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## Rate The County Fair

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Did you ever stop to think how much work is put into planning a county fair? Suwannee County Fair Association Board of Directors could enlighten you on the many aspects of preparing for the fair.

The Suwannee County Fair Association celebrated the 93rd Annual Fair and Livestock Show and Sale March 28th through April 5, 2008.

The Florida Federation of Fairs &

Livestock Shows Annual Convention was held on May 15-17 in Palm Harbor, Florida. It's a time of the year for all the fair associations to attend, network with each other at this trade show event and make their fair opening day a little better than the last year.

At the end of this three day event, Suwannee County Fair Association was selected for the Blue Ribbon Award. Quite

an honor for Suwannee County.

**THE BLUE RIBBON** Award is based on the standards of Entertainment, Food Concessions, Competitive Exhibits, Grounds and Facilities, Admissions and Gates, Parking, Carnival – Main Midway, Guest Services and Livestock Barns & Agriculture Exhibits.

Then, a total of 85 sub categories

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Suwannee County's Award Winning Fair Workers Include: (First Row, L-R) Ron Morgan, Katherine Allen, Fair Manager Lynn Touchton (holding plaque), Myrtle Parnell, Carol Henderson, President Tim Alcorn: (Second Row, L-R) Chad Wainwright, Carey Lee, Betsy Bergman, Cassie Hart, Fred Henderson and Carolyn Spilatore. Directors not pictured are: Janna Walker (who took the photo), Kiah Eubanks, Tori Musgrove, Jeremy Buzbee, Hilary Cannon, Billy Maxwell and Ashley Lundy.

# Suwannee Gets "Blue Ribbon" Award

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ing from presentation and appeal of barns, shaded rest area, carnival guest services, etc. are ranked from 1 (being poor quality) to 5 (being excellent).

Suwannee County scored 70 out of 85 points in the excellent standard. That's good evidence, a lot of hard work from a lot of good people netted these outstanding results for Suwannee County.

Suwannee County Fair Board Association is a non-paid volunteer group of people who dedicate their time and lots of energy throughout the year to make the fair a great success. The Fair Board members meet once a month for the entire year. These folks are known as a hands on working Fair Board from cooking, setting up arts and crafts exhibits, cleaning stalls and buildings to unplugging sewers.

They do not just sit in a Board meeting and tell how it should be done, they go do whatever work is necessary to get the job done.

We are very fortunate to have many farmers and community leaders represented in this cross section of volunteers who make the opening day at the Suwannee County Fair so enjoyable for children and adults alike.

**FAIR MANAGER**, Lynn Touchton, said a special thanks should go to the Extension Office Director, Katherine Allen, who gives lots of encouragement and support to the Suwannee County Fair Association volunteers.

President Tim Alcorn is a Registered Land Surveyor with J. Sherman Frier & Associates. Tim's an active member of the Kiwanis of Live Oak, Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Suwannee County Development Authority, and has served on the Suwannee County Fair Association for over 13 years.

Tim is a serious recruiter of volunteers. Ask any family member, they'll tell you he will put you to work at the fair for as many hours as you will work.

Vice President Kiah Eubanks, has served on the Suwannee County Fair Association for over 20 years. He is very familiar face at the Livestock Show each year. Kiah is a hay farmer and his family are very active with the fair projects. His son, Arnette and daughter-in-law, Crystal will be taking at least a two year break from volunteering because early next year

they will be traveling to West Africa as missionaries.

Carey Lee serves as Treasurer and he is active in Rotary, and Suwannee Foundation for Excellence in Education. Carey is employed with First Federal Savings Bank.

Jeremy Buzbee is the General Manager and Secretary. Jeremy is employed with Food Lion and spends a lot of his time traveling back and forth to Macclenny; yet he and his family are willing volunteers.

Cassie Hart is employed with Sears and also serves on the Suwannee County Recreation Board. Cassie works with rabbits, poultry, goat show, tractor pull registration, and purse pay-off for the tractor pull winners.

Carolyn Spilatore, Board Member, Emeritus, is a Real Estate Broker and still helps with arts and crafts whenever called upon.

Board Members, Carol Henderson, Fred Henderson and Ron Morgan do what they do best. They are in charge of the Dairy Show. Of course, they are willing workers wherever help is needed. These dairy folks want to serve their community in any area they are able to.

Myrtle Parnell works on a lot of the advertisement ads and flyers. She is officially the lady behind the successful fund raiser, the corn boil. Every year, 60 to 70 crates of corn are sold to fair visitors. The corn boil booth is always a crowd pleaser.

Tori Musgrove is a Registered Licensed Engineer who takes on the responsibility of the four day Talent Show as well as the 5-K Run.

Janna Walker is employed with the Lafayette County School Board. Janna works on crafts, canning and the Youth Shoe Box Float. She's willing to help with any emergency, especially when it comes to having last minute banners made for the fair.

Hilary Croft Cannon works on the Talent Show and the 5-K Run. Hilary is the Executive Director for Suwannee Foundation for Excellence in Education.

Board Member, Billy Maxwell, serves as the fair's liaison person. While serving as County Commissioner keeps Billy quite busy, he still finds time to assist busy volunteers.

Ashley Lundy grew up at the fair with her father, Jimmy Shepard. Ashley is a new board member and is great at multi-tasking

in any area you need her to work.

Chad Wainwright is the youngest board member. He has been volunteering since he was a junior at Suwannee High School. This energetic young man works the second shift at Pilgrim's Pride, attends North Florida Community College and still has time to plan poultry projects for the fair.

Betsy Bergman is the Fine Arts volunteer. Ms. Bergman is a very busy lady with St. Francis church activities, and is President of the Suwannee County Friends of the Library, and still finds time to volunteer for the fair board.

Fair Manager, Lynn Touchton, is the glue that holds this group together. She is constantly trying to find better fund raisers to make the fair be more profitable and enjoyable each year. When she is not working, she's thinking about the best way to get the work done.

As the Fair Manager, she does receive a small stipend to help defray fair expenses. Lynn is a talented, energetic, enthusiastic lady, a successful poultry grower, cattle farmer and it's hard to believe how many things she accomplishes in a day. Simply put, she's the best!

So if you are looking for a bargain, just think of what a \$6.00 admission ticket to the Suwannee County Fair pays for.

First, all the expenses of the fair are to be paid from these funds which covers plaques, ribbons, arts and crafts, entertainment, tractor pull winners, a free senior citizen day lunch with approximately 800-900 people attending, a free handicap children's day with lunch provided and limited rides, and in just a few years the fair's centennial celebration will need additional funds set aside to make this a spectacular celebration for all citizens of Suwannee County and surrounding areas.

**NOW THAT YOU** know the Suwannee County Fair Association Board members, perhaps you just might want to volunteer your time and talents to make next year's fair even better than the 2008 fair.

When you attend next year's fair just think about all of these ordinary people who do extraordinary things for Suwannee County.

# "Carnegie" Taken Seriously In Madison

Dale Carnegie Training was founded in 1912 and is represented in all 50 of the United States and over 75 countries. More than 2,700 instructors present Dale Carnegie Training Programs in more than 25 languages.

Dale Carnegie Training emphasizes practical principles and processes by designing programs that offer people knowledge, skills and practices they need to add

value to their business.

**MADISON MANAGER**, Eddie Curl, is certainly proud of two of his staff members and their recent accomplishments with the Dale Carnegie Training Program.

Darryl Linton and Heather Kelley have walked away with several awards from The Dale Carnegie Training Program. Darryl was the leader in the group, winning an award called the "Highest Award".

Darryl earned three other awards during the 12 week course: The Breakthrough Award, winning a much coveted Dale Carnegie pen; the Outstanding Performance Award, winning another Dale Carnegie pen, and the Crashing Through Award, winning The Dale Carnegie's Scrapbook.

Heather is also a winner, winning a Dale Carnegie pen by earning The Breakthrough Award as well as the Crashing Through Award and winning the Dale Carnegie's Scrapbook. Ms. Kelley was recently promoted to Madison's Financial Secretary when Marie Cook Armsheimer retired in August.

Eddie Curl believes in leading by example. Just a few years ago he was also an award winning graduate from the Dale Carnegie Training Program. The three graduates agreed that the program helped with public speaking, how to manage stress better and be able to use the techniques they learned to improve.

Darryl and Heather had perfect attendance during their twelve week training.



**Darryl Linton**



**Heather Kelley**

## For The Past Quarter

# NEW CO-OP MEMBERS

### LIVE OAK STORE

Jay Frazier, Lake City  
Robert W. Beach, Branford  
Donald & Jennifer Creamer, Lake City  
Charles C. Walker, White Springs  
Ronald Paul Bruckler, Mayo  
David Lambert, Atlantic Beach  
John Richichi, St. Cloud  
Jarrod Taylor, Wellborn  
James Link, O'Brien  
Jeff Flinchum, Live Oak  
Thomas Wayne Akridge, Wellborn  
Janet Story, Mayo  
Paul Garrison, Jr., McAlpin  
Darlene Williams, Live Oak  
Tom & Kay Grincewich, O'Brien  
Ervin L. McQuown, Lake City  
Rick & Mantha Young, Jasper  
Earston Odell Massie, Live Oak  
Becky Justice, Branford  
Michael & Vicki Clark, Live Oak  
Robert Fowler, Lake City  
Tommy Rigsby, Jennings  
Angela Starling, Live Oak  
Marilyn or Jeff Avriett, Jennings  
Alphonso Fisher, Live Oak

Walt Williams, Live Oak  
James C. Dailey, Lake City  
Lionel Easter, Jennings  
Michael Carden, Orlando  
Michael Spencer, Florahome  
Jayrol Concepcion, Hallandale  
Deborah Little, Live Oak  
Paul & Dori Cowin, Live Oak  
Dale D. Rooney, Live Oak  
Robert Lee Chason, Live Oak  
Raymond Garth, Live Oak  
Joseph H. Carl, Live Oak  
Laurie Ledgerwood, O'Brien  
Bonnie Dowden, Wellborn  
Daryl & Denise O'Neal, Live Oak  
Frank Croson, Live Oak  
Francis Gaines, O'Brien  
Erin Thompson, Live Oak  
Jack Phelps, Lake City  
Juan C. Guaroenas, Jacksonville  
Terry K. Cook, Live Oak  
James D. Park, Lake City  
Paul Guilmette, Live Oak  
Rhonda Lewis, Jennings  
Kimberly Dees, Mayo  
Elizabeth A. Flickner, Live Oak  
Steve A. Boyd, Branford  
Linda Giles, Live Oak  
Tim Jennings, McAlpin

Bill & Sheryl Huseonica, McAlpin  
James Mullis, Mayo  
State Line Turf, Inc., Jennings  
Angelo Rosales, McAlpin  
Greig A Sayre, New Smyrna Beach  
Chris & Kelly Lyons, Mayo  
Elvin Hart, Jasper  
Hardy Wood, Wellborn  
Robert Martinez, Coral Springs  
Riley & Cary Collins, Mayo  
Edith Kent, Live Oak  
Lillian C. Harris, Lake City  
Kevin Wright, Live Oak  
Rebecca Wright, Kissimmee  
Odalys Medina, Live Oak  
Julian Fundora, Mayo  
Veronica Stanton, West Palm Beach  
Sergio A. Beltran, Jennings  
Mary Jane Stanton, Clearwater  
Norm Colson, Lee  
Fred Henrich, Live Oak  
Rodney Robertson, Live Oak  
Charles Harder, White Springs  
Jeremy Scippio, White Springs  
Joan L. Severance, Live Oak  
Susan Lents, Lake City

### MADISON STORE

Paul Bedard, Lee  
Charles F. Hobe, Madison  
Delbert K. Redditt, Madison  
Denise Higman, St. Petersburg  
Jewel Cattle Co., Monticello  
Richard B. Laster, Lee  
Butch Tatro, Greenville  
Doug Johnson, Monticello  
James T. Burnette, Greenville  
Alexnader Carroll, Jr., Jennings  
Eulelle Oshon, Jennings  
Dorothy Woods, Pinetta  
Dennis Pitts, Madison  
William Brandon, Pinetta  
Dan Beffa, Lee  
Laura & Jack Stokes, Lee  
Tisha Phillip, Lee  
Cindy Graham & Rees Davis, Madison  
Michael Boatright, Jasper  
William Brian Cranford, Jennings  
Fred G. Korey, Madison  
David N. Wren, Madison  
Raymod V. McCann, Madison  
Marcus D. Morrison, Madison  
Sam Jones, Jasper  
Williams Kont Maddox, Greenville

# Grand Runs Smooth Operation

Warehouse Manager, Michael Grand, is a Florida Native originally from Ft. Lauderdale, who keeps the Live Oak Cooperative's warehouse operation running smoothly.

**MICHAEL IS A** Suwannee County High School graduate who enjoyed playing football, and maintained a 3.25 GPA. He has always been a very responsible young man and was promoted to the Warehouse Manager position just after working a few

short months with the Cooperative.

Michael's sister Marchayla, attends Suwannee Middle School and younger brother, Mark Grand, is a student at Suwannee High School. Amanda Taylor is the lucky girl engaged to Michael. Amanda attends Everest University in Orlando and is majoring in law.

**WHEN MICHAEL** is not working at the Cooperative, you will most likely find him fishing in the flats at Steinhatchee. He

probably enjoys eating the fish he catches just about as much as going fishing.

Speaking of eating here's one of Michael's favorite recipes.

## Annual Meeting

It's time for our Annual Meeting. Our 62nd Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, October 18, 2008 at Live Oak Church of God, Live Oak, Florida at 10:00 a.m.

The Annual Meeting gives a brief review of the financial condition of the cooperative. Following the business session, door prizes will be drawn and awarded to members present.

Make a point in marking your calendars and plan to attend our Annual Meeting on October 18, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

### Beef Stuffed Shells

- 20 Pasta Shells
- 1 lb. Ground Beef
- Oregano
- 1 jar 26 oz. Spaghetti Sauce
- 1 1/2 Cups (6 to 8 oz.) Shredded Mozzarella Cheese

Cook Ground beef mixture of garlic salt, oregano and pepper until done and drain. Cook Pasta shells according to package directions and drain. Spread spaghetti sauce in a greased 13 x 9 inch baking pan.

Fill shells with ground beef mixture. Top with remaining spaghetti sauce and then spread mozzarella cheese over shells. Bake at 350° until cheese melts.

## Time To Check Your Heater

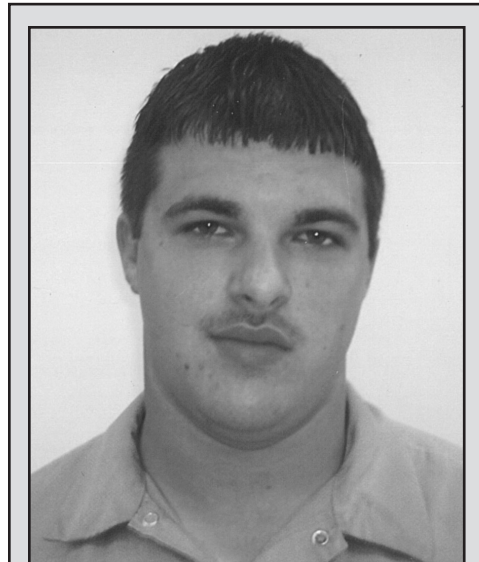
With cooler weather at hand, it's time to call our LP Gas Department and have a technician check your heater.

Whether you use central or space heating, you should have your heating source checked by a qualified service person, for both safety and efficiency.

We have qualified service technicians ready to check and service your gas heating unit, but please call early so that we can have your unit ready before the cold weather arrives.

Our specialty is gas heating appliances; however, regardless of what kind of heat you have, please for your safety and peace of mind, have someone qualified check your heater before you use it.

We look forward to serving you; your safety is our priority.



Michael Grand

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- Ted Henderson, Live Oak (Suwannee County)
- Eddy Roberts, O'Brien (Suwannee County)
- E. Richard Terry, Madison (Madison County)
- Archie Davis, Lee (Madison County)
- Tim Steichen, Wellborn (Suwannee County)
- John C. Webb, Lee (Madison County)
- Walter K. Brown (Suwannee County)
- Kevin Morgan (Hamilton County)
- Kenneth McLeod (Madison County)
- Jeff Lee (Suwannee County)

## Where Are These Folks?

Farmers Cooperative is trying to locate the following people whose patronage refund checks have been returned from the U.S. Postal Service as "undeliverable".

- Robert C. Swain, Live Oak
- Buchanan Ezra Folsom, Mayo
- Thomas W. Hurst, Jasper
- Aubrey E. McCullough, Lee
- Melear Dairy Ranch, Smyrna, GA
- W.H. Zinsser, Live Oak
- Orlando Weeks, Live Oak
- Jimmy O. McCarty, Quincy
- R. D. Mangum, Madison
- Robert E. Mendheim, Lee