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Construction is underway that will double the size of the facility at Palms Medical Group in Bell. This facility has been serving the medical needs of the citizens of Gilchrist County since 2002.

Facility at Palms Medical Group in Bell to double in size

By Cindy Jo Ayers

Construction is underway at the Palms Medical Group in Bell. The expansion will more than double the size of the existing facility.

Palms Medical Group was awarded a grant from Health and Human Services for the expansion of the facilities. Palms was one of 290 health centers to receive this funding.

Anita Riels, Chief Executive Officer of Palms Medical Group said, "Palms Medical Group is committed

to bring quality, affordable care in the communities we service. Palms believes through this funding, the expansion in Bell will allow more efficient practices, and will ensure that our patients in the community have a good experience while at their facility."

The expanded facility will have a new children's play area, new conference room with seating for 25, and a new centralized nursing station. The front desk and reception area will be enlarged, as well as the lobby which

will have seating for 45. The lab and kitchen will also be enlarged.

Once the work is completed later this year, the expansion will include 24 exam rooms, 20 offices, 2 vitals station and 7 bathrooms.

Dr. Bruce Thomas who has been at the Bell facility since 2002 said, "We thank the community for the continued support and look forward to what this new expansion will allow us to do in the health and wellness of our community."

Bulldogs take District Title, beating the Dixie Bears 61-39



The Bulldogs are pictured with the championship trophy after defeating Dixie County 61-39 Saturday night. Front row, left to right: Assistant Coach Charles Townsend, Joey Pinna, Tyler Trantham, Ian Townsend, Tony Yoder, Austin Bagby, Mitchell Moore, Josh Mendoza, Nick Walls and Alex Chason. Back row, left to right: Assistant Coach Brian Shea, Jackson Gray, Jason DeMartino, Sammy Loveday, Terek Liles, Reese Rankin, Wyatt Duthu, Logan Laneau, Head Coach Chuck Mehl and Assistant Coach Mark Lundy. Photo by Matthew Harrell.

Bulldogs will play Frostproof in regional semi-final Thursday, February 22 at 7 p.m. at Bell

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School Board Hopeful for Special Facilities Funds Soccer Added as School Sport for Grades 6-12

By Janet Bradley

At the Gilchrist County School Board Meeting on February 13, Board Member Michelle Crawford shared on February 7, she and Board Chairman Deen Lancaster spent the day in Tallahassee to follow the status of the special facilities project for Trenton High School. Crawford stated they met with Representative Chuck Clemons and discussed technical schools, state testing, and the special facilities project for Gilchrist County. The highlight of their visit was meeting with staff from Senator Rob Bradley's office. Lancaster and Crawford received words of encouragement from Bradley's staff regarding special facilities funds for Trenton High School. They were assured that the Gilchrist Project is at the top of Bradley's list for this legislative session. Crawford stated, "We traveled to Tallahassee to keep our need

for this project at the forefront of our representatives and senators. Last year we were bumped from our ranking for the funds, and we don't want that to happen again."

Indication has been made that if funded, Gilchrist would receive upward of five million dollars this year with the remaining funds given over the two following years. The total over three years would be sixteen million. The District hopes they will receive eight million the first year and eight million the following year receiving all their funds over a two-year period rather than three years.

The Board also recognized Employees of the Year and Teachers of the Year. The Employees of the Year recognized were Donna Watson (TES), KayLee Beauchamp (THS), Tammy White (BES), Pam Powell

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Schools closed Friday, Feb. 16, because of bomb threat

By Cindy Jo Ayers

Robert Rankin, Superintendent of Gilchrist County Schools made a public announcement on Thursday evening Feb. 15, that all the schools in Gilchrist County would be closed on Friday, Feb. 16, due to a bomb threat. Superintendent Rankin stated on Thursday, "Around 8 p.m. this evening, we received an email threat to the Gilchrist County District. With this short notice we cannot confirm how legitimate this threat is."

The school district worked with Sheriff Bobby Schultz and other law enforcement agencies to determine the validity of the threat but due to the recent incident in Broward County, they decided to be cautious and close the schools on Friday, February 16. Superintendent Rankin went on to say, "The schools were closed in order to ensure the safety of our students and staff."

During the day on Friday, GCSO deputies were stationed at each county school. Sheriff Schultz reported

that there was no suspicious activity at the schools during the day on Friday.

Superintendent Rankin and Sheriff Schultz allowed all the school activities to resume on Saturday, February 17.

Sheriff Schultz later said that the bomb threat was date specific for Friday, February 16.

Currently the threat is being investigated by the FBI, FDLE, and other law enforcement agencies.

Sheriff Schultz stated on Monday that he is working with the Florida Sheriff's Association to help the rural counties with additional training in the school related threats. Gilchrist County Deputies will be receiving additional training so they, along with the school administrations, can be as ready as possible for any scenario. Sheriff Schultz said that he and Superintendent Rankin hope to be as ready as possible and pray that they will never have to use the training.

"Unfortunately this is the society that we live in today and we need to be prepared," said Sheriff Schultz.

He encourages anyone who hears something that sounds suspicious or potentially criminal in nature, to contact the Gilchrist County Sheriff's office at 352-463-3410.

Students in Gilchrist County returned to school on Wednesday, February 21, after having Monday off for Presidents Day and Tuesday off for teachers work day.

Currently the schools in the county have drills that are practiced several times a year. Students are trained on how to respond in case of an actual incident at their school. Parents are urged to support the drill efforts at their child's school.

When students went back to school on Wednesday, the GCSO Deputies were at each of the county schools. The deputies will have a presence at the schools for an undetermined amount of time.

Prayer event held for County Schools

Bernadette Brown organized a Chain of Prayer for the county schools on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 18. Brown was inspired to organize the event after the recent bomb threat to Gilchrist County Schools.

A large group of students, parents, and concerned citizens all gathered at the Trenton Depot to pray for local students and schools.

Several local pastors lead the prayers including Pastor Frank James, while students stood in a circle holding hands. The students were surrounded by the adults attending the Chain of Prayer.

During the gathering, Bernadette Brown lead the event with Bobby Crosby reading scripture and Minister Danny Allen praying. Sheriff Bobby Schultz also spoke to the crowd, assuring them the County Deputies would be at all schools when the schools reopened on Wednesday, Feb. 21.

Brown said, "I would like to thank the students, parents and school board members and the citizens of Gilchrist County who were in attendance." She went on to thank all those who spoke and prayed at the event also.



Chain of Prayer organizer Bernadette Brown shown on front row on left, Pastor Frank James, School Board Members Ginger Geiger and Michelle Crawford, and Sheriff Bobby Schultz. Standing in the back row, from left, were County Administrator Bobby Crosby, School Board Member Christie McElroy, Minister Danny Allen, and County Judge Sheree Lancaster.

Softball Field to be dedicated to Coach John Vickers Friday

By Cindy Jo Ayers

Longtime Trenton High School Coach John Vickers will be honored on Friday night, February 23, starting at 6:45 at the Trenton High School softball field.

Vickers started coaching softball in Trenton before they had a girls softball field in the 1987-88 school year.

Julee Joyner Brideson, who played softball for Coach Vickers on Trenton's first team, recalled the building of the field. Brideson said the current field was a former FFA hay field and with the agreement of the school board, the field was built under the leadership of Coach Vickers. With donations from local businesses, the parents and lots of bake sales, the funds were raised for the field. Brideson recalls, "The first year of playing on the field each player would line up at the beginning and end of practice and walk the infield and pick up rocks from the donated clay." Brideson went on to say Coach Vickers lead a group of girls and parents in an effort to not only build a field but

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9th Annual Gilchrist County Sheriff's Chili Cookoff

By Chris Rogers

The Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office held its annual chili cookoff Friday, Feb. 16 at the Gilchrist County Woman's Club. This year was Star Wars themed, "The Chili Strikes Back." The three judges, Michelle

Crawford, Trip Lancaster, and Robert Willis, were hoping the chili didn't strike back too bad, as they got the honor of taste-testing all 23 chili entries. Susie Caulk won the Overall Best Chili with her famous Gator

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Susie Caulk won Overall Best Chili with her "Gator Chili." Not pictured, Kristin Hite, Most Unique Chili winner.



February 22, 2018

Sheriff Schultz speaks at Law Enforcement Workgroup to Keep Florida Students Safe



Gilchrist County Sheriff Bobby Schultz speaking at the Law Enforcement Workgroup To Keep Florida Students Safe on Tuesday.

Gilchrist County Sheriff Bobby Schultz was asked to participate in Governor Rick Scott's "Law Enforcement Workgroup To Keep Florida Students Safe" which was held at the Florida Sheriff's Association headquarters in Tallahassee on Tuesday, Feb. 20.

Approximately 40 state and local law enforcement officials, along with representatives from the governor's office and Attorney General Pam Bondi's Office, assembled to discuss plans and initiatives for immediate and long term solutions that would help protect our children and school employees.

Sheriff Schultz spoke on the needs of Gilchrist County and other rural counties as it pertained to training, funding and mandatory, regular school safety assessments conducted by outside entities (law enforcement, or professional equivalent), and the feasibility of creating a Training Task Force of Florida Sheriff's Office specifically for active shooter response for law enforcement. He also reiterated his call for more funding for the state's "Safe School" funding.

Among the other issues discussed was a report by Sheriff Grady Judd of Polk County who provided details of his county's "Sentinel" program, which allows sheriff's offices to train armed volunteers to stand guard at school property, specifically to deter and respond in the event of an active shooting incident.

Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri expressed concerns as it pertains to Baker Acts and the process to keep firearms out of the hands of persons with mental health conditions. Sheriff Wayne Ivey of Brevard County discussed the needs of training initiatives while Okaloosa County Sheriff Larry Ashley discussed needs to harden our schools as it pertains to making access to our schools more secure and the need to have a deputy Sheriff in all public schools.

Sheriff Schultz said the discussions were both beneficial and productive and that the issue is being taken very seriously.

2018 Candidates for local office

- School Board-District 1**
Christie Lynn McElroy (NP)
- School Board-District 3**
F. Michelle Walker-Crawford (NP)
- School Board-District 5**
D. Deen Lancaster (NP)
- County Commissioner-District 2**
Robert B. Clemons (R)
Richard Fuller (R)
William "Bill" Martin (R)
John Yenchon (R)
- County Commissioner-District 4**
Marion Poitevint (R)
- County Court Judge**
Sheree H. Lancaster (NP)
- Soil and Water Conservation District 2**
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- Soil and Water Conservation District 4**
No candidates at this time

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	Low 1:07 PM	1.2	High 6:58 PM	2.9
Sa 24	Low 2:56 AM	0.0	High 9:35 AM	2.0
	Low 2:32 PM	1.5	High 8:17 PM	2.9
Su 25	Low 4:23 AM	-0.2	High 11:10 AM	2.2
	Low 4:07 PM	1.5	High 9:41 PM	3.0
M 26	Low 5:35 AM	-0.5	High 12:13 PM	2.4
	Low 5:25 PM	1.3	High 10:55 PM	3.2
Tu 27	Low 6:31 AM	-0.8	High 12:57 PM	2.6
	Low 6:25 PM	1.0	High 11:58 PM	3.3
W 28	Low 7:19 AM	-0.9	High 1:34 PM	2.8
	Low 7:16 PM	0.7		

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Ayers Angels team members Danette Hyde, Melissa Grant, and Delight Burke are trying to bring awareness to Alzheimers.

The Fight to Find a Cure for Alzheimer's

By: Danette Hyde
Each month at Ayers Health and Rehabilitation Center a day is selected for the staff to dress in his or her purple shirt. The color purple is worn to represent Alzheimer's awareness. Did you know that Alzheimers disease is the most common form of dementia? Dementia is a public health priority, as there is a new case diagnosed every 3 seconds. Dementia is not a normal part of aging. Currently, there is no prevention or cure for Alzheimer's disease; but that doesn't mean a cure cannot be found. Rising numbers in life expectancy

are contributing to rapid increases in numbers and by 2050 an estimated 131.5 million worldwide will be living with dementia. In order to raise money, Ayers has purchased a quantity of purple shirts and continues to sell them for \$10.00. 100% of the funds raised from shirt sales are donated directly to our local chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. If you would like to purchase a shirt to help Alzheimer's research, stop by the front office of Ayers and we would be happy to sell you one. Remember the money goes to a good cause.

Funds are raised as a team, "Ayers Angels," each year and donated to the Alzheimer's Associations Walk to End Alzheimer's. Various fundraising opportunities are held in the months leading up to the main event. The Walk to End Alzheimer's is held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. A team represents Ayers Health and Rehabilitation Center each year. From what I hear, the teams become very competitive in their efforts to raise money. This year the memory walk will be on held on October 20, 2018 in Gainesville at Depot Park. People of all ages are welcomed to participate and we encourage everyone to come out and join us. Together we can make a difference.

Area Events

- March 3
Habitat for Humanity Strawberry Festival in Ocala
- March 3-4
Azalea Days, Ravine Gardens State Park in Palatka
- March 3-4
Floral City Strawberry Festival
- March 8
Suwannee River Fair starts
- March 17
Quilt Festival in downtown Trenton
- March 24-25
Cedar Key Arts Festival
- April 21
Madison Down Home Days
- April 28
High Springs Pioneer Days

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COOKING AND CARRYIN' ON

By Cindy Jo Ayers

"Slap some bacon on a biscuit and let's go! We're burnin' daylight!"

John Wayne

One thing is for sure, there are as many ways to make biscuits as there are Southern grandmas. I tested this recipe because the technique was a little different and it seemed to be easy to make.

This recipe is for drop biscuits and it only takes three ingredients so its super easy. Drop biscuits are a biscuit made by dropping biscuit dough from a spoon onto a pan for baking. No rolling out or cutting with a biscuit cutter.

One of my grandmothers made big biscuits known fondly as cat head biscuits using solid Crisco. The other grandmother made smaller biscuits and used lard. I never got used to the lard taste, but she thought her biscuits were great made with lard. I'm sure the only oil her family had when she was growing up was lard or bacon grease, so to her a biscuit should have a lardy taste. Of course being good Southern children we ate them and never let on that they were not our favorites.

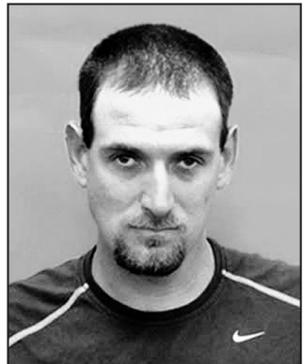
If you are not proficient at making biscuits this drop biscuit recipe might just be the recipe for you.

I have two rules for biscuit making, rule one: don't overwork the dough, rule two: only use White Lily self-rising flour.

Simple Drop Biscuits

2 cups self-rising flour
7 tablespoons butter
1 cup whole buttermilk, cold
2 tablespoons melted butter (to brush on biscuits after they are baked)
Preheat oven 475 degrees. Fluff up the flour and scoop out two cups of White Lily self-rising flour. Place flour in medium size bowl. Melt 7 tablespoons of butter, place the butter in small bowl and let it cool for about 5 minutes. Then add cold buttermilk to the warm butter, stirring until the butter forms small clumps. Add buttermilk mixture to the flour and fold in with a rubber spatula just until the dough comes together. Using a 1/4 cup measuring cup, scoop out a 1/4 cup of dough and place on parchment lined pan. Space biscuits about 2 inches apart. Bake for 10 minutes and check. Biscuits are done when golden brown. Brush tops of hot biscuits with melted butter.

I used salted butter because that is what I had, salted or unsalted butter would work in this recipe.



Travis Wade Mathis

Sheriff's Office Notification of Sexual Predator

The Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office is making public notification under state law 775.21(7) that a Sexual Predator is residing in Gilchrist County.

Travis Wade Mathis, date of birth,

June 4, 1989, a white male, who is 5'10" tall, weighing 150 pounds with brown hair and brown eyes is residing at 3629 SW CR 341, Bell, Florida 32693 in Gilchrist County.

Travis Wade Mathis was convicted of attempted sexual battery on a child under the age of 12 by a person 18 or older.

Florida law, Sexual Predator/Offender Registration and Notification came into effect October 1, 1997 and allows this information to be publicized to notify the public that these offenders have been released back into society.

Internet access to get information on the offenders is through the website at WWW.FDLE.STATE.FL.US or by calling 1-888-357-7332. Sheriff Robert D. Schultz, III

Local News Wanted at the Journal

If you have Church News, Reunion News or local event news please email it to the Gilchrist County Journal at gcjreport@bellsouth.net or call 463-7135 for more information.

Trenton FFA Alumni Cake Auction Friday night

The third annual FFA Alumni cake auction will be on Friday, February 23, at 6:30 in the Trenton High School Auditorium.

This year's theme is Florida Fresh Agriculture and prizes will be given for the best decorated cakes.

If you would like to help out the FFA Alumni with this fundraiser they are accepting homemade cakes. Please bring them in by 6 p.m.

The Alumni would like to invite the public out to buy a cake and support the FFA.

Please contact Karen Jones with any questions 493-3200.

Announcing Gilchrist County's Toxic Round-Up

Submitted

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Gilchrist County Commission are sponsoring a convenient, environmentally-friendly, free of charge collection, treatment, recycling and proper disposal of hazardous waste.

The collection will take place at two locations on Saturday, March 10, 2018; the Solid Waste Transfer and Recycling Center in Bell from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the City Park Picnic Shelter in Trenton from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All Gilchrist County residents and small businesses are welcome. This is a fee-based program for small businesses; please contact 352-334-0440 for fees and program availability.

Unwanted household chemicals, automotive fluid and various hazardous chemicals, materials, substances or products that are generated or discarded by households can be toxic to the public and pose a threat to the environment if improperly discarded. These materials can be dangerous and should be properly stored and managed.

Items that will be accepted include, but are not limited to aerosol cans, batteries, computers, TVs and household electronics, fluorescent lamps, household cleaners, insecticides, paint and paint products, prescriptions and over the counter medications, used oils, lubricants and filters.

All containers must be labeled. Explosives, reactives and radioactive or infectious wastes will not be accepted.

For more information and a complete list of accepted items, call Jennifer Joyner at 352-463-3185 or visit www.alachucountyhazwaste.us.



The 2017 Trenton's Suwannee Valley Quilt Festival was a fun event for local festival goers.

Trenton's Suwannee Valley Quilt Festival to be held March 17

This year's Quilt Festival will begin at 9:00 a.m. and last until 4:00 p.m. The festival takes place on Main Street in Downtown Trenton

Trenton's Suwannee Valley Quilt Festival is an annual event, held every 3rd Saturday in March, which happens to be National Quilt Day.

The 2018 Festival will again feature many familiar Craft and Antique Vendors as well as numerous area quilting groups. Vendors will line Main Street and quilters will fill the historic Old Railroad Depot. More than 400 quilts, contributed by individuals and groups, will be displayed throughout downtown. Skilled quilters, crafters, and needle-workers will do demonstrations.

New exhibits will be showing at The Florida Quilt Museum and the Suwannee Valley Quilt Shoppe. The Car and Tractor Shows, and musicians and dancers will entertain visitors. Food vendors will serve festival goers.

Paid parking will be available at the Trenton United Methodist Church on NE 1st Ave.

Garden Club of the Tri-Counties to meet Feb. 27

The Garden Club of the Tri-Counties will meet Tuesday, February 27, at 7:00 PM at the Fanning Springs Community Church, Fanning Springs. The program will be presented by Dennis O'Toole. All guests and members are invited to attend. The membership is \$10 annually. The club's mission is to gain insight and knowledge on plants and our environment along with enjoying social relationships.

Arbor Day in Gilchrist County



Trenton Elementary students Marley, Serenity, Hannah, Amelia, Helson, and Brian are shown planting one of their oak trees.

By Joe MacKenzie, County Forester

Unlike most holidays that commemorate an event that has already happened, Arbor Day reflects a hope for the future by virtue of planting a small tree that will continue to grow and bring benefits for generations to come. On February 14, all six of the third grade classes, Mrs. Davis, Ms. Horsley, Mrs. Kueker, Mrs. Blumenberg, Mrs. Becker and Mrs. Langford at Trenton Elementary received an Arbor Day presentation on the importance of trees. We discussed how trees work and the specific roles of stems,

leaves, roots, and flowers. This was followed-up with a Florida Project Learning Tree activity called "Tree Factory" where the students acted out the parts of a tree.

Each class then planted a "class tree" on campus. Those included post oaks, southern red oaks, and a live oak. Trees were provided by the Florida Forest Service. On February 15th, 4-H Youth Development Extension Agent Jessica Cooper gathered up some local volunteers to help plant a swamp chestnut oak and a swamp white oak near the county offices in downtown Trenton.



4-H Agent Jessica Cooper, Emily Pedersen, Linden Teague, Adli Elliott, and Forester Joe MacKenzie are pictured with their freshly-planted oak tree near the Memorial Park in Trenton.

GILCHRIST COUNTY FAIR BOOSTERS

Dear Gilchrist County Fair Exhibitor & Parents:

In the past, Gilchrist County Fair Boosters have tried extremely hard to cover each and every child down at the Suwannee River Fair on the day of the sale. Due to the current economic conditions, we are asking for your help and support to ensure no child is left standing in the sale ring hearing RESALE. We are diligently soliciting any and all funds available through our local businesses and generous residents of Gilchrist County.

Please see the following breakdown for this year's show:

Gilchrist Exhibitors	
Feeders:	18
Fat Steers:	12
Swine:	74
Wethers:	7

As you can see, there is a major obligation to Gilchrist County to provide Buyers on behalf of our children. Over the past several years, two or three individuals have gone around door to door, doing mail-outs and making phone calls on behalf of our children. Their dedication to this community and our children is much appreciated. It has always been the philosophy of the Boosters to try to support ANY and ALL children in need from Gilchrist County.

This year, in order to ensure the success of the fair boosters, we need your help. We are currently out raising money and the fair is quickly approaching. For Gilchrist County Fair Boosters to be able to move forward and continue to aid each child in need, we feel the need to employ your help.

This year, again, due to the current state of the economy, we are requiring exhibitors and/or family members to assist the Booster Club in raising money. For you (or your child) to have the Booster Club consider bidding on your animal, you must raise at least the minimum amount as follows:

Fat Steer:	\$	100.00
Feeder Steer:	\$	75.00
Swine:	\$	50.00
Wethers:	\$	50.00

Please understand the Booster Club is in no way trying to exclude anyone from receiving assistance, but your help is needed to enable us to continue to purchase animals for Gilchrist County exhibitors. If you already have buyers lined up for your animal, you do not have to participate in the fund-raising efforts. Finding your own Buyers is highly encouraged as the Booster Club is not able to purchase everyone's animal.

Please contact one of the boosters below with questions, comments or to turn in your collection. Thank you for your time and attention. We look forward to hearing from you.

Most sincerely,

Make checks payable to: Fair Boosters, mail to P O Box 82, Trenton, FL 32693

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3rd Trenton FFA Alumni Annual Cake Auction

benefitting the Trenton FFA Alumni

Will be held on February 23, 2018 at 6:30 in Trenton High Auditorium
This will be in conjunction with the FFA week at the school.

How can you participate;

- If you want your cake to be judged by the students, have it there by 7:30am. (ag shop)
- If you just want to help raise money for the chapter, have it there by 6:00.
- Please come and buy cakes.

The student chapter members also make cakes and the winners will be auctioned off at this time also.

Here's how you can have some FUN:

- Challenge a previous FFA officer from your year in High School.

This year's theme is: "Florida Fresh Agriculture"

Cakes

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Heart Matters

By Angie Land

I had the best time last week, paying attention to how folks were preparing for Valentine's Day: I watched flowers being delivered, men struggling to find just the right card, and sweethearts enjoying dinner out. Like I said a few weeks ago, I



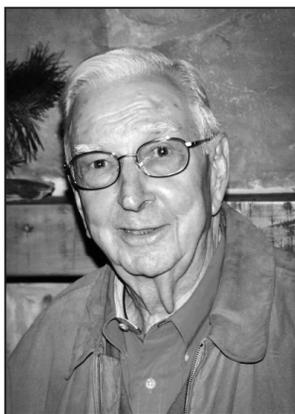
anything. Can't you just hear Adam: "Eve, have you seen my fig leaf?" A funny thought, but I think we miss God's intention if we read into this verse the idea that a helper is someone of inferior status or skill just helping out or being an assistant.

Over the years, Alton and I have enjoyed lots of Valentine's dates: dinners out, trips and sweet gifts. For the past several years, we have attended a marriage conference so that we could intentionally work on our relationship. Couples sometimes shy away from this kind of thing but one thing that we have learned during our years of marriage is that we still have a lot to learn! It seems about the time we think we have some things figured out, life throws a curve and the season of life we are in changes. We then find ourselves asking, "What do we do about this?"

It is a mystery to me why our first reaction to the curves of life is often to push each other away, when what we need most is to come together. In Genesis 2:18, "The Lord God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.'" I can't help but think if God had left man alone, he would never have found

anything. Can't you just hear Adam: "Eve, have you seen my fig leaf?" A funny thought, but I think we miss God's intention if we read into this verse the idea that a helper is someone of inferior status or skill just helping out or being an assistant. According to Bible scholar Joseph Coleson, in our English language a helper refers to someone who assists the master tradesman, such as a "mason's helper or a carpenter's helper." However, in the Hebrew Scriptures, it means just the opposite. The Hebrew word "ezer" translates as helper and it usually refers to God the Helper and Rescuer of those who cannot help themselves. In the context of this verse, helper means that God intended to make someone who would rescue Adam from solitude. It was not good for Adam to be alone, but that was not a problem he could fix on his own. He needed a rescuer, so God designed one in His image. Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible supports this interpretation.

So here we are learning something new! Your wife is much more than just your helper; she is the one who rescued you from solitude. Honor and cherish her as your life long partner and watch God bless your marriage! Because Every Heart Matters!



Harold Mikell

Harold Mikell inducted into Florida Ag Hall of Fame

Submitted by UF/IFAS

Harold Mikell, a native of Trenton, was inducted into the Florida Agricultural Hall of Fame on Feb. 13, at the Florida State Fairgrounds in Tampa, Florida.

When Harold Mikell was a student at Trenton High School in the 1940s, he planted trees on the edge of town for a vocational agriculture class. That activity sparked a lifelong interest in trees and forests.

After high school graduation, Mikell, 91, went into the U.S. Navy Air Corps in the Pacific Theater on a patrol bomber during World War II. When he returned, he went to the University of Florida's School of Forestry.

Mikell vividly remembers a few things about his days at UF. For one thing, most of his classmates were also war veterans, and they got plenty of exercise.

"We were on the fourth floor of Rolfs Hall," Mikell said from his home in Tallahassee. "We had to walk up the floors. They wouldn't let students use the elevator. We developed our leg muscles and our brains at the same time."

When he graduated from UF in 1950, Mikell worked for 41 years at the Florida Forest Service, working his way up from apprentice to director.

During his time with the forest service, Mikell and his colleagues concentrated primarily on replanting forests in the wake of commercial and residential development.

After retiring from the Florida Forest Service, Mikell became a congressional liaison for the agriculture industry under Congressman Pete Peterson, a position he continued under U.S. Rep. Allen Boyd, according to the Florida Agricultural Hall of Fame website. He worked with all sectors of agriculture on a wide variety of issues: citrus canker, dairy waste disposal, sugar cane research and more. For almost two decades, he advised a multitude of agricultural associations on congressional issues,

Mt. Nebo Baptist celebrates Children's Missionary Day with visit to Ayers

In celebration of Children's Missionary Day, Saturday, February 17, the children from Mt. Nebo Baptist Church of Bell visited Ayers Health and Rehabilitation Center.

The Girls in Action and the Royal Ambassadors groups along with their leaders visited with the residents at Ayers in celebration of Children's Missionary Day. The children read scripture and handed out book markers to the residents. The book marks featured Matthew Chapter 5.

This has become an annual event for the children's groups of Mt. Nebo Baptist Church.



Shown in front of Ayers Health & Rehabilitation Center are the Mt. Nebo Baptist Girls in Action and Royal Ambassadors groups. Shown on the front row, from left to right are Jonathan Fussell, Samuel Thomas, Andy Bonilla, Jayce Mease, Hailee Akins and Brylee Akins. On the back row are the leaders, from left to right, Clinton Rogers, Brandon Thomas, Frank Padilla, Margaret Sprague, and Susan Hutto.

Akins and Love arrested in Dixie County

On the afternoon of February 8th, a deputy attempted a traffic stop on a car in the Old Town area when the driver fled driving a white Ford Mustang.

The driver fled at high speeds and traveled north on NE 592nd Street and through residential areas before traveling back to S.R. 349 North where he continued to flee northbound. During the pursuit the driver of the Ford drove in both the north and south bound lanes blocking deputies from getting in front of him. The driver on at least one occasion passed a northbound vehicle on the right grassy shoulder before reentering the roadway and continuing to flee at speeds that surpassed 100 miles per hour on multiple occasions. As the driver attempted to turn westward onto C.R. 353 off of S.R. 349, he was unable to navigate the turn and slid off of the roadway and into a fence. As he was attempting to free his vehicle from the road ditch, deputies blocked his vehicle and removed the driver, Christopher Akins, 25 of Old Town and Lorna Love, 28

of Trenton, from the vehicle. Akins was arrested and charged with Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding, Reckless Driving, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Prescription Medication without a Prescription, Possession of Less than 20 grams of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Equipment.

Love was arrested and charged with two counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance. Akins and Love were ordered held on No Bond.

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--Bernard Williams

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LOG CABIN QUILTERS

The Log Cabin Quilters met Thursday, February 15th at the Levy County Quilt Museum. Jannie and Marie did get to work on the quilt in the frame in spite of all the conversations going on. With all the happy chatter, it's hard to get a lot done.

This week, Fran, Mary Ann, Jean, Darlene and Mary all brought in donations of old quilts and tops, fabric and notions. The old quilt top and quilts were donated by family members that needed to know the quilts would have a place that would enjoy them. We are honored to have the quilts. The quilts and the top show signs of wear (love). When these quilts were made, they were made to be used.

To get caught up with the measuring, Ailien, Sheri, Debra, Cleo, Ann, Phyllis and Marilyn were in Saturday and got almost everything measured. Thanks everyone for pitching in and

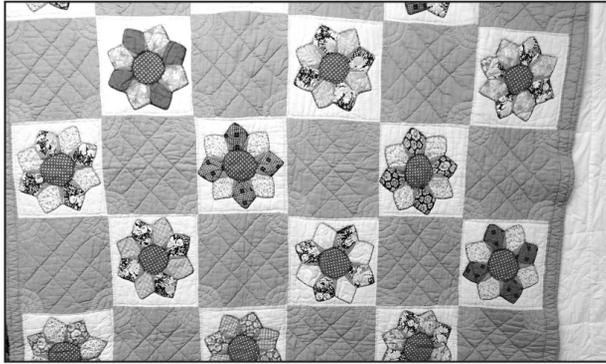
helping the Museum. Donations are very important to us.

Derek and the guys from Lancaster were out. They were even busy helping us with fabric. Keeping the Museum looking clean and tidy would not be possible without their help. Thanks so much guys.

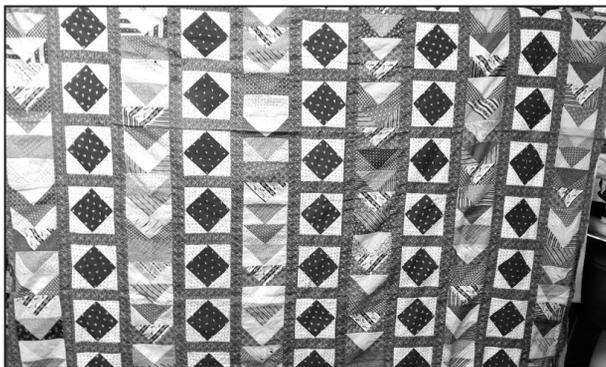
The Backyard Pickers will be out Saturday, March 3rd. Unfortunately some of the members of the group as well as some of our visitors, will be returning home in March and April. We do enjoy their company.

Wednesday, March 7th, we'll have a class on the nine patch with pizzazz and The Old Sewing Machine Man will be out. Hope to see you. Call (352) 493-2801 for more information.

Thursday, March 22nd, we'll have a farewell Snowbird pot luck lunch. They'll be heading home later in the month of March and April. We wish them a safe journey home.



I'm not sure of the name of this quilt top. It came in with the Campbell quilts.



Mary Louise Chamberlin (Mrs Stephen Oakerson) of Trenton, New Jersey (1877-1935) made this top. Can someone tell me the name?

Obituaries



Mr. Robert "Bob" Joseph Simpson

Robert "Bob" Joseph Simpson, 72, passed away, surrounded by friends and family, on February 16, after a long battle with heart disease.

Bob was born in Massena, New York, on February 7, 1946 to Floyd James and The'lma (Hutt) Simpson. He graduated from Massena Central High School in 1964. He was manager at the Triple A Lumber store in Potsdam, NY, before moving his family to Cedar Key in 1981. Bob's first job in Cedar Key was remodeling the Heron Restaurant building, presently Tony's Seafood. He also built and renovated homes in Cedar Key. He served as the first Cedar Key Building and Zoning Administrator for several years. He also worked for the US Postal Service before becoming an employee of E-One in Ocala. He enjoyed this job immensely, delivering fire trucks all over the United States and Canada and making several new friends along the way.

Bob enjoyed helping people and volunteered with the Cedar Key Fire Department, briefly serving as chief. Bob trained as an EMT and was a member of the Cedar Key Lions Club serving as President for a term. Bob has recently served as Commander of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary of Cross City and has made several great friends. He will be remembered for his leadership capabilities, his kindness to others and his generosity.

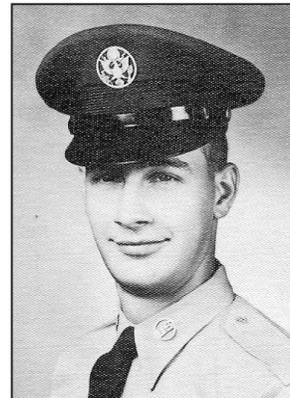
Bob greatly enjoyed traveling and traveled annually to the Southern Tier in New York to hunt with friends and family. He frequently traveled to his hometown of Massena, New York spending the summer with family.

Bob is survived by his wife of 50 years, Marlene (Griswold), his daughter Bobbi Jo (Lawton) Reynolds of Newberry, and Joseph (Heidi) Simpson of Cedar Key, his six grandchildren, Hannah Reynolds of Alachua, Jacob Reynolds of Newberry, Haley Simpson, Taylor

Simpson, Haiden Simpson, and Joseph Simpson of Cedar Key. He is also survived by his two sisters Lee Hart of Massena, New York, and Linda (Dale) Francis of Chiefland and several loving nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and his brother-in-law, Keith Hart.

Services were at noon on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, at Cedar Key Cemetery with a brief viewing before the services at 11 a.m. at the Cedar Key Cemetery. A gathering to celebrate Bob's life followed at Robinson's Seafood. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the DAVA at 125 NE 165th Avenue, Cross City, FL. 32628

Arrangements were placed under the care of Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chiefland and Cross City. Please sign our online guest book at rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com,



Mr. Harvey Joe Slayton, Sr.

Harvey Joe Slayton, Sr. of Trenton, passed away on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at home surrounded by his family. He was 82 years old. He was born in Orlando to Polk and Mary Slayton on February 7, 1936 and had been a resident of Trenton since moving from Seminole County in 2004. Mr. Slayton was of the Methodist faith and had retired from agricultural sales. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. He was a member of Joppa Masonic Lodge Number 4, Valley of Orlando Scottish Rite, Order of Eastern Star Branford Chapter 112 and Sons of the Confederacy. He was formerly a member of the Morocco Temple of Jacksonville and the Suwannee River Shrine Club. He was also a past president of the Seminole County Cattleman's Association.

Mr. Slayton is preceded in death

by his parents and by his sister, Mary Ann Slayton Jenkins. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Shirley Partin Slayton; his daughter, Glenda Slayton Joyce and his son, Harvey Joe Slayton, Jr., all of Trenton. His is also survived by his sister, Susan Jeanette Irelan of Interlachen, his five grandchildren, Summer, Amber, Harvey III, Mary Kathryn and Jessica and his nine great-grandchildren.

A memorial service for Mr. Slayton is to be held by his family on Friday, February 23, 2018 at 2:00 PM at First United Methodist Church in Old Town with Reverend Carl Rainer Officiating. Mr. Slayton's family is requesting donations be made in his memory in lieu of flowers to Shiners Children's Hospital, 12502 USF Pine Drive, Tampa, FL 33612-9411.

For on-line condolences, please visit www.watsonfhtrenton.com Arrangements under the care of Watson Funeral Home.



Mrs. Mardrit Hazel (Polk) Thomas

Mardrit Hazel (Polk) Thomas passed away in Trenton on February 17, 2018 at the age of 98. She was a member of Bethel Baptist Church. Hazel was the oldest daughter of John Aaron and Alice Alda Polk. Her family owned a farm between Cherry Sink and Lottieville communities. When Hazel began school, she walked several miles from her home to the one room school house at Cherry Sink. She later transferred to Trenton high school and graduated in 1937.

Hazel met Horace Thomas, who was a star basketball player from Bell and they were married December 23, 1937. They lived in Bell for a few years on his family farm and later moved to Trenton where they purchased a farm, raised four children and Horace served for 32 years as Gilchrist County Clerk. Hazel was a homemaker, was always available to her children and supported all of their academic and sports activities. When she was not busy caring for her family, Hazel loved planting and growing flowers, reading, traveling, and spending time at their second home in Suwannee.

Hazel is survived by her four children, Doyle (Lorene) Thomas, Sue (Joe) Lander, Don (Brenda) Thomas and Alda Griffin. She also leaves behind 10 grandchildren; Mike Thomas, Kyle Thomas, John Thomas, Andrew Thomas, Joey Lander, Lindsey Lander, Kevin Thomas, Jarrett Thomas, Allison Cooper, Amber Rollison and 30 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Elizabeth Douglas.

Hazel was preceded in death by her husband of 78 years, Horace Thomas, her son-in-law Tom Griffin, Grandson, Mark Griffin, and her brother Hilbert Lord.

Funeral services were held at Bethel Baptist Church in Trenton on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 3:30 PM. The family had a viewing and received visitors one hour prior to the service. Burial followed at the church cemetery.

To leave online condolences or to sign her guestbook, please visit Mrs. Thomas' guest page at: www.watsonfhtrenton.com

Arrangements under the care of Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Charles Norton Tompkins

Charles Norton Tompkins, 72, of Jasper passed away February 14, 2018.

Mr. Tompkins was born March 7, 1945 to the late Oscar and Rachel Tompkins in Salem. He worked for 44 years with Occidental which became PCS Phosphate in Jasper. Mr. Tompkins will always be remembered as a man who enjoyed his job, spending time with his family, and in his spare time he enjoyed working on cars and reading. He was of the Baptist faith.

Mr. Tompkins is survived by his wife of 54 years Annie Tompkins; a daughter Shelley Tompkins (Mike) Bearden of Mayo; his sister Georgia Lee Steinbraker of Chiefland and Lucille McCall of Steinhatchee; his grandchildren Danielle Murray, Kimberly Bearden, Brianna Bearden, Sid Bearden, Delayna Bearden, and Tori Bearden, and other extended family members. He was preceded in death by his sisters Mary Magdalene Wisbaker and Ada Marie Bachle and his brother Oscar Martin Tompkins.

Graveside services for Mr. Tompkins were held 11:00 AM Monday, February 19, 2018 at the Fayetteville/Moriarty Cemetery in Old Town with Reverend Milton Sellars officiating.

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Legal Notices

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

4.12, 5.04, 6.24
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 1001.41, 1001.42(17), F.S. 1001.11, 1001.43, 1008.22, 1008.34, 1008.385, 1010.01, 1010.04, 1011.01-1011.18 24, 1013.61, F.S. 6A-1.002, 6A-1.004, 6A-1.006, 6A-1.007, 6A-1.0071..

A public hearing will be held on the proposed adopted new rules and revised and/or amended existing rules at 4:15 P.M. on February 27, 2018 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
Publish Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15 & 22, 2018b

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No. 21-2018-DR-17
Division: DR

Kent Everritt Heaton, Jr. and Belinda Sue Heaton, Petitioner,
and
Heather Renee' Solis-Herrera and Hermelindo Solis-Herrera, Respondent,
NOTICE OF ACTION FOR
Petition For Temporary Custody By Extended Family
TO: Hermelindo Solis-Herrera, 25011

Wrights Dairy Road, Callahan, FL 32011
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for petition for temporary Custody by Extended Family has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Kent E. Heaton, Jr. and Belinda Heaton whose address is 3529 SW 47th Court, Bell, FL 32619 on or before March 1, 2018 and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 112 South Main Street, Trenton, FL 32693 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. **If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.**

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.
Dated: January 29th, 2018
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT (CLERK SEAL)

By: /s/ Kendra Cathey
Deputy Clerk
Publish 2-1, 2-8, 2-15 and 2-22, 2018b

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Bell Mini Storage, pursuant to the provisions of the Florida "Self-Storage Facility Act" (Fla. Stat. 83.801-83.809) hereby gives Notice of Sale under said Act, to wit: On Thursday, March 1, 2018 at Bell Mini Storage, U.S. Highway 129, Bell, Florida, at 9:30 a.m., Scott Akins, owner, will conduct a Sale by Auction to the highest bidder over which is owed on the contents of the space rented by: Carrie Parker Ramona Davis David White Daniel Freeman William Mitchell Evelyn Jordan Michael English Tammy Giddens Robley Johnson Tammi Coleman Joyce Triplett consisting of personal and household items.
This sale is being made to satisfy a statutory lien.
Publish February 22, 2018b.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County, Florida, serving as the Planning Commission, that it will consider at public hearing the below described Application for Special Use Permit in the Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners

Meeting Facility located at 210 South Main Street, Trenton, Florida on March 5, 2018 at 4:15 P.M. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, the following:
SUP 2018-01- (Application Number 1801 0046)

A request by Thomas Paul Lucas and Lisa Moore, owners, for a Special Use Permit for a home occupation for raising exotic birds for commercial sale in an Agriculture-2 (A-2) land use category located on approximately 10.010 acres at 11301 NE 2nd Way, Branford, Florida. Tax Parcel No. 03-07-15-0338-0000-0020. (Lot 2, of Amanda Plantation subdivision).

A copy of the application is on file in the Office of the County Clerk, Gilchrist County Courthouse, located at 112 South Main Street, Trenton, Florida and may be inspected during regular business hours. On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the petition.

The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published.

"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".
All persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decisions made at the public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
Publish February 22, 2018b

CITY OF FANNING SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

The City Council will have the Second Reading for Ordinance No. 2018-001 and Ordinance No. 2018-002 at their March 6, 2018, City Council Meeting, @ 5:00 pm at the Fanning Springs City Hall, 17651 NW 90th Ct. Fanning Springs, FL.

ORDINANCE NO: 2018-001

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FANNING SPRINGS, FLORIDA AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-002 DECLARING ZONING IN PROGRESS AND IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON ESTABLISHMENT AND CENTERS AND DISPENSING FACILITIES FOR AND ADDITIONAL 365 DAYS PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING A RETROACTIVE EFFECTIVE DATE.
ORDINANCE NO: 2018-002 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FANNING SPRINGS, FLORIDA, IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM FOR 365 DAYS ON THE ISSUANCE OF ANY BUSINESS TAX LICENSE, PERMIT, CONDITIONAL USE APPROVAL, SITE PLAN APPROVAL AND ANY OTHER OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE CITY OF FANNING SPRINGS, HAVING THE EFFECT OF OPERATION OF ANY INTERNET GAMING/ GAMBLING BUSINESS WITHIN THE CITY, PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
Pursuant to Florida Statutes 286.0105

that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at such meeting he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made. Which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
DATED this 14th day of Feb., 2018
By Sheila Watson, City Clerk,
City of Fanning Springs, Florida.
Publish February 22, 2018b

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF TRENTON COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

The City of Trenton Community Redevelopment Agency will meet **Monday, February 26, 2018**, at 5:30 pm, in the Trenton Community Center located at 214 SE 3rd Avenue, Trenton, Florida. Items included on the agenda are as follows:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Adoption of Agenda
- C. Unscheduled Guests
- D. Consent Items
 - 1. Minutes – February 12, 2018, CRA Meeting
- E. Discussion Items
 - 1. Community Center Upgrade
 - 2. SE Park Upgrade
 - 3. NW 1st Street and 2nd Avenue
 - 4. NE 3rd Street
 - 5. DOWNTOWN FACADE GRANTS
- F. Public Comments
- G. Adjourn

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Lyle Wilkerson
City Manager
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PUBLIC AUCTION

The following vehicle, VIN# 1D4HB48N35F551308, 2005 Dodge Durango, will be sold at Public Auction on March 10, 2018, at 8:00 a.m. to satisfy a lien, Florida Statute 713.78. The auction will be held at 16720 NW Hwy. 19, Fanning Springs, FL 32693 by Fanning Springs Auto, (352) 463-0710.
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PUBLIC MEETING TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

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All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Please be advised, that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at such hearing, that person will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
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APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application for permit was received on January 23, 2018:
William Thomas, 6871 SW 2nd Lane, Bell, FL 32619-2575 has submitted an expired renewal of the Water Use Permit number 2-041-220972-3, authorizing a maximum average daily use of 0.0639 million gallons of groundwater for agricultural use in 1-in-10 year drought conditions. This project is located in Township 9S, Range 14E, Section 04 in Gilchrist County.

Interested persons may comment upon the application or submit a written request for a staff report containing proposed agency action regarding the application by writing to the Suwannee River Water Management District, Attn: Resource Management, 9225 C.R. 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060. Such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 PM within 14 days from the date of publication.

No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing, pursuant to Title 28, Florida Administrative Code, regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report.
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LIVESTOCK REPORT

Clyde Mizell sold the top slaughter bull this week at \$81.00 bought by FPL Foods. Charles Lagrange sold the top slaughter cow this week at \$64.00 bought by FPL Foods. Register Farms sold the highest price replacement cow at \$114.00 bought by Bellamy Cattle. Blake Hand sold the top replacement bull at \$110.00 bought by Charles Lagrange. Blake Hand sold the highest priced pair at \$1,250.00 bought by Frank Smith. The high price yearling went to Cracker Cattle at \$222.50 sold by Trina Spencer.
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150-199, 145.00, 150.00, (147.50)
200-249, 222.00, 222.50, (222.10)

250-299,	142.00,	170.00,	(153.00)
300-349,	175.00,	195.00,	(180.60)
350-399,	166.00,	200.00,	(178.71)
400-449,	154.00,	174.00,	(161.71)
450-499,	164.00,	173.00,	(167.20)
500-549,	160.00,	168.00,	(162.25)
550-599,	154.00,	159.00,	(156.50)
600-649,	85.00,	138.00,	(111.50)

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150-199, 115.00, 145.00, (128.33)
200-249, 130.00, 222.00, (193.94)
250-299, 130.00, 142.00, (136.30)
300-349, 140.00, 172.00, (158.80)
350-399, 140.00, 166.00, (155.79)
400-449, 148.00, 154.00, (141.17)
450-499, 134.00, 164.00, (152.10)
500-549, 72.00, 160.00, (131.00)
550-599, 59.00, 154.00, (104.50)
600-649, 50.00, 85.00, (70.00)

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HEIFERS: LOW: HIGH: AVG:
150-199, 180.00, 200.00, (190.00)
200-249, 180.00, 188.00, (182.50)
250-299, 167.50, 190.00, (177.10)
300-349, 166.00, 176.00, (169.20)
350-399, 148.00, 162.00, (152.67)
400-449, 149.00, 155.00, (150.80)
450-499, 144.00, 148.00, (146.17)
500-549, 129.00, 139.00, (132.33)
550-599, 119.00, 138.00, (128.50)
600-649, 131.00, 131.00, (131.00)

#1 1/2 - #2
HEIFERS: LOW: HIGH: AVG:
150-199, 160.00, 180.00, (172.40)
200-249, 155.00, 180.00, (168.63)
250-299, 130.00, 167.50, (149.81)
300-349, 140.00, 166.00, (154.10)
350-399, 132.00, 148.00, (140.82)
400-449, 130.00, 149.00, (142.60)
450-499, 134.00, 144.00, (141.08)
500-549, 104.00, 129.00, (114.60)
550-599, 60.00, 119.00, (90.33)
600-649, 85.00, 131.00, (108.00)

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600-800, 52.00, 110.00, (71.79)
800-1000, 47.00, 90.00, (60.27)
1000-1200, 47.00, 70.00, (54.00)
1200-1400, 50.00, 56.00, (52.45)
1400-UP, 50.00, 57.00, (52.60)

BULLS: LOW: HIGH: AVG:
1000-1200, 0.00, 0.00, (0.00)
1200-1400, 110.00, 110.00, (110.00)
1400-1600, 66.00, 80.00, (75.00)
1600-1800, 75.00, 77.00, (76.00)
1800-2000, 75.00, 77.00, (75.67)

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2tb, 2-22-3-1

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<p>\$500 WIDOW'S / WIDOWER'S EXEMPTION Any widow/widower who is a permanent Florida resident may claim this exemption. If the widow/widower remarries, she/he is no longer eligible and if the husband and wife were divorced before his/her death, the woman is not considered a widow, nor the man a widower. If filing for the first time, please present a Death Certificate or other proof of your widow/widower status.</p>	<p>DISABLED VETERAN'S EXEMPTION Any ex-service member who is a permanent resident of Florida and is disabled at least 10% in war or by service-connected misfortune is entitled to a \$5,000 exemption. If filing for the first time, please present a certificate from the United States Government. Under certain circumstances the benefit of this exemption can carry over to the veteran's spouse in the event of the veteran's death. Consult your appraiser for details.</p>	<p>PROPERTY TAX DISCOUNT FOR VETERANS AGE 65 AND OLDER WITH COMBAT RELATED DISABILITY Each veteran who is age 65 or older who is partially or totally permanently disabled shall receive a discount from the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property the veteran owns and resides in if the disability was combat related, and the veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service. The discount shall be in a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for the discount granted by this subsection, an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser, by March 1, an official letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability and such evidence that reasonably identifies the disability as combat related, and a copy of the veteran's honorable discharge.</p>
<p>NON-VETERAN DISABILITY EXEMPTION (\$500.00) Every Florida resident who is totally and permanently disabled qualifies for the \$500 exemption. If filing for the first time, present at least one of the following as proof of your disability: A certificate from a licensed Florida physician or a certificate from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, or documentation from the Social Security Administration. Quadriplegics should contact the Appraiser's Office for special benefit information. If blind or confined to a wheelchair, there is an income limitation per year, including Social Security, contact the Appraiser's Office for determination of other special benefits. Disability forms are available at the Appraiser's Office.</p>	<p>TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY Tangible Personal Property returns must be filed no later than April 1st. Failure to file a return will result in a penalty and an assessment will be made as provided by Florida Law. Tangible Personal Property includes property such as business furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment, household goods, and personal effects. Florida residents are exempt from the tax on household goods and personal effects in their homestead. The deadline for charitable and qualified non-profit organizations eligible as such exemption is March 1st. All others must file by April 1st.</p>	<p>AGRICULTURAL (GREENBELT) FILINGS All owners or lessees of agricultural lands who desire agricultural classifications for tax purposes on their property must file an agricultural application with the Appraiser between January 1 and March 1. Agricultural classifications are automatically renewed.</p>

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Bulldogs get redemption, defeat Dixie County in district final

Bulldogs will play Frostproof in regional semifinal Thursday at 7 p.m.

By Matthew Harrell

After last year's heartbreak in the district final, this year's district tournament was a Dixieland Delight for the Bulldogs.

Bell avenged its district-final loss to Dixie County, which came on its home floor last year, by returning the favor and beating the Bears in their gym for the school's second district championship in three years.

The Bulldogs reached the district final by keelhauling Chiefland on Friday.

The Bulldogs jumped out to a 9-0 lead before a Chiefland basket made it 9-2. Bell answered with a 7-0 run and took a 16-2 lead.

Bell led 20-8 at the end of the first quarter.

Bell added on to its lead in the second quarter, taking a 45-16 lead into the half.

The Bulldogs got the lead up to 64-25 at the end of the third and played the entire fourth quarter with the JV players in on the way to a 64-35 win.

Dixie County used a second-half surge to defeat Trenton in the other semifinal, setting up the third-straight district-final meeting between Bell and Dixie County.

Both teams struggled to score in the first quarter and Bell led 12-10 at the end of the first quarter.

The Bulldogs started to break the game loose early in the second quarter, going on a 12-0 run to start the period. But Dixie County answered with a 6-0 run of its own to cut the lead to 24-16.

Both teams added four more points before the end of the half, giving Bell a 28-20 halftime lead.

Both teams came out cold in the third quarter, struggling to score again, but Bell started to pull away as the third quarter went and took a 42-28 lead into the final period.

The Bulldogs got a jolt early in the fourth quarter.

After a missed shot, Bell's Terek Liles pulled down an offensive rebound and scored. Then, Ian Townsend stole

the Bears' inbound pass and immediately passed the ball to Tyler Trantham.

Trantham made a layup and was fouled on the way up, then made the free throw, giving Bell five points in 15 seconds.

After that, the Bulldogs pulled away and took home a 61-39 win and the district title.

Bell now advances to regionals for the fourth-consecutive year and will host a regional semifinal for the second time in three years.

The Bulldogs will face Frostproof on Thursday at 7 p.m.

Frostproof is the runner-up of District 8-1A, losing to Wildwood 78-36 in the district final.

The Frostproof Bulldogs will enter the game with a record of 6-15, the Bell Bulldogs will enter with a record of 22-5.

If Bell wins, it will host the winner of the Dixie County-Wildwood game on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Trenton defeats Frostproof, hosts Wildwood in Regional final Tuesday



Standrea McHenry tips in a field goal to increase the Lady Tigers first-half lead.

The Trenton Lady Tigers defeated Frostproof 64-29 in the Regional semi-final basketball game Friday night. Trenton will host Wildwood Tuesday night for an opportunity to compete in the 1A FHSAA Final Four Girls Basketball Tournament in Lakeland. The Lady Tigers improved their regular season record to 25-2.

Trenton's Taniah Bowers was selected the Lady Tigers' Player of the Game. The junior point guard shot 12 points, contributed 8 assists and hus-

ttled to make 8 steals in the semi-final victory. Trenton placed four starters in double figures. Zakyah Frazier shot 12 points, Standrea McHenry led the Tigers with 16 points and Thalia Jackson added 12 points for the Regional semi-final champs.

On Friday night the Lady Tigers got off to a slow start on offense but their defense held the Lady Bulldogs to just 4 points in the first period. Trenton took a 15-4 lead into the second period as they spotted 24 points

to take a 39-9 lead at intermission.

In the third period Frostproof made a run at tying the score as they posted 12 points to Trenton's 13 points to close the Tiger's lead to 52-21. By midway in the final period, Frostproof had several players in foul distress and a single starter was taken out of the game when she committed her fifth foul in the beginning of the fourth period. Trenton finished this game scoring 12 points while limiting the Bulldogs to just 8 points.



The Bulldogs celebrate while Ian Townsend lifts the championship trophy after Bell's district-championship win over Dixie County Saturday night. Photo by Matthew Harrell.

Trenton takes three wins in softball



Trenton's third baseman Jenny Lynn Johnson tags a Williston base runner before she reaches third base. The Red Devil's runner was trying to turn a double into a triple when the Tigers' defense shot her down. This was Williston's first out in the top of the third inning and the two following batters went down in order.

The THS Lady Tiger Softball team opened up their season at 5A Dannelon on Monday, February 12. Darian Ingram took the mound for the Tigers and went the distance throwing 7 complete innings giving up 2 runs on 13 strikeouts. Hallie Bryant was 2-3 for the night and the Tigers won 5-2.

On Friday, February 16, the Tigers went to Dixie for their first district game. The Tigers were led on the mound by senior Josie NesSmith. NesSmith threw the first three innings, striking out three. Darian Ingram pitched the fourth inning, striking

out two. NesSmith had two hits to help her cause and 8th grader Jenny Lynn Johnson added two hits. Freshman Adrian Ingram also had two hits including a double. The Tigers rolled to a 17-1 win.

On Monday, February 19, the Tigers welcomed the Williston Red Devils for their first home game. The Tigers came into the contest ranked #2 in the 1A preseason polls with Williston being ranked #8. Freshman Darian Ingram started on the mound for the Tigers and pitched all 7 innings, striking out 8 and giving

up two runs on 4 hits. Josie NesSmith led all hitters going 3 for 4 at the plate with 6 RBIs. Adrian Ingram was 2-4 and Hallie Bryant had one hit with 4 walks and scored 4 times. The Tigers beat the Red Devils 11-2 and improved to 3-0 on the year.

This week the Tigers travel to Mayo Thursday and are back in Trenton on Friday to play Suwannee County. Next week the Tigers are on the road in Bronson on Tuesday and in Keystone on Friday. Come out and support the Tigers.

School Board Hopeful for Special Facilities Funds

Soccer Added as School Sport for Grades 6-12

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(BHS), and Jennifer Terry (District Office). Teachers of the Year recognized were Tanya Rood (TES), Jennifer Wingate (THS), Rani Rhodes (BES), and Johnnie Cook (BHS). All of those recognized received plaques, and KayLee Beauchamp and Jennifer Wingate were recognized as the District winners. District winners received apple awards and were read letters written by students complimenting their dedication to their jobs.

Clay Lyons, CPA, delivered a report on the schools' internal accounts. Lyons stated our schools collected a total of \$806,547 which ran through the internal accounts of each school. According to David Dose, Director of Finance for GCSd, these dollars were collected through fundraisers and gate receipts at sports events. Lyons stated how amazing this amount is for Gilchrist Schools. This is a testimony of how the community supports the schools financially. The Board approved and accepted the audit report.

The Board was updated on the new app launched two weeks ago. The new app and the updated Gilchrist Schools website includes information from the district and all four schools. Communication Coordinators at each school are updating the sites with a live feed, news, and events. The public can download the app to their phones or visit the GCSd website to obtain the current information.

Instructional and non-instructional contracts were ratified with the in-

structional staff voting 98% for the contract and 2% against. Non-instructional staff approved the contract with 97% voting for and 3% voting against. Employees will receive step increases retroactive to July 1, 2017. Longevity steps, for employees at the top of the pay scale, were also approved.

The contract also included supplements for coaches for the newly formed girls' and boys' soccer teams. There will be one girls' team and one boys' team at each high school with students in grades 6-12 all playing on one team. All games will be played away this first year of implementation.

Dudley Farm Historic State Park to feature "Reconstruction Era"

Submitted Dudley Farm Historic State Park presents "The Reconstruction Era". Step back in time as living historians bring to life 1868, a difficult time in Florida following the Civil War.

The event will be held February 23rd and 24th at 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., \$5.00 per car with up to 8 occupants.

Dudley Farm is located at 18730 W. Newberry Road, Newberry.

Softball Field to be dedicated to Coach John Vickers Friday

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a softball program that would last for years.

In 1992 Coach Vickers took this young team to the state playoff and they returned to Trenton as State Champs. This young team began practicing in the student parking lot because there was no field just a few years before.

For 13 years John Vickers coached the Lady Tigers softball team. Even after he retired, he continued coaching as assistant coach for another five years.

It is said, "A coach's worth isn't found in their wins or losses, or on their resume, but in the impact made on the game and the lives of their players." This statement fits Coach Vickers because through the years he has touched the lives of the many young people as a coach and a teacher at Trenton High School.

The "John A. Vickers Field" will officially be dedicated on Friday evening. Trenton High School wishes to invite the public to this event honoring Coach Vickers.

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