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Mayor to hear business concerns

Mayor Heath Davis will host a Town Hall-style gathering for Cedar Key business owners to bring questions, rumors, gripes, concerns and complaints to an open forum. The event will take place Dec. 19, 6 p.m., at City Hall. Be heard! Come and simply get stuff off your chest! Results of a survey sent by the Chamber of Commerce determined the date, time and location. This is NOT a Commission meeting and the only City staff in attendance will be Davis, with Mendy Allen taking notes. You do NOT need to be a Chamber of Commerce member to participate. This forum is open to all licensed Cedar Key business.

Clay Landing Days returns to Manatee Springs

Manatee Springs State Park will be holding Clay Landing Days, a living history event, on Friday, Nov. 23 and Saturday, Nov. 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Clay Landing Days will bring you to a time when the Seminoles and settlers lived in the Clay Landing area. There will be covered wagon rides that take you on the North Trail with a stop at the Seminole Chickee Hut, where Settlers and Seminoles reenactors will let you see what life was like in the Clay Landing area. All activities will begin at Manatee Springs Day Use Area from 10 am to 3 pm, both days. The Day Use Area will also have settlers showing cooking and crafts of the time period. There are wheelchair-accessible wagon rides available. The Park is located at the western end of State Road 320, west of Chiefland. The event is free with park admission — \$6 per vehicle with up to eight people or \$4 for a single occupant vehicle.



David Holley of Inverness had luck catching redfish off the Cedar Key Pier but had to toss them all back because they were longer than 27 inches. SUZETTE COOK/Beacon

Gone fishin'

Anglers offer advice in time for saltwater license-free fishing day Nov. 24

SUZETTE COOK
Reporter

Florida residents and visitors can try their skills and luck at catching saltwater fish without being required to have a recreational saltwater fishing license on Nov. 24.

The rest of the year, a recreational saltwater fishing license is required for Florida residents and nonresidents who fish for saltwater fish, crabs, clams, marine plants or other saltwater organisms except for non-living seashells and lionfish with certain gear.

According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), free fishing days "provide an excellent opportunity for parents who don't yet have licenses to take youth fishing, or avid anglers to introduce a friend to fishing without having to purchase a license."

There are four freshwater and four saltwater license-free fishing days scheduled throughout the year.

Locals and regulars who frequent fishing sites in Levy County have advice to offer on where to go and what bait to use.

Cedar Key

Over at the Cedar Key Pier, about 12 people were casting off the dock. Everyone agreed that David Holley, aka Irish Dave, from Inverness had the most catches of the day. Holley, a boat captain out of

Crystal River, said he's been fishing off the pier for 10 years.

He had a flounder in his bucket, but earlier in the day he had to toss back four giant redfish measuring well over the 27" maximum. They ranged from 37 to 40 inches long and the proof is in the photos he posed for before he let them go.

Holley started fishing as a kid on a boat in the east coast of Ireland, but when he moved to Florida he didn't need a boat. "I was catching bigger fish off the pier than I did on a boat in Ireland," he said.

His bait of choice? "They were eating shrimp earlier, but the last two I got with mullet." Holley said he uses a bridge net to hoist his catches up since they weigh 20 to 30 pounds. And the giant chunks of mullet allow him to cast further out.

For more information and to purchase a fishing license, call 1-888-FISH-Florida or at visit GoOutdoorsFlorida.com. All fishing license fees are used to support fish and wildlife conservation in Florida and help attain additional funding from the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration program.

All bag limits, seasons and size restrictions apply during the license-free fishing days.

Yankeetown

Bud and Sheri Irwin of Ocala said they stopped freshwater fishing years ago. "We went to

saltwater 'cause the fish are bigger and they bite more," Bud said while casting into the Gulf from the sandy beach near the boat ramp at the end of County Road 40 in Yankeetown. "But these fish here have size limits, and you've got to keep up with them."

The Irwins choose to fish with live shrimp. "There's some fish moving today, the current's real strong," Bud said.

"We come here, go to the canal. I go out CR 326 and go up the channels," Bud said about his favorite fishing spots in Levy County. "Look where the airboats fish, and you will catch fish," is his advice.

The couple said they have had luck using a variety of bait including live shrimp, parts of crab, pinfish and

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Bud Irwin, of Ocala, uses live shrimp as bait in Yankeetown. SUZETTE COOK/Beacon



Levy Democrats meet in December

There will be two organizational meetings for the Levy County Democratic Executive Committee Dec. 1 at 1610 120th Avenue, Williston 32696. To accommodate disparate schedules, there will be separate meetings at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. There is no need to come to both meetings.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 <small>Daylight Saving Time Ends</small>	5	6 <small>Election Day</small>	7	8	9	10
11 <small>Veterans Day Remembrance Day (A)</small>	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 <small>Thanksgiving</small>	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Build your own Christmas tree at the library

The Levy County Public Library System branches will each be hosting a Family Holiday MakerSpace event in November. The library will provide all the materials needed for each family to create a wooden Christmas tree and a Christmas countdown sign.

The events will be limited to the first 10 families that register at each branch.

The event will be Nov. 26 through Nov. 30 at 6 p.m. The location dates include: Nov. 26 Bronson Public Library; Nov. 27 Cedar Key Public Library; Nov. 28 A.F. Knots Public Library; Nov. 29 Williston Public Library; and Nov. 30 Luther Callaway Public Library (Chiefland).

For more information, or to register for the program, please contact your local librarian.

Nov. 21, 28

Cedar Key Boat Builders

The boat builders meet each Wednesday October through May underneath the Cedar Key Art Center's new addition at 547 Second Street. Visitors are welcome to stop by and watch these craftsmen work.

For more information visit cedarkeyartscenter.org.

Nov. 17 through Dec. 31

Rock the Boat community exhibit

This Cedar Key Arts Center exhibit opens with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. on Nov. 17 at the center, 547 2nd Street.

Nov. 30 - Dec. 2

Pirate Invasion Weekend

Cedar Key City Park

The sixth annual pirate invasion gives visitors and local alike an opportunity to put on their best pirate gear and enjoy a weekend of music and entertainment in the park, including a historical weapons demonstration and live-fire performances.

Dec. 28-Jan 2

Vintage Tin Can Trailer Meet at Sunset Isle RV Resort

For more information call (352) 543-5375 or visit www.cedarkeyrv.com.

Mar. 30-31, 2019

55th Old Florida Celebration of the Arts

For more information visit cedarkeyartsfestival.com

Fall Market, Saturday, November 24th

The Cedar Key Woman's Club is once again offering a Fall Market on Saturday, Nov. 24, 2018, from 9.00 to 2.00 at the Cedar Key Woman's Club on SR24.

Come join your neighbors at this annual Thanksgiving weekend sale with many treasures and treats, fabulous artisan shopping, flea market vendors, home baking, and snack bar. The snack bar will feature Cedar Key pulled pork sandwiches and the Woman's Club's famous desserts.

A limited number of the Cedar Key Calendar 2018 will be available - proceeds from the calendar support Cedar Key! This calendar makes a great gift, and this year has some especially memorable photos.

Vendor and artisan spaces are available at \$15 for an outside space and \$20 inside. To book a space, call 352-949-3070 or email: sage@mountain.net

The Cedar Key Woman's Club supports many community projects in our Island City, such as the Community Relief Fund, the Food Pantry, the Fire Department, the Cedar Key School, and our Library.

CKWC is also a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs - Florida, sponsoring projects such as the Operation Smile, Hacienda Girls Ranch, Guardian ad Litem, Canine Companions, and Heifer International. Support from Cedar Key keeps the Club strong, and new members are always welcome.

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Cedar Key Arts Center Workshops November 2018

As the Cedar Key Arts Center begins its new season, it invites you to register at an upcoming workshop at the Keyhole or by contacting the instructor directly.

Nov 26, Monday, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Machine Quilt it Yourself on Your Home Machine with Bunny Hand

Explore straight lines and curves while you make a sample of machine quilting. We will use the walking foot and free motion foot for an amazingly easy and smooth look. You can expect help with thread, tension, and marking. \$50.00 for members; \$55.00 for non-members.

A supply list is at The Salty Needle Quilt Shop. Register with Bunny at mermaidsongquilts@gmail.com or at the Keyhole.

Nov 27, Tuesday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Swarovski Crystal Beaded Bracelet with Joni Sielaff

Make a right angle crystal bracelet using crystals, seed beads, and a magnetic clasp. The cost is \$20 per student, \$25 if non-member of CKAC plus \$15 for supplies. Register at the Keyhole or contact Joni directly at jomi74@aol.com. Maximum five and minimum two. Deadline for registering is one week before the class.

Free Fall-Winter Yoga in Cedar Key

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8 a.m. - Cedar Key Library (upstairs); Intermediate Yoga (Level 2); CDs, no instruction most days, some experience necessary. Everyone welcome on Fridays.

Tuesday and Thursdays, 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. - Cedar Key Library

(upstairs), when participants are in town: Integrated Yoga/Pilates/Weights (Instructed, some experience necessary)

Tuesday and Thursdays, 9 a.m. - Episcopal Church (Parish Hall): Gentle Yoga (tapes & instructor assisted, beginners welcome)

Tuesdays, 5 p.m. - Mindfulness Practice, when participants are in town: Mindfulness Meditation that includes sitting and walking meditation, mindful sharing, & deep listening. Upstairs at the Library.

Get your flu shot this fall

The Florida Department of Health in Levy County is reminding all residents to get their flu shot before the height of the upcoming flu season. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), last year's record-breaking flu season resulted in 80,000 deaths in the United States, which is the highest number of deaths from the flu in over three decades. Protect yourself and those you love this season by getting by getting your flu shot soon.

According to Barbara Locke, Administrator for the Florida Department of Health in Levy County, getting the flu shot annually is one of the best ways to reduce your chances of contracting the flu virus

which circulates every year.

The flu vaccine is recommended for everyone six months and older, including pregnant women. It can take up to two weeks after vaccination for your body to develop protection against the flu. The CDC recommend getting your flu vaccine every year as the first and most important step in protecting against influenza and its potentially serious complications. There are many different flu vaccine options this season, which include high dose and adjuvanted vaccine for adults aged 65 years and older.

CDC recommends getting a flu vaccine every year because flu viruses evolve quickly, and last year's

vaccine may not protect against the current year's flu strain. Even if the flu vaccine does not fully protect against the flu, it may reduce the severity of symptoms and the risk of complications.

People at higher risk for flu-related complications include children less than 5, adults over the age of 65, people with compromised immune systems, pregnant women and people who have existing medical conditions, such as asthma and obesity.

Visit FluFreeFlorida.com for more information on how to be a part of #FluFreeFL. For more information on influenza and influenza-like illness in Florida, please visit www.floridahealth.gov/floridaflu.

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Temperatures, Rainfall, Winds

Thursday, Nov. 21 through Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2018

	T	F	S	S	M	T	W
Low Temp.	56	63	59	60	50	49	47
High Temp.	72	77	76	76	70	64	65
Rainfall%	50	20	50	30	40	0	20
Hum (%)	69	77	84	78	60	63	68
Wind Speed	7	9	9	6	10	7	7
Wind Direction	NE	E	SW	S	W	NW	NW
Fire Danger							

Levy County Coast Tides at Cedar Key

Thursday, Nov. 22 thru Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2018

22	High 12:13 AM	Low 7:10 AM	High 1:33 PM	Low 7:09 PM
23	High 12:46 AM	Low 7:51 AM	High 2:19 PM	Low 7:49 PM
24	High 1:22 AM	Low 8:34 AM	High 3:05 PM	Low 8:30 PM
25	High 2:00 AM	Low 9:18 AM	High 3:53 PM	Low 9:13 PM
26	High 2:43 AM	Low 10:05 AM	High 4:43 PM	Low 10:00 PM
27	High 3:31 AM	Low 10:56 AM	High 5:37 PM	Low 10:55 PM
28	High 4:27 AM	Low 11:51 AM	High 6:34 PM	

Suwannee River Levels
at Wilcox, near US 19 Bridge.
Readings relate to Mean Sea Level

Tues., Nov. 20	3.06 Feet Rising
1 week ago	3.01 Feet Falling
2 weeks ago	2.58 Feet Rising
3 weeks ago	2.36 Feet Falling

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Levy County Farm Bureau couple win coveted state award

Florida Farm Bureau presented Adam and Ashley Cook, members of the Levy County Farm Bureau, with the 2018 Achievement in Agriculture Award. The award recognizes young farmers and ranchers for their skill at farm production, development of the enterprise and service to Farm Bureau and the local community.

Adam and Ashley are fifth-generation farmers who both grew up in farming. Their family farm, Cook Farm, is a cow/calf operation and grows custom grass, provides custom harvesting and corn sales, timber management and guided turkey hunts.

On winning the award, Adam said he and Ashley are honored to receive such a recognition. "This award adds validity towards the dreams and goals we have been working towards as a couple managing the farm." Florida Farm Bureau



Adam and Ashley Cook receive Florida Farm Bureau's 2018 Achievement in Agriculture Award from FFB President John Hoblick.

President John Hoblick presented the Achievement in Agriculture Award to Adam and Ashley Cook during Florida Farm Bureau's 2018 Annual Meeting in St. Augustine at the President's Award Banquet Oct. 24.

As Florida's Achievement in Agriculture Award winner, the Cooks will receive a \$500 check and a 2019 Ford F-150 pick-up truck, courtesy of Southern Farm

Bureau Casualty Insurance Companies. They will also receive an all-expense paid trip to the 2019 American Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in New Orleans, La., Jan. 11-16, to represent the Sunshine State in the national Achievement in Agriculture Award Competition.

Learn more about the Cook's diverse operation by visiting <https://vimeo.com/285885898>.

CKS applauds its Tropicana Speech finalists



Cedar Key School is proud of its three Sharks who competed in the Tropicana Speech Contest for Levy County on Nov. 15. Reese Solowski placed third in the sixth-grade division, Morgan Winfield competed in the fourth- and fifth-grade division and Lexi Sharp took home third place in the seventh- and eighth-grade division. Congratulations on your hard work!

Unemployment down from a year ago

Just in time for Thanksgiving, today's release of the region's employment numbers offers plenty of economic good news to feast on.

While the October unemployment rate in the CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion region was unchanged over the month at 3.7, it was down nearly a full percentage point compared to the same time last year.

The labor force was 202,179, representing a slight expansion of 316 over the month, the number of those working

increased by 309 to 194,611 while the number of unemployed remained virtually unchanged at 7,568, an increase of just 7.

But it is the comparison to October 2017 that shows the strength of the region's economic recovery, according to Kathleen Woodring, CareerSource CLM's executive vice president.

Over the year, the region's labor force expanded by 4,204, the number of workers increased by 5,759 and the number of jobless dropped

by 1,555.

According to today's release of the October employment summary by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Levy County continues to hold the lowest jobless rate in the region at 3.3 percent, Marion County's rate is unchanged at 3.6 percent, and Citrus County's rate is also unchanged from the previous month at 4.3 percent. Florida's not seasonally adjusted jobless rate – a measure that matches the way local rates are calculated –

remains at 3.0 percent, a decrease of 0.9 percentage point over the year.

Levy County's labor force expanded by 88 to 17,265, the number of those with jobs increased by 482 to 16,702, and the number of unemployed edged up by 6 to 563. That's an over-the-year increase of 240 employed and drop of 101 unemployed when the rate was 3.9 percent.

Citrus County's labor force grew by 228 to 48,591, the number of employed rose by 224 to 46,486 and the number of unemployed remained virtually unchanged, increasing by 4 to 2,105. Compared to October 2017, when the jobless rate was 5.2 percent, that's an increase of 1,268 in the

number of those with jobs and a decrease of 387 unemployed.

Marion County's labor force experienced no change over the month, remaining at 136,323; the number of those with jobs rose by 3 to 131,423 and the number of unemployed fell by 3 to 4,900.

Compared to October 2017, when the jobless rate was 4.5 percent, there were 4,251 more employed and 1,067 fewer unemployed.

Nonfarm employment in the Ocala metropolitan statistical area was 105,600, an increase of 800 jobs over the month and 4,000 more than a year ago, for a 3.9 percent annual job growth gain.

Nonagricultural employment in the Homosassa Springs MSA,

which covers all of Citrus County, was 34,000, an increase of 300 jobs compared to September and 1,000 more over the year, for a 3 percent growth rate.

Woodring said the report highlights several positives for the region:

– The Homosassa Springs MSA had the fastest annual job growth rate compared to all metro areas in the state in state government at 6.7 percent, adding 300 new jobs.

– The Ocala MSA continued to hold the second fastest annual job growth rate compared to all metro areas in the state in education and health services, at 5.9 percent, adding 1,100 jobs.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

THE PREVIOUS NOTICE PLACED BY THE CEDAR KEY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT HAS BEEN DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO BE IN VIOLATION OF THE LAW, NECESSITATING THIS SECOND NOTICE.

The Cedar Key Water and Sewer District will soon consider a measure to increase its property tax levy.

Last year's property tax levy:

A.	Initially proposed tax levy.....	\$206,386
B.	Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes.....	\$ 12,222
C.	Actual property tax levy.....	\$194,164

This year's proposed tax levy..... \$203,712

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on:

Date: November 26, 2018
 Time: 5:01 p.m.
 Place: Cedar Key Water and Sewer District Office: 510 3rd Street
 Town: Cedar Key, Florida

A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY CEDAR KEY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE CEDAR KEY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT ARE 16.3 PERCENT MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

REVENUES

Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 203,712
Millage: 1.2000	
Water Revenue	\$ 445,000
Wastewater Revenue	\$ 389,000
Rent	\$ 4,600
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 5,512
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 1,047,824

Non-Revenue Receipts	
State and Federal Grants	\$ 180,000

Balance Brought Forward 2017-2018	\$ 50,000
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TOTAL REVENUES, RECEIPTS AND BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	\$1,277,824
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EXPENSES

General	
Payroll	\$ 321,300
Office	\$ 14,000
Utilities	\$ 16,700
Professional Fees	\$ 82,000
General Repair and Maintenance	\$ 100,500
Contingency	\$ 17,124
Other	\$ 50,600

Direct Water Expenses	
Chemicals and Filters	\$ 166,000
Laboratory	\$ 7,000
Regulatory	\$ 1,000
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 80,750
Utilities	\$ 22,400
Professional Fees	\$ 90,000
Contingency	\$ 9,500
Loans	\$ 47,000

Direct Wastewater Expenses	
Chemicals and Filters	\$ 36,000
Laboratory	\$ 18,100
Regulatory	\$ 45,200
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 22,150
Utilities	\$ 21,000
Capital Improvements	\$ 100,000
Contingency	\$ 9,500

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$1,277,824
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CARRY FORWARD/RESERVES	\$ 0
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TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS, RESERVES AND BALANCES	\$1,277,824
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#WhoTaughtYou to hunt?

With much of the Panhandle still coping with the devastation from Hurricane Michael – a recovery that may take months – we continue to be proud of the spirit, perseverance and fortitude of those who were affected. Our responding officers have seen firsthand people lending a hand to neighbors, friends and strangers; contributing essential items to those who lost everything; being more patient; and expressing gratitude. The kindness and compassion has been uplifting.

As Thanksgiving nears, celebrating that powerful sense of community will be top of mind for many. For the hunting community, it's a wonderful time of year to remember those who introduced us to hunting. And the holiday gives us a great opportunity to pay it forward by taking someone else hunting such as a neighbor, friend, family member or coworker.

There are many people who didn't grow up hunting but became interested in experiencing it and enjoying the benefits of eating healthy, organic protein as adults. Denise Helms, the Florida state chapter president of the National Wild Turkey Federation, is a perfect example. She didn't go on her first hunt until she was 24 years old when a friend invited her to go turkey hunting on public land.

"I'm game for anything, so I went along. I just like being outdoors," Helms said.

Helms loved the experience of sitting in a homemade palmetto blind, taking in the sunrise through an oak hammock and hearing wild turkeys gobble for the first time.

"Country singer Eric Church said it best with his lyric, 'Walking barefoot through the mud will knock the rust right off your soul,'" Helms said. "And so does being in the woods."

However, Helms didn't immediately catch the hunting bug. She married and moved to Colorado, and it wasn't until she moved back to the Sunshine State 12 years later that she had the opportunity to go hunting again. In 2008, she harvested her first turkey, deer and wild hog.

By engaging herself in hunting, Helms has gained a whole new family.

"Acquaintances turned into friends who turned into family – people who care about conservation, support me incorporating hunting into my life and help me succeed," Helms said. "It's a great feeling having mentors like that who I can learn from."

Helms admits she's not a hunting master yet, so she hasn't personally guided anyone on a hunt. But she's been doing her part in passing down the hunting tradition by volunteering with her local NWF chapter and serving on its board since 2011. Helping plan and host a Women in

Tony Young



Outta the Woods

the Outdoors event for other women further ignited her passion for hunting.

"I feel like what I'm doing is making a difference at all levels – and I like that," Helms said.

General gun season

General gun season runs Nov. 3 – Jan. 20 in Zone C, and Dec. 1 – Feb. 17 in Zone B. In Zone A, the second phase of general gun season is Nov. 17 – Jan. 6. In Zone D, the first phase always starts Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 22) and lasts four days (until Nov. 25).

During general gun season, only legal-to-take bucks as they are defined in each Deer Management Unit may be harvested. Don't forget you need to purchase a \$5 deer permit first. On private land, the daily bag limit for deer is two. Bag limits and other regulations for deer on WMAs can differ, so before you hunt download the specific WMA brochure ONLY available at MyFWC.com/WMAbrochures and through the Fish|Hunt FL app. These brochures are no longer being printed.

You may hunt wild hogs on private lands year-round with no bag or size limits. Similarly, on most public lands there are no bag or size limits, and hogs are legal to take during most hunting seasons except spring turkey. On a few public hunting areas, specific bag and size limits do apply, so check the online WMA brochure to be certain.

Hunters are allowed to take deer and wild hogs over feeding stations on private land, but that's not the case on WMAs, no matter the season or game species.

New this year, hunters are allowed to use pre-charged pneumatic (PCP) air guns firing single bullets or arrows to take deer during general gun season on private lands and on WMAs, if the gun is at least .30 caliber.

It's illegal to take deer using rimfire cartridges or non-expanding, full-metal case ammunition. Shooting a swimming deer also is against the law.

Deer-dog hunting

All free-running dogs used in pursuing or hunting deer must wear a collar or tag displaying the name and address of the dog's owner. Hunters must contain their dogs to the tract of land they have permission to hunt.

There are several ways to accomplish that: Equip and monitor dogs with devices that allow remote tracking and behavior correction; only deer-dog hunt on large tracts of land; make sure there are adequate

cut-off roads that will enable you to keep in front of the dogs; and don't turn out more dogs than your hunting party can manage.

Hunters using dogs to take deer on private lands must register that property before doing so. No-cost, statewide deer-dog registration is required during all open deer-hunting and training seasons when taking or running deer with dogs is permitted. However, this registration doesn't apply to hunters hunting or training with deer dogs on public lands and WMAs.

This mandatory registration may be issued to hunting clubs, landowners or anyone who has permission to hunt deer with dogs on a particular tract of land as long as the required application is completed and approved. Application forms are available at all regional Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) offices and online at MyFWC.com/Deer. Applications should include proof of landowner permission or a copy of the written hunting-lease agreement, and a general map of the property showing boundaries and a legal description.

Once you've registered with the FWC, you'll be issued a unique registration number that must be attached to the collars of all dogs used to pursue deer on registered properties during any open deer-hunting or deer-dog training season when taking or running deer with dogs is permitted. Hunters must possess copies of their registration while they're hunting or training with their dogs.

WMAs that don't require a quota permit

Florida's WMAs offer a wide range of hunting opportunities from quota/limited entry hunts, special-opportunity hunts, and public hunting areas where hunters can walk on to hunt. There are 46 WMAs where hunters don't need a quota permit to hunt some or all of the general gun season. So, if you didn't apply or get drawn for a quota hunt, don't worry, there's plenty of opportunity spread throughout the state. You can find those WMAs not requiring a quota permit at MyFWC.com/WMAbrochures at the bottom of the webpage.

Private land doe days

Within the general gun season are antlerless deer days, better known to us hunters as "doe days." These dates differ for each of the state's 12 DMUs. To learn when these antlerless deer opportunities occur in your DMU, refer to the "2018-2019 Florida Hunting Regulations" handbook, which you can pick up at your tax collector's office, FWC regional office or by downloading it online at MyFWC.com/Hunting.

During these doe days, the daily bag limit is one legal antlered deer and one antlerless deer, or two legal antlered deer. Unlike archery season,

you may not take two antlerless deer in one day, unless you have antlerless deer tags issued for the private land you hunt. Also, regardless of the season, deer gender or the number of permits, hunters are never allowed to harvest more than two deer per day under any circumstances. And except for a few, most WMAs do not have antlerless deer days.

Fall turkey

Fall turkey season starts on the same date as general gun season in zones B, C and D but ends a little earlier. It runs from Dec. 1 – Jan. 27 in Zone B; Nov. 3 – Dec. 30 in Zone C; and Nov. 22-25 and Dec. 8 – Jan. 13 in Zone D. In Zone A, the second phase of fall turkey season is the same as the zone's second phase of general gun: Nov. 17 – Jan. 6. Hunters may only take bearded turkeys and gobblers, and they must have a turkey permit (\$10 for residents, \$125 for nonresidents) to hunt them.

You may harvest up to two turkeys per day on private land, if you'd like, but that would tag you out for the entire fall season because you're only allowed to harvest a total of two turkeys during the archery, crossbow, muzzleloading gun and fall turkey seasons combined. In Holmes County, the harvest of fall turkeys is not allowed at all. And there's not a fall turkey season on WMAs, however, on a half-dozen areas, turkeys are legal to take during general gun season.

As with deer, PCP air guns are now a legal method of taking turkeys during fall turkey season, but they must be a minimum of .20 caliber or be the type that shoots arrows.

You're not permitted to hunt turkeys with dogs or with recorded turkey calls, and you're not permitted to shoot them while they're on the roost or when you're within 100 yards of a game-feeding station when feed is present.

Bobwhite quail

Quail season this year runs Nov. 10 – March 3, and the daily bag limit is 12.

Miscellaneous regulations

Shooting hours for deer, fall turkeys and quail

are a half-hour before sunrise to a half-hour after sunset. All legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, air guns (PCP .30 caliber for deer, .20 caliber for turkeys), bows, crossbows and handguns may be used to take each of these resident game animals during the general gun, fall turkey and quail seasons.

Illegal firearms and ammunition are defined as centerfire, semiautomatic rifles having magazine capacities of more than five rounds, and fully automatic firearms. Other prohibited methods for taking game include shooting from a moving vehicle and herding or driving game with a vehicle.

License and permit requirements

The first thing you'll need to participate in one or more of these hunting opportunities is a Florida hunting license. Residents pay just \$17. Nonresidents have the choice of paying \$46.50 for a 10-day license or \$151.50 for 12 months.

If you want to hunt on a WMA, you also must purchase a management area permit for \$26.50. And don't forget to obtain the brochure about the WMA you're going to hunt because dates, bag limits and rules differ greatly for each area. These are available only online at MyFWC.com/WMAbrochures and through the Fish|Hunt FL app.

All necessary licenses and permits are available at your tax collector's office, retail outlets that sell hunting and fishing gear, by calling toll-free 888-HUNT-FLORIDA (486-8356) or by going online at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com.

Being thankful

November is a time to be thankful, especially now, knowing that so many Floridians will be recovering from Hurricane Michael for many months ahead. For those who can give their time or resources to help, please do so however you can. Resources are available through the Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida and the Volunteer Florida organizations.

Christmas in Chiefland

It's a small town Christmas

Calendar of Events

December 8

- Rudolph Run, Chiefland Christmas Festival, Parade & Festivities in the Park
- 8:00 am – Rudolph Run registration
- 9:00 am – Rudolph Run begins
- 10:00 am – Festival begins, food, crafts, vendors, pony rides, inflatables, rock wall, bungee jump and entertainment
- 3:00-5:00 pm Santa Pictures
- 6:00 pm – Christmas Parade
- 7:00 pm (or immediately following Parade) Festivities in the Park
- Carriage Rides, Tree Lighting Ceremony, Bonfire & Music

Stay after the parade for a "Small Town Christmas" evening of fun for the whole family!

Santa will be here as long as the reindeer don't get snowed in. Bring a chair and blanket and warm up by the bonfire.

For more information call the Chiefland Chamber of Commerce at 352-493-1849



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– The Ocala MSA tied for second fastest annual job growth rate in trade, transportation and utilities at 3.9 percent. An increase of 900 new jobs.

– The Ocala MSA had the state's third fastest

annual job growth rate in leisure and hospitality at 8.1 percent, a gain of 1,000 new jobs.

All grew faster in the Ocala metro area than statewide over the year, as did manufacturing at 6% (+500 jobs) and professional and business services at 4.4% (+400

jobs). Mining, logging and construction, at 4.3 percent (+300 jobs) also gained over the year.

Financial activities and other services each lost 100 jobs compared to October 2017, while information and government industries were unchanged.

According to the employment data for October, unemployment rates remained unchanged in 35 counties, rose in 17 and fell in 15. The county with the highest unemployment rate in the state was Hendry County at 5.4 percent. Citrus County again tied with Sumter County for the third highest rate, Marion County again tied with Miami-Dade County, but nudged up two spots to claim the 10th highest rate and Levy County tied with four other counties with the 20th highest rate.

Among the metro areas, Homosassa Springs/Citrus County MSA again tied with The Villages for the highest rate and the Ocala MSA tied with Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall for the fifth highest rate.

The region's employment summary for November will be released on Friday, Dec. 21

Suwannee River Eagles #4520

Weekend Open House Bash

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Recruiting New Members





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mud minnows. Their catches lately include redbfish, catfish, black drum and snappers. "A lot of times it's catfish, but lately redds," Bud said. "They're good eating." Just down the road, about a dozen fishermen are settled in on the "Elvis Presley Bridge." The bridge was featured in scenes from the 1961 Presley movie "Follow That Dream." "There's a few biting right now with the cold air coming in," said one fisherman just as another yelled out "sea otter!" and pointed to a revealed oyster bar near the shore at low tide. Sure enough, the otter was snacking on a fresh catch and that's good news the fishermen agreed because it signified that fish were close by. "Looks like the otter is coming back," said Al Smith, who is originally from Cooperstown, New York, but moved to Florida to escape the cold. He and his friend were visiting from Fruitland Park. "This is my first time," Smith said. He was using live shrimp when he got a bite and reeled in a 14-inch red fish, then tossed it back in. His fishing partner Jose' Garcia brought home a 27-inch red fish the day before and cooked it wrapped in aluminum foil along with onion, green pepper, garlic, lemon, and red wine. "Last week I caught a big redbfish, the Sunday before, I caught a big black drum," Garcia said about his luck at the bridge. A truck towing a fishing boat stopped on the bridge and a man asked if anyone wanted leftover live bait. Several fishermen, including Gary Roberts, ran over with their bait buckets to take him up on his offer.

Inglis

Over at the Inglis Spillway, the water flow was strong as retired Navy Veteran Robert Johnson of Ocala and his partner Barbara Gilbert sat on the rocks along the canal. "Hadn't been here in over a year," Johnson said. "I just got a bite." Johnson said he usually catches trout or catfish and deep fries or steams it. But on this day, the fast-moving water was working against him, so he moved downstream where it was slower. Johnson said he frequents Yankeeetown fishing spots also but wasn't having luck catching anything on this day using a silver artificial lure. "Just gotta be out here at the right time," he said. "There's a lot of bass out here when they are hitting," he said. In the same location a week prior, fishermen were catching sheepshead.



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Al Smith, of Fruitland Park, unhooks a catch at the Elvis Presley Bridge in Yankeeetown.



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Jose' Garcia shows off a big catch in Yankeeetown.



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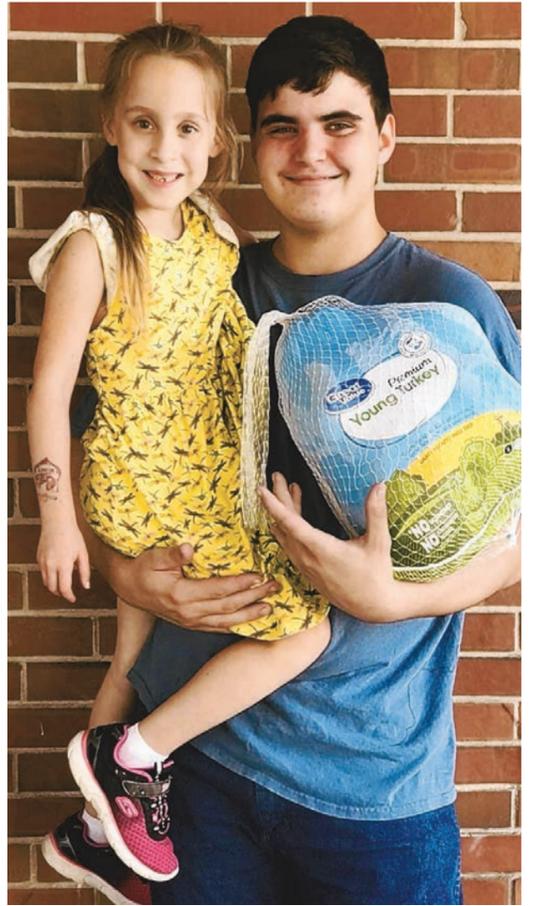
How do you cook your turkey

CKS Thanksgiving



The fourth- and fifth-grade Cedar Key Sharks celebrated Thanksgiving together Friday, Nov. 16, the last day of school for a week.

Prize Thanksgiving turkey



CKS sophomore Porter Carlisle took home the Cedar Key PTO (Parent-Teacher Organization) turkey this year after buying what turned out to be the winning ticket from first-grader Lindsey Grace Brault.

Look out, slow down for Florida's migrating manatees

Look out and slow down for manatees in November to help them as they begin migrating to warmer waters.

November is Manatee Awareness Month. Florida has more than 6,600 manatees swimming in rivers, bays and coastal waters. These large aquatic mammals can weigh over 1,000 pounds.

As the weather cools, manatees are on the move, searching for warmer waters to survive the winter. Remember: Disturbing manatees at warm-water sites may cause them to leave those areas at a time when it is critical for them to remain there.

"Boaters who look out for migrating manatees and follow posted manatee protection zones contribute to the conservation of this threatened species. They are reducing the chance of manatee injuries and disturbance, while enjoying their time on the water," said Carol Knox, who leads the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) Imperiled Species Management Section.

Seasonal manatee protection zones also go into effect in the fall, depending on the county. The zones are marked by waterway signs, and maps of local

manatee protection zones are available online at MyFWC.com/Manatee by clicking on "Data and Maps."

How can you help manatees?

Wear polarized sunglasses to spot them moving, grazing and resting in the water. Keep a lookout for the circular "footprints" or ripples they leave on the surface of the water.

Follow posted manatee zones.

Observe manatees from a distance to limit disturbance. Disturbing manatees at their warm-water sites may cause them to leave these areas during the winter.

Report injured, entangled, orphaned or dead manatees to the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline: 888-404-FWCC (3922), #FWC or *FWC on your cellphone or text Tip@MyFWC.com.

Access and share A boater's guide to living with Florida manatees and Guidelines for successful manatee watching in Florida that focuses on paddlers.

Purchase the manatee decal and license plate, and tell everyone how the decal and license plate support the FWC's manatee conservation efforts.



Contribute to the Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida's Marine Mammal Fund by visiting WildlifeFlorida.org and clicking on "Support Us," "Funding Priorities" and "Marine Mammal Fund."

Florida invests over \$2 million annually in manatee conservation, with

FWC biologists, managers and law enforcement working with partners to research, rescue and manage Florida manatees.

Want to see a manatee? Go to MyFWC.com/Manatee and click on "Where Can I See Manatees?"

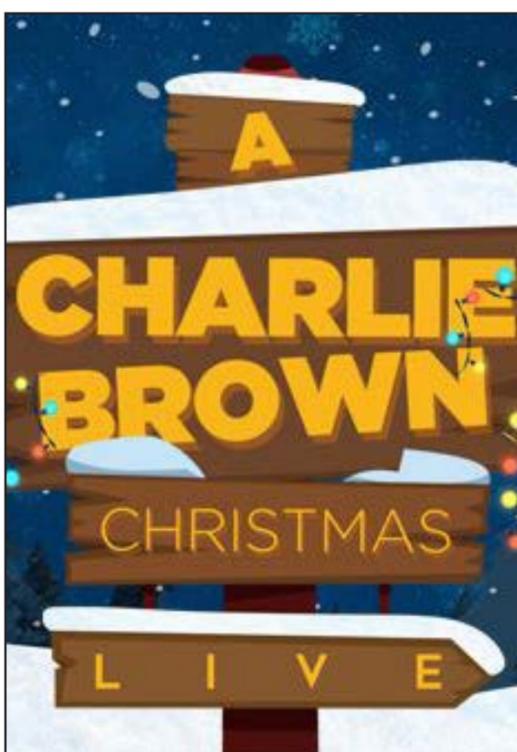
A Charlie Brown Christmas

An old classic for the family, and a surprise visit from the North Pole

The Chief Theatre, home of the Suwannee Valley Players (SVP), would like to invite you to experience the classic A Charlie Brown Christmas.

The original Charlie Brown Christmas premiered in 1965 and was created by Charles M. Schulz. The special was finished ten days shy of its broadcast premiere. One of the animators, Ed Levitt, said it was the best special he'll ever make and that the show is going to run for a hundred years. Richard Burgheim of Time Magazine praised the show saying it was unpretentious and that "A Charlie Brown Christmas is one children's special this season that bears repeating."

Now, in 2018, we are at the 53rd year of Ed Levitt's prediction of the show running 100 years -- just over the halfway mark! The show will hit the Chief Theatre stage on Dec. 7, 8 and 9 and Dec. 14, 15 and 16. The Friday and Saturday shows start at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday shows are at 2 p.m. for both weekends. Dec. 9 will mark the exact 53rd anniversary of A Charlie



Brown Christmas.

The cast will be making an appearance at the Town of Tioga at the Light up Tioga Holiday Celebration event. The celebration is on Nov. 25 at 4 p.m. This holiday season, give the gift of a

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