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BULLDOGS WRESTLING TEAM COMPETES FOR STATE TITLE



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The Suwannee Bulldogs wrestling team stands behind the state championship sign for the duals wrestling competition. Unfortunately, the team was knocked out of the competition in the semi-finals by one point. However, the team outperformed every other public school in Class 1A.

Jack Frost pays North Florida a visit



Photo courtesy of Kelsey Tharp
Snow and layers of ice covered Jasper.

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North Florida residents awoke on Wednesday, Jan. 22, to a world of white, with some snow continuing to fall into the early morning hours, a phenomenon rarely experienced in the Sunshine State.

The potentially historic winter storm, as meteorologists were calling it, swept through the Gulf Coast region beginning on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 21 and into Wednesday morning, leaving a blanket of white on the ground,

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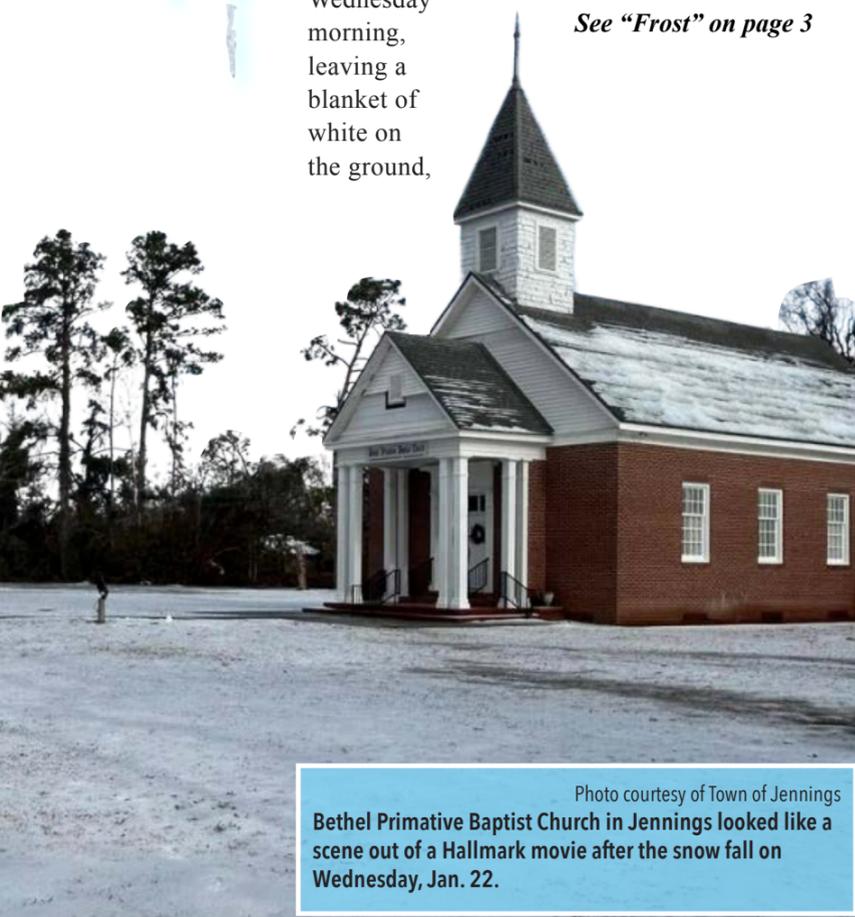


Photo courtesy of Town of Jennings
Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in Jennings looked like a scene out of a Hallmark movie after the snow fall on Wednesday, Jan. 22.

Local man charged with alleged sexual assault of minor

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A man charged with allegedly sexually abusing a minor is back in custody after being charged with sexual assault of a minor less than 12 years of age.

Wallace Edward Humphrey, a 73-year-old O'Brien resident, was given the new charge after being booked into the Suwannee

County Jail on Tuesday, Jan. 21. Prior to this, he had been awaiting trial for allegations of sexually abusing a minor in April of 2024 in Suwannee County.

Reports provided by the State Attorney's Office showed that Humphrey had allegedly touched the victim inappropriately on two occasions: once in a truck on his property and the second time when the victim's



Wallace Edward Humphrey

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Hamilton County crash claims life

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A three-vehicle crash on Interstate 75 in Hamilton County claimed the life of a 21-year-old passenger late Saturday night, Jan. 18.

According to a report from the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), the incident occurred at approximately 11:24 p.m., two miles south of State Road 6, when a sedan traveling southbound hydroplaned during heavy rain and struck a

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Second Annual All Aboard Festival happening Saturday

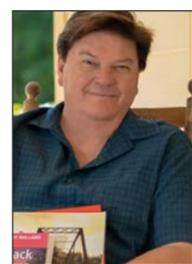
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Heritage Square in downtown Live Oak will be bustling with activity on Saturday, Feb. 1, as the Second Annual All Aboard Festival returns to Suwannee County. The family-friendly event will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with music beginning at 10 a.m. There will be a variety of activities available for attendees of all ages, including an antique car show, docent-led tours of the newly renovated museum, a touch-a-truck area,

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Around the Banks



Johnny Bullard
Guest Columnist

As I write this article, it is about 34 degrees outside, but the sun is shining, which makes it so much better. This year, 2025, winter has paid us a visit here in our beloved homeland. Keep those coats and sweaters handy.

When thinking about my childhood in and around White Springs and the cold weather, I can clearly see scores of chimneys across our little town. The smoke coming from those chimneys was visible and smelled of fat "lighter" as the dark smoke moved upward. There were fireplaces in practically every house in town, and they weren't there for aesthetic appearance; they were utilized this time of year for the purpose of providing heat.

You would see folks driving out in the flatwoods

to gather wood that would be chopped for fireplaces and wood stoves. The billowing smoke and the smell of wood fires during the winter months stay embedded in the memories of my childhood. The sense of smell triggers memory, I am told. I believe it's true, for the smell of a wood fire transports me to winters of long ago.

Out in the country and the flatwoods during white-tailed deer season, various families and groups repaired to their hunting camps, where much time was spent from November through January. I have heard that in South Louisiana, during the Christmas season, big pyramid-shaped bonfires are built along the rivers as a way of welcoming and guiding Papa Noel, or Father Christmas, Santa Claus.

In the North Central Florida and South Georgia of my youth, one could have witnessed scores of big campfires extending from Echols and Clinch Counties

in South Georgia all the way into Hamilton and Columbia Counties. A place of gathering for families to share stories, swap yarns, tell jokes and prepare for deer hunting. Campfires glowed like altar fires in worship of the magical and bountiful winter season.

There was something about the comfort of fires, built-in fireplaces, wood stoves or deer camps that drew people together in camaraderie and a spirit of joviality. Good memories, as the frost covered the ground, and the spooky-looking fog rose from the breast of the old Suwannee River, winding its way slowly to the Gulf.

During this cooler time of year, spend some time reminiscing, journaling or sharing with others about special memories you may have of this time of year. From the Eight Mile Still on the Woodpecker Route north of White Springs, wishing you a good week. Stay warm.

Living God's Way: *God requested to strengthen the Ephesians*



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Guest Columnist

Paul informs the Ephesians of his request to God on their behalf. After describing who "the Father" is, Paul expresses what he wants the Father to grant to these people, namely that they may be strengthened because they comprehend all the minute features of "the love of Christ" (Ephesians 3:14-19).

The strength Paul is wanting God to grant to the Ephesians will come through their faith. In a time before the New Testament was completed and people could read what was revealed, Paul is asking God to communicate to the Ephesians and other churches as well what they will need to help them comprehend all the different aspects of "the love of Christ." The faith of these Ephesians would then be increased because they have heard what was spoken by

those to whom God revealed His message.

The Holy Spirit was the means by which this message was revealed to individuals. When people listen to what was spoken by these individuals, and they apply it to their lives, then they would have Christ dwelling in their hearts. Today, we have the complete revelation of God's message in the form of our New Testament. Paul has already stated in this letter that when we "read" what has been written, we can "understand [his] insights," which would include "the love of Christ."

Paul has the desire that all the Ephesians "may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ which surpasses all knowledge." There are several things to observe. Paul wants "all the saints" to have this surpassing knowledge of "the love of Christ." We can accomplish this by reading our Bibles with the

goal of understanding every detail (breadth, length, height and depth) of "the love of Christ."

By writing, "the love of Christ which surpasses all knowledge," Paul is saying that this love which Christ has for all people is so remarkable that it is beyond any knowledge we may comprehend. Paul is not being contradictory, but he is emphasizing how great this "love of Christ" really is. We, as Christians, need to spend time thinking about this "love of Christ."

The more we read about "the love of Christ" and the more we meditate upon this love, the closer we will get to achieving Paul's goal of all Christians being "filled up in all the fullness of God." By focusing on this "love of Christ," then Christians will be "[strengthened] with power through His Spirit in the inner man." With this strength, Christians will be more faithful, consistent and extremely determined to be living God's way.

Cagle Grams: *Is there an afterlife?*



James H. Cagle
Guest Columnist

"If a man die, shall he live again?" (Job 14:14 KJV).

To rephrase Job's question, when a person dies and their life ends on earth, is there an afterlife, a life which they live after their life on earth ends? In other words, is there life beyond the grave? Are those who passed on before us still living, and if so, what is life like for them?

To understand death as it really is, we must get our explanation of death from the Bible (KJV), for no one explains death any better than God, for no one knows more about death than Him. To understand death, we must also understand the constitution of man and what happens to that constitution when he dies.

When our loved one dies, do they cease to exist? Are they, through death, annihilated? Did they, by default or automatically go, to the "sweet by and by" though they were wicked people? Did they die only to come back to earth as a form of

lower or higher life than their previous life?

The truth is that no one actually dies. There is no such thing as a dead person, there are only dead bodies. The body, which is mortal, dies, but the spirit of man, which is immortal, never dies. Everyone that has ever lived is still alive in either Heaven or Hell, based on what they did with Jesus Christ; accepting Him as Savior or rejecting Him.

When a person dies, their body dies, but their spirit is released at death to another realm of existence. Death is leaving our earthly condition of existence for another condition of existence that is either better or worse than our earthly condition of existence.

King David said of the first baby that was born of Bathsheba and died, "I shall go to him (when he himself died), but he shall not return to me" (2 Samuel 12:23). David knew the child still existed though the child's body was in the grave and he knew he would see the child again one day.

Paul tells us that while "we are at home in the body (spiritually residing in our bodies), we are absent from the Lord" simply because we cannot be

in two places at the same time, and that to be absent from the body or not at home, we are present with the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:6-8). When a lost person dies, their spirit also vacates their body, and their spirit goes to Hell.

The story of the rich man and Lazarus in Luke 16:19-31 is a depiction of a saved man, as with Lazarus and a lost man, as with the rich man in an out-of-body afterlife experience. They bore the same identity with their soulish body as they did with their physical bodies and knew each other. The rich man in Hell was able to recall his past and remember his previous life. He could think presently and converse with Abraham. He could imagine the future and what it would be like for his brothers to come to Hell, and he sought to prevent it.

This demonstrates that all the powers of our being are fully intact and fully functional in the afterlife as they are in this life because those powers reside in the spirit of man and not in his body and are necessary to be conscious of self and conscious of our surroundings for our existence in the afterlife.

Let's not be ChrINOs: *Christians In Name Only*



Sheryl Boldt
Guest Columnist

As you reflect on your Christian journey, what choices from 2024 would you change? Where do you hope to grow closer to God in 2025?

God wants you to have a great new year! And He has much He wants to say to you. In Jeremiah 29:13 (ESV), He tells us how to open the conversation. "You will seek me

and find me, when you seek me with all your heart."

Unfortunately, sometimes our quiet time with God can seem more like a task we check off our to-do list instead of a joy and a delight.

How would it change your Christian walk if you sought to know Who God is – His righteousness, His holiness, His compassion, His mercy, His wisdom and His love?

Think how different 2025 would be if, the next time we're tempted to hold on to our hate or unforgiveness, we feared

God more than we did in 2024.

What if we sought God as if we truly needed Him (we do!) – when life is good, when it's hard and every moment in between? How might our prayers, our understanding of His Word, and our faith in His forgiveness transform our lives?

How can we truly seek God with all our hearts, as this week's verse encourages us?

Here's one idea: to avoid being more than a Christian In Name Only, each day you have your quiet time in 2025, ask God to help you seek Him with your whole heart. Journal about the verses that "speak" to you and ask the Holy Spirit to make these verses real to you – and to help you apply them to your day.

Toward the end of the year, read through your journal entries to see how you've grown in your Christian walk. On Dec. 31, 2025, write how God's Holy Spirit, through His Word, changed your relationships, your life you.

Let's seek His wisdom with joy and diligence this new year, especially on the days or in the seasons when we don't feel like it. Because we are almost certain to have some of these too.

This new year holds incredible promise as we seek God with all our heart.

Imagine how our lives will transform as we grow in faith, deepen our understanding of His Word, and embrace the ways He wants to use us for His glory.

Let's commit to seeking Righteous, Holy, Compassionate, Merciful, Wise and Loving God wholeheartedly, confident that He will meet us as we draw near to Him.

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The scriptures are primarily written to testify of CHRIST and to point to HIM as the fulfillment of all righteousness. The LORD told HIS disciples that HE would send HIS SPIRIT who would "testify of me." HE told the Pharisees, who were avid students of the scriptures, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." The central lesson of the scriptures is to see this truth. "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:--- He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord." The awakened sons of GOD know that they need a PERFORMER. They will despair, when confronted with exhortations of obedience to the precepts of GOD, if they do not clearly see that "it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." Their comfort is not in their own obedience but rather in HIS. "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." The work of CHRIST, as our REDEEMER, is being at, described and prophesied throughout the scriptures as well as being attributed in HIS own actions when HE walked upon the earth and now in the present hour as our GREAT HIGH PRIEST before the throne of GOD. To fail to see CHRIST as the central subject about which the scriptures are written is to miss the purpose for which they are given. Anytime that true preaching occurs, CHRIST must be the theme and HIS glory must be the purpose for which that preaching is done. All else that may occur shall be a result of the exaltation of CHRIST. All exhortation, reproof and doctrinal teaching must be undertaken for that purpose. Do you see CHRIST in the scriptures? -m.a.m.

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ASK DOCTORS HIGGINS AND WHITE WARNING ON ASPIRIN

Q: I'm on a low daily dosage of aspirin. Does this raise any dental concerns?

A: Indeed, many of us are on low daily doses of aspirin as part of high blood pressure treatment or because of a heart problem. That's because aspirin thins the blood. It is also a proven pain reliever and an anti-inflammatory agent. So, it is a safe, reliable piece of our medical kit. We do, however, have to be careful with its use.

One danger it poses on the medical front is the practice by some people of chewing aspirin. They may have a fear of trying to swallow a pill. Rather than waiting for a pill to dissolve in water, they'll pop it into their mouth and crush the pill with their teeth. That can severely damage tooth enamel. It can also harm the soft tissue of the mouth. Studies have found that a steady diet of that can significantly erode teeth.

Another dangerous route is to pinch an aspirin tablet between cheek and gum as a treatment for a toothache. The acid in aspirin can literally burn the soft tissue.

Since aspirin, as cited above, is a blood thinner, you want to make your dentist aware of the fact that you take it regularly. It may be a consideration if you are scheduled for any oral surgery. Naturally, you should tell your dentist about any medications you take. Talk more with your dentist about the role of aspirin in your life.

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mother walked in on Humphrey attempting to abuse the victim sexually. The victim was questioned by investigators and members of the Child Protection Services team in Lake City.

A sexual battery kit had also been conducted on the victim, which the report noted yielding positive results.

The reports also indicated that Humphrey had two other victims in Marion County. One victim had reported that, between the ages of 15 and 18, Humphrey would allegedly watch her shower and sexually molested her. The victim stated that she never came forward because she was led to believe it was normal. The incident occurred in Salt Springs, Fla. Another victim stated that Humphrey had sexually abused and assaulted her on multiple occasions.

Because of the incidents occurring in Marion County, the information received was forwarded to the Marion County Sheriff's Office for further investigation.

The State Attorney's Office confirmed that the recent arrest of Humphrey was related to the case. However, they did not clarify why Humphrey was arrested and charged with sexual assault. Humphrey is being held on no bond at the Suwannee County Jail.

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icing roads and bridges, frosting vegetation, and causing sporadic power outages in some areas, as ice accumulated on power lines and tree limbs.

The nameless storm, in fact, was credited with producing the heaviest snowfall in Florida's history, with widespread reports of 5 to 12 inches of accumulated snow around Pensacola on Tuesday evening, and the reported closure of a nearly 70-mile stretch of Interstate 10 by the Florida Highway Patrol.

Milton, in the Panhandle, reportedly received the highest concentration of snow at 9.8 inches, according to the National Weather Service (NWS).

Prior to the onslaught of the record-breaking storm, the NWS had issued a Winter Storm Warning for all the counties from Pensacola to Duval, alerting of impending adverse conditions

and advising motorists to stay off roads if at all possible because of hazardous travel conditions.

Meanwhile, Governor Ron DeSantis, on Monday, Jan. 20, issued a state of emergency just ahead of the arctic blast, putting into effect emergency measures in case the storm's devastating effects warranted it. Many school districts across the region closed in advance of the storm, as did FSU and FAMU in Tallahassee, along with some local businesses.

Before the winter storm, the highest reported snowfall in Florida supposedly occurred in 1954, when 4 inches of snow fell, also in Milton. The Big Bend region also experienced snowfalls of lesser measure in 1989 and 2018, according to the NWS.

The wintry mix of sleet, snow and freezing rain moved eastward across the Southeast and then the Florida Panhandle on Tuesday and largely tapered off after midnight, although some sleet and freezing rain continued until the

early morning hours of Wednesday, and the temperature remained in the low 20s during the day. According to the NWS, temperatures were forecast to stay in the 20s through the rest of the week into Sunday, with morning frost predicted for each of the days.

In other areas of the country, such as Texas and Louisiana, the winter storm likewise broke records, closed roads and airports, and paralyzed communities with record-breaking snowfalls, according to news reports. And at least five deaths were attributed to the storm as of Wednesday.

The farthest south that it has ever snowed in Florida, according to meteorologists, was in January 1977, when snow fell in Tampa Bay and as far south as Miami Beach and Homestead.

Before that, the phenomenon occurred in February 1899, when snow fell in the southern part of the state, from Fort Myers to Fort Pierce, according to the NWS.

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kiddie rides, games and more. Food trucks, vendors and local authors will also be on hand, providing something for everyone. Visitors are encouraged to stop by downtown merchants

while enjoying the festival.

The All Aboard Festival is one of two events organized and hosted by Suwannee Festivals, a collaborative effort of the Suwannee River Regional Library, UF/IFAS Suwannee County Extension, and the Live Oak Artists Guild. The event is part of Suwannee Festivals' ongoing mission to bring the community together and celebrate local heritage and entrepreneurship.

"The community really supported our first effort," said Katherine Allen, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent for UF/IFAS Suwannee County Extension. "Last year, we weren't sure how many attendees would come. It was fantastic to see how many people came downtown to support local entrepreneurial efforts, whether it was a food truck or a new crafter. This is a great time to learn about other organizations in our community."

"We love the opportunity to showcase some of the heritage in our

community," said Chelsea Wenz, Staff Assistant at UF/IFAS Suwannee County Extension and former curator at the Suwannee County Historical Museum. "We love that the Chamber, North Florida College, and the Museum were open for tours; the Live Oak Fire Department had 'Old Bessie' out for photos; and local historians were on hand to share little-known facts."

Additionally, Suwannee Festivals is also preparing for its next event, the Wildflower Festival, which will take place on Saturday, May 10, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Heritage Park and Gardens. "I have wanted to have a wildflower festival for years. It is amazing how we can make a dream a reality if everyone pitches in," said Anda Chance, President of the Live Oak Artists Guild. "Plus, who doesn't like wildflowers?"

While the inaugural Suwannee Festivals events benefited from grant funding, this year's festivals are grassroots efforts supported by volunteers and local partnerships. "We couldn't make these festivals happen without volunteers and our partners throughout the county and city," said Allen. "Everyone has been great about pitching in and helping make something for us all to enjoy, but we need help with sponsors to cover insurance and a little marketing."

Crash
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guardrail. The vehicle eventually came to rest across the inside and middle travel lanes.

However, the sedan was then struck by a sport utility vehicle. Following the second collision, the sedan's driver and one passenger exited the vehicle after the collision. Moments later, the FHP report states the passenger, a 21-year-old woman from Pembroke Pines, Fla., was struck by a truck tractor traveling southbound. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

The driver of the sedan, a 21-year-old Miami woman, and the other passenger, a 20-year-old Miami woman, sustained minor injuries. The driver of the SUV, a 28-year-old Jacksonville woman, and the truck tractor driver, a 53-year-old man from Florence, Ala., were uninjured.

Legislative delegation meeting dates rescheduled

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State legislators have announced updates regarding a series of upcoming delegation meetings in counties across North Florida due to the Special Session that was called in Tallahassee on Monday, Jan. 27. These meetings will provide residents with an opportunity to share their concerns, ask questions, and engage directly with their representatives regarding local and state matters.

For the Suwannee Valley area, Senator Corey Simon (R-District 3) and State House Representative Jason Shoaf (R-District 7) will be making the following appearances:

- Thursday, Jan. 30**
- Lafayette County Courthouse (120 W Main St., Mayo): 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 10**
- Hamilton County Courthouse (207 1st St. NE, Jasper): 11 a.m. to noon
- Suwannee County Judicial Annex (218 Parshley St. SW, Live Oak): 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Residents are encouraged to participate to ensure their voices are heard and their concerns addressed.

Town Talk:

Did Heidi's Cupcakery close?

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Saturday, Jan. 25, was a sad day for the citizens of Live Oak and the surrounding area, as it was the closing day for Heidi's Cupcakery. "It is with a heavy heart that we are announcing we are closing our storefront," Heidi wrote in a Facebook post. There is some good news hidden in the mix, however. "We are not closing our company; we are just re-evaluating and deciding where we want to go from here," the post

continued. The future of the company remains uncertain; however, what doesn't remain uncertain is that the cupcakes will still be made. In a follow-up post, Heidi said, "As soon as I get everything moved next week, I will start taking special orders and also let you know where I will be around town to meet for some treats." The comments section was full of support and praise, with many voicing their hope for the future of the cupcakery. Keep an eye on Heidi's Cupcakery's Facebook page for future updates.

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Construction theft leads to arrest of two

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The burglary of a construction site resulted in the arrest of two men who stole approximately \$6,000 worth of items.

On Monday, Jan. 20, at approximately 10:34 a.m., Suwannee County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) Deputy Shelby Hayes responded to an address on 209th Court in Live Oak in reference to a theft. Upon arrival, Deputy Hayes made contact with the victim at a lot where a house was being constructed. The victim stated that someone stole a 2.5-ton Valvo central air conditioner unit along with two boxes of doorknobs and a bathroom wall mirror.

The air conditioning unit was installed just behind the house next to the back door. The bathroom mirror was inside the home at the time of the theft. However, because there were no doorknobs or locking mechanisms, the thieves did not have to force their way inside the house.

The incident was captured on surveillance cameras, with the theft taking place on Sunday, Jan. 19, at approximately 7:30 a.m. The video showed a blue truck with a trailer attached to it, which had traveled behind the house.

However, the video did not show anything being stolen.

Upon viewing the video, Deputy Justin Dalton advised that he had observed a similar vehicle, a blue Dodge Dakota, on Saturday, Jan. 18., at a residence on Garrison Road in Live Oak.

A license plate check identified the owner of the vehicle and ultimately led investigators to the residence on Garrison Road. An individual who was

stated she did not steal anything.

According to the report, Brannon was detained at the house and read his Miranda Rights. Brannon confessed that Pennington and the unidentified individual were along for the ride. He stated that, as they were riding, they located an abandoned lot. Upon pulling into the lot, Pennington allegedly got out of the truck and started loading things up on the trailer. Brannon said that Pennington had hollered for him to help load up the air conditioning unit.

Deputies learned that Pennington had fled the house after they arrived at the home on Garrison Road, and SCSO and Suwannee Correctional Institute K-9 units were deployed. K-9 Thor located Pennington, who denied any wrongdoing and claimed that Brannon was driving the truck. When deputies searched Pennington's backpack, they located a box of new doorknobs with his name carved on the box.

The victim had estimated that the items stolen and later recovered were valued at approximately \$6,000.

Brannon and Pennington were charged with one count of burglary and three counts of larceny. Both were transported to the Suwannee County Jail with no bail.



Dylan Pennington



James Brannon

not identified in the reports shared that she was with 30-year-old Dylan Troy Pennington and 37-year-old James Nathaniel Brannon at the time of the theft, but

Jail Report



Lafayette County

Jan. 21

Santos Castanon, driving without a valid license

Jan. 23

Randall Wild, violation of probation

Hamilton County

Jan. 20

Alexandria Nikole Day, battery
Arthur Dillon Park, battery

Jan. 23

Zytron Ahmand Kemyacht Sands, failure to appear

Jan. 26

Nigeria Brenari Neshay Bargnare, out-of-county warrant

Suwannee County

Jan. 20

Racheal Leanna Daniels, aggravated battery

Jan. 21

James Nathaniel Brannon, burglary, three counts of larceny
Damien Michael LaFlamme, out-of-county warrant

Dylan Troy Pennington, burglary, three counts of larceny
Wallace Edward Humphrey, sexual assault

Jan. 22

Milton Hughes, out-of-county warrant

Lyndon Brett Rex, simple battery
domestic violence

Jan. 23

Robert K. Torres, withhold support
James Robert Bass, four counts of probation violation
Curtis Melvin Parrish, moving traffic violation

Jan. 26

Brittany Nicole Lynn Patterson, neglect child, fraud impersonation

Jan. 27

Joshua Vernest Smith, probation violation

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Blackberry Festival

Photogenic Contest

CATEGORIES:

- 0-11 months
- 12-23 months
- 2-3 years
- 4-6 years
- 7-9 years
- 10-12 years
- 13-15 years
- 16-18 years

The deadline to enter is June 2 at 12 p.m. A fee of \$15 will apply per entry.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be enlarged to a 5x7.
- Must be printed and submitted in-person.
- Contestant must be alone in the photo.
- Only ONE photo per contestant may be entered.
- Photo must have been taken AFTER Jan. 1, 2025.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

- Uniqueness of photo.
- Capturing the moment.
- Contestant's personality.
- Photogenic quality.

Previous Winners



2023 Miss Blackberry Faith Ingram



2023 Teen Miss Blackberry Elecia Richardson



2023 Junior Miss Blackberry Miley Walker



2024 Young Miss Blackberry Harper Grace Trawick



2023 Little Miss Blackberry Allison Skinner



2024 Tiny Miss Blackberry Anaka Butler



2024 Infant Miss Blackberry Alston Trawick



2024 Baby Miss Blackberry Malerie Dawsyn Trawick

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Jasper City Council discusses continued hurricane cleanup

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The Jasper City Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, Jan. 16. The meeting began with the approval of the agenda, and the council then called for public comments; however, there were no responses. The council continued by approving its consent items, which included the minutes from the December meeting, checks from December, and minutes from a special meeting held in December.

City Manager Mark Meyers was absent due to a scheduling conflict but left a note announcing a Code Compliance Workshop to be held on Thursday, Jan. 30, at 5:30 p.m. in Jasper City Hall.

City Attorney Rhett Bullard provided a brief reminder on how ordinance advertisements work before the council heard department head reports. The finance department reported that an update to impact fees would be likely by the next meeting and that the operating account had a balance of \$3 million. They also indicated that the city was beginning its audit process.

The public works department reported that 90 percent of hurricane debris had been cleared. The fire department reported receiving a total of 14 calls for service, including three fire calls. It was also announced that gear obtained through the 50/50 grant is now fully funded by the state. Finally, the police department reported 465 calls for service and 16 arrests.

During council comments, Jennifer Gisonni provided a late public comment to introduce the community clean-up crew. This group has been working throughout the city to assist with clean-up efforts, including moving debris and chopping down trees. The team, consisting of 13 members, has collaborated with city government officials and spent two days assisting at the home of City Clerk Loretta Taylor to clear debris. Gisonni announced that the crew would next head to Jennings and then White Springs.

The meeting concluded after this discussion. The next Jasper City Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 20, at 6 p.m. in Jasper City Hall, located at 208 Hatley St. W.

New councilman sworn in, two-hour parking debated by Branford Town Council



Riverbend News photo by Danny Federico, January 14, 2025
Mayor Ken Saunders (right) swears in Jeremiah McCall (left) as the new councilman for Post 3 of the Branford Town Council.

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The Branford Town Council met on Tuesday evening, Jan. 14, to address various matters, beginning with the swearing-in of Jeremiah McCall as the new Councilman for Post 3. McCall replaces former Councilman Charlie Daniel, who resigned from the position after several years of service to the town. Following the ceremony, McCall was welcomed with a round of applause from council members and residents alike.

As the council proceeded through its agenda, the focus shifted to an ongoing issue regarding two-hour parking signs in front of Sandhill Graphics was brought up. The issue initially arose during the Nov. 12, 2024, meeting when Councilwoman Stacey Griffith, co-owner of Sandhill Graphics, addressed her fellow members about parking outside of her business, Just Teasin' Salon and the Law Office of Heather McInnis. Specifically, she voiced her frustration over employees from the neighboring law office allegedly monopolizing parking spaces in front of her shop. Griffith explained that, due to the limited spaces available, her customers are often forced to park far from the business, sometimes making it difficult to load large orders.

"I need help," she stated, noting instances where clients had to abandon pickups due to a lack of parking. To combat this, Griffith proposed installing two-hour parking signs similar to the ones on the opposite side of the street.

However, questions were raised as to whether the town could install signs on the road or if it would be a Department of Transportation (DOT) matter. During the Dec. 10 regular meeting, Griffith stated she had spoken with DOT about the potential addition. At this time, DOT advised her that the purchase and installation of more signs would be considered business of the town. However, a resolution would need to be approved in order to pursue attaining the signs.

The discussion was continued on Jan. 14, where it was put before the council to decide whether or not it wanted to pursue a resolution for two-hour parking signs. As no one had set a clear motion during the prior meeting about the matter, Attorney Rhett Bullard had not prepared a resolution for approval. He needed the council to decide the terms of the resolution should the members decide to implement one.

"My opinion on this is that there may be a better way to handle it," said Councilman Jay Hatch, who had recused himself from prior discussions due to his sister being the owner of the law office in question. "I think that we have a parking issue downtown, to begin with, where we could use some additional parking, and I think that there are probably some options for that, but that's not something that can happen overnight. There are a lot of different opinions, and I'm not even sure how much of an issue it continues to be."

"My opinion is everywhere else all over town has two-hour parking," Griffith replied. "And it's not to benefit my business; it's so the business stays alive."

Councilwoman Alice Childress mentioned that she wouldn't be in favor of additional signs, noting that individuals had reached out to her and pointed out that the west side of the street benefits from having parking available behind the businesses, while the east side does not. However, Griffith pointed out that the east side also has parking right behind its businesses. Additionally, Hatch stated he had also been contacted by a couple of property and business owners who feel parking is being

pushed to their privately owned parking rather than the public parking. Councilman Kevin Knighton added that one morning, he had taken a moment to walk down the east side of Suwannee Avenue to interview the business owners.

"My initial reaction was, 'If it works everywhere else through [town], why can't it work there?'" he explained. However, after speaking with the various business owners, he stated he was "very afraid" that implementing something to "fix this problem in those three parking spaces" could potentially cause problems in other areas. He pointed out the local coffee shop as an example. "Right now, they have zero problems, whether it be employees of that area or customers in their parking spots. However, if we make it where no employees can park in that space by limiting it to two hours, they would put signs in that space that say, 'Parking Only For Suwannee Brew.' Then that would take away some spaces that you currently have access to."

He continued, stating that after "looking and watching," he felt the parking situation was "a problem about one percent of the time."

"And maybe it's more. Maybe it's 10 percent of the time; maybe it's 20 percent," Knighton added. "But I would like to think that this is Branford, Fla., and that if you had a customer that needed to pull up to the front of your shop and an employee from your neighboring business is parked there, we can pick up the phone and say, 'Hey guys, I've got a little quick issue. Could we help each other out?' And I would hope that, in our beautiful town, the people would be willing to step in and help each other."

He went on to point out that, although there is space behind the businesses for three to four cars, enforcing two-hour parking and issues with easements behind the businesses are other barriers.

"All I'm asking is for a little respect for my business, too," Griffith stated.

"And I think it's not only possible but to be expected that all of you guys in that entire shop should be able to work together and respect each other to hopefully mitigate this problem," Knighton replied. "I think if we put a two-hour parking sign there, we're going to cause more problems than we're going to solve."

Childress spoke up once more, asking Griffith if she had ever reached out to the law office to see if they would move their vehicles, to which she responded that she didn't have the business's number. When Childress pointed out that she could walk next door, Griffith stated she hadn't done that either.

Once the floor was opened for public comment, Donny Glover addressed the council, informing them that the issue stems from two vehicles that consistently park in front of the business. "Employees should not park in front of a business," he stressed.

Following him, Richard Snyder advised the council to consider the experience they want visitors to have. He noted that should a high-traffic business establish itself in Branford, more enforcement options may need to be regarded in the future.

After public comment was closed, the council awaited a motion on action to be taken for a two-hour parking resolution. However, no motion was made, so the matter was dropped.

At the conclusion of the remaining agenda items, the meeting was adjourned. The next Branford Town Council meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 11, in the Town Hall, located at 502 SW Suwannee Ave.

In Loving Memory

John "Mike" Huchingson

John "Mike" Huchingson, 42, of Live Oak, Fla., passed away on Monday, Jan. 6, 2025.

He was born in Jasper, Fla., on Sept. 28, 1982, was a lifelong resident of Live Oak, and a Patriot through and through. Mike loved to work on cars, especially Chevys, enjoyed fishing and hunting and had a passion for guns and eagles. He worked at Precision Turning in Live Oak as a CNC Machinist.



Mike is survived by his wife, Kayla Huchingson; four sisters, Patricia Thomas, Mary King, Tammy Staley (Lenny) and Susan Bise; and two brothers, William Register (Amanda) and Charles Register. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest M. Huchingson and Mary McElveen Huchingson, and his sister, Shinta Watts.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 10, at Daniels Memorial Chapel, with the visitation held prior to the service beginning at 10 a.m. Interment followed in Live Oak Cemetery.

Please keep the family in your prayers and sign the online guestbook.

Daniels Funeral Homes & Crematory was in charge of all arrangements.

Florida Bar recognizes 3rd Judicial circuit attorney for pro bono service

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On Thursday, Jan. 16, the Florida Bar honored 21 lawyers for their work on behalf of low-income and disadvantaged clients.

The Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Awards, held at the Supreme Court of Florida, were established in 1981 as a way of encouraging lawyers to volunteer free legal services to those in need. This year's awards were presented by Florida Bar President Roland Sanchez-Medina Jr.

The ceremony recognized pro bono service in each of Florida's 20 judicial circuits, along with one Florida Bar member participating outside the state. These awards were presented alongside the prestigious Tobias Simon Pro Bono Service Award and other service recognitions from the Florida Supreme Court's chief justice.

According to the Florida Bar, during the most recent reporting period, spanning from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, Florida attorneys collectively contributed over 1.7 million hours of pro bono service and donated \$11.6 million to legal aid organizations.

Among this year's honorees is Gainesville attorney William Galione, who has dedicated himself to addressing access to justice issues in rural areas. With 1,073 attorneys eligible to practice in Gainesville compared to just 190 in the entire 3rd Judicial Circuit, which covers Columbia, Dixie, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee and Taylor Counties, Galione has taken on numerous referrals from the resource-strapped region. Since 2001, he has worked on more than 160 cases in partnership with Three Rivers Legal Services, assisting clients with issues ranging from housing and consumer matters to torts and wage claims.

"Galione treats every client with compassion, dignity and respect, and goes above and beyond to meet clients where they are -- even going so far as to learn new areas of practice that stretch well beyond the scope of his practice," the Florida Bar announcement reads.

For more information about the awards or pro bono opportunities, contact the Florida Bar at (850) 561-5670.



Photo courtesy of Florida Bar
William Galione

ACA reaccredits Suwannee Correctional Institution



Photo courtesy of ACA

Seven correctional institutions, including Suwannee CI, were recently reaccredited by the ACA.

American Correctional Association
Contributor

The American Correctional Association (ACA) reaccredited seven Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) correctional institutions during the ACA's 2025 conference in Orlando. The standards created and refined by the ACA represent fundamental practices that ensure staff and inmate safety and security, enhance staff morale, improve record maintenance and data management capabilities, and

improve the function of the facility and agency at all levels.

"Each year, our staff consistently strive for excellence and maintain our position as a national leader in correctional practices. I take great pride in their daily dedication, which has earned us recognition for reaccreditation at these institutions," said Florida Department of Corrections Deputy Secretary Richard Comerford. "Achieving ACA accreditation is a key opportunity to highlight our hard work, strengthen our foundation, and reaffirm our

commitment to public safety. I want to express my gratitude to our leaders across the state who remain steadfast in their commitment to our essential mission."

Over the last year, ACA audit teams from across the country visited Florida Women's Reception Center, Reception and Medical Center, Century, Lancaster, Marion, Santa Rosa, and Suwannee Correctional Institutions to conduct comprehensive on-site audits of all aspects of prison operations. Each of these institutions was 100 percent compliant with

mandatory standards.

For more than 150 years, the ACA has been the recognized worldwide authority in corrections, and its Commission on Accreditation for Corrections certifies correctional facilities. FDC began the process of seeking nationally recognized accreditation from the ACA in 1968. All of Florida's major state institutions are accredited by the ACA.

For more information about the accreditation process, visit www.aca.org.

Community Calendar

Thursday, Jan. 30

All are encouraged to wear their most festive attire and hats for a "Bridgerton Tea Party" at the Suwannee River Regional Library in Live Oak. Only 13 spots are available, so RSVP as soon as possible by calling (386) 362-2317. The party will begin at 6 p.m. The Suwannee River Regional Library is located at 1848 Ohio Ave. S, in Live Oak.

Saturday, Feb. 1

The Suwannee Festivals Committee is proud to present the Second Annual All Aboard Festival at Heritage Square and the Suwannee Historical Museum, located at 208 Ohio Ave. N, in Live Oak. There will be a variety of live music, historical presentations, arts and crafts, food vendors and local authors. Fun activities for children include games, crafts, the Storytrail, free books, a Touch-a-Truck area, a kiddie train, and a train display. The festival will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 1

Local authors will be featured at the Sunshine State Book Festival, a free event held at the Best Western Gateway Grand Hotel, located at 4200 NW 97th Blvd, in Gainesville. Over 200 authors from across all genres will be in attendance to meet potential new readers. There will also be activities throughout the day, including the announcement of the Teen Lit Contest winners, a separate children's area, guest speakers, and more. The theme this year is climate change and environmental education.

Monday, Feb. 3

Join the Suwannee River Regional Library in Live Oak for its Herbalist Series presented by Lisa Harris from the Watermelon Stand. This week's series, which will take place from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., will focus on "Wildcraft and Sourcing Herbs." The Suwannee River Regional Library is located at 1848 Ohio Ave. S, in Live Oak.

Tuesday, Feb. 4

Join Hearthstone Gardens for a hands-on workshop that focuses on how, when and where to prune. The workshop will include tips for successful pruning and hands-on practice. Be sure to bring your own bypass pruners and loppers. The cost to attend is \$10. Call (386) 438-3102 to reserve a spot. Hearthstone Gardens is located at 330 134th Pl., in Wellborn.

Wednesday, Feb. 5 – Wednesday, March 26

Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. "A Matter of Balance" is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. This free eight-week program, hosted by the UF/IFAS Suwannee Extension, emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls. Participants learn to view falls as controllable, set goals for increasing activity, make changes to reduce fall risks, and exercise to increase strength and balance. Each class runs from 10 a.m. to noon and meets each Wednesday. Space is limited to 12 people. To register or learn more information, contact Sandra Wainwright at (386) 362-2771.

Email reporter3.riverbendnews@gmail.com or call us at (386) 364-4141 with any events you would like to be included in next weeks edition of the Riverbend News.

Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative gives away trees for Arbor Day

Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative
Contributor

Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative (SVEC) passed out free trees for Arbor Day on Saturday, Jan. 18. The giveaway prompted SVEC members to line up early in the morning so they could have an opportunity to get a tree.

In partnership with Nobles Greenhouse and

Nursery, SVEC entered its seventh year of providing these trees to customers. This year, the co-op passed out 130 southern Red Maples. The trees were planted in three gallon pots, allowing for them to be transported safely to their new home.

According to SVEC's social media, this native tree provides beautiful fall colors and is considered a favorite among birds and wildlife for its abundant seed source and winter blooms. They did, however, caution that, because the tree is capable of reaching 60 to 75 feet in height, southern Red Maple trees must be planted further than 75 feet away from overhead power lines.



Photo courtesy of Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative
A volunteer with SVEC passes out trees to customers who lined up to claim their free southern Red Maple.

SVEC opened the gates at 9 a.m., and by 9:30 a.m., the trees were gone. Chuck Tompkins and his wife, Denny, assisted with the traffic flow as customers entered the premises.



Photo courtesy of Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative
A Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative (SVEC) customer is all smiles as he receives his southern Red Maple by a volunteer at the company's Arbor Day event.

MLK Day Parade marches through Live Oak

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Through the frigid temperatures, the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade marched on, honoring the late Civil Rights leader. The parade was one of a few events that happened throughout the day, organized by the Suwannee County MLK Committee. A church service at Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, a luncheon and a festival at Paul Langford Stadium followed the day.

The parade began shortly after 9 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 20, as the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office and the Live Oak Police Department escorted the participants from RIVEROAK Technical College to Paul Langford Stadium, through the heart of downtown Live Oak.

Participants included local civic, non-profit, and business organizations, as well as local schools

throughout Suwannee County. Ivey Funeral Home and Marcus Allen Funeral Home also participated in the parade.

When the parade concluded, a special church service took place at Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, where the MLK Youth Choir and Men of Faith performed. Additionally, MLK Committee members Adrienne Linton Jordan and Councilman Tommie Jefferson were honored with plaques commemorating their service to the committee and the community.



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Marcus Allen smiles as he participates in the MLK Day Parade.



Riverbend News photo by Jason Futch, January 20, 2025

The Naval Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps march the parade route while hoisting the flags of the United States and the State of Florida.



Riverbend News photo by Jason Futch, January 20, 2025

Suwannee High School Homecoming Queen Janiyah Washington stays warm while riding in the back of a truck sponsored by Wes Haney.

Riverbend News photo by Jason Futch, January 20, 2025

Suwannee County Sheriff Sam St. John rides along the parade route in the agency's side-by-side.



Riverbend News photo by Jason Futch, January 20, 2025

The Suwannee County Ministerial Alliance float passes by as the passengers brave the cold weather.

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Special Olympics teams honor Live Oak Publix

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Special Olympics teams from Lafayette County recently visited the Publix supermarket in Live Oak to recognize the store's contributions to Special Olympics Florida. The co-ed cheerleading and powerlifting teams presented the location with a plaque in appreciation of Publix's fundraising efforts to support the organization and its athletes.

"We at Publix 1709 love carrying out Publix's mission statement by helping our community," said Assistant Customer Service Manager Bree Palin, who accepted the plaque.

Under the leadership of Melissa Keen and Country Strong Gym, Special Olympics Florida Unified Sports continues to provide training and competition in various Olympic-type sports for people with intellectual disabilities. Currently, the Mayo program is active in competitive cheer and cycling.

Community members interested in supporting the programs through volunteer opportunities can contact Bridget Hawk, Sports Training and

Competition Manager for Area 2, at (850) 207-9663.

For more information or to join the Special Olympics Florida programs in Mayo, contact Country Strong Gym Mayo at (386) 854-0115 or visit the location at 232 SE Industrial Park in Mayo.



Photo courtesy of Melissa Keen

The Unified Co-ed Powerlifting poses with Publix Assistant Customer Service Manager Bree Palin after presenting the plaque. Pictured, from left to right, are: Jasmine Mcelveen, Dominic Hicks and Bree Palin.



Photo courtesy of Melissa Keen

The Unified Co-ed Cheerleading team presented a plaque to Publix for the company's fundraising efforts for Special Olympics Florida. Pictured in the back row, from left to right, are: Jayden Lumpkins, AJ Swinson, Ruth Alford, Sophia North, Johnny Tyre and Bree Palin. Pictured in the front row, from left to right, are: Maylee Goff and Jordyn Alford.

Live Oak celebrates Arbor Day with its namesake

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Florida celebrated Arbor Day on Friday, Jan. 17. Arbor Day is a national observance that highlights the benefits

of trees in urban environments and encourages tree planting and care. According to an announcement from the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) extension, Arbor Day was first started by Julius Sterling Morton in

Nebraska and took place in 1872. Morton served as Secretary of Agriculture under President Grover Cleveland, working to improve agricultural techniques across the United States. Nearly 100 years later, in 1970, President Richard Nixon declared the last Friday in April as National Arbor Day; however, each state celebrates Arbor Day at different times throughout the year. Florida and Louisiana are the first to celebrate on the third Friday of January.

The timing of Florida's Arbor Day celebration is ideal for replanting trees, as most species are dormant and lose less water during this period. This makes it easier to transplant trees with minimal stress. This

year's celebration particularly highlighted the significance of the Live Oak, the namesake of Suwannee County's seat.

A crowd began gathering at 10 a.m. at Heritage Park and Gardens for the Florida Arbor Day celebration. Jacob Earnest from Florida Forestry was there, along with Raymond Balaguer, the Commercial Horticulture, Small Farms, and Natural Resources Agent from UF/IFAS. Representatives from various wildlife organizations were also present to promote the importance of trees.

To kick off the celebration, Earnest gathered the crowd for a special tree planting. Attendees watched as he dug a hole and planted a Live Oak sapling, marking the first tree of the holiday. However, the planting did not stop there.

Earnest brought along 1,000 additional saplings for the public to take home, including Red Maple, Longleaf Pine and Bald Cypress. Everyone in attendance was allowed to take one of each species to plant in their own yards. After collecting their saplings, participants were directed to a nearby table featuring QR codes. Scanning these codes provided detailed instructions on how to care for each tree, as well as timelines for their growth. The event was a successful one, as the saplings began to disappear almost immediately after being placed on the table.



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Jacob Earnest and Raymond Balaguer stand with community and agriculture leaders after planting the Live Oak.

Entries sought for Black History Month contests

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The Florida Department of Education, along with Volunteer Florida, is encouraging students to participate in contests during Black History Month. The contests are using the theme, "Honoring African-American Contributions to Florida's Success."

For students in kindergarten through third grade, an art contest is being held. Students will submit "original, two-dimensional artwork based on this year's theme." A total of four winners from across the state will be selected, and each winner will receive a \$100 gift card to use for school supplies and a one-year pass to Florida State Parks.

Students in grades four through 12 are invited to participate in the essay contest. Contestants must be Florida residents, attend school in Florida (including public, charter, private, home or virtual) and must be able to provide a Social Security Number. Each student may enter only one essay, written in English and no longer than 500 words. Students are asked to write about an African-American Floridian who has made an impact and has contributed to Florida's success. Some examples could be: Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, Ray Charles or Rep. Kiyann Michael. There will be six essay winners selected: two elementary school students (grades four and five), two middle school students (grades six and eight) and two high school students (grades nine through 12). Each winner will receive a two-year Florida College Plan scholarship provided by the Florida Prepaid College Foundation and a \$100 gift card that can be used for school supplies.

In addition, students, parents, teachers and principals are encouraged to nominate full-time educators of any grade for the "Black History Month Excellence in Education Award." Four winners will be selected for this award, and nominations may be submitted by a school principal, fellow teacher, parent/guardian or student. Winners will receive \$2,500 from Volunteer Florida.

Student contest forms and teacher nomination forms must be mailed to Volunteer Florida at:
Volunteer Florida
Black History Month
Committee

1545 Raymond Diehl Rd.,
Suite 250
Tallahassee, Fla. 32308
Forms may also be submitted online at
www.floridablackhistory.com.

All entries must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 3.

For more information about the contests, please visit
www.floridablackhistory.com.

TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS NOTICE OF LAND USE CHANGE

Public Hearing

BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS, FLORIDA ALSO SERVING AS THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that objections, recommendations and comments concerning a proposed Evaluation and Appraisal Report and new Element of the Town of White Springs Comprehensive Plan as provided below will be heard by the Town Council serving also as the Local Planning Agency of the Town of White Springs, Florida, at a public hearing on February 11, 2025 at 6:15 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matters can be heard.

EAR 25-01 - Transmittal to Florida Commerce of a proposed Evaluation and Appraisal Report of the Town of White Springs Comprehensive Plan.

CPA 25-01 - Transmittal to Florida Commerce of a proposed element entitled Private Property Rights, to be included within the White Springs Comprehensive Plan.

These documents scheduled for the public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time, and place of any continuation of these public hearings shall be announced during the public hearings and that no further notice concerning the matters will be published.

A copy of the proposed documents is available for public inspection at the office of the Town of White Springs City Manager, located at 10363 Bridge Street, White Springs, FL 32096, during regular business hours.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearings, they will need a record of the proceedings and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

2024-25 School Related Employees of the Year

Lafayette County



Ross Smith (second from right), Lafayette County School District

Hamilton County



Katie Ginn, District School Related Employee of the Year



Sonya Gandy, Hamilton County Elementary School



Katelynn McCoy, Hamilton County High School

NOT PICTURED: Not pictured is Mary Emery, General Services

Suwannee County



Photo courtesy of Tammy Johns Photography

The Suwannee Education Foundation held its Teacher of the Year Banquet on Tuesday, Jan. 7, where Suwannee County's District Teacher of the Year (TOY) and School Related Employee of the Year (SREOY) were announced. Branford High School's Karen Braun was named the 2025 TOY, and RIVEROAK Technical College's Ashley Kirby was named the 2025 SREOY. Pictured, from left to right, are: Superintendent Ronnie Gray, 2025 SREOY Ashley Kirby, 2025 TOY Karen Braun and Suwannee Education Foundation Executive Director Hallie Tillman.



Sasharine McLarty, Suwannee Pineview Elementary



Janice McCall, Suwannee Riverside Elementary



Timothy Rickett, Suwannee Springcrest Elementary



Damaris Valdez, Branford Elementary School



Jennifer McMillan, Suwannee Middle School



Dana Carter, Branford High School



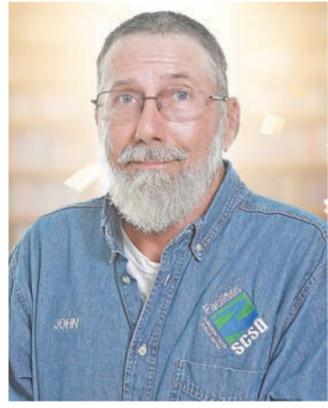
Kasey Wynn, Suwannee High School



Ashley Kirby, District School Related Employee of the Year, RIVEROAK Technical College



Laritta Hunter, District Office



John Betz, Facilities



Heymi Jimenez, IT Department



Lawrence Brannon, Transportation



Lloyd Jackson, School Choice

Congratulations to all Suwannee County School-Related Employees of the Year!



Superintendent Ronnie Gray and Suwannee County School Board Members

Thank you for all you do. Your hard work doesn't go unnoticed.



Jennifer McMillan
SMS School Related Employee of the Year



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Ashley Kirby




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NFC 2024

Summer and Fall graduates recognized

North Florida College
Contributor

North Florida College (NFC) awarded 181 students with degrees or certificates at the conclusion of its 2024 Summer and Fall Terms. Many of the summer graduates participated in NFC's Fall Commencement Ceremony on Dec. 12, 2024, where they walked across the stage to symbolically receive their diploma or certificate and celebrate with family and friends.

"Earning a degree or workforce certificate demands sustained focus and discipline to achieve successful completion," said Jen Page, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs. "This accomplishment yields both personal and professional benefits that will last a lifetime! We are so proud of these NFC graduates and the determination they demonstrated to accomplish the goals they set before them."

NFC applauds the accomplishments of its summer and fall graduates. Congratulations NFC Class of 2024!

Associate in Arts Degree

- Shain Steven Beck, Magna Cum Laude, Phi Theta Kappa, Hamilton, Fla.

- Karleigh Gail Bembry, Summa Cum Laude, Hamilton, Fla.

- Landon Michael Beck, Cum Laude, Hamilton, Fla.

- Layla Tashina Mayshay Hamilton, Hamilton, Fla.

- Bryant William Long, Magna Cum Laude, Lafayette, Fla.

Associate in Science LPN to RN Bridge Degree

- Heather Kathryn DeRocco, Hamilton, Fla.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree

- Logan Renay McCulley, Summa Cum Laude, Hamilton, Fla.

- Justin E. Culbreth, Summa Cum Laude, Hamilton, Fla.

Child Care Center Management Certificate

- Daeshun Dannikeat Bristol, Hamilton, Fla.

Commercial Vehicle Driving Certificate

- Andre Peterson, Highest Honors, Hamilton, Fla.

Accounting Tech Management Certificate

- Tibatha Banks, Lafayette, Fla.

Local schools celebrate Literacy Week

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Reading is a remarkable phenomenon – with a few words printed on paper, an individual can be transported back in time or to an entirely different world. Conversely, writing allows creative types to put their ideas down on paper, creating vessels for hours of electronic-free entertainment.

Sadly, recent statistics highlight challenges in literacy rates among children and adults in the United States. According to the National Literacy Institute, approximately 21 percent of adults in the U.S. were found to be illiterate in 2024, with 54 percent having literacy skills below a sixth-grade level. Additionally, a 2022-23 study showed approximately 40 percent of students across the nation can't read at a basic level.

To combat these high rates, schools all across the state began celebrating Literacy Week on Monday, Jan. 27, with a variety of activities to inspire students and families to make reading part of their daily routines. The celebration will continue through Friday, Jan. 31.

At **Branford Elementary School**, students kicked off the week on Tuesday, Jan. 28, with "Top Notch Tuesday." Students dressed to impress as their teachers prepared to lay the groundwork for them to be future leaders. Additionally, guests from the community visited classrooms to read with students.

On Wednesday, Jan. 29, the theme of the day will be "Caution: Reader at Work!" Students are encouraged to wear denim and flannel and be ready to work out math equations. Throughout the day, Mrs. Blackmon's music classes will learn "The Construction Worker" set to Verdi's "Il Trovatore."

"Thank a Farmer Thursday" will take place on Thursday, Jan. 30. Students who wear their favorite boots will be prepared to kick up their boots and read all day. On this day, students will partner up and read their favorite books in their classrooms.

On Friday, Jan. 31, students are encouraged to wear their orange and blue gear and show school pride as Branford Elementary School begins "Constructing the Foundation for Success." Students will also be able to compete in tumbling tower construction competitions.

Additionally, students will be able to participate in an accelerated reading competition throughout the week. One student from each class will win a prize for reading the most words throughout the week.

At **Hamilton County Elementary School**, students kicked off the week on Monday, Jan. 27, by wearing sunglasses for the theme of "Constructing a Bright Future."

The following day had the theme of "Digging Into Reading." Students dressed like construction workers by donning denim and flannel clothing, as well as safety vests and hard hats.

On Wednesday, students are encouraged to "Team Up to Reading and Writing" by wearing their favorite sports shirts or jerseys.

"Engineering Dreams" is the theme for Thursday, and encourages students to dress for the career they want in the future.

Students will finish out the week by sporting red clothing for the



theme of "Under Construction: 'Growing From Titans to Trojans!'"

At **Hamilton County High School**, the week kicked off with "Motivational Monday," where classroom doors were decorated to support the Literacy Week theme. The word of the day was "agitation."

On Tuesday, students got the chance to make their voices heard during the "Trojans Choice Awards" by voting for their favorite literacy-related categories. The word of the day was "regalia."

"Wacky Word Wednesday" encourages students to complete a wacky word search puzzle and turn it in to a teacher. The word of the day will be "illusion."

Students are encouraged to dress up as their favorite childhood book character for "Throwback Thursday." The word of the day will be "salutation."

The week will end with "Fantastic Flyer Friday," where students can create a flyer on a piece of copy paper to promote literacy and hang it up in the hallways. The word of the day will be "serenity."

At **Suwannee High School**, festivities began on Tuesday with "Reading is Timeless!" Students were able to dress in the style of their favorite decade.

"Building Literacy" is the theme for Wednesday. Students are encouraged to dress in construction clothes, such as uniforms, vests and hard hats.

On Thursday, different classes can dress up in various colors to complete a "Reading Rainbow." Class 9 is designated to wear orange, class 10 will be red, class 11 is set to dress in blue, and class 12 will sport green.

The week will end with students dressing as their favorite book characters. Costumes must be school-appropriate and cannot include masks.

Parents wanting more information about Literacy Week activities are encouraged to contact their child's school.

Branford Achievement Council to host Gatsby Scholarship Gala

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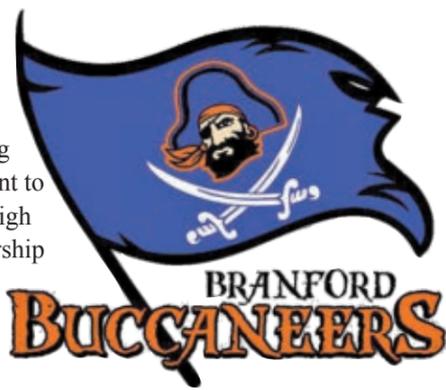
The Branford Achievement Council is gearing up for an evening of dining, auctions and entertainment to benefit scholarships for Branford High School seniors. The Gatsby Scholarship Gala will take place on Saturday, March 1, at 6:30 p.m., at First Baptist Church, located at 607 Suwannee Ave. NW, in Branford.

Tickets for the event are \$40 per person or \$300 for a table of eight. Tickets can be purchased at Lafayette State Bank, the Law Office of Heather McInnis or Mirror Images Salon.

Community members and businesses are encouraged to donate auction items to support the event. Organizers state last year's gala featured an impressive array of auction items, and this year's lineup is expected to be even better. Proceeds from the gala will directly fund scholarships for graduating Buccaneers.

For more information about the Gatsby Scholarship Gala or to donate, contact Carla Collins at (386) 690-2602 or Karen Koon at (386) 208-9667.

Be sure to save the date for this exciting event!



North Central Florida Youth Poet Laureate Program entries are open

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Here's a great opportunity for poets, spoken-word artists, emcees and rappers to participate in the North Central Florida Youth Poet Laureate (YPL) Program. This program aims to identify young poets who excel in poetry, creative writing, spoken-word performance, academics, community service and social activism.

To be eligible to apply, applicants must be between the ages of 13 and 18 and either live in or attend school in one of the following counties: Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Clay, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties.

The winner of the North Central Florida YPL will qualify to compete as North Central Florida's representative in the National YPL Contest.

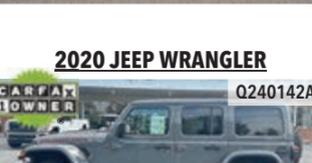
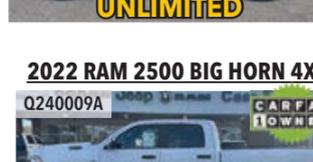
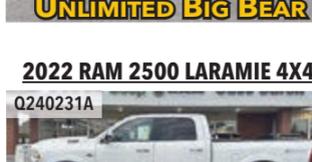
Applications are due by Saturday, March 1. For additional information or questions, contact info@artspeaksnv.org.



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Get your kids active this spring with Babe Ruth

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Lafayette Babe Ruth registration is officially open! Lafayette Babe Ruth is one of the most popular extra-curricular sports available in Mayo. It covers t-ball, baseball and softball. Registration forms are available online through the Lafayette Babe Ruth Facebook page. Registration is open until Monday, Feb. 3. No late registrations will be accepted. There are two dates for payments to be made: Tuesday, Feb. 4, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Thursday, Feb. 6, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., at the Edward Perry Sports Complex. The registration fee is \$80 for baseball and softball and \$75 for t-ball.

Lafayette Babe Ruth is open to kids from 4 all the way to 16. The specific age groups are t-ball for ages 4 to 6; Rookie baseball for ages 7 to 8; Minor baseball for ages 9 to 10; Major baseball for ages 11 to 12; 16u baseball for ages 13 to 16; 8u softball for ages 7 to 8; 10u softball for ages 9 to 10; 12u softball for ages 11 to 12; and 14u softball for ages 13 to 14. For baseball, the child must fit the age requirement by May 1, 2025; meanwhile, for softball, the child must fit the age requirement by Jan. 1, 2025. Tryouts will be on Saturday, Feb. 8, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Edward Perry Sports Complex, located at 840 NE CR 400 in Mayo. T-ball and 16u baseball will not be required to try out. Anyone with questions can contact Levi Perry at (386) 208-3664 or email him at lafayettebaberuth1@gmail.com.

SUWANNEE EARNS SHOT AT STATE WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP

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The Suwannee High School (SHS) wrestling team had a big day on Thursday, Jan. 16, as three other teams traveled to Live Oak for a showdown to determine who would have a shot at the state championship. The Bulldogs sported a stellar team featuring senior Justin Contreras, junior Holden Corbin, sophomore Logan Dear, freshman Jose Garcia, freshman Jonathan Gonzalez, junior Jayden James, senior Torynn Johns, senior Eli Jolicouer, sophomore Dalton Lindblade, sophomore Brenton Middleton, sophomore Rylan Milian, freshman Kameron Miller, freshman Zane



Miller, junior Tyler Phinney, junior Landon Slater, sophomore Nasir Smith, senior Clay Starling, senior Author Vanderpool and senior Marshall White.

The competition started with the Bulldogs dominating the bracket. They first took on the North Bay Haven Buccaneers. They took the first fight with ease, dominating the competition with a team score of 84-0. Meanwhile, in the lower bracket, the Bay High Tornadoes faced off against the Wakulla High War Eagles. The War Eagles took the match 47-29, leading to a fierce endgame between them and the Bulldogs. Once again, Suwannee showed its proficiency and cunning strategy as a team. They took first place with a score of 55-15, securing first place in the regional tournament.



Bucs fall short against Cowboys

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On Thursday, Jan. 16, the Branford High School Buccaneers junior varsity and varsity basketball teams set sail for Madison, Fla., to take on the Cowboys of Madison County High School. As it turned out, it was rough seas for the Bucs at the Madison County High School gymnasium as both the junior varsity and varsity teams were defeated by the Cowboys.

In the first match of the evening, the junior varsity teams took the court. The Bucs fell behind early, trailing the Cowboys 21-10, at the end of the first quarter. The Cowboys continued to build their lead during the second period and held a 35-16 advantage going into halftime. After falling further behind during the third period, the Bucs were able to chip away at the Cowboys' lead during the final period but still came up short, 59-31.

When the varsity teams took over, the Bucs were competitive at the beginning of the contest but fell behind, 24-12, by the close of the first quarter. The Bucs did manage to keep up with the Cowboys through most of the second quarter. However, the Cowboys still held a 42-29 lead going into intermission. The Cowboys widened the gap further during the third quarter, which ended with a 62-38 score.

The Bucs outscored the Cowboys in the final period of play, but it was not enough to overcome, and the Bucs fell to the Cowboys with a 71-48 final score.

The Bucs will be back on their home court for a contest with the Bronson High School Eagles on Friday, Jan. 31. Tipoff is slated for 7 p.m. in the Branford High School gymnasium.



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Anthony Bailey (left) looks for an open man during the Bucs' game with the Cowboys of Madison County High School.



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Anthony Washington (#3) shoots a jump shot.



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Braiden North (#2) takes a shot from the foul line.

Branford soccer seniors honored in cross-county showdown

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On Thursday, Jan. 16, the Branford High School soccer teams had a significant day as they faced their cross-county rivals, the Lafayette High School Hornets. The games closely

mirrored each other, but the Buccaneer boys managed to secure the victory with a score of 3-2. The girls' team, however, ended their match in a hard-fought tie at 3-3.

In addition to the games, a key highlight was honoring the seniors who had dedicated their time to the teams. The boys' senior players

include Tolby Terry, Logan Horn, Dylan Layman, Zander Hegenauer and Ricardo Sandoval. For the girls' team, the seniors are Ashlyn Blalock, Ashley Morales, Savannah Creech and Zoe Nahabetian. Each senior had the opportunity to express their gratitude and share their plans for the future.



Photo courtesy of Paul Buchanan
Ashlyn Blalock (#3) stands with her family on Senior Night.



Photo courtesy of Paul Buchanan
Savannah Creech (#18) was joined by her family on Senior Night.



Photo courtesy of Paul Buchanan
Ashley Morales (#14) was recognized alongside her family on Senior Night.



Photo courtesy of Paul Buchanan
Zoe Nahabetian (#53) was joined by her family as she was honored on Senior Night.



Photo courtesy of Paul Buchanan
Tolby Terry (#00) stands with his family on Senior Night.



Photo courtesy of Paul Buchanan
Logan Horn (#1) celebrated Senior Night with his family.



Photo courtesy of Paul Buchanan
Ricardo Sandoval (#22) was joined by his friends for Senior Night festivities.



Photo courtesy of Paul Buchanan
Zander Hegenauer (#17) was joined by his family on the field for Senior Night recognitions.



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Dylan Layman (#14) stands proudly with his family on Senior Night.

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Pastor Dustin Bell

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Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.
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Journey Church is offering a night off for Valentine's Day

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"Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth" Psalm 127:4 (NIV).

Children are fabulous blessings beloved by everyone. However, that doesn't mean they aren't exhausting from time to time. It also doesn't mean that, every once in a while, Mom and Dad don't need to spend a night alone. Journey Church in Mayo is aware of this and is offering just that opportunity.

"Looking for a special way to celebrate Valentine's Day without kids?" Journey Church said in a Facebook post. "Journey Church has got you

covered." On Friday, Feb. 14, Journey Church is offering childcare from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. so parents can enjoy an "uninterrupted night out (or a cozy night in)." The four-hour time slot is open for any children from newborns up to 11 year olds. The kids will enjoy meals, snacks and a plethora of fun activities. The service is free of charge and open to any family within 40 miles of Mayo. However, due to limited space, a spot must be reserved by Monday, Feb. 10. To reserve your spot, visit the Journey Church – Mayo Florida Facebook page and locate the form attached to the post. "Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to relax and enjoy Valentine's date night, kid-free."

Choose Life Ministries spreads message across the nation

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The verse that greets visitors on the homepage of ChooseLifeUSA.org, the website for Choose Life Ministries (CLM), is "Oh that you would choose life so that you and your descendants might live!" (Deuteronomy 30:19). This organization is dedicated to promoting the pro-life message and defending the rights of the unborn across the United States. "Our call is to the church. If we are going to see real change, it is not going to come through Washington, D.C.," the website states. "It is going to come through the local church becoming unified on what God's Word says about life--using the Word of God to counteract the lies."

CLM is led by Doug and Joli Cullen, who spread their message through social media, newsletters and their website. Their most significant impact, however, comes from traveling to local churches. They began sharing the message of the "Sanctity of Human Life" across America in 2005. Since then, they have spoken in over 1,400 churches in 34 states. Through their website, the Cullens have

expressed their desire to visit more churches, offering to address all age groups, including women's and men's ministry groups, as well as children and youth groups, and even during special events. Joli has also delivered gospel messages to children during fall festivals and Easter celebrations.

While CLM believes that grassroots efforts can begin at churches, they recognize the importance of other outreach opportunities. "We also speak to school groups, pregnancy care center events, campgrounds, nursing homes, homeless shelters, homes for troubled youth and also engage in prison ministries," the website reads. Essentially, wherever there is ministry work typical of churches, CLM aims to be involved.

The organization is willing to travel anywhere in the United States to advance the pro-life message. Those interested in having CLM participate in an upcoming event can reach out through their website, by calling (606) 269-3099, or by emailing dougcullen62422@gmail.com. Donations are also accepted via the website. Additionally, CLM can be found on both Facebook and YouTube.

Lego Builders joining Camp Connexion 2025



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Camp Connexion is a faith-based children's camp organized by the churches of Lafayette County. This annual event is a highlight for the community and provides a wonderful opportunity for children throughout the North Florida area to have fun while learning and growing in the word of God.

This year, the camp will take place from June 2 to June 5. The theme is "Survivor," and the theme verse is 2 Corinthians 5:17: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here." Each day of

the event will focus on a different topic. Day one will be centered on "Temptation" (Matthew 4:1-11), day two will focus on "Sin" (Roman Road), day three will have lessons on "Faith/Spiritual Maturity" (2 Corinthians 5:7), and day four will cover "God's Perfect Will" (Romans 12:2).

This year, there are some changes—some good news and some not-so-good news. The good news is that the camp will be offering a new "Lego Builders" track. However, the less favorable news is that, in an effort to improve the camp, the organizers have made the difficult decision not to include sixth graders this year.

"We know many will be impacted by this decision, but most of our churches have sixth graders in their youth groups," Camp Connexion posted on social media. "After 16 years, we believe it's time to allow them to participate in their youth groups and summer camps designed for their age group."

Registration for camp opens on Saturday, Feb. 1. For more updates, follow "Camp Connexion FL" on Facebook, and keep an eye out for additional information in future editions of *Riverbend News*.



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Remembering Suwannee: Nancy Parshley's will



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Contributor

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Eric Musgrove, County Historian

I have spoken of Nancy Parshley in previous articles. She and her husband, John, were instrumental in establishing downtown Live Oak as we now know it after the Civil War, setting up the various streets and their names, donating properties for multiple churches and schools

(for whites and African-Americans), and also the very location of the Suwannee County Courthouse. As with all people, however, Nancy could not live forever. The Clerk's Office still has in its possession her last will and testament, written in 1890. Because of the prominence of not only Nancy but also her family to Suwannee County and Live Oak history, and being near the anniversary of her death, I thought it was fitting to share it with you today. You will notice that Nancy used dashes (technically, em dashes) in place of commas, and her spelling was impeccable, as befitted an educated woman of means.

"In the name of God. Amen.

"I Nancy M. Parshley a widow residing in Live Oak Suwannee County Florida being of sound mind and memory, and desiring while in health to make disposition of my property which shall belong to me at my death – do make this my last will and testament – hereby revoking and annulling every and all former wills by me made –

"First I desire that my debts which are small and few shall be paid.

"Second it is my wish that my children shall share equally in my property and estate and to this end I make further directions. To my daughters Maria A. Brock, Arabella E. Ives and Emma L. Parshley and my sons John Howard Parshley and Wilbur Brown Parshley I give devise and bequeath all my property both real and personal to them and their heirs forever, and in case of the death of either of said children before me then the child or children husband or wife shall inherit the portion of such deceased child according to the laws of Florida

regulating descent – in case no child wife or husband survive then my estate is to be divided among my children hereinbefore named which shall survive me –

"To my said daughters I give and bequeath my silver spoons to be equally divided between them and to my said sons my silver plate to be equally divided between them.

"The paintings not already divided I desire divided between my said sons as near as may be –

"I desire that my children select such keepsakes as they may wish – and the residue shall be sold by my executors and the proceeds divided equally among my heirs – herein before named.

"I desire that no appraisal of my personal estate be made and no bond required by my executors –



Photo courtesy of Suwannee County Clerk of Court
Nancy Parshley

"To fairly and fully divide the real estate I direct that my executors shall sell at public outcry all of my lands, in as small lots and parcels as convenient after notice of such sale or sales published in some newspaper published in Live Oak – and by posted notices in other towns at least thirty days – and my executors are hereby authorized empowered and instructed to execute to the purchasers deed to each and every tract of land so

sold – of which I shall die seized and possessed without the intervention of any Court – or proceeding at law or in chancery –

"In all such sales by my executors they shall be for cash – except where my heirs purchase in such cases. I desire one year granted to such heirs as may wish it on any surplus they may owe to equalize them and such surplus shall be secured by mortgage upon land –

"I desire my executors to qualify as soon as possible after my death and to make settlement and division of my estate as soon as the law will permit –

"I direct that my executors reserve from sale eighty (80) feet square in the home lot in Live Oak, Florida – as the grave of their father John Parshley –

"I appoint my beloved daughter Emma L. Parshley executrix and my beloved son John Howard Parshley and my son-in-law Wash. M. Ives executors of this my last will and testament and if from any cause any of them fail to qualify – then such as shall qualify is hereby authorized to perform each and every act which all could have performed in the execution of this trust –

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 21st of May A. D. 1890.

(signed) Nancy M. Parshley (seal).

Nancy's will was witnessed by William P. Mosely, George Wolfe, and Daniel M. McAlpin. She died in Suwannee County on Jan. 21, 1897, and her will was probated by Wolfe on Feb. 10, 1897:

"Personally came George Wolfe who being duly sworn says that he with Wm. P. Mosely and D. M. McAlpin are the subscribing witnesses to foregoing attached will – that he verily believes the same to be the true last will and testament of Nancy M. Parshley – who died in Suwannee County, Florida – Jan. 21st, 1897 – that he has no interest under the will – and that Wm. P. Moseley and D. M. McAlpin the other witnesses – are dead and the statement above my signature as such witness is true – she declared it her last will and testament.

“(signed) Geo. Wolfe.

"Swore to and subscribed before me this the 10th day of February, A. D. 1897. (Signed) Jesse N. Conner County Judge (seal) Suwannee County Florida."

More history next week!

Eric Musgrove can be reached at ericm@suwgov.org or (386) 362-0564.

Lost for words:

Gee, willikers! I'm feeling just peachy!

Mickey Starling
reporter3.riverbendnews@gmail.com

In our continuing pursuit of trivial knowledge pertaining to rarely used words or phrases, this week's offerings originate in the mid 20th century and are of Anglo-American origin. The first offering, "just peachy," is a purely American phrase, though probably a spin-off of the 16th century use of "peach," meaning something is good or excellent.

Having grown up in Madison County during the days when peach farms abounded, I am fully acquainted with how this word came to be understood. I spent many hours playing amidst the numerous rows of peach trees located near my uncle's farm. The aromatic smell of ripe peaches still ripples in my memory of sweet days gone by. I always felt it my duty to provide a bit of quality control in those times, occasionally, or perhaps regularly, picking and tasting those sublime fruits. So, it is no surprise to me that "just peachy" refers to something that is good, sweet or desirable.

In 1948, the word kept its essential meaning but took on the word "keen," thanks to Jim Hawthorne, a DJ in Pasadena, Calif. who got bored during one of his broadcasts. Without notifying his employers, he turned the program into a bizarre mixture of jokes, antics, catchy phrases and subjects as well as music, sometimes filled with humorous commentary. Before he could be fired the next day, the station was bombarded with support from young listeners who loved the format. Instead of firing Hawthorne, his salary went from \$85 a

week to \$450. On the broadcasts, he often referred to pleasant things as being "peachy keen," so the phrase became an overnight hit. He was certainly peachy keen with all of those developments.

Our next forgotten phrase, "Gee, Willikers" became prominent in the U.S. in the 1950s, it had been used much sooner in England, where it was considered a way to express excitement, surprise or astonishment. It was common for the British folks to exclaim "Jesus!" when struck with wonder. Feeling guilty about the misuse of the Savior's name, "gee," their shortened version of "Jesus" was employed. It is believed that "willikers," which has so many spellings you can't possibly get it wrong, is an entirely made-up word used to further soften the referral to Jesus for no apparent reason.

Another adjustment to "Gee, Willikers" came about in the 1950s, with the TV sit-com, "Leave it to Beaver." Beaver often said "Gee Willakers, Wally!" to his brother, appropriately named "Wally." The show drew a large audience, and there are a few of us old timers who still use this version of the phrase.

Most people today prefer a word like "yikes." However, the Gen Z crowd would possibly go with "shook." My resident Gen Z co-worker, Leah, informs me that "Gee, Willikers" is far more convenient when wishing to express surprise or astonishment with just one word. Apparently, "shook" needs additional words to provide proper expression, as in "I was so shook with the announcement. Gee, Willikers, I think I'll stick with the words I grew up with. They are just peachy with me.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ANDREW FAY, the holder of the following tax certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate number, the description of property, and the names in which it is assessed are as follows:
TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4399/2022-1180
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: 05882080011 23-02S-13E LEG PART OF LOTS 1 & 2 BLK H ADD NORTHWEST DIVISION MORE PARTICULARLY DESC AS FOLLOWS: FOR POB COMM AT THE NE COR OF SAID LOT 2 THENCE RUN S 24 DEG 54'58" W A DISTANCE OF 36.00 FT THENCE RUN N 64 DEG 54'02" W A DISTANCE OF 80.00 FT THENCE RUN N 24 DEG 54' 58" E A DISTANCE OF 17.86 FT THENCE RUN N 64 DEG 34'38" W A DISTANCE OF 80.00 FT TO THE E R/W LINE OF SCRIVEN AVE THENCE RUN N 24 DEG 54'58" E ALONG SAID E R/W LINE A DISTANCE OF 74.36 FT TO S R/W LINE OF WINDERWEEDLE ST THENCE RUN N 89 DEG 67'06" E ALONG SAID S R/W LINE A DISTANCE OF 65.46 FT RUN S 01 DEG 02'42" W 93.61 FT RUN S 64 DEG 54' 02" E 62.78 FT TO THE POB ORB 732 P 185 WD YR 99
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: TIMOTHY TWIGGS C/O CORINE TWIGGS PO BOX 783, LIVE OAK, FL 32064
All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.
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TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4400/2020-129
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: 09445060210 03-01S-12E LEG LOTS 21 & 22 BLK 6 SUWANNEE RIVER PARK ESTATES UNIT 2 ORB 1181 P 449 WD YR 06
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: PAUL HAYNES 10861 NW 3RD COURT, PEMBROKE PINES, FL 33026
All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.
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TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4401/2019-460
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: 01909000010 34-01S-14E LEG 1.00 ACRES FOR POB COMM AT THE SE COR OF NW1/4 OF SE1/4 RUN W 330.00 FT RUN N APPROX 131.00 FT RUN E 330.00 FT RUN S APPROX 131.00 FT TO POB ORB 1603 P 183 TAX DEED YR 2011
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: VERONA V LLC 18305 BISCAYNE BLVD STE 400, AVENTURA, FL 33160
All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that QUEEN OF THE SEA HOLDINGS LLC , the holder of the following tax certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate number, the description of property, and the names in which it is assessed are as follows:
TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4402/2018-2106
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: 09415180110 04-01S-12E LEG LOT 11 BLK 18 SUWANNEE RIVER PARK ESTATES UNIT 1 ORB 1195 P 374 TD YR 06
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: SUMM INVESTMENT INC PO BOX 1149, BRONSON, FL 32621
All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.
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TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4403/2019-673
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: 02863001000 31-03S-14E LEG 1.00 ACRES THE S 210.00 FT OF THE N 420.00 FT OF THE W 210.00 FT OF THE SE1/4 OF SW1/4 ORB 361 P 260 WD YR 92 ORB 506 P 363 WD YR 95 ORB 506 P 364 QCD YR 95 ORB 832 P 468 QCD YR 2001 ORB 907 P 211 WD YR 02
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: CONSECO FINANCE SERVICING CORP 1400 TURBINE DR, RAPID CITY, SD 57703
All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that EVERGLADE EQUITY HOLDINGS LLC , the holder of the following tax certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate number, the description of property, and the names in which it is assessed are as follows:
TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4404/2019-2093
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: 09368100250 04-01S-12E LEG LOT 25 & 26 BLK 10 SUWANNEE RIVER PARK ESTATES UNIT 1 ORB 1368 P 264 WD YR 07
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: CONSUMER PROPERTIES INC PO BOX 272018, TAMPA, FL 33688
All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MATTHEW P WINKLER, the holder of the following tax certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate number, the description of property, and the names in which it is assessed are as follows:
TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4406/2021-749
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: 03447110230 13-05S-14E LEG LOTS 23 & 24 BLK 11 SUWANNEE ESTATES SUB DIV. ORB 1597 P 479-480 ORDER YR 2011 ORB 1660 P 332 DC YR 2012 (PERRY JIM BOATRIGHT) ORB 1908 P 151 DC YR 2023 (FRANCES VIRGINIA MOORE)
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: BOATRIGHT LAVAGHN 1/3 INT & ESTATE FRANCES V MOORE 1/3 INT & ESTATE PERRY J BOATRIGHT 1/3 INT 13422 181ST RD, LIVE OAK, FL 32060
All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.
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TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4407/2021-771
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: 03491080050 13-05S-14E LEG LOTS 5 6 7 & 8 BLK 8 SOUTHEAST SUWANNEE HEIGHTS ORB 82 P 141
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: JAMES F & MARY J MCKENNA 353 3RD AVE 111, NEW YORK, NY 10010
All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.
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TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4408/2022-2121
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: 09993010090 20-02S-12E LEG 2.51 ACRES LOT 9 BLK 1 GOLDEN GLEN LESS THE N 275 FT THEREOF ORB 2094 P 227 WD YR 2019 ORB 2375 P 48-49 WD YR 2023 ORB 2378 P 188 QCD YR 2023
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: CARRIE LEEANN BROWN 18565 CR 136, LIVE OAK, FL 32060
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TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4409/2022-2143
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: 10025005005 24-02S-12E LEG 1.00 ACRES FOR PT OF REF COMM AT SW COR OF SW1/4 OF NW1/4 N 00 DEG 33'50" W ALONG W LINE OF SEC 663.54 FT TO N LINE OF N1/2 OF S1/2 OF SW1/4 OF NW1/4 S 89 DEG 57'09" E 660 FT TO POB CONT S 89 DEG 57'09" E 132 FT S 00 DEG 34'02" E 329.65 FT S 89 DEG 53'39" W 132 FT N 00 DEG 34'02" W 330 FT TO POB & AN EASEMENT ORB 2062 P 39-42 WD YR 2019 NOTE RP #12155384 & 387 YR 04
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: JOHN M & SHIRLINE M WESTBERRY 15947 82ND PLACE, LIVE OAK, FL 32060
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TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4410/2022-2529
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: 11666000113 09-03S-11E LEG 2.24 ACRES W 665.50 FT OF LOT 11 SUWANNEE ADD ORB 97 P 554 ORB 181 P 36 & 37 LESS THE N 460 FT ORB 223 P 29-33 L EST WD LESS THE S 200 FT OF W 220 FT OF W 665.50 FT OF LOT 11 SUWANNEE ADDITION REMAINDER PERSON SANDRA B SHELLS ORB 507 P 218 WD YR 95
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: ALICE KAHLE LIFE ESTATE 8335 240TH ST, OBRIEN, FL 32071
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TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4411/2022-2599
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: 11886000000 34-03S-11E LEG 9.74 ACRES SW1/4 OF SE1/4 LESS RD R/W LESS THE E 668.33 FT THEREOF LESS THE N 664.00 FT THEREOF ORB 842 P 267 DC YR 2001 ORB 842 P 268 WD YR 2001 ORB 1843 P 412-13 AMENDED ORDER OF SUMMARY YR 2015 REMAINDER PERSON DAISY RENEE BRITTON TRUSTEE
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: SUSAN A TUCKER LIFE ESTATE 1407 WHITE AVE SE, LIVE OAK, FL 32064
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TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4405/2021-1770
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: 09349070130 09-01S-12E LEG LOT 13 BLK 7 SUWANNEE RIVER PARK ESTS UNIT 1 ORB 309 P 314 DC YR 87
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: KATHERINE P TRIANO 2801 VINSON RD, WYLIE, TX 75098
All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.
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TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4412/2022-699
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: 03380010230 13-05S-14E LEG LOTS 23 & 24 BLOCK 1 SUWANNEE MANOR ORB 1890 P 486-87 QCD YR 2016
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: GERALD C CLEMANS 75 CHERRY LAUREL DR, YOUNGSVILLE, NC 27596
All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.
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TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4413/2022-175
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: 00924020380 03-05S-15E LEG 4.00 ACRES LOT 38 FLORIDA HILLS PHASE 2 ORB 1102 P 491 WD YR 04
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: ERIC K SCHUHMAN 20064 29TH DR, WELLBORN, FL 32094
All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that GEORGE L BURNHAM, JR, the holder of the following tax certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate number, the description of property, and the names in which it is assessed are as follows:
TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4414/2022-279
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: 01375000080 21-06S-15E LEG 2.14 ACRES LOT 8 TRI-RIVER FARMS ORB 2177 P 141 WD YR 2020 (JTWROS)
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: SANDRA & HARLEY RAINEY & MICHAEL HERNANDEZ & CASSANDRA FAISON 3959 274TH ST, BRANFORD, FL 32008
All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.
Unless such tax certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such tax certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder in the Suwannee County Court House Judicial Annex Bldg., 218 Parshley St., Live Oak, FL 32064 on **Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 11:00 A.M.** or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
BARRY A. BAKER/ CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: ARYELLA BEEDA, Deputy Clerk
01/29, 02/05, 02/12, 02/19

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that GEORGE L BURNHAM, JR, the holder of the following tax certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate number, the description of property, and the names in which it is assessed are as follows:
TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4415/2022-356
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: 01561630310 32-06S-15E LEG LOTS 31 32 BLK 63 UNIT 2 THREE RIVERS ESTATES ORB 835 P 449 QCD YR 2001 ORB 2111 P 104-108 QCD YR 2019
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: GEORGE M KING SR 5235 RIVERTON RD, JACKSONVILLE, FL 32277
All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.
Unless such tax certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such tax certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder in the Suwannee County Court House Judicial Annex Bldg., 218 Parshley St., Live Oak, FL 32064 on **Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 11:00 A.M.** or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
BARRY A. BAKER/ CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that TAX LIEN FUND LP, the holder of the following tax certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate number, the description of property, and the names in which it is assessed are as follows:
TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4395 /2022-220
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: 01014002014 16-05S-15E LEG 1.63 ACRES COM AT THE SW COR OF NE1/4 RUN N 00 DEG 28'02" W ALONG THE W LINE THERE OF 1334.02 FT RUN N 89 DEG 15'30 E 660.94 FT RUN S 00 DEG 26' 58 E 25.10 FT RUN N 88 DEG 57' 57 E 321.98 FT TO POB CON N 88 DEG 57'57 E 200.00 FT RUN S 00 DEG 25'53 E 259 FT RUN S 88 DEG 57' 57 W 50.52 FT RUN S 00 DEG 26'07 E 384.60 FT RUN S 89 DEG 15'06 W 149.50 FT RUN N 00 DEG 25'53 W 642.61 FT TO THE POB & TOGETHER & SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT LESS & EXCEPT COM AT THE SW COR OF NE 1/4 & RUN N 00 DEG 28'02 W ALONG THE W LINE THERE OF 1334.02 FT THENCE N 89 DEG 15'30 E 660.94 FT THENCE S 00 DEG 26'58 E 25.10 FT THENCE N 88 DEG 57'57 E 321.98 FT TO POB THENCE S 00 DEG 25'53 E 259.59 FT THENCE N 88 DEG 57'57 E 169.48 FT THENCE N 00 DEG 25'53 W 259.59 FT THENCE S 88 DEG 57'57 W 169.48 FT TO POB ORB 1819 P 148-151 AFD YR 2015 ORB 1856 P 127-28 WD YR 2015
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: WILLMAR J OROZCO & MONTERO MADAY
 900 SW 62ND BLVD APT 88, GAINESVILLE, FL 32607
 All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida. Unless such tax certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such tax certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder in the Suwannee County Court House Judicial Annex Bldg., 218 Parshley St., Live Oak, FL 32064 on **Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 11:00 A.M.** or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
 BARRY A. BAKER/ CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
 By: ARYELLA BEEDA, Deputy Clerk
 01/08, 01/15, 01/22, 01/29

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that we will sell or otherwise dispose of the contents of the following MJM (Jasper) Super Storage units to satisfy the delinquent storage lien placed in accordance with the State of Florida Statute 83.806. for past due rent and other charges:

Sheri Rawlins - Unit 41 and Unit 52, Takima Bryant - Unit 7, Sanchez, Humberto - Unit 65, Unit 66, Unit 63, Patricia Jones - Unit 43, Dyresha Alexander - Unit 30, James Fennell - Unit 11, Sharlene Wevette Williams - Unit 4, Alpha & Omega Restoration Outreach - Unit 49, Megan Kabielnik - Unit 31, Smith, Charles A. - Unit 8/9, Frank Jones - Unit 80, Christine Daniels - Unit 34, Peggy Anderson - Unit 62, Jacaris Stubbs - Unit 39, Tamika Rily - Unit 84, and Carolyn Griffiths - Unit 74

The Contents of the units consist of furniture, household goods and miscellaneous personal property. The auction and/or disposition of contents will be conducted at MJM (Jasper) Super Storage located at 116 Chan Bridge Dr. Jasper, FL., on February 7th, at 10 a.m.
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that CAREY TAX ASSETS LLC, the holder of the following tax certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate number, the description of property, and the names in which it is assessed are as follows:
TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4396/2018-1615
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: 07957000000 26-02S-13E LEG 1.00 ACRES A LOT 310 FT E & W BY 420 FT N & S BD N BY HENDERSON E & S BY LEE W BY GREEN & JOHNSON IN SI/2 OF SW1/4. ORB 1615 P 421 TAX DEED YR 2011 (GERALD VAN FRANKLIN DECEASED PER STATE RECORD 10/17/21)
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: EILEEN A FRANKLIN
 17174 CR 136, LIVE OAK, FL 32060
 All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida. Unless such tax certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such tax certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder in the Suwannee County Court House Judicial Annex Bldg., 218 Parshley St., Live Oak, FL 32064 on **Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 11:00 A.M.** or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
 BARRY A. BAKER/ CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
 By: ARYELLA BEEDA, Deputy Clerk
 01/08, 01/15, 01/22, 01/29

Suwannee Cty Bd of Commissioners is accepting applications for
**Building Inspector • Commercial Truck Driver II • Day Camp Coordinator
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 Inmate Crew Leader • Mine Specialist I • Park Attendant • Recreation Aide
 Site Attendant • Staff Assistant • Tractor Operator I**
 Application & full details are available online at suwanneecountyfl.gov and Suwannee County Administration, 224 Pine Ave SW, 2nd Floor, Live Oak, FL 32064, (386)364-3400. Most positions remain open until filled. Suwannee Cty Bd of Commissioners is an equal employment opportunity employer that does not discriminate against any qualified employee or applicant because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, genetics, handicap status, income status, or family status. Spanish speaking individuals are encouraged to apply. Successful completion of a drug test is a condition of all safety sensitive employment, failure to successfully test free of illegal or controlled drugs will result in non-employment of the applicant for a minimum of 1 year.
 EEO/AA/V/D
 01/29, 02/05

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that TINA CARROLL, the holder of the following tax certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate number, the description of property, and the names in which it is assessed are as follows:
TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER: 4416/2020-2229
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: 07965000000 26-02S-13E LEG A LOT DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING ON THE WEST SIDE OF R/W OF LIVE OAK & GULF RAILROAD 139.00 FT SOUTH WARD FROM WHERE THE W LINE OF SAID R/W INTERSECTS THE EAST SIDE OF NW1/4 OF SE1/4 RUN W TO THE LAND OF A. LEE HUMPHREYS RUN S 90.00 FT RUN E TO SAID R/W RUN NORTHEAST ALONG SAID R/W TO THE P.O.B. DB FF P 284 ORB 143 P 172 ORB 1080 P 283-84 WD YR 05 ORB 1118 P 163-64 CWD YR 05 ORB 1163 P 407-08 CWD YR 05 ORB 1931 P 190 TD YR 2017
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: BLUMENTHAL PROPERTIES 13317 NO 21286 N CR 349, O'BRIEN, FL 32071
 All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida. Unless such tax certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such tax certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder in the Suwannee County Court House Judicial Annex Bldg., 218 Parshley St., Live Oak, FL 32064 on **Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 11:00 A.M.** or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
 BARRY A. BAKER/ CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
 By: ARYELLA BEEDA, Deputy Clerk
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IN THE 3rd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR LAFAYETTE COUNTY, FLORIDA
 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
 Plaintiff,
 Case No. 22-108CA
 vs.
 JASON TROUTMAN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JASON TROUTMAN; ANDREA B. TROUTMAN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ANDREA B. TROUTMAN; and UNKNOWN TENANT
 Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment dated March 06, 2023, entered in Case No.: 22-108CA of the Circuit Court in and for Lafayette County, Florida, wherein **JASON TROUTMAN and ANDREA B. TROUTMAN** are the Defendants, that Steve Land, the Clerk of Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, conducted electronically online at the North Door of the Lafayette County Courthouse, 120 W. Main Street, Mayo, FL 32066, MARCH 06, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., the following described real property as set forth in the Final Judgment:

THE NORTH 310 FEET OF THE WEST 1/3 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 12 EAST, LAFAYETTE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH A 2019 LIVE OAK L-2523H-DD 26X52, MOBILE HOME, SERIAL NUMBER LOHGA31870794A AND LOHGA31870794B.
TOGETHER WITH A 2019 LIVE OAK MODEL 52X26 MANUFACTURED HOME BEARING SERIAL NO.'S: LOHGA31870794A AND LOGHA31870794B.

NOTICE IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER THE FUNDS ARE REPORTED AS UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

Dated this 14 day of January, 2025.
 Steve Land
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: Julya Johnson
 As Deputy Clerk

NOTICE
"If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration, 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Room 408, Lake City, Florida 32055; cooper.carrina@jud3.flcourts.org; (386)758-2163 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired call 711."
 01/22, 01/29

SECTION 000020 - INVITATION TO BID
 SUWANNEE RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM
 GREENVILLE LIBRARY REMODEL
 CLEMONS, RUTHERFORD & ASSOCIATES, INC.
 2027 THOMASVILLE ROAD, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32308
 PHONE (850) 385-6153
 You are invited to bid on a General Contract for the remodel of the Greenville Library located in Greenville, Florida. The project location is 1325 SW Main Street, Greenville, Florida 32331.
 Suwannee River Regional Library System will receive sealed bids until 2:00 PM (ET) on Thursday, February 13, 2025 at the office of Clemons Rutherford and Associates, 2027 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32308. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud by a CRA representative at 2:01 PM of the same date.

Copies of the Bidding Documents may be examined at the Architect's office by appointment. Contact Emily Winston at (850) 385-6153 or ewinston@craarchitects.com.

Clemons, Rutherford & Associates
 2027 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee, Florida
 (850) 385-6153

General Contractors and Mechanical, Plumbing and Electrical Subcontractors may obtain electronic copies (PDFs) of the Bidding Documents from the Architect's office in accordance with the Instruction to Bidders upon receipt of a non-refundable price of fifty dollars (\$50.00). Contact Emily Winston at ewinston@craarchitects.com or at (850) 385-6153.

A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held for General Contractors on Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 9:00 AM at the project site. General Contractors' prime subcontractors may also attend. Subcontractors' experience shall comply with Section 000100, 11.1.

All questions at the Pre-Bid Conference by General Contractors and Subcontractors shall be presented on the "Request for Clarification Form". See Section 000100 - Instruction to Bidders. No questions will be answered at the Pre-Bid Meeting.

Bid Security in amount of five percent (5%) of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instruction to Bidders.

A letter from a bonding company must accompany each bid, stating that the bidder is capable of obtaining all bonds and insurances required by the Construction Documents.

It is the intent of Suwannee River Regional Library System to review the apparent low bidder for any value engineering items and convert to GMP for Contract. The Owner reserves the right to negotiate scope and contracting method with apparent low bidder.

Suwannee River Regional Library System reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any and all Bids.
 01/15, 01/22, 01/29, 02/05

The Suwannee Valley Transit Authority Board of Directors 2025 Meeting Schedule is as follows:
Monday, January 13, 2025, 6:00PM
Monday, February 10, 2025, 6:00PM
Monday, March 10, 2025, 6:00PM
Monday, April 14, 2025, 6:00PM
Monday, May 12, 2025, 6:00PM
Monday, June 9, 2025, 6:00PM
Monday, July 14, 2025, 6:00PM
Monday, August 11, 2025, 6:00PM
Monday, September 8, 2025, 6:00PM
Monday, October 6, 2025, 6:00PM
Monday, November 3, 2025, 6:00PM
Monday, December 8, 2025, 6:00PM
2026
January 12, 2026, 6:00PM
 Suwannee Valley Transit Authority
 1907 Voyles Street, SW, Live Oak, FL 32064
 For meeting information, visit our website at www.ridesvta.com
 Pursuant to Florida Statutes section 286.0105, any person wishing to appeal any decision made by a board with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, will need a record of the proceedings. For such purpose, any person wishing to appeal will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
 In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), should any person with a disability as defined by the ADA need a special accommodation to attend any meeting, then that person should provide a written request to the chairperson of the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority's Board of Directors at 1907 Voyles Street, SW, Live Oak, FL 32064, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Pursuant to Florida Statutes section 286.26, the Chair for the Board will provide for such accommodation.
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If you have any questions, please call (386) 364-4141 or email reporter3.riverbendnews@gmail.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 IN RE: Estate of Dale Edward Southall, CASE NO. 2024-CP-244
 Dale Edward Southall,
 Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of Dale Edward Southall, whose date of death was December 3, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court, Third Judicial Circuit, in and for Suwannee County, Florida, Probate Division, Case No. 2024-CP-244, the physical address of which is Suwannee County Courthouse, 200 South Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32064. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the attorney for the personal representative are set forth below.
 All creditors of the decedent and other persons, who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate who are required to be served with a copy of this Notice, must file their claims with this Court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE 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 the decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or liquidated claims must file their claims with this Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
 ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702, FLORIDA STATUTES, 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 the first publication of the notice to creditors is January 22, 2025.
 Personal Representative: Theresa Lynn Southall
 15963 128th Place,
 Live Oak, Florida 32060
 Attorney for Personal Representative: Anthony W. Chauncey, Esquire
 The Chauncey Law Firm, P.A.
 320 White Avenue - Street Address
 Post Office Drawer 548 - Mailing Address
 Live Oak, Florida 32064
 Telephone: (386) 364-4445
 Telecopier: (386) 364-4508
 Email: awc@chaunceylaw.com
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"NOTICE"
 PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF THE CITY OF LIVE OAK, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY, BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION AGENCY
REQUEST FOR BOARD SEAT APPLICATIONS
 The City of Live Oak, Florida, is currently accepting applications for consideration of appointment by the City Council to Seat Number 5 of the Local Planning Agency. Any person may be considered for appointment as a commissioner of the Agency if he or she resides in the City of Live Oak and is otherwise eligible for such appointment per Land Development Regulations Article III, Section 3.3 and applicable Florida Statutes. This is an appointed, volunteer position which will serve a three (3) year term of office. Persons interested in volunteering for appointment consideration should contact the City of Live Oak, at 416 Howard St. E or by calling (386) 362-2009, to obtain an application for such. A fillable version of the application will also be available on our website, though it still must be printed and signed. Finished applications can be emailed to cdixon@cityofliveoak.org or delivered to the Live Oak Annex at 416 Howard St. E. Applications will be accepted through Friday, January 31, 2025, for qualified applicants to be considered by the City Council at the February 11, 2025, regular meeting at 5:30 P.M., or shortly thereafter.
 Brantley Helvenston
 Chairman of the Live Oak Planning and Zoning Board
 01/15, 01/22, 01/29

IN THE COUNTY COURT FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. 2024 - CC - 330
JOSEPH F. CHAMBERLAIN, JR.
 Plaintiff,
 Vs.
AUDREE A. MAQUIRE, Deceased, her unknown spouse, heirs, assigns, successors in interest, trustees or other parties claiming by, through under or against her; d/b/a DESERT VISIONS, and The Florida Department of Motor Vehicles.
 Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION
 TO: DEFENDANTS, AUDREE A. MAQUIRE, if alive, and if deceased, her heirs, devisees, assigns, creditors and all other persons, natural or corporate claiming by through under or against her, AND ALL OTHERS WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.
 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to establish ownership and title to a motor vehicle being more particularly described as follows:
 Make - Cobra; Body - Kit; Type 2 door; Year - 1966; Color -Blue
 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on HAL A. AIRTH, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Post Office, Box 448, Live Oak, Florida 32064, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; within 30 days of the first publication of this notice, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
 Dated this 3 day of January 2025.
 BARRY A. BAKER
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 SUWANNEE COUNTY
 CLERK OF THE COURT
 01/15, 01/22, 01/29, 02/05

PUBLIC NOTICE
 The Lafayette County Board of County Commissioners will be accepting bids to repair and replace the chain link fencing around the baseball fields at the Edward Perry Sports Complex. There will be a mandatory walk-thru meeting held on Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Edward Perry Sports Complex located at 840 NE County Rd 400 Mayo, FL 32066. All bids are due by Friday, February 21, 2025 at 3:00 p.m., and will be opened at a regular scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the bids can be opened.
 The Lafayette County Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to accept and/or reject any and all bids, with or without cause, to waive technicalities or to accept the bid which, in its judgment, best serves the interest of Lafayette County. Persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decision made concerning the award of this bid, they will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made.
 By Order Of:
 Anthony Adams, Chairman
 Lafayette County Commission
 01/22, 01/29

ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS
HAMILTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HAMILTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY WILL RECEIVE PROPOSALS FOR THE FOLLOWING:
 1. **Tax ID: 6008-000** 102 Hatley Street West, Jasper *subject property is on the State of Florida historic registry
 2. **Tax IDs: 6054-000** 106 1st Ave SW, Jasper and **6056-000**
 3. **Tax IDs: 6047-000** 205 Hatley St. West, Jasper; **6043-000** 203 Hatley St. West, Jasper; **6044-000** 201 Hatley St. West, Jasper; and **6045-005**
 4. **Tax ID: 6030-000** 104 Central Ave NW, Jasper
 Date & Time for Receiving Proposals: 2:00 PM, LOCAL TIME
 Friday, March 14, 2025
 Late Proposals will not be considered.
 Deadline for Questions: Friday, February 28, 2025, 4:30 PM
 Date & Time for Proposal Opening: Monday, March 17, 2025, 4:30 PM
 Place for Receiving Proposals: Hamilton County Development Authority
 1153 US Hwy 41 NW, Suite 4
 Jasper, FL 32052
 (386) 855-1426
 Proposal Documents Available from: Hamilton County Development Authority
<https://www.hamiltoncda.org/>
 1153 US Hwy 41 NW, Suite 4
 Jasper, FL 32052
 (386) 855-1426
 Contact: Chadd Mathis
 (cmathis@hamiltoncda.org)
 Deposit for Proposal Documents: None.
 Date of Advertisement: January 29, 2025 & February 5, 2025
 HAMILTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
 CHADD MATHIS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
 01/29, 02/05

PUBLIC NOTICES CONTINUED

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: ESTATE OF TRUDY NAOMI LEE
File No. 24000232CPMXAX
Division

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of TRUDY NAOMI LEE, deceased, whose date of death was December 1, 2023; File Number 24000232CPMXAX, is pending in the Circuit Court for Suwannee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Suwannee County Courthouse, Live Oak, FL 32060. 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 PERIOD 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: January 22, 2025.

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01/22, 01/29

JAMIE ALLBRITTON SWAIN
Personal Representative
14486 139th Loop
Live Oak, FL 32060

BID SOLICITATION
NO. 2025-11

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

BRANFORD LIBRARY ADDITION
Date/Time/Location for Receiving Bids:
Friday, February 21, 2025, 4:00 pm
Late submittals will not be considered
Suwannee County Clerk of Courts
Cashier Window
200 S Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, FL 32064
(386) 362-0500
Date/Time/Location for Bid Opening:
Monday, February 24, 2025, 10:00 am
or soon thereafter
Suwannee County Airport
Conference Room
13302 80th Ter., Live Oak, FL 32060

Question Deadline:
Wednesday, February 12, 2025, 5:00 pm
Late questions will not be answered

Bid Documents Available from:
www.demandstar.com
www.suwanneecountyfl.gov

Description: The Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners is seeking bids from general contractors of the construction of a 921 GSF addition to the existing Branford Library with some minor site work. The addition will match the existing building (brick veneer and metal roof).

SUWANNEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
TRAVIS LAND, CHAIRMAN
01/29

The Suwannee County Tourist Development Council will hold a regular meeting on February 12, 2025 at 1:00 P.M. The meeting will be held at 220 Pine Avenue SW Live Oak, FL 32064.
01/29

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA,
IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY
Case No:2025-CP-03
PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: ESTATE OF LORRAINE SERVIS, deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(testate)

The administration of the estate of Lorraine Servis, deceased, whose date of death was December 2, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Suwannee County, Florida, Probate Division; File Number 2025-CP-03; the address of which is Clerk of the Circuit Court, 200 South Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32064. The names and addresses of the personal representative(s) and the personal representative(s)' attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmaturing, contingent or liquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS JANUARY 29th, 2025.
Personal Representative: /s/ Linda Sedell
9501 254th Terrace
O'Brien, FL 32071
Attorney for Personal Representative: Frank C. Davis
P.O. Box 494
Live Oak, FL 32064
Tel. 386-362-8537
Florida Bar No. 0248606
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NOTICE OF SECOND PUBLIC HEARING
CONCERNING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE
HAMILTON COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3215, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Hamilton County Land Development Regulations, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development regulations, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the Special Exception, as described below, will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Florida, at a second and final public hearing on February 18th, 2025 at 6:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the County Commission Meeting Room, County Courthouse located at 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida.

SE 25-02, a petition by Ed Shiflet, requesting a special exception be granted as provided for in Section 4.5 of the Land Development Regulations to allow for a bio-char facility in an Agriculture-4 (A-4) zoning district submitted as part of a petition received January 15, 2025 to be located on property described as follows:
LOT 5, FACIL FARMS PHASE 1, a subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 22-23, Hamilton County, Florida, subject to Restrictions recorded in O.R. Book 541, Pages 52-56, Hamilton County, Florida, and subject to Power Line Easement. (parcel# 1741-018)

The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no future notice concerning the matter will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearing.
At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the amendment. Copies of the petition for special exception are available for public inspection by calling Matthew Morgan, Land Use Administrator, at 386-792-0507, during regular business hours. All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR
SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
IN RE: Estate of Olive W. Hoss, CASE NO. 2024-CP-243
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Olive W. Hoss, whose date of death was July 21, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court, Third Judicial Circuit, in and for Suwannee County, Florida, Probate Division, Case No. 2024-CP-243, the physical address of which is Suwannee County Courthouse, 200 South Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32064. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the attorney for the personal representative are set forth below.

All creditors of the Decedent and other persons, who have claims or demands against the Decedent's estate who are required to be served with a copy of this Notice, must file their claims with this Court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE 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 the Decedent's estate, including unmaturing, contingent or liquidated claims, must file their claims with this Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702, FLORIDA STATUTES, 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 the first publication of the notice to creditors is January 22, 2025.

Personal Representative: Donna Hoss-Green
2231 Mel Margo Avenue NE
Apt. 1303
Live Oak, Florida 32064
Attorney for Personal Representative: Anthony W. Chauncey
Florida Bar No. 75023
320 White Avenue - Street Address
Post Office Drawer 548 - Mailing Address:
Live Oak, Florida 32064
Telephone: (386) 364-4445
Telecopier: (386) 364-4508
Email: awc@chaunceyflaw.com
01/22, 01/29

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
FOR ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE
BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LIVE OAK, FLORIDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ordinance, which titles hereinafter appear, will be considered for enactment by the City Council of the City of Live Oak, Florida, at a public hearing on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matters can be heard, in the City Council Meeting Chamber, City Hall, located at 101 Southeast White Avenue, Live Oak, Florida.

ORDINANCE NO. 1528
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIVE OAK, FLORIDA ADJUSTING UTILITY RATES AS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 34, ARTICLE I AND II, SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, the City hereby advises the public and all persons that: If you or another person decides to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearings, that you or said person will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, affected persons may need to ensure that a verbatim record/transcript of the proceedings is made that will be acceptable to a court, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Such person must provide a method of recording the proceedings verbatim as the city may not do so.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this meeting, shall contact the Live Oak City Clerk's Office at (386) 362-2276, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Councilmember Matt Campbell
President of City Council
Attest:
John Gill
City Clerk
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ORDINANCE NO. 2025-02
FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AS AMENDED, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 163.3177(6)(g)1, FLORIDA STATUTES (2021), TO ADOPT A PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS ELEMENT TO BE INCLUDED INTO THE TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS, FLORIDA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3215, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS Sections 163.3161 through 163.3215, Florida Statutes, as amended, empowers, and requires the Town Council to prepare, adopt and implement a comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS the Florida Legislature has required local governments to adopt a Private Property Rights Element to the Comprehensive Plan in compliance with Chapter 163.3177(6)(i)1, said element is attached to this Ordinance and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of White Springs, Florida, has been designated as the Local Planning Agency of the Town of White Springs, Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 163.3174, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Land Development Code, as amended, the Town Council, serving also as the Local Planning Agency, held a public hearing, with public notice having been provided, pursuant to the procedures established in Sections 163.3161 through 163.3215, Florida Statutes, as amended, on said application for an amendment, as described below, and at said public hearing, the Town Council, serving also as the Local Planning Agency, reviewed and considered all comments received during the public hearing concerning said application, as described below; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined and found said application for an amendment, as described below, to be compatible with the Future Land Use Element objectives and policies, and those of other affected elements of the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined and found that approval of said application, for an amendment, as described below, would promote the public health, safety, morals, order, comfort, convenience, appearance, prosperity, or general welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:
SECTION 1. Pursuant to Section 163.3174, Florida Statutes, as amended, the Town Council hereby adopts a Private Property Rights Element to be included within the Town of White Springs Comprehensive Plan, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof.

SECTION 2. CODIFICATION; SCRIVENER'S ERRORS.
Section 1 of this Ordinance shall be codified, and all other sections shall not be codified.

The sections, divisions and provisions of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered as deemed appropriate by the Code codifier.

Typographical errors and other matters of a similar nature that do not affect the intent of this Ordinance, as determined by the Town Clerk and Town Attorney, may be corrected with the endorsement of the Town Manager, or designee, without the need for a public hearing.

SECTION 3. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance, or inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.
This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption.

The effective date of this plan amendment adopted by this Ordinance shall be thirty-one (31) days following adoption. However, if any affected person files a petition with the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings pursuant to Section 120.57, Florida Statutes, to request a hearing to challenge the compliance of this plan amendment with Sections 163.3161 through 163.3215, Florida Statutes, within thirty (30) days following the date of adoption of this plan amendment, this plan amendment shall not become effective until the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity or the Florida Administration issues a final order determining this plan amendment is in compliance. No development orders, development permits, or land uses dependent on this plan amendment may be issued or commence before it has become effective.

On first reading passed by a vote of ___ to ___ on the ___ day of February 2025.
On second reading passed by a vote of ___ to ___ on the ___ day of 2025.

BY: Jacqueline Williams, Mayor
Attest: Audre' J. Ruise, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Legality: Leslie Jean-Bart, Town Attorney

EXHIBIT "A"
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PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS ELEMENT
INTRODUCTION

The Private Property Rights Element identifies property rights that will be considered in local decision-making. The provisions of Section 163.3177(6)(i), Florida Statutes, are included in the Goal, Objective and Policy stated within this proposed element.

PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS ELEMENT GOAL, OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

GOAL
To recognize that the Town will respect judicially acknowledged and constitutionally protected private property rights and consider them in local decision-making concerning land use and zoning matters.

Objective 1
The Town will consider private property rights, including the applicability of judicially acknowledged and constitutionally protected private property rights when making decisions.

Policy 1.1
The following rights shall be considered in decision-making by the Town of White Springs concerning land use and zoning matters:

- 1) The right of a property owner to physically possess and control their interest in property, including easements, leases, or mineral rights.
2) The right of a property owner to use, maintain, develop, and improve his or her property for personal use or for the uses of any other person, subject to state law and local ordinances.
3) The right of the property owner to privacy and to exclude others from the property to protect the owner's possessions and property.
4) The right of a property owner to dispose of his or her property through sale or gift.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
LAFAYETTE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

PROBATE DIVISION
File No.
IN RE: ESTATE OF
JOSEPHINE CARMALITA POTTS
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Formal Administration has been entered in the estate of JOSEPHINE CARMALITA POTTS deceased, File Number 61-2022-000197-CP, by the Circuit Court Lafayette County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 120 West main Street, Mayo, FL 32066; that the decedent's date of death was August 6, 2024; that the total value of the estate is \$29,983.75 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

NAME
Jules Davenport
ADDRESS
15245 SR 45
Lisbon, OH 44432

All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, 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: January 29, 2025.

Attorney for Person Giving Notice:
/s/ Karen D. Hatton
E-mail Addresses:
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Florida Bar No. 502871
Karen D. Hatton, P.A.
PO Box 446
Mayo, FL 32066

Person Giving Notice:
/s/
Jules Davenport
ADDRESS
15245 SR 45
Lisbon, OH 44432
01/29, 02/05

The Suwannee County Development Authority's quarterly meeting is scheduled for February 20th, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the Suwannee County Chamber of Commerce.
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ORDINANCE NO. 25-01
FIRST READING
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE; PROVIDING PURPOSE AND INTENT OF THE COMMITTEE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of White Springs, Florida (the "Town") has a rich history that should be preserved and celebrated; and
WHEREAS, the recognition, protection, and celebration of this rich history are invaluable resources that serve a public purpose and are essential to the moral, economic, educational, cultural, and general welfare of the public; and
WHEREAS, preservation of the town's rich history will promote local interest, the enrichment of human life in its educational and cultural dimensions, and the fostering of civic pride in the beauty and noble accomplishments of the past; and
WHEREAS, THE Town Council finds that it is in the best interest of the town and it's citizens to establish a Historical Preservation Committee.
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Town Council of the Town of White Springs, Florida, that;

SECTION 1. RECITALS
The above recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE AND INTENT
The purpose of this ordinance is to:
(1) Effect and accomplish the protection, enhancement, and preservation of elements of the town's cultural, economic, political, and architectural history;
(2) Safeguard the town's historic, prehistoric, and cultural heritage;
(3) Protect and enhance the town's history for residents, tourists, and visitors, and;
(4) Serve as support and stimulus to business and industry.
(5) To meet this purpose, the Town Council of the Town of White Springs, Florida hereby creates a HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE.

SECTION 3. DUTIES
(a) The Historical Preservation Committee shall take action necessary and appropriate to accomplish the purposes of this chapter. These actions may include, but are not limited to:
(1) Gathering historical data and items.
(2) Undertaking educational programs; and
(3) Creating events to celebrate the town's history.
(b) The committee will consist of 3 to 7 members.
(c) The committee shall recommend to the Town Council any events or programs to recognize, preserve, and celebrate the town's history.
(d) The committee is encouraged to be present at pertinent informational or educational meetings, workshops, and conferences relating to preservation activities.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.
This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage by the Town Council on the First Reading date February 11, 2025 and the Second Reading date March 11, 2025
DONE AND ADOPTED
Jacqueline Williams, Mayor

ATTEST: Audre' J. Ruise, Town Clerk

APPROVED as to Form and Legality
Leslie Scott Jean-Bart, Town Attorney
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