Examples might be a Sunday sermon, radio program, podcast or an internet web page.

Conversing with people about the meaning of the text will force our minds to remember certain facts and Scriptures. Engaging with other people and them challenging our beliefs, will sharpen our memory because we must go and do more studying to clarify or confirm what we believe.

By imitating the example of Peter, "stirring up" the "sincere mind" of others and encouraging other people with whom we come in contact, we ourselves will be forced to remember what was spoken beforehand.

The words spoken by the holy prophets and apostles must be the basis for our faith.

Remembering and applying what was spoken will help us to be living God's way.

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## The good, the bad and the ugly: *Prey*



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*Prey* was released on Aug. 5, and is the seventh installment in the *Predator* franchise. The film is a prequel to the other films taking place in the Northern Great Plains of North America in 1719. The story follows a Comanche tribe, specifically a warrior named Naru, played by Amber Midthunder. Also featured is Naru's brother Taabe, played by Dakota Beaver, the *Predator* played by Dane DiLiegro and Naru's dog Sari played by American Dingo, Coco. Impressively, Coco had no movie training before the movie. The movie sticks to the *Predator* franchise's tried and true form, the predator arrives on earth to hunt for sport and the Comanche tribe must be protected. The film is available for free on Hulu.

### The Good:

Action films can almost always be enjoyed for the pure fact that they are action films. There is something entertaining about watching someone overcome the impossible with explosions and fighting galore. Naru is a fairly well fleshed out character and Midthunder does an excellent job portraying a female

protagonist who feels tired of being continually sidelined by her tribe members. She accomplishes this all while not falling victim to the common trope in modern entertainment where a female protagonist feels simply there for the goal of pandering. The cinematography is beautiful with a large number of gorgeous shots of the Great Plains and what they would have looked like in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century. Many of the shots feel reminiscent of an Albert Bierstadt painting. There must be credit given to the focus on practical effects when it came to the *Predator* costume. In the modern entertainment industry there seems to be too much of a reliance on Computer Generated Imagery (CGI). The use of practical effects can help create a sense of realism, as Midthunder said in an interview on The Empire Film Podcast, "it's so neat cause it's not acting to a tennis ball on a stick. I'm looking at a real The *Predator* in front of me, you know? With the teeth and the eyes and the skin color, and they put this goop on him that, when he touches me its gross." On top of all this, there is good chemistry between the characters, that deserves an honorable mention.

### The Bad:

Naru is a well fleshed character who is portrayed well for most of the movie.

That is the extent of developed characters. In comparison to the original seven characters of the first *Predator* film who were easily able to be identified with and motivations were clear. This does not ring true in this prequel film. Taabe is Naru's older brother, aside from that he is a successful warrior in the tribe. That is the extent of Taabe that is covered, the other warriors of the tribe are so unimportant their names will be forgotten long before their death at the hands of the *Predator*. While there is nothing wrong with a movie focusing solely on a single protagonist, this movie attempts to make clear that the other characters are important and that their unavoidable deaths at the hand of the extraterrestrial threat should make you feel something. Yet, it fails to make you feel anything when these characters meet their demise. The secondary antagonist of the film is a group of French trappers, we spend maybe 20 minutes of the film with these characters, whose simple role is to provide bodies for the *Predator* to tear apart. The pointlessness of these characters is shown by their names in the cast list, including Big Beard and Waxed Mustache. This leads to the ugly, where *Prey* makes the same mistake as most of its predecessors.

### The Ugly:

*Prey* is the seventh film in the *Predator* franchise, that should be enough to tell you the ugly of this movie. Hollywood has become a giant soup of rehashed property, over and over the same entertainment properties are used. Instead of original ideas, initially popular IP is reused until it is but a shadow of its original masterpiece. The movies go from being a strawberry to a strawberry flavored soda, a mere shadow of the original. *Prey* falls victim here just like many other franchises. We see the same familiar alien with the same familiar story, instead the suspension of belief has to go even further in this movie. Instead of a team of seven trained military members who barely win and suffer losses, we are faced with a teenage girl who singlehandedly handles a highly trained hunter with an ax tied to a rope. However, unlike the original where the victory is completely by luck, *Prey* falls, well prey, to the ease of a Deus ex machina. Another trope that is sadly all too common in modern day entertainment.

### Conclusion:

*Prey* is easy to watch and digest which speaks volume about its content. The story contributes nothing to the already over used *Predator* franchise. If you are looking for a movie that you can put on and forget about a few weeks later, this movie is for you. However, as Hollywood continues its descent into parody of itself *Prey* presents a middle of the road action movie and another dot on the *Predator* franchise. Instead of communicating something deeper or having a conversation of the triumph of the human spirit, we are faced with some beautiful nature shots, some cool action sequences and a predictable ending. To quote multiple *Predator* movies including this one, "if it bleeds we can kill it." The movies may not bleed but it is looking like there is a way to kill this franchise. I give it a two out of five gator tails.

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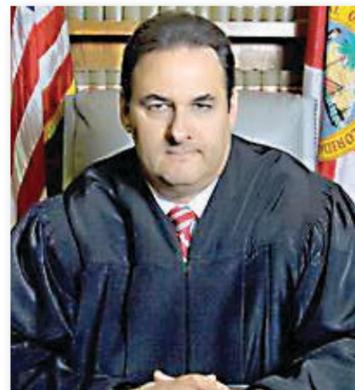
had no contact with the victims or their families, he must call into pretrial services once a week, and be permitted to reside in New York. No provision was made that Brown be

outfitted with a GPS monitor.

On June 4, 2021, the State filed a motion to revoke Brown's pretrial release based on a new burglary charge to a conveyance and a criminal mischief charge. On June 15, 2021, Judge Michael Usan denied the State's motion and reinstated the same bond and conditions. To reinstate the bond, Judge Usan again reiterated that Brown was to reside in New York and that he was to "call in" to pretrial services to verify his location. Beginning on July 13, 2021, Brown's court notices were being returned, as he was no longer residing at his listed address. However, the judge never inquired about his whereabouts.

Brown had already violated his pretrial release by failing to reside in

New York, as evidenced by the newest charge of burglary in Broward County. Prior to this offense, in February 2021, a stalking injunction was taken out against Brown. At this point, the State filed its motion to revoke Brown's bond, as he had committed a new felony, failed to abide by his bond conditions of residing in New York, and had an injunction issued against him for stalking. Despite being ordered to reside in New York, Brown resided in Florida, where he proceeded to victimize innocent people in Hamilton and Broward Counties. On Wednesday, Brown was found to have succumbed to his gunshot wound.



Judge Michael Usan

**Fire Zoning**  
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measured by the overall health of a fire department, its overall training,

maintenance and crucial equipment; 40 percent is evaluated by its water supply, such as the fire hydrants, the sustained water pressure for a duration of time and the a department's ability for fire suppression. The remaining 10 percent is based on various factors, such as the infrastructure of an emergency response team, including an effective call center and personnel, public education and participation throughout the community in fire safety education and fire prevention.

These numbers can look deceiving, causing some insurance companies to not honor an ISO rating, although there are many insurance companies that do. An ISO rating is almost a badge of honor for a fire department. The lower the rating, the less risk of a total loss of a structure, whereas a higher rating says there is a more likely chance that if a structure catches fire, a homeowner is expected to suffer a total loss. An ISO rating is tough to reduce, considering the overall factors. The LOFD is rated as one of the top-tier fire departments throughout the United States. With a rating of three, residents and businesses have a lower insurance rating due to the extremely low risk of total loss.

The Suwannee County Fire/Rescue (SCFR) does not have a water system throughout the entirety of the county, therefore their ability to sustain water for a duration is more challenging than a department that can hook up to a water supply. Additionally, while SCFR has strategically placed fire stations throughout the county, its ability to

capitalize on a positive ISO rating has been geographically challenging. The county does not have a constant water supply except for in Dowling Park and O'Brien. Because of this, the county has an ISO rating of a nine. Unfortunately, residents with insurance that honors ISO ratings will pay a relatively more considerable sum of money each year for homeowner's insurance.

Jeff Tippens Insurance of Live Oak compared rates for the exact same dwelling inside and outside the new five mile boundaries, showing the difference between homeowner benefits from the protection of a fire department with a low ISO rating versus one with a high ISO rating. Upon comparing the two scenarios, the difference in homeowner's insurance was found to be \$289.68. Therefore, if you are a resident within five road miles of the city limits, you may want to check with your homeowner's insurance to see if you qualify.

For years, residents of Live Oak have benefited from the protection of the LOFD, allowing them to save hundreds on their homeowner's insurance. In contrast, the residents within five miles of the city limits have had to pay hundreds more simply because of their location. Some of these residents are closer to the LOFD than any SCFR station, yet SCFR covers them.

That all changed on April 19, 2022, when LOFD Chief Chad Croft and SCFR Chief Eddie Hand formed an automatic aid agreement. This agreement targets the residents within the City of Live Oak and those located five road miles of the city limits. This means that, when a call is received, the primary department is dispatched, and a secondary dispatch is

sent to the supporting department. The location of the call will determine the primary department; if it is within the city limits, the LOFD is the primary, whereas if the call is within the county, the SCFR is the primary regardless of who arrives first.

In the past, if the call were made in the county, only SCFR would respond unless it was determined they needed assistance from the LOFD and vice-versa. This would take time and far more loss to the structure. However, with the new agreement, both departments will respond automatically regardless of jurisdiction within five road miles of the city limits. The goal is to better benefit the residents of Suwannee County, both structurally and financially.

Fire Chief Croft is entering his 20<sup>th</sup> year as Chief of the LOFD; he has been pushing for this agreement for 20 years now, understanding it is not about territory but the residents. Over the years, Chief Croft has been forced to listen to calls just outside the city limits until the county could arrive, due to the politics and geographical location of the call. Then, over the last two and half years since SCFR Chief Hand became the chief, the project began gaining traction as in the years past; Chief Croft has had no luck with previous administrations.

The benefit of the agreement is a better and faster response time for the residents. It also will allow business opportunities to expand outside the city limits with inexpensive affordable insurance, as the residents within the automatic aid agreement range will now be in the area of an ISO rating of four, which is considerably lower than their previous rating.

UNDERWOOD WINS WILD ADVENTURES GIVEAWAY

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Riverbend News has partnered with Wild Adventures to give out multiple tickets for different events at the theme park. Most recently, Suwannee County resident Kim Underwood was awarded a voucher for four one-day admission tickets to Wild Adventures. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and in our newspaper for more information about upcoming giveaways.



Kim Underwood

And the winner is... Bryan Peters

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Congratulations to Bryan Peters for being the winner of the Riverbend News' Wild Adventures ticket giveaway! Peters received a ticket voucher for four single-day admissions to Wild Adventures. Follow Riverbend News on Facebook, or check the paper each week for your chance to win free tickets like these.



Bryan Peters

Using the Life360 app

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For some parents, having their child's or family member's location is of utmost importance in case of emergency or in times of need. Because of this, tools like Find My iPhone, Find My Friends, FamiSafe and Life360 were created. There are several options to help locate friends and family through their phone, but recent posts from families around the country have been commending Life360 for keeping their families safe.

For reference, Life360 is a location-sharing service founded in 2008

that has quickly grown to be one of the top apps used for location sharing and notifications in the nation, as well as around the globe. With crash detection and other resources included in the app, parents and families have quicker notices on something that may happen to someone in their Circle.

Parents and other users of the app have shared their gratitude for it's services. With emergency (SOS) contact options and up to date locations, finding a family or friend in trouble can happen quicker than ever. The app is free, but there are two different plans that come with added features such as crime reports. The gold membership is \$10 a month, while the platinum is \$20 a month.

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## Lafayette School Board chooses to switch insurance providers

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On Tuesday, Aug. 16, the Lafayette County School Board (LCSB) met for its regularly scheduled meeting. The meeting began at 6 p.m. at the LCSB Administration Building in the Board Meeting Room, located at 363 NE Crawford St., in Mayo. In attendance were Robert Edwards, Superintendent; Darren Driver, District 1; Jeff Walker, District 2; Marion McCray, District 3 and Taylor McGrew, District 5. The meeting began with a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

After opening the meeting, the board called for a presentation from Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative's (SVEC) Tyler Putnal and Francene Folsom. The duo presented a resolution for the board, the resolution was the same one that has been shown at most other Suwannee Valley board meetings. The resolution simply signifies the entity's support of SVEC's plan for high-speed fiber internet throughout their service area. Putnal also informed the board that once the internet was provided to all their customers, they would pursue partnerships with other companies. The board unanimously passed the resolution, announcing their support of SVEC's plan. The board then adopted their agenda for the evening and approved the minutes from a previous meeting. The board approved the consent agenda before moving onto their action items.

The first item on the action agenda was the approval of personnel items, including recommendations, resignations and notices of retirement. The next item approved was the Future Farmers of America trips for the 2022-23 school year. The third item up for approval was a new dual enrollment agreement. The county had previously been using the Suwannee River Economic Council, which had been sending a 10-

person van to pick up the students and transport them to Big Bend Technical College. However, due to an increase in the amount of dual enrolled students, the county was looking for an upgrade. The county will be working with the college and the Taylor County School District to have a school bus available to transport students to Big Bend. The county would use the career and technical education money to split the cost with Big Bend, paying \$20,000.

The next large item on the agenda was awarding the bid for employee health insurance. The two competing companies were Florida Blue Cross and United Healthcare. The school has been using Florida Blue for multiple years, however, due to the failure to quickly communicate with the school district and the price hikes on the horizon, the district wanted to look at other options. After much discussion, and confirmation from the teachers' union that all those spoken to were in support of the idea, the board approved the switch to United Healthcare, citing that the pricing would not rise nearly as much as Blue Cross and that their coverage areas are virtually the same. The board then approved the district piggybacking off of Suwannee County School District's bid with O'Neal Roofing Company for repairs to the roof of Lafayette High School. The board then moved to their public hearing portion, discussing revisions and new school board policies. After a small discussion about the new requirement for drug testing new employees, the board approved all 15 revisions and new policies.

The board then called for public input, to which there was no response. The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m. The next Lafayette County School Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 20. It will start at 6 p.m. and will be held at the LCSB Administration Building in the Board Meeting Room, located at 363 NE Crawford St., in Mayo.

## Suwannee County receives annual audit

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On Tuesday, Aug. 16, the Suwannee County Board of Commissioners held its regularly scheduled meeting at 5 p.m. The meeting occurred at Live Oak City Hall, located at 101 White Ave. SE, in Live Oak. In attendance were Don Hale, District 1; Clyde Flemming, District 2; Travis Land, District 3; Len Stapleton, District 4 and Franklin White, District 5. The meeting began after an invocation led by Len Stapleton and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was to approve the minutes from four previous meetings. Following this, the board discussed the consent agenda. The fifth and sixth items were pulled from the consent agenda. The pulled items were approval of the SHIP Annual Report and Local Housing Incentives Certification for the close out of fiscal year 2019-20 and the interim year 2020-21, as well as Approval of Agreements with Security Safe for monthly security monitoring. The rest of the consent agenda was approved without discussion.

The board then revisited the fifth item, which was pulled from the agenda. According to County Attorney Jimmy Prevatt, the board pulled the item from the consent agenda because there is an additional certification that needs to be added from the Suwannee River Economic Council.

They also revisited the sixth item, which was pulled from the consent agenda because the "language needs to be tweaked just a bit," Prevatt stated. The board approved the item, noting that the language is subject to the approval of the county attorney.

Commissioner Land then brought attention to the Local Technology Planning Team (LTPT), who passed out cards during the meeting and at Suwannee County Schools. The cards contain a QR code; if the QR code is scanned, it takes the cardholder to a website where they can test their internet speed. If enough people conduct an internet speed test, the county may be eligible for grant funding used to expand and provide high-speed internet to rural and underserved communities. To take the internet speed test, visit [svccoop.com/internet-speed-test](http://svccoop.com/internet-speed-test) or [suwanneecountyedo.com/speed](http://suwanneecountyedo.com/speed).

Next on the agenda was a presentation of the audit for the Fiscal Year Ending Sept. 30, 2021, by Richard Powell of Powell and Jones CPA. Throughout the year, Powell and Jones CPA performed fieldwork on the audit and prepared a financial report. Powell explained that a county audit is an audit of each county's constitutional officers and the board. Powell first went over the audit's highlights, starting with the balance sheet of the governmental funds. Powell added that the county has "a very healthy reserve." He noted that the county, throughout the years, had collected an excess of \$11,000,000, mostly from COVID-19 funding. Following this, health and safety officer Adam Cook filled the board in on some of the safety precautions the county is taking and asked to begin a safety committee.

The next Suwannee County Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m., on Tuesday, Sep. 30, at Live Oak City Hall, located at 101 White Ave. SE, in Live Oak.



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# Riverbend News Wins Awards

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Famed American humorist, novelist and newspaper writer Mark Twain once said, "The plan of the newspaper is good. If you can't get a compliment any other way, pay yourself one." That is exactly what the Florida Press Association did on Friday, Aug. 5, when they held their annual Weekly Newspaper Awards luncheon during the Florida Media Conference in Ponte Vedra, Fla. C&E Publishing, Inc.'s newspaper, the *Riverbend News*, won its

first awards since their publication in 2020.

*Riverbend News* placed second in the category of Online Slideshow and first in the category of Sports Spot News Story.

"These awards are a testament to the hard work and dedication exhibited by our entire staff every day," said Publisher Emerald Greene Parsons. "We are blessed with a team/family that knows, loves, lives and breathes the want and desire to bring our citizens the knowledge of what is happening around them. We all look forward to serving the citizens of Lafayette, Suwannee and Hamilton Counties for many years to come. Never question the importance of a free press."



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*Riverbend News* attended the Florida Press Awards on Friday, Aug. 5, 2022. Pictured from left to right, are: Emerald Greene Parsons, Chelsie Holbrook, Danny Federico, Rachal Deming, Lucy Golub and Lee Trawick.



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Florida Press Association Chairman Jon Cantrell presented *Riverbend News*' Lee Trawick with the first place trophy for his Sports Spot News Story of the Year.

## SPORTS



The Starbuck Lady Buccaneers were crowned the 2021 Class 1 District 5 Champions. Pictured in the back, from left to right, are Assistant Coach Cory McShank, Assistant Coach Rafael Flores, and Coach Mandy Mosley. In the front, from left to right, are: Kaleigh Ray Harris, Anna Lyne, Madison Wood, Hannah Frye and Head Coach Mandy Mosley.

### Lady Buccaneers crowned 1A District 5 Champions

By Lee Trawick  
Riverbend News

Over Monday, Oct. 18 and Tuesday, Oct. 19, 1A District 5 volleyball teams laid siege on Branford High School in hopes of capturing the district championship trophy. During both tournaments, the Taylor County Lady Bulldogs, the Fort White Lady Indians, the Hamilton County Lady Titans, the Lafayette Lady Hornets and the Branford Lady Buccaneers faced off to claim the title. The Lady Buccaneers and the Lady Hornets came into the tournament as the top two seeds with a record of 11-1. However, the Lady Bulldogs, Lady Titans and Lady Indians were going to have to fight their way through the gauntlet of the tournament.

On Monday, Oct. 18, the Lady Titans and the Lady Indians faced off in the Quarter Finals, where the Lady Titans came out on top after a 3-1 victory over the Lady Indians and advanced to the Semi-Finals. On Tuesday, Oct. 19, the Lady Titans had the daunting task of upsetting the Lady Hornets' number one seed if they had any hopes of capturing the district championship. However, the Lady Hornets would have none of that, as they eliminated the Lady Titans in three straight sets, ending the Lady Hornets' season, 3-0, in the Semi-Finals. The Lady Hornets advanced to the district championship on Tuesday, Oct. 19.

Last night evening, the Lady Buccaneers found themselves defending their home court against the Lady Bulldogs in the Semi-Finals round. The Lady Buccaneers made easy work of the Lady Bulldogs in three straight sets, ending the Lady Bulldogs' season, 3-0. The Lady Buccaneers advanced to the district championship against the number one seed Lady Hornets on Thursday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m.

The highly anticipated match-up between the Lady Buccaneers and Lady Hornets was full of excitement, as the two teams are very familiar with one another. In addition, the two teams had split the series, with both teams protecting their home court. The gameplan of many fielded each team's line-up coach: Jaylyn Mosley, Brady Lyons, Dora Pitts, Haley

Brownson, Anna Tye, Kennedy Walker, Kaleigh Ray Harris, Yana Byrd, Anna Lyne, Brooklyn Fleming, Hannah Terry, Katie Mathis, Madison Syles, Mallory McCoy, Andi Sabourin and Hudson Powell, along with a host of rising stars, all well prepared for the big stage. Head coach Mandy Richardson for the Lady Hornets and Mandy Syles for the Lady Buccaneers knew their teams would be in a fight.

The championship atmosphere built up as the gymnasium slowly filled with fans from both sides, creating the ruckus with red, white, orange and blue. The players could hear the anticipation that surrounded them. No matter what ball taken place, leading up to that moment, injuries, bad gameplans or a bad match, both teams were highly talented and mentally tough, meaning the championship would be won on heart and grit.

The championship fight began with the Lady Hornets jumping out to a 3-0 lead of the score of Katie Mathis. But, the Lady Buccaneers fought back, tying the game, 4-4. From that point forward in the first set, neither team seemed to back down. Mosley and Tye were firing 40% from all angles, Walker and Mathis kept right back. Finally, Harris and Pitts gave the Buccaneers the edge, using pure determination to win their team to a 25-19 victory in the first set.

At the second set began again, the Lady Buccaneers jumped out early. However, Lady Blue Madison Wood stood tall, bringing her team back into the fight once again and tying the game up at 6-6. Lady Hornets Lyons was beginning to rise, but Lady Blue Mosley stood toe-to-toe with her. Both teams were in one of the two separate facing off against one another in stellar performances. Mosley's battle-mate, Tye, was locked in a battle of her own with Lady Hornets Walker. All the while, both Buccaneers were fighting at the net against Fleming and Sabourin. Mathis, McCoy and Byrd refused to give up any points as Pitts, Harris, Sabourin and Mosley's Wilson played the game. However, in the second set, it was the Lady Hornets outlasting the Lady Buccaneers, 25-22.

As the third set began, Mosley continued where she left off from the previous two sets. "Mosley was on tonight and I think that was a big factor to us tonight," said Lady Buccaneers Coach Mandy Richardson. Harris was also gaining ground on the backline, responding to every attack the Lady Hornets sent at her. The Lady Hornets found themselves playing defense throughout the third set, struggling to be the aggressor. Sabourin and Harris crossed the entire court for the Lady Buccaneers, allowing Tye to pick apart the Lady Hornets. Meanwhile, Tye and Mosley were waiting on either side, ready for the LB. The Lady Buccaneers were able to take the third set, 25-19.

In the fourth set, with the Lady Hornets' backs against the wall and on the brink of elimination, Byrd and McCoy took to the stage to cause an uprising that would give up the Lady Hornets. Walker, Lyons, Mathis, Richardson and Fleming led off one another on their way to a third set victory by 25-21, tying the match at 2-2 going into the night's final set.

Mosley and Lyons outlasted the rest before the match, driving on the energy surrounding both teams from the stand, as each side tried to win the

set. The game plan didn't give up through the remaining moments," said Lady Buccaneers coach Mandy Richardson. "That's a good team we just played and our girls played together to win it here tonight."

The Lady Buccaneers will be at home on Thursday, Nov. 2, as they set their sights on the regional Semi-Finals and defend their home court once more against the 1A District 5 runner-up, Branford High School, located at 401 Keyhole St., S.E., in Branford. At the same time, the Lady Hornets will travel to DeKalb County to take on the DeKalb County Lady Blues at DeKalb County High School, located at 10077 S.E. Hwy. 19, in Cross City.

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Online Slide Show second place Lee Trawick



Sports Spot News Story first place Lee Trawick

# DALTON, THE CONQUEROR

Lee Trawick

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On May 11, 2017, Jason and Lisa Ann Izell welcomed the birth of their son Dalton Wyatt Izell. Dalton weighed eight pounds and three ounces. After a few days in the hospital, Jason and Lisa Ann were discharged with their perfectly healthy baby boy. From there, they went to their home in Jasper, where Dalton was the youngest of three children. Life was a fairy-tale for Jason and Lisa Ann. Their family was healthy; their son had an electric smile that could light up a room. His mother spent countless hours just holding and staring at him, while Jason couldn't be happier to have a son and carry on his family's name. Dalton was a typical boy; he ran and played, scraped his knees and banged his head from time to time like any other one, two or three-year-old boy. Dalton was rarely sick or visited the doctor unless it was a regularly scheduled appointment.

However, everything changed the day after his fourth birthday on May 12, 2021. Dalton called for his mom from the bathroom. She helped him and began dressing him; when she noticed one of his testicles appeared very swollen. She immediately face-timed a family member who had boys. Lisa Ann was informed that what she saw was not normal and she needed to reach out to a physician. Although it was after hours, she quickly reached out to her family doctor, where she left a voicemail and the doctor immediately returned her call. After describing what she was looking at, the doctor tried to calm her down. He explained it could be something simple, instructed her to go to the University of Florida Shands Pediatrics hospital in Gainesville, Fla. Upon arriving, the doctor was waiting for him, where they began taking an x-ray and an ultrasound. While the doctors and nurses were performing the ultrasound, only Lisa Ann could be with Dalton due to the COVID-19 regulations. It was there Lisa Ann noticed the nurse was taking several different measurements of the same area. "At that point, I knew something wasn't right. She wouldn't tell me but I could see for myself because she was taking so many measurements," Lisa Ann recalls.

Following the ultrasounds, Lisa Ann and Dalton were directed to the emergency room while Jason waited patiently in the waiting room. The silence was unbearable. The longer he waited, the more the realization that something was wrong began settling in. For Lisa Ann, things were equally uneasy as she sat nearly 30 minutes before a doctor entered their room. The news was straightforward and to the point, your son has cancer." To Dalton, that meant nothing, however, Lisa Ann was flooded with emotions and overwhelmed by the devastating news. After the doctor calmed her down enough to gather her thoughts, "I told them I needed my husband. They informed me due to COVID-19; he was not allowed back there with me. I told them I didn't care about COVID-19; I needed my husband." From that point, Lisa Ann and Dalton were directed into another room where Jason was waiting for them. She unfortunately, had to inform Jason of what she was just told. Shortly after, three doctors came into the room to better explain what was going on and explain Dalton had "Wilms Tumor," kidney cancer that is prevalent in younger children between the ages of three and five.

While Wilms Tumor is considered the most common type of kidney cancer in children, it is still a rare kidney cancer that primarily affects children. This type of cancer, also known as nephroblastoma, involves mainly three to four-year-olds and becomes significantly less common after a child reaches the age of five. Research shows that Wilms Tumor comes from the changes in specific genes. For example, a small number of Wilms tumors come from a change in the WT1 (Protein coding gene) or the WT2 gene, both of which are tumor suppressor genes found on chromosome 11. Such changes on chromosome 11 and other changes in genes on chromosome 11 can lead to the overgrowth of certain body tissues.

While Jason and Lisa Ann could not believe what they were hearing, they struggled to rationalize their emotions and thoughts. However, each recognized they had to adapt quickly as Dalton was about to be sent to the fourth floor. He was going to be admitted into the hospital cancer ward. Despite COVID-19 dominating hospitals' protocols, it was late at night and understanding the desperate need for family at that moment; the hospital staff allowed Jason to join Lisa Ann and Dalton in his room on the fourth floor. Within 12 hours, Dalton would be prepped for a potentially life or death surgery. Then between 4 a.m. and 5 a.m., Oncologist Doctor Stover came to introduce himself to Dalton and explain the next several hours and what to expect. He informed them that the procedure was typically performed within six to eight hours to remove the tumor and repair any damage caused by the procedure. Dr. Stover also told them that around 8 a.m. He would introduce them to another doctor assisting him throughout the procedure, Dr. Larson.

In the early morning, Dalton woke up with his mother by his side; and told her his belly was hurting. As a mother, her instinct is to soothe her baby, she put her hand on his belly and began to rub where he said it hurt. The brutal reality of what was about to happen suddenly hit her when she realized where he was hurting and where she was rubbing was an undeniable bulge. At the same time, the nurse informed her that it was swelling from the doctors who were recently pressing on it so many times. Perhaps, it was then when Lisa Ann had a moment to size up the magnitude of the last 12 hours and ponder what battle Dalton was about to face.

Then, around 8:30 a.m., to 9 a.m. Dr. Larson and a team of doctors came into Dalton's room, where they again instructed everyone on what was about to take place. "We kissed him and told him mommy and daddy loves you very much. Then, we told him he would take a special long nap and when he would be better when he woke up," Lisa Ann reflects.

Over the next six hours, Lisa Ann and Jason sat and waited. They could not help themselves from contemplating the "what ifs," the good and the bad. What if he doesn't make it through this? What if they don't get it all? What if the doctors mess up? What seemed like an eternity was seven hours before they finally got the call to report to the intensive care unit (ICU) for pediatrics. There they were told Dalton came through the surgery and was doing good. However, with the regulations in place, only two family members at a time could go back to visit him. Despite hearing positive news that everything went well, nothing could prepare his mother or father for what they were about to encounter.

Their baby boy, who was perfectly healthy looking and vibrant just

24 hours before that moment, now looked lifeless with wires and tubes coming out of his body and going in all directions. The sight of their baby boy lying there was overwhelming; they understood the doctors said he was doing good, but their eyes were telling them the opposite. Trusting in the doctors was a new concept they quickly had to adapt to, so when Dalton woke up, he only saw confidence and reassurance on his parents' faces. Dalton was still waking up slowly, but he was aware enough to know who was in the room. After a few moments, the doctors came into the room to explain what they saw and how they proceeded. The doctors informed Lisa Ann and Jason that the tumor was massive and had grown into his kidney and, unfortunately, had taken it over. Therefore, they had to remove his kidney. Upon hearing that, the panic was beginning to settle in, "How was he going to be with one kidney," Lisa Ann asked. The doctors reassured them that Dalton would return to his usual self when all was said and done. While that was reassuring to hear, it did not ease the overall fear of what was to come. Dalton remained in the ICU for two days, where Lisa Ann never left his side. From there, he was sent back to the fourth floor of the pediatric cancer unit for seven days, waiting for his test and labs to return.

After reading the results, the doctors came and sat with Dalton and Lisa Ann to inform them that the type of cancer Dalton had was Widespread Diffused Anaplasia Wilms Tumor. (Widespread Diffused Anaplasia means anaplasia is spread throughout the tumor.) This makes his tumor far more challenging to treat than anaplasia, which is localized to one particular part of the tumor. Unfortunately, this also means his cancer spreads easily and gets very big. Although the doctors were as gentle as possible in attempt to avoid busting any caplets on the tumor, some did. While the news was scary and perhaps not the best outcome, at least they had a game plan. Originally his chemotherapy was going to be scheduled for 22 weeks, but after assessing their findings, his chemotherapy was for 42 weeks. Therefore, his treatment would need to start as soon as possible before it began to grow again.

Over the next 14 days, Dalton's only focus was to heal up and prepare for the journey ahead. While everyone in his family had an idea of their difficulty, no one could imagine or prepare for the journey Dalton was going through. After his short window of opportunity to heal, the family found themselves sitting in another doctor's office. It was then that they learned that if they did not catch the tumor when they did, his chances of survival would have diminished tremendously.

Soon after, on June 1, 2021, Dalton began his battle with cancer through chemotherapy treatments. His mother and father sat down with him and decided to avoid one of the most commonly known side effects. As heartbreaking as the decision was, they chose to shave their baby's head before it got to the point where his hair began to fall out so he wouldn't freak out when it happened. Then, his father sat with him and shaved his own hair to make it easier for Dalton to accept it. From then on, there was nothing anyone, including his family, could do for him. His mother and father could only watch; this was a fight he must endure alone, the pain, vomiting, the chills only he could bear.

His battle only got more challenging in July when his chemotherapy treatment ran in conjunction with his radiation treatment in Jacksonville. The radiation treatment took an enormous toll on Dalton's little body over the next four weeks. Following radiation, they returned home, only to drive to Gainesville three to five times a week at 85 miles one way. While continuing his treatments, the doctors noticed his platelets went down so rapidly that he had to undergo more than 25 transfusions of both blood and platelets. This transfusion often occurred on the same days, and many turned into overnight stays because he was allergic to the blood products. Therefore he had to double up his medication to keep him from breaking out in hives.

His mother recalls the rough nights of crying because of the pain or throwing up. She remembers the long nights of watching him sleep out, fearing he might stop breathing because he was so beat up and weak. Knowing there was nothing she could do for him, she had to be medicated for her nerves. It's a mother's nature to want to make everything better; unfortunately, she knew they were still in the early rounds with months to go. Every night no matter how bad things got, Dalton would crawl into his mom's arms in bed. Dalton would ask his momma to rub his arms, legs and feet because his bones would hurt so bad from the treatments, plus being cold all the time. While he tried to will himself through with a smile, some days would be too much for him, and all his mother could do was hold him.

No family is prepared for a battle of such magnitude. Lisa Ann admits it took a toll on her and her family. As things worsened for Dalton, Lisa Ann and Jason's marriage was also deteriorating. While the family was strained, Dalton's mother was beginning to ask how much more her son could take.

With the mental anguish and financial stress mounting amid the storm, a calmsing was coming in the way of the Hamilton County community. Family, friends and all the local businesses throughout the community stepped up through fundraisers, meals and so many other ways that genuinely saved the Izell family. "Without everyone's constant, unwavering support of the community, we would've never gotten this far," Lisa Ann said. "We would have fallen on our faces long ago. But, instead, everyone held us high, healed our hearts and eased our pain watching Dalton fight his battle."

With his last few treatments, Dalton was hospitalized for his final two treatments to ensure he was still doing well. Then, on April 26, 2022, Dalton completed his last round of chemotherapy treatment. From that day forward, Dalton has been doing great and getting back into the swing of things all five-year-olds do. On May 11, 2022, Dalton celebrated his fifth birthday in a grand way, thanks to the Lake City community for all the unique gifts and everything for the party. On August 2, Dalton returned for his three-month test for possible remission. Upon finding out the results, Dalton and his family exploded with joy after learning Dalton was officially in remission. He will continue to go for his check-ups to make sure his cancer stays in remission.

After missing an entire year, on August 10, 2022, Dalton, the conqueror, returned to school. While life will never be the same and his mom will often watch him sleep in peace now and sigh of relief, knowing her hero fought the fight and still stands. His mom's heart melted as he got out of his car and started waving at everyone and all his friends. To some, it may be just the first day of school for the year. However, for Dalton, it's more than the first day of school but rather the first day of the rest of his life.



## IN LOVING MEMORY

*Deborah "Debbie" Lee Dansby*

Deborah "Debbie" Lee Dansby, 64, of Mayo, passed away on Saturday, August 13, 2022. The Whiteville, N.C.-born-native moved to Mayo in 2001 from Marathon, Fla. She served as a pastor's wife for 35 years and spent the last 21 years at Branford Church of God. Mrs. Dansby was heavily involved in church, singing, playing the piano, and also taught Sunday school. She was a substitute teacher in Lafayette County and worked at Badcock Furniture for a number of years.

She loved to cross stitch, crochet and decorate; her real passion was her family. Mrs. Dansby is survived by her husband of 42 years; Rev. Gary Dale Dansby; her mother, Jonnie Lee Kidd

Whittington and her father, Malcolm Whittington Sr.; son, Justin Dansby (Cindy); daughter, Amanda Lee Dansby De la Cruz (Erick); brother, John David Whittington and four grandchildren, Anna Belle, Gabriel, Leonardo and Mateo. She was preceded in death by her brother, Malcolm Whittington, Jr. Celebration of Life was held at 3 p.m. Friday, August 19 at Alton Church of God Family Life Center with Bishop Ron Sanderson and Bishop Tim Hamm officiating. Interment followed at the church cemetery. There was a visitation held prior to the services at 2:00 p.m. A celebration meal followed the interment for all who wished to attend.

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

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

*Della Elaine Anderson*

Della Elaine Anderson, 70, passed away on Friday, August 19, 2022, at her home in Perry, Fla., surrounded by her children. Della was born June 7, 1952, in Hogansville, Ga. to Jack and Margaret Woodruff.

Della was considered a "social butterfly"; she loved her family and has never met a

stranger. She enjoyed cooking, Lifetime movies, music and teaching her granddaughter how to bake.

Della was preceded in death by her husband, Wade Neal Anderson; her sister-in-law, Terry Woodruff and her parents, Jack and Margaret Woodruff.

She is survived by two sons, Troy Neal Anderson and Eric Wade Anderson; one granddaughter Kiley Nicole Anderson; three brothers, John Woodruff, Mark Woodruff and his

wife, Sue; Roger Woodruff and his wife Elizabeth; four sisters, Jacqueline Woodruff, Shyrl Woodruff, Reba Remone Reba Rantin and her husband Jody, and Beth Haager and her husband Daniel; as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

A private Celebration of Life is planned for Della at a later date. All arrangements are under the direction of Burns Funeral Home of Perry.

Friends may sign the online guest book at [www.joepburnsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.joepburnsfuneralhomes.com).

**Jail Report****Lafayette County****Aug. 15****James Metz**, out-of-county warrant**Aug. 16****Joel Ward**, driving with license suspended/revoked**Aug. 18****Devontay Anderson**, violation of probation**Matthew Gaylord**, drug possession, drug equipment possession**Hamilton County****Aug. 15****Kristopher Martin Wery**, failure to appear**Jerrod Chadrae Jones**, two counts cocaine possession, two counts cocaine sell**Jeremy Reed Harris**, probation violation**Gregory Markquez**, bond surrender/revocation**Ahkeim Rashid Griffin**, failure to appear, bond surrender/revocation**Matthew Scott Yancey**, vehicle theft, moving traffic violation, hit and run**Aug. 17****Ollie Lee Jones**, aggravated battery**Aug. 18****Al James Williams**, out-of-state fugitive, aggravated battery**Irena Satilla James**, out-of-county warrant**Aug. 19****Joseph Anthony Marcano**, out-of-county warrant**Carlos Rodriguez Johnson**, failure to appear**Aug. 20****Kevin Wayne Simmons**, three counts DUI-unlawful blood alcohol level, hit and run, moving traffic violation**Gary Leon Ford**, moving traffic violation**Brian Bidd Hill**, contempt of court**Robert Edward Sease**, probation violation**Dominique Dewayne Austin**, hit and run**Jessica Leigh Powell**, moving traffic violation, non-moving traffic violation**Aug. 22****Ariel Perez Doval**, moving traffic violation**Suwannee County****Aug. 15****Lisa Marie Waddell**, traffic offense-DUI, possession of controlled substance, drug equipment-possession**Allison Renee Cave**, contempt of court**Aug. 16****Elaina Dawn Vernon**, moving traffic violation, two counts failure to appear**Christopher Tyrone Ward**, two counts probation violation**Della Ann Sullivan**, probation violation**Harry Carter**, moving traffic violation**Aug. 17****Monica Marie Davis**, drug equipment-paraphernalia, possession of controlled substance**Johnathan Oren Oliver**, nonmoving traffic violation**Kyle Landon Roberts**, probation violation**Richard Samuel Hunt**, probation violation, hold for other reason**Donna Gideon Turner**, contempt of court**Daniel Tyler Rogers**, probation violation**Michael Todd Gladden**, battery, resisting officer/arrest, disorderly intoxication, probation violation**Aug. 18****Allison Renee Cave**, contempt of court, hold for other reason**Aug. 19****Elijah Xavier Townsend**, probation violation**Donna Gideon Turner**, DUI-unlawful blood alcohol level, hold for other reason**Nicholas Aaron Baker**, three counts petit theft**Community Calendar****Wednesday, Aug. 24**

After being halted for the summer, Storytime at the Branford Public Library is making a return. Starting Wednesday, Aug. 24 at 10 a.m., families are invited to join the Branford Public Library for their exciting storytime event. The event will be held every Wednesday and feature exhilarating stories, finger-plays and various games for all. There will also be crafts for children to personalize and take home.

**Wednesday, Aug. 24**

Let TOPS (Take Pounds Off Sensibly) help you with your weight management goals. TOPS is a weight-loss support group that meets weekly at the Live Oak Church of God, located at 10639 US 129, in Live Oak. Weigh-in begins at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday mornings, with the meeting beginning at 10 a.m. For more information, call (386) 362-5933.

**Wednesday, Aug. 24**

Join First Baptist Church for Mom Squad, a network of care, guidance and support for single-mom families. Mom Squad is a 10-week program designed to embrace, encourage, equip and empower mothers on their journeys. The event will begin Wednesday, Aug. 24, with a free dinner at 5:30 p.m. Following the dinner will be a group service from 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. at First Baptist Church. First Baptist Church is located at 401 W Howard St., in Live Oak. RSVP at (386) 362-1583.

**Wednesday, Aug. 24 and Monday, Aug. 31**

First Baptist Church of Live Oak's Clothes Closet will provide free clothes to those in need on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. The Clothes Closet is located in the old red barn at 515 SW 5<sup>th</sup> St., in Live Oak. If you have questions or concerns, contact Sandra Hodgdon at [Mrsdew5834@outlook.com](mailto:Mrsdew5834@outlook.com).

**Wednesday, Aug. 24 - Wednesday, Aug. 31**

"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. The next Live Oak AA group meetings will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 24, at 7 p.m., with discussion; Thursday, Aug. 25, at 7 p.m., with book study; Friday, Aug. 26, at 7 p.m., with discussion; Sunday, Aug. 28, at 8:30 a.m., with a men's meeting; Tuesday, Aug. 30, at 7 p.m., with discussion; and Wednesday, Aug. 31, at 7 p.m., with discussion. Each meeting will be held in the voting precinct building next to the Suwannee County Health Department at 911 Nobles Ferry Rd., in Live Oak.

**Shane Michael Westberry**, possession of controlled substance, drug equipment-possession

**Virgil Arnold McKerley**, failure to appear

**Aug. 20**

**Adriana E. Velasquez**, moving traffic violation

**Anthony Leonard Smith**, disorderly intoxication

**Howard Hilton Christie**, probation violation

**Kylan Paul Dial**, drugs-possession, possession of controlled substance, nonmoving traffic violation

**Jeffrey John Pittman**, marijuana-possession, drugs-possession, drug equipment-paraphernalia

**Shane Robert Westwood**, moving traffic violation

**Aug. 21**

**Angela Leigh Gaar**, two counts probation violation

**Stephen Shawn Johnson**, two counts DUI-unlawful blood alcohol level

**Michael Todd Love**, nonmoving traffic violation, possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis, drug equipment-paraphernalia, possession of controlled substance

**James Edward McKennon**, probation violation, DUI-unlawful blood alcohol level, moving traffic violation

**Jeremiah Paul Hughes**, moving traffic violation, two counts DUI-unlawful blood alcohol level

**Wayne Anthony Martin**, disturbing peace, resist officer

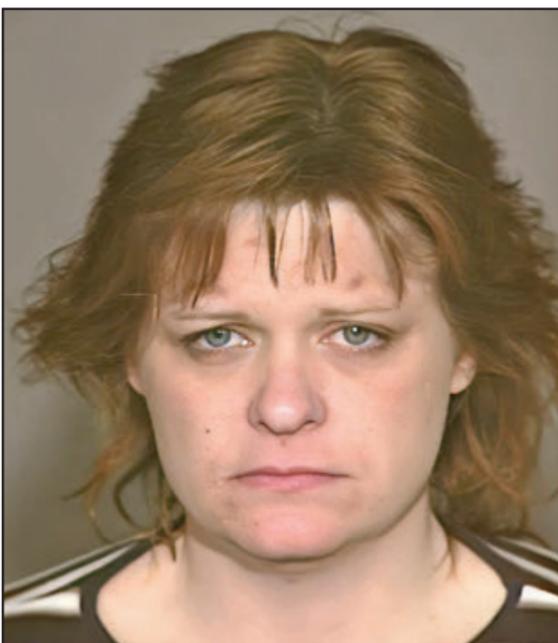
**Aug. 22**

**William Frank Causey**, criminal traffic offense

**Christina Marie Austin**, grand theft - \$300 less than \$5k, simple battery-domestic violence

**Roland Thomas-Albert Austin**, battery

# SUWANNEE VALLEY UNSOLVED DIVES INTO LOCAL COLD CASES



Jill Carter



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Detra McGuire



Johnny Parnell

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Suwannee Valley Unsolved's first-ever public speaking event took place Thursday, Aug. 11. The presentation, hosted at the Suwannee River Regional Library, was geared towards highlighting the unsolved cases around the Suwannee Valley area. The creator of Suwannee Valley Unsolved, Jason Futch, dove head first into the past to assist law enforcement in solving these horrific crimes. Speaking at the event were Suwannee County

evidence revealed foul play in her death. The autopsy revealed a small hole near a rose tattoo on her right breast. However, due to the body's decomposition, it was unknown whether the hole was from a gunshot or animal activity. It was revealed during the investigation that Carter had hitched a ride from a truck driver in Macon, Ga., and rode with him to Lake City, Fla. She would frequent Lake City and Live Oak, where people knew her at some of the local bars. She was homeless during this time. The last time she was seen alive had been at the Pit Stop Bar in Live Oak. Ten days later, her body was discovered. Several leads were developed, however, none of them panned out. Her belongings that she had been carrying around were also never located.



Mark Brotherton

Sheriff Sam St. John, Sgt. Wayne Kelly and Inv. Chuck Thompkins of the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office, as well as Laura Brotherton Collins, daughter of Mark Brotherton. There were over 80 people in attendance and almost 200 viewing the event live on Facebook. The full presentation can be found on Suwannee Valley Unsolved's Facebook page. "I am very satisfied with the turnout from the event. It is encouraging to know that our community is ready to learn more about the area cold cases and willing to help in any way they can," Futch said.

The cases presented at the event consisted of two Columbia County homicide cases and two Suwannee County homicide cases. The two Suwannee County cases Futch spoke about involved Jill Carter and Johnny Eugene Abraham Parnell. Investigators worked to the point that they no longer have any information they can use to solve the cases, and they went cold. In the mid and early 2000s, investigators reviewed both cases due to advancements in DNA testing. Since that time, DNA testing and research have significantly advanced, and evidence obtained previously is now being studied for further testing and comparison to DNA databases.

On the morning of Dec. 4, 1989, Parnell was murdered on the side of Interstate 10 East near mile marker 273 in Suwannee County. Parnell was local to the area and was raised in Live Oak. He was also a graduate of Suwannee High School and a U.S. Air Force Veteran. He was shot while responding to a call for service, as his family operated a tow truck company at the time of his death. A passerby located Parnell shortly after his death. Information within the investigation revealed that Parnell had been shot with a unique weapon. Attempts to find the murder weapon have been unsuccessful thus far. In 2015, investigators revisited the case per the family's request; however, at this time, there is no new information.

On Aug. 28, 2001, a small group of children took a shortcut to the Jiffy Store from a nearby subdivision and discovered the decomposed body of Jill Diane Carter. Though her cause of death was initially undetermined, later

Crime Stoppers of Suwannee County is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to identifying and arresting the individuals responsible for these crimes. Tips must come through the CrimeStoppers program to qualify for the reward. Contact Crime Stoppers of Suwannee County by calling the 24-hour tip line at (386) 208-8477 or submit a tip online at [suwanneecrimestoppers.com](http://suwanneecrimestoppers.com).

Futch also spoke about two other unsolved crimes at the event, which took place in Columbia County, the cases of Detra and Roshanda McGuire and Mark Brotherton. Brotherton was murdered by two unknown individuals robbing the gas station he was managing. Detra and Roshanda McGuire's case has left the community puzzled since 1988. Two-year-old Roshanda Nigeria McGuire's body was found on Interstate 10 West at Mile Marker 303 by a truck driver, and her mother's whereabouts are unknown to this day.

In January of 2023, Futch plans to host a similar event in Branford. "I'd like to stick with the current format for the time being of covering two cold cases from Columbia and Suwannee Counties, as they have a number of cases still needing to resolve. Some of the cases that have stuck to me in Columbia were the Darlene Messer and Linda Raulerson cases, and in Suwannee the Kamrie Mitchell and Frank Carlisle case. I hope at the next event we can cover them," Futch adds.

To learn more about local cold cases, visit [projectcoldcase.org](http://projectcoldcase.org) and find Suwannee Valley Unsolved on Facebook and Tikok @suwanneevalleyunsolved. Futch encourages the community to do whatever they can to solve these cases, whether it be through reaching out to the Suwannee County Sheriff's office or Suwannee County CrimeStoppers if they want to be anonymous. "Either way, I'm pleased to see that the community is willing to start a discussion on these cold cases. We can never forget about them," Futch said.

## DeSantis creates pathway to teaching for Veterans and service members

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On Thursday, Aug. 11, Governor Ron DeSantis announced the launch of a new plan to help recruit qualified military Veterans for schools across the state. The proposition will implement a program to help Veterans; they will receive a five-year temporary education certificate as they are completing their bachelor's degree. "Florida is the most Veteran and military friendly state in the nation," Gov. DeSantis said. "We also know that our Veterans have talents and skills that they can offer our students. This new opportunity expands Florida's existing programs that help our Veterans take their talents to our schools and it will help Florida remain a national leader in education." Commissioner of Education Manny Diaz Jr. also spoke on the proposal, saying, "With the skills and experience that our 1.7 million Veterans bring to Florida's workforce, this new pathway to teaching will positively impact Florida's students. Veterans and service members can now work toward their full professional certificate while imparting their unique knowledge and valuable experience in the classroom."

On Wednesday, Aug. 17, the Florida Board of Education voted and adopted the military friendly amendments, effectively increasing educational and employment opportunities for Veterans and active service members. The board of education amended multiple rules and implemented Senate Bill 896, which allows military Veterans to obtain a five-year temporary teaching certificate without a bachelors degree, provided that the criteria are met. Applicants must have a minimum of 48 months of military service with an honorable or medical discharge; a minimum of 60 college credits; a passing

score on Florida subject area examination; and employment in a Florida school district, including charter schools and a cleared background screening. The Veterans who obtain the temporary certificate will be assigned a classroom mentor for two years and they must obtain their bachelor's degree during the five-year period. "In Florida, we are leading by example with innovative teacher recruitment initiatives and in our support of military and Veteran families," Gov. DeSantis said. "These proposals and actions will create new avenues for Veterans, first responders and aspiring teachers to excel and continue to serve their communities while building meaningful careers. We are able to make these important actions because we understand that having great teachers in our classrooms will help us develop great students."

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## Help McCormick fight cancer

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Jessica McCormick is a Branford High School graduate who married her beloved husband, Mike, on May 31, 2022. Early this year, McCormick discovered that she has stage three serous carcinoma ovarian cancer. She is now undergoing carboplatin and taxol chemotherapy. Recently, she was in the hospital for a week for blood clots in her lungs, also known as pulmonary embolism. She had a radical full hysterectomy with the removal of multiple tumors ranging from nine to 16 centimeters. Cancer was found in her bladder with malignant free fluid in her abdomen. Although she currently has health insurance through her job, she still has magnetic resonance imaging and positron emission tomography scans that insurance will not cover because the



Jess McCormick

company didn't deem them medically necessary for her diagnosis. Due to her treatment, she is frequently unable to go to work, which has been financially difficult for her and her husband. Her car also recently stopped working due to the transmission, making transportation to her treatments more difficult.

High-grade serous carcinoma is the most common type of ovarian cancer, accounting for approximately 75 percent of epithelial ovarian cancers. Because it is the most common type of ovarian cancer, it is often the default type that's referenced in discussions of ovarian cancer unless another type is specified. Her long-time friend, Taren Reaves, organized a Facebook fundraiser to help McCormick cover her expenses. To find the fundraiser, search "Jessica McCormick Medical & Personal Expenses Fundraiser" on Facebook. Alternatively, you can donate to McCormick directly through Cashapp at \$JessLynnLove444.



Photo courtesy of VFW Jasper

To prepare the Hamilton County Babe Ruth Softball League for the world series in Treasure Cove, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of Jasper Post #8095 prepared delicious food and hosted a banquet for the athletes. During the event, VFW presented the Hamilton County Babe Ruth Softball League with a \$1,000 check to assist them with funding their journey.

## Is dry canning recommended?

Katherine Allen, UF/IFAS Suwannee County Contributor

Recently, I received a call about dry canning. I wasn't familiar with the concept of putting "dry" food in jars and "canning" them in an oven for approximately an hour, so I did some research and thought I would share what I found!

### Pockets of moisture cause problems

The canning jar manufacturers, USDA and the National Center for Home Food Preservation (who all do research) do not recommend dry canning. Dry foods still contain between 11 to 30 percent moisture, so when we heat the product in the oven, it drives moisture from the product and causes it to migrate toward the food surface. This can create pockets of moisture in the product that may or may not evaporate or could cause condensation on the jars. The moisture can support the growth of mold and bacterial spores and create safety issues.

### Heating fats causes oxidation

In addition, the process of heating the products like a grain or nut with lipids or fats causes it to oxidize. The oxidation of fats is one of the main causes of deterioration of food (along with microorganisms) and the product may go rancid more quickly. Oxidation can result in color, flavor, nutrient and aroma changes.

### The bottom line

So, dry canning takes time and money to shorten the shelf life and make it less safe! In addition, the confirmation that the product reached an internal temperature of 240° F. cannot be achieved.

### How should dry goods be stored?

The traditional methods of storing dry goods are still the best (moisture free and away from heat and light).

1. Freezing does increase the life and safety of products. Freezing kills insects and eggs. Once the product is "thawed," it must be used immediately.

2. Vacuum sealing is good. Vacuum sealing and then freezing is better. Consider packaging in "useable" package sizes, as once the product is opened, it must be used.

3. Storing in glass containers on the shelf in the pantry also works.

### Consider using oxygen absorbers

Oxygen is required to survive and grow most microbes that spoil food. The oxygen level is integral in influencing the quality of the stored food product. Oxygen absorbers are efficient at removing dissolved oxygen, preserving the color, texture and aroma of different food products and, importantly inhibiting of food spoilage microbes.

Packaging technology in food preservation has improved and, today, we have home vacuum packaging products that seals foods in oxygen-impermeable package material. In the 70's, research on the oxygen that is transmitted through packaging material led to the development of chemical ways to remove oxygen called oxygen absorbers.

Extending the life of food decreases landfill space because of less food waste. Considering events going on in the world, food security is also an important issue. But food safety must be the first priority when storing food items in the pantry or freezer. For more information on food safety, canning or food preservation, contact Katherine Allen at the UF/IFAS Extension office, an Equal Opportunity Institution, in Live Oak at (386) 362-2771.

## Suwannee Valley Electric begins offering linework scholarships

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The Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative (SVEC) is a staple of the Suwannee Valley area. They are constantly working with the community to help foster and grow it. "If you've been looking for a chance to elevate your future and break into linework, this is it," SVEC said in a post on social media. Once again, SVEC is offering their full-time scholarship opportunities to Northwest Lineman College. The scholarship is an opportunity no one will want to turn down. With the scholarship comes the 15-week electrical line worker program at Northwest Lineman College in Edgewater, Fla., beginning in January 2023. The scholarship covers tuition, housing and tools, and with all that it comes with a weekly food stipend. At the completion of the

program, participants will be offered full time employment with SVEC.

Applicants must be 18 years or older by the start of the program, and must also have a high school diploma or GED. Furthermore, applicants will be required to have a valid driver's license and be eligible for Class A licensure. Continuing applicants must have health insurance for the duration of the program; must be physically and mentally fit; have no felony convictions on record and weigh no more than 270 pounds. Upon graduation and acceptance of a full time position at SVEC, participants will have medical, prescription and dental insurance; life insurance; paid holidays, vacation and sick leave; pension plan and a 401k with 10 percent employer-contribution. There are three possible scholarships available. To apply, visit [svec-coop.com/careers](http://svec-coop.com/careers) by 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 2.

## SVEC'S FOOD FIGHT HAS RETURNED

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"The food fight is back," Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative (SVEC) said in a Facebook post. "We're uniting with local partners to raise food donations for the Florida Gateway Food Bank." Until Wednesday, Aug. 31, SVEC members can participate in the food fight by dropping off in-date canned or dry food item to the SVEC office, located at 11340 100th St., in Live Oak, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Donations enter participants into a drawing for a \$25 bill credit.

The Florida Gateway Food Bank serves families and pantries throughout Hamilton, Lafayette, Suwannee and Columbia Counties. It is requested that no glass items be presented as a donation. Last year, 3,470 pounds of food and 13,800 meals for local families were provided. Other places that are accepting donations are: Cheek and Scott Drugs, located at 1520 Ohio Ave. S., in Live Oak; First Federal Bank, located throughout the Suwannee Valley area; Walt's Live Oak Ford, located at 1109 Ohio Ave. N, in Live Oak; and the Rotary Club of Live Oak, located at 407 Dowling Ave. Sw., in Live Oak.

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# Suwannee County Commissioner Travis Land earns Certified County Commissioner Designation: Commissioner Land goes above and beyond to better serve the community

Florida Association of Counties  
Contributor

Suwannee County Commissioner Travis Land was presented with the Certified County Commissioner (CCC) designation from the Institute for County Government (ICG) at an award ceremony held at the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Annual Conference and Educational Exhibition in Orange County, Fla., on Thursday, June 30, 2022.

The CCC designation signifies the completion of an educational program designed by ICG to offer commissioners resources and teach them skills relevant to their duties and responsibilities as an elected official.

The voluntary CCC educational program, consists of 45 hours of coursework. The program's coursework covers a variety of topics, such as ethics and Sunshine Law, county government roles and responsibilities, county government structure and authority, financial management, growth management, negotiation skills, economic development and effective communication.

"The program is designed for those who want to take the extra initiative to better serve the community. The CCC program helps commissioners broaden their knowledge on important issues and resources to help them effectively serve as a county commissioner," said ICG Executive Director, Eric Poole.

"I'm humbled to have been elected by the citizens in District 3 of Suwannee County. By completing this course, it has provided me a better understanding of how local government works-which will allow me to better serve those I represent. Thank you to the people of District 3 for giving me this opportunity," said Commissioner Land.

Alongside Commissioner Land, 10 commissioners earned the CCC designation at the award ceremony. A total of 529 commissioners have

graduated from the program since its inception in 1998.

This education program is made possible in partnership with the University of Florida/IFAS Extension, who has sponsored this program for the last 15 years and has offices in all 67 Florida counties. To learn more about the CCC program and other ICG education programs, please visit [flicg.org](http://flicg.org).

Founded in 1929, the Florida Association of Counties has represented the diverse interests of Florida's counties, emphasizing the importance of protecting home rule – the concept that communities and their local leaders should make the decisions that impact their community. The Florida Association of Counties helps Florida's counties effectively serve and represent their communities through Advocacy, Collaboration and Education.



Travis Land

## SUWANNEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE RELEASES JULY 2022 STATISTICS

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There are many parts of the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) besides the folks who wear a uniform daily and work to keep things running smoothly. From telecommunicators to the records division, every position at the SCSO is vital to keeping the citizens of Suwannee County safe and the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office running smoothly. To reflect this, SCSO has released some statistics showing what's been keeping the individuals of SCSO busy during the month of June.

Deputies in Suwannee County responded to 1,995 calls for service, all of which were answered by one of SCSO's

telecommunicators. There were 273 reports written by the SCSO's records division. Forty-eight arrests were made and 55 charges were filed with the State Attorney's Office. Seventy-six arrest warrants were served, 239 traffic stops were conducted and 94 traffic citations were issued. There were 68 traffic crashes reported. SCSO communications center dispatched 3,216 calls: 1,995 were for SCSO, 982 calls were for Suwannee County Fire Rescue; 747 calls were for the Live Oak Police Department; and 35 calls were made for Live Oak Fire Department.

The SCSO's Detention Division was kept busy with 148 inmates booked into the Suwannee County Jail and an average daily inmate population of 180.

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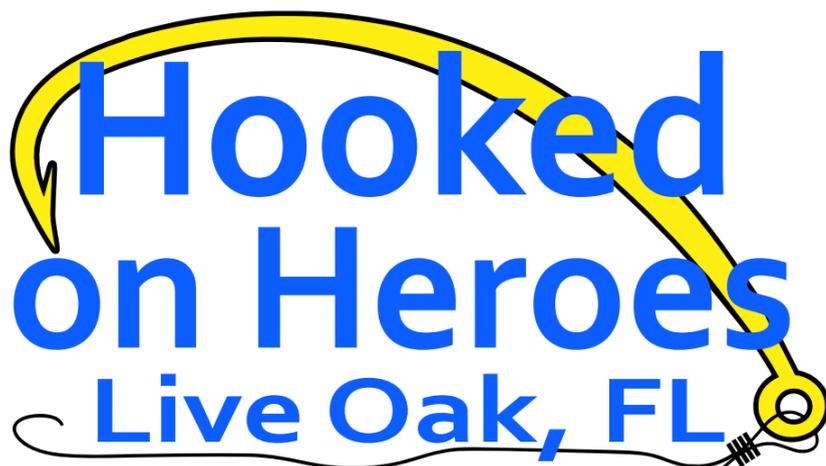
Toni Sherrell  
Contributor

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members Harrison Jackson, Davis Jackson and Cason Driver competed at the Florida FBLA State competition in March and were invited to compete at the national level in July. The National FBLA conference was held in Chicago, Ill., where Harrison presented his speech for Exploring Business Issues; Cason and Davis gave their Sales Presentation on Up to You Nutrition drinks. Unfortunately, the trip did not have the outcome FBLA would have hoped for; however, it was a successful and educational experience.

The chapter would like to thank their Community Partnership Sponsors who made it possible for the FBLA chapter to cover the student cost for nationals. However, not all outcomes at Nationals were unexpected, as Davis Jackson placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Business Achievement Awards Capstone for his community service project. Davis' capstone project focused on bringing in and establishing quality sound equipment for the Alton Church of God's youth worship team.

To start the new school year, the Lafayette High School school store was a success. The FBLA chapter wants to show appreciation for the community's support this year. In addition, FBLA would like to commend this year's officer team, composed of Jayden Davis, Yulitza Hernandez, Akeelah Jones, Taylor Swinson and Victoriya Williams, for working at the school store.

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# The Bulldogs come up short against the Tigers

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On Friday, Aug. 19, the Suwannee Bulldogs opened their pre-season against a familiar foe, the Columbia County Tigers. While the two teams have not played one other lately, they are well-versed with each other. The last time these two teams faced off, bad blood spilled over onto the field after the whistle, causing the two programs not to schedule one another for almost 10 years.

The game would begin with plenty of back stories, as the two storied programs simply do not like one another. So, along with recent events, Suwannee High School Athletic Director Frank Allen implemented more security at Paul Langford Stadium. "With everything that has happened not only here but throughout the country, we feel if we have the option to beef up our security, then absolutely we will exercise that option," Allen said. "Our kids' safety is our number one priority. We feel we should be proactive for our students rather than reactive to any situation."

The Bulldogs were led onto the field by senior quarterback (QB) Bronsen Tillotson. The Bulldogs began the game with the ball first around the 40-yard-line. Despite a first down run by running back (RB) Marquavious Owens, where he picked up 11 yards on the first snap, the Bulldogs were stalled after a QB sack on the next play setting the Bulldogs up behind the chains. The Bulldogs were forced to punt two plays later.

However, the Tigers quickly saw the speed and physicality of the Bulldogs, as they were forced to punt after a three-and-out series. Unfortunately, the Bulldogs' offense could not capitalize, as they failed to move the ball. However, on the Tigers' second possession, the Bulldogs pressured their QB to retreat into his own end zone before fumbling the ball. At this time, Brandon Robinson pounced on the Tigers' misfortune for the Bulldogs' first and only touchdown of the night. With the extra point added

by kicker Braxtyn Green, the Bulldogs took a 7-0 lead. The Bulldogs' defense stood tall again by pinning the Tigers deep into their own territory, where they were forced to punt. However, the Tigers were shocked to see the speed of the Bulldogs coming off the line, as they blocked the Tigers' punt, setting the Bulldogs' offense up in excellent field position. Unfortunately, as the first quarter ended, the Bulldogs' offense failed to capitalize on the ideal field position. Despite this, at the end of the first quarter, the Bulldogs led 7-0. It wouldn't be until midway through the second quarter that the Tigers found a breakdown in the Bulldogs' secondary for a slashing 27-yard touchdown pass to even the score 7-7.

It wasn't until late in the second quarter, after the Bulldogs' defense caused another turnover deep in the Tigers' territory, that the Bulldogs' offense would have another shot at the end zone. Unfortunately, with 1:59 remaining until halftime and the Bulldogs inside the Tigers' 15-yard-line, Tillotson dropped back to look for his receiver, and threw a crucial interception on the three-yard-line. This allowed the Tigers to return it for a 97-yard touchdown to give them a 14-7 lead. Then, on the ensuing kickoff, Javarion Smith electrified the home crowd with a 97-yard kick return for a Bulldog touchdown, only to have it called back due to a holding call, maintaining the Tigers' 14-7 lead going into halftime.

The varsity squads would only play sparingly in the third quarter, as it was only a pre-season game, but not before the Bulldogs managed to add three points off the foot of Green as he kicked a 38-yard field goal, bringing the score to 14-10 as the junior varsity squads took over. However, neither the Bulldogs nor the Tigers backed down. As time expired in the fourth quarter, the final score was 14-10 in favor of the Tigers.

The Bulldogs look will begin their regular season on the road on Friday, Aug. 26, as they travel to take on the Flagler Palm Coast Bulldogs at 7:30 p.m., at Flagler Palm Coast High School, located at 5500 E Hwy 100, in Palm Coast.



Quarterback Bronsen Tillotson drops back to pass to move the ball downfield.0

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Linebacker Blake Wynn looks down on the Tigers' receiver after leveling him for no gain on the play.

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Kodi Lang prepares to run through the Tigers' defender.

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The Bulldogs take the field against the Columbia Tigers.

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## Indians ambush Buccaneers

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The Branford Buccaneers' football season kicked off on Friday, Aug. 19, with the heroes of Airlife 7 delivering the game ball by landing their helicopter on Cleve Sikes Field. This delivery opened the Buccaneers' Kickoff Classic against the Fort White Indians, both of which are coming off a 5-5 season. Both teams are entering the season with many questions, and both teams were hoping to find answers in their pre-season kickoff.

The Indians' offense controlled the tempo as the game got underway, as they maintained control of the ball for most of the first half. Unfortunately, the Buccaneers failed to gain any rhythm with their limited opportunities during this time. As a result, they quickly found themselves trailing. By halftime, the score was 14-0, in the Indians' favor.

The tides turned for a brief moment in the second half, however, when the Buccaneers managed to answer the deficit by adding a touchdown of their own. Unfortunately, this wasn't enough to slow down the Indians, as they added seven more points for a 21-6 pre-season victory.

The Buccaneers will look to reinforce their ship, as they set sail for their



Photo courtesy of Alvin Federico

The heroes of Airlife 7 delivered the Buccaneers' game ball in front of a home crowd eager to kick off the 2022 football season.

regular season at home on Friday, Aug. 26, against the Eagles' View Warriors. Kickoff will be at 7:30 p.m., at Buccaneer Stadium, located at 405 Reynolds St. NE, in Branford.

## Eagles use birds-eye view to overpower Trojans

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On Friday, Aug. 19, the Hamilton Trojans brandished their armor and took to the arena, as they hosted the North Florida Christian Eagles in their Kickoff Classic. The Trojans are coming off of a 1-8 record from last season, and are hoping to improve these numbers. To do that, they must find answers on both sides of the ball. Meanwhile, the Eagles are entering the incoming season with a 6-5 overall record.

The pre-season game proved to be a challenge for the Trojans, as they struggled to get any push up front against the Eagles' stout defensive front. Jaquan Strawder, the Trojans' star running back, was blanketed all night by the Eagles' defense, forcing him east and west most of the game. As a result, Strawder was held to only 24-yards rushing. However, fans shouldn't look for those numbers to be a sign of the season to come for Strawder.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Trojans will look to clean up the big plays. Although the game got away from them early, and the Trojans found themselves trailing throughout the game, Hamilton's coaching staff did see several bright spots. If they can avoid giving up the big plays, the coaching staff feels their red zone defense will keep them in the game, as they had four red zone defensive stops against the Eagles.

The Trojans will look to adjust the reigns as they begin their regular season on Friday, Aug. 26, by traveling to take on the Williston Red Devils. Kickoff will take place at 7:30 p.m., at Booster Stadium, located on the corner of Southwest 5<sup>th</sup> Terrace and Southwest 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, in Williston.

## Hornets swarm the Bell Bulldogs



Photo courtesy of Jack Howdeshell

The Hornets gather together for prayer before they take the field against the Bell Bulldogs.

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The Lafayette Hornets kicked off their pre-season on the road, as they traveled to Bell High School on Friday, Aug. 19, to take on the Bulldogs. The Hornets entered the season with a 8-4 record from last year, while the Bell Bulldogs are coming off a 4-6 record. Although the Hornets entered the Kickoff Classic with more questions than answers, Head Coach Marcus Edwards hoped to have those answers at the final buzzer.

As the game got underway, it did not take long for the Hornets' young quarterback (QB), Tywan Williamson, to earn his wings at the varsity level. One of the nagging questions of the incoming season was whether the game at the varsity level would be too big for Williamson. However, the young QB blew that question out of the air, as he led the Hornets to a stinging score of 41-0 in the first three quarters before the junior varsity teams from both schools took the field for the fourth quarter.

The Hornets have their eyes set on the horizon, where their first test in the season opener will take place at home against the Dixie County Bears. Kickoff will take place at 7:30 p.m. at Dale Walker Field, located at 160 NE Hornet Dr., in Mayo.



## Hometown Salute Patrica Henderson

Patrica Henderson was born on July 29, 1969, to George and Louise Brown of White Springs. Henderson grew up and graduated from Hamilton County High School in 1987. Upon graduation, Henderson attended Valdosta State College. While in college, she did a research paper on the military. After talking with her uncle, an Army Veteran, she felt it was only suitable that she join the United States Army as a Registered Nurse to care for the soldiers, family members and Veterans. Therefore, after graduating from college in 1993, she honored her uncle and family by staying faithful to her word and joining the United States Army.

At 24, Henderson joined the Army, where she served for four years. Her journey began with Officer basic and advanced individual training (AIT) at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. Upon completing her AIT, Henderson was stationed at Irwin Army Community Hospital on the base of Fort Riley, Kan. After her four-year tour of duty, Henderson received an honorable discharge with the rank of First Lieutenant.

Following her military career, Henderson continued her career as a Registered Nurse as she worked for Civil Services. Henderson has dedicated more than half of her life to the healthcare profession, providing compassionate, heartfelt care for patients of all kinds, soldiers, family members and many friends she has made along the way, all the while dealing with many struggles of her own outside of the workforce.



In 2017, Henderson got the news no one wanted to hear; she had breast cancer. While this would rock many to their very core, Henderson had the support of God, her husband of 24 years Charles Henderson and their two children, Cedric Cato and Jacques Henderson. Therefore, they held her up just as she has spent a lifetime doing for countless others.

Today, she is cancer free. She is a licensed Ordained Minister with a testimony that Jesus lives and by His grace, she has been healed. But Henderson did not let cancer or anything keep her from moving forward and bettering her world, as she is also an entrepreneur and founder of Trisha's Tea Time. Along with her many accomplishments, she has now published her first book.

Henderson continues to work in the health field for the Oklahoma City VA Health Care System as the Chief Nurse of Ambulatory Care.

If you would like to nominate a Veteran, contact Lee Trawick at [reporter2@riverbendnews.org](mailto:reporter2@riverbendnews.org).

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# Lents and Braswell earn National Champions honors



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Logan Lents shows off her medal and trophy as a National Champion in the Novice division.



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Logan Lents and Mia Braswell take home National Championship honors.

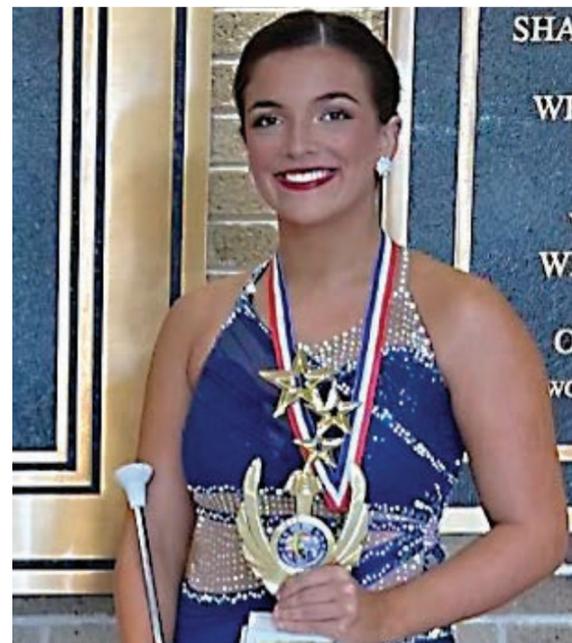


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Mia Braswell shows off her medal and trophy as a National Champion in the Beginner's division.

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What is a "national champion"?

The title of "national champion" stands for the top achievement in a particular sport or event.

Logan Lents and Mia Braswell are students at Lafayette High School. Both twirl competitively with the All-Stars Twirling Academy out of Middleburg, Fla., under Coach June Stoeber. On Monday, July 18, Lents and Braswell traveled to the University of Notre Dame to compete in America's Youth on Parade. Throughout the week-long event, each competed in various categories, such as solo, duet and team events.

The solo events took place on Wednesday, July 20. Lents competed in the Novice Division for the 16 age group in a class of four

competitors. At the same time, Braswell competed in the Beginner Division for the 16 age group in a class of 24 competitors. Lents showed off her skills and caught the eyes of the judges early on in her performance, which left an impactful impression. With Braswell doing the same, each outperformed the competition on their way to being crowned National Champions.

The two twirlers were not done, though. Together, they competed in the Duet Division and various team divisions. Over the week, the two racked up accolades, including several second-place finishes in the team events. One team event was the "Halftime" event, where they placed second. However, the big story in the team event surrounded their second-place finish in the "Twirling Corps" event. The event was aviation-themed, where they placed second and qualified for the World Championships in Liverpool, England in 2023.

# Bulldogs baseball as seen by Bo Bonds

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Bo Bonds is a Suwannee High School (SHS) alumni who was recently selected by the Toronto Blue Jays in the 2022 major league baseball draft. While it was the day he had dreamed of ever since he was a little boy, he couldn't help but reflect on where he came from and where his love for baseball was born. He thinks back to his time growing up in Suwannee County and is grateful for those who helped shape his passion for baseball and molded him into the baseball player he has become. Bonds remembers the struggles he faced through the ranks of baseball at SHS. He looks back at those times and is grateful, as they showed him that wearing the school's

name across his chest is something earned. Like many that have gone before him to Bonds, wearing the Suwannee jersey and representing Bulldog nation is not only a privilege, but a responsibility to continue the long legacy of Suwannee County baseball.

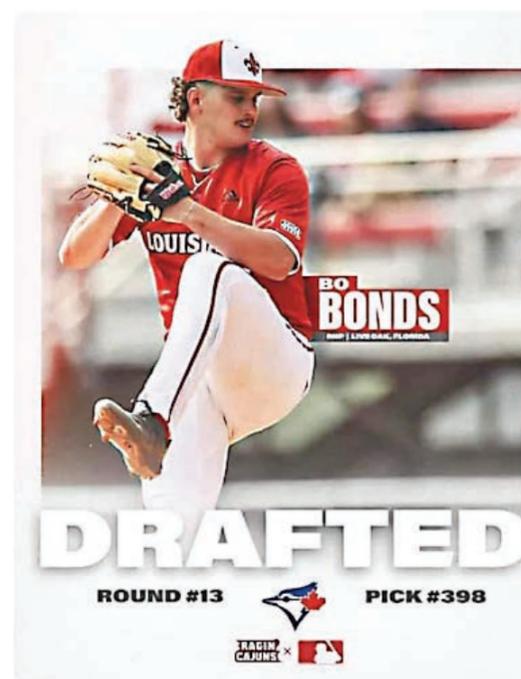
Bonds remembers growing up and going to Suwannee baseball games to watch guys like Matthew Pennington and Blake Swann play, thinking, "Wow, I want to be like those guys one day!" Bonds continued to explain where it all started for him.

"It starts as a kid, the pride and the culture of Suwannee baseball; it's ingrained in you. Such a prestigious and historical program should have honored and humbled players even to be a small part of something so important. When the name across your chest means more to you than the name across the back, you are in the right place. Recently, I have seen different views and opinions on this matter, which hurts. If you go back to my senior year and ask any player on that team if transferring ever even briefly crossed their minds, I know for a 100 percent fact that they would look at you like you're crazy. It's because we all understood that this is our home, our town and, even though it's just a baseball game, it's our job to defend and protect what the previous players have done in the past. We all knew that our moms and dads graduated from our school, which means something to honor their culture and pride. The coaching staff I had and the coaching staff there have done amazing things in my life. It was rough initially when Coach Wood came on and began to work with us. He is known for his ground balls; I think they've got to be at least 200 miles per hour, and he was just very hard-nosed and intense. It took us guys a few days to get used to that, but we all knew that it was making us better every day and we bought in. There was no feeling sorry for ourselves or running away when it got tough. We understood how it would be and got it done and stuck it out. This, again, goes back to having pride and respect for the name across our chest."

Bonds reflects on his head coach and the impact he has made on his life. "For Coach Bruce, I can honestly say he is one of the best men I have met in my life thus far. I say 'men' and not 'coach' because he was more than a baseball coach to my teammates and me. He taught us things that are so important in a young man's life: early is on time and on time is late; have your jersey tucked in whenever you wear it; no matter where or what you are doing, have your hat on straight. Everything he taught us had much more meaning than baseball. He incorporated the gospel and daily devotions. The things in life that are more important than just baseball."

Bonds contributes his success at the college level to many factors, but most important was his high school coaching staff that prepared him for what was to come. "The coaching staff enabled me to succeed in college. I was used to the intensity, adversity, sweat, dirt and blood. They trained us for it. Some of my teammates at the University of Louisiana Lafayette have never experienced what we went through at Suwannee. They couldn't handle it, so they left searching for something better. There will come a time in your life when you can't run; you can't quit just because it gets hard. You will have to stay and fight for something bigger than yourself. The coaches at Suwannee High School made me fall in love with that adversity and tough love; I couldn't get enough of it. I wouldn't be the baseball player or man I am today without the help of those men. Players like Easton Kirby and Ethan Layton understand what it means to be a Suwannee baseball player, and I have endless respect for those guys. Some younger players are coming up, like Jace Moran and Ty Moses, to name a few, that understand how much this program and its coaches mean to our community. There isn't a better place in the country to play baseball. I pray our younger generation will see that and continue to carry on the pride, culture and tradition of Suwannee baseball," Bonds said.

While Bonds may be hundreds of miles away playing the game he grew to love, Suwannee baseball will always be with him and forever on his mind.



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# Tradition reignited, the Buccaneer majorettes are back!

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High schools are filled with tradition and pride, and this is no exception for the Buccaneers' majorettes, which have a long, rich history of legends. Their tradition goes back as far as Buccaneer nation can remember. So many young girls who grew up through Branford High School (BHS) looked up to their majorettes over the years. To see the young women they dreamed of being one day marching onto the field for halftime performances and marching in parades, was just as polarizing to them as the young boys who look up to and dream about putting on a Buccaneers jersey one day. However, the Buccaneers' majorettes legacy doesn't end at only BHS. Their reputation as one of the best squads in the area was unarguable. The Branford majorettes saw many BHS graduates go on to perform at the college ranks.

Therefore, it is only fitting that after 10 years of the program being shut down, the BHS majorettes are making a comeback. Each member of the 2022-23 majorettes understands the platform they have been given and the role they may play in younger girls' eyes. While it remains unclear as to their role throughout BHS, one thing is for certain; they will have the privilege of reigniting what was once one of the best programs in the area.

This year's team will be led by their sponsor, Tracy Combee, who is quick to give praise to BHS Principal Terry Huddleston. When Combee proposed the idea of bringing back the BHS majorettes, Huddleston jumped on board and gave her the OK. "I'm grateful Mr. Huddleston allowed us the opportunity to bring the program back. Without his support, these girls would not have the opportunity they will have this year," Combee said. She also gives great gratitude to June Stoeber for her help throughout the process of twirling camp and tryouts, coordinating judges, and choreographing several of the team's routines. Stoeber is a Gatorette coach and understands BHS' rich history with their majorettes. Therefore, she is honored to be involved in bringing back the Buccaneer's majorettes.



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Meet the Buccaneer majorettes! Pictured, from left to right, are: Savannah McMillan, Jacey Roberts, Ashley Combee, Bristol Nettles and Abigail Sloan.

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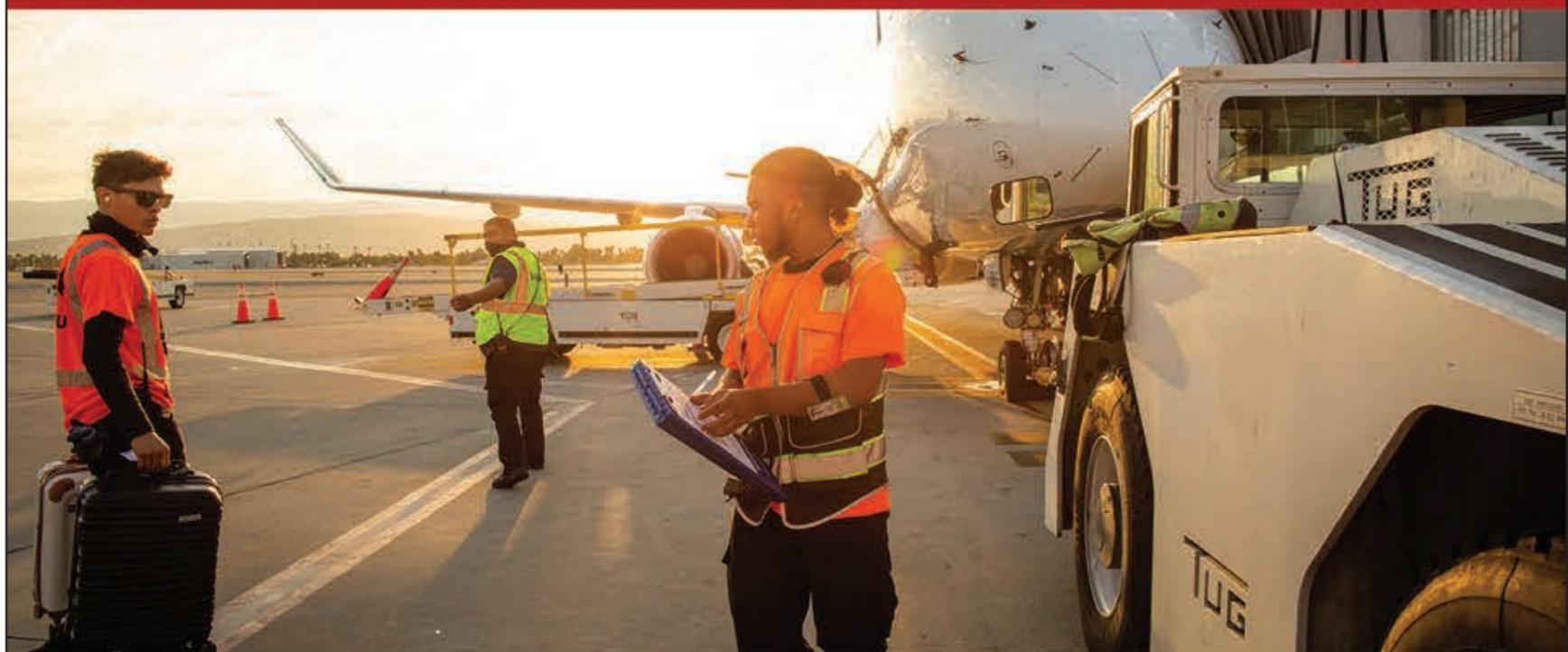
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# Pursuit of Peace in Suwannee (and Everywhere)

Christopher Poppell  
Contributor

Against the tragic backdrop of a historic conflict in Europe, Live Oak will unite with millions around the globe to promote the timely theme “Pursue Peace” as they participate in a six-part annual event scheduled for July and August of 2022.

“My family and I feel this is a very relevant topic,” said Bryan Johnson, who plans to attend each session throughout the summer with his wife, Amy and their two young sons. “Everyone is searching for peace,” said Bryan. “We look forward to the videos and Bible dramas highlighting the Bible principles that make peace attainable.”

Jehovah’s Witnesses have been holding global conventions for more than 100 years, the last three years featuring virtual events accessed through the free JW Library app or at [jw.org](http://jw.org). The program segments are available for streaming or download, and all are invited to attend the program at no charge.

“This convention is an object lesson in how peace is being achieved by a global community right now as it unites millions of people even in areas of conflict like Ukraine and Russia,” said Robert Hendriks, U.S. spokesperson for Jehovah’s Witnesses. “The power of the principles being discussed transcends national borders, ethnic differences and language barriers. Both individuals and families will benefit from attending the program.”

Before 2020, Jehovah’s Witnesses held their

annual convention locally at VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena in Jacksonville. While they hope to host large in-person gatherings again in the future, the decision was made late last year to virtually hold the 2022 convention again. As a result, on Friday, April 1, congregations of Jehovah’s Witnesses began meeting in person for the first time in two years locally and around the world.

The three-day convention will be available in six parts, each corresponding to a half day of content. Topics to be explored are:

How love leads to inner peace and peace with others.

Why the Bible can be called “the road map to family peace.”

how to attain peace even when suffering illness, economic problems, natural disasters or other difficulties.

What people from around the world are doing to enjoy peace.

Why friendship with God can lead to true peace. The convention will conclude with the exciting presentation, “Universal Peace is Sure to Come!”

All are invited to attend the event by going to [jw.org](http://jw.org) on the web or JW Broadcasting on the free JW Library app available for iOS or Android, or on streaming platforms like ROKU TV, Apple TV and others. The program is free and accessible to all. The schedule for download and global streaming is listed below.

For more information, please contact Jehovah’s Witnesses United States at (718) 560-5600 or [pid@jw.org](mailto:pid@jw.org).

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Saturday Morning	July 18	July 23-24
Saturday Afternoon	July 25	July 30-31
Sunday Morning	August 8	August 13-14
Sunday Afternoon	August 15	August 20-21

## Pastor Spotlight: Jim Hurst

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Jim Hurst was born in 1953 in Dixie County, he grew up in Dixie County except for a small stint where his family live in Lafayette County. He was only two years old, however, ironically he was only three miles away from The Oasis Church, the church he would end up being the pastor of. In 1972, Hurst graduated from Dixie County High School with football scholarships at many different colleges. However, Hurst made a mistake and became involved with drugs after high school. This caused him to give up on college. Yet, things would come to change years later. “It was in April 1977 when I surrendered my life to the Lord Jesus,” Hurst said. Hurst’s father was an ordained minister and preached at Midway Baptist Church as well as many others for 40 years. Six months after his conversion Hurst followed in his father’s footsteps. At first, he mainly preached in the Southern Baptist Church, with some other denominations. However, in 1981 he accepted an invitation to be the pastor at Calvary Temple Assembly of God in Cross City. He served for 26 years before retiring from serving as a pastor.

Four years after his retirement Hurst realized it wasn’t the end of his service and he began pastoring at The Oasis Church of Branford. “The Oasis is a nondenominational, full Gospel church which I love. I always felt the denomination thing was way over emphasized. I love this little church and the people who make it up are really special people with a strong faith and a loving heart.” The church itself has grown from its original 10 members to between 60 and 70 people now. In 2021, they were able to purchase a parsonage for the church. Hurst and his wife, Marion, were overjoyed to be able to live on the church property.

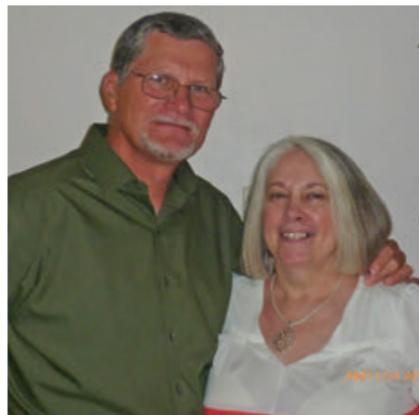
Aside from his normal duties as a pastor, Hurst

runs an outreach ministry called Freedom Rally Outreach Tent Ministry.

“We do everything we know to reach those who need Jesus

and promote unity among the church world. This outreach goes to different locations to minister.” No one involved in the ministry is paid for their time nor do they request offerings underneath the tent. They simply spread the news of the Gospel.

The Oasis Church meets on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. To learn more about The Oasis visit their Facebook page at Oasis Church of Branford 2020. There is a live broadcast of Sunday morning services available there. “The Oasis is a good church with good vision and a strong faith. Not a lot of smoke and mirror stuff, but real. I think you would like it there. Come see us, we’d love to meet you.”



Jim and Marion Hurst

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# NFC announces tri-county graduates

NFC  
Contributor

North Florida College awarded 112 students with degrees or certificates after its 2022 Summer Term. In addition, many of the summer graduates participated in NFC's Spring Commencement Ceremony on May 6, 2022, where they walked across the stage to symbolically receive their diploma or certificate and celebrate with family and friends.

"We are so proud of each one of NFC's summer graduates. Graduating with a degree or certificate is the culmination of time, commitment, prioritization and determination," said Jen Page, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs. "Their education is one of the most important investments they'll ever make, and we are honored to have played a key role in preparing them for their next steps – whether that be continuing education or taking new skills and knowledge into the workplace."

NFC applauds the accomplishments of its summer graduates and the NFC Class of 2022.

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### Hamilton County

- Tekeshia Allen of Jasper, Associate of Science - LPN to RN Bridge, Cum Laude
- Whitney Crosby of Jasper, Accounting Tech Operations, Honors, Accounting Tech Specialist
- Zachary Driggers of Jasper, Associate of Arts, Magna Cum Laude
- Jamesk Harris of White Springs, Law Enforcement Academy, Highest Honors
- Caleb Herring of Jasper, Associate of Arts
- Migneris Lugo of Jennings, Child Care Center Operations, Highest Honors
- Selena Myers of Jasper, Law Enforcement Academy, Highest Honors
- Jacqueline Pollock of Jasper, Associate of Science - Business Administration, Cum Laude
- Brianna Register of Jasper, Medical Information Coder/Biller

- Camron Walker of Jennings, Child Care Center Operations  
**Lafayette County**
- Landen Brock of Day, Associate of Arts, Summa Cum Laude
- Gabriel Hancock of Mayo, Associate of Arts, Magna Cum Laude
- Kerby Hanson of Mayo, Associate of Arts, Summa Cum Laude
- Ashlyn Herring of Mayo, Associate of Arts, Cum Laude
- Harli Lawson of Mayo, Associate of Science - LPN to RN Bridge  
**Suwannee County**
- Kolby Creamer of Live Oak, Associate of Arts, Cum Laude, Phi Theta Kappa
- Blake Adams of Branford, Associate of Arts
- Savannah Agapito of Live Oak, Law Enforcement Academy, Highest Honors
- Gonzalez Barcenas of Live Oak, Law Enforcement Academy, High Honors
- Tiffanie Denmark of Live oak, Associate of Science - LPN to RN Bridge, Cum Laude
- Aaron Fountain of Live Oak, Law Enforcement Academy, Honors
- Lyndsey Gardner of Wellborn, Medical Information Coder/Biller
- Haley Gienger of Live Oak, Associate of Arts
- Brandie Harden of Live Oak, Crossover-Corrections Officer to Law Enforcement Officer, High Honors
- Anna Harris of Branford, Associate of Arts
- Shania Hurst of Live Oak, Associate of Science - LPN to RN Bridge, Magna Cum Laude
- Dylan Lee of Live Oak, Commercial Vehicle Driving, Highest Honors
- Javell Nails of Live Oak, Commercial Vehicle Driving, Highest Honors
- Seth Noyes of Live Oak, Associate of Arts, Magna Cum Laude
- Traci Osborn of Live Oak, Associate of Arts
- Joshua Ragans of Wellborn, Associate of Arts
- Jennifer Raulerson of Live Oak, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Summa Cum Laude
- Bonita Sheehy of Live Oak, Medical Information Coder/Biller
- Joshua White of Live Oak, Associate of Arts

## FFAA scholarship deadline is extended

Christian Peterson  
Reporter@riverbendnews.org

The Florida Fertilizer and Agricultural Association (FFAA) scholarship fund was established to offer scholarship opportunities to qualified agriculture students at the University of Florida. "These scholarships are designed to promote the study of agriculture in higher education and to encourage academic excellence among students pursuing agriculture studies. In turn, it is our hope that some of these students will utilize their talents to improve Florida agriculture through research or employment in the Florida agribusiness industry," the FFAA website says.

The \$2,500 scholarship's application deadline has been extended. Potential applicants now have until Friday, Sept. 9, to apply. To qualify, students must be a junior, senior or graduate student. Students also must have a 3.0 grade point average or higher. Furthermore, potential applicants must major in agriculture or a closely related major. To apply for the scholarship, visit [FFAA.org/scholarship](http://FFAA.org/scholarship).

# NOTICE OF PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT INCREASE

The Lafayette County Board of County Commissioners is proposing a \$25.00 increase in Special Assessments for Solid Waste Operations.

2021-2022 Solid Waste Special Assessment	\$42.00
Proposed Increase	\$25.00
2022-2023 Solid Waste Special Assessment	\$67.00

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the assessment increase to be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2022

5:30 P.M.

at

120 West Main Street  
Commissioners' Room, Second Floor  
Mayo, FL 32066

A FINAL DECISION on the proposed assessment increase will be made at this hearing.

## BHS concession stand struck by lightning

Grace McAlister  
Reporter1@riverbendnews.org

The Branford High School (BHS) Booster Club is asking for the community's support in obtaining items needed for their concession stand. The school's outside transformers were struck by lightning and everything in the concession stand was destroyed, including the coolers and freezer. It is currently being repaired, however, The BHS Booster Club is asking for the community's help in funding the repairs, and replacing the coolers and freezer. Anyone can donate online by searching @BranfordsBand on Venmo or \$BranfordHSBand on CashApp. Donations can also be dropped off at BHS's front office, located at 405 N Reynolds St., in Branford. For more information, call (386) 935-5600.

## Suwannee High School is looking for pen pals

Grace McAlister  
Reporter1@riverbendnews.org

Suwannee High School teacher Elisa Hall is planning a project for her English II class, where they will form pen pals with retired members of the community. The purpose of this project is for students to bring joy to people in the community, while also gaining wisdom from them. There are many benefits to being a pen pal, including improved reading and writing skills, and encouraging perspective-taking. Being a pen pal also promotes patience, fosters an interest in social studies, and supports the development of social skills.

If you are a retired member of the Suwannee County community who would like to participate in the Golden Pen Pal Project, please contact Hall at [elisa.hall@suwannee.k12.fl.us](mailto:elisa.hall@suwannee.k12.fl.us). As a participant in this project, the only commitment will be to read and respond to letters the students write.

**ASK DR. MANTOOTH GUM DISEASE INCREASES RISK OF OTHER ILLNESS SUCH AS MENTAL HEALTH AND HEART CONDITIONS**

A new study shows an increased risk of patients developing illnesses, including mental ill-health and heart conditions, if they have a medical history of periodontal (gum) disease.

Experts carried out a first-of-its-kind study of the records of 64,379 patients who had a recorded history of periodontal disease, including gingivitis and periodontitis (the condition that occurs if gum disease is left untreated and can lead to tooth loss). Of these, 60,995 had gingivitis and 3,384 had periodontitis.

The researchers examined the data to establish how many of the patients with and without periodontal disease go on to develop cardiovascular disease (e.g., heart failure, stroke, vascular dementia), cardiometabolic disorders (e.g., high blood pressure, Type 2 diabetes), autoimmune conditions (e.g., arthritis, Type 1 diabetes, psoriasis), and mental ill-health (e.g., depression, anxiety and serious mental illness) over an average follow-up of around three years.

The team discovered that those patients with a recorded history of periodontal disease at the start of the study were more likely to go on and be diagnosed with one of these additional conditions over an average of three years, compared to those in the cohort without periodontal disease at the beginning of the research. The results of the study showed, in patients with a recorded history of periodontal disease at the start of the study, the increased risk of developing mental ill-health was 37%, while the risk of developing autoimmune disease was increased by 33%, the risk of developing cardiovascular disease was raised by 18%, and the increased risk for Type 2 diabetes was 26%.

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# EMPLOYMENT

Suwannee Cty Bd of Commissioners is accepting applications for:  
**Building Inspector**  
**Commercial Truck Driver I**  
**Conservation Technician**  
**EMT/Fighter & Paramedic/Firefighter**  
**Flagman**  
**Grounds Maintenance Worker I • Library Aide II, Extension Svcs Mgr, & Technician I**  
**Maintenance Tech I & II**  
**Park Maintenance Worker I**  
**Recreation Aide • Site Attendant • Staff Assistant**

Application & full details are available online at [suwanneecountyfl.gov](http://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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or Administration Office,  
(386)364-3400  
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**Finance Clerk**  
**The Suwannee County Clerk of Circuit Court Finance Office is seeking a self-motivated individual to join our team.** The successful candidate must have previous experience in a finance and/or clerical related position and have excellent communication skills. Primary job duties will include data input of financial transactions, maintaining and filing financial records, greeting and directing Finance Office visitors and assisting in answering phone calls. This person should have a clean driving record with a reliable means of transportation and should be able to lift up to 20 pounds. A background check will be required before the candidate is hired. This is a full-time position with full County employee benefits. Starting pay for this position is \$13-\$16 per hour depending on qualifications. Normal working hours will be Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM. Interested candidates should visit the Employment section of the Suwannee County Clerk of Court website at [www.suwgov.org](http://www.suwgov.org) to download an employment application. Completed applications and resumes or questions about the position should be e-mailed to [keithg@suwgov.org](mailto:keithg@suwgov.org). Applications and resumes may also be dropped off or mailed to the Clerk Finance Office at 906 North Ohio Ave, Live Oak, FL 32064. Applications must be received by September 6th, 2022, to be considered.  
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# PUBLIC NOTICES

**POTENTIALLY INELIGIBLE REGISTERED VOTER'S NOTICE**  
You are hereby notified that your eligibility to vote is in question. You are required to contact Travis Hart, Supervisor of Elections, in Mayo, Florida, no later than thirty (30) days after the date of publishing. Failure to respond will result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor and your name will be removed from the statewide voter registration system. You should contact our office by calling (386) 294-1261 to receive information regarding the basis for the potential ineligibility and instructions on how to resolve the matter or request additional assistance if needed.

The Supervisor of Elections will make a determination no less than 30 days after this published notice and if removed will notify the voter of the determination and action taken.

**POTENTIALLY INELIGIBLE REGISTERED VOTER:**  
NAME: KELSEY L. FRIER  
ADDRESS: 401 SE AKITA RD  
BRANFORD, FL 32008

This notice published August 24, 2022.  
Travis Hart  
Supervisor of Elections  
Lafayette County  
08/24

## LEGAL NOTICE

### LAFAYETTE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD BUSINESS MEETING

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council announces a business meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: **September 12, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.**

PLACE: **Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Client/Senior Services Center located at 114 Southwest Community Circle, Mayo, Florida.**

DIAL IN NUMBER: **Toll free 1.888.585.9008**

CONFERENCE CODE: **864 183 272**

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: **To conduct the regular business of the Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.**

Per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, to reduce the risk of becoming infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 and potentially spreading it to others, fully vaccinated people should wear a mask indoors in public if they are in an area of substantial or high transmission; if someone in their household is immunocompromised or at increased risk for severe disease; or if someone in their household is unvaccinated.

For additional information or to obtain a copy of the agenda interested persons may contact: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603; [godfrey@ncfrpc.org](mailto:godfrey@ncfrpc.org) or 352.955.2200. The meeting agenda and supporting materials will be posted at <https://www.ncfrpc.org/transportation-disadvantaged>.

Any person may submit written or other physical evidence which he or she intends to offer into evidence during the business meeting to Lynn Godfrey, Senior Planner, at North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603; or [godfrey@ncfrpc.org](mailto:godfrey@ncfrpc.org).

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the agency at least **2 business days** before the meeting by contacting **352.955.2200**. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1.800. 955.8771 (TDD) or 1.800. 955.8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.  
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### Legal Notice Advertisement Request Form

#### Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **SUWANNEE STITCHES**:

Located at **10843 State Road 51: Suwannee County** in the City of **Live Oak**: Florida, **32060-6268** intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at **Live Oak** Florida, this August day of **16, 2022**

**LEWIS LEROY**  
08/24

### Legal Notice Advertisement Request Form

#### Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **SWEETBAY & CO. :**

Located at **9707 County Road 252 : Suwannee County** in the City of **Live Oak** : Florida, **32060-6870** intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at **Live Oak** Florida, this August day of **16, 2022**

**CRACE CHRISTINA LYNN**  
08/24

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS

#### Edward Perry Sports Park Concrete Work

The project is located at the Edward Perry Sports Park in Lafayette County, Florida. The facility is located on NE CR 400 Mayo, Florida. The design calls for the pouring of concrete sidewalks and handicap parking places. It has been estimated 40.5 cubic yards of concrete to complete the proposed improvements. Contractor is responsible for framing, pouring and finishing of concrete.

Plans and specifications can be obtained from the point of contact, Logan Hewett at Dewberry Engineers Inc., 654 SE Baya Drive, Lake City, FL 32055, 386-209-0699, or by email at [lhewett@dewberry.com](mailto:lhewett@dewberry.com). Cost for Plans and Specifications will be **\$50.00** per set and is non-refundable. Checks should be made payable to **DEWBERRY ENGINEERS INC.** Plans and specifications can also be obtained electronically for no charge.

Questions will be received until 5:00 PM on **September 6th, 2022.**

Answers to questions will be issued by 5:00 PM on **September 7th, 2022.**

Bids will be received until **3:00 PM (EST) on Friday September 9th, 2022** at the Lafayette County Clerk of Courts Office, located at 120 W Main St., Mayo, FL 32066. All Bids shall be submitted to the Lafayette County Board of Commissioners in a sealed envelope clearly marked:

**"Sealed Bid: EDWARD PERRY SPORTS PARK CONCRETE WORK."**

A Bid Bond in the amount of 5% of the Bid shall accompany the Bid. The Lafayette County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The Lafayette County Board of County Commissioners also reserves the right to reject contractors who in the Lafayette County Board of County Commissioners opinion are not qualified to perform the work. All Bids shall be firm for a period of 90 days after opening. This includes material prices. The bid must conform to Section 287.133(3) Florida Statutes, on public entity crimes.

All bidders shall comply with all applicable state and local laws concerning licensing, registration, and regulations of contractors doing business in Florida. The Lafayette County Board of County Commissioners shall award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Bids will be opened at the regularly scheduled meeting on **September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 9:00 AM.**  
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### PUBLIC MEETING TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Please take notice that the Three Rivers Regional Library Board will hold a Board Meeting on Thursday, September 8th, 2022, at 3:00 p.m., at the Taylor County Public Library, in Perry, Florida.

All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Please be advised, that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at such hearing, that person will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

"Person with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact (850) 838-3506 (Voice & TDD) or via Florida Relay Service at (800) 955-8771."

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### NOTICE OF HEARING

The Hamilton County School Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. The hearing will begin at 5:45 p.m. and will be conducted in the Boardroom of the Hamilton County Elementary School located at 5686 US Highway 129 South, Suite 1: Jasper, Florida.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider addition(s) and changes to the following school board policies:

Policy Number	Name	Change
3.06	Safe and Secure Schools	Revised
3.414	Suicide Prevention	Revised
4.12	Instructional Materials Selection	Replace Current Policy
4.13	Education Media Materials Selection	Replace Current Policy
4.17	Challenged Materials	Repeat
5.711	Parental Access to Information	Revised
5.28	School Health Services	Revised
5.341	Use of Time Out, Seclusion, Physical Restraint for Students with Disabilities	Revised

Reason for change: various

Authority: 1001.41, 1001.42, F.S.

Estimated economic impact: minimum.

A complete copy of these rules are available for review at the office of the Superintendent of Schools, Jasper, Florida.

### HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

*Lee Wetherington-Zamora*  
Lee Wetherington-Zamora  
Superintendent

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board, with respect to any matter considered at this hearing, that person will need a record of the proceedings; and for such purpose that person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Hamilton County Value Adjustment Board (VAB) for 2022, which hears taxpayer appeals regarding exemptions and value assessments, will hold an **Organizational Meeting** to review and adopt rules and procedures for this year. The purpose of this meeting is **NOT** to hear appeals or consider petitions. It is for administrative and organizational purposes only. Hearings for petitions which have been filed with the Clerk of Circuit Court will be scheduled at later dates, and all petitioners will be notified by first class mail of their scheduled hearing date and time. The organizational meeting will be on **Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at 5:05 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room (Room 112), Hamilton County Courthouse, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida.** The public is welcome to attend. Again, appeals regarding exemptions or property assessment will **NOT** be considered at this meeting.

In accordance with Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, notice is given that if any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board, agency or commission, with respect to proceedings and that, for such purpose, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.  
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# PUZZLE



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PUBLIC NOTICES CONTINUED

CERTIFICATE NO.: 587 Issued June 1, 2020  
 DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Parcel No. 4231-000  
 Section 7 Township 1S Range 12E  
 C/S 458 ORB 108-281  
 Suwannee River Campsites

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: John Henry Folsom

All of said property being in the County of Hamilton, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Front Door of the Hamilton County Courthouse, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 25, 2022

Pursuant to Chapter 197.542(2), Florida Statutes, the highest bidder is required to post a non refundable cash deposit of \$200 with the Clerk of Court at the time of the sale, to be applied to the sale price at the time of full payment. The Clerk may require bidders to show their willingness and ability to post the cost deposit.

/s/GREG GODWIN  
 Greg Godwin  
 Clerk of Circuit Court Hamilton County, Florida

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CERTIFICATE NO.: 634 Issued June 1, 2020  
 DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: ParcelNo.4432-000  
 Section 8 Township 1N Range 11E  
 Lots 29 & 30 Florida Campsites ORB 339-325

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: Shirley J. and John N. Kalergis

All of said property being in the County of Hamilton, State of Florida.

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/s/GREG GODWIN  
 Greg Godwin  
 Clerk of Circuit Court Hamilton County, Florida

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CERTIFICATE NO.: 511 Issued June 1, 2020  
 DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Parcel No. 3917-000  
 Section 7 Township 1S  
 Range 12E C/S 27 ORB 261-194  
 Suwannee River Campsites

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: William T. & Deborah Applegate

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/s/GREG GODWIN  
 Greg Godwin  
 Clerk of Circuit Court Hamilton County, Florida

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CERTIFICATE NO.: 676 Issued June 1, 2020  
 DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: ParcelNo.4631-000  
 Section 8 Township 1N Range 11E  
 Lots 235 Florida Campsites ORB 155-383 ORB 188-287  
 ORB 537-101 ORB 604-250 ORB 604-370 ORB 607-168  
 ORB 672-251 ORB 739-248

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: John Shank

All of said property being in the County of Hamilton, State of Florida.

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/s/GREG GODWIN  
 Greg Godwin  
 Clerk of Circuit Court Hamilton County, Florida

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CERTIFICATE NO.: 589 Issued June 1, 2020  
 DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Parcel No. 4236-000  
 Section 7 Township 1S Range 12E C/S 465 ORB 145-609  
 Suwannee River Campsites

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: Amanda Hingson Anderson

All of said property being in the County of Hamilton, State of Florida.

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/s/GREG GODWIN  
 Greg Godwin  
 Clerk of Circuit Court Hamilton County, Florida

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CERTIFICATE NO.: 545 Issued June 1, 2020  
 DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Parcel No. 4082-000  
 Section 7 Township 1S Range 12E  
 C/S 258 & 259 ORB 620-413 ORB 617-329  
 Suwannee River Campsites

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: Robert C. & Lorraine A. Hammon

All of said property being in the County of Hamilton, State of Florida.

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/s/GREG GODWIN  
 Greg Godwin  
 Clerk of Circuit Court Hamilton County, Florida

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CERTIFICATE NO.: 529 Issued June 1, 2020  
 DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Parcel No. 4021-000  
 Section 7 Township 1S Range 12E C/S 172  
 ORB 191-134 ORB 613-54  
 Suwannee River Campsites

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: Robert C. & Lorraine A. Hammon

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CERTIFICATE NO.: 528 Issued June 1, 2020  
 DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Parcel No. 4018-000  
 Section 7 Township 1S Range 12E C/S 167 & 168 ORB 106-98 ORB 607-182  
 ORB 608-359 ORB 608-363  
 Suwannee River Campsites

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 Clerk of Circuit Court Hamilton County, Florida

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CERTIFICATE NO.: 520 Issued June 1, 2019  
 DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Parcel No. 3974-000  
 Section 7 Township 1S Range 12E  
 C/S 111 ORB 64-243  
 Suwannee River Campsites

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: Alliene Adams

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CERTIFICATE NO.: 567 Issued June 1, 2019  
 DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Parcel No. 4244-000  
 Section 7 Township 1S Range 12E  
 C/S 477 ORB 509-233  
 Suwannee River Campsites

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: David E. Tanner

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 Clerk of Circuit Court Hamilton County, Florida

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CERTIFICATE NO.: 675 Issued June 1, 2020  
 DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Parcel No. 4625-000  
 Section 8 Township 1N Range 11E  
 Lots 229 Florida Campsites ORB149-235 ORB 167-112  
 ORB 171-223 ORB 611-250 ORB 616-376 ORB 620-415  
 ORB 624-139 (where Russell deeded to CNR a 2nd time)  
 ORB 807-119 ORB 848-252

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: Ayla Ramirez & Bruce Cooper

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CERTIFICATE NO.: 597 Issued June 1, 2020  
 DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Parcel No. 4260-000  
 Section 7 Township 1S Range 12E  
 C/S 498 Suwannee River Campsites ORB 493-80

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: Dale Harrell

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**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**

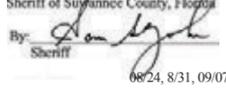
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Writ of Execution heretofore issued out of the County Court of Suwannee County, Florida on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022, Palm Coast Recovery Corp was plaintiff, and Timothy C. Allen was defendant, being Case No. 08-454-CC in said Court that I, Sam St. John, as Sheriff of Suwannee County, Florida had levied this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022, upon all the rights, title and interest of the defendants, pursuant to any and all other liens, taxes, judgments or whatsoever, in and to the following described property, to-wit:

One (1) 2019 White Ram 3500 Tradesman pickup, Vin #3C63RRGL0KG62411, Tag#MB15DA

On Tuesday, the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022 at the front door of the Suwannee County Courthouse in Live Oak, Florida at 11:00 A.M. or as soon thereafter as circumstances permit, I will offer for sale all the defendant's right, title and interest in aforesaid property at public outcry and will sell the same, subject to all prior liens, to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, plus Florida State Sales Tax, if applicable, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and satisfaction of the above described execution.

"In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, person needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Ann Murphy at Suwannee County Sheriff's Office not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given above. Telephone: (386) 364-3222.

Sam St. John  
 Sheriff of Suwannee County, Florida

By:   
 Sheriff

08/24, 8/31, 09/07, 09/14

CERTIFICATE NO.: 542 Issued June 1, 2019  
 DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Parcel No. 4110-000  
 Section 7 Township 1S Range 12E  
 C/S 295, 296, 297, 298 ORB 84-408  
 Suwannee River Campsites

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: Adron A. & Betty M. Garner

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**NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION TAKEN BY THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

Notice is given that the following permit was issued on August 11, 2022 : (Name and address of applicant) Suwannee County Airport 13150 80th Terrace, Live Oak, FL 32064 permit# FRP-121-214059-14. The project is located in Suwannee County, Section 21, Township 2 South, Range 13 East. The permit authorizes a surface water management system on 14.68 acres for the rehabilitation of taxiway payment, known as Suwannee County Airport Rehabilitate Taxiway A & Taxiway A Connectors. ~~The receiving water body is~~ There is no receiving body because the site is located in closed basin. A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected has the right to request an administrative hearing by filing a written petition with the Suwannee River Water Management District (District). Pursuant to Chapter 28-106 and Rule 40BB-1.1010, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the petition must be filed (received) either by delivery at the office of the Resource Management Business Resource Specialist at District Headquarters, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak FL 32060 or by e-mail to [tjm@srwmd.org](mailto:tjm@srwmd.org), within twenty-one (21) days of newspaper publication of the notice of intended District decision (for those persons to whom the District does not mail or email actual notice). A petition must comply with Sections 120.54(5)(b)4. and 120.569(2)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 28106, F.A.C. The District will not accept a petition sent by facsimile (fax). Mediation pursuant to Section 120.573, F.S., is not available.

A petition for an administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt of the complete petition by the District Clerk at the District Headquarters in Live Oak, FL during the District's regular business hours. The District's regular business hours are 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., excluding weekends and District holidays. Petitions received by the District Clerk after the District's regular business hours shall be deemed filed as of 8 a.m. on the next regular District business day.

The right to an administrative hearing and the relevant procedures to be followed are governed by Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code, and Rule 40B-1.1010, Florida Administrative Code. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. **Failure to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the requisite time frame shall constitute a waiver of the right to an administrative hearing. (Rule 28-106.111, F.A.C.).**

If you wish to do so, you may request the Notice of Rights for this permit by contacting the Business Resource Specialist in the Division of Resource Management (RM), 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, FL 32060, or by phone at 386.362.1001.

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**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**

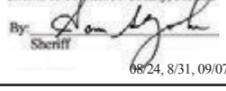
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**"NOTICE"**

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF THE CITY OF LIVE OAK, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY, BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION AGENCY REQUEST FOR BOARD SEAT APPLICATIONS

The City of Live Oak, Florida, is currently accepting applications for consideration of appointment by the City Council to Seat Number 6 of the Local Planning Agency. Any person may be considered for appointment as a commissioner of the Agency if he or she resides in the City of Live Oak and is otherwise eligible for such appointment per Land Development Regulations Article III, Section 3.3 and applicable Florida Statutes. This is an appointed, volunteer position which will serve a three (3) year term of office. Persons interested in volunteering for appointment consideration should contact the City of Live Oak, at 101 White Avenue SE or by calling (386) 362-2276, to obtain an application for such. Applications will be accepted through Wednesday, August 31, 2022, at 5:00 P.M., for qualified applicants to be considered by the City Council at the September 13, 2022, regular meeting at 5:30 P.M., or shortly thereafter.

Jessie Philpot  
 Chairman of the Live Oak Planning and Zoning Board  
 08/10, 08/17, 08/21

**SUDOKU ANSWER KEY**

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CERTIFICATE NO.: 894 Issued May 29, 2015  
 DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: ParcelNo.6282-000  
 Section 6 Township 1N Range 14E  
 F/2 of Blk 81 Caldwell Survey Town of Jasper  
 ORB 449-307 less ORB 668-19 ORB 690-152

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: Gulf Group Properties LLC

All of said property being in the County of Hamilton, State of Florida.

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 Greg Godwin  
 Clerk of Circuit Court Hamilton County, Florida

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**THE SUWANNEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE ON THE FOLLOWING ADVISORY BOARD:**

**SUWANNEE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

INTERESTED CITIZENS MAY OBTAIN AN APPLICATION BY CONTACTING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE AT:

13150 80TH TERRACE  
 LIVE OAK, FL. 32060  
 (386) 364-3400

**THE DEADLINE FOR TURNING IN THE APPLICATION IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2022**

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PUBLIC NOTICES CONTINUED

CERTIFICATE NO.: 86 Issued May 29, 2015  
 DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Parcel No. 1842-000  
 Section 3 Township 2S Range 15E  
 F/2 of NW/4 of NW/4 ORB 116-167 Less 1.55 AC  
 11/W in ORB 133-177 ORB 137-797 ORB 201-147 ORB  
 270-82 ORB 295-34 ORB 390-99 Less ORB 611-120  
 (Newsome) Less ORB 611-127 (Scippio) ORB 611-116

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: Walter Newsome, Rosa M. Saulsby, Alice Johnson et al

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CERTIFICATE NO.: 196 Issued May 29, 2015

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Parcel No. 2666-005  
 Section 4 Township 1N Range 14E  
 That part of the SF/4 of the NF/4 desc in ORB 641-390  
 (This deed included 4.376 ac then a corrective deed was recorded to include additional ac) ORB 644-182(CD)  
 ORB 720-151 (transferred the desc with the error instead of correct desc. Owner is aware & intent was for total ac. stated he will correct.)

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: Florida Gateway Resort II LLC

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CERTIFICATE NO.: 820 Issued June 1, 2020  
 DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Parcel No. 5074-480  
 Section 10 Township 1S Range 11E  
 Lot 47 Holly Point Subd ORB 382-180 ORB 842-240

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: Zaino Investments LLC and Home Base Properties LLC

All of said property being in the County of Hamilton, State of Florida.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
 IN AND FOR LAFAYETTE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHARLES DRIVER, Deceased.  
 PROBATE DIVISION  
 File Number: 2022-CP-0022  
 Division: Probate

**Notice to Creditors**

The administration of the estate of Charles Driver, deceased, whose date of death was November 4, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Lafayette County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 120 W Main St., Mayo, FL 32066. 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 WITHIN 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 SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE 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 August 24, 2022.

**The Hinson Law Firm, P.A.** Personal Representative  
 Matthew H. Hinson, Esq. Linda Driver  
 Florida Bar No. 94017 707 NW County Road 260  
 Kathryn E. Stanfill, Esq. Mayo, FL 32066  
 Florida Bar No. 1002636  
 300 West Adams St., Suite 500  
 Jacksonville, FL 32202  
 Phone: 904-527-1700  
 Fax: 904-355-8088  
 Matt@HinsonLawPA.com  
 Kathryn@HinsonLawPA.com  
 Attorney for Personal Representative

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Board of County Commissioners of Suwannee County, Florida, will hold the Tentative Budget Hearing on Thursday, September 8, 2022, beginning at 5:05 P. M. The meeting will be held at the Judicial Annex Building located at 218 Parsley Street Southwest, Live Oak, Florida. The agenda will be posted on the County's website: [www.suwcountyfl.gov](http://www.suwcountyfl.gov).

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Board of County Commissioners of Suwannee County, Florida, will hold its first regularly scheduled Board meeting for the month of September on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, beginning at 5:00 P. M. The meeting will be held at the Judicial Annex Building 218 Parsley Street, Live Oak, Florida. The agenda will be posted on the County website: [www.suwanneecountyfl.gov](http://www.suwanneecountyfl.gov).

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**INVITATION TO BID**

Allstate Construction, Inc., the Construction Manager, will receive sealed bid proposals from pre-qualified trade contractors for the Hamilton County School District Hamilton County High School Gutter & Downspout Replacement project, Jasper, FL for the following work:

07A – Gutters & Downspouts

Sealed bid proposals will be received until 2:00pm local time on September 8, at 5718 Tower Rd, Tallahassee, FL 32303.

Bid documents are available from Allstate Construction, Inc. Email: [hmartin@allstateconstruction.com](mailto:hmartin@allstateconstruction.com).

Pre-Bid Meeting: A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on August 17, at 10:00am at 5683 US-129, Jasper, FL 32052.

Please direct questions or replies to Harrison Martin, Allstate Construction. Email: [hmartin@allstateconstruction.com](mailto:hmartin@allstateconstruction.com) Phone: 850-514-1004.

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CERTIFICATE NO.: 1075 Issued May 29, 2015  
 DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Parcel No. 8702-000  
 Section 7 Township 2S Range 16E 3-802  
 Lots 5 and 6 Block 1 Mathis Town of White Springs  
 ORB 336-29 ORB 336-204 (Ordinance 94-1)

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: Jannie Perkins Johnson

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 Clerk of Circuit Court Hamilton County, Florida

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CERTIFICATE NO.: 144 Issued May 29, 2015  
 DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Parcel No. 2412-020  
 Section 28 Township 2N Range 14E  
 Lot 19 Hamilton Forest ORB 435-150 ORB 586-145

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: William P. Schmidt

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**Early Notice for Public Review of a Proposal to Support Activity in the 100-Year Floodplain and Wetland**

Date of Notice: August 24, 2022  
 Name of Responsible Entity: Suwannee County  
 Address: 13150 80th Terrace  
 Live Oak, FL 32060  
 Contact: Shannon Roberts, Content Admin/Assistant,  
 Telephone Number: (386) 590-0732

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that Suwannee County has determined that the following proposed action under the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and subgrant agreement 22CV-S11 is in the 100-year floodplain and wetland. Suwannee County will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and wetland and the potential impacts on the floodplain and wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 and 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

**Service Area (SA) #1 Covid Shelter and Treatment:**  
**03P Medical Facility:** During the Covid Virus crisis, the Suwannee County Commissioners realized the County does not have a suitable facility to accommodate quarantine needs of infected persons from the general public and first responders who cannot otherwise provide their own means of quarantine and separation from uninfected people when necessary. Likewise, the County does not have a facility within the County that can accommodate temporary housing of persons who are undergoing treatment and need to be isolated from other family members within a household. This deficiency was magnified by the fact that the local hospital shut down just prior to the Covid Virus outbreak. And to make matters worse, one of the two hospitals in neighboring Lake City, which had historically accepted patients from Suwannee County, shut down approximately a year ago. Designated a Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern, Suwannee County did not have the financial ability to construct a facility to accommodate the need it has for handling persons who are Covid Virus positive and need a facility to either be quarantined or remain isolated while receiving treatment. The capability of such a facility to isolate and treat affected citizens directly mitigates the spread of the pandemic.

Suwannee County will utilize the \$5,000,000 award in CDBG-CV assistance to construct a 20,000 square foot facility that will provide residents that test positive for the Corona Virus temporary housing to allow them to quarantine from others that are not sick with goal of slowing the spread of the virus. Additionally, the facility will provide a place for those testing positive to received treatment. In an attempt to curb construction costs, the building design would provide a large open area with adequate restrooms and an area for warming prepared meals. The large open area allows the greatest versatility, as it can be divided into numerous units by utilizing portable dividers on an as needed basis, depending on quarantine and treatment needs. The County would also undertake some of the site preparation as a cost saving measure.

The project will be constructed on a County owned parcel (number 22-02S-13E-05325-000000), which is located on the corner of 8th Street Southwest and Goldkist Boulevard in Suwannee County.

The beneficiaries for the Covid Quarantine Shelter and Treatment Facility will be the residents of Suwannee County. At least 51% of the facility's available occupancy will be reserved for persons defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as Limited Clientele, (serving groups of persons presumed to be low-to moderate income). Approximately 15 acres of land located within a 100-year floodplain and/or wetland may be included in the construction area.

Activity	CDBG Cost	Local Match	Total
03P Health Facility:	\$ 4,529,480.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,529,480.00
03P Engineering	\$ 211,327.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 211,327.00
21A Administration & Project Delivery	\$ 259,193.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 259,193.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 5,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,000,000.00</b>

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and or wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplains and or wetlands, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains and or wetlands, can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains and or wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by Shannon Roberts, Content Admin/Assistant at 13150 80th Terrace, Live Oak, FL 32060 and (386) 590-0732 on or before **September 12, 2022**. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at 13150 80th Terrace, Live Oak, Florida. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Shannon Roberts, Content Admin/Assistant at (386) 590-0732. Comments may also be submitted by email to [shannonr@suwcountyfl.gov](mailto:shannonr@suwcountyfl.gov).

Franklin White, Chairman  
 Environmental Certifying Official  
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 Telephone Number (386) 590-0732

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CERTIFICATE NO.: 711 Issued May 29, 2015  
 DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: ParcelNo.4811-030  
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NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: Educational Community Credit Union

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/s/GREG GODWIN  
 Greg Godwin  
 Clerk of Circuit Court Hamilton County, Florida

08/03, 08/10, 08/17, 08/24

CERTIFICATE NO.: 651 Issued June 1, 2020

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Parcel No. 4507-000  
 Section 8 Township 1N Range 11E  
 Lot 109 Florida Campsites ORB 138-515 ORB 154-184

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: Charles L. Smith

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 Clerk of Circuit Court Hamilton County, Florida

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CERTIFICATE NO.: 511 Issued June 1, 2019

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Parcel No. 3998-000  
 Section 7 Township 1S Range 12E  
 C/S 142 ORB 114-53  
 Suwannee River Campsites

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: Joyce Sue Dobson

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NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: Jeanie Elizabeth Scott and Willie Charles Scott

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

PROBATE DIVISION  
 FILE NO.: 22 CP 152

IN RE: ESTATE OF TRAVIS DANIEL MOODY, Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of TRAVIS DANIEL MOODY, deceased, File No. 22 CP 152, is pending in the Circuit Court for Suwannee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 200 Ohio Avenue S., Live Oak, Florida 32064. The name and address 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 served within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

ALL CLAIMS DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of the first Publication of this notice is: August 24, 2022.

Susan Moody  
 Personal Representative  
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 Live Oak, Florida 32060

Dennis L. Pratt  
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# Suwannee High School 2022 Varsity Football Schedule

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8/26 – Flagler Bulldogs \* – 7 p.m.

9/2 – Hamilton Trojans \* – 7:30 p.m.

9/9 – Chiefland Indians – 7:30 p.m.

9/16 – Wildwood Wildcats (Senior Night) – 7:30 p.m.

9/23 – North Marion Colts \* – 7:30 p.m.

9/30 – Taylor County Bulldogs (Homecoming) – 7:30 p.m.

10/7 – Santa Fe Raiders \* – 7:30 p.m.



10/14  
– Madison  
Cowboys – 7:30 p.m.

10/28 – Wakulla War Eagles \* – 7 p.m.

11/4 – Bradford Tornadoes – 7:30 p.m.

## Bulldogs look to hunt down opponents

Lee Trawick  
Reporter2@riverbendnews.org

*Bare your canines and put your nose to the ground, the Bulldogs are ready to track down the competition!*

The Suwannee High School Bulldogs football program is one of the most historic programs in the North Florida area. With four State Championships, countless District Championships and hundreds of kids who have made the leap to the college and professional ranks, it's no wonder why the Bulldog program is one of the best.

While the Bulldogs have not brought home a State Championship trophy in the last few years, the standard is still at the forefront of Bulldog nation.

The last the Bulldogs made an appearance in a State Championship game was in 1999, but the expectations still remain. The Bulldogs are coming off of what proved to be one of their most under achieving offensive years with an overall record of 3-7.

Despite this, they have a lot of things to be excited for entering the 2022 season. Last year, the Bulldogs implemented a dual quarterback (QB) system with Kodi Lang and Bronson Tillotson. Although neither had the season they had hoped for, they both gained valuable experience to go with a strong off-season and pre-season. At the wide receiver (WR) position, the Bulldogs lost their three main players, two to graduation and one to transfer. Despite these setbacks look for the Bulldogs to make up for the lack of experience with speed. They will have to find a way to solidify an offense in order to give them an opportunity to win games, as they will rely heavily on their defensive production.

Bulldog senior Tillotson has solidified himself as the starting QB for the 2022 season through the off-season and pre-season workouts. Last season, Tillotson threw for 65 yards, one passing touchdown and one rushing touchdown. Tillotson started four games last year with a passing rating of 55.5.

At the WR position, the Bulldogs will look to Javarion Smith and DJ Coleman to have a big season. Coleman has one career catch for five yards, but has never found the endzone. However, that is not to say Coleman is not capable; look for him to relish in his role, as he will lineup opposite to Smith, who will garner his fair share of attention by opposing defenses. While Smith may not have the offensive numbers that pop off the page, his defensive ability to change the game with his sticky hands and athletic ability will raise concern for opposing defenses.

Bronson Robinson will be looked upon to pickup the load in the Bulldogs' running game. Whereas last season's backfield was dominated by Malachi Graham, Robinson will be expected to have a big season by stepping into the offensive role.

Kodi Lang will line up this season as the Bulldogs' backup QB. However, he will be the Bulldogs' Swiss Army knife by playing multiple positions, including in the backfield and as a receiver. Lang is expected to play a vital role for the Bulldogs this season. Look for Coach Kyler Hall to utilize his athletic ability all across the Bulldogs' lineup on offense.

Braxtyn Green, one of the most highly sought after kickers and punters, will also be returning this year. Green made good on 29 of 30 points after touchdowns and led all Bulldogs with 50 points on the season; during this time, Green made a 54-yard field goal as a junior. He will take pressure off the Bulldogs' offense with his ability to strike from anywhere inside the opposing team's 40-yard line. Green will also be in charge of kicking and punting duties, as he forced 22 touchbacks and pinned opposing offenses inside the 20-yard line 11 times on punts last season.

On the defensive side of the ball, Smith will look to continue his intimidating presence, as opposing offenses stayed away from him after he collected six interceptions as a sophomore; as such, Smith is rated one of the top returning defensive backs in the area. The Bulldogs will be tested early and often on the defensive side of the ball, as they will have to fill many holes. They will bank the success of their season on their brick wall of a defense.

With the rich history of their program, Bulldog nation should be excited to see who emerges as possibly the next great player. Smith is posed to be the anchor for the Bulldogs this season, as he will rarely come off the field. Also look for Tillotson to have gained confidence with a full season and off-season workouts under his belt. The Bulldogs will lean on Robinson in the hopes that he can carry the load in the backfield. However, perhaps the key to the 2022 season lies within Lang; can his role as a utility player give the Bulldogs the edge they need to tip the scales in their favor throughout the season?

There will be plenty of questions the Bulldogs will have to answer as the season kicks off. Look for the Bulldogs to improve on their 3-7 record last season. However, all but three teams on their schedule are coming off winning seasons, including their rivals the Columbia Tigers, who finished the season with a 6-5 record, and the Madison Cowboys, who finished the season with a 11-3 record and were crowned the Class 1A State Champions.

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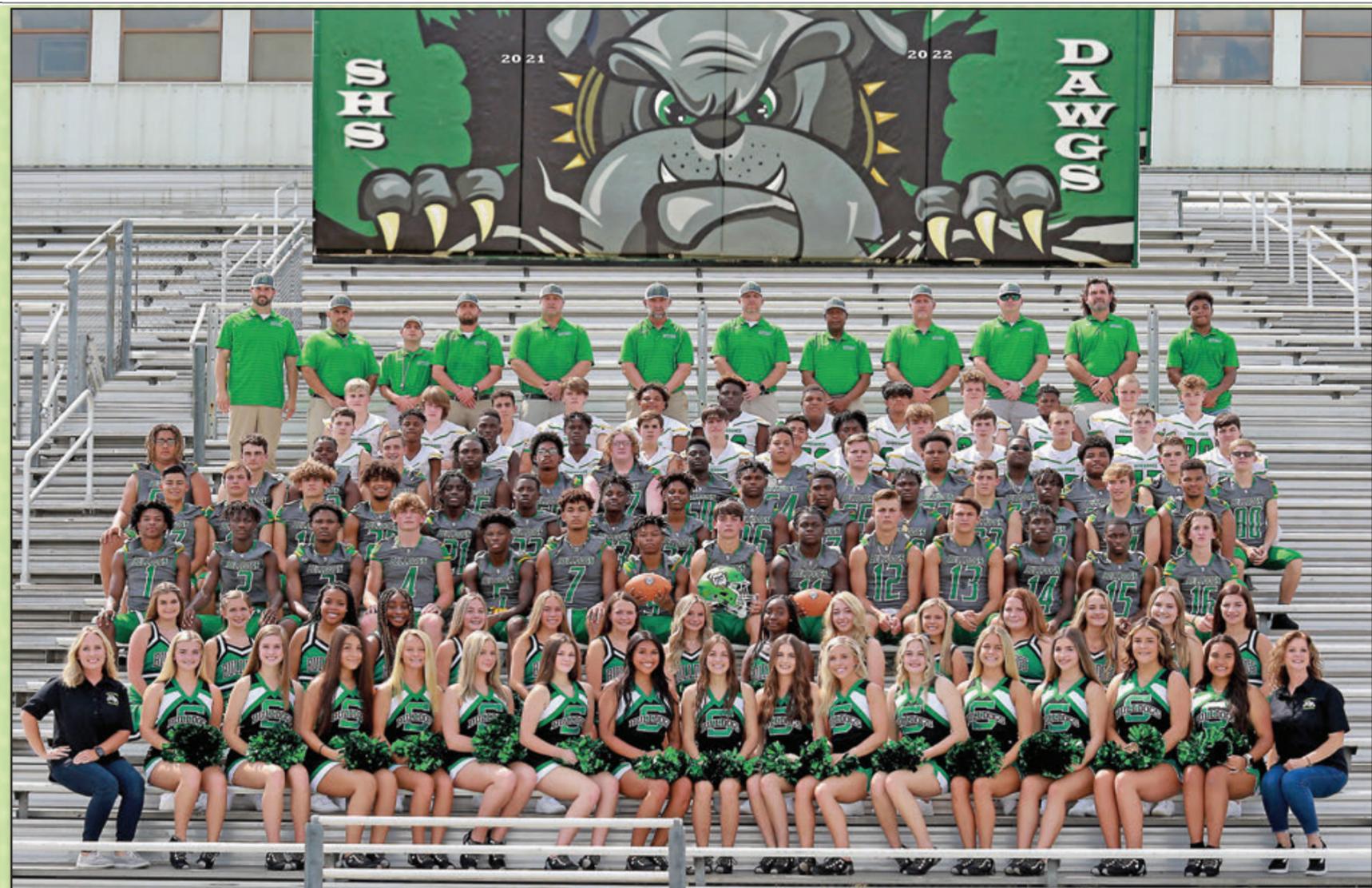
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Meet the 2022 Suwannee Bulldogs varsity football team.

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# BRANFORD HIGH SCHOOL 2022 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

\* = Away games

- 8/26 – Eagle’s View Warriors (Senior Night) – 7 p.m.
- 9/2 – Bronson Eagles – 7:30 p.m.
- 9/9 – Bell Bulldogs \* – 7:30 p.m.
- 9/16 – Williston Red Devils – 7:30 p.m.
- 9/23 – Paxon Golden Eagles \* – 6:30 p.m.
- 9/30 – Lafayette Hornets \* – 7:30 p.m.
- 10/7 – Trenton Tigers – 7:30 p.m.
- 10/14 – Central Bears \* - 7:30 p.m.
- 10/21 – Cedar Creek Saints \* – 7 p.m.
- 11/4 – Hamilton Trojans (Homecoming) – 7:30 p.m.



## HIGH SEAS NO MATCH FOR THE BUCCANEERS

Lee Trawick  
Reporter2@riverbendnews.org

*Gather yer sea legs an' hoist the colors, it be time fer the Buccaneers to set sail once more!*

There is always a buzz at Branford High School surrounding Buccaneer football and the pride that comes with wearing orange and blue. Although the team has never won a State Championship, the fanbase surrounding Buccaneer Stadium continues to bring the Friday night lights to life like nowhere else. While the players on the field navigate through rough waters, the spectators pierce the air with howls louder than the wind, filling the Buccaneers' sails with determination.

Since the 1970s, the Buccaneers have built a reputation on their hard-hitting, unbending ways—a tradition that has been passed on throughout the years of the orange and blue. This year will be no different; although, there will be many challenges ahead of them, as there will be many pivotal roles they'll need to fill with the departure of Kyson Johnson, Bohdi White, Matthew Warren, Devin Mosley and Nathan Hill.

Johnson led the Buccaneers from the quarterback (QB) position, where he accounted for a combined total of 24 passing and rushing touchdowns, and also racked up over 1,800 yards. White was a staple for the Buccaneers' backfield over the previous three seasons as a running back (RB) and outside linebacker (OLB). Unfortunately, White was sidelined in the last half of the 2021-22 season due to an injury. Hill was considered the Buccaneers' most sure-handed wide receiver (WR) last season, where he also saw playing time on the defensive backfield. Up front, Warren and Mosley made it difficult for any opposing teams to run up the middle as aggressive defensive ends (DE). These will all be tough holes to fill going into the 2022-23 season; however, Head Coach Tim Clark has been in this position before and will make sure his team keeps their sails billow in the right direction.

Despite this, many powerful players are returning, including the double-edged knife Caden Coker, who has been a main player in the Buccaneers' offensive lineup for the past two seasons as an OLB, but will embrace the bulk of the responsibility this season. In addition to being on offense, Caden also plays on defense as a linebacker (LB), where he racked up 51 tackles, one sack and one interception last year. On offense, Caden accumulated 406 rushing yards with five touchdowns, and 84 receiving yards with one touchdown.

Also returning as a two-way player is Brice Criggall, who has proven to be a

Swiss Army knife for the Buccaneers by lining up in many different positions. Last season, Criggall primarily lined up as a WR and a safety. Although he was sidelined for the second half of the regular season, Criggall still managed to collect five receptions for a cumulative of 62 yards. On defense, Criggall collected 32 tackles and three interceptions as a defensive back (DB).

Another key returning player is junior Austin Malaguti, who proved to be the Buccaneers' number three receiver last season. Malaguti made 13 receptions for 259 yards and two touchdowns, while he racked up 20 tackles on defense in the 2021-22 season.

Arkayvion Jones will be moving up from the junior varsity (JV) ranks as he enters his freshman year. Plenty of hype surrounds his arrival, as he has played on both sides of the ball, and will be bringing along his speed and athleticism. Coach Clark is looking for Jones to contribute right away to this upcoming season, as Jones will look to fit right in at the varsity ranks on both offense and defense in the WR and safety positions.

This season, the Buccaneers will rely heavily on their ground-and-pound offense and defense, both led by trio John Coker, Braxton Young and Joseph Land. The Buccaneers will look for their three-headed monster to clog up the middle and force teams outside, where they hope they can keep containment. From the LB position, Caden will lead the Buccaneers, as he has a reputation for making opposing offenses think twice about running in his direction. In a goal-line stand last season, Caden hit an opposing player so hard his helmet flew three feet in the air. Look for that hard-hitting trend to continue this season. In the DB position, Criggall will be lurking like a shark in the water, waiting for opposing quarterbacks to make a mistake; he has proven to be capable of taking full advantage of these mistakes, having made three interceptions last season. Joining Criggall in the DB position will be Malaguti and newcomer Jones, both of whom are expected to have big seasons.

Entering the season, the Buccaneers will also look to have two capable QBs ready to go on a moment's notice. With the loss of Johnson at the QB position, the Buccaneers will be looking to Thomas Sikes and Cohen David to fill the spot. Sikes will be moving up from the junior varsity (JV) ranks as a sophomore. Sikes had a stellar career throughout his JV showing, where he racked up plenty of in-game experience. Entering summer workouts, Buccaneer nation welcomed incoming senior, David, as a transfer from Columbia High School. As a junior, David completed one of two passes for 39 yards and a touchdown. Both players will compete for the starting job for the Buccaneers' offense, as it has yet to be determined who will claim the starting QB job.

# Go Bucs!



# BRANFORD QUARTERBACK CLUB



Photo by Erin Roberts

Meet the 2022 Branford Buccaneers varsity football team.

Riverbend News photos by Lee Trawick



# Lafayette High School 2022

## Varsity Football

### Schedule

\* = Away games

8/26 – Dixie County Bears –

7:30 p.m.

9/2 – Taylor County

Bulldogs \* – 7:30 p.m.

9/9 – Hamilton Trojans –

7:30 p.m.

9/16 – Hilliard Red

Flashes \* – 7:30 p.m.

9/23 – Zarephath Eagles

(Homecoming) – 7:30 p.m.

9/30 – Branford Buccaneers –

7:30 p.m.

10/7 – Fort White Indians \* – 7:30 p.m.

10/21 – Trenton Tigers (Senior Night) –

7:30 p.m.

10/28 – Jefferson County Tigers \* –

7:30 p.m.

11/4 – Young Kids in Motion Ravens \* –

7:30 p.m.



## Hornets prime positions for stinging assault

Lee Trawick

Reporter2@riverbendnews.org

*Sharpen your stinger and flare your wings, the Hornets are ready to take flight!*

Having one State Championship and a continuous winning season since 2015, the Lafayette High School Hornets football program is the pride of Lafayette County. They are entering the season with second year Head Coach Marcus Edwards, who led the Hornets to an 8-4 season where they advanced to the second round of the playoffs.

Now, the Hornets will look to fill in some major holes left behind from last season's graduating class, including the space left by quarterback (QB) Zamario Thomas, who collected over 4,500 yards throughout his career. As a senior, Thomas collected over 2,000 passing and rushing yards combined.

However, Thomas is not the only loss the Hornets will look to fill; senior Nic'Kel Freeman was arguably the best defensive back (DB) in the tri-county area. Freeman collected 11 interceptions over his career to go with more than 70 tackles and, on offense, he racked up 119 receptions in three seasons for 23 touchdowns, including five defensive touchdowns and more than 2,200 yards of production. At the linebacker (LB) position, the Hornets defense saw the loss of three year starter Maxwell Byrd, who was a key player, racking up more than 150 tackles, with 70 tackles in his senior season alone. Byrd led the Hornets last season with four sacks. Other key components the Hornets' defense lost last season were Elijah Clay and Carter and Colin Perry. On the offensive side of the ball, the Hornets lost their starting center in Trent Thomas, as well as two of their three running backs (RB) in Monte Gillyard and Jackson Ward. Gillyard collected 583 yards in his senior season and scored five touchdowns.

While the Hornets seem to have more questions than answers entering the 2022 season, the coaching staff is optimistic about their team. Johntavious Cook will enter his senior season with high expectations for

well-deserved reasons, as he was a two-way starter for the Hornets last season. Cook saw playing time in the wide receiver (WR), RB and DB positions. During the off season, Cook played the QB position; joining him in the QB position will be the young phenomenon, Tywan Williamson. Williamson had a stellar career at the junior varsity ranks, where he played on both offense and defense. As a freshman, Williamson played sparingly in the QB position at the varsity level, where he proved the lights and stage were not too big for him. In the season opener for the Hornets, Williamson completed three of five passes, including one passing touchdown. The duo will look to spread defenses and attack downhill.

The defensive side of the ball could possibly be where the Hornets have the most holes, but equally the most potential to fill said holes. Anchored by veteran Emanuel Watkins, followed by Jalen Hill at the LB position and Amarie Fleming at the defensive end (DE) position, the Hornets will look to deter teams from running them over. In the DB position, the Hornets will be led by Karlos Murphy, who is a takeaway specialist. Last season, no one took advantage of Freeman's presence on the field more than Murphy. With many offenses trying to stay away from Freeman over the last two seasons, Murphy has collected more than 100 tackles and eight interceptions entering his senior season. Murphy has the rare quality of being able to read and attack offenses with enough time to make an impact on every play. Murphy's presence will make opposing offenses think twice about stretching the field. Joining him in the DB position will be Cook, who is coming off a junior season that saw him collect over 40 tackles and four interceptions.

Look for the Hornets to be in a position to make a run into the playoffs, being led by QB Williamson and strong defensive plays by DBs Murphy and Cook. With only glimpses of what could be in the 2021 season, perhaps the greatest opportunity for growth will come from Fleming as he continues to learn and grow into the DE position. While the word is out about DBs Murphy and Cook, there are still plenty of questions to be answered on the offensive side of the ball for the Hornets.

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Meet the 2022 Lafayette Hornets varsity football team.

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# TROJANS PREPARE TO INFILTRATE DEFENSES

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*Don your armor and brandish your weapons, the Trojans are ready to go to war!*

The Hamilton County High School Trojans football program has a long rich tradition of winning. In 2014, Trojan nation watched their team make it all the way to the Class 1A State Championship game. Accompanying this winning standard is Head Coach and Trojan alumni Kirkland Mitchell, who has his own winning record with multiple State

Championships from Madison County. Coach Mitchell understands what it takes to guide a program to a State Championship.

Although the 2021 season didn't produce many wins, the Trojans fought as hard as they could when their starting quarterback (QB) Julian Garcia went down due to an injury early in the season. This caused the Trojans to scramble, as they tried to find someone to step into the QB role. Among those inserted into the position was senior Jeremiah Gibson, who proved to be the Trojans' universal player, as he lined up at five different positions

The Trojans are coming off of a disappointing 1-8 record from last season. However, the future does not look so glum, as the Trojans also return with their dangerous running back (RB) Jaquan Strawder, who can run the ball on the outside with power and speed. Joining Strawder is Chance Cherry, whom Coach Mitchell is looking to produce big plays.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Trojans have many pieces in place that could position them for a playoff run late in the season. Leading them on defense will be Dmarion Tarver. While he may not be able to cover sideline-to-sideline, he will force opposing teams to run outside, where the Trojans will be able to use their speed to corral their opponents at the line of scrimmage. Toby Grant is another Trojan that will relish in the battles in the trenches. Grant has proven to be quick in the trenches and is tough to block, not because of his size, but because of his athleticism. At the LB position, the Trojans will have Jeffery Walls, who collected over 80 tackles last season. Attacking off the ends will be I'davious Speights, who has the build and potential to be a nightmare for opposing QBs. As a sophomore last season, his inexperience showed up more times than he would have liked. However, look for Speights to clean that part up this season and be a major contributor for the Trojans' defense.

The Trojans will look to ease any memory of last season. While their record reflected 1-8, the Trojans were far more talented than that. This year, look for Cherry at the QB position to have a breakout season, as opposing defenses will be forced to choose between him and Strawder. The combo could very well be the top backfield in the Riverbend area. Not only are the Trojans returning hard-hitting warriors, but they are also returning 80 percent of their previous season's roster. They will rely on their speed and athletic ability to overwhelm their opponents this year. If the Trojans can remain disciplined, they may completely flip last season's record.



throughout the season. Another loss for the Trojans was senior Foster Bristol, who was pivotal for the Trojans team over the last three seasons.

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## 2022 VARSITY FOOTBALL

### SCHEDULE

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8/26 – Williston Red Devils \* – 7:30 p.m.

9/2 – Suwannee Bulldogs – 7:30 p.m.

9/9 – Lafayette Hornets \* – 7:30 p.m.

9/16 – Fort White Indians – 7:30 p.m.

9/23 – Bell Bulldogs – 7:30 p.m.

9/30 – North Florida Fighting Eagles (Homecoming) – 7:30 p.m.

10/13 – Stanton Blue Devils \* – 6:30 p.m.

10/14 – Hilliard Red Flashes (Senior Night @ 6:30 p.m.) – 7:30 p.m.

10/28 – Florida A&M Rattlers \* – 7 p.m.

11/4 – Branford Buccaneers \* – 7:30 p.m.

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