

Rolling Oaks resident dies in Christmas Eve wreck

A Trenton woman was killed Christmas Eve when she was involved in a two vehicle accident at the intersection of CR 341 and SR 26 near Lancaster Correctional.

Trooper Hoover of the Florida Highway Patrol reported that the accident occurred at 6:12 p.m. as a pickup truck turned into the front left side of a passenger car.

Connie Hootman, 67, of Trenton was driving a 1996 Ford Mustang east bound on SR 26 when a pickup truck, driven by Justin Gore, 30, of Chiefland drove south into the

east bound lane of travel. Gore was traveling alone in a 2012 Dodge truck when he proceeded to turn left onto CR 341.

responded to this accident and transported Hootman to a Gainesville hospital. Hootman was reported to have died while en-route to the hospital.

Charges in this accident are pending at this time, awaiting a final investigation. Hootman was reportedly not wearing a seatbelt.

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Trenton student paralyzed in Dec. 23 wreck

By Carrie A. Mizell

December has been a roller coaster of emotions for Trenton High School junior Lane Langford.

On Friday, Dec. 6, the offensive guard and linebacker on the Tiger football team traveled to the Citrus Bowl in Orlando and returned to Gilchrist County a state champion.

Two days before Christmas, Langford's life was forever changed in a tragic, single vehicle accident that occurred in Dixie County.

Langford, 17, was a passenger in a Chevrolet pickup truck driven by Briana Leverette, 17, of Trenton. The two were traveling north on County Road 349, or the Suwannee Road as it is commonly known, just 15 miles south of Old Town, when Leverette lost control of the vehicle. The pickup truck traveled onto the east grass shoulder of the road, before Leverette overcorrected, causing the vehicle to rotate counter clockwise, as it traveled across both paved lanes of County Road 349. According to Trooper W.H. Sheheane of the Florida Highway Patrol, the pickup truck then traveled onto the west grass shoulder and overturned.

Seatbelts were not in use at the time of the accident. Langford was ejected from the pickup truck. He sustained



Lane Langford

critical injuries in the accident and was transported to Shands at the University of Florida.

On Monday, Trenton Middle High School Principal Cheri Langford said that Langford has a great outlook and is determined that he will walk again.

Leverette sustained no physical injuries in the accident. She was charged with Careless Driving and Seatbelt violation.

A fund has been set up at Capital City Bank to help the Langford family with medical expenses.

Local elementary school health tech arrested for drugs

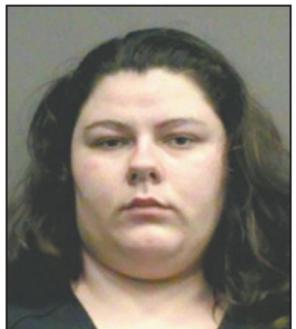
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A health support tech who is employed by the Gilchrist County Health Department, and works in Trenton and Bell elementary schools, was arrested on Dec. 21.

Jessica Leighann Wester, 23, of Trenton, and Jack Martin Singletary, 28, of Chiefland, reportedly asked customers outside of Walgreens on Newberry Road in Gainesville to buy ephedrine for them.

When Alachua County deputies arrived they found meth paraphernalia in Wester and Singletary's parked vehicle.

Wester was arrested and charged



with a second degree felony, Drugs-Deliver Distribute Listed Chemical for Manufacture and first degree misdemeanor, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

At the time of her arrest, Wester told Alachua County deputies that she was homeless.

Deputies searched the pair's vehicle and found multiple needles, syringes and other equipment that would be used to manufacture meth. Ephedrine pills and an empty Sudafed box were also found, along with a knife with a six-inch blade, shotgun shells, and .22 caliber long rifle rounds.

The two told deputies that they went to Walgreens to solicit money for Christmas gifts.

Wester later admitted to deputies that she purchases ephedrine for Singletary, a convicted felon, after he had reportedly purchased his legal limit.

Both were transported to the Alachua County Jail. Wester was released after posting a \$5,000 bond. At press time, Singletary remained in jail on a \$14,000 bond.

According to Ronda Parrish, assistant superintendent for Gilchrist County Schools, health techs are employees of the Gilchrist County Health Department, not the Gilchrist County School District.

At press time, officials at the Gilchrist County Health Department could not say if Wester would be returning to her job at Trenton Elementary School next week, or if she would remain on leave after the Christmas break.



David Halter, preacher at Bethel Church of Christ, spoke about his friend, Junior Kelly. Seated on the podium, from left, Samantha Culpepper, Duke Lang, Mildred Culpepper, Randall Roberts and Shanna Burke.

\$15,000 reward offered in Junior Kelly homicide

By Carrie A. Mizell

Do you have information regarding the murder of Gilchrist County native Junior Kelly?

If so, make a confidential call! A reward of \$15,000 is being offered for information leading to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for the crime.

Sheriff Bobby Schultz can be reached at (352) 275-4748. Lt. Jeff Manning, lead case investigator, is at (352) 672-5472. The toll free tip line is also a viable option, call 1-888-717-9060, or simply call the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office at 463-3410.

Sheriff Schultz made it clear at the candlelight vigil on December 28, that the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office is actively working the case and will continue to do so until justice is served.

An estimated crowd of 100 people gathered at the Bell Park, where Junior Kelly ate lunch most days, to remember his life.

Organized by the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office, along with members of Kelly's family and his friends, the vigil was held to mark the five year anniversary of Kelly's death.

The 78-year-old farmer was brutally murdered, in his home, on November 19, 2008.

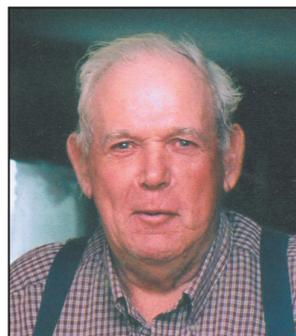
After his death, Mildred Culpepper, who was Kelly's best friend for over 40 years and also the person to discover his body said, "I lost the most wonderful person in my life on November 19, 2008. He was always there when I needed him and he was a strong person in his beliefs. He made me stronger and gave me strength."

"I wonder if the person or persons who did such a horrible thing ever think of the brutal horrible things they did to him," Culpepper continued. "I cannot imagine how they live with their conscience."

Kelly was found dead inside his home on County Road 341 in what then-Sheriff David Turner called, "An apparent home invasion that took place in the middle of the night."

The victim of at least five burglaries between June 5, 2007 and November 19, 2008, Kelly feared for his own safety.

At no time was his fear more evident than in a Letter to the Editor printed in the July 24, 2008 issue of the *Gilchrist County Journal*, when Kelly stated a number of items that had been stolen from his



Junior Kelly

home.

"Although the loss of money and stolen items is troubling, the real and most damaging loss is my peace of mind," Kelly stated in the letter. "At 78, I should not have to deal with waking up at night, lying in my bed, and listening for an intruder."

Kelly's foreboding words, which included the following statement, "The boldness of the criminals heightens my concern," were meant to serve as a warning to the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office that action must be taken to protect not only himself, but all citizens of Gilchrist County.

Though five years have passed since his death, Sheriff Schultz encouraged the crowd who gathered on Saturday to keep the death of Kelly on the front of everyone's mind.

David Halter, preacher at Bethel Church of Christ, spoke during the vigil of his friend "JK."

Halter quoted Luke 10:25 and spoke of the parable of the good samaritan.

"JK was our friend, our neighbor and our brother in Christ," Halter said. "He loved his neighbors."

Samantha Culpepper, a friend of Junior Kelly's, also spoke up saying, "This community has an open wound that needs to be healed. We have a responsibility to our neighbor."

Culpepper said she felt as if she had lost her own grandmother, Mildred Culpepper on the day she learned that Junior Kelly had been killed. It was a day that changed all their lives.

"He did not know what it was like to have security in his own home," Culpepper recalled. "It is heart-wrenching to us that the killer is going free."

The family asked that anyone with any information, no matter how small or seemingly insignificant, contact the Sheriff's Office.

Randall Roberts recalled his neighbor, Junior Kelly pulling up in his front yard before church almost every Sunday to visit.

"I miss those talks," Roberts said. "I knew him as a free-hearted person, who would give anyone help."

To whoever is responsible for the murder of Junior Kelly, Roberts said there is a time coming when they will pay for their actions.

Sheriff Schultz echoed the words of Junior Kelly's family members and friends, saying "Some in this community have stood silent for too long. You need to stand up and be counted."

New investigators are now working the homicide case, Sheriff Schultz said on Saturday.

"I'm optimistic that while five years is a long-time, we now have the advantage of advanced technology."

Schultz asked that anyone with information come forward and tell investigators, even if they told investigators five years ago, it's important that they come back to the Sheriff's Office and tell his new team of investigators who are actively working the case.

"Somebody knows something about this case," Schultz said. "Do you have the courage to come forward?"

Remember there is now a \$15,000 reward being offered and callers will remain confidential.



Samantha Culpepper asked the audience attending the candlelight vigil, Saturday night in Bell, to come together and provide information to help solve the homicide of her papa, Jr. Kelly.

Community Events

Chamber Banquet is January 16

The Gilchrist County Chamber of Commerce will hold its Winter Membership Banquet on January 16, 2014 at the Trenton Elementary School Cafeterium. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person. Call Kim Corbin at the Gilchrist County Chamber of Commerce office for more information, 463-3467.

Land Judging Contest on January 17

The Gilchrist Soil and Water Conservation District will host the 2014 Tri-County Land Judging Contest on Friday, Jan. 17, 2014.

The event will be located at the Gilchrist County Agricultural Complex, located on Highway 129 north of Trenton.

There will be local FFA Land Judging Teams from Gilchrist, Levy and Dixie Counties, as well as teams from other surrounding counties.

Spring Ridge Pancake Breakfast will be Saturday

The Spring Ridge Volunteer Fire Department invites you to welcome in the New Year at their next monthly Pancake Breakfast at their firehouse (Gilchrist County Fire Station 3). This month's breakfast will start at 7:30 a.m., on Saturday, Jan. 4, and run until at least 10:00 a.m. All residents of the northeast Gilchrist County area and surrounding communities are invited to attend.

Blueberry, nut, and plain pancakes will be served, along with sausages, eggs, grits, cheese grits, coffee and juice. As usual, the cost for the breakfast will be a donation to the fire department. The Spring Ridge/Gilchrist County Fire Station 3 is located on County Road 340 (Poe Springs Road), near the Spring Ridge Church of God. Come have a nice breakfast and chat with your neighbors. See you on the first Saturday of January, and every month!

38th Annual Camellia Show

Gainesville Camellia Society's 38th Annual Camellia Show will be held Saturday and Sunday, January 4 and 5, at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens, 4700 SW 58th Drive. The public is invited to view the flowers from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call (352) 672-2644 or visit www.americancamellias.org and click on the Gainesville Camellia Society web page.

American Legion Post 91 News

American Legion Post 91 salutes all veterans safely ringing in the New Year. Our normal membership meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month, located at 4200 South US Hwy 129 Bell, and we encourage all veterans to join us. We have a dinner, cooked by our Auxiliary, at 1730 hours (5:30 p.m.), before our meeting, with our membership meeting starting at 1830 hours (6:30 p.m.).

We had taken a break from our normal bingo games through the Christmas holidays, which will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014, with our bingo games being held on every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., at the Legion Hall. There is the lucky number, being the first number called at the beginning of the night, and the progressive coverall, with a jackpot of up to \$250, at the end of the evening.

American Legion Post 91 has a Lady's Auxiliary Chapter, as well as, an American Legion Riders Chapter and Sons of the American Legion Chapter, all of which are active in the community.

We, at Post 91, would like to have all our area Vets join us.

AARP offers Driving Course

There will be an AARP Driving Course at the Old Town United Methodist Church, 25633 SE Hwy 19, on Thursday, Jan. 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The objectives of the course include: understanding the effects of aging on driving, learning defensive driving strategies aimed at reducing crash risks, updating knowledge of the rules of the road in Florida, and increasing confidence and maintaining independence. There are no tests.

Please bring a sack lunch. The Certificate of Completion provides for a three-year auto insurance discount for seniors age 55 and over.

Class size is limited. Registration is required. Please call Lynda at (352) 333-3036.

Free evening of Bluegrass Saturday

The Dixie County Historical Society will be hosting another evening of Bluegrass and Bluegrass Gospel music for your enjoyment on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014, at the "Old" Old Town Elementary School Auditorium located at SR. 349 and CR 55A. There will be *Big Cypress Bluegrass* performing. The music will start at 6:00 p.m., and will finish when the music stops! Admission is free so bring the family and enjoy!

Trenton Senior Center offers free classes

Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., Core Exercise and Yoga with Felice

Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Zumba Gold with Sarah Beth.

Mondays, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Crocheting.

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Tai Chi.

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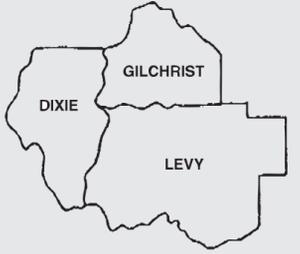
Other Activities

Fridays, 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., Bingo, except the first Friday of the month because of the bus that leaves to WalMart at 9:50 a.m. and the last Friday because that's when we celebrate birthdays.

Call the senior center at (352) 463-1895 to learn more.

Lafayette State Bank's Bell branch is now accepting CFEC payments

Lafayette State Bank's Bell Branch location is now accepting utility payments for Central Florida Electric Cooperative. The service is available to customers and non-customers during normal banking hours. Payments are accepted in the lobby and drive-thru locations and will be applied immediately.



"For our members in the Gilchrist County area, the main office in Chiefland or the branch location in Cross City may not be convenient in which to make a payment," says Mike Campbell, CFEC Manager. "For these members, being able to stop in to the Bell branch of Lafayette State Bank will greatly increase the convenience of making their utility payment."

For more information on payment options available from Central Florida Electric Cooperative, call 352-493-2511 or visit www.cfec.com. For more information on services offered by Lafayette State Bank stop by the nearest branch, call 352-463-2700 or visit www.LafayetteState-Bank.com. Lafayette State Bank is locally owned and operated and is a member FDIC.

Trenton Rotary Club to host 2014 Adventure Race

The Rotary Club of Trenton will be holding its first annual Rotary Adventure Race Saturday, April 12, 2014.

This Pedal-Paddle-Run event will begin at the historic railroad depot in Trenton and will consist of a 12-mile bicycle pedal over the scenic Nature Coast trail and country roads with bike paths to Hart Springs in Gilchrist County.

Then a four-mile kayak and/or canoe paddle will take place on the historic Suwannee River, a true

wilderness river, followed by ending with a 3.1-mile run through a beautiful wooded trail and country roads.

The event will end with an outdoor picnic lunch in beautiful Hart Springs, the jewel of Gilchrist County.

Those who want to race will have to participate in all three events. Recreational participants can choose to enter any category or all three. Save the date now and keep watching TrentonRotaryClub.org for details and registration as the event gets closer.

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Tide Tables For The Week of 1/2 to 1/8 for the mouth of the Suwannee River

Date	High	Low	High	Low	High
Thu Jan 2, 14	3.640 ft. 1:32 AM	-1.126 ft. 8:56 AM	2.843 ft. 3:16 PM	0.810 ft. 8:55 PM	
Fri Jan 3, 14	3.582 ft. 2:22 AM	-0.961 ft. 9:39 AM	2.855 ft. 3:54 PM	0.666 ft. 9:43 PM	
Sat Jan 4, 14	3.420 ft. 3:12 AM	-0.681 ft. 10:21 AM	2.864 ft. 4:32 PM	0.548 ft. 10:33 PM	
Sun Jan 5, 14	3.161 ft. 4:05 AM	-0.322 ft. 11:01 AM	2.871 ft. 5:09 PM	0.467 ft. 11:25 PM	
Mon Jan 6, 14	2.831 ft. 5:00 AM	0.081 ft. 11:41 AM	2.874 ft. 5:48 PM		
Tue Jan 7, 14		0.422 ft. 12:22 AM	2.475 ft. 6:01 AM	0.488 ft. 12:23 PM	2.866 ft. 6:31 PM
Wed Jan 8, 14		0.387 ft. 1:27 AM	2.159 ft. 7:14 AM	0.865 ft. 1:10 PM	2.851 ft. 7:20 PM
First Quarter:	1/7	10:41 PM			

Emergency Management offers free CPR class

The Gilchrist County Emergency Management Department will offer its second free CPR class to the public on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Gilchrist County Emergency Operations Center located at 3250 N. US Hwy 129 in Bell.

The course will have a strict limit of 30 students and will be on a first come first serve basis. Students may be of any age as long as they are able to understand the material and perform the hands-on portion of the course.

Students that wish to obtain a two year CPR certification card may obtain one by passing a written test and paying a \$5.00 card fee at the end of the course.

Again, space is limited to the first 30 students that register and the class will require a minimum of 10 students. For more information or to reserve your seat contact the Gilchrist County Director of Emergency Management David Peaton at (386) 935-5400, toll free at 1-866-751-1728, or email at dpeaton@gilchrist.fl.us.

Bird Walk

Four Rivers Audubon will sponsor its monthly walk at Alligator Lake Park on Saturday, Jan. 4. Meet at the pole barn at 8 a.m., loaner binoculars are available. For more information, call Judee Mundy at (386) 758-9558 or Sylvia Dunnam at (386) 362-3256.

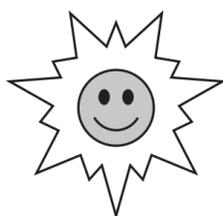
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CHRISTMAS UNDER THE STARS

We wish to thank all of those who made our first annual Christmas Under the Stars celebration at the Fort Fanning Historical Park a success, December 7, 2013. Special thanks to the Fire Rescue of Fanning Springs, for all the help with the decorations, Gina Cowser, for furnishing the wonderful holiday music, the City of Fanning Springs, for their support, and Mike Boyer and the Marine Patrol for their assistance with the boat show.

Thanks to all the people that came out to join the celebration. We plan to make our second annual celebration bigger and better.

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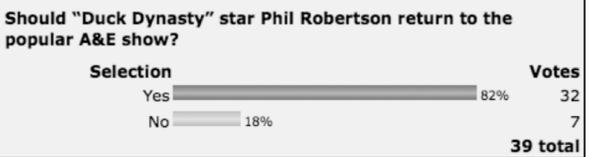
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COOKING AND CARRYIN' ON

"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day of the year."
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Well, the tree is down and momma's Christmas plates are safely packed away once again. It seems we women of the family work for weeks leading up to Christmas to make the day really special. We plan our Christmas menu trying not to leave out a single dish that is a family favorite. We select the perfect tree, hang the lights, bake and bake, shop and shop. Truthfully we run ourselves ragged. On top of that most of us struggle to keep the birth of Christ front and center, which of course is hard to do with all the commercial stuff crowding in.

The day after Christmas many people travel to the nearest mall and shop some more, not me buddy. I sent John off to work and fell out on the couch to enjoy a day of recovery, while munching on some divine leftovers.

But, now that it's all over, it's time to give our sweet tooth a rest and move onto some regular food.

I don't know about you, but I'm about ready to get back to eating some regular food. This week's recipe is for meatloaf, which is considered about as regular as you can get. This was the first time I have made a meatloaf which had bacon as one of the ingredients. Guess what, this is the best meatloaf that I have ever made. I'm giving the credit to the bacon. Can you truly ever go wrong adding bacon?

My three favorite ingredients are butter, bacon, and whipping cream. No wonder I'm a little on the hefty side. I don't use as much butter as Paula Deen, but I do believe a sliver of butter added here and there surely enhances most dishes.

The first thing that is important in a meatloaf is good meat. Buy the best meat you can afford, such as ground round. Also let the meat sit

on the counter until it comes to room temperature. Cold meat and a hot oven will make the meatloaf tough. In fact, I try hard to let any meat become room temperature before it is cooked.

This simple to make sauce for the meatloaf makes the dish, please don't skip that step.

Southern Style Meatloaf

- 2 pounds ground round or hamburger
- 8 slices of thick bacon
- 2 eggs, beaten with fork
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper, optional
- 1/2 cup milk
- 3 slices bread
- 1 scant teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon seasoning salt (I used Toney Chachere's Creole Seasoning)
- black pepper to taste
- 1 clove minced garlic

Cook bacon until it is about half done. Remove from heat and drain. Chop up 4 slices of bacon and set other slices aside.

In a small bowl pour milk over bread and give it a few minutes to soak up all the milk. You may have to move the bread around in the milk a few times. Then break the bread up a little and set aside.

Put the meat in a large bowl, add the chopped up bacon, and milk soaked bread. Next add the beaten eggs, onion, bell pepper, salt, seasoning salt, black pepper (fresh ground if you have it), and garlic.

Mix the meatloaf together using your hands. Work the meat and ingredients together until all the chunks of bread disappear. Place the meat loaf in a 9x13 pan. Pat and shape the meatloaf until it is between

1 ¼ to 1 ½ inch thick. Place the 4 strips of lightly cooked bacon over the top of loaf.

Meatloaf Sauce

- 1 cup ketchup
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 1 heaping tablespoon regular mustard
- (I just used French's® from the refrigerator)
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon bacon drippings aka bacon grease

Whisk this together well and pour over the top of the meat loaf. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 minutes to one hour.

Our family enjoys meatloaf served with steamed broccoli, macaroni and cheese, and whipping cream biscuits. Yummy!

Marriages filed in Gilchrist County

Timothy Terrence Sparks, 51, and Samantha Renee Wheeler, 28, both of Trenton, were married on December 22, 2013, by Nellie Bostwick, notary public.

Cleta Carlton Jones, 76, and Linda Suzanne Corbett, 66, both of Archer, were married on December 20, 2013, by Andy Cook, pastor.

Joshua Lee Akins, 27, and Veronica Lynn Rhodes, 27, both of Bell, were married on December 23, 2013, by Verna Mae Wilson, notary public.

Anthony Todd Armott, 37, of Ashland, and Shely Patricia Morillo, 35, of Gainesville, were married on December 26, 2013, by Verna Mae Wilson, notary public.

Gregg and Debbi Hodge will celebrate 40 years of marriage

Gregg and Debbi Hodge were married January 5, 1974, at the bride's home, in Newberry.

Together they have three daughters and four grandsons. Gregg is retired from the Florida Highway Patrol and is currently a Reserve Bailiff for Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office. Debbi is a Radiology Technician at Dixie County Health Department.

The couple will celebrate their 40th anniversary this weekend with their family.



Gregg and Debbi Hodge will celebrate 40 years of marriage on January 5, 2013.

SOCIALS

Happy Birthday wishes to Laura Rogers, Dereck Sanders, Joyce Goss, Terrie Brooks Deen, David Ozment, Robert Lee, William Boyles, and Katherine V. Ripley on January 2nd; Joe Barron, Jeannine McIntyre, Jake Hackett, Violet Kincaid, Ashley Cook Hines, and Granny Davis on January 3rd; Minnie Stalvey, Jade Streit, Jason Jones, John Clark, Dan Talley, and Leila Austin on January 4th; Kelvin G. Brown, Jr., Sandra Davis, Dorothy Beck, Jered Barron, and Barbara Bullington on January 6th; Kay Corbin, Maxine Parrish, and John Brooks Colson, on January 7th; Tina Langford, Terry Parrish, Shari Parnell, Gennie Langford, Merry Hewett, Stephanie Chickering, and Michelle Lullo, on January 8th.

Happy Anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. John Ehrhart, and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Nguyen, on January 5th; Herbert and Gertie Gay on January 6th; Michael and Lisa Graham, on January 7th.

Marriage applications filed in Gilchrist County

James Ray Southard, 29, and Kristin Nicole Keen, 30, both of Newberry.

Johnny Clayton Hockaday, 39, Debra Nichol Shamblin, 30, both of Trenton.

Now & Then

By Carrie A. Mizell

Focus. That's what I'm striving for in 2014, the ability to focus solely on what's important and let everything else, all that stuff that weighs me down, go.

I initiated change on Christmas Day, when my children, Allie Claire and Whitt woke up to find a stocking, and just two presents each under our tree. I know, I know, some of you are aghast at the thought, and right this

minute contemplating a love offering for the poor Mizell children.

Save that dollar and hear me out, last year Christmas was a hullabaloo and we were covered up with more stuff than I could find a place for.

This year, momma got smart and talked to Santa in advance. We decided one toy, one book, and a stocking was the way to go.

In addition to their gifts, my children, who are ages 5 and 2, received a new family fun gift.

You see, Adam and I stay so busy running all over the state, we thought the best gift we could give Allie Claire and Whitt would be time spent together making memories. Therefore, they opened ski bibs and a snowman kit on Christmas morning. Our family gift was an overnight trip to Stone Mountain Park in Stone Mountain, Georgia, where we had the best time watching our kids play in the faux snow.

I hope in years come, our new tradition of a family fun gift will be the most highly anticipated gift under our tree.

When I came back into the office after retuning from our family trip late last week, I started looking back through our old newspapers chronicling 2013. There were many stories of success, from Mrs. Iris Roberts celebrating her 100th birthday to the Trenton Tigers bringing home not one, but two state championship titles.

The *Journal* also featured stories of sorrow in 2013, specifically the Joyce Burrow's murder. Praise the Lord, the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office was able make an arrest in this case.

Life in a small community is not free of drama, there were a handful of



At left: Allie Claire loved riding the snow tube on Dec. 26 at Stone Mountain Park. She asked us if it was real snow or just a good icee.

high profile arrests in 2013 and even a civil lawsuit that has somehow spanned the duration. It's true, we move at a little slower pace around here, but it's never boring.

When there is reason to celebrate, this community steps up and cheers loudly, we dress in school colors and shout so loudly that we can hardly speak the next day.

And when tragedy strikes, we step up to help those who are hurting. Be it through financial contributions, food and above all else, prayer. We pray for each other and with each other, come what may.

I have no doubt the same will be the case in 2014. The stories may change, but the strong character of many in this community will not.

The New Year will bring change to the *Gilchrist County Journal* as well.

For starters you will see more and more of me in the coming months, as my husband Adam and I search for a home here.

I am thrilled that Adam and I have finally decided to set our traveling caravan down in my hometown of Trenton.

Gilchrist County has loved me for 31 years, and it is my hope that this community will also embrace my children as well. My daughter, Allie Claire is delighted that she will be starting kindergarten at Trenton Elementary School in the fall alongside her cousin, Gus.

I hold tight to Jeremiah 29:11 in all circumstances: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

TAX SAVINGS NOTICE

FROM

Damon C. Leggett

Property Appraiser - Gilchrist County

112 South Main Street, Room 138
TRENTON, FLORIDA 32693

Filing Period for Tax Saving Exemptions Ends March 1st

-IMPORTANT-

<p>HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FLORIDA LAW requires that applications be made by MARCH 1, 2014 to be eligible for this \$25,000 exemption. In order to qualify for this exemption you must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hold title to the property as of January 1, 2014. 2. Reside on the property as of January 1, 2014. 3. Be a LEGAL resident of the State of Florida as of January 1, 2014. <p>You must then appear personally at the County Property Appraiser's Office.</p> <p>PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING WITH YOU: Deed or Tax Bill or something showing the legal description of the property on which you are claiming homestead exemption; Florida Driver's License, Florida Car Registration, Florida Voter's Registration or Declaration of Domicile. If not a U.S. citizen, bring Residency (Green) card for both husband and wife. If filing on a mobile home you need to bring title(s) or registration(s) to mobile home.</p>	<p>A Homestead Exemption Granted For 2013 Will Automatically Be Renewed For 2014</p> <p>It is no longer necessary to sign and return a renewal card for Homestead Exemption.</p> <p>If filing for the first time, you must come to the Property Appraiser's Office.</p>	<p>ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR PERSONS 65 AND OLDER For 2014, Gilchrist County residents 65 and older who meet an income limitation may be eligible for an additional \$25,000 homestead exemption on property which they have the legal and equitable title to and maintain thereon their permanent residence. For 2013, the income limitation was \$27,590. In order to be considered, a sworn statement of adjusted gross income of household must be filed with the property appraiser's office during the filing period of January 1 - March 1.</p>
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<p>\$500 WIDOW'S / WIDOWER'S EXEMPTION Any widow/widower who is a permanent Florida resident may claim this exemption. If the widow/widower remarries, she/he is no longer eligible and if the husband and wife were divorced before his/her death, the woman is not considered a widow, nor the man a widower. If filing for the first time, please present a Death Certificate or other proof of your widow/widower status.</p>	<p>DISABLED VETERAN'S EXEMPTION Any ex-service member who is a permanent resident of Florida and is disabled at least 10% in war or by service-connected misfortune is entitled to a \$5,000 exemption. If filing for the first time, please present a certificate from the United States Government. Under certain circumstances the benefit of this exemption can carry over to the veteran's spouse in the event of the veteran's death. Consult your appraiser for details.</p>	<p>PROPERTY TAX DISCOUNT FOR VETERANS AGE 65 AND OLDER WITH COMBAT RELATED DISABILITY Each veteran who is age 65 or older who is partially or totally permanently disabled shall receive a discount from the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property the veteran owns and resides in if the disability was combat related, and the veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service. The discount shall be in a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for the discount granted by this subsection, an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser, by March 1, an official letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability and such evidence that reasonably identifies the disability as combat related, and a copy of the veteran's honorable discharge.</p>
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<p>NON-VETERAN DISABILITY EXEMPTION (\$500.00) Every Florida resident who is totally and permanently disabled qualifies for the \$500 exemption. If filing for the first time, present at least one of the following as proof of your disability: A certificate from a licensed Florida physician or a certificate from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, or documentation from the Social Security Administration. Quadriplegics should contact the Appraiser's Office for special benefit information. If blind or confined to a wheelchair, there is an income limitation per year, including Social Security, contact the Appraiser's Office for determination of other special benefits. Disability forms are available at the Appraiser's Office.</p>	<p>TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY Tangible Personal Property returns must be filed no later than April 1st. Failure to file a return will result in a penalty and an assessment will be made as provided by Florida Law. Tangible Personal Property includes property such as business furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment, household goods, and personal effects. (Florida residents are exempt from the tax on household goods and personal effects in their homestead.) The deadline for charitable and qualified non-profit organizations eligible as such exemption is March 1st. All others must file by April 1st.</p>	<p>AGRICULTURAL (GREENBELT) FILINGS All owners or lessees of agricultural lands who desire agricultural classifications for tax purposes on their property must file an agricultural application with the Appraiser between January 1 and March 1. Agricultural classifications are automatically renewed.</p>
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Additional Homestead Exemption
How does the "double homestead" work?
The existing homestead exemption typically reduces the assessed value of a property used as a primary residence by a Florida resident by \$25,000. This would provide an additional homestead exemption up to \$25,000, on the assessed value between \$50,000 and \$75,000.

For example, if your assessment is \$65,000, the first \$25,000 and that portion above \$50,000 (\$15,000) would be exempt, making your taxable value \$25,000 (65,000-25,000-15,000). Prior to new law, the taxable value would have been \$40,000 (65,000-25,000).

This additional homestead exemption does NOT reduce the assessed value upon which school taxes are based. Also, it does not reduce or otherwise affect the "Save Our Homes" deduction or any other exemptions. It is not necessary to file for this additional exemption if you have the Homestead Exemption already.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION IS NOT TRANSFERABLE -- A NEW APPLICATION MUST BE FILED FOR ANY CHANGES

Information will be required from all persons applying for exemptions to determine their residency status. If Husband or Wife is filing for one or both, residency documentation will be required for both.

We are at your service and will be most happy to assist you in any way.
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Heart Matters

By Angie Land

Happy New Year! Ready or not, 2014 is here! Lots of folks are still enjoying their Christmas lights and decorations right up until New Year's Day, and in the South, some have been known to leave them up year round! (Why make things harder than they have to be?) So, please don't think me a Scrooge, but I'm ready for that tree to come down soon after the presents are unwrapped.



seem to move ahead in forgiveness, or on to success. Perhaps we even dwell on the past because we believe they were our best days, and the rest of our years will pale in comparison. This will only be true if we choose to stay behind.

I think this is because I really like moving forward. After Christmas, I immediately start anticipating the fresh clean pages of the New Year's calendar. Depending on how you look at it, those pages can represent days full of dread and demands or they can shine with possibility and opportunities!

The Apostle Paul says it this way: "...I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me...but one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13-14)

God has created us with a purpose. That alone is amazing, but even more, and He calls us to participate with Him in bringing that purpose to reality! Paul says we have to "press on" or keep moving forward to fulfill that plan. Then he gives us instruction on how to do just that: Forgetting what is behind doesn't mean that we should not remember our past, but that it shouldn't take priority over the present and future. Too many of us struggle continually with the hurt and failures of the past and can't

and future our energy, our hope and our faith that His plan for us will be "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us." (Ephesians 3:20) The abundant life that Christ offers is not a destination, but a journey, and to live it to the fullest, we are to keep moving forward, trusting Him through the challenges that life throws our way.

The second part of the instruction is just as important; we need to pay special attention to "straining toward what is ahead." Webster's dictionary defines "strain" as "to struggle; to make a desperate effort." This is our first clue that pressing on and moving forward will not always be an easy thing to do. "Easy" often means staying right in that same comfortable spot-it may not even be a great spot, but at least we know what to expect! We have the choice: we can do "easy" and spend the rest of our lives wondering what we missed, or we can start making that intentional effort to find and live in the purpose for which God planned our entire life.

I hope so much that you will grab those fresh pages of a 2014 calendar and see them as brand new opportunities to be everything that God created you to be, because your heart really does matter!



Reindeer spotted in Bell!

Reindeer were everywhere at Kathy's All Things Preschool last week! Pictured here, from left to right, on the back row is Zackary S., Chayse W., A.J. C., Kallie C., Bella S., and on the front row is Maggie S., Jayce M., and Case J.

Florida Museum of Natural History to hold volunteer orientation

Submitted Whether needing hours for a scholarship, wanting to spend time serving others, or having an interest in lifelong learning, the Florida Museum of Natural History has volunteer opportunities for everyone.

The museum will hold an orientation session, January 22, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., where prospective adult volunteers, ages 18 and older, may learn about the different opportunities available.

"Volunteering is a great way to interact with the public, expand your knowledge and use experiences you already have," said Florida Museum volunteer coordinator Amy Hester.

Florida Museum docent Charles Hall describes volunteering as a great way to spend his time with a rewarding return.

Hall started volunteering at the museum two years ago after his wife of 62 years died. He volunteers five days a week giving visitor tours and working at the fossil discovery cart.

"I really enjoy talking to people," Hall said. "With my background in the military as a three star general I've given speeches all over the world, so talking to people came easy for me."

The Florida Museum also offers opportunities for students ages 12 to 17 through its summer junior volunteer program.

Applications will be accepted March 3-28, 2014.

All new applicants undergo an interview process and a day of mandatory training. Junior volunteers must be able to commit to two consecutive weeks of service.

More information is available online, www.flmnh.ufl.edu/getinvolved/volunteers/volunteer-program/ or by calling (352) 273-2056.

Fishing tournament will benefit Trenton Tiger football team

Suwannee Marina will be hosting a fishing tournament on Saturday, Jan. 18, to benefit the Trenton Tigers State Champion Football Team. There will be three categories, fresh water, inshore and offshore. Prizes for inshore will include, biggest red, biggest speckled trout and biggest bag (two redfish and five speckled trout), prizes for the fresh water category will include the biggest bream, biggest bass and best bag (five bass). The offshore prizes will include the biggest red grouper, the biggest cobia and the biggest kingfish. There will be one trash fish prize. The entry fee will be \$100 per boat. This includes the captain and mate and dinner for both at the Captian's meeting and Calcutta. Extra anglers will be an additional \$25, extra dinners are \$20. Captain's meeting, dinner and Calcutta will be Friday, Jan. 17, beginning at 6:00 p.m., at Suwannee Marina. If you have any questions you may contact Suwannee Marina at (352) 542-9159 during business hours. Call Allen or Lori Clark after 5:00 p.m. at (352) 356-4552. Entry forms for this tournament will be available soon.

Land Transactions

Kim A. Murray and David H. Murray to Harvey L. Nall and Iva P. Nall, general warranty deed, \$25,000.00, 350615-03310000-0050.

Elizabeth Anne Sanders and Robert L. Sanders to Betty Jean Shepherd and Nathan Shepherd, general warranty deed, \$27,000.00, 310815-00000005-0010.

Melissa Vaglio and Andrew Jay Morgan to Charles Ray Highlander, Jr., and Linda Sapp Highlander, general warranty deed, \$250,000.00, 24-08-16-0000-0003-0040.

Jean C. Akins Revocable Trust and Cassandra L. Akins Trustee to Cassandra L. Akins, Glenda Akins Copeland, and Ann. A. Goff, warranty deed, \$10.00, 211015-00000003-0000.

Napoleon Development and Todd Newton Clerk of Court to Gilchrist County, escheatment tax deed, \$1,281.21, 14-10-16-0554-0012-0060.

Encompass International LLC and Todd Newton Clerk of Court to Gilchrist County, escheatment tax deed, \$782.63, 27-09-16-0000-0005-0006.

Louise M. Frassrand, Louise M. Frassrand Trustee, Mark A. Frassrand, Jr., Marital Trust, Robert A. Sprentall Trustee, and Todd Newton Clerk of Court to Gilchrist County, escheatment tax deed, \$733.12, 27-0916-0000-0005-0014.

John C. Swearingen, Shelley Swearingen, and Todd Newton Clerk of Court to Gilchrist County, escheatment tax deed, \$828.35, 15-10-16-0563-0000-0107.

John C. Swearingen, Shelley Swearingen, and Todd Newton Clerk

of Court to Gilchrist County, escheatment tax deed, \$830.81, 15-10-16-0563-0000-0108.

Frederick Carollo and Todd Newton Clerk of Court to Gilchrist County, escheatment tax deed, \$1,040.91, 14-10-16-0554-0012-0120.

Encompass International LLC and Todd Newton Clerk of Court to Gilchrist County, escheatment tax deed, \$802.83, 27-09-16-0002-0005-0007.

Imran Rehman and Todd Newton Clerk of Court to Gilchrist County, escheatment tax deed, \$878.27, 18-10-14-0026-0013-0210.

Aaron Bachle and Amie Bachle to Aaron Bachle and Amie Bachle, quit claim deed, \$118,100.00, 10-10-14.

Jack D. Cason AKA Jack Cason and Tessie R. Cason AKA Tessie Ca-

Congrats Lady Bulldogs!



Shelbie Hutto, Ashton Mathews, Baylee Rolling, Katarina Kresovic and Raychel Thomas, are Bell High School athletes who were recognized for their abilities last week when they were named to the all-area volleyball teams.

Shelbie Hutto made it to the first team, while Ashton Mathews was named to the second team. Baylee Rolling, Katarina Kresovic and Raychel Thomas were honorably mentioned.

Great job, Lady Bulldogs!

Church News

Spring Ridge Church of God Youth Pantry

Submitted by Tony Marangoni

In Matthew 25:40 (NIV) it states, "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sister of mine, you did for me.'"

I would like to say "thank you" to the many families and businesses that have supported the Spring Ridge Youth Food Pantry. This small church, with a mission to be a "light" in the community and help feed families in Gilchrist and surrounding counties has had a successful turkey drive. With the continued support of the Spring Ridge volunteer firefighters, Mr. Pete Butt and Karst Environmental Services, Mt. Horeb Baptist Church, Ms. Mary Jean McIntyre from Tuscon, Arizona, and the families of Spring Ridge First Church of

God, we were able to purchase and serve over 150 turkeys for our food pantry recipients. Thank you for your support, prayers, and financial contributions in this endeavor. Please consider helping feed those in our community for 2014. Contact Spring Ridge Church of God Youth Food Pantry at (386) 454-3600.

F.A.I.T.H.H. Van to visit Bell Jan. 16

The F.A.I.T.H.H. Mobile Food Pantry will be in Bell at the Clubhouse behind City Hall on January 16, 2014, at 9:45 a.m.

This event is sponsored by the Catholic Charities Bureau, Inc., Gainesville Regional office. For more information, please call Debbie Long, Program Coordinator, at (352) 372-0294.

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Gilchrist County's 2013 Year in Review



January

- Clerk of Court Todd Newton, Sheriff Bobby Schultz, Supervisor of Elections Connie Sanchez, Tax Collector Barbara Merritt and Property Appraiser Damon Leggett were sworn-in.
- Mary Jo Mansfield received the J. Min Ayers Lifetime Achievement Award at the Gilchrist County Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet. Ayers Health & Rehabilitation Center was Business of the Year. The Gilchrist County Sheriff's Volunteers were recognized as Outstanding Civic Organization of the Year. Damon Leggett was named Citizen of the Year.
- Trenton native, Duke Lang, was hired as Gilchrist County attorney.
- The Gilchrist County School District named Trenton's Steve Broker, District Teacher of the Year and Bell's Andrea Gregory, District Employee of the Year.
- Gilchrist County Education Foundation opted to forego the 20th Annual Wild Beast Feast in favor of a live concert.
- Circuit judge dismissed Robert Roux's civil lawsuit brought against Bobby Schultz and the Gilchrist County Canvassing Board, however appeals spanned 2013.



Management District officials advise Gilchrist County farmers to monitor their wells.

- James "Mitch" Harrell hired as Gilchrist County Fire Chief.
- Divers pull the bodies of Al Melendez and Haemant Nathooram from the Suwannee River near Log Landing. The two men jumped into the high river to save a young boy.
- Trenton FFA's Erin Jones showed the grand champion fat steer and Makenzie Smith showed the reserve champion fat steer at the Suwannee River Fair.
- Sales at the Suwannee River Fair totaled \$730,884 in 2013.
- 6th Annual Quilt Festival drew a large crowd to downtown Trenton.

April

- Trenton's historic May House was demolished to make way for McDonald's®.
- Local mayors deem April 22 "Paint the Town Purple Day" to raise cancer awareness.



February

- The Education Foundation's annual Walk-a-thon generated \$12,000.
- A fire at Overstreet Mulch mill destroyed the family-owned business' manufacturing line. Production of cypress mulch at the mill stopped after 30 years of business.
- Best Drugs owners Larry and Bev Diaz announced that they would not sell the Trenton pharmacy to Walgreens after all.
- Ayers Health & Rehabilitation Center won the Governor's Gold Seal Award.

March

- Sheriff Bobby Schultz warns that the sale of synthetic drugs in Gilchrist County will not be tolerated.
- Suwannee River Water

- Bulldogs 5K raises \$2,300 for Relay for Life.
- Education Foundation's live concert, Boots-N-Bands Bash drew 400 people.
- Wastewater treatment plant goes online in Fanning Springs.

May

- Bell High School's Nikki Bolender was awarded the Sunshine State Scholar Award.
- The Trenton Tiger baseball team earned its second straight District 6 1A title.
- Relay For Life of Gilchrist County raised over \$45,000.
- Superintendent Rob Rankin recommended Steve Broker, the District Teacher of the Year, be fired over allegations of misconduct.
- Trenton High School's baseball team defeated the Chiefland Indians to win the state championship title in Fort Myers.
- Wendy Trantham named valedictorian at Bell High School and Chelsea Joslin was salutatorian. At Trenton High School, Emma Kate Redd was valedictorian and Raven Jordan was salutatorian of the Class of 2013.

June

- Drug raid near Fanning Springs nets three arrests.
- Suwannee River Shrine Club's 26th Annual Gold Hook Award Kids

- Fishing Tournament has 25 entries, who helped raise money for Shriners Hospitals.
- Gilchrist County Schools received \$135,894 from United Way.
- Circuit Judge David Glant retired due to health issues.
- Gilchrist County's 4-H poultry judging team qualified for the national competition after placing first in the state contest.

July

- Willie Mae Sims and Mary Aldonia Pittman Rawls were inducted into the Trenton Hall of Fame.
- A retired Bell Elementary School teacher, Rose Marie Guindin-Mayo died of a heart attack while serving on a mission trip in Guatemala.
- Gilchrist Lightning 12U softball team won state title.
- The Gilchrist County School Board reached a settlement deal with Steve Broker worth \$54K.
- Home intruder kills Bell resident Joyce Burrow in a gruesome crime that horrified many local residents.



August

- Gilchrist County School District earns an A grade.
- Michael Darnell Porter arrested and charged with the murder of Joyce Burrow 11 days after her death.



- Mrs. Iris Roberts celebrated her 100th birthday.
- Gas leak in downtown Trenton stops traffic on State Road 26.

September

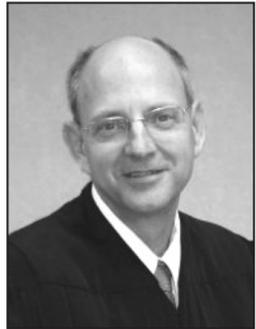
- The Jackie and Eloise Langford Family was named 2013 Cattleman of the Year.
- Trenton High School forms its first ever golf team.



- McDonald's® opens in Trenton.
- Wilma Mattucci retired after 22 years as Gilchrist County Library manager.
- Best Drugs sold to Georgia-based Southcare Pharmacy, Inc.

October

- Nineteen Gilchrist County students recognized for earning a perfect FCAT score.
- Shelby Langford and Bruce Thomas were named Bell High School's 2013 Homecoming Queen and King.
- Trenton Hardware and Farm Supply opens on State Road 26.
- Governor Rick Scott spoke at the Gilchrist County Republican Executive Committee's Stars of Freedom Dinner.
- Popular Trenton attorney, Bill Clifton, died at age 93.
- Trenton High School golfer, Ty Gorton, advanced to the state finals.
- Retired Circuit Judge David Glant died.
- Trenton Police Chief Jim Raven announced plans to retire.



Commissioner, Group 1.

- Bell High School's varsity football team clinched it's first ever state playoff spot.
- State Surgeon General Dr. John H. Armstrong visited Trenton.
- Trenton High School crowned Jacquiez Powell and Ashia Henry 2013 homecoming royalty.
- Felice Swalla was named Trenton Senior Center's Volunteer of the Year.

December

- Carol Murray and Michael D. Moore were elected to serve on the Bell Town Council.
- Trenton High School's varsity football team won a state championship title at the Citrus Bowl in Orlando.
- Tori Rogers won the Gilchrist County School District's Spelling Bee.
- Shingle Landing Boat Ramp opens.
- In Gilchrist County, 420 kids received toys through the Toys For Tots program.

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Top 10 Consumer Complaints for 2013

Submitted As 2013 comes to a close, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services released on Monday the top 10 consumer complaints filed this year.

"We're here to help consumers," said Commissioner of Agriculture Adam H. Putnam. "Floridians can call our 1-800-HELP-FLA consumer hotline to file a complaint, as well as find information about registered businesses and professionals and learn how to protect themselves from fraud and scams."

Consumers filed 47,226 complaints with the department's consumer assistance center in 2013. The top 10 most common complaints from January 1 through December 20, 2013, were:

1. Do Not Call – 18,862
 2. Telemarketing – 3,626
 3. Fuel – 2,708
 4. Communications – 2,339
 5. Landlord/Tenant – 1,719
 6. Real Estate Broker/Salesperson – 1,572
 7. Cable – 1,483
 8. Credit/Banking – 1,482
 9. Motor Vehicle Sales/Accessories – 1,466
- Complaints about violators of "Do Not Call" has topped the list

for four consecutive years. This year saw an increase of more 1,000 complaints growing from 17,772 in 2012 to 18,862 in 2013. The increase in complaints is consistent with the increase in subscribers to the Florida Do Not Call List.

For complaints filed against businesses regulated by the department, trained staff work to resolve the dispute through mediation and evaluate the business for compliance with statutory provisions. As a result of the department's efforts, more than \$3,477,000 was recovered on behalf of Florida consumers this year.

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is the state's clearinghouse for consumer complaints, protection and information. The consumer assistance center is staffed with trained analysts who are able to file complaints on behalf of the consumer, respond to questions about programs and regulations under the department's purview, provide information on a wide variety of topics or direct callers to the appropriate government agency.

The department's consumer assistance center answered nearly 200,000 calls and more than 7,300

emails in 2013.

In addition, the consumer assistance center analysts responded to nearly 7,000 online chats through the department's online chat option available at www.freshfromflorida.com.

Consumers who believe fraud has taken place can contact the department's consumer protection and information hotline at 1-800-HELP-FLA (435-7352) or, for Spanish speakers, 1-800-FL-AYUDA (352-9832).



Levy County Horse Club President Dave Wilson is shown presenting a check for \$5,000 to Jennifer Adams, Shands Cancer Center Clinical Social Worker.

Horse Club donates \$5K to Shands

By Dave Wilson

The Levy County Horse Club held their 13th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Benefit Trail Ride on October 19, 2013.

The event is held at the Tidewater Trailhead in Goethe State Forest each year in conjunction with Forest Awareness Month and Greenways and Trails Month. This benefit is for a great cause and what better reason to be out on the trails. This year's event raised \$5,000.00 that was donated to Shands Cancer Center to be utilized for the use of local breast cancer patients. The Levy County Horse Club has donated a total of \$46,125.00 into our foundation that is administered by the Shands Cancer Center to date.

The horse club held our annual Christmasride/campout/dinner during the weekend of December 14th, 2013 at which time we presented the check to Jennifer Adams, Clinical Social

Worker for Shands Cancer Center.

Jennifer informed the club how the funds are so desperately needed and have been used to benefit over 700 patients in need, so far. It's used for purchasing their combs, brushes, wigs, gas cards for trips to chemotherapy treatments, and even an occasional payment for their electric bill, motel stay, rent payment, etc. The recipients of our funds are genuinely surprised to hear that their assistance is coming from a horse club.

All the planning, work and local business contributions in putting on such an event to benefit our neighbors that are battling this disease makes it all worthwhile.

Should you be interested in next year's event or wish to learn more about our horse club, you may contact us on our website at www.levycountyhorseclub.com or email levy2@flahorse.com.

New Florida cooking show will air on PBS

A new television show that starts January 4 on WUFT Channel 5 will give viewers tasty tidbits about Florida food along with a focus on fresh, sustainable food and native Florida cooking.

"Independent videographer Jeff Goertz produces and directs the program, 'The Chef's Table with Randal White,' from his home studio in Ocala," said Sue Wagner, WUFT's community relations director. Studios for public television station Five WUFT are located on the University of Florida campus. WUFT (digital channel 5.1) can be located on Cox Cable Channel 3 in Gainesville and Channel 5 in Ocala.

"The 30-minute program has been



in production since October and will premiere at noon January 4. Additional episodes will continue to air at noon Saturdays," she said.

Al Williamson, video coordinator for UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, said his staff is producing two one-minute segments that will be sprinkled throughout each episode. The IFAS segments will zero in on a variety of topics, including tomato and strawberry research, honey, food safety, nutrition and more, he said.

The show's mission, Goertz said, is to develop and produce Florida's premier chef show, one that gives the public a sense of Southern styles and traditions, with the help of UF/IFAS, local farmers, gardeners, restaurateurs, contributors, sponsors and viewers.

Goertz said he shoots the program in high definition, using four cameras with a small crew, in a home studio built from scratch.

Goertz comes to the show with extensive video production experience, having begun his career in 1988 at Channel 51 in Ocala, which later became Fox 51. He said he has produced more than 1,500 commercials, produced and edited numerous television shows.

He started his own production company 10 years ago.

Goertz's association with White began when the chef participated in an Iron Chef-type contest in Ocala and Goertz edited the show.

"I saw right away Randal was a natural for TV, and he was an awesome chef, a truly great combination," Goertz said. He said he worked with White on another cooking show, "Dishin' it Out," which ran for six years in Ocala.

Goertz said he hopes eventually to get "The Chef's Table" distributed to other PBS stations around the country.



B. J. brought in her latest quilt. The print blocks are made with whole cloth blocks. The quilt was hand-stitched and hand-quilted. You really need to see it up close to see all the detail work that was done.

Log Cabin Quilters

Submitted

The Log Cabin Quilters met Thursday, Dec. 26, at the Levy County Quilt Museum at 11050 NW 10th Avenue.

We had a great time visiting and even got some work accomplished. The School House sampler is almost completed and they're planning the next quilt.

Thursday lunch was great with turkey and dressing, lasagna, cabbage, shrimp, cheese, chocolate cake and cupcakes and pecan pie. Alice Mae

still needs practice cooking cabbage and pecan pie. I doubt if she will ever get either dish right. She made the cabbage from young tender heads which was great. The pecan pie was a new recipe so she needs to make several more pies for us to sample.

We'll be having our first Saturday of the month yard sale in January. There is no charge to set up with us. This would be a great time to start cleaning your house of unwanted or duplicate times.

Happy New Year to all!

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	BELL HIGH SCHOOL		
1/6	Junior Class Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser		@BHS
	Teacher Workday/Student Holiday		
	8:00am-12:00pm Sophomore Car Wash Fundraiser		@BHS
	3:30pm JV girls basketball game vs/Branford		@Branford
	5:00pm JV boys basketball game vs/Branford		@Branford
	6:30pm Varsity girls basketball game vs/Branford		@Branford
	8:00pm Varsity boys basketball game vs/Branford		@Branford
1/7	School Resumes for Students		
	3:30pm JV girls basketball game vs/Oak Hall		@Oak Hall
	5:00pm JV boys basketball game vs/Oak Hall		@Oak Hall
	6:30pm Varsity girls basketball game vs/Oak Hall		@Oak Hall
	8:00pm Varsity boys basketball game vs/Oak Hall		@Oak Hall
	TRENTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL		
1/6	Teachers return		
1/7	Students return		
	TRENTON MIDDLE SCHOOL/TRENTON HIGH		
1/4	4:00 JVB Basketball v Dixie		
	5:30 VG Basketball v Dixie		
	7:00 VB Basketball v Dixie		
	Teachers Return		
1/6	Students return		
1/7	8am JV B Basketball at Hilliard		
	5:00 VG Basketball at Hilliard		
	6:30 VB Basketball at Hilliard		
	8:00		

Arrest Report

December 20, 2013

Joshua Cetrullo-Grimes, 20, of Clearwater, was arrested by Deputy Brittany Lee, Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office, for Aggravated Battery with a Deadly Weapon, \$25,000.00 bond.

Timothy Richard Sparks, 26, of Fanning Springs, was arrested by Deputy Brittany Lee, Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office, for Possession of Marijuana over 20 grams, ROR.

December 21, 2013

Austin James Koltz, 23, of Chiefland, was arrested by Officer Brit Combs, Trenton Police Department, for a DUI, \$2,000.00 bond.

April M. Salley, 38, of Old Town, was arrested by Deputy Thomas Tucker, Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office, for an Out-of-County Warrant, no bond.

Arthur James Hammel, 41, of Old Town, was arrested by Officer Brit Combs, Trenton Police Department, for DUI, Flee/Elude Police, and Resisting an Officer Without Violence, \$5,000.00 bond.

December 24, 2013

Robert A. Willette, Jr., 44, of Newberry, was arrested by Deputy Clifton Dasher, Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office, for Battery Touch or Strike, and Disorderly Intoxication, \$1,500.00 bond.

December 25, 2013

Sean Lamont Johnson, 36, of Trenton, was arrested by Deputy Scotty Douglas, Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office, for Driving While

License Suspended 1st Offense, Battery Touch or Strike, and Resisting an Officer Without Violence, \$15,000.00 bond.

December 26, 2013

Hiram White, Jr., 34, of Chiefland, was arrested by Officer Brit Combs, Trenton Police Department, for DUI and Possession of Marijuana not more than 20 grams, \$1,500.00 bond.

Arthur Llavoyd Mayo, Jr., 72, of Branford, was arrested for Violence of Probation-Lewd and Lascivious Molestation on a Child Under 12 years of age, ROR.

Kevin Paul Hamilton, 37, of Newberry, was arrested by Deputy Jeff Davis, Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office, for Possession of Marijuana not more than 20 grams and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, \$500.00 bond.

December 26, 2013

Christopher Eugene Land, 29, of Bell, was arrested by Deputy Amanda Colson, Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office, for Felony 2nd degree Production of Methamphetamine, \$100,000.00 bond.

December 28, 2013

Brian Alphonzo McGee, 29, of Trenton, was arrested by Deputy Brittany Lee, Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office, for Resisting an Officer Without Violence, Possession of a Controlled Substance Without a Prescription, Possession of Marijuana not more than 20 grams, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia X2, \$18,000.00 bond.

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Florida Forest Service Offers 10 Tips for Safe Christmas Tree Disposal

As the holiday season ends and Floridians begin cleaning up decorations, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Florida Forest Service encourages Floridians to consider recycling Christmas trees. Recycling Christmas trees protects the environment and reduces the chance of starting a wildfire. Contact your local waste removal service and check for any date or size restrictions.

Should Floridians choose to burn their Christmas tree, the department offers 10 safety tips to avoid danger:

1. Check local ordinances and requirements for outdoor burning.
2. Only burn if significant rainfall has occurred in the past three to four days.
3. Never burn on windy or high fire danger days.
4. Only burn during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and one hour before dark.
5. Select an appropriate site to burn, which meets or exceeds the following requirements:
 - 25 feet from wildland brush or forested area
 - 25 feet from your home and 150 feet from your closest neighbor
 - 50 feet from any paved public roadway
6. Clear the burn area of combustible materials.
7. Remove all decorations from the tree before you burn.
8. Cut the tree into manageable sections, as necessary.
9. Do not leave the fire until it is completely burnt out.
10. Keep a water hose and shovel on hand.

For more information about the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, visit www.FreshFromFlorida.com.

The 5th Annual Kids' Wildlife Habitat Contest Submitted

On Earth Day in April, 2014, the Florida Wildlife Federation will award a commemorative plaque and an age-suitable gardening book to the Florida kid or kids 12 years old or under who have helped to establish and maintain a habitat for wildlife at home or on school property. The habitat will also be featured on our website and in our newsletter. Entries close March 31, 2014.

The Florida Wildlife Federation is dedicated to encouraging young Floridians to be good

environmentalists and to care for our native animals and plants. We believe that time spent outdoors working on a habitat project is of great value in encouraging young people to learn about nature. Experts say that lack of active outdoor play and projects contributes to many childhood health problems.

It's easy to enter. Just tell us how the habitat provides the following elements, food, water, cover, and a place to raise young. Send some photos of your habitat, preferably with children working there.

Teachers, please note that it is not necessary for schoolyard habitats to be certified by National Wildlife Federation or any other organization, just that they provide the 4 necessary elements for a good wildlife habitat. We are especially interested in the science that students learn in the habitat.

A description and photos of the habitat can be mailed to the Blairstone Pines address above, or e-mailed to patricia@fwfonline.org

Email patricia@fwfonline.org or call the FWF office at (850) 656-7113 for more information, if needed. See our website at www.fwfonline.org for photos and information about previous winners, and the PowerPoint and videos there for general habitat information.

Capital City Bank Observes Cyber Security Awareness Month Offers Tips to Help Consumers Stay Safe in Cyberspace Submitted

Capital City Bank encourages clients and community members to be educated about the risks they face in the cyber environment and, in observation of Cyber Security Awareness Month, offers tips for becoming savvy online consumers.

For many consumers, being online is a part of daily life, as routine as breathing, and in this increasingly plugged-in lifestyle, individuals rely on the internet to provide a convenient place to shop, bank and interact with friends. Cyber criminals too rely on the internet, as a place to scam, swindle and steal from unsuspecting consumers all over the globe.

Cons like phishing scams and website spoofs are becoming more and more sophisticated and tougher to recognize. Like Capital City Bank, many companies go to great lengths to ensure their clients have a secure online environment to conduct business and exchange information, but since the consumers who access these systems do so via their own networks, using their own devices, half of the responsibility for keeping their personal information safe is their own.

Risky activity while online can leave computers and/or mobile devices, and ultimately personal data, vulnerable, but by employing these simple methods, consumers can help guard against the threat of online fraud and identity theft.

- Capital City Bank, as well as all other legitimate business and service providers, will never call, text or e-mail you and request personal information. Requests like this are almost always a scam. Keep your guard up when you're online and, when in doubt, don't respond.
- Protect all devices that connect

to the Internet and make sure you are using the most up-to-date anti-virus, spyware and firewall software. Computers, smart phones, gaming systems and other web-enabled devices all need protection from viruses and malware.

• Hold the businesses you patronize online to a high security standard. Always look for "https://" or "shttp://," which means the site takes extra measures to help secure your information. "Http://" is not secure. Don't enter personal information online that you can verify it's a reputable and secured site.

• Even if you know the site you're on is legitimate, you can open yourself up to compromise if you're surfing via an unsecured or unprotected network.

• Wi-Fi hotspots are convenient, but you should limit the type of business you conduct and adjust the security settings on your device to limit who can access your phone.

• Be discerning about mobile apps. Review the privacy policy and understand what data the app accesses before you download.

• If you are using a public computer, three quick steps help ensure the next user can't gain access to your personal info: Delete your browsing history (in browser options), log out and close out of the browser window, and always deselect the "Remember me" option.

• A few tips on passwords: Make sure they're unique and not easily guessed. Have a different one for each online account and change your passwords several times a year.

• Make use of multifactor authentication. This includes additional identity verification measures such as those used by the Capital City Bank OnLine system: personal identification image for consumer account holders and security token used by Treasury Management clients.

• Keep personal info personal. Be conservative when it comes to sharing personal information on social networking sites. The more information you post, the easier it may be for a hacker or someone else to use that information to steal your identity, access your data or commit other crimes such as stalking.

SRWMD invites high schools to implement water quality and quantity projects Submitted

The Suwannee River Water Management District (District) invites high schools within its 15-county District boundary to join our efforts in protecting water resources by implementing water conservation, water quality improvement, or efficient irrigation management projects. The District Governing Board is designating \$20,000 to assist STEM (Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), agricultural, and other high school classes to fund the projects.

The program is currently open to high schools only, and interested schools may apply for funding consideration, not to exceed \$2,000, for the following type projects:

- Retrofitting irrigation systems to drip irrigation or to micro-irrigation
- Incorporating fertigation into irrigation systems
- Building a rain garden, which

utilizes stormwater for irrigation

• Other water quality or quantity projects

"The District is pleased to support high school students in their efforts to implement projects that save water and improve water quality. An added benefit of the program is that it provides students with hands-on educational experiences involving the protection and restoration of our water resources," said District Executive Director Ann Shortelle.

While there is no formal application to complete, interested parties may submit project proposals and descriptions of their projects to Kevin Wright at klw@srwmd.org. The deadline to submit proposals is Friday, Dec. 6.

For more information, please call (386) 362-1001 or (800) 226-1066 (FL only).

Florida Museum announces 2014 spring 'Science Café' programs

The Florida Museum of Natural History will continue its "Science Café" series January 13, 2014, with University of Florida anthropology professor Connie Mulligan discussing "The First Settlers of the New World: Who, Where, When and How."

This is the third year of the program in which guest speakers and community members gather at local establishments and discuss contemporary science over food. Seating and food orders begin at 6:00 p.m. with the program starting at 6:30 p.m.

"Our spring series features a variety of topics from the first settlers in the New World to bird intelligence and fossils of Panama," said Betty Dunckel, director of the Florida Museum's Center for Science Learning.

The January 13 program at Saboré, 13005 SW First Road, Suite 129 in Town of Tioga, features Mulligan, who will describe how her work on human genetic variation is used to reconstruct who the first settlers in the New World were, and where, when and how they arrived.

"Our work combines genetics, archaeology, paleoecology, history and linguistics to reconstruct human evolutionary history," said Mulligan, who also is associate chair of the UF department of anthropology and associate director of the UF Genetics Institute.

Other scheduled 2014 spring programs include:

• February 3 at Blue Gill Quality Foods, 1310 SW 13th St. in Gainesville: Florida Museum Katharine Ordway Professor of Ecosystem Conservation Scott Robinson, "Bird Brains: Bird Intelligence and Adapting to a Changing World."

• March 17 at Saboré: Hyatt and Cici Brown Professor of Florida Archaeology Kenneth Sassaman from UF's department of anthropology, "Futurescapes of Ancient Native Americans of the Florida Gulf Coast."

• April 7 at Blue Gill Quality Foods: Florida Museum Curator of Vertebrate Paleontology Bruce J. MacFadden, "Discovering Fossils in Panama: A Once-in-a-Century Opportunity."

Participants purchase their own food and beverage for each program from a special Science Café menu, with seating and ordering beginning at 6:00 p.m. Please note seating is on a first-come basis (except when wheelchair access is requested in advance) and participation is limited. The presentation starts promptly at 6:30 p.m.

To help plan for these free programs, please RSVP at least one week in advance of the café date with your name and the number attending by emailing aerickson@flmnh.ufl.edu or calling Amanda Erickson Harvey, (352) 273-2062.

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TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY INFORMATION

This form answers some common questions taxpayers have concerning Tangible Personal Property. In addition, it provides information that will help you file an accurate and timely tax return.

Questions Most Frequently Asked About Tangible Personal Property

Q. What is Tangible Personal Property?

A. Tangible Personal Property is everything other than real estate that has value by itself. It would include things such as furniture, fixtures, tools, machinery, household appliances, signs, equipment, leasehold improvements, supplies, leased equipment and any other equipment used in a business or to earn income.

Q. Who must file?

A. Anyone in possession of assets on January 1 who has either a proprietorship, partnership, corporation or is a self-employed agent or contractor, must file each year. Property owners who lease, lend or rent property must also file.

Q. Why must I file a return?

A. Florida Statutes 193.052 requires that all tangible personal property be reported each year to the Property Appraiser's office. If you receive a return, it's because our office has determined that you may have property to report. If you feel the form is not applicable, return it with an explanation. Either way, the form MUST be returned. Failure to receive a Personal Property Tax Return (DR-405) does not relieve you of your obligation to file.

Q. How can I obtain this form?

A. At the beginning of the year a return is mailed to Tangible Personal Property owners. If you do not get one, contact the Property Appraiser's Office.

Q. What if I have no assets to report? Do I still have to file a return?

A. Yes, if you feel you do not have anything to report, fill out items 1 through 9 on the return, and attach an explanation of why nothing was reported. However, almost all businesses and rental units have some assets to report even if it is only supplies, rented equipment or household goods.

Q. If I am no longer in business, should I still file the return?

A. Yes, if you were not in business on January 1 of the taxing year, follow this procedure:
1) On your return, indicate the date you went out of business and the manner in which you disposed of your business assets. Remember if you still have the assets, you must file on them.
2) Sign and date the return.
3) Have your signature notarized.
4) Mail the return back to this office.

Q. What is an office or field review assessment?

A. When a tax return is not filed by April 1 we are required to place an assessment on the property. This assessment represents an estimate based on the value of business with similar equipment and assets. Being assessed does not alleviate your responsibility to file an accurate return.

Q. What if I don't agree with the assessed value that appears on the notice of proposed property taxes that I receive in August of each year?

A. Call this office or come in and discuss the matter with us. If you have evidence that the appraised value is more than the actual fair market value of your property, we will welcome the opportunity to review all the pertinent facts.

\$25,000 Tangible Personal Property Exemption

In order to receive this new exemption, you must file a Tangible Personal Property Return by April 1, unless an exemption has been granted.

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HELPFUL HINTS AND SUGGESTIONS

- * File the original return with this office (with name and account number preprinted), as soon as possible before April 1. Be sure to sign and date your return.
- * Work with your accountant or C.P.A. to identify any equipment that may have been "Physically Removed". List those items in the appropriate space on your return.
- * If you have an asset listing or depreciation schedule that identifies each piece of equipment, attach it to your complete return.
- * Do not use vague terms such as "various" or "same as last year".
- * It is to your advantage to provide a breakdown of assets since depreciation on each item may vary.
- * Please include your estimate of fair market value and the original cost of the item on your return. They are important considerations in determining an accurate assessment.
- * Additional information regarding filing is provided in the instructional section of the return itself.
- * If you sell your business, go out of business, or move to a new location, please inform this office. It will enable us to keep timely, accurate records.

To inquire for more information about Tangible Personal Property please contact:

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Q. What if I buy or sell an existing business during the year - Who is responsible for the taxes?

A. The new owner is responsible, however if there is insufficient property to satisfy the taxes due, the owner on January 1 would be responsible for the difference. Most title companies do not do a search of the tangible assets of a business. You should therefore consult your realtor, attorney or closing agent to avoid problems in this area.

Q. What if I receive more than one tax return?

A. All returns must be sent back. If you have more than one location, the assets of each should be listed separately on each return.

Q. What if I have old equipment that has been fully depreciated and written off the books?

A. Whether fully depreciated in your accounting records or not, all property still in use or in your possession should be reported.

Q. Do I have to report assets that I lease, loan, rent, borrow or are provided in the report?

A. Yes, there is an area on the return specifically for those assets. Even though the assets are assessed to the owner, they must be listed for informational purposes.

Q. Is there a minimum value that I do not have to report?

A. No, there is no minimum value. A tangible tax return must be filed on all assets by April 1.

Q. If I rent my furnished home or condo for a few months, do I have to file a tangible personal property tax return?

A. Yes, since rental activity is of an income producing nature, you must file a return which lists your personal property. Items that should be listed include: Draperies, furniture, appliances and any other personal property included in the rental unit.

Q. Are there deadlines and penalties?

A. The deadline for filing a timely return is April 1. After April 1, Florida Statutes that PENALTIES be applied at 5% per month or portion of a month that the return is late. A 15% penalty is required for unreported property, AND A 25% PENALTY IF NO RETURN IS FILED.

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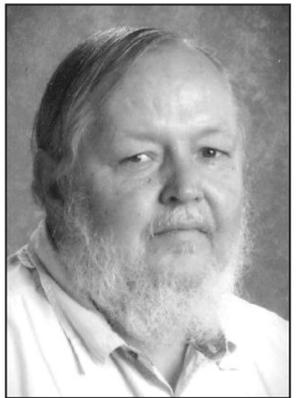


Mr. Henry D. Cribb, Sr.

Mr. Henry D. Cribb, Sr., 84, went to be with his Lord on December 28, 2013. Mr. Cribb was born August 18, 1929, in St. Petersburg to George F. Cribb, Sr. and Ruth Hess Cribb.

Living in and around Gilchrist County most of his adult life, Hank was a general contractor, farmer, and United Methodist Pastor. His last appointment, the Trenton United Methodist Church, where he served as pastor for fifteen years, held a special place in his heart. Remembered for many things, but mostly for his hearty laugh and big heart, Hank is survived by his brother, George F. (Sadie) Cribb, Jr.; three children, Jan (Jerry) Grimes, Henry (Pam) Cribb, Mary Ruth (Terry) Anderson; two stepchildren, David (Sarah) Clinton, and Christina (Johnny) Pitts; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; as well as a host of friends and loved ones who will miss him greatly.

A memorial service will be held Friday, Jan. 3, at 3:00 p.m., at Trenton United Methodist Church, 203 SE 2nd Street, Trenton. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Ayers Health and Rehab, PO Box 229, Trenton, FL 32693. Please mark the donation "In Memory of Hank Cribb." Services were provided by Cremations Only of Gainesville.



Mr. Daniel R. Marczynski

Mr. Daniel Royce Marczynski, 65, of Tampa, passed away surrounded by his family on December 26, 2013. He was born December 31, 1947, in Dunkirk, New York, the son of Walter Marczynski and Joyce M. DeWolf.

Daniel is survived by his wife of 36 years, Paula; daughters, Tara (Matt) Slusher, and Heather Marczynski; grandchildren, Cameron, Aloria, and Raegan Slusher; sister, Dianne Wick; brothers, Allen DeWolf and Mickey DeWolf; nephew, Travis Wick; niece, Crystal (Michael) Brace; and god-daughter, Suzanne Shorey. Daniel was a loving father, husband, grandfather and friend to all.

A staple of the south Tampa community, Daniel graduated from Robinson High School and the University of South Florida. He taught science at H.B. Plant High School for 35 years. He prided himself in having taught several generations of families. He was loved by the Plant community and nicknamed "Mr. Mar." He worked as the JV boys basketball coach, assistant varsity boys basketball coach, and assistant business manager for several of those years. He was a member of the Coaching Legends of Hillsborough County.

He was an avid Tampa Bay Rays fan (season ticket holder), and the #1 fan at Interbay Little League as he cheered on his grandchildren. There

was no science documentary or History Channel program that he didn't watch. He enjoyed traveling with his wife, Paula, and he was an avid hunter and outdoorsman. Daniel was always there to help friends with household projects, giving advice, or whatever else they needed him for. He will be greatly missed.

A special thank you to the Tampa General Intensive Care Unit and the South Tampa Health and Rehabilitation Center for their loving care and support.

Visitation will be Thursday, Jan. 2, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Blount Curry Funeral Home MacDill Chapel. Burial services for Daniel will be at Townsend Cemetery in Bell, on Saturday, Jan. 4, at 2:00 p.m., with a visitation at Daniels Funeral Home prior to service, from noon to 1:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hillsborough Education Foundation or the Diabetes Foundation.

Mrs. Dorcas Dorothy Miles

Mrs. Dorcas Dorothy Miles, 91, of Williston, passed away quietly on December 22, 2013, at Tri County Nursing Home in Trenton, with her family by her side. Mrs. Miles was born in Sylva, North Carolina, and has lived in the area since 1998 when she moved here from Boca Raton. She was a farm laborer for many years. Mrs. Miles enjoyed sewing, reading her bible, gardening, embroidery and making quilts. Her family brought her the most joy during her lifetime.

She is survived by her daughters, Dora Lee (Ray), Jane, Elizabeth, and Barbara; sons, Oliver (Margie), and William Alvin (Kathy); a granddaughter who took care of her, Gloria Martin of Bronson; 22 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

A graveside service was held on Friday, Dec. 27, 2013, at 2:00 p.m., at the Old Field Cemetery in Sylva, North Carolina.

Arrangements were under the care of Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services of Chiefland.

Card of Thanks

Our family thanks everyone who supported us on the passing of our loved one, William O. Clifton, our father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle and cousin. Your consolations and sympathies, your calls, visits, flowers, gifts, hugs and prayers lifted us up and strengthened and comforted us at this sad time. We are grateful to all of you who joined with us to celebrate his life and remember his contributions. Friends, community and church members, and neighbors, God bless and keep you.

The Family of William O. Clifton

Card of Thanks

The family of Mildred Frances Everett would like to thank all the wonderful people for the love and support shown to us during the passing of our loved one. All the prayers, visits, calls, food, flowers and words of encouragement were deeply appreciated.

Keep us in your prayers and may the Lord bless you.

Jerrrell Everett and Warren Overstreet families

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Legal Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN FOR GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: THE FORFEITURE OF: 1998 FORD F-150 VIN # 1FTZX1726WNB81200 CASE NO: 21-2013-CA-96 NOTICE OF FORFEITURE PROCEEDING

TO: JAMES CANNON 7129 NW 32ND PLACE BELL, FL 32619

And all others who claim interest in the following property: 1998 FORD F-150 VIN # 1FTZX-1726WNB81200

SHERIFF OF GILCHRIST COUNTY seized the described property on October 8, 2013 at or near TRENTON, Gilchrist County, Florida.

On October 8, 2013, SHERIFF OF GILCHRIST COUNTY filed a Complaint for Forfeiture with the Gilchrist County Clerk of Circuit Court, PO Box 37, Trenton, FL 32693.

You are required to file a written answer with the Clerk of Court why the described property should not be forfeited to the use of the SHERIFF OF GILCHRIST COUNTY upon producing due proof that same was used in violation of Florida Laws dealing with contraband and other criminal offenses, all pursuant to Section 932-702-704, Florida Statutes(2012). You are further required to file a copy of the answer on Attorney Lindsey Lander at 3560 SW CR 334, Trenton, FL 32693. A copy of said Petition is on file in the Clerk's office and is available for examination during regular business hours.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF FORFEITURE PROCEEDING has been furnished to the above named addresses by Certified U.S. Mail, return receipt requested, this 18th day of December, 2013.

/s/ Lindsey Lander FBN 144339 Attorney for Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office

Published December 26, 2013, January 2, 2014b.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA

File No. 21-2013-CP-000056CPAXMX Division: Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF HARLYN A. PFAFFENBERGER, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Harlyn A. Pfaffenberger, deceased, whose date of death was September 8, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Gilchrist County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 112 S. Main St., Trenton FL 32693. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is December 26, 2013.

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ Douglas K. McKoy

Douglas K. McKoy Florida Bar No. 0101744 Law Office of Gregory V. Beauchamp, P.A.

107 E. Park Ave. Chiefland, FL 32626 Telephone: (352) 493-1458 Fax: (352) 493-1378 E-Mail: doug@chieflandlegal.com E-Mail: dottie@chieflandlegal.com

Personal Representative: /s/ Doris A. Mashburn Doris Mashburn 15533 Joe Brown Hwy. Murphy, North Carolina 28906 Published December 26, 2013, January 2, 2013b.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 21-2013-CP-55 IN RE: ESTATE OF MARY E. JONES ALSO KNOWN AS MARY ELLEN JONES, Deceased.

AMENDED NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(Summary Administration) TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of MARY E. JONES, deceased, File Number 21-2013-CP-55, by the Circuit Court for Gilchrist County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 37, Trenton, Florida 32693; that the decedent's date of death was October 16, 2012; that the total value of the estate is \$0.00, that the sole asset of the estate consisted of the Decedent's

interest in her Constitutional Homestead Property, and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name	Address
Mary F. Hansen	2267 Dartmouth Drive, Sumter, SC 29153
Faye E. Jones	3244 Appleton Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32311
Sally L. Gonzalez	P.O. Box 32, Williston, FL 32696

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE.

ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is December 26, 2013.

Attorney for Person Giving Notice: David Miller Lang, Jr. Florida Bar No. 0023541 204 Southeast First Street Post Office Box 51 Trenton, Florida 32693 dlanguxj@bellsouth.net (352) 463-7800

Person Giving Notice: Mary F. Hansen 2267 Dartmouth Drive, Sumter, SC 29153 Pub: December 26, 2013, January 2, 2014b.

SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commission passed an additional senior exemption that will be available in 2014 for Senior Citizens 65 or older who meet the same household limited-income requirements below but who have also maintained permanent residency in their home for no less than 25 years. The home's market value on record must be less than \$250,000 to qualify. The deadline to file will be March 1, 2014. This exemption only applies to the Gilchrist County Commission tax levy and not the tax levies of the school board or other taxing authorities. For questions relating to this exemption or others, please contact the Gilchrist County Property Appraiser's Office at (352) 463-3190 or 1-800-219-3208.

Senior Citizen Additional Homestead Exemption

Florida Statute 196.075

The current Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption is based on limited-income requirements and available for certain Gilchrist County homesteaded property owners who qualify. The senior exemption (up to \$25,000) applies only to county and municipal millages (tax rate); therefore the value exempted for city or county taxes is subject to taxation by all other taxing authorities. These authorities include Gilchrist County Schools and Suwannee River Water Management District.

In order to qualify for the additional \$25,000 Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption for the 2014 Tax Roll, an applicant must have a Homestead Exemption on the property, be 65 years of age or older as of January 1, 2014 and meet total household income requirements as determined by the Florida Department of Revenue.* Total household income means the adjusted gross income of all members of a household in the prior year. The adjusted gross income is the income amount reported on the IRS Form 1040, line 37 or the IRS Form 1040A, line 21 or, if the applicant is not required to file income tax, the total income minus Social Security benefits. Income includes, but is not limited to, Social Security benefits, pension, VA retirement annuities, interest income and wages.

Proof of age and proof of all 2013 income to the household is required. *The total household income limitation is made available by the Florida Department of Revenue annually and subject to change each year. The threshold for the 2013 exemption was \$27,590 (based on 2012 total household income). This threshold will change for 2014 and will be available in January. Published January 2, 2014b.

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE PERMIT

The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its intent to issue a permit to Piedmont Dairy, Mr. Ron St. John, 4951 NW 170th Street, Trenton, Florida 32693 to operate a rotationally grazed dairy with an annual average of 2241 mature dairy cows, 25 bulls, and approximately 400 heifers. The facility consists of a milking parlor, a feed storage area, and a two-celled lined wastewater treatment system. The wastewater is land applied to two center pivots totaling 225 acres. The facility is located at latitude 29°38'49.5884" N, longitude

82°49'23.3737" W on 2 Miles North Of Trenton on U.S. 129, in Gilchrist County, Florida. The Department has assigned permit file number FLA116190-004-IW4A to the proposed project.

The intent to issue and application file are available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Department's Northeast District Office, 8800 Baymeadows Way West, Suite 100, Jacksonville, Florida 32256, at phone number (904)256-1700.

The Department will issue the permit with the attached conditions unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, within fourteen days of receipt of notice. The procedures for petitioning for a hearing are set forth below.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received by the Clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000.

Under Rule 62-110.106(4), Florida Administrative Code, a person may request an extension of the time for filing a petition for an administrative hearing. The request must be filed (received by the Clerk) in the Office of General Counsel before the end of the time period for filing a petition for an administrative hearing.

Petitions filed by any persons other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), Florida Statutes, must be filed within fourteen days of publication of the notice or within fourteen days of receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. Section 120.60(3), Florida Statutes, however, also allows that any person who has asked the Department in writing for notice of agency action may file a petition within fourteen days of receipt of such notice, regardless of the date of publication.

The petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition or request for an extension of time within fourteen days of receipt of notice shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, Florida Administrative Code.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Department's action is based must contain the following information, as indicated in Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code:

- (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known;
- (b) The name, address, any e-mail address, any facsimile number, and telephone number of the petitioner, if the petitioner is not represented by an attorney or a qualified representative; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the determination;
- (c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the Department's decision;
- (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petitioner must so indicate;
- (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the Department's proposed action;
- (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the Department's proposed action, including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and
- (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action petitioner wishes the Department to take with respect to the Department's proposed action.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the Department's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the Department

have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.

In addition to requesting an administrative hearing, any petitioner may elect to pursue mediation. The election may be accomplished by filing with the Department a mediation agreement with all parties to the proceeding (i.e., the applicant, the Department, and any person who has filed a timely and sufficient petition for a hearing). The agreement must contain all the information required by Rule 28-106.404, Florida Administrative Code. The agreement must be received by the Clerk in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, within ten days after the deadline for filing a petition, as set forth above. Choosing mediation will not adversely affect the right to a hearing if mediation does not result in a settlement.

As provided in Section 120.573, Florida Statutes, the timely agreement of all parties to mediate will toll the time limitations imposed by Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, for holding an administrative hearing and issuing a final order. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, the mediation must be concluded within sixty days of the execution of the agreement. If mediation results in settlement of the administrative dispute, the Department must enter a final order incorporating the agreement of the parties. Persons seeking to protect their substantial interests that would be affected by such a modified final decision must file their petitions within fourteen days of receipt of this notice, or they shall be deemed to have waived their right to a proceeding under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. If mediation terminates without settlement of the dispute, the Department shall notify all parties in writing that the administrative hearing processes under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, remain available for disposition of the dispute, and the notice will specify the deadlines that then will apply for challenging the agency action and electing remedies under those two statutes.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County, Florida, will hold a **Regular Meeting on Monday, January 6, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.**, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Facility, located at 210 South Main Street, Trenton, Florida. The following is a proposed agenda:

1. Call to Order (2:00 p.m.)
 2. Agenda Changes
 3. Consent Agenda
 4. Public Participation
 5. Constitutional Officers
 6. County Administrator
 7. Attorney Report
 8. Clerk Report
 9. **Time Certain**
 - 3:00 p.m. Tom Sturgeon, Ellie Ray's; Ordinance regarding "Time of Sale of Alcohol"
 - 4:00 p.m. Construct Co., Inc.; Log Landing Bid Appeal
 10. Commissioners Reports
 11. Old Business
 12. New Business
 13. Public Participation
 14. Adjourn
- "Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in the proceeding should contact (352)463-3169 (Voice & TDD) or via Florida Relay Service (800)955-8771."
- PLEASE BE ADVISED that if a person decides to appeal any decisions made by the Commission with respect to any matter considered at said hearing, that person will need a record of the proceedings, and that for such purpose, that person may need to insure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
- BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA**
D. RAY HARRISON, JR., CHAIRMAN
ATTEST:
TODD NEWTON, CLERK OF COURT
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Bethel Baptist will host Mercy's Well on Jan. 5

Submitted Bethel Baptist Church, 7070 SW CR 334A, Trenton, will host the group *Mercy's Well* in concert on Sunday, Jan. 5, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. *Mercy's Well* was originally organized in 1998 as a duet, *Mercy's Well*, under the leadership of group founder, Brad Strider, soon made the natural transition to a trio. The group's first three single releases paved the way for their first Top 80 single in 2005. Throughout the years, the group, which is based in Greensboro, North Carolina, has continued to produce chart topping singles and has gained national attention from fans, music critics, pastors, and promoters alike. The group's most recent recording, "POWER," promises even greater success, as it excels with creative

excellence, a testament to the recording's production team and producer Donna Beauvais *Hope's Call*, as well as *Mercy's Well* members Strider, Greg Gainer and Kyle King. "POWER" is filled with moving messages, first-class production and rich vocal harmonies. The recording, like each performance by *Mercy's Well*, is a testament to the versatility of this talented trio, as it encompasses a variety of musical genres, without compromising the Gospel message. *Mercy's Well* is carving their own unique niche in today's Christian music scene. This exciting vocal group is comfortable performing on concert stages before thousands, as well as in a rural churches across the nation. The group's versatility makes them a favorite among young audiences and older music lovers

alike. Their ability to adapt to any setting, without compromising the message they present, makes *Mercy's Well* a favorite wherever their music is shared. *Mercy's Well* continues to reach new plateaus, as they consistently strive for perfection in their musical presentation of the Gospel message. "We believe we are constantly reaching new levels, lyrically, vocally and spiritually," Strider explains. "We believe that's what God expects of us, and our greatest desire is to please Him in all we do." The public is invited to attend this free concert, but a free will love offering will be received. For more information on the January 5 concert, visit www.mercyswell.com.

Education Foundation's Walk-a-thon will be Feb. 1

The Gilchrist County Education Foundation's 2014 Walk-a-thon will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Gilchrist County Courthouse. For more information, on the annual fundraiser call Marti Smith at (352) 262-1829.

Department of Children & Families

I am very concerned about two disturbing trends regarding child abuse and child deaths in our community. First, in an increasing number of child abuse cases in Northeast Florida, the perpetrators were the boyfriends of the children's mothers. Until a child can communicate the source of his or her distress, whether being hungry, wet or ill, if a child is left in the wrong hands, under pressure-the consequences can be catastrophic. Caregivers should be qualified and feel comfortable with the responsibility of overseeing a child. Boyfriends should have an emotional investment in the child's wellbeing before being allowed to baby-sit. I've been married for 30 years and have helped raise three children. I

was an involved parent and connected even when deployed around the world during my military career. I didn't have any infant care experience before having my own children. Even as their father, my wife and I waited until I felt comfortable and had more experience before caring for them alone. Remove the guidance from a parent on caring for an infant, add an infant crying for an hour, reduce a patience level with a hangover or the end of a 12 to 13 hour work shift and another few hours until mom returns, and you have a recipe for disaster. This is not to say that men can't care for infants or toddlers, because there are many who do a great job, but the facts prove that unqualified male caregivers contribute to a large number of child abuse and death cases. Additionally, more than 20 babies in Northeast Florida have died due to dangerous unsafe sleep practices, in cases that were reported to DCF. The controversial practice of co-sleeping involves parents sleeping with infants in the same bed. But the risk is that the adult could roll over on top of the infant while sleeping, causing them to suffocate. Excess bedding like heavy comforters and pillows are also hazardous for infants. Many family albums have a photo of someone sleeping with a precious baby snuggled and sleeping contently on their chest. It may make for a great photo, but it's a risky situation in real life. These children's lives can't be reset like a video game. Their lives are gone or altered forever. If parents are temporarily unable to care for their children, I urge them to choose someone to watch them who

is responsible and capable of handling their children's needs under pressure. I also urge parents to always follow the ABC's of safe sleep- that babies sleep safest Alone, on their Backs and in Cribs. David Abramowitz, Children and Families' Region Director in Northeast Florida

High Springs AARP will meet Jan. 8

High Springs AARP Chapter 3373 will hold its regular monthly membership meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2014. The public is invited. The meeting starts at 11 a.m. Come early to socialize. A speaker from SHINE will be on hand to answer questions about 2014 changes in Medicare. Join us at St. Madeleine Catholic Church in the Family Life Center building, on Hwy 441 between Alachua and High Springs, 17155 NW US HWY 441, High Springs. For more information, call President G. James (386) 454-9834.

Capital City Bank announces extended live online chat hours

In an effort to better serve its clients, Capital City Bank has extended its online chat service hours from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. on weekdays and 9:00 a.m. until noon on Saturdays. "We know people have a lot of demands on their time these days and many of our clients use the evening hours to review their account activity and shop for additional products and services," said Traci Egert, manager of client service for Capital City Bank. "It is important to us that they are able to reach out to a banker for answers and advice when their schedules permit. We are pleased to offer extended hours so we can be here to serve them when they need us." Both secure and convenient, live online chat enables clients to initiate a real-time, two-way conversation with a knowledgeable banker who can provide quick and easily accessed answers to a multitude of questions ranging from general inquiries about product features and benefits to customized advice to help them select the product that's right for them.

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The Old Florida Celebration of the Arts in Cedar Key

The 50th Annual Spring Arts Festival in Cedar Key is planned for April 12 and 13, 2014, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This juried event features 120 fine artists and craftsmen on Historic 2nd Street along with delicious local seafood, homemade baked goods, kid's activities, music and more in beachfront City Park. This friendly island community is located 60 miles SW of Gainesville at the end of SR-24 in the Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge. Come for the day or the weekend, enjoy art, nature, food and fun in this very special place. Visit www.cedarkeyartsfestival.com for more information, or call (352) 543-5400.

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