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Commissioners strive to hold the line on spending

By Carrie A. Mizell

The Gilchrist County Commissioners don't want to raise the millage rate, but if county departments don't decrease their budgets they may have to.

During the first of several budget workshops for fiscal year 2014-15, the commissioners expressed their desire for the county to remain financially sound.

With the ad valorem rate currently at 8.2695 mills, estimated total revenue for the 2014-15 budget is \$28,579,268. In contrast to that figure is the estimated total expenditures for the 2014-15 budget, \$28,402,257.

"We've got to hold the line on spending," Commissioner John Rance Thomas said. "I'm not in favor of raising the millage rate."

Commissioner Sharon Langford agreed saying, "If we're going to keep the same roll back rate, we've got to do something. We've got to ask our departments to decrease their budgets."

County officials expect 2014-15 to be a tight budget year with increased retirement rates and health insurance, so they asked department heads to not request new expenses. Despite the warning, several departments have asked for staff raises and new vehicles in 2014-15.

The hospital costs for Gilchrist County inmates is currently at \$84,136 this year, as of July 9, explained Jackie Johnson, finance director for Gilchrist County. As the number of inmates continues to increase, county officials can only guess at what the costs of medical expenses will be in 2014-15.

Detention and Corrections at the Gilchrist County Jail is one area of the budget which the Gilchrist County Commissioners opted to leave as is. Projections for the 2014-15 budget show operating expenses jumping from \$320,000 to \$392,000. Commissioners anticipate a possible increase in catastrophic inmate medical insurance, which is unknown at this time, as well as an increased number of inmates housed in the Dixie County Jail.

Gilchrist County Animal Control Supervisor Erica Hudson came before the Board seeking an additional \$31,500, that includes: \$3,000 for surgery equipment, \$3,500 for a

portable cat kennel and \$25,000 for a half ton pickup truck.

Hudson said Animal Control's primary pickup truck has 200,000 miles on it and required \$3,500 worth of transmission repairs last year.

"It's just a matter of time before it stops on me," Hudson said.

Animal Control also has a larger, one ton pickup with less miles on it, that employees are trying to use more.

Commission Chair D. Ray Harrison, Jr. advised Hudson to pamper the half ton pickup truck and try to make due with the one ton truck with fewer miles this year.

Gilchrist County Administrator Bobby Crosby said cost of the cat kennel is estimated at \$3,500 and it's possible that the funds to purchase it may be available in this year's budget.

Ultimately, the Board opted to cut the truck that was proposed and keep the surgery equipment/portable cat kennel for \$3,500. If Hudson is able to purchase the cat kennel in the 2013-14 budget then she can purchase surgery equipment next year with the \$3,500 and if not then she can get the cat kennel next year.

When asked which of these two items was the most important, Hudson did not hesitate to say the cat kennel.

The Board also discussed spending \$5,000 in 2014-15 for electrical service for campers to hook up at the Gilchrist County Agricultural Complex (Rodeo Arena).

According to Crosby, several of the entities who rent the facility have asked for camper hook ups. Projected revenue for 2014-15 is \$5,000 and the expenditures are thought to be \$12,000. Commissioner Sharon Langford was not in favor of spending the \$5,000 to set up 10 to 12 hook ups. Whereas, Commission Chair D. Ray Harrison, Jr. said the county needs to try to improve the facility to make it more enticing to potential renters. Commissioners Kenrick Thomas and Todd Gray agreed.

"You have to spend money out there to make money," Harrison said.

In 2013-14, revenue at the rodeo arena was at \$2,667, as of May 21, 2014. In that same time period, expenditures were listed at \$9,327.18.

The Gilchrist County Commissioners will hold their next budget workshop on Thursday, July 17 at 1 p.m. in the Board's Meeting Facility, which is located at 210 South Main Street in Trenton. Constitutional officers including the Clerk of Court, Supervisor of Elections, Tax Collector, Property Appraiser and the Sheriff will be on hand to discuss their budget requests. Other departments, including code enforcement and veterans services, will also be discussed at this workshop.



Gotta go! Gotta go! Gotta Rodeo!

River Cross Cowboy Church hosted the awards banquet for their Kids Ranch Rodeo Buckle Series on July 9.

Kids, ages 3 to 18, participated in this series, with rodeos once a month from February to May.

Pee Wee All Around Winner (7 and under) Gracie Bastow, Junior All Around (8-12) Chandler Beach, Senior All Around (13-18) Destiny Richards.

Event winners: Christopher Klaus, Kedrian Robinson, Kallie Class,

Jordan Jones, Madeline Klaus, Kaedyn Leshler, Aiyana Leshler, Madison White, Jenna Richards, Kayden Roberts, Livi Clanton, Waylon Mitchell, Tyler Young, Rebekah Floyd, Adrianna Richards, Austin Knowles, Jahrian Jackson,

Taylen Seabrooke, Danielle Richards, AJ Class, Ashlyn Boyd, John Jones, Rodre Parker, Briar Mitchell, Sarah Richards, Jacey Osteen, Destiny Richards, Jacob Jaquess, Sara Richards and Caleb Campbell.

Clever crafter turns feed bags into totes

By Carrie A. Mizell

If you've ever driven down County Road 334A, there's a chance you've seen Mrs. Mary Ann Johnson and her grandchildren rambling along in a golf cart loaded with car seats.

A stay-at-home grandmother, Mrs. Johnson has recently started making tote bags, purses and aprons from feed sacks.

The idea was born in March, when Mrs. Johnson attended an Easton Corbin performance at the Florida Strawberry Festival in Plant City. Accompanied by a group of longtime friends from Zephyrhills High School, Mrs. Johnson said she noticed one of her friends was carrying a purse made from a feed sack, and she thought to herself, I could make that!

After returning home to Trenton, Mrs. Johnson said she looked online for different patterns to try out. She also enlisted the help of her son, Joshua who gathered up several horse feed sacks he had.

"I've always liked doing crafty stuff," Mrs. Johnson said. "and the more rustic the better."

Sewing is her creative outlet. While attending Zephyrhills High School, Mrs. Johnson said she took a sewing class in 9th, 10th and 11th grade. Coincidentally, her high school sewing teacher, Lillian Johnson, had also taught her mother, Mrs. Vivian Welch at Trenton High School.

Now that she's retired, Mrs. Mary Ann Johnson spends her days with her grandchildren. As they play around her house, she often sits at the sewing machine.

Recently, Mrs. Johnson started a Facebook page, HazBenz, where she sells tote bags, purses and aprons



Mary Ann Johnson has been sewing tote bags, aprons and purses from feed bags.

that she sews from feed sacks, along with aprons she makes from men's shirts. Feed sack aprons sell for \$8, purses are \$10 and tote bags are

\$5. Men's shirt aprons sell for \$10 as well. Mrs. Johnson is also open to custom orders if someone has a feed bag they would like made into

a tote bag, purse or apron. For more information, email Mrs. Johnson at hazbenzcrafts@gmail.com or check out HazBenz Facebook page.



July 17, 2014

Richard Fuller announces candidacy for County Commission, Dist. 2

To the citizens of Gilchrist County, I hereby announce my intention to run for the seat of County Commission District 2.

I have over 20 years road construction experience and will strive to improve our roads and parks for all residents of Gilchrist County.

It is time for a positive change. I will be conservative and listen to what the people want and need.

For more information about me, you can call (352) 535-5099 anytime.

Thank you, Richard Fuller



Pedestrian killed while walking along US 19 in Dixie County

The Florida Highway Patrol reported that Lena M. Kight, 54, was killed on July 3, at 10:47 a.m., when she was walking north on US 19, 2.8 miles south of Cross City.

Luis A Roca, Jr., 30, of Perry, was driving a truck when Kight was reportedly hit by a rearview mirror on the right passenger door of the truck.

Ms. Kight was transported by Dixie County Emergency Medical Service to a nearby emergency helicopter landing zone.

The patient was pronounced deceased before being transported. This accident is under investigation and charges are pending.

Sexual predator moves to Gilchrist County

Submitted

A predator convicted of sexual battery on a child under the age of 12 has moved to Gilchrist County.

Steven Richard Timmons, 38, has moved to 8719 SE 69th Terrace, Trenton. He is 5'10" and weighs 184 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes.

Timmons was convicted in 2000 of Sexual Battery by adult/victim under 12 in Hillsborough County.

The Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office is notifying the public under state law 775.21(7) that this sexual predator is now residing in Gilchrist County.



Community Events

School supplies are needed

Imagine trying to do a school assignment without having a pencil to write with.

Each school year, area teachers spend hundreds of dollars of their own money to ensure their students have the tools they need to get a good education.

For the seventh year in a row the Gilchrist County Journal is working to help offset costs to local teachers by providing school supplies for children who need them during the 2014-15 school year.

Last week, a collection box was set up inside the Gilchrist County Journal office, located at 207 North Main Street in Trenton.

School supplies will be collected for students entering kindergarten through 12th grade this fall at Trenton and Bell schools.

Local citizens are asked to please donate school supplies. Pencils, pens, notebooks, glue, crayons and backpacks are needed.

The collection will end on Thursday, Aug. 14. All school supplies collected will be evenly distributed between Trenton Elementary School, Bell Elementary School, Trenton Middle-High School and Bell Middle-High School. Guidance counselors at each of these schools will be giving the supplies out to students with a need.

Remember Gilchrist County students will start back to school on Monday, Aug. 18.

Free CPR class will be offered on Saturday

Gilchrist County Emergency Management will hold a free to the public CPR course on Saturday, July 19.

Gilchrist County Emergency Management will offer its third free CPR class to the public on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 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 card fee at the end of the course. For more information call David Peaton at (386) 935-5400, toll free at 1-866-751-1728, or email at dpeaton@gilchrist.fl.us.

Pancake Breakfast at the fire dept.

The North Gilchrist Volunteer Fire Department will hold its monthly pancake breakfast on July 19, 2014, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

For a donation, we offer eggs, pancakes (plain, walnut or blueberry) sausage, juice and coffee or tea. Jeff will be making omelets from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

We welcome you and hope to see you there. We are located on CR 138, 2 and 1/2 miles East of U. S. Highway 129.

Summer Reading Program

The Gilchrist County Public Library will hold its Summer Reading Program in July. Open to kids Kindergarten to 4th grade, the program will run as follows:

July 17 at 11 a.m. - Mad Science
July 24 at 11 a.m. - Magician Cesar Domico
July 31 at 11 a.m. - Fizz, Boom, Splash!

For more information on the Summer Library Program visit: www.3riverslibrary.com

Education Foundation's Scholarship Showdown is Aug. 8

The Education Foundation of Gilchrist County will hold its 2nd Annual Scholarship Showdown on Friday, Aug. 8, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Suwannee River Fair Pavilion.

The Scholarship Showdown is a reverse drawing. Your donation of \$100 gives you the chance to win cash prizes of \$100, \$250, \$750, \$1,000 and \$2,500.

Only 300 tickets will be sold and you do not need to be present to win. While you enjoy the excitement and anticipation of the drawing, you are invited to enjoy a delicious catered dinner. There will also be fun games with prizes-all to raise money for scholarships.

Tickets are on sale now at the Gilchrist County Courthouse, Ameris Bank, Capital City Bank in Bell and Trenton, and Drummond Bank.

For more information, call Marti at (352) 262-1829.

Reunions

Doke Family Reunion

It's time again for the Doke Reunion. Come let's make it one to remember on Saturday, July 19 at the Community Center in Trenton.

Bring family and friends, and a basket lunch. Paper goods and ice will be furnished.

If any information is needed, please call Dorothy Beck at (352) 463-2319 or Thelma Allen at (352) 493-4970.

Davis and Johnson Reunion

Welcome all Davis & Johnson families to the family reunion event planned for July 18-July 20, 2014, in the city of Trenton. For additional information, please visit the family website at davisjohnsonfamilyreunion.webs.com. It's going to be a "Family Celebration".

32nd Annual Akins Reunion

We are having the 32nd Annual Akins Reunion on Saturday, July 19, 2014, at the Suwannee River Shrine Club, Hwy. 26, between Trenton and Fanning Springs at noon. We will start eating by 1 p.m. Please bring a covered dish and homemade door prize, if possible.

Parrish, Nettles, Polk Reunion

The annual Parrish, Nettles, Polk reunion will be held on Sunday, July 20, 2014 at the Hart Springs Park, Bell. There is an entrance fee.

Lunch will start at 12:30 p.m. All paper goods will be provided. Bring all the family and your favorite food.

Come early and stay late. If you have any questions, call Patti at (352) 871-3960.

Shepherd-Crews Reunion

The Viola Crews Shepherd family will be having a reunion on Saturday, August 2, 2014, at the Bell Community Center.

All family and friends are invited to attend. A covered dish luncheon will be served at noon.

Swilley Family Reunion

The Swilley Family Reunion will be held Sunday, July 27, at the Pavilion at Hart Springs in Gilchrist County. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m., and family and friends are invited to come early and share pictures or stories about the family. You don't have to be a member of this Swilley family - any Swilley family will be very welcome.

Franklin Noel Swilley (1846-1931) married Minerva Orange Rowe (1858-1930). They had the following children: Samuel Swilley (1876-1900), Maggie Lorene Swilley Brown (1876-1937), Thomas Jacob Swilley (1880-1961), Kenneth Robert Swilley (1882-1945), Clement Scott Swilley (1884-19??), Mary Louise Swilley Jones (1887-1972), Reezin Rufus Frank Swilley (1889-1918), Sallie Swilley Moore (1891-1934), Annice Gay Swilley Brock (1893-1948), Call Rowe Swilley (1896-1959) and Clyatt Orlando Swilley (1896-1968).

Bring a covered dish. Ice and paper goods will be provided. Lunch will be at 12:30 p.m. For more information call Sammie at (352) 493-4406.

Are you running for office in 2014?

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James B. Smith

Smith earns spot on Dean's List at University of Florida

James B. Smith has made the Dean's list after his first semester at the University of Florida with a 3.89 GPA. He is a junior in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and is majoring in Geomatics. He is the son of Wesley and Jo Smith and a resident of Bell.

Erin Jones wins Lloyd Rhoden scholarship

The North Florida Fair Association would like to announce the 2014 winner of the annual Lloyd Rhoden Scholarship, Erin Jones.

The scholarship fund was established in 1985 to honor the late Lloyd Rhoden, former manager of the Fair and retired 4-H County Extension Director.

Each year the Fair Association chooses a student who plans to major in an agricultural field at a Florida institution of higher learning. The annual award continues up to four years as long as the recipient continues to meet the requirements.

Erin is the daughter of Earl and Jean Jones. Along with being an active member in her local FFA, Trenton FFA; Erin has also been involved with the Wilcox 4-H Club, at the state, county and district levels, for a number of years.

In the seven years Erin has been a part of the Trenton FFA Club she was involved in a multitude of activities; has held the office of Chapter Secretary (2013-14), Chapter Treasurer (2012-13) and been on numerous committees. Erin has assisted with various activities, through her affiliation with FFA, plus participated in many community



Erin Jones

service events, including Ag Literacy Week by reading to the students.

Erin grew up as a fifth generation on the family farm and has been actively involved in peanut, hay and cattle production from an early age. This is where her strong love and passion for the industry was formed. Erin knew early on that she wanted to pursue a career in the field that had helped her grow as a person.

Erin will be attending Florida Gateway College where she will earn her degree in Animal Science, with a goal of continuing on to the University of Florida, Veterinarian of Medicine Program.

The North Florida Fair Association applauds its 2014 Lloyd Rhoden Agriculture Scholarship winner. Since the scholarship began, more than \$164,000 has been made available to recipients to further their education.

Socials

Happy Birthday wishes to Shawn Jones, Courtney Wise, Jonathan Saunders, Charlene Leasor, Patric Langford, Katina Caldwell and Jeanie Duval on July 17th; Josh Wasson, Kaitlyn Myers, Ronnie Hicks and Payton Parnell on July 18th; Patty Leggett, Jean Richardson, Chris Riess, Andrew Martin, Grace Harris and Lanie Brooke Castor on July 19th; Hailie Leggett and Cory Roth on July 20th; Jonathan Kincaid, Howard Blank, Sarah Latner, Sabra Lindsey, J. D. Jordan and Tiffany Owens VunCannon on July 21st; Casey Templeton, Kristen Bradley Latsko, Michael Graham and Ella Grace Wood on July 22nd; Gladys MacHenry, Jennifer Apone, Heather Breton, Lucy Lacey and Merle Jor-

dan on July 23rd. Happy Anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. James Sheffield, Mr. and Mrs. Garry Kirby on July 18th; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Allison on July 23rd.

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Fri Jul 18, 14		0.893 ft. 1:03 AM	3.361 ft. 7:06 AM	0.905 ft. 1:56 PM	2.804 ft. 7:43 PM
Sat Jul 19, 14		1.271 ft. 1:49 AM	3.363 ft. 7:56 AM	0.872 ft. 3:09 PM	2.555 ft. 9:04 PM
Sun Jul 20, 14		1.588 ft. 2:44 AM	3.369 ft. 8:53 AM	0.763 ft. 4:29 PM	2.476 ft. 10:35 PM
Mon Jul 21, 14		1.798 ft. 3:51 AM	3.402 ft. 9:56 AM	0.573 ft. 5:43 PM	2.551 ft. 11:58 PM
Tue Jul 22, 14		1.866 ft. 5:02 AM	3.476 ft. 10:57 AM	0.368 ft. 12:07 PM	
Wed Jul 23, 14	2.688 ft. 12:58 AM	1.815 ft. 6:07 AM	3.571 ft. 11:52 AM	0.205 ft. 7:30 PM	
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By Cindy Jo Ayers

This is the time of year when a cold crisp salad tastes the best. During these sweltering summer days, turning on a hot stove and cooking a big heavy meal just isn't appealing. So I'm thinking cool salads to help beat back the heat.

John was grilling over the weekend and I quickly made up two skewers of peeled shrimp to grill. The shrimp were brushed with olive oil and sprinkled with a little Old Bay seasoning. Once they were grilled and cooled I put them in the refrigerator until the next day, then sprinkled the cold shrimp over a large chef's salad. This was so easy and since we were grilling anyway it really was not much trouble to add the shrimp skewers.

The taco salad recipe of yesterday directed the salad maker to toss all the ingredients with dressing before it was served.

In an effort to update this old recipe a bit, the following recipe calls for each salad to be made individually and not dressed before serving. This method makes a much crispier taco salad.

Crisp Taco Salad

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 pack of taco seasoning or 1 recipe homemade taco seasoning
- 1 head iceberg lettuce or Romaine lettuce, washed and drained
- 1 16-ounce can dark red kidney beans rinsed and drained
- 1/2 sweet onion, sliced thin
- 1/2 bell pepper, sliced into thin strips
- 2 large tomatoes, cut into small cubes
- 2 cups grated Cheddar cheese
- 1 4-ounce can sliced black olives
- Corn chips of choice

Brown ground beef, drain off extra oil, then add packet of taco seasoning or homemade taco seasoning, add 1/2 cup water and cook until the water has reduced. Let mixture cool.

Tear lettuce into bite size pieces and divide evenly between 4 dinner plates. Sprinkle kidney beans over lettuce then top with cooled taco meat. Sprinkle tomatoes over meat, top with onions and bell pepper, then add cheese over the top and sprinkle black olives around the outer edge of lettuce. Add a good size handful of corn chips that have been slightly crushed around the outside of the plate. Serve with bottled Catalina dressing or the homemade Catalina that follows.

From time to time I need taco seasoning and don't have it in the pantry. The following recipe is easy and the good news is you probably have all the ingredients in the cabinet.

Homemade Taco Seasoning

- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 2 teaspoons cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed pepper flakes, optional

Mix all the ingredients and add to browned ground beef for tacos or taco salad. If you like it hot add the red pepper flakes or extra cayenne.

My husband, John, is a big fan of Catalina salad dressing so this recipe never goes to waste. You can store in the refrigerator for up to two weeks.

Catalina Salad Dressing

This recipe can either be whisked together, put in large jar and shaken or put in a food processor. In the food processor, use the knife blade and start by adding the onion, which is cut into chunks (no need to grate onion if using processor), and process for a couple pulses which will chop the onion finely. Then add all the rest of the ingredients and process until the dressing becomes smooth. The food processor will make the dressing smooth, more like dressing from the grocery store.

- 3/4 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/4 cup light brown sugar
- 1/4 cup ketchup
- 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
- 1/4 cup grated sweet onion
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon Tabasco sauce
- salt and pepper to taste

Whisk, shake or process until all ingredients are mixed completely. Makes 1 1/2 cups

Marriage Applications filed in Gilchrist County

Jonathan Matthew Douglas, 37, and Jessica Kathleen Joiner, 30, both of High Springs.

Curt Elliot Hoffner, 21, of Hawthorne and Chelsea Gabrielle Harding, 27, of Trenton.

County awards bid on SE 90th Ave. resurfacing

By Carrie A. Mizell

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners has awarded a bid for the resurfacing of the pavement on SE 90th Avenue from SE 110th Street to State Road 26.

V.E. Whitehurst & Sons was the low bidder at \$610,540.90. The Board unanimously agreed to award the contract to Whitehurst, and subsequently directed County Attorney David M. Lang, Jr. to prepare a contract between Gilchrist County and V.E. Whitehurst & Sons for the Board chairman to sign.

Mills Engineering estimated the cost/budget for the project at \$797,068, however the majority of the bids came in significantly lower. The highest bid was received from Preferred Materials at \$902,219.82. Anderson Columbia put in a bid of \$722,918.17 and John C. Hipp Construction followed with a bid of \$670,813.64.

Work is expected to begin after all parties sign the contract.

In other news from the July 7 meeting of the Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners:

Fanning Springs officials continue to make every possible effort to see that a proposed Holiday Inn Express® is built in Fanning Springs.

The Gilchrist County Commissioners stepped in last week and approved a statement for easement into the property. The statement reads, "Primary access to the proposed

development should be across the Greenway Trails property. Gilchrist County agrees that if the State (Greenway Trails) does not allow access, the County would grant an easement across property owned by Gilchrist County adjacent to SR 19, if needed. The placement of the easement will be determined by Gilchrist County to best facilitate the needs of Gilchrist County, the Florida Department of Agriculture, and Fanning Springs, Florida."

A handful of officers from the Florida Department of Agriculture's law enforcement division, who work in the Fanning Springs inspection station, were on hand to express concerns with the easement.

Commission Chairman D. Ray Harrison, Jr. said, "We want this to work out. We want ag. to be able to do their inspections, but we want this to come in for economic development."

Fanning Springs Mayor Cheryl Nekola spoke up and said the city is trying to bring jobs and tax revenue to Fanning Springs and Gilchrist County.

The Gilchrist County Commissioners also unanimously approved the State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Program's funding for the 2014-15 fiscal year for \$350,000.

Of that money, \$165,000 is allotted for purchase assistance for existing homes with rehabilitation, \$70,000 is for emergency repairs of owner-occupied homes and \$80,000 is allotted for rehabilitation of owner-occupied homes.

Commissioner John Rance Thomas asked if the allotments could be adjusted because it seems like Gilchrist County is always running out of funds for those who meet the moderate-income category requirements.

Now & Then

By Carrie A. Mizell

Change is underway in Fanning Springs. A wastewater treatment plant went online last year, and now a Holiday Inn Express® is trying to come to town.

Though Fanning Springs has less than 800 full time residents, Mayor Cheryl Nekola describes the junction of Gilchrist, Levy and Dixie counties as a recreation destination. Not only does it have frontage along the Suwannee River, but Fanning Springs also boasts the Nature Coast State Trail, Fanning Springs State Park and Fort Fanning Historic Park, which is an important piece of local history, as it dates back to 1838 and the Second Seminole War.

Outdoor enthusiasts should flock to Fanning, with all it has to offer; biking, swimming, running, boating, and walking, just to name a few recreational opportunities.

A three-story hotel with 60 to 65 rooms can only benefit this growing community. Fanning Springs, as well as Gilchrist County, will see tax revenue if Holiday Inn Express® comes to town. The hotel would also bring 30 to 50 jobs to the area.

At this time city officials are working with developers to bring Holiday Inn Express® to Fanning Springs. They have the full cooperation of the Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, who also recognize the economic benefits and would like to see this project move forward.

Governor honors Gilchrist teacher

Submitted

Gilchrist County's District Teacher of the Year, Cori Becker was recognized this week by Governor Rick Scott.

Becker, who is a first grade teacher at Trenton Elementary School, was one of 37 outstanding educators honored for their contributions to learning with the Governor's Shine Awards. The Shine Award is presented to Florida educators who have impacted the lives of students through the classroom. The teachers who were recognized this week were all named District Teachers of the Year for their counties.

Governor Scott said, "As we celebrate Florida's successes in education we must applaud our teachers' commitment to educating Florida's children. Florida's students are among the best in the nation thanks to the commitment of our great educators. Our wonderful



Cori Becker

teachers play a fundamental role in preparing our students for college and a career."

Polk County educator Christie Bassett was named the Florida Teacher of the Year.

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners approved a reciprocal agreement to house inmates between the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office and the Levy County Sheriff's Office. Both parties agreed to house inmates for each other as space is available in their facilities.

Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office has agreed to pay Levy County Sheriff's Office \$50 per day for each inmate housed by LCSO. However, the amount shall be reduced by the number of LCSO inmates housed by GCSO during the same time. The same payment terms will apply should GCSO house an excess number of inmates for LCSO in the future. Each party is responsible for transporting

their inmates to and from the facility and each party will also be responsible for all inmate medical expenses even when the inmate is housed at the other facility.

Gilchrist County EMS write-offs for January to March 2014 totaled \$91,265.80. Of those write-offs, \$76,690.71 came from collection accounts, \$4,846.01 was from Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office inmates and \$9,729.08 was deceased patients. Noting the total of EMS write offs for the first quarter of 2014 had increased from the last quarter of 2013, the Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the write-offs.

Preliminary School Grades Released!

~Press Release July 16, 2014~

-Submitted by Patricia Powers

Superintendent Rob Rankin is pleased to announce that preliminary school grades have been released, and both Trenton Elementary and Bell Elementary are still on the honor roll. With both schools earning a B, this marks the 14th year in a row that TES has been an A/B school and the 15th straight year for BES. School grades are pending for the high schools, since their grades are based on a weighting of state assessment-based components and other components for which data are not currently available. Although high school grades have not yet been released, preliminary data show that all schools are performing above state average.

Percentage Scoring as Satisfactory or Higher				
School	Reading	Math	Writing	Science
Trenton High	72%	72%	65%	78%
Bell High	66%	71%	61%	68%
Trenton Elementary	66%	67%	61%	62%
Bell Elementary	65%	68%	68%	47%
State Avg. (Prelim)	58%	56%	58%	51%

In addition, the Gilchrist County School District has been awarded an A once again! Gilchrist County is one of only five school districts in the state to have earned an A since the beginning of Florida's accountability system. Superintendent Rob Rankin attributes this success to the hard work of teachers and students, the diligence of support staff, the involvement of the community, and the continuous support from parents. "We are proud that our schools have been high performing so consistently. It's one thing to have an A school district, but to have a district that earns an A for over a decade is really something to be proud of as a community." The district's Reading, Math, and Science scores are in the top 4 state-wide.

"We still have work to do," says Superintendent Rankin. "But I am confident that our students are getting one of the best public educations in the state."

High school grades are projected to be released near the end of 2014.

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Gilchrist County girls Hallie Bryant, Kylee Barry and Bryn Thomas were also on the Gilchrist League State Championship Team and competed in the World Series. This will be their third trip to ASA Nationals.

Gilchrist girls shine on Gainesville Gold 12U fastpitch softball team

Submitted
 Kylee Barry (Pitcher/1st Base), Hallie Bryant (2nd Base/Outfield) and Bryn Thomas (Catcher/3rd Base), all Gilchrist County students, along with their teammates from the 12U Fastpitch Gainesville Gold softball team won back to back ASA 12U State Championships this past month, as well as the USSSA 14U State Championship.

This year the team has been ranked #1 in the state, #1 in Region III and #1 in the nation for ASA/USA.



Olivia Roberts, Jessica Lindsey, Charlene Leasor, Lillie Barron, Michelle Walker-Crawford, Angie Lindsey, Kendra Stephenson, Ashlee Johnson, and Della Aylor work on quilts.

Ladies gather for sewing circle

A group of ladies, most of whom attend Midway Church of Christ, gathered July 10-11 at Donnie Voting Precinct for a time of sewing. Charlene Leasor instructed the group on how to make a rag quilt. The ladies all had a good time sewing together.



Charlene Leasor brought in one of the rag quilts she has made to show the group how to make their own. According to Charlene, rag quilts are simple to make and they don't take long to sew.

Heart Matters

By Angie Land

Picture an elderly father placing a hand on the shoulder of his son, a young man anxious to head out into the world on his own. "Son, before you go, we need to talk..." So many things the father wishes to convey to this boy whom he loves more than his own life. How can he possibly warn him against every danger, the risks not worth taking, and the battles worth fighting? He is fully aware that many of the struggles and dangers the young man will face will be different than the ones he survived. So, what can he say to prepare him to be a man who lives well?



With this scenario in mind, the book of Proverbs becomes an entirely different read. Instead of a whimsical book of clever sayings, it transforms into the heart's cry of an aging father desperately wanting his beloved son not only to prosper, but also to avoid as many pitfalls and tragedies in life as possible. Hear the pleading of the father in these words:

"Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They are a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck. (Proverbs 1:8-9)

"My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding....then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God." (Proverbs 2:1-2,5)

"My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity." (Proverbs 3:1-2)

"Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding. I give you sound learning so do not forsake my teaching." (Proverbs 4:1-2)

If you continue reading, each of the first seven chapters of the book of

Proverbs begins similarly. Hear the earnest pleadings of a father, urging his son to recall what he has been taught, to make wise decisions, to avoid unnecessary dangers, and to not waste the gift of life.

Like every father, no doubt some of the lessons he tries to teach his son were learned the hard way, evident by old scars and deep wounds not easily forgotten. What he would give for this young man to be protected from such things-so he urges and teaches and instructs, hoping the seeds of truth he is sowing finds fertile ground.

So it is with our heavenly Father! He knows that life has its share of trouble. Jesus himself told us so: "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33) Indeed, he overcame the world, along with our sin, and his body carries the nail-scars to prove it. Wouldn't we be wise to hear his instruction, pay attention, gain understanding, and store up his commands in order to be men and women who do life well? Picture yourself seated at his knee and read a few proverbs. Accept His Word, and be convinced that your heart matters so very much!



Pictured front row, left to right, Emily Barras, Lucy Giebeig, Hallie Bryant, Sierra Jevyak, Adrianna Saavedra, Lauren Hutcherson, and Whitney Lee. Middle row, left to right: Story Giebeig, Bryn Thomas, Savannah Channel, Hannah Foster, Kylee Barry, and Lexi Kilfoyl. Back row, left to right: Coach Todd Bryant, Coach Drue Barry, Coach Keith Foster, Coach Megan Ryan, and Coach Jeremy McFadyen.

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Do you think the death of the 2-year-old Georgia boy who was left in a hot vehicle was purposeful or accidental?

Selection	Votes
Purposeful	91% 20
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	22 total

Go to gilchristcountyjournal.net to vote on this week's poll question: Do you support Burger King's recent decision to sell a gay pride Whopper?

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Clif Bradley, representing Capital City Bank presents a check for \$2,000 to the Education Foundation of Gilchrist County. Pictured front row, left to right: Marilyn Thompson, Clif Bradley, Jay Lindsey, Mitch Harrell, and Michael McElroy. Back row, left to right: Julie Thomas, Robert Townsend, Connie Sanchez, Jose Cintron, Denny George, and Mike Michaelis.



Pictured back row, left to right: Michael Langford, Jason DeMartino, and James Hastings. Middle row: Garrett Brooker, Blake Harrington, Jason DeMartino, Wyatt Thornton, and Connor Hastings. Kneeling are Caden Hastings, Colton Hastings, Levi Ferguson, Wyatt Langford, Parker Ferguson, Ty Adkins, and Zach Ford.

Masonic Lodge honors Harrison

By Bill Schreiber

At the regular meeting of William T. Carlton Lodge No. 46 F & AM, held on July 8, 2014, Brother D. Ray Harrison was awarded his 50 year membership certificate from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Florida. As a part of that ceremony, D. Ray received Masonic Grand Honors from those present in recognition of his years of service to the Craft. He was raised a Master Mason on April 14, 1964, and has served Freemasonry as Master of his Lodge and also as District Deputy Grand Master in 1975-1976 representing the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge. D. Ray thanked the Brethren for this honor and remarked how much it had meant to him to have been a Mason and member of Wm. T. Carlton Lodge. He said that Freemasonry has been a significant influence on his life and he looked forward to continuing his support of the Lodge.



Bro. D. Ray Harrison receives 50 year Award from WM Dave Biddle.

Gilchrist Lightning 12U baseball takes runner-up at state

Submitted
Congratulations to Gilchrist Lightning 12U baseball for finishing state runner-ups this past week. Gilchrist won the first 4 games by outscoring their opponents 45-6, before falling to eventual champion Ocala, 12-7, in the final. Thank you to all the parents, sponsors, and fans for your support of this 12U baseball season.

Next up is the 12U60 World Series in Alachua, which will be played August 6-12. Come out and support the Gilchrist Lightning!

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2. To aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or
3. To meet other community development needs of recent origin having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

The categories of activities for which these funds may be used are in the areas of housing, neighborhood revitalization, commercial revitalization, or economic development and include such improvement activities as acquisition of real property, loans to private-for-profit business, purchase of machinery and equipment, construction of infrastructure, rehabilitation of houses and commercial buildings, and energy conservation. Additional information regarding the range of activities that may be undertaken will be provided at the public hearing. For each activity that is proposed, at least 70% of the funds must benefit low and moderate income persons.

In developing an application for submission to DEO, the City of Fanning Springs must plan to minimize displacement of persons as a result of planned CDBG activities. In addition, the City of Fanning Springs is required to develop a plan to assist displaced persons.

A public hearing to receive citizen views concerning the community's economic and community development needs will be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible at the City of Fanning Springs City Hall located at 17651 NW 90th Court, Fanning Springs, Florida. For information concerning the public hearing contact: Sheila Watson, City Clerk, City of Fanning Springs, 17651 NW 90th Court, Fanning Springs, Florida 32693-9212. Telephone #(352) 463-2855.

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop is asked to advise the agency at least 48 hours before the workshop by contacting: Sheila Watson at (352) 463-2855 or by e-mail at fanningspgs@gatorworks.com. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact Sheila Watson at least five calendar days prior to the meeting and a language interpreter will be provided. Any handicapped person requiring special accommodation at this meeting should contact Sheila Watson at least five calendar days prior to the meeting.

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County gets clean audit, we are looking out for your interest and our auditors think so too.

Gilchrist County Journal - July 10, 2014

County gets clean audit

By Carrie A. Mizell

Gilchrist County has received a clean audit, explained Alan Mast a partner at Carr, Riggs & Ingram. The Gainesville-based CPA firm studied the county's financial statements from 2013 and according to Mast, found no violations of laws.

"I can give you a nice, clean audit opinion," Mast said. "We audit 19 counties in Florida and it's not always that I can stand up and say everything is clean."

I have always had the taxpayers in mind about our County finances and always will.

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Branford Camera Club will meet



Submitted

The Branford Camera Club will meet Thursday, July 17, at 7:00 p.m., at Hatch Park Community Center, 403 SE Craven St., Branford. Prior to the meeting, we will gather at Cuzin's Restaurant across the street from Scaff's Market at 5:00 PM for dinner. Community Center doors will open at 6:30 p.m..

Our special guest this month will be Mark Long, a local photographer who specializes in underwater photography. If you love spending time enjoying our local springs (such great places to cool off during these hot summer months), join us to learn how to capture those special underwater images to enjoy all year long!

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The History of Gilchrist County



Fanning Ferry

While looking through an old trunk his mother had, Doug Beach found that Mrs. Edith Beach had saved a copy of "The History of Gilchrist County."

Mr. Beach can't say who wrote the historical account, though he suspects it was a family member. Regardless, it is an interesting account. Part I was printed in last week's Gilchrist County Journal, the following is Part II:

The citizens of the county are proud of their active social and religious life. The county is well provided with well-built comfortable churches, each having a good membership. They are 19 in number. There are three white and two black churches in Trenton, and two white churches in Bell. Small, log houses were used in pioneer days for both churches and schools. These had long seats or benches, with one wide board nailed high across the back; if not comfortable, they were picturesque, to say the least.

The census of the county in 1930 was 4,137. While in 1936, it was 4,174. This period shows an increase of 3.9 percent in the white population, with a decrease of 12.3 percent in the colored population. This is explainable by the reduction of black labor and subsequent exodus, during the Depression years, as a result of abnormal shrinkage in prices of

agriculture and timber products.

The first trails through the shadowy forests were naturally made by certain wild beasts and by Indians. Because of natural advantages, the former landing place at Fanning, we believe, was most likely used since the first strong-armed "red skin" who was smart enough to outwit the alligators long enough to swim to the opposite shore, or the first canoe slipped with noiseless rhythm over the sparkling waters and along the moss-hung banks of the Suwannee.

Old settlers state that at an early period a four-horse stagecoach was, at regular intervals, transported by ferry across the river to this landing. From this point, it pursued approximately the course of the present State Highway No. 19 to Old Station Point, which was in northeastern Levy County, where the horses were changed. It is supposed that this stage hailed from Tallahassee or Fort Marks and was possibly enroute to Tampa. Since State Highway No. 19 is the dividing line near the river between Gilchrist and Levy it seems reasonable to fancy that this was originally an Indian trail.

State Road No. 19 proceeds from Fanning in a southeasterly direction through Levy County. State Road No. 14 begins at No. 19 a short distance east of Fanning and runs northeast

to Gainesville. A modern motor bus system traverses these highways daily, providing luxurious and rapid transportation routes through the county.

State Road No. 77 from Trenton north of Bell, is not yet completed. This road will connect with State Road No. 52, running east and west through Live Oak, Branford and High Springs and will complete the splendid network of transportation routes through the county.

The railroads were built to handle the vast amount of timber products manufactured in the region. The first railroad into the county was built in 1897 by the Seaboard Air Line, running from Alachua in Alachua County to Wanee on the Suwannee River. This served the many sawmills, cross tie operators, turpentine plants, and transported freight landed by steamboats from points along the river.

The Atlantic Coast Line, running through Tyler, Trenton, Wilcox and crossing the river north of Fanning, was completed in 1907. It was constructed under contract by Wade and Bell, large operators in lumber and turpentine. There are 22 miles of this track in the county, besides spur tracks.

A meeting of great importance to counties, state and nation was held on

November 2, 1922, at the Farmers and Merchants Bank building in Trenton, by the County Commissioners of Alachua, Dixie and Levy counties, for on that day plans were approved for erection of the first bridge at Fanning, the junction of the three counties, the expense and upkeep of the bridge to be born equally by each county. This decision was reached following a generous donation by the Cummer Cypress Company of its still bridge located at Fowler's Bluff, a point lower down the river.

Another joint meeting of the three counties was held on December 4, 1922. Contract for \$750,000 was awarded to Frazer Thomas for supervision of all preliminary work, including the perfecting of plans which would be acceptable to the War Department, and supervision of the removal of the bridge at Fowler's Bluff to Fanning, where the piling fenders and trestle work could be used in the new bridge. The J.A. Kidd Construction Company of Jacksonville was awarded the contract to build the bridge, under the supervision of Frazer Thomas, engineer, the latter to receive 5 percent of the cost of construction. The approximate cost of the bridge was estimated at about \$45,000.00.

The completed bridge was accepted by the three counties in a formal meeting at Old Fort Fanning on September 27, 1923 and named the, "Three County Suwannee River Bridge." This marked the beginning of general motor traffic across the Suwannee River in this vicinity.

This bridge was of partial wood construction, was displaced by a much wider and stronger all-steel bridge built by the State of Florida in 1935. It was officially named the "Benjamin Chaires Bridge" in honor of a prominent pioneer settler of Dixie County. The new bridge is very beautiful, and bears at either entrance the inscription, "Way Down Upon the Suwannee River."

Plans to beautify the entrance to the bridge from the Gilchrist and Levy side were made at a joint meeting of the Commissions of Dixie, Levy and Gilchrist counties on March 15, 1937. This is to be done by establishing a monument and a small park. The monument is to bear the names of all present board members and clerks as sponsors of the park. A committee was appointed to procure the necessary property and to secure the aid of the State Road Department to help beautify the plot.

Fort Fanning on the Suwannee River was constructed about 1836 or 1837 during the Seminole War, which began in 1835. The site of this old fort is indicated today only by an open area of ground, unfenced, which shows that it was cleared and occupied during an earlier period. Its location is approximately 200 yards north of the present Highway 19 and a short distance east of the river, north of the bridge, which would place the site just in the rear of the filling station and hotel that now stand facing the highway. It is believed this location was chosen because of the high bluff and Fort Fanning nearby. The fort was occupied some five or six years. It is known that during its occupancy

31 United States soldiers died in camp there. Twenty-seven of those died of disease, one was shot, two died of wounds previously received and one drowned. No doubt all were buried near the fort site.

The fort was named in honor of Major A.C.W. Fanning, a graduate of West Point. He was born in Boston, Mass. in 1788. Soon after graduation, he was in the United States Army engaged against the British. He was in Andrew Jackson's campaign in 1818. He was commissioned Major of Artillery in 1832 on account of his gallant conduct in the Battle of Withlacoochee, December 31, 1835. Before the war ended he was transferred to the Canadian frontier and died in Cincinnati, Ohio on August 18, 1946.

The boat landing at Fort Fanning was used until about 1907 by steamboats which plied the Suwannee River between Branford and Cedar Key, transporting freight and passengers.

An interesting description of the fort is given by McQueen Chaires, of Old Town, who for over 50 years has resided just across the river, "Part of the old fort was still standing 50 years ago, for I often viewed it when I was a child. It was made out of puncheon logs, with concrete or a sandy substance between the logs, and it had high portheoles. I remember there had been four great 12x12 foot lightwood posts, one at each corner, which later were cut off even with the ground. The timbers gradually rotted down and people burned them up for fuel. It was north of the highway on the Gilchrist County side."

During the Civil War the old fort, long since abandoned, became again a center of importance. Many hundreds of bales of cotton were stored there by plantation owners in the vicinity for safekeeping, as they could not sell the cotton. This cotton was destroyed and stolen by Union raiding parties and deserters. One black was killed while sitting on a bale of cotton. It is believed that Confederate soldiers camped there at times.

An incident is told of the Steamboat Dan May, which was fired upon from Fort Fanning, supposedly by cotton thieves. Captain Dan May knocked the boards from the bottom and made his escape although his pilot house was destroyed by the shots of the marauders. His vessel was later sunk near the mouth of the Suwannee River and a small island nearby is now called "Dan May Island."

About 50 years ago a black, afoot was a carrier of mail from Jonesville to Alachua County to Fort Fanning.

One of the first settlers who came to live in the region now known as Gilchrist County was John B. Stanley, who came about the year 1840. He bought 20,000 acres from the government. He bought his slaves and cleared about 900 acres. He had two children. The son died very young. The daughter married John B. Dell of Gainesville. The old Dell plantation was later established from some of this land.

In 1870 William F. Smith moved in from Levy County. He bought 1100 acres from John B. Stanley, cleared and planted about 600 acres of this

just north of Trenton. He established a Christian church by the name of Joppa Church. He also established the Joppa Post Office, which was located about one mile northeast of the present site of Trenton near a place where the old water mill, known as Smith's Mill, formerly stood. S.B. Slaughter was the postmaster about the year 1889. This office was later transferred to Trenton. The mail to Joppa was brought out twice a week from Gainesville by a man traveling with a horse and buggy. About 1895 this was changed to a daily mail, and was delivered in the same manner until the railroad was built and took over the delivery of mail.

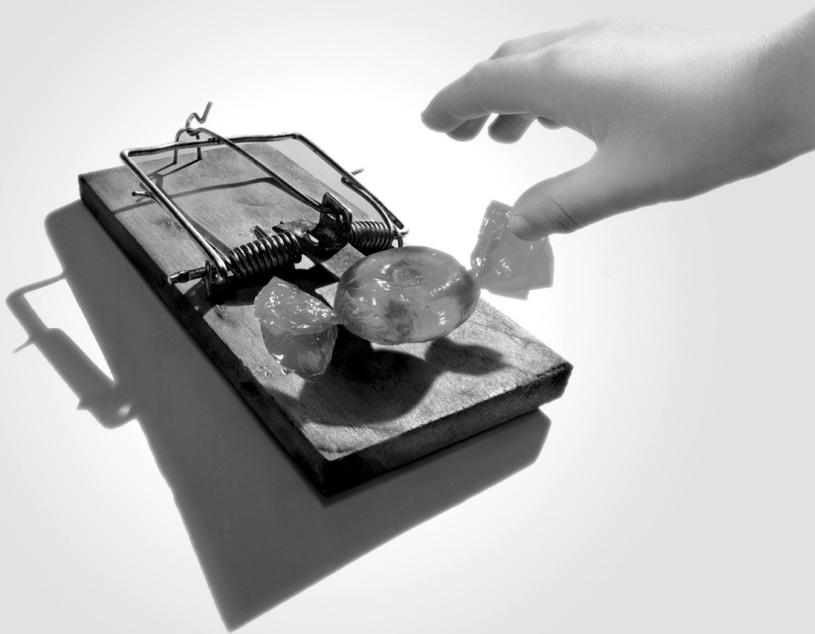
Before the timber was cut over along the Suwannee River, there was an old settlement on the river at the Wilcox landing. When the railroad came to Wilcox landing, the name was changed to "Wanee". Today all that is left of Wanee is a dot on the map. Long gone are the docks on the river, the sawmills, stores, saloons and residences. The final chapter was ended when the railroad was taken up for three miles, between Wanee and Bell in 1936. And yet this settlement served its destiny and made history during the Civil War. The last sawmill which operated there was under the management of Frank Finger from New York. Timber was cut from both sides of the river at times. Logs cut in Lafayette were lashed together and floated across the river to the mill. Many steamboats stopped at Wilcox Landing, among them being the Thetis, Sam Pyles, Helen Durham and Hawkinsville. Some of these boats operated until 1914.

See Part III in next week's paper

SVP presents Pirates of Penzance Jr.

Pirates of Penzance Jr. is coming to the Chief Theater, home of the Suwannee Valley Players! Show dates are July 25-27 and August 1-3. All performances begin at 8:00 p.m. Friday through Saturday, and Sunday Matinees will begin at 2:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for seniors, youth (through 12th grade) and military. Tickets may be purchased in advance from Suwannee Valley Internet in Chiefland and at Point of View in Fanning Springs. To guarantee a seat for your chosen evening please call Becky Gill, who can be reached at (352) 443-9096. Shows are performed at the Chief Theatre 25 East Park Avenue Chiefland. For more information you can leave a message by calling (352) 493-ARTS or email us at SuwanneeValleyPlayers@gmail.com.

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Wyatt Thornton, Wyatt Langford and Jason DeMartino

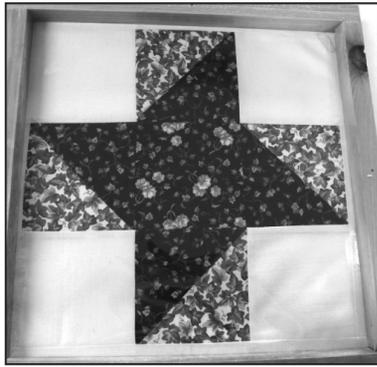
NCF Mustangs 12U baseball team traveled to Cooperstown

Submitted

Recently the NCF Mustangs 12U baseball team traveled to Cooperstown, New York for a week long tournament comprised of some of the best teams around the country. The NCF Mustangs are based out of Gainesville with three players coming from Gilchrist County, Wyatt Thornton, Jason DeMartino, and Wyatt Langford. All three boys posted batting averages above .450 with a combined nine home runs for the week to help lead the Mustangs to an overall 6-2 record, finishing with a ranking of #22 out of 104 teams. During their trip, the boys were also able to take part in the skills challenges, local Cooperstown activities, and a visit to Double Day Field (the birthplace of baseball), as well as the National Baseball Hall of Fame during an off-day. Congratulations to Wyatt, Wyatt, and Jason for representing Gilchrist County proudly!

Log Cabin Quilters

At right: Pinwheel star pattern, which is also a variation of the nine patch quilt block. Thanks, Danny.



The Log Cabin Quilters met Thursday, July 10, at the Levy County Quilt Museum, at 11050 NW 10th Ave., Chiefland. During the summer our Thursday group is small as many are on vacation and out due to illness or injuries. In September, all of the group should be back together. Those present did work on the quilt in the

frame. We received two quilt blocks for the porch from Danny in Schwegenheim, Germany. She and her husband visited us earlier this year, and promised to send quilt blocks for the porch. She sent a nine patch variation and a pinwheel star. The blocks should be on the porch in a few days.

Mrs. Helen Bishop

Helen Bishop, age 96, of Cedar Key, passed away on Thursday, July 10, 2014. She was born in Chicago, Illinois on December 26, 1917. She was raised in Chicago and moved to Florida in 1987. She was a Christian. Helen really loved family parties and eating. She believed in praying and healing. Helen is described by her family as a real people person.

She is survived by children Lilly Rooks and Cheryl Richburg, both of Cedar Key, Rhonda Trump of Canton, Ohio, Jimmy Bishop of Hudson, and Joseph Bishop of Cedar Key; brother Pete Scantley of Chicago; twelve grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held at Cedar Key Cemetery on Wednesday, July 16, 2014, at 11 a.m.

Arrangements are under the care of Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services. Online condolences may be sent through our website at www.hiers-baxley.com

Mr. James "Jim" Hiram Crary

James "Jim" Hiram Crary, 77, retired, passed away July 11, 2014, at his home in Bronson. Mr. Crary moved to the area in 1978 from Wattertown, New York.

Jim served his country honorably in the U.S. Air Force, and retired after many years of dedicated service. He was a people person, enjoyed family and enjoyed fishing.

He is survived by his daughters, Vicki Vanscoy and Renee Blanchard of Bronson and Debra Atkinson of New Mexico; sons, Mark Crary of New York, and Stephen Crary of Texas; twelve grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren.

Services for Mr. Crary will be private, and burial will be in New York. Online condolences can be made at our website www.hiers-baxley.com

Arrangements are under the care of Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services

Mr. Albert "Al" William Durall

Albert "Al" William Durall, 85, of Chiefland, passed away July 8, 2014, at Haven Hospice of the Tri Counties in Chiefland. He was born in Puxico, Missouri to the late Homer J. and Thelma Bose Durall. Al moved to Florida in 1973, then opening his automotive paint and body business. He was of the Baptist faith and enjoyed being outdoors, planting flowers, doing yard work, and enjoying the birds and animals.

He is survived by his wife, Margie Smith York Durall of Chiefland; daughters, Amy Douglas, Michelle Mannas, and Alberta Bowman, all of Missouri; sons, Gary Durall and Ronnie Durall, both of Louisiana, Todd Smith of Cedar Key, Andy York of Clermont; a sister, Joyce Collins of Missouri; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

At Al's request, there will be no memorial services, however, any expressions of sympathy can be made to Haven Hospice of the Tri Counties, 311 NE 9th Street, Chiefland, Florida 32626.

Hiers-Baxley Funeral Service, is honored to serve the Durall family. Condolences may be offered by visiting our website at www.hiers-baxley.com

Mr. Herman Paul Harvey

Herman Paul Harvey, 79, passed away Tuesday, July 8, 2014, at his home in Old Town.

Mr. Harvey served in the United States Air Force for 29 years and retired as a Chief Master Sergeant. While in the service, he managed the dental clinic at McDill Air Force Base. After retiring he became the manager of the St. Petersburg Dental Clinic for 10 years. He was a world traveler, going to Germany, Paris, Thailand, Belize and Copenhagen, a licensed ham radio operator and a gun enthusiast. He moved to Old Town from Tampa twenty years ago and was very active in the Masonic Lodge. He was a current member of the Joppa Lodge, former Worshipful Master at Brown Lodge, former President of the Suwannee River Shrine Club, and served as a District Instructor and District Deputy. He was a Methodist.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Bernice Harvey of Old Town; sons, Eugene (Lisa) Harvey and Thomas Paul (Donna) Harvey both of Tampa; grandson Hunter Harvey

Obituaries

and sister Evelyn Williams of Crystal River.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 12, 2014, at 11:00 a.m., at the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Carl Rainer officiating. Interment followed at Forest Meadows East in Gainesville. A visitation was held at the funeral home one hour prior to the service.

Arrangements were placed under the care of the Rick Gooding Funeral Home.

Mr. Eugene "Gene" Randolph Hodges, Sr.

Eugene "Gene" Randolph Hodges, Sr., 77, passed away at his treasured Gulf Hammock hunting camp on Sunday, July 6, 2014.

A 1954 graduate of Cedar Key High School, Gene served four years in the United States Air Force. After his military service, he returned to Cedar Key, and worked as a commercial fisherman, ran the local hardware store, and was a food inspector for the Department of Agriculture. He held many positions in the Florida government from 1972 to 1988, including as a Florida State House Representative, Legislative Representative, and a member of the Florida Parole Commission. He also served his town of Cedar Key as fireman, city judge and police chief. During his term in the Florida House of Representatives, Gene played an integral part of creating a bill which provided funding for rural schools, allowing Cedar Key School to reopen its doors and remain open. After his retirement in 1996, he continued to serve in local politics as mayor and city council member of his home town.

As a 4th generation Floridian, Gene was passionate about his beloved family hunting camp in the Gulf Hammock woods, where he spent much of his time ensuring that it remained an enjoyable gathering place for family and friends. He also loved the water and all it had to offer, including fishing and lobster diving. He preferred all of these activities surrounded by his family, who were his true passion.

He is survived by his wife, Annette Jones Hodges of Cedar Key; his three children, Randy (Debbie) Hodges, Michael (Anna) Hodges and Gina (Bill) Tovine; step-daughter Jamie Neff; an adopted son and grandson, Bobby Trammell; his sister, Nancy (Don) Duden; and his brother Hal (Karen) Hodges. He is also survived by his former wife, and mother of his children, Frances Knight Hodges. Gene has seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held at Knauff Funeral Home on July 10. The funeral service was held at the United Methodist Church of Cedar Key, with graveside service at Cedar Key Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made in Gene's memory to the United Methodist Church of Cedar Key Building Fund, Post Office Box 338, Cedar Key, Florida 32625.

Mr. Elmer Logan Kato

Elmer Logan Kato, 68, of Hilliard, passed away Saturday, July 5, 2014.

Mr. Kato was a self employed electrician in the Jacksonville area until his retirement.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Vickie Kato of Hilliard; sons, Larry (Jerrri) Kato of Hilliard, David (Deborah) Kato of Callahan and Ronald Kato of Hilliard; daughters, Tammie (Les) Edwards of Jacksonville and Marie Thompson of Callahan; brothers, Robert Kato of Cross City, John Kato of Yulee, Jack Kato of Inverness and Dan Kato of Jackson-

ville; sisters, Evelyn Fowler of Cross City and Margaret Asbury of Panama City Beach; 13 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held on Sunday, July 6, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at Butler Cemetery, Horseshoe Beach.

Arrangements were under the care of the Rick Gooding Funeral Home.

Mr. Robert Hubert Sanders

Robert Hubert Sanders, 79, of Trenton, passed away peacefully at Haven Hospice of the Tri Counties, on July 13, 2014, with his family at his side. Mr. Sanders was born in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and moved to this area in 1997. Mr. Sanders was a member of Long Pond Church. He honorably served his country in the US Navy. Robert was a plumber pipe fitter for Union #520 for twenty-five years. He enjoyed watching, finishing home and refurbishing projects. Mr. Sanders enjoyed his work and his family brought him the most joy in life.

Survivors are his wife, Betty L. Sanders of Trenton; his children, David A. Sanders of Trenton, Danny Sanders and Tanya Delaney of Chiefland; a brother, Harold Sanders of Jensen Beach; a granddaughter, Presleigh Shivers of Chiefland. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jason and Lottie Sanders and several brothers and sisters.

A celebration of Life was held on Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at Long Pond Baptist Church of Chiefland. A committal burial service followed at the Long Pond Church Cemetery. Online condolences can be made at www.hiers-baxley.com

Arrangements are under the care of Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services.



Mr. Caleb Andrew Young

Caleb Andrew Young, 25, of Suwannee, little brother, beloved son, fiancé, and friend to many, passed away Monday, July 7, 2014, as a result of an automobile accident.

Caleb was born on April 26, 1989. He was employed as a commercial parts pro for Advance Auto in Chiefland. He was a Dixie County Volunteer Fire Fighter and had completed his Fire 1 training. He enjoyed hunting, riding horses, boating and working on cars, after he tore them up. He was a member of Suwannee Baptist Church.

He is survived by his mother, Shirley Colson of Suwannee; father, Roland Young, Jr. of Chiefland; fiancé, Billie Jean Neeley of Bronson; sisters, Rebecca (Robert) Madden of Chiefland and Ashley (Ben) Edwards of Suwannee; nieces, Robyn, Ryley, Amy and Tymber; and paternal grandparents, Bill and Karen Sharpe of Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin.

Funeral services were held Friday, July 11, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., at Suwannee Baptist Church with Rev. Fred Edwards officiating. Interment followed at Hodge Cemetery. A visitation was held on Thursday evening, July 10, 2014 at the funeral home.

Arrangements were placed under the care of the Rick Gooding Funeral Home.

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Legal Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE

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On August 2, 2014, Trenton Mini Storage, 1606 East Wade Street, Florida, at 9:00 AM, Damon Leggett, owner, will conduct a Sale by Auction to the highest bidder over which is owed on the contents of the space rented by:

Tonya Akins, Blake Boyette, Regina Whitehead, Jody Surprenant

On August 2, 2014, Gilchrist Storage, 1643 SW SR 26, Florida, at 10:00 AM, Damon Leggett, owner, will conduct a Sale by Auction to the highest bidder over which is owed on the contents of the space rented by:

Stacie Smith, Valerie Silka, Allen Williams consisting of personal and household items.

This sale is being made to satisfy a statutory lien.

Dated July 14, 2014.
Trenton Mini Storage
Gilchrist Storage
Damon Leggett, Owner
Post Office Box 1413
Trenton, Florida 32693
Telephone: (352) 215-4580

Publish July 10 and 17, 2014b.

NOTICE OF BUDGET WORKSHOP PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County, Florida, will hold a **BUDGET WORKSHOP on Monday, July 21, 2014, at 1:00 p.m.**, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Facility, located at 210 South Main Street, Trenton, Florida. The following is a proposed agenda:

The purpose of this workshop is to discuss the FY 14/15 proposed budgets. The following subjects have been scheduled:

- 1:15 p.m.** Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.
- 1:30 p.m.** Health Department
- Other Departments**
Emergency Management
Fire Services
Emergency Medical Services
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA
D. RAY HARRISON, JR., CHAIRMAN
ATTEST:
TODD NEWTON, CLERK OF COURT
Publish July 17, 2014b.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County, Florida, will hold a Special Joint Meeting on **WEDNESDAY, July 23, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.**, in the Fanning Springs City Council Chambers, located at 17651 NW 90th Court, Fanning Springs, Florida with, the City Council of Fanning Springs, Florida, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Florida Department of Transportation, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Office of Greenways and Trails, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Division of State Lands, and

all other interested participants. The following is a **proposed agenda**:

1. Call to Order (2:00 p.m.)
2. Agenda Changes
3. Public Comments
4. **Business To Be Discussed:**
Discussion of proposed access across Greenways and Trails property adjacent to U.S. Highway 19 to a proposed Holiday Inn Express Development in Fanning Springs, Florida.
5. Public Participation
6. Adjourn

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Publish July 17, 2014b

NOTICE OF MEETING City of Fanning Springs City Council

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN The City Council will meet in a Joint Meeting with Developers of The Proposed Hotel to be located in Fanning Springs, Gilchrist Co. BOCC Representatives, State and Local Agencies

July 23, 2014 @ 2:00 pm at the Fanning Springs City Hall, 17651 NW 90th Ct. Fanning Springs, FL.

The Agenda is:
Discussion of the Proposed Hotel To be located in Fanning Springs, FL. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

Pursuant to Florida Statutes 286.0105 that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at such meeting he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made. Which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
DATED this 14th day of July 2014, By Sheila Watson, City Clerk, City of Fanning Springs, Florida.
Pub. July 17, 2014.

NOTICE OF MEETING CITY OF FANNING SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN The City Council will meet in a Budget Workshop

July 29, 2014 @ 3:00 pm at the Fanning Springs City Hall, 17651 NW 90th Ct. Fanning Springs, FL.

The Agenda is:
2014-2015 Budget PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
Pursuant to Florida Statutes 286.0105 that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at such meeting he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made. Which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
DATED this 14th day of July 2014, By Sheila Watson, City Clerk, City of Fanning Springs, Florida.
Pub. July 17, 2014.

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, July 21, 2014 at 4:00 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 (4:00 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 Schedule (nothing scheduled)
10. Commissioners Reports
11. Old Business
12. New Business
13. Public Participation
14. Adjourn

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

CASE NO.: 2013-CA-000004
CHRISTIANA TRUST, A DIVISION OF WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE FOR STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2013-2, Plaintiff,

v. LAYNE B. KNIGHT, et al Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Amended Consent Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on the 19th day of June, 2014 in the above-captioned action, the following property situated in Gilchrist County, Florida, described as:

THE LAND REFERRED TO IN THIS EXHIBIT IS LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF GILCHRIST AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA IN DEED BOOK 199 AT PAGE 041 AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

THE WEST ONE HALF (W 1/2) OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY:

A PORTION OF THE NORTH-WEST QUARTER (NW 1/4) OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 16 EAST, GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
FOR A POINT OF REFERENCE COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 16 EAST; THENCE RUN NORTH 88 DEG. 30 MIN. 38 SEC. EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 23, A DISTANCE OF 524.66 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 88 DEG. 30 MIN. 38 SEC. EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 23, A DISTANCE OF 1089.30 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEG. 09 MIN. 00 SEC. EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1600.00 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 88 DEG. 30 MIN. 38 SEC. WEST, PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 23, A DISTANCE OF 1089.30 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEG. 09 MIN. 00 SEC. WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1600.00 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 23 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME SITUATED THEREON, DESCRIBED AS A 1992 HORTON HOMES DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME, VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS H63305GL AND H63305GR, WHICH IS AFFIXED TO THE AFOREDESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY AND INCORPORATED THEREIN.

Property Address: 7159 NE 30th Street, High Springs, FL 32643.

shall be sold by the Clerk of Court on the **25th day of August, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time)** in person in front of the south doors of the Gilchrist County Courthouse, Clerk of Courts, 112 S. Main St., Trenton, FL 32693, of the, to the highest bidder, for cash, after giving notice as required by section 45.031, Florida Statutes.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. The court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the

sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein.
Dated July 7, 2014.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT (CIRCUIT COURT SEAL)
By: L. Ayers
Deputy Clerk

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEED ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE SHOULD CALL JAN PHILLIPS, ADA COORDINATOR, ALACHUA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 201 E. UNIVERSITY AVE., GAINESVILLE, FL 32601 AT (351) 337-6237 WITHIN TWO (2) WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE; IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED CALL (800) 955-8771; IF YOU ARE ARE VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL (800) 955-8770.
Publish July 17, 24, 2014b

NOTICE OF RFQ FOR HART AND OTTER SPRINGS RESTORATION CONSTRUCTION

Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners is seeking proposals for the Engineering Design Services for its Hart and Otter Springs Restoration Project. The full RFQ, including the dredge estimates, specifications, engineering plans and permit applications may be obtained at the Gilchrist County Administrators Office located at 209 SE 1st Street, Trenton, Florida or on the County's official website www.gilchrist.fl.us. Proposals must be marked "Hart and Otter Springs Restorations Construction", they must be sealed and delivered to Bobby Crosby, Gilchrist County Administrator, 209 SE 1st Street, Trenton, FL 32693 by hand or delivery service no later than: **July 31, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. (local time)**. Late proposals will not be accepted and will not be considered for recommendation. Questions regarding the RFQ should be addressed in writing and submitted at least five (5) days prior to the RFQ submittal date to:

Mr. Bobby Crosby
Gilchrist County Administrator
209 SE 1st Street
Trenton, FL 32693
bcrosby@gilchrist.fl.us

All questions and responses will be listed on the county's official website www.gilchrist.fl.us.

For further information please contact the Gilchrist County Administrator's Office at 352-463-3198 or bcrosby@gilchrist.fl.us.
Publish July 17 and 24, 2014b

PUBLIC NOTICE

Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. announces the availability of \$315,000.00 of State Housing Initiative Program Plan funds for Suwannee County for the fiscal year 2014-2015. For information or to apply for the program you may go to our outreach office at 1439 SW CR 307A, Trenton, between the hours of 8:00 and 4:30. Applications will be accepted beginning August 18, 2014. Priority will be given to those with developmental disabilities.
Publish July 17, 2014b.

Marriages filed in Gilchrist County

Roger Wayne Hand, 43, and Theresa Lee Stone, 55, both of Fanning Springs, were married July 7, 2014, by Cynthia A. Chadwick, notary public.

Norman Edward Suisse, 43, of High Springs, and Tammy Lynn Foerman, 49, of Lake Butler, were married July 1, 2014, by Kimberlie Riggs, notary public.

Cecil LeRoy Smith, 46, of Bell, and Julie Vaughan Noyes, 42, of Trenton, were married on July 2, 2014, by Dr. Greg Douglas, Pine Grove Baptist Church.

Joseph Donald Hendricks, 27, and Ramona Ann Gore, 28, both of Trenton, were married June 28, 2014, by Reverend Harry C. Sims.

Carl Johnny Harris, III, 24, and Jesse Lyn Gray, 22, both of Bell, were married July 5, 2014, by Pastor Alan M. Harmon.

Kristopher Randall Weeks, 36, and Greta Malken Martin, 38, both of Ft. White, were married July 12, 2014, by Angela C. Boswell, notary public.
Marty Owens Bruce, 54, of High Springs and Tina Marie Thomas, 45, of Branford, were married July 12, 2014.

Gilchrist County Land Transactions

Southeast Investment Management, Inc. to Juan H. Wyszowski, warranty deed, \$53,000.00, 140814036100000130, Lot 13 Hidden Oaks 1st Addition.

Steven Michael Langston and Penny Langston to Steven Michael Langston, Penny Langston and Miranda D. Tidwell, warranty deed, \$10.00, 130816000000020020.

David F. Caudill and Dorothy Teresa Caudill to David F. Caudill and Dorothy Teresa Caudill, warranty deed, \$10.00, Lot 5 Lowell Estates, 100715022200000050.

Wendell Jerome Wright and Debra Kay Wright to Jeffrey Noel Reed, warranty deed, \$10.00, 21101600000010000, Portion of CWABS Inc., The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York Trustee to Sandra and Tony Davis Family Trust, Sandra D. Davis Trustee and Tony D. Davis Trustee, warranty deed, \$52,500.00, 200914000000060010.

Daniel D. Hahs and Elsie M. Hahs to Gary Houston McKenzie and Kimberly Anne McKenzie, warranty deed, \$45,000.00, 250914000000020000, Portion of

Laura Vario to Laura Vario, Nicholas McBride, Robert Morris and Teddie Morris, warranty deed, \$10.00, 3308141933300000120, Lot 12 Suwannee Gilchrist Farms Unit 3.

Andrew Register a/k/a Andrew E. Register, Georgia C. Register and Gilchrist County Clerk of Court to Bank of America NA, certificate of title, \$10.00, 21-2013-CA-000002 140816000000030070.

Calvin Carlisle, Beneficial Florida Inc. and Gilchrist County Clerk of Court to LSF8 Master Participation Trust and US Bank Trust NA Trustee, certificate of title, \$10.00, 21-2010-CA-000097 24-10-15.

Patricia May to Riverwalk Partners LLP, warranty deed, \$12,000.00, 201014-035-10000-0430.

James B. Bradley and Roberta J. Bradley to Patrick D. Budd and Sharon E. Budd, warranty deed, \$30,000.00, 280814-19320000-0110.

Kody C. Lee and Katie M. Odom to Kody C. Lee, quit claim deed, \$61,000.00, 20-07-15-0000-0003-0030.

Suzanne L. DeChamplain, Heavens Gate Farm Trust, Suzanne L. DeChamplain Trustee to Sanbrook LLC, warranty deed, \$1,655,970.00, 121014-00000001-0000 and 011014-00000001-0010.

Donald E. Musen and Luzette Kincaid Musen to Donald E. Musen and Luzette Kincaid Musen, quit claim deed, \$10.00, 160816-00000001-0220.

C. Bass Mortgage Loan and U. S. Bank National Association Trustee to Penrose C. Dietz and Aline M. Smith, warranty deed, \$100,000.00, 151018000000050015.

Curtis L. Morgan and Holly Morgan to Woodrow Horace Quincey, Woodrow Horace Quincey Trust, Woodrow Horace Quincey Trustee and Elizabeth Wheeler Quincey Trust, Elizabeth Wheeler Quincey Trust, Elizabeth Wheeler Quincey Trustee, warranty deed, \$19,200.00, 16-10-15-0000-0044-0000.

Jenny Lynn Hodge, 23, of Trenton, was arrested by Deputy Davis, Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office, for Simple Assault Intent Threat to do Violence, Battery by Person Detained in Prison or Jail Facility, \$35,000.00 bond.

Bruce Allen Martin, 65, of Trenton, was arrested by Officer Cody Weatherington, Trenton Police Department, for DUI Unlawful Blood Alcohol or Drugs, ROR.

July 10, 2014
Byron Leonard Dawson, 32, of Bell, was arrested by Deputy Jefferson E. Davis, Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office, for Probation Violation, no bond.

Amber Sunshyne Kennedy, 39, of Bell, was arrested by Deputy Lee, Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office, for Trespassing Property no Structure or Conveyance, Resisting Officer Obstruction without Violence, \$10,000.00 bond.

July 13, 2014
Israel Lee Brown, Jr., 32, of Williston, was arrested by Levy County Sheriff's Office on Gilchrist County Warrant, for Probation Violation, no bond.

Mae Louise Stokes, 74, of Trenton, was arrested by Deputy Hendricks, Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office, for DUI Unlawful Blood Alcohol, DUI Alcohol or Drugs, ROR.

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North Florida Livestock Report

What another great week of high selling cattle. It's hard to believe things could get any higher but once

again they have. Slaughter cattle were steady to \$1.00 higher and yearlings were \$1.00 to \$2.00 higher.

Little Creek Farms and Mike Boyd topped the slaughter bull market this week with \$140.00 bought by Brown Packing and Central Beef. Ernie Cramer sold the top slaughter cow this week at \$132.00 bought by Brown Packing Kellie Rendek and Carrie Barnes sold the highest price replacement cow at \$156.00 bought by Bellamy Cattle. Kellie Rendek and Carrie Barnes also topped the replacement bull market with \$160.00 bought by Bellamy Cattle. Perry Connerly sold the high price pair this week at \$1,650.00 bought by Sherod Keen and the high price yearling went to Foy Reynolds Cattle at \$420.00 sold by Jerry Lee.

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City moves forward with barking dogs ordinance

By Cindy Jo Ayers

The Trenton City Commission approved the first reading of two ordinances that have been in the works for several months during their July 8 commission meeting.

The first, Ordinance No. 2014-01, amends the current nuisance ordinance that was passed back in 2007. This amendment adds offensive odors emitted by animals and barking dogs as a nuisance. After the ordinance is passed at an upcoming meeting, residents in town can be visited by the code enforcement officer after a complaint is received. If the animal or dog owner does not take care of the problem, the code enforcement officer can write a citation and fine the animal owner.

This ordinance was drawn up after a citizen complained about the smell coming from a neighbor's backyard with a large number of dogs penned at the property line. The resident complained that they could not enjoy being in their yard due to the smell of the dog pens next door.

Anyone having a problem in the City of Trenton with a dog barking excessively, which is defined in the ordinance as, "the barking is continuous for a period of 15 minutes or if the smell caused by animals is offensive," should call Code Enforcement Officer Diane Rondolet at 463-3157. Any other animal problems within the city should be directed to Gilchrist County Animal Control at 463-4084. The county's

Animal Control is still handling strays and dangerous animals within the City of Trenton.

This ordinance will be adopted after the second reading which will be held at the next upcoming meeting.

The other ordinance, Ordinance No. 2014-02, will allow outdoor dining at restaurants in the central business district, which is downtown Trenton. There are some restrictions in this ordinance. The outdoor dining area has to be enclosed with a six foot fence if the restaurant is selling alcoholic beverages.

During the regular meeting Police Chief Tracy Taylor, announced that Officer Britt Combs has turned in his resignation and will be leaving the Trenton Police Department later this month. Chief Taylor told the commissioners that Officer Combs plans to further his education.

The Trenton Fire Department was given approval to proceed with their plan to purchase a smaller used vehicle for the department to use. The car they have been using is no longer in service and the used vehicle they are looking at is a 2007 Ford Explorer. This vehicle was used by another fire department, out of state, has lights and is fitted to carry air tanks and other equipment in the back. The amount approved for the purchase is not to exceed \$18,500.

The next scheduled city commission meeting will be Tuesday, July 22, at the Trenton Community Center at 5:30 p.m.

VBS at Old Town United Methodist

Old Town United Methodist Church invites all children, ages 4 to 12, to gear up at the Workshop of Wonders; Imagine and Build with God Vacation Bible School. Explore and experience how the ordinary becomes extraordinary with God! The fun begins Monday, July 21, and runs through Friday, July 25, from 5:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. each evening. Old Town United Methodist Church is located in Old Town on US 19, just north of the traffic light.



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**Gilchrist County
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The Gilchrist County Emergency Management Department will offer its third free CPR class to the public on Saturday July 19, 2014 from 9:30am to 2pm 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 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.

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