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## Commandments Can Stay

By Roz Tartaglione  
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On Monday, August 15th, Dixie County Attorney Jennifer Ellison said the county and the civil liberties union that brought suit to remove the 10 Commandments monument from the Dixie County courthouse porch have come to an agreement to leave the monument in place for another 30 days to give the judge enough time to consider the county's motion for a stay.

U.S. District Judge Maurice Paul of the 11th Circuit Court ruled in favor of the national civil liberties union suit filed on behalf of a 'resident' of Dixie County on the constitutionality of the display. The union was not representing any individual in Dixie County, but had a presence in the county and was therefore allowed to present its case that the monument violated freedom of religion.

The judge's ruling found that the monument violated the Establishment Clause of the United States Constitution, that stipulates that 'Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom

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## Tri-County Hospital Will Bring Jobs, Provide Care Access by Next Summer



An artist's rendering of how the two-story hospital will appear on the site located directly behind the Wal-Mart Supercenter in Chiefland.

By Roz Tartaglione  
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Final Stage III engineering drawings for the new Tri-County Hospital in Chiefland are due to be presented to the Agency on Health Care Administration, signaling the countdown for seeing the first patient, currently slated for August 1, 2012.

The agency has 60 days to approve, comment or recommend changes on the engineering plan drawings. Bill Drummond, Chiefland's Building and Zoning / Code Enforcement official, will also receive a full set of drawings.

So, by the end of November, building contractor Brashfield and Gorrie will be set to begin hiring, Frank Schupp, Tri-County's CEO and President told the *Journal* Tuesday. Schupp said the contractor will start hiring subcontractors at that time. The company plans on hiring 85 percent of its workforce for construction from the tri-county area.

At the beginning of the project slated for later this year, if all goes well with the healthcare agency approvals, approximately 120 Dixie, Gilchrist and Levy county trades people will be needed. As the project progresses, Schupp said, as many as 240 people may be working on the construction site, which is located directly behind the Wal-Mart Supercenter in Chiefland. About 15 percent of those working on the site will be engineers. The remaining workforce will be skilled and unskilled labor from the area.

Originally slated for a Spring 2011 completion, the project was stalled due to the economy. Efforts are now in full swing, and the hospital hopes to take in its first patient August 1 of 2012, Schupp said.

When the hospital opens its doors, it will be staffed with 300 to 350 healthcare and administrative staff, with a projected payroll of 11.5 million dollars—a boon to tri-county economies and residents who will find jobs and easily accessible healthcare right here instead of having to make longer trips to Gainesville or Crystal River.

## Judge Says No to Yankeetown's Bid to Put Brakes on Tarmac Mine

By Kathy Hilliard  
Staff Writer

Yankeetown's effort to effect a writ of certiorari from 8th Circuit Court Judge Robert E. Rountree Jr. on the Levy County Commission's decision to approve Tarmac's King Mine project fell flat last week. According to Judge Rountree's decision, the request to review the previous decision was turned down on the merits, that is, based upon the facts presented in evidence and the law applied to that evidence.

The Yankeetown team cited violations of Levy County Code protecting areas designated environmentally sensitive as off limits to mining included in LCC §50. The special exemption

ruling though is on a case by case basis and was approved by the Levy County Commissioners on April 4 with a 4-1 vote with Comm. Marsha Drew dissenting. Final approval for the exception was given on May 3 in a 3-1 decision in a packed meeting that lasted until 3 a.m. The dissenting vote of Comm. Drew was based on written procedural rules that a hearing be held only after all the permits are in hand.

Tarmac has been moving forward step by permitting step since 2007 on the mine which will be excavating on 2,750 acres of a 4,750 acre piece near Inglis at the rate of 25 acres a day. All the requirements have been met but the Corps. of Engineers' Environmental

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## PE Nuclear Plant Possibly Delayed to 2027

By Kathy Hilliard  
Staff Writer

The current nuclear pay-as-you-go plan being added to Progress Energy customers' bills for the "new" nuclear plant to be constructed may have just hit a snag. Consumer advocate groups in Florida are saying they have uncovered items in a report that insinuates the plant will not be open until 2027.

The Public Service Commission (PSC) has just been in session as we reported last week but their findings and decisions are not due to be published until October 31st. But the consumer advocate "bulldog" groups don't take later as

an answer. Deputy Counsel Charles Rehwinkel of the state of Florida's Office of Public Counsel that represents consumers in all utility matters said he will argue that the state should cut the payments in half due to the uncertainty about the timing of the new plant construction. He also has accused the state of forcing customers to pay in advance in order to bolster the economy as a byproduct of building a new plant.

In 2009 when the recovery fees were started it was expected that the plant would be built by 2016. Fees have been in the area of \$5 and change. But they increase greatly the nearer it gets to the actual construction with incremental

increases reaching \$50 a month by the year 2020. That is a chunk of change in any economy.

With the speculations that the plant will not be built until 2027 it has some wondering if it ever will be built. So what happens to the recovery fees? As reported last week, the fees can be collected in advance by law for pre-construction and actual construction and do not have to be refunded. If the project is in slow-down mode until 2027, where does that leave the fees? According to Rehwinkel, "They've spent enough money."

Of monumental importance is the confidential 2010 Progress Energy status report that has been given to state officials. But Progress

Energy spokeswoman Suzanne Grant said, "The company's interest in the Levy project remains steady; there has been no change to the estimated timeline of 2021."

So back to last week's LCJ headline "PSC Listening Again About Cost Recovery Fees." Will there be a change in the law on the books allowing Progress Energy to collect in advance to build the plant even if it is put off until 2027? Is the plant being built after all? Or will some lawmakers try again to repeal the collect-in-advance law which never made it to a committee hearing the last time?

## Levy County Sheriff's Office Arrest Report

Blackerby, Rebecca Ann, 24, of Chiefland: VIOLATION OF PROBATION, DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED, HABITUAL OFFENDER.  
 Blanco, Joseph Ray, 21, of Trenton: OUT OF COUNTY WARRANT x 6.  
 Bray, Charles Rowland, 53, of Inglis: TRESPASS ON PROPERTY OTHER THAN STRUCTURE OR CONVEYANCE.  
 Brock, Christina, 30, of Yankeetown: OUT OF COUNTY WARRANT.  
 Burns, Walter Alexander, 40, of Chiefland: DISORDERLY INTOXICATION IN PUBLIC PLACE CAUSING DISTURBANCE, OBSTRUCTION WITHOUT VIOLENCE.  
 Cowles, Linsey Ann, 30, of Inglis: BURGLARY OF AN OCCUPIED STRUCTURE UNARMED, PETIT THEFT 1ST DEGREE \$100 LESS THAN \$300, BATTERY WITH INTENTIONAL TOUCH OR STRIKE.  
 Deskins, Elmer Raymond, 79, of Inglis: DUI.  
 Ellison-Edworthy, Jessica, 25, of Williston: DUI.  
 Fink, Robert Joshua, 29, of Chiefland: VIOLATION OF PROBATION x 2.  
 Giles, Stephanie Marie, 31, of Cross City: PETIT THEFT 1ST DEGREE \$110 LESS THAN \$300.  
 Guthrie, Delores, 66, of Archer: GIVING WORTHLESS CHECK, DRAFT, DEBIT CARD TO OBTAIN GOODS/SERVICES UNDER \$150.  
 Hager, Daniel, 58, of Archer: DUI.  
 Hughes, Albert Elton, 58, of Williston: BATTERY WITH INTENTIONAL TOUCH OR STRIKE.  
 Kilgore, Jason Patrick, 19, of Homasassa: PETIT THEFT FROM MERCHANT, 2ND OFFENSE.  
 Kleppe, Emily Rose, 28, of Old Town: AFFRAY.  
 Lamb, Stephen Arlo, 41, of Old Town: KNOWINGLY GIVE FALSE INFO TO LEO CONCERNING ALLEGED COMMISSION OF A CRIME, POSSESSION OF FIREARM OR AMMO BY FLA DELINQUENT, ADULT FELONY.  
 Laroche, Brett Courtney, 40, of Bronson: DUI.  
 Louiselle, Daniel Harold, 40, of Inglis: OUT OF COUNTY WARRANT x 2.  
 Matos-Hernandez, Jose Luis, 40, of Bronson: OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT VALID LICENSE.  
 Merz, Andrew Edward, 30, of Trenton: DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED HABITUAL OFFENDER.  
 Neel, Joshua Paul, 24, of Bronson: VIOLATION OF PROBATION.  
 Owens, Michael Aaron, 21, of Fanning Springs: DUI.  
 Parker, Gracie Brassfield, 50, of Bronson: POSSESSION OF NOT MORE THAN 20 GRAMS OF CANNABIS, POSSESSION AND/OR USE OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA.

## Levy County's Most Wanted



<b>Consentino, Desiree E</b> Holiday DWLR FOR HTO, GIVE FALSE INFO \$50,000 BOND	<b>Cumbo, Carl B</b> Bronson DEAL IN STOLEN PROPERTY, LARC \$20,000 BOND	<b>Foster, Melinda H</b> Inglis VOP FELONY DUI \$5,000 BOND	<b>Howell, Jason W</b> Williston DEAL IN STOLEN PROPERTY \$10,000 BOND	<b>Matney, Elizabeth M</b> Trenton VOP PETIT THEFT (LIO) NO BOND
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Correction: In our August 11 edition the information given to us in the report was incorrect. Marlena Annette Batey was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance not Cocaine as published. Information was provided by the LCSO.

Redden, Beth Ann, 50, of Inglis: ASSAULT/BATTERY ON PERSON 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.  
 Sims, Lorenzo, 43, of Williston: BATTERY WITH INTENTIONAL TOUCH OR STRIKE, VIOLATION OF PROBATION.  
 Stephens, Clifford, 35, of Interlachen: FAILURE TO APPEAR.  
 Sykes, Larry Milton, 49, of Inverness: DISORDERLY INTOXICATION IN PUBLIC PLACE CAUSING DISTURBANCE, TRESPASS IN STRUCTURE OR CONVEYANCE, CRIMINAL MISCHIEF WITH DAMAGE \$200 OR LESS.  
 Thrombley, Jennie Marlene, 30, of Chiefland: AFFRAY, THEFT OF PROPERTY VALUED AT LEAST \$20K BUT LESS THAN \$100K, CONSPIRE, COMBINE OR CONFERERATE WITH ANOTHER TO ENGAGE IN TRAFFICKING, TAMPERING OR FABRICATING WITH PHYSICAL EVIDENCE, POSSESSION OF COCAINE.  
 West, Joshua, 20, of Archer: DRIVING WITH SUSPENDED/REVOKED LICENSE, POSSESSION OF MORE THAN ONE VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE.  
 Whitaker, Wallace William, 28, of Trenton: DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED, 1ST OFFENSE.  
 Williams, Velton Dion, 31, of Middleburg, Fla.: FAILURE TO APPEAR x 2.  
 Wilson, Eddie, 25, of Newark, NJ: DRIVING WITH SUSPENDED/REVOKED LICENSE, OUT OF COUNTY WARRANT x 3.

## Fanning Springs Man Drowns Swimming in Suwannee River

Shortly after 4 a.m. on Saturday morning the Dixie County Sheriff's Office received a call about a 23-year-old white male who had gone missing while swimming in the Suwannee River near Joe Anderson Park in Dixie County. When deputies arrived, they discovered that the missing man had indeed been swimming in the Suwannee River when he disappeared. According to the witnesses some of them swam across the river and back when they noticed their friend, Michael J. Seymour of Fanning Springs, was no longer visible. After searching for him they called the Dixie County Sheriff's Office for assistance.

Initial arriving units made a request for divers and at that time Sheriff's divers were dispatched. At approximately 8 a.m. additional dive team members from the Dixie County Sheriff's Office and the Dixie County Emergency Services were dispatched for additional man-power. The Citrus County Sheriff's Office provided personnel and a Sonar searching system to assist in the search for Seymour. Throughout the day Saturday, representatives from the Dixie County Sheriff's Office, Dixie County Emergency Services, Citrus County Sheriff's Office and the Florida Wildlife Commission searched the Suwannee River near Joe Anderson Park and Fanning Springs.

At approximately 3:22 p.m. Saturday afternoon, divers discovered what is believed to be Seymour's body near mid-river just south of the Joe Anderson Park dock. The body was transported to the Medical Examiner's Office in Gainesville for an autopsy to determine the cause of death.

—submitted by the Dixie County Sheriff's Office

The funeral service for Michael will be on Friday, August 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Vinson Funeral Home, 456 E. Tarpon Ave. Tarpon Springs, FL 34689



## Free Boating Banners Help with Manatee Safety on Labor Day

Manatees are slow-moving, and because they are mammals, they need to surface to breathe air. They also prefer shallow waters where they feed on submerged seagrasses. These factors combine to make manatees vulnerable to boat hits, and many are injured or killed by the crushing impact of the hull and slashing blades of the propellers.

The Save the Manatee Club is providing free public awareness banners that boaters can hold up or exhibit whenever a manatee is sighted in areas where boats are motoring close by. The bright yellow, 1 1/2 by 2 foot, waterproof banner states, "Please Slow: Manatees Below."

Barbara Birdsey of the Pegasus Foundation came up with the banner idea years ago. "The banners continue to be distributed across the state, thanks to the generosity of the Pegasus Foundation, and to the continued support of Mrs. Birdsey," said Patrick Rose, aquatic biologist and Executive Director of Save the Manatee Club.

"As more and more boaters use the banners to communicate with each other on the waterways when manatees are sighted, I believe we can better work together to help prevent manatee injuries, suffering, and death," said Birdsey.

The Club suggests wearing polarized sunglasses to eliminate the glare of the sun and help boaters to see below the water's surface. Look for a swirl on the water's surface and a manatee's tail or nose.

Shoreline property signs and matching boat decals are also available from Save the Manatee Club. They encourage boaters to slow down and feature the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) hotline number (1-888-404-3922) for reporting injured manatees.

Requests for the free banners, signs, and decals can be sent via e-mail to education@savethemanatee.org or by calling toll free at 1-800-432-JOIN (5646).

Boaters are asked to observe all manatee speed zones and caution areas this Labor Day holiday weekend, and every day. Dr. Katie Tripp, the Club's Director of Science and Conservation, urges the public to report manatee zone violations to the FWC by calling their hotline number.

Those who see an injured, dead, tagged or orphaned manatee, or a manatee who is being harassed, are asked to call the FWC hotline number at 1-888-404-FWCC (3922) or #FWC or \*FWC on cellular phones, or use VHF Channel 16 on marine radios.

For more information on endangered manatees, the Adopt-A-Manatee® program, or to sign up for the Club's free e-newsletter, visit the Club's website at www.savethemanatee.org. Look for "Manatee Protection Tips for Boaters" on the Club's website at http://www.savethemanatee.org/boatertips.htm.

## First Responder Helpers 'Tommy and Rosie Moose' Presented to Sheriff's Dept

The Suwannee River Moose Family Center in Fanning Springs, in keeping with their commitment of supporting our community and its First Responders, made their annual presentation of "Tommy Moose" to the Levy County Sheriff's Dept. "Tommy Moose" is a soft cuddly little moose dressed in a red shirt and blue jeans with his name on the front. Tommy's purpose is to be given to a victim of trauma when the sheriff's department responds to any type of emergency that involves children. It has been found that Tommy has a very calming effect on them, young and old. This year we have added a new helper for Tommy, "Rosie Moose," who is a soft fluffy pink moose that especially appeals to the young girls.

The Loyal Order of Moose, an international organization and parent group of Suwannee River Moose, has made this an international program to assist first responders everywhere.

—submitted by Herb Clark



Women of the Moose Chapter #494 presented a Tommy and Rosie Moose to Major Evan Sullivan of the Levy County Sheriff's Department on the far left and to Levy County Sheriff, Johnny Smith at the far right. The presenters were (left to right): Angie Clark, Membership/Retention Chairman whose committee sponsored this year's presentation, Joy Nekola, Jr. Graduate Regent, and Elke Roach, Senior Regent. Photo by Herb Clark

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# Operation Safe School Starts August 22

It seems hard to believe that another summer has come and gone and it's time to start getting the kids ready to go back to school. On August 22nd Levy County will begin that timeless annual ritual: the first day of school. It is a time when parents breathe a sigh of relief and students and teachers anticipate new beginnings and new challenges.

Unfortunately, the beginning of school is also a time when children are at increased risk of transportation-related injuries from pedestrian, bicycle, school bus and motor vehicle crashes. This happens because there are more children on the road each morning and afternoon which may change driving patterns to change. So as schools open their doors, it's time for everyone—motorists, parents, educators and students—to improve their traffic safety practices.

The familiar yellow school bus has become one of the most powerful icons in American society. Day-in and day-out, the nation's 418,000 yellow buses travel more than 4.5 billion miles a year at a cost of nearly \$10 billion. They safely carry 24 million children, nearly half of all the nation's children, to and from school.

While school buses can be proud of their safety record, there are still aspects of school bus transportation that are dangerous to children. More children are hurt outside a bus than inside one. Getting on and off the bus is the most dangerous part of the bus ride. This loading and unloading area is called the "danger zone." This area extends 10 feet in front of the bus, 10 feet on each side of the bus and 10 feet behind the bus. The danger zone is where children are at greatest risk of not being seen by the bus driver. The child who bends over to retrieve a dropped school paper, or who walks too close to the bus while crossing the street, is at greatest risk of becoming the next statistic in this danger zone.

Parents and other adults must also do their part. For instance, most motorists need to learn to share the road with school buses. They must stop when the bus stops to take on or let off passengers. If we all do our part—if motorists heed school bus warning lights, bus drivers drive defensively, parents help their children learn to ride safely and children learn to avoid the bus's

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## 2011-2012 Levy County School Year



### 2011-2012 LEVY COUNTY SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

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Safety precaution education is the best way to keep your child safe this school year. Get involved and get your children involved. The more you know the safer your children are.

Please be careful during your travels and the Sheriff's Office will once again be conducting a program called "Operation Safe School." This program is to ensure the safety of the kids. The School Resource Officers, Volunteer Citizens on Patrol (COPS) and the Sheriff's Executive Staff will be monitoring the school zones and school bus stops for traffic violations in marked and unmarked cars. There will be a deputy assigned to each school for the first three days. The purpose is to welcome the students and parents at the drop off line and ensure there are no traffic issues at the schools.

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## OPINION

# Misleading Words

By Thomas Sowell  
Creators Syndicate



Many years ago, the Saturday Evening Post was one of the best-known magazines in America. But somehow I learned that the Saturday Evening Post was actually published on Wednesday morning. That was a little disconcerting at first. But it was one of the most valuable lessons, that words do not necessarily reflect reality.

Recent statistics on the average wealth or net worth of blacks are a painful reminder that rhetoric favoring blacks does not mean that politicians using such rhetoric are actually helping blacks.

The media seized upon the statistics published by the Pew Research Center to show that whites averaged far more net worth than blacks, and that this disparity was now greater than it was in years past. But what is even more revealing is that the net worth of blacks in 2009 was less than half of what it was in 2005.

What happened to cause such a sharp loss in such a few years? After all, the Republicans controlled both the Congress and the White House in 2005, and the Democrats had control by 2009.

There was now a black President of the United States, with much of the media celebrating the beginning of a new era in race relations.

What happened was that the political words had no

relationship to the economic reality. But few people judge any administration's effect on blacks by what actually happens to blacks under that administration.

A finer breakdown of the data on the net worth of blacks shows that the most drastic loss of net worth was in the value of the homes owned by blacks. This occurred after years of both Democratic and Republican administrations pushing policies designed to enable more blacks to buy homes.

Much of the media rallied behind the idea that there should be more home ownership by blacks. Editorials rang out across the land, denouncing statistical disparities between rates of home ownership by blacks and whites as showing racial discrimination in the private sector that needed to be corrected by the government.

Even when it was shown that blacks, on average, did not meet the same financial standards as whites, both politicians and the media denounced those standards as too stringent.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch, for example, called for "fairer mortgage-lending standards" and declared that "lending institutions are being far more conservative than they have to be in determining the creditworthiness of minorities." The Federal Reserve Bank of Boston likewise declared that "unreasonable measures of creditworthiness" were not "appropriate to the economic culture of urban, lower-income, and nontraditional consumers."

The New York Times reported that "even within the same income group whites are nearly twice as likely as blacks to get loans." Many in the media treated that as proof positive that racial discrimination explained differences in mortgage loan approval rates. They were not talking about racial differences in net worth in those days -- much less taking note of the fact that blacks in the same income brackets as whites had far less net worth.

## Misleading Words: Part II

If there were a contest for the most misleading words used in politics, "poverty" should be one of the leading contenders for that title.

Each of us may have his own idea of what poverty means -- especially those of us who grew up in poverty. But what poverty means politically and in the media is whatever the people who collect statistics choose to define as poverty.

This is not just a question of semantics. The whole future of the welfare state depends on how poverty is defined. "The poor" are the human shields behind whom advocates of ever bigger spending for ever bigger government advance toward their goal.

If poverty meant what most people think of as poverty -- people "ill-clad, ill-housed, and ill-nourished," in Franklin D. Roosevelt's phrase -- there would not be nearly enough people in poverty today to justify the vastly expanded powers and runaway spending of the federal government.

Robert Rector of the Heritage Foundation has for years examined what "the poor" of today actually have -- and the economic facts completely undermine the political rhetoric.

Official data cited by Rector show that 80 percent of "poor" households have air-conditioning today, which less than half the population of America had in 1970. Nearly three-quarters of households in poverty own a motor vehicle, and nearly one-third own more than one motor vehicle.

Virtually everyone living in "poverty," as defined by the government, has color television, and most have cable TV or satellite TV. More than three-quarters have either a VCR or a DVD player, and nearly nine-tenths have a microwave oven.

As for being "ill-housed," the average poor American has more living space than the general population -- not just the poor population -- of London, Paris and other cities in Europe.

Various attempts have been made over the years to depict Americans in poverty as "ill-fed" but the "hunger in America" campaigns that have enjoyed such political and media popularity have usually used some pretty creative methods and definitions.

Actual studies of "the poor" have found their intake of the necessary nutrients to be no less than that of others. In fact, obesity is slightly more prevalent among low-income people.

The real triumph of words over reality, however, is in expensive government programs for "the elderly," including Medicare. The image often invoked is the person who is both ill and elderly, and who has to choose between food and medications.

It is great political theater. But, the most fundamental reality is that the average wealth of the elderly is some multiple of the average wealth owned by people in the other age brackets.

Why should the average taxpayer be subsidizing people who have much more wealth than they do?

If we are concerned about those particular elderly people who are in fact poor -- as we are about other people who are genuinely poor, whatever their age might be -- then we can simply confine our help to those who are poor by some reasonable means test. It would cost a fraction of what it costs to subsidize everybody who reaches a certain age.

But the political left hates means tests. If government programs were confined to people who were genuinely poor in some meaningful sense, that would shrink the welfare state to a fraction of its current size. The left would lose their human shields.

It is certainly true that the elderly are more likely to have more medical problems and larger medical expenses. But old age is not some unforeseeable misfortune. It is not only foreseeable but inevitable for those who do not die young.

It is one thing to keep people from suffering from unforeseeable things beyond their control. But it is something else to simply subsidize their necessities so that they can spend their money on other things and leave a larger estate to be passed on to their heirs.

People who say they want a government program because "I don't want to be a burden to my children" apparently think it is all right to be a burden to other people's children.

Among the runaway spending behind our current national debt problems is the extravagant luxury of buying political rhetoric.

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Racial discrimination was where it was at, as far as liberal politicians and most of the media were concerned. And the familiar "solution" was massive government intervention in the market. Government agencies, from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to the Federal Reserve leaned on lenders to lower lending standards, and the Department of Justice threatened prosecutions for discrimination if the racial makeup of people approved for mortgage loans did not match their preconceptions.

It worked. In fact, it worked so well that many blacks got loans that they could not have gotten otherwise. Now the statistics tell us, belatedly, that blacks lost out, big time, from this "favor" done for them by politicians.

These lowered lending standards applied to many risks besides blacks. Everybody lost out when the resulting risky mortgages led to a collapse of the housing market, followed by a collapse of the economy. Lofty words led to bitter realities.

The same mindset that led to these disasters is still prevalent in Washington. Indeed, the very people who spearheaded those political crusades -- Congressman Barney Frank and Senator

Christopher Dodd -- crafted new legislation offering the same kind of "solution" to our current problems, namely more massive government intervention in the economy. Words triumphed again.

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## The Debt Panel's Patty Murray Problem

By Michelle Malkin  
Creators Syndicate

Everything that's wrong with the so-called debt "super-committee" can be summed up in the person, partisan hackery and policy ignorance of Washington Democratic Sen. Patty Murray.

On Tuesday, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid named Murray co-chair of the dog-and-pony deficit-reduction panel tasked with identifying \$1.5 trillion in spending cuts by late November. Murray, an unrepentant Nanny State cheerleader and patron saint of the Washington lobbyist, is a double-exclamation point on the debt deal's rotten joke.

Charlie Brown had Peppermint Patty. America has U.S. Mint Patty. This is a career politician who has never met a special interest that shouldn't be supported by taxpayers. Derided for her earmark addiction by both conservative and liberal civic groups, she has cemented her position as the Senate Queen of Pork over 18 gluttonous years in office.

Murray takes perverse pride in increasing debt limits on pet projects in her home state. Her solution to our fiscal crisis: Spend, borrow, spend and borrow some more! In 2009, she stuffed the Obama porkulus with a \$3.25 billion provision benefiting the federal Bonneville Power Administration by massively expanding its spending authority. Murray then claimed to have spurred immediate job creation. But the left-leaning Seattle Times countered that "even without the new stimulus package, BPA was expected to begin construction of some new transmission lines this year. And, despite claims the added spending power will quickly create jobs, construction of many of the new power lines wouldn't start for several years."

The real impediment to construction progress? Onerous regulation, regulation, regulation. BPA insiders acknowledged that no one was actually pushing for the debt-limit increase. But Murray has an old habit of forking over unsolicited pork. National Review's Andrew Stiles reports that she once inserted a \$4.5 million earmark for a Naval speedboat it didn't want: "The Navy ended up giving the boat to the University of Washington, which couldn't find a use for it either. Top executives at Guardian Marine International, the company that built the boat, later gave \$15,000 to Murray's campaign."

Profligate Patty is a slavish adherent of federal entitlements for every American (and illegal alien) from cradle to grave -- except, of course, for the unborn targets of Murray's fanatical sisters at Planned Parenthood.

When House Republicans challenged public funding for the \$1 billion abortion industry giant (which rakes in one-third of its budget from government grants and contracts at both the state and federal levels), Murray led the defense. It was "stunning to her as a woman," she raged,

that fiscal conservatives would challenge Planned Parenthood's sacred subsidies. As if only men are capable of questioning the insatiable appetite of a predatory racket disguised as a "reproductive health" provider.

The fabled "outsider mom in tennis shoes" has morphed over the past two decades into just another Beltway swamp insider in sensible heels. Murray has earned the scorn not just of right-wing taxpayer groups, but also of left-wing watchdogs who flagged her 17 revolving-door staffers-turned-lobbyists and fundraising conflicts of interest. Murray, you see, is the head of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee -- and refuses to cease her money-grubbing while she serves on the debt panel.

"It really sends a bad message to the American people when you're the chief fundraiser trying to come up with this balanced approach to deficit reduction," Adam Smith, communications director of Public Campaign, told The Hill newspaper. "She's going to be focused on this committee and also on fundraising? Will she make decisions based on whether it hurts the fundraising ability of the (DSCC)?" Do pigs oink? Duh.

The Democratic leadership's top priority isn't to get America's fiscal house in order. It is, as one aide candidly told The Hill, "to continue to raise resources to grow and preserve our majority."

Above all else, Murray is a glaring symbol of the Democratic Party's intellectual bankruptcy when it comes to solving our entitlement mess. More than a decade ago, while I served as the youngest member of the Seattle Times editorial board, I asked her about the disproportionate burden that FICA taxes imposed on Generation X and low-income workers. I wanted to know if she supported creative alternatives to the Social Security system like the opt-out plan adopted by the cities of Bellevue, Wash., and Galveston, Texas.

"FICA?" she repeated with a puzzled glance at her entourage of D.C. staffers.

"You know, payroll taxes," I added helpfully.

Response: Deer in the headlights.

Only when young and future workers have K Street lobbyists will Pork Patty get a clue.

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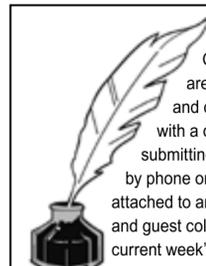
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# Levy County Community Calendar

## BRONSON

### Levy County Healthcare Advisory Board Meeting Aug. 31

The Levy County Healthcare Advisory Board is meeting Wednesday, August 31st at 11:30 a.m. at the Levy County Health Department, 66 W. Main Street in Bronson. The LCHAB was established by the Board of County Commissioners to advise the Commissioners on healthcare matters and to explore possible improvements to the public health system. The public is welcome to attend. Please RSVP by calling Swain Strickland at 352-486-3406 if you would like to attend.

### Bronson Second Annual Levy County Veterans Day Parade Nov. 11

The Town of Bronson would like to invite you to participate and join us in honoring our veterans. This event will start at 11 a.m. with a parade followed by a ceremony and festivities at the Bronson Sports Complex.

If you would like to participate please call the Town of Bronson at 352-486-2354 for more information.

## CEDAR KEY

### Cedar Key Chamber Labor Day Auction Sept. 4

The Cedar Key Chamber of Commerce presents its annual auction at the historic Island Hotel on 2nd St. on Sunday, Sept. 4th. Preview of items starts at 12:30 p.m. and the auction starts at 1 p.m. There will be trips, lodging, meals, gifts, artwork, jewelry and much more.

### Cedar Key Toastmasters Meet Aug. 21

If you want to get those "butterflies" in your stomach flying in better formation, please come and take advantage of the Cedar Key Toastmasters program. You do not have to speak until you are ready. Join us on Sunday Aug. 21 at 4 p.m. at the Cedar Key Library upstairs to learn how to effectively conduct a meeting and how to deliver interesting speeches. Young people are encouraged to join with us for practicing their school presentations and receiving helpful feedback. All are invited. For more information call Marci at (813) 215-0050.

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### Suwannee River Economic Council Inglis Mealsite Aug. 23

The Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. will be opening a new Mealsite on Aug. 23rd at the Inglis Community Center, 137 Hwy 40 West in Inglis. The Mealsite will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will serve seniors, age 60 and older. Meals will be served at 12 p.m., so come and enjoy a hot nutritious meal with us. There is no cost but donations are welcomed. Please call Bernadette Preble, OAA Coordinator at (352) 490-7055, ext. 1, for more information and to ensure that we have enough meals prepared for everyone.

### Cedar Key Arts Center Classes Oct. 3

Cedar Key Arts Center is starting their workshop season off with a bang. Kevin Tobin of Sarasota has agreed to a free demo using Golden Fluid Acrylics followed by a class where we will use the products. All paint materials are provided in the cost of the class. You can see more of his work at: www.kdtobinart.com. To sign up email cedarkeyartscenter@gmail.com or call 321-501-6133. We need a head count by Sept. 30 so he knows how much product to bring.

1) Free A to Z Acrylic Lecture Demo: Cedar Key Arts Center: Monday Oct. 3 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Includes free presentation, pigments, extending paints, Digital Grounds, new "OPEN" acrylic. Attendees will receive info packet and free samples of Golden products.

2) Gel Skins and Image Transfer for Painting & Collage- Cedar Key Arts Center: Members \$65, Non-members \$70; Monday Oct. 3 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Includes how to make transferable gel skins and other methods for transferring imagery directly into your paintings and collages. Suitable for all skill levels. All Golden materials supplied. Participants should bring a brush and palette knife or two. A small bucket for water, paper towels, your preferred drawing mediums and a bag lunch.

### Cleaning For a Reason - for Cancer Patients

If you know any woman currently undergoing chemotherapy, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides free housecleaning - once per month for four months while she is in treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her

doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. This organization serves the entire US and currently has 547 partners to help these women. It is our job to pass the word and let them know that there are people out there that care. Be a blessing to someone and pass this information along. www.cleaningforareason.org/. Thank you - from the Yankeetown-Ingles Woman's Club.

## WILLISTON

### Free Clinic at Tri-County Hospital Aug. 18

Tri-County Hospital in Williston is holding a free clinic at the Vein & Vascular Center from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 125 SW 7 Street in Williston. Come and meet Fariba Gharai, MD practicing cardiothoracic and vascular surgery. For more information call (352) 528-2801.

### Friends of Williston Public Library Book Fair Sept. 3

Friends of the Williston Public Library will open the Fall 2011 season with the First Saturday

Book Fair, September 3 from 8:30 a.m. till 1:30 p.m. in the Williston City Hall Community Center at the corner of Main Street and Noble Avenue.

The book fairs are very important to "Friends" for earning money for the library to use for books, events, and materials that a modern library needs. "Friends" is very grateful for its sustaining membership and the support of the book fairs.

This year "Friends" will not accept magazines because they just do not sell very well. Clean books in good condition, both fiction and non-fiction, children's books that are clean, hardbacks and softbacks as well as paperbacks (old name pocket books). Hardbacks cost \$1; softbacks, 50 cents; paperbacks, 25 cents; children's books, 10 cents; puzzles and tapes, both video and audio \$1.

If you are a local author you are welcome to have a display of your writings to sell. Please call

Mary McDaniel, 528-5972 to make arrangements. After September, the book fairs will be held the first Saturday of every month through May, 2012 except January 2012. See you at the First Saturday Book Fair, September 3 anytime after 8:30 a.m.

### Ribbon Cutting for Williston Central Christian Academy Sept. 8

On Thursday, Sept. 8th, at 1:30 p.m. there will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony for W.C.C.A.

Williston Central Christian Academy is a new start-up Christian school in our area serving grades K-6th. Doors opened August 22nd, with a beginning enrollment of 35 students and four teachers. The school is located at 225 SE 4th Street and their phone number is (352) 529-0900. More information regarding their school is available on their website, www.WillistonCentralChristian.org.

### Calling All Levy County Authors! Sept. 15

Friends of the Williston Public Library announce a program of authors reading excerpts of their books, poetry, life experiences and other topics. The program will be under the aegis of the Williston Woman's Club Education Committee and will be held at the Woman's Club, Thursday, Sept. 15th at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be available for sale by the School Safety Patrol. As always there is no charge for the program.

Authors will be asked to read a three- to five-minute selection from their writing and may bring copies of their books to sell after the program. Authors will be happy to sign their books.

Those interested in participating may call Michelle Traylor, librarian, at 528-2313, during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Wednesday or Thursday or Mary McDaniel, 528-5072 anytime.

### Williston Lions Club Events

The Williston Lions Club is located at 401 SE 6th Avenue in Williston where we have regular events throughout the week and month for all to participate. We are looking for new members and volunteers so if you want to help out the community and have something enjoyable to do, come and see us. Our meetings are held every month on the 2nd Tuesday of the month and guests are very welcome. We will be planning future events so your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated. If you need to reach us by phone call 352-342-7525.

Thursdays: Bingo @ 7 p.m. We offer two Jackpots. If an attendee brings a friend, that attendee will get a free card.

Saturdays: Farmers Market and Flea Market from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## CITRUS COUNTY

### Citrus County Community Education "Pet Loss... Saying Goodbye" Aug. 23

Hospice of Citrus County Wings Community Education will present "Pet Loss...Saying Goodbye" on Tuesday Aug. 23rd from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Hospice Education Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane in Homosassa.

"Pet Loss... Saying Goodbye" is an educational workshop to help participants work through grief and better understand the grief of others on the loss of their pets. Bereaving pet owners often feel isolated and alone and these resources help them realize that they are NOT alone and what they are feeling is entirely normal.

Fourth Tuesdays at Two education series is held monthly at the Hospice of Citrus County Wings Education Center. "Pet Loss... Saying Goodbye" is free, open to the public and reservations are suggested. For additional information, contact Lynn Miller at 352-527-2348, Ext. 1507. For additional information on Hospice of Citrus County, please call 352-527-2020 or visit us on the web at www.hospiceofcitruscounty.org.

### Withlacoochee Concert Series Aug. 20

Great live music just keeps on coming this summer. Withlacoochee Area Residents (W.A.R.), a local environmental group, is bringing Ken Skeens, Leigh Goldsmith and E.T. Morris to the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park, 4150 S. Suncoast Blvd. (US19) in Homosassa. This 4th Concert in the summer series will be held in the Pepper Creek Terrace Room (2nd floor of the Visitor Center) on Saturday evening, August 20th from 7 to 9 p.m.

A suggested donation of \$10 is tax deductible, all proceeds going to benefit the initiatives of W.A.R. to preserve and protect environmentally sensitive lands that make up the Nature Coast. For more information contact Lee Paulet at 352-795-4506, www.warinonline.com or directors@warinonline.com.

### Citrus County AARP Safe Driving Courses

Florida is a mandated State and any insurance company doing business in Florida must give a discount to those completing an AARP Safe Driving Course. Open to all 50 and older. Contact your agent for discount amounts. Update yourself to earn a discount and get newly enacted motor vehicle and traffic laws. Course fee is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 all others. Call the listed instructor below to register.

September 20 and 21, 1 to 4:00 p.m., Coastal Region Library, 8619 W. Crystal St., Crystal River, call Lou Harmin at 352-564-0933

## INVERNESS

### Inverness Elk's Club Craft Show Oct. 1

The Inverness Elk's Lodge #2522 will be hosting their 2nd semi-annual Lakeside Craft Show on Saturday Oct. 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will be held at the Elk's Lodge located at 3580 Lemon Street, Hernando, off Route 44. Inside and outside vendors will sell their products. Food and beverages will be offered. Many great hand-crafted items will be raffled off throughout the day. This show is open to the public so bring a friend and join us for a fun day. If you wish to be a vendor or need directions, contact Mimi for more information at (352) 860-2598. Free admission and parking.

## CHIEFLAND

### Chiefland Elementary Meet and Greet Aug. 19

Chiefland Elementary School will be hosting a Meet and Greet on Friday Aug. 19th from 10 a.m. until 12. The class list will be posted for parents and students to have an opportunity to visit their new teacher and see their classroom for the next year. The PTO and tutoring vendors will also be on campus to speak with the parents. Make a date to take the new-year jitters away and visit before the year starts.

### Chiefland Chamber Ribbon Cutting Aug. 26

The Greater Chiefland Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce a ribbon cutting for one of its newest members, Mangrove Creek Outfitters. On Friday, August 26th at 1 p.m. the public is invited to welcome Mangrove Creek Outfitters located at 1109 North Young Blvd in Chiefland Mangrove Creek Outfitters specializes in fishing and boating gear, apparel, yeti coolers and much more. Please take some time to welcome Mangrove Creek Outfitters into our community.

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# Around the Nature Coast

### WRPC Board of Directors Meeting Aug. 18

The Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council Board of Directors meeting is Aug. 18th at 7 p.m. at the WRPC office at 1241 SW 10 Street in Ocala. Included in the regular business agenda are: WRPC budget 2011-2012 and Growth Management Legislative update, HB 7207, "The Community Planning Act." The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 15th.

### SHINE Meetings on MEDICARE for August

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Thurs., Aug. 18th, 10 a.m., at Trenton Senior Center, 1439 SW CR 307A, Trenton (352) 463-1895.

### Volunteer Opportunities at Ombudsman Program Meeting Aug. 18

The local council of Florida's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program will meet on August 18 at Haven Hospice of North Central Florida, 4200 NW 90th Boulevard in Gainesville to discuss the program's current activities and give the public a chance to provide comments about long-term care facility issues. These public meetings begin at 12:30 p.m. Concerned citizens and those interested in volunteering are welcome to attend. Call toll-free (888) 831-0404 or visit the program's Web site at http://ombudsman.myflorida.com for volunteer opportunities.

### Jamerson-Sheffield Post 91 meeting Aug. 18

A New Year and some new faces on the Board of Officers of Post 91 of the American Legion. We invite all members and their guests to attend the next meeting on the 18th of August. Come

and meet your new officers; the meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. with a dinner and the membership meeting after. The E-Board will meet at 5 p.m. and discuss the agenda prior to the regular meeting. Veterans are invited to attend and we hope to see you all there.

FOR GOD and COUNTRY: Leeman White, Commander

### CDS Head Start/Early Head Start Open House Aug. 19

Family and community members are invited to visit the classrooms at all HS/EHS locations on August 19, 2011 from 2 to 3 p.m. Staff will be available to answer any questions you may have concerning our program. For more information please call Childhood Development Services, Inc. at (352) 486-1229 or (352) 498-1603.

### TEC Yard Sale for Therapeutic Riding Program Aug. 27

Tomorrow's Equestrian Center (TEC) provides a Therapeutic Riding Program for disabled children and adults who ride on Sunday afternoons and Monday mornings year round.

On Saturday, Aug. 27th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. they are holding a giant Yard Sale to support the efforts and costs for running the Therapeutic Riding Program. The Yard Sale will be held at 411 NW 106 Ave in Ocala on Hwy 40 west across from Live Oak Stud.

Included are horse-related items and household furniture. In fact, they are now accepting all types of donations for this Yard Sale and also for

November. For more information call TEC at (352) 528-3445.

TEC is a 501 (c)(3) Florida corporation and all donations are tax-deductible.

### Hospitality Training Workshop by Pure Water Wilderness Aug. 30

All are welcome to attend the FREE workshop, "Hospitality Training for the Trainer" hosted by Pure Water Wilderness Summit on Tuesday Aug. 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Pine Grove Baptist Church Conference Center, 16655 NW CR 339 in Trenton. Lunch will be provided. For more information call Donna Creamer at 352-463-3467 or visit the website at PWWChambercoalition.com

### Suwannee Valley Players Lineup for Fall and Beyond

Curtains have gone up for A Murder of Scarecrows directed by Mike Taylor and produced by special arrangement with Eldridge Publishing Co. This is a mystery/comedy by Pat Cook and will run again on Sept. 23 to 25; Fri. and Sat. at 8 p.m. and Sun. at 2:30 p.m. The next presentation The Haunted Theater will have auditions in September and the show dates are: Oct. 21 to 22, and 27 to 29 at 7 p.m. each night. Director is Peggy Rowe for this special event. Coming into the Christmas season will be a comedy by Pat Cook entitled A Little Christmas Spirit in December with auditions in September. There is a string of productions planned in 2012: Master of Time, a musical comedy by Krista Perryman with

auditions in November and show dates in March 2012; Love, Laughter and Lucci, a comedy by Cricket Daniel with auditions in March of 2012 showing in May; and The Lion, the Witch, the Wardrobe a summer youth production adapted by Don Quinn from the story by C. S. Lewis with auditions in May of 2012 and show dates in July.

For more information: P O Box 550, Chiefland, FL 32644; (352) 493-ARTS (2787); suwanneevallyplayers@gmail.com; webpage: www.svplayers.com. We are now receiving tax deductible donations for our upcoming year and your help is appreciated by all.

### Great Suwannee River Cleanup Sept. to Nov. 2011

To All You River Lovers! Don't let these low water levels discourage you, especially on the upper river. It's a perfect time for collecting trash that is normally inaccessible. You can work on foot relatively close to your put-in and take-out points if it's too low for paddling. You'll still get a lot and it's worthwhile doing. We don't want to pass up this opportunity. Deb Meeks and Wayne Kinard took a crew up to the Jasper Bridge the other day and got a bunch of tires. Altogether they got more than 600 pounds working out on that almost dry riverbed.

So get those registrations in. Whether you end up wading or paddling, it'll be a good cleanup, and your efforts will be much appreciated! Fritzi S. Olson, Executive Director Current Problems, Inc., 352-264-6827; www.currentproblems.org

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# Worship Directory

**Ellzey United Methodist Church**  
 Corner of 336 & Hwy 24  
 Worship Service.....11:00am  
 Sunday School.....9:45am  
**Pastor Terry Knight**

**First Baptist Church Chiefland**  
 511 N. Young Blvd. (US Alt. 27)  
 352-493-1481  
 Visit us online at [www.fbcChiefland.com](http://www.fbcChiefland.com)  
**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**  
 Bible Study for all ages 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship 10:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
 Bible Class 9:15am  
 Worship Service 10:30am  
 352-493-4597  
 4 miles N of Wabwat on Hwy 19 (before Dakota Winery)

**CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 5551 NW CR 336  
 Chiefland, FL 32626  
 (352) 493-1219  
**COME JOIN US!**  
 Sunday School.....10 a.m.  
 Worship Service.....11 a.m.  
 Discipleship Training.....6 p.m.  
 Worship Service.....7 p.m.  
 Wed. Night Prayer Service.....7 p.m.  
**Pastor Jamie Brock**

**FAMILY BIBLE CHAPEL**  
 "The Little Church With A Big God"  
 For over 16 years, continues to present the inspirational words of God from the Bible.  
 Come join us at 12 N Main Street, Chiefland  
**Sunday:** Family Worship Service: 10:30am  
 463-6369  
**George Blythe, Pastor**

**Otter Creek Baptist Church**  
 Bro. Tony Barber, Pastor  
**Services...**  
**Sunday -**  
 Sunday School 9:00am  
 Worship 10:00am  
**Wednesday -**  
 Dinner 5:30pm  
 Awanas 6:00pm  
 Worship 7:00pm  
 171 SW 3rd Street - Otter Creek  
 352-486-2112

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF CHIEFLAND**  
  
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:15 a.m. Worship  
 150th Anniversary  
 707 N. Main St. • 493-4627

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 4050 N.W. Hwy. 27  
 493-1561 or 493-9723  
 Saturday Evening 5:30pm  
 Sunday 8:30am  
 Religious Education Class  
 Wed 6:00pm-7:10pm  
 pre K-12th  
**Father Joe McDonell**

**First Baptist Church**  
 "Serving God & Loving People"  
**Sunday:** Sunday School 9:30am, Morning Worship 10:30am, Discipleship Hour 5:00pm, Evening Worship 6:30pm  
**Tuesday:** Sr. Adult Bible Study 10:00am  
**Wednesday:** Church Supper 5:30pm, RA/GA Children's Program 6:30pm, Full Throttle Youth 6:30pm, Prayer Hour 6:30pm  
**Pastor Troy A. Turner**  
 451 S. Court Street - Bronson, FL 32621- 352.486.2282

**Pine Grove Baptist Church**  
 16655 N. W. CR 339  
 Trenton, Florida 32693  
 352-463-2151  
[www.pgbcf.com](http://www.pgbcf.com)  
**Dr. Greg Douglas, Senior Pastor**  
**Pastor Rickey Whitley, Assoc. Pastor/Youth**  
**Pastor Emanuel Harris, Education/Children**  
**Pastor Mike Chancey, Worship Pastor**  
**Pastor Jared Douglas, Collegiate/Missions**  
 Sunday School ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Morning Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday Night Services:**  
 AWANA ..... 6:30 - 8:15 p.m.  
 Prayer Meeting, Youth, College & Career ..... 7:00 p.m.  
 ~ Nursery provided for all services ~

## Church Calendar

**Grace Ranch Recovery Program Opens**  
 Kevin and Nina Craven have a calling to help those who are serious about getting out of the cycle of addiction. Through lots of prayer, hard work, and support they have built the original Grace Ministry from Thursday night meetings to opening the Grace Thrift Shop in Bell and now they are moving on to give a home to men who want to stop the vicious cycle of addiction and loss. Grace Ranch is a six-month program that houses the men in a home on 15 acres while they work hard on the issues that have kept them engulfed in the addictive lifestyle. There are four 45-day phases that progress from leaving the outside world they have been living in to going back into that same outside world a different man and having job-skills and a job. The vision at Grace Ranch is to help a man recover from the destructive life of addictions to the productive life of a citizen. The program covers spiritual skills, emotional skills, and work skills woven together to get over and get on with a productive life. If you are interested in helping this 501 (c)(3) ministry with money or donations of such items as sheds, pavilions, farm and lawn equipment, livestock (not horses) and equipment, kitchen equipment, curriculum, office supplies, insurances, fencing, gates, security please contact Kevin or Nina at Grace Ministry of Florida, Inc., PO Box 164, Bell, FL 32619 or call 352-463-8700 Or visit/donate at the secure website: [www.grace-ministry.net](http://www.grace-ministry.net)

**Come and Worship**  
 8:45 am Sunday School  
 9:45 am Sunday Morning Worship  
 6:30 pm Sunday Evening Service  
 7:00 pm Wednesday Bible Study  
**Reverend Priscilla Scherrah, Pastor**  
**Bronson United Methodist Church**  
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 Tel. 352-486-2281

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 • Children's Church  
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**LEARNING HOUR: 9AM**  
**WORSHIP: 10:14AM**  
**PASTOR: KENT ZIMMERMANN**  
**CELL 352-949-6501**

**Guest Missionary to Speak at Lighthouse Aug. 23**  
 International Evangelist Keith Hershey of Mutual Faith Ministries will be ministering at Lighthouse Word Church on Tuesday, Aug. 23 at 7 p.m. Through Mutual Faith Ministries, Reverend Hershey reaches into virtually every continent with the Gospel. Also, our Children's Ministry is hosting a Wet & Wild Night during that service. Children can wear their swim suits and bring a towel and enjoy an evening of fun. You can access more information about Keith Hershey's ministry at [www.mutualfaith.org](http://www.mutualfaith.org). A nursery will be provided for the service.



**Letter of Thanks**  
 We would like to thank those who were supportive of us before, during and after the loss of Robin. Our appreciation goes out to all of our family members, friends, Mr. Dennis Webber, the staff at Heirs-Baxley Funeral Home and especially Allison Geiger-Gilliam and the staff at Hospice for caring so much. We sincerely thank you all and will be forever grateful.  
 The Family of Robin Durrance

## Finding the Path to a More Abundant Life



**But Anyway...**  
 with Guy Sheffield

The morning air was crisp, and the sky so clear that many stars hung twinkling still, stubbornly visible, now hours after dawn. The northern gust swept bitterly across the frozen fields of soy-bean stubble and whipped against the swampy banks of the meandering bayou. The rippling waves lapped eagerly at its ice crusted edges. Certainly it was a fine morning to pester the unsuspecting puddle ducks huddled up behind what little break the tree-line provided. Adrenaline had carried me and my brother Heath quite a ways that morning, and now along our return, our legs violently threatened a work stoppage. We halted briefly, laboring for each gulp of air that stung our hungry lungs. "There's the truck," I panted, nodding to far bank. "Let's just cross here." Heath pondered the suggested short cut, but immediately shook his head. "You're crazy," he exclaimed, "The bridge is just a few hundred more yards down." My eyes narrowed, "Well, you do what you want. I'm crossing here." I cinched up my hip waders and stomped down to the water. I wasn't going to have my judgment questioned by some twelve year old punk, six years my junior. It only steeled my resolve. Splashing right in, I immediately realized what had prompted dad to give me these old waders. A stinging trickle coursed down from a hole near my right shin and quickly floated my poor little toe-sickles. The muddy bottom seemed awful unpredictable too, so I slowed down a mite and began to contend for a surer footing with each new step, cautiously pressing on. The wind picked up near the midway point and I admit, a little panic set in, so I turned to see if Heath had my back. He was nowhere in sight. I was alone. A frosty wave splashed over the top of my waders. "I better turn around," I grumbled to myself.

Just then I heard Heath banging around up by the truck. The thought he had been right irked me to no end. So I steeled my resolve and decided to press on. Three steps later I went over both boots. The word 'Exhilarating' doesn't quite capture the enormity of that moment. Immediately my teeth began to chatter louder than a little league baseball team. My breathing echoed the rhythms of a Latin Lamaze class. To top it all off, my waders tugged on me now like a pair of concrete pants. Forget resolve. This was about survival. I had to press on! Heath, obviously forgetting I still had a gun in my hands, took this grand opportunity to repay me for all the taunting I had ever dished his way. I wanted to respond but my lips were completely numb. Then, it happened. SPLOOSH! I stepped in a sink hole and plunged completely under except for my dad's shotgun, which I held just above the surface. Heath recounts how it looked like a parascop. While under water I had a little time to think, like how stubborn I'd been, and how much I would like to float back up and breathe again. I don't know- maybe it was just the thought of getting my hands around Heath's neck, but suddenly I found an overwhelming desire to live. I pressed on, walking underwater, across the bottom of that old bayou like a frozen Swamp Thing, finally making it up the far bank and collapsing in a shivering wet heap. But anyway- Some short cuts aren't all they're cracked up to be. I should've learned my lesson right there, but unfortunately I spent a good many more years bottom dwelling before I finally laid my resolve down long enough to give my heart to Jesus. He's shown me a path that leads safely home, while keeping my powder dry along the way. I try to listen to Him now, and follow His time tested principles found in the Bible. (The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. Psalms 37:23 KJV) That was quite a chilling experience on the bayou that day. I still shiver just thinking how my stupid pride caused me to wade out over my head like that. I could have found myself thawing out by the fires of hell. Have you found the bridge that passes over to Life? If you look to the cross you'll find it. Make sure to choose that path.  
 - Guy Sheffield  
 You can visit Guy at his website [www.butanyway.org](http://www.butanyway.org), or email him at [guy.sheffield@butanyway.org](mailto:guy.sheffield@butanyway.org)

## Obituaries

**KATHERINE HOULKER**  
 Katherine "Kate" Houlker of Gainesville passed away at the age of 45 on August 11, 2011, after putting up a huge fight against lung cancer that she never gave up on and stayed strong to the end. She always continued her never ending love. Kate was born in Newport, Rhode Island, and graduated from the Middletown High School in 1985. She graduated from the Sayer School in 1992 and became a Medical Assistant. She and her family moved to Gainesville in 1997, where she worked for Changes Phases and became a member of Queen of Peace Catholic Church. Mrs. Houlker was a beautiful, loving and devoted wife, daughter, mother and grandmother who would do anything for her family. She was willing to help others out as much as she could. She enjoyed just about everything from family vacations to cooking. She also loved to collect "Dopey" items from Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. You are loved and will be missed and never forgotten. You will remain in our hearts forever. Survivors are her loving husband of 20 years,

Charlie A. Houlker; daughters: Nicole Courine Houlker, Sheri Anne Houlker, and Brittany Andrea Houlker; a son Justin Francis Houlker; her mother Katherine Smith Corcoran; brothers: Joseph Corcoran, Richard Corcoran, and John Duffy; and her adoring grandchildren: Dominic Andrew Fitzgerald Houlker, Jayden Omar Rutledge, Xavier Garrick Rutledge, Aliyah Katherine Rutledge, and Dylan Carter Houlker; and her close friend, Terri Hanlon. Visitation was held Monday, August 15, 2011 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services-Chiefland and Services were on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 11 a.m. at Queen of Peace Catholic Church of Gainesville. Online condolences can be made at our website [www.hiers-baxley.com](http://www.hiers-baxley.com)  
**BARBARA JANE LANDWEHR**  
 Ms. Barbara Jane Landwehr of Chiefland passed away Friday, August 12, 2011 at North Florida Regional Hospital. She was 83 years of age. Ms. Landwehr was born in Herron, Michigan and moved to Chiefland in 2009 from Inkster, Michigan. She worked as a presser at Alpena Laundry in Alpena, Michigan. She loved to play Bingo at the Chiefland Senior Citizens Center, was a life member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary and attended the Church of Christ.

She is survived by her goddaughter Sue Ann (John) Grantt of Chiefland and brothers, Russell Theodore Prevost of Trenton and John Lee Prevost of Fresno, California. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements have been placed under the care of the Rick Gooding Funeral Home, Cross City, Florida, 352-498-5400.  
**EDWARD C. WATKINS**  
 July 28, 1927 - August 12, 2011  
 Edward C. Watkins of Williston passed away August 12, 2011. He was 84 years of age. Mr. Watkins was born on July 28, 1927, to Lonnie and Madge Watkins in Rome, Georgia. He worked most of his life as a master craftsman and loved working with wood. He has lived in this area since 1991 coming from Winter Garden. He was of the Methodist faith and belonged to the First United Methodist Church of Williston. He was a member of the Elks and Masons. He enjoyed Bar-B-Qing and fishing. Mr. Watkins was preceded in death by his wife of 48 years, Billie Statham Watkins. He is survived by his sons, Bobby Watkins and Norman Story (Lynn); daughter Ruth Dwyer (Bill); three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. In lieu of flowers the family is asking that

donations be made to Haven Hospice, 311 N.E. 9th St., Chiefland, FL 32626. Arrangements are under the care of Knauff Funeral Home in Williston, Fla.  
**CATHERINE GROOVER**  
 Catherine "Red" Groover of Otter Creek passed away Aug. 14, 2011 at Cross City Rehab and Health Care Center. She was 83 years of age. Born in Levy County she has spent her life in the area. She was a homemaker who enjoyed crocheting and was most proud of her children and family. 'Red' was a member of Otter Creek Baptist Church. Catherine was preceded in death by a son, Jessie Williams and a brother and sister. She is survived by her daughters: Emilee Ellzey of Otter Creek, Linda Martin of Bronson, Geraldine Antras and Betty Kidd, both of Chiefland, Earnestine Harris of Cross City; sisters, Lorine Ellzey of Gulf Hammock and Ivore Bryant of Dade City. She is also survived by her 10 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Funeral services were held Wed., Aug 17, 2011 at 11 a.m. at Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services in Chiefland with Bro. Keith officiating. Burial followed at Ellzey Cemetery in Ellzey. Arrangements are under the care of Hiers-

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Illustration by Alexander Key

# Tarzan Swings into Florida

Likely, the first Europeans to see Silver Springs, Florida were Spanish explorers in the mid-16th century. At that time the area called "Ocali" was settled by the Timucuan Indians. Later it was inhabited by the Seminole tribe. By 1860 steamboats made their appearance at the vast, crystal clear and 99.8% pure artesian spring, said to be the world's largest. But it wasn't until the post-Civil War period that tourists flocked in numbers to Silver Springs. By then, the glass-bottomed boats were afloat and President Ulysses S. Grant was among the first famous visitors to be amazed by the spectacular view beneath the shimmering waters of the Silver Springs run.

It's no surprise, really, that a location as unusual, as beautiful and exotic as Silver Springs began attracting filmmakers in the nascent years of movie making. From the early 1900s in the silent era, Florida was becoming known as "Hollywood East." It was 1916, when film crews arrived to shoot the movie "The Seven Swans," starring Richard Barthelmess and Marguerite Clark. That silent block buster was the first of many more films to follow. The lead character in at least one exciting film series would prove to be more enduring in fame than any of the actors who played him.

The publication of Edgar Rice Burroughs' Tarzan of the Apes in serial form in 1912 (book form 1914) prompted the first silent film version in 1918. In the 90 years since, over 89 various Tarzan movie titles have been produced starring actors ranging from Buster Crabbe to Christopher Lambert to an animated version voiced by Tony Goldwyn. Tarzan, ranking right up there with Sherlock Holmes in literary popularity, has earned his longevity due largely, I suppose, to his strength of character, athleticism, and intelligence (relating to both animals and humans). These, with the fact that Tarzan's always a good story, believable or not.

His most popular personification may well have been by Johnny Weissmuller, a champion swimmer who became the Tarzan character in films made between 1932-48. In the late 1930s, Weissmuller's pal and fellow swimmer Newt Perry was the manager of Silver Springs. It was Perry who persuaded Weissmuller and MGM to use the park for their Tarzan pictures. (Perry was later responsible for getting Ricou Browning, an FSU student and local lifeguard, cast for the part of the Gill Man in the classic Creature From the Black Lagoon. That was in 1954, and also filmed at Silver Springs.)

Most of Weissmuller's Tarzan adventures were shot at Silver Springs, where the crystal

clear waters showcased a multitude of romantic and dangerous sequences. Many of the river shots were made from camera-laden rafts, just out of range of the glass-bottomed boats and popular Jungle Cruise. The famed photographer and innovator Bruce Mozart also built waterproof casings for cameras used in the Tarzan movies. He was pioneering new underwater photography techniques in the early 40s. Mozart's films and photographs became instrumental in early promotions of Silver Springs.

Tarzan movie plots evolved from simple to the more complex and incredible over the years. The supporting characters of wife Jane (Maureen O'Sullivan and later Brenda Joyce, among others), son "Boy" (Johnny Sheffield) added to the mix of high drama and comic relief. Tarzan's lovable, mischievous chimpanzee companion Cheetah always brought laughter. School kids of that era, as well as my own - when these films were in reruns on TV - became expert at imitating Cheetah's head-slapping antics and uniquely identifiable, high-pitched screech.



Weissmuller, Johnny Sheffield, and Newt Perry during 1939 filming of "Tarzan Finds a Son"

There were certainties that could be depended upon in these films. Good would triumph over evil. Jane would fall in love with Tarzan all over again. They would embrace with her tousled head against his bare chest, and that's about as far as things of that nature would get. Tarzan was too busy anyway. There would be some person or persons - usually troublesome gold- or diamond-seeking intruders in safari garb - captured by hostile natives, only to be rescued with difficult certainty by Tarzan the he-man. Mandatory, too, were the savages and dangerous wrestling scenes of Tarzan and gorilla, Tarzan and crocodile, Tarzan and wild rhinoceros. Tarzan and His Mate (1934), Tarzan Escapes (1936), Tarzan Finds a Son (1939), Tarzan's Secret Treasure (1941) were among the popular titles. Things got a little silly at the end with Tarzan and the Mermaids (1948). Nevertheless, each of these continued to extol the extraordinary qualities of this grapevine-swinging, animal-intuitive, loincloth-clad hero - a noble savage in a lush paradise Floridians could well imagine. For it was here that Tarzan first swung as a movie star into our Silver Springs.

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Impact Study (EIS) which was expected out this summer but Tarmac is still waiting. Tarmac officials even sat down with the aquaculture farming community and handed them a proposition that exceeded their expectations to protect clamming by doing surface and ground water sampling before any water leaves their property. They will also install 3 stations on location on Waccasassa Bay near the plant to monitor water temperature, salinity, dissolved oxygen, turbidity, and pH. Rose Cantwell, President of the Cedar Key Aquaculture Assoc. said, "They really stepped up to the plate."



Levy County is definitely in a bind with this one. In an economy that is slowing down to a halt the lure of many full time jobs in the area and the revenue to the county from tax dollars in the upper echelon figures may be just too much to turn down. With intelligent planning, forethought and oversight the pristine beauty of this area's natural resources and aquatic life can and must be protected along side the economical growth.

As of this writing the Yankeetown Council met Monday night and discussed whether to continue with the appeal. They were informed as to their current standing and what future options Yankeetown had. Based on cost effectiveness and the manner in which the different courts handle the cases, the council opted to move ahead with the appeal to the District Court of Appeals. By the judge deciding "based on the merits" of the case, it could be that he sees that Yankeetown's case has standing and could continue to the next step.

In deciding to go further the council stipulated a cap on expenses of \$3,000. If they had decided not to pursue their own suit and join in with the WAR suit, they would have to start all over again with expenses and witnesses. If Yankeetown wins at the next step it will be over for them and Tarmac would be required to get their federal permits as the Yankeetown case is based on current land development codes and procedures.

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Baxley Funeral Services, 352-493-0050. On line condolences may be sent through our website at [www.hiers-baxley.com](http://www.hiers-baxley.com)

**DR. REV. JOSEPH R. SUTHERLAND**  
January 9, 1934 - August 15, 2011

Dr. Rev. Joseph R. Sutherland of Archer passed away on August 15, 2011. He was 77 years of age. He was born on January 9, 1934 to Ortho and Hazel Sutherland in Scott Depot, West Virginia. He was a minister most of his life and was a church member at the Archer Church of The Nazarene and has lived in Archer for 16 years coming from Macclenny. His main goal in life was to help his fellow man. He enjoyed playing golf. He spoke regularly on behalf of the Gideons.

Rev. Sutherland was preceded in death by his granddaughter Emili Jean Faulk.

He is survived by his wife Phyllis Sutherland; his sons, Ed Ray Sutherland and Joseph Ray Sutherland Jr.; his daughters: Judy Gale Sutherland, Cindy Sutherland Faulk and Lorna Jo Sutherland Beville; his brother, Robert Sutherland; his sisters, Christine Tucker and Patty Linville; 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

There will be a graveside service held at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL.

on Friday August 19, 2011 at 10 a.m. Services will be officiated by Rev. Anthony Beville. Military honor will be provided by the Sumter County Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers the family has asked donations be made to either the Gideons or Archer Helping Hands C/O Archer Church of The Nazarene.

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**Last Week's Word Search**

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Acts	Descended	Hook	Lump	Stir	Torch	Wheeled
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Animal	Drill	Iron	Planet	Sword	Trunk	Wrap
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6. rich families hired \_\_\_\_\_ to teach in their homes?  
 7. some students had to \_\_\_\_\_ many miles in all kinds of weather to get to school?  
 8. \_\_\_\_\_ often stayed home to learn skills for running a household: sewing, cooking, the alphabet, etc?  
 9. students were lucky to have charcoal or \_\_\_\_\_ pens to write with?  
 10. one way to teach reading was by using pictures in stories, called \_\_\_\_\_?

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**Did you know that many years ago:**

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- teachers in schoolhouses were almost always men and were called \_\_\_\_\_?
- \_\_\_\_\_ working hard just to survive had to teach their children at home?
- \_\_\_\_\_ was very expensive and scarce?
- students used a flat, wooden board with a handle called a \_\_\_\_\_? A paper with a lesson was placed on it.

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one room school	spankings for bad behavior!	media libraries	computers for heat	pump for water
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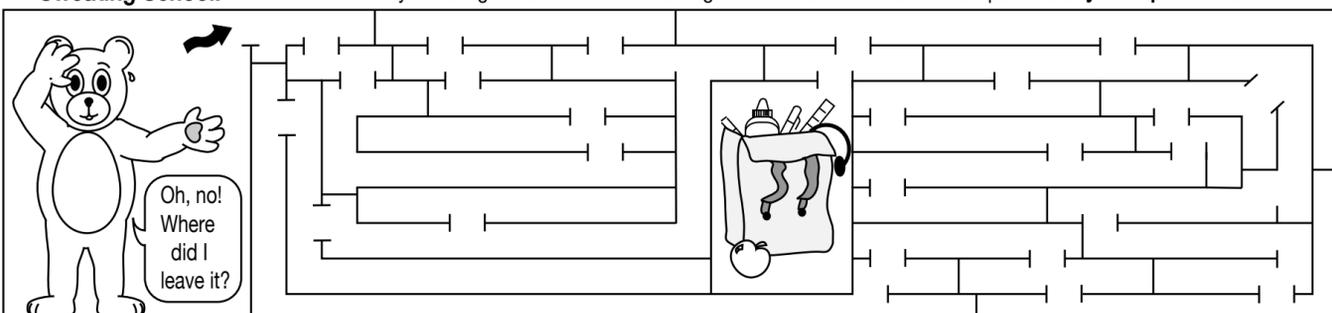
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**Sweating School!** Forest is really sweating because school is starting tomorrow and he's lost his backpack. **Can you help him find it?**

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Application forms are being sent to all homes with a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for Free or Reduced-Price Meals, households must complete the application and return it to the school. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

Households that receive SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) or TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) are required to list on the application only the child's name, SNAP/TANF case number, and signature of adult household member.

Foster children will receive free benefits regardless of the child's personal income or the income of the household.

Households with children who are considered migrants, homeless, or runaway should contact the district liaison Candy Barber at 352-486-5244.

For the purpose of determining household size, deployed service members are considered a part of the household. Families should include the names of the deployed service members on their application. Report only that portion of the deployed service member's income made available to them or on their behalf to the family. Additionally, a housing allowance that is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative is not to be included as income.

All other households must provide the following information listed on the application:

- Total household income listed by gross amount received, type of income (e.g., wages, child support, etc.) and how often the income is received by each household member;
- Names of all household members — check the "no income" box if applicable; if household member is a child, list school name for each;
- Signature of an adult household member certifying the information provided is correct;
- and Social Security number of the adult signing the application or the word "NONE" for this household member if he or she does not have a social security number.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size changes, the school should be contacted. Children of parents or guardians who become unemployed should also contact the school.

LEVY COUNTY SCHOOLS LUNCH MENU				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>August 22, 2011</b>	<b>August 23, 2011</b>	<b>August 24, 2011</b>	<b>August 25, 2011</b>	<b>August 26, 2011</b>
Hamburger on Bun/ Pepperoni Pizza Lettuce & Tomato Oven Fries Mixed Fruit Assorted Milk Ketchup 1 Mayo 1	Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce / Chicken Sandwich Corn/ Tossed Salad Sliced Peaches Home Made Wheat Rolls Assorted Milk Assorted Dressings 1-1.5 oz	Turkey Corn Dog / Hamburger on Bun Cole Slaw/ Baked Beans Apple Fruited Jello Assorted Milk Ketchup 1 Mustard 1	Cheese Pizza / Turkley Deli Sub Green Beans Green Beans / Tossed Salad Orange Assorted Milk Assorted Dressings 1-1.5 oz	Fish on Bun / Sausage Pizza Oven Fries/ Green Beans Mixed Fruit Mixed Fruit Assorted Milk Tarter Sauce 1-9gm Ketchup 1 9 gm
<b>August 29, 2011</b>	<b>August 30, 2011</b>	<b>August 31, 2011</b>	<b>September 1, 2011</b>	<b>September 2, 2011</b>
Chicken Pattie on Bun / Turkey Ham & Cheese Sub Lettuce /Tomato/ Tater Tots Mixed Fruit Assorted Milk Ketchup 1 Mayo 1	Macaroni & Cheese w/ Ham / Sloppy Joe on Bun Mixed Vegetables / Tossed Salad Orange Wedges Home Made Wheat Rolls Assorted Milk Assorted Dressings 1	Taco w/ Cheese / Hamburger on Bun Mexicali Corn/Lettuce/ Tomato Sliced Peaches Assorted Milk Taco Sauce 1 Mayo 1	Lasagna w/Ground Beef Hot Dog on a Bun Green Beans/Tossed Salad Orange Assorted Milk Assorted Dressings 1-1.5 oz	Oven Fried Chicken Cheese Pizza Steamed Cabbage Mashed Potatoes Pear Halves Cornbread Assorted Milk
<b>September 5, 2011</b>	<b>September 6, 2011</b>	<b>September 7, 2011</b>	<b>September 8, 2011</b>	<b>September 9, 2011</b>
<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	Hot Dog on Bun/ Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans/ Cole Slaw Chilled Mix Fruit Assorted Milk	Chili Con Carne w/ Beans or Cheese Pizza Tossed Salad/Buttered Corn Apple Wedges Assorted Milk	BarbeQue Chicken or Rib a Que on Bun Mashed Potatoes Steamed Cabbage Chilled Peaches Hot Corn Bread Assorted Milk	Pizza or Taco w/Ground Beef/Cheese Salad w/ Spinach Buttered Corn Apple Cobbler Assorted Milk

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Unless indicated otherwise on the application, the information on the Free and Reduced-Price Meal application may be used by the school system in determining eligibility for other educational programs.

## What To Do With Your Gas Hog

The economy continues to struggle and gas prices remain high. The cost to fill up the gas tank in an average car is over \$60. If that is breaking your budget, there are two things you can do about it — improve your gas mileage or replace your car with a more fuel-efficient one.

Improving your car's gas mileage can be started immediately by simply making sure your tires are properly inflated. Under-inflated tires can cost you up to 2 mpg. Also, replace your air filter regularly and put in new spark plugs every 30,000 miles. The smoother your car runs, the better its gas mileage. Remove anything from your car you do not really need. The more weight in your car, the more gas it will use. Also, remove your roof rack when you are not using it and put a bed cover on your pickup truck to reduce drag and give you 2 or 3 more mpg. Of course, the ultimate gas saver is to slow down. The faster you drive the more gas your car will use.

If you opt to buy a more fuel-efficient car, you have to figure out what to do with the gas guzzler. The dealership may not want it because there is not such a demand for the gas guzzlers. It could be difficult to sell privately for the same reason. You could also sell it cheap for parts at a junk yard or part it out yourself which will take some time. Or you can donate your car to charity.

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<b>Cedar Key</b>					
Th 18	High	4:44 AM	3.9	7:02 AM	Set 11:17 AM 84
18	Low	11:15 AM	0.7	8:09 PM	Rise 10:40 PM
18	High	5:16 PM	3.5		
18	Low	11:12 PM	1.1		
F 19	High	5:11 AM	4	7:03 AM	Set 12:10 PM 77
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21	High	8:15 PM	2.7		
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22	High	9:52 PM	2.7		
Tu 23	Low	2:19 AM	2.1	7:05 AM	Rise 1:26 AM 40
23	High	8:33 AM	3.7	8:04 PM	Set 3:45 PM
23	Low	4:29 PM	0.8		
23	High	11:23 PM	2.8		
W 24	Low	3:53 AM	2.2	7:06 AM	Rise 2:20 AM 31
24	High	9:56 AM	3.8	8:03 PM	Set 4:36 PM
24	Low	5:40 PM	0.5		
<b>Suwannee River Entrance</b>					
Th 18	High	4:50 AM	3.4	7:03 AM	Set 11:17 AM 84
18	Low	11:33 AM	0.7	8:10 PM	Rise 10:40 PM
18	High	5:22 PM	3.1		
18	Low	11:30 PM	1		
F 19	High	5:17 AM	3.5	7:03 AM	Set 12:11 PM 77
19	Low	12:14 PM	0.8	8:09 PM	Rise 11:16 PM
19	High	6:08 PM	2.9		
Sa 20	Low	12:01 AM	1.3	7:04 AM	Set 1:04 PM 69
20	High	5:49 AM	3.4	8:08 PM	Rise 11:54 PM
20	Low	1:01 PM	0.8		
20	High	7:04 PM	2.6		
Su 21	Low	12:37 AM	1.6	7:04 AM	Set 1:59 PM 60
21	High	6:29 AM	3.4	8:07 PM	
21	Low	2:02 PM	0.9		
21	High	8:21 PM	2.4		
M 22	Low	1:24 AM	1.8	7:05 AM	Rise 12:38 AM 50
22	High	7:24 AM	3.3	8:06 PM	Set 2:53 PM
22	Low	3:21 PM	0.9		
22	High	9:58 PM	2.4		
Tu 23	Low	2:37 AM	2	7:05 AM	Rise 1:26 AM 40
23	High	8:39 AM	3.3	8:05 PM	Set 3:46 PM
23	Low	4:47 PM	0.8		
23	High	11:29 PM	2.5		
W 24	Low	4:11 AM	2.1	7:06 AM	Rise 2:20 AM 31
24	High	10:02 AM	3.3	8:04 PM	Set 4:37 PM
24	Low	5:58 PM	0.5		
<b>Withlacoochee River Entrance</b>					
Th 18	High	4:51 AM	3.5	7:01 AM	Set 11:15 AM 84
18	Low	12:10 PM	0.7	8:08 PM	Rise 10:39 PM
18	High	5:23 PM	3.2		
F 19	Low	12:07 AM	1	7:02 AM	Set 12:09 PM 77
19	High	5:18 AM	3.6	8:07 PM	Rise 11:15 PM
19	Low	12:51 PM	0.8		
19	High	6:09 PM	3		
Sa 20	Low	12:38 AM	1.3	7:03 AM	Set 1:02 PM 69
20	High	5:50 AM	3.5	8:06 PM	Rise 11:53 PM
20	Low	1:38 PM	0.8		
20	High	7:05 PM	2.7		
Su 21	Low	1:14 AM	1.6	7:03 AM	Set 1:57 PM 60
21	High	6:30 AM	3.5	8:05 PM	
21	Low	2:39 PM	0.9		
21	High	8:22 PM	2.5		
M 22	Low	2:01 AM	1.8	7:04 AM	Rise 12:37 AM 50
22	High	7:25 AM	3.5	8:04 PM	Set 2:51 PM
22	Low	3:58 PM	0.9		
22	High	9:59 PM	2.5		
Tu 23	Low	3:14 AM	2	7:04 AM	Rise 1:25 AM 40
23	High	8:40 AM	3.4	8:03 PM	Set 3:44 PM
23	Low	5:24 PM	0.8		
23	High	11:30 PM	2.5		
W 24	Low	4:48 AM	2.1	7:05 AM	Rise 2:19 AM 31
24	High	10:03 AM	3.5	8:02 PM	Set 4:35 PM
24	Low	6:35 PM	0.5		

**Back To School SALE**

**Aug. 12-20**

Buy 2 Pair of Jeans Get a \$10 Coupon Towards a Pair of Boots

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Men's, Women's and Children's T-Shirts **Buy One Get One 50% off**

**Huge Selection of Jewelry, Purses and Belts**

Justin Rhinestone Flip Flops **\$15 off**

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115 NOTICES

ADVERTISER NOTICE — The Levy County Journal does not endorse, promote or encourage the purchase or sale of any product or service advertised in this newspaper.

HAPPY TAILS SOCIAL CLUB — Animal and Pet Rescue is now located in the Chiefland Flea Market, booth Red 27.

FREE PREGNANCY TESTS — Confidential Harmony Pregnancy & Resource Center.

AL-ANON MEETINGS IN WILLISTON — Join us for Al-Anon meetings on Monday evenings at 7 p.m.

NARCONON — a nonprofit public benefit organization that specializes in helping people with drug or alcohol addictions assessments and more than 11,000 local referrals.

AA MEETING — FOR INFORMATION CALL NORTH CENTRAL Florida Intergroup Office at (352) 372-8091

ADDICTION RECOVERY MEETING — Do you struggle with a Drug or Alcohol addiction? Come to our meeting every Thursday night at Mt. Nebo Baptist Church

125 SERVICES

JOYNER'S TREE SERVICE: Licensed and insured. Free estimates. (352) 542-7981 or (352) 578-5029.

SHEDS, SHEDS, SHEDS! — We move 'em. Best price in town. 352-493-0345. Joe's Rollback Service.

125 SERVICES

A. D. ANDREWS NURSERY, CHIEFLAND, FLORIDA — in business since 1982 in the wholesale nursery trade is now selling and installing shade trees locally.

NEED A FENCE OF ANY KIND? Call Danny, any time. 352-463-1832 or 352-493-5345

MOBILE HOME & HOME REPAIR: Ceiling to Floor and more. Quality work — low rates.

GUNS AND CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMITS: Call (352) 493-4209 for information.

130 FREE MEALS ON WHEELS FOR PETS: Hosted by Happy Tails Social Club. Call for details (352) 493-0252

135 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

FLORIDA'S LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM needs volunteers to join its corps of dedicated advocates who protect the rights of elders residing in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and adult family care homes.

All interested individuals who care about protecting the health, safety, welfare and rights of long-term care facility residents -- who often have no one else to advocate for them -- are encouraged to call toll-free (888) 831-0404

The local council meets at Haven Hospice of North Central Florida, 4200 NW 90th Boulevard in Gainesville to discuss the program's current activities and give the public a chance to provide comments about long-term care facility issues.

155 SCHOOLS & INSTRUCTION

NEED A NEW CAREER? Quest Training offers 40-hour CNA Prep Class

155 SCHOOLS & INSTRUCTION

No GED or High School Diploma required if age 18 Day & Night Classes Call (352) 493-7330

210 HELP WANTED

START YOUR OWN AVON BUSINESS TODAY! Just \$10. No Inventory needed.

CDS, INC. JOBS AVAILABLE www.childhooddevelopment.org

CASH PAID FOR JUNK CARS. \$200 and up. 352-771-6191.

LEVY NATURE COAST BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL and EZDA Executive Director combined full-time position.

310 HOUSE RENT HOMESTYLE REALTY RENTALS 352-495-9915

445 WANTED TO BUY JUNK CARS BOUGHT: \$150 — \$1,000. CALL 352-453-7159

400 REAL ESTATE

FOR SALE BY OWNERS - 3/2 ON 1 ACRE. Call for Details. 352-318-9262.

440 VACANT LAND FOR SALE

LAND FOR SALE: 1 1/4 to 2 1/2 acre lots; owner finance, easy terms, low down payment.

4 ACRES WILLISTON: Secluded country setting. Gorgeous Oaks with cleared homesite.

1 ACRE IN BRONSON: Beautifully wooded parcel! Nice Neighborhood.

440 VACANT LAND FOR SALE

Owner Financing! NO DOWN PAYMENT! Total \$12,900.00 Only \$132/mo.

1 ACRE MORRISTON: WELL, SEPTIC & POWER ALREADY INSTALLED!! Cleared homesite!

2/3 ACRE — BRONSON: Beautifully wooded parcel! Just 1 blk off HWY 27.

5 ACRES WILLISTON: 6671 NE 131 Ave. WELL SEPTIC & POWER! Gorgeous Oak Shaded Homesite!

445 WANTED TO BUY JUNK CARS BOUGHT: \$150 — \$1,000. CALL 352-453-7159

CASH PAID FOR JUNK CARS. \$200 and up. 352-771-6191.

500 FOR SALE

A. D. ANDREWS NURSERY, CHIEFLAND, FLORIDA — in business since 1982 in the wholesale nursery trade - is now selling and installing shade trees locally.

BARRELS: Now have screw-top barrels, \$20; Metal burn barrels, \$10; plastic barrels, \$15;

500 FOR SALE

DIXIE MONUMENTS: Serving North Central Fla. for over a decade. Featuring beautiful bronze, marble & granite monuments in many colors and styles.

DAVID WHITE ALL-PURPOSE LASER TRANSIT. Almost new. \$800. Call 352-239-7784.

540 LIVESTOCK

GEESE/Gray Chinese and White-Tufted Romans, \$20/each; Banty chickens, babies and adults, \$1 each.

FULL-BLOODED BOARS — 4-month-old billies, tagged, wormed, tattooed, hooves trimmed, with papers \$150.

550 FARM PRODUCTS

LOOK — NEW HAY FOR SALE: Large rolls, highly fertilized, net-wrapped, weed free!

555 AUTOMOBILES ANY JUNK CAR — cash paid up to \$500. Free pickup.

Larry Roberts Custom Tractor Work. Over 45 Years Experience. Bushhog Mowing, Discing, Seeding, Fertilizing, Rolling, Boxblading, Chopping.

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Last week's Sudoku. 9x9 grid with numbers 1-9.

Sudoku. 9x9 grid with numbers 1-9. Includes a 'Sudoku' title and a 'Where are my coupons?' section.

Where are my coupons? Coupons missing from your newspaper? Sunday newspaper sold out? Not getting the selection of coupons you need?

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA**

PROBATE DIVISION  
File Number 38-2011-CP-0088

IN RE: ESTATE OF BARBARA W. deVARENNES, Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the Estate of BARBARA W. deVARENNES, Deceased, whose date of death was March 1, 2011; file Number 38-2011-CP-0088 is pending in the Circuit Court for Levy County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Levy County Courthouse, 355 South Court Street, Bronson, FL 32621.

The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is: August 11, 2011.

Barbara Daher /s/ Personal Representative  
3126 Juhan Rd.  
Stone Mountain, GA 30087  
GREGORY V. BEAUCHAMP, P.A.  
Gregory V. Beauchamp /s/ Attorney for Personal Representative  
Florida Bar No. 178770  
P. O. Box 1129  
Chiefland, FL 32621  
(352) 493-1458  
Pub.: Aug. 11, 18, 2011.

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA**

PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 38-2011-CP-000122

IN RE: ESTATE OF LYMAN L. NORTON, Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the Estate of LYMAN L. NORTON, Deceased, whose date of death was May 2, 2011; File Number 38-2011-CP-000122, is pending in the Circuit Court for Levy County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Levy County Courthouse, 355 South Court Street, Bronson, FL 32621.

The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is August 11, 2011.

Lynn A. Norton /s/ Personal Representative  
2313 W. Argyle St.  
Jackson, MI 49202

GREGORY V. BEAUCHAMP, P.A.  
Gregory V. Beauchamp /s/ Attorney for Personal Representative  
Florida Bar No. 178770  
P. O. Box 1129  
Chiefland, FL 32644  
(352) 493-1458  
Pub.: Aug. 11, 18, 2011.

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA**

PROBATE DIVISION  
Case No.: 38-2011-CP-000135

IN RE: ESTATE OF DOROTHY M. GRANGER, a/k/a DOROTHY GRANGER STOCKY, a/k/a DOROTHY M. GRANGER STOCKY, Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
(Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of DOROTHY M. GRANGER, deceased, File Number 38-2011-CP-000135, by the Circuit Court for Levy County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 355 S. Court St., Bronson, FL 32621; that the decedent's date of death was June 9, 2011; that the total value of the estate is less than \$75,000.00, and that the names and addresses to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name: EDWARD T. GRANGER, Trustee of the GRANGER FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST, u/t/d 01/31/92, as amended;  
Address: 31 - 65<sup>th</sup> Street, Yankeetown, FL 34498.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is August 11, 2011.

Person Giving Notice: EDWARD T. GRANGER /s/ Attorney for Person Giving Notice:  
SALLIE D. SKIPPER, Esq. /s/ SKIPPER & SKIPPER, P.A.

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Applegate Professional Center  
Spring Hill, FL 34606-4507  
FBN: 970379  
(352) 683-5577;  
Fax 683-5578  
lawyer@skiplaw-sh.com  
Pub.: Aug. 11, 18, 2011.

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID**

The Levy County Board of County Commissioners hereby gives notice that bids will be accepted from FDOT pre-qualified contractors for the following work:

Resurfacing the existing pavement of Levy County Road No. 318 with asphaltic concrete leveling and surface course, shoulder work and incidental items. Location of this work is Levy County Road No. 318 from U.S. Highway No. 27 Alt (State Road No. 500) easterly to NE 220th Avenue (Levy/Marion county line). The length of the project is approximately 1.5 miles. Approximately 90 days will be allowed for construction.

Award, if made, will be based on the lowest and best responsible proposal as determined by the County.

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the Levy County Board of County Commissioners, P.O. Drawer 310, Levy County Courthouse, Bronson, Florida, until 2:00 P.M. (local time), Monday, September 5, 2011. Bidding Documents will not be issued after 5:00 P.M. (local time), Friday, September 2, 2011. Electronic (Internet) or facsimile (Fax) bids will not be accepted for this project.

A Proposal Guaranty of not less than five percent (5%) of the total actual bid, in the form of either a certified check, cashiers check, trust company treasurers check, bank draft of any national or state bank, or a Surety Bid Bond, made payable to the Levy County Board of County Commissioners, must accompany each bid. A check or draft in an amount less than five percent (5%) of the actual bid will invalidate the bid.

All work is to be done in accordance with the Plans, Special Provisions and Supplemental Specifications to accompany the Florida Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction 2010 together with the complete Florida Department of Transportation Implemented Modifications to the Standard Specifications (Supplemental Specifications).

Any person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a public entity crime may not submit a bid to or contract with a public entity for construction of a public work as set forth in Florida Statute, Chapter 287.133. Bidder shall certify to eligibility in the bid proposal.

Bidding Documents may be obtained from: Mills Engineering Company P.O. Box 778  
Bronson, Florida 32621  
Phone: (352) 486-2872  
FAX: (352) 486-2498

The right is reserved to accept or reject any or all bids.  
Pub.: Aug. 11, 18, 2011.

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA**

CASE NO: 2011-CA-000716 DIVISION:

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, etc., Plaintiffs,

vs. STACEY L. DUPREE, et al, Defendants. /

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
TO: Stacy Dupree  
Last Known Address: P. O. Box 231, Otter Creek, FL 32683

William Holmes  
Last Known Address: P. O. Box 125, Gulf Hammock, FL 32639  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Levy County, Florida:

The SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 and the SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 and the East 1/2 of SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 and the East 1/2 of NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of NW 1/4, all in Section 30, Township 14 South, Range 16 East, Levy County, Florida Together and 2004 Nobility, Reg Man, Spec, 66 x 26 manufactured home, Serial No: N1-9616AB, located on the property.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Lance Paul Cohen, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Cohen & Thurston, P.A., 1723 Blanding Boulevard, Suite 102, Jacksonville, Florida 32210, within thirty (30) days from the first date of publication of this notice, on or before September 23, 2011 and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

DANNY J. SHIPP  
CLERK OF THE COURT  
LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Gwen McElroy /s/ Deputy Clerk  
Lance Paul Cohen, Esquire  
COHEN & THURSTON, P.A.  
1723 Blanding Boulevard, Suite 102  
Jacksonville, Florida 32210  
904/388-6500  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
Pub.: Aug. 18, 25, 2011.

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE BY TOWN COUNCIL OF OTTER CREEK, FLORIDA**

Notice is hereby given that the proposed ordinance, whose title hereinafter appears, will be considered for first reading on the 22nd day of August, 2011, at the Special Meeting and Budget Workshop, and for second and final reading and adoption on the 19th day of September, 2011 at the Regular meeting of the Town Council starting at 7:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as may be heard, in the Town Council Meeting Room 555 SW 2nd Avenue, Otter Creek, Florida. A copy of said ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public at the Office of the Town Clerk, at the above address. All interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinances.

**ORDINANCE TITLE:** ORDINANCE NO. 2011-01 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF OTTER CREEK, FLORIDA REPEALING CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER V, SECTION 5.050, DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS WITHIN OTTER CREEK; REPEALING ORDINANCE 2001-01; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOTE: "Be advised that any person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Town Council, its Boards, Committees, Agencies, Authorities, etc. with respect to any matter considered at such meeting (or hearing), will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purposes, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which includes the testimony

and evidence upon which the appeal is being based." (Reference section 286.0105, Florida Statutes)  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETINGS**

The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) announces the following public meeting to which all interested persons are invited:

**Governing Board Meeting, Committee Meetings and Public Hearing:** Consider SWFWMD business. Some Board members may participate in the meeting via communications media technology.

**DATE/TIME:** Tuesday, August 30, 2011; 9 a.m.  
**PLACE:** SWFWMD Tampa Service Office, 7601 US Highway 301 North, Tampa FL 33637 (Note: this is a change of location from the published calendar)

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: WaterMatters.org - Boards, Meetings & Event Calendar; 1(800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)796-7211

For more information, you may contact: Luanne. Stout@watermatters.org 1(800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)796-7211, x4605 (Ad Order EXE0163)

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the District's Human Resources Director, 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, Florida 34604-6899; telephone (352) 796-7211, ext. 4702 or 1-800-423-1476 (FL only), ext. 4702; TDD (FL only) 1-800-231-6103; or email to ADACoordinator@swfwmd.state.fl.us  
Pub.: Aug. 18, 2011.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) announces the following public meeting to which all interested persons are invited:

**Governing Board Meeting:** Consider SWFWMD business and administrative matters including executive director interviews. Some Board members may participate in the meeting via communications media technology.

**DATE/TIME:** Monday, August 29, 2011; 2:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** SWFWMD Tampa Service Office, 7601 US Highway 301 North, Tampa FL 33637

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: WaterMatters.org - Boards, Meetings & Event Calendar; 1(800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)796-7211 For more information, you may contact: LuAnne. Stout@watermatters.org 1(800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)796-7211, x4605 (Ad Order EXE0164)

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ext. 4702; TDD (FL only) 1-800-231-6103; or email to ADACoordinator@swfwmd.state.fl.us  
Pub.: Aug. 18, 2011.

**NOTICE OF IMPOUND**

To Whom It May Concern: You are hereby notified that the following described livestock:

One (1) Horse, sorrel, gelding

is now impounded as stray livestock with an agent for the Levy County Sheriff's Office and the amount due by reason of such impounding is \$172.00 as of 08-18-11 (plus cost of advertising). The livestock was picked up in the area of the 10000 block of SE 125 Ct. in Dunnellon, Florida (Levy County). The above described livestock will, unless redeemed within 3 days from date hereof, be offered for sale at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash. LSCO report #1127615 Johnny Smith, Sheriff Levy County, Florida Pub.: Aug. 18, 2011.

**REBID ADVERTISEMENT**

The Levy County Solid Waste Department hereby gives notice that the County will accept bids from qualified contractors for the following work:

Reroof approximately 80'x140' of the existing metal building known as the Materials Recovery Facility Building at the Levy County Solid Waste Management Facility with similar metal roofing. Note that this is a REBID: the proposal form and technical specifications were revised.

Award, if made, will be based on the lowest and best responsible proposal as determined by the County.

Bidding documents may be obtained from: Mills Engineering Company Post Office Box 778 604 East Hathaway Bronson, Florida 32621 Telephone (352) 486-2872 Email: millseng@bellsouth.net

Bidding Documents will not be issued after 5:00 P.M (local time), on Wednesday, August 31, 2011.

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the Levy County Board of County Commissioners in the Levy County Courthouse located at 355 South Court Street, Bronson, Florida 32621 until 10:00 A.M. (local time) on Thursday, September 1, 2011. Proposals received after the specified time and date will not be considered. Proposals shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "SEALED BID - REBID OF REROOFING OF MRF". Electronic (internet) or facsimile (fax) bids will not be accepted for this project.

Proposal shall include a proposal guaranty of not less than five percent (5%) of the total actual bid, in the form of either a certified check, cashiers check, trust company treasurers check, bank draft of any national or state bank, or a Surety Bid Bond made payable to the Levy County Board of Commissioners. A proposal guaranty of less than five percent of the actual bid will invalidate the proposal.

Any person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a public entity crime or the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid to or contract with a public entity for construction of a public work as set forth in Florida Statute, Chapter 287.133. Bidder shall certify to eligibility in the bid proposal.

The County reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids and to make the award to the bidder who, in the County's judgment, is in the best interest of the County.  
Pub.: Aug. 18, 2011.

# LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## JULY 19, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on July 19, 2011 at 9:00 AM in the Levy County Board of County Commissioners meeting room, with the following

Commissioners present:  
Chairman Danny Stevens  
Comm. Ryan Bell  
Comm. Chad Johnson  
Comm. Marsha Drew

Also present were:  
Clerk of Court - Danny J. Shipp  
County Attorney - Anne Bast Brown  
County Coordinator - Fred Moody

Chairman Stevens called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Major Mike Sheffield gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### EXPENDITURES

Comm. Drew made a motion to approve the following expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

CHECK NUMBER	105338-105465
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	714,068.92
ROAD	85,462.76
SHIP	1,887.00
TRANSPORTATION	32,762.92
COURT FACILITIES	3,946.00
PROGRESS ENERGY	1,016.17
EMS	26,952.42
FIRE	86,181.63
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	214.95
UTILITIES	1,367.29
COMMUNICATION	3,514.00
ADD COURT COSTS	461.90
CAPITAL PROJECTS	1,326.15
LANDFILL	75,426.44
MSBUS	236,015.48
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,270,604.03</b>

### MINUTES

Approval of minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held July 5, 2011. - **TABLED** -

### SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Major Mike Sheffield

A. Levy County Jail repair request.  
Major Sheffield requested Board approval to use Peter Brown Construction for repairs to inmate showers at the Jail. Peter Brown Construction is recommended as they were the original contractor and some of the work is still under warranty. The total cost of this project will be \$43,536, which will come from the General Fund.

Comm. Drew made a motion to approve the use of Peter Brown Construction for repairs to the inmate showers at the Jail as requested. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES. Major Sheffield also informed the Board the monitoring system used at the Jail for visitation is down at this time and they are checking into what can be done to repair or replace the system.

### PUBLIC HEARING - PLANNING

Shenley Neely, Planning Department Director

A. Consider adoption of a proposed small scale land use petition to amend the Levy County Future Land Use Map. Petition SSA 11-01 is a request to change the land use designation on approximately 6.16 acres from Commercial ( C ) to Urban Low Density Residential (LDR).

Ms. Neely requested Board approval of proposed small scale land use petition, SSA 11-01 to amend the Levy County Future Land Use Map. The petition requests to change the land use designation from Commercial to Urban Low Density Residential. Ms. Neely read the petition into record.

Comm. Stevens asked if there was anyone to speak for or against. There was none.

Comm. Drew made a motion to approve Petition SSA 11-01 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

### LEVY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Barbara Locke

A. Agreement to dedicate five (5) acres for future building site.  
Mrs. Locke requested Board approval of an Agreement between the State of Florida, Department of Health and Levy County, Florida committing a five acre tract for a new Health Department. This Agreement is requested in order for the Department of Health to submit the Legislative Budget Request for FY 2012-2013. A Letter of Intent was provided by Ms. Neely to submit to the Town of Bronson stating the Board has identified 21 acres of which 5 acres is dedicated for a new Health Department facility.

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve the Agreement between the State of Florida Department of Health and Levy County, Florida as presented. Second was made by Comm. Drew and the MOTION CARRIES.

Swain Strickland

B. Appoint members to the Health Care Citizens Advisory Board.

Mr. Strickland requested Board approval of the following three members to the Health Care Citizens Advisory Board and their respective groups they would each represent:

Jim Quinlan	Provider Group
Patrick Allen	Community Organization
Bill Delano	Consumer

Comm. Johnson made a motion to accept the above named representatives to the Health Care Citizens Advisory Board as requested. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

### AUDIT REPORT

Alan Nast, Can, Riggs & Ingram, LLC

A. Presenting 2010 Audit Report.  
Mr. Nast presented the 2010 Audit Report to the Board. He pointed out areas of interest to the Commissioners and gave a brief overview of the completed audit.

### SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Steve Minnis

A. Presentation of payment in lieu of taxes check.  
Mr. Minnis, of the Suwannee River Water Management District presented a check to the Board of County Commissioners in the amount of \$25,108.88 for payment in lieu of taxes.

### ATTORNEY

Anne Bast Brown, County Attorney

A. Motion granting County Attorney the authority to execute the Satisfaction and Release of Claim for the Estate of Ama Nell Perry.

Atty. Brown gave an update on a hearing yesterday regarding Tarmac and informed the Commissioners the next hearing will be on August 8th.

Atty. Brown requested Board authority to execute the Satisfaction and Release of Claim for the Estate of Ama Nell Perry. This is from a Claim against the Estate for unpaid ambulance fees from the now deceased patient. Atty. Brown stated the bill of \$599.60 has been paid.

Comm. Bell made a motion to authorize Atty. Brown to execute the Satisfaction and Release of Claim as presented. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Motion granting the County Attorney authority to execute any Satisfaction and Release of Claim received in future estates.

Atty. Brown requested Board approval allowing her to execute any Satisfaction and Releases of Claim received on future estates.

Comm. Bell made a motion to give authority to Atty. Brown to execute any Satisfaction and Release of Claim received in future estates paid in full as requested. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

### COUNTY COORDINATOR

Fred Moody

A. Request from Forest Park III Home Owner's Association to purchase water from University Oaks Water System.

Mr. Moody presented a request sent to him from Forest Park III Home Owner's Association to purchase water from the University Oaks Water System.

After discussion, the Commissioners decided by consensus to allow the purchase of water from University Oaks Water System and work out the specifics at a later date if Forest Park III Home Owner's Association decides to go forward with the purchase.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Karen Blackburn

A. On behalf of Linda Fugate, Tax Collector presenting Recapitulation Report for Board Signatures.

Ms. Blackburn requested Board approval of the Levy County Tax Collector Recapitulation Report with Board signatures.

Comm. Drew made a motion to approve the Levy County Tax Collector Recapitulation Report as requested. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Mark Johnson, Director

A. Request to accept the Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance (EMPA) Base Grant Agreement.

Mr. Johnson requested Board approval to accept the 2011-2012 Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance Base Grant Agreement (EMPA) in the amount of \$105,806.

Comm. Drew made a motion to accept the 2011-2012 Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance Base Grant Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

### LEVY COUNTY TRANSIT

Connie Conley

A. Request permission to apply for Grant Funding to allocate additional office/maintenance space.

Mrs. Conley requested Board approval to apply for a non-matching Federal Grant under the category "State of Good Repair". This will enable them to bring the bus facilities into a state of good repair by putting safer, more fuel efficient, modern equipment into service.

Comm. Johnson made a motion to grant permission to apply for Federal Grant funding with the condition the Board would give final approval if application is accepted. Second was made by Comm. Drew and the MOTION CARRIES.

### ROAD DEPARTMENT

Bruce Greenlee, Administrative Road Superintendent

A. Adopt Resolution 2011-39 for the naming of described portion of CR 318 a/k/a NE 40a' Street as Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive.

Mr. Greenlee requested Board approval of Resolution 2011-39 for the naming CR 318 a/k/a NE 40th Street as Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive. Mr. Greenlee stated the request was made by Pastor Tony Days, III and Gladys Days, Pastor and Co-Pastor of the New Abundant Life Outreach Ministries.

Comm. Drew made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-39 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Award bid to purchase a new excavator.

Mr. Greenlee read into record the bids received previously for the hydraulic rock pit excavator for the Gulf Hammock mine. The bids received are as follows:

Bidding Company	Bid Amount
Flagler Construction Equipment	\$366,777
Ring Power Corporation	435,964
Highland Tractor Company	377,000 450D 398,736 470G
Road Machinery & Supply Co	283,400

Mr. Greenlee recommended purchasing the excavator from Road Machinery & Supply Co. for \$283,400.

Comm. Bell made a motion to purchase the excavator from Road Machinery & Supply Co. as recommended. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

### SHIP/WATER

Lenore Jones and Deborah Belcher, Roumelis Planning and

Development Services, Inc.

A. Adopt Resolution 2011-40, adopting changes to the Levy County Local Housing Assistance Plan, including changes and inclusion of the Levy County Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3 Housing Assistance Plan.

Ms. Jones requested Board approval of Resolution 2011-40, adopting changes to the Levy County Local Housing Assistance Plan and explained changes to the Board members.

Comm. Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-40 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

### NON AGENDA ITEM - AG EXTENSION OFFICE

Albert Fuller requested the Board hear a non-agenda item. Comm. Drew made a motion to hear a non-agenda item. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Fuller requested the Board rescind the original Agreement with the Central Florida Community Action Agency for the Summer Youth Employment Program at the Ag. Center and replace it with a new agreement to increase the amount to pay the participant's wages working with these programs. The amount paid to the participants will change from \$600 per participant to \$3,000 and the number of participants will increase to 10.

Comm. Bell made a motion to rescind the original Agreement for the Summer Programs at the Ag. Center. Second was made by Comm. Drew and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Drew made a motion to approve the new Agreement for the Summer Programs at the Ag. Center as presented. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

### COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Comm. Johnson apologized for issues with his home phone and informed anyone who needed to contact him could still reach him at his cell phone number.

Comm. Drew spoke about the phone system issue and stated she had been checking numbers the county was paying for trying to determine if all lines were being used.

Mr. Moody gave information about ESPY Services, a telecommunication reviewing company which works off of the contingency from savings as a way to resolve the excess amounts paid to the phone company. Discussion followed of switching to a new system altogether or hiring a company to look for savings at some point in the future.

The Board decided by consensus to compile an advertisement for companies to come in to give estimates for a new system rather than using ESPY Services, a telecommunication reviewing company at this time.

### CLERK OF COURT

Mr. Shipp stated it is time for VAB to close out the year. There will be a meeting on August 2<sup>d</sup> at 8:30 A.M. During the regular meeting on August 16th, new members will need to be appointed. The Attorney contract for Ron Stevens will also be reviewed at this time.

The meeting recessed at 10:37 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 P.M.

### PUBLIC SERVICE DIRECTOR INTERVIEWS

Comm. Stevens called the meeting back to order at 1:01 P.M. and introduced Dr. Donald McCoy, Medical Director for Levy County, who would be present during the interviews.

Jacqueline Martin spoke to the Board and gave information on the interview process. The following applicants were interviewed:

Francis Ennist  
Scott Cooper  
Steve Smith

The meeting recessed at 2:46 P.M. The meeting reconvened at 2:56 P.M.

Raymond Fishback  
David Knowles  
Ralph Franklin, Jr.

The Commissioners all agreed upon the applicant, David Knowles as their choice for Public Service Director and then discussed negotiating the salary and whether or not there would be a contract. It was agreed the employee would be an "at-will" employee, with a minimum "out" amount. Comm. Stevens stated he is not in favor of a contract and the other Commissioners agree. If this person does not work out, the Commissioners agreed to re-advertise for the position.

Mrs. Martin stated background checks can be done in about a week and half. The committee selected to discuss salary and employment negotiations will consist of: Comm. Drew, Board liaison for Fire and EMS, Mrs. Martin, Human Resources and Mr. Moody, County Coordinator. They will bring information back to the Board at the next meeting on August 2<sup>d</sup> for approval.

The meeting recessed at 4:31 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 5:05 P.M.

### BUDGET MEETING

Comm. Stevens called the meeting back to order at 5:05 P.M. Sheila Rees began the budget presentation by stating there were reduced budgets for the Supervisor of Elections, which had been reduced by \$9,000 and the Sheriff's Department preliminary budget, which had been reduced by \$296,827. The overall budget is still out by \$609,281.

### FIRE

Lamar Stegall stated the Fire Advisory Board had recently met, and the consensus was for them all to remain the same operationally. The only exception was Fanning Springs, which had requested their budget to be doubled for this year.

Ronnie McQueen presented information to the Commissioners regarding Fanning Springs Fire Rescue.

### NATURE COAST BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Doug King gave handouts to the Commissioners regarding the Nature Coast Business Development Council and informed the Board of their efforts to hire a new Director.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Moody stated he had spoken to Betty Walker about the LARC budget and she indicated she was hoping for same as last year and will work with what is given from the Board.

Mr. Moody stated there is no information at this time regarding Perry Roofing from Jimmy Jones at Maintenance.

Mrs. Martin gave information to the Board regarding the increase in insurance amounts and asked if the Board will be leaving the employee contributions the same or will they be required to pay the increase? She stated a decision would need to be made at the next Board meeting as open enrollment will begin the following week.

Comm. Bell spoke of a change in the deductible plan for health insurance.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:53 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS LEVY COUNTY, FL  
Chairman, Danny Stevens



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# LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUGUST 2, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on August 2, 2011 at 9:00 AM in the Levy County Board of County Commissioners meeting room, with the following Commissioners present:

- Chairman Danny Stevens
- Comm. Ryan Bell
- Comm. Chad Johnson
- Comm. Marsha Drew
- Also present were:
- Clerk of Court - Danny J. Shipp
- County Attorney - Anne Bast Brown
- County Coordinator - Fred Moody
- Assistant to the County Coordinator - Dick Tummond
- Chairman Stevens called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Mr. Greenlee gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### EXPENDITURES

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve the following expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. Drew and the MOTION CARRIES.

CHECK NUMBER	105466-105578
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,028,891.94
ROAD	26,112.70
COURT TECH/CRIM PREY	89.95
TRANSPORTATION	1,244.20
911	10,583.33
COURT FACILITIES	7.00
PROGRESS ENERGY	1,413.72
EMS	8,452.40
FIRE	87,313.10
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	334.64
UTILITIES	825.20
ADD COURT COSTS	2,168.41
CAPITAL PROJECTS	919.59
LANDFILL	10,918.89
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,179,275.07</b>

### MINUTES

Approval of minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held July 5, 2011.

Comm. Drew made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held July 5, 2011. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

### SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Patty Galyean, Executive Assistant  
A. Ratify a grant application for Drug Task Force Unit.  
Mrs. Galyean requested Board approval to ratify a grant application for the Byrne Grant, which is the continuing grant for the Drug Task Force. The amount of the grant is \$60,003. Comm. Drew made a motion to ratify the grant application for the Drug Task Force Unit as requested. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

### ZONING

Rob Corbitt, Director  
A. Consider approval of Hardship Variance for Richard and Tami Hooper (HaVa 2-11).  
Mr. Corbitt requested Board approval of Hardship Variance HaVa. 2-11 for petitioners Richard and Tami Hooper. The Hardship Variance is to allow a second dwelling in order to care for the mother of Richard Hooper.

Comm. Stevens asked if there was any ex-parte by the Commissioners. There was none. Comm. Stevens asked if anyone would like to speak for or against this petition. Richard Hooper stated the hardship variance is to allow him to care for his mother.  
Comm. Drew made a motion to approve Hardship Variance Ha.Va. 2-11 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

### COUNTY COORDINATOR

Fred Moody  
A. Public Safety Director employment negotiations.  
Mr. Moody requested Board approval of the Committee recommendations for the Public Safety Director nominee, David Knowles a salary of \$68,500 to begin August 22. A mid-term evaluation would be done at three months and after a six month evaluation the salary would increase to \$75,000. Mr. Knowles would be required to relocate to Levy County within six months and the position is not contracted, but an at-will position.  
Comm. Drew made a motion to accept the proposed negotiations and hire David Knowles as the Levy County Public Safety Director. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Group Health Insurance.  
Mr. Moody requested a Board decision on the Group Health Insurance coverage either at the morning meeting or the evening meeting today.

### Community Calendar continued from page 5

#### Austin's Warriors -- Riding for a Cure Poker Run Sept. 24

Austin's Warriors are planning another event to help "Kick Cancer's Butt"! The second annual "Get on the Road to Find a Cure" Poker Run will be held on September 24th. There will be stops in Levy, Gilchrist and Dixie Counties. Last year's event raised \$2,500, with the winner taking home a \$500 cash prize!

For more information, contact Natasha Allen at (352) 210-2490 or visit [www.kickingcancersBUTT.info](http://www.kickingcancersBUTT.info).

#### CF Levy Center To Offer Computer Courses For Seniors

The College of Central Florida Levy Center will offer three computer courses designed just for seniors. These courses start with the basics and advance at a comfortable pace with the beginner in mind. The classes will meet on Fridays (starting on Sept 2) from 9 to 11 a.m. at the CF Levy Center, 114 Rodgers Blvd. in Chiefland. For information about the courses, call 352-493-9533. To register, visit the Levy Center.

### FANNING SPRINGS

#### Fanning and Manatee Springs Working Group Public Forum Aug. 17

On Wed. Aug. 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Spring House at Otter Springs Park (6470 SW 80 Ave, 3 1/2 miles north of Fanning Springs) everyone is invited to join community members in a public forum to learn about Fanning and Manatee Springs and work cooperatively to protect groundwater flowing to these valuable community assets.

This meeting will focus on ways to further reduce leaching of nitrate to groundwater from reclaimed water discharged from the City of Fanning Springs' wastewater treatment facility, soon to be built about 2 miles from Fanning Spring. Nitrate is a pollutant in Fanning Spring.

The desired outcome of this meeting is to build additional support for the City's wastewater treatment process. For more information please contact Dr. Carol Lippincott, Coordinator of the Fanning and Manatee Springs Working Group, at (352) 377-8693 or [Carol\\_Lippincott@cox.net](mailto:Carol_Lippincott@cox.net).

Website: <http://share2.myfwc.com/spring/default.aspx>

Comm. Bell spoke to the other Commissioners of information regarding switching the current Health Insurance to a HSA plan (Health Savings Account).

Mrs. Martin gave information to the Commissioners for review of possible savings in choosing the HSA plan as well as information on employee Life Insurance. The Life Insurance rates decreased from \$.26 to \$.23 per \$1,000 and there will be a new Voluntary Life Benefit for spouse's, which may be purchased by the employee. Mrs. Martin then provided information for the Commissioners regarding the HSA plan offered by the current insurance company used, Blue Cross Blue Shield.

After discussion, the Commissioners agreed to research the information provided before making a decision at the evening meeting.

### LEVY COUNTY TRANSIT

Connie Conley  
A. Request 4% decrease in Agency for Persons with Disabilities rates for period of 07/01/11 to 08/31/12.

Mrs. Conley requested Board approval of the Amendment to the Medicaid Waiver Services Agreement for Transportation Services with the Agency for Persons with Disabilities for the period of 07/01/11 to 08/31/12, in which there is a 4% provider rate decrease. Mrs. Conley stated they were aware of this change and had adjusted their budgeted accordingly.

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve the Amendment as presented. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

### ROAD DEPARTMENT

Bruce Greenlee, Administrative Superintendent  
A. Town of Bronson requested the Road Department to repair/road paving for city streets.

Mr. Greenlee stated the Town of Bronson had requested the Road Department re-surface Garner Street. The estimated cost for the Road Department would be \$18,138.18.

Comm. Stevens stated he would like for the Town of Bronson to pay all costs, not just to share the cost of this project, as they had requested. Comm. Johnson agrees and states he is in favor of the Town of Bronson fully reimbursing the Road Department.

Tommy Dunsford spoke from the Town of Bronson and stated they would like to use the Road Department as it would be the most cost effective choice.

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve the Road Department resurfacing Garner Street with the Town of Bronson reimbursing all costs associated with this project. Second was made by Comm. Drew and the MOTION CARRIES.

### COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Drew made a motion to hear a non-agenda item. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Drew spoke of the Planning Commission position which was to expire in April of 2010. Comm. Drew stated she had recommended someone new for the position at that time, but the Board decided to re-appoint the same person instead. Referring to the June 21st meeting where Comm. Bell recommended the person serving on the Planning Commission in his district to be removed and re-appointed someone new, Comm. Drew asked to be given the same consideration as Comm. Bell.

Comm. Drew made a motion to remove the person from her district serving on the Planning Commission, Thad Barber. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the votes were cast as follows:

Yes	No
Comm. Bell	Comm. Stevens
Comm. Drew	Comm. Johnson

The Motion does not pass.  
Barney Cannon spoke from the audience and stated a Commissioner should be able to appoint whoever they wish.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Teresa Watson from the office of State Representative Leonard Bemby stated Session will be starting early beginning January 10th until March 9th and the Levy County Legislative Delegation Hearing will be September 26 at 3:00 P.M.  
The meeting recessed at 9:49 A.M.  
The meeting reconvened at 6:30 P.M.

### PUBLIC HEARING

Comm. Stevens called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.  
A. Adopt the 2011-2012 Annual EMS Tax Assessment Rate Resolution 2011-35 for 2011-12 fiscal year.

Atty. Brown presented the 2011-2012 Annual EMS Tax Assessment Rate, Resolution 2011-35 for Board approval.  
Comm. Stevens asked if there was anyone to speak for or against.  
Milton Former spoke against stating the fees were too high.  
Comm. Drew made a motion to set the 2011-2012 Annual EMS Tax Assessment Rate at \$76. The 2010-2011 Rate was \$38 for residential and varying rates by square footage for commercial. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Adopt the 2011-2012 Annual Rate Resolution for Fire

Protection Services, Resolution 2011-32 for 2011-12 fiscal year.

Atty. Brown presented the 2011-12 Annual Rate Resolution for Fire Protection Services, Resolution 2011-32 for Board approval.

Comm. Stevens asked if there was anyone to speak for or against. There was none.

Comm. Bell made a motion to set the 2011-12 Annual Rate, Resolution 2011-32, for Fire Protection Services at \$40. The 2010-2011 Rate was \$31. Second was made by Comm. Drew and the MOTION CARRIES.

C. Adopt the Annual Rate Resolution 2011-33 for Solid Waste Assessment for 2011-12 fiscal year.

Atty. Brown presented Annual Rate Resolution 2011-33 for Solid Waste Assessment for the 2011-12 fiscal year.

Comm. Stevens asked if there was anyone to speak for or against. There was none.

Comm. Bell made a motion to set the 2011-12 Annual Rate for Solid Waste Assessment, Resolution 2011-33 at the same rate as last year, \$25. Second was made by Comm. Drew and the MOTION CARRIES.

D. Adopt the Annual Rate Resolution for Roadway Maintenance

Atty. Brown presented the 2011-12 Annual Rate Resolution for Roadway Maintenance Services Assessments, Resolution 2011-34 for Board Approval.

Comm. Stevens asked if there was anyone to speak for or against. There was none.

Comm. Johnson made a motion to set the 2011-12 Annual Rate Resolution for Roadway Maintenance Services Assessments at the same rate as last year, Resolution 2011-34. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Stevens announced the Public Hearing was now closed at 7:16 P.M.

### COUNTY COORDINATOR

B. Group Health Insurance. (continued from morning agenda)  
Mrs. Martin provided information regarding whether or not the Board could seek a different Insurance Carrier for this upcoming fiscal year. She explained a letter of intent had to be provided to the current carrier by August 15 in order to withdraw any time within this next fiscal year, so the Board is committed to the PRM plans through September 30, 2012. The Commissioners agreed to seek bids for alternative Carriers for the following fiscal year.

Discussion of dependent coverage among the Commissioners followed regarding whether or not the Board would absorb the increase in premiums.

Comm. Drew made a motion to adopt the current insurance. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Bell made a motion to absorb insurance increase. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

### SET TENTATIVE MILLAGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-12

Danny Shipp stated current millage is 7.4212. The rolled-back rate is 8.0614. Mr. Shipp reminded the Commissioners once the rate is set, it cannot be increased. It can only be decreased.

Comm. Bell made a motion to set the millage rate at 8.4212. The motion dies for lack of a second.

Comm. Johnson made a motion to set the tentative millage at the rolled-back rate of 8.0614. The motion dies for lack of a second.

Comm. Johnson made a motion to set the millage rate at 8.25. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the votes were cast as follows:

Yes	No
Comm. Bell	Comm. Johnson
Comm. Drew	Comm. Stevens

The MOTION FAILS.  
Comm. Drew made a motion to set the tentative millage at the rolled-back rate of 8.0614. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Bell made a motion to present a non-agenda item. Second was made by Comm. Drew and the MOTION CARRIES.  
Comm. Johnson votes No.

Comm. Bell stated he has a presentation from the Workforce Connection, which is an 11th Amendment restated about the configuration of numbers to get a quorum. This requires a Board vote. Atty. Brown states this is the 11th restated Agreement of the Workforce Connection and will only change the number of members.

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve the Agreement as presented with the Chairman's signature. Second was made by Comm. Drew and the MOTION CARRIES.

### THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:14 P.M.

ATTEST:  
Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS LEVY COUNTY, FL

Chairman, Danny Stevens

### OLD TOWN

#### Free Restring for Guitar on Aug. 20

Dixie Music Center will be holding a Customer Appreciation Day on Saturday Aug. 20th starting at 9:30 a.m. The store, in conjunction with Dean Markley Strings, is offering to change the strings on a customer's guitar: with no charge for the strings or for the installation. There are some "strings attached" though: Customers are asked to bring a non-perishable food item (or three) that will be donated to a local charity for those less fortunate. This service will be provided on the spot while the customer waits.

This offer is limited to one per customer, guitar must be in good working condition. Customers also must stay with their instrument before and during the free service. This offer may be limited to the first 50 participants. The store will also be offering complimentary hot dogs and sodas for customers. For complete details and conditions please call the store at (352) 542-3001, or visit Dixie Music Center, 26626 SE 19 Highway in Old Town, on Facebook.

### OTTER SPRINGS

#### The Suwannee River Garden Club Summer Social Aug. 27

The Suwannee River Garden Club will hold its Annual Summer Social at Otter Springs on Saturday, Aug. 27th starting at 11 a.m. Those attending should provide their own picnic lunch (additional tea and ice will be available). Ladies, it will be hot so either

wear your bathing suit or dress accordingly. Don't forget to bring sunscreen, a lawn chair and a big hat for shade. Looking forward to seeing you all there. If you have any questions call Anne Zuber, Judy Benton or Linnie Beck.

### GILCHRIST COUNTY

#### Hart Springs Annual Nature Festival Sept. 24

Hart Springs will be hosting a Nature Festival on Saturday Sept. 24 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 4240 SW 86th Ave. in Bell. You can view the springs and more info at [www.hartsprings.com](http://www.hartsprings.com). This event is to showcase the beauty of nature at a Florida spring and will include a bird watching tour, a native plant and tree tour on a 1/2 mile boardwalk, native and ornamental plant sales, children's games, good food, storytelling, local art and live music along with exhibits and displays by Master Gardeners, Institute of Food and Agriculture Science (IFAS), FFA and 4-H. Hart Springs has a family atmosphere and all can enjoy its beauty. No alcohol or pets. Entry fee is \$2 per person, \$1 for 60-plus and free for children under five. Contact Mitchell or Faye at (352) 463-3444 for more information or to be a vendor.

# Hunter Safety Internet-Completion Course Offered in Levy and Gilchrist Counties

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is offering a free hunter safety Internet-completion course in Levy County and in Gilchrist County.

The Levy class is Sept. 10 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Gilchrist class is Sept. 17 from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1:30 p.m. until completed. Students who have taken the online course and wish to complete this classroom portion must bring the online-completion report with them. Students must participate in both classes to get credit for the course.

The location for this class will be given to those who register in advance by calling the regional office at 386-758-0525 or going to MyFWC.com/HunterSafety.

All firearms, ammunition and materials are provided free of charge. Students should

bring a pen or pencil and paper. An adult must accompany children under the age of 16 at all times.

People born on or after June 1, 1975, must complete the hunter safety course before purchasing a Florida hunting license. The FWC course satisfies hunter-safety training requirements for all other states and Canadian provinces.

Those interested in attending a course can register online and obtain information about future hunter safety classes at MyFWC.com/HunterSafety or by calling the FWC's regional office in Lake City at 386-758-0525.

# Hunting Season to Begin Soon on SRWMD Lands

Hunting will soon begin on nearly 100,000 acres of Suwannee River Water Management District-owned lands. Deer, hog, turkey and small game hunting is available on limited days from September-March.

Hunting on these lands is managed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission as Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs).

The following is a list of areas available for hunting:

- Big Shoals: Hamilton County
- Cypress Creek: Hamilton County
- Holton Creek: Hamilton County

- Little River: Suwannee County
- Troy Springs: Lafayette County
- Twin Rivers: Madison County
- Mallory Swamp: Lafayette County
- Steinhatchee Springs: Lafayette, Dixie and Taylor counties
- Lower Econfina: Taylor County
- Middle Aucilla: Jefferson, Madison and Taylor counties
- Aucilla: Jefferson and Taylor counties
- Log Landing: Dixie County

- Devil's Hammock: Levy County
- Santa Fe Swamp: Bradford County

Holton Creek is a mobility impaired hunting area. It is closed to the public during hunt dates, except to persons hiking the Florida Trail.

Persons using WMAs are required to have appropriate licenses, permits and stamps.

For more information contact the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 386.758.0525 or visit the website at www.myfwc.com.

# The SRWMD Reopens its Santa Fe Swamp Tract Following Wildfire

Though charred trees and open spaces are a reminder of the wildfire that swept through the Santa Fe Swamp, new plant growth indicates the area is in recovery.

Over the last few weeks, District land managers and workers with Florida Forest Service (FFS) have worked to rehabilitate fire lines and make other repairs to prepare for the District's property within the swamp to reopen. The tract, located in Alachua and Bradford counties, officially reopened to the public August 11.

The District, which owns 5,708 acres within the swamp, closed its portion of the property after lightning sparked a wildfire in early June. The fire was declared out by FFS on July 19.

"Before reopening the tract, we wanted to ensure that the hydrology and public access in recreational areas were restored back to conditions prior to the fire," said Edwin McCook, District land management specialist.

The FFS, formerly the Florida Division of Forestry, worked around the clock to extinguish the fire. Firefighters used aircraft to drop fire retardant and water from the sky and used various equipment to maintain burn lines to contain the fire on the ground.

"The best we can do against a swamp fire is keep it within the perimeter of the swamp and let it burn out," said Kurt Wisner, a spokesperson for FFS.

With the exception of only a few small escapes which were extinguished fairly quickly, fire crews were successful in containing the blaze within the



The Santa Fe Swamp in August 2011 after a wildfire swept through most of the area



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# Springhouse Quilter's News

Springhouse Quilter's Guild met Tuesday, August 9th with President Pat Hodges officiating. There were 24 members present. Door prizes were won by Sandra Mount and Cheryl Watson. Elaine Zahn presented a very interesting demonstration on the versatility of placemats. Her creative projects included several items she made using the placemats including a handbag, a folding crochet needle holder, a wooden-handled knitting bag and a sewing gadget carrying case. Norma Birman informed members that the August 23rd cathedral window workshop would be taught by Faith Stanton. A pillow and a table runner using the cathedral window pattern were displayed. Norma announced plans for a "Girls Day Out" for Friday, August 26. Members will need to contact Norma for information. President Pat reminded members that the September business meeting would be brief due to a pre-scheduled pot-luck dinner. The meeting adjourned following show and tell. Several members displayed unique and beautifully quilted projects. For information about Springhouse Quilters, contact a member or Lois Scott, 463-2207. — submitted by Lois Scott and Beverly Shobe, publicity

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of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances." Based on his finding, the judge ordered that the plaintiffs be paid \$1 and that the monument must be moved from the courthouse steps within 30 days of his original ruling on July 15, 2011. The Dixie County Board of County Commissioners had asked their attorney from Liberty Counsel to argue for a 30-day delay so that the county could file an appeal of the ruling. That request was granted. The monument, sponsored by a private citizen, who also sponsored the creation and placement of similar monuments in Chiefland and Bronson, will not be moved for at least 30 days.

**Santa Fe Swamp continued from page 14**  
swamp. No personnel were injured and no structures were damaged, said Wisner. According to GPS measurement of fire lines, 5,679 acres within the swamp were burned. This number is lower than earlier reports because GPS measurement is more accurate than estimates reported during an incident, said Wisner. In addition to reopening the swamp, the District has also lifted its ban on camp fires on all District property. Though the District continues to experience drought conditions, the ban was lifted based on the Keetch-Byram drought index (KBDDI), which tracks soil moisture content to evaluate the risk of wildfires. As of mid July those levels on District lands fell within a normal range.

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## Florida Cattle Auctions Weekly Summary

Bartow, FL Fri Aug 12, 2011 USDA-FL Dept of AG Market News

At the Florida Livestock Auctions; Cattle receipts at 8 markets; Okeechobee, Lakeland, Webster, Ellsville, Arcadia, Ocala, Madison and Lake City, receipts totaled 6,862 compared to 7,199 last week, and 10,318 last year. According to the Florida Federal-State Livestock Market News Service: Compared to one week ago, slaughter cows mostly steady, bulls steady to 2.00 higher, feeder steers 1.00 to 3.00 lower, heifers 1.00 lower, replacement cows not tested.

This week	Last week	Year ago	755-775	764	115.00-118.00	116	
Steers over 600 lbs	5%	5%	2%	805-820	813	114.00-115.00	114.5
Steers under 600 lbs	46%	41%	43%				
Heifers over 600 lbs	2%	2%	1%				
Heifers under 600 lbs	30%	28%	33%				
Feeder cows	0%	1%	2%	200-245	225	145.00-180.00	161.47
Slaughter cows	15%	21%	17%	250-295	273	136.00-172.50	156.83
Bulls	2%	2%	2%	300-345	324	128.00-152.50	142.14
				350-390	368	120.00-137.50	129.57
				400-445	425	114.00-126.00	121.24
				450-490	471	109.00-122.00	117.45
				500-545	523	105.00-119.00	113.06
				550-595	573	103.00-115.00	110.83
				600-645	619	103.00-115.00	109.2
				650-695	669	103.00-114.00	108.77

Slaughter Cows Breakers 75-80			
Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1230-1595	1338	65.00-74.00	70.23
1225-1345	1291	74.50-80.00	77.00 HD
1275-1385	1330	61.50-63.00	62.28 LD

Slaughter Cows Boners 80-85			
Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
830-1190	1053	63.00-74.00	70.37
885-1185	1081	73.00-79.00	74.76 HD
1200-1590	1358	68.00-77.00	70.81
1210-1575	1371	73.00-80.00	75.13 HD

Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90			
Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
805-835	820	62.00-63.00	62.49
820-825	822	58.00-61.00	60.00 LD
855-1190	1017	62.00-68.00	64.93
855-1190	990	51.00-61.00	57.75 LD
1210-1550	1299	63.00-69.00	65.96

Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 1			
Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1005-1490	1284	77.00-90.00	83.32
1170-1480	1325	73.00-76.00	74.68 LD
1500-2145	1682	80.00-93.00	86.1

Feeder Steers and Bulls Medium and Large 1-2			
Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
200-240	215	172.50-210.00	188.32
250-295	273	162.50-192.50	174.07
300-345	316	148.00-175.00	158.79
350-395	367	127.00-160.00	140.81
400-445	422	125.00-143.00	131.64
450-495	470	117.00-134.00	126.42
500-540	518	115.00-128.00	122.06
550-595	568	115.00-128.00	121.63
600-640	613	116.00-125.00	119.61
650-690	665	118.00-124.00	120.23
700-725	709	115.00-119.00	117.63



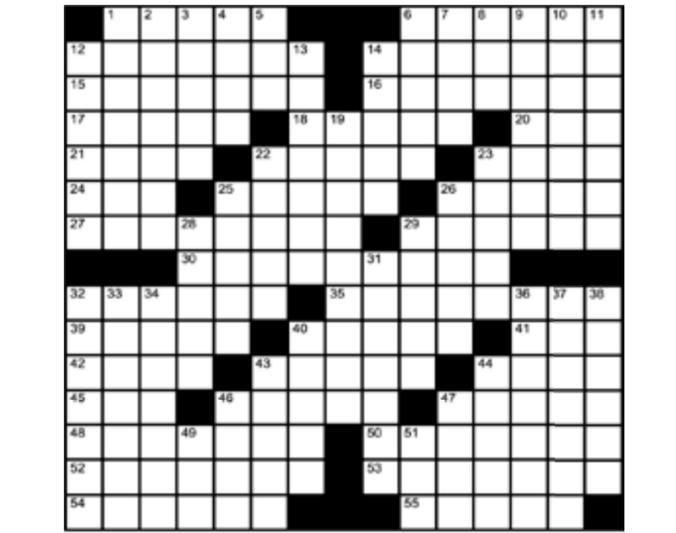
# COUPON—Tips & Tricks

## Grocery Coupon

Mastering some simple tips and tricks is key to maximum grocery savings. Here are my top 5:

- 1. Know your store's coupon policy.**  
Do they double coupons? Do they accept competitor coupons? Do they accept internet coupons? If so, are there any limits or restrictions? For example, Shaw's accepts internet coupons. However, they apparently have this policy, which they never actually share with their customers, that you cannot use an internet coupon to get something "free."
- 2. Use multiple coupons.** This one is so simple, yet it amazes me when people do not realize that you can buy multiple items using multiple coupons. For example, if Progresso soup is on sale for \$2.00/can and you have two \$1.00 off one coupons, you can buy 2 cans and use both your coupons. Stash your coupons and get big savings – for example Muir Glen pasta sauce was on sale for \$2.99 each. I had EIGHT (yes, I did) \$1.00/1 coupons. So I bought 8 jars on sale and used my 8 coupons. This method is key to stockpiling things you use all the time.
- 3. Maximize the Buy 1 Get One (B1G1).** These are some of the best deals you can get. Even alone, with no coupons, they tend to be good. However, using coupons on top of the B1G1 is even better and one of the best ways to get things for free or close to free! When scanning a store circular, I almost always check out the B1G1 deals first and match coupons.  
(a) You can typically use 2 coupons for a B1G1 deal. For example, if Quaker Oatmeal is on sale Buy One at \$2.50, Get One Free and you have 2 \$1.00/1 coupons, use 2 coupons. You will get 2 boxes of oatmeal for .50. This also works for a B1G2 deal – use 3 coupons!  
(b) You can use a B1G1 manufacturer's coupon on top of the store's B1G1 deal to get two free products! This one is somewhat rare, but it's so great when you get it. For example, Price Chopper had Oust Spray B1G1. I had a B1G1 manufacturer's coupon. So I got 2 products FREE. You tend to see a lot of manufacturers B1G1 coupons for cosmetics. Clip them, get as many as you can, and wait for some store to have a B1G1 sale.  
(c) You can almost always use a \$1.00/1 coupon with a B1G1 deal. For example, Pam Cooking Spray is on sale Buy One for \$3, Get One Free. Use a \$1.00/2 coupon and get 2 products for \$2.00 or \$1.00/each.
- 4. Stack store coupons with manufacturer's coupons.** This is another way to get free or almost free stuff. Lots of stores have in-ad coupons in their weekly circular. Many stores, like Shaw's, offer weekly internet coupons. So long as they are store coupons, you can use (or stack) a manufacturer's coupon on top of it. For example, Shaw's has Culinary Circle crackers on sale for \$2. They have a \$1.00/1 in-ad coupon, and you have a \$1.00/1 manufacturer's coupon. Use them both to get the product for free! Note that this does not work if the in-ad or store coupon is a "manufacturer's" coupon so be careful.
- 5. Take Advantage of competitor coupons.** Don't waste your time going to multiple stores. If Stop & Shop has an in-ad coupon, use it at Shaw's or Price Chopper or wherever. For example, Stop & Shop has an in-ad coupon for free milk. Competitor stores will most likely accept it. If, for example Price Chopper has an in-ad coupon doubling any coupons up to \$3, most competitors will accept it. So scan the ads for those in-ad coupons and use them wisely!  
These are some great tips and tricks that can maximize your savings significantly. Enjoy!  
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## Crossword Puzzle



- Across**
- Takes off
  - Gillette product
  - Hug
  - Styled with Brylcreem
  - Pigeons' housing
  - Animal fat
  - Barely get, with "out"
  - More disgusting (slang)
  - \_\_\_ v. Wade
  - Actress Sorvino
  - Safari sight
  - Oil source
  - Cavern, in poetry
  - \_\_\_ and outs
  - Feasts
  - Thong
  - Carbon residue (pl.)
  - Mass of developing tadpoles
  - Sing like Bing
  - Malady
  - Bake, as eggs
  - Action film staple
  - Pound sounds
  - High school dance
  - Jalopy
  - Anger, with "up"
  - "Baloney!"
  - Summertime (2 wd)
  - \_\_\_-Atlantic
  - Picture
  - Hawser
  - Child's movable walking assist (pl.)
  - Internet seller
  - Eye sores
  - Doesn't ignore
- Down**
- Tobacco use
  - Turns to show other side
  - "\_\_\_ we having fun yet?"
  - R-rated, maybe
  - Use elbow grease on
  - Isuzu model
  - Gulf V.I.P.
  - Blast
  - Fragrant
  - What a cobbler does
  - Swelling
  - Print using metal plate and acid
  - Nuisances
  - Considers
  - Extra large
  - Painting, for one (2 wd)
  - Panasonic rival
  - Overthrow, e.g.
  - Soft
  - Carbonium, e.g.
  - "Do the Right Thing" pizzeria owner
  - Folded like a fan
  - Colored lithographs
  - Mob disbursement law (2 wd)
  - Vilely
  - Slats
  - Bit of parsley
  - Impulses
  - Exodus commemoration
  - Habits
  - Former capital of Japan
  - Acute
  - Q-Tip
  - Chipper
  - Deception

For this week's crossword puzzle answers, visit our Web site at [www.levyjjournalonline.com](http://www.levyjjournalonline.com). Click on the Brain Teaser tab to find the answers.

# Oysters Move to New Clean Homes with a Little Help from Their Friends

Most all agree that the oyster population along our beautiful nature coast needs protecting. But the state of Florida goes even further and participates in hands-on efforts to increase the number of safe oysters for harvesting time. The state of Florida has been actively engaged in oyster resource management projects for more than sixty years. Last week on Thursday, August 11, Dept. of Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam got in the boat to participate in oyster relaying or transplanting oysters to save and restore the shellfish resources. The Florida Dept of Agriculture's effort to maintain and restore our shellfish resources supports the local harvesters which in turn boosts the local economy that depends on this important industry.

In Florida, numerous productive oyster reefs are located in waters where harvesting for sale is prohibited to avert public health problems associated with actual or potential pollution. Because oysters filter large volumes of water while feeding and respiring, they are capable of concentrating waterborne contaminants that may be of public health concern. However, this process can be reversed by reduction of pollutant levels or re-locating oysters to areas with good water quality, taking advantage of the oyster's ability to cleanse itself.

Removing oysters from potentially polluted waters requires very stringent oversight and is most often accomplished during closed harvesting seasons so the oysters have adequate time to cleanse (typically 14 days) prior to being harvested.

This moving process is accomplished by tonging or picking the oysters up by hand in shallow areas and transporting them by shallow water vessels to their destination reef.

Resource development projects called "transplanting" or "re-seeding" take advantage of abundant juvenile oysters that can be used to restock or "seed" depleted oyster reefs. When juvenile or seed oysters are transplanted onto reefs in favorable environments in the summer, some will be available for harvest during the upcoming winter harvesting season which will continue to support the local economy.



Commissioner Putnam joined oyster harvesters from Wakulla County and surrounding areas on Aug. 11 for the Wakulla Oyster Relay. On the water in Apalachicola Bay, he joined the harvesters in tonging oysters. The annual relay is sponsored by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and hosted by the Wakulla County Fishermen Association.

## Log Cabin Quilters' News

The Log Cabin Quilters met Thursday, August 11th at the Levy County Quilt Museum. We visited for a while to find out what projects are being worked on, find out how the sick are doing and what we plan to do down the road. The group quilt does get work done on it.

We had lots of scraps brought in that were leftovers from various projects even a couple of old quilts. Everyone loves so go through the scraps which will be used to do a new project.



Greg and six boys were out Tuesday and it rained all day so they worked inside and got the large rolls of batting put into the various sizes for new quilts. Thanks Lancaster.

Thursday lunch was really enjoyable with fried chicken, rice, tomato gravy, fried okra, biscuits and jelly, chocolate cake, Peggy's great cake and so much more.

—Winnelle Horne

This polyester quilt top was among the items recently donated to the Museum. It has been put out for display as we did not have any quilts out that were not cotton and many quilts were made out of the double knits and polyesters when those materials first came out.

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