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## Standoff north of Bell ends with a fatality

By Carrie A. Mizell

A 26-year-old man described as having mental health issues was shot and killed early Tuesday morning, ending an 11 hour standoff with police officers.

The Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call on Monday at 2:41 p.m. from Jay Donald Stankovich's father, who told a dispatcher that his disturbed son had

a gun and was suicidal.

Officers, including Sheriff Bobby Schultz, responded to 4740 NW 10th Street, off County Road 313 in Bell at 2:56 p.m.

Stankovich, who was armed with a stolen .38 caliber handgun, had active felony warrants out of Duval County for aggravated battery. When officers arrived, they found Stankovich outside of his home. He refused

commands and made verbal threats to harm Gilchrist County deputies if they approached him. Stankovich fled into his home and refused to come out.

Sheriff Schultz and his deputies secured the area and ensured safety for Stankovich's father, who was on scene. Sheriff Schultz said he recognized the need for additional resources, and called in the Alachua

County Sheriff's Office SWAT and Negotiation Response Team, which included a robot. The robot has camera capability and would be used to gather information inside the home.

After 11 hours of negotiations, during which Stankovich discharged the firearm inside the home, he came out of the house and pointed a gun at Alachua County officers who

returned fire.

Stankovich was shot and SWAT medics rendered aid. He was transported to an area hospital where he was pronounced dead a short time later.

The investigation has been turned over to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the involved deputy has been placed on administrative leave, which is standard operating

procedure.

Stankovich had reportedly moved to Bell recently and was living in a separate residence on his parents' property.

On Tuesday morning, Sheriff Schultz expressed condolences to the Stankovich family and said he was obviously disappointed that the young man had not made the choice to surrender peacefully.



## Park manager's use of county vehicle being questioned

By Carrie A. Mizell

Gilchrist County Commissioners have been asked to consider granting Mitchell Gentry, manager of Hart Springs Park, permission to drive his county vehicle home.

Gentry lives less than one mile from the park he oversees, and maintains that being able to drive a county vehicle home would save the county money.

"Why is he asking for permission now to do what he's been doing for a long time?" asked Commission Chair D. Ray Harrison, Jr. on Monday.

Harrison said he has had complaints from citizens who saw Gentry and his wife in the county issued vehicle Gentry drives eating dinner at Pizza Hut in Chiefland. Harrison further questioned the county's liability if Gentry were to get into an automobile accident in his county vehicle with a non-county employee in the passenger's seat.

That is not the only complaint Harrison has received regarding the Hart Springs park manager. During the July 7 meeting of the Gilchrist County Commissioners, Harrison told his fellow commissioners that he has heard several complaints regarding the operation of Hart Springs Park.

One woman reportedly complained after she was told that she could not walk down the boardwalk at Hart Springs while her daughter was taking swimming lessons at the Hart Springs pool. The woman had paid for her daughter to use the pool, so she could participate in the swimming lessons, but she was not permitted to walk along the boardwalk to kill time while her daughter took lessons. Another visitor to Hart Springs Park was a senior citizen who was asked to pay an entrance fee at the gate to attend her family reunion, despite the fact that her family members had already paid to reserve the pavilion and she had no intentions of swimming in the springs.

"I think we need to be doing everything we can to entice people to go down and use Hart Springs," Harrison said.

Though Gentry was not at Monday's county commission meeting, he sent a letter outlining his request to drive his county vehicle home.

"I was told to from the time I was employed to drive the vehicle home," Gentry stated. "The reasoning was that managers before me lived in the

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## Splishin' and a Splashin'

Kimberly Kinkel and her sister, Paige Williams, both of Melrose, have fond memories of summers spent at Hart Springs when they were kids. "My sister Paige learned to swim here," Kimberly recalled on Monday. Every summer, the sisters try to bring their children to Hart Springs, so they can make their own memories. Jumping into the boil, balancing on paddle boards and swimming through the clear, cold water kept the teenagers busy on Monday afternoon. Kimberly's daughters Meghan Kinkel and Bailey Kinkel are pictured above jumping into the boil, along with their cousin, McKenzie Williams and friend, Chelsea Tussinger.

## Proposed millage rate set at 8.4576



July 24, 2014

By Carrie A. Mizell

The Gilchrist County Commissioners voted 4-1 on Monday to set the proposed millage rate for TRIM at 8.4576, with hopes that the county can remain at its current rate of 8.2976.

Commissioner John Rance Thomas said that the Board as a whole wants to hold the millage rate for 2014-15 at what it currently is, despite an increase in insurance and retirement costs the county has incurred, which will make balancing the budget in 2013-14 all but impossible.

"This is just what it's being set at, but we are working to get it down to 8.2976," Thomas explained. In order to balance the budget, Thomas said the Board would likely need to increase the millage rate to 8.6952, which would bring in an additional \$250,000 in revenue. However, raising the millage rate is not something any of the commissioners are in favor of. Instead, they have asked all departments within the county to operate on less in 2014-15 to hopefully slow the erosion of the county's reserve fund which has been steadily dropping over the last several years.

Commission Chair D. Ray Harrison, Jr. voted no on the proposed millage

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## State champs call Trenton home

Members of the coaching staffs of the 2013 Class 1A Baseball and Football State Championship teams are pictured standing in



front of one of five new signs at the entrance to the City of Trenton.

Placed on state and US highways entering the municipality, the signs acknowledge the town of Trenton as home of the 2013 Class 1A Baseball and Football State Champions.

Pictured at left, front row from left to right: Greg Turner, Toney Sullivan, and Head Football Coach Andrew Thomas. Back row, from left to right: Head Baseball Coach Todd Bryant, Shannon Smith, Terry Parrish, and Lyle Wilkerson. Not pictured, Assistant Coach Randy Fuller and Trenton City Manager Taylor Brown.

Trenton Tiger fans are proud of the players and coaches who worked hard to bring home two state titles in 2013. Go Tigers!

# 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.

A collection box has been 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.

## 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 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](http://www.3riverslibrary.com)

## Bluegrass

On Saturday, August 2, 2014, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Dixie County Historical Society will be hosting another evening of Bluegrass and Bluegrass Gospel music for your enjoyment on Saturday, August

2, 2014, at the "Old" Old Town Elementary School Auditorium located at SR. 349 and CR. 55A. There will be *Big Cypress Bluegrass* performing along with *The Overall Band*. 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!

## 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.

## Library workshops for August

Sign up online at [3riverslibrary.com](http://3riverslibrary.com), space limited (352) 463-3176.

Monday, August 4  
Paint Party ages 5-10 at 10 a.m., \$10 material fee.

Monday, August 4  
Paint Party ages 11 and above at 2 p.m., \$10 material fee.

Tuesday, August 5  
Acrylic Art at 6 p.m., \$15 material fee.

Thursday, August 21  
Geocaching at 6 p.m.

Monday, August 25  
Wine Making at 6 p.m.

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Bell High School Class of 1959 members are pictured back row, left to right: Anette Thomas Aderholt, Lynda Jamerson Paige, Francine Roberts Barnes, Elberta Ritchie, and Bonnie Osteen Simmons. Third row, Hilda Brown Davis, Maxine Philman Cummings, Inez Dees Carnes, Carrie Hart Cannon, and Wimpy Welch. Second row, Tony Davis and Lavern Cain Hunt. Front row, Polly Roberts Stover, Phronia Langford Stanley, Penny Shepherd Odom, and Mason Bass.

## Bell High School Class of 1959 Reunion

Submitted  
On June 14, 2014, the Bell High School Class of 1959 celebrated their 55th graduation reunion.

The group consisted of class mates, spouses and friends. A great time and sharing was had by all. We also remembered our class mates who are no longer with us. Just this past year, we also lost E. J. Carver. They all have been and will continue to be missed.

Special thanks to Inez Dees Carnes for the very nice placemats with our class pictures and commencement program, and Hilda Brown Davis for decorations.

## Reunions

### 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.

### 48th Philman Family Friends Reunion

The 48th Philman Family Friends Reunion will be held Saturday, Aug. 2 at Hart Springs.

Please bring a covered dish, dessert, cold drinks and ice to share.

Hope to see you there!

### Running for office?

Candidates seeking election in the 2014 election may submit political announcements stating their intention to run to the *Gilchrist County Journal*. Announcements run free of charge with a single picture of the candidate on the front page.

## Baby Spielbush

Bill and Maxine Cummings, of Bell, would like to announce the birth of their first great-grandchild.

Truman Keith was born on May 22, 2014 in Oklahoma City. He weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19.7 inches long.

The baby and his parents live in Ponca City, Oklahoma. His parents are Bill and Maxine's granddaughter, Sara Spielbush and her husband, Tim.

Maternal grandparents are Dennis and Pam Cummings, paternal grandparents are Joe and Nancy Spielbush, and maternal great-grandparents are Rich and Mollie Koenig, all of Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Bill and Maxine Cummings visited Oklahoma recently and reported that their new great-grandchild and his parents are doing well.

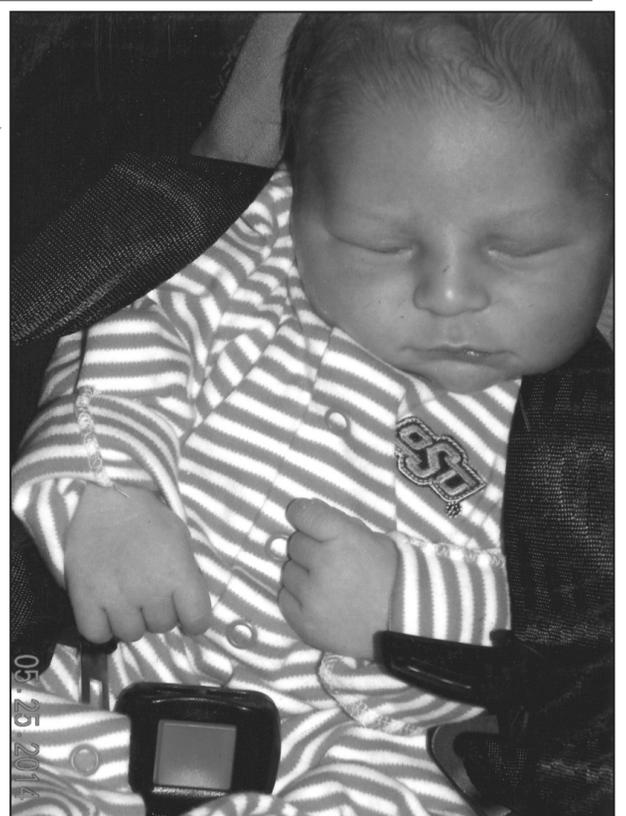
While in Oklahoma, Bill and Maxine attended the high school graduation of their grandson Ian Cummings, who Dennis and Pamela's son.

Ian will go to college at the University of Central Oklahoma in Oklahoma City, where he will study music theatre. He has appeared in several plays and musicals in Lyric Theatre in Oklahoma City and Music Theatre in Wichita, Kansas. His sister Daisy is also at UCO in dance performance, and she is a member of the World Travel Kaleidoscope Dance Company.

## Socials

Happy Birthday wishes to Lynn Davis, Louise Duncan, Brett Colson, Beryl Johnson, Scott Manders, Garrett Lane, John Williams, Larry Hilliard and Chris Gillyard on July 24th; Frances Percival, Mary Stoner, Garrett Bivens, Michael Ferris, Mark Latner, Verna Mae Wilson, Angela Hart Musall and Hoyt Roberts on July 25th; Clara Tyson, Rachel Gillyard, Kirk Barry, and Stephen Stalvey on July 26th; Ryan Hudson, Helen Harwood, Heidi Davis Morgan, Kathy Park, Mike Myers, Sr., Harry Summers, Judi Bishop and Juliette Boyer on July 27th; James Johnson, Patricia Haire and Carl Coats on July 28th; Wesley Belanger, Angela Thrash, Lynette Langford, Charles Harris and Chad Brooks on July 29th; Jarrod Langford, Kermit Lee Prime, Jr., Cassie Langford, Carrie Langford, Wayne Lord, Billy Smith and Mary Jo Jeske on July 30th.

Happy Anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. John Ayers on July 28th.



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**Benjamin W. Beauchamp • Mark Bishop • V.C. Cannon  
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Mary Rain • Clinton Rogers  
Shari Sharp • Jannie L. Williams**

The committee will meet on July 28, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. to select nominees to represent Districts 1, 5, and 9 as Trustees of Central Florida Electric Cooperative, Inc. These districts are presently represented by:  
**Thelma McCain District 1  
Donald Lane District 5  
Barbara Townsend District 9**  
The Cooperative's Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2014. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the business meeting will follow at 10:00 a.m.

**Tide Tables For The Week of 7/24 to 7/30 for the mouth of the Suwannee River**

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Sun Jul 27, 14	3.100 ft. 3:15 AM	1.347 ft. 9:03 AM	3.719 ft. 2:39 PM	0.156 ft. 9:46 PM
Mon Jul 28, 14	3.168 ft. 3:47 AM	1.252 ft. 9:39 AM	3.664 ft. 3:15 PM	0.242 ft. 10:14 PM
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**COOKING AND CARRYIN' ON**

By Cindy Jo Ayers



One of several beautiful antebellum homes located in downtown Ozark, Alabama.

"It was a good moment, the kind you would like to press between the pages of a book, or hide in your sock drawer, so you could touch it again."  
- Rick Bragg, Alabama native

It was a good weekend, spent shoulder to shoulder with two people I love dearly, in a state where Southern hospitality is alive and well. It was a weekend filled with beautiful scenery, good food, warm accents and a whole lot of friendly. As Rick Bragg says, it was a weekend I would like to press between the pages.

I have run around all over Georgia. There are not many areas of the peach state where we have not eaten, shopped or stayed. In fact we sorta love Georgia, from the Okefenokee Restaurant in Folkston, to the heart of Atlanta for a Beth Moore conference, to Dillard's famed Dillard House dining room, or across the state to the beautiful Callaway Gardens, even to sweet Blue Ridge, we have explored Georgia from one end to the other.

Working at the *Journal* you learn early on that it's a whole lot better to take short little vacations that you can slip in between Tuesday deadlines. So

for years we girls have loaded up for short, fun girls trips up into Georgia. John, my husband, is not much of a traveler, but our daughter, Carrie and now our little granddaughter, Allie both love to travel.

On Friday we tossed our overnight bags into the back of the ride and headed out for a girls weekend in the "Heart of Dixie." Alabama was our chosen destination this time, Birmingham to be precise. Having read *Southern Lady* magazine for years, we have always wanted to visit some of the charming shops we've seen advertised in the magazine. Most of the shops were located in the cute little town of Homewood, Alabama. Homewood sits right up in Birmingham. As Alabama's largest city grew, it just surrounded several small towns including Homewood.

As we were making trip plans I told Carrie I would plan Friday and she could have Saturday. With Carrie and I the destination is one thing, but getting there can be a whole other adventure. From Gilchrist County to Birmingham it is only a 6 1/2 hour trip but we left home at 7 and arrived near Birmingham at about 7 in the evening. We believe in making stops along the journey.

Our first stop was Dothan where we visited Land of Cotton antique mall and had lunch at the Blue Plate restaurant. The antiquing was fun and the lunch was down home country cooking. I've eaten at the Blue Plate several times and it is always good. My choice was fried chicken livers and gizzards, homemade dressing and butter beans, it was delicious.

Next, we traveled up highway 231 to Ozark, Alabama, which has sweet tree-lined streets with many beautiful antebellum homes in the historic district. They also have several cute stores in the downtown area. But you have to get off the main road and go into the heart of Ozark. Just on the edge of town we stopped at Front Porch Quilt Shoppe and I spent a happy hour plundering in fabric.

After driving for a while, through miles of red dirt fields planted with mostly cotton, we began to get into rolling hills of hardwood and pines. It is a beautiful drive to the upper part of Alabama through rolling hills that a few miles north turn into the southern Tennessee mountains. We stopped for the night in the pretty little town of Columbiana, just southeast of Birmingham.

According to a historical marker outside the 1854 courthouse, Columbiana was chosen as the location for the Shelby County Courthouse in 1829. When the citizens of Columbiana learned their town was to be the county seat they promptly went out, found the town's tallest pine, carved out a hole in the tree, and packed it full of gun powder

and blew it up in celebration. It was reported the blast was heard on farms for miles around. Apparently the love of blowing things up did not just start with this generation of Southern men.

We spent Friday night at the Columbiana Inn on a beautiful crape myrtle lined street in the historic district. Andrew and Diane Moore acquired the 1879 Victorian inn just before it was to be torn down. In fact they did most of the restoration themselves and now the couple graciously host travelers who stop for the night in Columbiana. After a wonderful breakfast at the bed and breakfast we headed out to Wilsonville on Saturday morning.

Wilsonville is home to McEwen and Sons which is located inside of Coosa Valley Milling and Hardware, a family owned business that serves as a feed and farm supply to the surrounding area.

The milling was the part I was interested in because the McEwens grind organic corn into the best stone ground grits I've ever eaten.

Stone ground grits are not common these days and I've spent a lot of time mail ordering these slow cooking grits from several regions of the South. But hands down the old-fashioned stone burr milling method, which grinds the corn between two large rotating stones turns out the best grits ever. In the past I have mail ordered grits, meal and popcorn from this mill. But shipping these heavy items is high and since we were going to Birmingham and McEwens was only about 25 miles southeast we decided to take a detour and pay them a visit. We purchased stone ground grits, course and fine ground cornmeal in white and yellow, local pecans, muscadine grape pepper jelly, and old-fashioned popcorn.

As I understand it, the McEwens contract with area farmers to grow their heirloom corn for the grits and meal, and their corn for popcorn is grown by Amish farmers. Needless to say I was in heaven surrounded by all their locally grown and made food items.

Next week I'll cover our adventures into Birmingham, a good restaurant and some fun shopping.

The following recipe comes from the Columbiana Inn Bed and Breakfast. Note: Diane also owns and operates the Hearts Desire Tea Room in Wilsonville, Alabama.

*Hearts Desire Quiche*  
6 eggs  
2 1/2 cups whole milk  
1 cup Mexican (Fiesta) cheese, grated  
Italian Herbs (about 1 teaspoon)  
1 Package Knorr's dry vegetable soup mix  
1/2 teaspoon sugar

Salt and pepper to taste  
18 3-inch tart shells

Whisk the six eggs and whole milk together in a bowl. Add grated cheese, Italian herbs, dry vegetable soup mix, salt, pepper and sugar and whisk until all ingredients are thoroughly mixed. Place mixture in the refrigerator before cooking to allow the dry ingredients to absorb the liquid and expand, chill about 1 hour. Fill 3 inch pre-made tart shells with the quiche mixture and bake at 400 degrees for 15 minutes or until the quiche puffs on top. Mixture can be kept in the refrigerator for 3-4 days.

**John's Comments**

By John M. Ayers

The summer is hot and so is the fishing. Whether you're on area rivers, the Gulf inshore or the offshore beat, now is the time to be running and gunning catching fish.

I have enjoyed the red bellies from the river this year. The catches being reported have been nothing short of phenomenal. For over six weeks now, area anglers have been reporting record catches of beautiful red bellies on the Santa Fe and Suwannee Rivers.

I talked with a friend who stopped by the *Journal* on Monday morning and he reported a fellow from Bell went bass fishing on the Suwannee over the weekend. The fish from the river this time of year are in real good shape. We have to remember these fish have recently returned to the depths of the river after being out in the sloughs and woods for weeks fattening up on whatever swims, crawls and jumps. The fish have been eating from a buffet for months now.

On Friday afternoon, a group of three of us slipped the airboat in at Shired Island in search of some mullet. I was so hoping this native species had begun to show signs of fattening up with the calendar now nearing August; the mullet too, are in

great shape.

The tide was low just after noon and this would make catching my target species a bit more of a challenge. When the sun is high in the sky and the water is shallow, the mullet are on the move in a hurry. Under these conditions, fishing with a cast net is providing them a sporting chance. We found out that the majority of mullet had moved out of the shallows, but persistence this time of year is the key to catching a good cooler of smokers. The bigger fish have begun to show signs of enough fat to smoke and for them to really be tasty.

Mark Schuler caught a mess of mullet from Cedar Key last week and he took the time to smoke them and make a little smoked spread. Yes, the smoked mullet spread is tastier than the Amberjack that I have been eating out of the freezer. It seems to have a more smokey, fishy taste.

I enjoy the taste of smoked mullet when it is cool smoked right and not cooked quick and dried out. Mark does a great job smoking the mullet and his spread or dip (as many people call it) is very good.

Eating a good smoked mullet really takes me back in time. When I was just a boy, on the weekends, we would go with my parents to Cedar Key to buy fresh seafood. Boy, those were the days when the oysters were delicious, the mullet were hot off the wire racks and everything was just right. We would always stop by Mr. P.H. and Mrs. Susie Day's business going into town right there on SR 24. That way we knew when the fish would be ready to eat. You could tell when the mullet were ready by the smell of the smoke coming from the large tin smoker right near the highway. When we would stop, Mr. P.H. would always pull the freshly smoked mullet off of the top rack and place them into a paper bag to carry home. These fish were always the best. They were juicy, tasty and cooked to perfection. Boy, they were good.

This time of year I'm always thinking of taking a trip to the coast to catch a mess of mullet to put on the smoker. If you take the time to do it right, they are truly delicious.

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# Viewpoint: Legitimate Confederate Heritage Organizations

By Clement Lindsey,  
SCV Commander

Recent reports indicate that the Ku Klux Klan has been distributing literature, no doubt in an attempt to recruit members, here in Gilchrist County.

It is perhaps easy for those who are unfamiliar with the legitimate Confederate Heritage Organizations to lump them together with the KKK. The KKK does not do honor to the memory of the Confederacy, they disrespect the flags and other symbols of the Confederacy as well as the Cross of Christ our savior.

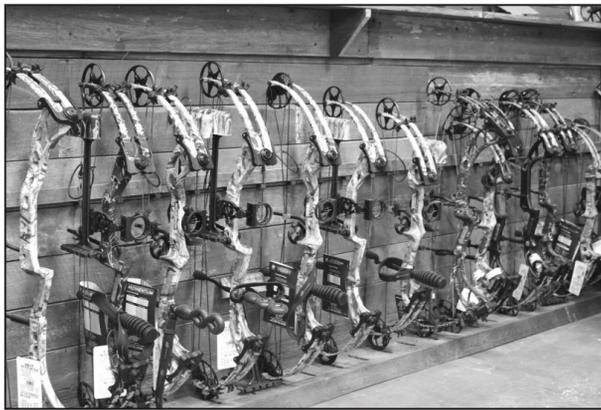
The Sons of Confederate Veterans is an organization of male descendants of those who served the Confederacy honorably. As the armed forces of the Confederacy were ethnically diverse, the SCV welcomes all who have an ancestor regardless of race or ethnicity. The SCV promotes an honest, factual study of the War Between the States, its causes and lingering effects, and in no way have any interest in reviving the issues that caused that war.

The SCV has strict policies about associating or affiliating with those whose actions bring dishonor to the memory of those who served the Confederacy. SCV members are in

considerable danger of expulsion from membership if found to be part of any such organization.

The John Hance O'Steen Camp 770 located in Gilchrist County has as part of their bylaws a provision that no member of any organization that promotes disloyalty to or disunity with the United States, or promotes racial or ethnic discrimination or violence, will be allowed membership in the Camp. Further, if any officer of the Camp is made aware that any current member is affiliated with any such organization, said member will be expelled from the Camp, and the Division (State) Adjutant and the Adjutant in Chief (International Headquarters) shall be notified of the expulsion. The expelled member will not be allowed further membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

When you see members of the John Hance O'Steen Camp and their compatriots from other Camps marching in the Memorial or Veteran's Day parades, or with a float in the Christmas Parade, or laying a wreath at the Confederate Monument in Trenton, or dedicating the headstone of a long dead Confederate, that we are in no way, shape, or form associated with or affiliated with the KKK.



## Outdoor store opens in downtown Trenton

By Carrie A. Mizell

From shotgun shells and bows, to welding supplies, lawn mowers, and live bait, Trenton's newest business, Green's Outdoors and More has something for everyone.

Gilchrist County resident J.D. Green and his daughter, Amanda, have been working on the old Trenton Ace Hardware building on Main Street for several months preparing for a grand opening.

"We've had so many people stopping by to see what we were doing, we decided to just go ahead and open up," Amanda said.

A grand opening with refreshments and door prizes is being planned for Saturday, Sept. 20.

Over the last 30 years, J.D. Green has driven to and from his business, Green's Power Equipment, in Lake City. One day as he made the turn onto State 47 in Trenton he noticed the building was being vacated, so he bought it with plans to open an outdoor store.

"I think he was feeling frisky that day," Amanda said with a laugh.

The father-daughter duo are working hard to fill the shelves and welcome customers at the same time.

Green's Outdoors and More is open Monday-Saturday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information on Green's Outdoors and More, call 463-7090.

## North Florida Livestock Report

Compared to last week slaughter cattle were steady and still in high demand on July 16. Yearlings are still in high demand with most classes being \$1.00 to \$2.00 higher.

Chad Campbell topped the slaughter bull market this week with \$132.00 bought by Brown Packing Cattle Tree LLC sold the top slaughter cow this week at \$122.00 bought by Central Beef. Terrell Register sold the highest price replacement cow at \$176.00 bought by Cracker Cattle Co. Missy Batton topped the replacement bull market with \$165.00 bought by McCall Cattle. Jimmie Sheffield sold the high price pair this week for \$2,000.00 bought by Cracker Cattle Co., and the high price yearlings went to Bellamy Cattle at \$400.00, sold by Susan Owens, Glen James, Jr., and Sonny Tillman.

Check us out on the web at [www.northfloralivestock.com](http://www.northfloralivestock.com) for our market report, news and upcoming events or drop us a line at [nflm@att.net](mailto:nflm@att.net).

STEERS:	LOW:	HIGH:	AVG:
150-199	265.00	395.00	342.22
200-249	200.00	400.00	325.67
250-299	200.00	395.00	304.02
300-349	175.00	335.00	264.51
350-399	160.00	302.50	237.70
400-449	166.00	268.00	225.71
450-499	170.00	236.00	213.72
500-549	198.00	220.00	212.75
550-599	194.00	220.00	202.00
600-649	182.00	206.00	196.67
HEIFERS:	LOW:	HIGH:	AVG:
150-199	160.00	370.00	319.00
200-249	165.00	330.00	261.25
250-299	175.00	290.00	252.28
300-349	180.00	270.00	232.00
350-399	190.00	254.00	230.64
400-449	176.00	242.00	224.00
450-499	178.00	234.00	212.42
500-549	160.00	218.00	207.50
550-599	188.00	212.00	201.88
600-649	162.00	204.00	183.88

COWS:	LOW:	HIGH:	AVG:
600-800	74.00	162.00	102.84
800-1000	73.00	162.00	111.08
1000-1200	86.00	176.00	114.70
1200-1400	99.00	125.00	108.42
1400-1600	89.00	107.00	96.25
1600-1800	105.00	109.00	107.00
1800-2000	101.00	105.00	104.00
BULLS:	LOW:	HIGH:	AVG:
800-1000	116.00	117.00	116.50
1000-1200	114.00	165.00	137.00
1200-1400	115.00	127.00	122.33
1400-1600	90.00	124.00	112.00
1600-1800	129.00	132.00	130.67
1800-2000	119.00	140.00	128.33
2000-2200	134.00	140.00	137.00
PAIRS:	LOW:	HIGH:	AVG:
	925.00	2,000.00	1,400.00

TOTAL: 596

### Gilchrist County Republican Executive Committee Meeting

There is a meeting of the Gilchrist County Republican Executive Committee on Monday, July 28, at 7 p.m. at the Bell Community Center.

We are just a month away from our primary election. All Republican candidates are invited and encouraged to attend. Time will be given to introduce yourself and talk about your campaign. We will also be discussing and finalizing plans for our candidate meet and greet barbecue. There is a lot to get involved with to help ensure victory for our Republican candidates in November. Guest speaker will be State Representative Keith Perry. Representative Perry will give a wrap up on this past legislative session in Tallahassee and a preview of what may be on the horizon. He will also be talking about his campaign for reelection.



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Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm • Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

# Heart Matters

By Angie Land

I originally wrote this column early in 2014; it must have struck a chord with quite a few readers, because I have had requests to run it again, so here goes:

I try to spend some time reading my Bible every morning. I don't always, but I try because I really need to hear what God has to say. Also, it helps to get His insight before I start the day and decide to do things my own way. Proverbs 14:12 says "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death." Suddenly, getting up a little earlier seems like a good idea. Some mornings, the things I read are comforting. Other mornings, God challenges me to trust Him with a situation I am worrying about. A few days ago, He gave me some very specific parenting advice that blew me away. I can't stop thinking about it, so maybe it will help other parents too!

I was reading in Ephesians 4:4-6 about Christians being called to one hope, "one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and One God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."

Then I read John 10:4-5 which says, "...the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." As I read this, I started thinking about all the voices that compete for an audience in my own thoughts, and how I need discernment to identify which voice is God's, and which ones are not. We are called to one God and Father, and that means one authority. Immediately God reminded me of the utmost importance of parents having a united voice when it comes to discipline and authority over their children. Having one parent set a rule or give instruction and then having the other parent undermine it by saying things like, "Your Daddy didn't really mean..." or "Just don't

let your Mama find out" is setting your child up for a lifetime of struggle to identify the voice of God. This holds true within the home, and especially if the parents are divorced or separated. Sadly, our reasoning behind undermining the authority has nothing to do with our child's best interest, but rather we do it to feel like the favorite parent or to be their "friend". When a child has two parents giving opposite instructions, they get to choose which one they obey, and it will almost always be the one that gives no protection or guidance. That is a high cost for your child to pay for you to get to be the favorite.

Remember Satan's voice in the garden? "Did God actually say, "You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?" (Genesis 3:1) He was undermining God's authority, trying to convince her to disobey. If we as parents undermine the other parent's authority, our voice can sound remarkably like the Devil's. Think about that and go back to John 4:5: a sheep will not follow a stranger's voice because they do not know it. If your children are hearing a parent's voice undermine authority, the devil's voice will be very familiar to them when they try to follow the voice of God. This will make them much more vulnerable to temptation, and it will be easier for them to follow him instead of God.

For parents, this is a bigger deal than just making sure your children brush their teeth, pick up their toys or honor their curfew. It is about taking the time to agree on rules and consequences and then setting authority in place. Then when a conflict occurs, having that authority reinforced and held firm by both parents. When both familiar voices agree, any voice that contradicts this authority will be the voice of a stranger to your children and they will learn to flee from it.

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Prayer Meeting, Youth, College & Career ..... 7:00 p.m.  
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## Poll of the Week

Do you support Burger King's recent decision to sell a gay pride Whopper?

Selection	Percentage	Votes
YES	15%	7
NO	85%	40
		<b>47 total</b>

Go to [gilchristcountyjournal.net](http://gilchristcountyjournal.net) to vote on this week's poll question:  
Do you think the Hart Springs park manager should be allowed to drive a county vehicle home?

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# NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Gilchrist County School District will soon consider a budget for 2014-2015. A public hearing to make a **DECISION** on the budget **AND TAXES** will be held on **Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at 6:15 PM** at the Gilchrist County School Board Meeting Room located at 310 NW 11th Avenue, Trenton, Florida 32693.

## NOTICE OF TAX FOR SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY

The Gilchrist County School District will soon consider a measure to continue to impose a 1.500 mill property tax for the capital outlay projects listed herein.

This tax is in addition to the school board's proposed tax of 5.806 mills for operating expenses and is proposed solely at the discretion of the school board. The capital outlay tax will generate approximately \$942,569 to be used on the following projects:

### MAINTENANCE, RENOVATION, AND REPAIR

- Roof Repairs
- Miscellaneous Maintenance, Renovation, and Repair at Various Sites

### MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES

- Purchase of Four (4) School Buses
- Purchase of Driver's Education Vehicles

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- School Furniture and Equipment
- Purchase of New Computers
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### PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE NECESSARY TO INSURE THE EDUCATIONAL AND ANCILLARY PLANTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

### PAYMENT OF COSTS OF LEASING RELOCATABLE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

- Relocatables at the Various School Sites

All concerned citizens are invited to a public hearing to be held on

Tuesday July 29, 2014, 6:15 P.M.

at

Gilchrist County School Board Meeting Room  
310 NW 11th Avenue, Trenton, Florida

A DECISION on the proposed CAPITAL OUTLAY TAXES will be made at this hearing.

## BUDGET SUMMARY GILCHRIST COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ARE 3.9% MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES.

FISCAL YEAR 2014-15

Proposed Millage Levies Subject to 10-Mill Cap:				Proposed Millage Levies Not Subject to 10-Mill Cap:	
Required Local Effort (Including Prior Period Funding Adjustment Millage)	5.0580	Basic Discretionary Operating	0.7480	Operating Capital	0.0000
Discretionary Capital Outlay	1.5000	Additional Millage Not to Exceed 4 Years (Operating)	0.0000	Not to Exceed 2 Years	
				Debt Service	0.0000
				<b>Total Millage:</b>	<b>7.3060</b>

ESTIMATED REVENUES	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	PERMANENT FUND	ENTERPRISE FUND	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
Federal Sources	60,000.00	1,289,924.00					1,349,924.00
State Sources	15,897,304.50	20,533.00	79,000.00	19,915.00			16,016,752.50
Local Sources	4,066,546.00	194,676.00		942,569.00			5,203,791.00
<b>TOTAL SOURCES</b>	<b>20,023,850.50</b>	<b>1,505,133.00</b>	<b>79,000.00</b>	<b>962,484.00</b>	-	-	<b>22,570,467.50</b>
Transfers In	700,000.00						700,000.00
Fund Balance (July 1, 2014)	1,870,938.25	113,020.38	8,541.88	342,787.06			2,335,287.57
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; BALANCES</b>	<b>22,594,788.75</b>	<b>1,618,153.38</b>	<b>87,541.88</b>	<b>1,305,271.06</b>	-	-	<b>25,605,755.07</b>

EXPENDITURES	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	PERMANENT FUND	ENTERPRISE FUND	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
Instruction	11,740,013.70						11,740,013.70
Pupil Personnel Services	1,204,292.09						1,204,292.09
Instructional Media Services	226,469.44						226,469.44
Instruction & Curriculum Services	435,884.00						435,884.00
Instructional Staff Training	17,675.00						17,675.00
Instruction Related Technology	305,346.86						305,346.86
Board of Education	303,682.70						303,682.70
General Administration	281,283.00						281,283.00
School Administration	1,216,906.50						1,216,906.50
Facilities Acquisition & Construction	45.00			605,271.06			605,316.06
Fiscal Services	370,827.40						370,827.40
Food Service	8,563.00	1,504,757.00					1,513,320.00
Central Services	245,218.00						245,218.00
Pupil Transportation Service	1,132,086.92						1,132,086.92
Operation of Plant	2,089,311.71						2,089,311.71
Maintenance of Plant	1,118,814.99						1,118,814.99
Administrative Technology Services	8,076.00						8,076.00
Community Services	62,000.00						62,000.00
Debt Service			80,750.00				80,750.00
Sequestration	-						-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>20,766,496.31</b>	<b>1,504,757.00</b>	<b>80,750.00</b>	<b>605,271.06</b>	-	-	<b>22,957,274.37</b>
Transfers Out	-			700,000.00			700,000.00
Fund Balance (June 30, 2015)	1,828,292.44	113,396.38	6,791.88	-	-	-	1,948,480.70
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS &amp; BALANCES</b>	<b>22,594,788.75</b>	<b>1,618,153.38</b>	<b>87,541.88</b>	<b>1,305,271.06</b>	-	-	<b>25,605,755.07</b>

THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD.

# The History of Gilchrist County

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. This is the third and final part of this series:

A ferry boat was operated for a long time across the river from Wilcox Landing to Fayetteville on the opposite side. Before the Civil War, Mr. Martin, Sr. kept up the ferry. His son, Robert Martin, was in charge of the ferry during the Civil War and was assisted by his young brother, Chap Martin, who still survives and is an honored resident today of Gilchrist County. His age is 89.

Robert Martin was pressed into service whenever soldiers, either Confederate or Union, wished to cross the river. They crossed, in small numbers at times, and forced him to serve them at any point which suited their aims.

This part of Florida was thick with deserters and raiding parties. An enemy accused this family of harboring deserters. Their home was burned down. Their stock was taken by the Confederates. The Martin family, with the exception of Robert, was taken to Tallahassee and imprisoned in cabins about three or four miles from Tallahassee and were kept there for a month or so. The charge against them was not proven; they were acquitted and were released. The only way to get back home to Alachua County was to walk. Chap Martin's mother could not walk fast, so she begged her son to go ahead and leave her, but the lad would not leave his mother. Later the horses were restored to the Martin family, with the exception of one mule.

George W. Roberts settled in Alachua County, a few miles from the river, about 1890. A settlement was established on his land by the Farmers' Alliance and named, "Yular," after his daughter, Yular

Roberts. The Farmers' Alliance constructed a cotton gin and grist mill. There was also a sawmill. Stores gradually collected around the mills. There were two drug stores, several general stores and the post office. D.C. Faircloth, Sr., was the postmaster. Freight was unloaded from steamboats at Yular Landing. This village flourished around 1890 and 1903, but was gradually abandoned after the railroad reached Trenton.

Following the advent of the Seaboard Air Line to Bell, this became a thriving little village. It was incorporated in 1901. All business flourished for several years until the timber was depleted to such an extent that most of the population moved away and Bell was only a ghost of its former self. Its city charter was no longer used. However, there were several old settlers who believed in the farming possibilities of their section. Eventually their dreams were realized, for today this is a very prosperous community due to farming and stock raising.

Tyler was a town in the phosphate belt and was surrounded by a very prosperous agricultural community. It was the first town in the county to receive electric lights.

Old Donnie is another old settlement which is now only a memory. So also was the post office known as Jennings Lake. It was supposed to have been named after General Jennings and was located on Jennings Lake, which is one mile long by one-fourth mile wide.

There are three old cemeteries, one at Cherry Sink, one at Joppa and one at Jennings Lake. These were no doubt in use during the Civil War and perhaps earlier. Cherry Sink is just a few miles from old Fort Fanning.

The Rock Bluff Ferry has operated across the river since 1912. The Fanning Ferry operated after 1924 until the first bridge was built. McCrab's Ferry has given active service to the general public during recent years. Gilchrist and Dixie counties each pay half of the expense

of this free ferry. A new barge, 20x40 feet, is now being constructed at McCrab's Ferry to accommodate the general public. The materials will be donated by the Putnam Lumber Company of Shamrock.

There was formerly a ferry landing at White Bluff about one mile south of the railroad bridge. The ferry was in charge of Joe Anderson, father of F.L. Anderson, sheriff of Dixie County. At this point there was once an Indian mound which contained numerous relics.

McCrab's Ferry Landing was formerly known as Coon's Bluff. William Lancaster operated the ferry and had a store there about 1888. A post office was installed and named, "McCrab". This has been discontinued for a number of years.

A private ferry operated between Fayetteville (at that time in Lafayette County) to Wilcox Landing (later Wannee) in Alachua County, from 1901 to 1904. This ferry was owned by Mrs. Kate Roberts of Fayetteville and was operated by her son, J.R. Roberts, who for many years has served as tax collector for Dixie County. This ferry saw very active service as people were crossing at all hours. The fare charged was as follows:

Merchandise was also delivered from Mrs. Roberts' store by ferry to Wannee.

The Confederated Women's Clubs of America are now sponsoring a plan for the erection of a beautiful monument on the Suwannee River in honor of Stephen C. Foster, the writer of "Way Down Upon the Suwannee River." It is sincerely hoped that this project will be consummated and that the site chosen will be at Old Fort Fanning in Gilchrist County. No more fitting spot could be chosen, for apart from its natural beauty and accessibility to the public it would perpetuate the memory of old Fort Fanning as well as that of the beloved author.

Fort Fanning is located in a historical section of Florida. Some account of happenings just prior to its construction might be of interest. Alexander Arbuthnot, a British sympathizer, 70 years of age, was arrested in 1818 by order of Andrew Jackson and was taken to Suwannee. Major Fanning, for whom the fort was named, was in the court that tried him. General E.P. Gaines, for who Gainesville, Florida was named, was president of the court.

Across the river near the fort there is a tomb marking the grave of a slave trader, George Miller, who was the first know white settler on the region and who died in 1833. This property is now owned by McQueen



Coach Jim Akins

## Jim Akins is new head basketball coach

Gilchrist County native Jim Akins has accepted a job as head varsity boys basketball coach at Trenton High School. He will also coach track and work as an assistant football coach for the Tigers. Jim is a 1999 graduate of Trenton High School.

## Marriages filed in Gilchrist County

Jonathan Matthew Douglas, 37, and Jessica Kathleen Joiner, 30, both of High Springs, were married July 11, 2014, by Lacey Jenson, Ordained Minister.

Isaiah Bernard Minter, 32, and Muriel Monique Showers-Bishop, 34, both of Gainesville, were married July 5, 2014, by Matthew W. Geiger, notary.

Fausto Barrios Galindo, 26, and Trinidad Cruz Juarez, 27, both of Jacksonville, were married July 6, 2014, by Carlos Madrigal, Pastor.

## Marriage applications filed in Gilchrist County

Jonathan Eli Powers, 35, and D'Auna Joy Poulos, 26, both of Trenton. Steven Michael Swan, 42, and Wendy Ann Wilkerson, 42, both of Newberry.

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Many new residents come from states with open primaries. Unless you moved from another "Closed Primary" state, you may not be familiar with what to expect at the polls on Election Day. Down below I have listed exactly which party candidates and issues will be on your ballot based on your party affiliation. The Voter registration books are officially closed 29 days before the primary or general election. I hope this answers your questions about how you will be voting in the Florida Primary Election. If you have any questions, please call the Elections Office.

Connie Sanchez, Gilchrist County Supervisor of Elections

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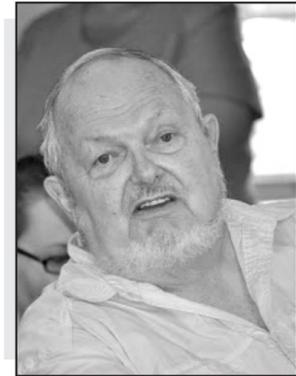


Gilchrist County 4-H Legislature participants from left to right: Josh Akin, Chandler Ash, Tucker McDaniel, Meredith Webber, Spencer Hewitt, and Karina Turner.

## Gilchrist County 4-H attends Florida 4-H Legislature

Submitted During the week of June 23, Gilchrist County 4-H had six participants at the 42nd Florida 4-H Legislature in Tallahassee. At 4-H Legislature participants have the opportunity to take on the roles of representatives, senators, lobbyists, and media correspondents at the Capitol, while staying in FSU dorms.

Gilchrist County's participants served as: Representative Josh Akin, Representative Chandler Ash, Representative Spencer Hewitt, Senator Tucker McDaniel, Representative Karina Turner, and Media Correspondent Meredith Webber. Representative Chandler Ash also served on the planning committee, and was a Green Party Leader in the House of Representatives. A banquet was held at the end of the week to celebrate the week's success. At the banquet the Chris Allen award, which honors the best participants in each role that you can serve in, was presented. Tucker McDaniel was nominated for the Senator Chris Allen award, and Meredith Webber was nominated for the Media Correspondent award. Meredith Webber was chosen as the recipient of the 2014 Chris Allen Media Correspondent award. Tucker McDaniel also received the Hot Sauce Award which is given to the Representatives and Senators who have the first passing bill. This was Tucker's second year receiving the award. Gilchrist County 4-H looks forward to having even more participants next year!



### Celebration for Weder

Gilchrist County resident Rick Weder was celebrated on Friday at a special reception held at the Trenton Community Center. Friends gathered to visit with Weder and offer words of encouragement. Weder is currently battling cancer.



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## QACDG to meet Aug. 7

Submitted The August 7 meeting of Quilters of Alachua County Day Guild (QACDG) will include a round robin sharing Gifts to Give and Gifts to Receive. Several members will take up stations throughout the room and demonstrate how to make beautiful or useful or unique items to give or receive for the holidays or any occasion. Small groups of members will travel from station to station learning all the projects and techniques shown.

Quilters of Alachua County Day Guild (QACDG) meets monthly, the first Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to noon, at the Senior Recreation Center, 5701 N. W. 34th Street, Gainesville. Refreshments at 9:30 a.m., meeting begins 10 a.m. Guests are welcome. For more information on the guild, call Beverley Hilton, (352) 373-7791, or go to www.qacdg.org.

## Sheriff's Volunteers News

During the July 1, 2014 Sheriff's Volunteers meeting, Citizens Patrol drivers reported that cars were driven 2378 miles and volunteers contributed 124 hours of their time during the month of June. Vehicles patrolled city and county roads, springs, and boat launch areas. The CARE volunteer made 36 calls and 30 visits to those enrolled in the program which provides a sense of security to residents who wish to have someone check on them on a daily basis.

The next meeting will be held on August 5 at 6 p.m. in the Sheriff's Office meeting room. We always welcome interested parties to attend our meetings which are usually brief. After attending three consecutive meetings, anyone interested may then apply for membership and will undergo a background check by the Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff's Volunteers provide a valuable service to Gilchrist County by not only patrolling and observing, but also by assisting with traffic at special events, traffic accidents, school zones, and structure fires. Please consider joining us if you desire to contribute in a different and rewarding way to Gilchrist County.

# Obituaries

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### Mrs. Ethelyn "Harvella" Cook

Ethelyn "Harvella" Cook, 87, of Bell went to be with Jesus on Monday, July 7, 2014. She was born in Dorothy, West Virginia, on October 6, 1926. She moved to Bell three years ago from her home state of West Virginia. Her love for Jesus brought her to Bell Church of God where she was a faithful member. Her favorite holidays were Easter and Christmas. Mrs. Cook loved friends and family and had a big smile to everyone she met. Her light for Jesus shone every day in every way. She was a homemaker.

Left to cherish her precious memories, are her husband Eugene of 61 years; her two sisters, Sylvia Bailey and Nina Jean Shannon; four children, Mary and her husband Edgar and Christy all of Bell, Marvin and his wife Darlena of Cocoa, and Alpha Jean of Spring Hill; seven grandchildren, Scott and Todd of Bell, Lonnie of Springhill, Joshua, Shawna, Mark and Aaron all of Cocoa, and nine great-grandchildren; Logan, Jenna, Ashley, Tiffany, Shawn, Casyn, Brayden, Myla and Emma.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, July 12, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the Bell Church of God with Pastor Dale Thigpen, Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Pineview Cemetery in Orgas, West Virginia at a later date.

A special thank you to her nurse, Sallie Campbell and the wonderful staff at Haven Hospice of Chiefland.

Arrangements were under the care of Watson Funeral Home.

Offer online condolences or sign the guest book at www.watsonfh-trenton.com

### Mrs. Lona June Howard

Lona June Howard, 82, of MacClenny, passed away Tuesday, July 1, 2014, in the Suwannee Valley Care Center, Lake City, following an extended illness. She was born in Bell and resided in Jacksonville before moving to MacClenny in 1975. She worked for Prudential Life Insurance Company in Jacksonville for many years and worked for Avon Products for over 40 years and served as northeast Florida district manager. She was a graduate of Bell High School, a member of the Prospect Primitive Baptist Church of Jasper, and served as church clerk and treasurer for many Primitive Baptist churches. She enjoyed exercising and her church services and traveling trips as an Avon representative.

She is survived by her two daughters, Lisa June Wooters of Bell and Molly Wallace of High Springs; three sons, Horace Wayne Stokes of Bell, Michael Williams of Lake City and Danny W. Stokes, Sr. of MacClenny; and two sisters, Martel Carrier of Rome, New York and Cloia Ann Morris of St. Maries, Idaho. Numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m., Saturday, July 5, in the Wayfair Primitive Baptist Church in Bell, with Rev. Mike Williams, Elder Albert Altman and Mr. Jimmy Thornton officiating. Interment followed in Wayfair Cemetery. Visitation was from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 3, at Guerry Funeral Home. Please make memorials to Haven Hospice, Suwannee Valley Care Center, 6037 West U.S. Highway 90, Lake City, Florida 32055.

### Mr. Robert Steve Kato, Sr.

Robert Steve Kato, Sr., 68, of Cross City, passed away Saturday, July 19, 2014, at his home.

Born in Jacksonville, Mr. Kato moved to Cross City in 2007 from Hilliard. He served in the United States Army, serving in Germany. He worked for FMC Chemical Company for 20 years as a supervisor and later opened and operated 1st American Drywall, until his retirement. He enjoyed fishing, and rebuilding and running hot rods. Mr. Kato was a Protestant.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Kathleen Kato of Cross City; son, Robert (Jessica) Kato, Jr. of Pawnee, Oklahoma; daughters, Dawn (Leonard) David of Chesapeake, Virginia, Michele (Edi) Vazquez of Jacksonville, and Jennifer Zielie of Oregon; brothers, John (Anna) Kato of Jacksonville, Jack (Amanda) Kato of Crystal River, and Dan (Vicky) Kato of Jacksonville; sisters, Evelyn Harvey of Cross City and Margaret Asbury of Panama City; sister-in-law Vickie Kato of Hilliard; nineteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Elmer Kato.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, July 26, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Butler Cemetery. A visitation will be held on Friday evening, July 25, 2014, at the funeral home, between the hours of 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of the Rick Gooding Funeral Home.

### Mr. Stephen A. McClintick

Stephen A. McClintick, 70, died peacefully at his home in Cedar Key, on July 16, 2014, after a brief illness. He was born on May 5, 1944, in Anderson, Indiana, to Theodore and Mary (Deakayne) McClintick. He graduated from Madison Heights High School in 1962. He worked at Delco Remy until retiring in 1987, after 25 years. Steve was an avid golfer and a member of the Chiefland Golf and Country Club.

He is survived by his sons, Stevie (companion Jahn), and Ted (Natalie); daughter Melissa, step-daughter Melanie (Bart) Smith, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation was from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, July 18, 2014, at Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services in Chiefland. Burial was at Brookside Cemetery in Lapel, Indiana on Tuesday, July 22, 2014.

Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services is honored to serve the McClintick family. Condolences may be offered by

visiting our website at www.hiers-baxley.com

### Mr. Nevin M. Stewart

Nevin M. Stewart, 87, of Jena, passed away Thursday, July 17, 2014, at the VA Medical Center, in Gainesville.

Mr. Stewart, a lifelong resident of Jena, served in the United States Navy as a member of UDT, Unit #30 (underwater demolition team, often called frogmen). He worked for Buckeye in the power house until retiring to pursue porpoise capture and commercial fish spotting. He later retired with Raffield's Fisheries in Port St. Joe. He was a longtime pilot, 52 years, using his skills to spot and capture porpoises for use all over the world. One of his major accomplishments was that he captured five of the six albino porpoises ever in captivity. He enjoyed riding around with his puppies and spending time in nature. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Jena.

He is survived by daughters, Karen (John) Callahan of Sanford, Ina (Jim) VonStein of Jena, Elaine (Justin) Davis of Jena, and Danita (Ted) Deacon of Jena; sister, Leona Pitts of Monticello; eight grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

A graveside memorial service was held at Mt. Olive Cemetery, on Sunday, July 20, 2014, at 2:00 p.m., with Reverend Vaughn Farnell officiating. A visitation was held at the funeral home on Saturday evening, July 19, 2014.

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

### Mrs. Frances Elizabeth Caraway Watts

Frances Elizabeth Caraway Watts, 64, of High Springs, went to be with the Lord on July 11, 2014.

Frances was born on August 10, 1949, in Lake City. She was raised and lived in the area most of her life. Frances was employed at Plantation Oaks as a CNA. For many years she worked as caregiver with the elderly helping with their daily needs. She loved serving the Lord in this capacity by helping others.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry Watts; mother, Lela Caraway; brother Nelson (Charlene) Caraway; sister, Jeanie Caraway; children, Alan (Tonya) Yarbrough of Powder Springs, Georgia, Robbie (Colleen) Yarbrough, and Heather (Matt) Phillips, both of Bell. She was Nana to Theron, Nathan, Patrick, Rebecca, Kailee, Matthew, Christina, Elizabeth, Ethan, Jaxon, great-grandson Elijah, and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial will be held on Saturday, July 26, 2014, at 2:00 p.m., at the First Baptist Church in High Springs.

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# Legal Notices

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 NORTHWEST 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 AFORESAID DESCRIBED 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, 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 VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL (800) 955-8770.

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 First 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

THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (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 TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of the first publication of this notice is July 24, 2014. Personal Representative: LARRY D. COLSON 15250 NW 90th Avenue Trenton, Florida 32693

Attorney for Personal Representative: THEODORE M. BURT, P.A. Attorney at Law By: /s/ Theodore M. Burt Florida Bar Number 172404 403 East Wade Street Post Office Box 308 Trenton, Florida 32693 (352) 463-2348 Email: Burt@svic.net Publish July 24 & 31, 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 Thursday, July 24, 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: The purpose of this work shop is to discuss the FY 14/15 proposed budgets. The following subjects have been scheduled: Constitutional Officers County Extension Hart Springs Road Department Self-Insurance Other Departments

"Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this 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 decision 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 Publish July 24, 2014b.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No.: 2013CP000010 IN RE: ESTATE OF JAMES SMITH Deceased. NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of James Smith, deceased, whose date of death was June 26, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 112 S. Main Street, P. O. Box 37, Trenton, Florida 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 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 TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is July 24, 2014. Personal Representative: /s/ Anga McFarland Anga McFarland 6480 NW 36th Lane Bell, FL 32619

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Attorney for Personal Representative: THEODORE M. BURT, P.A. Attorney at Law By: /s/ Theodore M. Burt Florida Bar Number 172404 403 East Wade Street Post Office Box 308 Trenton, Florida 32693 (352) 463-2348 Email: Burt@svic.net Publish July 24 & 31, 2014b

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 21-2014-CA-24 DAVID E. ROBERTS AND WANDA L. ROBERTS, Husband and Wife, Plaintiffs, vs. BRENDA A. CONRAD a/k/a BRENDA A. BLANK and DEWEY YOPP, if alive and if dead, their respective, unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors or other parties claiming by, through, under or against them individually, and AVCO FINANCIAL SERVICES OF HOLLYWOOD, FLA., INC., and ASSOCIATES FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPANY OF FLORIDA, INC., it's heirs, administrators, assigns, creditors or other parties claiming by, through, under or against it, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION TO: AVCO FINANCIAL SERVICES OF HOLLYWOOD, FLA. INC 1201 HAYES ST, SUITE 105 TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301 ASSOCIATES FINANCIAL SERVICES OF FLORIDA, INC. 1200 SOUTH PINE ISLAND RD. PLANTATION, FL 33324 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to Reform Legal Description as the following described lands: W 5.01 AC OF S 10.01 AC OF TRACT 7 POSTELL EST UNREC SUBD DESC IN METES & BDS 143/364 145/433 147/84 & 120 154/392 161/689 220/272 281/360 281/397 TAX PARCEL #: 16-08-14-0188-0000-0071 filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on RONALD W. STEVENS, Petitioner's attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 1444 Bronson, Florida 32621, on or before August 21, 2014, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a Default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on July 15, 2014. Clerk of Court (CIRCUIT COURT SEAL) By: /s/ L. Ayers

Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact ADA (352) 337-6237, (Voice & TDD\*711) or via Florida Relay Service at (800) 955-8771. Publish July 24, 31, 2014b

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 21-2013-CA-96 GILCHRIST COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE, Petitioner, and CHARLES GRIGGS II, SHARON ALLEVA Respondent.

NOTICE OF HEARING There will be a hearing for Final Judgment of Forfeiture before the Honorable Mary Day Coker on September 2, 2014 at 11:15 am in the Gilchrist County Courthouse. Fifteen (15) minutes has been reserved for this hearing. /s/ Lindsey Lander 3560 SW CR 334 Trenton, FL 32693 352-463-1025 PH 352-463-8444 FAX Bar No. 144339 Publish July 24 and 31, 2014b.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 21-2013-CA-99 GILCHRIST COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE, Petitioner, and CHARLES GRIGGS II, SHARON ALLEVA Respondent.

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# Grant application for Ellie Ray's paving denied

By Carrie A. Mizell

Gilchrist County officials were recently notified that a grant application turned in on behalf of Ellie Ray's RV Resort to pave a section of NW 110th Street has been denied.

County Administrator Bobby Crosby advised the commissioners on Monday, July 21 that the project is now dead unless Ellie Ray's owner Tom Sturgis wants to pick it up again and reapply for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

The grant, which was earmarked for economic development, was prepared by North Florida Professional Services and applied for in the name of Gilchrist County. If approved, the grant would have funded paving an estimated one half mile of NW

110th Street, which is the entrance to Ellie Ray's Resort in north Gilchrist County.

Ellie Ray's owner Tom Sturgis had assumed all financial responsibility for preparing and submitting the grant application to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO).

In a letter dated July 7, 2014, Bob Dennis, chief of the Bureau of Community Revitalization for the DEO, stated that the department is unable to consider the application further than its initial review. According to the letter, the county's second public hearing advertisement did not include a proposed project description, the activities of administration and engineering proposed in the application, the amounts of CDBG assistance

proposed for these activities and the location of the activities.

Dennis cited Rule 73C-23.0041(3)(a)3, of the Florida Administrative Code, which states that at least one public hearing must be held to obtain citizen views regarding the proposed project to be submitted for funding. A summary of the proposed application must be published at least five days prior to and no more than 20 days before the hearing. The summary must provide citizens with an opportunity to examine the application and submit their comments on the fiscal application prior to its submission to the department. The summary shall include, at a minimum, the proposed project description and anticipated location of the activities, what

activities will be undertaken and a specific CDBG amount for each activity and this shall be known as the second public hearing.

Under the Florida Statutes, an application shall be rejected if the local government is not in compliance with the department's

rule regarding citizen participation. Since Gilchrist County did not comply with the Citizen Participation Requirements of Chapter 73C-23, Florida Administrative Code, the application could not be considered and was rejected.

Dennis stated in his letter that the county can revise the economic development application if the county is interested in re-advertising for and holding a second public hearing and submitting a revised application. The county can submit an economic development application up to two additional times prior to the opening of the 2014 Small Cities CDBG cycle.



RVs line the camping area at Ellie Ray's RV Resort.

## Park manager

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park with housing provided by the BOCC, but I live across the street, and am available to be called to the park when the need arises."

Commissioner Sharon Langford questioned whether or not Gentry was ever given permission to drive his county vehicle home. Hired as park manager on July 23, 2009, Gentry currently receives an annual salary of \$38,245.56.

In his letter to the Board, Gentry explained his daily habit is to leave the springs, and ride through the RV park while checking the gates, pool and park house. When exiting onto County Road 344, Gentry stated that it is closer to his house, 4/10 mile, than returning back to the springs, 7/10 mile, to exchange vehicles.

"I am called to respond to as many after hour calls as any other department who has a county vehicle for that purpose," Gentry stated. "These calls are related to customer issues, trespassers as well as, the water treatment plant, water line breakages, waste water treatment plant, lift stations, electrical outages/damages, and the pool."

He explained that most of the after hours responses in the park occur at the RV park, which is closer to his house allowing a much faster response than if the county vehicle is located inside the locked entrance gate, and has to be accessed to respond. Arriving on the scene in a vehicle with the county



Mitchell Gentry  
Hart Springs Park Manager

insignia on the doors also lends Gentry credibility and authority when the situation warrants.

Gentry said it is often necessary to purchase items for the store at night during busy times, and he doesn't get home until 10 p.m. to 11 p.m., so he drives home, locks the vehicle, and waits until the next morning when help is available to check in and stock the store.

"Because I live so close to the park it costs the county less, significantly reduces response time and is the same convenience for me as was afforded

to previous managers of the park," Gentry stated.

County Administrator Bobby Crosby told the Commissioners that he cannot recall the Board giving Gentry permission to drive his county vehicle home in the two and a half years he has been county administrator.

Jackie Johnson, finance director for Gilchrist County, said Gentry has never paid the required taxes all county employees who drive home a company vehicle are required by the IRS to pay which equates to \$3 per day.

Gilchrist County resident Richard Essek stepped up to the microphone to ask if Gentry has in fact been driving his county issued vehicle all over the place since he was hired in 2009, will he now be responsible for the back taxes, which could add up to a sizable sum of money.

No one seemed to know the answer to that question on Monday.

Until county officials can say with certainty that Gentry was given permission to, or was not given permission to drive his county vehicle home, the vehicle will remain parked at Hart Springs Park.

The Board also directed the county administrator to send out a reminder to all employees driving county vehicles not to have unauthorized occupants in their vehicles due to liability concerns.

## Millage rate

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rate for TRIM, saying he hadn't heard of any hardcore cuts by departments that signify to him that he should vote for a higher rate.

Last week during a budget workshop, Harrison told his fellow commissioners that he would not be voting to raise the millage rate, instead he, along with the other board members, asked all constitutional officers and departments within the county to make some hard decisions.

"We've always tried to be as generous as we can be, but the economy hasn't helped us either," Harrison said. "We have a fiscal responsibility to the citizens."

Commissioner Todd Gray said that if all the constitutional officers were to operate within the same budget as 2013-14 it would be a start, but the reality is that if the commissioners hold the line on the millage rate then cuts will have to be made elsewhere down the road and that could mean a cut in services if property values do not go up soon.

In other news from the Gilchrist County Commission meeting, Commissioner Sharon Langford made a motion to freeze all hiring in all departments, excluding Fire/EMS, the Sheriff's Office, and Solid Waste.

She also sent a message to all department heads that if they have money remaining in their 2013-14 budget, please do not spend it just because it's there, instead, return it to the county.



## Driving 101

Trenton High School students Tara Stuckles, 16, and Bailey Hayes, 15, got behind the wheel this week while taking Driver's Education. The teens were among 26 THS students and 30 Bell High School students to take Driver's Education this summer. According to instructor Mac Rendek, the students spent four days in the classroom and had to log six hours of driving time on the highway. Each participant earns a half credit, and gets a discount on vehicle insurance. Next year, school officials are considering offering Driver's Education during the school year.

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