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BES coach remains on paid leave following investigation

By Carrie A. Mizell

A Bell Elementary School coach is on paid administrative leave following an investigation into a September 9 physical altercation with a fellow teacher.

Aaron Halter, a 16-year employee of the Gilchrist County School District, has not returned to school following the incident, pending further administrative action.

Information on the incident was made public on Thursday, Oct. 9. That included detailed accounts by 5th grade teachers Sandra Carawan and Erin Sanders as to what happened on September 9.

Carawan stated that her class was walking to the PE area around 8:25 a.m. after putting backpacks in the cubby and saying the Pledge and Bulldog Pride Promise. Coach Halter told the class that they had to go back to class because they were late.

"I walked over to the PE area and asked, 'What's the problem?'" Carawan said. "Coach Halter told me that he could not have the class coming in after he already started the other class. He said if the class cannot show up on time they need to go back to class and stay in class. I tried to explain that we are supposed to listen to the news BUT Coach Halter stuck his hand out toward my face. So, I turned around and told my class that we would go back to our classroom."

Erin Sanders, a fellow 5th grade teacher stated that she and the other 5th grade teachers were getting ready to meet with administration in Sandra Carawan's room when Carawan came in front taking her students to wheel.

"Sandra came into the classroom crying after having her students sit quietly in the hallway," Sanders recalled.

When fellow teacher, Rani Rhodes asked what was wrong, Carawan said that Halter had just refused her class, yelled at her for being late and put his hand up when she went to explain.

Sanders explained that the news comes on between 8:15 and 8:20 each morning and the classes MUST watch until the Pledge of Allegiance and Bulldog Pride Promise is said by the kids, making the classes a couple minutes late to wheel each day.

Carawan went into the bathroom to collect herself, Sanders said, while she and Mrs. Rhodes watched the kids in the hallway while waiting on

the meeting with administration to begin.

"Since we knew that Mrs. Mathe might be a while, I went over to explain to the P.E. coach, Aaron Halter, the situation with the news each morning and why we were late to wheel class," Sanders stated. "He was asking what class was present when the kids yelled, 'Mrs. Rhodes!'" By that time I had gotten about five feet away and said that Mrs. Carawan's class would be on their way soon."

Sanders said that Halter began yelling "They will not be! They will not be!" To which she responded, "Coach, we have to watch the news..."

"He started coming toward me and acting as if he was going to fight me (like bowing up his chest, like trying to chest bump) I said, 'No, this is not how we are going to talk about this,'" Sanders recalled. "He then yelled, 'Go back to your classroom!' as he shoved me in the other direction. I said, 'Do not put your hands on me.'"

Sanders said Halter continued shoving her across the court in front of the students.

"I then said that Mrs. Mathe and Officer C.J. would be back and he yelled, 'We'll see about that!'"

In telling her account of what happened that Tuesday morning, Sanders said she then went up to the school office to talk with the principal about what had happened.

On the day the incident occurred, School Resource Officer C.J. Schauble was never contacted by BES administration about what had transpired.

In telling his version of what occurred, Halter said that students in Sandra Carawan's class were sent back to class, and then came back with their teacher.

"The teacher came at her leisure, she was not told, nor requested to come back," Halter stated. "Carawan acted as if she wanted to have a conflict and/or heated discussion."

Halter recalled telling her to take her class and leave if she couldn't have them at P.E. on time. He then said that's exactly what happened, she left and there was no conflict.

"Apparently Carawan ran her mouth to Sanders," Halter stated. "Erin Sanders, who is a 5th grade teacher, wanted to have a conflict and a heated discussion. I was not having any of that and told her to leave and go back to her classroom."

"She kept getting closer to me, so I stopped her by putting my hands out, she complained about me touching her and threatened me with the law, I told her, 'Fine, no problem.'" Halter recalled.

According to BillieJo Bible, director of human resources for the Gilchrist County School District, Halter holds a professional certificate and has worked at Bell Middle-High

School and Bell Elementary School during his 16 years with the District.

Over the course of his employment, Halter has had at least two other issues written up in his personnel file.

On January 29, 2001 Halter was working at Bell High School when he took a student by the arm and turned him around to go back to his seat. Following the incident Buddy Schofield, who was principal at the time told Halter, "Be aware that at no time should you place your hands on a student unless it is to protect yourself or another student. You must refrain from any physical contact with any student unless it meets the standards set forth by the state board of education as authorized by Florida Statute 232.273. Any further action may result in disciplinary action against you."

Later on February 4, 2009, Halter was working at Bell Elementary School when Michelle Smith, who was principal at the time, reported that he exhibited unsafe behavior in the school parking lot.

The principal said that when she arrived at the school at 7 a.m. she heard a vehicle near Bell Elementary with a loud engine. She turned to see it and recognized Halter's white truck.

Smith said he was driving east on Bell Avenue turning into the front of the BES parking lot. Initially, she said she thought he was pulling in to park, but he continued to drive through the parking lot and circle back to Bell Avenue. Smith said the cycle occurred at least three times and on one occasion, he blew the horn at her as she was waiting for him to stop so that she could speak with him.

"Out of concern for unusual behavior and safety for students and adults, I proceeded into the office after he didn't stop and attempted to call him on the cell phone," Smith stated. "He did not answer."

The principal said she continued to hear a truck engine in the area and she asked Carolyn Thomas to call Officer David Aderholt. He did not answer, so she called the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office to request an officer assist.

Sandra Carawan was also involved in the 2009 incident with Halter. At that time, she said she was turning onto Bell Avenue at the same time Halter was coming across the front of the Bell High School parking lot.

"I waved to Aaron as I passed by him," Carawan stated. "As I passed Aaron, he revved his engine and squealed his tires. I thought he was going to hit me as he came onto the road. He stayed real close behind me until we passed the last portable building. He then backed off and proceeded to Bell Elementary School's parking lot."

"Within approximately 5-10 minutes, Halter returned to the BES campus and parked in front of the school. [Assistant Principal] Sherry

Lindsey, who had remained in front of the school, walked with me to his vehicle. I asked him if all was ok. He responded that it was none of our d--- business. I replied that it was our business because our job was to keep students and staff safe at Bell Elementary and it appeared he was having a bad day. He again said we should not worry about him and that he was fine. He did not stop to talk; he walked past both Mrs. Lindsey and me and walked through the office to his P.E. office area," Smith said.

Halter apologized for his behavior and left the campus a short time later. This incident was reported to the Department of Education's Office of Professional Practices Services. After a careful review of the investigative findings, Dr. Eric J. Smith, commissioner of education, determined in 2010 that there was no probable cause to pursue disciplinary action against Halter's Florida Educator's Certificate.

On September 26, 2014 Bible submitted another letter to the Office of Professional Practices Services letting them know of Halter's latest possible violation of the Florida School Code or State Board of Education rules.

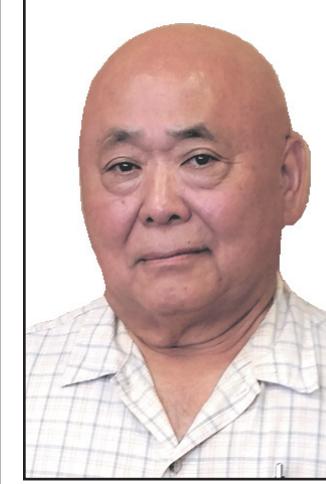
In that letter, Bible stated, "Mr. Halter has been accused of inappropriate interactions with a colleague including physical alteration. Halter has admitted to this accusation."

Following the incident, Halter was immediately removed from his teaching position and placed on suspension during an administrative investigation that was held September 9-11. Halter was then observed by Superintendent Robert Rankin in his regular teaching position for one full day, September 12. Since then he has been on paid administrative leave, pending further administrative action.

On September 26, 2014 Superintendent Robert Rankin wrote Halter a letter stating, "This letter constitutes in writing the particulars of our discussion held at the district office on September 10, 2014. It was explained to you the behavior you displayed on September 9, 2014 towards another teacher was unacceptable."

The day after the incident Superintendent Rankin met with Halter in the district office and discussed with him conduct unbecoming, which is inappropriate interactions with a colleague, a physical alteration.

When asked how long Aaron Halter will remain on paid leave before any administrative action is taken, whether that means his employment is terminated, or he returns to BES as a coach, School Board attorney Lindsey Lander would only say, "This is a process that has to work itself out."



Rodger Nogaki



Howell "Trip" Lancaster

Fanning Springs will have a new mayor

By Carrie A. Mizell

Voters want change in the Fanning Springs city government. That was made clear on Tuesday, Oct. 7 when the largest voter turnout in city history was reported.

Incumbent Cheryl Nekola received just 37 votes in her bid for re-election as Fanning Springs' mayor, a position she has held for eight years. Challenger Rodger Nogaki garnered the most support with 109 votes. Howell "Trip" Lancaster received 74 votes and June Ladweig, who was also seeking election as mayor, got 22 votes.

The city's new mayor will be determined on Tuesday, Nov. 4 when Nogaki and Lancaster square off in a run-off election.

Voters will also have the opportunity to elect a representative to serve on council seat 4. Incumbent Whitney "Stoney" Smith garnered 96 votes in last week's election. Smith's challenger Ron Queen received 86 votes, so they will also run-off on November 4.

City Clerk Shelia Watson reported that 242 residents cast a ballot in last week's election, which is the largest voter turnout on record in the City of Fanning Springs.

Poitevint running for county commissioner, district 4

Submitted

To the Citizens of Gilchrist County, my name is Marion Poitevint and I am seeking the office of Gilchrist County Commissioner District 4, as a Republican. I am a conservative Christian, my husband Edgar and I have 2 children and 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. We are formally from the Central Florida area where we raised our family. We think the people of Gilchrist County are the most friendly and nice people we have ever met.

We have owned a home in NE Gilchrist County for over 40 years and have come to love the area very much. Our family and friends have enjoyed all the County has to offer. We became permanent residents of this beautiful county over 12 years ago when we retired. We have experienced many changes in the County over the years and I feel I



Marion Poitevint

am the best candidate as I have an extensive business background for over 30 years. I support the Free Market and would like to help create a pro business environment that would attract new industry and good jobs to our county while keeping our rural atmosphere so our young people can work and live here in Gilchrist County.

It would be an honor to be your County Commissioner and serve all of the people of Gilchrist County. If anyone would like to talk to me, please feel free to call or e-mail me. I would like to meet and talk to everyone and hear what your concerns are, because as your County Commissioner, your concerns will be my concerns. I will be here to serve you always.

As a conservative pro business and fiscally responsible candidate I would appreciate your help, support and vote in November. Thank you and God Bless!

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Students recognized for perfect FCAT scores



Congratulations Gilchrist County students who received a perfect FCAT score. Pictured front row, left to right, Maddox Gilliam, TES (Reading and Math); Savanna Capps, TES (Reading); Brianna Becker, TES (Writing); Cassidy Pinner, BES (Reading); Jenna Molzen, BES (Math); Caleb Evans, BES (Math); Jack Denny, BHS (Reading); Kiara Cobb, BES (Math). Middle row, left to right: Sara Gartin, BHS (Reading); Robin Small, THS (Reading); Tiffany Matheny, THS (Reading); Dakota Horlocker, THS (Reading); Brandon Hicks, THS (Reading); Rebecca Head, THS (Writing); Benjamin Crane, THS (Writing). Back row, School Board attorney Lindsey Lander, Superintendent Robert Rankin, School Board members Julie Thomas, Michelle Walker-Crawford, Bob Clemons and Deen Lancaster.

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2nd Annual Bell Pumpkin Patch

The Bell Pumpkin Patch is brought to you by "Mission in Action of God" and will be setup October 15 - 31, Monday-Friday from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., and on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bring the kids and pick out the pumpkin of your choice.

Saturday, Oct. 25 is "Family Fun Day". We will have games for the kids, fall photo opportunities, also there will be FREE hog dogs and snow cones for everyone!

All proceeds go to help those who are in need in our local community.

"With God all things are possible!" Matthew 19:26

Preschool library program

On Thursday, Sept. 18, the Gilchrist County Public Library started their preschool program.

The program is suitable for children ages 2 and up. Ms. Lorrie will have music, activities, storytime, crafts and a lot of fun. This is a great way to help children prepare for school and meet new friends.

The program will be held every Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and will run through December 18.

Miss Otter beauty pageant

On November 22, 2014 at 6 p.m., Otter Springs Park and Campground will hold the first Miss Otter Beauty Pageant.

This event will serve a dual purpose as the anticipated Miss Otter title will be awarded and the funds raised from entry fees will benefit the ForVets at Otter Springs, Camp Valor Project.

There will be multiple categories which will divide groups by age ranging from infant to 18 years old. The dress for contestants is formal and there is a \$40 entry fee that must be submitted with application by November 17, 2014.

The event is open and free for spectators.

For more information, please contact Debbie Destin, (352) 215-5476 debbie.destin@forvets.us.

Rotary to hold Adventure Race

The Trenton Rotary Club has rescheduled their first Adventure Race (Pedal-Paddle-Run) for Saturday morning, Nov. 8. Don't let the word "race" scare you, we are encouraging individuals, students, and families to participate in this event to raise money for a good cause - The Children's Advocacy Center. Some

will be entering to win, while most will be participating to challenge themselves. This event will begin in Trenton (with your bicycle), at Hart Springs you will get into a kayak or canoe, and the race will end with a 3 mile run through Hart Springs Park. Enter all or part, but you must register to participate. Place awards will be presented for those that complete the entire race.

Come out and enjoy the cooler weather, have some fun, and support this great cause.

Gilchrist Fun Fest is Oct. 25

Sheriff Bobby Schultz and the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office will host their 1st Annual Gilchrist Fun Fest benefiting the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches, on Saturday, Oct. 25.

The family fun event will be held at the Gilchrist County Agricultural Complex from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be games, free activities, auctions and food. Kids eat free!

All of the monies raised will be donated to the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch, which helps at risk youth by giving them direction, ability and hope for the future.

For more information, or to find out how you can help, call 463-4615.

River Rummage will be Nov. 8

The 1st Annual River Rummage will be held on Saturday, Nov. 8, 2014, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be antiques, uniques and garage sale finds in Cedar Key, Chiefland, Fanning Springs, Trenton and Bell. Vendors and crafters are needed.

For more information on booth spaces, call the Gilchrist County Chamber of Commerce at (352) 463-3467.

Breast Cancer Awareness Trail Ride is October 18

The 14th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Trail Ride fundraiser will be held on October 18 at the Tidewater Trailhead on Highway 337 in the Goethe State Forest of Levy County.

There will be a trail ride, poker ride, fun raffles, breast cancer themed dress-up horse and rider contest and lunch with all proceeds going to benefit local breast cancer patients. Registration is \$25 per rider and includes lunch, or \$6 for non-rider lunch ticket.

For more information go online at www.levycountyhorseclub.com or email us at levy2@flahorse.com

Tide Tables For The Week of 10/16 to 10/22 for the mouth of the Suwannee River

Date	High	Low	High	Low	High
Thu Oct 16, 14	1.715 ft.	2.786 ft.	0.889 ft.	2.474 ft.	
	2:06 AM	7:49 AM	3:20 PM	9:46 PM	
Fri	1.635 ft.	2.704 ft.	0.932 ft.	2.614 ft.	
Oct 17, 14	3:29 AM	9:18 AM	4:32 PM	10:45 PM	
Sat	1.389 ft.	2.763 ft.	0.901 ft.	2.800 ft.	
Oct 18, 14	4:50 AM	10:40 AM	5:31 PM	11:32 PM	
Sun	1.047 ft.	2.893 ft.	0.856 ft.		
Oct 19, 14	5:52 AM	11:44 AM	6:19 PM		
Mon	2.992 ft.	0.694 ft.	3.025 ft.	0.831 ft.	
Oct 20, 14	12:10 AM	6:41 AM	12:37 PM	6:58 PM	
Tue	3.166 ft.	0.379 ft.	3.120 ft.	0.840 ft.	
Oct 21, 14	12:43 AM	7:23 AM	1:22 PM	7:34 PM	
Wed	3.309 ft.	0.126 ft.	3.166 ft.	0.884 ft.	
Oct 22, 14	1:13 AM	8:01 AM	2:03 PM	8:08 PM	
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Community Events

AmVets Ladies Auxiliary to hold Yard/Bake Sale Oct. 18

On Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014, the Ladies Auxiliary of AMVETS Suwannee River Post 422 will hold a Yard and Bake Sale at the AMVETS Post in Fanning Springs. Anything and everything will be on sale: books, electronics, clothing, Christmas decorations, kitchen items, bedding/blankets, furniture and much more.

The AMVETS Post, as well as the Ladies Auxiliary, Riders Chapter and Sons Squadron will also be accepting applications at the Membership Tent.

Space is available for non-members for \$5 but bring your own table and space is limited so come early.

Hot dogs and hamburgers will be available for sale.

Proceeds of the sale will go to the Community Projects and Charities of the AMVETS, Auxiliary, Riders and Sons of AMVETS!! So come out and support YOUR local Veterans Post.

Alachua Harvest Festival

The Alachua Business League, Inc. will hold the 24th Annual Alachua Harvest Festival in downtown Alachua on Sunday, Oct. 19, 2014, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. to raise funds for college scholarships.

There will be musicians at two stages all day long, arts, craft vendors, and lots of food!

Branford Camera Club to meet October 16

The Branford Camera Club will meet Thursday, Oct. 16, at the Hatch Park Community Center, 403 SE Craven St., Branford.

The doors will open at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting will start at 7 p.m. Join us at 5 p.m. for dinner and conversation at Cuzin's restaurant, across from Scaff's Market in Branford.

This meeting will be the final preparation for our 3rd Annual Fall Photo Show, and participating members and friends will be checking in their entries for the show.

If you're interested in a "sneak preview" of what this year's show will offer, please join us; and then pop into Cuzins Restaurant in Branford, beginning at 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 17 'til 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 19, to see the whole display. We will be raffling off two nicely framed photos by local photographers at 6 p.m. on Saturday, and tallying ballots for the People's Choice Award on Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

The Branford Camera Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month with a couple of exceptions. We are an eclectic group of photo enthusiasts with expertise range from consummate professional to rank amateur!

For more information, please contact Carolyn Hogue, Program Chair, 386-935-2044.

The Annual Open House at the old Gilchrist County Jail is October 25

The Annual Open House at the old Gilchrist County Jail will be open to the public for free on Saturday night Oct. 25.

You can have a history and ghost hunt tour for the evening. We will be open from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. Candy will be given out to all the visitors.

Come out for a night of fun for the whole family.

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Pancake Breakfast

The North Gilchrist Volunteer Fire Department will hold its monthly Pancake Breakfast on October 18, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

For a donation we offer eggs, pancakes (plain, walnut and blueberry) sausage, juice, 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 1/2 miles East of US Highway 129.

Concealed Weapons/Firearms Safety Class

This class is NRA certified and qualifies attendees to apply to the State of Florida for a Concealed Weapon permit. Class includes a light lunch and basic firearms safety training. **Do not bring guns to class.**

The class is November 1, 2014 and is from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. located at Spring Ridge Church, 7 miles west of High Springs on Poe Springs Rd. (CR 340).

There is a \$50.00 fee due upon registration. Cost includes lunch and all training materials. Class is taught by certified instructor.

For more information or to register, call (386) 454-3600 or (386) 454-4844.

Gilchrist Leagues to meet Oct. 20

Gilchrist Leagues (SVL) will hold a board meeting on October 20 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the "Field of Dreams" conference room.

SCV, Camp 770 will meet October 21

The John Hance O'Steen Camp #770, Sons of Confederate Veterans monthly Camp meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bell Community Center on Main Street in Bell.

Our speaker will be Dr. Johnny Andrews. Dr. Andrews will be speaking about the history of the island community of Cedar Key.

For further information, contact Camp Commander Clement Lindsey at (352) 472-0047 or Adjutant Archie Matthews (386) 462-3016.

Levy Gilchrist Retired Educators to meet Oct. 20

The Levy Gilchrist Retired Educators will be meeting on Monday, Oct. 20, 2014, at The Gathering Table™ in Chiefland at 10:30 a.m. We have a lot of activities planned for the year. We need YOU to join us! Please plan to attend and stay for lunch.

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Just Southern COOKING AND CARRYIN' ON

By Cindy Jo Ayers

The girls and I got a little carried away last weekend for Allie Claire's big birthday trip to Atlanta.

We traveled to North Point Mall in Alpharetta, Georgia for the American Girl™ store in celebration of Allie's 6th birthday. Carrie and Adam gave Allie the choice of a traditional party at home with little friends, or a trip to the American Girl™ store for a doll. Allie Claire has wanted one of the dolls for a long time, but her parents have been putting her off, waiting for her to get old enough to take good care of the doll. She chose the American Girl™ doll, so off we went on Friday morning.

Our trip was a lot of fun and we all really enjoyed it. The American Girl™ people truly know how to do up a birthday party. Allie's new doll was given a booster seat and a tea cup and saucer so she could have lunch with us at the store's bistro. It really was cute and a very special memory that no grandmother would want to miss.

As you have likely guessed by now, the girls in our family get some kind of excited about a trip and what started out as an overnight trip to Atlanta turned into a weekend trip.

Nightly Screams

at Otter Springs has brought laughs and screams to many visitors at the Springs. The hayride through the forest with its creatures and features leads you to two haunted buildings that never fail to frighten and amaze. The final event through the asylum of the criminally insane will raise the hair on your neck. Come and join us for the fright of your life October 17, 18, 24, 25, and November 1 from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., you will not be sorry you did. We recommend that children under 8 be accompanied by parents.

young women who was running a boutique we really liked called Be You...On Purpose™, said that staying open late was part of their downtown revitalization program to bring business back to the area. So, we had a really good time shopping several downtown shops before heading to our hotel.

We noticed a lot of children running around as their parents sat on benches and outside restaurants visiting with friends while enjoying the music. All in all, it was just a fun atmosphere, in a good way, with the music, friendly people, and cool fall weather. Sometimes when traveling its the unexpected things like spending the evening in Old Town Woodstock that make for a fun trip.

The next morning we drove back downtown to see what we had missed in the dark. We noticed a tea room, cupcake shop, antiques shops, interior design shops, a book store, jewelry boutique, a quilt store, yarn store and much, much more.

Carrie and I decided that next time we have some extra time near Atlanta we will go back to Woodstock in the daytime and explore the town, which seemed to have a lot to offer during the day as well as on Friday and Saturday nights when some shops are open until 9 in the evening.

Oh, what fun we had on Allie's special birthday trip, coming home with apples, pecans and Allie's new baby doll, Kittredge.

Cinnamon Apple Coffee Cake

1 stick butter plus 1 tablespoon butter, softened
1 1/2 cups packed light brown sugar
2 large eggs, room temperature
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup sour cream, room temperature
1/4 cup milk, room temperature
1 teaspoon pure vanilla
2 to 2-1/2 cups peeled and chopped apples (cooking apples such as Granny Smith)

Cinnamon Crumb Topping

1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
1/3 cup all-purpose flour
4 tablespoons butter, softened
1/2 cup chopped pecans

Mix all the topping ingredients with fork or by hand and set aside. Preheat oven to 350 degrees, grease 9x13 baking pan or glass baking dish.

To make cake batter cream butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time and beat on medium speed until blended well.

Measure flour (I always sift flour before measuring) and put in small bowl then add soda, cinnamon and salt, stir together.

Add vanilla to the cake batter then add about 1/4 of flour mixture, once it is beaten in add milk then 1/4 flour, then half sour cream, beat until incorporated, then flour, then sour cream. Remove mixing bowl and stir in apples. Spread batter evenly into greased pan or dish.

Sprinkle crumb topping over top of cake as evenly as possible and bake for 35 to 45 minutes. Check cake by sticking with toothpick to see if it is done. When toothpick comes out clean cake is done. Enjoy warm cake and a cup of hot coffee in the morning or as a snack anytime.

Note: You could replace cinnamon with apple pie spice in this recipe.

Attention THS Marching Band/ Color Guard Alumni

The THS Marching Band invites you to our annual Alumni Night on October 24 for the Trenton Homecoming game. You will be playing stands music (not marching). Call time at the band room will be 4:30 p.m. on October 24. There will be a refresher practice session at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 21 in the THS band room. Music can be made available ahead of time. You are also invited to ride in the homecoming parade on our alumni float. Please contact Elizabeth Roberts Long at (352) 210-3677 for more information.

Help local families have a Thanksgiving dinner

Thanksgiving Day is celebrated in the United States of America when many friends and families sit down to a bountiful feast and give thanks for our freedoms and opportunities as developed by the wisdom of our Founders. While all citizens are guaranteed freedom, we have an opportunity to help those in need to celebrate our day of Thanksgiving.

Thanks to the continued generous contributions of area businesses and residents, the GSV will be able, once again, to provide Thanksgiving turkeys and all the fixings to those in need for the 18th year. This year, the GSV will focus on families with school age or younger children. The four schools and service organizations provide lists of eligible families in order to ensure that the distribution is made to those most in need.

Since the focus is on children, there will be an alternative to provide a Thanksgiving dinner to single individuals and couples. The Trenton Community Nazarene Church has offered to provide a Thanksgiving dinner at the Trenton Community Center for those in need, but without school age or younger children. You may call



(352) 463-1057 and ask for Denise who will send you a ticket to the event. This is necessary in order to get a head count and the number of turkeys needed. Please do not wait until the last minute to call. PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE. This is a Sheriff's Volunteers program and if you have extenuating circumstances, have a special request, or questions, please

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The Gilchrist County Emergency Management Department will offer its fourth free CPR class to the public on Saturday, Oct. 18, 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 under the age of 18 will be required to have a signed consent form filled out by a parent or guardian.

Forms are available by contacting Director David Peaton.

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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Ellis - Ricard to wed

Richard and Liz Ellis, of Newberry, and Don and Mary Ricard, of Trenton, are proud to announce the engagement and forthcoming wedding of their children, Kristy Ellis and Chris Ricard.

The wedding is set for May 9, 2015, at Plantation Hall in Haile Plantation at 5:30 p.m.



Trenton Rotary Club



The Trenton Rotary Club was happy to induct new member, Leigh Cangelosi, at its lunch meeting October 6, 2014. Leigh resides in Gilchrist County and is an attorney based in High Springs. Her sponsor was Gilchrist County Judge Sheree Lancaster and the induction was performed by retired Gilchrist County Judge and Past District Governor of Rotary, Ed Philman. Also pictured is Rotary president Lindsey Lander.

Personality of the Month

By Geneva Cornwell

Loyalty is the character trait for this month. The description of loyalty is "using difficult times to demonstrate my commitment to those I serve." Because loyalty involves service it also must demonstrate encouragement toward others in hard times, pointing out the good in others, and honoring one's country, as well.

The definition of loyalty describes the quality or state of being faithful to a person or institution to whom one's fidelity is due, and the tie binding a person to that to which he/she is loyal.



Lorrie Akin

some negative talk about a leader of a civic organization, in which she volunteers. She felt that she needed to be loyal by being submissive to the leadership of this person, by defending that leadership. She mentioned, "I believe that submitting to leadership is a test of loyalty."

Akin added the following wise words: "Currently in our society there is a displacement of values to loyalty. The attitude is, 'when the going gets tough, move on.' This current trend has caused the breakdown in marriages, in the family, in the church, and in all kinds of relationships."

Loyalty is so important to Mrs. Akin that she added, "When someone offends me, the best way to be loyal to my convictions is to forgive them, and then by not giving up on the offender," for there may be something good which can come out of the offence which has been forgiven.

The Character Council holds its meeting every 4th Tuesday, 10 a.m. at the Trenton Library meeting room. Anyone interested in attending is cordially invited. For more details, please call (352) 463-8663.

Bible Study - 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Prayer & Discipleship - Wed. 7 p.m.

Youth Praise & Worship - Wed. 6:30 p.m.

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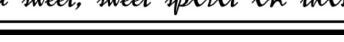
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Sunday school for all at 9:30 a.m.

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Wednesday evening Bible study at 6 p.m.

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Heart Matters

By Angie Land

When someone is really important to us, we will go to great lengths to be with them, or even just to see them or hear their voice. A young man recently told me about how his girlfriend, who is not a morning person, came out at 7 a.m. to cheer him on in a 5K he was running. Going out of her way to be there was a loud and clear statement to him that he is valuable to her! A Samaritan Woman shared a similar experience as Jesus contradicted the cultural norm between the Jews and Samaritans to find her at the well:

"So He (Jesus) came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as He was from His journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to Him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) John 4:5-9

As the writer of this gospel, John was inspired by the Holy Spirit to tell us of the prejudice between the Jews and Samaritans that we may see beyond the surface of what is taking place. One thing is certain; the Scriptures do not condone prejudice in this passage, but simply reflect the condition that was present. Jesus went out of His way to pursue her despite this condition.

By definition, the word prejudice means to pre-judge. This happens when we arrive at an opinion of a person, or group of people, without any input on their part. This being the case, the origins of prejudice can usually be traced to the past. In II Kings 17:21-24, the Old Testament records the Assyrian conquer and resettlement of the nation of Israel by bringing in people from many other countries. This mixture of people came to be known as Samaritans and was despised by the Jews, so much so that the typical travel routes involved going the long way around the region of Samaria, avoiding the area at all costs.

Prejudice can be a difficult subject to discuss, because it often evokes strong emotions. However, it is unlikely that any of us avoid stopping by the store for fear of bumping into a Samaritan, so this passage can help us look at prejudice a little more objectively. Here are a few truths we can observe:

- Prejudice is a waste of time and energy. Prejudice may not cause us to travel completely around an entire town, but it will never work for the building up of the kingdom of God. Sadly, we have all witnessed evidence of how it works against it.
- Prejudice never travels alone; pride and fear are constant companions. Consider why

Austin Trey Smith, 22, and Amber Renea Nolin, 22, both of Trenton, were married October 4, 2014, by Kenneth E. Campbell, minister.

Roy Harrison Boyette, Jr., 47, of Old Town, and Chelsey Rebecca Koon, 39, of Mayo, were married September 30, 2014, by Celeste Kuhar, notary.

James Leon Bishop, 68, and Helen Lorene Brooks, 59, both of Newberry, were married October 10, 2014, by Verna Mae Wilson, notary public.

Kevin Matthew Ermer, 32, and Siobhan Elizabeth Kelly, 28, both of Sparrow's Point, Maryland, were married October 7, 2014, by Reverend Sarah Ann Sparks.

Alexander Antonio Rivera, 23, and Alexis Jane Stalnaker, 19, both of Gainesville, were married October 13, 2014, by Verna Mae Wilson, notary.

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School Board recognizes Trenton FFA members

Several Trenton FFA members were recognized by the Gilchrist County School Board for their accomplishments during the State FFA Convention this past June. Lori Harrison, Hunter Parrish, Katie Quincey, and Ashton Sanchez were recognized for earning the coveted American FFA Degree, and Erin Jones, Austin Polk, and Amanda Williams were recognized for earning their State FFA Degree. Members of the Sr. chapter dairy team, Austin Polk, Erin Jones, Amanda Williams, and Cody Norton, were recognized for placing 5th in the state Dairy

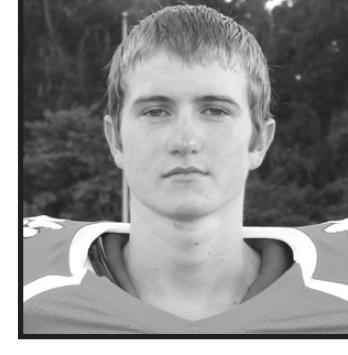


contest. Matthew George and Brooks Parrish were recognized for placing 4th in the state ornamental horticulture demonstration career development event with their demonstration on Daylily production. Emily Horlocker was recognized for being a state winner in the Alumni Essay contest, "What Does FFA Mean to Me?". Josh Harrison was recognized as a finalist in the Special Animal Production proficiency area with his work with

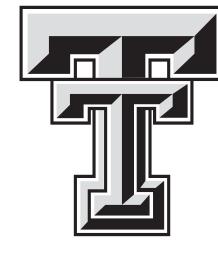


Pictured front row, left to right: Cody Norton, Matthew George, Austin Polk, Brooks Parrish, Emily Horlocker, and Lauren Roberts. Back row, left to right, School Board attorney Lindsey Lander, Superintendent Robert Rankin, and School Board members Bob Clemons, Julie Thomas, Michelle Walker-Crawford, and Dean Lancaster.

Trenton Tigers Player of the Week



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10/16	3:00pm	AR Afternoon	Chorus	MS/JV/V volleyball game vs/Chiefland	End of 1st 9wks	Cross Country vs. Newberry	End of 1st 9 weeks
10/16	3:00pm	End of 1st 9wks	Teacher Workday/Student Holiday	Varsity Football OPEN	Varsity Football & Ham Fundraiser	Varsity Football vs Hawthorne	Regional Golf Tournament
10/17		Teacher Workday/Student Holiday	Archery	FFA Turkey & Ham Fundraiser	Volleyball Districts	Teacher Workday- Student Holiday	Golf Regionals
10/20	3:00pm	@Chiefland	@Bronson	Teacher Workday/Student Holiday	Teacher Workday/Student Holiday	Hawthorne Chiefland	Bronson THS
10/16	4/5/6 pm			MS/JV/V volleyball game vs/Chiefland	Varsity Football OPEN		
10/17				End of 1st 9wks	FFA Turkey & Ham Fundraiser		
10/20-10-31				Volleyball Districts	Volleyball Districts		
10/20-10/21				Teacher Workday/Student Holiday	Teacher Workday/Student Holiday		
10/20	8:00am			Golf Regionals	Golf Regionals		
10/16	6 pm			Cross Country vs. Newberry	Cross Country vs. Newberry		
10/17				End of 1st 9 weeks	End of 1st 9 weeks		
10/20	7:30 pm			Varsity Football vs Hawthorne	Varsity Football vs Hawthorne		
10/20	8 am			Regional Golf Tournament	Regional Golf Tournament		
10/20-24 TBA				Teacher Work day- Student Holiday	Teacher Work day- Student Holiday		
10/21				Volleyball Districts	Volleyball Districts		
				High-Q vs. Chiefland	High-Q vs. Chiefland		

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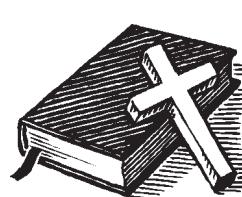
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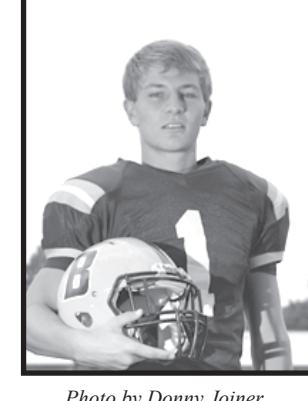
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Bell Bulldogs Player of the Week



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Honorable- Vanessa Merle

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2nd Chloe Hellyer



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Obituaries

Mr. David A. Hallman

Mr. David A. Hallman passed away unexpectedly on October 6, 2014. He was born on July 2, 1957, in Deland to Warren and Lillian West Hallman.

He grew up in north Florida and graduated from Chiefland High School. He attended the University of Florida on an academic scholarship and was the first member of his family to graduate from college. After working for four years as a legislative assistant for the Florida House of Representatives, he entered the U.S. Navy and served as a naval officer for four years. While serving in the U.S. Navy he met his wife, Hideko Inoue. Upon honorable discharge he attended the University of Florida Law School, graduating with honors in 1989. After a decade of private practice, he entered the public sector first as General Counsel to the Florida Department of Transportation, then as County Attorney for Walton County and in 2007 was selected as County Attorney for Nassau, where he served admirably until his death.

David was Board Certified as a Specialist in City, County and Local Government Law and in 2009 was selected as President of the Florida Association of County Attorneys. He was recognized in 2009 for his service on the Gulf Oil Spill Statewide Legal Task Force and in 2011 received The Presidential Appreciation Award for Service to the Florida Association of County Attorneys.

He was the Florida State Chair of the International Municipal Lawyers Association. He served for years as a member of The Florida Bar Statewide Standing Committee on Professionalism and was its chair in 2013.

Florida Trend magazine named David as one of Florida's "Legal Elite."

He was a founding member of the Robert M. Foster American Inn of Court and served as its Secretary-Treasurer, was President-Elect of the Nassau County Bar Association and served on The Jacksonville Bar Association's Judicial Relations Committee.

He also served on the board of directors of Northeast Florida Community Hospice, as chair of the Staff Parish Relations Committee for his local United Methodist Church. He was a member of the board of directors of the Nassau County Farm Bureau. He has been named a Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary International Foundation.

David is preceded in death by his mother, Lillian West Hallman, who

passed away in 1973.

He leaves behind, his wife of 28 years, Hideko I. Hallman, Fernandina Beach; his parents, Mr. Warren Hallman and his wife Kay, of Chiefland; a sister, Teri Jones and her husband, David, of Chiefland; brothers, Glenn Michael "Mike" Hallman and his wife, Susan, of Chiefland, John Scott Hallman and his wife, Sherry, of Chiefland, Myles Franklin Smith and his wife, Tammy, of Ft. White, Russell Carlton Hallman and his wife, Amy, of Chiefland, numerous nieces and nephews as well as he and Hideko's two canine companions.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014 at the Yulee United Methodist Church with Pastor Charlie Sward, officiating.

Serving as active pallbearers were his brothers, Mike and Scott Hallman, also Danny Leeper, Junior Boatwright, Pat Edwards and John Drew.

Mr. Hallman was laid to rest at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, in the family plot in the Pierson United Methodist Church Cemetery in Pierson.

His family received friends Wednesday, Oct. 8, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Burgess Chapel of Oxley-Heard Funeral Home. The Nassau County Sheriff's Department and Nassau County Fire and Rescue were posted as Honor Guards.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Warner Center for Caring at Baptist Medical Center of Fernandina Beach, c/o Community Hospice of NE Florida, 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257.

Please share his Life Legacy and leave your condolences and memories at www.oxleyheard.com.

Mrs. Margie Michelle Hendricks

Mrs. Margie Michelle Hendricks, 40, of Cross City, passed away Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014.

Mrs. Hendricks was a homemaker and a mother. She, at one time, had worked at the Cross City Rehab and at various restaurants. She enjoyed riding horses, reading and fishing.

She is survived by son, Ronald Hendricks, Jr. of Cross City; daughter, Laura Mae Hendricks of Cross City; mother, Bertha Burns of Steinhatchee; brothers, Gerald Cannon of Cross City, John Henry Thomas Osteen of Cross City, Roger Gainey of Horseshoe, Darrell Cannon of Steinhatchee and James Darren

Corbin of Cross City; and sisters, Cornelia Cannon of Steinhatchee, Billy Jean Osteen of Cross City, Lacey Osteen of Trenton, Christy Osteen of Cross City and Anna Wood of Old Town. She was preceded in death by husband, Ronald Hendricks, Sr., brothers, Christopher Osteen and Rudy Gainey and father, Rudolph Sylvester Gainey.

Funeral services will be held at the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chapel on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014 at 12 noon with Rev. Dwayne Kight officiating. Interment will follow at Lee Cemetery. A visitation will be held at the funeral home one hour prior to the service.

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

Mrs. Geneva M. Lovett

Mrs. Geneva M. Lovett, 96, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014 at the Tri-County Nursing Home. Geneva was born on August 25, 1918 in Cobbtown, Georgia, to Jessie McDaniel and Abby Kicklighter McDaniel. She was a lifelong resident of Gilchrist County, retired from the Gilchrist County School Board and was a member of Pine Grove Baptist Church.

She is survived by her 3 sons; Warren Lovett of Bell, Glyn Lovett of Fanning Springs, and Greg Lovett of Bell; a sister, Edna Mae Powell of Savannah, Georgia, many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services were held on Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at Priscilla Baptist Church with Pastor Ron Black officiating. Interment was private.

Arrangements were under the care of Watson Funeral Home, Trenton.

To offer online condolences or to sign the guest book go to www.watsonfhtrenton.com.

Mrs. Anne Scaff

Mrs. Anne Scaff, 77, of Lake City, died early Friday morning, Oct. 10, 2014, at Haven Hospice in Lake City.

Born on July 24, 1937, in Simcoe, Ontario Canada, Anne was the daughter of Charles and Rose Csercics and was one of three children. She was educated in the Simcoe School District and graduated from the Delhi School District. Her family owned a farm in Norfolk County where her future husband went to work in tobacco during the summer. They courted under the big maple tree. Anne and Lester were married on December 12, 1959 and moved to Lake City. Together with her husband Lester, Anne started Scaff's Inc.® dba, S&S Food Stores® in Lake City in 1961. They now own 45 convenience and grocery stores, located throughout Northeast Florida as well as two Wendy's® locations and have consistently been in Florida Trend's® Top 200 Private companies since 1999.

Anne was a member of Epiphany Catholic Church in Lake City. Her faith drove her many charitable works in Lake City, which included serving as a member of the Financial Council of Epiphany Catholic Church. She served on the Foundation for Florida Gateway College Executive Board of Directors and was a Finance Member for over 30 years.

Along with her husband Lester, she co-founded the S&S Charities Golf Tournament® and the Lester and Anne Scaff Foundation Inc.® Anne also founded the Anne C. Scaff Take Stock in Children Endowment Scholarship® and was a member of Altrusa International®. One of Anne's favorite jobs for many years was to teach the New-Hire Class at S&S Food Stores®. This gave her

the opportunity to meet each new employee. Anne led a very long and active life until her passing.

Anne is pre-deceased by her brother, Steve Csercics. Anne is survived by her husband, Stafford Lester Scaff; her brother, Joe Csercics; and her sister-in-law, Rose Csercics; as well as, fifteen nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the Suwannee Valley Care Center® (Haven Hospice), 6037 West US Hwy 90, Lake City, Florida 32055.

Visitation with the family was

held Monday evening, October 13, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. A funeral mass was celebrated by Father Mike Pendergraft on Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014 at 11:00 a.m., at Epiphany Catholic Church. Interment followed in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were under the direction of Gateway-Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

Please leave words of comfort for the family online at www.gatewayforrestlawn.com.

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Arrest Report

October 7, 2014

Stepfanie Marie Lewis, 27, of Gainesville, was arrested by Alachua County Sheriff's Office, for Probation Violation, no bond.

October 8, 2014

Clayton John App, 31, of Trenton, was arrested by Brevard County Sheriff's Office, for Selling Cocaine X1 and Selling Marijuana X1, \$150,000.00 bond.

Claude Richard Bowman, IV, of Trenton, was arrested by Sergeant Alexander Gaston, Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office, for Sex Offender Violation Failure to Report Email Address and Instant Message name, \$25,000.00 bond.

Alyssa Melina Hildebrandt, 19, of Atlantic Beach, was arrested by Deputy Jefferson E. Davis, Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office, for Failure to Appear, \$491.75 cash bond.

October 9, 2014

Jody Marie Cannon, 34, of Bell, was arrested by Deputy Colson, Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office, for Manufacturing Opium or Derivative X2 and Selling Opium or Derivative X2, \$150,000.00 bond.

Timothy Dewayne Parsells, 35, of Old Town, was arrested by Deputy Thomas Strickland, Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office, for Out of County Warrant, \$25,000.00 bond.

Joshua Sterling Smith, 21, of Williston, was arrested by Deputy Strickland, Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office, for Possession of not more than 20 Grams Marijuana, \$15,000.00 bond.

October 10, 2014

Christopher Brandon Balkom, 24, of Trenton, was arrested by Deputy Rexroat, Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office, for Failure to Appear, \$15,000.00 bond.

Claude Richard Bowman, 42, of Trenton, was arrested by Sergeant Alexander Gaston, Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office, for Withhold Support Non-Support of Children or Spouse, \$370.00 cash.

Jeremy Dwayne Gibbs, 31, of Trenton, was sentenced by Gilchrist County Court, for Withhold Support Non-Support of Children or Spouse, \$115.00 cash.

Marquis Reshaun Greene, 21, of Chiefland, was sentenced by Gilchrist County Court, for Withhold Support Non-Support of Children or Spouse, \$226.00 cash.

Gary Lee Hatfield, Jr., 33, of Newberry, was arrested by Gilchrist County Court, for Withhold Support Non-Support of Children or Spouse, \$205.00 cash.

Dale Leon McCumber, 29, of Archer, was arrested by Deputy Rexroat, Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office, for Probation Violation, no bond.

October 11, 2014

Rayford Delton Holder, 28, of Trenton, was arrested by Deputy Jefferson E. Davis, Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office, for Burglary of an Unoccupied Conveyance Unarmed, LARC Grand Theft of Dwelling \$100 less than \$300, \$75,000.00 bond.

Legal Notices

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA REFERENDUM ELECTION NOVEMBER 4, 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a referendum, a ballot summary of which appears below, will be considered on the November 4, 2014 Gilchrist County General Election ballot.

Referendum to Determine the Granting of Economic Development

Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions.

Shall the Board of County Commissioners of this county be authorized to grant, pursuant to Section 3, Article VII of the State Constitution, property tax exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses that are expected to create new, full-time jobs in the county?

() YES - FOR AUTHORITY TO GRANT EXEMPTIONS.

() NO - AGAINST AUTHORITY TO GRANT EXEMPTIONS.

This public measure is authorized pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 196.1995, and enabling Resolution Number 2014-12 of the Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners. A copy of Resolution Number 2014-12 is on file in the office of the Gilchrist County Clerk of Courts, and is available for public inspection.

Pub. Sept. 25, Oct. 2, Oct. 9, Oct. 16 and Oct. 23, 2014

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT NEW RULES, REVISE AND/OR AMEND EXISTING RULES AND REPEAL OLD RULES

Notice is hereby given that the School Board of Gilchrist County, Florida intends to adopt new rules, and revise and/or amend existing rules of the Board after a public hearing, as follows:

POLICY

4.10/D Adult Education

Copies of the proposed new rules, and revised and/or amended existing rules are available for inspection and copying by the public at the Superintendent's office, 310 NW 11th Avenue, Trenton, Florida. Copies of all or any of the rules may be purchased at the cost of reproduction which is estimated at \$.25 per page.

The purpose of adopting new rules and revising and amending existing rules is to bring the rules up to date and discard and unnecessary rules.

This revision and adoption of new rules will not have any adverse economic impact on any person.

Specific authority for these adopted rules are Florida Statutes 100.41; 121.51; 119.07; Chapter 120; 570.98; 570.981; 570.982; 760.01 et seq.; 768.135; 790.115; 943.0438; 1000.05; 100.21; 1001.371; 1001.41; 1001.42; 1001.43; 1001.48; 1001.51; 1002.3105; 1002.321; 1003.428; 1003.4281; 1003.429; 1003.4295; 1006.06; 1006.0605; 1006.0606; 1006.07; 1006.15; 1006.16; 1006.20; 1010.05; 1010.20; 1012.22; 1012.23; 1012.27; 1012.33; 1012.335; 1012.61; and 1012.795; 34 CFR 99; 34 CFR 108; 34 CFR 200.43(c); P.L. 110-233; State Board of Education Rules 6A-1.001; 6A-1.012; 6Z-1.087; 6A-5.056; 6A-7.040; 6A-7.041; 6A-70411; 6A-7.0421; 6A-7.045; 6A-19.001 et seq.; and 6B-4.009; and State Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Rules SP-1.001; SP-1.002; SP-1.003; SP-1.004; SP-1.005.

A public hearing will be held on the proposed adopted new rules and revised and/or amended existing rules at 10:15 A.M. on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, at the School Board Meeting at the Gilchrist County School Board meeting room at 310 NW 11th Ave. Trenton, FL 32693.

All interested persons are advised that any person desiring to appeal any decision made by the board as to any matter considered at said hearing will need to ensure that a verbatim record is made of the proceeding, which record must include all of the testimony and evidence presented.

/s/ Robert G. Rankin
as Superintendent
And Secretary of the Board

Pub. Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2014b

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File Number: 21-2014-CP-000044
IN RE: ESTATE OF:
CHERYL L. HONAKER,
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All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 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 FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS OCTOBER 9, 2014.

Attorney for Personal Representative:

Gary D. Grunder
23349 Northwest CR 236, Suite 10
High Springs, Florida 32643
(386) 454-1298

Florida Bar I.D. 199486

Primary email:
garygrunder@hotmail.com

Secondary email:
amykenner@windstream.net

Personal Representative:

Jennifer L. Honaker
5769 NE 52nd Pl.
High Springs, FL 32643

Pub.: Oct. 9 and 16, 2014

7. Attorney Report

8. Clerk Report

9. Time Certain Schedule

4:30 p.m. Essie Kranz; Private Road Issues

10. Commissioners Reports

11. Old Business

12. New Business

13. Public Participation

14. Adjourn

"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
Pub. October 16, 2014b

PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR AND NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF TRENTON

Under, and by virtue of the power vested in me as Mayor-Commissioner of the City of Trenton, Florida, the regular general election is hereby called to be held in the City of Trenton on Tuesday, December 2, 2014, for the purpose of electing officers to serve as follows:

(a) Group 2: City Commissioner, two (2) year term, seat currently held by Randall Rutter;

(b) Group 3: City Commissioner, two (2) year term, seat currently held by Marcia Hellams;

(c) Group 4: City Commissioner, two (2) year term, seat currently held by Timothy D. Kinsey.

The election shall be held at the Trenton Community Center, 214 SE Third Avenue, Trenton, Florida and the polls shall be open at 7:00 a.m. on said day and shall close at 7:00 p.m. on the same day.

The date for the run-off election, should it be required, will be on Tuesday, December 16, 2014.

Candidates for office must be residents of the City of Trenton, and qualified electors. The qualification period for candidacy for this election is from Monday, October 27, 2014 through Friday, October 31, 2014 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. each day, at the office of the Supervisor Of Elections for Gilchrist County, at the Gilchrist County Courthouse, Trenton, Florida.

Given under my hand and the official seal of the City of Trenton, Florida, this 7th, day of October, 2014.

/s/ Glen Thigpen
Glen Thigpen, Mayor-Commissioner
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MEET THE CANDIDATES

This week: Candidates for County Commissioner, District 2

Name: D. Ray Harrison, Jr.
Party Affiliation: Republican
Occupation: Gilchrist County Commissioner District 2
How long have you lived in Gilchrist County and where did you move from? Since 1963, from Gainesville.

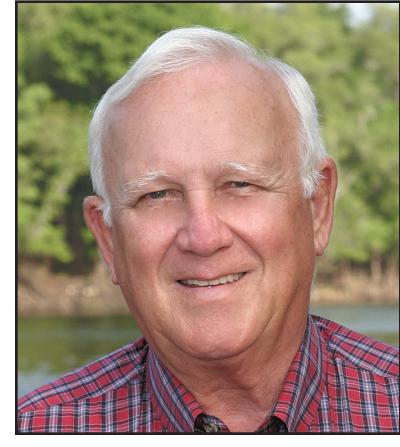
Why are you running for county commissioner? Because of my previous experience in Gilchrist County government as your Property Appraiser and as your County Commissioner I believe I am better prepared to serve the needs of our citizens and will be more effective in serving those needs.

Why are you the right candidate for the job? I understand Gilchrist County and am better prepared to serve as County Commissioner.

What is your plan to bring more jobs to Gilchrist County? We are already working on projects to bring more jobs to Gilchrist County by actively getting the Gilchrist County Economic Advisory board to participate in projects that will bring jobs (working with the Developer, City of Fanning Springs, State agencies for Hotel in Fanning Springs, re-opening of Water bottling plant, supporting through our Tourist Development Committee the Quilt Festival, etc., looking at an Outdoor/Farmers market concept) to our County. We have saved money by turning over Otter Springs to ForVets, supported grants for Ellie Ray campground improvements and Library expansion, Hart Springs improvements, several Boat ramp improvements, we have made the Gilchrist rodeo arena available to the citizens, and are actively working with the North Florida Economic Development Program and Regional Planning council.

What do you think are the most pressing needs for infrastructure or capital projects in the county?

We are actively working with the Florida Dept. of Transportation to make State Road 26 a four lane highway that will open opportunities for many jobs and improve the traffic flow through Gilchrist County as a major emergency evacuation route. **Would you support higher taxes to maintain current levels of services expected by residents?** Only after making sure that the current level of spending is appropriate and under



D. Ray Harrison, Jr.

control, if we carefully examine our current operations and efficiently manage them, higher taxes are not necessarily the answer.

What do you think is the biggest challenge facing Gilchrist County in the years ahead? The creation of jobs and taking advantage of our natural resources ("Suwannee River, Santa Fe River, and the many springs we have that draw many to our County) and making Gilchrist County a desirable place to work and live. An improved economy will help.

What solutions would you offer to remedy this challenge? Working with potential investors in our County to make sure that they know we are business and people friendly to assist them in improving job opportunities and making sure that at the same time we protect our environment. We have Schools that rank at the top in the State and that is a positive thing that attracts citizens to our County.

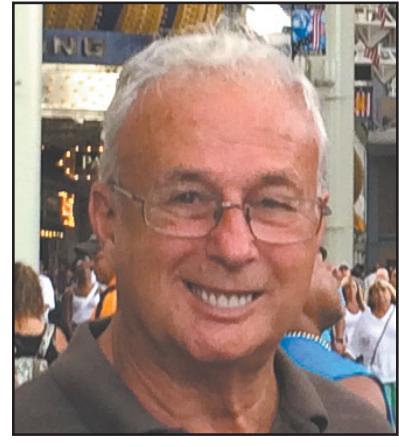
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Name: John Yencho
Party Affiliation: Democrat
Occupation: I am a teacher at Trenton High School and have taught Architectural Design & Construction there for 20 years.
How long have you lived in Gilchrist County, and where did you move from? My family and I moved to Gilchrist County from Ohio 21 years ago.

Why are you running for county commissioner? I sincerely believe there is more we can do in this county with the resources we have. I believe my experience as a teacher in this county and general manager of a large engineering and construction firm has given me the background and knowledge to do more. I have experience in managing budgets, human resources, infrastructure maintenance and growth, and community development. I have worked with your children for 20 years and have seen them have to leave their family and friends to be able to find work. We can, and we need to do more for them. I am committed to that task and will place all my experience, knowledge and energy into serving you and them. That is the reason I am running.

Why are you the right candidate for the job? I have the background, the experience, the energy, the fortitude and the determination to make the hard decisions that we are facing in the future for the good of this county. It is time for new ideas, for fresh ideas, for ideas that will create a better future for Gilchrist County and all its people in the years to come. With my experience I can and will help to create jobs for our people, to promote the right growth, to strengthen our infrastructure, and to support our law enforcement and emergency services as strongly as



John Yencho

possible and feasible. I believe I am the best candidate to do this job at this time.

What is your plan to bring more jobs to Gilchrist County? We have hundreds of subdivisions in Gilchrist County that very few people are currently building in. We need to take an active role in helping to jump start the residential construction industry and get some homes built in those subdivisions. We have a school district that has been in the top 5 school districts in our state for the past 11 years. We have a beautiful rural agricultural community to raise children in that we all call home; we have the Suwannee River and many springs to play in; we have low taxes, and most importantly we have a family oriented friendly, safe place many would love to call home.

People are moving into our state every day; they are moving up from south Florida, they are leaving Gainesville because of high taxes. We need to aggressively work to attract them into these subdivisions. In doing so we will create construction jobs for our citizens, bring much needed revenue to our county and create a need for more supportive businesses and increase the business of our existing businesses. We need to go after it; we need to ask people to come to our county through our chamber of commerce and our Economic Development Committee. Our builders benefit, our people benefit, our realtors benefit, our stores and shops benefit, our banks benefit. It only makes sense, and I have the experience and the energy to go after it, and I will. We also need to go after bringing new business to our communities to support and attract

people into our subdivisions. Those businesses will need employees to work in them which translate into jobs for our people and taxes for our county budget. None of this will happen unless we make it happen. We need broadband and high speed internet to attract those businesses and assist our existing businesses. The internet will also help our students to better complete their school work, it will help our businesses to compete more effectively and it will give our people access to resources they currently struggle to use. I will work with the other commissioners, the Economic Development Committee and our Chamber of Commerce to develop a plan that will achieve these goals and create jobs for our people.

What do you think are the most pressing needs for infrastructure or capital projects in the county? I believe the most pressing needs for our infrastructure or capital projects is to realize what is essential and move forward on promoting the right growth in our county to help create the required funds. Without growth sooner or later we will not have the money to do what is needed without raising taxes, therefore we must act now so that we have the finances we need to support our infrastructure and capital projects today and tomorrow.

Would you support higher taxes to maintain current levels of services expected by residents?

As I said earlier, definitely not! However my head is not in the sand, I understand it takes money to run this or any county. Rather than raise taxes, I think we need to look at our spending habits and use conservative wise judgment on not only where and how we spend your money, but better ways to do more with what we have. I am not in favor of cutting any services or positions of county personnel. I am in favor of getting the most out of every dollar

we spend, of looking for new ways to create revenue without raising taxes and not just maintaining our current levels of service, but improving them wherever and however possible without tax increases of any kind. Of course we all realize that raising taxes may be necessary, but I would only support it after all other avenues have been exhausted.

What do you think is the biggest challenge facing Gilchrist County in the years ahead? There will always be mandates coming down from Tallahassee that we have to meet, these will always cause burden to our budget. There will always be more to do than we have funds to do it with. Knowing this, we need to meet these challenges head on by allowing controlled growth in our county to increase our tax base, and help us to offset those mandated requirements. New construction means new taxes. We can't wait until we have to, we must prepare in advance to meet those challenges with prudent, wise decisions on our budget now. No one wants to see the appearance and flavor of our county change, that's why we all love it here so much. I believe we can meet these challenges by making wise decisions while still providing opportunity for growth. You ask what our most pressing challenges are; it's meeting those challenges head on. I have the experience and background to do this.

What solutions would you offer to remedy this challenge? As I have already stated many times, controlled, wise, prudent growth. By working with the other commissioners, the Economic Development Committee, the Chamber of Commerce, and the business people and citizens of our county, we can not only meet and resolve these challenges, but we can overcome them. We can, and if I am elected, do more with the resources we have.

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