



## Live Oak shooter caught in Lake Butler

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On Tuesday, Nov. 1, after a joint investigation involving the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and Live Oak Police Department investigation, agents and deputies arrested 19-year-old Ja'Darius Malik Nathaniel Bellesen, of Sanford, Fla., for shooting into an occupied dwelling.

According to the FDLE, an investigation found that Bellesen shot into a Live Oak home and fled the scene. No one was injured. Agents and officers were able to locate him in Lake Butler, Fla. and worked with Union County Sheriff's Office to arrest him.

Bellesen was booked into the Union County Jail. The Office of the State Attorney, Third Judicial Circuit, will prosecute this case.



Ja'Darius Malik Nathaniel Bellesen

## Former attorney of the Town of Jennings disciplined by Supreme Court

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A Madison attorney was among 12 attorneys recently disciplined by the state Supreme Court. Thomas Edward Stone, a former attorney for the Town of Jennings and an assistant public defender in the office of Blair Payne, Public Defender, Third Judicial Circuit, had been in practice since 1976. He has been punished with disciplinary revocation, effective 30 days following a Thursday, Sept. 29, court order.

According to information provided by the Florida Bar, Stone was assigned to represent a female defendant in several criminal matters, some of which were felonies. The client subsequently violated the terms of her probation related to her plea in the criminal matters. Stone

again represented her in the violation of probation matters. Afterward, Stone admitted to engaging in a sexual relationship with the client, who he was still representing in court. This client reported that she felt pressured into the inappropriate relationship because Stone was handling her criminal matters.

On Tuesday, July 21, Stone filed a petition with the Florida Supreme Court to requesting that his "membership in The Florida Bar be revoked with leave to seek

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Thomas Edward Stone

## White Springs man arrested for 2020 hit and run

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On Nov. 21, 2020, at approximately 7:40 p.m., 31-year-old Prescott Lebreton Terry, Jr. of White Springs was driving a black Dodge Caravan, rented by his mother, on US 27 Westbound in Branford. A pedestrian, Pedro Negrete, was on the north paved shoulder walking westbound. According to a report from the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), Terry drove out of the travel lane and hit the pedestrian. After impact, Terry continued westbound for approximately two miles and came to a stop on the west shoulder of US 27. After stopping, he exited the vehicle and left on foot. However, two witnesses observed the Dodge strike Negrete and continue west from the crash without stopping.

At approximately 9:17 p.m. that night, Suwannee County Sheriff's



Prescott Lebreton Terry, Jr.

Office (SCSO) deputies received a phone call that a subject, later discovered to be Terry, was sitting inside the caller's vehicle on private property without the owner's permission. This occurred approximately one mile from where Terry abandoned the Dodge he was driving. SCSO

deputies arrived at the scene and made contact with Terry, detaining him in the back of their patrol vehicle and notifying FHP.

The Dodge was on the north grass shoulder of US Highway 27, facing west. Its hood was hanging off the right side of the vehicle, only attached by the right hood hinge. The vehicle's windshield was shattered and there was apparent human hair with tissue in the shattered windshield. It also had damage to its left front bumper and left headlight assembly. There were glass shards on the

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## Lafayette School District's overall grade ranked fourth highest in state

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The Lafayette County School Board held a workshop prior to its regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 5 p.m. in the School Board Administration Building, located at 363 NE Crawford St., in Mayo. Board members in attendance were Superintendent Robert Edwards; Darren Driver, District 1; Jeff Walker, District 2; Vice Chairwoman Marion McCray, District 3; Chairwoman Amanda Hickman, District 4; Taylor McGrew, District 5; Board Secretary Melissa Dicks and Attorney Leenette McMillan-Fredriksson.

The workshop involved the discussion of policies and procedures for the disposal and sale of school board property. At this time, Superintendent Edwards, the custodian of the property disposal, stood before the board to go over the procedures. He also proposed Stephen Clark, Director of Support Services, be appointed a designee.

Edwards then informed how there are different categories of school property, items more than \$750, items under \$750 and donated property. He proposed the items looking to be disposed of, priced more than \$750, come before the school board to determine what should be done with them; only board members would be able to say whether the items are unusable. He then proposed Clarke or himself determine if items priced less than \$750 should be reused, donated or sold locally.

Following this proposal, the workshop was closed. The board then moved into its regularly scheduled meeting. The meeting was opened with the invocation, which was led by McGrew, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members then proceeded to the section outlined for recognitions and presentations. Although they were unable to attend, the board wanted to recognize the school district's four Students of the Month.

The two Students of the Month selected for Lafayette Elementary School were Keisha Fletcher (K-2) and Khloe Jones (3-5). Fletcher was nominated by her teacher, Brenda Jackson, for being very caring. "When partner reading, she takes the time to help others understand the words that they are reading in addition to sounding out words they cannot pronounce," Jackson wrote in her nomination. Jones was nominated by her teacher, Alicia Prine, for "always [working] hard and [participating] in science discussion."

The two Students of the Month selected for Lafayette High School (LHS) were seventh-grader Michael Neely and 10<sup>th</sup>-grader Troy Mares. Neely was nominated by his teacher, Ana Palomino, for "[excelling] academically" and for being "helpful and kind in the classroom." "He is a new student this year, but has assumed a leadership position in his class. I have been really impressed with him," Palomino wrote in her nomination.

Mares was nominated by his teacher, Jessica Mathis, for being the "most respectful, sweetest student [she's] ever had." "I watch him in class help his classmates when needed. He contributes greatly to classroom discussion and is a hard worker. Outside of the classroom is no different," Mathis wrote in her nomination. "I watch him

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## Suwannee Veterans' Day Parade happening Friday

Jim Broe  
Contributor

It's time, once again, to get out your measuring tapes, your staple guns and your young, athletic-types to help prepare your floats and vehicles for this year's Veterans Day Parade!

The Suwannee Veterans Parade Corporation is proud to once again present the (renamed) Suwannee Veterans Parade; previously known as the "Live Oak Veterans Day Parade." Our parade is in its ninth consecutive year, thanks to the efforts of some very dedicated folks, including businesses, families and individuals whose names we will be proud to publish in later articles!

Last year, we announced that we would be judging the entries – which is what happened; however, we did not have accurate information regarding the entries themselves – so, we were unable to contact the "winners." This year, we are registering everyone, by name, in the hopes we can keep tabs on who is who!

As with last year, we will be judging the top three entries, with cash prizes: \$150 for first place; \$100 for second place and \$50 for third. Our theme this year is: "Women Veterans – Value to the Nation."

If you wish to register your entries, you may pick up applications at the Suwannee Chamber of Commerce, located at 212 Ohio Ave. N, in Live Oak; American Legion Harry C. Gray II Memorial Post 107, located at 10726 142<sup>nd</sup> St., in McAlpin or at the Live Oak Public Library, located at 1848 Ohio Ave. S, in Live Oak. You can turn them in to those locations or mail them to: Suwannee Veterans Parade at 8001 97<sup>th</sup> Ct., Live Oak, Fla. 32060. If it is practical, we would appreciate if you could mail them to that address, so that we can assign entry numbers in a timely manner.

We look forward to another exciting, fun parade this year. With your help and thoughtfulness, it will happen! If you have any questions, please contact Jim Broe at (386) 984-5730.

## Thank you, Veterans



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Have you served the United States through military service? Or stood bravely with your comrades on the battlefield? Have you courageously fought in supportive, administrative or commanding roles?

Wherever you've been stationed, and in whatever capacity you've served, I join the millions who stand humbly in your presence. I have no words big enough to express my thanks, but I'll give it my best effort.

You are my hero.

I don't know your story, but I've benefited from your courage. Your sacrifice began the day you pledged to defend our nation's honor. Although you knew fighting our enemies would be terrifying, you stepped forward. You stayed in the fight, and you defended me and those I love.

Thank you.

I'd like to express my gratitude to your family as well – your parents, spouse, and children who lie awake night after night worrying about and praying for your safety.

You, the family, sacrificed too. You demonstrated your own brand of courage and endurance as you kept the home. You pressed forward, one day at a time, without your loved one by your side. You continued to serve our country

in this way until the day he or she finally returned home. Or maybe you're still waiting for that glorious reunion.

Thank you.

And to you, family members, whose loved one paid the ultimate price in defending the country I love, I'm so very sorry for your loss. And so very, very grateful for your sacrifice.

I wish there were no wars. I hate how war pits nations against each other. Perhaps someday, we'll learn to resolve our conflicts in more peaceful ways.

Yet, while I wish wars weren't part of our world, I understand why we have them. In a perfect world, other nations wouldn't want to conquer us and take away our freedoms.

Thankfully, people like you and your family who love our country have the integrity and fortitude to fight to defend her. You've embodied John 15:13 (ESV):

“Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.”

We owe you a great debt. May we never take your service for granted.

You have our endless gratitude.

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## Around the Banks



**Johnny Bullard**  
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It was the "War to end all Wars," the first World War, which came to an end on Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. in 1918. Originally called Armistice Day, our Veterans Day in the United States which honors all of our nation's some 18,000,000 Veterans, is celebrated still on Nov. 11.

On Halloween evening, I sat on the front porch rocking away with my first cousins, Paige and Rhett Bullard at Rhett's historic residence on U.S. 41. When Brad and Robin Barnett Hall came with their son, daughter-in-law and grandson, I thought about how Robin and Brad were both officers in the United States Air Force and how all four of their sons served in the armed forces.

My mind turned a page and the old history bug bit hard as I remembered two ladies, former longtime residents of Rhett's home, Jean Waldron

(1885-1979) and her sister Molly Kate Kilpatrick (1895-1977). Both ladies studied Nursing at Emory Nurses Training School in Atlanta, Ga. and both enlisted in the United States Army Nursing Corps in 1914. They were both deployed to France, serving in Army field hospitals close to the thick of the fighting.

This was over a century ago and when the ladies volunteered to serve their nation, neither was afforded the right to vote, as women did not gain that right until 1920. The house in which Rhett resides was built in 1891, and their father and mother born in the mid nineteenth century moved into the, then, new home.

As an aside, Miss Jean and Mrs. Molly's maternal aunt, Mary Matilda Knowles Groover, was the mother of Mary Agnes Groover who married the late Honorable Spessard Lindsey Holland, Governor of Florida from 1941-1945 and United States Senator from Florida 1946-1971. Spessard Holland, Sr. established Holland and Knight, one of the state

of Florida's largest international law firms. And, as Paul Harvey would say, "And now you know the rest of the story."

How does all this tie into Veterans Day? Very simply, patriots such as Miss Jean and Mrs. Molly Kate, Robin and Brad Hall, their four handsome sons, and millions of others who served our nation provide an unbroken line of dedication to our nation, and we owe them more than we can ever repay. Brad, Robin and their sons often placed American flags on the graves of deceased Veterans on Memorial Day and Veterans Day. I know at one time or another, they placed flags on the graves of Miss Jean and Mrs. Molly Kate, southern ladies, nurses and United States Veterans who served the nation they loved over 100 years ago.

From the Eight Mile Still on the Woodpecker Route north of White Springs, wishing all our Veterans a happy Veterans Day on Friday, Nov. 11. God Bless you and thank you for your service to our nation. God Bless America!

## The good, the bad and the ugly: *Black Adam*



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Black Adam was released on Friday, Oct. 21, and is the newest installment into the DC Extended Universe (DCEU). The film follows the character of Teth-Adam (Dwayne Johnson), who is awoken after a 5,000-year slumber by archeologist Adrianna Tomaz (Sarah Shahi). Tomaz and her son, Amon Tomaz, (Bodhi Sabongui), then must convince the "man out of history" to save his country of Kahndaq from the mercenary-led Intergang. At the same time, the Justice Society of America (JSA) is called in by government official Amanda Waller to protect international interest from Black Adam's unknown and immeasurable power. The JSA is comprised of Carter Hall/Hawkman (Aldis Hodge), Kent Nelson/Doctor Fate (Pierce Brosnan), Maxine Hunkel/Cyclone (Quintessa Swindell) and Albert Rothstein/Atom Smasher (Noah Centineo). Be aware there are SPOILERS in the following review.

### The Good:

Black Adam is exactly what it is advertised to be and never attempts to be anything else, a high-octane action movie full of thrills, kills and laughs. First, let's break down Dwayne Johnson as Black Adam. Johnson is typically a predictable actor, normally bringing charisma, ridiculous humor and bravado to every character he plays. Most of the time, when Johnson is top billed, one can assume what they will receive during the movie. Black Adam, however, is a more nuanced character. Black Adam is an anti-hero, a main character who lacks conventional heroic attributes; for example, idealism, morality and mercy. Yet, the character will perform morally correct actions, though usually out of self-interest or in a way that would be considered unethical.

Furthermore, Black Adam is a man out of time; his origin takes place in 2600 B.C. After receiving his powers, he is deemed unworthy of them and trapped inside a prison for 5,000 years. These two key character forms contribute to a very unique character, and Johnson pulls it off well. He creates a believable character with no ties to anyone around him. Adam's guilt at his past is obvious throughout Johnson's performance, as well as the fact that, even though he is in the same geographical location as Kahndaq was 5,000 years ago, he comes from

an entirely different culture. Johnson excels in keeping the viewer on their toes with his aggression and violence, yet, by the end of the movie, Black Adam is truly humanized in a way that makes you like and even support the character.

The other standout characters in the movie are in the JSA. Hall plays a great leader of a dying team struggling to keep things together and dealing with his own pride. Brosnan clearly enjoyed playing the role of Doctor Fate, and the fun he had portraying the character can be felt by the audience, making his performance enjoyable. The two final big wins for the movie is the deadpan comedy and extensive action. Johnson's portrayal of a man out of time leads to some hilarious encounters between modern era characters; his deadpan responses to their modern ideas and actions have some great laugh out loud moments. Finally, the action sequences in the movie are not only fun, but at some points, beautiful. Watching Black Adam use his super speed and strength to quickly destroy a crowd of faceless goons or fighting the members of the JAS and seeing unique powers interact with each other leads to a very entertaining spectacle. Swindell's character, Cyclone, must be mentioned. Her power of wind has a very unique portrayal in the movie that can be described in two words: gorgeous and dancing.

### The Bad:

While Black Adam has many wins, there are, of course, faults which must be acknowledged. The number one issue with Black Adam is the same as the number one issue with most superhero flicks: supersaturation. The film has a runtime of two hours and four minutes, and every second is jampacked with action or exposition. So much so that, at points, it can feel overwhelming. Furthermore, the film falters in a similar manner to most Marvel movies, while certainly not to the same degree. Meaning, the studio expects you to have an understanding of superheroes you may not have seen before. Now, granted, there are parts of the movie that imply there was initially more to the JSA stories and each character's background but, nevertheless, that is speculation. The fact of the matter is there are four different characters introduced as members of the JSA, and there is little to no background information about each one. Its another, "if you're not on the comic book train yet, better hop on, because we're not stopping" moment.

### The Ugly:

I, personally, don't feel there is a large amount of "ugly" in this movie. There are really only two stand out points. Number one, the main antagonist of the story, Ishmael, later revealed to be the distant grandchild of Black Adam's initial enemy, Ahk-Ton, and eventually culminating in his revealed supervillain status as Sabbac, is a lame one-note villain. He has the same super powers as Black Adam and his only character motivation is he believes he deserves to rule Kahndaq because his distant relative did. It's not exactly great character development or motivation, leading to a boring villain who many will forget before they even leave the theater. This leads into the larger secondary issue of the movie at broad, which means almost all characters are one-note characters specifically, the non-super-powered characters. Tomaz characters do not change throughout the movie. Even though they are central to Black Adam's character change, they remain the same. They begin the movie as believers in the legend Black Adam and end the movie as believers in Black Adam. They begin the movie wishing for Kahndaq to be a sovereign unoppressed nation and end the movie with the same goal. The character development shown in the super-powered characters is there, but microscopic at best.

### Conclusion:

Black Adam is a lot of fun if you approach it with the right mindset. If one approaches the movie expecting a deep story with ulterior motives and a comment about the state of the world, you will be disappointed. However, if you walk into the movie expecting a fun action adventure film with cool visuals, not expecting more than the movie claims to be, you will enjoy it. Johnson does a wonderful job portraying a new character. His ensemble around him supports him well and are a truly enjoyable part of the movie. While the movie has drawbacks, absolutely, the positives outweigh the negatives by a significant degree. I rate it seven out of 10 gator tails, making it a recommendation from me.

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### MORSELS FOR ZION'S POOR

While some forms of "patriotism" are in themselves inoffensive, great error is set forth when men begin to equate "patriotism" and "Godliness", or consider that the Kingdom of GOD is at all concerned with such affairs. Many wars and conflicts have been waged for political ends, in the name of GOD. The amazing thing is that both sides often claim the same purpose and backing. The LORD said that there would be wars and rumors of wars until the time of the end, but nowhere in all of the scriptures has HE instructed the sons of GOD to concern themselves with these matters or to involve themselves in them. In some ways this is a very complex issue and we do not assume to solve these conundrums nor answer all questions which may be raised. We are however convinced that we are instructed by our LORD (both by word and example) to "be as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves". The sons of GOD are called to "strive" to enter in at the straight gate and to earnestly "contend" for the faith which was once delivered to the saints. While we would never instruct men that they should not "defend" themselves against evildoers and those intent upon their, or their loved ones, lasting harm, we would rather spend our efforts and time, telling them of CHRIST who when "he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth." Paul reminded the children of GOD that we are not to trust in the arm of the flesh; "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds)." Peter declared, "there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." This is an everlasting MEMORIAL to all who are given eyes to behold it. We desire to remember none but HIM. May our own name and all of the sons of men be forgotten, but may the NAME of JESUS CHRIST be remembered for ETERNITY, for HE alone is worthy to be praised.

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## Hit and Run

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front passenger seat and backrest, indicating it was unoccupied at the time of this crash.

FHP Sergeant Justin Smatt arrived at the private property and made contact with Terry, observing that he was leaning over in the vehicle. The report states

that Terry appeared to be impaired and went in and out of a stupor while Sergeant Smatt attempted to make contact with him. Sergeant Smatt reportedly observed Terry's slurred and mumbled speech and watery glossy eyes, appearing to be impaired by a controlled substance.

Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) analysts determined that tissue found on the Dodge's windshield belonged to the pedestrian, and DNA found

in the Dodge belonged to Terry. Terry's blood test results from the University of Florida Pathology Laboratories illustrated that his blood contained methamphetamine in an amount of 0.95 mg/L (950 ng/mL) and amphetamine in the amount of 0.15 mg/L (150 ng/mL).

Additionally, at the time of the incident, the defendant's Florida Driver's License was revoked and he had been classified as a habitual traffic offender since Nov. 18, 2019.

Two years later, on Thursday, Nov. 3, Terry was booked into the Suwannee County Jail for vehicular manslaughter; vehicular manslaughter-DUI; hit and run and driving while his license was suspended, causing a death; burglary and petit theft.

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readmission." The petition stated that prior to this matter, Stone had no disciplinary history. Stone also agreed to "reimburse the Client Security Fund (CSF) for any and all funds [the] CSF has paid or may pay out for claims resulting from [Stone's] misconduct."

Stone also agreed to reimburse The Florida Bar "for the costs incurred in his disciplinary cases."

On Thursday, Sept. 29, the Florida Supreme Court granted the disciplinary

revocation. As a result, Stone's membership in The Florida Bar is revoked. In the ruling, it was stated that Stone may "seek readmission after five years." This revocation is equal to disbarment, meaning Stone is not allowed to practice law during the time the revocation is in effect. Stone was also ordered to pay \$2,330.75 for "recovery of costs." The ruling also states that, "as with disbarment, in seeking readmission to The Florida Bar, [Stone] may be admitted again only upon full compliance with the rules and regulations governing admission to the bar."

## District

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hold the door for students and teachers when exiting and entering the hallway and he never fails to tell me 'good morning.' He brightens my day and I'm thankful to have him."

Following these recognitions, the board approved the adoption of the agenda with the removal of item 4.04. Board members then approved the minutes of their previous meeting. This was quickly followed by the collective approval of the consent items, including: 3.01, School Advisory Council members for LHS for 2022-23; 3.02, two fundraising requests from LHS's basketball team; and 3.03, a 2022-23 RIVEROAK Technical College Career Pathways Articulation Agreement.

Next on the agenda were the action items, beginning with the approval of recommendations for non-instructional, substitute and volunteer personnel. This was followed by the approval of the 2021-22 Annual Financial Report, which is required to be sent to the Department of Education each year. The board then approved the advertised revisions to School Board Policies 3.05 regarding Administrative Organization and 5.02 regarding Homeless Students.

The board then moved on to discuss item 4.05, which involved the annual membership dues for Florida School Labor Relations Service, Inc. At this time, Superintendent Edwards informed how the district had backed out of the program around 2012 and was looking to get back into it, as it is a statewide organization where districts can easily access legal advice. This was unanimously approved. Following this was the quick approval of the

LHS School-wide Improvement Plan for 2022-23, as well as the approval of the budget amendments.

After the board finished going over the items on the agenda, Superintendent Edwards took the remaining time to inform how, out of the 67 school districts in the State of Florida, the Lafayette County School District's (LCSD) overall grade ranked the fourth highest. In addition, LCSD's math proficiency in all grades was ranked third overall in the state, with various grades standing out on their own.

The district's third-grade math class ranked third in the state, while its fifth-grade, sixth-grade and seventh-grade math classes ranked fourth in the state. The LCSD's eighth-grade math and Algebra 1 classes ranked third in the state, while its eighth-grade English Language Arts (ELA) class ranked fourth. The district's Civics class ranked the highest, claiming the number one spot in the State of Florida. Also claiming the number one spot was the district's Middle School Acceleration; its College and Career Acceleration was ranked second. Capping off the whole list of highlights was the district's graduation rate, which was also ranked the number one highest in Florida.

Superintendent Edwards and entire school board took the time to commend their teachers and students, and express their pride in the continued success coming from the district.

Following these final comments, the meeting was adjourned. The next Lafayette County School Board regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 6 p.m. in the School Board Administration Building, located at 363 NE Crawford St., in Mayo.

# Beware of the "Sofia Scam"

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It is something that is going on nationwide and there have been reports of it happening locally. A group of three to six individuals holding posters and a collection cup or bucket, usually in high-traffic areas or shopping centers. On the poster is the image of a baby with what appears to be tubes coming out of its nose and seemingly on a hospital bed. The poster implores people to donate to help "Sofia," who is in need of surgery for a "heart malfunction." The problem is, unless one of these solicitors is named Sofia, that would be the only way "Sofia" would benefit from an unsuspecting person's generosity.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office recently made a social media post warning people that this is a scam and any money donated simply goes into the pockets of the scammers. Although this is clearly unethical and could even be considered cruel, it does not violate Florida State Statutes. The best

course of action, if you see these individuals, is to just drive on by and not stop.

During the upcoming holiday season, many people feel the need or desire to donate to a worthy cause and help others. While this is certainly a noble thing to do, one should use a great deal of caution in order to ensure that your generosity does not simply enrich unscrupulous bad actors who would take advantage of others. If you want to do a good deed and donate to a worthy cause, consider making an extra donation to your church or to an established, well-respected charity such as Samaritan's Purse, the Rotary Foundation or St. Jude's Children's Hospital. That way, you will know you are helping others who are truly worthy of your generosity.



Photo courtesy of Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

People are cautioned not to fall victim to the "Sofia Scam" that has spread nationwide. Some have even reported seeing it locally. This photo was taken in Palm Beach County, in South Florida.

# Crosses for Our Community Veterans Day display returns

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In November 2021, in honor of Veterans Day, Crosses for Our Community lined the streets of Live Oak with white crosses bearing the names of Veterans, both alive and fallen, for two weeks. The group has decided to set up this breathtaking display again this year. Each cross is accompanied by an American flag, as well as the Veteran's military branch and a sticker signifying whether they are a Purple Heart recipient.

Crosses for our Community, founded in May of 2021, is an organization aiming to show appreciation to our Veterans who have served and are currently serving our country. The crosses line the streets twice a year, a week before and a week after Memorial Day and Veterans Day. This year, there are about 525 crosses stretching out over a mile.

As of Thursday, Nov. 3, the crosses line Highway 129 South until the week following Veterans Day. Eventually, the group plans to pass the program over to Suwannee High School's NJROTC.



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# Correction

In the Wednesday, Nov. 2, edition of the *Riverbend News*, we mistakenly published inaccuracies in the article "Honorable Kenneth 'Sonny' Scaff retires after 15 years of service." The correct spelling of his name is Kenneth Scaff, and he doesn't have a wife. He has two children and one grandchild.

We deeply apologize for any inconvenience this incorrect information may have caused.

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## Suwannee commissioners change plans after community input

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On Tuesday, Oct. 18, the Suwannee County Board of Commissioners met for its regularly scheduled meeting. The meeting began at 5 p.m. and was held at the Judicial Annex, located at 218 Parshley St. SW, in Live Oak. In attendance were Don Hale, District 1; Clyde Fleming, District 2; Travis Land, District 3; Len Stapleton, District 4; Franklin White, District 5; County Administrator Randy Harris and County Attorney Jimmy Prevatt. The meeting began with a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was the minutes from the previous meeting, which were unanimously approved. The board then moved to the consent agenda, pulling three items for discussion. They then approved the remaining seven items on the consent agenda. Discussion then turned to the first pulled item, awarding a bid to Curt's Construction for the paving of Carter Avenue and Wideman Street. Administrator Harris explained the item had been pulled on a technicality. When the item was initially bid out, Curt's had provided all the correct and proper paperwork. However, due to the delay in bidding, Curt's certificate of insurance had expired. The board had a small discussion before approving the bid with the stipulation that they are provided a new, up-to-date certificate of insurance.

The board then began discussing the two other pulled items, as they were connected. The items pulled were the authorization for PrintJax to

print the solid waste decals and authorization for MBI Direct to do mailing services for the solid waste decals. Hale revealed to the board that he had received calls from the public regarding their interest in providing those services, or at least offering a quote to the board. The other commissioners agreed that it would be a good idea to allow locals to bid on the project. The items were tabled until the next meeting while the board waited for more quotes from locals.

The board then moved to commissioner items, to which there was only one response. Hillary Cannon with the Suwannee County Chamber of Commerce stood up to speak. Cannon simply wanted to say thank you to the board for attending the Business of the Year dinner. She also invited the board to attend one of the three ribbon cuttings that would be happening the following week of the meeting. The board then called for public comment, to which there was one response, Stacy Griffith from Branford. Griffith explained that the Rotary Club was doing a Chili Cook-off on Saturday, Nov. 12. She asked for the board's permission to run a beer tent during the event. Chairman White stated there were no issues at the previous tent so the commissioners stated they were all alright with it. The board then adjourned the meeting. The next Suwannee County Board of Commissioners meeting was held on Tuesday, Nov. 1, at 5 p.m. in the Judicial Annex, located at 218 Parshley St. SW, in Live Oak. Check back in a later edition of the *Riverbend News* to read all the details about the meeting.

## Lafayette Commission awards bid for Ezell Dock

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On Monday, Oct. 24, the Lafayette County Board of Commissioners met for its regularly scheduled meeting. The meeting began at 5:30 p.m. and was held on the second floor of the Lafayette County Courthouse, located at 120 W Main St., in Mayo. Those in attendance were Lance Lamb, District 1; Henry McCray, District 2; Lisa Walker, District 3; Anthony Adams, District 4; Earnest Jones, District 5, via phone call; Steve Land, Clerk of Court and Leenette McMillan-Fredriksson, County Attorney. The board opened initially as the board of adjustments, beginning with a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The board of adjustments had one item brought before them, which was a variance petition for David O'Connor. The petition requested that O'Connor's property in the Riverside subdivision have two setbacks changed. The northwest portion of the property has a steep ridge that is environmentally protected, causing issues for construction. O'Connor requested that the setback on the east side be changed from 20 feet to 15 feet and the south setback be changed from 50 feet to 26 feet. O'Connor's realtor explained there were no neighbors around who would be affected and that other variances in the same area had been granted because of the same problem. Furthermore, O'Connor already has permission from the Suwannee River Water Management District. The board unanimously approved the variance before closing the board of adjustments meeting.

The commissioners then began the regularly scheduled meeting. The first item on the agenda was the approval of the previous meeting's minutes. The board then called for public comment, to which there was no response. The board then moved to department head reports, starting with Marcus Calhoun with maintenance.

Calhoun began with his report on the fourth community center. He had been tasked with estimating how much it would cost to repair the decking and roof issues and returned with an estimate of \$16,000 to \$18,000 for the repairs. The commissioners agreed to add the item to the next agenda to discuss options. Calhoun also told the board that the department had begun working on handicap access and the sidewalks at

the ball field. Next up to report was Scott Sadler with public works. Sadler expanded on the work being done at the ball field, explaining that they had begun framing for concrete and would begin pouring on Wednesday, Oct. 26. He told the board grading would continue as normal and that the extra grader was being sent to places that were in need of repair sooner. Sadler also told the board that they would begin culvert replacements, on Southeast Land Road and Southeast Turtle Road, the week of Sunday, Oct. 30. There was nothing else to report from the remaining department heads, so the board moved to its next item.

The discussion turned to the bids for the Ezell Floating Dock improvements. The board had been in discussion with the two companies about how to bring down the price of their original bid, due to it being far over the range the board was able to pay. The answers back were that the dock could be shortened, and instead of two gangway systems, there would be only one. The board agreed to the changes and approved Saltwater Builders for the project at \$170,000. The board then moved to a public hearing regarding a road closing petition filed by Dennis and Linelle Creech. The petition from the Creech family regarding the road was because they had experiences of the road being taken advantage of by youth participating in undesirable actions. Elizabeth Phillips, neighbor to the Creech family, stood up to speak on the issue. Phillips told the board that she has called the police before about activities on the road including litter, drugs, loud music and sex. She explained that, not only did she not mind the road being closed, she was in favor of it. The board then told the Creeches that, while they have no problem with the petition, they need to make sure there is enough turnaround space for trucks. They then tabled the item until the next meeting while they looked at what the road would need in order to be closed.

The board then approved the payment of the bills. After this, Adams announced to the board they had received paperwork detailing the work that the forestry service had done in Lafayette County. The meeting was then adjourned. The next Lafayette County Board of Commissioners meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 14. It will begin at 9 a.m. and will be held on the second floor of the Lafayette County Courthouse, located at 120 W Main St., in Mayo.

## Hamilton County changes their fire department plans

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On Tuesday, Nov. 1, at 9 a.m. the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners met for its regularly scheduled meeting. Those in attendance were Jimmy Murphy, District 1; Josh Smith, District 2; Robert Brown, District 3; Randy Ogburn, District 4; Richie McCoy, District 5; Louie Goodin, County Coordinator and County Attorney Andrew Decker III. The meeting was held in the boardroom at the Hamilton County Courthouse, located at 207 NE 1st St., in Jasper. The meeting began with an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The board began by approving the closure of Swilley Road, then they called to hear from Thomas Howell Ferguson about the status of the American Rescue Plan. Due to there not being anything to report, no one from the company was present. However, Goodin told the board that at the next meeting there would need to be an amendment to fix price points in their contract, although it changes nothing of substance. The board then began discussion on the ACL state property near the railroad. The board explained that the property was being overgrown and looked terrible. They had attempted to purchase the property, however, the price was too much. The board decided to send a counter proposal, offering to clean the property.

Next was an update on grant programs from Grant Administrator Spencer Nabors, who told the board that there really wasn't much of an update aside from that everything was going well. The board then called for an update on economic development projects, to which Chad Mathis responded. First, the board unanimously accepted the deed for County

Road 137. Mathis then told the board they can begin demolition on the two service stations in Jennings. The board then moved to hear about county road projects. The board was told that the Department of Transportation had funds available and were willing to plan how to help the Jennings exit. The board was also told the Gibson Park Boat Ramp project was ready; they were just waiting on water management. The Department of Transportation had also begun asking for new projects, so the board added County Roads 141 and 71, along with County Road 13 as new construction and County Road 148 as a resurfacing project. They then approved sending a thank you letter to their contact at the Department of Transportation.

The board then began discussing the fire service agreement with the municipalities, starting first by approving a payment to the Jasper Fire Department for services rendered. Smith voted against the payment and clearly voiced his disapproval of the decision. The board agreed to return to the rest of the conversation regarding the fire service agreement after finishing the other items on the agenda. The board then approved the Department of Health funding opportunity for rural EMS, along with the consent agenda for the evening and the bills. The board then returned to the issue of the fire service agreement. After plenty of conversation, the board decided to set aside \$30,000 for each municipality's fire department to help cover costs. They then set a workshop date for Tuesday, Nov. 15, starting at 4:30 p.m. The board then renewed their equal opportunity clause before bringing the meeting to a close. The next Hamilton County Board of Commissioners meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 15 and will begin at 6 p.m. It will be held in the Hamilton County Courthouse, located at 207 NE First St., in Jasper.





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## The origins of Veterans Day celebrations

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On Nov. 11, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson issued a message to the country on the first Armistice Day. Now known as Veterans' Day, this is a time to pay respects to those who have served in the military. On this day, we stand united in respect for our Veterans.

When first celebrated, the day marked the end of WWI, formally recognized on the "11<sup>th</sup> hour, of the 11<sup>th</sup> day, of the 11<sup>th</sup> month" in 1918. It coincides with other holidays, including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, celebrated in other countries by marking the anniversary of the end of WWI. Major hostilities of WWI formally ended at this time when the truce with Germany went into effect.

The original concept for Armistice Day was for a day observed with parades and public meetings, and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11 a.m. President Woodrow Wilson made the following proclamation to commemorate the holiday:

"To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations" (defense.gov)

In 1954, congress passed the bill proposed by U.S. Representative Edward Rees that President Eisenhower signed, proclaiming to change the name of the holiday to "Veterans Day" after the urging of Veteran organizations nationwide to account for all Veterans of all wars.

In 1968, the Uniform Holiday Monday Act ensured three-day weekends for federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Columbus Day. This bill moved Veterans Day to the fourth Monday of October. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued celebrating the holiday on its original date. With much confusion, the first Veterans Day under the new law was observed on Oct. 25, 1971.

Four years later, on Sept. 20, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed a law that returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date



Photo courtesy of VA.org  
President Dwight Eisenhower signing the bill changing Armistice Day to Veterans Day. Pictured, from left to right, are: Alvin J. King, Wayne Richards, Arthur J. Connell, John T. Nation, Edward Rees, Richard L. Trombla and Howard W. Watts.

of Nov. 11, beginning in 1978. There is no "correct" way to celebrate Veterans Day. The holiday is traditionally observed with local parades, celebrations and other gatherings, but there are plenty of ways to honor veterans, wherever you are. Some ways you can celebrate from home include sending cards to Veterans you know. Sending a card is an excellent way to show someone you're thinking about them, wish them well, or are proud of them. It's a thought-provoking and meaningful way to show your appreciation for a veteran in your life. Alternatively, you can show your support at a Veteran-owned business, donate to a local Veteran support group, verbally thank a Veteran in your life, or ask them about their service. Veterans Day celebrations will also be taking place in the tri-county area.

Hamilton County will have a Veterans Day celebration at the Veteran Memorial Park in Jasper. There will be a special guest speaker at the event who is the son of a Veteran. The event is open to anyone who would like to attend. Veteran Memorial Park is located at 1153 US Highway 41 NW, in Jasper.

The American Legion Post 107 Veterans Day event will take place on Friday, Nov. 11, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. The event will occur at the Live Oak Cemetery, located at 110 Winderweede St. NW, in Live Oak. At this event, which takes place annually, the community will gather to celebrate Veterans, both in the community and nationwide.

In Mayo, on Saturday, Nov. 12, Lighthouse Christian Center will host its annual Veteran Tribute to honor all who served. The event will begin at 11 a.m. and will take place at Lighthouse Christian Center, located at 772 FL 51, in Mayo. The event will feature vendors, live music and a car show.

Additionally, the Suwannee Veterans' Day Parade will take place on Friday, Nov. 11, at 9 a.m.

To learn more about Veterans Day celebrations in your area, contact your local Chamber of Commerce or Veteran Affairs Office.

## Malcolm Hines: Veteran, assistant superintendent, father

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Malcolm Hines is the definition of a public servant. A lifelong Suwannee County native, he was born on Jan. 22, 1965, to Lenard and Carolyn Hines and graduated from Suwannee High School in 1983. While still in school, Hines had already known what he wanted to do after graduation and wasted no time signing up for the United States Army's delayed entry program.

Just three months after graduation, in August of 1983, he was sent to Fort McClellan, Ala., where he completed his basic training. He remained there for his advanced individual training, receiving the military occupational specialty of 31B Military Police. He was then stationed in Burlington, Germany, for two years. In 1986, Hines returned to the United States, where he was stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas, for another two years.

He was then honored to be stationed at the United States Pentagon, where he served as Security Chairman of the Joint Chief for two years. In 1988, Hines found himself once again in Germany for four years; only, this time, he was stationed in Berlin, Germany, where he had the unique opportunity to serve as the last



Malcolm Hines

watch over the Berlin Wall. Hines takes pride in having been able to watch American democracy at its finest when the wall came crashing down.

In 1991, he returned to the United States once again, at which time he was sent back to Fort McClellan for eight weeks of drill sergeant school. "That was the toughest eight weeks of my life," Hines said, laughing as he looked back on his time there. "I graduated there at 155 pounds. In eight weeks, I lost 30 pounds from stress and exhaustion." He served as

a drill sergeant for two years, transferring his knowledge and experience into the minds and bodies of new recruits. He was then sent back to Germany for the third time, where he was stationed in Vilsack for three years.

Hines returned for his third and final time to Fort McClellan in 1999. This time, however, was a bittersweet visit. Over the next four months, Hines secured the base, as it was decommissioned after 82 years of service. Hines stated Fort McClellan will always be a special place to him, as that is where his

military career began.

Following this, between 1999 and 2003, Hines found himself at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He also spent time at Camp Humphries in South Korea before being stationed at Fort McPherson Army Forces Command Center in Atlanta, Ga., where he completed his 26 years of service.

Over the course of his career, Hines was involved in multiple deployments, including stints in Afghanistan, Iraq and Central America. During his service, he earned the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge, the Drill Sergeant badge, the Army of Occupation Medal, the Last Occupation of Berlin Wall Medal and, perhaps his most proud accommodation, the Legion of Merit.

Today, Hines continues his public service as the Assistant Superintendent of Suwannee County District Schools. He and his wife of 29 years, Patricia, continue to reside in Suwannee County with their daughter, Zehra (23), who is also a Suwannee High School graduate, and their son, Malcolm (8).



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IN LOVING MEMORY

## Carroll Norman Pearson



Carroll Norman Pearson, 89, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022. Carroll was born in Mayo, Fla., where he graduated from Lafayette High School in 1951. After high school, he served in the United States Air Force and was stationed in England. After serving four years, he attended the University of Florida and graduated with a degree in accounting. He moved to Fort Lauderdale to begin his career as a licensed CPA and later retired as a partner with McGladrey & Pullen. It was there that he met his wife, Madge Rockwell and had two children, Norman and Mary Beth. He enjoyed golf, hunting and fishing.

He participated and served in various capacities for the Executives' Association of Fort Lauderdale, Coral Ridge Country Club, Gator Club and Christ United Methodist Church, to name a few. Upon retirement, he moved to Gainesville, Fla. and was joined by several other families from South

Florida. There, he was active and served in various roles at the Gainesville Country Club, Grace Methodist Church, Gator Tip-Off club, and his beloved Ptomaine Club. In 2020, he moved to Knoxville, Tenn., to join his daughter.

Carroll was predeceased by his parents, Barney and Vaye Pearson, his wife Madge, his son Norman, and siblings Charlie, Ray and Sara. He will be remembered by his daughter, Mary Beth Blake (Tom) of Knoxville; sister, Gwynell Pepin, Jewett City, Conn., daughter-in-law, Karen Pearson; two sisters-in-law: Peggy Pearson (DeLeon Springs) and Carolyn Pearson (Mayo); three grandchildren: Hannah Blake, Owen Blake and Katherine Pearson; and many nieces and nephews in Florida, Connecticut and Ohio.

The Celebration of Life service will be held at Grace at Fort Clarke United Methodist Church on Thursday, Nov. 17, at 2 p.m., followed by a reception. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Grace at Fort Clarke United Methodist Church, 9325 W. Newberry Rd. Gainesville, Fla., 32606.

## Marilyn Joyce Norris



Mrs. Marilyn Joyce Norris, age 78, of Wellborn, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 2, in Haven Hospice of Lake City, Fla. Mrs. Norris had resided in Wellborn all of her life.

She was a self-employed beautician in the Wellborn area for over 15 years. She was a member of the Fellowship Baptist Church of Suwannee County, Fla. She enjoyed cooking, fishing, gardening, making trips to Biloxi and being with family and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Larry Norris; her parents, Gus and Louise Law Connell; two sons,

Patrick William Norris and Carroll Leon Norris; grandson, Travis Norris; four brothers, Lavern, Lamont, Donald and Gary Connell. She is survived by her two daughters, Patricia Norris and Carola Redmond, both of Wellborn; one son, William "Billy" (Janice) Norris of

Wellborn; two sisters, Mary Ingram and Barbara Butler both of Wellborn; three grandchildren, Ronald Norris, Jimmy Redmond III and Brittany Parker; two great-grandchildren, Hunter Parker and Mason Parker also survive.

A funeral service to honor the life of Mrs. Norris was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, in the Chapel of Guerry Funeral Home with Rev. Hugh Dampier officiating and assisted by Mr. Dwight Law. The interment was in Fellowship Baptist Church Cemetery, Suwannee County, Fla. Visitation for family and friends was from 10 to 11 a.m., one hour before services, at Guerry Funeral Home, 2659 SW Main Blvd., Lake City, Fla.

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## Randall Dean Corbin



Randall Dean Corbin, age 73, of Live Oak, Fla. passed away Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022, at Haven Hospice in Lake City, Fla., with his wife by his side.

He is survived by his wife, Emma Corbin, one son Matthew Corbin and one daughter Cynthia Strait; one brother, Kenneth Corbin and his sister, Susie Wewhell; eight grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. Originally born in Streater, Ill., he moved to Live Oak in 1981. Randall retired from Gold Kist with 26 years of service.

He was a man of many talents, master mechanic, trucker, farmer, loving husband and father.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Haven Hospice, Lake City, Fla.

## Joy C. Koscher

Joy C. Koscher, 94, Jasper, Fla. passed away on Saturday, October 22, 2022. She retired from Southern Bell and her pets were everything to her. Mrs. Koscher is survived by her son: Bruce "Skip" Koscher; dear friends: Dinah Casey and Wen Li Bartholomew; her beloved grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and siblings. She was preceded in death by her husband: Frank Koscher. Please sign the guestbook at [www.danielsfuneralhome.com](http://www.danielsfuneralhome.com).

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

## Emmie Joy Brooks



Emmie Joy Brooks, 13, of Columbus, left her earthly home at 8:32 a.m., Thursday, October 13, 2022 at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Emmie was born January 15, 2009, in Columbus, Indiana, the daughter of Tom G. Brooks and Tracy Joy Rucker Brooks.

Emmie was a current student in the eighth-grade class at Central Middle School in Columbus, IN. She had a strong faith and an inspiring way about her that can be described as infectious, as she had a way of inspiring friends, family and even the other children receiving care at Riley Children's Hospital. Emmie was a heroic fighter of cancer that refused to give up. She was spunky and loved animals, especially her beloved dog, Marley. Emmie also enjoyed playing Pokemon. During the last year, she found enjoyment in making and selling dog treats. Emmie will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Survivors include her mother, Tracy Brooks; father, Tom (Sara) Brooks, both of Columbus; grandparents, Lynne (Marvin) Hutchins, of Live Oak, Florida, Buddy (Kelly) Brooks, of Lake Placid, Florida; Steve (Janet) Rucker of Hartsville, IN; siblings, Brandon (Hanna) Brooks, Blake Brooks, Elise Brooks, all of Columbus; aunts, Lori (Steve) Hunnicutt, of Columbus, Jennifer (Pete) Pinholster of Asheville, N.C.; uncles, Scott (Rachel) Rucker, of Noblesville, IN, Stephen (Paola) Brooks, of Silver Spring, MD (formerly from Live Oak); along with many cousins. Services were held in Columbus at Parkside Baptist Church.

Her Nana, Lynne Hutchins, wants to thank the many people in Live Oak who have been praying over the years for Emmie's recovery. While she finally succumbed to multiple types of cancer, the prayers were answered as she left us peacefully and without fear, and we were given many more years with her than predicted by doctors.

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# Jail Report

## Lafayette

Oct. 31

**Sharmaine Staples**, driving with license suspended or revoked  
**Oscar Monterola Mulero**, burglary, grand theft

## Hamilton

Nov. 1

**David Davon Mckire**, withhold of support

Nov. 2

**Aubrie Shanae Bryant**, failure to appear

Nov. 3

**Bruce Dionell Quinton Richardson**, trespassing  
**Matthew Jacob Porter**, probation violation  
**Jared Tyler Henderson**, probation violation

Nov. 4

**James Russel Bynum**, probation violation

Nov. 6

**Brandon Kyle Falzon**, moving traffic violation

## Suwannee

Nov. 1

**Raleigh Dannal Jenkins**, failure to appear  
**Malachi Daron Roberson**, out of county warrant  
**Monica Reppert Carter**, probation violation  
**Gerald Arthur Bisque**, battery  
**Troy Christian Hoff**, hold for other reason

Nov. 2

**Kenneth K Woppshall**, battery  
**Bryan Mendoza**, hold for other reason  
**Jadarius Malik Nathaniel Bellesen**, weapon offense  
**David Douglas Connors**, opium or derivative possession, marijuana possession, drug equipment- paraphernalia

**Kelly Renee Dudely**, failure to appear

**Merril Max Raper**, possession of a controlled substance, marijuana possession, moving traffic violation, drug equipment paraphernalia

Nov. 3

**Marylou Mcalpin**, out-of-county warrant

**Prescott Lebreton Terry**, homicide- DUI cause death to human or unborn child, hit and run, vehicular homicide-negligent manslaughter, criminal traffic violation, burglary, petit theft

**Roy Edward Welch**, hold for other reason

**Rebecca Leann Woods**, probation violation

Nov. 4

**Samuel Thomas Hambrick**, burglary, grand theft- 300 less than 5k dollars

**Kimberly Ashley Tillman**, burglary, resisting an officer

Nov. 5

**Neftaly Esquilin-Malave**, criminal traffic violation

**Christopher Dyer**, hold for other reason

**Jamar Walker**, hold for other reason

Nov. 6

**Gary Wayne Smith**, warrant service

**Ledarius Leremiah Lee**, robbery, aggravated battery

**Derrick Jarmaine Lee**, disturbing peace, resisting officer/arrest

**Ginger Renee Odom**, out-of-county warrant

Nov. 7

**Edward James Hamilton**, robbery, hold for other reason

# Community Calendar

## Wednesday, Nov. 9

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

## Wednesday, Nov. 9 and Monday, Nov. 14

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](mailto:Mrsdew5834@outlook.com).

## Wednesday, Nov. 9 - Wednesday, Nov. 16

"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, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m., with discussion; Thursday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m., with book study; Friday, Nov. 11, at 7 p.m., with discussion; Sunday, Nov. 13, at 8:30 a.m., with a men's meeting; Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 11 p.m., with discussion; and Wednesday, Nov. 16, 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.

## Saturday, Nov. 12

The Greater Poplar Springs Missionary Baptist Church, in collaboration with Oak Grove Baptist Church, invites the community to celebrate Dr. Rev. J.T. Billy Simon. Greater Poplar Springs Missionary Baptist Church will be hosting a celebration for him and the time he has dedicated to the church at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12. The event will be a Black Splendor Banquet at the J.R.E. Lee Community Complex, located at 702 1st St. NW, in Jasper. Tickets will cost \$10 and dinner will be served. There will also be a Sunday morning worship service on Sunday, Nov. 13, at 11 a.m., with Rev. Desi Nixon acknowledging Dr. Rev. Simon at Oak Grove Baptist Church, located at 1007 NE Needmore Rd., in White Springs.

## Saturday, Nov. 12

On Saturday, Nov. 12, Lighthouse Christian Center will host its annual Veteran Tribute to honor all who served. The event will begin at 11 a.m. and will take place at Lighthouse Christian Center, located at 772 FL 51, in Mayo. The event will feature vendors selling crafts, food, trinkets, clothing and more. There will also be bounce houses and games for the youth to enjoy. Additionally, there will be a car show and a concert featuring Jackson Heights beginning at 6 p.m.

## Saturday, Nov. 12

Join Jo Kennon Public Library for its weekly Kids Corner every Saturday at 11 a.m. The program is designed for children between the ages of five and 15. However, children under five are allowed when accompanied by an adult. Jo Kennon Public Library is located at 10655 Dowling Park Dr., in Dowling Park. For more information, call (386) 658-2670.

## Thursday, Nov. 17

Discuss your current reads, favorite novels, and other bookish topics at Live Oak Public Library's new Literary Society. This program is a spin on a book club without the required reading. Check it out at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at the Live Oak Public Library. The Live Oak Public Library is located at 1848 Ohio Ave. S, in Live Oak.

## Sunday, Nov. 20

Gilbert Macias of Miami, Fla., will be a guest speaker at New Harmony United Methodist Church on Sunday, Nov. 20. Macias is a concert pianist and will be bringing a Thanksgiving message, "In All Things Give Thanks." The church invites the community to give Macias a warm welcome. New Harmony United Methodist Church is located at 19983 160th St., in Live Oak. Service starts at 9:30 a.m. Contact Erie Lane at (386) 776-2843 for more information.

# Sugar Cane Festival in White Springs to fill Bridge Street on Saturday

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Mark your calendars, the Sugar Cane Festival is just a few days away! This annual event, organized by Suwannee Hardware and Feed, takes place in historical White Springs on Saturday, Nov. 12. Held between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., young and old have the opportunity to view an array of demonstrations and over 50 vendor booths.

In addition, there will also be an auto Cruise In, featuring vintage tractors, autos and hit-and-miss engines. If vintage vehicles aren't your wheelhouse, don't worry – there are plenty of other activities for you to enjoy! One of the festival's most popular demonstrations is the hit-and-miss engine cane grinding and syrup cooking featuring Tom Mikovsky. There will also be coal forge blacksmithing, presented by John Lacefield, as well as chainsaw sculptures, presented by Chad Gainey. Those looking to take home the perfect souvenir can also stop by Daisy Draws' booth for caricature drawings.

Of course, that's not all. Attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy goat milk soap making, hand churned butter, hand churned ice cream, hand loom weaving, yarn spinning, honey bee keeping, wood turning, pottery bowl spinning, axe throwing and live performances by The Midnight Blue Band. Those planning to bring their young ones along with them will be able to let them enjoy the Kids' Zone, which will offer a bounce house, a slide, pony rides, a train ride and a balloon pop game.

Over 50 food and vendor booths will offer an array of goods from barbecue to pizza and antiques to homemade children's clothing. There will be a little bit of everything to help jumpstart your Christmas list shopping the right way.

Be sure to make your way over to Bridge Street in White Springs for this unique and exciting experience! The Sugar Cane Festival will be held on Saturday, Nov. 12, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.



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# Scarecrows in Hearthstone Gardens

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Hearthstone Gardens was founded in 2018 by Judith Mundy and boasts an extensive variety of all kinds of plants. It gives children, adults, home gardeners and even landscape designers the opportunity to learn more about flora, specifically the palette of North Florida. The plants are groomed seasonally by volunteers in the garden.

Hearthstone Gardens is the overarching name of the agriculture locale. However, inside of it are all kinds of different gardens and relaxing spots to enjoy. For example, the Rose Garden features 55 pink, red and white knock out roses. Meanwhile, the Children's Garden focuses on education for children. This garden is focused on interactive and recognizable plants. There is even a "smell me and touch me" area for children to experience botany up close and personal. The White Patch is a monochrome section designed to evoke calm and serenity, and the Butterfly Garden is a highlight of every garden, giving folks a chance to see butterflies, hummingbirds and other pollinators. Mirror Lake is a quarter of an acre and provides a chance to see all kinds of interesting wetland and forest wildlife, such as King Fishers or Easter screech owls. The Learning Center is operational year-round and

offers fun children's programs for all ages. The fairly new Japanese Garden is another simplistic and tranquil place to go, a North Florida interpretation of centuries old tradition of gardening. The final piece of Hearthstone Gardens is the Garden of Honor, a way to pay tribute to those who deserve honor and respect. Rocks are engraved and placed permanently in an ever-expanding circle.

Each October, Hearthstone Gardens holds a special event called Scarecrows in the Garden. Participants are invited to create a scarecrow for the categories of Family and Friends, Children and Youth Groups and Businesses/Organizations. Winners were announced on Saturday, Oct. 22. For Family and Friends, first place went to Jim and Nora Riley with "The Scarecrow," while second place went to Tracey Fedor and Jan Tinsman with "Pinball Wizard" and third place went to Gail Grey with "Forest Gump." In the Children and Youth Groups category, first place went to Sam, Rylee and Josie Wise, while second place went to Lucas Echeverri. Aubrey Hightower and Lorilei Thomas were both given honorable mentions. Finally, in the Businesses/Organizations category first place went to the Live Oak Garden Club and second place went to the Suwannee River Regional Library. Hearthstone Gardens is located at 3300 134<sup>th</sup> Place in Wellborn, they are open from dawn until dusk.



Photo courtesy of Hearthstone Gardens

The Live Oak Garden Club's first-place winning scarecrow titled "Head Over Heels."



Photo courtesy of Hearthstone Gardens

Jan Tinsman and Tracey Fedor show off their scarecrow after taking second place in the Families and Friends category.



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The first place scarecrow in the Children and Youth Groups category was the fisherman by Sam, Josie and Rylee Wise.



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First-place winners of the Family and Friends category, Jim and Nora Riley, stand with their scarecrow.

## National Diabetes Month

Kim Griffin  
Contributor

During the month of November organizations come together to raise awareness about diabetes. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) over 37 million Americans have diabetes. Diabetes is a chronic health condition that affects how the body turns food into energy. Here are four steps to help you manage diabetes to live a healthy life.

### Learn the basics of diabetes and get support.

Diabetes causes high blood sugar levels that can result in complications such as heart attack, stroke, blindness and kidney damage. It is important to learn the basics of diabetes including risk factors, signs and symptoms. To learn more about diabetes and diabetes self-management, consider joining a local diabetes education and support program such as the Diabetes Empowerment Education Program (DEEP). DEEP is a diabetes program offered by the Department of Health in Suwannee County. For more information or to register for DEEP classes, call (386) 362-2708.

### Know the ABCs of diabetes:

- A is for A1C test (a measure of blood sugar levels over the past three months); the goal is less than seven percent.
- B is for blood pressure; the goal is less than 140/90mg/dl.
- C is for cholesterol; ask your doctor what these numbers should be.
- S is for smoking; stop and avoid smoking.

### Live well with diabetes.

Having a chronic condition such as diabetes can be stressful. To manage stress, it is important to practice healthy coping skills and build resilience. You can do this by starting a gratitude list, journaling, staying connected with loved ones and doing activities that you enjoy. To live well with diabetes, you should also practice healthy eating habits, stay active and follow a self-care plan.

### Get routine care to manage diabetes.

Consult your doctor about the exams and vaccinations you should have and how often. Have your A1C, blood pressure, cholesterol and weight checked regularly. Also review your self-care plan and medications with your doctor as needed. Vaccines, such as the COVID-19 vaccine, are important tools to protect health and help prevent severe illness. Your risk of getting very sick from vaccine preventable illnesses is likely to be lower if your diabetes is well-managed and if you are vaccinated.

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# Don't throw away those apple cores

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This time of year is a perfect time for baking an apple pie. But, after you finish baking the pie, don't throw away the apple peelings and cores. You can still use them to make "Apple Scrap Jelly." From the Farmers Almanac website at [www.farmersalmanac.com](http://www.farmersalmanac.com), here is what you'll need and the simple instructions:

**Ingredients**

- 20 apple cores and peels, any variety (or more to taste)
- 7 cups water
- lemon juice (not fresh)
- Cheesecloth
- 4-6 cups Sugar

**Instructions**

Add peels and cores to a 5-quart stockpot. Add enough water to your pot to just cover the apple scraps. Bring to a boil, then simmer for 20-30 minutes to allow the apple scraps to release their flavor. (Don't worry about the seeds, they will not be harmful as they will not be consumed).

Strain juice using cheesecloth or a jelly bag into another pot. Measure the amount of juice you're left with.

For every cup of juice you have, add 3/4-1 cup of sugar and 1/4 tablespoon of lemon juice.

Return the sugar/juice mix to the stove and bring to a full boil. Stir continuously. Boil the mixture until it reaches gelling point of 220 degrees. Test by dropping a teaspoon of the mixture in some ice-cold water. If it wrinkles and is firm, it is ready. If it's still syrupy, continue to cook it. It will set as it cools.

Skim foam off the top and ladle the jelly into hot, sterile, 1/2 pint jelly jars, leaving 1/4" headspace. Once the jars are filled, use a clean, damp rag and wipe the sides. Inspect the jars for any nicks or cracks (dispose of any that are cracked).

Next, put the lids on and tighten down the rings. Carefully transfer jars to a water bath canner and process for 10 minutes. Remove jars and allow to cool completely on the counter.

Next, check for seals. If one didn't seal properly, simply use the jelly right away and store in the fridge.

Now you're ready to enjoy a tasty addition to a homemade biscuit or for the other half of a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

# Scholarship opportunity available for seniors

Biletnikoff Award  
Contributor

The Tallahassee Quarterback Club (TQC) Foundation, Inc., the Florida-based creator and sponsor of the prestigious Biletnikoff Award, presented to the season's outstanding FBS receiver in college football regardless of position, calls for college and vocational school scholarship applications from qualifying high school seniors in the North Florida counties of Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Suwannee and Wakulla.

The Foundation will award a substantial amount in benefits for 2023 graduating seniors for college, university and vocational school scholarships. The scholarships may be used at any college, university or vocational school in the United States.

The candidates must have overcome a significant mental, physical, emotional or environmental challenge to achieve at the highest academic and extracurricular levels. The extracurricular achievement does not require playing a sport, although sports participation does qualify for the extracurricular requirement.

More information regarding the scholarships, including the application, can be found online at [BiletnikoffAward.com/about-scholarships](http://BiletnikoffAward.com/about-scholarships).

The Foundation will review any application that is postmarked on or before Feb. 7, 2023 provided the application is received by Feb. 13, 2023. Applicants may submit their applications as early as Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2022; academic transcripts through December of 2022 should be submitted as soon as possible in January by the school or in a sealed envelope from the school by the applicant. At least 15 scholarships are awarded annually, with the aggregate total over the history of the program at over 300. Scholarship grants range from \$7,500 to \$14,000 per student.

If using direct mail, please mail all applications to:  
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Scholarship winners will attend the Biletnikoff Award Banquet and Celebration on Saturday, March 4, 2023, at the Dunlap Champions Club Club at Doak Campbell Stadium in Tallahassee.

Please contact Trustees Melissa Hancock at (850) 340-0194, [melissalynn527@gmail.com](mailto:melissalynn527@gmail.com) or John Harris at (850) 524-6627, [John.Harris@gray-robinson.com](mailto:John.Harris@gray-robinson.com) for any questions.

# A second Chance

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Chance's story begins in Pensacola, Fla. While few humans know much about the first six years of his life, it is evident that things were very difficult for him. He was found on a foreclosed abandoned farm and left behind; he never saw a veterinarian in the first six years of his life. The Hamilton County Humane Society opened its doors to help him. He had pneumonia when he first arrived and was put in isolation.

One day, a foster dad came to see Chance and took him home for two weeks to get over the kennel cough. He had never been in a house; his new foster dad had to show him what stairs were to get to his new, cozy bed right by his. Aside from kennel cough, Chance also had parasites and critical heartworms. His foster dad was going to return him to the Humane Society after two weeks, however, the foster coordinator asked if Chance's temporary foster dad could get him through heartworms. He quickly figured out his dad was hooked, and knew he was at his forever home.

Once Chance was over his awful heartworms, he still had to be neutered. When he was completely recovered, the duo began going everywhere together. Chance loves riding in the back seat of his father's SUV. From time to time, the pair also brought home foster cats with upper respiratory infections and dogs that needed a break from the kennel while waiting for their forever homes.

Chance was doing great until one day, eight months ago, when he started having nasal difficulties. Chance's dad took him to four different veterinarians, and he underwent x-rays, a CT scan and a biopsy, all of which were not very pleasant. The duo discovered Chance had a malignant nasal carcinoma cancer. He had to be on anesthesia for five days in a row and, while he was out, he was treated with radiation until, once again, he could breathe and smell again.

Chance and his dad recently found out his cancer is back, and his veterinarian thinks one more five-day radiation dose will fix him for good.

So, Chance now has a GoFundMe page and hopes to raise \$5,000 for treatment. He also wants to give back to his saviors and friends at the Hamilton County Humane Society. All the funds raised left over from his treatment costs will go towards helping his friends at the Humane Society. To donate, visit [GoFundMe.com](http://GoFundMe.com) and search "Chance's Story."



Photo courtesy of the Hamilton County Human Society  
Chance poses for a photo.

## NOTICE FROM THE HAMILTON COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

The 2022 Tax Roll has been certified to the Tax Collector by the Property Appraiser; and is open for payment.

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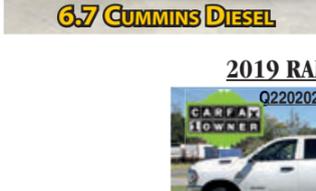


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## SERVPRO aims to make a difference

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SERVPRO wears many hats, but the company is best known as a clean-up and restoration company that specializes in fire, water, mold, specialty cleaning and restoration in the United States and Canada.

SERVPRO of Lake City Vice President and owner Kim Nicholson opened the branch alongside her husband, Chuck, in February of 2006. Today, they service Columbia, Suwannee, Hamilton, Lafayette, Union Counties and surrounding areas. Recently, the company purchased SERVPRO of North Clay County, which covers Middleburg and Oakleaf, as well as parts of Orange Park and Jacksonville. Several years ago, their branch qualified for what SERVPRO calls the Storm Team; when something large occurs, affecting multiple homes and businesses in any one area, members of their SERVPRO branch will travel to assist the other SERVPRO locations. Recently, SERVPRO of Lake City assisted with Hurricane Ian relief in South Florida and still has teams there at this time.

Kim and Chuck entered this line of work to help people during any troubled times they may be enduring. Prior to opening SERVPRO of Lake City, Kim was working in a Georgia SERVPRO branch and saw the difference they made in the community. Kim says that the process of opening their SERVPRO location took “long hours and was difficult. However, with the thoughts of the lives we could change and our own futures as entrepreneurs, we endured it together and have worked hard to make a difference in the lives of our staff, family and friends and neighbors.”

To Kim, the most enjoyable thing about working at SERVPRO is “seeing

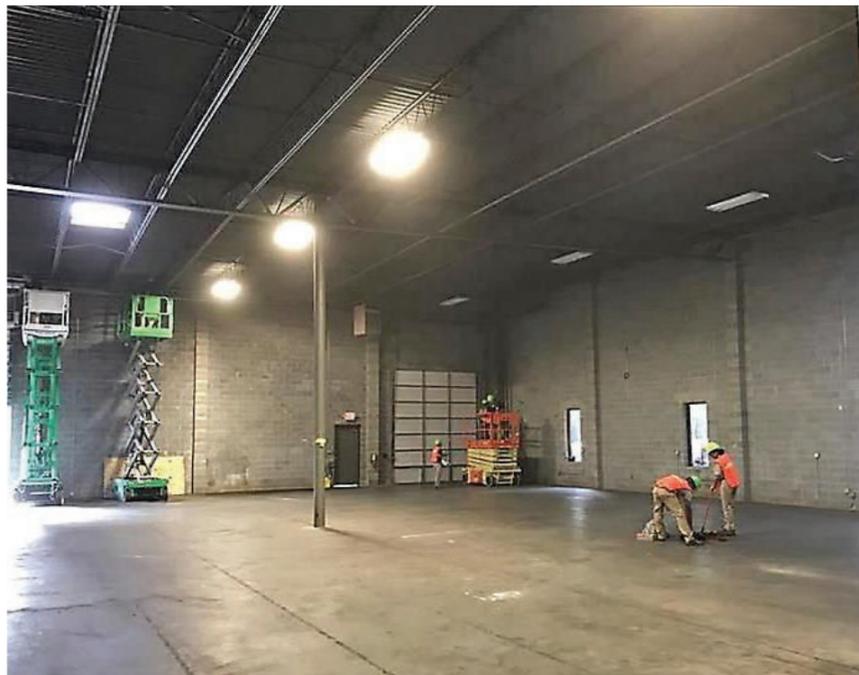
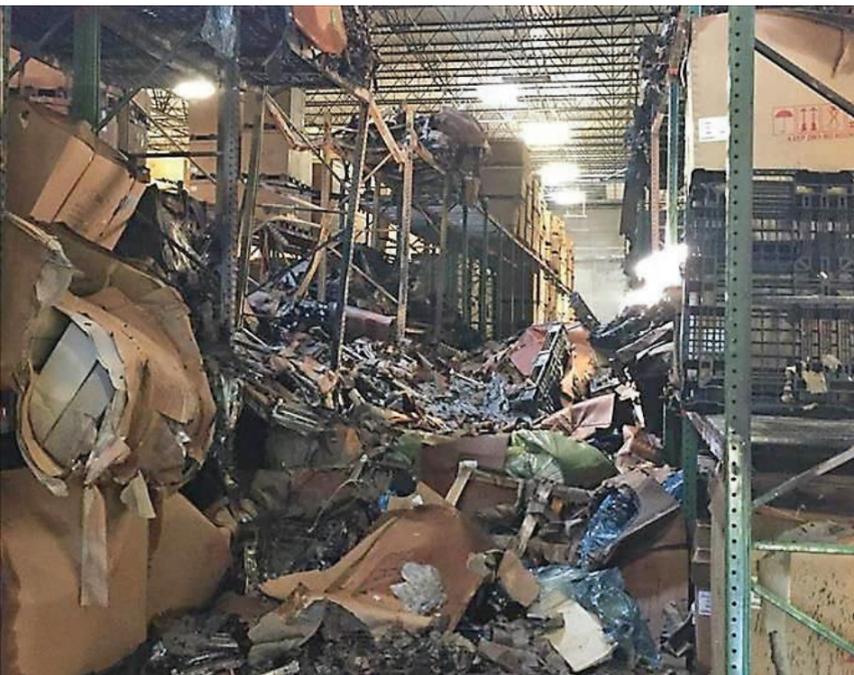
people's surprise when they can remediate or clean an heirloom, collectible item or picture they thought was lost forever.” However, the job does have its downsides. SERVPRO employees come into contact with individuals that have dealt with fire or water damage and lost items that can not be replaced. This can range from the lives of pets or family members to items or pictures from their past. On top of being on-call 24/7, the job is not for the faint of heart.

SERVPRO’s goal is to satisfy its customers, no matter the size of the job. The company aims to treat all of its customers, as well as their homes or businesses with respect. SERVPRO also often gives back to the community, whether it is an event, school, charity or just helping someone in need. “We try to hire staff that has the same outlook and, therefore, enjoy making a difference in the lives of each person we touch,” Kim said.

SERVPRO makes an effort to recycle whenever it can. SERVPRO reuses products, such as plastic containers, boxes and large bags, cleaning sponges and towels when possible. When these items are not reusable, SERVPRO brings them to a recycling location. They also utilize environmentally “green” safe cleaning agents, as well as using products that are EPA registered for sanitizing and disinfecting services.

For those considering recycling, Kim advises that they “keep in mind that recycling is something simple that can be done to help our future generations have a cleaner world to live in. Do what you can do individually to make a difference for the future.”

SERVPRO of Columbia and Suwannee Counties is located at 181 NW Amenity Ct., in Lake City. For more information, call (386) 754-0261 or visit [servprocolumbiaandsuwanneecounties.com](http://servprocolumbiaandsuwanneecounties.com).



Before and after photos from a warehouse service by SERVPRO that was involved in a fire.

Photos courtesy of SERVPRO

## Where to recycle in the tri-county area

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### Lafayette County

The Lafayette County Landfill is a solid waste disposal facility that buries trash and garbage beneath layers of soil or other cover materials. Sanitary landfills, dump sites and garbage dumps in Mayo are regulated by both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and by Florida state environmental departments. The landfill is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Lafayette County Landfill will store and process waste that cannot be recycled; however, it also processes waste into reusable materials. The Lafayette County Landfill offers drop-off recycling, recyclable hazardous waste disposal and e-waste recycling. The Lafayette County Landfill is located at 525 SW Landfill Rd., in Mayo.

### Hamilton County

The Hamilton County Landfill and Recycling Center serves the people of Hamilton County with their solid waste, recycling and hazardous waste needs. The Solid Waste Facility consists of five sites, which are all located at 4652 SW 107<sup>th</sup> Ave., in Jasper. These sites are the Class III Landfill, the Hazardous Waste Center, the Waste Tire Site, the Scrap Metal Site and the Residential Household Garbage Collection Site. For a breakdown of fees and items accepted at the facility, visit [www.hamiltoncountyfl.com/solid-waste](http://www.hamiltoncountyfl.com/solid-waste).

### Suwannee County

The Suwannee County Solid Waste Department has 14 full-service recycling collection centers throughout the county, in addition to the Suwannee County Landfill in Live Oak. For more information, call

Supervisor Dennis Rafferty at (386) 364-6612.

The collection centers allow you to take care of recycling and solid waste disposal all in one visit. Each center has different areas set up for newspapers, glass, plastic, aluminum and steel cans. Areas are also designated where you can drop off old furniture, metal appliances and yard trash, as well as your household garbage.

No construction and demolition debris; commercial waste; commercial tires, semi and agricultural tires; paint, used motor oil, pesticides, insecticides, herbicides, fertilizers and batteries will be accepted at any of these centers. You'll have to take those items to the Landfill, located at 10910 144<sup>th</sup> St., in Live Oak. The Landfill is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The hours of operation are posted at each of the 14 collection sites. Locations include the Suwannee County Landfill, located at 10910 144<sup>th</sup> St., in Live Oak; Anderson, located at 27002 CR 49, in Branford; Dowling Park, located at 23163 CR 250, in Dowling Park; Fletcher, located at 21486 CR49, in O'Brien; Humphries, located at 9186 CR 49, in Branford; Opportunity Store, located at 9202 101 Rd., in Live Oak; Pepper, located at 9681 SR 51, in Live Oak; Reas, located at 9743 CR 136, in Live Oak; Sprayfield, located at 6830 CR 249, in Live Oak; Taylor, located at 14890 SR 51, in Live Oak; Wellborn, located at 11673 CR 137, in Wellborn; a landfill, located at 11182 144<sup>th</sup> St., in Live Oak; Brown Wood, located at 12706 80<sup>th</sup> Ter., in Live Oak; Falmouth, located at 18524 52<sup>nd</sup> St., in Live Oak and US 129 North, located at 3418 93<sup>rd</sup> Dr., in Live Oak.

For a complete listing of locations, hours and phone numbers, as well as what items are accepted at each site, visit [www.suwanneecountyfl.gov/solid-waste-sites/](http://www.suwanneecountyfl.gov/solid-waste-sites/). All sites are closed on Sundays.



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# Lafayette FFA's Parliamentary Procedure team crowned National Champions

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The Lafayette High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) Parliamentary Procedure team began its journey in October 2021. When FFA senior advisor Chad Lyons assembled his team, he chose each member for a specific reason. He instilled in his team a drive to strive for more; they continued to reach for the next level of accomplishments. As such, in October 2021, the team set their sights on winning the chapter's first ever Parliamentary Procedure State Championship.

This required each member to buy into their team completely in order to achieve their goal. This was a goal that Seth Chandler, McKenzie Winburn, Jalen Hill, Jaley Moseley, Ella Hancock and Cason Driver did with ease. It did not take them long to realize their team could be special. With the full support of the community, a buzz began to build with anticipation of how far the team could go.

In order to achieve their goal, the team first had to start at the sub-Districts, followed by an appearance at the District Championship. This then led them to their ultimate goal: State Championships. Holding the title of State Champions would be equal to a crown jewel; after all, it was what all the frustrating practices were meant for. Pushing one another, being pushed by Advisor Lyons – it all came down to this moment. Would Lafayette FFA stand on the stage and hear their chapter name called? With emotions raw and strong, the team stood in eager anticipation, arms wrapped around each other. Eventually, their chapter name was called, and the goal they set nine months prior had been set in stone.

Wearing the crown of State Champions, the Lafayette FFA team was then bound for the 96<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention and Expo in Indianapolis, Ind. This grand stage is one the Lafayette FFA Parliamentary Procedure team had yet to set foot on. Then, they were there. "Why are you here?" Moseley recalled the question that was presented to them. Each member responded: "To finish what we started."

However, they had to compete in three rounds in order to be one of the final four teams left standing. First they had to compete in the quarter-finals round, followed by the semi-finals. Then, they were faced with the national finals. Although the Lafayette FFA Parliamentary Procedure team had never been there before, they were the team to beat, as they were ranked the number one team entering the week.

They found themselves with the full support of Lafayette County behind them as they competed for their chance to be named National Champions. With each passing round, Lafayette FFA found themselves

atop the leader board. The anticipation of finding out that they were in the top four was overwhelming. Twelve months ago and 2,000 miles away, no one had set their sights on a National Championship, yet there they were. Winburn and Moseley each recorded a perfect score, giving their team a score of 97 on the written exam, which makes up a large portion of their overall score. The more and more things began to unfold, the once in a lifetime dream began becoming a reality.

Finally, after three rounds, the Lafayette FFA Parliamentary Procedure team had done all they could do. They took their place on the far left on the grandest stage in the country. To the right of them stood each of the remaining three teams: Winnfield FFA from Louisiana, Troy FFA from Missouri and Gilmer County FFA from West Virginia. One by one, teams were announced. Taking fourth place was Winnfield FFA; third place was Troy FFA. It came down to Gilmer County FFA and Lafayette FFA for the top spots.

A moment of only three seconds passed, which may have seemed like an eternity to those on stage, until the words were finally announced: "In second place, Gilmer County FFA, West Virginia." The Lafayette FFA team erupted, as they were officially named the Parliamentary Procedure National Champions. Tears began to flow as the team members jumped into each other's arms.

"This team has dedicated years of their lives to this competition," Moseley said. "I have been competing in Parliamentary Procedure since I was in the sixth grade, and winning a State Championship as a high school team was always my dream. Once we won State, our challenge became how far could we take team Florida." Moseley went on to discuss what a National Championship means to the team. "We started this as a team, and it means so much that we got to finish it with the same team. Mr. Lyons truly puts in an immense amount of time, effort and love into each of his teams. I am so thankful that he took the time to grow and guide our team. Our team is a family, and I'm so thankful for every one of them. Mr. Lyons dedicated so much time towards our team and he encouraged and celebrated us through every step. We are all truly grateful for him."

When looking back as to what it means to be a National Champion, Moseley is most grateful for the way they were able to represent Lafayette County as a whole. "Our community loved and prayed for us along each step of the way," Moseley said. "I am so glad we got the opportunity to bring this back to them. This community comes together for its kids, and we truly felt their love in Indianapolis. I am so blessed to have been given this once in a lifetime experience."



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Lafayette FFA celebrates their semi-finals finish. Pictured, from left to right, are: Chad Lyons, Cason Driver, Jalen Hill, Ella Hancock, Jaley Moseley, Seth Chandler and McKenzie Winburn.

# Easton O'Quinn set to represent the State of Florida



Photo courtesy of Alex O'Quinn

Easton O'Quinn launches one of his 41 home runs in 2022.

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Easton O'Quinn, a middle school student at Branford High School, is no stranger to athletics, as both his parents, Katie and Alex O'Quinn, are former high school standouts and former college athletes. Following in their footsteps, yet paving his own path, Easton began the 2022 year as a highly touted player in the world of travel baseball.

At the age of 11, Easton dominated the field and caught the attention of Perfect Game, an organization thought of as the premier league of travel baseball. Perfect Game offers various levels, mirroring the ranking system of Major League Baseball, including single A, double A and triple A, all which lead up to the major level. Eventually, Easton earned an official invitation to play on the South Florida 12u team in the Perfect Game National All-States Championships.

When asked who he turns to for instruction on the diamond, Easton smiled. "For pitching, I guess my dad," he said. "But for hitting, I turn to my mom. She was more of a hitter." Katie was an infielder in college, while Alex was a pitcher. "Dad is more quiet and laid back, but mom is

more on me than dad," Easton continued. "Dad just tells me go out there and have fun and we'll work on whatever in practice. Mom is the one who is constantly telling me what I gotta fix all the time."

Now 12-years-old, Easton is the oldest of four children. He looks forward to his opportunity to play with his friends while representing the Branford



Photo courtesy of Alex O'Quinn

Easton O'Quinn earns MVP honors.



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Easton O'Quinn dominates on the mound for the South Georgia Gnats.

Buccaneers in the years to come. However, for now, he is focused on playing on the Perfect Game National All-States stage.

"What I love about playing travel ball is the level of competition. To win a game 10-0 is fun, but I don't feel you really get any better as a player," Easton said. "Then, when you play a tough game against tough pitching and win a game 3-1 or 3-2, you feel like we've earned the win. A win like that makes us better because we were pushed." His biggest win came this season when his team faced the number six ranked South Georgia Gnats and won 3-1. "We had a pitcher that gave up two hits the whole game. It was fun playing behind a guy like that," Easton said. That day, he recorded going 2-3 at the plate with a double, a triple and a run batted in, while managing to score once.

Easton began playing baseball when he was four years old, and quickly drew watchful eyes as a prodigy in the making. It did not take long for their premonitions to become a reality, as he hit his first home run at only eight-years-old. From that point on, Easton has grown more comfortable in his own skin. He understands that, although he is racking up many accolades at such a young age, he still has much to improve on in order to get to where he wants to be.

"At the beginning of this season, I didn't know anything about this tournament," Easton said. "Then, as the season got going, I got to learn more about it, and I knew I wanted to play in it." He is excited about his opportunity to represent the State of Florida from Saturday, Nov. 12 through Tuesday, Nov. 15, as the top performer of his age group, but he is equally eager to better himself as a player and as an individual. He understands success brings with it a certain platform that allows him, as well as anyone to be a positive influence towards others, a platform Easton embraces and relishes in.

"I am proud of Easton's accomplishments, but what I am most proud of is his character and the way he plays the game," Alex said. "I hope that, through baseball, he learns how to deal with failure and to be able to deal with adversity. One day, baseball will end, and he will need to be prepared to be a good husband and father."

By tearing up opposing pitchers at the plate and through his play at third base, Easton has created a name for himself on the biggest of stages. He has a batting average of .673 over 159 at bats, where he has racked up 107 hits with 41 homeruns, 126 runs batted in and has stolen 29 bases while scoring 114 runs over 66 games. Over the season, he has set the pace of hitting a home run every 3.87 at-bats. In one day, he went nine for nine at the plate with seven home runs, one of which he hit left-handed. In addition, Easton has won Most Valuable Player honors three times this season, twice as a position player and once as a pitcher. His team has also been named All-Tournament Team in nine tournaments.

Easton, however, is more than a baseball player. He currently holds a 4.0 grade point average and is an active member of Burlington Santa Fe Church of Christ, where he participates in the Lads to Leaders program. For Easton, baseball is still a game. It is not something that consumes his life; he enjoys his time with his friends and his family. He is the eldest of four siblings and embraces being a role model for them, as well as a role model for others.

"I'm most proud of how well-rounded Easton is," Katie said. "He is a great example of a student-athlete. He is also a great role model for his younger brother and sisters."

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# HORNETS TAKE DOWN RAVENS

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The Lafayette High School Hornets (7-2) played host to the Kids in Motion High School Ravens (5-4) of Jacksonville on Friday, Nov. 4. The Hornets were gearing up for their regular season finale without their starting quarterback, Tywan Williamson. However, Johntavious "JT" Cook has stepped up nicely in his absence and ran the offense without a blemish.

The Hornets made easy work of the Ravens, as running back Miami McKnight again had an explosive night on the ground, breaking free early for a long touchdown run that got things going. Their defense got after the Ravens' quarterback all night, preventing them from mounting any kind of response.

With three touchdowns in the first quarter and two more in the second

quarter, the Hornets easily claimed a 36-0 lead at halftime. This lead allowed the Hornets to play their younger players in most of the second half, allowing them to get valuable experience as they enter the playoffs.

Feasting on the Ravens was Cook, who recorded two rushing touchdowns, connecting with Jordan Murphy for two more touchdowns through the air. The Ravens did manage to get on the scoreboard in the third quarter with six points of their own before the Hornets would close them out with a running clock in the fourth quarter, keeping the score at 43-6.

The Hornets (8-2) will now gear up for the playoffs, as they will host the Branford Buccaneers (7-3) on Friday, Nov. 11. The Hornets will look to have their starting quarterback back, while the Buccaneers will look to do the same, as he missed their first showdown this season that saw the Hornets shut out the Buccaneers, 47-0. Kickoff will be at 7 p.m. Dale Walker Field is located at 160 NE Hornet Dr., in Mayo.

# Bulldogs defeat the undefeated

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On Friday, Nov. 4, the Suwannee High School Bulldogs (7-2) saw their biggest test of the season come to town with the visiting Bradford Tornadoes (9-0), the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) ranked number two team. While the Tornadoes were seen as one of the top teams, their make up mirrored the Bulldogs' style of football. The Tornadoes survive on the back of their defense, which has only allowed 21 points all season, while pitching seven shutouts. However, their offense averaged 33.8 points per game over eight games.

However, the Bulldogs' offense managed 26.5 points per game over eight games, excluding the forfeit from Flagler Palm Coast earlier in the season. In their turnaround efforts, the Bulldogs have averaged 29.3 points per game over their last five game winning streak. Although their defense has only collected three shutouts on the season, they remain a perennial powerhouse of their class.

The game got under way in typical Bulldog fashion. Their defensive stand forced the Tornadoes to a three and out and into a punting situation.

The Bulldogs took over for their first series on their own 40 yard line.

They then threw an uppercut punch, sending the Tornadoes back against the ropes.

Bronsen Tillotson dropped back with protection from his line, giving him time to watch Micheal Rossin get behind his defender and connecting for a 33-yard gain. While inside field goal range, the Bulldogs struck first when record-holder kicker Braxtyn Green kicked a 24-yard field goal through the

uprights, giving the Bulldogs a 3-0 lead. For the first time all season, the Tornadoes trailed.

That's all the Bulldogs would need to carry the lead into halftime, as their defense snuffed out the Tornadoes with two punts and two turnovers in their first four possessions. While the Tornadoes have played with a lead all season going up against quality opponents, as they boast a strength of schedule of 13.4, they have not seen a defensive front as talented up front and as athletic on the back end as the Bulldogs' secondary. The Bulldogs' sticky hands came up big, capitalizing on a fumble caused by Ka'darian Ivey on a quarterback sack and an interception by Rossin that killed another drive.

Then, to open the second half, Marquavious Owens scampered for 33 yards, then 15 yards and another 12 yards to position the Bulldogs inside the Tornadoes' five yard line. With the entire stadium aware of where the ball was going, Owens ran into the mouth of the Tornadoes and come out on the other side with a three-yard touchdown run, setting up Green to add the extra point and giving the Bulldogs a 10-0 lead.

However, the reality was the Tornadoes were 9-0 for a reason; they could be explosive at times and equally dynamic. The Tornadoes racked up 307 yards of offense in an attempt to wear down the Bulldogs' defense. Although they would bend, they would not break. Late in the third quarter, the Bulldogs' defense could not get off the field; they began to show signs of fatigue as the Tornadoes capped off a 12 play drive with a rushing touchdown of their own, bringing the game within three points. However, that was all the Bulldogs would allow, as they held their ground time and again as the Tornadoes failed to mount a response.

Then, with time winding down, the Tornadoes had one last chance. They drove down to the Bulldogs' 25 yard line with a short pass to their running back over the middle, deep in their own territory. However, Javarion "Jay" Smith and DJ Colman chased down their running back to keep him out of the end zone, allowing their defense to regroup. There, the Bulldogs stood their ground one last time, forcing the Tornadoes to a fourth and six. With the game on the line, their defense would not break, as they held the Tornadoes and gave the ball back to the Bulldogs' offense to run out the clock.

Bulldog nation erupted into celebration, as they shocked the football world by taking down the undefeated Tornadoes, 10-7. With the win, the Bulldogs secured a number two seed in the playoff, meaning they will host the first two rounds before traveling for the Regional finals if they are still alive. The first round of the playoffs will take place on Friday, Nov. 11, at Paul Langford Stadium, as the Bulldogs (8-2) host the Walton High School Braves (7-3). Kickoff will be at 7 p.m. Paul Langford Stadium is located at 302 Parshley St. SW, in Live Oak.

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Bringing Local News Home

# Ryan Donaldson advances to golf State Championship

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The Suwannee High School Lady Bulldogs' golf team traveled to Quail Heights Country Club on Tuesday, Nov. 1, in their pursuit of a State Championship. However, at the Regional level, the competition is tougher, as the top-tier talents begin to rise up. Unfortunately, the day didn't go as the Lady Bulldogs had planned, as they finished ninth with a score of 379.

However, a bright spot for the Suwannee girls came from freshman Ryan Donaldson, who is coming off an impressive performance at the District Championship, where she led all competitors in the field with a low score of 69. Donaldson has shot well all season for the Lady Bulldogs, leading them to a District Runners-up placement and qualifying them for the Regional tournament. On Tuesday, Donaldson again led her Lady Bulldogs with a low score of 71, four strokes behind the leader, as she placed tied for second overall. The team fell short of qualifying for State, despite improving their overall score by 27 strokes from their District tournament score.



Photo courtesy of Suwannee High School  
Ryan Donaldson shows off her State qualifying medal after recording a low score of 71 at Regionals.

Donaldson, however, did qualify as an individual and will be the first female to represent Suwannee High School at the State Championship. Only a freshman, Donaldson has shown she is a veteran of the sport. Donaldson won seven of the team's eight events this season, including the Class 2A District 2 Championship. She has scored sub-40 in each event, with her average score being 36.4 on nine holes. She shot a career low of 33 in back-to-back events two different times. The one time she played 18 holes prior to the District Championship, Donaldson shot a 73, then at Districts, she posted a tournament low score of 69. As such, it was no surprise to see her near the top of the leaderboard as all scorecards began coming in.

The State Championship will take place Tuesday, Nov. 15 and Wednesday, Nov. 16, at the Las Colinas course in Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla. Donaldson is within striking distance of those she will match up against at the State Championship, as she will enter the tournament as the number two seed on the day. As a freshman on such a grand stage, Donaldson will only be in competition with herself. If she can play her game and remain focused on the task at hand, she could be the first Suwannee High School student to bring home a golf State Championship since Kara McKeithen Booth in 1989.

## Golf teams' seasons end at Regionals

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On Monday, Oct. 31, the Lafayette High School Hornets and Branford High School Lady Buccaneers, along with Buccaneer Gavin Barnes, traveled to compete in the golf Class 1A Region 1 Championship in Jacksonville. Meanwhile, the Suwannee High School Bulldogs traveled to Perido Bay Golf Club in Pensacola, Fla., for their shot at the State Championship.

As the Class 1A District 3 Runners-up, the Hornets were in prime position to make a deep run at Regionals and advance to the State Championship. However, as the day began to develop at Marsh Landing Country Club, both the Hornets and Barnes found themselves standing on the outside and looking in.

With a tough course ahead of them, the Hornets did not show their best work. Leading them on the course this season has been junior Trey Galbraith, who was shaping up to have a decent enough day to qualify for the State Championship. However, things began to unravel as the day drew on. Although Galbraith made the appropriate adjustments when needed, the hole was too steep to dig out of.

Barnes, who was already battling sickness, also came up short, as the course proved difficult for the competitors. He entered the Regional Tournament after coming off shooting an 87 at the District Championship. However, Barnes did not have a bad day on the course; he found himself coming up just short of the field to qualify for the State Championship.

At Windsor Park Golf Club, the Lady Buccaneers continued their pursuit of a State Championship. Eighth-grader Claire Bond led the way with a low score of 96, placing 25<sup>th</sup> overall on the day. However, although they put forth their best efforts, the Lady Buccaneers also found themselves outside of the top qualifying teams advancing to the State Championship, bringing their season to a close.

Then, on Tuesday, Nov. 1, the Bulldogs entered the 2A Region 1 Championship. Their day ended like the previous ones', as they failed to collaborate for a team score low enough to qualify for the State Championship.

Although their seasons have come to an end, it should be noted that each golfer can hold their head up high, knowing they did an excellent job on the course during their regular season. Congratulations to all our area teams for your hard work!

## Football playoff brackets released

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On Sunday, Nov. 6, the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) released their brackets for the 2022 State Football Championship Tournament. Brackets were released for Class 1R, Class 1S, Class 1M, Class 2S, Class 2M, Class 3S, Class 3M, Class 4S and Class 4M. Classifications are based on student population and area population density (Rural, Suburban and Metro). The State is divided into four geographical regions.

In Class 1R, the top six teams (based on a formula used by the FHSAA that considers both win/loss record and strength of schedule) in each region are in the playoffs, with the top two seeded teams having a first-round bye. In Region Three, Madison County (number four seed) will host Ft. White (number five seed) in the Region Quarter-final, on Friday, Nov. 11. The winner of that game will travel to Union County to face the number one seeded Tigers of Union County High School on Friday, Nov. 18. In the same region, the number three seed Hornets of Lafayette High School will host the number six seed Buccaneers of Branford High School, on Friday, Nov. 11.

The winner of the Lafayette vs Branford game will travel to Hilliard to play the number two seed Red Flashes of Hilliard High School, on Friday, Nov. 18. Over in Region Two, the number four seed Warriors, of Aucilla Christian Academy, will host the Hornets of Cottondale High School, the number five seed, on Friday, Nov. 11. The winner of the Aucilla vs Cottondale game will travel to Sneads to play the number one seeded Sneads High School Pirates, on Friday, Nov. 18.

In the Class 2S tournament, eight teams from each region were selected to play in the tournament. In Region One, the Suwannee High School Bulldogs are the number two seed team and will host number seven seeded Walton High School, on Friday, Nov. 11. The winner of that game will progress to play the winner of the West Florida vs Bay game, on Friday, Nov. 18.

According to the FHSAA, admission to all regional tournament games is \$8 and kickoff for each game is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Before heading to the game, fans should check with the host school to verify kickoff times.

The 2022 State Championship Games for Class 1R and Class 2S will be held at Gene Cox Stadium, in Tallahassee, from Thursday, Dec. 8, through Saturday, Dec. 10.

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## Buccaneers dominate Trojans during Homecoming

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The Branford High School Buccaneers (5-3) varsity football team concluded their Homecoming festivities by hosting the Hamilton County High School Trojans (1-6) on Friday, Nov. 4. The Buccaneers were coming off a bye week following a 49-28 win over the Cedar Creek Saints. Meanwhile, the Trojans were coming off a 48-0 loss against the Williston Red Devils on Tuesday, Oct. 25.

The Trojans began with the ball first, however, they could not find their footing or account for Cole Certain, who pressured their quarterback and backfield all night long. Beginning on the first drive of the game, Certain found himself in the backfield on two of the Trojans' first three plays, causing their drive to stall and forcing them to punt the ball away.

From there, the Buccaneers imposed their will on the Trojans. On the first play, freshman quarterback Thomas Sikes handed the ball to his bruising running back, Caden Coker, around the left side, who opened up for 29 yards. The Buccaneers were set up inside the Trojans' 10 yard line when Sikes found Brice Criggall on a seven-yard pass. Sikes finished the night by connecting on eight of 10 passes for 56 yards and one rushing touchdown. The Buccaneers capped the drive off with Coker running up the middle. The Buccaneers' freight train ran through and over the Trojans for a nine yard touchdown run. After a failed extra point attempt, the Buccaneers led 6-0.

The score would remain 6-0 until midway through the second quarter. The Trojans were hoping to utilize their speed to beat the Buccaneers around the edges. Unfortunately, the Buccaneers were covered sideline to sideline, forcing the Trojans east and west all night, never letting them turn up field. Trojan Chance Cherry had limited success running up the middle in the second quarter, but it wasn't enough to sustain a drive. The Trojans then tried their luck in the air with quarterback Jadarius Horne. Unfortunately, Horne threw two interceptions in the second quarter. The first came on a third and long when Horne tried to find his receiver down field, only to have Austin Malaguti turn the tide for the Buccaneers with an interception.

Malaguti's interception was rewarded by Sikes, who plowed up the middle for a quarterback keeper. Coker added the two-point conversion to

give the Buccaneers a 14-0 lead. On the ensuing kickoff, the Trojans fumbled away the return, setting up a 25-yard touchdown run by Coker, who also added the two point conversion to extend the Buccaneers' lead to 22-0. Then, less than a minute later, Horne threw his second interception of the night, this time to Arkavion Jones, who returned the interception 76 yards for their third touchdown of the second quarter and fourth of the night. With the extra point added, the score became 30-0 at halftime.

In the second half, the only suspense came from whether or not Coker would be able to cross the 1,000 yard rushing barrier on the season; this was a goal he quietly set for himself entering the season. Injuries seemed to slow him down midway through the season, as he only played one play of offense against the Red Devils, and was very limited against the Hornets. However, his personal season goal came down to his final home game of his high school career with a packed stadium behind him. Then, in typical Coker fashion, he got up after a 15-yard run and tossed the ball to the ref, as he has done so many times throughout his career.

The game didn't stop; Coker's achievement wasn't announced. However, his coaches all knew and could not have been happier for their bruising running back who has meant so much to their program over the last three years. Coker entered the game needing 164 yards rushing to eclipse the 1,000 yards mark. He ended the game with 205 yards rushing on 22 carries, giving him 1,046 rushing yards on his career. The Buccaneers went on to add six more points in the third quarter when Coker scored his third touchdown of the night from five yards out, finishing Trojans off with a final score of 36-0.

The Trojans ended their season with a 1-7 record, while the Buccaneers finished their regular season with a 7-3 record. The Buccaneers will now be gearing up for a playoff run that will begin in Lafayette County on Friday, Nov. 11, as they will take on the Hornets (8-2). The two teams squared off earlier in the season with a lopsided victory of 47-0 in favor of the Hornets. However, Coker was playing with two injuries and Sikes was making only his second career start. Criggall says the Buccaneers entered the season with two team goals: "Beat Lafayette and advance past the first round of the playoffs." On Friday, Nov. 11, at Dale Walker Field, the Buccaneers will have the opportunity to accomplish both in one night. Kickoff will be at 7 p.m. Dale Walker Field is located at 160 NE Hornet Dr., in Mayo.



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2022-2023 Little Miss BHS Harlyn Harris (left), 2022-2023 Jr. Miss BHS Wren Wilkerson (center) and 2022-2023 Miss BHS McKayden Wilkerson (right) sported their elegant crowns.



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2021-2022 BHS Homecoming Queen Zoe Richmond enjoys the homecoming festivities before passing her crown the 2022-2023 BHS Homecoming Queen.



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The Branford Buccaneers football team give their toughest looks to the crowd. Pictured, from left to right, are: Braxton Young, Cole Certain, Conner Harris, Caden Coker and Joseph Land.



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The Buccaneers' offensive line dominated the Trojans upfront on their way to a 36-0 Homecoming win.

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The Branford Little Buccaneers 12u team celebrated as League Champions.



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The Branford High School band performs during halftime homecoming festivities.



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2022-2023 BHS Homecoming Queen Melissa Maya was escorted by her brother.



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2021-2022 BHS Homecoming Queen Zoe Richmond was escorted by her father as she prepared to crown the 2022-2023 BHS Homecoming Queen.



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Eleventh-grade Homecoming attendant Kennedy Walker was escorted by her father.



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2022-2023 Miss BHS Mckayden Wilkerson was escorted by her father.



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Eleventh-grade Homecoming attendant Robin Bass was escorted by Austin Humphries.



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2022-2023 Homecoming Queen Finalist Hannah Young was escorted by Blake Adams.



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Tenth-grade Homecoming attendant Alex Whitfield was escorted by her father.



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2022-2023 Homecoming Queen Finalist Sarah Gray was escorted by her brother.



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Tenth-grade Homecoming attendant Reagan Gabey was escorted by her father.



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Homecoming Queen Finalist Emma Clary was escorted by her brother.

# Church Directory

To advertise in the church directory call the Riverbend News at (386) 364-4141.

## Apostolic Lighthouse Church

10344 CR 10A, Live Oak, Fla.  
(386) 365-8506

**Pastor Dustin Bell**

Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
THURSDAY  
Evening Worship.....7:00 p.m.

## First United Methodist Church

311 South Ohio Ave., Live Oak, Fla.  
(386) 362-2047  
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**Rev. Susie Horner**  
SUNDAY

Contemporary Worship.....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Traditional Worship.....11:00 a.m.

## Lighthouse Christian Center

"Freedom is Here"  
(386) 294-3089 Mayo, Fla.  
[www.lcamayo.org](http://www.lcamayo.org)  
SUNDAY

Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Kids of the King.....10:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.  
Kids of the King.....7:00 p.m.  
Army of Fire Youth.....7:00 p.m.

## Live Oak Christian Church

1015 Ohio Ave. N., Live Oak, Fla. (386) 362-1085

**Mark Hassler, Pastor**  
COME WORSHIP WITH US  
SUNDAY

Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

## Live Oak Church of Christ

1497 Irvin (SR 51), Live Oak, Fla. (386) 364-5922

**Dennis Rosenbaum, Evangelist**  
SUNDAY

Bible Class.....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Evening Worship.....6:45 p.m.

## Live Oak Church of the Nazarene

915 Church Ave. SW, Live Oak, Fla.  
(386) 362-6380

**Pastor Louis Medaris**  
SUNDAY

Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Children's Church.....10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Morning Service.....11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.  
Teen Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.

## Live Oak First Assembly of God

13793 76th St., Live Oak Fla.  
(386) 330-2210

**Rev. Mike Townsend**  
SUNDAY

Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Children's Church.....10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Evening Service.....7:30 p.m.

## Rocky Sink Baptist Church

8422 Rocky Sink Rd., Live Oak, Fla.  
(386) 362-3971

**Pastor Bruce Wehner**

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

## St. Francis Xavier Church

928 E. Howard St., US 90 E. Live Oak, Fla.  
(386) 364-1108

**Father Anthony Basso**

Saturday (Vigil) Mass.....6:00 p.m.  
Sunday Mass.....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday (Spanish) Mass.....11:30 a.m.

## St. Luke's Episcopal Church

1391 SW 11th St., Live Oak, Fla.  
For more information call (386) 362-1837

WEDNESDAY

Eucharist & Unction.....10:30 a.m.  
SUNDAY  
Adult Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Eucharist.....9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

## St. Therese Catholic Church

Three Miles North of Jasper US 41  
P.O. Box 890, Jasper, Fla.  
Rectory US 90 E., Live Oak, Fla.  
(386) 364-1108

Saturday Mass.....4:00 p.m.

## The Village Church at Advent Christian Village

**Rev. Sam Worley, Pastor**

Worship with us on Facebook and YouTube  
Sunday Morning Worship.....9:40 a.m.

## Friendship Baptist Church

14364 140th St., Live Oak, Fla.  
(386) 776-1010

Interim Pastor  
SUNDAY

Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Service.....11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Church Dinner.....5:45 p.m.  
AWANA.....6:30 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.

# Gethsemane COGIC looking for hygiene product donations

Grace McAlister

Reporter1@riverbendnews.org

Gethsemane Church of God in Christ (COGIC), located at 1018 Northeast Duval St. in Live Oak, first partnered with Y.V.S. Foundation of Hope in 2020 to organize a community food bank, which occurs on the first and third Tuesday of each month and operates from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. In order to better serve the community, Gethsemane COGIC and the Y.V.S. Foundation of Hope are asking for donations of hygiene products. A few items needed include unopened toothpaste, deodorant, lotion, soap, shampoo and conditioner. The purpose of the community food bank is to assist individuals and families in need. This food bank is open to anyone in the community, not just Gethsemane COGIC members. For more information on the Gethsemane COGIC Community Food Bank or to volunteer time or supplies, please contact Yvonne Scott at (386) 339-9188 or Marilyn Jackson at (386) 855-0797.

# FIRST-EVER DIANE OSBURN MEMORIAL GOSPEL FESTIVAL TO TAKE PLACE AT ELLIE RAY'S RV RESORT

Grace McAlister

Reporter1@riverbendnews.org

The first-ever Diane Osburn Memorial Gospel Festival will take place from Friday, Nov. 11 to Sunday, Nov. 13, at Ellie Ray's RV Resort.

Diane passed away in her home with her husband, Rev. Robert Osburn, by her side in early 2022 at the age of 67. Two weeks before her death, she informed Robert that she wanted to dine at Ellie Ray's RV Resort. Robert was apprehensive about dining there, as he is a pastor at Beachville Advent Christian Church. "It's a bar, I couldn't go there," he remarked. Despite his apprehension, Robert and his wife went to dinner at Ellie Ray's. While there, Robert met Tom Sturgeon, who informed Robert that he wanted to have a gospel sing at Ellie Ray's.

Not long after this interaction, Robert and Sturgeon began planning the first annual Diane Osburn Memorial Gospel Music Festival. Entry



Photo courtesy of Robert Osburn

**Diane Osburn**

to the festival is free and there are activities for all to enjoy.

For youth, there will be rock climbing, bounce houses, a campfire, s'mores and casting lessons for those who are looking to improve their fishing skills. Additionally, there will be food vendors, live entertainment—including music and speakers, youth group presentations and baptismal service.

The main line-up will feature

Simple Faith, Psalms 101 and Peace River. Additional acts include O'Brien Baptist Choir, Josh Edwards, David and Sherry Van Husein and other local talents. Speakers will include Schawn Osburn, Keto Gonzalez and Lesa Gonzalez. Sunday morning, at 10:30 a.m., there will be a baptismal service.

"I believe it's going to be a great event," Robert said. For more information, call Rev. Robert Osburn at (470) 313-4273 or email [robtoosburn@gmail.com](mailto:robtoosburn@gmail.com). Ellie Ray's is located at 3349 NW 110th St., in Branford.

## Living God's way: God's method uses Paul's nephew



**Carlton McPeak**

Guest Columnist

During Paul's last visit to Jerusalem before going to Rome, he was taken into custody by the Roman officials to prevent him from being killed by the leaders of the Jews. While in custody, a plot to assassinate Paul became known to his nephew who took action preempting this attempt (Acts 23:11-35).

The son of Paul's sister came to see his uncle and told Paul of the plot. The young man was taken to the Roman commander. Upon arrival, the commander took the nephew into a secluded area and listened to what he had to say. The commander wasted no time in securing Paul. He moved him to a different location.

This action prevented Paul's assassination and allowed him to eventually preach the gospel in Rome. This was God's method for sparing Paul's life, as well as getting him to Rome. It appears there was no miracle only the normal events of life.

The method is not important. God keeping His word is important. Paul did "witness at Rome." What God says will happen, will happen!

Although there are many, this story helps us to have confidence in God's word. We can place our trust in God's word even when we do not know how it will take place. Consider these examples of God speaking and things happening even though the method is not known by humans.

The creation story is a very good example. The Genesis record tells us God spoke and it happened. How did He make light? How were the stars formed? How did God make every blade of grass? The method is unknown, but it happened.

Consider the flood, God's promise to bring Israel out of Egypt, the conquering of the land of Canaan, and the return from Babylonian captivity. We do not know the method, but we know God said it and it happened.

What about God saying He will forgive us of our sins? His promise to take care of His people? His word that He hears and answers our prayers?

His method may be through people like Paul's nephew and the Roman commander or some other method. The important thing is to not focus on the method, but to have the confidence that God will keep His word.

Trying to figure out God's method will bring about much speculation and stress and in the end we are left with only possibilities and nothing definite. However, God has revealed His method for how He wants us to live.

Just like we must trust God when we do not know His method, we must trust God's spoken, revealed word (the Bible) if we are going to be living God's way.

Carlton G. McPeak ([carlton\\_mc@msn.com](mailto:carlton_mc@msn.com)) is an evangelist working in the Florida Gateway region.  
Scriptural quotations from the NASB.

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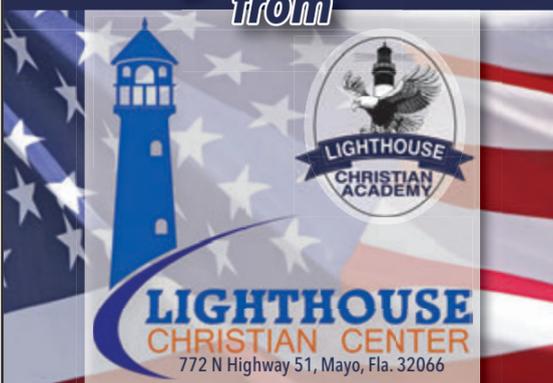
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# Happy Halloween!



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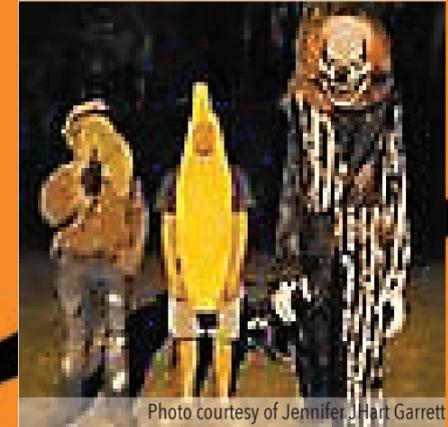


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HAPPY HALLOWEEN FROM THE STAFF AT RIVERBEND NEWS!



PUBLIC NOTICES CONTINUED

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

JODIE SCHAALMA and GERARDO SERRANO, Plaintiffs,

CASE NO.: 2022-CA-000174 DIVISION:

MARY A. BARNUM; MYRTLE L. BERTIE; JOHN D. ELLIOTT; LAURA ANN HEWLETT; HAZEL D. KNUFFKE; WILLIAM SMITH; PAUL E. HARGETT; RICHARD L. HARGETT; GARY HARGETT; ROBERT L. TURNER; LAWRENCE N. TURNER; GREGORY L. TURNER; THOMAS D. TURNER; ROBERT A. TURNER; JANET HARGETT; JOAN TURNER; and CITI BANK N.A., Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

To MARY A. BARNUM; MYRTLE L. BERTIE; JOHN D. ELLIOTT; LAURA ANN HEWLETT; HAZEL D. KNUFFKE; WILLIAM SMITH; PAUL E. HARGETT; RICHARD L. HARGETT; GARY HARGETT; ROBERT L. TURNER; LAWRENCE N. TURNER; GREGORY L. TURNER; THOMAS D. TURNER; ROBERT A. TURNER; JANET HARGETT; JOAN TURNER; and CITI BANK N.A.:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to Quiet Title to real property described as:

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has been filed by Plaintiffs, JODIE SCHAALMA and GERARDO SERRANO, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on Alisa Wilkes, Esq., 13400 Sutton Park Dr. S., Suite 1204, Jacksonville, FL 32224, (904)620-9545 on or before \_\_\_\_\_ and file the original with the Clerk of Court and Plaintiff's attorney, otherwise a default and judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded.

Witness my hand and the seal of this court on this 27 day of October 2022.

Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Deputy Clerk

11/02, 11/09, 11/16, 11/23

Celco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) proposes to build a 199-foot monopole at the approx. vicinity of SW 57th Street, Jasper, Hamilton County, FL, 32052 (Lat: 30° 28' 4.89" N, Long: 83° 6' 17.22" W). Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp, Ben Petersen, bpetersen@trileaf.com, 1051 Winderley Pl, Maitland, FL 32751, 407-660-7840 ext. 866.

11/09

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING: The District Board of Trustees of North Florida College will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the NFC Board Room in the Student Center (Bldg. #9), 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL. For more information, an agenda or to request disability-related accommodations, contact the President's Office at (850) 973-1618 or email wheelerm@nfc.edu. NFC is an equal access/equal opportunity employer.

11/09

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

IN RE: ESTATE OF ANTOINETTE C BASS, Deceased.

PROBATE DIVISION File No. 22000032CPAXMX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of ANTOINETTE C BASS, Deceased, whose date of death was August 28, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for LAFAYETTE County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 120 W Main St. Mayo, FL 32066. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is November 2, 2022.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Scott R. Bugay, Esquire Florida Bar No. 5207 Citicentre, Suite P600 290 NW 165th Street Miami FL 33169 Telephone: (305) 956-9040 Fax: (305) 945-2905 Primary Email: Scott@srblawyers.com Secondary Email: angelica@srblawyers.com

FELICIA BASS, Personal Representative

11/02, 11/09

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lafayette County Commission will be holding a regular meeting on Monday, November 14, 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. 5. Department Heads: A) Marcus Calhoun - Maintenance. 1) Open bids for pressure washing and painting the Courthouse. B) Scott Sadler - Public Works. 1) Open bids for a Garbage Truck. C) Garret Land - Building/Zoning. D) Marty Tompkins - EMS. E) Shawn Jackson - Extension Office. 6. Approve the contract with Saltwater Builders for the Ezell Floating Dock project. 7. Discuss advertising to re-roof the 4th District Community Center. 8. Continuation of a Public Hearing on a Road Closing Petition filed by Dennis and Linelle Creech. 9. Approve the purchase of a .24 acre lot on NW Loyd Street. 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.

11/09

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

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff,

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

vs.

Case No. 20000021 CAAXMX

Jerry Wayne Sullivan a/k/a Jerry W. Sullivan a/k/a Jerry Sullivan, et al., Defendant.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment and/or Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale, entered in Case No. 20000021CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit, in and for Lafayette County, Florida, wherein Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. is the Plaintiff and Jerry Wayne Sullivan a/k/a Jerry W. Sullivan a/k/a Jerry Sullivan is the Defendant, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at, the north door of the courthouse, 120 West Main Street, Mayo, FL 32066, beginning at 11:00 a.m. on the January 12, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST ONE QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST ONE QUARTER OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 14 EAST, LAFAYETTE COUNTY, FLORIDA, FOR THE POINT OF COMMENCEMENT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 27'59" EAST ALONG THE 40 LINE 2627.25 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 49'40" WEST 643.00 FEET FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 49'40" WEST 402.64 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 24'57" WEST 412.73 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 49'40" EAST 402.64 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 27'59" EAST 412.73 FEET TO CLOSE ON THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS ACROSS THE SOUTH 30 FEET OF THE NORTH 440 FEET OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 62, PAGE 678, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAFAYETTE COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 2011 LIVE OAK HOMES MOBILE HOME VIN# LOHGA11012533

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.

Dated this 2nd day of November, 2022.

Steve Land As Clerk of the Court By: As Deputy Clerk

11/09, 11/16

Equity Statement

Non-Discrimination Policy The Suwannee County School Board advises that all vocational opportunities will be offered without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, and disability. The lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in vocational education programs.

Program offerings include Adult Education; Architecture and Construction Education; Business Management and Administration; Community Education; Engineering and Technology Education; Health Sciences; Hospitality and Tourism; Human Services; Information Technology; Manufacturing; and Transportation, Distribution and Logistics. RIVEROAK Technical College serves adults, high school students and dual enrollment students. Admission is open to adults who are at least 16 years old and not presently enrolled in a secondary school. Admission is also open to secondary students grades 9-12 as part of a regular secondary credit earning dual enrollment program.

Equity Coordinator contact information: Ronald Gray Suwannee County School District 1740 Ohio Avenue South, Live Oak, FL 32064 (386) 647-4644 504 Coordinator contact information: Elizabeth Johnston Suwannee County School District 1740 Ohio Avenue South, Live Oak, FL 32064 (386) 647-4631

Spanish

Política de no discriminación La junta escolar Del condado de suwannee informa que todas las oportunidades vocacionales se ofrecerán sin distinción de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo y discapacidad. Las ofertas de programas incluyen educación para adultos; Educación en Arquitectura y Construcción; Gestión y Administración de Empresas; Educación Comunitaria; Educación en Ingeniería y Tecnología; Ciencia de la salud; Hospitalidad y Turismo; Servicios Humanos; Tecnologías de la información; Fabricación; y Transporte, Distribución y Logística.

El Colegio Técnico RIVEROAK atiende a adultos, estudiantes de secundaria y estudiantes de inscripción doble. La admisión está abierta a adultos que tienen al menos 16 años y que actualmente no están inscritos en una escuela secundaria. La admisión también está abierta para estudiantes de secundaria de los grados 9-12 como parte de un programa regular de inscripción doble para obtener créditos secundarios.

Información de contacto de el coordinador de equidad:

Ronald Gray Distrito Escolar del Condado de Suwannee 1740 Ohio Avenue South, Live Oak, FL 32064 (386) 647-4644 Información de contacto de coordinadora 504: Elizabeth Johnston Distrito Escolar del Condado de Suwannee 1740 Ohio Avenue South, Live Oak, FL 32064 (386) 647-4631

11/09

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners will hold a workshop on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 5:00 P.M. The workshop will be held at the Judicial Annex, 218 Parshley Street Southwest, Live Oak, Florida.

The purpose of the workshop is to discuss: 1. Land Development Regulations.

11/09

AGENDA TOWN COUNCIL, TOWN OF MAYO, FLORIDA REGULAR MEETING MONDAY NOVEMBER 14, 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. Departments a. Sampson Edwards b. Garret Land c. Chamber of Commerce d. Arrow Waste e. Dewberry f. Sheriff Brian Lamb 6. Miscellaneous Items 7. Pay Bills 8. Adjourn

11/09

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