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City favors RV resort

By DAVID DAVIS
Editor

The Chiefland Local Planning Agency voted 4-0 Monday evening to allow City Manager Mary Ellzey to coordinate with the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council on a proposed RV resort in the city.

The 218-unit development would be located behind Wal-Mart. The entrance would be from NW 21st Avenue that passes by Days Inn and Grace Fellowship Church, formerly the Fun Spot.

Commissioner Donald Lawrence said he felt good about the proposal and made the motion to allow Ellzey to pursue it with the planning council. Vice Mayor Chris Jones seconded the motion.

Lawrence said his only concern was that residents would accumulate "stuff" and the park would deteriorate.

Attorney Steve Booth, of Newport Ritchie, said the proposed recreational park is not the typical transient RV park.

"It is a new type we refer to as a destination RV park. It is anticipated that the occupants will spend at least three months, and in many cases, even live there year round," he said to commissioners.

An example of this type of park is located in Williston and is operated under the name of Williston Crossings RV Resort, which was developed by Gary Blackwell, the developer of the Chiefland

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County approves spay, neuter program for 'community cats'

By SEAN ARNOLD
Staff writer

Levy County Animal Services euthanizes around half of the feral cats that are brought in.

After department officials recently met with animal rescue groups at a no-kill summit in Gainesville, the county may have a solution that could help tackle

the high rate of cat euthanasias.

With extensive backing from Joyner Gainesville Pet Rescue, Alachua County Humane Society and at least one



major donor, Animal Services is introducing trial program for free spay and neuters for "community cats," which are cats that are cared for but don't necessarily have a home.

The Board of County Commissioners approved the program unanimously at its meeting Nov. 22.

The plans for the

program were presented to the Board by Darlene Esler, DVM, who was representing Animal Services. She was joined by Chelsea Bower, the associate director of Gainesville Pet Rescue.

"The big thing we found where we're lacking in Levy County is our dealings with feral cats, or, as they

prefer to call them, community cats," Esler said. She added that dogs are euthanized at a rate of about six percent in the county, and the overwhelming majority of that six percent are not adoptable, due to the health or aggression of the dogs.

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Ordinance banning pot dispensaries passes first reading

By DAVID DAVIS
Editor

Chiefland City Commissioners took the first step Monday toward banning marijuana dispensaries in the city. The commission should vote on the second and final reading at the Dec. 11 meeting.

The commissioners voted 4-0 on the first reading of Ordinance 17-12. Commissioner Teresa Barron was absent.

The commission delayed making a decision on whether or not to allow the dispensaries since Feb. 27 when they adopted Ordinance 17-02 establishing a six-month moratorium, which expired in August. At that time, commissioners approved another extension.

In August, commissioners had two options. Either ban medical marijuana dispensing facilities totally or do nothing which, would have allowed the dispensaries in the same area as a pharmacy.

City Manager Mary Ellzey said in August that the city could not impose any more restrictions or fees on a cannabis facility than what is imposed on a regular pharmacy. The only restriction the current code imposed was for a pharmacy is to be located in Commercial-1 or Commercial-2 zoning district.



Citizen photo, Sean Arnold

Christmas lights are burning bright at the Chiefland train depot on South Main Street.

County extends delay on marijuana decision

By SEAN ARNOLD
Staff writer

The Levy County Commission voted unanimously Nov. 21 to extend by three months its moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries in unincorporated areas of the county.

The motion for the extended moratorium was offered by Rock Meeks and seconded by Matt Brooks. It passed 5-0.

The Board also offered a consensus opinion guiding county attorney Anne Bast Brown to craft an ordinance that bans dispensary facilities in unincorporated areas for the long term. Brown requested direction on constructing an ordinance as she advised that passing any further moratoriums would potentially test constitutional grounds.

Brown put the question before the Board in bifurcated terms, with one part concerning medical marijuana

dispensaries, where counties have more discretion, and the other dealing with the cultivation and processing of medical marijuana. She warned that if the county issued an across-the-board ban of the cultivation, processing and dispensing of medical marijuana in Levy County, it would be challenged in court and the county would lose.

More precisely, she said attempts to either ban the cultivation and processing, or to regulate those nurseries any differently than other agricultural businesses, would make Levy County vulnerable to legal defeats, as it would be constituting singling out the medical marijuana industry.

The Board opted to not seek specific regulation on potential medical marijuana nurseries so as not to tempt legal troubles. Any nurseries seeking to grow and cultivate marijuana in the county would

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County recasts qualifications for tourism director job

By SEAN ARNOLD
Staff writer

Time is running out for the county to fill its soon-to-be-vacant executive position for Levy County Tourist Development.

In a last-minute bid to net more ideal candidates, the county, behind a recommendation from outgoing director Carol McQueen, is recasting its description of the position to focus more on marketing skills and experience.

The Commission voted 5-0 Nov. 21 on a motion by Matt Brooks to re-advertise the Tourist Development director job for at least two weeks with the new language. The current candidates will be con-



McQueen

tacted and asked to re-apply under the new job description. The new advertisement wasn't expected to be posted before Nov. 29.

Following a review of 11 applicants, County Coordinator Wilbur Dean requested guidance from the BOCC at

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Levy County Sheriff's Reports

The Levy County Sheriff's Office reports the following arrests:

- Nov. 20, Christopher Daniel Akins, 28, Old Town, VOP.
- Nov. 20, Richard Waybe Antich, 37, Belleview, out of county warrant. Bond \$32,000.
- Nov. 21, Robert Eugene Beck, 27, Williston, VOP.
- Nov. 20, Isaac Joel Buchanan, 36, Chiefland, touch or strike, grand theft of a controlled substance, home invasion, tampering, VOP. Bond \$375,000.
- Nov. 24, Anthony Scott Buzbee, 24, Perry, out of county warrant.
- Nov. 26, Marshall Monroe Creamer, Gainesville, out of county warrant. Bond \$65,000.
- Nov. 22, David Flanders, 36, Chiefland, second or subsequent offense. Bond \$5,000.
- Nov. 24, Romeo Randol Forbes, 33, Williston, touch or strike, offender should have known victim was pregnant, unarmed burglary of an unoccupied building. Bond \$30,000.
- Nov. 21, Roosevelt Tavares Frazier, 32, Williston, violating an injunction for protection for domestic violence. Bond \$200,000.
- Nov. 21, Thomas John Gross Jr., 28, Chiefland, out of county warrant, FTA. Bond \$2,000.
- Nov. 21, Henry Columbus Harrison IV, 24, Cedar Key, VOP.
- Nov. 26, Marcus Kelly Haxton, 31, Trenton, DUI. Bond \$10,000.
- Nov. 20, Durell Tywan Henry, 28, Trenton, touch or strike.
- Nov. 22, Thomas Andrew Hollifield, 25, Williston, molestation on victim less than 12 years of age, exhibition offense on victim less than 16. Bond \$1 million.
- Nov. 25, James Dale Jones, 56, Williston, touch or

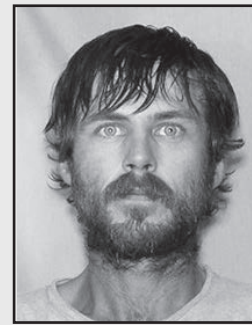
Often Used Abbreviations

- Driver's License—DL
- Driving While License Suspended or Revoked—DWLSR
- Driving Under the Influence—DUI
- Failure to Appear—FTA
- Released on Own Recognizance—ROR
- Resisting With Violence—RWV
- Resisting Without Violence—RW/OV
- Violation of Probation—VOP

strike, violation of no contact order. Bond \$125,000.

- Nov. 20, Angel Manuel Mercado, 34, Williston, two of county warrants. Bond \$4,478.
- Nov. 20, Vern Asa Most Sr., 53, Bronson, touch or strike. Bond \$10,000.
- Nov. 20, Lonnie Lee Mozell Sr., 60, Chiefland, DWLS.
- Nov. 21, Kimberly Kaye Patterson, 45, Trenton, aggravated battery. Bond \$5,000.
- Nov. 22, Pedro Antonio Perez, 23, Williston, DWLS. Bond \$1,000.
- Nov. 21, Ricardo Ramirez, 21, Williston, two counts FTA. Bond \$10,000.
- Nov. 20, Zarie Taniecia Rosario, 21, Gainesville, FTA. Bond \$1,000.
- Nov. 20, Jack Smith, 47, Williston, VOP. ROR.
- Nov. 22, Michael C. Thaysen Sr., 42, Ocala, use of a device to scheme or defraud, money services use fraudulent worthless assets. Bond \$65,000.
- Nov. 21, Lorenzo Vargas-Hernandez, 33, Morriston, touch or strike. Bond \$20,000.
- Nov. 22, Brittany Ann Ward, 26, Bronson, VOP. ROR.
- Nov. 21, William Marion Watson, 41, Chiefland, VOP. Bond \$15,000.
- Nov. 25, Stephen Daniel Werley, 34, Chiefland, touch or strike. Bond \$10,000.
- Nov. 21, Vonjerrius Emonte Woodby, 21, Old Town, petit theft. Bond \$1,000.
- Nov. 22, Timothy Michael Wooten, 57, Gainesville, disorderly intoxication. Bond \$5,000.
- Nov. 22, Rane Morgan Zimmerman, 31, Williston, possession not more than 20 grams, drug paraphernalia advertise. Bond \$1,500.

Most Wanted



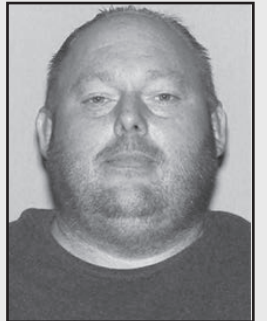
**Russell Jones, 36
Starke
VOP**



**Talea Norris, 27
Trenton
VOP**



**Carlos Ortiz, 26
Williston
VOP**



**William Watson, 40
Orlando
VOP**



**Diamon Williams, 30
Ocala
VOP**

Anyone with information about these individuals is asked to call the Sheriff's Office at 486-5111. To remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 1-877-349-8477.

Sheriff looks to re-establish Explorer Scout Program

By Deborah Goad
Citizen Correspondent

Levy County Sheriff Bobby McCallum welcomed area youth to the sheriff's office Nov. 14 for the initial meeting of the sheriff's Explorer Scout Program. After introducing himself, the sheriff explained to eight students, their parents and grandparents, that the sheriff's office was looking to re-establish the program in Levy County.

Levy County was the first county to start a Sheriff's Explorer Program in 1977. The first meeting was to gauge interest in the community and McCallum said with the number in attendance, he felt the program would go forward.

McCallum said he needed to give the credit for re-establishing the program to deputies Julie Girona and Patricia Horne. They approached him several months ago and asked him how he felt about the program. The sheriff then introduced retired employee Paula Sprague, who was the former Explorer advisor. Prior to Sprague's retirement, the program was dissolved as Explorers aged out of the program. After that, the numbers were too low and there was not enough interest to continue the program.

Started in 1977, Sheriff McCallum himself was the first Explorer advisor, while also running the School Resource Division. He introduced Sgt. Max Long, who



The Levy County Sheriff's Office Explorer Program meets for the first time Nov. 14 at the sheriff's office. In the photo are Explorers, volunteers and law enforcement officers. In the front row, left to right, Paula Sprague, Kayla Regueiro, Jullian Sullivan, Sara Bulson and Grace Kidd, second row, left to right, COPS volunteer Ian Simmonds, LCSO Sgt. Max Long, Thomasine Kidd, Deputy Julie Girona, Dalton Florance, Deputy Trish Horne, volunteer Jon Morton, Kayla Trim, Angel Cardounel, Justin Summerhill, Sheriff Bobby McCallum and volunteer Karen Phelan

is now the sergeant over the Community Resource Division and School Resource Program.

Long and Lt. Sean Hunt supervise and oversee all the school resource and community resource programs.

Long will supervise and oversee the administration of the program as it gets established while Girona and Horne will be the program advisors.

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Consent Decree resolves illegal pollution of the Suwannee River

FROM MERRILLEE MALWITZ-JIPSON
Sierra Club

JACKSONVILLE — Environment Florida and the Sierra Club filed a proposed consent decree Nov. 15 in federal court to settle their lawsuit against Pilgrim's Pride Corporation for alleged violations of the federal Clean Water Act at the company's poultry processing plant in Live Oak.

If approved by U.S. District Judge Timothy J. Corrigan, the settlement would require Pilgrim's Pride to make equipment upgrades, investigate the possibility of eliminating or significantly reducing all discharges to the Suwannee River, and pay what is believed to be the largest Clean Water Act penalty in a citizen enforcement suit in Florida history.

The parties agreed to the terms of consent decree after the court ordered mediation.

Pilgrim's Pride is the second-largest chicken producer in the world. Over three-quarters of its stock is controlled by JBS USA, a unit of the Brazilian meat processing company JBS SA, the largest meat company in the world by sales.

The groups filed the lawsuit earlier this year to stop Pilgrim's Pride from discharging illegal levels of pollutants into the Suwannee River, an "Outstanding Florida Water" that is home to 62 freshwater springs and several state parks. The complaint alleges that the company violated standards for:

- nitrogen, which can cause excessive algae growth;
 - "specific conductance," which can indicate high levels of chloride, nitrate or sulfate;
 - "biological oxygen demand," which can suck up the oxygen needed by aquatic organisms;
 - "whole effluent chronic toxicity," which is an indication that wastewater is toxic to, and can harm, aquatic life.
- "Today's settlement is a major step towards



The photo show discharge from the Pilgrim's Pride processing plant in Lake City into the Suwannee River in May.

Courtesy photo, John Moran.

restoring the health of one of Florida's most beautiful rivers," said Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson, organizing representative for the Sierra Club. "Not only will the settlement directly address illegal pollution from the Live Oak plant, but the significant penalty payment should deter other polluters in Florida from breaking our fundamental environmental laws."

The settlement terms would require Pilgrim's Pride to:

- Conduct a comprehensive study on eliminating the plant's wastewater discharge to the Suwannee River;
- Conduct a toxicity identification evaluation to address the cause of the plant's toxicity violations;
- Conduct a water use and reuse study, an analysis of the plant's water supply system, and various upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant; and
- Pay \$1.43 million, of which \$1.3 million would

be paid to Stetson University to create a Sustainable Farming Fund designed to improve soil, groundwater, and surface water quality in the Suwannee Basin, and \$130,000 would be paid to the U.S. Treasury as a civil penalty.

"Our state officials were not doing enough to protect one of Florida's most important rivers so we stepped in as citizen enforcers of the Clean Water Act," said Jennifer Rubiello, state director of Environment Florida, a state affiliate of Environment America. "This great outcome demonstrates the importance of citizen lawsuits."

The settlement is part of Environment America's effort to reduce the massive toll that corporate agribusiness is imposing on America's rivers and streams.

"I am so proud to have been a part of this lawsuit and settlement," said Whitey Markle, a longtime member of the Suwannee-St. John's Group of the Sierra Club. "We have achieved our end goal to help protect this valuable river for the enjoyment of all Florida citizens and visitors to the Sunshine State."

Pilgrim's Pride Corporation has operations in 14 states, Mexico, and Puerto Rico and is a supplier to KFC, Wal-Mart, Publix, and Wendy's. The company generated a revenue of \$7.9 billion in 2016. The Live Oak facility processes live poultry into fresh and frozen chicken meat products, and operates a broiler hatchery to produce chicks for distribution to growers.

Environment Florida and the Sierra Club were represented by Heather Govern of the Boston-based National Environmental Law Center, which represents citizen groups across the country in suits to enforce the nation's environmental laws, and by Newton, Massachusetts-based attorney David A. Nicholas and Jacksonville attorney Andrew Bonderud.

Trenton woman arrested on drug charges

BY DAVID DAVIS
Editor

Charity Joanna Huffman, 30, of Trenton was arrested Nov. 14 on drug possession charges stemming from a traffic stop for not wearing a seatbelt.

Chiefland Police Officer Kyle Schultz wrote in an incident report that while patrolling northbound on South Main Street at about 1:30 p.m., he observed a green truck leaving a residence and entering the roadway on South Main Street. As he passed the vehicle, he observed that neither the passenger nor the driver were wearing a seatbelt. As the vehicles neared the intersection of West Park Ave and North Main, Schultz waited for the vehicle to pass. Still, neither of the occupants was wearing a seatbelt.

According to the incident report, Schultz let the vehicle pass again so he could begin the traffic stop north of the intersection of North Main and Fourth Avenue.

The driver, Robert Hayden Huffman Jr., 41, of Chiefland, acknowledged the infraction and stated he and

his sister, Charity, would be more cautious.

Schultz utilized dispatch to run the subjects for warrants and driver's status.

"While waiting for the information to return I deployed my canine partner for a free air sniff. Canine Blitz detected the odor of narcotics emitting from the vehicle," Schultz stated in the report.

After returning Blitz to the unit, Schultz asked Robert Huffman to step out of the vehicle to talk to me. He did so, and as he approached, dispatched relayed information that both subjects had a long history of arrests, but that Robert had a valid license.

Dispatch also advised that both subjects were clear of any warrants.

Schultz advised Robert and Charity that he would be conducting a search because Blitz had responded to the odor of narcotics. During the search, the officer picked up a purse from underneath where Charity was sitting.

"Charity asked if I was going to search her purse too. I advised, yes, and she stated there might be rolling papers inside. As I searched further, I located two needles, one

of which contained approximately .3 grams of clear fluid, which was tested and yielded a presumptive positive result for methamphetamine. The second syringe was empty but held a pink fluid residue on the outside. During further search of the purse, I located a silver spoon that contained a pink substance. This substance was approximately .3 grams and tested presumptive positive for Fentanyl. I also located two small bags of a white or crystal substance that too tested for methamphetamine," Schultz wrote in the report. "Inside the bag there were several items used in the ingesting of narcotics. The final item located was a small round pill with the imprint of (DAN DAN 5307) this pill was checked and revealed to be Promethazine 25mg, a substance that is only available through prescription."

Charity was placed under arrest and transported to the Levy County Jail.

"Before leaving, I advised Robert of the preliminary charges. Robert stated that when the traffic stop began, he asked his sister if she had any drugs on her. Robert advised that Charity told him 'no,'" Schultz stated.



Children of all ages are invited to join us for a fun celebration of Christmas at their local library. Come listen to a Christmas Story, make crafts, enjoy refreshments and have pictures taken with Santa! Plan to arrive early to see Santa. The pictures will be printed at the party for free.

The A.F. Knotts Public Library will not have a visit by Santa. The children at that location will have pictures taken with a holiday scene. Please contact your

local library for more information.

The Cedar Key Public Library will be partnering with the City of Cedar Key for their Christmas Party. Details will be announced soon.

Bronson Public Library, Sunday, Dec. 17, 2 p.m.; A.F. Knotts Public Library, Tuesday, Dec. 12, 4 p.m.; Williston Public Library, Saturday, Dec. 16, 2 p.m.; and

Luther Callaway Public Library (Chiefland), Friday, Dec. 15, 5:30 p.m.

SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans

ATLANTA — Small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations located in the declared counties of Florida that have suffered financial losses as the result of Hurricane Irma, should consider applying for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) are designed to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster and are available regardless of whether the business suffered any physical property damage. These loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills that could have been paid had the disaster not occurred. The loans are not intended to replace lost sales or profits. Examples of eligible industries include but are not limited to the following: bait and tackle shops, charter boats, commercial fisherman, crabbers, fishing guides, hotels, and marinas, owners of rental property, restaurants, retailers, souvenir shops, travel agencies and wholesalers.

The loan amount can be up to \$2 million with interest rates of 3.305 percent for small

businesses percent and 2.5 percent for private nonprofit organizations and, with terms up to 30 years. The SBA determines eligibility based on the size of the applicant, type of activity and its financial resources. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition.

Free assistance with reconstructing financial records, preparing financial statements and submitting the loan application is available from any of SBA's partners: Florida Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs), SCORE, Women's Business Centers (WBC), and Veteran's Business Outreach Centers. To determine if the business is located in a declared county, visit this webpage: <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/Declarations/Index>.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. Disaster loan information and application forms may also be obtained by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or by sending an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. The deadline to return applications is June 11, 2018.

Fanning Springs readies for Festival of Lights

BY KATE SHERIDAN
Citizen Correspondent

The Fanning Springs Chamber of Commerce discussed the Festival of Lights Parade at The Fort on Dec. 2. The day begins at 11 a.m. and continues throughout the day with live music from local entertainers to church groups to children's choirs. There will be street vendors with food, information, and activities until 4 p.m.

The traditional duck race runs late in the day so there is still time to purchase ducks to run the river race. The final planned activity is the parade of decorated boats on the river. For more information, please visit Fanning Springs Chamber of Commerce on Facebook.

The Chamber met at The Point of View in Fanning Springs.

FFA Alumni is selling smoked Boston butts

BY KATE SHERIDAN
Citizen Correspondent

Chiefland FFA Alumni meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month and are ordinarily held at the Chiefland High School Ag Building behind the school.

Membership is open for new members. Members are not required to have children in FFA.

The goal for the alumni is to include people who are interested in the growth and positive direction for local children.

The group provides dinner since the meeting is during dinner and family time. So with that in mind, families are invited to the meal that is followed by the meeting.

Fundraisers were the main topic of discussion. Most recent was the sale of smoked Boston butts. This is a big event for this time of year. The sale is ongoing and anyone interested can secure their purchase by contacting the alumni through their Facebook page. The butts will be smoked and ready for pick up from noon to 2 p.m. Dec. 22, the Friday before Christmas.

UF study helps discount fluoride as a danger for tea drinkers

BY BRAD BUCK
bradbuck@ufl.edu

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — If you drink tea, you can rest assured about your children's teeth or your adult bones, now that a University of Florida research team has found that most teas contain safe amounts of fluoride.

Drinking tea can benefit human health, but it contains fluoride, and too much fluoride can lead to teeth discoloration and malformation for children and bone problems for adults, said Lena Ma, a UF/IFAS professor of soil and water sciences. If you drink too much of it, scientists are concerned you might get sick from dental fluorosis in children or skeletal fluorosis in adults. The situation can be aggravated if water used for brewing tea contains high amounts of fluoride.

"Few people may be aware of the high fluoride content in some teas," said Ma, who led a new study that researched fluoride levels in traditional and herbal teas.

Ma and her research team brewed 47 types of teas in a lab. Based on a formula for the average daily intake of tea, they found the teas fell within

safe limits for both adults and children excluding a few examples, which are traditional teas from Asia, Ma said. Fluoride concentration in these teas borders on limits that could be dangerous, but only if consumed to excess, she said.

"Your chances for bone ailments increases if you ingest 6 milligrams of fluoride per day," Ma said. Her study showed the recommended highest daily fluoride consumption is 5.2 milligrams per day.

Ma cautions that people might still get too much fluoride by consuming water, other beverages and food, and her research did not consider fluoride from other sources. Those include drinking water and food, which would likely push the fluoride levels above the safe limit, she said.

Globally, people drink more tea than any other beverage, according to a 2014 report from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. That may be in part because tea is rich in caffeine, polyphenols and antioxidants, which all benefit human health, Ma's study says.

Ma's study is published in the journal Environmental Pollution.

Black Friday always results in Red Monday

I'm not sure who come up with this term "Black Friday" but I am definitely not for it. To me, Black Friday is rather devious and I know the only purpose is to get their teeth into my money, which is a sacred area to me.

When it comes to shopping, I certainly am not a fan. I really do not like shopping. I get nervous when I'm in the shopping mall, start sweating and have to leave and sit in my car for at least half an hour to regain composure.

I am not sure, but I suspect shopping is second nature to the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. She has it down to a science; she collects coupons and whatever else is associated with it all year long.

I am beginning to think I am an enabler. Is she a Shopaholic? Is this a disease?

Don't tell her I'm thinking about this, but I believe I am enabling her in this Shopaholic lifestyle.

One thing about being a Shopaholic is that it's not contagious. It is outrageous, but not contagious.

For me, black Friday always ends on red Monday.

On Friday, my checkbook is all in the black. Come Monday afternoon, it is all in the red.

The reason I do not like shopping, especially at the mall, is because of all of the people crowd-



Out to Pastor

James Snyder

ing the stores in the hallways. Although I don't like to shop, there are times when I must go shopping and when I go shopping, I like to ponder carefully what I'm shopping for.

Not only that, but when I am shopping I want to get the best price and maybe there is another store across town that has the same item for a lot cheaper price. After I buy an item, it always worries me that maybe I could have bought it cheaper at another place.

My thinking about shopping begins when I start shopping. The other side of our marital bliss does it completely different. She thinks about shopping weeks and sometimes months ahead of the purchase date.

I wish I could be that put together when it comes to shopping. My wife can shop for everybody at the same time and keep all the gifts in order.

I can never do that. I have to

think of one present and I cannot think of the next one until I purchased the first present. It takes me forever to do any kind of Christmas shopping. That is just the way my clock ticks.

Through the years, I have come to a wonderful solution to this problem. I have one present to buy at Christmas time and that is for my wife. All the other presents for all the other members of the family are negotiated quite successfully by my wife.

I sweat and ponder the proper gift to give. I'm not sure if I have ever given the proper gift, but she always opens it and smiles and says "Thank you." That's all I need.

I like what David said about giving. "Give unto the Lord, O ye mighty, give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (Psalm 29:1-2).

I may not be very good at giving presents, but I'm trying to become a better giver of thanks to God.

Dr. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, 1471 Pine Road, Ocala, FL 34472. He lives with his wife in Silver Springs Shores. Call him at 352-687-4240 or e-mail jamesnyder2@att.net. The church web site is www.whatafellowship.com.

Early winter memories



Outdoor Truths

Gary Miller

Some of my most memorable winter outdoor experiences come from the lake. As a young adult I spent more time fishing

than hunting. And as I have mentioned before, there was no boat, just hip boots. It was cold only if the fish were not biting. Those days were about persevering; persevering through the weather and through the lull of inactivity until the fish decided to feed. The gulls always gave away where the fish were hiding. If they began to fly above a certain area, you knew the minnows were being pushed to the top by feeding fish that were below them and that would be the best time and place to cast your bait. There were many days we caught more than our share and a few that we came home empty-handed. The days when the gulls never flew, only gave us hope for the next day if we could just persevere.

When I think of persevering I think of emotionless persistence. I think of someone who keeps going through all kinds of circumstances because he or she knows the preferred outcome is at the end of the way. He does not keep going because he feels like it or because the conditions are always favorable but because he knows that he is on the right path and the reward is worth his resolute effort. What he does not know however, is the time it may take for his perseverance to turn into his prize.

Some of you have been persevering for a long time. You have been chasing a goal or dream that you are sure is just around the corner. Right now however you are doubting that it will ever be realized. You are tired from the work and the wait. You perhaps look at your advancing age or even those times in the past that you have failed. All of these push back against your perseverance. What do you do? First of all, check the source of your dream. Make sure that it is lined up with God's purpose for your life. God is the designer of dreams. He has made you to be fulfilled in life but sometimes our dreams must be gently put back on His course. Secondly, check your motives. Why do you want to accomplish your goal? Is it for selfish reasons or purposes only? Is it for your own edification? The right motive is... so that others may see God through your accomplishments and so that you may be able to spread the good news of God. Lastly, realize that many times the greater the purpose the longer the preparation.

Friend, when your dreams are aligned with God's purpose and your motive is to give God the glory, He will not only give you the strength to keep going, but also His peace that will carry you through even the most difficult times.

Lighthouse Word Church presents "The Rented Christmas"

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Date and time: December 10th at Lighthouse Word Church - Doors open at 5:30 pm, show begins at 6:00 pm.

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Old Town Methodist Christmas Craft, Quilt Show

Old Town United Methodist Church Christmas Craft Fair and Quilt Show at 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9 at 25633 SE Highway 19, Old Town. Vendors wel-

come. Quilting Supplies and Fabrics will be available. Please contact Fran Roberts for more information at 352-542-2166.

Log Cabin Quilters

Log Cabin Quilters are thankful for many things

The Log Cabin Quilters did not meet Thanksgiving Day, Nov 23. We enjoyed being with our family and friends on that day. Thanksgiving Day is a day to remember just how lucky we are.

One thing we at the Museum that we are really thankful for is the Marlene from Butler, Pennsylvania spent four days of her vacation at the Museum working on the quilt in the frame. Thanks to her, we have one more turn on the frame to do, which means she finished the last half of the quilt for us. Thursday, the ladies will decide how to finish the outside sashing. Thanks Marlene.

Derick and the guys from Lancaster were out. We're also very thankful for all their help. Returning visitors compliment us on how much we've improved the displays the guys made for us.

Evelyn brought out several boxes and bags of fabric. Thanks for thinking of us. We always enjoy looking at things are donated to us. Donations help keep us open.

The Backyard Pickers will be out Saturday. Come out and enjoy their music. We also have lots of handmade items for sale.



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All about electricity



Science Enrichment students learned all about electricity with Ryan Watson, of Central Florida Electric this week. Pictured here are Mr. Watson & 5th graders; some wearing the safety gloves of a lineman.

STARS Gala plans are under way

Plans are underway for The Levy County Schools Foundation STARS Gala event planned for Saturday, February 17, 2018 at Bronson Middle/High School.

The semiformal evening will begin with hors d'oeuvres and mingling at 5:00 pm followed by dinner and program at 6:00 pm. The event will benefit the non-profit Foundation with funds to support its scholarship and grant programs for Levy County Schools and students.

The event chairperson, Stacy Swain, along with many volunteers from the Foundation Board will be working to finalize all the plans for the "Garden Party" theme décor. The evening will feature dinner, entertainment, a silent auction, live auction and door prizes. The program will feature the Honorable Joe

Smith as guest speaker; a tribute to Mr. H.C. Henderson as a founding member of the Foundation; announcement of the Foundations Alumnus of the Year and recognition of Levy County Schools Teacher of the Year, Educational Staff Professional of the Year and Volunteer of the Year.

Foundation Director Donna Turner, said this year's theme for the evening will be "Plant Seeds of Knowledge That Grow Forever."

Tickets for the event are \$50.00 per person. Sponsorship opportunities will be available at \$250, \$500, \$1,000 and \$2,000 levels. For sponsorship or ticket information please contact Donna Turner at lcsf@levyk12.org or call 352-493-6056 (Monday thru Wednesday).

Birth Announcements



Lydia Jo McCurdy

We joyfully announce the arrival of Lydia Jo McCurdy! Born on November 8, 2017 at 10:20 p.m.

Weight: 8lbs. 8oz.

Length: 22in

Mom & Dad: Kaley & David McCurdy

Older Brother: Kaden McCurdy

Grandparents: Debbie Andrews, Kelby Andrews, Kathy Gilliam, Brent Zullo

Mandy Willis speaks at Chiefland Rotary Club

By Rebecca Gallagher
Citizen Correspondent

Mandy Willis, a paramedic and Public Relations Coordinator with Levy County Public Safety Department, spoke to the Chiefland Rotary Club Nov. 15 about a program that allows students to graduate from high school as an Emergency Medical Technician.

Willis said she was glad to be involved with presenting the dual enrollment program to students because she graduated in the first class was glad to have had that opportunity. She graduated from high school as an EMS and went to paramedic school at age 19.

Willis said she came from poverty and she lets students know that graduation from high school is not the end of the road.

The school pays for the classes, the uniforms, necessary books and supplies. The student is responsible for transportation to and from classes. The class is held Monday through Thursday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Willis said, "Eleven students were enrolled last year and LCPDSD hired four."

Two schools in Levy County offer health occupation classes and the Levy County Public Safety Department offers

CPR at those schools, with Willis usually being the instructor. The new CPR is hands only and can be taught to first and second graders.

"The younger kids may not be strong enough to push hard enough, but they can tell adults how to do it and they can call 911," she said.

Willis informed the group that text 911 was here, so it is possible to text a photo to give the team has a better idea of what to expect upon arrival.

Levy County PSD maintains EMS stations in Bronson, Chiefland, Williston, Fanning Springs, Inglis and Fowlers Bluff. Some are staffed by volunteers.

Because of the unique situation in this area, Levy County EMS carries specialized equipment not common on some emergency vehicles. The transport in this area to a hospital is farther. One piece of equipment LCPDSD carries is a Lucas device, which displays the heartbeat and does chest compressions.

Willis pointed out, "Even the most macho man can perform effective compressions for a few minutes."

Other equipment on some LCPDSD trucks includes ventilators, syringe pumps and a heart monitor that transmits the rhythm to the hospital, which decreases the time to treatment upon



Citizen photo, Rebecca Gallagher

Levy County Public Safety Department Public Relations Coordinator Mandy Willis with Chiefland Rotary Club President William Langston Nov. 15.

arrival at the hospital. Not all trucks are equipped with this extra equipment; therefore, this equipment is allocated on vehicles farthest from hospitals. LCPDSD has applied for grants to add equipment to more trucks.

The Chiefland stations receive the most calls, around 280 calls a month. In addition to emergency calls, LCPDSD

takes calls for lift assist, standby for law enforcement when guns might be involved, standby at structure and brush fires because once a firefighter uses two bottles of air, a vital sign check is required.

Willis also mentioned that an air medical service has been approved to begin operating in Levy County.

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Stepping back in time at Clay Landing Days

By Deborah Goad
Citizen Correspondent

Picture-perfect Florida weather greeted visitors at Manatee Springs State Park Friday and Saturday at the annual Clay Landing Days living history celebration of the past.

Clay Landing Days is an annual two-day event featuring Seminole campsites and Native American reenactors. Traveling in a covered wagon to the living history campsites, park rangers enlightened visitors with tutorials

featuring Florida native plants and trees along the way. The campsite is on a 2.2-mile loop and many hikers chose to take advantage of the superior hiking weather.

The area gained its name from clay deposits in the area. The clay was used for chinking (the packing that was used in between logs in log cabins). Farmers mixed the clay into the soil to help it retain water for crops.

Manatee Springs State Park has extensive camping areas both with and without power, sewage hookups and a dump station nearby.

Tent sites, picnic tables, grills, restrooms with showers and campsites that are handicap accessible. Admission to the park is \$6 per car and \$2 per person for those entering by boat from the Suwannee River.

Manatee Springs is located 6 miles west of Chiefland at the end of SR 320, off U.S. Highway 19. For more information about the park, call 352-493-6072 or visit floridastateparks.org/manateesprings. To reserve a campsite, visit reserveamerica.com.



The DeBerry family has volunteered for reenactments for years at Clay Landing Days in Manatee Springs State Park. Jeremy, left, met his wife, Emily, at a reenactment several years ago in Georgia. Jeremy's parents, Bettie and Earl DeBerry, spend their weekends sharing their knowledge of the Native American culture. Photos by Deborah Goad.



Visitors to Manatee Springs Park Saturday during Clay Landing Days enjoyed canoeing down the "run" from the Suwannee River to Manatee Springs. Manatees fleeing the colder water lazed about in the warmer temperatures of the spring water and were easily seen.



Mike Schilling from Hobe Sound and his brother-in-law David Knox, from Tavares have been bringing their families to spend the Thanksgiving holiday at Manatee Springs for 29 years. They met Harvard Burney, center, 10 years ago at the campsite. The friends share primitive techniques and ways of the past and reunite every year at Clay Landing Days at Manatee Springs State Park.

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Haven Continues to Serve the Tri-Counties

Haven Corporate Advisory Board Chairperson D. Ray Harrison addresses questions on the recent, temporary closure of the Haven Tri-Counties Hospice Care Center.



Will Haven continue to serve the Tri-Counties?

Haven will continue to serve patients and families of the Tri-Counties. Approximately 95 percent of the patients that Haven cares for receives hospice care in their homes, nursing homes and assisted living facilities. The hospice field team will continue to serve these patients in their homes and ensure they receive the quality hospice care that Haven is known for. If a patient needs care center placement, they will be able to access this level of care at either our Gainesville or Lake City care centers.

Were Haven employees assigned to the care center offered other positions inside of Haven?

One hundred percent of the employees assigned to the care center were offered equivalent positions with no salary reductions within Haven. Unfortunately, not all staff accepted the positions and some chose a severance package.

Will the Haven Community Center and Office in Chiefland remain open?

The hospice field team will continue to operate from the Haven administrative office located next to Care Center in Chiefland. As one of Haven's commitments to the Tri-County area, the community building remains open for use by the community and its many civic organizations.

Will the care center in Chiefland re-open?

Haven will continue to evaluate the care center patient need on a monthly basis and re-open when they have sufficient patient volume to cover the operating costs of the care center.

Is Haven expanding services in the Tri-Counties?

In an effort to support more residents of the Tri-County community, Haven recently expanded their services to include Advance Care Planning and Palliative Care.

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"Warriors" debuts at the Cedar Keyhole Gallery

Saturday November 18 the art show "Warriors" opened at the Cedar Keyhole Gallery in Cedar Key. The gallery exhibit, featuring works from veterans will run through December 31st.



(Above) Staff Sgt. John Katerburg (US Army Retired) proudly stands with one of his art pieces on display at the Cedar Keyhole Artist and Co-op Gallery in Cedar Key. John mainly works with oil on canvas and is a volunteer art teacher at the Veterans Art Center Tampa Bay.



(Right) Major John McKittrick (US Army Retired) and Operations Director of the Veterans Art Center Tampa Bay was available Saturday evening at the Gallery opening of "Warriors" to answer questions in regards to the Veterans Art Center, and also as the artist himself, with several pieces of his tremendous artwork.

Golf Cart Parade

The 10th annual Christmas Golf Cart Parade will be Dec. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Turner Point Boat Ramp in Old Town. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there with bags of candy for all the boys and girls. We invite everyone to decorate their golf carts and join the fun. For more information, please call Tanya at 352-210-1714



Lions Club expands vision services

Cedar Key Lions Club today announced an expanded coverage area for Lions Club Vision Services. Residents of Levy, Gilchrist and Dixie counties are now eligible to receive free vision services from the Lions.

for the Cedar Key Lions Club to provide eye exams, eyeglasses, glaucoma treatment and cataract surgery to individuals demonstrating financial need in Levy, Gilchrist and Dixie counties. This expanded service area triples our ability help those in need. Our club proudly upholds the Lions motto: We Serve."

Club President Dale Register remarked, "Ninety years ago, Helen Keller challenged the Lions Club to take up the cause of the blind. Lions in Cedar Key have answered that challenge since 1968. As we approach our Club's 50th Anniversary, I'm honored to announce an expanded service area. It's a privilege

Cedar Key Lions have streamlined the application process to deliver benefits faster. Find the the Lions Vision Service Program application online at www.cedar-keylionsclub.com

Pet of the Week

Black mouth cur "Dan" is our Pet of the Week for Nov. 30. Dan is a medium-sized healthy male, tan and white in color. He is approximately 1 year old and was brought to the shelter Nov. 7. This perfect adoptable dog is gentle, playful and absolutely shines in his personality. He wants and deserves a loving home and a family to love for the rest of his life. He comes with all the good qualities a companion pet should have and hopes to go home to share his first Christmas holiday with the special family just meant for him.



Animal Services is located at 12055 NE 69th Ln, Bronson. For information, please call (352) 486-5138. Adoption Hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Adoption fee for a male dog male, \$40; female dog, \$55; male cat, \$25; female cat, \$40. Fees are

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Opinion

Beware of public programs

We would like to make the public aware of programs like SHIP and CDBG that offer assistance to home owners that need repairs done to their homes, and end up taking a turn for the worse.

For going on five years now, after applying to the SHIP program, qualify for assistance, five attempts later with engineers involved our septic system is now worse than it ever was before they stepped on our property.

Not only SHIP but also CDBG was involved in our home repairs. Things took place in our home that you could not even imagine. We, the homeowners, have been labeled demanding, not satisfied when indeed it was all shady work that was being done and all Levy County wanted to do is keep it quiet. So much wasted taxpayer's money, all because they would not listen to us, the homeowners.

Levy County has literally left us here again for the fifth time with a failed septic system. Everyone is aware and knows the system has failed again, but just walked away. They said program ended, the grant ended. Meanwhile our septic is running not only into the street, but in our neighbors' yards, including the river where the county states they had permission to run a pipe into the river.

All Levy County will state is that the program has ended and we have to fix it ourselves. They know we do not have the funds to fix it, if we did we would have never applied to this program, but they just left us like this. How can a government, state program that is designed to help individuals like ourselves with repairs just walk away because they have not a clue how to address the issue? How can they allow people to come into your home through their program and destroy it and not care enough to listen to the homeowners when they are trying to report what is going on? How can this program still exist, get more funding and continue on doing this to other homes? Are they not responsible to fix their errors? How can they make a homeowner's home worse than it was before they entered their property?

There is so much wrong that went on in our home and the one issue that we applied to the program for was our septic and that is the one thing they never fixed correctly. They have made it far worse than it ever was.

Our whole front yard is full of holes this failed septic has created. We have contacted all involved more than once regarding this issue and none of them could care less. None of them will contact us back. The last thing we want is to see someone fall and get hurt. We have a disabled child and we have had to deal with this on going issue going on five years. If we had the money to address this issue we would of never applied to a program for help, we did nothing wrong but asked for help.

We have located a company that says they can address this issue and fix it correctly but again this program says the grant is closed, no more funds, but they still advertise for homeowners to apply and go on helping other families but leave us to sit here again with a stinking mess.

How may we ask you can a government program be allowed to do this to someone's home and when they cannot fix it just simply walk away and leave it far worse than it was?

— Deborah and Roberto Tarafa
Dunnellon

In response to the letter, Levy County Planning Department Director Shenley Neely could only say that there are inaccuracies in the letter and that county staff, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Florida Department of Equal Opportunity are working to resolve the situation.

Insurance paid, but only a little

A tree fell on my house during Hurricane Irma. My roof, front porch, steps, front door, ceiling and wall are all busted.

My insurance that I've been paying for years sent me a check for \$1,800. A real slap in the face. I would have come out better if I had saved that money. I would at least have the money now to fix everything.

— Karen Hibbard
Gulf Hammock

"Christmas can't be bought from a store ... Maybe Christmas means a little bit more."

— Dr. Seuss

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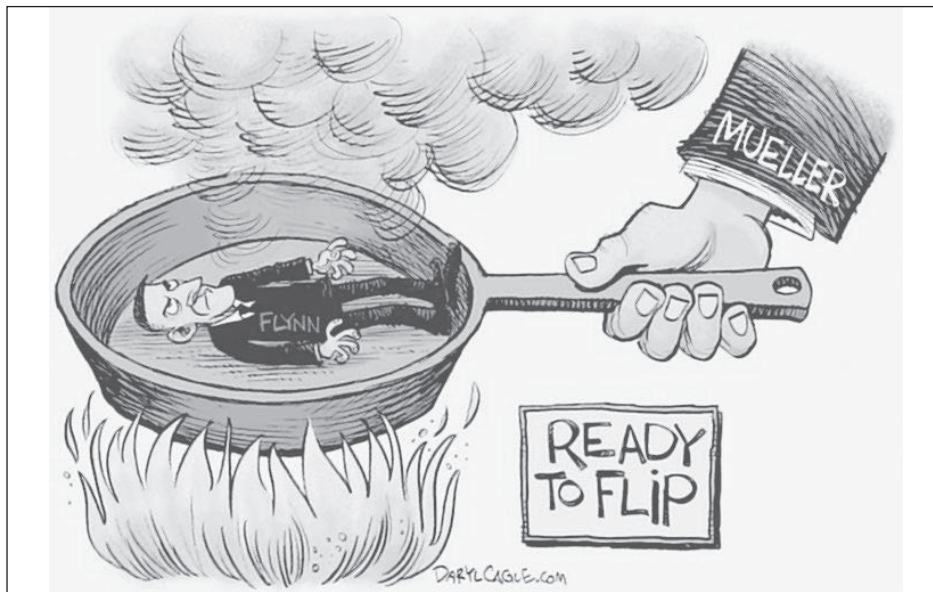
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One team, under God, indivisible ...

It's Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, and I'm having a terrible dilemma because I'm trying to write this column and watch college basketball and football.

I don't think I can be classified as a fan of any sport or athlete, if "fan" is a contraction of fanatic. There are plenty of things I like and of course, there are some things I like better than others and much to my wife's chagrin, I like college basketball. I'm in my room in one corner of the house and I think she's in another part. I know I've seen her today, I'd better check to see if her car is still here.

I graduated from high school feeling bad about myself. My school wasn't big enough to have a football team. In fact, it wasn't big enough to have much of anything besides reading, writing and math. It didn't offer band or any other extracurricular activities other than vocational agriculture for boys and home economics for girls. At one point, the school was on the verge of closing until the board of education hired a janitor who had a whole herd of kids.

My school did try to have a baseball team one year. I don't ever remember playing another team. In fact, the most vivid memory of playing baseball is when the jet trainer from a nearby Air Force base crashed in the cemetery. If you have to crash and burn, a cemetery is a good place to do it. One of the pilots bailed out and landed in deep centerfield.

Two things my school did have though were small classes and good teachers (for the most part) and when I joined the Navy, I discovered that I could read while boys from the large American cities could not. Not all the teachers were good and long before



Mountains from Molehills
Editor
David Davis

Mary Kay Letourneau married her student, the home economics teacher in my hometown ran off with one of the seniors when I was in the eighth grade. They rehired her when I was a junior. That time she ran off with the principal. I didn't miss the principal or the teacher, but I was in puppy love with the principal's daughter. I guess it's a good thing it was only a crush because I never saw her again.

It's OK for others to be fanatics if they want, but I don't like it when followers of teams refer to themselves as "nations." There are already too many divisions in the United States: regional dialects, geographical, sex, sexual preference, race, creed, color, religion, politics, economics, rural, urban and metropolitan.

It's now Sunday morning and after reading what I wrote on Friday, I decided to delete the ending of my column and rewrite it because I encouraged everyone to jump on a particular sports team's bandwagon using the argument that if everyone rooted for the same team [my team] then all of us could truly be "one team under God, indivisible, ..."

However, after looking over it again this morning, it reminded me a bit of Howard Dean's scream after he finished third in Iowa during the 2004 Democratic primaries.
EEEEEEEEEEEE-yah!!!

Harry Caray, Brad Pitt, undervalued investments

"Hello again, everybody. It's a bee-you-tee-ful day for baseball!"

— Beloved Chicago Cubs broadcaster Harry Caray

A few weeks ago I attended an investment conference in my hometown of Chicago. Two of the featured speakers were bestselling author Michael Lewis and Chicago Cubs President of Baseball Operations Theo Epstein. That both were speakers at the same conference is ironic.

Lewis's Moneyball tells the story of how the Oakland A's competed with deep-pocketed, "big market" teams by relying more heavily on data than the naked eye to evaluate players. And, most importantly, buying the contracts of those players for less than their true worth.

While I have not read Moneyball, I did enjoy the movie starring Brad Pitt and Jonah Hill. At the end of the movie, A's General Manager Billy Beane (played by Pitt) declines an offer to take over the Boston Red Sox as the highest paid G.M. ever in baseball.

Instead, the Sox hired a relatively unknown 28-year-old wunderkind named Theo Epstein. Epstein, employing many of Oakland's and Beane's tactics, helped the Red Sox win the World Series and break the "Curse of the Bambino." More recent-

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ly, he built the Chicago Cubs team that won the World Series a year ago and ended another curse and title drought. (Go Cubs!)

While Lewis and Epstein drew many parallels between baseball and investing, one in particular struck a chord: the best investments are often ones most people overlook. Lewis said he decided to write Moneyball after he walked through the A's locker room and saw guys that "just didn't look like baseball players."

They weren't Greek gods, but they knew how to get on base and score runs, which Billy Beane had learned was the single most important factor in winning games.

Investments, like baseball players, get overlooked for all kinds of reasons, and as a result, some may be vastly undervalued. Folks may similarly undervalue a company or in baseball, a catcher whom they view as over the hill, even if he's still incredibly productive.

On the flip side, an exciting startup might

have all the promise of a young budding prospect, but may never figure out how to get the job done and would therefore be overvalued.

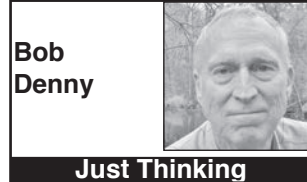
In short, the investing parallel is to sell the glamour players and buy the ugly ducklings who know how to win.

Companies that produce boring products rather than exciting ones tend to be systematically undervalued. Similarly, companies that have smaller shareholder bases are often less highly valued than companies with millions of shareholders.

A company that was spun off from a parent or a business coming out of a restructuring might appear to be riskier than they really are. And therefore be undervalued by the market.

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Bob Denny

Just Thinking

What went wrong?

Uh-Oh! What went wrong here? Don't we all totally mess up, sometimes? To err is human. Now and then I'll be made aware of how I really screwed up! When you blow it, that can put a wrinkle in the fabric of your life. And unfortunately, life is not "permanent press," or "wrinkle free." You could wear the wrinkled outfit around for the rest of your life, if you don't do something to fix it.

As a teen, or when I was a young man, I made at least my share of mistakes and bad choices. I've been able to learn some valuable lessons from the situations life presented me with. I won't share the details with you, because this story isn't about me. I've learned from shocked and disappointed looks on parents' faces, punishments I've earned, and lots of life's real and natural consequences, like lost relationships, and lost opportunities. Yes, I've made my share of mistakes in my life. But I've been able to learn some important lessons from life, and I'd like to share them with you.

The good that comes from bad situations, or mistakes, is that we're usually given second chances. And we can learn from the natural consequences the world and its set of natural laws provide. "If it doesn't kill you, it'll make you stronger."

Don't leave a mistake, or a problem, without knowing what went wrong, and trying to learn how you can do whatever you can to make it right again. Mistakes, like all life's problems, usually don't go away by themselves. Like a physical injury, they can become inflamed, infected, and even can become long-lasting scars. They can really take away that good happy life that we all deserve. One of the really good benefits we get so many times in life: second chances. See them for what they are, and try to use them.

It's not what happens to you in life, but what you choose to do about it. Face situations honestly. What can you do to fix it, make it better, or to change yourself? Decide that you can be better than whatever bad stuff happened.

Before you jump into a situation, take a moment to ask yourself, "What would Jesus do?" Or, what would your own hero do?

Choose to do the right thing. It will help you stay out of trouble, your moral sense and your character will get better, and you'll find that you win the trust of others. You'll like yourself better; and when you feel good about yourself, your relationships will get better. Be the best you can be!

I share these ideas with a prison re-entry-into-society program, and inmates really seem to understand and appreciate them. It could help with some of the worst problems we see in our world today.

Life is long. It's never too late to fix it. And if you still make mistakes, and I'm pretty sure you will, fix it. Face the problem, reach out to anyone you may have hurt or offended, apologize,

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Delay

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be handled like any other agricultural interest, which means following the future land-use zoning map, and weighing special exceptions where applicable.

However, a ban on dispensaries by counties is permitted by a state law passed this year, Brown said. If dispensaries are allowed, they can't be treated differently than any pharmacy. They're required by the state to be at least 500 feet from a school.

"If anybody's challenged on the banning of dispensaries, the challenge is going to be to the state law," Brown said, adding that Levy County could be independently liable if it tried such a move on marijuana nurseries.

Brooks said he's still concerned the county could face legal troubles for a ban on dispensaries without a more definitive guarantee.

State regulations currently require any company that grows medical marijuana to also process and sale their crops; it also requires a dispensary business to grow and process its own products. That strict requirement of vertical integration significantly

limits entry into the industry. Medical marijuana, which passed on a state amendment in 2016, is required to be in non-smokable form.

The Commission and Sheriff Bobby McCallum predicted the recreational use of marijuana will soon be legalized, as they painted the newest push for medical marijuana as a misleading venture to eventually arrive at full legalization, further straining law enforcement resources.

"Two years from now, I bet you my heart to a bucket of water, it'll be recreational marijuana," Commissioner Mike Joyner said. Later, Joyner, while making clear his opposition to marijuana, recommended the county follow state law as close as possible.

"I don't think it matters where you put them, they're going to be a problem," McCallum said. "I don't think there's anything you can do about it as far as the growing and cultivation, but as far as the dispensing, I hope (the Board) bans them in the unincorporated part of the county."

Joyner and John and Rock Meeks bemoaned the added stress on law enforcement that they see coming with

the proliferation of medical marijuana in the county, particularly near any potential dispensaries or grow houses. They cited the cash-only requirement for purchasing medical marijuana as an invitation for more crime.

"It's forcing us into a position where we have to take a stance and do this, knowing full well that it's going to make his (McCallum's) job harder," Rock Meeks said. Meeks added that he doesn't wish to restrict access for medical marijuana patients suffering from diseases, but said he's worried about the effect on crime that grow houses and dispensaries could

have.

John Meeks said he doesn't envision Levy County getting any dispensaries or nurseries in the foreseeable future, citing its rural location. There are also geographic restrictions based on the number of dispensaries already open and the number of patient referrals. Two dispensary facilities have opened in Alachua County.

Any company seeking a license to grow and cultivate marijuana must also already be an established nursery in Florida, and they're required to grow indoors.

"People can have this stuff delivered, it's not like we're preventing

access for the public that may need it or want it," Chairman Meeks said. "(The amendment) passed in Levy County, so whatever the reason was, there's an appetite for it. I think people voted on a bunch of misinformation. I think they voted to help people, but at the end of the day it's people who misuse and abuse are going to reap the reward."

Meeks also noted that the county will see very little revenue from any potential business other than from some tangible taxes (business property taxes). The growing and cultivation of marijuana is treated like an agricultural

product, making it tax exempt, while its sale is comparable to pharmaceuticals, which are also tax exempt.

DOD Identifies Army Casualty

Cpl. Todd L. McGurn, of Riverside, California, died Nov. 25, 2017, in Baghdad, Iraq as a result of a non-combat related incident.

He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss, Texas.

The incident is under investigation.

Quals

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the Nov. 21 meeting on filling the position, noting McQueen's suggestion to change the job description in order to emphasize qualifications that she says better represent the majority of the position's duties, namely, marketing, advertising and public relations. The previous description - with budgetary experience in mind - was more weighted toward business management skills and experience.

McQueen told the Board she was concerned after none of the candidates reported having marketing skills, and each had limited budget experience and little or no public relations and supervisory experience, she said.

The tentatively proposed new job description will request candidates have a degree in marketing or advertising or in a related field. "Ninety percent of what I do is marketing or advertising," said McQueen, who is retiring at the end of the year after overseeing the county's tourism and marketing operations for the past 12 years.

McQueen offered to stay on in some capacity beyond the end of the year if a new director isn't hired in time, but she can't be directly hired by the county due to finance and insurance rules.

"I will tell you that doing that (re-advertising) is probably going to put the (hiring) past the January (deadline),"

Dean warned the Board.

The commissioners say they're concerned about leaving the job potentially vacant for a time, but the prospect of hiring an under-qualified - or mis-qualified - candidate is a greater risk, they say.

"Working with Ms. Carol (McQueen)," BOCC chair John Meeks said, "with our - and I'm going to call it our fledgling - tourist economy in Levy County, you'd be shocked at how much money this generates, how important this job really is. We're at a very critical point, if we don't get this right now, it could set us back."

"Ms. Carol has done a really good job, and I'd hate to see us hire somebody out of desperation and make a bad decision. There are some good applicants, but it would not hurt my feelings to see us advertise again and pick up some more people that have tourism experience."

While supporting the new advertisement, Meeks and fellow commissioner Mike Joyner questioned whether the Board could find anyone as good for the job as McQueen.

"I don't think we're going to find another Ms. Carol," Joyner said. "But I have enough trust in Mr. Dean."

McQueen said she's confident their are high-quality candidates willing to work in Levy County.

"What we get is what

we get and we'll just have to make do with it," John Meeks said.

Commissioner Rock Meeks lamented over the county's misjudgment in the initial job description, but he and John Meeks agreed it's not necessarily an error that could have been foreseen before the first batch of applications arrived.

"I really think there was a step missed that we should have got right the first time," Rock Meeks said. "We need the very best one we can get. I can see the reason for the re-advertising."

"In defense of this Board," John Meeks replied, "which approved of this posting, and everyone who was involved, sometimes you don't know what you're going to get until you put it out there."

Another factor potentially impeding county's efforts is that both Alachua and Citrus County are hiring for the same position in their respective counties, with pay scales ranging from 60 to 100 percent higher than that offered in Levy. Those counties' tourism departments are much larger staffed. Levy County has had just one part-time assistant, along with the director, and that assistant position is currently vacant.

"I feel like part of the problem is, where the salary range is, I don't feel like you're going to have a lot of people relocate," Dean said. "I

might be wrong."

The Levy County tourism director job pays from \$35,000 to \$52,000 in annual salary.

"We can only afford so much," John Meeks said. "I'm very proud of the money that gets generated, the job that's been done marketing Levy County and what we have to offer. We're blessed in the fact that we have Cedar Key, but we're also blessed in the fact that we've done a good job marketing Cedar Key, and the Suwanee River and the Nature Coast, and Inglis and Yankeetown, and the kayaking and ecotourism."

"If you'd have told me five years ago that we'd generate \$200,000 in bed taxes," Meeks added, "I'd say you were cuckoo crazy."

McQueen said Levy County tourism is especially strong with RVs, with 2,200 RV capacity slots in the county.

"I know it'll put you close to not being able to put someone in prior to my leaving," said McQueen, who put in her notice on Sept. 15. "I think it's better to re-post it and find some more places to post where people in marketing would have a chance to apply."

"I agree with re-advertising with the emphasis on marketing and public relations and getting the right candidate," Brooks said before offering the motion. "I think it's extremely important."

Cats

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Under the new program, community cats that are trapped and brought in on a designated day of the month would be spayed or neutered, given a rabies shot, and ear-tipped to indicate they've been spayed or neutered, in order to save resources in case they're brought in again. Only cats with a caregiver would be treated. "Nuisance cats" would not be eligible, Esler said.

Bower's group is supplying the traps, technicians and advertising for the program through grant funding. Animal Services will help teach program users how to use the traps, and Esler said another group will also help with trapping and transport. After receiving the procedure, the cats will be returned to their caregivers. The program, expected to begin early next year, will include some record keeping on the cats in order to determine locations of potential feral cat "colonies."

"We thought about micro-chipping them, but that would add a significant amount of costs," Esler said. "We do want to get an idea of where the colonies

are. The majority of people are going to be bringing in a number of cats. We'll need some record keeping of where the cats came from so they can be returned."

Esler says feeding community cats can lead to explosions in cat population in areas. This program, which will run once a month, is designed to target those cats.

"With people feeding them, they can have up to four litters in a year. In a matter of a year or two, what started out as one little cat you're feeding becomes 50 or 60 cats on your property," Esler said.

Esler says she'd like to see the trial run for six months. "We're not going to see a decrease in our euthanasias in six months," she said, "but I want to make sure people are going to actually show up and participate in the program."

Commissioner Mike Joyner offered the motion approving the program, and Matt Brooks seconded it.

"I want to tell you how much we appreciate you coming on board with us," Joyner told Esler.

Resort

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resort. Strawberry Fields RV Park developer Hal Lyons said the two developments do not target the same markets. There would be some overlap, but not much, he said.

While speaking on behalf of Southern Leisure RV Resort, Booth requested three variances to local zoning regulations covering Recreational Vehicle Parks. The changes would remove the 180-day maximum continuous stay, sidewalks and modify placement

of sanitary facilities for what the developers described as a five-star resort.

Booth said, "This type of park has extensive recreational facilities plus the infrastructure needed to serve modern recreational vehicles. Many, if not most, of the units that will occupy the park will be valued in excess of \$100,000. In fact, many will be valued at a much higher value. The residences will be an asset to the community, since many of the services they use will

be furnished by local businesses."

He said that since the park is designed to serve the retirement community, ages 55-plus, many of the local facilities, such as schools, will not be impacted, though taxes generated will be of value to the entire community.

Because of the extended time of the occupancy of the spaces in this facility a number of the residents will desire to have what is known as park models for their permanent

residence. This requires the elimination of the 180-day limit for both the park models and the recreational vehicles.

The ordinance currently requires that streets cannot be used as pedestrian walkways. Booth said residents in this type of park commonly use golf carts or bicycles for transportation. Further, the traffic is very sparse and the roads are wide enough so that walking will not interfere with the traffic and sidewalks are not needed.

Denny

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and do what it takes to make it right. It will help you build that happier life you deserve. You're worth it!

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Chiefland students raise money for trip to New York

The Chiefland Middle High School Advanced Placement Art History and Drama group is sponsoring a huge yard sale Saturday and present "Biggity and the Three Little Pigs" the following Thursday and Friday.

The yard sale is 7:30 a.m. through 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, in front of the high school. The items offered include household goods, electronics, video games, video game consoles, clothes, tools, furniture, baby clothes and accessories, Christmas items, toys, sports equipment, fishing equipment, movies, books and more. There will be something for everyone. The students will also sell homemade snacks and drinks.

In addition to the yard sale, student actors will perform a middle school production titled "Biggity Bad and the Three Little Pigs."

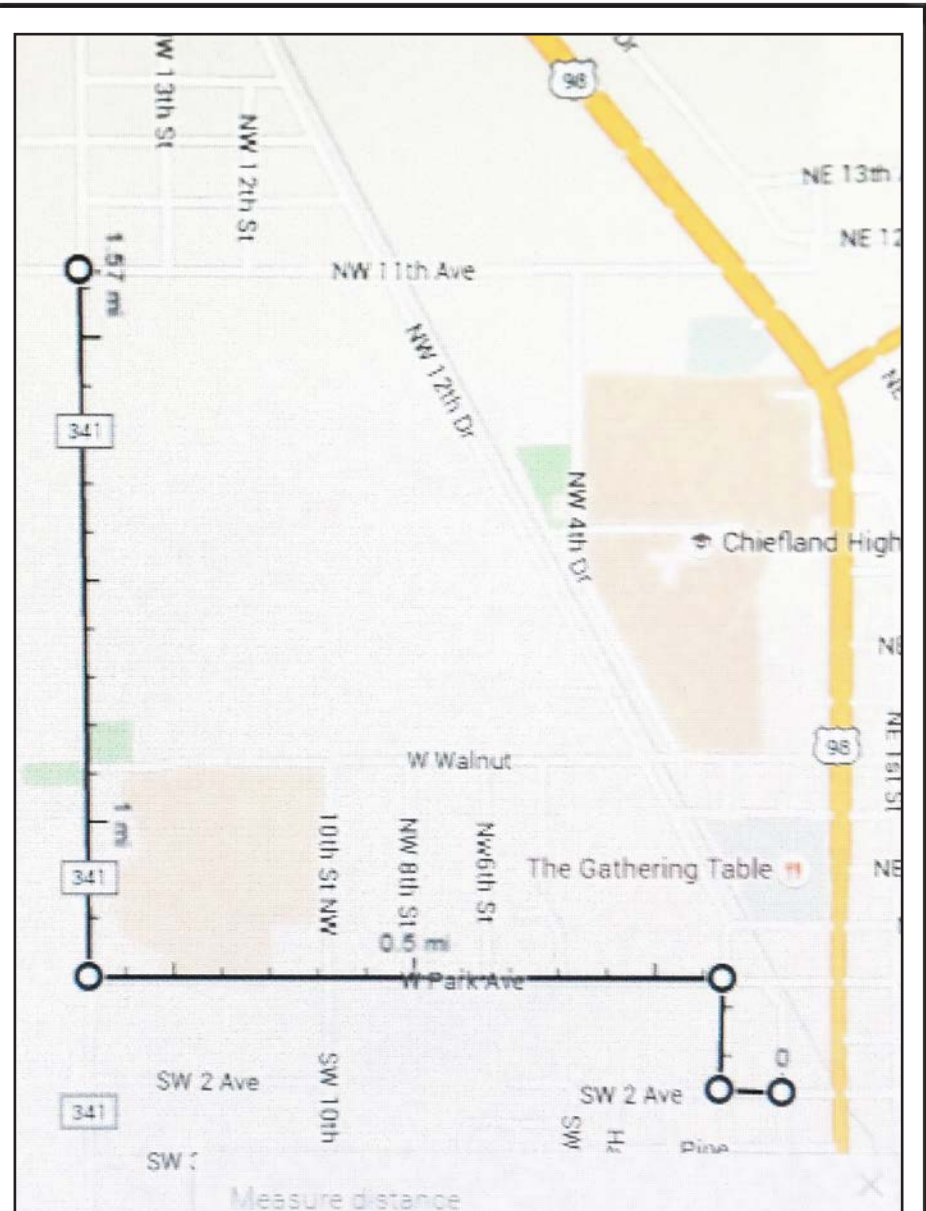
The play by Edith Weiss puts a creative and humorous twist on the famous children's classic and adds some Shakespearean flair in the form of an English

pig named Hamlet. This family friendly comedy will run for two nights only: Thursday, Dec. 7, and Friday, Dec. 8, in the Chiefland Middle High School Auditorium. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the play begins at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5.

CMHS Drama teacher and sponsor Andy Kidd and four high school student directors are directing the play. The student-directors were chosen from a field of students who submitted applications, which included an essay outlining their qualifications and interests. They have been present at all rehearsals and have been integral in the development of the production.

These student directors are sophomores Jessey Manalastas, Ashton Weatherford, Ryan Tedin, and senior student director Kayla Coffey.

All actors are sixth- through eighth-grade students. Hope to see you Saturday at the yard sale and next Thursday and Friday for the middle school drama production.



Rudolph 5K Fun Run Saturday, Dec. 9 Road Closures

The list of road closures for the Rudolph Run 5K are:
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 East side of NW 4th Ave (W. Walnut St)
 South side of 14th St and 11th Ave
 Staging for the Rudolph 5K Run will begin at 8 a.m. Barricades will go up between 8:30 and 8:45 a.m. The Run will be finished by 10 a.m. and the barricades will come down after the last runners pass.

Regions jobless rate holds at 4.2 percent

OCALA – The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion region remained unchanged in October at 4.2 percent, but was 1.8 percentage points lower than the region's rate of 6.0 percent a year ago.

According to today's release of the preliminary jobs report by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, the region's labor force shrank over the month by 3,650 to 198,857, and was virtually unchanged compared to October 2016.

A year ago, the size of the labor force was driven by greater numbers of unemployed and fewer workers. But the region posted strong gains over the year – largely fueled by growth in Ocala and Marion County – in the number of employed, which is 3,726 at 190,537, along with a drop by 3,691 to 8,320 in the number of those out of work.

"There is something to chew on in this report this Thanksgiving," said Kathleen Woodring, CareerSource CLM's executive vice president.

Woodring noted that the Ocala metropolitan statistical area did serve up "an extra helping" of nonfarm job growth over the year. Nonagricultural employment in October was 104,000, up 2,100 or 2.1 percent compared to October 2016.

Levy County continued to hold the lowest unemployment rate at 3.6 percent, 0.1 percentage point lower than

the previous month; followed by Marion County at 4.0 percent, also down 0.1 percent. Citrus County's rate held at 4.9 percent.

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Florida was 3.6 percent, down 0.1 percent; and the national rate was 3.9 percent, down 0.2 percentage points.

DEO's preliminary data for the area's three counties shows that in October, Citrus County's labor force contracted by 1,106 over the month to 46,822, the number of employed decreased by 1,038 to 44,543 and the number of those without jobs fell by 68 to 2,279. That is 925 fewer unemployed compared to October 2016 when the jobless rate was 6.7 percent.

Levy County's labor force shrank by 208 to 16,915, the number of employed dropped by 184 to 16,310 and the number of unemployed dropped by 24 to 605.

That's 275 fewer unemployed than a year ago when the jobless rate was 5.2 percent.

Marion County saw its labor force shrink by 2,226 to 135,120, the number of employed decreased by 2,161 to 129,684 and the number of jobless fell by 175 to 5,436. Compared to October 2016 when the jobless rate was 5.9 percent, the labor force has grown by 1,099, the number of employed increased by 3,590 and the number of unemployed dropped by 2,491.

Among the counties, Citrus County continued its

hold on the fourth highest unemployment rate; Marion County was 13th highest, tied with Dixie, Holmes, Polk and DeSoto counties; and Levy County tied with seven other counties for the 26th highest rate.

The Homosassa Springs metropolitan statistical area (Citrus County) maintained its ranking as the highest unemployment rate among Florida's metros while the Ocala MSA continued to hold the sixth highest rate.

In the Ocala MSA, industries gaining jobs over the year were education and health services (+800 jobs); mining, logging and construction (+400 jobs); manufacturing (+300 jobs); trade, transportation and utilities (+200 jobs); professional and business services (+200 jobs); other services (+200 jobs); and government (+100 jobs).

Industries that grew faster in the metro area than statewide, were "other services" (+6.5 percent), education and health services (+4.3 percent), and manufacturing (+3.8 percent).

The information industry lost 100 jobs over the year, and financial activities and leisure and hospitality industries were unchanged.

Nonfarm employment in the Homosassa Springs MSA was 33,000, a decrease of 400 jobs over the year.

The November employment report will be released on Friday, Dec. 22.

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Cameron Asbell, of Bronson, took over the gavel from Chris Cowart as the new chairman of the School Board of Levy County Nov. 28.

Photo by Sean Arnold

Asbell assumes chairmanship on School Board Etheridge picked as vice chairman

By Sean Arnold
Staff writer

Cameron Asbell was unanimously voted the new chairman of the School Board of Levy County Nov. 28.

Rick Turner offered the nomination of Asbell.

“Mr. Superintendent (Jeff Edison),” Turner said, “it is with honor and a great privilege I offer to you in the form of a nomination the most honorable and admirable Cameron Asbell to serve as chair of the Levy County School Board.”

Asbell, who has served on the Board for eight years, represents Bronson on the Board, and also owns Cameron Asbell Insurance Agency in the town. He is a Bronson High School alumnus.

Asbell succeed Chris Cowart (Cedar

Key) in the position.

“I can’t live up to it,” Asbell said jokingly of Turner’s nomination. “I want to thank Mr. Turner for that rousing introduction.

“I also want to thank Mr. Cowart for an excellent job, and I hope I do half as good,” Asbell added. “It’s going to be a fun year. I promise to stay focused; ya’ll work with me.”

Brad Etheridge, who represents Williston in his second year on the Board, was voted vice chairman. He was nominated by Paige Brookins (Chiefland).

“(Cowart) did a great job and we truly appreciate him,” Brookins said of Cowart’s work as chairman.

Superintendent Jeff Edison confirmed the selections.

EXPLORE

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McCallum told the group that the program is very dear to his heart as he was the very first advisor and back in that day they had “really good numbers of children from all over the county; Cedar Key, Bronson, Williston, Chiefland — all over. We had a good group.”

He said the Explorers travelled, did a lot of community projects and raised money for the group. They made several trips to Washington, D.C., Niagara Falls, Canada where they toured Parliament and went to Ottawa to see the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. While in Washington, the group went on a special tour of the White House, arranged through an exclusive connection with the sheriff at that time and the U.S. Secret Service.

The Explorer Program teaches law enforcement, corrections, 911 telecommunications and dispatching.

The jail holds 304 inmates, approximately 160 employees in various positions and the sheriff’s office is always recruiting new employees.

“It gets tougher by the day. We’ve seen in the last year or two there are just not as many individuals wanting to come into our profession. This is a good way to learn about the profession without putting you in any kind of confrontational situation. It gives you an opportunity to see from the inside out as to what our profession is all about.” McCallum said.

He explained that as sheriff, he is the highest-ranking law enforcement officer in the county and he is also the chief law enforcement officer as mandated by the Constitution of the State of Florida. The sheriff does not answer to the county commission or anyone. However, the sheriff’s office gets its funding from the county commission, but it is an office separate from county government under

the auspices of the sheriff according to the state constitution.

“My bottom line as sheriff, and each and every deputy will tell you that’s been hired, is that we are here to serve our citizens of this county; to treat people with respect whether it be fellow employee, fellow explorer or fellow citizen. We’re going to treat them with respect and how we like to be treated in any given situation. That is my total philosophy as far as that goes and each and every new employee hears that speech before they are hired and gives me their assurance that they are here to serve,” he said. “This is a profession that is here to serve. It is an exciting profession, but if you get into for that reason, you are getting into it for the wrong reasons because the bottom line is we are here to serve our citizens. And, to make Levy County the best place it can possibly be. We are very blessed to live in Levy County and to have folks like you that are interested in this program.”

The Explorer Program offers a lot of exciting opportunities. It is a fantastic way for those seeking careers in law enforcement or the military to take a glimpse into their future career. It’s also an opportunity to do things others will not be able to do: learn about CSI investigations, the 10-codes, state statutes, corrections, 911 communications and the medical field since the jail has its own hospital and medical staff.

It was discussed that Citizens on Patrol (C.O.P.S.) may be able to assist in transportation to and from the meetings. The meetings will be held every other Monday at 6 p.m. The meetings are at the Levy County Sheriff’s Office, 9150 NE 80th Ave., Bronson. For more information, please call 352-486-5111.

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In the photo are, front row, left to right, Lynn Frances, Addie Brown, Unit Commander Pat Orr, Brenda Kriegeskotte, back row, left to right, Rose Klejment, William Klejment, Dixie County Sheriff Dewey Hatcher, Joy Nekola, Jean Tripp and Bob Tripp.

Delivering Thanksgiving to those who protect

DAVA UNIT 63 in Cross City donated seven Thanksgiving Baskets to the Dixie County Sheriff's Office for distribution to seven needy families in Dixie County on Monday, Nov. 20. Everything needed for a bountiful meal was provided for each family.



Courtesy photo

In the photo are, front row, left to right, Joyce Hodge, Past Commander Bob Simpson, Commander Pat Orr; second row left to right, Nona Koogle, Rose Klejment, Addie Brown, Lynn Francis, Jean Tripp, Joy Nekola, Barbara Brown; third row left to right, Dave Koogle, Tera Tyson, Marie (last name not provided) and Bob Tripp.

Honoring Past Commander Robert Simpson

Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary Unit 63 honored Past Commander Robert Simpson for his leadership, hard work and dedication to support the goals of the DAVA. He served as commander from July 1, 2016 through June 31, 2017. Simpson was instrumental in organizing various community service programs as well as helping the unit meet its goals of helping area veterans. He first served as treasurer and then was elected commander. During his tenure, through his dedication and commitment, DAVA Unit 63

responded to the needs of area veterans as well as those in the VA Hospital. Under his direction several programs were reinstated such as trips each month to the Gainesville VA Hospital to serve donuts and coffee to those coming in for appointments and providing items, such as homemade lap blankets and hats, at Christmastime to the Gainesville VA residents. He helped both the Gainesville VA Hospital and Lake City VA Hospital with cash donations every quarter. Simpson has played a big part in our success.

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B Sports

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Jumping into the fire

A young Chiefland Indian boys' basketball squad faces stern district tests early in schedule

SEAN ARNOLD
Staff writer

The Chiefland boys' basketball team is young this year.

It has just one returning varsity starter to begin the season, and just one senior on the roster.

But most of the roster has had at least a taste of varsity ball, and the potential depth is impressive, which bodes well for the team eventually running the kind of pressure defense that sixth-year head man Adam Boyd ultimately prefers.

Boyd says he worked the offensive side of the ball harder early on than usual, anticipating the squad could struggle in that department with a lack of top shooters, and coming off a season when points came at a premium. To improve in that area, the Indians have focused on moving without the ball to put more pressure on defenses, and it appears to have paid off in some early scrimmages.

"I knew the offense would be a challenge to get everyone in sync, so we spent more time on it than we would've in the past," Boyd said. "Normally, I spend more time on defense at the beginning of the year. But seeing how the summer went, I thought, 'Well we can't be a turnover machine.'"

"Our offense actually looked okay in scrimmages, it was our defense I was upset about. One of the habits I'm trying to break with all the kids in our program is not just standing there after they pass. One of our rules is when you pass you've got to cut hard. The guys on defense weren't used to it, so it was good they saw that, and it was also good our guys were trying to read each other and put pressure on the rim. It was bad on our defense, but we're breaking them out of that habit which is going to be key for anything moving forward."

Boyd says his signature pressure defense and the team's shooting will be works in progress.

"In the past, I've pushed the pressure from day one, but we had so much more experience, they had an idea. Now, I'm teaching from step one of half-court man, step one of half-court offense."

"It'll be something there for the second-half of the season, but it's just not there yet. We have the numbers to do it."

Junior Kirk Williams, the only returning starter who is healthy to start the season, will provide some hops around the rim. Junior Payne Parnell is one of the team's better perimeter shooters, and the only player besides Williams who was a full-time varsity player last year, but he's sidelined to begin the season with an ankle injury. The Indians are speedy at guard and have a fleet of promising sophomores who were standouts on the football field.

The team faces tough tests early on, with an opener against Williston, district matches against plucky district foes Trenton and Cedar Key, then consecutive games against the two best teams the district has had to offer the past couple seasons in Dixie County and Bell. Those latter two matchups are both on the road Dec. 5 and Dec. 8 respectively.



SEAN ARNOLD/Citizen

Junior Kirk Williams runs a drill led by Coach Adam Boyd in the Chiefland Middle School gym Nov. 27.

The boys and girls play host to Cedar Key Nov. 30, and are home again against Trenton Dec. 1.

"We've been trying to get everyone on the same page and hit the fundamentals," Boyd said of the preseason camp. "There are things I want

to do – we've got a lot of guys and I want to pressure – but we haven't been able to go over it very much, so we probably won't do it very much to start the season."

☐ See page 10B for schedules and rosters.

Beach ball



The Chiefland Indians 11U football team at the 2017 National Youth Football Championships in Daytona Beach. Front, from left: Head coach Lee Bell; Luke Watkins; Aiden Barnard; Gabe Doty; Matthew Goodale; James McElveen; Shy/Ron Cheevers; Vicente Huffstutler; Omrione Nesby; Anthony Thisse; Asst. Coach Tevin Mills. Middle, from left: Asst. Coach Gabe Doty; Domynick Welch; Austyn Frizzell; Osten Jones; Dakota Fisher; Tyler Henninger; Ja'Marion White; Cale Beckham; Davonte McCutcheon; Asst. Coach James Ellis. Back row, from left: Asst. Coach David Williams; Owen Henry; Brody Ellis; Michael Goodale; Lawrence Rivers; Dyllan Corbin; Carlos Casanova; Brayden Maillard; Wyatt Adkin; Dominic Andrews; Asst. Coach Jose Casanova.

11U Indians compete in national tournament in Daytona Beach; take third with consolation win



Dakota Fisher runs a sweep against a Tennessee 11U squad Nov. 24 in New Smyrna Beach. Fisher ran for four TDs in the 35-0 Chiefland win.

SEAN ARNOLD
Staff writer

Young Chiefland Indian football players experienced something like a working vacation over the Thanksgiving holiday.

A collection of local 10- and 11-year-olds culled from a pair of Tri-County championship squads visited Daytona Beach for the National Youth Football Championships Nov. 23 and Nov. 24.

The annual event pits youth teams from different states – and from various league brands – to compete for age-based division championships over the holiday weekend in and around Daytona Beach (Eastern Division) as well as Las Vegas, where the Western Division is hosted. The divisions are divided up by age groups.

The Chiefland 11U team was making its debut in the prestigious tournament, and faced a daunting opener against a stout Mary-

land squad, on a chilly and rainy Thanksgiving morning.

The Indians fell behind by a big margin early but gained some traction by the fourth quarter, eventually losing 32-6.

"The first day we were a little nervous, kind of intimidated by the size of the other team," head coach Lee Bell said. "That Maryland team was solid on fundamentals and real disciplined on defense. Watching them warm up, you could see they were pretty good fundamentally."

"Towards that fourth quarter, we got to feeling we ain't bad, but it was too late then."

The Indians used that momentum to spring into their Friday game against a team from Tennessee. Dakota Fisher, who churmed up more than 300 yards in his team's 12U championship win in October, ran for four touchdowns to help Chiefland to a 35-0 win

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Chiefland Citizen

Community Calendar

Stuff the Cruiser

The Levy County Sheriff's Office is co-hosting a "Stuff the Cruiser" event with the Tri-County Toys for Tots campaign Friday, Dec. 1 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Chiefland Walmart where they'll be accepting donations of new, unwrapped toys. Those who have not yet registered will also have one last opportunity to register on that Saturday. Our boxes from last year were water damaged and we only recently received a shipment to dis-

tribute to local businesses that wish to collect toys, so this event will be an opportunity for us to collect major donations in the tri-county area during this campaign.



Diabetes

Self-Management

Elder Options is hosting a free Diabetes Self-Management Program at Pine Grove Baptist Church, 16655 NW CR-339, Trenton, every Thursday from Nov. 2 - Dec. 14 from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. To register or for more information, please contact Betty Flagg by calling 352-692-5219. Workshops are limited, so please pre-register soon.

nating the city's Christmas tree and decorations.

Benefit Yard Sale

Children's Table is having a benefit yard sale at 680 W. Thrasher Dr., Bronson, on Friday and Saturday Dec. 1 and 2. For more information please call 352-486-6525

Haven Volunteer

Fair

Haven is having a Volunteer Fair Saturday, Dec. 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Haven Attic at 112 Rodgers Blvd., Chiefland. Haven is seeking compassionate and caring volunteers who support the Haven mission of honoring life while providing comfort, care, and compassion to those we serve. There are several areas in which to serve, from the bedside with patients, to the Attic store, community events, honoring veterans and other areas. For more information, please contact Vondla Sullivan, Volunteer Coordinator - Chiefland by calling 352-493-8084 or email vdsullivan@beyourhaven.org.



Williston Christmas parade

Everyone who celebrates Christmas has a favorite song from the season.

Maybe it's *O Holy Night* or *Winter Wonderland* or *Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer*.

This year's parade kicks off at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2 and is themed, "The Songs of Christmas."

Floats, walkers, musicians and all participants are encouraged to pick a theme and then have a lot of fun customizing your parade entry to your favorite Christmas song.

The Chamber will award three trophies during the Light Up Williston festivities at the pavilion following the parade. Honors will be bestowed for Most Original, Best Depiction of Theme and Best in Show.

Entrants will need to register at the Chamber to be in the parade beginning Oct. 9.

For more information, call 352-528-5552 or visit www.willistonfl.com.

At 7 p.m., following the parade, make your way to Williston's Heritage Park where the townspeople will gather to Light Up Williston with an hour of music, entertainment and family fun in the pavilion.

It's community spirit at its best as Williston ushers in the Christmas season and is capped with the city's mayor and Miss Williston illuminating

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 <small>Hanukkah Begins at Sundown</small>	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 <small>Winter Begins</small>	22	23
24 31 <small>New Year's Eve</small>	25 <small>Christmas</small>	26 <small>Kwanzaa Begins</small>	27	28	29	30

Baptist Church, 3141 SE Highway 41, Morriston, on several days: Saturday, Dec 2, from 10 a.m. -2 p.m.; Sunday, Dec 3 and 10, before and after services (8:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.); Wednesday, Dec 6, 6:30 p.m. until 30 minutes after the 7 p.m. service. Church membership is not required to participate in the sale. Questions may be directed to Linda at 352-465-5039 or Barb at 352-528-0613.

Adult Saltwater Fishing Clinic

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is hosting an Adult Saltwater Fishing Clinic in Cedar Key on Tuesday, Dec. 5.

The free, day-long clinic is from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. the FWC Sen.

George Kirkpatrick Marine Lab, 11350 SW 153rd Court, Cedar Key.

Advance registration is required. To register or get more information, please email Heather Sneed at Heather.Sneed@MyFWC.com, or call 850-487-0554.

The Adult Saltwater Fishing Clinic is for women and men 18 years of age or older with no prior saltwater fishing needed.

Participants will take home a lifelong hobby and leave with a new appreciation for the marine environment. They will learn the basics of conservation stewardship, fishing ethics, angling skills, safety and the

vulnerability of Florida's marine ecosystems in a fun, laid-back atmosphere.

Lessons include knot tying, cast netting, rod and reel rigging, how to be a responsible marine resource steward, marine fish and habitat identification, catch-and-release techniques and more.

If conditions allow, participants will have the opportunity to practice their newly learned skills by fishing from a pier. This event is a catch-and-release activity. All participants must have a valid recreational saltwater fishing license unless exempt. Saltwater fishing licenses can be purchased at your local tackle shop or online. Learn more by visiting MyFWC.com/License.

Fishing equipment and bait are provided during the clinic but participants are encouraged to bring their own gear.

Contact Person: Heather Sneed
Email Address: heather.sneed@my-fwc.com Phone Number: 850-487-0554

Christmas, Winter Festival in Chiefland

The 14th Annual Christmas and Winter Festival in Chiefland starts at 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 9, and continues through the day until 8 p.m. in the field on U.S. Highway 19 across from Train Depot Park at 23 SE Second Ave.

Enjoy arts and crafts, food, children's attractions, entertainment, free

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ONGOING EVENTS

Ongoing events are listed under headings of interest and alphabetical order within each group.

Armed Forces/Veterans Groups

Chiefland Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and Auxiliary has moved to the corner of U.S. Highway 19 North and 137th Street.

Any veteran of a foreign war and anyone who has a father, mother, brother, sister, grandmother, grandfather, son or daughter who has served overseas during time of war and can furnish a copy of a DD214 from the military is invited to join us. We sponsor light dinners every Friday night with music. We are open on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Business meetings are the second Tuesday of each month and meetings for the Auxiliary are the first Tuesday of each month. Out-of-town members are also welcome to join us.

Tri-County Marine League Detachment No. 1018 Marines are looking for a few good men and women to join their organization. Meetings are on the third Monday of the month at 6 p.m. The organization is located at 1381 NE 82nd Ave. (off U.S. Highway 19), Old Town. Bring a copy of your DD214 or discharge. For more information, please call 352-275-7838. Semper Fidelis.

Bingo/Karaoke

Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary Unit 63 Disabled America Veterans Auxiliary Unit 63, Prison Road, Cross City offers Bingo every Wednesday and Saturday at 6 p.m. Doors open at 4:30. New games and giveaways. Two guaranteed \$100 jackpots each night. Come join in the fun. **American Legion Post 236** Bingo at American Legion Post 236 in Bronson is postponed due to ongoing construction and building improvements. The post is located at 9550 NE U.S. Highway 27A. For more information, call 352-486-5003 or 352-317-5685. For more information, call 352-486-5003 or 352-317-5685.

AMVETS Post 444 hosts bingo each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.; and Friday and Sunday at 7 p.m. The post is at 13751 NE 52nd Place, Williston.

The Second To None Thrift Shoppe is located be-

hind the Yankeetown-Inglis Woman's Club on 56th Street in Yankeetown is updated and easy to shop with all new second-hand merchandise. A "give-away day" on the same Saturday as the Inglis Market - items outside for anyone to take away on that day. Bag Day every Monday offers a full bag for \$3. Every \$5 spent means \$1 off. Don't forget the Man Cave. The Shoppe is stocked solely by donations from the community. Funds are donated to the Yankeetown School and Nature Coast Ministries for help with veterans and free dental care. Hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Thursday 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. before bingo. For more information, please call 352-447-2057 with questions.

Church/Thrift Shops

Bronson United Methodist Thrift Shop, 235 Court St. in Bronson behind the church, shop hours are Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Divine Mercy Thrift Center on the grounds of St. John the Evangelist Church, 4050 NW Highway 27A, is open Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sales go toward feeding the needy in the area. Donations are accepted. For more information, please call 352-493-9723.

Holy Cross Catholic Church Thrift Shop in Cross City has used furniture and low prices. It is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For information or to donate, please call 352-542-0157.

Tri-County Outreach Thrift Store is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The store is at 708 N Main St., Chiefland. Sales benefit the on-site emergency food pantry. For more information, please call 352-493-2310.

Farmers Markets

Community Farmers Market at the Train Depot Park in Chiefland is open the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The market is for local growers and cottage industry businesses and is not a flea market. Their motto is "If you grow it or make it, bring it." For details and vendor information, please visit the Facebook page at Community Farmers Market or email cfmngava2015@yahoo.com, or call 352-493-1849.

South Levy Marketplace in Inglis is the fourth Sat-

urday of each month. Summer hours are 9 a.m. to noon.

The marketplace is in Inglis on Highway 40 West, about a quarter-mile off Highway 19. For more information, please call 352-302-1771.

Dieting/Weight Control

Chiefland TOPS meets from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. on Mondays at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, U.S. Highway 19, north of Chiefland. Both sexes are welcome. For information, call 352-463-9111.

Tai Chi Chuan: Moving for Better Balance every Monday and Wednesday at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, 707 N. Main St., Chiefland, in the fellowship hall. To register, please contact Elizabeth (Liz) Dalusio at Elder Options by calling 352-378-6649 ext. 152 or 352-692-5252

Social/Civic Groups

Clover Squares will hold a "plus" workshop at 6:30 p.m. and the dance at 7 p.m. every Wednesday until a new class begins in November at the Williston Crossings RV Resort community center, 410 NE Fifth St., Williston. For more information, please call 352-528-3323.

Friends of the Luther Callaway Public Library, the Chiefland branch of the Levy County Public Library System, meet the second Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. at the library, 104 NE Third St., Chiefland. The Friends support the library by promoting the library's programs and resources and through fund-raising projects to purchase reading materials, books on tape, videos, operating supplies and minor equipment. There are no dues. For more information, please call Friends President Ann Brown at 352-226-7413.

Volunteers needed to raise awareness on domestic violence We need your help! We are looking for volunteers to join our Community Action Team. Let's bring awareness of domestic violence to Levy County!!

We will meet monthly to discuss power and control of domestic violence and public awareness and how we can be the change! Lunch will be provided.

Awareness + action = social change!!! Please contact

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NASCAR THIS WEEK

The Daytona Beach News-Journal's Godwin Kelly & Ken Willis have covered NASCAR for nearly 60 years combined. godwin.kelly@news-jrnl.com ken.willis@news-jrnl.com

SPEED FREAKS

A few questions we had to ask ourselves

The confetti is still being swept from Victory Lane, but gotta ask: Will Truex and the No. 78 repeat next year?

GODSPEAK: That was a once-in-a-career season. All the top teams will figure out the No. 78's secrets by Speedweeks. Short answer — no.

KEN'S CALL: It would be tough even in perfect circumstances, but assuming the Toyota teams aren't as dominant next year, the odds are even longer. Let's say no.

Any chance Danica's plans for 2018 will change?

GODSPEAK: If somebody shows up with a big checkbook, yes, things can change, but it looks like Danica is out of asphalt here.

KEN'S CALL: With all the moving parts in auto racing, things change with the wind sometimes, so yes, there's a chance. I put it at 50-50 things stay as planned.

Tony Stewart got engaged last week. Surprised?

GODSPEAK: This was the biggest move of NASCAR's "Silly Season." Didn't see this one coming. Oh, and congrats, "Smoke."

KEN'S CALL: Only in America. Pudgy kid from the Midwest reaches middle age and now has plans to marry a former Playboy "playmate of the month."

CHAMPIONSHIP DRIVERS

Drivers who have won multiple NASCAR Cup Series championships:

- 7 Richard Petty, Dale Earnhardt
- Jimmie Johnson
- 4 Jeff Gordon
- 3 Lee Petty, David Pearson, Cale Yarborough, Darrell Waltrip
- Tony Stewart
- 2 Herb Thomas, Tim Flock, Buck Baker, Joe Weatherly, Ned Jarrett
- Terry Labonte

MOTOR MOUTHS PODCAST

Daytona Motor Mouths

After one full week of the offseason, you'd think there's nothing to talk about. You'd be wrong.

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Late bloomer



Martin Truex Jr. does a monster burnout in his No. 78 Toyota after winning the NASCAR Cup Series championship at Homestead. [NASCAR GETTY IMAGES/JARED C. TILTON]

By Godwin Kelly, godwin.kelly@news-jrnl.com

Martin Truex Jr. defied the odds in this age of millennials flooding into NASCAR's top series by winning the Cup Series championship at the ripe old age of 37 and after a dozen years in the top tour.

It's hard to believe that just four short years ago Truex didn't know if he would have a job as a race driver.

And if this sounds like a reboot of another driver's career, you are correct. But first, the Truex saga.

The year was 2013, and Truex had just made the cut into the Cup Series playoffs at Richmond, and a few days later was removed from the field of championship contenders.

The team he was driving for at the time — Michael Waltrip Racing — was found guilty in NASCAR "court" for tampering with the final regular-season race.

Teammate Clint Bowyer "spun" his car to bring out a caution while the third teammate, Brian Vickers, was summoned to pit road for service.

Because of those two actions, Truex finished high enough in the race to score enough points to earn a post-season slot.

Truex had no knowledge of MWR's mischief-making during the race.

When the scheme was uncovered, NASCAR pulled Truex out of the playoffs, then known as "The Chase." Waltrip lost the multimillion-dollar sponsorship package from NAPA, and eventually Truex lost his ride.

When Kurt Busch announced near the end of the 2013 season that he was leaving Furniture Row Racing to

drive for Stewart-Haas Racing, that opened the door for Barney Visser to nab Truex from the waiver wire, so to speak. At that point in his career, Truex had made some strong runs and had two Cup Series wins, but 2014 was a struggle for the one-car independent based in Denver, Colorado.

Visser hired Cole Pearn as the crew chief for 2015. The following season, the car owner started a deep relationship with superteam Joe Gibbs Racing. The results were good.

Truex scored four wins and about 10 near-misses, including losing the 2016 Daytona 500 by less than a foot to Denny Hamlin. The team took that momentum into the 2017 season, and Truex won more races (eight) than he had the previous 11 years (seven) and, of course, the championship at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

"It's just overwhelming," Truex said after claiming the crown.

This story of struggle, persistence and late-career payoff is not new. Dale Jarrett struggled in racing until he found the right mix of chemistry at Robert Yates Racing and Todd Parrott as his crew chief.

Jarrett, who had just four career Cup wins in his first eight seasons of full-time Cup racing, blasted out of the box in 1996 with Yates' new team, the No. 88 Ford. He opened the year by winning the Daytona 500 and added three more wins along the way, which equaled his career total up to 1995.

Four years later, Jarrett won the Cup Series championship at the age of 42, ending Jeff Gordon's domination of three titles over a four-year span.

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

With the dust cleared, how did "stage racing" work out?

In the end, it seems easier to appreciate than it was to understand. At a few different points along the way, a TV commentator spent a couple of laps explaining how the bonus system fit into the normal points system — nothing should be that complicated. Stage racin' was designed to create more action in the middle stages of each race and, importantly, reward the drivers who got up front and stayed there more often than others.

Is that how Truex won it all?

Not directly. He obviously won the championship by winning Homestead. But it was his large pile of bonus points that lessened any stress he may have had regarding his advancement to Homestead as one of the final four. The competitors took note of this, naturally, and will work hard to employ that strategy as often as possible once the green flies in 2018. Here's a tip: It helps to have the best car on a near-weekly basis.

What's next on the news wires?

It's a bit of "inside baseball," but we'll now watch the shuffling of team charters to see who's buying, who's selling, and who's leasing. Sorta like stages and bonus points, the whole charter system was done for simplification, but has inherent confusions. That's racin', you could say. There seems to be more charters (36) than funded teams, so this could get interesting. And oh, by the way, Kurt Busch is still in limbo.

— Ken Willis, ken.willis@news-jrnl.com.

KEY DATES

- Thursday:** Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Awards (NBC Sports Network, 9 p.m.)
- Jan. 19:** NASCAR Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony (TBA)
- Feb. 11:** Advance Auto Parts Clash, Daytona International Speedway (Fox Sports 1, 3 p.m.)
- Feb. 15:** Can-Am Duel at Daytona, Daytona International Speedway (Fox Sports 1, 7 p.m.)
- Feb. 18:** 60th Daytona 500, Daytona International Speedway (Fox, 2:30 p.m.)

2018 CUP SERIES SCHEDULE

- Feb. 11:** Clash at Daytona
- Feb. 15:** Can-Am Duel at Daytona
- Feb. 18:** Daytona 500
- Feb. 25:** Folds of Honor 500 at Atlanta
- March 4:** Kobalt 400 at Las Vegas
- March 11:** Camping World 500(k) at Phoenix
- March 18:** Auto Club 400 at Fontana
- March 25:** STP 500 at Martinsville
- April 8:** O'Reilly Auto Parts 500 at Texas
- April 15:** Food City 500 at Bristol
- April 21:** Toyota Owners 400 at Richmond
- April 29:** Geico 500 at Talladega
- May 6:** AAA 400 at Dover

- May 12:** Go Bowling 400 at Kansas
- May 19:** All Star Race at Charlotte
- May 27:** Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte
- June 3:** Pocono 400
- June 10:** FireKeepers Casino 400 at Michigan
- June 24:** Toyota/Save Mart 350 at Sonoma
- July 1:** Chicago 400 at Chicagoland
- July 7:** Coke Zero 400 at Daytona
- July 14:** Quaker State 400 at Kentucky
- July 22:** New Hampshire 301
- July 29:** Pennsylvania 400 at Pocono
- Aug. 5:** 355 at the Glen, at Watkins Glen
- Aug. 12:** Pure Michigan 400

- Aug. 18:** Night Race at Bristol
- Sept. 2:** Southern 500 at Darlington
- Sept. 9:** Brickyard 400 at Indianapolis
- Sept. 16:** Las Vegas 400
- Sept. 22:** Federated Auto Parts 400 at Richmond
- Sept. 30:** Bank of America 500(k) at Charlotte road course
- Oct. 7:** Delaware 400 at Dover
- Oct. 14:** Alabama 500 at Talladega
- Oct. 21:** Hollywood Casino 400 at Kansas
- Oct. 28:** First Data 500 at Martinsville
- Nov. 4:** Texas 500
- Nov. 11:** Can-Am 500(k) at Phoenix
- Nov. 18:** Ford EcoBoost 400 at Homestead

TOP 10 OVERACHIEVERS FROM 2017

RYAN BLANEY Blossomed into a contender and new star	ERIK JONES Fourteen top-10s as second fiddle and rookie	KYLE LARSON His career took a definite next step	RICKY STENHOUSE Finally found Victory Lane ... twice	MATT KENSETH Not his best, but real good for a lame duck	DANIEL SUAREZ Awkward intro, but 12 top-10s impressive	AUSTIN DILLON A win is a win	JAMIE McMURRAY Seventeen top-10s most since '04	ARIC ALMIROLA Survived big crash and the exit from No. 43	MARTIN TRUEX JR. Considering recent past, an amazing story
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Calendar

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Aubrie MacKenzie, domestic violence advocate for Another Way, at 352-493-6810 if you would like to participate in this life-changing team.

Grand Slam Bridge meets 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Chiefland. For information, call Joan at 352-493-0279. Weekly and substitute players are needed.

Levy/Gilchrist Retired Educators Association meets on the third Monday of every month at the Gathering Table in Chiefland.

The meeting will start at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch. Any retired educator from Gilchrist or Levy counties is invited to attend.

Tri-County Cruisers meet to show off their classic vehicles from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Fridays at the Gathering Table in Chiefland. Show up to show your car and have a good time.

Rotary

Chiefland Rotary meets at noon Wednesdays at The Gathering Table on Main Street.

Suwannee Valley Rotary meets at noon on Thursdays at the Haven Hospice Community Center.

Williston Rotary meets at 11:45 a.m. Tuesdays at First Presbyterian Church, 247 NE First St.

Help

Ask for help: Every day, older adults are abused, neglected and denied their rights. Older adults have the right to dignity and respect; to not be yelled at, hit or humiliated; and to make their own decisions. No one has the right to abuse our elders physically or emotionally, to threaten them, or to take their money or property without consent. Be empowered to prevent becoming a victim of elder abuse. Talk to your clergy, doctor or someone you trust and call the confidential Elder Abuse Hotline at 1-800-96-ABUSE (1-800-962-2873), if you or someone you know is abused. Do not be afraid to ask for help.

Chiefland Senior Center, 305 SW First St., serves breakfast and lunch, Monday-Friday. Monday and Wednesday at 9 a.m. is exercise class. At 9:30 a.m. to noon on Mondays is a card-making class. Wednesday is all other crafts. Tuesday and Thursday come and socialize. Fridays, 10 a.m. to noon is line dancing. The center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, please call Bernadette Preble at 352-490-7055 ext.1.

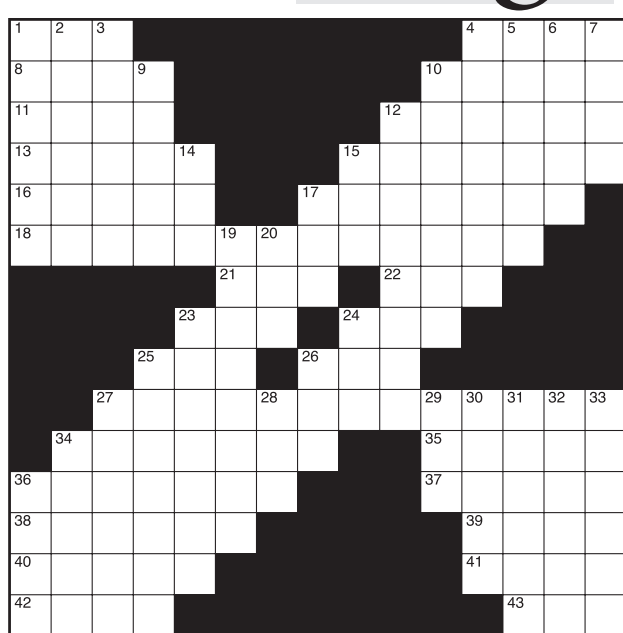
Food for Life distribution at Chiefland First United Methodist Church will be every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. The requested donation is \$5 per family for fuel cost.

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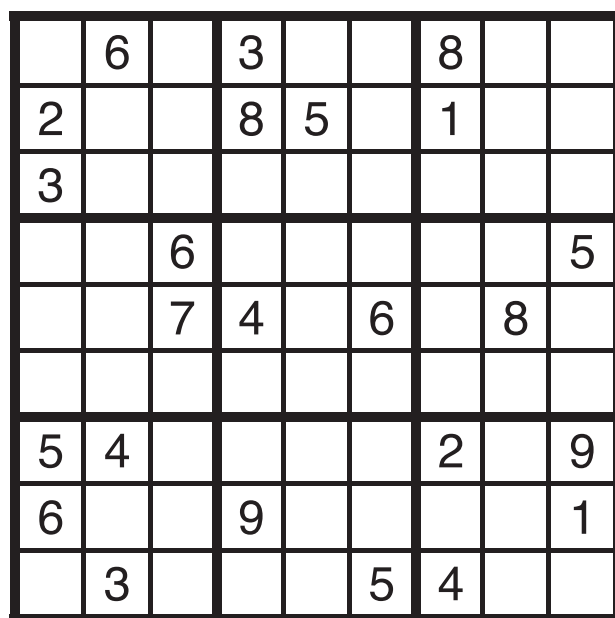
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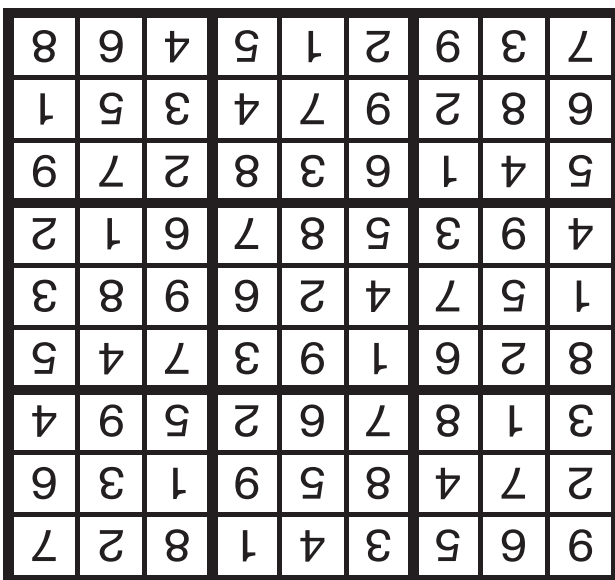
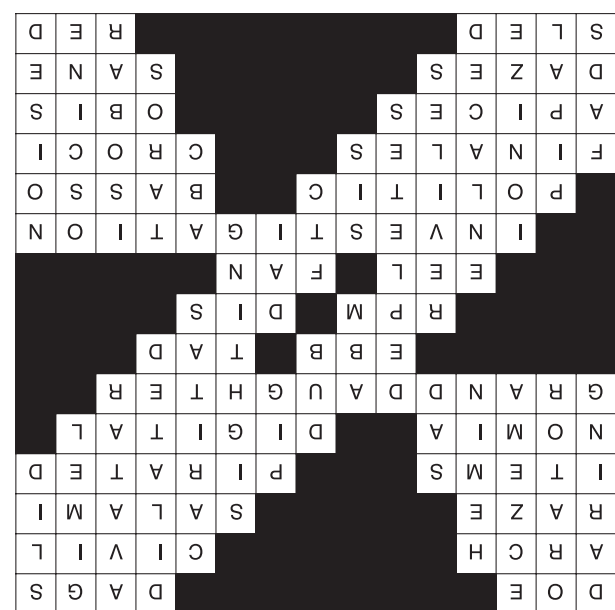
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- Farm animal
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- Uses up
- Type of missile (abbr.)
- Criticizes
- Midwife
- Entwined
- Supervises interstate commerce
- A way to convert
- Female sibling
- TV network
- Tropical Asian plant
- Line on a map
- Denotes songbirds
- Made publicly known
- He devised mud cleats for football
- Trends



Level: Advanced

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EVENTS

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photo with Santa, Mrs. Claus and elves, pony rides and games.

The Lighted Christmas Parade rolls down Main Street at 6 p.m. from Chiefland High School, then south on Highway 19 to SE Third Avenue. Parade viewing is from sidewalks alongside US 19 on the parade route.

A Cedar Key Christmas

The Cedar Key Christmas Boat Parade and Santa Clam on Dec. 9 from 5 - 8 p.m. The parade is hosted by the Cedar Key Aquaculture Association. Santa Clam will be there to meet the children at the Park.

Dollars and Sense

The Friends of the Luther Callaway Public Library meet the second Thursday of each month at 11a.m. at the library, 104 NE 3rd St., Chiefland. The Friends support the programs and resources of the library through promotions and through fundraising projects to purchase reading materials, videos, supplies, and minor

equipment. There are no dues. This fall, the Friends are offering a Financial Workshop Series on the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. The next program is Dec. 9. This educational program will explore such topics as budgeting, planning for senior healthcare and recognizing scams. It is free to the public. For more information, call Friends of the Luther Callaway Public Library President Ann Brown at 352-226-7413.

12th Annual Christmas Bazaar & Cookie Walk

Saturday, Dec. 9, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Cedar Key United Methodist Church on the corner of Highway 24 and Fourth Street. Win a brand new Dooney & Bourke purse. Activities include a cookie walk for many different varieties of cookies, sale and lunch of soup with cornbread, drink and dessert. Bazaar items include handmade soaps, Christmas décor, cards, jewelry and more made by local artisans. Donations are accepted. For information, please contact Marie Lewis at 352-467-4703.

Taste of Cedar Key

Dec. 16, brings the Taste of Cedar Key, which showcases local restaurants'

culinary specialties featuring fresh Cedar Key clams. The event lasts from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the City Marina and Park located on Dock Street and "A" Street. Tickets can be purchased onsite at \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. You'll receive a wristband that allows you to sample specialties at the park.

8th Annual Poker Run

The American Legion Riders Chapter 237 8th Annual Poker Run will be Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018, with the ride starting and ending at American Legion Post 237, 6726 N. Lecanto Highway in Beverly Hills. A \$15 entry fee includes a poker hand, prize ticket and meal, with proceeds from the event again benefiting Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast. In its first seven years, this event has provided a total of more than \$47,000 to help hospice patients and their families.

Signup for the poker run begin at 9 a.m., with kick stands up at 10:30 a.m. and the last bike in at 5 p.m. Festivities include door prizes, a silent auction, a 50/50 at every stop and music donated by The Joe's. Best hand wins the Poker Run. All vehicles are welcome.

For additional information, contact Ride Chairman John Roby at 352-341-5856 or 352-536-7480.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case Number: 38-2017-CA-000252

Michael S. Koch, Plaintiff vs. Darren Lowell West, Geroy West Jr., Ivon Tyrone West, Karen West, Paul Delaveaux, Shamere West, Sharell West, Sharon West, Timothy (aka "Timothy") A. West, and All Persons Claiming Any Legal or Equitable Right, Title, Estate, Lien, or Interest in the Property Described in the Complaint Adverse to Plaintiff's Title, or Any Cloud On Plaintiff's Title Thereto and DOE'S 1 through 10, inclusive, Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: the following individuals (whose residences are unknown but whose last known mailing address is provided) if living, Darren Lowell West, 16772 NW 25th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33056; Geroy West, Jr., 18101 NW 7th Avenue, Apt. #122, North Miami, Florida 33169; Ivon Tyrone West, 1321 Belmont Street, Washington, DC 20009; Karen Michelle West, 2405 15th Street North, St. Cloud, Minnesota 56303; Paul Delaveaux, 18101 NW 7th Avenue, Apt. 122, North Miami, Florida 33169; Shamere West, 29607 SW 158th Street, Leisure City, Florida 33038; Sharell West, 29607 SW 158th Street, Leisure City, Florida 33038; Sharon Marie West, 2405 15th Street North, St. Cloud, Minnesota 56303; Timothy A. West, aka Timothy A. West, 16722 NW 25th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33056; and if (any aforementioned individual is) deceased, then to that deceased individual's unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against that deceased individual; and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property herein described.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to Quiet Title as to that certain tract of land situated at 11451 NE 108th St. and that other lot near but not directly adjacent thereto and which bears no current 911 address, all located in Archer, Levy County, Florida, and more fully described as follows: University Oaks, Block 56, Lots 8 and 10. Parcel IDs 0972800900 and 0972800700 totaling 2.5 acres more or less.

A lawsuit has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on Michael Koch, Plaintiff, whose address is PO Box 3011, Deland, Florida 32721 on or before January 5, 2017, or 35 days from the first date of publication of this notice, and file the original with the Clerk of the Levy County Court either before service on Plaintiff or immediately thereafter; otherwise a Default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact 386-362-0500 (voice & TDD *711) or via Florida Relay Service at (800) 955-8771.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on November 15, 2017.

DANNY J. SHIPP, Clerk of Court

LaQuanda Latson Deputy Clerk

Published: Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21, 2017

NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Writ of Execution issued out of the Circuit Court for Levy County, Florida on the 7th day of November, 2017 in the cause wherein STAN D. REDDISH and CHRISTINE REDDISH were Plaintiffs and I-71, LLC d/b/a GIBSON TIMBER and JAY GIBSON, individually, were the Defendants, being case number 2017-CA-173 in said court, I, Robert B. McCallum, Jr., as Sheriff of Levy County, Florida have levied upon all the right, title, and interest of, I-71, LLC d/b/a GIBSON TIMBER and JAY GIBSON, individually, in and to the following described real property:

Parcel Number:1355800000; Legal Description: SEC:32, TWP 16, RNG:16, 32-16-16 UNREC. SURVEY FOR TOM KNOTTS LOT 26 OR BOOK 525, PAGE 504 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Parcel Number:1312800000; Address: 380 SHEARER

STREET, INGLIS, FLORIDA; Legal Description: SEC 35, TWP: 16, RNG:16, 35-16-16 CASONS INGLIS ACRES UNIT 9 BLK G LOT 25&26 OR BOOK 751, PAGE 320 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Parcel Number:1324100000; Legal Description: SEC: 35, TWP:16, RNG:16, 35-16-16 CASONS INGLIS ACRES UNIT 10 BLKD LOT 10 OR BOOK 998 PAGE 413 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Parcel Number: 1324200000; Address:19561 SE DIANA STREET, INGLIS, FLORIDA; Legal Description: SEC: 35, TWP: 16, RNG: 16, 35-16-16 CASONS INGLIS ACRES UNIT 10 BLK D LOT 11 OR BOOK 1393, PAGE 668 OF THE PUBLIC RRECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

On the 2nd day of January, 2018 at the Levy County Courthouse, 355 South Court Street, Bronson Florida 32621, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. I will offer for individual sale and sell all of the said Defendants right, title, and interest in the above described real property at public auction and will sell the same subject to prior liens, encumbrances, and judgments, if any, to the highest bidder for cash in hand and /or certified check, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the described execution.

Robert B. McCallum, Jr., Sheriff Levy County, Florida

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Levy County Sheriffs Office Civil Division not later than five working days prior to the proceeding at P.O. Drawer 1719 Bronson, Florida 32621. Telephone (352) 486-5206, Lt. Todd Polo.

Published Nov. 30, 2017 & Dec. 7, 14, 21, 2017.

NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CHIEFLAND, FLORIDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ordinance which title hereinafter appears, will be considered for enactment by the City Commission of the City of Chiefland, Florida, at a public hearing on December 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at City Hall located at 214 East Park Avenue, Chiefland, Florida. At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the proposed amendment and ordinance. Copies of said ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public at the Office of the City Manager/Clerk, at the City Hall located at 214 East Park Avenue, Chiefland, Florida, during regular business hours. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows: ORDINANCE NO. 17-08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHIEFLAND, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE TEXT OF THE CITY OF CHIEFLAND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS CODE, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, LDRC 17-01, BY THE CITY COMMISSION, PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 126-141, ENTITLED R-1 RESIDENCE DISTRICT BY ADDING A PROHIBITED USES AND STRUCTURES SECTION AND PROHIBITING MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSING FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 126-142 ENTITLED R-2 RESIDENCE DISTRICT BY ADDING A PROHIBITED USES AND STRUCTURES SECTION AND PROHIBITING MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSING FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 126-143 ENTITLED R-2A RESIDENCE DISTRICT BY ADDING A PROHIBITED USES AND STRUCTURES SECTION AND PROHIBITING MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSING FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 126-144 ENTITLED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT BY ADDING A PROHIBITED USES AND STRUCTURES SECTION AND PROHIBITING MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSING FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 126-145 ENTITLED C-1A COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO PROHIBIT MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSING FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 126-146 ENTITLED C-1 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO PROHIBIT MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSING FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 126-147 ENTITLED C-2 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT BY ADDING A PROHIBITED USES AND STRUCTURES SECTION AND PROHIBITING MEDICAL

MARIJUANA DISPENSING FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 126-148 ENTITLED I-1 AND I-2 INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO PROHIBIT MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSING FACILITIES.; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE 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 this public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice regarding the matter will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearing. 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. Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact the office of the City Manager/Clerk at City Hall, 214 East Park Avenue, Chiefland, Florida, telephone number: 352.493.6711, no later than 48 hours prior to the proceedings.

Published Nov. 16, 23, 30, 2017 and Dec. 7, 2017

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA JUVENILE DIVISION IN THE INTEREST OF: CASE NO.: 38-2016-DP-0115 A.H. (F) DOB: 07/17/2015 E.H. (F) DOB: 07/21/2017 Minor Children

Published Nov. 30, 2017

NOTICE OF SUIT FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AND PLACEMENT FOR ADOPTION THE STATE OF FLORIDA

TO: Kristi Hudak Address unknown You are hereby notified that a petition under oath has been filed in the above-styled Court for the termination of your parental rights to A.H. and E.H., female children, born on July 17, 2015 and July 21, 2017, respectively, and for permanent commitment of the children to the Department of Children and Families, (the Department), for subsequent adoption. You are hereby commanded to be present and personally appear for an Advisory Hearing on the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights and for Permanent Commitment for Subsequent Adoption filed by the Department before, the Honorable Nancy Wilkov, Magistrate, in the Levy County Courthouse, 355 S Court Street, Bronson, Florida on December 18, 2017 at 11:10 AM, or as soon thereafter that counsel may be heard.

Pursuant to Sections 39.804(4) (d) and 63.802(6)(g), Florida Statutes, you are hereby informed of the availability of private placement with an adoption entity, as defined in Section 63.032(3), Florida Statutes.

FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AS TO THESE CHILDREN. IF YOU FAIL TO PERSONALLY APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED YOU SHALL LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS AS A PARENT TO THE CHILDREN NAMED IN THE PETITION.

YOU ARE ENTITLED TO HAVE AN ATTORNEY PRESENT TO REPRESENT YOU IN THIS MATTER. IF YOU WANT AN ATTORNEY BUT ARE UNABLE TO AFFORD ONE YOU MUST NOTIFY THE COURT AND THE COURT WILL APPOINT AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOU. Under the American with Disabilities Act, 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 the ADA Coordinator at (352) 337-6237, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711.

If you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact Court Interpreting at interpreter@circuit8.org.

This notice shall be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in The Chiefland Citizen newspaper at Chiefland, Florida.

Published November 30, 2017

WITNESS my hand as the clerk of said Court and the Seal therefore, this 6th day of November, 2017.

Clerk of Circuit Court

BY Glenda McGee Deputy Clerk

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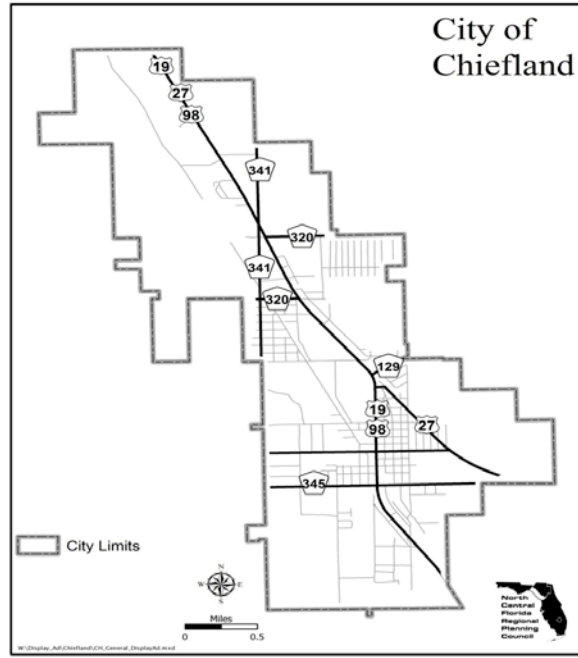
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NOTICE OF ZONING CHANGE

The City Commission of the City of Chiefland, Florida proposes to amend the text of the City of Chiefland Land Development Regulations Code, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations Code, within the area shown on the map below, as follows:

LDRC 17-01, an application by the City Commission, to amend the text of the Land Development Regulations Code by amending Section 126-141, entitled R-1 Residence District by adding a Prohibited Uses and Structures section and prohibiting medical marijuana dispensing facilities; by amending 126-142 entitled R-2 Residence District by adding a Prohibited Uses and Structures section and prohibiting medical marijuana dispensing facilities; by amending Section 126-143 entitled R-2a Residence District by adding a Prohibited Uses and Structures section and prohibiting medical marijuana dispensing facilities; by amending Section 126-144 entitled Agricultural District by adding a Prohibited Uses and Structures section and prohibiting medical marijuana dispensing facilities; by amending Section 126-145 entitled C-1A Commercial District to prohibit medical marijuana dispensing facilities; by amending Section 126-146 entitled C-1 Commercial District to prohibit medical marijuana dispensing facilities; by amending Section 126-147 entitled C-2 Highway Commercial District by adding a Prohibited Uses and Structures section and prohibiting medical marijuana dispensing facilities; by amending Section 126-148 entitled I-1 and I-2 Industrial Districts to prohibit medical marijuana dispensing facilities.



A public hearing will be conducted by the City Commission to consider the amendment and enactment of the ordinance adopting the amendment on December 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at City Hall located at 214 East Park Avenue, Chiefland, Florida. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows: ORDINANCE NO. 17-08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHIEFLAND, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE TEXT OF THE CITY OF CHIEFLAND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS CODE, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, LDRC 17-01, BY THE CITY COMMISSION, PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 126-141, ENTITLED R-1 RESIDENCE DISTRICT BY ADDING A PROHIBITED USES AND STRUCTURES SECTION AND PROHIBITING MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSING FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 126-142 ENTITLED R-2 RESIDENCE DISTRICT BY ADDING A PROHIBITED USES AND STRUCTURES SECTION AND PROHIBITING MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSING FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 126-143 ENTITLED R-2A RESIDENCE DISTRICT BY ADDING A PROHIBITED USES AND STRUCTURES SECTION AND PROHIBITING MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSING FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 126-144 ENTITLED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT BY ADDING A PROHIBITED USES AND STRUCTURES SECTION AND PROHIBITING MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSING FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 126-145 ENTITLED C-1A COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO PROHIBIT MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSING FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 126-146 ENTITLED C-1 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO PROHIBIT MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSING FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 126-147 ENTITLED C-2 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT BY ADDING A PROHIBITED USES AND STRUCTURES SECTION AND PROHIBITING MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSING FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 126-148 ENTITLED I-1 AND I-2 INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO PROHIBIT MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSING FACILITIES.; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE 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 this public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice regarding 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 proposed amendment. A copy of the proposed amendment is available for public inspection at the Office of the City Manager/Clerk, at the City Hall located at 214 East Park Avenue, Chiefland, Florida, 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. Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact the office of the City Manager/Clerk at City Hall, 214 East Park Avenue, Chiefland, Florida, telephone number: 352.493.6711, no later than 48 hours prior to the proceedings.

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in the consolation meeting, earning the team a third-place trophy. Osten Jones added a rushing score for Chiefland.

"They're already talking about next year," Bell said, "because they know they kind of shot themselves in the foot in the first game by not going out there and playing."

Bell said the Maryland squad had competed multiple years at the tournament.

The football team was joined by 12 cheerleaders as well.

Chiefland played its games at New Smyrna Municipal Football Stadium.

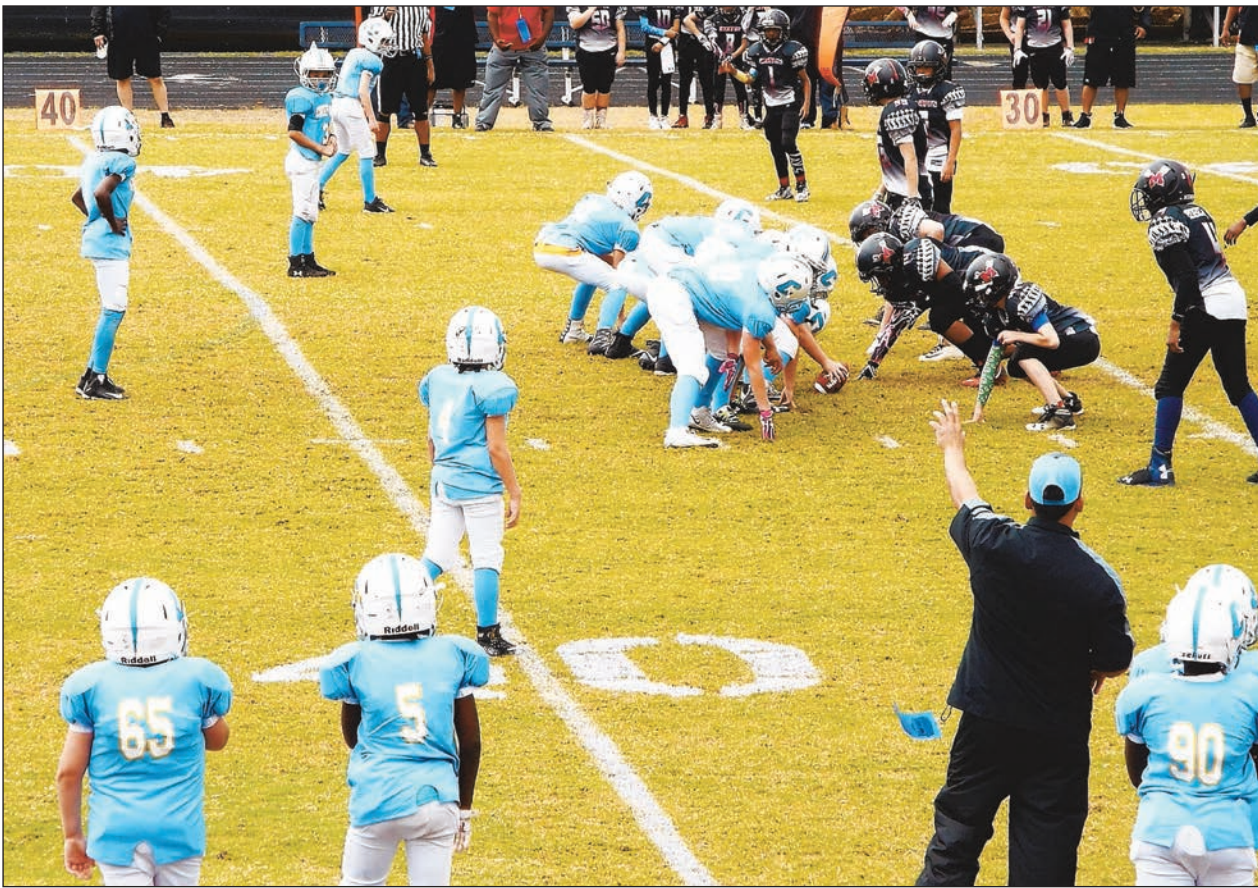
The win Friday was icing on the cake for the young Indians, who enjoyed their hotel stay while getting in activities such as bumper racing, bowling, skating, a movie and, of course, swimming.

The team raised money for the trip with fundraisers at Chiefland Farm Supply/Ace Hardware, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Dunkin' Donuts and Tractor Supply, and received contributions of \$100 or more from 51 local sponsors, including a \$1,000 donation from Drummond Community Bank.

The boys on the 10U and 12U teams that helped make up the 11U squad have combined for seven championships in the Tri-County league, including a pair this past October.



The Chiefland Indians 11U cheer squad at the 2017 National Youth Football Championships in Daytona Beach. Front, from left: Kaelyn Rix; Vera Mills; Jayla Jones. Middle row, from left: Seneca Thisse; Kayleen Barnard; McKenzie Greig; Tuesday Bell; Marissa Romero. Back row, from left: Asst. Coach Kaihle Rix; Haley Roden; Jaslyn Davis; Charyanna Chisolm; Alysha Durr; Head Coach Morgan Perryman.



Chiefland Indias 11U get set to run a play against a team from Maryland in New Smyrna Beach Nov. 23.



Chiefland players relax between games at their hotel.

Chiefland hoops

Date	Opponent	Location	Time	Teams
Nov. 14	Preseason Tourney	Trenton	6:00	VG
Nov. 16	Preseason Tourney	Trenton	6:00	VG
Nov. 28	Santa Fe/Williston	Chiefland	5/6:30/8	VG/JVB/VB
Nov. 30	Cedar Key	Chiefland	3:30/5/6:30/8	MSG/MSB/VG/VB
Dec. 1	Trenton	Chiefland	3:30/5/6:30/8	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Dec. 5	Dixie County	Dixie	3:30/5/6:30/8	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Dec. 7	Crystal River	Crystal River	5:30/7	JVG/VG
Dec. 8	Bell	Bell	4:30/6/7:30	JVB/VG/VB
Dec. 9	JV Girls Tourney	Chiefland	TBA	JVG
Dec. 11	Branford	Branford	3:30/5/6:30/8	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Dec. 19	Union County	Chiefland	6/7:30	JVB/VB
Dec. 19-20	Cedar Key Tourney	Cedar Key	TBA	VG
Dec. 21-23	Trenton Tourney	Trenton	TBA	VB
Dec. 28-30	Bronson Tourney	Bronson	TBA	VB
Jan. 2	Cedar Key	Cedar Key	3:30/4:30/5:30/7	MSG/MSB/VG/VB
Jan. 5	Bell	Chiefland	4:30/6/7:30	JVB/VG/VB
Jan. 9	Fort White	Chiefland	4:30/6	JVG/VG
Jan. 11	Bronson	Bronson	3:30/5/6:30/8	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Jan. 12	Branford	Chiefland	3:30/5/6:30/8	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Jan. 16	Dixie County	Chiefland	3:30/5/6:30/8	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Jan. 19	Trenton	Trenton	3:30/5/6:30/8	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Jan. 22	Crystal River	Chiefland	5:30/7	JVG/VG
Jan. 23	Bronson(Senior Night)	Chiefland	3:30/5/6:30/8	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Jan. 26	Oak Hall	Chiefland	4:30/5:30/6:30/8	MSG/MSB/JVB/VB
Jan. 29	Williston	Williston	6/7:30	JVG/VG
Jan. 30	Fort White	Fort White	6/7:30	JVG/VG
Feb. 1	Crystal River	Chiefland	5:30/7	JVB/VB
Feb. 1	Santa Fe	Santa Fe	6:00	VG
Feb. 6	Oak Hall	Oak Hall	5:30/7	JVB/VB
Feb. 8	Union County	Union County	6/7:30	JVB/VB

*Feb 5-10 Girls' District Tourney @ Trenton
 *Feb. 12-17 Boys' District Tourney @ Dixie

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- Payne Parnell, Jr.
- Jarret Jerrels, So.
- Ty Corbin, So.
- Austin Adams, So.
- Jahvel Blair, So.
- Jalen Rutledge, So.
- Sedrik Moultrie, So.
- Jason White, Fr.

Indians Junior Varsity Basketball

- Arthur Lee, So.
- Brandon Bowers, So.
- Codie Cowan, So.
- Chad Williams, So.
- William Dampier, So.
- Avery Gabel, So.
- Connor Whistler, So.
- Austin Berry, Fr.
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- Isaiah Woods, 8th
- Dominic Maynard
- Demetrious Bowers

- VB = Varsity Boys
- VG = Varsity Girls
- JVB = Junior Varsity Boys
- JVG = Junior Varsity Girls