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## Law Enforcement Cooperative Effort Stops Drug House Cold in Chiefland



On Friday, Dec. 2, the Levy County Sheriff's Office and the Chiefland Police Department executed a search warrant at 10091 NW 40th Ave in Chiefland. Undercover agents had received numerous complaints from the community that there was an unusual amount of vehicle traffic driving to a residence located directly across the street from St. John Evangelist Catholic Church on Hwy 27 just east of Chiefland.

Agents initiated an investigation and confirmed the vehicle traffic and made undercover drug buys from Christopher Eugene McQuay, 28, also known as

'Gopher.' Joseph Lee Wilcox II, 26, Thomas Barr, 40, and Jonathan

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## Bronson Celebrates Funding for Wastewater System Improvements



With the ceremonial check are: (l to r) Councilman Jason Kennedy, councilman Aaron Edmondson, Councilman Berlon Weeks, USDA Rural Development State Director Richard Machek, Mayor Beatrice Mongo and Vice Mayor Franklin Shuler.

By Kathy Hilliard  
Editor

The Town of Bronson is going to expand and make improvements to its wastewater collection system allowing additional residential and commercial customers to be served thanks to funding from USDA Rural Development. Officials from Rural Development presented the Town of Bronson with a ceremonial check for \$2,865,600 on Wed. Nov. 30, 2011.

With a ceremony at the Dogan S. Cobb Municipal Building in Bronson starting at 10 a.m. the Town of Bronson took a great step forward to initiating improvements for residents and to better entice new and much needed commercial ventures to the economy of the area. Welcoming all attendees and opening remarks were given by Jimmy Dunford, Public Works Director. Also speaking were Councilman Berlon Weeks, Vice Mayor Franklin Schuler, Mayor Beatrice Mongo, Mittauer & Associates, Lynn Bannister – Director of Outreach/Regional Director for U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson's Office, and Richard Machek – State Director, USDA Rural Development. Attending but not speaking were Adele Griffin representing U.S. Senator Marco Rubio and Travis Hart representing State Senator Charles Dean. Closing remarks were from Director Dunford before all partook of refreshments.

Bronson's wastewater system improvements will include construction of 10,500 linear feet of gravity sewer lines, 14,200 linear feet of force mains, 40 manholes, nine grinder stations and three lift stations. The commercial corridor along U.S. Hwy 27 and residents living in the north part of town will be served once improvements have been completed. The Town of Bronson made a \$40,000 contribution to the project.

"Helping rural communities of all sizes build a foundation for economic strength and future prosperity is at the core of Rural Development's mission," said USDA Rural Development State Director Richard A. Machek. "This project is an investment in the future of Bronson."

Water and Environmental Programs provides loans, grants, and loan guarantees for drinking water, sanitary sewer, solid waste and storm drainage facilities in rural areas, cities and towns with populations of 10,000 or less.

## Notice of Sexual Predator Address Change:

In accordance with Florida Statute 775.21, this is a mandatory notification of the changing of address of a registered sexual predator in Levy County.

Robert J. Perry, a/k/a Squerl Perry, was convicted in Alachua County in 2007 for lewd and lascivious molestation on a child.

Perry was released from the Department of Correction and is now residing at 21161 NE 35 Street, Williston, FL in Levy County.

For a complete listing of all registered sexual predators and offenders residing in Levy County, or to search by zip code, please visit [www.flde.state.fl.us](http://www.flde.state.fl.us) and go to the sexual data base.



Robert James Perry

## Community Effort Cleans Historic Suwannee

Whenever there is a huge volunteer-based project like the Great Suwannee River Clean-up, you get to see who the true environmental heroes of our communities are. The historic Suwannee is a symbol of our state; we have been singing the song since we were babes. We are emotionally attached and when the great river needs us, we come in droves.

Last weekend, the Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge, the friends of the Lower Suwannee & Cedar Keys NWR and all their partners cleaned the last 20 miles of the Suwannee. The initiator of the GSRClean-up, Current Problems' Director, Fritzi Olson, has been moved by the community involvement along they entire river's length. "It's so rewarding to see conservation partners caring for this essential waterway. This is my dream come true."

Lita Weingart's Chiefland High School classes gave up their Saturday morning of sleeping-in and playing computer games. The University of Florida students from the School of Natural Resources, the Wetlands Club, and UF Horizons traveled over an hour to the river's edge to pull debris from its tannic waters.

Waste-Pro, a community partner, provided a dumpster at Fowler's Bluff for the hundred's of pounds of metal, styrofoam, bottles, tires, odds and ends that had come to rest on the bank or



Volunteers for Great Suwannee River Cleanup are proud of all the garbage taken out of our historic Suwannee River.

in the river. The Levy County Landfill, also supporting the clean-up effort, took-in all debris collected from the volunteer clean-up.

Andrew Gude, Manager of the Lower Suwannee & Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuges met and thanked the many volunteers.

"It was very gratifying to see the outpouring of community support for the clean-up by the large numbers of folks who volunteered their time and equipment. The refuge thanks our Friends group and everyone who contributed to the Suwannee River clean-up."



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# Levy County Sheriff's Office Arrest Report

Adams, Klaytin Ezrha, 32, of Trenton: Grand theft more than \$300 less than \$5K; Trespassing and failure to leave property upon order by owner.

Allen, Jonathan Maurice, 23, of Chiefland: Keeping a shop or vehicle for drugs, subsequent violation.

Barr, Thomas, 36, of Chiefland: Keeping a shop or vehicle for drugs, subsequent violation.

Beach, Sean Michael, 30, of Trenton: Possession of weapon or ammo by convicted Florida felon.

Bennett, Susie Ann, 56, of Chiefland: Burglary of unoccupied dwelling unarmored; trespassing structure or conveyance; intent/threat to do violence.

Billups, Jerald Samuel, 35, of Inglis: Trespassing on property not a structure or conveyance.

Clardy, Donald, 51, of Alachua: Battery with intentional touch or strike.

Coleman, Ronald Terry, 47, of Williston: Sale of cocaine within 1000 ft of specified area; possession of cocaine with intent to sell/manufacture/deliver; possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell/manufacture/deliver within 1000 ft of a place of worship; possession of cocaine.

Cruz, Jose Eliberto, 22, of Ocala: Operating a motor vehicle without a valid license.

Donald, Larry James, 54, of Chiefland: DUI alcohol or drugs.

Dyess, John David, 54, of Morriston: DUI alcohol or drugs; refusal to submit to DUI test after license suspended.

Dyjak, Christopher Gerald, 46, of Palm Harbor: DUI alcohol or drugs.

Franke, Jesse, 30, of Trenton: Burglary of unoccupied structure in state of emergency; grand theft more than \$300 less than \$5K, criminal mischief with damage to property of \$200 and under x2.

# Levy County's Most Wanted



<b>Henry, Roy</b> Trenton VOP GRAND THEFT NO BOND	<b>Hill, Christopher A</b> Chiefland FTA DUI \$5,000 BOND	<b>May, Jason Keith</b> Williston VOP GRAND THEFT NO BOND	<b>Monroe, Brenda Lee</b> Chiefland VOP DEAL IN STOLEN PROPERTY NO BOND	<b>Sanderford, Candace B</b> Bronson VOP NEGLECT OF ELDERLY NO BOND	<b>Walker, Jessie C</b> Old Town VOP TRAFFIC N STOLEN PROPERTY NO BOND
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Franzius, Sean David, 24, of Williston: grand theft of more than \$300 less than \$5K x8.

Gonzalez, Laura, 29, of Chiefland: Driving while license suspended, habitual offender.

Hall Jr., Marcus Chance, 21, of Chiefland: Out of county warrant.

Hewel, Gregory, 53, of Chiefland: Battery with intention touch or strike.

Hurd, Joshua, 30, of Gainesville: Driving while license suspended, 1st offense.

Hurst, Bobby Ray, 26, of Trenton: VOP x3.

Jordan, John Willis, 47, of Bronson: Disorderly intoxication in public place causing disturbance; trespassing a structure or conveyance.

Knecht, David Michael, 19, of Trenton: Grand theft more than \$300 less than \$5K; dealing in stolen property.

Layfield, Rebekah Lester, 52, of Bronson: Battery with intention touch or strike; obstruction of justice without violence.

Leira, Vera Elizabeth, 33, of Williston: Out of county warrant.

Lockler, Stephanie Michelle, 42, of Cedar Key: VOP.

Lucas, Ronald, 45, of Bronson: Out of county warrant.

McGlocklin, Francis, 57, of Inglis: VOP.

McQuay, Christopher, 28, of Chiefland: Possession with

intent to sell/manufacture/deliver Schedule I or III or IC hallucinogen; possession with intent to sell/manufacture/deliver Schedule I or III or IC hallucinogen within 1000 feet of a place of worship or business; possession of a weapon or ammo by convicted Florida felon x2.

Mehr, Cody Alan, 25, of Ocala: VOP.

Petty, Gwendolyn, 54, of Old Town: Petit theft from a merchant, 2nd offense.

Pill, Thomas, 71, of Clermont: Failure to appear.

Schoppenhorst, Scott, 43, of Trenton: Disorderly intoxication in a public place causing a disturbance.

Seyez, Freddie, 19, of Chiefland: passing a forged/altered instrument; petit theft 1st degree more than \$100 less than \$300.

Wilcox II, Joseph Lee, 26, of Chiefland: Possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell/manufacture/deliver within 1000 feet of a house of worship or business.

Wilkins, David William, 21, of Chiefland: VOP.

Winn, Newton, 87, of Gulf Hammock: Driving on a permanently revoked driver's license.

Wytiacz, Linda Ellen, 59, of Cedar Key: VOP x2.

## Williston Police Department Arrests

Cruz, Eliberto Jose, 22, of Ocala: No driver's license, never had one.

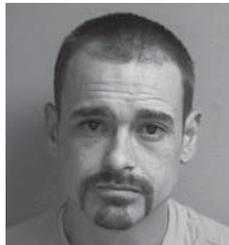
Shiver, Alexander Matthew, 23, of Williston: Possession of drug equipment.

Shiver, Raymond, 26, of Williston: Driving on a cancelled license.

Zamora, Jamie Lynn, 27, of Williston: Driving while license suspended x6; possession of marijuana less than 20 grams.

Dyess, John David, 54, of Morriston: DUI; refusal to take Intoxilyzer test.

# Drugs and Guns Confiscated from Felon on Probation



On December 02, 2011 Christopher John Goldthorpe II was arrested for Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, Possession of a Legend Drug, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Violation of Probation when Investigators Edwin Jenkins, Tracy Taylor and Wayne Dasher served an Arrest Warrant for Violation of Felony Drug Probation.

Other items taken from Goldthorpe's residence during a search were a 22 cal. Pistol, Methamphetamine, Chemicals to manufacture Methamphetamine, numerous knives, homemade weapons, ammunition, digital scales and smoking pipes.

Goldthorpe had previously been arrested by the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office Investigations Unit in April 2010, for Cultivation of 99 Cannabis Plants (Marijuana) and is currently on Felony Drug Offender Probation.

Goldthorpe is currently being held in the Gilchrist County Jail.

—submitted by Investigator Edwin Jenkins



Weapons, ammo, paraphernalia and drugs confiscated from Goldthorpe home search and arrest.



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Christopher Eugene McQuay



Joseph Lee Wilcox II



Thomas Barr



Jonathan Allen

Allen, 23, also lived at the residence and had knowledge of the drug deals. During the investigation agents received information that there were guns inside the residence and threats had been spoken to shoot law enforcement.

At the time of the execution of the drug search warrant by Drug Task Force Agents in the early morning hours of Dec. 2 there were five (5) adults and three children in the home. The four adults were arrested and a relative was called to pick up the children so they could attend school. Agents have notified Department of Children & Families due to the fact there was a 10, 12 and 15-year-old living at the residence. During the raid Agents seized crack cocaine, marijuana, firearms, bullets and over \$8,500 in cash.

Mid-Florida Historical Research & Recovery Association assisted LCSO in locating two guns that were buried on the property of the search warrant. One of the firearms was reported stolen from Pinellas County.

Arrested were Christopher Eugene McQuay (Alias: Gopher) for Possession marijuana with intent to distribute within 1000 feet from a church; Sale of marijuana within 1000 feet of a church; Possession of firearm by a convicted felon; Possession of bullets by a convicted felon; maintaining a drug dwelling; and Possession of marijuana less than 20 grams; Joseph Lee Wilcox II for Possession of crack cocaine within 1000 feet of a church; Maintaining a drug dwelling; Thomas Barr for maintaining a drug dwelling; and Jonathan Allen for Maintaining a drug dwelling.

# Chiefland PD Vehicle Gets Hit by Driver

A fully marked '05 Ford Chiefland Police Department vehicle driven by Justin Douglas on Dec. 4 at 5:11 p.m. was hit by an oncoming '03 Mercury 4-door driven by Daniel F. Waczyk at SR 55 and NW 11th Avenue.

Douglas' marked CPD vehicle was northbound on SR 55 in the left lane while operating in emergency mode as he attempted a left turn onto NW 11 Ave. Traveling southbound at the time in the outside lane was Waczyk's Mercury. Douglas had crossed over the inside southbound lane and was stopped within the outside lane where Waczyk was traveling. The left front of Waczyk's Mercury struck the right front of the police vehicle. Charges are pending at this time.

—submitted by the Florida Highway Patrol

# Driver Without Seatbelt Gets Thrown from Vehicle

Florida Highway Patrol reported that on Dec. 2, 2011 at 7:45 a.m. Lori Soud Morton, 26, was driving her '04 GMC Sierra eastbound on US 27, just west of 90 Avenue in Marion County, when she drove off the roadway onto the south shoulder. Morton attempted to correct her error by steering left and overcorrected causing the GMC to go into and over

the eastbound travel lanes, across the center median rotating counterclockwise. The GMC hit the grassy north shoulder overturning several times ejecting Morton from the vehicle. The vehicle stopped facing north on its passenger side while Morton came to rest on the shoulder west of where the vehicle stopped. Morton was flown to Shands with serious injuries.

Morton was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the accident. Charges are now pending.

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# Local Sailor Deploys

US Navy Yeoman Chief Petty Officer Carla Butts of Lecanto recently received orders to Djibouti, in the Horn of Africa, as an Individual Augmentee on the Global War on Terror. She will be reporting to coalition forces in December as the Coalition Protocol Chief overseeing various foreign military troops.

A graduate of University of Florida in Business Administration, part of her responsibilities will be to ensure that the travel arrangements and briefs are prepared for national dignitaries. Beyond that, Carla notes, "I'll find out my additional responsibilities when I land."

The Chief, whose mother is Portuguese and spent many childhood summers in the country, is fluent in the language and took Advanced Placement French in high school. This will come in especially handy during her one year deployment as Djibouti was under French rule until 1977 when it became an independent nation and

continues to have a strong Portuguese influence. Yeoman Butts joined the Navy at 17 and has been in the Navy Reserves for 23 years. This will be her longest deployment and she said, "The hardest part will be being away from my two children and husband over two holidays" since she anticipates returning in January 2013. She has a thirteen-year-old daughter and a four-year-old son and she plans to Skype with them as much as possible.

She is currently on staff with the Manatee Division of the US Naval Sea Cadets, a youth organization that teaches kids military skills, and hopes to keep in contact with her unit on occasion and send reports from the field.

Without the fan fair of a large deployment, the sailor will be shipping out in about four weeks on her own. She knows a few other crewmates from previous assignments, but generally this will be new territory, new people, new foods and new experiences.



Chief Carla Butts assists (from left to right) Seamen Alec Duplain, Richard Selznick and Natasha Whitaker with rolling the sleeves on their new Navy Working Uniforms recently issued to the Sea Cadet unit.

# The Angels Were Singing in the Woods

The Christmas concert held at Dixie Music Center on Sunday, December 4th, was a beautiful event indeed. The weather was mild and pleasant for the many families that came out to enjoy the concert. It was a record turnout for this now annual event. The three-hour show offered a wide variety of musical stylings from a diverse group of entertainers with a common theme: There was nothing performed, except Christmas songs.

Appearing on stage for the 2011 show were the Pine Grove Baptist Church praise band; Brittany Strickland; Bruce Miller and Robbie Blake; Kelby Lamar and Caleb Hague; the Philman Family Band; Hardee Myer, Linda White, and Dotti South of the Rock Bluff Band; Sixth Angel; Kerry Gordon with Kenny Spillers, Clint Durrance and Ted Patrick; and host band, Dotti South and the Slackers with special guest appearances by vocalists, Carol Neubert and Karen Powers.

This was a free event, but concert attendees were asked to bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to a local charity. And bring they did! This year approximately 236 pounds of food items were collected to assist needy families in the area. The Dixie County Historical Society helped to raise funds for their organization by selling coffee and hot chocolate, while representatives from First Baptist Church of Old Town kept busy selling delectable baked goods. Stetson University student (and Dixie County resident), Melanie Myer had a booth set up for Change This World. This non-profit organization's mission is "to provide meals to those who are malnourished or dying of starvation." More can be learned about this wonderful group's charitable work at [www.changethisworld.com](http://www.changethisworld.com).

Plans are already under way for the 2012 Christmas concert on Sunday, December 9th.



# SRWMD Addresses Water Resource Issues in Cost-Effective Way

**By: Donald J. Quincey, Jr., Chairman**  
Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board

Over the past several years, the Suwannee River Water Management District has adapted to difficult and changing economic times by refocusing our human and financial resources solely on our core mission – water supply, water quality, flood protection and natural resource protection. That effort has served the District and its citizens well.

As a diligent steward of taxpayer dollars, the District has tightened its belt, readjusted priorities, eliminated non-critical staff positions, sought outsourcing where it made sense, downsized or cut programs that didn't meet our core mission principals, acquired funding through grants and partnerships,

and generally found ways to do more with less.

For example, this past year the District completed its water supply assessment study and designated four water resource caution areas in an effort to ensure adequate groundwater resources to meet future demands for the next 20 years.

The District embarked on a joint regional water supply plan with neighboring St. Johns River Water Management District to develop and implement a minimum flows and levels prevention and recovery strategy when withdrawals in one district contribute to water resource impacts in the other district.

This landmark agreement is vital to successfully addressing future protection of our rivers, lakes, springs and natural systems.

We also strengthened our partnership with the State of Georgia, where roughly 55 percent of the Suwannee River Basin is located.

The District has accomplished much but there is still so much left to do. Fiscal challenges will not dampen the District's determination to "get the water right."

Losing our springs and other precious water resources is not an option, and with the continued support of the Legislature and the Department of Environmental Protection, the District will continue to find innovative, cost-effective ways to meet the needs of its citizens while protecting our environment.



# Levy County Assistance Programs

While Levy County is one of the smaller, less populated counties in Florida, there are still a few different places to turn to in order to get help with bills, rent, debts, mortgage payments, and other assistance. Below is a list of services that might be able to help you in time of need.

## Levy County Central Florida Community Action Agency, Inc.

This should probably be your first, and maybe your last call. They offer programs that can provide short term assistance for paying immediate bills, and also counseling and resources for longer term support. The programs run by the community action agency include:

Financial and emergency assistance programs - These programs may help qualified households and individuals with immediate financial emergencies and expenses. In addition, the program may assist with disaster relief. The community action agency has a limited amount of financial assistance and funding that is being made available to the community for one-time emergency needs, bills, and costs. However the program is not intended to help with on-going crises.

LCFCAA may provide direct referrals and assistance for basic needs and bills, including rental assistance, heating and energy payments, nutrition, food, transportation expenses such as gasoline vouchers, temporary shelter, and more. Participants that apply for help must, of course, meet eligibility requirements.

The agency can also provide people with information on programs that can help them pay their mortgage, avert a foreclosure, or even ways to eliminate debts.

## Utility and energy bill assistance –

A federal government funded program known as the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) may be the solution you need. Levy County individuals may be able to qualify for the Crisis Assistance

program, which may help eligible low to moderate income households who are about to have their utilities cut off due to nonpayment of their bills, or whose utilities have already been disconnected. The amount of cash assistance offered to these people is based on need.

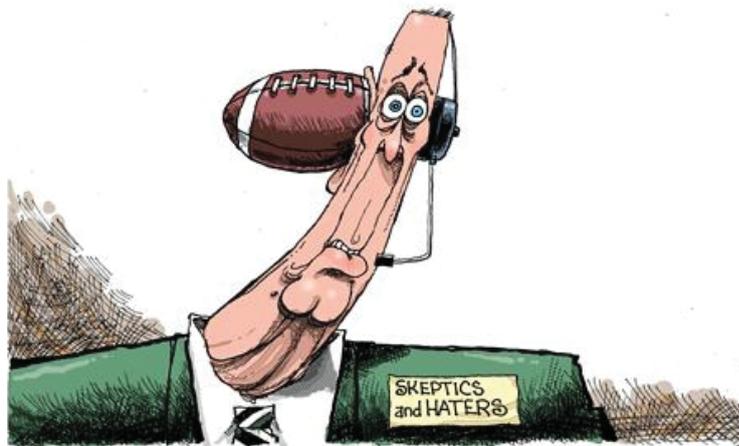
Another option known as the Home Energy Assistance Program is being marketed as a one-time payment cash payment benefit towards the household's energy and utility bill account, based on the total household income of the applicant.

Weatherization assistance program has a goal of reducing energy bills and costs for low to moderate income families in the community, particularly the expenses for the elderly and the disabled, by improving the energy efficiency and conservation of their homes while ensuring their health and safety over the long term.

Family Self-sufficiency Program - People who are currently on government assistance programs or who receive social services may receive help from this offering. This service may provide resources and help to these low income and working poor individuals, when available, to get help with such expenses as auto repair, childcare, tuition expenses, and books for education.

Call Central Florida Community Action Agency, Inc. at (352) 378-589. Other agencies that provide help in Levy County include:

- Catholic Charities of Central Florida - 407-658-1818
- Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida Inc. - Offers rent help and housing assistance 407-426-1250
- CredAbility/Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Central Florida and the Florida Gulf Coast, Inc. provides homeowners with debt assistance programs and ways to get out of debt. Phone 1-800-251-2227.
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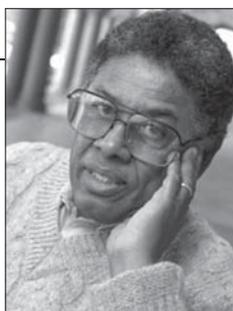
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## OPINION

## Lessons of History?

Thomas Sowell  
Creators Syndicate



It used to be common for people to urge us to learn "the lessons of history." But history gets much less attention these days and, if there are any lessons that we are offered, they are more likely to be the lessons from current polls or the lessons of political correctness.

Even among those who still invoke the lessons of history, some read those lessons very differently from others.

Talk show host Michael Medved, for example, apparently thinks the Republicans need a centrist presidential candidate in 2012. He said, "Most political battles are won by seizing the center." Moreover, he added: "Anyone who believes otherwise ignores the electoral experience of the last 50 years."

But just when did Ronald Reagan, with his two landslide election victories, "seize the center"? For that matter, when did Franklin D. Roosevelt, with a record four consecutive presidential election victories, "seize the center"?

There have been a long string of Republican presidential candidates who seized the center -- and lost elections. Thomas E. Dewey, for example, seized the center against Harry Truman in 1948. Even though Truman was so unpopular at the outset that the "New Republic" magazine urged him not to run, and polls consistently had Dewey ahead, Truman

clearly stood for something -- and for months he battled for what he stood for.

That turned out to be enough to beat Dewey, who simply stood in the center.

It is very doubtful that most of the people who voted for Harry Truman agreed with him on all the things he stood for. But they knew he stood for something, and they agreed with enough of it to put him back in the White House.

It is equally doubtful that most of the people who voted for Ronald Reagan in his two landslide victories agreed with all his positions. But they agreed with enough of them to put him in the White House to replace Jimmy Carter, who stood in the center, even if it was only a center of confusion.

President Gerald Ford, after narrowly beating off a rare challenge by Ronald Reagan to a sitting president of his own party, seized the center in the general election -- and lost to an initially almost totally unknown governor from Georgia.

President George H.W. Bush, after initially winning election by coming across as another Ronald Reagan, with his "Read my lips, no new taxes" speech, turned "kinder and gentler" -- to everyone except the taxpayers -- once he was in office. In other ways as well, he seized the center. And lost to another unknown governor.

More recently, we have seen two more Republican candidates who seized the center -- Senators Bob Dole in 1996 and John McCain in 2008 -- go down to defeat, McCain at the hands of a man that most people had never even heard of, just three years earlier.

Michael Medved, however, reads history differently. To him, Barry Goldwater got clobbered in the 1964

elections because of his strong conservatism. But did his opponent, Lyndon Johnson, seize the center? Johnson was at least as far to the left as Goldwater was to the right. And Goldwater scared the daylight out of people with the way he expressed himself, especially on foreign policy, where he came across as reckless.

On a personal note, I wrote a two-line verse that year, titled "The Goldwater Administration--"

Fifteen minutes of laissez-faire,

While the Russian missiles are in the air.

Senator Goldwater was not crazy enough to start a nuclear war. But the way he talked sometimes made it seem as if he were. Ronald Reagan would later be elected and re-elected taking positions essentially the same as those on which Barry Goldwater lost big time. Reagan was simply a lot better at articulating his beliefs.

Michael Medved uses the 2010 defeat of Tea Party candidates for the Senate, in three states where Democrats were vulnerable, as another argument against those who do not court the center. But these were candidates whose political ineptness was the problem, not conservatism.

Candidates should certainly reach out to a broad electorate. But the question is whether they reach out by promoting their own principles to others or by trying to be all things to all people.

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## Books for Christmas

Thomas Sowell  
Creators Syndicate

The joys of Christmas do not include coping with crowds at shopping malls or wracking your brains trying to figure out what to get as a gift for someone who already seems to have everything.

Books are a way out of both situations. You don't even have to go to a bookstore, with books so readily available on-line. As for the person who seems to have everything, newly published books are among the things they probably don't always have.

One of the most enjoyable new books I read this year was a biography titled "Stan Musial: An American Life" by George Vecsey. Musial was one of the great hitters in the history of baseball, with a lifetime batting average of .331.

This biography, however, is more about Musial the man, and the era in American life in which he lived, which makes it more three-dimensional. It is a good read, and may be especially appreciated by people old enough to remember that era and the values that prevailed in that era, which Musial exemplified.

Another new and very different book about a by-gone era that I enjoyed was "The Great A&P and the Struggle for Small Business in America" by Marc Levinson. It is about the rise and fall of the A&P grocery chain, once the largest retailer in the world, with 15,000 stores, and renowned for its high quality and low prices.

But this is more than an economic story. It is a human story about a family that dedicated itself to making its business the best it could be -- and how the death of the last member of that family was followed by A&P's decline into oblivion.

Two far less uplifting books were published this year but both contain important charges of profound and dangerous corruption. The first is titled "Injustice" by J. Christian Adams. He charges the Department of Justice under Attorney General Eric Holder with turning a blind eye to widespread election fraud and intimidation, when those who

are committing these acts are black.

The other book is "FDR Goes to War" by Burton W. Folsom and Anita Folsom. The romantic legends of President Franklin D. Roosevelt that whole generations have been taught in schools, on television and in the movies have been debunked by a whole series of history books, of which this is the latest and perhaps the most devastating -- and painfully relevant to our current president.

Economist and columnist Walter Williams' new book this year is "Race and Economics." You don't need to know any economics to read it, but you will know some after you do. If you believe that things like minimum wage laws or government regulations in general help low-income minorities, you will find it hard to keep believing that after this book bombards you with hard facts and hard data, going back for decades.

Another writer whose series of books likewise blend wit and wisdom is Theodore Dalrymple, a British doctor who has lived in various countries around the world. His latest book this year is titled "Anything Goes," and its theme is the degeneration of Western culture, to the accompaniment of unthinking rhetoric.

My all-time favorite among Theodore Dalrymple's books is "Life at the Bottom." It is based on his chilling experiences working in a low-income, predominantly white neighborhood in Britain. It is a classic examination of the moral squalor produced by the welfare state and its ideological rhetoric, regardless of race.

My own new books this year include "The Thomas Sowell Reader," which has more than 400 pages of selections of my writings over the past decades, ranging from the humorous to the painfully serious. The 4th edition of my "Basic Economics" and the 2nd edition of my "Economic Facts and Fallacies" were also published this year. Merry Christmas.

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## Obama's Cloud-Based Transparency

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At the dawn of his administration, President Obama opined: "A democracy requires accountability, and accountability requires transparency." Magical rays of white-hot sunlight emanated from his media-manufactured halo. And then bureaucratically engineered darkness settled over the land.

For three years, White House officials have rolled out countless executive orders and initiatives touting open government. Just this week, they unveiled plans to move federal archival records from a paper-based to an electronic system. But behind the scenes, Obama's lawyers systematically have stymied public information requests, carved out crater-sized disclosure loopholes, fought subpoenas on scandals from Fast and Furious to Solyndra, and made routine the holiday document dump.

The latest meeting of the Government Accountability and Transparency Board, attended by Vice President Joe Biden, was closed to the press two weeks ago.

The Justice Department stealthily attempted to sabotage the Freedom of Information Act last month with a regulation change that would have allowed federal agencies to legally and deliberately deceive the public about the existence of requested records. After a massive backlash, DOJ retreated and sheepishly admitted that the license-to-lie rule "falls short" of the Obama "commitment" to transparency. (Actually, it's the perfect embodiment of the administration's contempt.) The same DOJ, it should be noted, banned reporters from a FOIA training workshop in 2009.

In October, the Interior Department and Energy Department spurned attempts to gain information about the administration's \$1.2 billion loan guarantee to Democrat-connected solar company SunPower. The deal, championed by powerful Democratic Rep. George Miller III, was approved hours before the program expired on Sept. 30. Miller took Interior Secretary Ken Salazar on a tour of the SunPower plant last year; Miller's son is a lobbyist for SunPower. Conservative newspaper Human Events and the nonprofit legal watchdog group Judicial Watch have now filed several pending FOIA requests.

In September, State Department officials refused to go on record during a briefing on its new global government transparency program. Earlier this spring, a ceremony to honor Obama's commitment to openness was closed to the media -- after which dutiful (sup)press secretary Jay Carney boasted that his boss "has demonstrated a commitment to transparency and openness that is greater than any administration has shown in the past."

As evidence of this historic openness, Obama flacks point to farces like last week's Thanksgiving-timed release of White House visitor logs -- which even left-wing good government activists have criticized for their incompleteness. As the Center for Public Integrity reported earlier this year, the logs (which disclosure advocates forced into the

public eye after suing) "routinely omit or cloud key details about the identity of visitors, whom they met with and the nature of their visits.

The logs even include the names of people who never showed up. These are critical gaps that raise doubts about the records' historical accuracy and utility in helping the public understand White House operations, from social events to meetings on key policy debates."

Occasional holiday document dumps have always been a mainstay in Washington. But the agents of Hope and Change have turned the ritual into a weekly punch line. If it's Friday, it's dump day. The plan worked. As of Tuesday, no mainstream news outlet had reported on the contents of the Black Friday document trove.

None showed interest in the nearly 60 visits from Robert B. Creamer, a convicted felon and tax cheat, left-wing Huffington Post agitator, husband of Illinois Democratic Rep. Jan Schakowsky and vocal champion of the Occupy Wall Street movement. According to the newly released records I reviewed, Creamer was at the White House five times in August 2011 meeting with various officials, including Jon Carson, Cecilia Munoz and Stephanie Cutter.

Nor has there been interest outside conservative blogs in the five White House visits by former Deputy Attorney General Gary Grindler, a key Fast and Furious scandal bureaucrat, in July and August 2011, or in the five visits from former Solyndra CEO Brian Harrison, including on Aug. 18, 2011, just before the tax-subsidized firm declared bankruptcy.

Nor did any journalism ethics mavens show any curiosity whatsoever about the Aug. 5, 2011, appearance of MSNBC host Rachel Maddow and her party of seven (names not identified) to visit "POTUS." Maddow made no mention of the visit on her August 5 show, which promoted the latest batch of White House stimulus proposals. According to the White House logs I reviewed, this was Maddow's fifth trip to 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. -- and the fourth to see the president personally.

Instead, as Newsbusters noted, a Washington Post political blogger was busy trolling Twitter for help digging up "outlandish/incorrect predictions from Newt Gingrich's past." And the only documents The New York Times is interested in crowd-sourcing are Sarah Palin's e-mails.

Team Obama's data whitewashers inside and outside the White House have given "cloud-based" a whole new meaning.

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# Simeon's Knot

A Florida Folk Tale

Long before any automobile ever rolled upon its planks, a man named Pridgeon pulled the hand-drawn ferry across the Suwannee. Pridgeon was a squat, moonfaced fellow who always wore a little straw hat smashed down on his head. He kept a constant drool of tobacco juice at the corner of his mouth and spat as he reached and treaded forward, pulling back then upon his wooden lever latched upon the cable. In the early years he pulled circuit riders and delivery wagons and fancy carts going east and west from one cypress bank to another across the dark, tannin water of the river.

Pridgeon's wife, Ida Mae, was a good bit younger than he. She wore her hair pulled tightly in a bun at the nape of her neck. She was a plain woman, simple in needs and expectations. They had a son and two younger daughters who remained in the home, a shanty house high up on the bluff. The boy had gone off to sea and now sent post cards from exotic ports of call. He sent small gifts at Christmas, too: necklaces of tiny pink shell for the girls, a butterfly brooch for his mother and for his father, a miniature sailing ship carved of teak. Not one of the Pridgeons thought there was anything finer than these items in the home.

The sisters were Emma and Tess, whom the family called Bess because that's how the child had pronounced her own name as a toddler. Emma was the elder and wasn't such a pretty young girl to begin with, but she was pleasant and kind. As she increased in years, her inner beauty began to show through. Tess, striking from the start, obscured her prettiness, preferring to put her hair in pigtailed and wear overalls like her poppa.

Each Sunday the Pridgeons attended a little Baptist church nestled in the turkey oaks on a sand hill above the road to Bell. Prominent among the membership there was Ilene Laurens Wicker and her middle-aged bachelor son, Simeon.

Simeon still lived with his mother on a vast tract of land that lay in a broad swath from the church road back down to the river. Each Sunday Ilene Laurens Wicker (she insisted on both surnames) came to church in a black dress of exceptional quality. She wore white gloves and a black velveteen hat with a snowy plume. She was a prideful woman and made it clear that she had married down in social status, for her family (the Laurens) had been prominent among the families of Charleston, South Carolina. She also liked to tell that as a young woman she had traveled to Paris, recounting to any who would listen her memories of walks along the Seine and the Champs-Élysées from the Arc de Triomphe to the Louvre. She'd even attended services at the famous Notre Dame.

Her son, however, was a quiet and somber man who lacked the outgoing and companionable nature of her long-deceased husband. Sometimes she'd thump him behind the ear and order him to "buck up," meaning for him to pay attention and speak up on this or that subject.

Then one gray winter's morning, though always spirited and apparently impervious to the usual infirmities of age, Ilene Laurens Wicker died in her sleep. Word spread rapidly, and the first wagon to the ferry that day brought Pridgeon news of the old girl's passing.

Months passed and days scattered as fallen leaves over the river road. Simeon Wicker, the son, continued to attend church and sat in exactly the same pew as the Wickers always had. Curiously, however, he began to notice Emma more, as she was now a young woman and not so obscured in her usual place by his mother's plumed hat.

Of course not much of a courtship occurred between Simeon Wicker and Emma. With Pridgeon's permission, he came to the ferryman's house and sat soberly on the porch with Emma on Sunday afternoons. They talked of the weather as if they were casual acquaintances. Sometimes Simeon would attempt to amuse, if not astonish, by his ability to "cypher in my head," as he put it. Later they took long walks on a path down the river bluff to a tall cypress tree where a rope swing hung.

That's where Simeon planted his first awkward kiss on Emma's forehead. Emma detected a sweet, sweaty scent about the man that brought an old snuff box to mind. She didn't care for it. Simeon didn't "take" tobacco in any form, but the fact was little consolation for his powdery, sot-weed scent. Be that as it may, Emma accepted Simeon Wicker's proposal, more out of obligation to her father's eager expectation than any truly-felt passion.

A month later they were married. Simeon took Emma in his Model A Ford out to the Wicker place. The coupe whined on the sandy road past the family's gristmill. Nearer to the river they came to the two-story cypress house, weathered to a flat silver in the surround of giant oaks shading the yard. Emma saw at once that, although there was no grass, Simeon kept the sandy soil immaculately raked of leaves.

From their first night at the Wicker place, Simeon pointed out the household's furnishings and implements and revealed the history of each, as if they were holy relics. He recounted his mother's use of each pot or pan, and which china or bed linens were to be used according to his mother's practices or his current preference. He even produced a small cook book in which Ilene Laurens Wicker had recorded her favorite recipes in her prim and proper hand.

Simeon wanted nothing changed. Days later, he displayed his first fit of temper when Emma rearranged the furniture in a small parlor so that the room might seem more airy and open to the light. After that, each evening when Simeon returned from the mill, he would inspect each room to make sure nothing was out of place. He expected his supper on the table soon after. When Emma had served him, he delivered a solemn prayer with the palm of each hand flat upon the table and his head raised high. There would never be much talk between them. She'd also taken to addressing him as Mr. Wicker and so might ask, "Did things go well at the mill today, Mr. Wicker?"

"Well enough," was all Wicker would answer.

Later Simeon Wicker would read by lamplight from his mother's small library in the parlor. When the tall clock struck nine, Emma was summoned from her hand work to tudge after him up to bed.

Each morning Simeon's regimen was yet more rigidly set. After rising at daylight and performing his toilet, he'd dress for the day and oil and brush his hair. Emma fixed that same bacon in exactly the same manner, not crisp, but to the extent Ilene Laurens Wicker called "medium." Simeon had demonstrated exactly how his mother verified its correct preparation by allowing it to droop and drain from a fork over the pan before putting each slice flatly on his plate with two eggs scrambled just so.

After his breakfast Simeon would routinely go out and rake the fenced yard unless prevented by stormy weather, making exactly the same intricate pattern in the sand. Emma came to recognize the pattern as a continuous sweep that was as ornate as the design of a Persian rug in the parlor. It was quite artful, actually. This pattern was so familiar to him that he accomplished it in rapid order, front and back. Only the path from steps to gate was left unadorned. When finished with each morning's restoration of his masterpiece, Simeon would call a "Good Day" to his wife and be off to his management of the mill and vast plantings on Wicker land.

The days dragged on slowly and monotonously, with little to do but keep the house as she had been instructed. But one day a truck in low gear rolled to a stop out at the gate. Emma went to the front porch to see who it might be and saw a young man with a fine voice who called to her from the he gate. He said he was a surveyor recently engaged by the State to stake out the new grade of road down to the ferry. His call was a courtesy, he stated, so that those living nearby would know of the planned construction.

Emma was pleased to talk about the road, and stretched the conversation as far as she could, though she remained on the porch while he stood with his hat in his hand at the steps below. About that time Simeon came clacking up to find the surveyor in his yard. He spoke curtly to the young man and seemed distracted as the surveyor attempted to talk about the new road. Emma thought it discourteous, the way Simeon so quickly dismissed the man and sent him on his way.

That night nothing was said about the caller. Emma was certain that Simeon didn't approve of his visit, particularly as the man had entered the yard's gate. This was made even more clear the next morning when Simeon completed his raking to include the gate path, so that the entire yard was etched with his elaborate design. Then he looked back at Emma standing



The Rock Bluff ferry, like that described in Will Irby's story, operated on the Suwannee until about 1964. Florida Archives

exactly where she had when the young man had departed. "I'll know," Simeon Wicker said darkly, as he got in his car and left.

She had no company after that, except occasionally when her sister Bess came to visit. She would travel down river in a small skiff, tie up and walk up to the house. Because no footprint was allowed to disturb the patterned yard, for a time Bess would visit from the gate. Then she took to climbing up one of the great oaks and out on a massive limb. Emma would climb out of an upstairs dormer window to the porch roof for their visit. Bess reclined in a crook on the oak limb. Emma sat cross-legged on the porch roof, the sisters then but a few feet apart. They had long conversations in this manner and finally Emma confided her unhappiness and despair in feeling like a prisoner within Simeon's knot. Things for Emma got no better, so the sisters hatched a plan.

On a spring day soon after Simeon had departed for work, Bess arrived with a large hank of rope over her shoulder. Up the great oak she tossed a knotted end of the thick rope to a higher limb. Nimble and quick as a sprite, Bess skillfully fashioned a rope swing. Emma came out on the porch roof with her best things in a pillow case made into a haversack.

When Bess swung the rope, Emma reached and felt her foot slip on the roof tin, suddenly startled by the height. But her sister swung over to show her how sure she could be of the rope swing. Bess swung back then to the lower oak limb, landing as lightly as Peter Pan. "See," she said. "It's easy, Emma. You can do it!" That's when Emma heard the engine of the "A" way out on the road. Simeon was returning unexpectedly, as he had been doing recently.

With a now or never sense of resolve, Emma lifted her legs and swung out into the early morning air. Bess had a good hold on a branch above and landed her sister squarely on the broad limb beside her. In an instant they shimmied down the old oak and ran toward the river path.

Simeon drove up by the front gate, then around the fenced yard spying for any sign of disturbance in his raked yard. Seeing none, he went out a different way, down toward the barns. When he left again, he didn't return until the sun was setting in a fiery, marmalade sky.

Then he found the house dark and cold. There were no answers to his increasingly loud and angry calling. There'd been no fire in the stove since breakfast and the dishes weren't cleared from the oilcloth covering the kitchen table. There was no sign of any disturbance in the house: windows were closed and doors securely locked. He rushed out into the yard with a lamp held above his head. Everywhere his masterfully raked design in the sand was undisturbed. No track, not a blemish other than that made by his own heavy boot.

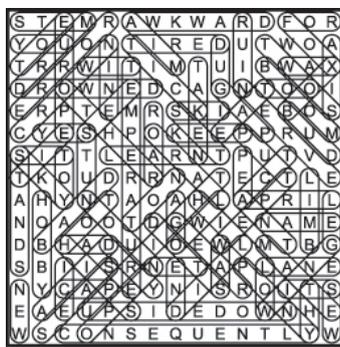
The ferryman's daughter had vanished. Her father conceded to an angry Simeon Wicker down at the landing that he did not think Emma's disappearance was a consequence of foul play. Wicker demanded to know where to find her. Pridgeon removed his hat and mopped his bald head with a handkerchief from his hip pocket. He spat from the ferry to the swift current of the river below. "Folks travel the river north, same as they does south," he said finally. "This old road heah, it goes both east good as does west, I 'magine."

Many years later a seafood restaurant thrived on the Gulf coast south of Tallahassee at Panama. The place, long popular with Florida legislators and capitol insiders, was famous for its large servings of delicately fried seafood. The woman who owned the restaurant was as welcoming and friendly as she was pleasant to behold. And the eatery was easy to find down by the docks, where its unpretentious neon sign read simply \_\_\_\_ Emma's.

### Last Week's Crossword



### Last Week's Word Search



## Word Search



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|--------------|--------------|-------------|---------|-------|
| Agricultural | Faint        | Jazz        | Opera   | Sirup |
| Annoy        | Film         | Knee        | Outside | Size  |
| Army         | Flour        | Lemon       | Prevent | Tart  |
| Array        | Front        | Lick        | Push    | Torch |
| Bear         | Ghost        | Main        | Rare    | Twos  |
| Blade        | Glue         | Mathematics | Reds    | Vapor |
| Boil         | Hole         | Metal       | Riot    | Wage  |
| Cute         | Hours        | Nails       | Roofs   | Went  |
| Data         | Image        | Nine        | Room    | Whom  |
| Distributed  | Improvements | Noon        | Root    | Wish  |
| Eggs         | Iron         | Ocean       | Seems   | Wives |
| Extra        | Jaws         | Oils        | Sick    |       |

# Glass Returns to WES to Coordinate Speech Contest



WES 4th graders Alyssa Whitehurst, Bridget Barley and Grace Suggs hold the envelopes containing money which they received when they placed in the top three at the grade-level Tropicana/4-H speech contest. When they competed against the three 5th grade winners the day before Thanksgiving break, Alyssa placed 2nd.



The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of the recent Tropicana/4-H Speech Contest at Williston Elementary are 5th grader Cayton Smith, 4th grader Alyssa Whitehurst and 5th grader Ana Rivera. Cayton went on to compete at the county-wide meet on December 1st at Bronson Middle-High School.

Paperwork about the annual Tropicana/4-H Speech Contest showed up in the mailboxes of 4th and 5th grade classroom teachers at Williston Elementary School...with Carol Glass's signature. Wait! They thought she'd retired! But this huge fan of public speaking had come back to insure that the tradition continued at least at the elementary level. "Public speaking is important," said Glass. "There are so many jobs which require speaking in front of a group. And it helps students develop poise and self-confidence. I'm all for it!"

So students began searching for topics, doing research if necessary, then creating a graphic organizer and "penning" the first draft. Teachers willingly coached them as they tweaked then practiced then tweaked some more. Next came the day of the classroom speeches with the teacher evaluating each speech, using the rubric provided by Tropicana/4-H. "Composition and delivery make up both halves of this speech contest," said Glass.

As in the past, Glass recruited judges who are well-versed in the arena of public speaking. For the 4th grade competition on the Friday before the Thanksgiving weekend, the judges included Will Clark, minister at First United Methodist Church; Nancy Etheridge, who has held officer positions within the GFWC Florida Federation of Women's Clubs; and Marguerite Robinson, with similar credentials as Etheridge. At the end of this, the top three contestants were Bridget Barley, whose speech was about her grandmother, art teacher Helen Darling; Grace Suggs, who entreated her listeners not to smoke; and Alyssa Whitehurst, who educated her listeners about bullying.

Judging the 5th grade competitors the following Monday were Bobbie Smith, Phyllis Griffin and Naomi Petteway, all current or former officers within various community and

church organizations. Smith and Petteway are also former teachers. For her speech, Kaley Clinkscales researched why eating too much sugar is bad for you. Personal stories always make for good topics as Ana Rivera learned with her speech about her baby brother Benny. The benefits of video games got Cayton Smith's attention, so he put together a persuasive speech about that.

Then the next day with the third gathering came three different judges. Marion Cason, a vice president at Perkins State Bank and long-time officer within the GFWC Florida Federation of Women's Clubs; Joe Smith, a retired judge, current lay minister with the Florida United Methodist Church Conference and pastor at Evinston United Methodist Church; and Annette Kordgien, retired postmaster and officer within the GFWC Williston Woman's Club, had the honor of listening to the top three speakers at each level.

Ana, with her speech about her brother Benny, placed third. Bullying gave Alyssa Whitehurst the red ribbon, and apparently Cayton not only persuaded the judges that video games were beneficial but also that he was the first place speaker! The GFWC Williston Woman's Club provided monetary awards for these three winners.

On December 1st, Cayton placed 2nd from among all the students from around the county at the yearly meeting at Bronson Middle-High School competing at the elementary level with the winners from the other elementary schools. The event is hosted by Brenda Heberling from the County Extension office and other 4-H leaders.

— by Lisa Statham Posteraro

## WES 'Students of the Month' for December



This beautiful almost-winter morning finds Williston Elementary School assistant principal Angel Thomas and principal Marla Hiers standing beside the December recipients of the "Student of the Month" awards. Besides certificates, the recipients receive other "treats" of appreciation for their exemplary behavior plus donuts and orange juice. Photo courtesy of Charlie Watson

At Williston Elementary School, the final month of 2011 began on a happy note with the recognition of the December "Students of the Month." Academics, Citizenship and Most Improved are the categories. The WES media center room was the venue for the event to which the recipients' parents or guardians were invited. Fifth grade teacher Kathy Brewington and lab manager Charlie Watson had prepared the certificates for the event, and Watson was chief photographer.

The 3rd grade teachers are Hillary Cribbs, Lindsey Dubock, Courtney Edwards, Mary Guinsler, Cindy Hiter, Corrie Houghtaling, Tracy Kirby and Tonya Townsend. Receiving December "Student of the Month" awards for Academics only included 3rd graders Anthony Griffith and Kylie Rawls. For Citizenship only, Samuel Silvester, Rashaud Nelson and Della Bird were honored. The following students received recognition for both Academics and Citizenship: Trinity Peacock, Adam Sistrunk, Vanessa Valle and Kayla Munden.

Fourth grade teachers include Kathy Clemons, Teri Dixon, Lita Halchak, Tina Roberts, Neige Snider and Joeline Vining. Fourth grader Cam Chancey received a Student of the Month award in Academics. Beatriz Garcia, Faith Younger and Alexis Sauls were tapped for citizenship. Academics and Citizenship awards were given to Ivette Bravo and Dnika Appling.

Fifth grade teachers are Nancy Bowman, Kathy Brewington, Jeanne DuBois, Laurie Helgerud, Nancy Priest, Serena Thiessen and Steve Van Zwiene. Kaylee Sullivan was honored with Student of the Month for Academics, while Chalino Sanchez received awards for both Most Improved and Citizenship. Being honored for being good citizens were Dawson Bird, Brendon Gaz, Ana Chiperi, Dylan Adinolfi and Peyton Rippey.

Following the ceremony, the students and any guests who attended were treated to fresh donuts and nutritious Florida orange juice. A photo of the event will be posted on the "Wall of Fame" in the school's cafeteria. The next ceremony is scheduled for the first Friday in January, in the WES multipurpose room. Way to go, WES Wildcat Students of the Month!

— by Lisa Statham Posteraro

## Levy County Public Library December Events

### Pre-school Storytime

These programs use books and music to present the young children with the concept that books, reading, and libraries are fun and enjoyed at all ages. The programs last 30 minutes.

**A.F. Knotts Public Library - Yankeetown**  
Dec. 13 @ 3:00 PM - Christmas Theme  
Dec. 27 @ 3:00 PM - Caring and Sharing Theme

**Bronson Public Library**  
Dec. 5 @ 10:30 AM - Caring and Sharing Theme  
Dec. 19 @ 10:30 AM - Christmas Theme

**Cedar Key Public Library**  
Dec. 7 @ 10:00 AM - Christmas Theme

**Luther Callaway Public Library - Chiefland**  
Dec. 12 @ 11:00 AM - Christmas Theme

**Williston Public Library**  
Every Wed. @ 9:30 AM  
Music with Ms. Sara @ 10:00 AM

### Family Christmas Pajama Party

Please join us in celebrating the holiday season. Children of all ages are invited to wear their pajamas for a fun Christmas party at the library. However, they do not

have to wear pajamas. The children will create special ornaments and a letter to Santa. There will also be Christmas music and light refreshments.

Each child will receive a keepsake magnet photo to take home and a goody bag. There will be a reading of Ed Sullivan's The Florida Night Before Christmas.

**A.F. Knotts Public Library - Yankeetown**  
Dec. 20 @ 3:00 PM

**Cedar Key Public Library**  
Dec. 15 @ 6:00 PM

**Luther Callaway Public Library - Chiefland**  
Dec. 16 @ 6:00 PM

**Williston Public Library**  
Dec. 17 @ 6:00 PM

For more information please contact your local librarian or Jenny Rodgers, youth services coordinator, 352-486-5552.

### LEVY COUNTY SCHOOLS LUNCH MENU

December 12, 2011	December 13, 2011	December 14, 2011	December 15, 2011	December 16, 2011
Grilled Cheese & Ham Sandwich or Rib-A-Que on Bun Vegetable Soup/ Broccoli Chilled Peaches Assorted Milk	Taco w/ Cheese/Salsa Hamburger on Bun French Fries/Lettuce/ Tomato Apple Crisp Assorted Milk Taco Sauce/Ketchup/Mayo	Breaded Chicken or Sloppy Joe on Bun Salad/ Northern Beans Chilled Pears Hot Home Made Cornbread Assorted Milk	Chili Con Carne w/ Beans/ Grilled Cheese Sandwich Green Peas/Garden Salad Chilled AppleSauce Assorted Milk	Fish on Bun/ Turkey Sub. Cole Slaw/ Baked Beans Orange Wedges Assorted Milk Tarter Sauce/Mayo
December 19, 2011	December 20, 2011	December 21, 2011	December 22, 2011	December 23, 2011
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The local council meets at Haven Hospice of North Central Florida, 4200 NW 90th Boulevard in Gainesville to discuss the

### 135 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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. tfnf

### 210 HELP WANTED

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### 500 FOR SALE

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### Last week's Sudoku

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3	7	8	9	6	4	2	5	1
5	9	6	8	1	2	3	4	7
6	3	9	5	2	7	8	1	4
8	1	2	3	4	9	7	6	5
7	4	5	6	8	1	9	2	3
4	8	3	1	7	6	5	9	2
2	6	7	4	9	5	1	3	8
9	5	1	2	3	8	4	7	6

## Sudoku

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

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# Levy County Master Logger Awards

Five loggers from Levy County – Chase Hodge, James Kelly, William Matthews, Jerry Newsome and Phil Parker – were recently awarded the designation of Florida Master Logger. Master Loggers are logging professionals trained in environmentally sound, safe and efficient logging practices. A total of 24 loggers from around the state received the Master Logger designation following completion of the three-day education program held at Catholic Parish Hall, Perry, Fla. Nov. 15 through 17.

The Master Logger course includes training in safety, business management, rules and regulations, timber security, environmental concerns, ethics and public relations.

These 24 Master Loggers now return to their businesses with enhanced credentials to offer logging and forestry services in this growing segment of the local and state economy. Forestry contributes \$26.1 million to the Levy County economy. Approximately 223 employees work

directly in the county's forest industry, which generates a \$7.8 million payroll. Forest products and paper companies within the state collectively generate \$16.6 billion in manufactured products and create over 133,000 jobs in local communities.

According to Bob Moore, Logger Education Program Consultant, "the program has as its goals the enhancement of professionalism among loggers, the improvement of the state's quality of life, the provision of a continuing flow of forest goods and services and the protection of environmental qualities of Florida's forests." Now 497 loggers in Florida hold the title of Master Logger.

Forests cover over 16 million acres in Florida—nearly 48% of the state's total land area. The Master Logger program is sponsored by the Florida Forestry Association and the Florida Sustainable Forestry Initiative State Implementation Committee. For more information, please visit [www.floridaforest.org/master\\_logger.php](http://www.floridaforest.org/master_logger.php).



Five Levy County loggers (l-r), Chase Hodge, James Kelly, William Matthews, Jerry Newsome, and Phil Parker, were awarded Florida Master Logger designation.

## WES 5th Grader Places 2nd in Speech Contest



At the recent 4-H/Tropicana county-wide speech contest at the Bronson Middle-High School auditorium, Williston Elementary School 5th grader Cayton Smith placed 2nd in the elementary division with his speech about "Why Video Games Are Good For Kids." Cayton, son of Crystal Vera and Caleb Smith, is in Kathy Brewington's class at WES. He also had the distinction of having the largest group of family members in attendance! Congratulations, Cayton! And thanks to Brenda Heberling and her 4-H assistants as well as the Board of County Commissioners for continuing to support public speaking competitions in Levy County.

## Cedar Key Lions Adopt Rt. 24

The Cedar Key Lions Club put their feet to the pavement picking up trash along 2 miles of Rt 24 leading into Cedar Key. There were a record thirteen members and volunteers participating and collecting 15 bags of trash, construction debris, and stray styrofoam coolers. Thank you Cedar Key Lions Club for your beautification project.



Adopting and beautifying Rt 24, from left to right, were: Ralph Selby, Joan Selby, George Sresovich, Dale Register, Sarah Cardona, Judy Duvall, Paula Wescott, Teri Brennan, Lannie Cardona, Frank Molitor, Susan Hollandsworth. Not pictured: Pete Petrie and Rory Brennan.

## Partners for Promise Connects Businesses with Families

The Partners for Promise website will connect businesses with the families, children or seniors they would like to help.

A new campaign to engage businesses with children, seniors and families across the state was announced by Gov. Rick Scott and Department of Children and Families Secretary David Wilkins.

The Partners for Promise program will recognize the ingenuity and compassion so many have shown around the state and provide these ideas as a model for other programs. We will seek and collect offers to volunteer in each

community and match them with appropriate needs.

"I've spoken to a lot of businesses this year, and it became very clear that each felt a responsibility to not only work in their communities, but to play a part in making life better in their communities," said Secretary Wilkins. "The potential for Partners for Promise is really only limited by our imagination."

Businesses all around the state are already helping out in many ways, from providing free hair cuts to foster children before school starts to making over a foster home to tutoring a child who needs help with school. Gov. Scott and Secretary Wilkins were joined today by many business leaders, including those from AT&T, Starbucks, Wells Fargo and Centennial Bank.

Leaders from the Florida Chamber of Commerce, the Florida Mentorship Partnership, Big Bend Community Based Care and the Guardian ad Litem programs also attended in support of this initiative.

This program will encourage Florida's businesses, large and small, to share their time through volunteering, mentoring or tutoring, and

their resources to help build strong, productive communities.

"The Partners for Promise program really crystallizes the impact businesses have on every town, city and community in Florida. Investing in a business in Florida means investing in the future of your community," said Gov. Scott. "It is exciting to collaborate with the natural inspirational spirit that is necessary to succeed in business and share that passion in ways that make life better through volunteering efforts."

The program will focus on "Five Promises for Florida" where volunteering efforts are so critically needed:

- Promise of Academic Success - focus on foster children mentoring and education.
- Promise of Family Prosperity - focus on coaching families out of poverty.
- Promise of Healthy Living - helping those who are either

recovering from addictions as well as those who may be pregnant and in need of short-term help.

- Promise of Child Safety - building stability in families during times of crisis.
- Promise to Support our Seniors.

Our website will provide contacts for those seeking to volunteer. And in each local community, a Department and Children and Families Community Development Administrator will work closely with businesses and others to determine needs unique in their hometowns and find ways to help.

For more information about this great initiative, please go to our website at [www.flpartnersforpromise.com](http://www.flpartnersforpromise.com).

# Toys for Tots Cycles Brave Weather to Give Toys to Local Children

On Saturday, November 19, the 7th Annual Nature Coast Toys for Tots run registered 139 motorcycles to ride and provide Christmas toys for children in Levy, Gilchrist and Dixie Counties. It was authorized and sanctioned by the United States Marine Corp Reserves. The weather was supposed to be 81 degrees and sunny, but dreary skies, constant drizzle and a chill in the air was not enough to stop this crusade on a mission. Engines revved just after noon and all 2 and 3 wheeled motorcycles left BubbaQue's in Chiefland, winding their way throughout the tri-counties, then on to their final destination at Charlie's Bar in Cross City, escorted by Sheriff's deputies and C.O.P.s from each county. At the forefront was Santa Claus on a 3-wheeled "sleigh," waving and laughing throughout the parade route.

Due to the unpleasant weather, the music didn't start until well after all participants arrived, but soon enough the fabulous sounds of Section 8 Band, Dotti South & the Slackers and the Salt Water Cowboys filled the air, along with the luscious smells of barbecue pork with all the trimmings. Besides all the toys collected, raffles, relay games and food sales brought in a nice sum of cash to purchase more toys and stocking stuffers for the children.

Each year yields more and more bikers the Saturday before Thanksgiving. If you missed the fun this year, plan on participating next year. If you don't ride a motorcycle, just meet us at Charlie's Bar and enjoy the festivities of giving toys and cash donations for our children in need at Christmas time. See you next year!

—submitted by Krista Campbell of Old Town

Santa Led on Cycle-Sleigh for Toys for Tots Motorcade



# "Polo" Sparks Dialogue on What is Best for Our Equine Friends

By Kathy Hilliard  
 Editor

"Polo" the emaciated mare is becoming the poster horse for all that is ailing the world of horses in this area, the horse capital of the world. With Ocala and Williston renowned for beautiful rolling hills and board fences holding in millions of dollars of pedigreed horseflesh and well taken care of barns it looks like the dream is wasting away for many on the backs of horses so emaciated their ribs and croup bones give sharp pictures of neglect and starvation.

Polo was picked up in Hawthorne by Chris Brown of Chiefland who uses the horses for tour groups in the area. After complaints about Polo's condition the Levy County Sheriff's Office followed through on the complaint but left the horse in Brown's possession because he told them he had "rescued" the horse just a month previously from the farm in Hawthorne. Further information from an eye witness stated that Brown had possession of Polo for about a year instead of a week so the Levy County Sheriff's Department attempted to question Brown again but he refused. Brown was subsequently arrested on Sunday, Oct. 23 and was booked into the Levy County Jail and Chief Investigator Captain Danny Riffle assigned an investigator to the case.



Polo at 856 lbs on July 28th.

After the initial complaints about Polo, Morgan Silver of The Horse Protection Association of Florida in Micanopy took Polo on July 24 in order to try and save her life. Polo was put on intravenous fluids, vitamins, and through the skillful and generous efforts of veterinarians and volunteers she gained strength day by day until she was able to get up on her feet. Horses cannot survive unless they are able to stand and walk, they must move to live. See a full story at the hpaf.org website for a list of those who donated their skill and time to initially helping Polo. By October 21, Polo weighed in at a beautiful 1228 lbs as seen in the after photo we have included.

Just recently Congress has lifted the 5 year ban on horse slaughterhouses which originally were an avenue of disposal of homeless horses. According to David Duquette of the Oregon-based United Horsemen who work with those who pick up and deliver horses to be slaughtered, the ban on horse slaughter and the lack of previous standards of supervision for the keeping of horses in lots and trailers left another problem in its wake —no way to dispose of homeless or unwanted horses. These situations do occur unfortunately but the methods allowed at this present time must be more thoroughly discussed and procedures lawfully supervised to remove their often tortuous nature and take into account the very sensitive nature of this majestic animal that helped to build America before the automobile existed. These options are very involved and include many opposing viewpoints. Those in favor of slaughterhouses have stated that without slaughterhouses in the United States horses are being shipped



With proper care here is Polo at 1228 lbs on Oct. 21.

to Mexico and Canada where the humane process is not even an afterthought making it even worse on the horse. Only with thorough dialogue on this problem and notifying your area representative to Congress will there be an intelligent answer to such a devastating problem.

Be forewarned the following is gruesome. For horse owners like me what happens in slaughterhouses conjures up pictures worse than the before picture of Polo. The trip to the slaughterhouse is rife with opportunities in many cases for inhumane treatment in the trailers with no stops, food, or water due to lack of any legal supervision and aggressive horses and stallions jammed in with quiet ones. The smell of death meets the nostrils of the horse the minute they are brought to these places and horses being very sensitive animals know immediately what is going to happen. Many are too weak to fight but most experience such fear they react violently while trying to get free making it very difficult to aim precisely where necessary to deliver an instantaneous kill bolt.

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## Found Photo

In the Fall of 2003, a *Levy County Journal* staffer discovered a white box full of photographs that may or may not have run in earlier editions of the newspaper. The box was unmarked, and the photographs remain unidentified and unclaimed. Hence the name of our feature: Found Photo. We ask our readers to take a look and see if they can identify the folks in the photo, as well as the story behind it.



Call or write to us at PO Box 2990, Chiefland, FL 32644-2990 or email editor@levyjourn.com.

## Morrison Home Goes Up in Flames

Morrison residents could hear the sounds of the faithful firefighters on their way to save a home at 5 p.m. dinnertime on Dec. 1. The unoccupied home at 3551 SE 197 Ct. in Morrison went up in flame and the cause is still under investigation by the Fire Marshall. The Levy County Fire Rescue Station 78 had the fire out within 45 minutes.

According to Assistant Chief Joe Rinaudo, who is also with the Marion County Fire Rescue, 75 percent of the house succumbed to the fire



## Found Photo

Last week's found photo had been identified 3 times over. The beautiful little girl in the photo is Kelly Jo Clafin who was about 2 years old at the time and was showing off that winning smile in a beauty pageant. Kelly lives and works in Bronson at the Ace Hardware Store. The proud identifiers of the photo were her mom Donna Clafin, her sister Barbara Smetana, and her sister Wendy Gordon. Thanks to Kelly's family for the identification.



but the garage and front right corner are intact. The family had moved out previously and only part of their belongings still remained. Thankfully no one was hurt in this fire.

Thank you Levy County Fire Rescue Station 78.

# Levy County Community Calendar

## BRONSON

### VFW 5625 to be at Rosemary Cemetery Dec. 10

In memory of "the day of infamy" the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 the VFW 5625 will be at Rosemary Cemetery in Bronson on Sat. Dec. 10 to mark the sites of those who served our nation in war.

### Levy County Extension Office Christmas Party Dec. 12

The Levy County Extension Office will be hosting their annual Christmas party on Dec. 12 starting at 6 p.m. here in Bronson! Come out and enjoy activities by the 4-H clubs and a meal starting at 7 p.m. We ask that everyone brings a side-dish and a dessert. The sliced meat will be provided. Also, we need donations of cakes or cupcakes for our Cake Walk. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office at (352) 486-5131.

### Greater Bronson Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting Dec. 13

Next month's meeting will be held at Bronson Lube, Inc. on Tues., Dec. 13 at 7 p.m.  
Chantilly Place- Day Spa & Boutique hosted this month's meeting and is the featured Chamber business. Chantilly Place is owned and operated by Terri McGinty. McGinty opened the business in 2008 and recently expanded to its new location, 310 Main Ave. across from Perkins State Bank. A variety of spa services are offered and also a boutique full of gift items, including fashion jewelry, purses and bags, wickless candle warmers, and handmade items. On Dec. 10 from 10 to 3 p.m. meet Dr. Joshua Hall who will be providing chiropractic services. Refreshments will be served. Thank you to Terri for hosting the November Chamber of Commerce meeting! And a special thanks to Mrs. Karen Mayo of Chiefland for providing delicious baked goods.  
For more information, please call Laci at (352) 256-0773.

### Bronson Library Basket Raffle and Children's Christmas Party Dec. 18

It's that time of year to dream Sweet Dreams. Come buy raffle tickets for our Sweet Dreams Christmas Basket. It is loaded with lots of cookies, chocolate and teas as well as many local businesses' (from Chiefland to Williston) gift certificates. See the Library for a complete listing. Value of the basket is \$250. Tickets are on sale at the Bronson Library: \$1 for 1 ticket or 6 for \$5. The raffle will take place at 2:45 p.m., Sunday, Dec 18th. You do not have to be present

to win.

We will also have our annual Children's Christmas Party on Sun, Dec 18th from 1 to 3 p.m. See Santa, stuffed stockings for each child and refreshments for all. Be sure to listen to the reading of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas'. Lots of fun and goodies to eat. Call the Bronson Library at 486-2015 for more information

## CEDAR KEY

### Cedar Key Arts Center

Cedar Key Arts Center has lots to offer in December. All events are open to the public.

Please join us for fun, comradeship, and creativity.  
Cedar Key Arts Center December Workshops: Register at Cedar Keyhole or by contacting instructor. Non-members are welcome, just add \$5 to cost or join CKAC.

Dec. 9: Bev Ringenberg introduces Fused Glass through making 1-2 small projects. Cost \$10. Call 352-543-0362.

Dec. 10: Amy and Henry Gernhardt's Raku Pottery Party from 12-5 pm. Cost \$25. Have a fun time firing raku glaze on one piece of pottery. Call 352-543-9165.

Dec. 16-Still Life Open Studio and every 3rd Friday with Sandra Allen, 10-5. Free/Open.

Sunday Salons from 3-5 p.m. at Cedar Key Arts Center

Dec. 18-Composition

### Call to All Artists

Three gallery events this winter will be open to all artists for contribution. Limit of 3 pieces per exhibitor and \$5 entry fee per piece.

Jan. 7th: Quilt Exhibit-open to community. Quilts due to CKAC by 5 p.m., on Jan. 3rd.

March 3: Salute to Wildlife of Lower Suwannee and Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuges includes all mediums and open to the community. Due Feb. 28 by 5 p.m.

### Band Aid Botany at Cedar Key Library Dec. 10

Calling all plant enthusiasts. Come to a presentation about the ornamental and wild spiny and thorny plants in Levy County. A few spiny insects and caterpillars to watch out for are included. Most thorny plants have beautiful flowers, to invite the bee pollinators, but not large grazing animals.

This entertaining and informative talk by botanist and author Linda Curtis is sponsored by The Friends of the Lower Suwannee & Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuges. See Linda's website at [www.curtistothethird.com](http://www.curtistothethird.com)

Join us on Sat., Dec. 10 at 10:30 AM at the Cedar Key Public Library.

### Acoustical Afternoon for the Arts in Cedar Key Jan. 15

On Sun., Jan. 15, 2012, the 2nd annual "Acoustical Afternoon for the Arts" benefit concert and silent auction will be held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Island Room Restaurant in Cedar Key. The silent auction will showcase pieces from a number of art festival artists including a live painting performance by well-known artist Susan Dauphinee of Cedar Key. There will be a variety of appetizers served, a no-host bar will be available, and doors will open early at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each and go on sale December 15th.

Proceeds will promote the 2012 Old Florida Celebration of the Arts, a juried fine art festival that has been happening in Cedar Key every April for the past 48 years. Reduced funding has made it necessary to raise additional monies to insure the continuation of the fine arts festival.

The musicians volunteering their time and talents for this benefit are Joe Peters and Linda Hicks (West Lafayette, Ind.) and Bishop Davidson (Nashville, Tenn.).

For a look and a listen about our performers and their music, go to: Joe Peters - [www.reverbnation.com/joepeters](http://www.reverbnation.com/joepeters) - Linda Hicks - [www.lindahicksmusic.com](http://www.lindahicksmusic.com) - MJ Bishop - [www.sonicbids.com/mjbishop](http://www.sonicbids.com/mjbishop) - WT Davidson - [www.reverbnation.com/wtdavidson](http://www.reverbnation.com/wtdavidson)

For more information or tickets, please contact: Mandy Cassiano at 352/543-5400 or [cedarkeyarts@bellsouth.net](mailto:cedarkeyarts@bellsouth.net) or visit Old Florida Celebration of the Arts official website [www.cedarkeyartsfestival.com](http://www.cedarkeyartsfestival.com)

## YANKEETOWN-INGLIS

Yankeetown-Inglis Woman's Club Thrift Shop and More

With the big Thanksgiving weekend behind us, the Yankeetown-Inglis Woman's Club invites you to stop by their Thrift Shop on 56th St., Yankeetown. Christmas is just around the corner and with better than Black Friday prices, the Thrift Shop is here to help you get your shopping done without breaking the bank. Check out the suits and dresses just in time for all the holiday parties. If it's casual you need, there's a great selection of denim for men and women. For the month of December all Christmas items are 50% OFF. Find just the right items to make your home sparkle inside and out. As a way to thank those who have served our country, a 10% discount is offered to all Veterans (with ID) on their total purchase.

Holiday hours are Tues, Wed and Fri. 10 a.m.- 1 p.m., Thurs. 5-7 p.m. and Sat., Dec. 10th 9 a.m. -1 p.m. Fri., Dec. 16th is the last day the shop will be open for the year; will reopen Tues., Jan. 3, 2012 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Take the time to stop in and browse all the new arrivals. You might find some bargains along the way. We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

### Stargazing at the Withlacoochee Gulf Preserve Dec. 16

The Chiefland Star Party Group is presenting a telescopic view of the stars and planets at the Withlacoochee Gulf Preserve in Yankeetown, Friday evening, Dec. 16. There is no entrance fee. It will begin with a laser show of the Fall Constellations. Several large telescopes will be available for viewing including the largest "GoTo" Scope in the Southeast. Multiple objects will be observed including the bands on Jupiter and its moons. The late rising moon gives little night light interference for better stargazing conditions. The preserve has very low artificial lighting which adds to the experience and is hard to find in our electrified environment. For your safety we recommend arriving before sunset (prior to 5:30 p.m.) to sign in. Bring a flashlight and bug spray. Program will be rescheduled in case of rain or cloud cover. The program is another in Yankeetown's Friends Withlacoochee Gulf Preserve presentations. Email [friendswgp@bellsouth.net](mailto:friendswgp@bellsouth.net) or visit [www.withlacoocheegulfpreserve.com](http://www.withlacoocheegulfpreserve.com) for directions and more information.

### Cleaning For a Reason - for Cancer Patients

If you know any woman currently undergoing chemotherapy, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides free housecleaning - once per month for four months while she is in treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. This organization serves the entire US and currently has 547 partners to help these women. It is our job to pass the word and let them know that there are people out there that care. Be a blessing to someone and pass this information along. <http://www.cleaningforareason.org/>. Thank you - from the Yankeetown-Inglis Woman's Club.

## WILLISTON

### Williston Middle FFA holds 2nd Annual Christmas Clothing Drive

Now a holiday season tradition, Williston Middle School FFA is holding their 2nd Annual Christmas Clothing Drive between now and Dec. 16. Students, teachers, parents and community members are asked to donate new or gently used items of clothing to help those in need within the Levy County area. Students were presented with this challenge and are collecting items in their homeroom classes at school. Donations can also be made by delivering clothing to the main office of Williston Middle School or to the Agriscience Department directly. For further details about donating, please contact FFA advisor, Natalie Couey, at (352) 528-2941 or [natalie.harrison@levy.k12.fl.us](mailto:natalie.harrison@levy.k12.fl.us)

### Dinner Concert at Williston Arms Apts. Dec. 8

The Touch of Class Trio will be doing a free Christmas show at Williston Arms Apartments on Thurs., Dec. 8th, starting at 3 p.m. The show will be outside in front of the office. Residents are urged to invite their family and friends. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the show which will be followed by dinner on the grounds provided by From the Heart at approximately 5 p.m. For more information please call (352) 528-3352.

### Light Up Williston Dec. 9

This Friday, Dec. 9th help us celebrate Light Up Williston for the holidays! The Parade starts at 6:00 p.m. with the Lighting Ceremony following immediately after the parade in the pavilion in Heritage Park. Come and enjoy the parade and celebrate this wonderful season with Bible readings, Christmas music and lots of fun! The Chili cook-off will also take place by the pavilion. Nobody does a hometown Christmas like Williston, Florida!

### AARP Chapter 912 Meeting Dec. 12

AARP Chapter 912 invites all AARP members who live or are visiting in our area to our meeting on Mon., Dec. 12, at 9:30 a.m., in the Holy Family Catholic Hall, 17353 NE Hwy 27 Alt, Williston. Officers and Board members for 2012 will be installed at this meeting and there will be Christmas music and baked treats provided by our members. Our Annual Christmas shopping spree for Williston Healthcare Center residents is Thurs. Dec. 15

We have an active Chapter which participates in local activities such as the Peanut Festival and Trail of Treats and donates to the Tri-County Pregnancy Center, Holiday Hope, and a local group home. Watch for more information on our next Health Care Fair at the Palms Medical Group facility on Martin Luther King Day,

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## Levy County Saltwater and Freshwater Tides

	DAY	HIGH /LOW	TIDE TIME	HEIGHT /FEET	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOON TIME	% MOON VISIBLE
<b>Cedar Key</b>							
Th	8	Low	6:33 AM	-0.4	7:14 AM	Set 5:27 AM	93
	8	High	1:07 PM	2.9	5:34 PM	Rise 4:12 PM	
	8	Low	6:13 PM	1.5			
	8	High	11:52 PM	3.7			
F	9	Low	7:11 AM	-0.6	7:14 AM	Set 6:20 AM	97
	9	High	1:47 PM	3	5:35 PM	Rise 4:58 PM	
	9	Low	6:53 PM	1.5			
Sa	10	High	12:29 AM	3.7	7:15 AM	Set 7:13 AM	99
	10	Low	7:48 AM	-0.6	5:35 PM	Rise 5:49 PM	
	10	High	2:24 PM	3			
	10	Low	7:33 PM	1.4			
Su	11	High	1:05 AM	3.8	7:16 AM	Set 8:03 AM	99
	11	Low	8:24 AM	-0.7	5:35 PM	Rise 6:43 PM	
	11	High	2:59 PM	3			
	11	Low	8:12 PM	1.4			
M	12	High	1:43 AM	3.8	7:16 AM	Set 8:50 AM	98
	12	Low	8:59 AM	-0.7	5:35 PM	Rise 7:41 PM	
	12	High	3:34 PM	3			
	12	Low	8:52 PM	1.3			
Tu	13	High	2:22 AM	3.8	7:17 AM	Set 9:34 AM	94
	13	Low	9:35 AM	-0.6	5:36 PM	Rise 8:40 PM	
	13	High	4:08 PM	3.1			
	13	Low	9:35 PM	1.2			
W	14	High	3:05 AM	3.7	7:18 AM	Set 10:14 AM	89
	14	Low	10:13 AM	-0.5	5:36 PM	Rise 9:40 PM	
	14	High	4:43 PM	3.1			
	14	Low	10:21 PM	1.1			
<b>Suwannee River Entrance</b>							
Th	8	Low	6:51 AM	-0.4	7:14 AM	Set 5:28 AM	93
	8	High	1:13 PM	2.6	5:35 PM	Rise 4:12 PM	
	8	Low	6:31 PM	1.4			
	8	High	11:58 PM	3.3			
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	11	Low	8:30 PM	1.3			
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## Christmas Tree with Angels

Beginning November 15th, 2011, Drummond Bank in Chiefland will display a Christmas Tree with Angels. The Angels will indicate the age of a boy or girl who will not have a Christmas without your help.

We invite you to come by and pick an Angel from our tree, wrap the gift indicated on the Angel and return the gift (with the Angel taped to the package) on or before December 14th, 2011. Near December 25th, the bank will sure your gift reaches the child.

Please come by today and pick an Angel and help make a child have a special Christmas.

**Chiefland Location only.**

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# Around the Nature Coast

## WRPC Board of Directors Meeting Dec. 8

The Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council's Board of Directors will hold its Annual Meeting and Open House on Thurs., Dec. 8, 2011. The schedule is as follows:

Nominating Committee Meeting: 5:30 p.m.; Open House: 6:00 p.m.; Annual Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

In the past, refreshments and covered dishes for our Annual Meeting have been provided by Board members. You will be contacted at a later date to confirm your attendance and your covered dish.

In an effort to save money on postage and photocopying, we are looking at sending the Board packet by email whenever possible. Please confirm that this is okay with you and provide us with your preferred email address by contacting Glenda Roberts at 352/732-1315, x216 or groberts@wrpc.cc

## Florida Long-Term Care Ombudsman Meeting Dec. 8

Florida's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program needs volunteers to join its corps of dedicated advocates who protect the rights of elders residing in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and adult family care homes.

The local council will meet on Dec. 8 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.

All interested individuals who care about protecting the health, safety, welfare and rights of long-term care facility residents are encouraged to call toll-free (888) 831-0404 or visit the program's Web site at <http://ombudsman.myflorida.com>

## World War II Veterans Club Meeting Dec. 8

All World War II Veterans are invited to meet Thurs., Dec. 8 at 11:30 a.m. in Cedar Key at the Island Room at the Cedar Cove Beach & Yacht Club.

Once again we will have a Toys for Tots Box to fill or if you wish you may make a donation to our Soldiers Angels collection

which goes to our men and women now serving our nation.

Hope to see you on Dec. 8. Bring your spouse, a fellow veteran or caregiver and join the camaraderie. We may even sing a few Christmas Carols.

If you have any questions call Virginia Lewis 352/528-2310 or Dot Halvorsen 352/542-7697.

## News for Veterans – Free AARP Driving Classes

During the month of Nov. AARP is offering free safe driving classes for any Veteran and/or their spouses. The AARP safe driving class gives you a full three-year discount through your insurance carrier as well as updates on various Motor Vehicle Laws in the state of Florida. The issues that are presented will improve your driving knowledge and assist in safe driving awareness. While the course in November is open to any driver over 50 years of age, Veterans will get this special offer.

Chiefland – Nov. 28, at Capital City Bank, Chiefland, a one day class, 9:00 a.m.

Williston – Nov. 29, at First Baptist Church, Williston, a one day class, 9:00 a.m., For requirements for either class call Linda Cochran at 352/493-1742

## Tax-Aide Volunteers Needed

AARP Tax-Aide is looking for volunteers to help with tax preparation in their community. Tax-Aide also needs instructors and computer technicians. The Luther Callaway Library is the Chiefland tax site. For information call Bob at (352) 463-8936 or email: [reburkhardt@earthlink.net](mailto:reburkhardt@earthlink.net)

## 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.

## Cedar Keys Light Station Holiday Light Event Dec. 10

Sat., Dec. 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the Cedar Keys Light Station will be open for a bright holiday event: Holiday Light. There will be period-dress interpreters, refreshments, and holiday season photo opportunities. Special-value holiday prices will be offered by tour boats. Join us for this one time event!

## Trains at the Holidays at Webber Gallery Dec. 17

The College of Central Florida will once again present Trains at the Holidays at the Webber Gallery of the Ocala Campus, 3001 S.W. College Road. The exhibit, which opens on Thursday, Dec. 15, has become a holiday tradition for young and old alike.

There is no fee for the exhibit or the reception, which will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17. Light refreshments will be available. From noon to 2 p.m., Keith Marr of Operation Lifesaver will entertain and educate visitors with train-related music and a safety presentation for parents and children. From 2 to 4 p.m., Ocala Model Railroaders will conduct a workshop and demonstration on the art of model railroads.

The 16th annual exhibit includes exciting layouts and models with historic and holiday themes, which are provided by Ocala Model Railroaders and private collector Bruce Richardson.

The Webber Gallery has extended hours for the exhibit to be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily including weekends through Dec. 30; the gallery will be closed on Dec. 24 and 25.

For more information about the exhibit, call 352-873-5809.

## Guardian ad Litem New Class Jan. 10, 2012

Make a New Years Resolution to advocate for abused and neglected children. No special background needed. Legal and staff support provided. Next class starts Jan 10th. Call 352/493-6051 or go to [www.gal.alachua.fl.us](http://www.gal.alachua.fl.us)

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## 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.

## DUNNELLON-RAINBOW SPRINGS

## Santa Returns to Rainbow Springs State Park starting on Dec. 9

Santa and Mrs. Claus will return to Rainbow Springs State Park on Friday Dec. 9 and hold court in the Santa House for the next two weekends: Fri., Dec 9, Sat., Dec. 10 and Sun. Dec. 11, and Fri. Dec. 16, Sat. Dec. 17, and Sun. Dec. 18. Each night the park will open at 6 p.m. and close at 8:30 p.m. The charge will be only \$1.00 for adults and children over 5; children 5 and under are free. Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive around 7 p.m. The Friends will again be offering digital souvenir photos for \$2.00, but you are welcome to take a limited number of pictures of your own. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive by pontoon sleigh each night. There will be entertainment in the Felburn Pavilion. The Friends Gift Shop and food concession will be open and we will be offering free cider in the Felburn Pavilion. There will be a storyteller in the Gingerbread House and an extravaganza of lights, thanks to our hardworking volunteers. Every year they add something new.

On Dec. 26 and 27 we will have "Lights Only" from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Santa will be gone to the North Pole, but you can come and stroll through the wonderland of lights. Fees will be the same. Park passes will not be honored for this special event. Well behaved pets are welcome each night, but please wait until the lines are shorter if you plan to have your photo taken with Santa.

## CHIEFLAND

## Chiefland Family Fun Center Ribbon Cutting Dec. 9

The Greater Area Chiefland Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce a ribbon cutting for its newest member - Chiefland Family Fun Center. On Friday, Dec. 9 at 12:00 p.m. the public is invited to welcome Chiefland Family Fun Center at 1545 NW 26th Ave. to Chiefland. Please take some time to welcome Chiefland Family Fun Center into our community.

## Lighthouse Word Church Christmas Program Dec. 11

Lighthouse Word Church would like to invite the community to our special Christmas Program, "Did You Hear The News" on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 10:30 a.m. featuring Christmas Carols and a special Nativity Scene. We will begin with a free breakfast of quiches, pastries, delicious breakfast casseroles and mocha punch at 9:30 a.m. A nursery will be provided for the service. Please call

493-1554 for more information.

## SVP Presents A Little Christmas Spirit Starting Dec. 9

Suwannee Valley Players announces their annual Christmas show to be held on the second and third weekends of December, A Little Christmas Spirit, written by Pat Cook, and full of humor and intrigue. J. D. Morse, played by Andy Kidd, has been looking high and low for a special Christmas gift for his grandson. Finally, as a last resort he takes the advice of a flier on his car windshield and wanders into Nick's Emporium and what happens next will intrigue you and make you laugh. The show will run Friday and Saturday at 8:00 P.M. and Sunday at 2:30 P.M. at the Chief Theatre, 25 East Park Avenue, Chiefland, from December 9th through the 18th tickets are \$8 for students/seniors/military with ID and \$10 for general admission; youth 12 and under \$5. For more information please contact SVP at 352.463.ARTS or [www.svplayers.com](http://www.svplayers.com) or email us at [suwanneevalleyplayers@gmail.com](mailto:suwanneevalleyplayers@gmail.com).

Also, auditions for the SVP Musical "Master of Time" by local author Krista Perryman will be held on Dec. 13th at 6:30 p.m. at the Chief Theater, 25 Park Ave., Chiefland. Check out the web site at [www.svplayers.com](http://www.svplayers.com) for more information.

## VFW Candy and Fruit Giveaway Dec. 17

The VFW 5625 (Veterans of Foreign Wars) will be out and about in Chiefland on Dec. 17 starting at noon to various housing areas giving out fruit and candy. So if you see the kids coming home with fruit and candy then you will know that they just met up with a Veteran who wanted them to enjoy the season.

## 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.

## College of Central Florida CNA Course Jan. 23

The College of Central Florida Levy Center is accepting applications for the next Certified Nursing Assistant training program which begins Monday, Jan. 23.

This 120-hour program prepares students to take the Florida CNA exam and to work as a nursing assistant in hospitals, long-term care facilities, outpatient clinics and physician's offices. The course consists of classroom instruction, skills lab training and hands-on clinical experience. Training is approximately six weeks and takes place at the Levy Center, 114 Rodgers Blvd. in Chiefland, and Ayers Health and Rehabilitation Center in Trenton.

A high school diploma or GED is not required but prospective candidates must take the Test of Adult Basic Education prior to enrolling in the class. To make an appointment to take the TABE at the Levy Center call 352-493-9533. Cost is \$15.

The course fee is \$589 and additional expenses include textbook, background screening, health screening, uniform and the cost of the state exam. This course is not eligible for federal financial aid including Pell Grant. For more information call 352/493-9533.

## Welding Program Deadline Dec. 13

All students enrolled in CF's Applied Welding Technology program during spring semester 2012 will be eligible to obtain their OSHA 10-hour card and their NCCER core certification at no additional cost to the standard tuition fees. This is a one-time offer made possible by a grant. Deadline to enroll is Dec. 13. The new facility at the Jack Wilkinson Campus north of Chiefland on Hwy 19 was certified by a representative of the Shaw Group, the firm contracted by Progress energy to build the Levy Plant. NCCER training is expected to begin March 2012.

For more information call (352) 493-9533.

## FANNING SPRINGS

## Festival of Lights Classic Car Show Dec. 10

The longest running Festival in the area put on by the Fanning Springs Chamber of Commerce, the Fanning Springs Festival of Lights, will be hosting their 16th annual Classic Car Show along with all the other festivities, including the yellow rubber ducky race, on Sat. Dec. 10 at their Fanning Springs City Park. There will be arts and crafts vendors, door prizes, food and drinks, and music by DJ Jeff. Cars from classics to late models to imports are welcome. There will be separate judging. Registration is from 9 a.m. to noon with awards being given out at 3 p.m. There will be dash plaques to the first 50 vehicles. A portion of the proceeds goes to Toys for Tots. Spend a day just having fun in a wonderful park. Admission is free. For more information go to the website at [fanningspringschamber.com](http://fanningspringschamber.com)

## GILCHRIST COUNTY

## American Legion Post 91 Christmas Dinner Dec. 15

The American Legion Post 91 will be having its regular membership meeting and Christmas Dinner on the 15th of December 2011 starting at 5:30 p.m. The dinner will be Ham, Turkey, Sweet Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies and dessert. We ask members to bring a dessert to

share. We will have a Chinese gift exchange so bring a present not over \$10.00. We will ask for a donation to give to the Gilchrist Co. Food Bank. Remember the date and gift exchange. Come and meet the new officers and enjoy the time of fellowship.

Jesse L. Crews, Commander FOR GOD and COUNTRY

## BRANFORD

## Branford Camera Club Christmas Party Dec. 8

The Branford Camera Club will have their annual Christmas Party and Photo Share on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. But we will meet at 6 p.m. for eats first at our NEW LOCATION, Cuzin's Restaurant, US 129 across from Schaff's in Branford. Please bring your favorite Christmas goodies, and a few of your favorite photos to share. Join us for an informal evening with friends and family during this Holiday Season.

The Branford Camera Club meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month, with an occasional exception, for the purpose of sharing,

# Life-Saving Christmas Gift for Boaters

Anyone shopping for a boater this Christmas might be interested in a suggestion from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission – a new comfortable life jacket that could save their life.

"A lot of people don't wear life jackets because they feel they're uncomfortable," said Capt. Tom Shipp of the FWC's Boating and Waterways Section. "However, with newer models, such as belt packs or suspenders, you hardly feel them. Replacing an old, bulky life jacket with a newer model makes a great gift."

Belt-pack and suspender life jackets are inflatable. Some inflate automatically when a person falls into the water, while others inflate after the wearer pulls a cord. Prices of the belt-pack and suspender life jackets start at approximately \$60.

"Frequently, a life jacket can save a life during a boating accident," Shipp said.

One of the main responsibilities for FWC officers is helping residents and visitors boat safely. They often check boaters for adherence to safety regulations and educate them about safe boating

practices. Unfortunately, at other times, FWC officers are called to the scene of boating accidents.

"Many people don't expect to need a life jacket, particularly if they feel they are good swimmers," Shipp said. "However, when boating accidents happen, you may not be able to rely on your swimming skills."

Many of the boating accidents the FWC investigates involve drowning deaths. Last year, there were 79 boating fatalities – 49 of them by drowning. The FWC confirms that life jackets may have saved those lives and recommends boaters wear one at all times on the water.

Bottom line: If you fall overboard with a life jacket on, your chances of survival are greatly enhanced.

This holiday season, the gift of a life jacket could be a gift of life.

For more boating safety information, visit [MyFWC.com/](http://MyFWC.com/) Boating or call 850-488-5600.



An FWC officer conducts a boating safety check. Newer model life jackets, such as the belt packs worn by these 3 anglers, are comfortable and make great gifts for boaters and fishers. (FWC photo)

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# Worship Directory

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

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

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

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

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 "The Little Church With A Big God"  
 For over 16 years, continues to present the inspirational words of God from the Bible.  
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**Sunday: Family Worship Service: 10:30am**  
 463-6369  
**Don Lunsford, Pastor**

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

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 493-1561 or 493-9723  
 Saturday Evening 5:30pm  
 Sunday 8:30am  
 Religious Education Class  
 Wed 6:00pm-7:10pm pre K-12th  
**Father Joe McDonell**

**First Baptist Church**  
 "Serving God & Loving People"  
**Sunday:** Sunday School 9:15am, Morning Worship 10:30am, Discipleship Hour 5:00pm, Evening Worship 6:30pm  
**Tuesday:** Sr. Adult Bible Study 10:00am  
**Wednesday:** Church Supper 5:30pm, RA/GA Children's Program 6:30pm, Full Throttle Youth 6:30pm, Prayer Hour 6:30pm  
**Pastor Troy A. Turner**  
 451 S. Court Street - Bronson, FL 32621 - 352.486.2282

**Pine Grove Baptist Church**  
 16655 N. W. CR-339  
 Trenton, Florida 32693  
 352-463-2151  
[www.pgbcfl.com](http://www.pgbcfl.com)  
 Dr. Greg Douglas, Senior Pastor  
 Pastor Rickey Whitley, Assoc. Pastor/Youth  
 Pastor Emanuel Harris, Education/Children  
 Pastor Jared Douglas, Colleague/Missions  
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 Sunday School ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Morning Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday Night Services:**  
 Prayer Meeting, Youth, College & Career ..... 7:00 p.m.  
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**Manatee Springs Church of Christ**  
**Sunday**  
 10 a.m. Bible Study  
 11 a.m. Worship Period  
 5 p.m. Worship Period  
**Wednesday**  
 7 p.m. Bible Study  
**Minister Gene Dumas**  
 352-542-0657 or 352-493-7775  
 11450 NW 76th Terr., Chiefland  
 Our goal is to "Speak where the Bible speaks and be silent where the Bible is silent." We seek Bible authority for the things that we believe and practice.

**Come and Worship**  
 8:45 am Sunday School  
 9:45 am Sunday Morning Worship  
 7:00 pm Wednesday Bible Study - (except 3rd Wednesday)  
**Reverend Priscilla Scherrah, Pastor**  
 Bronson United Methodist Church  
 235 Court Street  
 Bronson, Florida  
 Tel. 352-486-2281

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**Turning Point**  
 LEARNING HOUR: 9AM  
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**PASTOR: KENT ZIMMERMANN**  
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## Church Calendar

- Fish Dinner at Holy Family Catholic Church Dec. 9**  
 The Fish Dinner, fried or baked, at Holy Family Catholic Church Parish Hall will be on Friday Dec. 9th at 5 p.m. Adults \$7, smaller portion \$6, children under 12 \$4.  
 Lite Lunch will be on Wednesday Dec. 21 from 12 to 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.  
 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
- St. John the Evangelist Cookie Walk Dec. 10**  
 The St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church on 27A in Chiefland is sponsoring a Cookie Walk for the food shelf on Sat. Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to noon. Members of the church will be making batches of their favorite cookie recipes for sale to the public. Folks are invited to come in and purchase a bag for \$8. They then walk around filling the bag with their choice of cookies. Since all of the cookies are donated, all of the money raised will be used to purchase food for the food shelf. You have cookies to eat or put in the freezer for your Christmas guests, and the St Vincent de Paul Society will have funds available to restock the empty food shelves.
- Ellzey UMC Presents Victory Voices & Bell Choir Dec. 11**  
 On Dec. 11 at 3 p.m., Ellzey United Methodist Church, located at the corner of 336 and Hwy. 24, will host The First United Methodist Church of High Springs' choir "The Victory Voices & Bell Choir" as they present the Christmas Cantata "A Ceremony of Lessons & Carols." Please join us in this celebration at 3 p.m.
- Turning Point Ministry's Cookies by the Ton Dec. 17**  
 The bakers at Turning Point Ministry present their 4th Annual "Cookies by the Ton" sale on Saturday, December 17th.  
 The sale will take place at the Church on CR-341, Trenton, from 9:30 until 2:00 p.m.  
 A wide variety of Cookies will be available for you to purchase. Come enjoy and let us do your baking for you. Proceeds will be used to further the programs of the Ministry.  
 For more information, call the church office at 352-463-1882 during morning business hours.

## The Church Makes a Joyful Noise

After a series of rather unfortunate events and untimely departures, my Pastor reluctantly named me his new music minister, just months after I was saved. Since it'd take all day to catalog the series of cataclysmic events necessitating such a preposterous decision, I'll just tell you, his list of options included the Church gathering around an eight-track humming "Kum Ba Yah". Looking back, that might've been the way to go.

My only credentials suitable to the job were that I owned a guitar, and that the world's music scene had already busted my bubble concerning ever attaining fame or fortune with it. Despite those immense qualifications, I knew I had my work cut out for me. I had no background in Christian music whatsoever. I'd have guessed the first line to 'Amazing Grace' was probably "God is good, God is great..."

My first mistake was to open up the choir loft to whoever felt they could make a joyful noise. It was a wonderful recruiting method, but after the first week I was rummaging through some mismatched old robes to find enough to accommodate all the new noise makers when the Pastor pulled me aside. "Uh... Guy," he said, "I've noticed most of the church is positioned behind me now while I preach?"

I nodded, smiling with satisfaction.

"And while it's great to have a really BIG choir," he continued, "You do realize they should at least be able to sing, or members of this church?"

I winced and stomped at the new thought. On his way out he added, "Oh, and we're getting complaints about setting the neighborhood dogs to howling."

It turns out Pastor was not only patient and forgiving, he was one smart dude. He simply suggested I reposition my big loud rock-n-roll guitar amp over behind the choir loft. Sure enough, after a few more services a big portion of new volunteers were stepping down. Immediately things began to turn around, including Pastor, who was no longer preaching to the choir!



But Anyway... with Guy Sheffield

I continued to feel overwhelmed however. I must've been the only music director in history to show up Sunday mornings asking the drummer, "How's that first song go again?" I was suffering from a serious case of Melodical Aorta Malfunction, complicated by extreme Lyrical Lostitis. I recall one service in particular. I'd just finished a song when suddenly I couldn't get the rhythm to the next one in my head. Knowing how a delay breaks the congregation's focus, I plunged ahead anyway. However, all naive hopes of everything ironing itself out were quickly proven totally unfounded. My singing and strumming weren't jiving at all. It was so bad the band couldn't even join in. Heads popped up all around the sanctuary. I just had to stop.

Still trying to appear in control, I swallowing what felt like a wad of cotton, and tried again, then again. No better. Eventually the service came to a grinding halt. Dead silence. I looked to the drummer, but he was ducking behind the cymbals. In desperation I eyeballed the exits, picturing myself making a fresh start somewhere else, Mexico perhaps. Suddenly, something really wonderful happened. The congregation began shouting words of encouragement.

"You can do it," they said, "Try again!"

Someone began singing the tune, others joined in. They laid a pretty good foundation, so I joined in with them. Soon we were all off and running like nothing ever happened. A roar of approval resonated throughout the room! Pastor winked and gave me the thumbs up.

Who needs fame or fortune? I still get chills thinking of how wonderful the Body of Christ can be when we heed the Apostle Paul exhortation. (Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. Ephesians 4:2-3 NLT).

But anyway- That was many moons ago. I'm much more comfortable in my role as a reluctant music minister now. (Seems I'm still called upon every time a more qualified director moves off.) I've even learned three verses to 'Amazing Grace'! I've experienced my share of it too, from the Church; every time my brain takes one of those little siestas.

-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).

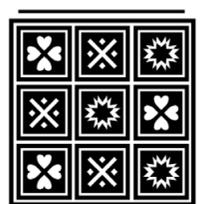
## Recorded Marriages

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| November 18, 2011<br>Wade Travis Cole,<br>11/8/72, to Kathy Jane<br>Bennett, 9/25/75, both of<br>Morrison.                 | both of Newberry.   |
| November 21, 2011<br>Jose Antonio Vegas Ramos,<br>6/29/86, to Mercado<br>Marielys Ferrer, 12/8/87,<br>both of Gainesville. | November 28, 2011<br>Robert Joseph Bend Jr.,<br>9/30/75, to Marcia Lynn<br>Wynans, 11/7/77, both of<br>Fanning Springs. |
| November 23, 2011<br>Richard David Garner,<br>8/6/80, to Meloney<br>Nichole Skipper, 9/24/80,                              | David Edward Meeks,<br>8/30/84, to Ceciley Marie<br>Bierman, 12/8/89, both of<br>Crystal River.                         |
|  | Michael Justin Beck, 2/8/84,<br>to Courtney Frances<br>Short, 9/13/89, both of<br>Chiefland.                            |

## Quilters of North Central Florida Holds Open Exhibit

The Quilters of North Central Florida will be holding an Open Exhibit of traditional and contemporary Art Quilts on Jan. 7, 2012 at the Cedar Key Arts Center Gallery. The opening day will be from 5 to 7 p.m. and the exhibit will be available until Jan. 31. There will be money prizes and honorable mentions.

For those interested in entering, the works must be submitted by 5 p.m. Tues. Jan. 3, 2012. For more information on entry rules or entries contact A W Zettler at [awz08@my.fsu.edu](mailto:awz08@my.fsu.edu)



## Obituaries

**MYRTLE I. KRUGER**  
 March 23, 1926 - November 30, 2011  
 Myrtle I. Kruger of Bronson died on November 30, 2011 at the Williston Rehab & Nursing Center at the age of 85. Myrtle was born on March 23, 1926 in Pittsburg, Pa. She moved to Bronson seven years ago from Boynton Beach. She was a receptionist in the automotive industry for years. In 1951 Myrtle was the first "Mrs. Pittsburg" ever crowned at the Mrs. Pittsburg Beauty Pageant. She was also a member of the Bronson AmVets and of the Methodist faith.

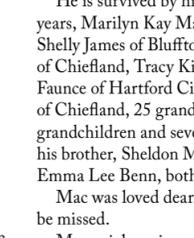
Myrtle is survived by her daughter Cynthia Valerino of Bronson; her granddaughter Kimberly Valerino of Pa. and her grandson Richard Schofield of Pa.; and four great-granddaughters.

**RICHARD ALEXANDER JERREL**  
 October 10, 1953 - November 26, 2011  
 Richard Alexander Jerrel of Williston passed away Saturday, November 26, 2011 at his residence in Pensacola at the age of 58. He was born in Williston to Flavius and Gloria Jerrel on October 10, 1953. He lived in Pensacola and was employed as an electrician and was Methodist by faith. He enjoyed fishing and in the last five years had turned his life around for the positive.. Mr. Jerrel is

preceded in death by his brother Flavius H. Jerrel Jr.  
 He is survived by his parents F.H. Sr. and Gloria Jerrel.; his sisters: Kathleen McDonough, Patricia Cain (Charles), Nancy Starling, and Jane Jerrel.  
 A visitation was held on Saturday, December 3, 2011 from 10 to 11 a.m. at Knauff Funeral Home in Williston. Funeral services began at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Jason Cain officiating. Burial followed at Flemington Cemetery with just the family. Arrangements were placed under the direction of Knauff Funeral Home in Williston (352) 528-3481.

**WILLIAM O. LINDSAY, JR.**  
 William O. Lindsay, Jr. passed away at the age of 76 on November 30, 2011 after a brief illness surrounded by his family. He was born in Abbeville, SC in 1935. He is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years Mary, his daughters Elizabeth and Denise, granddaughters Christina and Lindsay and great-granddaughter Maya. He was a veteran of the Korean War.  
 Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to: Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, West Midwest Community, 29000 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336.

Arrangements were placed under the care of Knauff Funeral Home-Chiefland.  
**ZINA LEE MAXWELL**  
 Zina Lee 'Mac' Maxwell of Chiefland, son of David and Anna Maxwell, both deceased, passed away Sunday, Nov. 27, 2011. He was a retired crane operator and was also a commercial fisherman.  
 He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Marilyn Kay Maxwell and 5 children: Shelly James of Bluffton, Ind., Kelly Crisci of Chiefland, Tracy King of Chiefland, Kelly Faunce of Hartford City, Ind., Kim Fisher of Chiefland, 25 grandchildren, 20-great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews, his brother, Sheldon Mac Maxwell and sister Emma Lee Benn, both of Portland, Ind.  
 Mac was loved dearly by his family and will be missed.  
 Memorial services were held on Dec. 1, 2011  
 Arrangements were placed under the care of Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services, Chiefland, Fla. 352/493-0050. On line condolences may be sent through our website at [www.hiers-baxley.com](http://www.hiers-baxley.com)



LEGAL NOTICES

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR LEVY COUNTY**  
 CASE NO 2011CP000183  
 IN RE: ESTATE OF  
 EVA LEE ELSWICK  
 Deceased.

**AMENDED NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 The administration of the estate of EVA LEE

ELSWICK, deceased, File Number 2011-CP-000183, is pending in the Circuit Court for LEVY County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 355 South Court Street, Bronson, FL 32621. The names and address 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, including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF 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 persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is De-

ember 1, 2011.  
 Personal Representative:  
 REBECCA KAREN PRUITT  
 102 Risher Ave.  
 Inglis, FL 34449

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
 RANDALL N. THORNTON  
 FL Bar No. 176505  
 P.O. Box 58  
 Lake Panasoffkee, Florida 33538  
 (352) 793-4040  
 Pub.: Dec. 1, 8, 2011.

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to two Writs of Execution issued out of the Circuit Court for Levy County, Florida on the 24th day of October, 2011 in the cause wherein FIRST SOUTHWESTERN FINANCIAL SERVICES INC, as assignee of the F.D.I.C., as receiver for Cowlitz Bank, a Washington banking corporation, was Plaintiff and JOHANNES VANDERWEY, was the Defendant, being case number 2011-CA-294 in said court, I, Johnny Smith, as Sheriff of Levy County, Florida have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the Defendant, JOHANNES VANDERWEY, in and to the following described real property:

Exhibit "A"  
 A parcel of land in the South 1/2 of Section 19, Township 13 South, Range 19 East, Levy County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

For a Point of Reference, commence at the SE corner of Section 19, Township 13 South, Range 19 East, Levy County, Florida; thence N 00°21'40" W, along the East line of SE 1/4 of said Section 19, a distance of 315.00 feet, to the NE corner of that property described in Deed Book 92, page 297; thence N 89°47'01" W, along the North line of last said property, 40.00 feet, to the West right of way line of NE 200th

Avenue; thence N 00°21'40" W, along said right of way line, 481.77 feet, to the SE corner of that property described in Official Records Book 552, page 293; thence N 89°42'47" W, along the South line of last said property, 675.21 feet; thence continue N 89°42'47" W, along said South line, 464.42 feet, to the SW corner of last said property; thence N 02°15'30" W, along the West line of last said property, 310.60 feet, to the Point of Beginning; thence N 89°47'01" W, 1426.90 feet to the Easterly right of way line of the CSX Railroad, being a point on a curve concave to the East, having a radius of 5664.58 feet, and through which point passes a radial bearing of S 87°33'33" E; thence Northerly, along said right of way and the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 06°34'07", a distance of 649.42 feet, to the Point of Tangency of said curve; thence N 09°00'34" E, along said right of way, 916.54 feet, to the North line of SE 1/4 of said Section 19; thence S 89°42'47" E, along said North line, 1157.48 feet, to the NW corner of said property described in Official Records Book 552, page 293; thence S 02°15'30" E, along said West line of last said property, 1551.86 feet, to close on the Point of Beginning.

And the following described strip of land:

For a Point of Reference, commence at the SE corner of said Section 19; thence N 00°21'40" W, along the East line of SE 1/4 of said Section 19, a distance of 315.00 feet to the NE corner of that property described in Deed Book 92, Page 297; thence N 89°47'01" W, along the North line of last said property, 40.00 feet to the West right of way line of NE 200th Avenue; thence N 00°21'40" W, along said right of way line, 481.77 feet to the SE corner of that property described in Official Records Book 552, Page 293; thence N 89°42'47" W,

along the South line of last said property, 675.21 feet; thence continue N 89°42'47" W, along said South line, 464.42 feet to the SW corner of last said property; thence N 02°15'30" W, along the West line of last said property, 310.60 feet; thence N 89°47'01" W, 896.17 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence S 00°21'40" E, 1043.75 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave to the Northeast, having a radius of 25.00 feet; thence Southeast-ly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 89°25'21", a distance of 39.02 feet to the North right of way line of East Levy Street; thence N 89°47'01" W, along said right of way line, 110.01 feet to the point of cusp of a curve concave to the Northwest, having a radius of 25.00 feet and through which point passes a radial bearing of N 00°12'59" E; thence Northeasterly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 90°34'39", a distance of 39.52 feet to the point of tangency of said curve; thence N 00°21'40" W, 1043.24 feet; thence S 89°47'01" E, 60.00 feet to close on the Point of Beginning.

On the 10th day of January, 2012 at the Levy County Courthouse, 355 South Court Street Bronson, Florida, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. I will offer for sale and sell all of the said Defendants right, title, and interest in the above described real property at public auction and will sell the same subject to prior liens, encumbrances, and judgments, if any, to the highest bidder for cash in hand and /or certified check, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the described executions.

Johnny Smith, Sheriff  
 Levy County, Florida  
 In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special ac-

commodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Levy County Sheriff's Office Civil Division not later than five working days prior to the proceeding at P.O. Drawer 1719, Bronson, Florida 32621. Telephone (352) 486-5207, Lt. Todd Polo.  
 Pub.: Dec. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2011.

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
 PROBATE DIVISION  
 File No.: 38-2011-CP-000210

IN RE: ESTATE OF DENNIS M. SMOOT, Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the Estate of DENNIS M. SMOOT, Deceased, whose date of death was October 19, 2011; File Number: 38-2011-CP-000210, is pending in the Circuit Court for Levy County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Levy County Courthouse, 355 South Court Street, Bronson, FL 32621.

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

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

All other creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this

court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is December 8, 2011.

/s/ Carl Ray Smoot  
 Personal Representative  
 1001 Avocet Rd.  
 Delray Beach, FL 33444

GREGORY V. BEAUCHAMP, P.A.  
 /s/ Gregory V. Beauchamp  
 Attorney for Personal Representative  
 Florida Bar No. 178770  
 P. O. Box 1129  
 Chiefland, FL 32644  
 (352) 493-1458  
 Pub.: Dec. 8, 15, 2011.

**NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW - Pursuant to Section 865.09(3)(d), Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of: **DOUBLE D's HYDEOUT** In the County of: **LEVY, Florida 32621**

Intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Bronson, Florida This 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011.

OWNER: Debby Hyde  
 Pub.: Dec. 8, 2011

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**INEZ MARTIN**

Inez Martin of Chiefland, passed away her home with her family by her side on Dec. 1, 2011 at the age of 61. Born in Dixie County she has spent her life in the Tri County area. She worked as a clerk in convenience stores and also in the restaurants as a waitress. Mrs. Martin was a member of Union Baptist Church in Newberry. She enjoyed working in her yard and garden, sewing and reading.

Inez is survived by her husband, George E. Martin, of Chiefland; her sons, George Edward (Rebecca) Martin, Jr. of Trenton and John Franklin Walker of Chiefland; sisters: Eunice Martin, Lonnie Mae Sears and Carol Elliott; brothers: F. J. Lamb, Benny Lamb, Henry Lamb, Michael Lamb, Harold Lamb and Billy Ray Lamb; and three grandchildren.

Funeral Services were held Mon. Dec. 5th, 2011 at 10 a.m. at Union Baptist Church in Newberry with Pastor Travis Moody officiating. Interment followed at the church cemetery. Visitation was Sun. Dec. 4th, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Arrangements were placed under the care of Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services; 352-493-0050. On line condolences may be sent through our website at www.hiers-baxley.com

**SHIRLEY MAE LEWIS**

May 6, 1927 - December 2, 2011  
 Shirley Mae Lewis of Trenton passed away on



December 2, 2011 at Ayers Nursing Home at the age of 84. Mrs. Lewis moved to Trenton in 2007 from North Palm Beach, Florida. She was born in Mount Clemens, Michigan on May 6, 1927 to Theodore and Dorothy Augustinus.

She was a retired Real Estate salesperson. Shirley is survived by her son, Rick Allen Martin of Algonac, Mich.; a daughter, Brenda Maurenza of Shelby Township, Mich.; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the care of Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services, 1301 North Young Blvd. Chiefland, Florida 32626. On Line condolences can be sent at our website www.hiers-baxley.com

**JOSIE B. CROOMS**

Mrs. Josie B. Crooms passed away peacefully on November 30, 2011 at her daughter's home after a brave battle with cancer. Mrs. Crooms was born in Chiefland to the late Luther and Essie (Jones) Burnett. In addition to her parents she is preceded in death by her sister, Barbara Hiers. Mrs. Crooms graduated from the University of Florida with Honors, Phi Beta Kappa. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education. She was a Special Education teacher, E.S.E. Coordinator and also a Parent Liaison with the Levy County School Board for many years. She was a dedicated teacher and a

strong advocate for her students. She also enjoyed traveling and will be remembered as a loving wife, caring mother and doting grandmother and great-grandmother. Josie is survived by her husband, Robert C. Crooms of Williston; children: Tina Maze of Columbus, Ga., Staci Pautler and husband Brent of Sharpsburg, Ga., Bobby Crooms and wife Misty of Morrilton, and Jay Crooms and wife Melinda of Williston; grandchildren: Meghan, Lauren, Danielle, Nick, Ryan, Katie, R.C., Kenzie, Trentin, Chandler and Maddie and great-grandson, Tanner. She is also survived by her sister, Thelma Dickinson of Dunnellon.

A memorial service will be held at 1 o'clock Saturday, December 17, 2011 at the First United Methodist Church in Williston, Fla.

Arrangements by McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St., Newnan, GA 30263, 770-253-4580.

**WILMA E. JOHNSON**

January 28, 1913 - December 4, 2011  
 Mrs. Wilma E. Johnson of Cross City passed away Sunday, December 4, 2011 at the Tri-County Nursing Home in Fanning Springs. She was 98.

Mrs. Johnson was born on January 28, 1913 in Lafayette County, Fla. to Daniel and Ruby Wimberley. She was a homemaker who enjoyed crocheting and sewing. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Cross City where she was a member of the WMU, Sunday School and the Homebound Ministry.

Mrs. Johnson is survived by her brother, Wilbur Wimberley of Cross City; sister, Louise Ervin of Bartow and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 2 p.m. at the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Bobby McRae officiating. Interment followed at Cross City Cemetery. A visitation was held at the funeral home one hour prior to the service.

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

**BRENDA K. WINEGARD**

November 3, 1954 - December 1, 2011  
 Brenda K. Winegard of Fanning Springs passed away on December 1, 2011 at the age of 57. She was born on November 3, 1954 in Gainesville to Lonnie and Lessie Wilkerson. She was of the Baptist faith and member at the Chiefland Baptist Church. She was a stay-at-home mother who enjoyed traveling, watching TV and talking on the telephone to family and friends. She moved to Fanning Springs 20 plus years ago from Trenton.

Brenda is survived by her daughter Kimberly Patterson; brothers: Lonnie Wilkerson Jr., Cecil "Red" Wilkerson and Sammy Wilkerson; sisters: Ovieta Rose, Ann Cardwell, Nancy Kovats and Marie Ellis; grandchildren Kayce Patterson and Kelsie Rodriguez.

The family plans on holding a memorial service on Saturday, December 10, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at the Chiefland Baptist Church with Pastor Marty Medford officiating.

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



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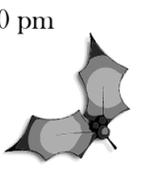
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## OUTTA' THE WOODS

## December's Traditions include Holiday Hunting

By Tony Young  
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

There's finally a chill and certain festiveness in the air as most of us try to take time off from work to enjoy spending quality time with family and friends and reflect on the passing year. Children will be out of school on winter break soon, and while the holiday season is upon us, so are several traditional hunting opportunities.

The second phase of waterfowl and coot season comes in statewide Dec. 10 and runs through Jan. 29. In addition to the usual hunting license and permit requirements, duck hunters also must have a Florida waterfowl permit (\$5) and a federal duck stamp (\$15).

The daily bag limit on ducks is six, but you need to know your ducks before you pull the trigger, because there are different daily limits for each species. For instance, within the six-bird limit there may be only one black duck, one mottled duck, one fulvous whistling-duck and one canvasback.

Only two of your six-bird limit may be pintails, redheads or scaup, and three may be wood ducks. And you may have no more than four scoters and four mallards (of which only two may be female) in your bag. All other species of ducks can be taken up to the six-bird limit, except harlequin ducks.

The daily limit on coots is 15, and there's a five-bird limit on mergansers, only two of which may be hooded.

When hunting waterfowl, hunters may use only non-toxic shotgun shells. Only iron (steel), bismuth-tin and various tungsten-alloys are permissible.

For something different, try woodcock hunting. Woodcock season runs Dec. 18 – Jan. 31. Woodcocks are excellent game birds because they hold well for pointing bird dogs and provide a challenging shot when flushed. The daily bag limit is three.

The third phase of mourning and white-winged dove season opens Dec. 10 and runs through Jan. 8. The daily bag limit is 15 birds.

From November on, shooting hours for all migratory birds are one-half hour before sunrise to



sunset. However, you must get a no-cost migratory bird permit where you purchase your hunting license before you hunt any of these birds.

The only firearm you can use to hunt migratory game birds is a shotgun, no larger than 10-gauge. Shotguns must be plugged to a three-shell capacity (magazine and chamber combined). Bows also are legal.

Retrievers and bird dogs can be useful in hunting migratory game birds. Artificial decoys and manual or mouth-operated bird calls also are legal and essential gear for duck hunters.

You may hunt migratory game birds over an agricultural field if the crop was planted by regular agricultural methods. However, don't even think about "sweetening" the field by scattering agricultural products over it – or anywhere near it – or you could wind up in serious trouble. It doesn't matter if you aren't the one who scattered the bait. If you knew or should've known that such bait was present, you're accountable under federal law.

Some other things you can't do while hunting migratory game birds include using rifles, pistols, crossbows, traps, snares, nets, sinkboxes, swivel guns, punt guns, battery guns, machine guns, fish hooks, poisons, drugs, explosive substances, live decoys and recorded bird calls, sounds or electrically amplified bird-call imitations. It is also against the law to shoot from a moving automobile or boat and herd or drive birds with vehicles or vessels.

Bobcat and otter hunting season is Dec. 1 – March 1, and there's no daily bag or season limit on either species.

Like foxes, bobcats may be chased year-round with dogs, but possessing firearms during the closed season, between March 2 and Nov. 30, is prohibited. On a few wildlife management areas, bobcats and otters may not be taken, so please consult the specific area brochure before you hunt.

Whether upland bird hunting with friends and family, shooting ducks on the pond with your favorite lab or taking that big cat as he slips up behind an unsuspecting fawn, December has the hunting opportunities you're looking for.

Here's wishing you happy holidays and a successful hunting season. If you can, remember to introduce someone new to our great sport. As always, have fun, hunt safely and ethically, and we'll see you in the woods!

*Tony Young is the media relations coordinator for the FWC's Division of Hunting and Game Management. You can reach him with questions about hunting at Tony.Young@MyFWC.com.*

## Count Birds Instead of Staying Inside This Winter



By Jessica Basham

One, two, three, four: cardinals, finches and chickadees. How many birds can you count in your backyard this winter?

While you may not hear their boisterous whistles and tweets like you do in spring, birds are still in your backyard. Your yard may look gloomy and dull this time of year, but there are bright spots, or feathers, to see! In fact, many species of birds are just arriving from as far away as Canada. It is migration season, when many of our feathered friends travel to the warm state of Florida to escape the frozen, snowy north.

What might you see bustling and flitting around your yard? Well, you might set your sights on a yellow-bellied sapsucker, a migratory woodpecker that gets its name because of the holes it bores into trees to "suck" the sap out of the bark.

Or you might see an American goldfinch or

chipping sparrow. Although their colors are duller in the winter, goldfinches are still easy to spot through bare branches and brown leaves because of their yellow feathers, black wings with white markings and cone-shaped bill. The chipping sparrow is a robust little bird with a rust-colored "cap" on its head. It must love to be heard because it sings loudly from high, outer limbs of trees. Chipping sparrows like feeders too, if you have one.

Counting and viewing birds is as easy as walking out your back door and looking in your trees, bushes or at your feeder. Make it a family event and take mom or dad outside with you.

Things to have handy: binoculars, bird guides and checklists to keep track of the kind of birds you see and how many you count. If you plan to be outside for a long period of time, take a blanket to sit on and a cup of hot chocolate!

You can also join the FWC's Wings Over Florida program or become a Junior Birder by

visiting FloridaBirdingTrail.com and selecting "Birding Resources" in the left-hand menu; then click on "Wings Over Florida." That is where you can learn about the Junior Birder Program and download a copy of the Bird Detective checklist.

Another opportunity to count birds in your backyard happens Feb. 17-20, 2012. The yearly Great Backyard Bird Count is the largest bird count in North America. This event helps scientists learn things, like how winter weather influences bird populations, how this year's migration compares with last year's, and what kinds of birds are in cities and rural areas. For information about this upcoming event, visit <http://birdsource.org/gbbc>.

So don't become part of the gloomy winter season, Get Outdoors Florida! and go count birds!

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## Snook Season to Remain Closed in Gulf Waters Until August 2012

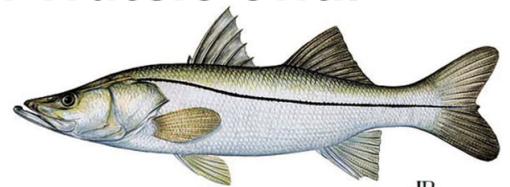
Snook season remains closed in Gulf of Mexico state and federal waters through Aug. 31, 2012, a decision made by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) after prolonged cold weather during the 2009-10 winter affected snook numbers.

The extended Gulf harvest closure will help protect snook populations this winter, when they are most vulnerable to cold weather, and give snook added protection during next spring and summer's spawning months.

The recreational harvest of snook will close in all Atlantic coastal and inland waters, including Lake Okeechobee and the Kissimmee River, beginning Dec. 15. The season will reopen in Atlantic state and federal waters Feb. 1, 2012.

Anglers may still catch and release snook during the harvest closure, and the FWC encourages everyone to handle and release these fish carefully to help ensure their survival upon release.

Snook regulations apply to snook harvested in both state and federal waters off Florida, and no person shall possess any



snook caught during snook closed seasons.

For more information regarding the management of snook in Florida, visit [MyFWC.com/Fishing](http://MyFWC.com/Fishing) and click on "Saltwater Fishing," "Recreational Regulations" and "Snook."

## Equine Friends continued from page 1

Once forced into the "knockbox" the horse is hit with a bolt to the head which by AVMA standards should be a penetrating bolt for instantaneous death done by a very experienced killer but in some cases is a non-penetrating stun bolt which renders them unconsciousness only. The slaughter line includes hanging the horse upside down from the legs with chains so the blood is eliminated from the body. If the process was done quickly the horse is already dead but if the horse is only stunned by a non-penetrating bolt or badly aimed penetrating bolt then that might not be the case and the animal is in pain and fear. This should not be experienced by an animal that with all its weight and muscle could tell its human owner to fly a kite but instead submits to humans for whatever purpose needed.

It is time for a real dialogue to open up on what is the most humane thing to do for our beloved equines that have helped build this country in its origins and then became one of our favorite pastimes for showing and family riding and racing.

I stopped breeding horses for this very reason. Many people do not realize the cost of raising and keeping a horse and when the times get tough, the horses are the first to have their feed and living expenses cut. Unless you are part of a very good reason to be breeding horses, stop and think what the future consequences will be for that foal.

If you are thinking of owning a horse, please stop and figure what the costs will be and if you will have enough money stashed away to take care of your equine family member if you lose your job.

If you are in the situation of having to part with your horse please do your homework and find a home through reputable people that in hard times will not end up leaving them to die of slow starvation in a field somewhere, or just

open the gates to fend for themselves or sell them for horse meat to the kill buyers.

Please contact one of the horse rescue centers if you are in an emergency and have to move your horse now. If one is full another might have room or they can refer you. In our area are The Horse Protection Association of Florida who saved Polo and Beauty's Haven in Morriston also a 501 (c)(3) organization.

The price for such a luxury of available horse rescuers is a donation. For those who are able, please donate to these groups so that a horse can live out their life in decency. At the end of this article is the Wish List for [hpaf.org](http://hpaf.org) and I am sure it would also suffice for other rescue groups. Donating to the feed or hay outlet for their feed or gathering up your old equipment and halters and blankets and tack for them to use rather than getting dusty and cracked in your attic are all things at this time of year that can give you a tax deduction and give them a needed item they won't have to buy.

And a final thought that is also tough. Your horse has stood by your side giving you babies, devotion, work and a means to go down the trail or in the show ring and it just might be the most loving thing for you to be there standing by them as they exit this world. Extreme old age, debilitating disease, and other physiological dysfunctions may warrant this. If this fits your situation, get in touch with your vet, make plans in advance for a burial, and join forces with family and friends for support as part of a plan to allow your equine friend to die in dignity with their family. This is part of good and responsible stewardship. If a new home is not available or possible due to old age or sickness or temperament quirks, good stewardship warrants humane action on the part of the owner no matter how difficult it is for us. Turning away from the situation does not change the situation. We owe them

a life lived out, a good new home, or death with dignity – not emotional detachment and a torturous end.

On a happy note to follow-up on Polo, Morgan has told me that Polo is a quiet, loving and very well-mannered horse and loves to be scratched. She had a horrendous wound on her back that is healing beautifully and she now loves to gallop, rear and play with exuberance after being turned out to pasture after dinner. We can make life better for our equine family members and should do so as witnessed by this amazing story of dedication and diligence applied to just one situation.

In owning a horse all these situations could be a part of ownership and should be considered before making an emotional decision to own a horse before considering the emotional and physical consequences of the future that ownership may entail.

Help make it a Merry Christmas to Polo and all the horses and their rescuers by making a donation, by making responsible decisions about horse ownership, and by

helping out horse owners and rescuers in time of need.

The following is a Wish List for The Horse Protection Association of Florida in Micanopy and any other horse rescuers, I am sure. May God bless them all.

Small TV & DVD player for office & for displays; 18 cubic ft or larger refrigerator; Blower & Weed-eater; Pasture drags; Printer ink (HP 93, 95, 98 & Brother LC 61); Stamps; Recycled copy paper; Show Sheen, Swat; Feed store credit: Ocala Breeders Feed 352-629-8686; Chiefland Farm Supply (352) 493-4294; Tiz Whiz (peanut & coastal hay) (352) 591-2266; Larsen Farms (352)732-4445; New Ford Truck for hauling horses; 24' x 7' or higher StockTrailer with cut gate; Quarantine Barn; Intensive Care Barn; Indoor Arena; 1000 ft of 4 ft no-climb fencing; 400 - 6" - 7" posts / 1200 fence boards; Gallagher electric fencing, insulators, tensioners & gate hooks; Gallagher Solar Fence Chargers; 10 or 12 foot Bush Hog; Oak Trees; Tree trimming, culverts, & fill dirt.

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# Affordable Care Act Helps Consumers

Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final regulation that will ensure health insurance companies spend at least 80 percent of consumers' health insurance premiums on medical care, not income, overhead and marketing. Insurance companies that fail to meet the new standard are required to provide a rebate to consumers.

Known as the Medical Loss Ratio (MLR), this rule provides unprecedented transparency and accountability of health insurance companies for customers. Created by the Affordable Care Act, the MLR requirements provide protection and value to approximately 74.8 million insured Americans. Estimates from last year indicate that, starting in 2012, up to nine million Americans could receive rebates worth from \$0.6 to \$1.4 billion. However, early reports suggest insurers lowered premium growth rather than face the prospect of providing rebates – a win-win for consumers.

"Under the Affordable Care Act, consumers are already seeing better value from their health insurance companies," said CMS Acting Administrator Marilyn Tavenner. "If your insurance company doesn't spend enough of your premium dollars on medical care or quality improvement this year, they'll have to give you rebates next year. This will bring costs down and give insurance companies the incentive to focus on what matters for patients – high quality health care."

MLR rules took effect on January 1, 2011 but today's final rule makes modifications and provides certainty to how the MLR is calculated. These modifications are based on public comments solicited in an earlier version of the rule published by CMS in the spring.

The modifications made in the new rule:

Make the MLR rebate tax free: Rather than having insurers send checks that could be taxed, workers in group health plans can receive rebates in a way that is not taxable.

Increase transparency: Consistent with comments from consumer groups, the new regulation proposes that all consumers receive a notice, showing not just the amount of any rebate, but what the insurer's MLR means regardless of whether there is a rebate, and how the insurer's MLR has improved under the new law. In addition, data on the special types of plans, mini-med and ex-patriate plans, will be publicly posted in the Spring.

Keep strong policies on how MLR is calculated: The final rule makes only a minor change to a quality improvement definition to promote insurer improvements in defining or coding of medical conditions for a limited window of time.

Phase down the special circumstances adjustment for mini-med plans: In 2011, so-called mini-med plans received a special circumstances adjustment to their MLR in the form of a multiplier of 2.0 for 2011. The final rule phases it down from 1.75 in 2012 to 1.5 in 2013 to 1.25 in 2014. Mini-med plans will be banned by the prohibition on annual limits in the Affordable Care Act starting in 2014.

Recognize circumstances of special types of plans: The final rule, after reviewing data, keeps the ex-patriate plan multiplier adjustment at 2.0 due to their unique structure. It also levels the playing field between non-profit and for-profit insurers in states with premium taxes.

For more information on the final rule, visit:  
<http://ccio.cms.gov/resources/factsheets/mlrfinalrule.html>

# School Board Offers New Program to Improve Reading Skills

The School Board of Levy County is pleased to offer you the opportunity to attend a presentation of a new and very different program called Fast ForWord.

The Fast ForWord program consists of a series of computer-delivered brain fitness exercises to improve reading, language, and cognitive skills. The exercises are adaptive so students will be challenged according to their needs.

These reading intervention products support existing school curriculum—they don't replace it. When students can process more efficiently, it makes the regular classroom instruction they receive more effective. The results in schools throughout the country consistently demonstrate students achieving an average one- to two-year gain in reading skills in 8-12 weeks.

The Fast ForWord program, based on over 30 years of neuroscience research, is school tested and district approved across the U.S. (and over 40 other countries).

Want to learn more?

• Attend a community meeting - with an introduction by Mr. Robert Hastings, Superintendent, School Board of Levy County, a presentation and demonstration of Fast ForWord by Debi Lee Winterhalder and Dave Cox, and an explanation by your child's principal on how the program will be implemented at their school.

December 12, 2011 - Bronson Community, BES cafeteria, 6:30 P. M.

December 13, 2011 - Chiefland Community, CHS auditorium, 7:00 P. M.

December 15, 2011 - Williston Community, WMS cafeteria, 6:30 P. M.

• Visit Scientific Learning's Web sites at [www.ScientificLearning.com](http://www.ScientificLearning.com);

• Speak with your child's principal or teacher.

What kinds of changes might we see after our students start working on Fast ForWord products?

• Increased self-esteem; A new excitement towards learning; Better listening and communication skills; Improved ability to follow directions; Improved reading abilities; and Better academic performance.

What can you do to help?

• Provide incentives for our students? Do everything you can to encourage good attendance for all students. Success with Fast Forword, like all academic programs, requires consistent effort.

Let the community know that you value the program.

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## Florida Cattle Auctions Weekly Summary

Bartow, FL Fri Dec 02, 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 11,482 compared to N/S last week, and 10,227 last year. According to the Florida Federal-State Livestock Market News Service: Compared to two weeks ago, slaughter cows steady to higher, bulls 1.00 to 3.00 higher, feeder steers 2.00 to 5.00 higher, heifers 2.00 to 4.00 higher, replacement cows 1.00 to 3.00 higher.

	This week	Last week	Year ago	
Steers over 600 lbs	1%	0%	1%	<b>Feeder Steers and Bulls Medium and Large 2-3</b>
Steers under 600 lbs	37%	0%	41%	
Heifers over 600 lbs	0%	0%	1%	Wt Range
Heifers under 600 lbs	38%	0%	38%	Avg Wt
Feeder cows	2%	0%	2%	Price Range
Slaughter cows	19%	0%	15%	Avg Price
Bulls	3%	0%	2%	200-245
				220
				140.00-187.50
				166.46
				250-295
				277
				140.00-185.00
				163.6
				300-345
				322
				130.00-174.00
				145.23
				350-395
				376
				120.00-148.00
				134.18
				400-445
				422
				117.00-140.00
				130.3
				450-490
				470
				111.00-138.00
				123.71
				500-540
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				665
				102.00-117.00
				109.79
				715-745
				729
				105.00-112.00
				108.34

### Slaughter Cows Breakers 75-80

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
905-1090	1027	59.00-64.00	60.45
1200-1575	1380	63.00-73.50	68.4
1275-1495	1324	73.00-78.00	74.94 HD
1605-1925	1738	68.00-76.00	71.98

### Slaughter Cows Boners 80-85

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
890-1190	1060	59.00-73.00	64.48
905-1190	1087	68.00-80.00	72.57 HD
905-1060	1021	54.00-58.00	56.51 LD
1200-1740	1372	60.00-71.00	65.34
1200-1590	1319	70.00-78.00	72.38 HD
1265-1535	1396	57.00-62.00	59.49 LD

### Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
800-820	809	45.00-53.00	47.78 LD
860-1180	1026	54.00-60.00	56.57
850-1190	977	45.00-54.00	50.03 LD
1205-1250	1233	55.00-58.00	56.79

### Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 1

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1060-1490	1344	73.00-86.00	78.28
1195-1385	1290	74.00-75.00	74.54 LD
1505-2090	1734	76.00-91.00	84.13

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
205-245	225	177.50-215.00	190.67
250-295	271	170.00-210.00	185.34
300-345	320	155.00-200.00	172.58
350-395	373	135.00-175.00	152.4
400-445	420	135.00-165.00	146.87
450-495	469	125.00-150.00	134.83
500-545	519	117.00-137.50	129.37
550-595	567	117.00-135.00	125.41
600-645	614	115.00-128.00	122.66
650-690	668	115.00-125.00	120.33
700-745	717	113.00-125.00	118.11
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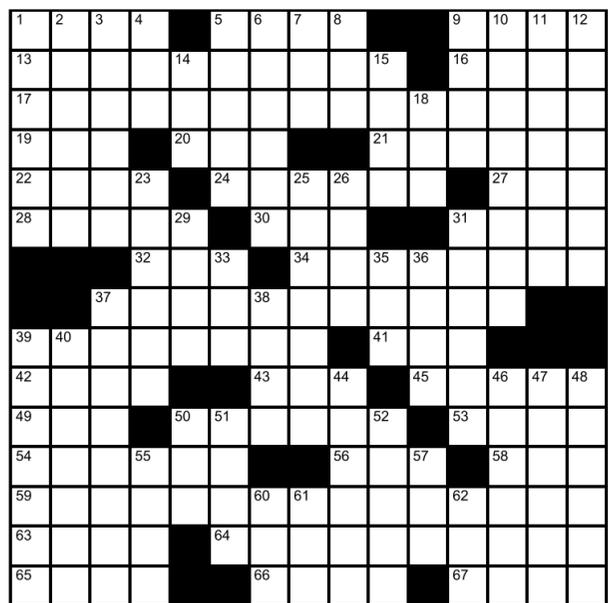
### Bred Cows Medium and Large 1-2

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
905-1095	999	70.00-110.00	83.73
1105-1190	1145	64.00-106.00	89.14
1200-1295	1263	81.00-104.00	91.02
1305-1385	1339	78.00-102.00	91.1

### Bred Cows Medium and Large 2-3

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
900-1000	950	51.00-60.00	55.26

## Crossword Puzzle



### Across

- Aroma
- Phi Delt, e.g.
- Little devils
- Venetian gondolier's songs
- Rake
- Betrothal gift (pl.)
- Cloak-and-dagger org. (acronym)
- Clairvoyance, e.g. (acronym)
- Not dispatched
- Cluckers
- Wife of King Prium of Troy
- "For shame!"
- Carry away, in a way
- Amscrayed
- Actors
- "Go on ..."
- Height (pl.)
- Offensively
- Odd-jobber
- Gangster's gun (acronym)
- "What are the \_\_\_?"
- "Bleah!"
- Short series of chords (pl.)
- \_\_\_ to Billie Joe"
- Group within a larger group
- Hoof sound
- Submit (2 wds)
- Lent's start, e.g.: Abbr.
- Anger
- Reciprocal relation
- "Our Time in \_\_\_" (10,000 Maniacs album)
- Exaggerated
- Physics units
- "\_\_\_ on Down the Road"
- Apprentice

### Down

- African veneer
- 1973 Elton John hit
- System of scientific rules (pl.)
- \_\_\_ Victor (acronym)
- Mouthing off
- Kind of room
- A pint, maybe
- Big \_\_\_ Conference
- Western blue flag, e.g.
- Pecuniary
- Short, upturned facial feature
- Some stanzas
- "Act your \_\_\_!"
- Blunted end
- Biochemistry abbr. (acronym)
- Rises upright onto feet
- Dried dung fuel
- "Do \_\_\_ others as..."
- "Men always hate most what they \_\_\_ most": Mencken
- Sectarian
- Faint
- Calendar abbr.
- Boris Godunov, for one
- Set in from the margin
- Slap on
- Indiana, The \_\_\_ State
- Extras
- Lumberjacks
- Extremely hard
- Coffer
- Men's form-fitting swim briefs
- "Dear" one
- Annul
- Perfect, e.g.
- Animal shelters
- "Silent Spring" subject (acronym)
- "The Three Faces of \_\_\_"
- \_\_\_ green
- "Dig in!"

# Cedar Keys' Holiday Light(house)

Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuge wants to make your holidays a little brighter by hosting the Holiday Light(house) on December 10th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Photo opportunities will be boundless.

Two period-dress volunteers will interpret the history of the lighthouse and the rugged lifestyle of the lightkeepers. Toni Collins, author of the Cedar Key Light Station will dress the part of Catherine Hobday, mother of lightkeeper Andrew Hobday; John Lohde will dress as Andrew, and from the Cedar Key Historical Society, Ken Young and George Serevoich will be Assistant Lightkeepers.

For the first time, holiday decorations will afford exceptional photos of the historic light station. If you've not sent out your holiday cards by then, you'll have a perfect backdrop at the lighthouse, so don't forget your camera - or your coat.

The wonderful Cedar Key Historical Society wants to keep you warm, so Julie Stephens and Helen Addison will be serving-up hot cocoa. Our good neighbors from LARC will be baking lighthouse cookies for everyone, too.

Transportation to the Gulf island is not provided, but tour shuttles will be leaving Cedar Key docks throughout the day; special-value holiday tickets are available. There will be no access to the tower, but you'll hear more history about the light than you knew possible. If the sky appears rainy or rain is predicted, the event will be cancelled with no rain date.

For more information, call the Refuge Ranger at 352-543-9523.

Period dress volunteers Joe and Stephanie Wilt, Rob Mattson, and Toni Collins will interpret the lighthouse history to visitors.



# PSC Grants Consumer Advocate's Request to Change PEF's CR3 Review Date

Florida Public Service Commissioner (PSC) Eduardo E. Balbis today granted a Joint Unopposed Motion to Amend the schedule established for the review of Progress Energy Florida's (PEF) Crystal River Unit 3 (CR3) Nuclear Plant outage and repairs.

The Office of Public Counsel, which represents utility customers before the PSC, along with other consumer representatives that have intervened in the case, requested an extension of 60-days for all key activities and controlling dates, as well as an extension from 5 to ten days for the hearing itself. Citing the complex nature of the case and the high level of activity to date, OPC and the other consumer groups stated that "additional time is required for the preparation of responsive testimony and exhibits by intervenor parties, which currently are due to be filed on February 10, 2012."

"It's important that all parties have sufficient time to thoroughly examine all available evidence before the hearing begins," said Commissioner Balbis. "By approving this motion, the ratepayers can be assured that their representatives will be fully prepared to present the factual and legal issues concerning CR3."

The PSC established a docket in November 2010 to examine the CR3 outage and the prudence of PEF's decisions



regarding the CR3 steam generator replacement project.

Other intervenors participating in the motion include Florida Industrial Power Users Group, the Florida Retail Federation, the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, and White Springs Agricultural Chemicals. PEF did not object to the motion.



Showing off his 8-point deer is 10-year-old Gavin Durrance of Chiefland who landed this trophy while hunting with his dad on Thanksgiving Day in Greenville, Ala. at Red Hill Plantation. Way to go Gavin!

# Log Cabin Quilters

The Log Cabin Quilters met Thurs., Dec. 1, at the Levy County Quilt Museum. We are in the middle of the 28th Quilt Show and it has been a great success. So many people have come up from St. Petersburg since an article came out in their paper. We have met so many quilters from other places. Some have brought in their quilts for us to see and find out information about patterns. More people are quilting and also some of the husbands are helping. After all many men were tailors and made suits and now they can help as they know about fabric and sewing.

We will have the drawing for the three quilts on Sunday. The Quilt Show ends on Sunday however the items will be available until the first of January.



Some of the Bible squares that have been completed with more squares being worked on.

We also have chartered the bus to go to the State Fair on Tuesday, Feb. 14. The charge is \$24.00 per person so call and we will put your name down. The number is (352) 493-2801. — Winnelle Horne



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