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LIVE OAK POSTAL WORKER PLEADS GUILTY TO EMBEZZLEMENT

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Mikah Nathaniel Strickland

United States Attorney Roger B. Handberg announced on Monday, Aug. 29, that 27-year-old Mikah Nathaniel Strickland, of Live Oak, has pleaded guilty to stealing cash deposits from the mail.

According to a release from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida, from Oct. 25, 2021 to March 2, 2022, Strickland worked as a city carrier for the Live Oak Post Office. During his orientation process, Strickland signed Postal Service Form 8139, a form restating U.S. Code 1709. This form illustrated that he was informed and understood the penalties associated with the theft and obstruction of the United States mail:

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Governor Ron DeSantis awards \$1.9 million to Suwannee County

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Governor Ron DeSantis visited Suwannee County with a special gift on Tuesday, Aug. 30. Suwannee County citizens, business owners and government employees filed into the Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative press room anticipating his arrival. Excitement filled the air, almost as palpable as the chatter arising from the crowd. The room was full, standing room only with approximately 100 people. Shortly after 12:30 p.m., the Governor made his entrance, preceded by the Suwannee Board of County Commissioners, Sheriff Sam St. John, Representative Chuck Brannan and Florida Deputy Secretary of Commerce Laura DiBella.



Riverbend News photo by Christian Peterson, August 30, 2022
Governor DeSantis addresses the crowd about his work in Florida.

Governor DeSantis arrived to a standing ovation before beginning his speech. He discussed how Florida has been successful throughout the past two years while other states have failed. He also spoke about how he has helped Florida stand against problems from Washington D.C. including the border and the economy. Then, he spoke of the gift he had brought for Suwannee County. Governor DeSantis awarded more than \$1.9 million to Suwannee County through the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund. The goal of the project is to support business growth of the Suwannee County Catalyst Site. The site is the 500-acre industrial park located between I-10 and U.S. 90. The funding should help Suwannee County expand water distribution infrastructure and treatment facilities, supporting for businesses looking to move to the area, causing a boost in economic development. In total, the project is expected to add 1,040 jobs to the area in fields such as manufacturing and distribution.



Riverbend News photo by Christian Peterson, August 30, 2022
Governor DeSantis waves to the crowd as he enters the room.

"Florida prioritizes infrastructure improvements in communities like Suwannee County because when Florida communities succeed, our state economy thrives," Governor DeSantis said. "As Florida's economy outpaces the nation by virtually every measure, we will continue to seed opportunities for Floridians that foster economic **See "DeSantis" on page 3**

ONE DEAD, TWO INJURED IN LAFAYETTE COUNTY SHOOTING

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On Saturday, Aug. 27, the Lafayette County Communications Center received a call reporting a shooting on SW Van Buren Road. According to a release from the Lafayette County Sheriff's Office (LCSO), deputies arrived on scene to find two male victims with gunshot wounds. One victim, identified as the homeowner, had what appeared to be a gunshot wound to the face and was transported to the hospital. The second victim was identified as the homeowner's 27-year-old son. The son was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The suspect was still on scene when deputies arrived and was identified as a 52-year-old Earnest

Turner from Mayo. He was transported to the hospital by rescue for injuries he received after the homeowner and another resident who resided at the home took the gun away from him after the shooting. LCSO received assistance from the FDLE and their Crime Scene Unit. Charges are pending and this is still an active investigation. The victims' next of kin have been notified. Per the families' request, their names will not be released per Marcy's Law. "This is a tragic and sad incident for the family involved and Lafayette County," LCSO stated in the release.



Earnest E. Turner

Suspected White Springs serial killer arrested

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A body was discovered in Kent County, Mich., on Oct. 3, 1996. The victim was found by a delivery driver, who spotted a rolled-up blanket on the side of the road. Upon the Kent County Sheriff's Office's (KCSO) arrival, it was determined a deceased white female was wrapped inside the blanket. It was later determined she had been sexually assaulted, bound, strangled and stabbed twice in the head. The victim was identified as 29-year-old who was a Grand Rapids, Mich. resident Sharon Hammack. At the time of her death, she was also pregnant, therefore her death was ruled a double homicide. It would be 26 years before her killer would be identified.

In the early to mid-1990s, up to a dozen unsolved murders occurred around the Grand Rapids area in Michigan. Hammock's body along with her unborn child were the 12th and 13th body discovered; however, she was the only victim where her body was found the same day she was murdered.



Garry Dean Artman

See pages 22 and 23 to read the full story



How we can pray for our children this school year



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We desire to pray for our children and grandchildren to have a great school year.

We want to pray for them to excel academically and push through the pesky roadblocks that have held them back. For God to help them make friends – good friends, who will enrich their lives.

And the increasingly disturbing headlines make us want to cry out from the depth of our souls, “Lord, keep a hedge of protection over the children and school administrators!”

The Bible is filled with verses that make beautiful prayers for our children. If we personalize and pray specific verses relevant to our family’s needs, we will gain tremendous peace. Take Psalm 119:105 (ESV) for example. “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” This verse can help us control our thoughts, make wise decisions and live honorably.

We can also pray Psalm 119:105 for our children and grandchildren: “Father, I pray that today, Your Word will be a lamp to (children’s names) feet and a light to their path. When they’re not sure what to do in any situation, let the verses they’ve memorized guide them.”

If our children are struggling academically or socially, perhaps

Philippians 4:13 (AMPC) would be an appropriate verse to pray for them. “I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me [I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ’s sufficiency].”

Our prayer might sound something like this, “Heavenly Father, I ask that (children’s names) will know that they can do all things in You Who empowers them. Please assure them that they are ready for – and equal to – anything through You Who infuses inner strength into them.”

Psalm 91 is a wonderful passage to read and meditate on when we feel concerned for our children’s safety. It provides several prayer points, such as verse 11: “For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.” This leads to “Lord God, Your Word says that You will command Your angels to guard my children. Thank You, Father, for looking after them.”

Personalizing Scripture transforms a Bible verse into a beautiful declaration between God and us. It helps us recognize more clearly who we are in Him: Christ-followers who are moms, dads and grandparents – totally dependent on a powerful God.

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Living God’s Way: Evangelizing like the Apostle Andrew



Carlton McPeak
Guest Columnist

When Jesus began His ministry He selected men who eventually became His apostles. One of the most unlikely appointees was Andrew, a fisherman, who was in business with his brother, Peter, and two other men. Andrew did not receive notoriety like Peter, but he was an effective behind-the-scenes worker for Jesus.

Before becoming a disciple of Jesus, Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist. When John pointed out Jesus to Andrew, Andrew went and listened to Jesus. One day from the Sea of Galilee shore, Jesus approached Andrew about being a disciple. Andrew immediately accepted. He would eventually become one of the original apostles.

In his home town, Bethsaida, Andrew was an eye-witness to Peter’s mother-in-law’s healing and saw many others healed in this city. He found the lad who had the five loaves and two fish that Jesus used to feed 5,000 men, along with women and children. He and three others sat outside the wall of Jerusalem when Jesus talked about the future of Jerusalem.

After hearing Jesus the first time, Andrew told his brother Peter, “We have found the Messiah,” and then brought Peter to Jesus. Just before the crucifixion of Jesus, Andrew along with Philip brought some Greeks (who were in Jerusalem to worship and to attend the feast) to Jesus who wanted

to see Jesus. Non-biblical writings tell us that some years after the ascension of Jesus, Andrew evangelized in what we now call Scotland.

There is not much known about his work for Jesus, but that is not to say his work was not important. The biblical text seems to indicate otherwise. So, what kind of person can do this type of work?

We have little information about his personality, but it seems possible that he was a man that did not need to be in the “lime light.” However, he seems to always be in the right place at the right time, behind the scenes.

The evidence seems to support the idea that he is one of those men who could approach people and have a religious conversation with them. On occasions he did not have answers to people’s questions, but he knew where to take them to get answers. He seemed to be the one who knew what to do in any given situation and others appreciated him for this talent.

Today, there are many people who would fit this description of Andrew. They are not in the spotlight (for whatever reason), but they are always the ones getting the job done.

Without these types of people evangelizing behind the scenes, many people would not become Christians nor receive the information to be living God’s way.

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Around the Banks



Johnny Bullard
Guest Columnist

Hello readers: I have missed you. I am back. As some of you know, I recently went through a political campaign and, until it was over, I didn't want the temptation of writing this column, as whether by omission or commission some folks might construe something that was or wasn't there. This column is designed to evolve good memories

and positive feelings, period. This article will appear right after Labor Day, and it is dedicated to many individuals who work to make our lives better. Sometimes these folks are overlooked, and I dedicate my article to them.

To the employees of our local electric companies, especially the linemen: some folks have many complaints when their power is off. At times, you don't receive your just due for the risks you take and all the good you do. You are appreciated.

To the county road maintenance crews, you hear a great deal about roads needing to be graded or ditches pulled, but when you do your job well you hear very little praise. Thank you.

To the custodians at schools, hospitals and all public buildings: you hear and see more than you care to at times. You do your jobs well and keep dozens of confidences. You brighten the lives of many individuals. Thank you.

To all those working in the nursing profession, whether you are a Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse or Certified Nursing Assistant: you deal with situations most people would not go near. You calm fears, alleviate loneliness, soothe us at our most vulnerable. You work days, nights and "in between." You do so much of your work self-sacrificially. Thank you.

To food service employees, cooks, school cafeteria workers, waiters, dishwashers, chefs: thank you for preparing wonderful meals, working hard to serve them, and dealing with, at times "hard to please" customers. Thank you.

To cashiers and employees of stores, from big stores to small convenience stores: thank you.

To all school and public library personnel: we appreciate you for your continued dedication. You often go above and beyond the call of duty. Thank you.

To our law enforcement personnel and emergency management personnel: we salute you for all you do each day. Thank you.

To the public health departments in our area who see us through everyday challenges and pandemics: thank you.

To our local newspaper and all you do to bring quality print news to our communities: thank you.

To our local ministers who pray for us and see us through the great events of life: God bless you.

To you, who read our local newspapers and encourage us with your input: keep it coming, we need you. We need that encouragement now more than ever before. Thank you.

I know I have left out some groups or individuals, but know it's not because of a lack of appreciation. I hope you enjoyed a well-deserved Labor Day.

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Embezzlement

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removes from any such letter, package, bag, or mail, any article or thing contained therein, shall be fined not more than \$2,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both,” the form states.

On March 2, 2022, Strickland remained employed with the United States Postal Service as a city carrier at the Live Oak Post Office. He was assigned to the delivery route that picked up outgoing mail from the Verizon Wireless store located at 634 Ohio Ave S, in Live Oak. During this time, the USPS Office of Inspector General had received a complaint that Verizon Wireless cash vault deposits, which were picked up from the Live Oak store and scanned, were missing.

While in possession of the deposits, Strickland was observed, via footage from a camera in his delivery vehicle, rifling through the deposits and taking cash from them. After reviewing footage from the camera installed in his delivery vehicle, agents also observed him rummaging through various customers' deposits, envelopes, greeting cards and taking cash and gift cards. The footage also showed Strickland crushing and snorting narcotics while on duty and operating his delivery vehicle. According to the release, when questioned about the footage on March 10, 2022, Strickland admitted to stealing 19 Verizon deposits, including the

March 2 deposits to support his drug habit. Strickland also admitted to stealing money and gift cards from postal customers' greeting cards in September or October of 2021, estimating that he would steal approximately 30 cards per week. Additionally, he admitted to using approximately 10 Percocet pills a day without a prescription. He purchased the pills off the street for \$20 each.

Agents conducted a search of Strickland's personal vehicle and found that he possessed a box containing approximately 409 mailed letters. In addition, they found gift cards and gift card holders, greeting cards, receipts, prescriptions, cash and five small baggies of an unknown substance. The unknown substance was submitted to a laboratory for examination, revealing that fentanyl, direct precursors to fentanyl and fentanyl analogs, were detected. In addition, agents were able to get in contact with some of the victims involved in the stolen mail matter found within Strickland's vehicle. The victims reported an estimated \$3,290 loss from the stolen mail, which is in addition to the amount reported by Verizon.

This case was investigated by the United States Postal Service – Office of Inspector General. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kirwinn Mike. Strickland will face a maximum penalty of five years in federal prison. A sentencing date has not yet been scheduled.

Two juveniles flee SCSO after vehicle theft



Kaelin Walker



Gabriel Lynn Blich

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Under Florida Statute 985.04, the name, photograph and arrest report of a juvenile offender who commits a felony offense, is charged with a felony violation, or is transferred to an adult court of law is not considered confidential and exempt solely because of the child's age. All information has been obtained by Riverbend News reporters from local law enforcement agencies and was released legally and fairly.

According to a report from the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office, on Wednesday, Aug. 31, Gabriel Lynn Blich and Kaelin Walker, both 13-years-old, were reported as missing persons due to fleeing on foot from Suwannee Middle School. The duo was last observed in a heavily overgrown field south of Suwannee Middle School, running south towards Bass Road. Suwannee County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) Patrol & Criminal Investigations Division personnel responded to the incident and searched the area in an attempt to locate them, which provided unsuccessful results.

Walker and Blich were able to avoid authorities and walked east towards U.S. Highway 129, coming to Lundy's Gun Shop. Upon arrival, the pair located a black 2017 Hyundai sedan, which was still running as the owner was entering the business. Walker entered the passenger seat of the vehicle and Blich entered the driver's seat and drove south on U.S. Highway 129. The victim, upon exiting the business, discovered her vehicle had been stolen and contacted the business's owner, who subsequently called 911.

The SCSO Communications Center received the call around 1:30 p.m. SCSO Patrol Division Deputies began to search for the vehicle southbound on U.S. 129, which was the last known direction of travel, and Deputy Roger Howard located the car in McAlpin.

Deputy Howard attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the car, but Blich refused to stop and sped away erratically, at approximately 100 mph in the wrong lane. Deputy Howard halted the pursuit for the public's safety, however, he continued to follow at a safe distance. Deputy Howard observed the car turn onto a side road that he knew was a dead-end and followed the vehicle to the end. When the driver reached the end of the roadway with nowhere else to go, they stopped the car. After a brief foot pursuit, the driver and passenger decided to run away again but were quickly captured.

After arresting the duo, deputies discovered that Blich had a large kitchen knife in her possession. Walker had two screwdrivers, along with \$44 in cash that he took from the center console of the stolen vehicle. Additionally, a pistol was legally stored in the car when it was stolen.

Both juveniles were arrested and transported to the Suwannee County Jail before being remanded to the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice custody, where they were charged with: grand theft of a motor vehicle, grand theft of a firearm, petit theft and resisting arrest. Along with these charges, Blich was also charged with fleeing and eluding and operating a motor vehicle with no driver's license.

DeSantis

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success for generations to come.”

“The Department of Economic Opportunity is proud to support Governor

DeSantis' efforts to invest in Florida communities to attract new businesses and create new opportunities for hardworking Floridians,” said Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) Secretary Eagle. “We will continue to work closely with communities like Suwannee County to connect them with unique opportunities that stimulate their local economies and maximize the positive impacts on their residents.”

“Today's investment in Suwannee County further reinforces Governor DeSantis' commitment to ensuring Florida's communities have all resources necessary to attract new companies and high paying jobs for their residents,” said Florida Deputy Secretary of Commerce DiBella. “The investments made here today will have long lasting ripple effects throughout the North Florida region, and Enterprise Florida is proud to work alongside DEO under our Governor's leadership to make critical investments in Florida's communities.”

Former state attorney ordered to “pay the piper”

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The old adage “crime doesn't pay” has just been made clear to former State Attorney Jeffrey Siegmeister, who has pled guilty to three conspiracy and fraud charges. On Thursday, Sept. 1, Judge Marcia Morales Howard of the U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, in Jacksonville, signed a “Preliminary Order of Forfeiture for Proceeds,” granting a request for the order by prosecutors in Siegmeister's conspiracy and fraud case.



Jeffrey Siegmeister

As a result, Siegmeister has been ordered to cough up over a half million dollars as a result of his admitted criminal activity. “Being fully advised of the relevant facts, the Court finds that the defendant [Siegmeister] obtained \$518,803.30 as a result of the offenses, of which he has pleaded guilty.” It is further ordered that “because the \$518,803.30 was dissipated by the defendant, the United States may seek, as a substitute asset, . . . forfeiture of any of the defendant's property up to the value of \$518,803.30.”

In addition to the financial forfeiture, Siegmeister could still face prison time. His sentencing hearing is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, Oct. 12, at the Federal Courthouse, in Jacksonville.

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Suwannee 4-H celebrates successful year

Katie Jones
Contributor

The Suwannee County 4-H wrapped up a successful year with their 70th Annual 4-H Banquet on Friday, Aug. 5. County Council President Kendall Simpkins presided over the event that recognized 88 different 4-H members for their active participation in 4-H events and activities during the 2021-22 year. Members were recognized for completing projects books, competing in judging competitions, public speaking and leadership development opportunities. The group also took time to recognize the adult volunteers in attendance who donated their time and efforts to help 4-H members succeed.

Several special awards were also presented over the evening. Daniel Greeley received the Citizenship Award. Wyatt Watson took home the

Agriculture Award. Three members were recognized as Outstanding Members: Junior- Leonard Greeley, Intermediate- Ireland Greeley and Senior- Kendall Simpkins. Kendall was also honored as the outgoing County Council President and encouraged those attending to take advantage of all the opportunities that 4-H offers. Finally, the evening concluded with the induction of the 2022-23 county council officers and incoming President Lara Croft adjourned the banquet.

Suwannee County 4-H offers a wide variety of clubs and programs to the youth of Suwannee County. Enrollment is now open for the 2022-23 4-H year and all youth ages five to 18 are invited to check out what 4-H in Suwannee County has to offer! Suwannee County 4-H is part of the UF/IFAS Suwannee County Extension program, which is an Equal Opportunity Institution. For more information about enrolling in the 4-H program, contact kmjones@ufl.edu or call (386) 362-2771.



Photo courtesy of Katie Jones

Awards were given for the Senior Recordbooks. Pictured, from left to right, are: Kendall Simpkins, Bethany Rountree, Kyle Morgan, Cheyenne Morgan, Lacey Hermanson and Lara Croft.



Photo courtesy of Katie Jones

Awards were given for the Cloverbud Recordbooks. Pictured, from left to right, are: Kynslie Watson, Avery Smith, Addison Misinec, McKenna Jones, Colby Misinec, Cyrus Hires, Prylee Hires and Ruby Gray.



Photo courtesy of Katie Jones

Awards were given for the Intermediate Recordbooks. Pictured, from left to right, are: Sam Wise, Josey Wise, Wyatt Watson, Emily Tindell, Ricky Jones, Anastasia Hires, Ryleigh Hermanson, Olivia Hermanson, Ireland Greeley and Daniel Greeley.



Photo courtesy of Katie Jones

Awards were given for the Junior Recordbooks. Pictured, from left to right, are: Tanner Hermanson, Rylea Wise, Isabelle Terry, Isaac Jones, Peyton Hermanson, Ella Eaves, Leonard Greeley, Samuel Gray and Lexie Dasher.

Celebrating Grandparent's Day with Lucy and Hugh

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Grandparents provide unconditional love for their grandchildren. Like parents, grandparents' love helps a child feel safe and secure. The benefits go both ways; relationships such as these can help grandparents have happier and longer lives. Grandparents help teach family culture, tradition and history. For many families, grandparents provide regular child care and in some cases, they are primary caregivers to their grandchildren. Whether they live nearby or stay in touch from afar, the love and emotional closeness that grandparents provide typically makes a big, positive impact on their grandchild's development

Lucy and Hugh Spencer were born in 1947 in Miami, Fla. Fifty-four years ago, Lucy's sister, Sally, set her up on a blind date with Hugh. When Sally brought Hugh into their family room, "it was love at first sight. He said he had the same feeling," Lucy says. She was particularly drawn to the fact that he showed her a lot of respect. "And I love to hear his voice on the phone," she added.

Lucy and Hugh dated for about a year and were married on June 12, 1970. Lucy and Hugh have so many delightful memories together. "The Lord has blessed us with so many great times together it's really hard to pick just one." They agree that the best times always have family around. One of their favorites was teaching the kids to ski at Sally's lake. They were always fishing, riding in a boat or going to the beach. The couple has two children

together, Lucy and Becky. Becky brought them two grandsons, Matthew and Joshua. Lucy brought them their first granddaughter, Paula, in 2008. They were beaming with delight upon meeting each grandchild.

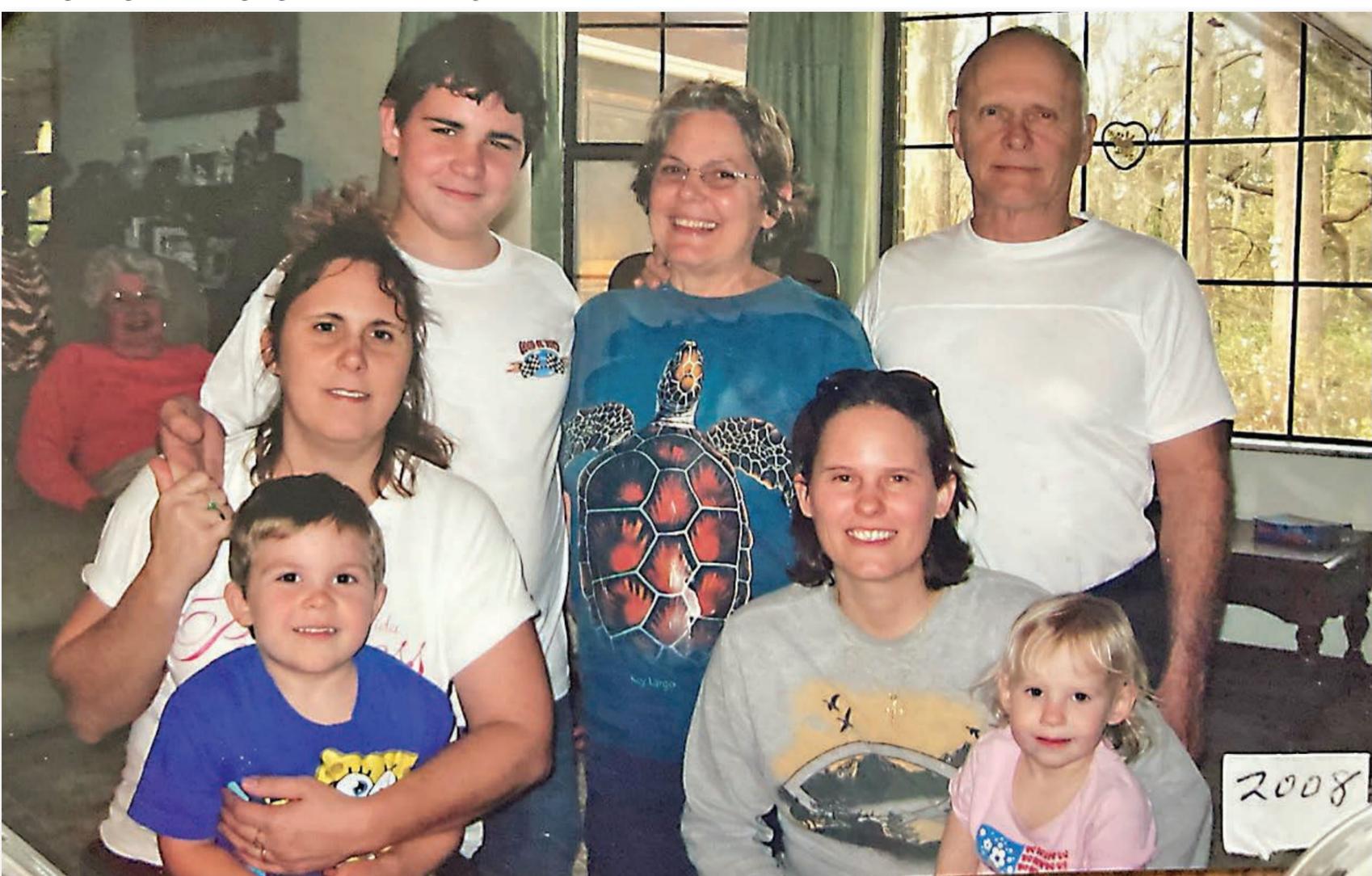
The excitement the couple experienced when they discovered they were going to be grandparents is unmet. They could not wait to hold them in their arms and see the baby's smile. It was always so much fun showing them off to everyone they knew.

The couple loves being grandparents to their three grandchildren, "our hearts are really lifted up every time we can spend time with our grandkids. I don't know why, but these times seem to be the most fulfilling of anything we've ever had or done. We look into their eyes and as grandparents, we see a wonderful future for them."

They love showing their grandchildren how to do new things and taking them to Dairy Queen. They are full of enthusiasm at their grandchildren's sporting and music events. They always like to cheer them on and occasionally disagree with their referees at sporting events.

Lucy's favorite part of being a grandparent is that she can let their parents be the bad guy. She does not have to worry about them constantly. She just gives them all the love that she can.

The couple does not have much to say about being a good grandparent. Each person has their own set of circumstances in this matter. However, Lucy says, "I do remember my grandparents and how much they love the Lord. I guess this would tell me that my example will be remembered more than anything else."



The Spencer Family smiles for a photo.

Photo courtesy of Lucy Spencer



Hugh and Lucy stand side by side.

Photo courtesy of Lucy Spencer



Hugh and his grandson bask in the sun.

Photo courtesy of Lucy Spencer



Lucy and Hugh are full of joy every time they see their grandchildren.

Photo courtesy of Lucy Spencer



Photo courtesy of Lucy Spencer
Lucy showing love to her grandchild.

Never Forget



A firefighter stares sadly at the wreckage from the attack.

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September 11, 2001 is a day that lives in every American's memory. The tragedy that befell the United States will never be forgotten. On that day, there were four coordinated suicide terrorist attacks, planned and enacted by the extremist group al-Qaeda. The morning of Tuesday, Sept. 11, 19 terrorists under the direction of al-Qaeda leader Osama Bin Laden hijacked four commercial planes. The goal of these evil men was to crash the planes into prominent buildings, inflict mass casualties and to hurt the American public. However, what they weren't expecting was the unification that this tragedy would have throughout the United States.

The first plane, originally en route to Los Angeles, Calif., was hijacked by five terrorists and flown into the northern façade of the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City (NYC) at 8:46 a.m. The second plane, also en route to Los Angeles, hijacked by another five terrorists, flew into the southern façade of the South Tower of the World Trade Center in NYC at 9:03 a.m. A third plane heading towards Los Angeles, and the third group of five terrorists, flew the plane into the western façade of the Pentagon in Arlington County, Va. There was a fourth attempt, however, this time only four hijackers were on board and on the way to a tragic end, passengers on the plane fought back. This caused the plane to crash into a field in Stonycreek Township, Pa. In total 2,996 lives were lost in the crashes and ensuing fallout of the destruction. However, what followed was the exact opposite of what the terrorists wanted.

As the aftermath of the tragedy unfolded, America and even the entire world joined across all lines to care for those who had been hurt. Relief funds were set up all over the country. Gander, a tiny town in the province of Newfoundland in Canada is a prime example of the unity that followed the event. Gander was in a unique position, having an international airport. Originally, it was built because it allowed a circle route from New York and London. However, in the aftermath of 9/11 the Gander International Airport was given a massive influx of attention. All of North America's airspace was closed by Transport Canada and the United States Federal Aviation Administration. Thirty-eight civilian and four military flights heading to the United States were forced to land at Gander International Airport. Almost 7,000 passengers and crew members were stuck in Gander for almost six days. The massive

influx of people was equal to 66 percent of Gander's population at the time. The residents of Gander, even though the island was small, volunteered to help those stuck there. They opened their houses to feed and even entertain the travelers. "People were in need, and we were the ones to provide it," said Gander resident Bruce MacLeod in a CBS interview. MacLeod lived in Gander at the time and had opened his home to a family, including a woman named Roxanne, her husband and a two year old girl. "They were family immediately," Roxanne said.

As we take the time to look back on 9/11 there are a lot of facets to think about. America will never forget this great tragedy. Those whose lives were lost will never be forgotten. However, we will also never forget how the world banded together. Came together to care for those who were hurt and opened up to a new form of friendship all over the world. Even from the smallest level like Roxanne and Bruce, to a national level like the United States and Canada. Everyone remembers where they were and what they were doing that day, we will never forget.

Karen Carroll

"We were visiting my husband's uncle in Camden, Me., beautiful place. My husband was setting up the satellite dish and saw the first plane hit on TV. Then as I walked into the living room of his uncle's house, I saw the second plane hit. I said it was an attack right away. I then saw on TV, then President Bush at the school in Sarasota reading to students. A Secret Service agent whispered in the President's ear about the attacks and I watched his facial expressions... Then the skies in Camden and the rest of the US and parts of Canada were devoid of aircraft for an entire week afterwards. We were glued to the tv and news outlets all week long and it was addictive, slowly making us depressed. We just had to stop watching."

Lisa Smithey

"I was doing tech support for Dell at Service Zone in Lake City. I kept receiving calls from customers in New York as everything unfolded. I will never forget the shock and horror in their voices. When break time came, I immediately called my family to check on them."

Laurie Cook

"I was living in Watkins Glen, New York, which was about four and a half hours out of New York City. I called my daughter who lived in New York and asked her if she was watching TV when I saw the plane hit the world trade center. She immediately turned on the TV and saw the second plane hit. Her husband's office building was three blocks away from Ground Zero. Fortunately,

he did not go to work that day. My neighbors son worked in the trade center and she did not hear from him for about six hours after to find out that he actually was okay and had left the building before it hit."

Missy Groover

"I was sitting in my living room in Parrish, Fla. My husband was working at Florida Power and Light, he was on alert as they didn't know if our power grid was next. All I could do was pray and hug my baby and the babies that watched for their mamas."

Terry Wallace

"We were in our motorhome heading to meet friends in Daytona, Fla. We noticed all of the cars on the interstate had slowed down and we mentioned to each other it just seemed so odd. About that time one of the friends that had already made it to Daytona called and told us, we pulled into the next rest area and turned the TV on just before the second tower fell. We sat there for a little while in disbelief before getting back on the road."

Bettye Bracewell

"I was at the Live Oak post office getting my mail ready for the route. I was a rural letter carrier."

Ann Branham

"I was on my way up to Valdosta, Ga. to call on Bubba, at Farmer's Supply. He had the TV on in the store and we watched in disbelief and horror as we tried to understand what was happening."

Leah Hodges

"I was in eighth grade at Richardson Middle School in Lake City. I remember forming a prayer circle where we all held hands and prayed for those lost, the rescuers and all of their families. A big group of kids, some who didn't get along or like each other, hugging, crying and praying together. What I remember the most is the sense of togetherness we all had as a country in the days following. I wish we could get back to that feeling as a country without a tragedy."

Ashley Sharpless

"I was sitting in my school classroom. We rushed downstairs to watch everything unfold on the big screen."

Claudie Brogdon

"I was getting ready for work, Bank of America branch in Jasper, Fla. I went to work and we had TV in our bank lobby so everyone around downtown was in the lobby to watch and pray, such a tragedy."

Niki Lorenjatos

"I was at the community college in Madison, Wa. I was in the rec room and I look over towards where the TV is and a bunch of people are standing in front of it crying and screaming. I walk over and ask

what was going on to one of the students and they just point to the TV. I couldn't believe it, I was sad, scared and angry. I have family in New York and was worried about them. Thankfully they wasn't hurt, but all those other people never came home again."

Jennifer Garrett

"Pregnant, laying in bed. I was about to get up and start my morning, when my husband came home from PT and told me. Straight to the TV we went."

Anna Montgomery

"I was living and working in Manassas, Va. My then husband was in the USDA building in downtown DC. A co-worker's friend was killed in the Pentagon, so horrible and tragic."

Marlene Giese

"I was living on Hickson Road in Jacksonville and was at my job at Gate Petroleum Company, where I worked for 41 years. A friend of mine called the office to tell us that a plane had hit the towers. It was a terrible day for everyone."

Belinda Fries

"I was at UCF in a college class. Our professor got a phone call, looked shocked and said we all needed to go to the common area where the TV was. We all watched in horror as the second plane hit. We were sent home soon after. Orlando was so weird that day. I worked at the Denny's on I-Drive. They closed all the parks, Disney, Universal and Sea World. Everyone was staying indoors, so it was oddly slow. I remember going outside the back door of the restaurant and watching F-16s flying overhead. I will never forget that day or the aftermath its affects had on my life, even down here in Florida."

James Richardson

"I was at work, on the phone providing tech support to a lady in another state. She suddenly screamed through the phone, "oh my god!" "Ma'am, ma'am what is wrong," I asked. "A plane has just crashed into a building in New York," she all but screamed again. I leaned forward in my seat as to get a view of the television and saw the second plane hit. I can not remember how we ended the call, all I can remember is that I wanted to get out of there and rush to my mom's house and make sure she was okay."

Dessi Rutherford

"I was in fourth grade in Branford Elementary School. My mom was home watching the news. She rushed to the school and checked my siblings and I out of school. Lots of parents were there at the same time pulling their kids out as well. We didn't know what was going on except all our parents were in a panic. We learned later that afternoon our country was under attack."



A photo of the twin towers after the attacks.



A firefighter cries in the aftermath of 9/11.



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Lafayette

Aug. 30

Michael Bunner, bodily writ (child support)

Aug. 31

Crystal McKnight, three counts bond revocation

Sept. 1

Samuel Hogan, out-of-county warrant

Austin Beam, synthetic narcotic possession, drugs-misbranded, drug equipment possession

Edward Thomas, probation violation

Sept. 2

Ashley Geiger, out-of-county warrant

Sept. 4

Briana Ealum, drug possession-controlled substance without perscription, drug equipment possession

Hamilton

Aug. 29

Arthur Hooten, probation violation

Aug. 30

Calneh Akins, withhold support

Amber Cason, probation violation

Aug. 31

Raymond Brass, out-of-county warrant, larceny

Sept. 2

Frederick Peacock, probation violation

Jacob Pedeaux, drugs possession, marijuana possession, hallucinogen possession

Sept. 3

Gwendolen Aikin, smuggle contraband into prison, cocaine traffic

Lawrence Yancie, battery

Mark McPipkin, DUI- unlawful blood alcohol level

Sept. 4

Richard Gilbert, moving traffic violation

Sept. 5

Christopher Reynolds, moving traffic violation, drugs possession, marijauna possession, drug equipment possession

Suwannee

Aug. 29

Lawrence Tyre, possession of controlled substance, drug equipment paraphernalia, moving traffic violation, DUI- unlawful blood alcohol level, rugs possession

Chelery Wilson, traffic offense- DUI, moving traffic violation

Ricky Stephens, hold for other reason

Aug. 30

Leonard Mullins, possession of controlled substance, drug equipment possession, nonmoving traffic violation, probation violation

Cody Martin, battery, resisting officer/arrest

John Williams, probation violation

Tony Tucker, probation violation

Brittany Tran, petit theft

Crystal McKnight, criminal traffic violation, resist officer, hold for other

reason

Aug. 31

Chad McGalliard, nonmoving traffic violation

Amanda Smith, probation violation

Don Thomas, probation violation

James Pridgeon, contempt of court

Seth Roderick, failure to appear

William Dennis, failure to appear

Daniel Sica-Cuyuch, probation violation

Sept. 1

Alexis Valendy, traffic violation

Austin Beam, out-of-county warrant

John Abegg, probation violation

Marlo Fedrick, probation violation

Sept. 2

Aaron Cloud, cocaine possession, drug equipment possession

Billy Benavides, probation violation

Billie Resto, failure to appear

Kyler Blessitt, simple assault LEO/EMT/Fire

Gary Zayas, hold- domestic violence

Sept. 3

Evelyn Fletcher, DUI- unlawful blood alcohol level

Robert Sammons, assault, marijuana possession, contempt of court, drug equipment possession, hold for other reason

Stephen Piseck, cocaine possession, marijuana possession, drugs possession, drug equipment paraphernalia

Derlin Adkins, drugs possession, marijuana possession

Sept. 4

Brittany Brooks, failure to appear

Dalton Allen, possession of open container, liqueur possession, DUI- unlawful of blood alcohol

Jalen Ralls, hold- domestic violence

Samual Rice, Colombia County hold

Deon Evans, failure to appear

Jerry Hires Jr., criminal traffic violation.

Christopher Green, domestic violence

Community Calendar

Wednesday, Sept. 7 - Wednesday, Sept. 14

“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, Sept. 7, at 7 p.m., with discussion; Thursday, Sept. 8, at 7 p.m., with book study; Friday, Sept. 9, at 7 p.m., with discussion; Sunday, Sept. 11, at 8:30 a.m., with a men’s meeting; Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 11 p.m., with discussion; and Wednesday, Sept. 14, 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.

Wednesday, Sept. 7 and Friday, Sept. 9

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 5th St., in Live Oak. If you have questions or concerns, contact Sandra Hodgdon at Mrsdew5834@outlook.com.

Saturday, Sept. 10

The City of Live Oak Animal Shelter will host a free adoption event at Tractor Supply on Saturday, Sept. 10, at 9 a.m. The shelter will have cats and dogs of all ages available for adoption. Tractor Supply is located at 207 72nd Trace, in Live Oak.

Thursday, Sept. 15

On Thursday, Sept. 15, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., two fabulous creation shows will take place in one evening. This event will feature a Mount St. Helens show revealing the majestic marvels God did in our modern time that explain how Noah's Flood caused the Earth to look the way it does now. To see trailers for both shows, to register or to get more info, visit creationeducation.org/creation-experience-performance. This event will take place at 7100 US-17, Fleming Island, Fla. If it is too far for your field trip, call and have the programs brought to your area.

Thursday, Sept. 15

On Thursday, Sept. 15, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., homeschoolers, youth pastors and anyone else interested are welcome to a workshop to learn from six great creation scientists/teachers, including Dr. Danny Faulkner from AnswersinGenesis. There will also be a lunch and two afternoon shows. To see trailers for both shows, to register or to get more information, please visit creationeducation.org/creation-experience-workshop. This event will take place at 7100 US-17, Fleming Island, Fla. If it is too far for your field trip, call and have the programs brought to your area.

Saturday, Sept. 24

The Live Oak Woman's Club is sponsoring the "Authors and Artists Expo" on Saturday, Sept. 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Live Oak Woman's Club, located at 1304 SW 11th St., in Live Oak, next to the Colesium. The Live Oak Woman's Club is looking for vendors to sell or show their books or art and crafts. You can reserve a spot for your table or booth for just \$5. For more information, call Joan at (386) 208-5267.

Sunday, Sept. 25

Philadelphia Baptist Church will be celebrating its Homecoming on Sunday, Sept. 25. Worship service will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a covered dish lunch in the social hall. Everyone is invited to join in for a time of worship, special music and good food. Philadelphia Baptist Church is located at 15824 169th Rd., in McAlpin.

Saturday, Oct. 1

Hooked on Heroes’ (HOH) next fishing trip will be Saturday, Oct. 1. Everything needed to enjoy a day of fishing will be free. Only your Military ID will be required to match your reservation. HOH will provide a bagged lunch and hot meal upon return. To sign up for an upcoming fishing trip, please call Carolyn at (386) 288-4445. Boaters are also needed; if you have a boat and can help support this event, please call Ron at (386) 688-3216

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Advent Christian Village rebrands healthcare services



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Advent Christian Village staff and guests gather for the ribbon cutting.

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Advent Christian Village (ACV) is pleased to announce the rebranding of many of its healthcare services under a new name, ACV Health, an outreach of ACV. The purpose of this rebranding is to encourage individuals and families in Suwannee, Lafayette, Madison and Taylor counties and the surrounding communities to take advantage of the convenient, compassionate healthcare services provided on the ACV Campus.

The entities included in ACV Health are the Copeland Clinic, Outpatient Rehab, ACV Home Care and The Village Pharmacy. Specialty Care Partner Providers can also be found at Copeland Medical Center including Morgan Family Dentistry, A New Dawn A New Beginning (mental health counseling), HearingLife Audiology, and Dr. Gary McCoy, Podiatrist. ACV Health is proud to partner with Advent

Christian Village's Dacier Manor for assisted living services and the Good Samaritan Center for skilled nursing care.

The Copeland Clinic and Advent Christian Village Home Care Agency are proudly certified by the Joint Commission. Joint Commission accreditation and certification is recognized nationwide as a symbol of quality that reflects an organization's commitment to meeting certain performance standards.

To launch this effort, a ribbon cutting was hosted at the Copeland Medical Center on Thursday, Aug. 25, with the help of the Suwannee County Chamber of Commerce. ACV would like to thank its special guests, Suwannee County District 3 County Commissioner, Travis Land; Suwannee County Tax Collector, Ricky Gamble; Suwannee County Economic Development Director, Jimmy Norris and Riveroak Technical College nursing staff and students for their attendance and support of this newly rebranded effort.

For more information, visit acvhealth.net, or call (386) 658-5300.

Sheena Rickerson proves her skill again

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Sheena Holland Rickerson is a very well-known name throughout the Suwannee Valley. She is an attorney with offices in both Jasper and Lake City. Rickerson had a rough upbringing in Jacksonville, but turned her hardships into triumphs. Currently, Rickerson lives in Jasper with her husband, Jasper Police Chief, Anthony "Tony" Rickerson and her three children.

Rickerson started proving her incredible will at Ed White High School in Jacksonville, where she became the first in her family in two generations to graduate from high school. Not only was she the first to graduate she was also student government president and editor of the year. Rickerson had more to prove though and graduated as a member of the honors society other clubs and extracurricular activities. After high school Rickerson moved to Florida State University, however after freshman year she left to care for her family. She began working at a law firm and attending University of North Florida at night graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. She continued, after graduation, working as a paralegal and her reputation began to grow.

In the fall of 2010, Rickerson made a decision to go even deeper into the law career. She headed back to school to attain a Law Degree and make an attempt at the Florida Bar. She went to Florida Coastal School of Law for a three year degree, Rickerson isn't your average person though and graduated in 2012, accomplishing the degree in only two years. In 2013 she passed the Florida Bar.

From there Rickerson began working hard and her list of accomplishments only grew. She is the town attorney of Jennings and the first female attorney the town has had. She is the president of the local Third Circuit Chapter of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers and has been a commissioner on the Florida Judicial Nomination Commission for the Third Judicial Circuit. Then the true cap to her list of accomplishments she goes home to take care of her three children.

Recently, Rickerson made another addition to her accomplishments list, becoming Florida Bar board certified in criminal trial law. The certification recognizes an attorney's special knowledge, skills and proficiency in their respective areas of law, professionalism and ethics in practice. "Florida's legal ranks currently feature over 5,000 board-certified attorneys, offering expertise in 27 areas of law," the Florida Bar website says. "With just one in 20 Florida Bar members able to call themselves "board certified," it clearly is a crucial component in the career of any attorney looking to emerge from the crowd."



Sheena Rickerson

Over 2 million baby rockers recalled after infant death

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4moms is recalling over 2 million of its MamaRoo and RockaRoo infant swings and rockers due to entanglement and strangulation risks. The Consumer Product Safety Commission announced the recall to go into effect on Monday, August 15, after the 4moms company received two reports of entanglement incidences involving infants who became caught in the strap located under the MamaRoo infant swing. In both cases, the swing was unoccupied and the infant had crawled underneath the seat before getting entangled. One 10-month-old died from asphyxiation, and the other suffered bruising around his neck, but was thankfully rescued by a caregiver in time to spare his life.

The MamaRoo is a baby swing that offers multiple motions and speeds, with buttons on the base that control motion, speed and sound. On the underside of each unit is a model number. Models affected by this recall are MamaRoo models that use a 3-point harness. These include versions 1.0 and 2.0 (model number 4M-005), version 3.0 (model number 1026) and version 4.0 (model number 1037). The MamaRoo models that use a 5-point harness is not included in this recall.

The RockaRoo model is also being recalled, although no incidences have yet been reported. The RockaRoo is a baby rocker with front to back rocking motion, with an analog knob and power button to control the range of motion. The model that is affected by this recall is model number 4M-012. Model numbers are located on the bottom of the unit.

Consumers with infants who can crawl are advised to stop using the recalled swings and rockers immediately and place them in areas where the child cannot gain access. Additionally, 4moms is requesting that all consumers contact them to register their product for a free strap fastener that will prevent the hazardous straps from extending under the swing when not in use. Contact 4moms toll-free at (877) 870-7390 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. You can also reach them by email at safetyandrecall@4moms.com, or online at <https://www.4momsrecall.expertinquiry.com> or <https://www.4moms.com>, and click on SAFETY & RECALL at the top of the page for more information. 4moms is contacting all known purchasers directly.



ASK DR. MANTOOTH STUDY SHOWS PARENT PRAISE MIGHT ENCOURAGE CHILDREN'S PERSISTENCE

To become healthy and successful adults, children need to be persistent on tasks that they might not necessarily consider easy or fun, like studying, exercising or brushing one's teeth. Throughout childhood, persistent behavior changes daily, but the factors that shape this variability in persistence are understudied. A new study analyzed daily toothbrushing behaviors in three-year-olds and examined the relationship between their persistence on the task and parental praise. The study included eighty-one three-year-olds learning to brush their own teeth. Parents submitted videos of nightly toothbrushing over 16 days, capturing both children's persistence and parent talk. The videos also included parents talking to their child throughout the toothbrushing and "praise" used by parents throughout the nightly ritual. Praise was broken into categories including "process praise" (e.g., "good job"), "person praise" (e.g., "good girl"), and "other praise" (e.g., "very good" or "nice"). Other utterances from parents included "distraction" (e.g., singing, reading a book, invoking pretend play), and using expressions such as "brush the backs" and "keep brushing" as instruction. The findings showed that children's persistence fluctuates from day to day and is related to parent talk. Children brushed longer on days when their parents used more praise and less instruction. Parent praise during toothbrushing mostly consisted of generic praise and process (e.g., "nice" and "great job"), with few instances of person praise (e.g., "good girl"). Children varied in their sensitivity to mood, sleep and parent stress.

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Suwannee UF/IFAS hosts Peanut Field Day

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On Tuesday, Aug. 23, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., UF/IFAS North Florida Research and Education Center- Suwannee Valley hosted its annual pre-harvest Peanut Field Day. The event occurred at UF/IFAS NFREC-Suwannee Valley, located at 8202 CR 417, in Live Oak. It featured trade show exhibits, a dinner, and guest speakers Laura Goss with the Florida Peanut Federation and Tyron Spearman with the National Peanut Buying Points Association. Those who attended were given the opportunity to go on a field tour of the various NFREC-Suwannee Valley peanut research trials. The event was attended by local farm owners, equipment operators, farm managers and regional stakeholders. For more information about the next Peanut Field Day, call (386) 219-4276 or email kglasscock@ufl.edu.



Photo courtesy of UF/IFAS North Florida Research and Education Center
Guests listened attentively to the speakers.



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Attendees enjoyed perusing the peanut fields



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The attendees enjoyed a delicious dinner provided at the event.

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John Gluschick was born on Nov. 24, 1939, to John and Anna Gluschick. He grew up in Rahway, N.J. and graduated from Woodbridge High School. Gluschick joined the United States Airforce in 1958 and served until 1978. Gluschick went to basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Bexar County, Texas. While in the service, Gluschick's military occupational specialty was a morse intercept operator (292717). After training, Gluschick served in the Philippines. He left the service in 1978 after serving his country for 20 years with the rank of Tech Sergeant and many accolades, including the Commendation Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal. Gluschick has one son; he works as a teacher in Al. In his free time, Gluschick enjoys traveling and reading all kinds of books, especially mysteries and books about travel. So far, Gluschick's favorite places he has been to are the Philippines and Del Rio, Texas. Although he has traveled to many wonderful places, Gluschick is proud to be a part of the Suwannee County community and is happy to call Suwannee his home.

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SUWANNEE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS GETS A VISIT



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Secretary of State Cord Byrd takes a picture with the Supervisor of Elections office staff.

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On Monday, Aug. 29 the Suwannee County Supervisor of Elections office had a special visitor. Secretary of State Cord Byrd stopped by the Suwannee County office. He introduced himself to the staff and took a tour of the office. Afterwards, he talked to Supervisor of Elections Jennifer Kinsey about her job. They discussed current election laws and potential upcoming changes to the law. This was a great surprise for the staff and a wonderful visit with the Secretary of State.

Philadelphia Baptist Church: 100 years of service

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Philadelphia Baptist Church has been in Suwannee County for a long time. In fact, Philadelphia Baptist Church was founded in 1876 and has remained on the same property since the day it was founded, in the Philadelphia Community of McAlpin. The church originally stood as a wooden building, but like many other churches of its age, the wood building was later lost to a fire, only to be replaced by a brick building that still stands to this day. The congregation has grown far from its original few members to 285 members.

Now, in celebration of its 146th anniversary, the church is holding a homecoming on Sunday, Sept. 25 at 10 a.m. The homecoming service will provide the opportunity for all members past, present and future to come to the church and celebrate the length and growth of the church. After the service there will be a lunch and more fellowship. Currently, the church is led by Rev. Rick Hill. Outside of the special event that is homecoming, the ladies' group at the church is a massive supporter of Operation Christmas

Child, a program that gives gifts and necessary items to children around the world who are poverty stricken.

Philadelphia Baptist Church meets every Sunday morning at 11 a.m. and every Sunday evening at 6 p.m. They also meet on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. They are located at 15824 169th Rd. in McAlpin. To learn more about Philadelphia Baptist Church visit their Facebook page at philadelphiabaptchurch.com.



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Philadelphia Baptist Church

Live Oak author publishes children's book

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"The Sarah Ann: The Littlest Tugboat" is a new book by Live Oak resident J.W. Carroll. In the book, Sarah Ann, a small tugboat, desperately tries to show that she can keep up with the big tugboats. When a storm blows in, Sarah Ann is quick to help the adult tugboats, but when her brother tags along and gets in the way, Sarah Ann must decide who she will help.

Carroll is a retired firefighter. He served 32 years for the government and spent ten of those years in the Air Force. Carroll enjoys serving his community. He is married with two daughters and has two grandchildren.

"The Sarah Ann: The Littlest Tugboat" is a 30-page hardcover with a retail price of \$24. The eBook can be purchased for \$19. It was published by Dorrance Publishing Co., Inc of Pittsburgh, Pa. The book can be published at most book retailers.

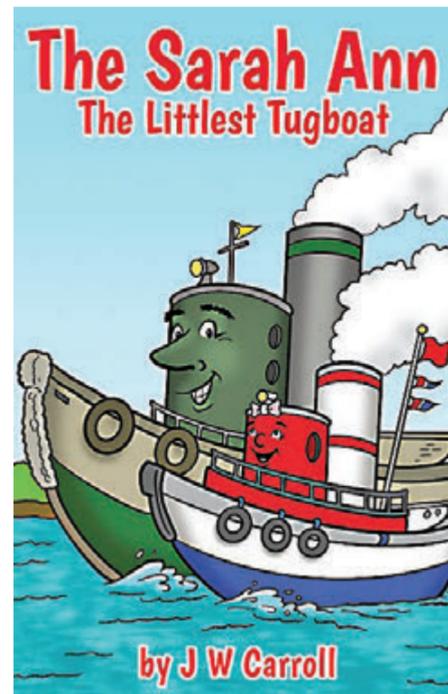


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The front cover of "The Sarah Ann: The Littlest Tugboat"

Local churches looking for volunteers

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First Baptist Church (FBC) and Mount Olive Church are looking for volunteers to participate in their upcoming joint Christmas program.

The churches need volunteers from 5:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday nights. Volunteers "must have the heart to pour into our kids as they grow in faith and Bible knowledge; You do not have to have any experience. We have training, and be assured I will be with you through every step" Associate Pastor Jason Scott says.

Mount Olive Church is also looking for two small group leaders and two helpers to facilitate a 30-minute or less class with Kindergarten through first grade or second through third-grade children. Nursery volunteers are also needed on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights.

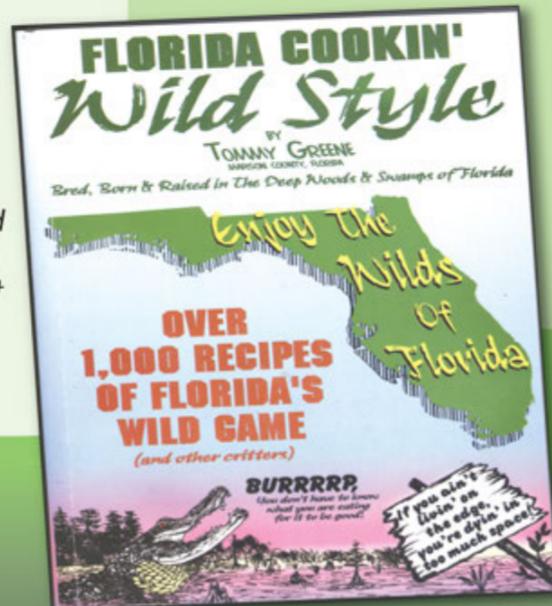
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Bulldogs sic the Trojans

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On Friday, Sept. 2, the Suwannee High School Bulldogs traveled to Hamilton County High School to take on the Trojans. The Bulldogs were coming off their season opener loss on the road to Flagler Palm Coast Bulldogs, while the Trojans were still looking to play their season opener, as it was canceled due to the weather a week ago. While the Trojans were looking to defend their home field, the Bulldogs had other plans in mind. Although the Bulldogs knew they had the advantage upfront, they also knew they had to plan for the Trojans' speed.

After the opening kick off, the Bulldogs were given great field position on their own 44-yard line. This was the only play all night where the Bulldogs would have the ball in their own territory. However, they did not stay there long, as Bronsen Tillotson found his superstar weapon, Jay Smith, on a short slant pass on the first play of the game. After breaking a tackle, Smith was off to the races towards the end zone and, 11 seconds into the game, the Bulldogs were up 7-0 with the 56-yard touchdown pass and the extra point added by kicker Braxtyn Green.

On the Trojans' first possession, the Bulldogs' defense made themselves known by collecting two points on a safety after the Trojans were forced to punt out of their own end zone. With pressure from the Bulldogs and no room to get the ball off, the punter tried to run out of the end zone before he got blasted by a Bulldog defender out of the back of the end zone. The Trojans found themselves trailing 9-0 less than two minutes into the game.

From there, things only got worse for the Trojans, as Tillotson started his Bulldogs down the field with the help of running back Marquarious Owens, who constantly broke containment outside against the Trojans' defense. After a diving catch made by Bulldog Logan Brooks on a pass from Tillotson, the Bulldogs were lined up on the Trojans' one-yard line. In a quarterback sneak, Tillotson called his own number behind his stout offensive linemen, junior Andrew Harrell and senior Taylon Johns, who plowed over three Trojans defenders that led the way for Tillotson to score up the middle. Capping the drive off after the Bulldogs' touchdown drive was Green, who added the extra point to extend the lead.

Trialing 16-0, the Trojans showed signs of life on their following drive with quarterback Chance Cherry taking it upon himself to scramble for a first down before Bulldog linebacker Brandon Robinson collected his second

quarterback sack of the first quarter. The Trojans were then forced to punt the ball away to the Bulldogs, who returned it into Trojan territory and set up a short drive.

Tillotson did not waste time connecting with Smith once again on a seven-yard slant across the middle. From there, Smith cut back against the grain, outmaneuvering the Trojans as he tiptoed into the end zone for a 43-yard touchdown pass. Green once again added the extra point to bring the score to 23-0 as the first quarter came to an end.

Midway through the second quarter, in a different possession with the same result, the Trojans found themselves in trouble again when they were forced to punt out of their own end zone. Once again, the bulldogs tackled the Trojans' punter for another safety, giving them a 25-0 lead. Then, with time running out in the first half, Owens scampered for another Bulldog touchdown from 11-yards out. With the extra point from Green, the

Bulldogs continued their lead with a score of 32-0 going into halftime.

If the Trojans started the first half on a bad note, the second half would begin even worse. On the second play of the half, Cherry dropped back to pass from his own 20-yard line only to see his pass go through his receiver's hands and into the hands of Bulldog defender Demontay Brown, who returned the interception for another Bulldog touchdown and extra point, bringing their lead up to 39-0. The Bulldogs would add another two points with yet another safety in the third quarter to give them a final score of 41-0.

The Bulldogs will return home on Friday, Sept. 9, to host the Chiefland Indians, who are coming off a 45-0 win over West Oaks Academy. The Indians have outscored their opponents this season with a combined score of 92-7, however, they have yet to face a star-studded defense such as the Bulldogs'. Look for Smith to have another big game on both sides of the ball, as well as for Robinson and Blake Wynn to cause problems for the Indians' offense. Kickoff will take place at Paul Langford stadium, located at 302 Parshley St. SW, in Live Oak, at 7:30 p.m.



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The Bulldogs take the field against the Trojans at Veterans Memorial Stadium.

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Andrew Harrell and Taylon Johns led the way for the Bulldogs' quarterback to score from the one-yard line.

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The Trojans are accompanied by lights and sirens from Hamilton County EMS for the season opener.



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HORNETS FEEL THE TAYLOR COUNTY BULLDOGS' BITE

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On Friday, Sept. 2, the Lafayette High School Hornets took their 1-0 record to Taylor County High School to take on the Bulldogs, who were also entering the game with a 1-0 record. While the Hornets were coming off an impressive 22-0 win over the Dixie County Bears, the Taylor County Bulldogs were also coming off an equally impressive 22-17 win over the Fort White Indians.

Although the weather conditions were less than favorable, the Hornets were able to adjust early, as they quickly struck with a one-yard run made by their electrifying running back, Kiami McKnight, to give them a 6-0 lead. Their defense kept the Bulldogs at bay for most of the night, despite a change in the score, bringing it to 7-6 in favor of the Bulldogs. This came off a fumbled punt by the Hornets, which allowed the Bulldogs to jump on the loose ball in the end zone.

Quarterback Tywan Williamson was able to keep his Hornets composed throughout the remainder of the game. Then, midway through the third quarter, the Hornets capped off a lengthy drive with a one-yard touchdown run made by Jamarion Ervin to retake the lead by a score of 12-6. They then attempted a two-point conversion but came up short. Although the Taylor County Bulldogs were contained for most of the night, they managed to have one late break-out play for a long touchdown up the middle, edging out the Hornets with a final score of 13-12.

While the spotlight could have easily shown on the Hornets' defense, which kept the Bulldogs at bay, the game was overshadowed by their woes on special teams, as they failed to convert on two extra points in week one, and once more against the Bulldogs. The Hornets will return home on Friday, Sept. 9, to host the Hamilton County Trojans at Dale Walker Field, located at 160 NE Hornet Dr., in Mayo at 7:30 p.m.

Buccaneers clip Eagles' wings

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The Branford High School Buccaneers played host to the visiting Bronson Eagles on Friday, Sept. 2. While the Eagles were coming off a 14-6 loss to the Anclote Sharks, the Bucs were coming off a 31-8 season opener win over Eagles View. The Bucs entered the season looking to be a run-heavy team behind their bruiser running back, Caden Coker. However, with the emergence of transfer, David Cohen, the Buccaneers look to have a well-balanced running and passing attack. Brice Criggall, yet again, proving his athletic ability on offense and defense will allow him to battle anyone he will lineup against this season, as he out-duelled his defender in their season opener and quickly became one of Cohen's favorite targets. Meanwhile, the Bucs' defense shows they are capable of defending in all phases, from the defensive line to the linebackers and the secondary.

On the first play of the game, Cohen found Austin Malaguti, who had gotten behind the Eagles' defense, for an easy 59-yard touchdown

pass that put the Bucs on the score board early. They then wasted no time, shutting the Eagles down with their first possession. With the ball back in the Buccaneers' hands, there was no time for doubt, as Cohen once again found Malaguti for their second touchdown of the night, this time from 28-yards out, extending their lead to 13-0.

Malaguti was not done, though, as he also collected an interception on the night for the Bucs. So far this season, in only two games, he has accumulated three receiving touchdowns and two interceptions. Look for Malaguti to gain confidence from both the wide receiver and safety positions as his contributions to the Buccaneers' success continues to expand.

Also having an outstanding game for the Buccaneers was fellow receiver Criggall, who added to his own season stats when Cohen found him for a 57-yard touchdown. Criggall went on to impact the game in special teams, where he blocked a punt that sent the ball out of the back of the Eagles' end zone for a safety. Along with him, busting onto the scene is newcomer

Arkayvion Jones, who has quickly asserted himself into the Bucs' lineup after having a stellar junior varsity career. Jones is swiftly building trust with Cohen, as the two have connected for two touchdowns in two games. Jones even scored on a 45-yard pass from Cohen in the first half blow out win over the Eagles.

While the Eagles were well aware of the Buccaneers' bone crushing running back in Coker, they still could not stop him from finding the end zone, as he ran for 86-yards on just seven carries with two touchdowns. On the defensive side of the ball, Coker proved his motor runs at a higher octane than most, as he continued to cover sideline to sideline. Making a name for himself in the second half of the game for the Bucs was sophomore linebacker Elyjah Jones, who added six more points with a 25-yard interception to cap off a shutout win, 54-0.

The Buccaneers will be back in action on Friday, Sept. 9, as they take their cutlass' on the road to take on the Bell Bulldogs at 7:30 p.m. at Bell High School, located at 930 S Main St., in Bell.



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Lady Buccaneers defend their home court

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On Tuesday, Aug. 30, the Branford Lady Buccaneers varsity volleyball team played host to inter county rival the Suwannee Lady Bulldogs. The 2022 Lady Buccaneers team has taken on the personality of head coach Mindy Sikes, it is evident to Buccaneers nation by the way they enter their home court. While many coaches may hope to win, Sikes has her team not only expecting to win but win in enough of a dominating fashion that it sends a statement to opposing teams. While the Lady Buccaneers enter the gym with what some may call swag, they call intense focus. At the same time, it is not only the players themselves who expect to win, it is Buccaneers nation who has grown accustomed to winning. The students of Branford High School enter the gym with anticipation of watching their Lady Buccaneers dominate, that anticipation does not go unnoticed by the Lady Buccaneers. They use the energy from their fans to give them that edge they feel they have over any opponent they face.

However, the Lady Bulldogs enter the Branford gymnasium, with swagger of their own. While they may not be having the season they had hoped for at this point, the Lady Bulldogs acknowledge the respect that comes from opposing teams when they see the name "Bulldogs" written in green across their chest. While the hype about the Lady Buccaneers may prove to be true, the Lady Bulldogs were not going to backdown to anyone. While the Lady Buccaneers may have an impressive record, the Lady Bulldogs have size up front.

The Lady Buccaneers carry a record of 6-0 into the match up against the Lady Bulldogs, while the Lady Bulldogs bring a record of 1-4. However, when it comes to rivals, records don't matter. Who's bigger and badder doesn't matter. In a game of this magnitude the outcome is going to come down to who wants it more and the Lady Bulldogs were looking to take what they felt was rightfully theirs. All while the Lady Buccaneers was not looking to give the Lady Bulldogs anything. The Lady Buccaneers mentality entering Tuesday night's game was simply put, "if you want us in the losing column, then put us there if you can."

As the game got under way, the Lady Bulldogs made their presence known with a big block to prevent the Lady Buccaneers from scoring. With the Lady Bulldogs' block, the traveling Bulldogs fans erupted celebration. The tone was set, this was a game, this was an invasion. The Lady Buccaneers remained unfazed by the celebration of the Lady Bulldogs, with Lady Buccaneer Kennedy Walker glaring across the net in the direction of the green and white, as if to say "ok, here we go."

The Lady Bulldogs answered right back with a block of their own that scored a point, causing Buccaneer nation to come alive. Within moments, what was set for a high school volleyball quickly turned into much more than that for both teams. On this night, each team would find out who they were, each individual would find out the same.

As the first set progressed, the Lady Bulldogs held the lead until the

Lady Buccaneers took the lead 7-6. From that point forward, it would be the Lady Buccaneers holding the edge, but the Lady Bulldogs were never out of the fight. Then, as the Lady Bulldogs fighting back to even the score at 18-18, the Lady Bulldogs would overtake the Lady Buccaneers with the score of 23-21. However, with the score 23-21, all the Lady Bulldogs needed to do was score two points before the Lady Buccaneers could score four points. The Lady Buccaneers answered the challenge and outscored the Lady Bulldogs four to one to ultimately win the first set by the score of 25-23.

With the fans from both schools dominating the noise trying to will their school to victory as each team regroups for the second set. Lady Buccaneers head coach Sikes gathered her girls together and to the suspicions of the crowd, it was evident Sikes ignited her team for the next two sets. It was apparent as the Lady Buccaneers stalked the court waiting for their opponents to join them. Whether the Lady Bulldogs noticed it or not remains unknown, however, to the Buccaneers fans, their girls had a different demeanor about them as the second set was getting ready to begin.

As the second set began the Lady Buccaneers took full advantage of their momentum as they run out to a 21-15 lead. The Lady Bulldogs tried to answer and slow down the Lady Buccaneers with their tall lineup. However, the Lady Buccaneers could smell blood in the water and continued their assault on the Lady Bulldogs as they closed out the Lady Bulldogs with a score of 25-15.

With a two sets to zero lead over the Lady Bulldogs, the Lady Buccaneers looked as if they were eager to get back on the court and close out the Lady Bulldogs for the night. However, whenever anyone is playing any Bulldogs team, everyone knows the Bulldogs will not rollover and admit defeat. The Lady Bulldogs still saw opportunities where they could improve in hopes of turning the game around and they were looking to do just that in the third set.

With the score quickly tied at 1-1, Lady Buccaneers senior McKayla Williams led her team while serving. They scored four straight points to give the Lady Buccaneers a 5-1 lead. With the Lady Buccaneers carrying a four point lead into the middle part of the third set, the Lady Bulldogs would continue to fight. Even though the Lady Buccaneers led the third set throughout, the Lady Bulldogs trailed at one point by a deficit of six points.

With the score 11-5 in favor of the Lady Buccaneers, it was the Lady Bulldogs who dug in and refused to quit. Lady Bulldogs Kiera Hurst would serve and collect two points to cut the score to 7-11. Then, as the Lady Buccaneers would again answer, the Lady Bulldogs then relied on Paula Golub, who would add two points in their efforts to cut into the Lady Buccaneers lead. Following her was Lady Bulldogs Brooke Fernald who would will her team to within three points of the Lady Buccaneers. Then, with the score at 17-14 in favor of the Lady Buccaneers, the tide would change and the wind would put the Lady Buccaneers in full sail as they ran off eight straight points as the Lady Bulldogs gave out of energy. To fight from such a deficit proved to be too much for the Lady Bulldogs on this night as the Lady Buccaneers closed the Lady Bulldogs in three straight sets with the set score being 25-14.



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Lady Bulldogs big three who lives above the net. Pictured from left to right, are: Rachel Smith, Amyah Jones and Zimora Owens.



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Lady Buccaneers Madysen Sikes catches air for a kill against the Lady Bulldogs.

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LADY TROJANS FALL TO COWGIRLS

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In a pair of tightly fought matches, the Lady Trojans of Hamilton County High School were defeated at the hands of the Madison County High School Cowgirls on Monday, Aug. 29, in the Madison County High School gymnasium.

In the first match of the evening, the junior varsity teams took the court. In the first set, the Lady Trojans were defeated 25-20. The second set went back and forth with each team taking the lead before relinquishing it to their worthy opponent. The set went into extra points and, in the end, the Lady Trojans were edged out by the Cowgirls, 26-24. The match went to the Cowgirls in straight sets, 2-0.

Then the varsity teams took their places on the court. This match went a full five sets before the Cowgirls defeated the Lady Trojans, 3-2. The opening set went to the Cowgirls, 25-19. At the end of the second set, it looked as if the Cowgirls may sweep the match in straight sets. However, the Lady Trojans bounced back with the help of deadly accurate work from the serve line and the third set went to the Lady Trojans, 26-24. With renewed energy, the Lady Trojans were able to force a fifth and final set, taking the fourth set, 25-23. In the final set, the Cowgirls went out to an early lead and forced the Lady Trojans to fight back from behind, which they did, but still fell short, 15-9.

The Lady Trojans will be back on their home court on Thursday, Sept. 8, when they host the Lady Indians of Fort White High School. The varsity match is set to start at 6:30 p.m., in the Hamilton County High School gymnasium.

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Hamilton County player #5 sets up to serve for the Lady Trojans.



Hamilton County #4 Prepares to serve for the Lady Trojans.



Lafayette volleyball wrap up

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The Lafayette High School Lady Hornets volleyball team enter the 2022 season with more questions than answers. They are led by head coach Marcy Richardson and with only one senior on the team, she has her work cut out for her. With a heavy senior class a season ago and arguably their best returning player transferring to another school, Richardson will have to groom her young ladies through a tough season in preparation for the district tournament.

Whenever a 1A school has a heavy senior class in sports, there is always a rebuilding process, however, don't tell the Lady Hornet they are in a

rebuilding mode. Coach Richardson does not accept excuses or sympathy, knowing they are going to take their bumps this regular season and knowing her team is young. While that does not mean it is okay for the girls to accept that. To them and Coach Richardson, they may be forced to grow up faster than most will only better them and have them battle tested for the district tournament and hopefully prepare them for a deep run into the playoffs.

The Lady Hornets are led on the court by sophomores Libby and Kiley Beach, along with juniors Ella Hancock and Havyn Richardson. Each of which have played well for the Lady Hornets this season and hopes to improve as the season moves forward. While they do not feel their record reflects their record at this point with a 1-5 record. However, they hope to use these rough times as building blocks moving into the district playoffs.

BRANFORD @ MAYO VOLLEYBALL 08-25-2022



Misty Ward

Contributor

With three games under their belt, the Branford High School varsity volleyball team is on a winning streak, 3-0. The Bucs shut out the Lafayette Hornets with a 3-0 district win on Thursday night. "We have won nine straight sets and we hope to continue that," head coach Mendy Sikes said. "Our team is very versatile and the players are very strong in multiple positions, which keeps their opponents on their toes." The junior varsity and

middle school teams are also celebrating victory this week with 3-0 and 2-0, respectively, including the win over the Hornets on Thursday night. Both teams are also undefeated in sets. Varsity and junior varsity shutout Madison County on Monday, 3-0 and 2-0, respectively, and all three teams shutout Hamilton County on Tuesday. "I'm excited to see the talent in the program building up to varsity level," Sikes said. "All of our girls are athletic and competitive. They want their spot on the court and they go after it. We're looking to an exciting season for the whole program." Varsity and junior varsity travel to P.K. Yonge on Monday. All three teams host Suwannee on Tuesday with games starting at 4 p.m.

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Meet the Suwannee cross country teams

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"It always seems impossible until it's done."
-Nelson Mandela

The Suwannee High School (SHS) men's and women's cross country team is building a legacy, from the ground up. The men's team is led by Head Coach Brian Bullock, while the women's Head Coach is Amy Yarick. The expectations for this year's teams are high with a cloud of realization. This season will depend on how well they, as individuals, take care of themselves, whereas with other sports there is always a next man up mentality. Meaning, if someone gets injured or sick, each team has enough depth to have someone step into that role, letting the rest of the team know they must pick up the slack left behind by the starter. However, in cross country, that is not always the case. Their meets are so rigorous on their bodies that in between meets they must remain in perfect health in order to prepare properly.

For the men's team this season, they understand the district they are in is very difficult with several traditional powerhouses, such as Wakulla, Wolfson, Episcopal and West Florida, all of which are very capable teams of winning the district. However, don't rule the Bulldogs out. While the Bulldogs may not have a rich history in cross country, they hope to build off of last season, as they made their first ever appearance at the State Championships. With last year's experience and this year's team, that could all change by the foundation they are building.

Junior Morgan Mobley is one of the bricks in the foundation. He has quickly built a name for himself on the cross country stage. Earlier this season, the Bulldogs were competing in Jacksonville at Cecil Field, where Mobley started in 15th place. Mobley showed maturity to

remain focused and stay within his game plan and not panic. He continued to control his breathing and focus on his strides as he pushed forward. As the race progressed, so did Mobley. Slowly, Mobley began climbing the ranks of the race, passing runners until he crossed the finish line in third place for the Bulldogs. Mobley embodies the quote by Nelson Mandela, "It always seems impossible until it's done." Therefore, he prepares for every meet by staying hydrated and consistent with his training.

Junior Paul Gunter is coming off a stellar sophomore season that saw him place first for his team at the District Championships and 11th overall. Gunter will look to capitalize on the experience and knowledge that they did and can win at the state level. Gunter will continue to train and carb load before every meet in preparation for his team's climb to state.

Another bright spot for the Bulldogs is sophomore Brig Scott, who recorded an impressive sub 20 time last season as a freshman and will look to build on that feat. For Scott, preparing for a meet is equally important as the meet itself.

The Bulldogs will be competing in a very difficult district throughout the season, however, they understand the obstacles they will face in the regular season will have them better prepared for this year's run at state.

For the Lady Bulldog's team, they are expecting great things this season as they know the level of competition they will face in the regular season will better prepare them for the playoffs. This year's team shows a ton of potential in regards to the players that have moved up from the middle school team from a season ago. Their winning ways mixed with the team captain's experience. Look for the Lady Bulldogs to have one of the best seasons yet, and perhaps make a deep push in the playoffs.

This year's team will be led by senior captain

Lucy Jolicoeur. Her leadership skills are second to none towards her teammates. One player to watch this season is freshman Bri Woods. As a seventh grader, Woods finished third during a home meet. Her favorite highlight of her high school career to this point is earning a spot at the Florida State University Invitational. For the Lady Bulldogs, it was the invitational that opened their eyes to the possibilities of what could be.

Also for this year's team, look for Maddie McMillan to have a break out season this year with the mental toughness she has developed over the course of her career. This was on display at the Regional Championships last season. Woods was coming off a bad showing at the District Tournament, however, she would not let that one meet define the type of runner she was and hopes to be. Therefore, she came back the next week on a bigger stage and gave the performance of her life by breaking her own personal best record. She lives by the phrase, "when it gets tough; be tougher."

Alondra Castro is another junior the Lady Bulldogs are expecting a great season from. Castro likes to surround herself with teammates and other competitors that will push her to be better. She isn't intimidated by any particular opponent. She believes in herself and her abilities and looks forward to showing everyone, including her opponents, what she can do this season. She hopes that she and her teammates can post all their personal best records. If the Lady Bulldogs can accomplish that, they are excited to see where they will finish.

Bulldog nation, beware of what's to come from the Suwannee cross country teams with young great talent and senior leadership leading them. They have all the ingredients to create something great, not only for this year, but for years to come.



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Suwannee cross country teams pose for a picture.

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Buccaneers open the season with full wind in their sails

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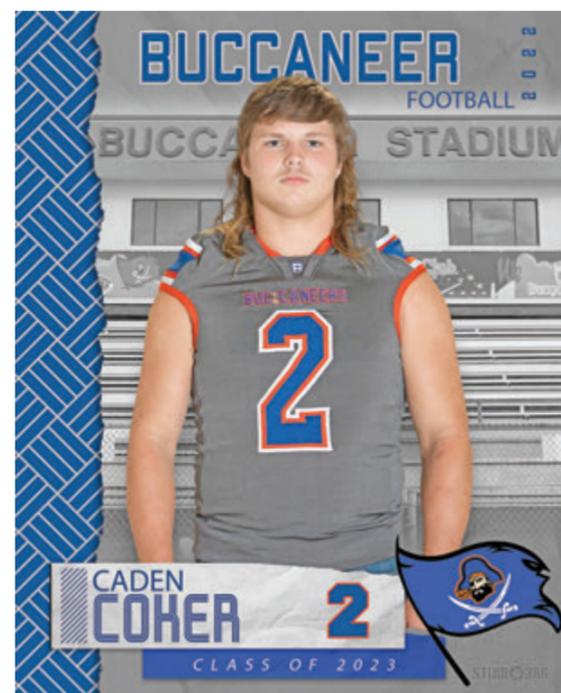
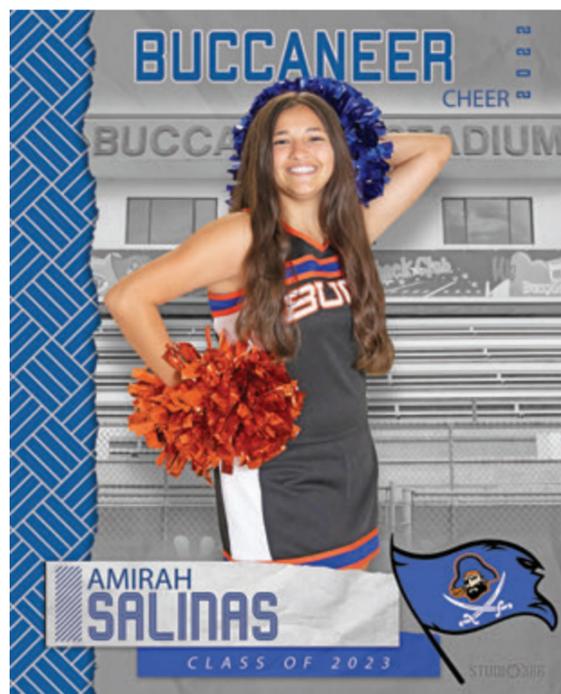
On Friday, Aug. 26, the Branford High School (BHS) Buccaneers open their regular season by hosting the Eagle's View Warriors. The Buccaneers are coming off a great summer program and Buccaneers head coach Tim Clark is excited about this year's team. While they did not have the best showing in their preseason kickoff, the Buccaneers were looking to start the regular season with a win.

Prior to the game beginning, Branford High School honored its seniors for their level of dedication and commitment to BHS. For many, senior night is more than a ceremony, it's a moment of reflection over years of sleepless nights with anticipation before their first big game or big performance. Throughout their career, perhaps they have become comfortable putting on the Buccaneers jersey band or cheerleading uniform. However, senior night is a moment to remember that feeling when they put it on for the first time, or maybe when marched onto the

football field for the first time and saw their family their supporting them. A chance to remind themselves that these moments are not to be taken for granted. It is also a moment for the fans to realize for these young men and women, this will be the last chance to watch them play or cheer for their favorite team. As the seniors take the field for their final first game of the season, each senior was escorted by their family. For BHS they would like to say thank you to all of their seniors for keeping the BHS tradition alive and help to pass on to the next class that will follow.

The Buccaneers struck first and often as they ran out to an 18-8 lead going into halftime. The Buccaneers would continue their assault on the Warriors in the second half as they shut out the Warriors while they scored another 13 points on their way to a dominating win with the final score of 31-8 in front of a large Buccaneers home crowd.

The Buccaneers will put their 1-0 record on the line again Friday, Sept. 2, as they will host the Bronson Eagles, who are coming off a 6-14 loss to the Anclote Sharks.



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Thanks for the memories, Class of 2023. Make it your best yet!

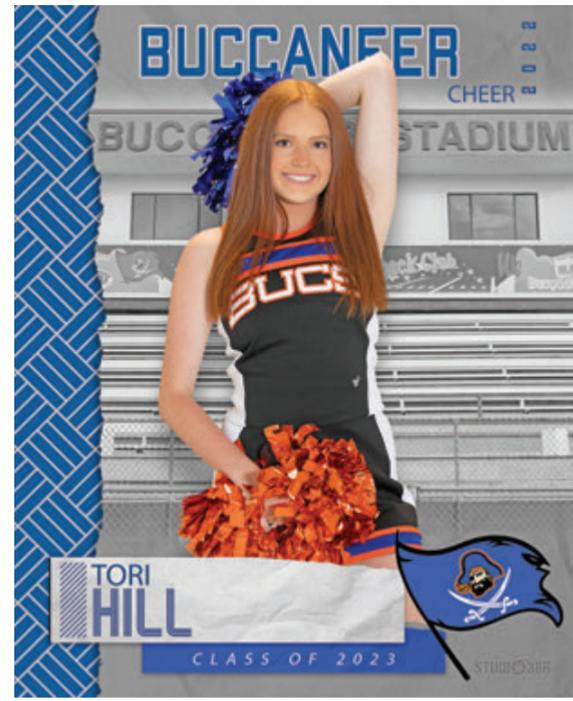
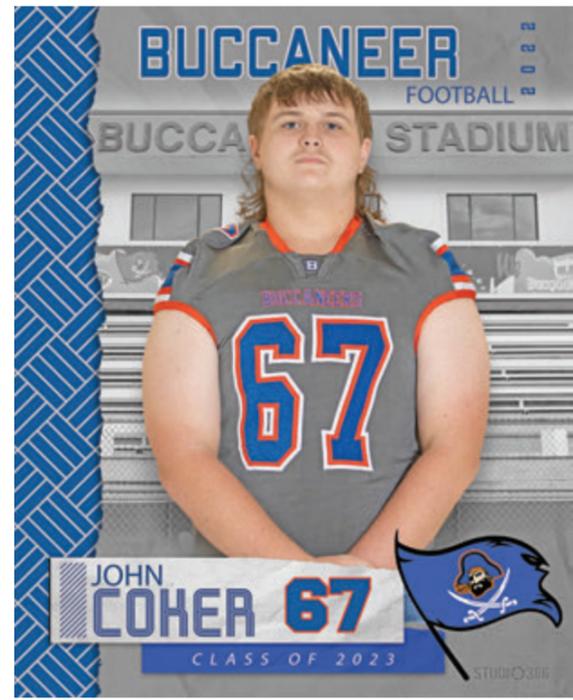
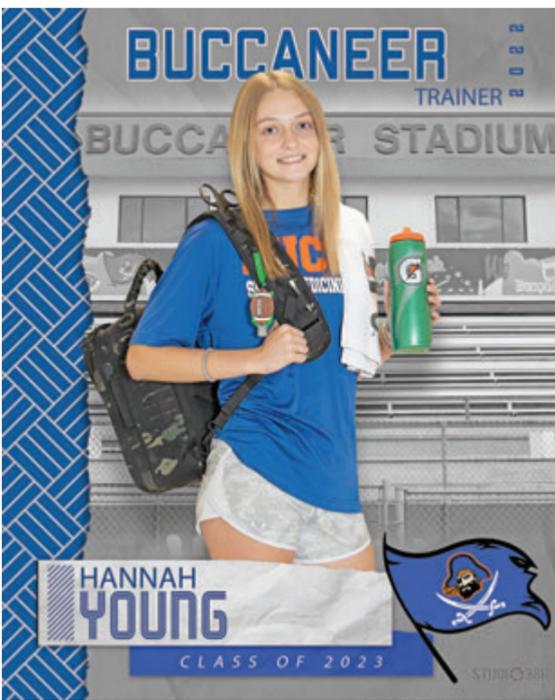
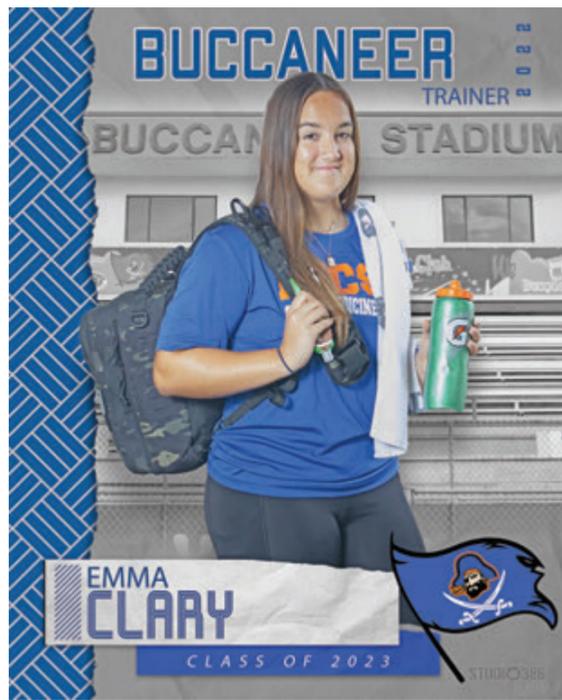
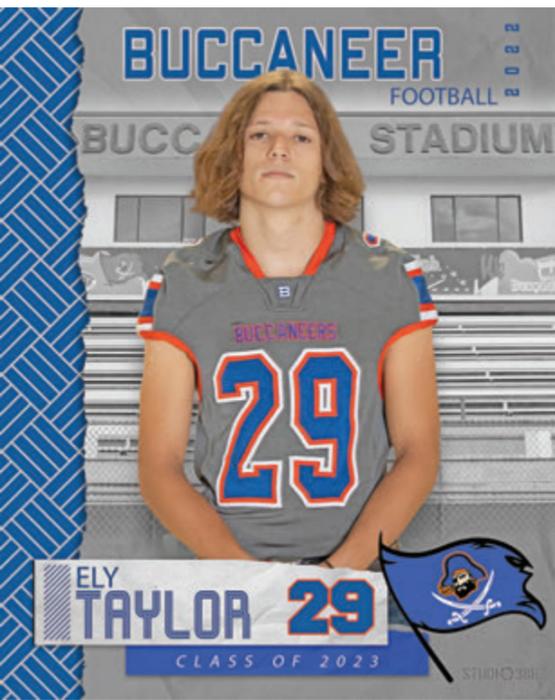


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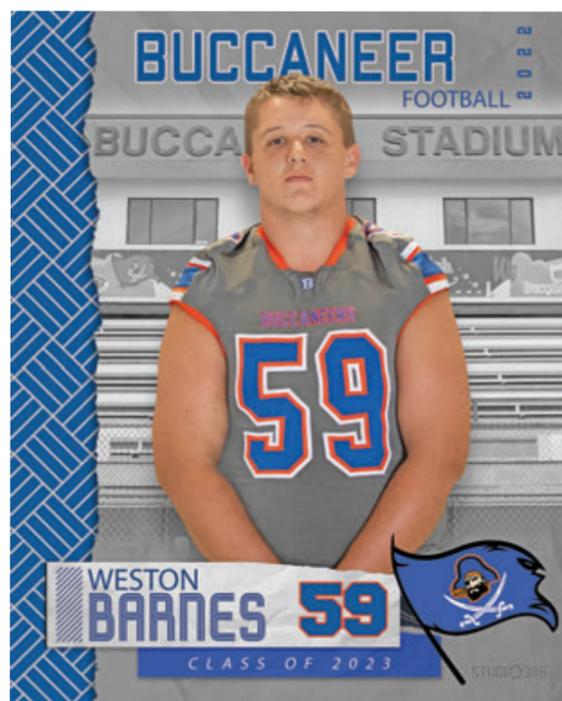
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Pastor Spotlight: Doug Mabey

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Doug Mabey was born on July 3, 1965 in Worcester, Ma. He was raised in Natick, Ma., which is a suburb of Boston. He graduated from Natick High School in 1983 and began his journey to what would become his home church. After graduating from high school, Mabey moved to Wellesles, Ma., he attended Massachusetts Bay Community College where he earned his Associates in Criminal Justice. Then he transferred to Westfield State College where he earned his Bachelors in Criminal Justice. While professing to be a Christian, Mabey was not living the life of the religion he claimed. Then, at his cousins wedding on March 12, 1988, he had an experience and began living the life he professed to live. He attended The Village Bible Institute where he received certificates in Local Church Ministry and Applied Christian Service.



Doug Mabey

The first church that he served at was Fisk United Methodist Church in his hometown Natick, where he served as an altar boy. He then moved to Oak Hill Bible Church in Oxford, Ma., where he was a Deacon, Missions Chair and the Youth Pastor. Then, in 2004, he was contacted by his brother-in-law who asked Mabey to come to Live Oak and start a youth ministry. Mabey agreed, then moved to Live Oak and began working at First Advent Christian Church. He currently serves there as a Youth Pastor and Elder.

Mabey has been happily married for 33 years to his wife, Lynn. His oldest daughter, Christine, is 27-years-old and her husband serves in the US Army. His second oldest daughter, Amanda, is 26 years old and lives with her husband in North Ga. His third child, Bethany, is a paraprofessional at Riverside Elementary School and is currently engaged. Their youngest son, Alex, is 16-years-old and a Junior at Suwannee High School (SHS). They have also opened their home to foster care, they are currently caring for their foster son, Keith, who is also 16-years-old and a Junior at Suwannee High School.

Mabey's favorite Bible verse is Psalm 37:4-5 which says, "take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of his heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and He will do this." His favorite book of the Bible is Romans. He is also currently the SHS Men's Head Junior Varsity Soccer Coach, marking his third year in the role and his tenth-year coaching soccer. September also marks 30 years of Youth Ministry.

First Advent Christian Church is located at 699 Pinewood Dr. SW, in Live Oak. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays and Worship begins 10:30 a.m. The youth group meets every Wednesday right after school at 2:45 p.m. until 4:45 p.m. There is a Fellowship Supper the last Wednesday of every month starting at 6 p.m., everyone is invited.

Madison resident publishes first book

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Madison resident Dean Morphonios has published his first novel, "Visiting Matthew." The book was inspired by the tragic death of his son, Matthew, who was killed in an automobile accident in 2015, just six weeks after his wedding. The novel examines the many lessons that could be learned from getting to visit Matthew in Heaven.

Morphonios is an Assistant State Attorney, working primarily in Mayo. He worked in Madison for nine years as a prosecutor. Morphonios is a Miami native who lived in Tallahassee for many years before moving to Madison. In 1995, while living in Tallahassee, he had what he describes as a "Damascus Road" experience with the Lord. Morphonios was studying a Sunday school lesson that was part of a series entitled "Ten Brave Christians." He was reading the tenth day's lesson, called "Hostage to the Devil," when he felt as if a claw was being lifted from his heart. He began praying the Apostle's Creed and gave his heart to Jesus while in his living room.

Morphonios vividly remembers the day that Madison native Special Agent Supervisor Jim Flournoy, with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, had a conference with him, letting him know that Matthew had been killed in a wreck. After the overwhelming grief began to subside, Morphonios began praying that God would show him that Matthew was alright. The Lord assured him that Matthew's childhood acceptance of Jesus had stood the test of time.

In 2019, Morphonios felt led to begin writing about Matthew and what it would be like to visit him in Heaven. Over a 90-day period, Morphonios sat before his computer and typed steadily as the thoughts continued to flow. The novel follows the death of a father whose son is already in Heaven. The two meet up and the son, Matthew, takes his father on a tour of Heaven, including several visits and conversations with Jesus. The tour includes visits with Abraham Lincoln, conversations about the rebellion of Lucifer and the fall of man. A surprise ending awaits the reader, which will not be spoiled here.

Morphonios encourages everyone to give his book a read, especially if they are grieving the loss of a loved one. "Everything is backed up by the Word of God," said Morphonios. "I hope this book leaves people filled with faith and confidence in the faithfulness of Jesus, and that He will provide comfort for the grieving."

If you would like to purchase "Visiting Matthew," it is available on Amazon.com. Morphonios and his wife, Mary, are available for ministry engagements. They look forward to sharing the love of Jesus whenever possible. You can reach out to them on Facebook.



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Dean and Mary Morphonios are happy to help others walk through the grieving process. The pair lost their son in a traffic accident in 2015.

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WHITE SPRING RESIDENT SUSPECTED SERIAL KILLER ARRESTED

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Sharon Kay Hammock



Sharon Kay Hammock and her children.

Sharon Kay Hammock was born in 1966 to Jacob Edward Gross and Lois Jean Gross. She was one of six children, she had three sisters and two brothers. Hammock was born with an electric smile and warm eyes. She was a vibrant teenager, who had big dreams for when she grew up. Fast forward to the early 1990's, Hammock was the mother of a daughter and a son. However, she struggled with addiction and was ultimately faced

with the toughest decision of her life, continue down the road she was traveling, knowing her children would eventually pay for her addiction or acknowledge she was not able to provide the life she knew her children deserved. Hammock, made the difficult decision to give her children up for adoption. While her family knew she struggled with addiction, they continued to love her throughout it. They were not oblivious to her life choices and had realized Hammock had gotten involved in sexual activity for money. Her family may not have approved of her actions, however they did not love her any less. Regardless of how the men or women who paid for her viewed her; she was ultimately a sister, mother and daughter. Hammock was always known for her big heart, she hated to let anyone down and was harder on herself than anyone could be. Therefore, she understood she could not rationalize her motives towards her addiction, but perhaps she turned to her addiction to somehow mask the personal shame.

Then, on Oct. 3, 1996, everything changed, Hammock was reported missing. She was last seen at the intersection of Banner Street and Division Ave., in Grand Rapids. Though the timeline of her final 13 miles remains unknown, what is known is the outcome. Hammock's body was found just 13 miles from where she was reported missing. She was found by a delivery driver who notices a rolled up blanket that looked strange just a few feet on the road of 76th Street SE. between Patterson Ave. and Kraft Ave. in Caledonia, of Kent County. Hammock was found wearing only a pearl necklace and a white bra, she had been sexually assaulted, stabbed in the face twice and strangled to death. It was later determined, at the time of her death she was reportedly three to five months pregnant.

Left to mourn the loss of Hammock was her daughter, son, sisters, brothers and both parents. Today, her children and family still miss her and have continued to mourn the loss of their sister and mother. Without an answer as to who was responsible, the wound of her death still lingers. Her son Eric Harrington, talked about what he remembers about his mother. "Memories of when my mom was around, she was always so happy, she was always involved, we knew she loved us," Harrington said. "I believed she loved us very much, even when she was giving us up for adoption, I don't believe she wanted to, I don't think she wanted to at all. I think she knew in her heart she couldn't give us the best, so she wanted to allow someone else to give us the world and we were very fortunate."

In May of 2022, Hammock's sister Terri Navitshas was informed that with the help of Identifinders International, KCSO was gaining momentum towards answering the 26 year old question of who killed her sister. "We would love to know who did this to her," Navitshas said. "It wasn't right for any of the girls to have this done to them. Just terrible. Sharon was a loving sister, a loving daughter and a loving mother of two children and we miss her so bad."

The monster is captured

Then on Aug. 16, 2022, the family of Hammock could put a face to the monster who killed their sister.

26 years later, KCSO had a name and an address. Some 1,010 miles away was the residence of a White Springs man named Garry Dean Artman, a 64-years-old truck driver. Prior to Tuesday, Aug. 16, to verify his residence, KCSO reached out to Columbia County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) in Lake City Fla., to verify his residence. CCSO then began surveillance of the address they were given. It is unknown how long

CCSO had to do surveillance on the residence, however, at the conclusion of CCSO investigation into the residence, it was determined that the occupant of the residence was in fact Artman.

This sent the 26-year-old case into a high tempo pace. KCSO had already verified his employer and was able to track his vehicle in the state of Mississippi. At which time KCSO reached out to Mississippi Bureau of Investigations (MBI) who then initiated Mississippi Highway Patrol (MHP). From there, Forrest County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) was briefed into the investigation and tracking of Artman. With MHP taking the lead and assisted by FCSO the team coordinated a traffic stop in Forrest County, Miss. Artman was pulled over for what appeared to be a routine traffic stop, where he was given a chance to verify his identification. Upon confirming he was Garry Dean Artman formerly a resident of Grand Rapids Mi., and currently a White Springs, resident, he was taken into custody without further incident and transported to Forrest County Jail for booking.

KCSO has their man

Kent County Sheriff Michelle LaJoye-Young addressed the media on Monday, Aug. 22 following the conclusion of Artman's arrest. In attendance was two of Hammock's sisters Tina Gross and Terri Navitskas, along with

representatives of various entities throughout Kent County law enforcement including Kent County Prosecutor, Chris Becker; Michigan State Police Forensic laboratory Supervisor, Jay Peterson; Grand Rapids Forensic laboratory DNA Supervisor, Joel Shultzie; Kent County Detective, John Tinholf and Kent County Detective Captian, Jason Kelly; all of which played a vital role in keeping KCSO cold cases alive, as well as the identification of Artman.

Sheriff LaJoye-Young explained that the identification of Artman was done by an independent group, Identifinders International. Identifinders International was able to use the advancement of DNA technology called Forensic Genetic Genealogy (FGG). What FGG allows for is the identification of DNA on a broader scope. Shultzie took the time to explain how FGG played the role into identifying Artman, "FGG is only a tool for an investigation lead. It's almost like when a name comes out, a new investigations begins," Shultzie said. FGG uses a type of technology that has been around 20 years, however, it has only been used in the way of criminal investigations in recent years. The first time FGG was used was in 2018 when they were able to identify the Golden State Killer, Joseph DeAngelo. Since then, FGG has been used in more than 200 cold case files. FGG can identify a family member of a suspect, which could give direction to law enforcement to look into. For Artman, his mother was the hit by FGG. From what FGG told Identifinders International, the suspect in question was more than likely a male of her offspring. This pointed the Kent County State Police and the KCSO to focus on her four sons. By the process of elimination, it was determined that only Garry Dean Artman was the only suspect that could be placed in the Grand Rapids area at the time of Oct. 3, 1996.

With the arrest of Artman in Mississippi, KCSO had to wait for the process to extradite him to Michigan, where he would be formally charged with open murder, criminal sexual conduct in the first degree and felony murder. That would not take place until Sunday, Aug. 28.

FGG provides the ties that bind

Through the Advancement of FGG Artman has reportedly been tied to another cold case in Maryland. The evidence that caused Artman to be linked to the victim in Maryland goes beyond DNA. The victim was last seen in Ontario, Cali. At the time she went missing, Artman was reportedly within 20 miles of the victim whereabouts. However, at this time he has not been formally charged with any other murder besides the Oct. 3, 1996 murder of Sharon Kay Hammock.

Grand Rapids, Michigan

Grand Rapids, Michigan is known as the "Furniture City" as it is the home of the top five office furniture manufactures. Its population is just over 200,000, to add to its beautiful skyline, the city is built with the Grand River running through the city. It sits just 85 miles of Lake Michigan, and perhaps the most direct route to get to Lake Michigan is north on interstate 96 (I-96) towards Muskegon, Mi. However, during the mid 1990s, Grand Rapids and western Michigan was becoming the final resting place for a total of 13 young ladies and one unborn child.

Beginning in January of 1994, bodies began turning up in various places throughout western Michigan primarily in the Grand Rapids area. First, it was only one body, who was later identified as 24-year-old Lesa Irene Orberg. Her body was found in March of 1994, north of Grand Rapids in the Muskegon County, straight up I-96 in western Michigan. Then, in November of the same year, a body was found in a north western suburb of Grand Rapids. Again, I-96 runs directly through Wright Township.

Later, in June of 1995, another body was found on a river bank in another suburb in west Grand Rapids. It is unclear when the body of the fourth victim was found, however, her body was found in the northern area of the city of Grand Rapids in Grand Rapids Townships.

Then, 1996 turned out to be a very dark year for the KCSO as the string of murders extended to another eight bodies, including Hammock on Oct. 3, 1996.

In 1997, a final body was found on July 31. While it is unknown to the exact date of her death, the location of where the victims body was found proved to be north of Grand Rapids in Benton Harbor a suburb of Muskegon.

All the victims in question during this time were deemed to have died of homicidal means and all remain unsolved. Artman did admit at the time of his arrest that he lived in the Grand Rapids area during the times that all of the victims were found. While each of the victims were found in different areas throughout western Michigan, the one common delimitator each of the victims share with one another was their line of work. Whether by choice or by force, each victim was involved in sexual activities for money.

Conclusion

Artman is awaiting his preliminary trial, at which time a date has not been given at this time. Artman is charged with one count of open murder, one count of criminal sexual conduct in the first degree and one count of felony murder for the death of Sharon Kay Hammock on Oct. 3, 1996. At the time of her death it was determined she was three to five months pregnant, however, Artman was not charged with the death of her unborn child.

Open murder is term used in the state of Michigan, that allows for the Kent County Prosecutor Chris Becker to decide later as they gather more evidence to try and convict Artman with first degree murder or second degree murder.

• **First degree murder:** An intentional killing and/or deliberate premeditated action. First degree murder carries with it a mandatory sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

• **Second degree murder:** is murder with intent but without premeditation. Second degree murder carries with it a mandatory sentence of life imprisonment, however, after ten years they are eligible for parole.

Criminal sexual conduct in the first degree is described as sexual penetration with another person with various circumstances including sexual penetration accompanying another felony. Also the accused is aided by coercion, force, or physical violence.

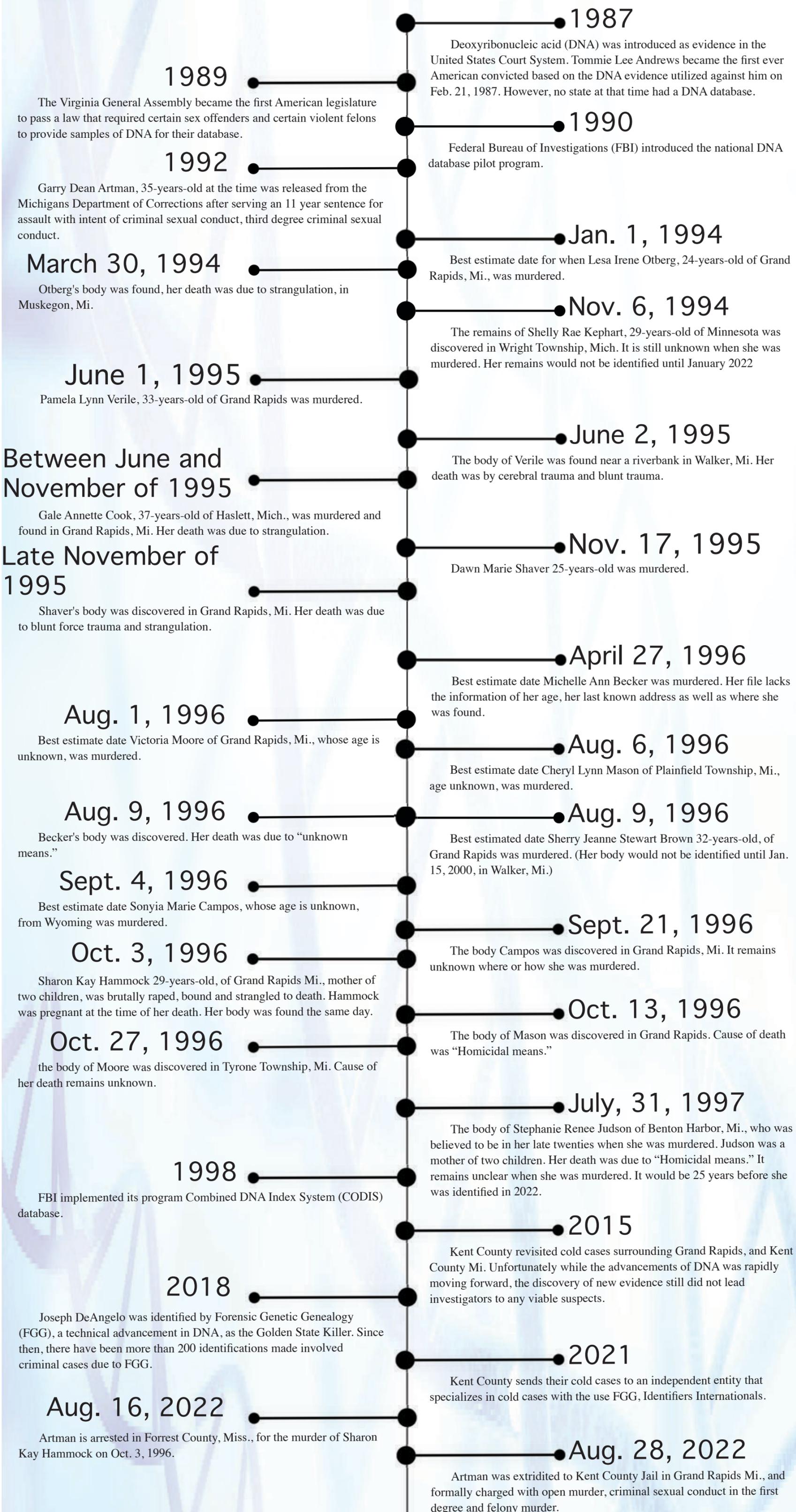
Felony murder is determined if any death even accidental results from the commission of violent felonies such as burglary, arson, kidnapping or rape. However, the "felony murder" rule was abolished in Michigan in 1980. the reason given was that the commission of a felony should only be used as a grading factor between first and second degree murder.

While Artman remains the now primary suspect in the public's eyes involving the other 12 homicides, KCSO refuses to commit to such accusations at this time and continues to state, "As of now, we are moving forward with the Oct. 3, 1996 homicide death of Sharon Kay Hammock," KCSO Detective Jason Kelly states. "However, at this time KCSO has not closed the door to the idea that Artman's DNA may tie him to other cold cases not only in Kent County but throughout the United States."



Garry Dean Artman

THE TIMELINE



RIVEROAK helps spread knowledge of welding

Christian Peterson
Reporter@riverbendnews.org

The first week of school started on Tuesday, Aug. 16, and Hamilton County High School (HCHS) started off with a bang. RIVEROAK Technical College partners with schools all around the Suwannee Valley are no exception to this. Some HCHS students spent the first week of school developing proper welding techniques. This is because students have the option of a dual enrollment program with RIVEROAK on the HCHS campus. Part of this partnership allows students to be in all kinds of different programs through RIVEROAK, including Welding Technology.

The Welding Technology program is focused on preparing students with the necessary skills in the welding field. This involves learning welding techniques consistently used in the workforce, including shielded metal arc welding, gas metal arc welding, flux core arc welding and gas tungsten arc welding. Furthermore, the program teaches different types of oxygen and acetylene cutting and welding techniques, as well as proper safety precautions. On top of all this, the program is certified through the American Welding Society. It is a full time course offered at multiple high schools around the Suwannee Valley. For more information, visit www.rtc.suwannee.k12.fl.us.



Photo courtesy of RIVEROAK Technical College

Students observe and learn more about proper welding techniques.

NFC Foundation Celebrates Last Mile Graduates

Annabelle Scott
NFC Foundation Contributor

The North Florida College (NFC) Foundation celebrates five Last Mile Scholars and their recent graduation from NFC.

Madison County residents Elizabeth Davis, April Herring and Kayla Kinsey, and Suwannee County residents Traci Osborn and Joshua Ragans graduated with their Associate in Arts degree.

At the NFC Foundation, we understand that it can be challenging to complete even one class after having your education interrupted by work or family, but in less than three years, we have helped 40 students cross the finish line and complete their degrees at NFC. After earning their degree or certificate at NFC, these students are empowered to reach their next goal, whether that be financial security, higher education or a change in career.

Davis plans to continue her education at NFC by enrolling in the Medical

Information Coder/Biller program. "It has taken me several years to complete the AA degree because of work, having children, and other obstacles, but the supportive staff at NFC offered me the Last Mile scholarship and gave me the push I needed to get it complete," said Davis. "I am very proud of my accomplishment."

With her new degree, Osborn plans to continue helping people at her job in the Florida Department of Corrections. "This scholarship has helped me focus on my goal of continuing my education," said Osborn.

Herring is unsure what the future holds at this time but is grateful for the Last Mile program which allowed her to finish the last class needed to earn a degree. She is empowered to explore her options with a degree to support her passions.

If you believe that you may qualify for the Last Mile Scholarship, apply today at www.nfc.edu/foundation-giving/scholarships. For more information, contact the NFC Foundation at foundation@nfc.edu or (850) 973-9414.



Elizabeth Davis



April Herring



Traci Osborn

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MORSELS FOR ZION'S POOR

There is great confusion among those who claim to be the followers of CHRIST, concerning the purpose, function and nature of the Law as given by the LORD to the sons of men. When one mentions "the law" most men think of the "Ten Commandments". The commandments given to Moses are indeed, "the law", in a codified form. Yet the law is not limited to those decrees which were given to Moses on Mount Sinai. The LORD has revealed the far reaching expanse of the Law of the Kingdom of GOD, which plainly manifests the utter impossibility of any man to find a place of comfort in his supposed ability to keep the law. The definition of "sin" is not simply the breaking of the Mosaic law, for all men are judged sinners whether they have ever heard or seen the law given to Moses. "The Law" is a principle which men have rebelled against from the very beginning and can only bring them into condemnation, regardless of their good intentions. The law's main purpose is to reveal sin. Paul said, "I had not known sin, but by the law." The function of the law is to set the stage for repentance. A man will not repent until he is shown the heinous nature of sin and the ONE against whom all crimes are committed. The SPIRIT of GOD uses the law to convince and convict HIS people of their sin, as HE manifests their inability to measure up to the lofty standards which GOD demands. Only a fool can look at the law of GOD and consider himself in good standing with a HOLY GOD. The nature of the law is "spiritual". Paul said, "For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin." Men stand in need of a LAWKEEPER. CHRIST has fulfilled the law in the behalf of HIS elect obeying every precept of the law fully while imputing HIS righteousness to them. Do you know this LAWKEEPER?
-m.a.m.

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SUDOKU

		8		9				3
		9		1	8		6	
					6		4	
	8			6	4			5
	6		5			1		
					3			
		7	2					
						7	3	
1			9	4				

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



SUDOKU ANSWER KEY

2	5	8	7	4	9	6	3	1
1	3	7	5	8	9	4	6	2
6	9	4	1	3	2	7	5	8
9	2	6	3	7	8	5	1	4
4	8	1	9	2	5	3	9	7
5	7	3	4	1	6	2	8	9
8	4	9	6	5	7	1	2	3
7	6	2	8	1	3	9	4	5
3	1	5	2	9	4	8	7	6

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Brittany Calafiore
Admissions and Marketing Director
Lafayette Nursing and Rehabilitation

Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-10. The numbers in each row add up to the totals to the right. The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

	10	5	18
4			12
2		9	12
9	17	16	

2	1	9
4	6	2
3	10	5

Solution

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

SATC EWMO

Answer: Cat's Meow

THIS DAY IN...



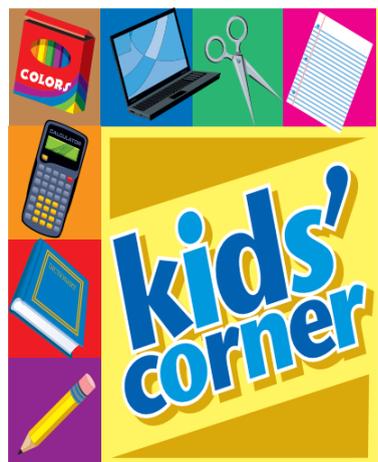
HISTORY

- 1630: THE CITY OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS IS FOUNDED.
- 1921: THE FIRST MISS AMERICA PAGEANT IS HELD IN ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.
- 2021: BITCOIN IS RECOGNIZED AS LEGAL TENDER IN EL SALVADOR.



POUNCE

spring or swoop suddenly on prey



WHAT IS A GROUP OF CATS CALLED?

ANSWER: CLOWDER

How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Claw
- SPANISH:** Garra
- ITALIAN:** Artiglio
- FRENCH:** Griffes
- GERMAN:** Krallen

Did you Know?

SCIENTISTS SAY THAT CATS CANT TASTE SWEETNESS. THEY BELIEVE IT'S DUE TO A GENETIC MUTATION THAT AFFECTS TASTE RECEPTORS.



GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: CAT WITH YARN

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICES

HELP WANTED

The Town of Jennings is accepting applications for the street department. Applicant must be physically capable of assisting the Street Department with daily operations when needed. Applicants must be able to understand and follow instructions. Pre-employment drug test required. The position requires medium to heavy lifting, walking, and/or standing on uneven terrain and exposure to weather conditions. Must have a valid Florida Drivers License and High School Diploma or GED. Applications may be obtained at City Hall, 1291 Florida Street, Jennings FL 32053 Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The Town of Jennings is an EOE (Equal Opportunity Employer) and does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, religion, national origin, race, disability, or political affiliation.

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ESTATE SALE

317 NW Clarke Ave. Mayo, FL
Friday, Sept 9th & Saturday, Sept 10th, 2022
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
FURNITURE - SOFAS, RECLINERS, CHAIRS - DISHES, SMALL APPLIANCES, LINENS, LAMPS, MIRRORS, ART, PURSES, JEWELRY, WASHING MACHINE, LAWN TOOLS

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 3RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: ESTATE OF PROBATE DIVISION
 DOROTHY L WARREN, File No. 22000007CPAXMX

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of DOROTHY L WARREN, Deceased, whose date of death was February 15, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for HAMILTON County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 207 NE First Street, Room 106, Jasper, Florida 32052. 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 31, 2022.

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08/31, 09/07

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 **North Florida Picker** located at **5580 NW County Road 152**, in **Hamilton** County, City of **Jennings**, Florida **32053**, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Jennings, Florida, this 31st day of August, 2022. Name: Charles Elton

08/03

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of County Commissioners of Suwannee County, Florida, will hold its second regularly scheduled Board meeting for the month of September on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, beginning at 5:00 P. M. The meeting will be held at the Judicial Annex Building 218 Parshley Street, Live Oak, Florida. The agenda will be posted on the County website: www.suwanneecountyfl.gov.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 3RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: ESTATE OF PROBATE DIVISION
 DEREK ANTHONY PACHECK File No. 22-000170-CP-AXMX

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of DEREK ANTHONY PACHECK, Deceased, whose date of death was July 3, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for SUWANNEE County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 200 Ohio Ave. S. Live Oak, FL. 32064. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court 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.

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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 September 07, 2022.

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09/07, 09/14

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

PLAINTIFF,

vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS, CASE NO.: 22000040CAMXAX

BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF LOUIS ROBERT LESZCZAK ET AL.,

DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF LOUIS ROBERT LESZCZAK

Last Known Address: 1664 183RD RD, LIVE OAK, FL 32060
 107 PEACH ST, HARRISBURG, PA 17112
 770 SW SYMPHONY LOOP APT 105, LAKE CITY, FL 32025
 23 WAKEFIELD RD, BROWNFIELD, ME 04010

Current Residence: UNKNOWN
 TO: UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LOUIS ROBERT LESZCZAK

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

LOTS 4, 5 AND 6, BLOCK 13, SUWANNEE RIVER MOBILE ESTATE, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 114, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on MILLER, GEORGE & SUGGS, PLLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 2200 W. Commercial Blvd, Suite 103, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309 on or before _____, a date at least thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the (Please publish in the Suwannee Democrat) and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation to participate should call the ADA Coordinator, Jacquetta Bradley, P.O. Box 1569, Lake City, FL 32056, 386-719-7428, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired call (800) 955-8771; if you are voice impaired call (800) 955-8770.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this August 17 day of 2022.
 BARRY BAKER
 As Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: _____
 As Deputy Clerk

09/07, 09/14

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

PLAINTIFF, VS. AMI RENEE HERNANDEZ, MARCO HERNANDEZ ET AL., DEFENDANTS. CASE NO.: 22000020CAAXMX

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

(Correct Newspaper - Please publish in RiverBend News)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 15th day of August, 2022, and entered in Case No. 22000020CAAXMX, of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit in and for Hamilton County, Florida, wherein Freedom Mortgage Corporation is the Plaintiff and MARCO HERNANDEZ, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARCO HERNANDEZ; AMI RENEE HERNANDEZ; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF AMI RENEE HERNANDEZ; and UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. Greg Godwin as the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Hamilton County Law Library, Room 260 of the Hamilton County Courthouse at 11:00 a.m. on the 17th day of October 2022, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST, HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, RUN IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 34 TO A CONCRETE MARKER AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF SAID WEST SECTION LINE AND THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD #146 (FORMERLY S.R. 146); THENCE RUN S 80 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 05 SECONDS E, ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF C.R. 146, 1936.09 FEET TO THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF C.R. 146 WITH A GRADED ROAD FOR POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN 330.38 FEET IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF TIMBERLAKE OAKS DRIVE, A GRADED ROAD; THENCE RUN N 89 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 20 SECONDS E, 347.86 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN S 00 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 40 SECONDS E, 345.01 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF C.R. 146; THENCE RUN ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY N 80 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 05 SECONDS W, 252.30 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS LOT 40, OAKS OF TIMBERLAKE AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION.

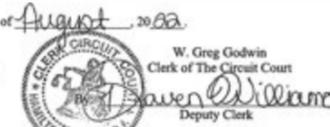
SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR PURPOSES OF UTILITIES IN WIDTH OF 20 FEET ALONG ANY ROAD AND 10 FEET ALONG ANY SIDE OR SIDES THEREOF.

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IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER

THE FUNDS ARE REPORTED AS UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

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Dated this 21 day of August, 2022

 W. Greg Godwin
 Clerk of The Circuit Court

 Deputy Clerk

Submitted by:
 Miller, George & Suggs, PLLC
 ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
 2200 W. Commercial Blvd, Suite 103
 Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309
 DESIGNATED PRIMARY E-MAIL FOR SERVICE
 PURSUANT TO FLA. R. JUD. ADMIN 2.516
 ESERVICE@MGS-LEGAL.COM

08/31, 09/07

NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

LU. VI. RO. PE. INVESTMENTS LLC
 18395 GULF BLVD. STE 203 RM.4
 INDIAN SHORES, FL 33785

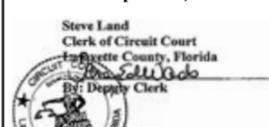
The holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
 Certificate No: 20-00069 Year of issuance: 2020
 DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
 Parcel ID # 13-05-11-0013-0340-00020

LEG 13-05-11 000.55 ACRES S 1/4 OF BLK. 34 KNIGHTS ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF MAYO OR BK 69 P. PER PLAT ON RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF LAFAYETTE COUNTY, FLORIDA, LYING AND BEING IN SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 11 EAST.

NAME IN WHICH ASSESS
 Deborah M. Sullivan Heirs Estate of Deborah M. Sullivan
 P.O. Box 375 201 SW Willow Street
 Mayo, FL 32066 Mayo, FL 32066

Estate of Deborah M. Sullivan
 861 NE Victory Lane
 Mayo, FL 32066

Said property being in the County of Lafayette, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder in the County Commissioners meeting room at the Lafayette County Courthouse on Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Dated: September 1, 2022

 Steve Land
 Clerk of Circuit Court
 Lafayette County, Florida
 Deputy Clerk

09/07, 09/14, 09/21, 09/28

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lafayette County Commission will be holding a regular meeting on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, on the second floor at the Lafayette County Courthouse in Mayo, Florida. Listed below is an agenda for the meeting.

By Order Of:
 Anthony Adams, Chairman
 Lafayette County Commission

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING:

1. Open the meeting.
2. Invocation and pledge to the flag.
3. Approve the minutes.
4. Requests and comments from the community.
 - A) Presentation to the Board by Mark Jarrard with H.W. Lochner, Inc.
5. Department Heads:
 - A) Marcus Calhoun – Maintenance.
 - B) Scott Sadler – Public Works.
 - C) Garret Land – Building/Zoning.
 - D) Marty Tompkins – EMS.
 - E) Shawn Jackson – Extension Office.
6. Open sealed bids for concrete work at the Edward Perry Sports Park.
7. Discuss a proposed project to pressure wash and paint the Courthouse.
8. Approve Resolution No. 2022-09-01, giving a temporary easement to the Florida Department of Transportation for construction and improvements along US Highway 27.
9. Discuss county policy for giving County Roads honorary names.
10. Leenette McMillan-Fredriksson – various items.
11. Approve the bills.
12. Other Business.
13. Future agenda items.
14. Adjourn.

All members of the public are welcome to attend. Notice is further hereby given, pursuant Florida Statute 286.0105, that any person or persons deciding to appeal any matter considered at this public hearing will need a record of the hearing and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact (386) 294-1600 or via Florida Relay Service at (800) 955-8771.

See www.lafayetteclerk.com for updates and amendments to the agenda.

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PUBLIC NOTICES CONTINUED

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 19th 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 10th 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) 2017 Black Chevrolet Silverado 3500 LTZ pickup, Vin#1GC4K0EY3HF124394, Tag #6244PV

On Tuesday, the 27th 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: *[Signature]*
Sheriff
08/24, 8/31, 09/07, 09/14

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of KATHY MARIE WALKUP, deceased, whose date of death was May 29, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Columbia County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 173 NE Hernando Ave # 408, Lake City, FL 32055. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and the 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.

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The date of first publication of this notice is September 7, 2022.

Attorney for Personal Representative Personal Representative

RICKERSON LEGAL Jeffery T. Totty, Esq. Florida Bar No.: 931861 440 15th Ave NW Jasper, FL 32052 Phone No.: (386)269-0440 Attorneys for Petitioner	William Holland 127 S.E. Haven Ct. Lake City, FL 32052
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BID SOLICITATION NO. 2022-35

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

Polypropylene Pipe for Stormwater

Date/Time/Location for Receiving Bids:

Friday, October 7, 2022, 4:00 pm
Late submittals will not be considered
Suwannee County Clerk of Courts
Cashier Window
200 S Ohio Avenue
Live Oak, FL 32064
(386) 362-0500

Date/Time/Location for Bid Opening:

Tuesday, October 11, 2022, 10:00 am or soon thereafter
Judicial Annex
218 Parsley Ave SW
Live Oak, FL 32064

Bid Documents Available from:

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

Description: Suwannee County is seeking bids for the purchase of Polypropylene Pipe for stormwater

SUWANNEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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AGENDA TOWN COUNCIL, TOWN OF MAYO, FLORIDA REGULAR MEETING MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM, 276 WEST MAIN STREET

REGULAR MEETING

1. Adopt Agenda
2. Approve Minutes
3. Citizen Input
4. Old Business
5. Resolution 04-2022 Assuming Liability for Road Closing Annual Pioneer Day
6. Resolution 05-2022 Assuming Liability for Road Closing Annual Christmas Parade
7. Resolution 06-2022 Assuming Liability for Road Closing Annual Homecoming
8. First Reading Ordinance 2022-003 Amending Comprehensive Plan
9. Angela Bonds Dean & Meade
10. Departments
 - a. Sampson Edwards
 - b. Garret Land
 - c. Chamber of Commerce
 - d. Arrow Waste
 - e. Dewberry
 - f. Sheriff Brian Lamb
11. Miscellaneous Items
12. Pay Bills
13. Adjourn

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

JACK R. FLOWERS,
Plaintiff,

vs.

VICTOR H. GARCIA,
Defendant.

CASE NO. 22-CA-50

NOTICE OF ACTION

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Hamilton County, Florida:

LOTS 32 AND 33 OF SOUTH LAKE SHORE AT OAK WOODLANDS 11 SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 126, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH 1990 HORTON MOBILE HOME ID# H78432G.

commonly known as 3839 NW 27th Lane, Jennings, Florida 2217, including all buildings, appurtenances, and fixtures located thereon, has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on Frederick J. Schutte IV, Esquire, of the Law Offices of Frederick Schutte, Plaintiff's Attorney, whose legal mailing address is Post Office Box 6125, Live Oak, Florida 32064, Telephone 386-362-2030, within thirty (30) days of the first date of publication of this notice, August 31, 2022, and file the original with the Office of Clerk of Court, either before service on Plaintiff's Attorney or immediately thereafter. If you fail to answer timely, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated this 05 day of August, 2022.

GREG GODWIN
Clerk of Court, Hamilton County

[Signature]
Dawn Williams
Deputy Clerk

08/31, 09/07

BID SOLICITATION NO. 2022-35

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

Batteries

Date/Time/Location for Receiving Bids:

Friday, October 7, 2022, 4:00 pm
Late submittals will not be considered
Suwannee County Clerk of Courts
Cashier Window
200 S Ohio Avenue
Live Oak, FL 32064
(386) 362-0500

Date/Time/Location for Bid Opening:

Tuesday, October 11, 2022, 10:00 am or soon thereafter
Judicial Annex
218 Parsley Ave SW
Live Oak, FL 32064

Bid Documents Available from:

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Suwannee County Administration
13150 80th Terrace
Live Oak, FL 32060
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Description: Suwannee County is seeking bids for the purchase of batteries

SUWANNEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of DARLENE A. MATOS, deceased, whose date of death was July 8, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Columbia County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 173 NE Hernando Ave # 408, Lake City, FL 32055. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is September 7, 2022.

Attorney for Personal Representative Personal Representative

RICKERSON LEGAL Jeffery T. Totty, Esq. Florida Bar No.: 931861 440 15th Ave NW Jasper, FL 32052 Phone No.: (386)269-0440 Attorneys for Petitioner	David Matos 952 SW Galilee Loop Lake City, FL 32024
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09/07, 09/14

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Employee Benefits Insurance Broker of Record for Medical/Health/Dental/Vision/ Life/Supplemental Insurance Coverage Services

Notice is hereby given that the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners will receive sealed statements of proposals for consideration to provide the services detailed here and shall be submitted to and received by:

W. Greg Godwin, Clerk of Circuit Court

The submittals shall be clearly marked:
"Employee Benefits Insurance Broker of Record for Medical/Health/Dental/Vision Insurance Coverage Services"

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. E.S.T., on September 16, 2022, in the Hamilton County Clerk of Circuit Court, located at 207 NE First Street, Room 106, Jasper, Florida 32052. Bid submittals will be opened at 2:10 p.m. E.S.T. on September 16, 2022. Late submittals shall **not** be accepted or considered. For more information contact Greg Godwin (386) 792-0850.

Bid Package: Bid Packages may be obtained electronically by contacting the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court as follows:

W. Greg Godwin
Clerk of Circuit Court
207 NE First St., Room 106
Jasper, Florida 32052
Ph. 386-792-0850

Email: godwin@hamiltoncountyfl.com

Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to accept any proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the County or to waive any informality in any submittal. Hamilton County may reject any or all proposals and re-advertise.

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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 19th 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 10th 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 #3C63RRGL0K642411, Tag#MB15DA

On Tuesday, the 27th 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: *[Signature]*
Sheriff
08/24, 8/31, 09/07, 09/14

BID SOLICITATION NO. 2022-37

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

Galvanized Corrugated Metal Pipe

Date/Time/Location for Receiving Bids:

Friday, October 7, 2022, 4:00 pm
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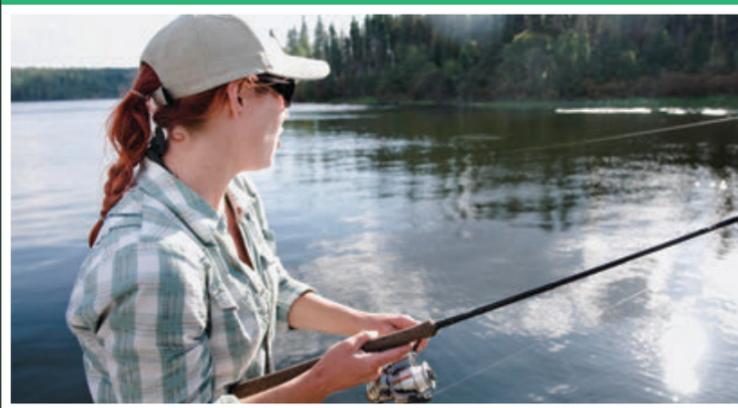
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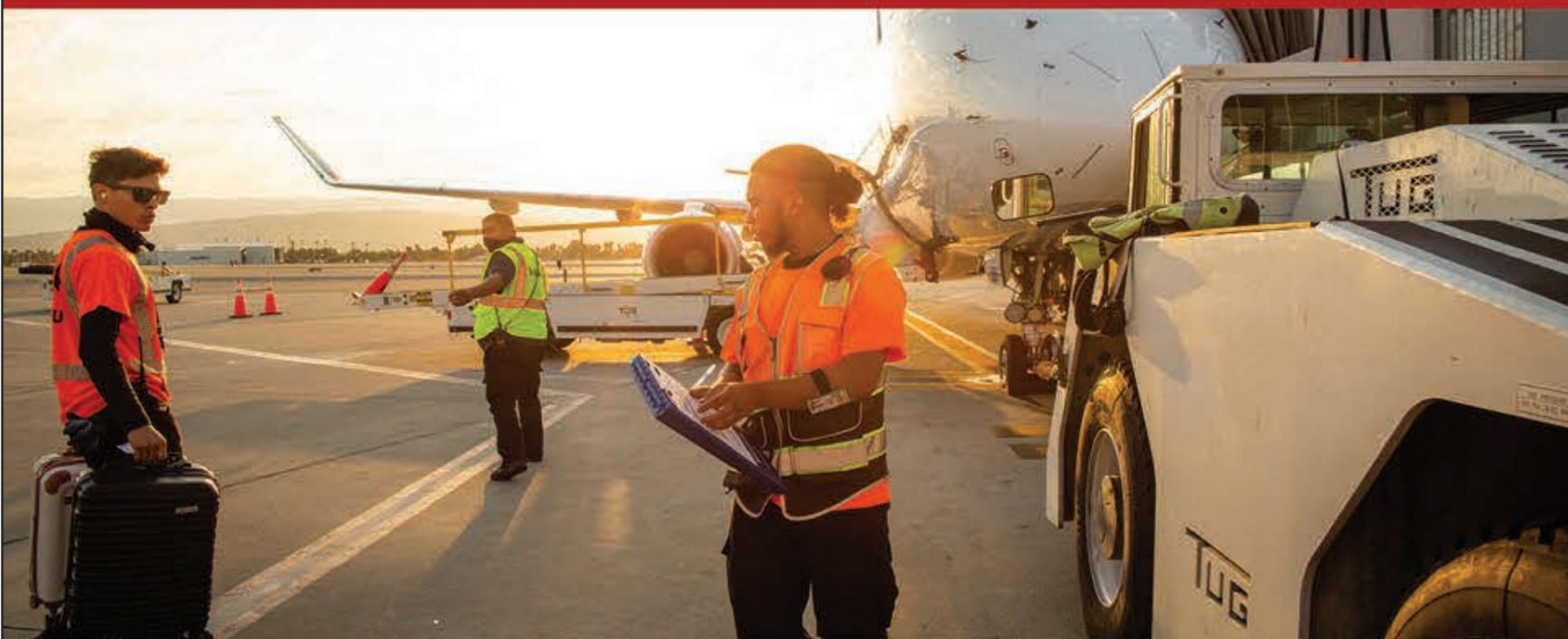


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