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## 17th Annual Williston Pro Rodeo



By Julie Smith

The Williston Horseman's Association is proud to announce that it's Pro Rodeo time again with the 17th Annual Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Rodeo Friday, September 23 and Saturday, September 24. The rodeo committee has worked exceptionally hard this year to promote our hometown rodeo by introducing the Williston Horseman's Association, and all associated activities, on Facebook! Please check out all the activities on the Williston Horseman's Association Facebook page, where our main focus is to support the youth of the community by providing a place for competitive horse-related activities, within a family friendly atmosphere!

Other exciting activities being  
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## Bronson 9-11 Ceremony Brings Tears to Participants

By Kathy Hilliard  
 Staff Writer

The participants at Perkins State Bank in Bronson came to remember those who give their all with courage as they protect and defend Americans everywhere in this world. The events of 9/11/01 are a uniting force to give honor and respect to our armed services, police, fire departments, first responders, and brave citizens.

John Libengood of Perkins State Bank gave the Prayer Introduction. The Williston JROTC presented the colors led by Sgt. Velez which was followed by the singing of the National Anthem led by Miss Jana Carlisle. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Commissioner Nancy Bell donated a Tree of Hope in honor of all those lost on September 11, 2001 and was gratefully acknowledged by Dogan and Delores Cobb.

Army Sgt. Catlin Mixson spoke to the hearts of everyone with his touching speech. Sgt. Mixson is a local Iraq war hero and recipient of the Purple Heart who was on tour in Baghdad when a roadside bomb exploded next to his vehicle killing four of his friends and costing him his legs. He gave a moving account of his memories of 9-11 and his time served in the military and journey back to the place that took his friends and his legs. His heartfelt story brought tears to the eyes of all



Sgt. Caitlin Mixson, a purple heart recipient in Afghanistan, gave a moving speech. More pictures on page 3.

at the ceremony. We are truly blessed to have people of such courage and humility in our community.

The Bronson Fire Department with Chief Demajio gave the Last Call Tribute followed by the playing of Taps by the JROTC.

The JROTC exited with the flags and refreshments were served but the most refreshing of all is the renewal of faith in our fellow brothers and sisters who courageously put themselves out there so that this great country can remain the home of the free and the brave.

## CFEC to Break Ground on New Building

Central Florida Electric Cooperative will officially break ground on a new main office building on Monday, Sept. 19, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. The new building will be located at 11491 N.W. 50th St., in Chiefland. The entrance, located on the east side of County Road 321, is the same one currently used to enter the operation center.

The 32,000 square foot building will consolidate operations currently housed in three different buildings: engineering, the main office and the drive-thru. Departments in the new building will include administration, finance, information systems, member and customer



New CFEC building on NW 50 St. in Chiefland breaking ground on Sept. 19, 2011

services and system control.

A larger, more customer friendly lobby area with four payment windows, more parking spaces and a two-lane drive thru will provide members with better customer service. The building will be compliant with the American Disabilities Act, and system control will be located in a secure section of the building able to

withstand up to 160 miles per hour winds and operate from a backup generator.

The local general contractor is Gray Construction Services, Inc., and local subcontractors will be used as well. Completion of the building is expected in late summer 2012.

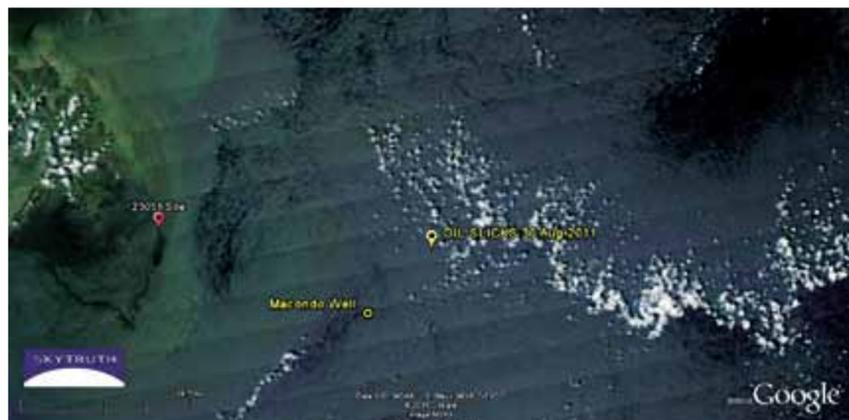
## Speculation of a Fresh Oil Spill in the Gulf

Progress Florida's website SpillBabySpill.com is heralding a story of a fresh 4.6-acre oil sheen about 40 miles out in the Gulf of Mexico near British Petroleum's Maconda well.

BP has not confirmed this report as of yet though. The Mobile Press-Register took several samples in late August and the Louisiana State University chemists stated these samples bore the same chemical footprint as the Deepwater Horizon oil.

The non-profit group On Wings of Care spotted the oil in an August flyover while conducting a survey of whale sharks. Instead, they found oil. On Aug. 26 BP stated that there was "no release of oil from the Maconda well." Some reports maintain that BP has hired a fleet of 40 shrimp boats to skim up the oil but BP has denied those reports.

Both NOAA and the U. S. Coast Guard were notified by the pilot who spotted the oil and replied to him that NOAA was also currently



MODIS satellite image, taken Sept. 10, 2011 showing 35-mile-long slick emanating from oil platform #23051 site 12 miles off the tip of the Mississippi Delta, in Mississippi Canyon Block 20, on the left.

sampling the oil for BP.

On Sept. 10 Wings of Care did another flyover and said the oil slick was clearly visible in the same general area but the Coast Guard said they did not spot any oil.

Sky Truth is a group that analyzes NOAA and NASA satellite imagery. On their site, skytruth.com, they are reporting

that there is a potential leak in the area. Some reports of tar balls coming up on the Alabama shore have also caused speculation that the old Horizon well is leaking. Sky Truth reports, "To help eliminate this possible source of confusion, scientists from National Wildlife Federation are taking a boat out today -- guided by

SkyTruth's maps, coordinates, and image analysis -- to collect a sample of the oil slick at the 23051 site. We hope to get that sample chemically 'fingerprinted.'"

Even though there is no firm reporting yet as to the source of the leaks, BP has send contractors for the company to clean up the tar balls on the Alabama shoreline.

# Levy County Sheriff's Office Arrest Report

Bedford, William Leslie, 47, of Bronson: FLEE/ELUDE LEO WITH LIGHTS/SIREN ACTIVE; DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED, 1ST OFFENSE; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE WITHOUT VIOLENCE.

Bernatos, Frank Peter, 54, of Cross City: TRESPASSING ON PROPERTY NOT A STRUCTURE OR CONVEYANCE.

Bernstein, Robert William, 46, of Bronson: FAILURE TO APPEAR x2.

Boettner, Danny Dewayne, 34, of Old Town: OUT-OF-COUNTY WARRANT x 2; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE WITHOUT VIOLENCE.

Bonneau, Frederic Daniel, 49, of Morriston: BATTERY WITH INTENTIONAL TOUCH OR STRIKE.

Butts, John Marion, 47, of Williston: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE WITHOUT VIOLENCE.

Cano, Irene, 45, of Fanning Springs: OPERATING A VEHICLE WITHOUT A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE.

Collins, William, 55, of Cedar Key: BATTERY WITH INTENTION TOUCH/STRIKE.

Crouch, Krista Kaye, 54, of Inglis: USING 911 OR E911 FOR FALSE ALARM OR INFORMATION.

Franzius, Sean David, 24, of Williston: OUT-OF-COUNTY WARRANT; FAILURE TO APPEAR.

Gaines, Robert Lee, 25, of Williston: DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED, HABITUAL OFFENDER.

Gore, Joseph O'Brien, 32, of Trenton: FAILURE TO APPEAR.

Guadalupe-Avalos, J, 31, of Chiefland: DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED, 2ND OFFENSE.

Kirkland, Rodney Charles, 19, of Cross City: BATTERY WITH TOUCH OR STRIKE; ACT THAT COULD RESULT IN PHYSICAL/MENTAL INJURY TOWARD A CHILD; FALSE ID GIVEN TO LEO.

Lyons, Richard Lee, 58, of Chiefland: DISORDERLY INTOXICATION IN PUBLIC PLACE CAUSING A DISTURBANCE.

Makatura, Christopher, 37, of Old Town: DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED, 1ST OFFENSE.

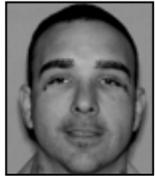
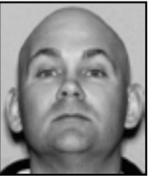
Myers, Timothy Lee, 19, of Williston: BATTERY WITH TOUCH OR STRIKE.

Patrick, Coree, 33, of Chiefland: DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED, 1ST OFFENSE.

Raymundo-Matom, Juan, 28, of Morriston: OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT A VALID LICENSE.

Reed, Joshua Caleb, 23, of Chiefland: VOP; DEALING IN STOLEN PROPERTY x3.

# Levy County's Most Wanted

					
<b>Brown, Wesley E III</b> Hudson GRAND THEFT III/TRESPASS \$30,000 BOND	<b>Bunch, Nicholas A</b> Williston VOP BATTERY \$10,000 BOND	<b>Duncan, James M</b> Trenton VOP BATTERY \$10,000 BOND	<b>Epperson, Albert L</b> Cedar Key GRAND THEFT III \$25,000 BOND	<b>Smith, David William</b> Crystal River VOP GRAND THEFT NO BOND	<b>Veach, Danielle Lynn</b> Old Town FRAUD UTTER FALSE INSTRUMENT \$2,000 BOND

Richey, David Michael, 20, of Denver, NC: POSSESSION/USE OF DRUG EQUIPMENT; VOP x2.

Shaver, Jo Anne, 60, of Chiefland: DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED, 3ED OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE.

Smith, James Wallace, 56, of Inglis: DUI.

Solis-Herrera, Leonel, 26, of Williston: DUI; OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT A VALID LICENSE, OUT-OF-COUNTY WARRANT.

Stokes, Tristan Vashaun, 28, of Chiefland: POSSESSION OF COCAINE; POSSESS AND/OR USE OF DRUG EQUIPMENT; FAILURE TO APPEAR.

White, David, 57, of Trenton: DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED, 1ST OFFENSE.

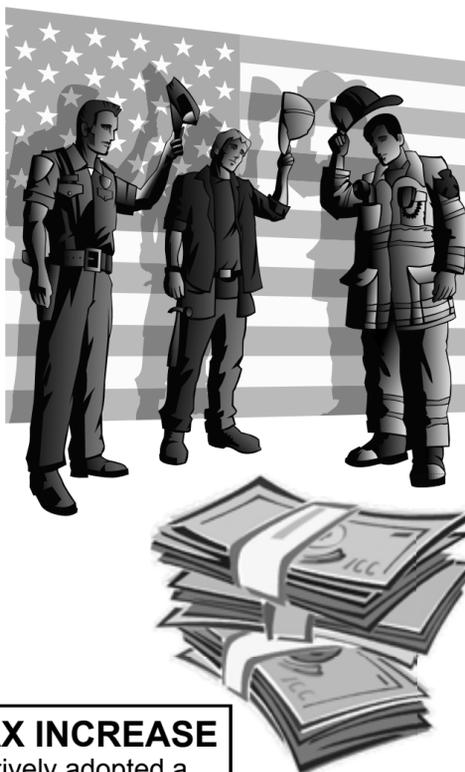
Williams, Adriann, 26, of Williston: DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED, HABITUAL OFFENDER.

## Pedestrian Ignores Signal and Gets Hit

On Sept. 10, 2011 at 5 p.m. Juan Mayorga of Archer was driving his 1999 Mercury Sable west on SR 26 and came to the intersection with SW 75 St and struck Kelsey Michele Henry, a pedestrian walking north to cross over SR 26. The signal in the intersection indicated a solid red hand but Henry crossed onto the marked crosswalk anyway to attempt the crossing.

Henry was transported to Shand's for non-life-threatening injuries. Henry was cited.

In Florida the laws for pedestrians include giving the right-of-way to vehicles in certain cases, and most certainly when the signal is a solid red hand indicating to not cross the street at that time.



## Beware of Bogus Bronson Bills

With everyone wanting to clear out anything they don't use anymore and get the money, yard sales abound. And Bronson is no exception. But seller beware.

One Bronson yard-saler got ready to make his day selling items from his home and sold some lawn equipment to a man who paid him with a \$100 bill. The seller took the bill to a convenience store in Bronson to have the bill checked. The store clerk took out the mighty highlighter pen and ran it across the bill and stated that the bill was real.

The seller was very happy with the results - until he went to a Walgreens store in Gainesville to make a purchase with said safe bill. The Walgreens clerk was not so sure about the bill being authentic. The clerk and the seller approached an Alachua County Sheriff's Office deputy in the parking lot who also thought the bill was not quite what it should be.

Upon checking out the bill it was discovered that it was originally a \$5 bill that had been altered through bleaching and reprinted with new graphics on top. What drew the clerk's attention was the mismatching of color threads and the graphics were a little off center.

The reason the specialized highlighter pen did not work was that it checks for the material the currency is printed on, not the graphics, and it was on legitimate currency material.

What next?

### NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The Town of Otter Creek has tentatively adopted a measure to increase its property tax levy.

#### Last year's property tax levy:

- A. Initially proposed tax levy..... \$ 20,199
- B. Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes \$ (198)
- C. Actual property tax levy.....\$ 20,397

This year's proposed tax levy.....\$ 26,834

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on:

**DATE: September 20, 2011**  
**TIME: 7:00 PM**  
**PLACE: 555 SW 2<sup>ND</sup> AVE.**  
**TOWN: Otter Creek**

A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.  
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BUDGET SUMMARY Town of Otter Creek - Fiscal Year 2011-2012			
THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE TOWN OF OTTER CREEK ARE 1.51% MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES			
General Fund	7.0000		
<b>ESTIMATED REVENUES:</b>	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>WATER FUND</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Taxes Millage Per \$1000			
Ad Valorem Taxes 7.0000	26,834		26,834
Sales and Use Taxes	16,200		16,200
Charges for Services	35,568	22,250	57,818
Intergovernmental Revenue	9,500		9,500
Fines and Forfeitures	100		100
Miscellaneous Revenue	2,000		2,000
<b>TOTAL SOURCES</b>	<b>90,202</b>	<b>22,250</b>	<b>112,452</b>
Interfund Transfers			
Fund Balances/Reserves/Assets	123,919	17,590	141,509
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; BALANCES</b>	<b>214,121</b>	<b>39,840</b>	<b>253,961</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
General Government	42,400		42,400
Public Safety	35,568		35,568
Physical Environment	250	22,250	22,500
Transportation	5,050		5,050
Debt Service	0	0	0
Human Services	500		500
Internal Services	6,434		6,434
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>90,202</b>	<b>22,250</b>	<b>112,452</b>
Fund Balances, Reserves/Assets	123,919	17,590	141,509
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>214,121</b>	<b>39,840</b>	<b>253,961</b>
<b>TRANSFERS, RESERVES &amp; BALANCES</b>	<b>214,121</b>	<b>39,840</b>	<b>253,961</b>
THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD.			
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# Bronson Celebrates 9-11



Bronson Fire & EMT participated in the 9-11 ceremony in Bronson



Bronson JROTC gave the 9-11 presentation of colors.

## Museum Archaeologist Receives \$55,000 to Analyze Swift Creek Pottery

By Danielle Torrent

Florida Museum of Natural History researcher Neill Wallis recently received a \$55,000 National Science Foundation grant to analyze and digitally document pottery made by prehistoric people of the Deep South.

The grant will help Wallis analyze Swift Creek Complicated Stamped pottery used by hunter-gatherers of northern Florida, Georgia and eastern Alabama from A.D. 100 to 800. Wallis began the project this summer with \$20,000 from the Wenner-Gren Foundation used to conduct neutron activation and petrographic analyses. The three-year NSF grant will fund preparation of the vessels, database development, travel expenses, photographing the designs and radiocarbon dating soot on the pottery.

"The archaeology review panel placed this proposal in the top, highest-priority category," said John Yellen, NSF archaeology program director.

The research will expand the work Wallis conducted for his book, "The Swift Creek Gift: Vessel Exchange on the Atlantic Coast," published in February. Featured in April by the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian Library, the book showed significance could be found in seemingly meaningless items, such as cooking pots that were found to be exchanged long distances.

The creation of an online database of the material will help

researchers distinguish and analyze population migration patterns, marriage alliances and exchange. Wallis said he hopes to compile at least 40 radiocarbon dates in pottery collected from 24 sites.

"The radiocarbon dating will be extremely valuable because we don't have that many dates for Swift Creek for the middle-to-late Woodland period," Wallis said. "That will be helpful for just tying down the chronology while looking at all these sites."

Swift Creek pottery is unique because artifacts sharing the same impressions, created by stamping a paddle into a vessel before it is fired, can be traced to specific sites. The designs are like "fingerprints," enabling researchers to map where ancient people lived, the distances they traveled and with whom they interacted, Wallis said.

The samples are from the Woodland period, which spanned 1,000 B.C. to A.D. 1,000, a time of considerable cultural development and increased burial mound ceremonialism, Wallis said.

"Around 1,500 years ago, people were organized in ways we don't understand that well," Wallis said. "At a level of social organization somewhere between large chiefdoms and small bands of hunter-gatherers, anthropologists don't have a very good



idea of how those people interacted or how exchange or mobility shaped their society. This pottery allows us to establish patterns in the movement of ancient people or the movement of objects in ways no other artifacts can."

About one-third of the samples used for the project are housed in the Florida Museum's collections. Other contributors include the Florida Bureau of Archaeological Research, the University of South Florida, the University of Georgia and Valdosta State University. The project responsibilities and total NSF award of \$87,000 is shared with University of South Florida anthropologist Thomas Pluckhahn.

"This will be useful to many archaeologists working in Florida, Georgia or Alabama – there are a lot of sites that have Swift Creek pottery," Wallis said. "It's really going to give us a sense of how hunter-gatherers interacted with other hunter-gatherers."

*The Florida Museum of Natural History is located near the intersection of Southwest 34th Street and Hull Road in the University of Florida Cultural Plaza in Gainesville. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, including directions and parking, visit [www.flmnh.ufl.edu](http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu) or call 352-846-2000.*

## Log Cabin Quilters' News

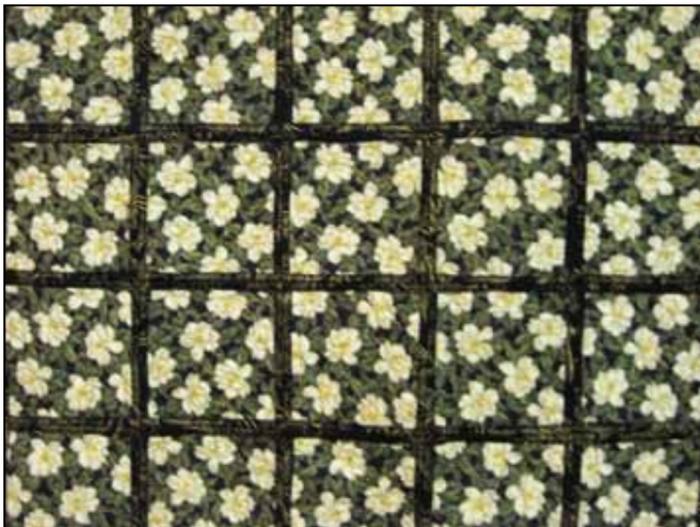
The Log Cabin Quilters met Thursday Sept 8th, at the Levy County Quilt Museum. We've planned our quilt for the November 2012 Quilt Show. It will be a Bible Quilt with 24 squares made by members of the club. Mary Brookins had started a Storm at Sea Bible quilt that has 61 squares and hopefully someone in the club will volunteer to complete the quilt. Aileen brought in a small Fun-and-Done quilt in which each square is completed and then the squares are attached. Cathy Weeks brought in her Dutch Girl quilt.

We are happy to hear that Goldie is back at home. It's always great to hear good news with so many that are on our prayer list.

Greg and six boys were out Tuesday and got so many little things taken care of. The yard always looks great when they finish. Thanks Lancaster.

Thursday lunch was a great meal with meat loaf, fried chicken, rice, corn bread, potato salad, pears, chocolate cake, pumpkins squares, pear tarts, chocolate bars and so much more.

Winnelle Horne



Ailine Kooi's Fun and Done quilt

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held in conjunction with the 2 day rodeo include an Outdoor Hunting Expo, beginning at 5 p.m., with vendors from all over the state showcasing their products for both the outdoor enthusiasts and diehard hunters! From 6 to 7 p.m., we will have live entertainment with local recording artist Natalie Nicole Green. Come out and see this beautiful face and hear her awesome voice! Beginning at 7 p.m., for kids 6 years and under, there will be a Stick Horse Barrel Race -- registration begins for all kids at 6:45 p.m., and must be completed by 7 p.m. to participate!

Finally, for all rodeo enthusiasts, there will be an autograph signing at the arena from 5:30 to 6 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday. Be sure to come out and get an autograph from your favorite cowboy, the beautiful Miss Rodeo Florida 2011 Sammy Roberts, or the ever-funny rodeo clown!

The Williston Horseman's 17th Annual Pro Rodeo promises the best of all aspects

of rodeo. For the audience we provide the hometown, family-oriented atmosphere and entertainment, as well as easy parking, easy access to seating, and no long lines or stadium steps. The gates open at 5 p.m., both Friday and Saturday nights, in plenty of time to enjoy the Outdoor Hunting Expo, Live Entertainment, Kid's Stick Horse Barrel Race, and the rodeo action kicking off at 8 p.m. sharp!

Tickets are \$12 at the gate and \$10 in advance, while kids 6 and under are free. Advanced tickets are available at Klover Leaf Tack in Williston, Chiefland Farm Supply, Russell's Western Wear in Ocala, and both RCC's Western World in Gainesville and Ocala. The Williston Horseman's Arena is located 1 1/2 miles south of Williston off U.S. HWY 41 on Well Built Road . . . just look for the signs. Come enjoy a great night out, with the smell of sweat, leather, and livestock! We promise lots of chills and spills and fast rodeo action.... See ya at the rodeo!

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## OPINION

## Two Different Worlds

Thomas Sowell  
Creators Syndicate

A few weeks ago, I had what seemed to me a small medical problem, so I phoned my primary physician. However, after we discussed the problem, he directed me to a specialist.

After the specialist examined me, he directed me to a different specialist elsewhere. When I was examined and tested in the second specialist's office, he immediately phoned a hospital, asking to have an operating room available in an hour.

No more than 5 hours elapsed between my seeing the first specialist and the time when I was on an operating table.

This was quite a contrast with what happens in countries with government-run medical systems. In such countries, it is not uncommon to have to wait days to see a physician, weeks to see a specialist and months before you can have an operation. It is very doubtful whether I would have lasted that long.

In the intensive care unit, where I was sent after the first of two operations, I was hooked up to high-tech machines and had a small army of people looking after me around the clock. Would a government-run medical system have provided all this, especially for a man in his eighties?

In some countries with government-run medical systems,



individuals are not even permitted to pay out of their own pockets for medications that the government has ruled are too expensive for people in their age bracket or medical condition.

That same mindset has already become evident in the United States, where a very expensive cancer drug has been refused federal approval to be sold, because it helps only a limited number of people and at very high costs.

But what if you are one of those limited numbers of people -- and you are willing to pay what it costs, with your own money?

You are free to take your life's savings and gamble it away in a casino, if you want to -- but you are not free to use your life's savings to save your life.

This is not an isolated paradox. This is the logical consequence of a vision of the world that prevails all too widely among the intelligentsia, and not just as regards medical care.

In that vision, people can draw on the available resources only to the extent that the government considers appropriate, in the light of other claims on those resources. This treats what the people have produced as if it automatically belongs to the government -- and as if politicians and bureaucrats have both the right and the wisdom to override the personal decisions that the people want to make for themselves.

This issue involves a difference between a world in which people can make their own decisions with their own money and a world in which decisions -- including life and death medical decisions -- are taken out of the hands of millions of people across the country and put into the hands of politicians and bureaucrats in Washington.

One of the big claims for government-run medical systems

is that they can "bring down the cost of medical care." But anyone can bring down the cost of anything by simply buying a smaller quantity or a lower quality.

That is why countries with government-run medical systems have waiting lists to see doctors, and even longer waiting lists to see specialists or to get an operation. That is why those countries seldom have as many high-tech medical devices as in the United States or use the newest medications as often.

In those things that are crucially affected by medical care, such as cancer survival rates, the United States leads the way. In things that doctors can do little about -- such as obesity, homicide or drug addiction -- Americans shorten their own lives, more so than people in other comparable societies.

This enables advocates of government-run medical care to cite longevity statistics, in order to claim that our more expensive medical system is less effective, since Americans' longevity does not compare favorably with that in other comparable societies.

For those who think in terms of scoring talking points -- as distinguished from trying to get at the truth -- this kind of argument may sound good. But should something as serious as life and death medical issues be discussed in terms of misleading talking points?

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## Animal Anomalies

By Daris Howard

My children wanted a puppy. I knew who would be responsible for taking care of it, so I was reluctant to get one. But after they had begged and pleaded for some time, I finally gave in.

We named the huge bundle of fur Buster. He was a strange dog, never quite understanding the normal boundaries that nature set up, and he immediately tried to make friends with our cat. She had just had kittens, and, at first, hissed threateningly. But when she realized he meant no harm, she accepted him into her family. He would curl up beside them, and the cat and her kittens would all lay warm and cozy by his side.

It became obvious to me how much he had been taken into her family on the first bath day. When the mother cat had finished licking each of her kittens, she turned to Buster for his bath. Even though he was three times her size, she started the arduous task of cleaning him. He indicated his displeasure, so she gave him a swift swat with her paw, and he reluctantly settled down and endured it.

As he grew, more batches of kittens came along, and Buster became more protective of each one. He grew to roughly the size of a small horse, and any stray dogs that tried to chase the kittens quickly learned the error of their ways. At times he faced down as many as three at a time. And each night, the mother cat and her kittens climbed on top of him and snuggled down into his fur to sleep.

For my part, I watched this with great interest, but I was determined I would not become attached to him. More than once I had grown to love a dog only to lose him. But despite all my efforts, one day he did something that ended my resolve.

I knew Buster thought the cats were his family, but I hadn't realized how much he was part of ours. We had a llama that grew viciously territorial. Though he had learned

that it was not a smart thing to attack me, he had no fear of the others. That day he broke down the fence, and when my wife went to hang out laundry, he attacked. Buster fought back and was able to keep the llama away from her until my son could join in and help drive the llama from the yard.

When I found out what had happened, I did two things. I put an ad in the paper for a free llama, and I bought Buster the biggest, juiciest dog bone I could find. From then on, he was as much my dog as anyone's.

I took him with me to do chores, to fix fence, to work in the garden, or one of a thousand other things. When he saw anyone come out of the house dressed in a swim suit, he was the first one to the gate waiting to go swimming in our pond. He also loved camping and enjoyed sitting by the campfire as someone lovingly stroked his big head.

But then came the days I dreaded. We first noticed that he was walking as though he had arthritis. As the months went on, he became more and more miserable until he could hardly walk at all. Though we tenderly cared for him, it was what the cats did that interested me the most. They seemed to know he wasn't well, and they hunted down mice and laid them at his feet trying to help him get better.

The day he died, I knew before I even left the house. The cats were scratching furiously at our door. I had no sooner stepped outside than they were swarming around my legs trying to move me in his direction.

With my children gathered around, I finished burying him and put the marker over his grave. My youngest daughter fell into my arms sobbing. "He was a good dog."

"Yes," I answered, "he was a good dog."

And as for me, he taught me that when I view others as different from myself, any boundaries on our friendships are only self imposed. I also learned that even if it is hard to say goodbye, it is better to have loved anyway.

## How Obama Protects the Teamsters

Michelle Malkin  
Creators Syndicate

Barack Obama and Jimmy Hoffa are like Tweedledum and Tweedledee, Lady Gaga and hype, the "Jersey Shore" cast and hairspray: inseparable. The president can no more disown the Teamsters Union's leader than he can disown his own id.

At a Labor Day rally in Detroit on Monday before Obama spoke, Hoffa stoked anti-tea party hostility by urging his minions to "take these son of a b\*tches out." (Botched grammar added that extra boost of street-gang authenticity to the labor lawyer's threat.) The same civility police on the left who decry any references to crosshairs as incitements to violence are now mute about Hoffa's brass-knuckle rhetoric. The Chicagoans in the White House refuse to comment.

Those calling on Obama to condemn Hoffa's uncivil tone are deluding themselves. The 1.4 million-member Teamsters lifted Obama to power with a coveted endorsement and bottomless campaign coffers funded with coerced member dues. Over the past two decades, the union has donated nearly \$25 million to Democrats (compared to \$1.8 million for Republicans).

What quid pro quo protection has the Teamsters' money bought? Let us count the ways.

Back in May 2008, as he jockeyed with rival Hillary Clinton for Big Labor support, Obama promised to end longstanding federal probes into the Teamsters' mob racket. In 1989, the union was facing federal racketeering charges after Justice Department officials determined it was operating as a "wholly owned subsidiary of organized crime." The Wall Street Journal reported that Obama phoned several Teamsters heavies to convey his vow to begin dismantling the independent federal watchdog overseeing the Teamsters; an Obama spokesman confirmed it.

Teamsters reformers now consider the review board a "toothless mechanism," according to a recent article in the left-wing The Nation magazine. As one Hoffa critic put it, "You're so tied up into a corrupt culture. You have this culture of protecting each other."

Meanwhile, a federal court has determined that Hoffa and his goons raided the Teamsters treasury to try to buy his own re-election support with jobs and pensions. As a court-appointed watchdog determined this spring: "The conduct revealed in this investigation reflects a culture, or mind-set where elected union officials do not clearly distinguish between their fiduciary responsibilities to the union and their separate political objectives of achieving election."

Nevertheless, Obama's crime-fighting crusaders are far more preoccupied with cracking down on Gibson guitars made of rare wood and covering up the Operation Fast and Furious gun-walking scandal than with cleaning up the Teamsters' graft and pay-for-play dirty business.

While he regularly lambastes "millionaires and billionaires" who benefit from tax loopholes, Obama has zero to say about the

crony Cadillac health insurance tax exemption he doled out to the Teamsters and other Big Labor groups. In January 2010, Hoffa and his pals met behind closed

doors at the White House to ensure that they would be shielded while other middle-class Americans were forced to bear the burden.

While he calls for shared sacrifice, Obama has zero to say about the exclusive Obamacare waivers he has awarded to Teamsters chapters, including:

- the Western Teamsters Welfare Trust in Seattle
- the Teamsters and Employers Welfare Trust of Illinois in Springfield
- the Teamsters Local 485 Health and Welfare Fund in Brooklyn, N.Y.
- the Teamsters Local 617 Welfare Fund in Ridgely, N.J.
- the Teamsters Local 734 Welfare Fund in Chicago.

While he regularly lambastes Wall Street salaries, Obama has zero to say about the bloated salaries and benefits of Teamsters brass. According to internal data compiled by Teamsters for a Democratic Union, 120 top Teamsters officials made more than \$150,000 in 2009 -- the largest number ever. Forty made more than \$200,000 -- also an unprecedented number. Hoffa pulls down nearly \$400,000 a year, including an exclusive housing allowance and cost of living raise.

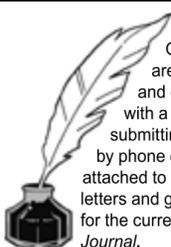
While he rails against "special interests," Obama has zero to say about the executive orders he signed in the first days of his presidency to give unions a leg up. Executive Order 13502, for example, essentially forces contractors who bid on large-scale public construction projects worth \$25 million or more to surrender to union representation for its employees. This codification of so-called project labor agreements significantly raises the cost of highway and school construction projects (by as much as 15 percent among California public schools, according to a new study by the National University System Institute for Policy Research).

The Obama protection order shuts out the vast majority of contractors in America. As I've noted before, 85 percent of the construction industry workforce is nonunion by choice.

Instead of putting Americans to work, the Teamsters have been busy yanking members off projects and idling construction projects from California to Indiana to New York in order to shake down employers.

Now, you tell me: Who's waging "war on workers"?

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# Levy County Community Calendar

## BRONSON

### Deaf/Hearing-Impaired Social Event Sept. 17

A social event will be held for the Deaf/Hearing Impaired in Bronson at the First Baptist Church of Bronson on Saturday, Sept. 17th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Please bring a covered dish to share. For more info, please contact Violet at (352) 361-7768. All family and friends are invited to attend, too.

### Integrating Land & Wildlife Management Workshop Series Sept. 26

The Levy County Extension Office, 625 N. Hathaway Ave (Alt. 27), Bronson, FL 32621 will host Workshop 1 of the Integrating Land & Wildlife Management Workshop Series entitled Turkey on Your Land. In Workshop 1 you will learn how to manage your land to increase turkey populations. The Workshop is on Monday September 26, 2011 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. There is a \$5 registration fee and dinner is included. To register call (352) 486-5131.

### LCSO Concealed Weapons Fundraiser Oct. 8

The Levy County Sheriff's Office will sponsor a concealed weapons permit class fundraiser to benefit the Sheriff's volunteers and staff on Oct 8, 2011. "The Sheriff's Volunteers donate over 14,000 hours of service to the Sheriff's Department which is invaluable," said Lt. Scott Finnen, Communications Center Director.

The class will start at 8 a.m. and continue to 1 p.m. at the Levy County Sheriff's Office classroom, 9150 NE 80th Ave, Bronson, FL 32621. Cost will be \$55 dollars or \$70 dollars depending on what package you choose and you can sign up by calling 352-486-5111 or email: sfinnen@levyso.com, or register at www.Levypistolclass.info. Door registrations day of event will be accepted however a \$10 surcharge will be added on. Lunch will be provided and additional donations will be appreciated and accepted.

Bring ear and eye protection and 50 rounds of 38spl ammo if you don't have your own firearm; or, bring your own firearm and 50 rounds of that caliber will be provided.

### Levy County Schools Foundation's 2nd Annual Beast Feast Oct. 8

The Levy County Schools Foundation will be hosting its 2nd Annual Beast Feast on Oct. 8, 2011 at the Black Prong Equestrian Center at 450 SE CR 337, Bronson. Dinner will start being served at 5:30 pm. An interesting selection of specialties like gator tail, possum ribs, and venison along

with some good old-fashioned southern classics like mullet, grits, and swamp cabbage will be served. There will be something for every taste! We will have door prizes throughout the evening and wrap up the event with a live auction.

Adult tickets are \$20 each in advance, or \$25 at the gate. Student tickets are \$10 for children 8 to 17 years old- available at the gate only, and children 7 years and under- no charge. Tickets may be purchased at any of the Capital City Bank, Drummond Community Bank, and Perkins State Bank branches across Levy County. If your business, community organization, club or group of individuals would like to participate you may prepare a food, donate door prizes, or an auction item. There are also Sponsorships available for \$500 and \$250. Please contact the Levy County Schools Foundation at (352)486-3408 or email: lcsf@levy.k12.fl.us for more information.

## NEWBERRY

### Dudley Farm 4th Annual Quilt Show Oct. 1

Dudley Farm Historical State Park presents its 4th Annual Quilt Show Saturday, October 1, 2011, 10 am to 3 pm. Traditional, applied, vintage, art quilts and quilted wearing apparel will be on display. Bring your own quilts and their stories. Enjoy traditional music throughout the day. Admission is \$5 per vehicle up to 8 occupants. 18730 W Newberry Road, Newberry Florida 32669. Phone: 352-472-1142. www.friendsofdudleyfarm.org or www.floridastateparks.org/dudleyfarm

### Dudley Farm Memory Days Oct. 8

Please come and share your memories of the Dudley family and Miss Myrtle and reminisce about the good old days. Please bring your pictures and stories and listen to others who have a love for and a collection of the Dudley experience. Saturday, October 8, 2011, 10am at the Newberry Public Library. www.friendsofdudleyfarm.org Phone:352-472-1142.

## CEDAR KEY

### Hidden Coast Paddle Event Sept. 23-25

The Hidden Coast Paddle event is coming up. Instead of start your engines it's "Get your paddles ready." The event this year will start at: Cedar Key - Sept. 23 - 25; then Town of Suwannee - Sept. 30 - Oct. 2; Steinhatchee - Oct. 8-9; and Horseshoe Beach - Oct. 9. To view complete itineraries and for more information visit: www.Hiddencoast.net

### 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.

### Cedar Key Seafood Festival Oct. 15 & 16

The 42nd annual Cedar Key Seafood Festival will take place on Oct. 15 and 16 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day in City Park. There will be over 200 arts and crafts exhibits, live music around town, and a parade on Saturday morning. There will also be an open house at the lighthouse on Seahorse Key, the big island 3 miles west of Cedar Key. Shuttle boats will be available at City Marina. For more info go to: www.cedarkey.org

## YANKEETOWN-INGLIS

### Bingo's Back Sept. 15

All Bingo fanatics can rejoice, the Yankeetown-Inglis Woman's Club will resume Bingo on Thursday, September 15 at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. to buy your cards and enjoy a snack from the kitchen. The Thrift Store will be open from 5 to 7 p.m. for your shopping convenience. For the month of September, bring in a school supply to receive a free Early Bird Special. What's needed are 1" binders and book bags/backpacks, gently used are swell. Get your daubers ready and we'll see you at the Club, #5 56th St, Yankeetown on September 15th. Call 447-2057 for more information or email: yiwomansclub@gmail.com

## WILLISTON

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

Friends of the Williston Public Library is presenting an "Authors!Authors!" program Thursday, September 15 at 7 p.m. in the Williston Woman's Club to appreciate the authors who are in the Williston area. Teachers are urged to have their students come to hear the writings of local authors. The authors are asked to bring copies of their books or poems, and they will each read a brief excerpt from their writings. Signed copies of their books may be purchased after the program.

As always, "friends" programs have no charge and refreshments will be served.

For information call Michelle Traylor, librarian, at 528-2313, during the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Wednesday or Thursday or call Mary McDaniel, 528-5072 anytime.

### 4th Annual Child Safety Day in Williston on Sept. 24

Come and join us for the 4th Annual Child Safety Day on Sept. 24, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Ornan #117, F&AM at 250 NE 6 Blvd. in Williston. There will be all kinds of FREE activities including: Child ID Kits, Special Needs Children and Seniors, DNA swabs, Fingerprinting, Videos and Photos plus FREE Hot Dogs, Chips, and Soda. There will also be a Bounce House, Door Prizes, and Live Music by DJ SPINZ.

The children can also come and Dunk-A-Principal with Joyce Bullock Elementary's Principal Jamie Hanlin at 10 a.m., Williston Elementary's Principal Marla Hiers at 11 a.m., and Chiefland Elementary's Principal Patrice McCully at 12 p.m.

Included in the program will be: Williston Fire Department; Williston Police Explorers; Animal Safety Demo by Two Tails Ranch; FBI Agent on Internet Security; Child Self Defense Demo by NUUYU Tae Kwon Do; Williston Police Department will give out 200 bicycle helmets; special appearance by Eddie Eagle; Levy County Sheriff's Demo; Florida Highway Patrol Demo; Safe Kids of North Central Florida; 4 Door Prizes for \$25 to WalMart. Bring your previous year's child ID for a yearly update.

### Williston Peanut Festival Oct. 1

The time is coming up for the Williston Peanut Festival. Applications for the Little King/Queen and Baby contest are available at the Williston Chamber office and City Hall.

We are also looking for anyone with classic cars or tractors who would like to be a part of the Peanut Festival to contact us.

The event is on Saturday, Oct. 1st from 9:00 till 4:00. Our phone number is 352-528-5552. Email at: wcoec@willistonfl.com or website: www.willistonfl.com

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# Around the Nature Coast

### WRPC Board of Directors Meeting Sept. 15

The next Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council Board of Directors' meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 15, 2011 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the WRPC office, 1241 SW 10 Street, Ocala, FL 34471-0323. Included in the Agenda for Regular Business is : 2011 CEDS update; Energy Resilience Project; Professional Services contracts; WRPC attorney contract; FRCA dues; WRPC insurance renewal; Janitorial contract; Lawn Maintenance contract; HMEP contract; Dist. 5 LEPC 2012 biennial exercise; Contractor of Record/Emergency Management; DRI Transportation consultant contracts; Levy SQG; Staff promotions.

### Ombudsman Program Meeting Sept. 15

Florida's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program's will meet on September 15 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.

### USDA Commodity Distribution for Levy County

The following locations will host the USDA Commodity Distributions for Levy County. USDA is available to all eligible recipients. There will be certification available to those who have not registered. If you have any questions please call (352) 336-0839.

Sept. 20 - Williston at the Masonic Lodge from 1 to 2 p.m.

Sept. 29 - Bronson at the Ag Building on Hwy 27 from 1 to 2 p.m.

Sept. 30 - Otter Creek at Town Hall from 2:30 to 3 p.m.

### Levy County Tourist Development Council Meeting Sept. 22

The Levy County Tourist Development Council will have its bi-monthly meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2011 at 6 p.m. at the Levy County Visitors Bureau, 620 N. Hathaway Avenue in Bronson.

The meeting is open to the public.

### Florida Master Naturalist Program Sept. 22 to Oct. 27

The Florida Master Naturalist Program, Upland Habitats Module is a 6-week Course that

will be offered on Thursdays, from September 22 through October 27, at the Levy County Extension Office, 625 N. Hathaway Ave (Alt. 27), Bronson. The cost is \$225 and includes student workbooks, 12 presentations, 3 field trips, 4 videos, certificate, patch, pin, and more.

To register or for more information, go to <http://www.masternaturalist.ifas.ufl.edu/> or call Emma Willcox at (352) 486-5131.

Extension programs are open to all persons without regard to race, color, sex, age, disability, religion, or national origin.

### Levy County School Wellness/Health Advisory Meeting Sept. 27

The first Levy County School Wellness/School Health Advisory Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 27 at 2:50 in the School Board Office located at 480 Marshburn Drive, Bronson, Fla.

All interested community members are invited to attend as we kick off another year of School Wellness and Health Awareness. The district Wellness Policy and Plan are located on our School Board Website ([www.levy.k12.fl.us](http://www.levy.k12.fl.us)). Just click the "Departments" link at the top and then scroll down to Food Service and you will see the Wellness Policy and Wellness Plan.

The purpose of the meeting will be to review the current Wellness Plan, discuss available resources for classroom teachers related to nutrition and health, and to establish our Goals for the 2011-2012 School year. For more information you can contact Carol Jones, District Wellness contact at 486-5231, or Angie Phillips, School Health Advisory Council Chairperson at 486-5260.

### Benefit for Haven Hospice Fall at the Ranch Oct. 15

Rock Bluff Ranch in Bell is hosting Fall at the Ranch, a cowboy casual evening benefitting Haven Hospice and Camp Safe Haven, a day camp for youth and teens coping with loss on Sat. Oct. 15, 2011, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. The Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. with live music by Dottie South and the Slackers, a live and silent auction as well as interactive cowboy experiences.

Rock Bluff Ranch is located at 6191 N. US Hwy 129 in Bell, north of the flashing light at CR 340. Reservations and tickets are

required. The cost is \$75 per guest. For tickets or more information on becoming a sponsor of Fall at the Ranch, please contact Stephanie Brod at 352-271-4665.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from Fall at the Ranch supports patient care, services and programs provided by Haven Hospice that are otherwise unfunded.

For more information about Haven Hospice, visit [www.havenhospice.org](http://www.havenhospice.org)

### Zumba Classes in Levy County

Mondays - First Baptist Church, Bronson, 6:15 p.m.; Holy Family Church, Williston, 6 p.m.; Chiefland in old Curves next to Ralph's burgers 6 p.m.

Tuesdays - First Baptist Church, Williston, 6:30 p.m.; Chiefland old Curves next to Ralph's 6 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.

Wednesdays - Lion's Club, Williston, 6:15 p.m.

Thursdays - First Baptist Church, Bronson, 6:15 p.m.; Holy Family Church, Williston, 6 p.m.; Chiefland in old Curves next to Ralph's burgers 6 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.

Saturdays - Chiefland at old Curves next to Ralph's 12 noon.

All classes are 1 hour long. Chiefland classes are \$5; Williston and Bronson \$1.00 donation. For information call Lori at (352) 221-4634.

### SVP Presents Murder of Scarecrows Starting Sept. 16

The Suwannee Valley Players announce the opening of the comedy, thriller Murder of Scarecrows by Pat Cook. Gerald and Cristine Dandridge, played by Andy and Bobbie Kidd, always give a Halloween party for their friends, Anthony and Lydia Murray, (Rob and Jill Hart), Jimmy Starnes (Austin Ross) and Shirley Frohman (Kelci Grant) and Jack Clancy (Greg Mercier) and Clarice Jarrett (Emily Baker). This year, however, they're having the party at their

Officer McElroy (Janice Grant). Things get rowdy when the scarecrow keeps disappearing and reappearing, "...whenever it wants!" Of course there is also the mystery of the missing ax. Come out and join the fun and mystery as Gerald, Anthony, Jimmy and Jack try to solve the mystery of the "murder" of scarecrows. Show times are 8 pm Fri. and Sat. Sept. 16 and 17, 23rd and 24th and 2:30 pm on Sunday Sept. 18 and 25. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students (K-12) and seniors 65 or older.

For more information: P O Box 550, Chiefland, FL 32644; (352) 493-ARTS (2787); [suwanneevallyplayers@gmail.com](mailto:suwanneevallyplayers@gmail.com); webpage: [www.svplayers.com](http://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

The KickOff has begun. We held the Celebration in Branford on Sat. Sept. 10 at Ivey Memorial Park so if you are still thinking, think fast. Call and get involved with a group and get your 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](http://www.currentproblems.org)

If you want to join a group that is all planned up for Oct. 8, call Donna Creamer at Pure Water Wilderness at (352) 463-3467 or email: [donna@purewaterwilderness.com](mailto:donna@purewaterwilderness.com) for information on their excursion. They will be doing 3 sections of the Suwannee and the first 50 participants will get a beautiful FREE t-shirt. After the cleanup everyone will enjoy a free lunch at Hinton Landing and opportunities to win cool prizes. They will provide 15 canoes and kayaks but you must call and reserve them. If you have your own, come on down and get in the action.

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# Worship Directory

**Ellzey United Methodist Church**  
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 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 Williston on Hwy 19  
 (before Dakota Winery)

**CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 5551 NW CR 336  
 Chiefland, FL 32626  
 (352) 493-1219  
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 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.  
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 Bro. Tony Barber, Pastor  
 Services...  
**Sunday -**  
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 Worship 10:00am  
**Wednesday -**  
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 Awanas 6:00pm  
 Worship 7:00pm  
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 352-486-2112

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 493-1561 or 493-9723  
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 Sunday 8:30am  
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 Wed 6:00pm-7:10pm  
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**Father Joe McDonell**

**First Baptist Church**  
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**Tuesday:** Sr. Adult Bible Study 10:00am  
**Wednesday:** Church Supper 5:30pm, RA/GA Children's Program 6:30pm, Full Thru 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.pgbcfl.com](http://www.pgbcfl.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

**Lite Lunch at Holy Family Catholic Church Sept. 21**  
 Lite Lunch will be on Wednesday September 21 from 12 to 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.  
 The Fish Dinner, fried or baked, at Holy Family Catholic Church Parish Hall will be on Friday October 14 at 5 p.m. Adults \$7, smaller portion \$6, children under 12 \$4.  
 Angel House Thrift Store is open Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. every weekend. We are located 3 miles N. of Williston on Hwy 27A. Fundraisers are to help people in our community with their financial problems.

### Quilters of Alachua County Day Guild Honors Civil War Quilts and Quilters Oct. 6

Quilters of Alachua County Day Guild (QACDG) is commemorating the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War to be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1521 N. W. 34th Street in Gainesville on Oct. 6, 2011 with refreshments at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting at 10 a.m. Sally Glaze and participants in the guild's Civil War and Dear Jane Quilt Bees will present QACDG's October 6th program, The Civil Way, an examination of the quilts of the Civil War and the women who created them. Sure to be fascinating and memorable. Guests are welcome.  
 For more information on the guild, go to [www.qacdg.org](http://www.qacdg.org).

**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  
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**Recorded Marriages**  
**August 31, 2011**  
 John Cleve Harris, Jr., 5/12/57, to Lorii Ann Harris, 8/16/72, both of Chiefland.  
 Larry Carl Newbern, Jr., 3/28/74, to Amanda Neiko Lovett, 11/3/80, both of Bell.

**Thank You**  
 I would like to take this time to thank all of you for your prayers, visits, phone calls and delicious food we received during my hospital stay, surgery and recovery time. It means so much to me and my family.  
 I am so blessed to have such a wonderful family and the many good friends that God has blessed us with.  
 With grateful hearts,  
**Billy Philman & family**

## A Friend that Sticks Closer Than a Brother



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

Often folks who've read a good many of my misadventures are inclined to ask, "How do you remember all that?" Well, truth be told, I often don't, or I try not to. It's just I'm constantly reminded of my checkered past by my knuckleheaded brother Heath! Heath won't let me live anything down. He's always telling something new on me at work. He usually gets big laughs too. I just try to take it in stride, because when he's through, I go write it all down. With his elephant like memory, I'm hoping to have fresh material on myself for years.

Recently he's been on me about that time at Wendy's. A while back we had stopped there for lunch when I suddenly realized I'd forgotten my wallet. "Oh, how convenient," Heath remarked. I turned beet red, and my swelling pride almost compelled me to stomp off to the car. Only my hunger constrained me. Heath yanked a wrinkled five dollar bill from his wallet along with three ones. "This ought to

cover us. I guess..." he huffed, shaking his head at me. Since certain details of what happened next always seem to be conveniently forgotten by the plaintiff, which shall henceforth be referred to as Knucklehead Heath, I shall take it upon myself to exonerate my good name.

After the initial joint and binding financial offer was accepted, we continued to confer about other unrelated topics until our turn to order. Therefore, I submit it's perfectly conceivable that I'd forgotten all about our monetary restrictions by the time the lady asked, "Can I take your order?" Witnesses will testify that after briefly glancing up at the menu, I spoke the following words without the slightest intention of malice, "Give me a double with cheese combo." Admittedly, I did add, "Oh... and biggie size it."

I was quickly alerted to my gross over-orderization by a sudden burning sensation penetrating the back of my skull. I turned to find Heath's eyes stabbing me like flames! Under such obvious duress I began to suffer from what I will refer to as "SSS", or "Sudden Stupidity Syndrome", for I sheepishly added, "Oh, and whatever he wants."

Heath stood there dumbfounded, which in my opinion isn't all that big of a stretch. I alertly made a quick escape to the drink fountain. With the scant change now left at his disposal, Heath subsequently ordered from the value menu.

Needless to say he wasn't too happy. I could hardly enjoy my meal over the growling of his stomach.

But anyway- Despite the pending law suit, the teasing, bickering, fighting and eye gouging, deep down I really love Heath. Sure, we may have grown up fighting like two bull sharks in a 55 gallon drum, but I'll tell you this, we've faced many a challenge in this life together, and few gifts the Lord has given me equal the relationship I have with my little brother. He's always been there to talk to, to lean on, and to cry out to in Wendy's. We're like twins, born six years apart.

Many folks wonder why Heath would allow me to poke such fun at him in these stories. Well, I'll tell you. It's because he's my fellow warrior, gladly willing to play the fool for Christ's sake, if it might take you even one step closer to discovering the treasure we've both found in Jesus. (...and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. Proverbs 18:24 KJV)

Whatever you do, please don't tell that Knucklehead I said all those gooey things. He'll be telling off on me at work.

- Guy Sheffield

You can visit Guy Sheffield at his website [www.butanyway.org](http://www.butanyway.org), or email him at [sfm4christ@gmail.com](mailto:sfm4christ@gmail.com).

## Obituaries

### EMORY FRAZIER SULLIVAN

March 10, 1945 - September 6, 2011  
 Emory Frazier Sullivan of Inglis passed away on September 6, 2011. He was 66 years old. He was born on March 10, 1945 in Ocala to Woodrow and Lucille Sullivan. He lived all of his life in Levy County. He was of the Baptist faith. He was a retired banker and was active in his community and Levy County. He enjoyed traveling in his RV; he was an avid sports fan especially the Gators and enjoyed playing golf. He loved spending time with his grandchildren. Mr. Sullivan is survived by his wife of 7 years Carol Sullivan; sons Evan Sullivan (Vickie), Kerry Runnels (Bobbie) and Kelly Runnels (Sara); daughter Leah Winter (Donald); brothers Thomas Sullivan (Shirley) and Woody Sullivan (Faye); sister LaNetia Daniels (Albert); grandchildren: Brittany, Colton, Caleb, Rebecca, Joshua, Jake, Brent, Griffin, Carrigan, Kelly and Lila.

Visitation was held on Friday, September 9, 2011 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Knauff Funeral Home-Williston. Funeral Services were held on Saturday, September 10, 2011 at 11 a.m. at Red Level Baptist Church in Crystal River with Brother A.D. Priest officiating. Burial followed at Red Level Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the care of Knauff Funeral Home-Williston.

### EILEEN DEROSA

July 6, 1935 - September 5, 2011  
 Eileen DeRosa of Williston passed away on September 5, 2011. She was 76 years old. Eileen was born on July 6, 1935 in Bridgeport, Conn.

to Peter and Patricia Harkins. She moved to Williston nine years ago from Hollywood, Fla. She was of the Catholic faith. She retired from BellSouth after 30 years in the Hollywood/Ft. Lauderdale area. She was a member and officer of Communications Workers of America Local 3120, the Telephone Pioneers, an elected officer of DEC, a member and treasurer of AARP Williston Chapter 912. She enjoyed reading, camping and computers. She loved being with her children and grandchildren.

Eileen was preceded in death by her parents and brother John Harkins.

She is survived by her sons: Glenn DeRosa (Sandy), Donald DeRosa and Christopher DeRosa; daughter Deborah Gonot; sister Patricia Huebner (Robert) and five grandchildren.

Visitation was held on Saturday, September 10, 2011 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Knauff Funeral Home-Williston. Funeral services followed visitation at 6:30 p.m. with Father Rodolfo Godinez officiating. The family asks that in lieu of flowers that donations be made to AARP chapter 912 P.O. Box 884 Williston, FL 32696.

Arrangements are under the care of Knauff Funeral Home-Williston, Fla.

### ALETA ANN SHOEMAKER

October 12, 1945 - September 7, 2011  
 Aleta Ann Shoemaker of Williston passed away after a tragic accident on September 7, 2011. She was 64 years old. Aleta was born on October 12, 1945 in Ispeming, Michigan to Henry and Syma Worth. She moved to Williston 30 years ago from Maryland. She was of the Baptist faith. She was an active and Life Member of the

AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary and a member of the AMVETS Riders Chapter 444. She enjoyed making dolls, gardening, motorcycle riding, playing pool and was an animal lover. She loved going to St. Augustine to visit friends. She was very devoted to her family and friends. She was always there to help them in any way she could and always made people smile.

Aleta is survived by her husband of 30 years Michael P. Shoemaker; her daughter Adel Hare; six brothers; five sisters and a host of friends. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, September 18, 2011 at 2 p.m. at the AMVETS Post 444 of Williston, Fla. The family asks that in lieu of flowers that donations be made to WAG at P.O. Box 752 Williston, FL 32696.

Arrangements are under the care of Knauff Funeral Home-Williston.

### JOSEPHINE RITA VERONICA AMON

June 18, 1922 - September 4, 2011  
 Josephine Rita Veronica Amon of Archer, Fla. passed away on September 4, 2011 in Indiana. She was 89 years of age. She was born on June 18, 1922 in New York City to Gearhardt and Harriet VonZangenber. She moved to Archer 35 years ago from New York. She was of the Catholic faith. Prior to moving here from New York she had worked and retired from the State of New York. She then began working for the Reitz Union at the University of Florida and also retired from there at the age of 81. She was also an artist in her spare time.

Josephine was preceded in death by her parents, brother William "Bill" VonZangenber and sister

Ellen VonZangenber.

She is survived by her son Paul Amon (Shelly); daughter Cathy Amon (William Hungerford). Visitation was held on Friday, September 9, 2011 from 9 to 10 a.m. at Knauff Funeral Home-Williston. Funeral services began after the visitation at 10 a.m. and will be officiated by Father Rodolfo Godinez. Burial is to follow at Orange Hill Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the care of Knauff Funeral Home-Williston.

### LEONARD C. GULBRONSON SR.

July 28, 1945 - September 7, 2011  
 SFC Leonard C. Gulbronson Sr. (Ret., United States Army) of Chiefland, Fla. was carried away from this world in the arms of angels on September 07, 2011 at the Malcom Randall V A Hospital in Gainesville, Fl. He was 66 years of age.

Mr. Gulbronson was born on July 28, 1945 to Frank and Alberta Gulbronson and was raised in Orlando. After graduating from Maynard Evans High School, Mr. Gulbronson enlisted in the U.S. Army. There, he played the trumpet in the United States Continental Army Band, the U.S. Army Calvary Band in Ft. Knox, Ky., as well as the 26th Army Band in Ft. Hamilton I, Ft. Wadsworth, NY. He spent the latter part of his military career as an NCO Club manager as well as an Officers Club manager.

Mr. Gulbronson proudly served his country

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Illustration by Alexander Key

## F.X. Casey A Soldier of Fortune's Story

In a Miami Publix parking lot, a man older than he appeared packed groceries into the back of his black SUV. He had a square-jawed, athletic build, the kind of guy still jogging and hitting the gym at least five days a week. His silver hair cropped short, it may have been the fatigue style shorts and Body Armor t-shirt that give him that G. I. Joe look.

A Publix bag guy came by leaning into a line of grocery carts. He was older, too, but pudgy, trudging forward in soft black shoes with spongy soles. As a plane flew over, both men shielded their eyes from the sun glint off an aluminum skyliner – four radial engines droning as the plane banked for a turn in the cloudless sky overhead.

"Constellation," the bag guy said aloud to himself.

"Yeah, you know your planes, Marty," replied the man with the black SUV. He'd noticed the name tag pinned to the shorter man's Publix vest. He didn't miss much.

The Lockheed Constellation hadn't been produced since 1958. Likely, this one was headed for an air show over at the Homestead airfield. But there was another Constellation, one from an earlier era when a guy named F.X. Casey was young and adventurous and Miami was known as the 'Casablanca of the Caribbean.'

Back in the early '60s, lots of guys recently discharged from the armed forces began to drift down that way for adventure and treasure. Most were in their twenty's, bored with civilian life and tantalized by bar room rumors that soldiers of fortune were getting lucrative gigs in South



Florida. Just about any place vets were hanging around, somebody had a "contact" down in Miami where Cuba was a hot topic. Haiti, too, where self-proclaimed 'President for Life' Poppa Doc Duvalier held dominion. Then there was Angola and the Congo. Miami was rife with commandos training in the Everglades and politicians plotting invasions in the bars and outdoor cafés of Little Havana.

Many of the would-be mercenaries found their way over to a boarding house on SW 4th Street. The establishment – a remnant of old Miami – was run by a gray-haired lady named Nellie Hamilton. Nellie was in her seventy's by then, but she was a spry old girl with a Granny Smith appearance and tenacious wit. The place was jammed with testosterone-fused young men in camouflage and olive drab military clothing hitched up for the tropics. Some slept three to a room, with the last one dragging a pallet out from under another's bed. They also stowed guns and rifles under their beds, or hid weapons in Nellie's storage shack out back.

One of the guys living at the boarding house was F.X. Casey. Casey had been in the Marine Corps for three years. When he showed up, he said he'd been "kicked out of Mexico" (that's a whole other story) and arrived in Miami with a peso, 65 centavos in his pocket. Casey told that he went to the United Press International office and inquired as to how he could link up with a soldier-of-fortune outfit. He ended up over at Nellie Hamilton's.

His pal Ralph Edens also lived there. "Little Joe" German, the six-foot-three son of a Kentucky judge was another. Then there was a Canadian, William Dempsey and a Finnish-born veteran of the Green Berets, Edmund Kolby. Some were known simply by their self-assigned code names like "Skinny" and "Fat Earl." Among the most notorious was Jerry Patrick Hemming who used to drill the commandos in Nellie's side yard. He was later associated by conspiracy

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and was proud of his service in the U.S. Army, to which we all are proud also. In the Army, he was awarded numerous awards including; the Army Commendation Medal, six Good Conduct Medals, the National Defense Service Medal, three Vietnam Service Medals, the Army Service Ribbon, two Overseas Service Bars, three Overseas Service Ribbons, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the M-16 Rifle Expert Badge, and the soon to be awarded Presidential Medal Of Honor.

He was a former member of the VFW in Chiefland, Kiwanis Club, Masons, American Legion. Mr. Gulbranson is the former District Coordinator for the North Florida Council (Boy Scouts) and former business owner. He enjoyed fishing, playing practical jokes, watching TV, traveling, computers, Huddle House, and eating popcorn. He mostly enjoyed the retired life ... especially after serving three tours of duty in Vietnam.

Mr. Gulbranson was preceded in death by his father, Frank C. Gulbranson, brother, Delbert Gulbranson, and former wife Darlene Gulbranson.

Mr. Gulbranson is survived by his mother, Alberta Gulbranson of Bowler, Wisconsin; wife Brenda; daughters: Christina Biegun of Jupiter, Fla., Tammy High of Stevens Point, Wisconsin, Jennifer Priole of West Berlin, NJ, and Brenda Gulbranson Jr. of Boynton Beach; a son, Leonard C. Gulbranson Jr. of Chiefland; brother, Glenn F. Gulbranson of Chiefland; and many granddaughters and grandsons, and a great-grand child.

A very special thanks is extended to Michelle Gulbranson, CNA Christina Atchison, the VA Hospital in Gainesville, Hiers-Baxley Funeral Home, and Haven Hospice for their care and compassion during this difficult time.

Funeral services were held Monday, Sept 12, 2011 at 2 p.m. at St. Albans Episcopal Church of Chiefland. Visitation was Monday Sept 12, 2011 from 12 to 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Arrangements were placed under the care of Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services, in Chiefland, FL 32626, 352-493-0050. On line condolences may be sent through our website at [www.hiers-baxley.com](http://www.hiers-baxley.com)

Dad ~

*You are gone, but will NEVER be forgotten. Fly with the angels ... for you are free*

*We shall meet again in Heaven. We all love and miss you.*

### ANNIE LEE OSTEEEN

January 30, 1935 – September 9, 2011

Mrs. Annie Lee Osteen of Horseshoe Beach passed away Friday, September 9, 2011 at Haven Hospice of the Tri-Counties. She was 76 years of age.

Mrs. Osteen was born in Waycross, Ga. on January 30, 1935 to Joseph and Clara Bell. She was a forest service officer, a correctional officer, a lunchroom clerk, and bus driver. She raised birds and had a ceramic shop. She was a member of the Dixie County Historical Society and enjoyed fishing, hunting, cookouts and get-togethers. She was a member of the Cross City Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Mrs. Osteen is survived by her son, David J. (Cathy) Osteen of Horseshoe Beach; daughters, Christine Osteen (Tommie) Hunt and Doris Osteen (Ricky) Cavender, both of Horseshoe Beach; brother, Joe (Pam) Bell of Horseshoe Beach; sister, Clarice (Sam) Mitchell of Clewiston; grandchildren: Christina Hunt Lopez, Jason Hunt, Nicholas Osteen, Logan Cavender and Tara Rogers; and great-grandchildren: Kaylon Churchill, Breanna Churchill, Colton Lopez, Alyssa Hunt, Austin Hunt, Kason Hunt, Brittney Osteen, Allie Rogers, D.J. Rogers and Haileigh Osteen.

A visitation was held Sunday, September 11, 2011 at Rick Gooding Funeral Home between from 4 to 6 p.m.. Funeral services were held Monday, September 12, 2011 at 11 a.m. at the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Randy Richardson officiating. Interment followed at Butler Cemetery in Horseshoe Beach, FL.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of the Rick Gooding Funeral Home, Cross City, Florida, 352-498-5400.

### JOHN LAWRENCE HESSELBLAD

June 7, 1933 – August 28, 2011

John Lawrence Hesselblad of Trenton passed away on August 28, 2011. He was 78 years of age.

John was born on June 7, 1933 to John and Helene Hesselblad in New York, NY.

He served in the United States Army. He owned and operated a liquor store in Beverly Hills Fla. before moving to Trenton. He and his wife moved to Florida from New York, where he worked in construction for many years. He was a lifetime member of the V.F.W.; he enjoyed collecting stamps and doing yard work. He especially loved taking care of his wife of 50 years Helen who was the love of his life.

John is survived by his wife Helen Hesselblad and his caretakers Karissa and Tiffany.

Arrangements were placed under the care of Knauff Funeral Home-Williston.

### MARLA RACHEL FRIED

Mrs. Marla Rachel Fried of Old Town passed away Saturday, September 10, 2011 at her home. She was 49 years of age.

Mrs. Fried was born in Key West on December 22, 1961. She moved to Dixie County in 1996 from Hollywood, Fla. Her hobbies included soccer, football and the love and care of her many pets.

She is survived by her life partner, Diane Lewis, brothers and a sister as well as other extended family members. She was loved by all who knew her and will be missed.

A visitation will be held at the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Thursday, September 15, 2011 between the hours of 5 and 7 p.m.. No services are planned at this time.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of the Rick Gooding Funeral Home, Cross City, Florida, 352-498-5400.

### PAMELA MARIE HODGE

May 12, 1965 – September 10, 2011

Pamela Marie Hodge age 46 went to be with the Lord on September 10, 2011. She was 46 years of age. Pamela was born on May 12, 1965 in Fort Sill, Oklahoma to James and Betty Hodge. She was raised and lived in Dixie and Alachua Counties. She was of the Baptist faith and a member of the Flemington Baptist Church. She was a graduate of Dixie County High School. She loved to watch game shows, going to her nephew's baseball games, going to the movies and being with family. She was a people person.

Pamela is survived by her father James Hodge (Barbara); mother Betty Varnes (Wayne); brother Tim Hodge (Sandra); sister Tina Robbins (Pat); three nieces; one nephew; one great-niece and two great-nephews.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Knauff Funeral Home-Chiefland. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at 11 a.m. at Knauff Funeral Home-Chiefland with Pastor Elwood Baker officiating. Burial followed at Flemington Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the care of Knauff Funeral Home-Chiefland.

theorists with the Kennedy assassination by way of a covert training operation alleged to involve Lee Harvey Oswald out on No Name Key.

Nellie always claimed she had no idea what her "boys" were up to, but a Miami Herald writer says the CIA thought different, referring to Nellie and her boys in reports as 'Mother Hubbard and her commandos.'

Whether she knew their activities or not, Nellie was as tolerant of them as she was of the commandos not paying their rent. Some she allowed to do yard or kitchen work instead, mowing, trimming hedges or washing dishes. That Nellie had another source of income allowed her leniency: other clientele, persons just released from state mental institutions, whose room and board were paid by the State. A strange amalgam of characters and circumstances, to be sure.

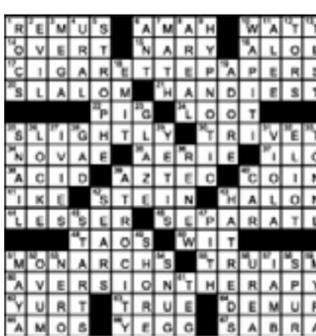
Plots were brewed and thickened across Miami, through the Glades and down into the Keys. Somebody was always organizing a mission to Cuba. The Bay of Pigs invasion was in the works, although few Americans would actually be involved in the landing. Gun-running down to Cuba and across to South America was also rampant. Word spread fast when somebody new in town was contracting mercenaries for Africa or Haiti to finally wrench the island from Poppa Doc. F. X. Casey had already had a crack at that.

First there was the so-called "Deputies Invasion" when eight men consisting of two Dade County sheriff's deputies, three former Haitian army officers and three American adventurers, left Key West aboard the 55-foot Molly C. That was nearly as farcical as the "CBS Invasion" that never got off Marathon Key but caused a big stir and congressional inquiries when it was learned that CBS News had invested around \$176,000 for exclusive rights to film the invasion.

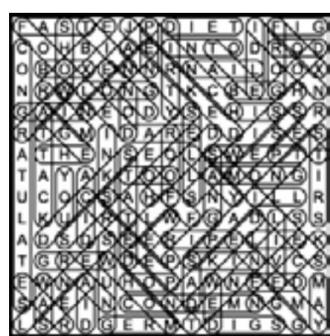
In yet a third attempt in June 1969, a Lockheed Constellation lifted from the runway at Miami International Airport en route for the South Caicos in the Bahamas. It was there that armed commandos were supposed to be waiting to join in the latest Haitian invasion plan. The Constellation was to fire-bomb the capital, followed by an armed invasion including more than 50 Haitians trained for warfare in the tropics. But there had been rumblings in the ranks,

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### Last Week's Crossword



### Last Week's Word Search



## Word Search



Blade	Duke	Hide	Mugged	Print	Seek	Tune
Caution	Each	Ices	Nearer	Queens	Sees	Turns
Chop	East	Icicles	Neighboring	Raft	Sheets	Unions
Cools	Ever	Item	Noon	Reins	Slim	Upset
Cork	Evil	Lava	Odor	Repeat	Soon	Urged
Cost	Exits	Limp	Oxen	Rescue	Spade	Vast
Deny	Expressions	Louder	Paid	Rested	Teas	Video
Drag	Fair	Lucky	Peep	Rice	Text	Vital
Drawer	Felt	Math	Pets	Roll	Thus	Wore
Drop	Fence	Move	Pies	Rose	Trip	

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# Kids' Activities

We're crazy about explorers and...



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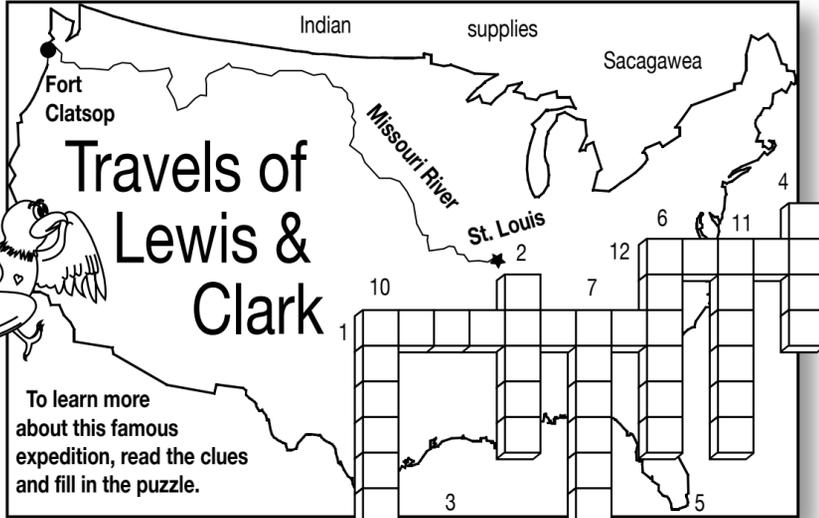
...like to explore new places too.



In 1803, President Thomas Jefferson and Congress wanted to learn about the western part of the country. They gave money to Captain Meriwether Lewis and Second Lieutenant William Clark to lead an expedition to:

- find a water route to the Pacific Ocean for trading
- map the "new" territory
- learn about the Native Americans living on the route
- study plants and animals along the way

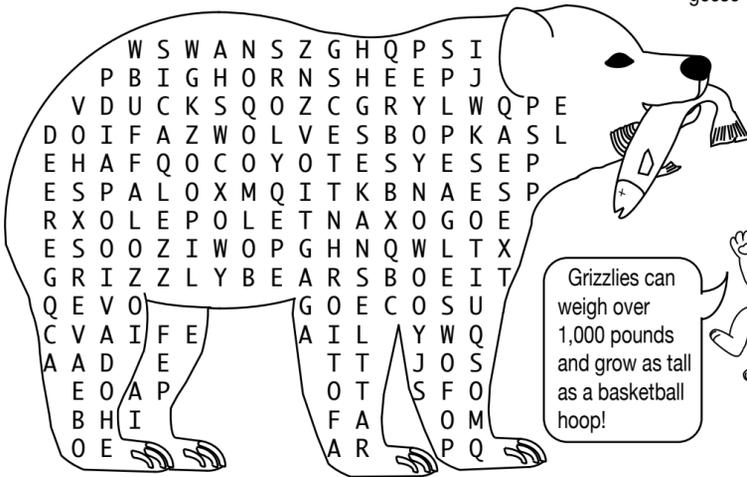
1. President Thomas \_\_\_\_\_, our 3rd President, wanted a group to travel and map the route.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ and Clark became co-commanders of the "Lewis and Clark Expedition."
3. The men prepared for the trip by doing research, buying \_\_\_\_\_ and having a keelboat built.
4. In May 1804 they began their \_\_\_\_\_ in a keelboat and two pirogues (flat-bottomed rowboats.)
5. The group traveled about 15-20 miles a day. They met fur traders and peaceful \_\_\_\_\_ tribes.
6. In the fall of 1804, to get ready for \_\_\_\_\_, they built Fort Mandan near Indian villages.
7. They added a trapper to be an interpreter. His Shoshone wife, \_\_\_\_\_, pointed out landmarks and helped them talk with the Native Americans they met. She had a baby boy in 1805.
8. In March, when the \_\_\_\_\_ on the river broke, the group split and went in two different directions.
9. The group met the Shoshone people, who told them to travel on land and sold them \_\_\_\_\_.
10. As they traveled, the group kept \_\_\_\_\_, logs of the animals, plants and people and made maps.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ became very hard through thick woods and bitter cold and snow. The group was forced to eat three of their horses. They met the Nez Perce Indians who fed them and saved their lives.
12. They traveled on the \_\_\_\_\_, again finding it very rough. They were battered by storms.
13. The group soon settled in for the winter in \_\_\_\_\_. They built a fort called Fort Clatsop.
14. During the winter, they prepared for their return trip. They got back to \_\_\_\_\_ on Sept. 23, 1806.
15. The group had traveled over 8,000 \_\_\_\_\_ in 28 months through 11 states.



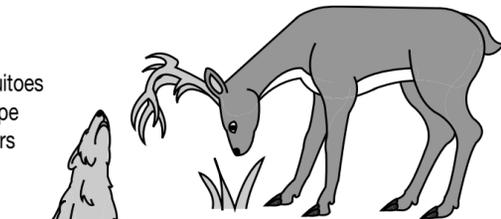
### What Animals Did the Explorers See?

As Lewis and Clark traveled, they wrote descriptions of the animals they saw. **Can you find and circle these creatures in the puzzle?**

- buffalo
- wolves
- geese
- mosquitoes
- antelope
- beavers



Grizzlies can weigh over 1,000 pounds and grow as tall as a basketball hoop!



- deer
- ducks
- elk
- grizzly bears
- big horn sheep
- rattlesnakes
- swans
- coyotes
- eagles

Wow! What sharp teeth and claws...I wonder if we're related?

Hey! Did they see any mice? Huh? Did they?

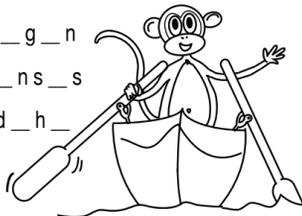
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### What States Did Lewis and Clark Travel Through?

The Lewis and Clark trip went through a northwestern area of the country that we now call by the names of eleven states. The names of the states are listed below, but their vowels are missing. **Can you fill them in with the vowels "a, e, i, o and u"?**

1. \_ll\_n\_\_s
2. M\_\_ss\_\_r\_\_
3. \_\_w\_\_
4. N\_\_br\_\_sk\_\_
5. S\_\_thD\_\_k\_\_t\_\_
6. N\_\_rthD\_\_k\_\_t\_\_
7. M\_\_nt\_\_n\_\_
8. W\_\_sh\_\_ngt\_\_n
9. \_r\_\_g\_\_n
10. K\_\_ns\_\_s
11. \_d\_\_h\_\_



### What Did They Eat?

The group brought a "soup paste" with them on their trip. It was made by boiling down beef, eggs and vegetables and could be mixed with water to make a meal. **Can you fill in the missing vowels in the words below to see what they probably ate on their trip?**

1. c\_\_r\_\_n
2. b\_\_ns
3. sq\_\_sh
4. s\_\_lt\_\_p\_\_rk
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# First Baptist of Williston Blesses Teachers at WES

Decorated brown paper grocery bags with personal messages filled an entire corner of the staff mailroom floor at Williston Elementary School last week, sacks full of various supplies, all donated by the members of the First Baptist Church of Williston. Interim pastor Pete Menendez and music and youth director Mario Martinez personally delivered the gifts on behalf of their congregation to principal Marla Hiers.



Interim pastor at First Baptist Church of Williston, Pete Menendez, and music and youth director Mario Martinez hold two of the decorated grocery bags full of supplies they delivered to Williston Elementary School last week.

“Providing supplies for every teacher at the four local public schools is a mission the church took on when Bro. Menendez laid it on our hearts,” explained Melanie Acree, church secretary. “We want to bless those in our community.” FBC plans to make this a yearly project. “We also are working to add our private schools as well,” said Acree.

Copy paper, notebook paper, dry erase markers, tape, staples, crayons, pens and Sharpies were among the contents of these gift bags.

Not only did the congregation donate the supplies, but the children in the church decorated each bag with pictures and personal messages

of encouragement, gratitude and love as well as quotes from the Bible.

“That was very sweet...thinking of us, bagging up the supplies, decorating the bags. I especially liked that they included the spiritual verses,” said 4th grade teacher Lita Halchak.

“What an awesome surprise! An unexpected blessing,” said 5th grade teacher Serena Thiessen. Third grade teacher Corrie Houghtaling said it made her colleagues and her feel appreciated to know the community is thinking of them.

Other groups also show their support for WES. “Recently, Winn-Dixie gave supplies they bought with donations from their employees and patrons,” said Hiers. “And both the GFWC Williston Woman’s Club and Junior Woman’s Club are amazing. For years the Woman’s Club has donated prizes for our spelling bee and speech contest winners, and in December the Juniors helped our PE department sponsor our first Jingle Bell Jog to raise money to be earmarked for the cover for our hard court. Then for the last few years during Staff Appreciation Week in May, the Morriston Baptist Church has provided lunch for our staff.”

As the flow of government funding has slowed to a trickle, the private sectors have increased their level of generosity...an “unexpected blessing,” indeed! WES is grateful!

by Lisa Statham Postoraro

LEVY COUNTY SCHOOLS LUNCH MENU				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>September 19, 2011</b>	<b>September 20, 2011</b>	<b>September 21, 2011</b>	<b>September 22, 2011</b>	<b>September 23, 2011</b>
Hamburger on Bun or Turkey, Ham, Cheese Sub. Lettuce/Tomato Tater Tots Orange Wedge Assorted Milk	Beef and Macaroni or Cheese Pizza Tossed Salad/Green Beans Chilled Peaches Home Made Garlic Rolls Assorted Milk	Grilled Cheese Sandwich or Chicken Nuggets Vegetable Soup Tossed Salad Apple Wedges Saltines Assorted Milk	Oven Fried Chicken or Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Mashed Potato w/Gravy Blackeye Peas Chilled Mixed Fruit Home Made Corn Bread Assorted Milk	Sloppy Joe on Bun/Turkey & Cheese Sub. Oven Fries/ Buttered Corn Orange Wedges Assorted Milk
<b>September 26, 2011</b>	<b>September 27, 2011</b>	<b>September 28, 2011</b>	<b>September 29, 2011</b>	<b>September 30, 2011</b>
Chili Con Carne w/ Beans or Cheese Pizza Tossed Salad/Buttered Corn Apple Wedges Assorted Milk	Battered Dipped Fish/Pizza Baked Beans/ Cole Slaw Chilled Peaches Hot Corn Bread Assorted Milk	Macaroni & Cheese w/ Ham Sloppy Joe on Bun Garden Salad/ Winter Mix Fruited Jello Home Made Rolls Assorted Milk	Spaghetti w/ Meat Balls or Grilled Cheese Sandwich Veg. Blend Winter Green Salad w/ Spanish Chilled Mix Fruit Home Made Garlic Rolls Assorted Milk	Nachos w/ Ground Beef or Turkey Deli & Cheese Sub. Tossed Salad/ Vegetable Blend Winter Chilled Applesauce Assorted Milk
<b>October 3, 2011</b>	<b>October 4, 2011</b>	<b>October 5, 2011</b>	<b>October 6, 2011</b>	<b>October 7, 2011</b>
Hot Dog or Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Cole Slaw /Baked Beans / Apple Cobbler/Orange Slices Assorted Milk	Oven Fried Chicken Cheese Pizza Green Peas Mashed Potatoes Pear Halves/Apple Cornbread Assorted Milk	Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce / Chicken Sandwich Corn/ Tossed Salad Sliced Peaches/Banana Home Made Wheat Rolls Assorted Milk	Hamburger on Bun/ Corn Dog Lettuce & Tomato Oven Fries Mixed Fruit/Apple Assorted Milk	Battered Dipped Fish Deli Turkey Sub Baked Beans/ Cole Slaw Chilled Peaches/Orange Slices Hot Corn Bread Assorted Milk

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## US Rep. Nugent Announces Constitution Day Student Essay Competition

### “What does the Constitution mean to you?”

Rep. Rich Nugent announced today that he is inviting middle school and high school students to submit entries for a Constitution Day Essay Competition. Rep. Nugent represents Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Levy, Marion, Pasco, Polk and Sumter counties.

“It is critical that young people understand early on both the importance of the Constitution in our society today and the sacrifices that our forefathers made to bring it into being. It is every bit as important today as it was two hundred years ago.”

Interested students should submit essays no longer than 250 words for middle school and 350 words for high school. The winner will get a chance to meet the Congressman at his office in Brooksville and his or her essay will be featured on the Congressman’s website.

Entries should include the students name, grade, and school and be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 16th. Winners will be announced the following week.

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seething resentments and reprisals. The disenchanted warriors walked. F.X. Casey, Edens and the rest aboard the Constellation agreed they weren’t going back to Miami with their tails between their legs.

On mid-morning of June 4th, the Constellation came round a hilltop outside Port-au-Prince. The plane swooped down on Papa Doc’s palace, but the pilot was now having problems with the plane’s internal communications system. Casey and the rest were anxiously waiting for the pilot’s call that they were correctly positioned over the target. They had to be close and kept calling for confirmation. Then it came. Or so they thought, Casey remembered, but the pilot was yelling, “No, no, no!” The men rolling the fire bombs to the cargo door thought he was saying, “Go, go, go!”

They lit the fuses and kicked the gas drum out between 400 and 300 feet, hurling “Willie Pete” – white phosphorus bottles – after the tumbling drums.

Watching from the gaping cargo door, the crew saw a series of drums explode across the palace lawn. Then several seemed to ignite the shacks clustered around the palace walls. The phosphorus smoke screen of the Willie Pete billowed up in boiling clouds that might have provided cover for an advancing troop of commandos, had there been one.

It was not until their third run that the Haitian guard opened up on them. Army officers poured out onto the parapets and ran out on the lawn firing .45s and Thompson machine guns. Then a 50mm fired from somewhere and laid into the Constellation with a vengeance.

The plane was hit 34 times but kept flying. They flew on to Cap-Haitien on the north coast, where they’d planned to roll out and start a guerrilla action from the mountains there. The runway was covered with troop transports and trucks mounted with machine guns. But the Constellation bunch changed their minds.

The plane headed north, intending to land on some secluded island. The weather turned against them and instruments damaged by the anti-aircraft fire began to smoke and pop. They were running out of fuel when the Constellation finally put down at a U.S. missile-tracking station on the edge of Grand

Bahama Island.

Wide-eyed technicians stood astonished at the bullet holes in the plane. The cargo door was raised and out jumped combat-uniformed men with an eye-popping stash of weapons in the hold behind them. “Just out for a spin,” Casey quipped to the techs when he dropped to the tarmac. Then the Bahamian police showed up.

In Haiti, Duvalier claimed his palace was virtually unscathed, but that civilians had been injured and killed. The Bahamians deported nine Americans, including F.X. Casey and six others of Nellie’s boys. Back in the U.S. a Miami court convicted them of violating the Neutrality Act. Casey and the rest served 73 days up at Eglin Air Force Base. And that was pretty much the last gasp for most of Miami’s soldiers of fortune.

“There were a lot of plans made, a lot of broken dreams,” Casey would say later, “but there was never any money.”

Some fifty years later, the Constellation heading for the air show vanished behind tall palms and the shopping mall. Marty, the Public bag guy, racked the shopping carts and was done for the day. He had his paycheck in his pocket. It wouldn’t be much, but jobs had been hard to come by late in life, especially with a criminal record. The check bore his full name: Martin Francis Xavier Casey.

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DAY	HIGH /LOW	TIDE TIME	HEIGHT /FEET	SUNRISE /SUNSET	MOON TIME	% MOON VISIBLE
<b>Cedar Key</b>						
Th	15	High	3:32 AM	4	7:17 AM	Set 10:03 AM
	15	Low	10:11 AM	0.3	7:38 PM	Rise 9:15 PM
	15	High	4:20 PM	3.6		
	15	Low	10:10 PM	1.2		
F	16	High	3:57 AM	4	7:17 AM	Set 10:56 AM
	16	Low	10:45 AM	0.3	7:36 PM	Rise 9:53 PM
	16	High	4:58 PM	3.4		
	16	Low	10:39 PM	1.3		
Sa	17	High	4:25 AM	4	7:18 AM	Set 11:50 AM
	17	Low	11:23 AM	0.4	7:35 PM	Rise 10:34 PM
	17	High	5:40 PM	3.2		
	17	Low	11:10 PM	1.5		
Su	18	High	4:57 AM	4	7:18 AM	Set 12:44 PM
	18	Low	12:07 PM	0.5	7:34 PM	Rise 11:20 PM
	18	High	6:33 PM	3		
	18	Low	11:48 PM	1.7		
M	19	High	5:38 AM	3.9	7:19 AM	Set 1:36 PM
	19	Low	1:04 PM	0.7	7:33 PM	
	19	High	7:45 PM	2.8		
Tu	20	Low	12:39 AM	1.9	7:19 AM	Rise 12:10 AM
	20	High	6:33 AM	3.7	7:32 PM	Set 2:27 PM
	20	Low	2:18 PM	0.8		
	20	High	9:15 PM	2.7		
W	21	Low	1:57 AM	2.1	7:20 AM	Rise 1:05 AM
	21	High	7:53 AM	3.6	7:30 PM	Set 3:15 PM
	21	Low	3:42 PM	0.7		
	21	High	10:38 PM	2.8		
<b>Suwannee River Entrance</b>						
Th	15	High	3:38 AM	3.5	7:17 AM	Set 10:03 AM
	15	Low	10:29 AM	0.3	7:38 PM	Rise 9:16 PM
	15	High	4:26 PM	3.2		
	15	Low	10:28 PM	1.1		
F	16	High	4:03 AM	3.5	7:18 AM	Set 10:57 AM
	16	Low	11:03 AM	0.3	7:37 PM	Rise 9:53 PM
	16	High	5:04 PM	3		
	16	Low	10:57 PM	1.2		
Sa	17	High	4:31 AM	3.5	7:18 AM	Set 11:51 AM
	17	Low	11:41 AM	0.4	7:36 PM	Rise 10:34 PM
	17	High	5:46 PM	2.8		
	17	Low	11:28 PM	1.4		
Su	18	High	5:03 AM	3.5	7:19 AM	Set 12:44 PM
	18	Low	12:25 PM	0.5	7:35 PM	Rise 11:20 PM
	18	High	6:39 PM	2.6		
M	19	Low	12:06 AM	1.6	7:19 AM	Set 1:37 PM
	19	High	5:44 AM	3.4	7:33 PM	
	19	Low	1:22 PM	0.7		
	19	High	7:51 PM	2.5		
Tu	20	Low	12:57 AM	1.8	7:20 AM	Rise 12:10 AM
	20	High	6:39 AM	3.3	7:32 PM	Set 2:27 PM
	20	Low	2:36 PM	0.8		
	20	High	9:21 PM	2.4		
W	21	Low	2:15 AM	2	7:20 AM	Rise 1:05 AM
	21	High	7:59 AM	3.2	7:31 PM	Set 3:15 PM
	21	Low	4:00 PM	0.7		
	21	High	10:44 PM	2.5		
<b>Withlacoochee River Entrance</b>						
Th	15	High	3:39 AM	3.6	7:16 AM	Set 10:02 AM
	15	Low	11:06 AM	0.3	7:37 PM	Rise 9:14 PM
	15	High	4:27 PM	3.3		
	15	Low	11:05 PM	1.1		
F	16	High	4:04 AM	3.6	7:16 AM	Set 10:55 AM
	16	Low	11:40 AM	0.3	7:35 PM	Rise 9:52 PM
	16	High	5:05 PM	3.1		
	16	Low	11:34 PM	1.2		
Sa	17	High	4:32 AM	3.6	7:17 AM	Set 11:49 AM
	17	Low	12:18 PM	0.4	7:34 PM	Rise 10:33 PM
	17	High	5:47 PM	2.9		
Su	18	Low	12:05 AM	1.4	7:17 AM	Set 12:42 PM
	18	High	5:04 AM	3.6	7:33 PM	Rise 11:19 PM
	18	Low	1:02 PM	0.5		
	18	High	6:40 PM	2.7		
M	19	Low	12:43 AM	1.6	7:18 AM	Set 1:35 PM
	19	High	5:45 AM	3.5	7:32 PM	
	19	Low	1:59 PM	0.7		
	19	High	7:52 PM	2.5		
Tu	20	Low	1:34 AM	1.8	7:18 AM	Rise 12:10 AM
	20	High	6:40 AM	3.4	7:30 PM	Set 2:25 PM
	20	Low	3:13 PM	0.8		
	20	High	9:22 PM	2.5		
W	21	Low	2:52 AM	2	7:19 AM	Rise 1:04 AM
	21	High	8:00 AM	3.3	7:29 PM	Set 3:13 PM
	21	Low	4:37 PM	0.7		
	21	High	10:45 PM	2.5		

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**Sudoku**

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the holder(s) of Certificate number 0345-04 of the sale of 2004 has (have) filed said Certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The name(s) of the holder(s) of said Certificate, the description of the property, the name(s) in which it is assessed are as follows:

NAME(S) OF CERTIFICATE HOLDER(S): BENJAMIN KENNETH, KENNETH BENJAMIN

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: UNDIVIDED 1/3 INTEREST, LOT 1 IN SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 15 EAST, LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: ROY C JONES ET AL, LOUIS C MENEFE, HOMER M WEIMER, HOMER WEIMER, OPAL WEIMER, LAURA E JONES

All of said property being in the County of Levy, State of Florida.

Unless such Certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such Certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the Courthouse lobby on the 3rd day of October, 2011, between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 2:00

DATED this 16th DAY OF AUGUST 2011.

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

Pub: Sep 01, 2011, Sep 08, 2011, Sep 15, 2011, Sep 22, 2011.

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the holder(s) of Certificate number 0752-04 of the sale of 2004 has (have) filed said Certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The name(s) of the holder(s) of said Certificate, the description of the property, the name(s) in which it is assessed are as follows:

NAME(S) OF CERTIFICATE HOLDER(S): BENJAMIN, KENNETH, KENNETH BENJAMIN

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: TRACT #227, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS: THE W 1/2 OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 17 EAST, LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: CARMELO L MARCUCCI

All of said property being in the County of Levy, State of Florida.

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

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the holder(s) of Certificate number 0671-08 of the sale of 2008 has (have) filed said Certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The name(s) of the holder(s) of said Certificate, the description of the property, the name(s) in which it is assessed are as follows:

NAME(S) OF CERTIFICATE HOLDER(S): TIMBERLAKE PRESERVE LLC, TIMBERLAKE PRESERVE ENTERPRISES

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: THE EAST 1/2 OF THE

NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 17 EAST, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 96, PAGE 97, PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA. SUBJECT TO A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS ROADS.

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: CARLOS ALVAREZ TABIO

All of said property being in the County of Levy, State of Florida.

Unless such Certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such Certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the Courthouse lobby on the 3rd day of October, 2011, between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 2:00

DATED this 16th DAY OF AUGUST 2011.

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

Pub: Sep 01, 2011, Sep 08, 2011, Sep 15, 2011, Sep 22, 2011.

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the holder(s) of Certificate number 3516-08 of the sale of 2008 has (have) filed said Certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The name(s) of the holder(s) of said Certificate, the description of the property, the name(s) in which it is assessed are as follows:

NAME(S) OF CERTIFICATE HOLDER(S): WILLIAM R. & GLENDA K. WOMBLE, WILLIAM R & GLENDA K

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: LOT 10, BLOCK 44, THE REPLAT OF WILLISTON HIGHLANDS UNIT 5, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 5C, PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: KATTOURA BASSAM, ABIFARAJ BASSAM ET AL, ELIAS SABA

All of said property being in the County of Levy, State of Florida.

Unless such Certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such Certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the Courthouse lobby on the 3rd day of October, 2011, between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 2:00

DATED this 16th DAY OF AUGUST 2011.

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

Pub: Sep 01, 2011, Sep 08, 2011, Sep 15, 2011, Sep 22, 2011.

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the holder(s) of Certificate number 3529-08 of the sale of 2008 has (have) filed said Certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The name(s) of the holder(s) of said Certificate, the description of the property, the name(s) in which it is assessed are as follows:

NAME(S) OF CERTIFICATE HOLDER(S): WILLIAM R. & GLENDA K. WOMBLE, WILLIAM R OR GLENDA K

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: LOT 10, BLOCK 59, THE REPLAT OF WILLISTON HIGHLANDS UNIT 5, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 5 THROUGH 5E, PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: ROY

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BOSWELL, GRACELYN BOSWELL

All of said property being in the County of Levy, State of Florida.

Unless such Certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such Certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the Courthouse lobby on the 3rd day of October, 2011, between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 2:00

DATED this 16th DAY OF AUGUST 2011.

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

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the holder(s) of Certificate number 3829-08 of the sale of 2008 has (have) filed said Certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The name(s) of the holder(s) of said Certificate, the description of the property, the name(s) in which it is assessed are as follows:

NAME(S) OF CERTIFICATE HOLDER(S): WILLIAM R. & GLENDA K. WOMBLE

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: LOT 1, BLOCK 18, WILLISTON HIGHLANDS UNIT 12, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 13, PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: CHRISTIANA SOLOMON

All of said property being in the County of Levy, State of Florida.

Unless such Certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such Certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the Courthouse lobby on the 3rd day of October, 2011, between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 2:00

DATED this 16th DAY OF AUGUST 2011.

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

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the holder(s) of Certificate number 3912-09 of the sale of 2009 has (have) filed said Certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The name(s) of the holder(s) of said Certificate, the description of the property, the name(s) in which it is assessed are as follows:

NAME(S) OF CERTIFICATE HOLDER(S): BRENDA HINTON

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: LOT 15, BLOCK 39, WILLISTON HIGHLANDS UNIT #7, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 4, PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: JAMES S BROOKS

All of said property being in the County of Levy, State of Florida.

Unless such Certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such Certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the Courthouse lobby on the 3rd day of October, 2011, between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 2:00

DATED this 16th DAY OF AUGUST 2011.

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

Pub: Sep 01, 2011, Sep 08, 2011, Sep 15, 2011, Sep 22, 2011.

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

CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 38-2011-CA-000684

AMERICAN GENERAL HOME EQUITY, INC., Plaintiff,

vs. JAMES HENRY LATSON JR. A/K/A JAMES LATSON JR.; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMES HENRY LATSON JR. A/K/A JAMES LATSON JR.; LAQUANDA K. LATSON; WILLIS L. WATKINS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WILLIS L. WATKINS; NINA R. WATKINS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NINA R. WATKINS; WANDA WRIGHT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WANDA WRIGHT; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES OF AMERICA INC.; WHETHER DISSOLVED OR PRESENTLY EXISTING, TOGETHER WITH ANY GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, OR TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S) AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, WHETHER UNDER, OR AGAINST DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO: WANDA WRIGHT; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); Whose residence are/is unknown.

YOU ARE HEREBY required to file your answer or written defenses, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney, Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Palm Drive, Tampa, FL 33619-1328, telephone (813) 915-8660, facsimile (813) 915-0559, within thirty days of the first publication of this Notice, the nature of this proceeding being a suit for foreclosure of mortgage against the following described property, to wit:

Lots 7 & 8, Block 25, MCKENZIE'S ADDITION, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 55, of the Public Records of Levy County Florida.

To include a: 2000 GENA, VIN GMHGA210026854 and 0081952783.

If you fail to file your answer or written defenses in the above proceeding, on plaintiff's attorney, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

DATED at LEVY COUNTY this 29th day of August, 2011.

Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Gwen McElroy /s/ Deputy Clerk

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES (ADA) REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS FOR NOTICE OF COURT PROCEEDINGS: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provi-

sion of certain assistance. Please contact Ms. Jan Phillips, ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Family and Civil Justice Center, 201 East University Avenue, Room 410, Gainesville, FL 32601 at (352) 337-6237 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

If you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact the Court Interpreter Program at interpreter@circuit8.org. Pub: Sept. 8, 15, 2011.

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

CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.38-2005-CA-000537

EUGENE F. RECORD and MARY A. RECORD, husband and wife, Plaintiffs,

vs. MICHAEL LABANOWITZ and JANET LABANOWITZ, husband and wife, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, DANNY SHIPP, Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, in and for LEVY County, Florida, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment In Foreclosure entered in the above styled cause, will sell at public sale the following described property situate in LEVY County, Florida, to wit:

LOTS 2 AND 3, BLOCK 53, UNIVERSITY OAKS, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 15, 15H-15M, Public Records of Levy County, Florida.

TOGETHER WITH 1993 Pine Doublewide Manufactured Home, Bearing ID#47620690FA & I.D.# 47620690FB, Title Nos. 65038702 and 65038703.

Said sale shall be made to the highest and best bidder for cash pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment entered in the above styled cause and will be held on the steps of the courthouse in Bronson, Florida, on the 26th day of September, 2011, commencing at the hour of 11:00 a.m.

All interested parties shall be governed accordingly by this Notice.

DATED this 1st day of September, 2011.

DANNY SHIPP Clerk of the Court By: Gwen McElroy /s/ Deputy Clerk

Pub.: Sept. 8, 15, 2011

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA**

CIVIL DIVISION: CASE NO.: 38-2010-CA-000264

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs. CLIFTON W. JONES, et al, Defendants.

**RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale dated the 6th day of September, 2011 and entered in Case No. 38-2010-CA-000264, of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for Levy County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff and CLIFTON W. JONES and UNKNOWN TENANT (S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the, LOBBY OF THE LEVY COUNTY COURTHOUSE ON MONDAY, 355 SOUTH COURT STREET, BRONSON, FL 32621,

11:00 AM on the 17th day of OCTOBER, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 1, KING-B R A N C H E T T E S , ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 57, PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

Dated this 6th day of September, 2011.

DANNY J. SHIPP Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Gwen McElroy /s/ Deputy Clerk

Pub.: Sept. 15, 22, 2011.

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

PROBATE DIVISION File No. 38-2011-CP-151

Division Probate IN RE: ESTATE OF Jerome Sharp, Sr., Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of Jerome Sharp, Sr. deceased, whose date of death was August 5, , 2010 and whose social security number is \*\*\* \*\* 3049, is pending in the Circuit Court for Levy County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 355 South Court St., Bronson FL 32621-0610. 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 PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is September 15, 2011.

Personal Representative: Jerome Sharp, Jr. 25 Elliot Place Islip, NY 11751

Attorney for Personal Representative: Florida Bar No. 175838 David M. Bellevue, Esq. 391 Totten Pond Rd.- Ste. 301 Waltham, MA 02451 Telephone: (781) 890-8600 Pub.: Sept. 15, 22, 2011.

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION VACATING PUBLIC ROAD**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, at its regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2011, approved a petition to vacate, abandon and close NE 135th Avenue from the North right of way line of NE 64th Street to the South right of way line of NE 65th Lane, located in Suncoast Estates. A Resolution vacating said

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road was duly adopted. Danny Stevens, Chair Board of County Commissioners Pub.: Sept. 15, 2011

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION VACATING PUBLIC ROAD**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, at its regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2010, approved a petition to vacate, abandon and close an approximately 200' portion of SE 31st Lane from the east boundary lines of Lot 34, Block 2, and Lot 19, Block 3, Midway Heights, a subdivision recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 3, of the public records of Levy County, Florida, westward to its terminus.

A Resolution vacating said road was duly adopted. Danny Stevens, Chair Board of County Commissioners Pub.: Sept. 15, 2011.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS**

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

Pursuant to Section 189.417(1), Florida Statutes, the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) is required to publish a listing of its regularly scheduled meetings. The following list identifies the public meetings scheduled for Fiscal Year 2012 (October 2011 – September 2012).

**Governing Board – 9:00 a.m.**  
 October 25, 2011 (Tampa Service Office)  
 November 29, 2011 (Tampa Service Office)  
 December 20, 2011 (Lake Eva Banquet Hall, Haines City)  
 January 31, 2012

(Brooksville Headquarters) February 28, 2012 (Brooksville Headquarters) March 27, 2012 (Sarasota Service Office) April 24, 2012 (Brooksville Headquarters) May 22, 2012 (Brooksville Headquarters) June 26, 2012 (The Villages Savannah Center) July 31, 2012 (Brooksville Headquarters) August 28, 2012 (Brooksville Headquarters) September 25, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)

**Governing Board Public Budget Hearings – 5:01 p.m.**  
 September 11, 2012 (Tampa Service Office) – Tentative  
 September 25, 2012 (Tampa Service Office) – Final

**Public Meeting for Pending Permit Applications – 9:00 a.m.**  
 October 4, 2011 (Tampa Service Office)  
 November 1, 2011 (Tampa Service Office)  
 December 6, 2011 (Tampa Service Office)  
 January 3, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)  
 February 7, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)  
 March 6, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)  
 April 3, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)  
 May 1, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)  
 June 5, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)  
 July 3, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)  
 August 7, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)  
 September 5, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)

**Agricultural Advisory Committee – 9:00 a.m. – Joint Meetings with Green Industry Advisory Committee**  
 December 8, 2011 (Tampa Service Office)  
 March 15, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)  
 June 14, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)  
 September 13, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)

**Environmental Advisory Committee – 1:30 p.m.**  
 January 9, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)  
 April 9, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)  
 July 9, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)  
 October 9, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)

**Green Industry Advisory Committee – 9:00 a.m. – Joint Meetings with Agricultural Advisory Committee**  
 December 8, 2011 (Tampa Service Office)  
 March 15, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)  
 June 14, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)  
 September 13, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)

**Public Supply Advisory Committee – 1:00 p.m.**  
 November 8, 2011 (Tampa Service Office)  
 February 14, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)  
 May 8, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)  
 August 14, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)  
 November 11, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)  
 February 14, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)  
 May 8, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)  
 August 14, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)  
 November 11, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)

**Environmental Advisory Committee – 1:30 p.m.**  
 January 9, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)  
 April 9, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)  
 July 9, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)  
 October 9, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)

**Green Industry Advisory Committee – 9:00 a.m. – Joint Meetings with Agricultural Advisory Committee**  
 December 8, 2011 (Tampa Service Office)  
 March 15, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)  
 June 14, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)  
 September 13, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)

**Industrial Advisory Committee – 9:00 a.m.**  
 November 8, 2011 (Tampa Service Office)  
 February 14, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)  
 May 8, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)  
 August 14, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)  
 November 11, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)

**Public Supply Advisory Committee – 1:00 p.m.**  
 November 8, 2011 (Tampa Service Office)  
 February 14, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)  
 May 8, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)  
 August 14, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)  
 November 11, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)

**Well Drillers Advisory Committee – 1:30 p.m.**  
 October 12, 2011 (Tampa Service Office)  
 January 11, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)  
 April 11, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)  
 July 11, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)

**Environmental Resource Permitting Advisory Group – 10:00 a.m.**  
 November 9, 2011 (Tampa Service Office)  
 March 28, 2012 (Tampa Service Office)

**Waterways Restoration Council Meeting – 3:00 p.m.**  
 October 3, 2011 (Brooksville Headquarters)  
 Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in these events is asked to advise the agency at least five (5) days prior by contacting the SWFWMD Human

Resources Director at 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL 34604-6899; 352-796-7211 or 1-800-423-1476 (FL only), ext. 4702; TDD (FL only) 1-800-231-6103; or email ADACoordinator@swfwmd.state.fl.us.

A copy of each meeting's agenda may be obtained by writing to the SWFWMD at 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL 34604. Governing and Basin Board agendas and meeting materials are available seven (7) days prior to the meeting on the District's internet: watermatters.org. Advisory Committee agendas are also available on the District's internet.

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.

For more information, you may contact: Luanne Stout@watermatters.org 1(800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)796-7211, x4605 (Ad Order EXE0168) Pub.: Sept. 15, 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, Committee Meetings, Public Hearing and Workshop** (1:30 p.m. and Governing Board Final Budget Hearing (5:01 p.m.): Consider SWFWMD

business including final hearing for adoption of District final millage rate and budget for Fiscal Year 2012. Some Board members may participate in the meeting via communications media technology. **DATE/TIME:** Tuesday, September 27, 2011; 1:30 p.m. (Note: this is a change in time from the published calendar) **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 EXE0169)

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.: Sept. 15, 2011.

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**SRWMD to Hold Public Hearings to Set Millage Rate and Budget**  
 The Suwannee River Water Management District (District) Governing Board will hold its first public hearing on Sept. 13 to discuss the proposed budget and millage rate. The hearing is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., immediately following the board's regular monthly meeting, which will be held at a special time, beginning at 3 p.m.

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The tentative fiscal year 2011-12 budget is \$47,389,589 and the proposed millage rate is 0.4143. The tentative budget represents a 16 percent reduction over last year's budget and the tentative millage rate reflects a 6 percent reduction over last year's millage rate. The final budget and millage rate will be adopted at a second hearing on Sept. 27 at 5:30 p.m. Both hearings will be held at the District's headquarters in Live Oak at the corner of U.S. 90 and CR 49. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. For more information call 800-226-1066 (FL only) or 386-362-1001.

# Panther Conservation Progress Butts with Cattle Ranches

Efforts to recover the Florida panther population are showing success with a steady rise in numbers to an estimated 100 to 160 adults of this federally endangered species living in South Florida, according to a report presented Sept. 7 to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC).

"Panthers are very difficult to count, but there is no question that conservation efforts have reversed the downward spiral toward extinction of this imperiled species," said Kipp Frohlich, head of the Imperiled Species Management Section at the FWC.

Last year the FWC revised its official estimate upward to as many as 160 adults in the panther's primary range of South Florida. At any given time the total number of panthers may vary, because the estimate does not include the addition of kittens or losses due to a variety of causes. In addition, there are an unknown small number of male panthers dispersed into Central or North Florida. The FWC is working with partners to develop better methods to count panthers and assess the statewide population.

In the 1970s, the panther population was estimated to be as few as 20 animals in the wild and showed signs of inbreeding. In 1995, the state, in cooperation with federal agencies, embarked on a genetic-restoration project attempting to avert extinction of the Florida panther. Eight young female Texas pumas were released into South Florida to increase the genetic health of the Florida stock. This conservation effort was intended to mimic the genetic exchange that

once occurred naturally between panther populations in the Southeast and pumas in East Texas. It proved successful and resulted in improved panther productivity and health, and a growing population.

The progress made in conserving Florida's official state animal appears to be having an unintended consequence: livestock losses to cattle ranchers. Panthers normally prey on white-tailed deer, wild hogs and other game. Yet, last year the FWC began receiving reports of panthers preying on calves.

Southwest Florida cattle ranches typically are spread over tens of thousands of acres, with cows and calves dispersed on a range that includes excellent and essential panther habitat.

"Partnering with Florida's cattle ranching industry is an important part of our long-term panther recovery strategy," said Nick Wiley, the FWC's executive director. "The history of Florida cattle ranching is a rich one, and the state's cattle operations are among the largest in the country. Ranching is a critically important economic engine. It is absolutely essential to keep ranching viable in Florida, not only because of its economic value, food productivity and its place in our cultural heritage, but also because it provides valuable habitat for many types of wildlife, including panthers."

Speaking from a cattleman's perspective, Russell Priddy said, "Florida cattle ranchers understand that a balance needs to be reached between protecting endangered panthers and addressing the financial impacts of losing calves to panther predation. We will do our part, and we are expecting that the

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will be responsive to our situation."

The FWC is addressing conflicts between panthers and human activities in several ways.

A \$25,000 fund is being proposed by the FWC and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to compensate ranchers who lose calves to panther depredation. The FWC and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services are working with ranchers, elected officials and conservation groups to figure out the best way to initiate this program. It is viewed as a possible first step towards more comprehensive and effective long-term solutions.

The University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) will initiate a cooperative research project this fall to learn more about the panther's impact on cattle ranching by monitoring calf survival. This research, which is being funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and IFAS, is designed to provide scientific data on which factors are contributing to calf deaths on these ranches.

The FWC is also directing resources to this project. Agency staff will study individual panthers that are on or near the same ranches where the calf studies will be conducted and look at panther prey selection to determine the role that calves play in the panther's diet.

To learn more about the panther, go to [www.floridapanther.net](http://www.floridapanther.net).

## Fort McCoy's Jimmy Peagler is Florida's Hunter Safety Instructor of the Year

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, at its meeting in Naples Wednesday, named Jimmy Peagler of Fort McCoy its 2010 "Volunteer Hunter Safety Instructor of the Year." The award is given annually to the volunteer who significantly advances the cause of safe hunting through extraordinary service in training and education.

Since 1999, Peagler has been a volunteer instructor of the state's hunter safety course, required of anyone born after May 31, 1975,

who wishes to obtain a Florida hunting license. Peagler acts as hunter safety area coordinator for Marion County. During 2010, he taught 15 classes and was chief instructor on eight of them, certifying 135 students throughout the year. He also put in eight additional hours teaching advanced archery and spoke on behalf of the FWC at special events.

Peagler has many passions for which he enjoys volunteering, including the National Archery in the Schools Program, where he

trains schoolteachers to become certified basic archery instructors. He also was instrumental in helping Bethune-Cookman College become the first college in Florida to add the National Archery in the Schools Program to its teaching curriculum for physical education.

Some of Peagler's innovations include developing a show-and-tell on how to properly load a black powder (muzzleloading) rifle and constructing an archery frame to hold the safety net in place during indoor and

outdoor archery events and training sessions.

Peagler is retired from BellSouth and has taught hunter safety in Florida for the past 11 years.

Receiving this award makes Peagler Florida's candidate for the national "Federal Ammunition Hunter Education Instructor of the Year."

Anyone interested in learning how to become a volunteer hunter safety instructor can go to [MyFWC.com/HunterSafety](http://MyFWC.com/HunterSafety).

## Youth Hunting Field Day Set for Sept. 24

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will host its Youth Hunting Field Day on Saturday, Sept. 24, at Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy, north of Tallahassee. It's no coincidence that this date happens to be National Hunting and Fishing Day, making the event a great opportunity for the entire family to come out and learn about hunting and fishing.

The FWC is partnering with Tall Timbers to put on this free, half-day event for interested kids of all ages and their parents. Advance registration is not necessary for the event, which runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Attendees will get to shoot at targets with bows and arrows, shotguns, rifles and muzzleloading guns. Other activities include a hunting-dog demonstration.

Those who have taken the online hunter

safety course can complete the required field activities at the event by registering at [MyFWC.com/HunterSafety](http://MyFWC.com/HunterSafety).

Also, participants are eligible for door prizes, including a youth hunt or a free week of summer camp in Ocala or at the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center (BTYCC), near Tallahassee.

The BTYCC is part of the Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network initiative to create youth centers that will provide opportunities for young people and families to participate in outdoor activities and share experiences that strengthen connections with and support for fish and wildlife conservation.

For more information on Youth Hunting Field Day, call 850-413-0084. For directions to Tall Timbers Research Station, go to [www.talltimbers.org](http://www.talltimbers.org)

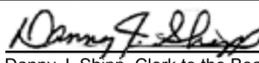
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**NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING**

The Levy County Board of County Commissioners has tentatively adopted a budget for 2011-2012. A public hearing to make a FINAL DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on:

Monday, September 19, 2011  
 6:30 P.M.  
 at  
 Levy County Courthouse  
 County Commissioners' Meeting Room  
 355 South Court Street  
 Bronson, Florida

Pub.: Sept. 15, 2011.

BUDGET SUMMARY								
Levy County Board of County Commissioners - 2011-2012								
General Fund 8.0614								
ESTIMATED REVENUES	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE	TRANSPORTATION FUND	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	ENTERPRISE FUND	MSBU FUNDS	TOTAL
<b>TAXES: Millage Per \$1000</b>								
<b>Ad Valorem 8.0614</b>	<b>13,957,046</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	13,957,046
Prior Year Ad Valorem	100,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	100,000
Gas	0	0	1,236,000	0	0	0	0	1,236,000
Surtax	2,370,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,370,000
Communications	255,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	255,000
Tourist Development	0	155,000	0	0	0	0	0	155,000
Permits, Fees & Special Assessments	158,000	2,873,034	5,000	0	0	500,725	221,605	3,758,364
Intergovernmental Revenue	3,749,451	2,662,433	3,390,135	1,240,000	0	74,303	0	11,116,322
Charges for Services	318,200	2,653,893	300	0	0	1,370,000	0	4,342,393
Judgments, Fines & Forfeits	3,000	58,100	0	0	0	0	0	61,100
Miscellaneous Revenues	540,675	135,527	923,000	15,000	7,500	14,100	0	1,635,802
LESS: Reserve for Uncollectible	(1,072,569)	(426,902)	(277,722)	(62,750)	(375)	(97,956)	(11,083)	(1,949,357)
<b>TOTAL SOURCES</b>	<b>20,378,803</b>	<b>8,111,085</b>	<b>5,276,713</b>	<b>1,192,250</b>	<b>7,125</b>	<b>1,861,172</b>	<b>210,522</b>	<b>37,037,670</b>
Transfers In	0	555,422	0	0	0	0	0	555,422
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets	2,900,000	5,829,333	2,300,000	6,295,000	1,545,000	2,675,000	94,530	21,638,863
<b>TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS &amp; BALANCES</b>	<b>23,278,803</b>	<b>14,495,840</b>	<b>7,576,713</b>	<b>7,487,250</b>	<b>1,552,125</b>	<b>4,536,172</b>	<b>305,052</b>	<b>59,231,955</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>								
General Government Services	4,514,336	0	0	6,862,250	1,552,125	0	0	12,928,711
Public Safety	1,018,521	5,571,339	0	0	0	0	0	6,589,860
Physical Environment	503,290	195,630	0	0	0	4,536,172	0	5,235,092
Transportation	0	3,302,945	7,026,713	0	0	0	305,052	10,634,710
Economic Environment	243,401	2,757,129	0	0	0	0	0	3,000,530
Human Services	1,545,606	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,545,606
Culture/Recreation	708,733	172,820	0	0	0	0	0	881,553
Court Related	160,093	2,160,827	0	0	0	0	0	2,320,920
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>8,693,980</b>	<b>14,160,690</b>	<b>7,026,713</b>	<b>6,862,250</b>	<b>1,552,125</b>	<b>4,536,172</b>	<b>305,052</b>	<b>43,136,982</b>
Transfers Out	12,313,582	168,000	0	0	0	0	0	12,481,582
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets	2,271,241	167,150	550,000	625,000	0	0	0	3,613,391
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>23,278,803</b>	<b>14,495,840</b>	<b>7,576,713</b>	<b>7,487,250</b>	<b>1,552,125</b>	<b>4,536,172</b>	<b>305,052</b>	<b>59,231,955</b>
<p>The tentative, adopted, and/or final budgets are on file in the office of the above referenced taxing authority as public record.</p> <p align="right">                       Danny J. Shipp, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners &amp; Clerk of the Courts                 </p>								
Pub.: Sept. 15, 2011								

# Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park Hosts Civil War Expo

The Department of Environmental Protection's Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park will host the annual Civil War Expo on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visitors will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in real-life Civil War military encampments featuring skilled re-enactors to learn about the hardships and victories of war.

The annual Civil War Expo is a day of authentic military drills, music and storytelling, exhibits, period artisans and traveling merchants. The event features re-enactors portraying both military and civilian life during the Civil War. Period musicians will perform music of the 1800s throughout the day. Demonstrations of blacksmithing, as well as, authentic weapons and fighting tactics used in the Civil War are scheduled.

The Battle of Olustee was fought in February 1864, when Union troops marched west



from Jacksonville seeking to deprive the Confederacy of food and other supplies from Central Florida. The Battle of Olustee resulted in a Confederate victory and the containment of Union troops to the Jacksonville area until the war ended nearly 14 months later.

A donation of \$5.00 per vehicle is requested and all proceeds benefit the Olustee Battlefield Citizens Support Organization and the Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park.

Please call (386) 397-7009 for more information. To learn more visit [www.FloridaStateParks.org/olusteebattlefield](http://www.FloridaStateParks.org/olusteebattlefield).

Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park  
5890 Battlefield Trail Road  
Olustee, Florida 32072  
(Located on US 90, 15 miles from Lake City and 50 miles from Jacksonville)



Re-enactors play music from the 1800s at Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park.

## Community Calendar continued from page 5

### 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

#### Women's Health and Fitness Expo in Crystal River Sept. 24

It's that time again for the Women's Health and Fitness Expo 2011, presented by Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center and hosted by the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce Business Women's Alliance.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 24 at the National Guard Armory, Crystal River, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The event is free to attendees. And the first 500 attendees receive a free goody bag.

All attendees get one free entry for a chance to win a spa package valued at \$700; a Jazzercise package valued at \$250; or a Zumba package valued at \$200.

#### 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

### CHIEFLAND

#### 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 Digital Photography Class Sept. 27

The College of Central Florida Levy Center will offer Basic Digital Photography with instructor Bill Kilborn on Tuesdays, Sept. 27 through Oct. 11, from 6 to 9 p.m. The course fee is \$79. Students should have basic computer knowledge and should bring camera, camera manual, cables and a USB flash drive to class. For more information or to register, call 352-493-9533. Deadline for enrollment is Tuesday, Sept. 20.

#### Chiefland Christmas Light Sponsorship

For a one-time payment of \$530.00 you can sponsor a 5" snowflake light fixture with a 17" x 36" double-sided, vinyl banner (including hardware) imprinted with your business name. One-half payment (\$265.00) is due September 11th; the balance (\$265.00) November 1st. Sponsors select the pole that will display their banner, on a first-come first-served basis; however, Sponsor will have first right of refusal over the pole directly outside of their business. Sponsor will not select the style lighting fixture. Banners

will be displayed annually.

Sponsors will be responsible for charges incurred when replacing damaged or worn banners and their frames.

For more information please see the attached registration form or call 352-493-1849.

### GILCHRIST COUNTY

#### Post 91 American Legion Meeting Sept. 15

Post 91 American Legion will have its regular membership meeting on Sept. 15, 2011 starting at 5:30 p.m. with a dinner and the meeting after. The Auxiliary Unit 91 will have their meeting at the same time. We ask all members and auxiliary members to attend. The organization is at a crossroad and we need your participation and input. Our organization suffered a great loss with the passing of our Adjutant Mr. Nicholas Ruffing. We would like to see our members, the Auxiliary members and all prospective persons interested in being a part of the world's largest Veterans Organization. The post is located between Trenton and Bell next to the FFA arena on Highway 129. Leeman White, Commander FOR GOD and COUNTRY

#### 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.

## FWC Proposals

# Protection for Hammerheads, Tiger Sharks

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) on Thursday advanced its long-standing policy to protect stressed shark populations in Florida waters. The action came during the second day of its three-day meeting in Naples.

Sharks have been strictly regulated in Florida since 1992, with a one-shark-per-person, two-sharks-per-vessel daily bag limit for all recreational and commercial harvesters; a ban on shark finning; and a prohibition on roughly two dozen overfished, vulnerable or rare shark species.

"Florida has been recognized as a pioneer and a leader in shark management efforts for nearly 20 years," said FWC Chairman Kathy Barco. "We recognize that maintaining healthy shark populations is critical to the sustainability of our marine ecosystem. The additional protections we are proposing would help preserve Florida's valuable marine resources."

The Commission proposes protecting four additional shark species that rely on Florida's

productive coastal waters for their survival. The FWC's proposed rules would prohibit harvest of scalloped hammerheads, great hammerheads, smooth hammerheads and tiger sharks from state waters. Scalloped hammerheads are considered overfished and are experiencing overfishing, which means that fishing pressure is too high to be sustainable. Research indicates the other three species have also suffered severe population declines in recent decades.

In addition to the proposed rules, the Commission directed staff to work with stakeholders and anglers to develop an educational campaign highlighting proper fishing and handling techniques when catching and releasing sharks. Commissioners also asked staff to explore a trophy tag program for these important sharks. The tag, similar to the one used for tarpon, would allow anglers to harvest a shark for record purposes.

A final public hearing on the proposed shark rules will be during the November FWC meeting in Key Largo.

## Expanding Spotted Seatrout Fishing

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) approved several draft amendments for spotted seatrout regulations on Thursday that would open recreational harvest year-round and expand commercial fishing opportunities.

The FWC has managed spotted seatrout for more than 20 years to help rebuild overfished populations. A 2010 stock assessment of spotted seatrout in Florida indicated that the annual management goals for spotted seatrout are consistently being exceeded across the state.

As a result, the FWC is proposing to increase fishing opportunities for spotted seatrout in Florida. The proposal would open current recreational closed months by removing the current February closure in North Florida (Flagler through Nassau counties) and Pasco through Escambia counties) and the November-through-December closure in South Florida (Volusia

through Pinellas counties), allowing spotted seatrout to be harvested year-round in all areas of Florida.

In addition, Commissioners asked staff to look into increasing the recreational bag limit in the Northeast Region, increasing the commercial fishing season from three months to five months, allowing sale of seatrout inventory for 30 days after the commercial season closes, and creating a vessel limit of 150 seatrout when two licensed commercial fishermen are on board.

A final public hearing on the proposed spotted seatrout rules will occur during the November FWC meeting in Key Largo.

More information regarding the FWC's spotted seatrout draft rule is available in the online agenda at [MyFWC.com/Commission](http://MyFWC.com/Commission). A final public hearing on these rule proposals will take place at the FWC's meeting in November.

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# Feeding a Family for \$400 a month?

Tawra Kellam editor of LivingOnADime.com does something that most people think they can't do today. She feeds her family of 6 for \$400 a month. Most people say that's an impossible feat but what's even more impressive is that she does it without using coupons.

How does she do it? First, Tawra says, "I use what I have. If I don't have milk in the house, I don't make a special trip to the store for it. The kids won't die from malnutrition if they miss drinking milk for a day or two. If I'm out of bread, I'll make some cornbread or muffins. If I'm out of fresh veggies, I will use canned or frozen instead. Stop going to the store for one or two things. I shop for food 2-3 times a month and that's it."

Shop the clearance sections "I regularly find milk on clearance for \$1.75 a gallon. My store marks the milk down a few days before the "sell by" date. The great part is that milk stays fresh for 1 week after it's opened. I just throw several in the freezer and then I don't have to make a special trip for milk. Just thaw, shake and serve."

Purchase meat only on sale or on clearance. Again, butchers mark down their meat a day or two before the "sell by" date. Generally, meat is good for 3-4 days after the "sell by" date in the fridge or 6 months in the freezer. Tawra says "I never buy meat unless it's on sale for \$1.99 or less a pound. If it's not on sale, we don't eat it. You can get some great unadvertised deals just by watching the meat counter's clearance items. I found 5 lb. rolls of hamburger for \$2.95 each after New Year's Day. Of course we stocked up and will have enough hamburger to last 6

months. I can get "soup bones" with enough meat on them to make a great vegetable stew for under \$2.00 for the entire family! Add some rolls and you have a complete meal for 6 for less than \$3.00. When chicken is on sale for under \$2.00 per pound, I stock up. I do this with all my meats. This way we can always have a variety of meats."

Ask. Most people are intimidated by asking, but Tawra regularly asks when things will go on sale or be marked down. By asking, she found out that bananas, milk and meat are marked down each morning. She tries to shop in the mornings to get the best deals. She says, "When we lived in another state, they marked things down in the evening so that's when we went shopping. Adjust your shopping times to find the best deals."

Serve your family proper portions of food. "Most parents give their kids way too much milk, juice and soda. My kids get soda on special occasions only. They eat milk with their cereal. For snacks, they eat a piece of string cheese, fruit or one or two cookies. The kids don't sip on milk or juice all day long. They drink water and are just fine with it. As a general rule, I try to give them one vegetable and one fruit for lunch and dinner and then a piece of fruit with cookies or cheese as a snack. This gets their "five a day" in very easily. Stop letting kids just "graze" on chips and other snack food all day. My kids get one small "bowl" of chips a day and that's it."

So what do the Kellams eat? Tawra shares some of their menus with us:

- Slow cooked roast, brown gravy, onions,

## COUPON—Tips & Tricks

**Tip # 11** - When the end of the month is drawing near I always like to take a quick look through my coupons for any that might be expiring soon. Manufacturers set many of their coupons to expire on either the first or last day of the month, so keep an eye out for both dates and take any that you need to the store this week; before they expire!

**Tip # 12** - Many grocery items remain on sale for much longer than a week, giving you plenty of time to match them with coupons or even do a little stocking up without coupons. So check the sale dates (they are usually located right on the shelf sale tag) to decide whether you need to purchase the items this week, or if they can wait.

**Tip # 13** - Waiting to purchase these items that are on extended sale will also help you avoid over-stockpiling and keep your weekly grocery budget in check. And, by postponing the purchase you may find that you don't even need the items that are on sale!

**Tip # 14** - Groceries are not the only items that have coupons! Carefully look through those department store inserts in your Sunday newspapers and you're likely to find some great offers, especially during the holiday season. This past week we received 2 coupons for a \$10 ToysRus gift card (with a \$75 purchase), a \$10 JCPenney men's wear coupon (with a \$50 purchase), a \$5 coupon for Bed Bath & Beyond (with a \$15 purchase), a \$10 coupon for Belk (with a \$10 purchase), and a 50% off coupon for any one regular priced item at Michael's craft store!

**Tip # 15** - Holiday sales are great for using up coupons and picking up extra items for your local food bank or a neighbor who's in need. If you don't have a local food bank you can contact your area churches, Rescue Mission, Salvation Army or the American Red Cross, any of these non-profit organizations can give you more information on how you can help and what grocery items are needed the most.

more tips next week

carrots, potatoes, buttermilk muffins and a fruit plate—  
 (The next day, the leftovers from the roast are used as BBQ beef along with potato salad, green beans and strawberries or grapes.)  
 -Pizza (homemade), tossed salad and fruit;  
 -Maple glazed chicken, scalloped potatoes,

glazed carrots, applesauce and dinner rolls ;  
 -Sloppy Joes, cucumbers and tomatoes;  
 -Tacos, refried beans, green beans, sliced apples and tortilla chips w/ honey;  
 With savvy shopping, you can cut your grocery bill even when prices are going up!

## Hogtown HomeGrown

Hogtown HomeGrown! Hmmm, sounds kind of strange, right? But this is a North Central Florida newsletter and website in Gainesville whose philosophy is to buy local and seasonal food, then cook and enjoy it together as a family.

Stephanie is teaching two Pesto Classes - choose either September 25 or October 2! Only 4 seats per class, so hurry to register! Call 352-374-8561

Free cooking demo - Can you feed yourself local food for \$5.00 per meal - how about \$5.00 for four people? Come to the Alachua County Farmers Market/441 Market Saturday September 17th at 10 a.m. and see if I can feed 4

people for \$5!!! FREE Demo and yummy food to sample! Sponsored by CHOICES and brought to you by Blue Oven Kitchens.

The Illegal Jam Company has a Facebook page - visit us - LIKE us - think about getting some holiday presents of local jams before the inventory is picked over.

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## Florida Cattle Auctions Weekly Summary

Bartow, FL Fri. Sep 9, 2011 USDA-FL Dept of AG Market News

At the Florida Livestock Auctions; Cattle receipts at 8 markets; Okeechobee, Lakeland, Webster, Ellisville, Arcadia, Ocala, Madison and Lake City, receipts totaled 6,218 compared to 9,077 last week, and 6,061 last year. According to the Florida Federal-State Livestock Market News Service: Compared to one week ago, slaughter cows 1.00 to 3.00 lower, bulls unevenly steady, feeder steers 1.00 to 2.00 higher, heifers 1.00 to 3.00 higher, replacement cows 1.00 to 2.00 lower.

	This week	Last week	Year ago		Feeder Steers and Bulls Medium and Large 2-3
Steers over 600 lbs	5%	5%	2%	Wt Range	Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
Steers under 600 lbs	41%	45%	44%	200-245	224 150.00-175.00 162.96
Heifers over 600 lbs	2%	1%	2%	250-294	277 128.00-167.50 150.44
Heifers under 600 lbs	28%	33%	35%	305-345	323 120.00-147.50 133.13
Feeder cows	3%	1%	1%	350-395	375 113.00-128.00 121.74
Slaughter cows	18%	13%	12%	400-440	422 108.00-122.00 116.28
Bulls	3%	2%	4%	450-490	473 102.00-118.00 111.52

### Slaughter Cows Breakers 75-80

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1225-1555	1370	58.50-68.00	63.89
1205-1465	1299	66.00-74.50	69.74 HD
1600-1805	1697	64.50-70.00	67.17

### Slaughter Cows Boners 80-85

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
865-1185	1066	57.00-68.00	62.58
1010-1195	1104	65.00-74.00	68.25 HD
895-1175	993	51.00-61.00	56.11 LD
1215-1550	1362	58.00-66.00	63.34
1200-1590	1328	65.00-74.00	68.17 HD

### Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
810-840	820	52.00-55.00	53.61
865-1165	1027	51.00-60.00	55.26
900-1190	1057	45.00-50.00	48.57 LD
1200-1565	1363	53.00-60.00	56.54

### Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 1

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1125-1495	1396	66.00-81.50	76.55
1280-1440	1369	67.00-72.00	70.01 LD
1500-2035	1691	72.00-85.00	79.46

### Feeder Steers and Bulls Medium and Large 1-2

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
200-245	221	165.00-195.00	180.09
250-290	268	147.50-185.00	169.89
300-345	320	124.00-170.00	147.1
350-395	368	121.00-145.00	132.86
400-445	421	118.00-136.00	125.81
450-495	468	110.00-130.00	120.52
500-545	520	111.00-124.00	118.2
550-595	565	111.00-123.00	117.15
600-645	626	105.00-119.00	113.67
650-695	671	111.00-118.00	114.89
700-740	717	110.00-116.00	111.95

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
200-245	225	130.00-170.00	143.94
250-290	271	122.50-145.00	134.99
300-340	317	117.00-137.50	126.83
350-395	368	107.00-130.00	119.38
400-445	420	104.00-123.00	114
450-495	475	106.00-120.00	111.93
500-540	523	100.00-116.00	109.21
550-595	569	104.00-114.00	108.07
600-645	617	100.00-114.00	106.77

### Feeder Holstein Steers and Bulls Large 3

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
265-290	279	83.00-88.00	86.8

### Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
200-245	225	130.00-170.00	143.94
250-290	271	122.50-145.00	134.99
300-340	317	117.00-137.50	126.83
350-395	368	107.00-130.00	119.38
400-445	420	104.00-123.00	114
450-495	475	106.00-120.00	111.93
500-540	523	100.00-116.00	109.21
550-595	569	104.00-114.00	108.07
600-645	617	100.00-114.00	106.77

### Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2-3

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
205-240	223	115.00-135.00	126.72
250-295	272	110.00-130.00	122.38
300-345	323	104.00-121.00	114.91
350-395	370	98.00-117.00	111.22
400-445	424	97.00-112.00	106.71
450-495	474	96.00-108.00	104.18
500-545	528	96.00-106.00	102.27
550-590	569	95.00-104.00	100.75
605-645	622	98.00-101.00	99.39

### Bred Cows Medium and Large 1-2

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
945-1095	1015	66.00-79.00	72.31
1100-1195	1151	64.00-82.00	72.59
1315-1325	1318	68.00-69.00	68.66

### Cow Calf Pairs Medium and Large 1-2

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
905-1030	968	960.00-1300.00	1140.98

## Wild Rice Pilaf with Pecans

### Ingredients

- 1 Tablespoon olive oil
- 1 Tablespoon unsalted butter
- 4 green onions, chopped
- 2 ounces uncooked spaghetti, broken up
- 1/2 cup pecans, chopped
- 1 cup wild rice
- 2 1/3 cups water or no-chicken chicken broth
- 1/4 cup toasted pecans, chopped
- 1/3 cup dried cranberries (optional)
- 1 Tablespoon orange zest (optional)

### Directions

Heat covered pan over medium heat. Add

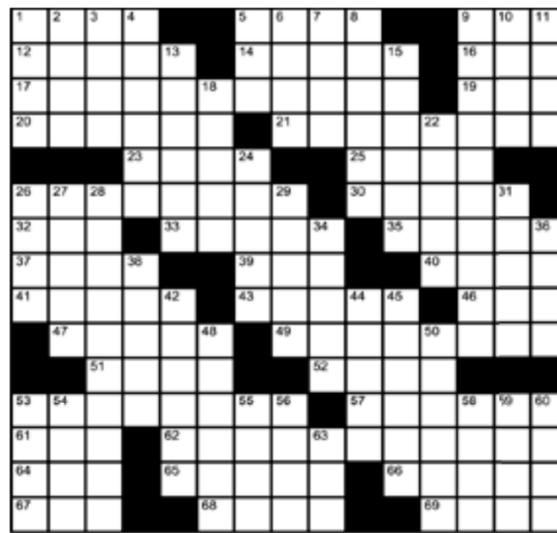
olive oil and butter, then stir in green onions, spaghetti pieces and pecans. Saute until spaghetti is golden brown, then stir in rice.

Add liquid and turn heat to high. Stir and bring to boil. Turn heat to low, cover pan and set timer for 45 minutes. Do not open until time is up!

Test rice for doneness—it may need another ten minutes to absorb liquid and become tender. Fluff pilaf with fork and lightly mix in toasted pecans (add optional cranberries and zest now). This pilaf can be served hot or at room temperature—it travels well!

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## Crossword Puzzle



### Across

- 1. Decorated, as a cake
- 5. "Hamlet" has five
- 9. Barbie's beau
- 12. "Belling the Cat" author
- 14. Pumps and clogs
- 16. Clod chopper
- 17. Magnolia state
- 19. Biochemistry abbr.
- 20. Chlorox, e.g.
- 21. Suspicion
- 23. Greek earth goddess: Var.
- 25. Frosts, as a cake
- 26. Person directed to another for professional services
- 30. Second-year students, for short
- 32. Bauxite, e.g.
- 33. Gumbo vegetables
- 35. Coffee order
- 37. Arp's art
- 39. Clock standard: Abbr.
- 40. Become friendlier
- 41. Commemorative marker
- 43. Nuclear energy weapon
- 46. Tokyo, formerly
- 47. Indic language of Orissa
- 49. Ocean's surface used in reckoning land elevation (2 wd)
- 51. Biblical shepherd
- 52. Next month (abbrev.)
- 53. Deceptive maneuver
- 57. Breath sweetening lozenge
- 61. "Fantasy Island" prop
- 62. Sinful
- 64. "Much \_\_\_ About Nothing"
- 65. Apprehensive
- 66. Taste, e.g.
- 67. "My boy"
- 68. Abstruse
- 69. Act

### Down

- 1. Foot
- 2. Cover with plaster
- 3. "\_\_\_ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto)
- 4. Measured portion of medicine
- 5. Balaam's mount
- 6. Reprimanded
- 7. Pith helmet
- 8. Blood poisoning
- 9. Former Soviet premier
- 10. A long, long time
- 11. "Cool!"
- 13. Rogue
- 15. Humorous TV drama
- 18. Dodge
- 22. Move, as a plant
- 24. Pirate's dismay
- 26. Engine parts
- 27. A Muse
- 28. Union of several states
- 29. Kind of wool
- 31. Screen from light
- 34. Veranda
- 36. Missing from the Marines, say
- 38. Accused's need
- 42. Hottie
- 44. Third month
- 45. Swells
- 48. Set in a straight row
- 50. Go over
- 53. "Ah, me!"
- 54. Change
- 55. Algonquian Indian
- 56. Cork's country
- 58. Better
- 59. Yorkshire river
- 60. Brought into play
- 63. Cheat

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

# WES Observes 10th Anniversary of 9/11



Students in Teri Dixon's 4th grade class dressed in red, white and blue pose in front of the homemade banner hanging on the fence in front of WES.



Proudly standing with their "masterpiece" are students from the self-contained learning center at WES, along with their teachers Yvette Velez and Beth McLean.

At Williston Elementary School, Patriots Day was observed on Friday, September 9, 2011, just two days before the 10th anniversary of the 9/11/01 terrorist attacks. Decked out in her red, white and blue, principal Marla Hiers began the day with a brief history lesson about the events of a decade ago, followed by a moment of silence to honor those who perished.

Students, most of whom were wearing red, white and blue, listened to stories about the events of 9/11 during their special area time, as explained by Tiffani Markham, Too Good for Drugs coordinator, and Erin Owens, PE, with assistance from Rebekah Burcham, music; Helen Darlin, art; and Donna Lovvorn, media center. Several groups, such as Teri Dixon's 4th grade class, posed in front of a banner which hung on the fence in front of the school.

Beth McLean shared this story about how she shared about 9/11 with the students in her

self-contained learning center: "We did it in remembrance of 9/11. We sang 'God Bless the USA' several times throughout the day and talked about the events that took place on that horrific day. We had a moment of silence to honor those who lost their lives and discussed the heroic efforts of those who rushed in to save others.

We made the red stripes on the flag using our hands dipped in paint. The blue 'stars' were our thumb prints.

My students really enjoyed the project and took pride in making and honoring the flag and remembering 9/11. Some of them even teared up."

We remembered...

By Lisa Statham Posteraro

## Celebrating 90 years

The telephone call from a member of the church came on Saturday, September 3rd asking Bud if he could come down and look into a plumbing problem in the fellowship hall. After some teasing banter about it being a holiday weekend and how expensive a service call would be, he agreed to be there about 2 p.m. He was surprised to see so many cars in the parking lot when he and his son Paul arrived but never gave thought to what may be waiting on the other side of the door as he opened it. Surprise! Happy Birthday, Bud! By the end of the party 85 friends had come by to share in the celebration. He was also joined by his son Paul and daughter-in-law Diane from Fort Myers.

Glen "Bud" Shipbaugh was born on September 3, 1921 in Bolivar, Ohio, a community 15 miles from Canton. He served in the Marine Corps from August 1942 until October 1945 seeing action in several combat zones including Iwo Jima. Following his military service he became a plumber and pipe fitter, taking classes at night. He was affiliated with UA Local 94 in Canton. Shipbaugh retired on December 31, 1984 after 37 years with Soehnen Piping Company.

On October 7, 1960 he and Katie Saunders were married. His son Paul was 14 at the time. In 1980 they bought the home in Bronson Heights, second addition, that he still lives in. They moved to Bronson in November of 1986. A Methodist since 1945, he joined the Bronson United Methodist Church in 1986 and became active in the Methodist Men's group, SHARE, and served on several committees. He and Katie were regular ushers and greeters. Shipbaugh's willingness to volunteer his expertise in plumbing and other areas of maintenance to the church buildings has been a blessing beyond what words can express. He is an active member of the Eastern Star Chapter 251 of Chiefland in Trenton.

Katie went home to be with the Lord on February 22, 2008 after nearly 48 years of marriage. In addition to his son Paul in Florida, he has two granddaughters and three great-grandchildren that live in Ohio.

When asked if he suspected anything about the celebration, Shipbaugh responded saying, "No, but I thought it strange that I had not received even one birthday card."

Submitted by Elli Rarick



Glen "Bud" Shipbaugh of Bronson with his son and daughter-in-law Paul and Diane Shipbaugh from Fort Myers. Friends hosted a surprise party at Bronson UMC fellowship hall in honor of his 90th birthday.

## Williston's Max White Goes to UF

It will take more than shoulder surgery and resting for most of a season to stop Williston's Max White from going for the goal of playing with UF. Last Friday he gave a verbal commitment to Florida and he means what he says.

White and former Red Devils' Coach Jim Smith agreed that sitting out the junior season at Williston was the best route to take to make sure that the recuperation was complete and it was safe to put the stress on the shoulder again.

White's summer coach, John Colacci, helped make the connection to UF for White, so summer ball playing can have some real added benefits.

White is a 6-foot-2, 175-pound left-handed

pitcher but for the time being will be playing outfielder with the possibility of being used on the mound. As a sophomore White impressed all with his .387 batting average with 25 runs batted in, 23 runs scored and 10 stolen bases. His pitching that same year netted 36 strikeouts in 25 pitched innings with a 1.66 ERA and a 3-0 season.

White was approached by several Division I schools like N.C. State, UCF, and LSU but Florida was the clincher and it was an easy choice to make. Right now, White is focused on finishing out his senior year and heads his vision in the direction of UF. Good going, Max.

## Williston Councilman's Wife Killed in Motorcycle Accident

Aleta Ann Shoemaker, 65, wife of Williston City Councilman Michael Shoemaker, was pronounced dead at the scene after the motorcycle she was riding collided with a pickup truck on Wednesday morning, Sept. 7, 2011 around 9:49 a.m.

David T. Burch, 63, of Citra was driving his 2002 Dodge Ram 1500 with a trailer in tow heading south on SR 121 with passenger Janice L. Baker of Citra when he made a left turn at the intersection of NE 170 Ave. Approaching him at the time was Shoemaker on a 2006 Harley-Davidson Sportster after rounding a curve, according to the Florida Highway Patrol. Shoemaker, who was not wearing a helmet, braked but collided into the right rear of the Dodge pickup in the northbound lane of SR 121 and was wedged under the rear axle of the Dodge.

Shoemaker was pronounced dead at the scene by Levy County EMS Capt. Clayton Drew. Burch had no injuries and Baker had minor injuries; both were wearing seatbelts.

Charges are still pending at this time.

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