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Glimpses of Christmas Past in the Levy County Journal, 1936

## Christmas Eve in the Market Place

By Louise Abney in Christian Advocate

The market place on Christmas Eve ...  
Things and things for sale....  
Tinsel baubles, gilded toys  
Along the Christmas trail!

Jostling crowds of shoppers;  
Trees of fragrant pine  
And Douglas fir and silver spruce;  
A never ending line  
Of eager noisy vendors  
Crying out their wares:  
"Whoever buys on Christmas Eve  
The Christmas blessing shares."

Southern smilax, holly wreaths,  
Sprigs of mistletoe...  
Everywhere the falling flakes  
Of starry Christmas snow;  
Throngs of harried shoppers,  
Children's eyes aglow,  
Reminiscent of a Light  
That shone - long ago.

Vendors in the market place  
Bid you come and buy...  
There was once a Gift that came,  
Priceless, from the sky!



## Florida Winter Strawberry Season in Full Swing

Near-perfect weather conditions allowed Florida strawberry growers to kick off the harvest in late October. Thanksgiving weekend is typically the launch date of the winter picking season.

"Acreage this year is estimated at 11,000 - about 1,000 acres over last year. Florida's cool nights and warm days have made the berries particularly sweet and the shipping quality is excellent," said Ted Campbell, Executive Director of the Florida Strawberry Growers Association (FSGA).

"The size so far is medium to large and the berries are bright red, juicy and delicious. Demand for the ever-popular Festival variety is strong, but a newer, early variety-Radiance-is performing well. Volume will increase in mid-December. Barring a severe winter, we expect the season will run through March," Campbell continued.

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Florida strawberry grower hopeful for mild weather through the season. Harvesting is underway.

## Raccoon Lab Tests Result in Updated Rabies Alert



On Dec. 1 we published a Rabies Alert from the Marion County Health Department based on lab tests on a horse. This week the Marion County Health Department has issued another rabies alert for a location within Marion County in response to a positive laboratory result from a RACCOON. All citizens, especially the ones within the depicted area, are asked to maintain a heightened awareness that rabies is active in this county. The rabies alert commenced on the day of the incident, which was December 7, 2011.

Residents in the depicted area are advised to:

- Avoid contact with free roaming domestic or any wild animals.
- Not leave pet food outside and secure outside garbage in covered containers to avoid attracting wild animals.
- Contact your veterinarian to make sure your dog(s), cat(s), horse(s) or ferret(s) have current rabies vaccination.

Law enforcement and animal control

officials are requested to assist in enforcement of the following requirements:

- All dogs, cats and captive wild mammals shall be confined to their owner's premises. Confinement shall be by fence, cage, on a leash under control of a responsible person, or inside the living quarters or related building.
- All dogs and cats roaming at large will be impounded and may be released to their owners upon payment of any fee(s) assessed by Marion County Animal Services. No dogs or cats will be released from the Animal Shelter except to the owner upon proof of current vaccination issued by a licensed veterinarian.

This alert ends in 60 days unless another incident occurs within the alert area. Please contact a local veterinarian for questions regarding the health of an animal.

## PE's DIY Repair at Crystal River May Cost Customers \$670 million

By Kathy Hilliard  
Editor

The crack in the concrete at the Crystal River Nuclear Plant is a fact. How much of the cost to repair the cracks or replace the containment walls at the plant can be charged to utility consumers is not, yet. Progress Energy will have to convince the Public Service Commission that it acted in a reasonable and prudent manner in removing the steam generators from the plant which caused the crack to form.

In October of 2009 workers were cutting the concrete wall to replace steam generators inside the building that had been in operation for 32 years and reported that panel 3 broke. PE repaired the panel but in March of 2010 panel 5 broke. Panel 5 had not yet been repaired when in July panel 1 broke.

In the interest of saving money Progress Energy was the first U.S. utility to do a DIY replacement of the steam generators. According to PE's president and CEO, Vincent Dolan, on Nov. 16 in a letter to legislators, "While some would have you believe that we took an inappropriate approach to this work,

nothing could be further from the truth. Outside experts have been engaged since day one....We have been prudent in our actions and decision making throughout this process." After an analyst hired by PE reviewed the cause of the first crack it was reported that "the crack would have happened to anyone working the project and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission after months of inspection, agreed," according to Dolan's letter. Previously 34 jobs of this nature had been successfully completed by other engineering firms. PE's attempt failed. Now PE wants to replace all six panels which is also a first.

The Crystal River building has had weakness problems right from the start and cracked during its construction in 1976. Engineers blamed it on a lack of steel reinforcement in the concrete in the dome that had cracked and more was added to the dome, not the walls. The Crystal River containment building has only one layer of steel reinforcement, some others have four.

According to two experts the repair cost will end up being



about the same as building a new building. The dilemma is that while the plant is off-line it is costing \$300 million per year to replace the cheap energy the plant produced.

Arnie Gunderson, chief nuclear engineer for Fairewinds Associates Inc., an energy consulting firm, said, "They're going to chase cracks for years....until they completely destroy the containment and build a new one."

John Kindinger, a noted expert with the American Nuclear Society, agrees with PE's plan to replace the concrete panels saying, "Of course, more (cracks) is a bad thing. Once you find one problem, then the questions proliferate. There is a point when the questions become

overwhelming to fix."

Crystal River was taken off-line two years before any cracks were found so there was not then nor now any safety concern. The concern is about how to fix the problem for the future generation of energy - properly, safely and at a cost that is bearable to all involved. There are differing opinions from PE and consumer advocates and engineering firms familiar with this type of construction and operation and that process is unfolding. It will be the job of the PSC next year at their hearings to begin deciding the fate of if or how much can be collected from consumers to repair or replace the problems at Crystal River.



# Levy County Sheriff's Office Jail Report

Brownfield, Cynthia Krystal, 26, of Cross City: Grand theft at least \$300 but less than \$5K.  
 Browning, Gerald David, 31, of Trenton: Aggravated assault with deadly weapon without intent to kill.  
 Coronado, Ashley Nicole, 22, of Bronson: Petit theft 1st degree, at least \$100 but less than \$300.  
 Dayton, Howard Lee, 23, of Morriston: VOP x 2.  
 Fine, Sarah Suzette, 24, of Cedar Key: Battery with intentional touch or strike.  
 Funes, Santos, 23, of Williston: Operating a motor vehicle without a valid license.  
 Gray, Sedrina Latoya, 21, of Gainesville: Operating a motor vehicle without a valid license.  
 Haynes, Keneisha Frasier, 24, of Williston: Driving while license suspended, 1st offense.  
 Henry, Roy Lee, 26, of Old Town: VOP.  
 Hussey, Norman, 19, of Archer: Out of county warrant.  
 Jones, Robert Gregg, 43, Alachua: Petit theft from merchant 2nd offense; brawling/fighting and corrupting public moral decency; out of county warrant.  
 Kornegay, Heather Marie, 34, of Riverview: Out of county warrant.  
 Maillard, Kevin Joseph, 34, of Williston: Petit theft from merchant 2nd offense.  
 May, Jason Keith, 36, of Williston: VOP; Petit theft 2nd degree, 2nd offense; Trespassing a structure or conveyance; failure to appear.  
 McCall, Rowdy Elton, 26, of Chiefland: VOP.

# Levy County's Most Wanted



<b>Bell, James L</b> Perry FTA DWLSR 2ND CONVICTION \$ 2,000 BOND	<b>Kelley, Scherry L</b> Chiefland VOP PETIT THEFT \$2,000 BOND	<b>Murphy, Ryan</b> Bartow VOP AGGRAVATED ASSAULT NO BOND	<b>Perez-Rivera, Isidro L</b> Ocala FTA LARCENY 300-5,000 \$20,000 BOND	<b>Sims, Yolanda N</b> Chiefland VOP BATTERY \$5,000 BOND	<b>Wirth, Kimberly L</b> Old Town VOP P THEFT, RESIST OFFICER IN RECOVERY OF STOLEN PROPERTY \$1,000 BOND
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Oby, Christopher Matthew; 21, of Inglis: Battery with intentional touch or strike.  
 Sheffield, Stephen Anthony, 55, of Bell: DUI alcohol or drugs.  
 Slaughter, Michelle Ann, 44, of Ocala: VOP x3.  
 Smith, Daniel Allen, 48, of Brooksville: VOP x2.  
 Thomas, Elizabeth Erika, 25, of Bronson: Petit theft 1st degree of at least \$100 but less than \$300.  
 Vigil, Isidor Vincent, 44, of Bronson: Battery with intention touch or strike.

drugs.  
 Bennett, Susie Ann, 56, of Chiefland: Burglary of structure/ conveyance; simple assault; trespassing unoccupied structure or conveyance.  
 Wytiaz, Linda Ellen, 59, of Cedar Key: Outstanding Levy County warrant.

## Chiefland Police Department Arrest Reports

Petty, Gwendolyn D., 54, of Old Town: Retail theft at Wal-Mart of less than \$300.  
 Donald, Larry James, 54, of Chiefland: DUI alcohol and

## Williston Police Department Arrest Report

Funes, Santos Tello, 23, of Williston: No Driver's License, never had one. Transported to LC Jail.  
 Maillard, Kevin Joseph, 34, of Williston: Retail theft of less than \$300. Transported to LC Jail.  
 Leira, Vera Elizabeth, 33, of Williston: Non payment of child support. Transported to LCSO.

## Lake City Boaters' Bodies Found in Palestine Lake

Search-and-rescue efforts recovered the bodies of two Lake City residents who were reported overdue from a fishing trip Saturday night, according to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) officials.  
 Norris S. Demeritte, 53, was reported overdue along with his mother, Emma G. Kelly, 74, both of Lake City, after they had been fishing on Lake Palestine, a 928-acre lake near Lake Butler in Union County.  
 According to FWC officers, the two arrived at the lake at around 8 a.m. Saturday. After they didn't return from a day of fishing, the FWC was notified by family members who had gone to the lake and searched for them, the boat, and the vehicle and found nothing.  
 A search began for Demeritte and Kelly, involving the FWC, deputies from the Columbia County and Union County sheriffs' offices, members of the Department of Corrections and their K-9 team and the U.S. Forest Service. The vehicle was found parked near the boat ramp.  
 Officers then found the 1973 14-foot

Delhi boat floating on Lake Palestine with no one on board at approximately 1 a.m. Sunday but with their fishing gear still inside.  
 Kelly's body was located Sunday morning at 7:30 a.m. on the south end of the lake and was taken to the Medical Examiner's Office in Gainesville for an autopsy.  
 The body of Demeritte was recovered Tuesday morning, Dec. 13, and was also taken to the ME's office. Union County Sheriff Jerry Whitehead said, "This is a very tragic incident and we will keep the family and friends in our prayers. We appreciate the hard work and dedication of all the mutual aid rendered during this search."  
 Texas-based Equusearch Search and Recovery provided equipment and expertise to assist in locating the victim at their own expense.  
 Maj. Lee Beach, regional commander for the FWC, said, "The partnership between the agencies involved in the search was amazing and I'm extremely pleased with our efforts."

## Hunter Shot by Dog in Wesley Chapel

With all the preparations to be a good hunter, dog gun etiquette and safety is not usually on the top of the list of priorities. But in the case of 78-year-old Billy E. Brown of Wesley Chapel it might have saved him some pain and doctor bills.  
 Early on Saturday morning Brown's dog, Eli, bumped a loaded rifle and caused it to fire in a bizarre accident, according to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Brown, the general manager and executive vice president of the Withlacoochee River electric Cooperative, was shot in the right thigh and underwent surgery on Saturday at St. Joseph's Hospital. He was listed in critical but stable condition according to his family.  
 Brown had gone hunting for deer with two friends as was their tradition for 25 years. His bulldog Eli was along for the ride down the bumpy, rocky road in the pickup truck on the way to the hunting stands. Eli got excited for some reason and bumped the high-powered Browning .308 caliber rifle sending the delivery of the ammo into Brown's right thigh.  
 That scene would probably say the safety was not on but an investigation is ongoing.  
 Maybe it would be worth it to give Eli some "Dog Whisperer" lessons on calming down while riding in the truck with a loaded rifle.

## Vehicle Crash in Gilchrist County Proves Fatal to All Involved

Three men traveling in their vehicles on Friday night Dec. 9 will not be driving again. David M. Pimental, 56, of Live Oak was driving his 1993 Chevrolet 1500 pickup north in the southbound lane of US 129 about a mile north of CR 307 when he struck a 1996 Pontiac Grand Prix driven by 52-year-old Trenton resident Billy Ray Pumphrey with his passenger Douglas Wayne Burns, 43, of Newberry. Pimental's pickup front end hit the left front of the Grand Prix spinning the pickup up clockwise until it stopped in the travel lanes of US 129. The Grand Prix spun counter clockwise and finally stopped facing north on the US 129 grassy right of way.  
 Both drivers had their seatbelts on but the passenger Burns did not. There is no explanation as to why Pimental was driving north in the southbound lane.  
 All three men were pronounced dead at the scene by Gilchrist County EMS.

## There is Nothing New Under the Sun even in 1936

Even as it says in Ecclesiastes, "there is nothing new under the sun" also applies to motor oil it appears. In the 1936, December edition of the Levy County Journal appeared this article on Motor Fuel.  
 "Experts say that sufficient motor fuel can be extracted from the world's supply of oil shale by the cracking process to operate all the motor vehicles now registered for more than 400 years. The world's potential shale oil production is estimated at 300,000,000,000 barrels."



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Illustration by Alexander Key

## The Mercy A Florida Fishing Story

### Key West

Her diesel rumbled the Mercy out of the A & B Marina that morning. The wake of the tall sport fisher rippled over reflections of other sea-going boats, some with dinghies bobbing alongside.

We'd gone out the West Channel, past the Pier House, the sunset decks, and the great white cruise ship at the Mallory Pier. The Old Customs House, a massive edifice of red brick crest with terracotta tiles, was soon at our aft. Captain J. W. Blicht lay forward on the throttle and the Mercy cut a fine spray in the chalky green water out to the Marquesas.

Up on the steering deck with the captain, I held my hand to a long-billed fisherman's cap. We picked up speed. The morning was clear and clean and sweet. Roland Pendarvis (a disbarred attorney, who now offered "free advice" in exchange for fishing) was propped up in the fighting chair on the deck below. The brawny mate, Estevan, was working his way along the low rail past the cabin up to the bow.

Capt. Blicht had his weather-beaten cap cocked, just as he'd put it against the sun coming from the Key West Bight. He was unshaven and had already chomped an unlit cigar down to its half. The Mercy crossed the wake of a dive boat striking out ahead. I tightened my grip on a handrail beside the console.

Blicht, a consummate story teller and marina gossip, had all but washed out of the sport fishing scene only a few years before. That was when the cost of diesel had gone sky high. Then the fishing went bad, he'd said. Blicht lost the Mercy to the bank and was reduced to operating a scowling little cabin cruiser out of a rusty bucket of a marina over on Stock Island.

Then along came the Cuban refugee, Estevan, a "rafter" who showed up as a fishing mate on Blicht's boat. Estevan, as Blicht always insisted, brought with him luck from the sea. "You can have all the skill, the best boat and tackle in the world," Blicht would crow, "but, me, I'll take Lady Luck any day."

So lucky was Blicht with Estevan aboard, there was some talk on the docks that the colossal Cuban practiced some sort of magic. Estevan might be a Babalawo – a master of mysticism – some of the other Cubans whispered. He wasn't. That was just green-eyed bar talk among the deck hands in the dives over on Stock Island.

Meanwhile, on the Key West docks, Estevan had taken on something of a celebrity status among the tournament fishermen. But he shyly avoided the hype, and as Blicht said, "Estevan cared not a whit for all that fine talk." Moreover, Estevan himself insisted that his gifts were uncertain. What was certain, though, was that the tides of good fortune for Blicht were now in full flood. Estevan had long been putting lower-ranked fishermen on the best fish. Blicht eventually got the Mercy back from the bank. Now he was running those giant fish down for top pay by top tier competitors.

By Boca Grande, Blicht's mysterious first mate was out on the bow offering up some undecipherable aria to the sky. The huge Cuban was a bull of a man, his muscular torso and massive arms having long tattered the faded chambray of his shirt. Yet, bestial and brutish as he was in appearance, Estevan had the voice of an angel.

Suddenly an octave higher, Estevan raised up on the toes of his bare feet. Singing boldly, he brought his arms to cross at his wrists over his barreled chest. Then bending slightly at his knees, he dropped an octave, bringing his heels gradually back to the deck. His left hand over his heart, Estevan sang across his thick shoulder while he made a broad sweeping gesture with his right, as a matador might. Then he was on his toes again, singing sweetly to a gull that had appeared suddenly off the port bow.

"Never mind all that," Blicht groused topside while he steered in the exact direction of Estevan's extended hand. "Maybe he's crazy, I don't know. But I can tell you this, sir. Estevan knows these waters better than I do. I don't know how, but he does. He knows the Marquesas as well as he knows the coast over Havana way. He's a fine mate, sir. He knows the great fish and how they channel on the Stream. He knows what needs doing on a boat and does it good as any man. I've caught more fish with that crazy there," Blicht insisted, "than with any other man on any boat in the Keys, ever. That's a fact!"

"It's all in the record books," I affirmed. But the record Roland was after was a personal best: a sailfish caught on a fly rod. It had been done before, but remained one of the more difficult catches to make.

"So what do you know of him?" I asked, with a nod toward Estevan. "I mean, what's his story?"

"I guess Fidel let the poor lout out of a loony bin somewhere and he got in with the raft people at Mariel in '80. That's what Fidel did. For a while there, Carter, he was President saying, "Let the people go." So Fidel says, "You want 'em? Well here you go." And he opens the prisons and asylum gates and chases the inmates like rats, ratas, down to the docks at Mariel. There must have been several thousand of 'em mixed in with all the rest. There was maybe 125,000 in all. Brother, we had Cubans calling charter captains from all over," Blicht announced. "Miami mostly, but I got calls from New York and New Jersey myself."

He continued earnestly, "The fishing was slow, my man, and the money good. They might go a \$1000 each to get their relatives back across the Florida Straits. Anybody who had a decent boat was going over. There were trucks and empty trailers rammed up every side street and lane in Key West. It was a madhouse down there. Boats were coming back across with as many as 40 souls. But, look, there were some we made money on and others we got out of the water just because it was the right thing to do."

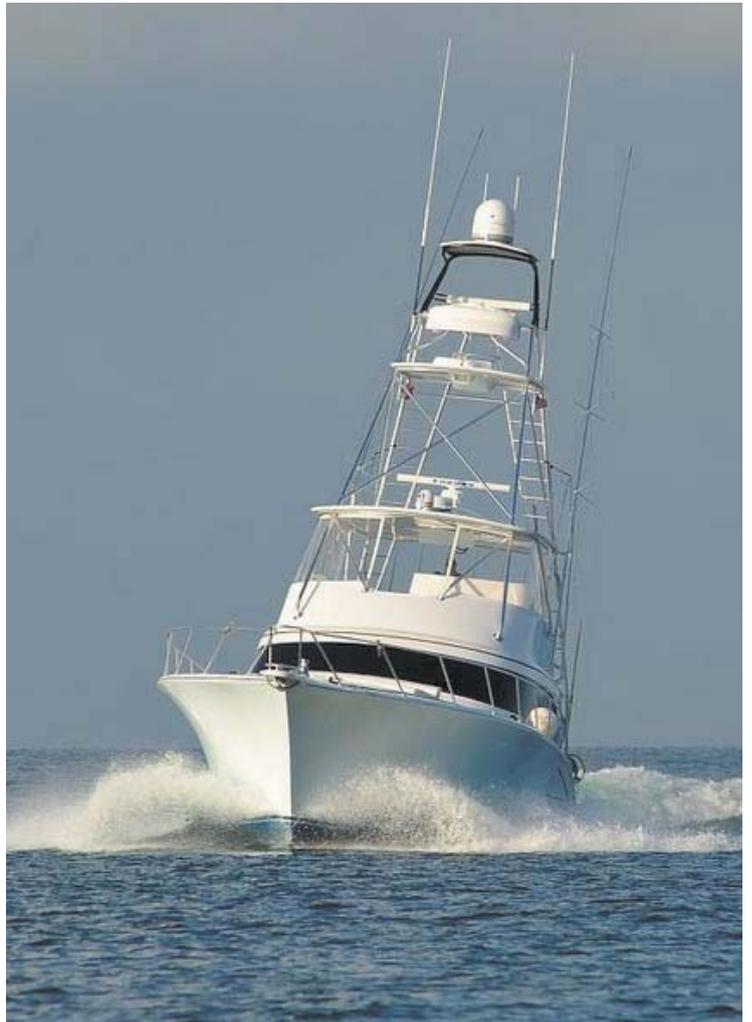
Estevan was in the latter group for Blicht. He said that maybe Estevan had spent so much time in the water coming out of Cuba that he had learned to think like a fish. The big Cuban had held to the side of an overcrowded, slowly sinking raft for almost three days. His steel grip and a deliberate, steady scissors kick was all that kept his head and shoulders above the wash. When on the second day the raft began to sink still lower into the sea, a woman with a child in her arms began to shout for Estevan to let go. She was convinced in her panic that his massive body was a drag on the raft, that he would take them all under if he didn't let go. Others would say later that Estevan rolled away from her, only to take hold at the other side and kick harder. He held up his corner and maybe the whole raft with little more than one large eye showing over the water line. That was how Blicht first saw him on the day he pulled him from the sea.

"All I know is he's brought me luck ever since, and mercy me, I needed it. He was grateful, you know? Went straight to work, was as good a hand on deck as I ever had, right out of the briny blue. I had Pendarvis, there, get him through the government and Estevan, he got me back on the tournaments. Time of my life, sir. Time of my life!"

About an hour and three-quarters out, we came on the Gulf Stream. Blicht let back on the throttle. It wasn't long before Estevan spotted a nice school of bonito tailing, coming out of the green-blue side of the stream. "Oh yes, that's good," Blicht says. "Better ready yourself."

He looked back and there was a hammerhead shark just inside the color, coming fast up the green edge. Blicht called out to Roland, "OK, this is when it happens! Be ready, my lad! This will be a day for the Mercy. I can feel it!"

The captain hadn't gotten the words out before Estevan shouted again, and sure enough, there were three sailfish tailing down sea, coming right at the Mercy – maybe 40 feet ahead and going under. Estevan was already grabbing the teaser rods from the gunwale and furiously winding in the bait. The captain spun the Mercy around and lay back on the throttle to give chase.



On the Gulf Stream Photo by Will Irby

Soon we were about 30 yards out from the sails, running alongside of them in the ink blue water of the Stream. The Captain could see them perfectly from the tower, their blazing fast fins knifing the dark water in the afternoon sun. Estevan nodded up to the captain that he was ready. Blicht put the Mercy forward, cutting in on the billfish until Estevan could get a teaser out ahead of the sails again.

Within seconds, the larger sailfish had gained speed and was slashing at the bait. Estevan roared with delight. This is what makes the sailfish such good game for the fly fisher. The sailfish chases bait fearlessly, sometimes right up to the transom. He strikes fiercely again and again to take the bait, becoming angrier, more dogged with each miss. Estevan was playing him now, teasing him with the bait, making it seem like a live bonito right before him swimming for its life.

Suddenly Estevan nodded to Roland and lifted the bait from the fish. Roland stepped forward and cast a big white popper over the fish to its side. "Bring it!" Blicht yelled.

But Roland was already stripping the line back toward the fish, churning the popper in the water. His arms, dark and oiled, worked furiously. The sail saw it then and whirled back on the popper with his dorsal fin ripping the salt spray. He closed instantly and in a single lunge, took the lure into his sharp, angular mouth and went under.

"Hit him! Hit him!" Blicht yelled.

Roland set the hooks, let the line run and set it again, and then another time with a firm pump of the rod, just as the great fish made its first towering leap. We could see him now, and he was magnificent, more than six feet. Blicht guessed him to be over 80 pounds and still running hard.

Then the great fish slashed at the surface a few times, its head going back and forth in a kind of daze. "The good ones do that," Blicht rasped. "They just really can't quite believe what's happening. They can't believe they've been taken. Then it hits them, you know, and WHAM!" Blicht slammed his thick hands together. The beast comes unglued!"

This one was no exception, rising up and up and up out of the water before going completely airborne. He shook from side to side to throw the tandem hooks. Roland yelled, "Walllllkin' tall, Jack! Woohoo she's rockin' and rollin', baby!" And then the fish was under again.

"There she goes! She's running!" Blicht shouted down. It was as if the fish was now a great silver bird and had taken flight for what seemed a 100 yards, racing on and coming up again, with that magnificent dorsal arched against the sky.

Then it turned. The fish had come about completely, coming on fast and propelling up again. Roland was reeling like a wild man now. The heavy gold watch he wore was flashing in the sun with each furious crank of the reel. And the fish kept dancing above the sparkling sheen over the water, coming on like he was mad, crazy mad and he meant to put that long bill of his right through the Mercy into Roland's chest.

Engine smoke circled us when Capt. Blicht powered up to keep the billfish out of the boat. Then suddenly he was bringing her back down, backing down hard, because the fish had turned again. The sail spooled more than 100 yards of line out this time. Then, inexplicably, it went completely slack. The fish was off, running away from the boat, making a final victory leap above the sun-drenched sea.

"Le'em run," Estevan said wistfully. "Es a beauty, this one. Un beautiful fish. Le'em run. Le 'em run."

*(While Will Irby's Florida stories are inspired by real people and true life experiences, all characters are fictitious and no reference to any real person is intended or should be inferred.)*

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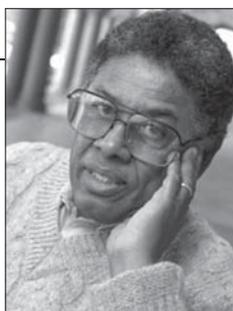
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## OPINION

## Gridlock to the Rescue?

Thomas Sowell  
Creators Syndicate



Washington gridlock may turn out to be the salvation of the Obama administration.

Not only does gridlock allow the president to blame Republicans for not solving the financial crisis that his own runaway spending created, the inability to carry out as much government intervention in the economy as when the Democrats controlled both Houses of Congress means that the market can now recover on its own to some visible extent before the next election.

Such a recovery would of course be credited as a success of the Obama administration's policies. With this theme being echoed throughout the pro-Obama media, enough voters might be sufficiently impressed to give the president a second term.

The media and the intelligentsia seem obsessed with the idea that government intervention is necessary to get the economy out of the doldrums. This is certainly the prevailing dogma but it is contradicted by history. Yet who reads history any more?

If you look back through history and compare what happens when the federal government intervenes during a downturn in the economy with what happens when the government leaves the market free to work its own way back, doing nothing has by far the better track record.

First of all, this country existed for a century and a half

without the federal government intervening to save the economy. No downturn in all that time was as severe or as long-lasting as the downturn that persisted throughout the decade of the 1930s, when both the Hoover administration and the Roosevelt administration intervened on an unprecedented scale.

There was no Federal Reserve System to help -- if that is the word -- during downturns before 1914. One of the few things on which liberal economists like John Kenneth Galbraith and conservative economists like Milton Friedman agreed was that the Federal Reserve made the Great Depression of the 1930s worse.

Economists writing in a leading scholarly journal in 2004 concluded that government intervention prolonged the Great Depression by several years.

Back in the 1930s, John Maynard Keynes cautioned President Roosevelt about demonizing and threatening business. Yet FDR, who said in his famous first inaugural address, "We have nothing to fear but fear itself," spent the rest of the decade spreading fear to businesses and investors -- and wondering why there was still mass unemployment, despite his record-breaking spending.

Back in 1920-21, there was a sharp economic downturn, with unemployment spiking to 11.7 percent. President Warren G. Harding did nothing, except for cutting government spending. Yet the economy quickly recovered and annual unemployment rates ranged from a high of 6.7 percent to a low of 1.8 percent in the rest of the decade.

In the mid-1940s, as World War II neared its end, Keynesian economists were frantically trying to come up with postwar plans to prevent massive unemployment when

12 million people were to be discharged from the military and millions of civilians would lose their jobs when plants producing military supplies shut down.

Two things prevented those wonderful Keynesian plans from being put into operation. First, the atomic bomb brought the war to an end much sooner than anyone expected. Secondly, the Republicans got control of Congress, producing the "do-nothing 80th Congress" that President Harry Truman excoriated during his 1948 election campaign.

In short, plans for vastly expanded government intervention were thwarted -- and the "problem" that such intervention was supposed to solve did not materialize. There was a G.I. Bill of Rights for returning military veterans but this was a fraction of what liberal Keynesians had been contemplating.

Anticipating postwar employment problems, former Vice President Henry A. Wallace wrote a book titled "60 Million Jobs," advocating sweeping government interventions to achieve this otherwise unattainable goal. Wallace's interventions never took place, but the free market created 60 million jobs anyway.

A stock market crash in 1987 broke some records set in 1929. But Ronald Reagan did nothing, despite howls from the media, and the economy recovered -- leading to 20 years of prosperity.

Obama may yet be re-elected, as a result of gridlock.

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## Oil-rich America?

By Victor Davis Hanson  
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There is a revolution going on in America. But it is not part of the Tea Party or the loud Occupy Wall Street protests.

Instead, massive new reserves of gas, oil and coal are being discovered almost everywhere in the United States, due to revolutionary methods of exploration and exploitation such as fracking and horizontal drilling. Current prices of over \$100 a barrel make even complex efforts at recovery enormously profitable.

There were always known to be additional untapped reserves of oil and gas in the petroleum-rich Gulf of Mexico, off America's shores, and in the American West and Alaska. But even the top energy experts never imagined just how vast was the energy there -- or beneath far more unlikely places like South Dakota, Pennsylvania, Ohio and New York. Some studies suggest the United States has now expanded its known potential gas and oil reserves tenfold.

The strategic and economic repercussions of these new finds are staggering, and remind us how a once energy-independent and thereby confident American economy soared to world dominance in the early 20th century.

America will soon again be able to supply all of its own domestic natural gas needs -- and perhaps for the next 90 years at present rates of consumption. We have recently become a net exporter of refined gas and diesel fuel, and already have cut imported oil from OPEC countries by 1 million barrels per day.

With expanded exploration and conservation, the United States could also eventually supply half its own petroleum needs. If we were to eliminate just 5 million barrels of our current daily 9 million barrels of imported petroleum, the annual savings could reach nearly \$200 billion per year. Eventually, the new gas and oil could add another 1.6 million new jobs and add up to nearly \$1 trillion in federal revenue.

That windfall would cut out about a third of our present annual trade deficit -- well apart from additional income earned by new natural gas exportation. "Investments," "shovel-ready jobs" and "stimulus" would finally become more than empty sloganeering.

But America's new oil discoveries are not occurring in a vacuum. The entire Western Hemisphere is enjoying a fossil fuel boom, from northern Canada to Brazil and Argentina. America's backyard will soon be comparable to the oil-rich Persian Gulf, keeping more American money -- and

troops -- at home. Illegal immigration should taper off as well, as oil-rich Latin American economies reap huge cash bonanzas. Hugo Chavez's Venezuela will soon be simply one of many regional exporters.

Current crises in American foreign policy -- Iran's efforts to obtain the bomb, the protection of an embattled Israel, stopping the funding of radical Islamists -- might be freed from the worries of perennial OPEC threats of cutoffs and price spikes.

Federal subsidies for inefficient corn-based ethanol production in the Midwest also could cease. That would save the Treasury billions of dollars and allow millions of American acres to return to food production to supply an increasingly hungry world.

The Obama administration's efforts to subsidize "green" energy so far have proved both uneconomical and occasionally corrupt -- as we have seen in the Solyndra affair. Yet more gas and oil can offer America critical breathing space until better technology makes wind, solar and electric power more price-competitive -- without massive federal subsidies and a marked reduction in our standard of living.

Of course, there are sizable interests opposed to the new American gas and oil finds -- not all of them foreign governments, but instead reflected in the current Obama administration policy of halting new pipelines, placing moratoriums on offshore drilling, and putting lucrative federal lands off-limits. Yet if the United States does not produce much of the fuel that it uses, will the oil-exporting Gulf sheikdoms, Nigeria or Iran better protect the world's environment than American-based oil companies? Would our oil dollars or theirs be less likely to fuel terrorism, illegal arms sales and rogue regimes?

For the American poor and unemployed, how liberal is it, really, to keep energy prices high while stalling millions of high-paying private-sector jobs that would both lower government costs in entitlements and empower the working classes?

In the current presidential campaign, three issues dominate: national security, fiscal solvency and high unemployment. Development of America's vast new gas and oil finds addresses all three at once.

The idea of vastly expanding American gas and oil production in the 21st century is almost as unbelievable as the present administration's apparent reluctance to capitalize

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## Ixnay on Cordray: Not Another Obama Czar

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Wrapping himself in the mantle of Theodore Roosevelt's "National Greatness" agenda, President Obama urged the nation to stand strong and unite behind ... his umpteenth regulatory czar. Nothing symbolizes American strength and vigor more than another unaccountable Washington bureaucrat.

If Richard Cordray, the stalled White House nominee to enforce the Dodd-Frank financial bureaucracy, is not approved, the wheeler-in-chief warned in Osawatimie, Kan.: "Every day we go without a consumer watchdog in place is another day when a student or a senior citizen or member of our Armed Forces could be tricked into a loan they can't afford -- something that happens all the time."

In Obama's America, you see, "greatness" springs from vastly expanding government power to shield every last borrower in the country from poor financial behavior.

Senate Republicans have vowed to block Cordray or any other candidate for the job until key reforms are made to the sweeping law and its half-billion-dollar enforcement arm, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. The common-sense changes include subjecting the CFPB to the congressional appropriations process instead of the Federal Reserve; restoring independent judicial review; ensuring that it takes into account the impact of new rules on the safety and soundness of financial institutions; and creating a bipartisan oversight board instead of a single director to run the agency.

Obama himself supported such a panel -- before he opposed and demagogued it. As it stands, the bureau remains under the Treasury Department. The minute a director is sworn in, the agency will transfer to the Fed for administrative purposes, but will effectively have free rein. The Fed's authority over it is illusory. And it would be impossible for the Dodd-Frank czar to be removed by a change of administration, because his term is five years and his tenure protected.

While crusading as a consumer watchdog who'll take on Wall Street, Cordray (whom voters booted from the Ohio Attorney General's Office last fall) is tight with securities class-action lawyers. As Daniel Fisher at Forbes Magazine reported, Cordray has a record of "taking money from lawyers who profit from private litigation that often follows closely on the heels of government investigations." In other words: exactly

the kind of cozy crony relationships that created our financial crisis in the first place.

As for Cordray's ability to police shady behavior by others, his own record

as Ohio attorney general raises more doubts than it allays. When local papers spotlighted shady campaign account-shifting involving nearly \$800,000, even a liberal Ohio Citizen Action leader responded: "I'm sure he's following the letter of the law. It's certainly not following the spirit of the law."

A vote on Cordray is scheduled for Thursday, and the White House doesn't have the support to secure a filibuster-proof approval. Thus, the taxpayer-funded barnstorming tour this week (which just happens to provide a handy pretext for targeting GOP senators in seven swing states).

But Obama's radical supporters aren't about to let the deliberative process stand in their way. They're pushing the president to follow in TR's footsteps and ram Cordray through by recess appointment. The George Soros-funded propaganda outfit Think Progress led the rallying cry. In 1903, Theodore Roosevelt recess-appointed 160 officials during a recess of less than one day. "Such an appointment would not be without political controversy -- but would likely be upheld as legal given the Roosevelt precedent," a Soros operative opined. "Simply put, it's time for President Obama to speak softly and carry a big stick."

Obama has been thwacking the economy with a Chicago-crafted billy club and wielding brass knuckles against critics, whistleblowers and true regulatory reformers for the past three years. Memo to the White House: This is not what TR meant when he used his favorite phrase: "Bully!"

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# Progress Energy Florida Installs First Public Electric Vehicle Charging Station

## Company plans to install 50 charging stations within service territory

Today, Progress Energy Florida unveiled the company's first public electric vehicle charging station. The station, located at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council in Pinellas Park, is one of 50 stations Progress Energy plans to install within its Florida service territory by the spring of 2012. The other charging station locations have not been finalized. Plans to install units at shopping malls, municipal buildings and universities are in development.

Progress Energy will collect data from the charging stations to better understand how customers will charge electric vehicles and the impact of charging on the electric system.

"More and more plug-in electric vehicles will be rolling down streets of our Florida service territory in the future and our electric system will be ready," said Vincent Dolan, president and chief executive officer of Progress Energy Florida. "The systematic deployment of public charging stations within our Florida service area will give us insight into the electric system's ability to accommodate widespread charging, which will help us as we transform our grid into the transportation fuel source of the future."

Progress Energy will own, operate and monitor the charging stations during a year-long research period. Ownership and responsibility will transfer to the sponsoring locations once the research concludes. The electricity used to charge vehicles will be paid for by the sponsoring location.

The company plans to install 50 "Level 2" 240-volt circuit charging stations for public use. A Level 2 charging station can charge a plug-in electric vehicle three to five times faster than a Level 1, standard 120-volt outlet and provides additional safety due to the hardwired installation.

Progress Energy is committed to partnering with our communities to confront the new energy realities of growing energy demand, global climate change and rising fuel costs. Advanced vehicle technologies, such as plug-in electric vehicles (PEVs), are an important part of the company's balanced approach to meeting these challenges. The benefits of PEVs are varied and include:

- Fueling at the plug instead of the pump is 50 percent to 75 percent less expensive for consumers. A typical PEV overnight charge would cost less than one dollar.
- Plug-in vehicles produce less carbon dioxide and pollutants than conventional internal-combustion engine vehicles or even standard hybrid cars. Widespread adoption could reduce greenhouse gas emissions by more than 450 million metric tons by 2050 – equivalent to removing 82.5 million passenger vehicles from the road.
- Grid-enabled electric transportation can significantly decrease our reliance on foreign oil. Traditional transportation is wholly dependent on the use of oil, while oil makes about 2 percent of electricity generation nationwide and even less on Progress Energy's Florida system.
- Electric transportation introduces a new industry, with rapid technology developments, creating new jobs and opportunities for economic growth. The \$1 million installation and research project is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Progress Energy Florida has partnered with local municipalities and others to ensure the area is prepared for electric vehicles through the Get Ready Tampa Bay project (<http://www.getreadytampabay.org>). The company is also the founding member of Get Ready Central Florida.

Progress Energy has one of the nation's most advanced utility PEV programs. In Florida, the company has a research fleet that includes six Chevy Volts, one Nissan LEAF, a Ford Escape, two Toyota Prius plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs) and the Southeast's first plug-in hybrid electric bucket truck. In addition, the company has partnerships with several automakers, including General Motors, Nissan and Ford.

For more information on Progress Energy's electric vehicle initiatives, please visit [www.progress-energy.com/plugin](http://www.progress-energy.com/plugin).

Glimpses of Christmas Past in the Levy County Journal, December 13, 1934

## SOME ONE YOU MIGHT HELP

Dot Herring

"Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house  
 Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse."  
 Remember how those simple words brought you happiness and joy.  
 How just the thought of "Christmas made you a radiant boy":  
 How the words, 'doll and carriage, candy, fruit and rifles"  
 Brought joy to your childish hearts?" "These trifles  
 Are what make life for children, must they be denied:  
 This childish happiness, because of some one's foolish pride?  
 Must they awake on Christmas to find their stockings bare,  
 And all because some person was too proud to put a penny there?  
 Look around you anywhere and see if you do not find  
 Girls and boys who'd be happy with just a single dime;  
 Boys and girls who otherwise will find their stockings bare  
 Because you were not big enough to put an apple there?  
 Even though you can't give much, some candy you might spare  
 Just to keep some eager child from finding Christmas bare.  
 Don't be too proud to give an orange, expensive gifts don't count.  
 It's just the little thoughtful ones that to anything amount.  
 So if you have some poor little child whose Christmas will be  
 small, You might give an apple or maybe a rubber ball.



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"Greater production this year necessarily requires enhanced marketing efforts to create awareness and increase sales. One of the ways we're taking on the challenge is by reaching out to chefs in Florida and nearby geographical areas to showcase our industry," said Sue Harrell, Director of Marketing for the Association.

"We will provide industry contacts to make sourcing our berries seamless. A Chefs Advisory Board comprised of high-profile chefs will help us communicate product attributes to consumers and foodservice professionals, establishing relationships with executive chefs, research and product development.

"One of my favorite new ways to enjoy Florida strawberries for Super Bowl celebrations is to dip them in chocolate and decorate them to look like footballs. Log on to [www.strawberrysue.com](http://www.strawberrysue.com) to learn more about the health benefits of strawberries and much more," Harrell continued. Development experts and chef instructors teaching in accredited culinary academies is the best way possible to spread the word about our special strawberries. We're focusing

on educating both seasoned chefs and the chefs of tomorrow about our industry from the farm to the table. Establishing and nurturing these valuable relationships is an integral program designed to develop new markets today and maintaining them in the future.

States east of the Mississippi are target markets for Florida strawberries. The industry is also exporting Florida strawberries to buyers in Europe and Canada.

After experiencing two consecutive years of freezing temperatures and heavy rainfall, growers are optimistic that mild weather will continue through the harvest season.

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# Improved fluency=improved comprehension



Recently, a group of students from the 3rd grade class of Hillary Cribbs and the 5th grade reading class of Jeanne DuBois received kudos for the improvement they made on their most recent fluency test at Williston Elementary School. Staff member Pearl Lynch, who administered the test, rewarded the students with Wildcat Cash and a PAWS-itive Referral and, of course, candy! These check-up tests are given throughout the school year. The goal is for students to increase the number of words they can read from a grade-level text in a one-minute increment.



Fluency tests not only measure how many words students can read aloud in one minute but also how expressively they can read. (That's called "prosody" in the land of education.) Students who struggle just to pronounce the words find comprehending the text extremely difficult. When students' fluency improves, so does their comprehension! It's as simple as that! So, fluency improves for the student when the parent reads expressively to their children and the child reads expressively back during family reading time every night.

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## Retirement Benefit Changes Coming in 2012

By Emily Brandon

Seniors will get significantly bigger Social Security checks in 2012 and face only modest increases in Medicare premiums. Workers will also be eligible to defer taxes on more money in their 401(k) plans and get more disclosures about the fees and expenses they are paying. Here's a look at how retirement benefits will likely change in 2012.

**Bigger Social Security checks.** Social Security recipients will get a boost in payments next year for the first time since 2009. Social Security checks will increase 3.6 percent in 2012, with the typical retiree receiving about \$43 more per month.

**Higher Social Security taxes.** The maximum amount of earnings subject to Social Security tax will increase to \$110,100 in 2012, up from \$106,800 in 2011, and result in about 10 million workers paying higher Social Security taxes. Also, the temporary reduction in workers' Social Security taxes from 6.2 percent to 4.2 percent of earnings in 2011 is scheduled to end this year under current law.

**A small increase in Medicare Part B premiums.** The standard Medicare Part B premium will be \$99.90 in 2012, up \$3.50 from 2011 for people who signed up for Medicare in 2009 or earlier. Retirees who signed up for Medicare Part B in 2010 or 2011 and were charged the standard premium for new enrollees of \$110.50 or \$115.40, respectively, will see their premiums decline to \$99.90 in 2012. High-income Medicare recipients whose modified adjusted gross income is greater than \$85,000 for individuals or \$170,000 for couples must pay higher Part B premiums, ranging from \$40 to \$219.80 per month more than the standard rate. But even most high earners will pay less in Medicare premiums than they did last year.

**Slightly better Medicare Part D gap coverage.** Medicare Part D plans have a coverage gap that begins once an enrollee spends \$2,930 on prescription drugs and lasts until catastrophic drug coverage kicks in after the retiree has spent \$6,658 on medication. Brand-name drugs purchased in that gap will be discounted by 50 percent and generic drugs by 14 percent in 2012, up slightly from 50 percent and 7 percent, respectively, in 2011. "Every plan is now offering a certain level of coverage in the coverage gap, which in previous years was a big concern for some people," says Juliette Cubanski, a policy analyst at the Kaiser Family Foundation. "As part of the health reform law, the coverage gap is being phased out over time. That improves the value of the Part D benefit for every plan that is out there."

**Higher 401(k) limits.** The contribution limit for 401(k)s, 403(b)s, and the federal government's Thrift Savings Plan will increase to \$17,000 in 2012, up from \$16,500 in 2011. However, catch-up contribution limits for those age 50 and older will remain \$5,500 next year.

**401(k) fee disclosure.** Retirement savers can expect to get additional information about the costs and fees that are deducted from their 401(k) account. The Labor Department issued a regulation in 2010 that requires most 401(k) plans to disclose the fees associated with participation in the 401(k) plan and costs of each investment option to plan participants by May 31, 2012. "Because employers have to produce this for participants, they are paying more attention to their fees. It's causing them to look for lower-cost investments and recordkeeping solutions," says Robyn Credico, senior retirement consultant at Towers Watson. "Participants will see a line item of fees on their statements. They were always paying it, but it will be more transparent for some participants."

**More 401(k) investment advice.** A new Labor Department rule that goes into effect on Dec. 27, 2011, says retirement plan administrators will now be able to give advice to account holders if they meet specific requirements that ensure unbiased recommendations. "More employers are offering advice and offering more methods," says Pamela Hess, director of retirement research at Aon Hewitt. Advice dispensed through a 401(k) or IRA must be given by an adviser whose compensation does not vary based on the investments selected, or given using a computer model that an independent expert certifies as unbiased.

**More 401(k) match reinstatements.** Most of the companies that suspended their 401(k) match during the recession have now restored them (75 percent), according to a Towers Watson survey of 260 companies that eliminated their match in January 2008 or later. The reinstatements primarily took place in January 2010 and January 2011. "We're expecting to see a continuation of that trend in 2012," says Credico.

**Increased IRA income limits.** IRA contribution limits will remain at \$5,000 in 2012, and \$6,000 for those age 50 and older. For singles and heads of household with retirement plans at work, the tax deduction for traditional IRA contributions will be phased out when their modified adjusted gross income is between \$58,000 and \$68,000 in 2012 (\$92,000 to \$112,000 for couples), up \$2,000 from 2011. For those without a retirement plan at work, the



income cutoffs will increase by \$4,000 to between \$173,000 and \$183,000. The income limits for making Roth IRA contributions will grow by \$3,000 (\$4,000 for couples) to between \$110,000 and \$125,000 for singles and heads of household and \$173,000 to \$183,000 for couples in 2012.

Increased access to the Saver's Credit. Workers with slightly higher incomes will be eligible for the Saver's Credit next year, a tax credit worth up to \$1,000 (\$2,000 for couples). Those who have modified adjusted gross incomes of up to \$28,750 for singles, \$43,125 for heads of household, and \$57,500 for married couples and contribute to a retirement account such as an IRA or 401(k) will be able to claim the credit, an increase of \$500 to \$1,000 in income from last year.

Higher pension insurance limits. The maximum traditional pension benefit insured by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation will be \$55,840.92 for a 65-year-old retiree in 2012, up from \$54,000 in 2011 and the first increase since 2009. As in previous years, the maximum insured amount is higher if you delay collecting your pension beyond age 65, and lower if you claim your pension early or elect to receive survivor's benefits.

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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
NO SCHOOL WINTER HOLIDAY	NO SCHOOL WINTER HOLIDAY	NO SCHOOL WINTER HOLIDAY	NO SCHOOL WINTER HOLIDAY	NO SCHOOL WINTER HOLIDAY
December 26, 2011	December 27, 2011	December 28, 2011	December 29, 2011	December 30, 2011
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7	2	8	4	1	3	9	6	5
8	1	4	3	7	5	2	9	6
2	3	7	9	8	6	1	5	4
5	6	9	2	4	1	8	7	3
3	9	2	7	6	4	5	8	1
4	7	5	1	2	8	6	3	9
6	8	1	5	3	9	7	4	2



# Sudoku

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6			5			3	4	
4	9						1	
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For this week's crossword puzzle answers, visit our Web site at [www.levyjjournalonline.com](http://www.levyjjournalonline.com)  
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# Jack Schofield to Run for District 3 Commissioner of Levy County

Jack Schofield, of Yankeetown, has filed with the Supervisor of Elections to run for Levy County Commissioner, District 3, in the upcoming 2012 election.

Both Jack and his wife Susie are been extremely involved in their local community. Currently, Jack is serving in his second term on the Yankeetown Town Council, is Vice President of the Friends of the Withlacoochee Gulf Preserve, is a member of Friends of the A. F. Knotts Library and a member of Withlacoochee Area Residents.

Jack is a registered Republican but will run as a No Party Affiliate due to recent changes in the Florida Election Law.

As a graduate with a B.S. from York College of Pennsylvania, Jack has over 38 years of business experience in the apparel industry. He has extensive experience overseeing annual budgets from 15 million to over 4 billion dollars in annual sales and was in charge of operations, sales and sales management and executive management with these companies.

He also served our country in the United States Marine Corps and United States Marine Corps Reserves.

Currently, Jack is a Real Estate Professional and owner and CEO of Nature Coast Outfitters LLC, an eco-tourism marketing company.

His philosophy of leadership will help Levy County as it sits on the edge of many new opportunities. Jack feels we must plan for the future, produce opportunity for our residents while preserving and protecting our quality of life. He has spent much of the last five years researching potential growth initiatives that may lead to job opportunities for Levy County residents. With one of the top Universities in Florida, less than fifteen miles from Williston, Levy County has a valuable resource on its doorstep, as well as neighboring counties seeking to create business and industry. The proposed Port Citrus, on the barge canal, and the inland Port in Marion County can, and will, have and affect on our county. We must be involved in understanding how these initiatives can provide opportunity for the citizens of Levy County

while minimizing any adverse effects.

Jack believes that "as a County Commissioner I must make myself available to listen and discuss any and all concerns of the residents and businesses currently in Levy County, as well as those who want to establish a business here. While we sometimes have differing opinions, people who truly have no agenda will make the best decisions. Today we see a complete disconnect with our federally elected officials and the people they represent, many have taken the stance that they will agree to disagree, regardless of what is right or wrong. This kind of attitude should not be allowed to permeate into the County level. As your Commissioner I will only make decisions based on what is in the best interest of the tax payers of Levy County and serve with integrity and honesty."

Jack Schofield looks forward to the opportunity to personally speak with you or your civic or social organizations. He can be contacted at 352/447-6152 or by email at jschof7338@aol.com

Submitted by Jack Schofield



## Christmas Gift Idea for Survival and our Wounded Warriors

By Kathy Hilliard  
Editor

Sometimes you just find something that hits home in your soul as being the right thing to do. This just might be one of them – Survival Straps.

Survival Straps is a company in Point Vedra, Florida that makes wrist straps that unwind in case of an emergency to give you lots of very strong rope to tie something, to lift something, to hold something together while in the woods hunting, on the road traveling, or helping out in an emergency. To see the entire scope of this most useful piece of jewelry-equipment go to survivalstraps.com and watch the many videos. This company has been featured on many television wildlife, hunting, and survival shows too numerous to mention here.

The vision and business statement of Survival Straps is most impressive. The following is from their website: Survival Straps Stands For:

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- \*We believe in old fashioned, family style business. Our customer service team does not follow any corporate handbooks. We just simply believe in treating all of our customers like they are our neighbors.
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- \*We believe in constant improvement. We are constantly improving our gear, our service, our company, and ourselves. It is very cool to see where we started, and where we are now. We are extremely fired up about where we are going in the future!
- \*We believe in supporting the Men and Women in uniform who keep us free and safe. This includes ALL Military, Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen, Coastguardsmen, Firemen, EMS, and all Law Enforcement. Basically all Americans that risk their lives every day to make sure our families are free and safe. It all starts with them. We could not build a business and freely enjoy our lives if it was not for the sacrifice of our Men and Women in uniform. We are dedicated to doing everything we can to support them.

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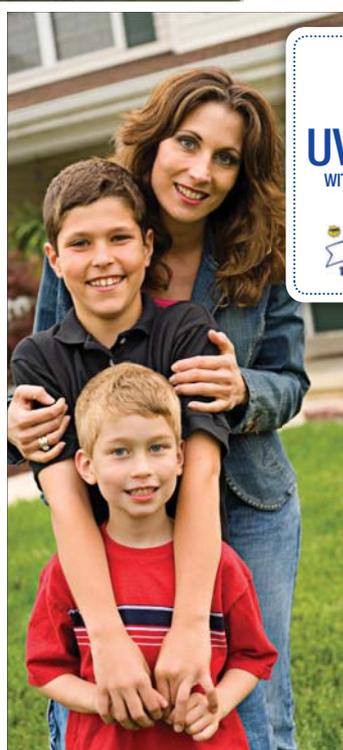
hard candies and a personalized card from you. You can order for yourself and add a kit for a soldier to it and they will ship the soldier's kit straight to your soldier and your package to you. Survival Straps is donating 20 percent of the proceeds for these packages to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Survival Straps also has dog collars and leashes, collegiate straps and key FOBs, military straps for Army, Navy, etc., police and firefighter straps, and many interesting items including Gift Certificates.

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# Recipients Receive the Leash to their Four-Legged Guardian Angels at Ceremony



Wilson the Guardian Angel's leash is passed on to his recipient BJ Adkins (not in picture) by Philip Bohr, board member; Don and Eileen Hoose, Carol Borden's parents; Debbie Dougherty Shevlin, board member; Trainer Angie Korab; Rescue Coordinator Judy Thigpen; Foster Family Training Coordinator Gerry Petrone; Capital City Bank Rep. Jennifer Radder, and Trainer Chris Hickox. Photos courtesy of Marilyn Kaye Gaither



L to r - Brannan Vines, Carol Borden of Guardian Angels, Shilo, Caleb Vines, the recipient, and Brad Garrett, Master of Ceremonies. Photos courtesy of Marilyn Kaye Gaither

By Kathy Hilliard, Editor and Marilyn Kaye Gaither

For those who have served under very stressful conditions, the addition of a faithful companion with a no-holds-barred love for you and dedicated to your well-being is about as wonderful a gift as God can give. And it appears that God has used Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs to do that very act of giving in the north Central Florida area.

On Dec. 3rd Guardian Angels Medical Services Dogs celebrated the Passing of the Leash Ceremony amidst a couple hundred people including dignitaries, an actor, veterans, trainers, family and most importantly the recipients and their dogs at the Holy Family Catholic Church Parish Hall in Williston.

Mr. Brad Garrett, actor and comedian (the brother on Everyone Loves Raymond) flew in from Los Angeles to be the Master of Ceremony for the event starting at 7 p.m. Mr. Garrett promised everyone that they would have the opportunity to meet and he would sign autographs and pose for photographs with any and all that wished and he was a man of his word! Mr. Garrett stayed late into the evening to keep that promise. Thank you, Brad Garrett.

Major Kelley Jeter, United States Air Force veteran of several deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq and recipient of two Bronze Stars, read the stories about each of the eight recipients receiving dogs that evening.

The United States Air Force ROTC Billy Mitchell Drill team from the University of Florida presented the colors and Mr. Michael Gaither, a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam era led the pledge of allegiance.

The recipients of the medical service dogs were: Laurie McGruder Clark and her medical service dog: Twinkle; Ryan Connelly and his medical service dog: Razzle; Raymond Galmiche and his medical service dog: Dazzle; Pat Napolitano and her medical service dog, Dora; BJ Adkins and her medical service dog: Wilson; Robert Reynolds and his medical service dog: Bishop; Caleb Vines and his medical service dog, Shilo; and Michael Gaither and his medical service dog, Honey. All but one of the recipients receiving medical service dogs for their PTSD were veterans.

There were over 200 people in attendance, including: Mr. Lindon Lindsey, Naval veteran of WWII; Lt. Col. Kevin Crocco, Assistant Professor of Aerospace Operations Officer, University of Florida ROTC; Representatives from Banfield



Lindon Lindsey WWII veteran, Major Kelley Jeter USAF veteran, and recipient Michael Gaither with Honey, the Wonder Dog. Photos courtesy of Marilyn Kaye Gaither

Veterinarian Clinics: Manager Susan Zlatocki, Dr. Brandon Culbertson, Dr. David Moses, lead nurses: Alexis Dillard and Devon Simmons. Banfield Veterinarian Clinics are providing care for the medical service dogs being placed with veterans suffering from PTSD through a research program being conducted through the James A Haley VA Medical Center in Tampa.

Also attending was Jennifer Radder, a representative from the Williston branch of Capital City Bank, and Marie Len, a representative from the Harper Family Foundation, and Mr. Bobby McCullough candidate for Levy County Sheriff.

It was a very heartwarming, emotional evening highlighted by the symbolic Passing of the Leash from the board members, trainers, sponsors, Brad Garrett, Chris Borden, Carol Borden and finally to the recipients but was given a lighthearted change of pace as well by Mr. Brad Garrett's wit and humor.



Recipient BJ Adkins, a Navy veteran, with her medical service dog Wilson, and Raymond Galmiche with Dazzle standing behind them. Photos courtesy of Marilyn Kaye Gaither

Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, Inc. is extremely grateful to each and everyone that has helped to make it possible for these recipients to receive their medical service dogs and hope that people will continue to be very generous in their support in any way possible.

## 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.

## Paige Brookins Recognized as Certified Board Member

Paige Brookins, a Levy County School Board member, was recognized as a Certified Board Member on Nov. 30, 2011 in Tampa at the Annual Joint Conference sponsored by the Florida School Boards Association. Brookins earned this distinction by completing a minimum of 96 hours of training in 12 areas which focus on the governance roles and responsibilities of school board members. The Certified Board Member Program is a voluntary training program for the individual board members and is offered by the Florida School Boards Association.

The Certified Board Member (CBM) Program provides leadership training for school board members as they strive to enhance student learning opportunities in their communities and to advance excellence and promote equity in public education. Training topics in the CBM Program include: student learning, school finance, legislative processes, policymaking, strategic planning, school law, community involvement, advocacy for public education, diversity, employee relations, and current trends and issues.

## Christmas 2011

Who should we think of this time of year  
 What should be the thoughts in our mind  
 Will they be of self, will they be of others  
 I pray they will be gentle and kind.

Presents are sure nice, gift-wrapped and pretty  
 Is that what they want or better yet need?  
 Sometimes these items are not as lasting  
 As kind words or perhaps a good deed.

Good things can be said about lasting traditions  
 However, would it be nice to consider a shift  
 Such as giving Hugs and Praises and Compliments  
 To give someone's spirit a lift.

A smile always works if you meant it  
 It requires only caring, not labor  
 Yet the Bible says take care of widows and orphans  
 It also says look out for your neighbor.

Whose birthday are we celebrating anyway?  
 Jesus said think not of ourselves but them  
 This Christmas Season let us do for others first  
 That will be our Gift to Him.

Merry Christmas from Lessie and I  
 May joy to each of you the Season bring  
 Sharing with you, being your friend  
 Is why I can feel my Heart sing.

Franklin D. McKoy  
 December 2011

# Levy County Community Calendar

## BRANSON

### 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. 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 Salon. If you have issues with some work or just want to share, bring it and we will discuss it.

Jan. 10, 2012 - Ann Kamzelski will be teaching Adobe Photoshop elements. She will be using version 9 but a lot of the basics are the same for earlier versions.

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.

### 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 - Linda Hicks - www.lindahicksmusic.com - MJ Bishop - www.sonicbids.com/mjbishop - WT Davidson - www.reverbnation.com/wtdavidson

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

## YANKEETOWN-INGLIS

### 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 or visit www.withlacoocheegulfpreserve.com for directions and more information.

### Yankeetown-Inglis Woman's Club Thrift Shop

The Yankeetown-Inglis Thrift Shop will reopen on Tues. Jan. 3, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### 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 Area Chamber of Commerce News

There will be a Ribbon Cutting ceremony on Thurs., Dec. 15th at approximately 1:30 pm. at A-Nu-U at 444 NW Main St. in Williston. Along with the Williston Area Chamber of Commerce A-Nu-U is celebrating a new wing to their facility which features Spa Packages, 2 new Tanning Beds as well as their full-service salon. Mini facials and consultations with PCA skin representatives as well as chair massages will be offered from 11:00 a.m. till 7:00 p.m. that day. For additional information call 529-anuu (2688).

### Williston Middle FFA holds 2nd Annual Christmas Clothing Drive until Dec. 16

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

### Levy County Fair Association Gearing UP for April 2012

Preparations are underway for the 2012 Levy County Fair. The Fair will be April 12 through 15, at the Williston Airport Industrial Park, just across from the Williston Horseman's Park.

The Fair Association is now collecting donations for its' annual yard sale fundraiser. We are a non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible. We also REALLY need a large storage shed for both the yard sale and then at the Fairgrounds. We can pick up and move any donations. Call Marc at 352/538-5551 to make arrangements.

There is currently a lot of planning underway. Please visit our web site at [www.LevyCountyFair.com](http://www.LevyCountyFair.com) and click on the Creative Arts link to see all the Creative Arts categories from Baking & Food Preservation, to Sewing and Hobby Crafts. We will have a Livestock Show that will include Steers, Heifers, Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, Rabbits and Poultry.

Remember the Levy County Fair is not just a livestock show, we will have a full Midway with lots of exciting rides, attractions, games, tons of great food, a variety of exhibitors and much more, all for one low gate-admission price! Mark your calendars now and check out the website or call 352/528-2516.

### 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.

## CHIEFLAND

### City of Chiefland Recreational Committee Meeting Dec. 15

The City of Chiefland recreational Advisory Committee will hold its regular business meeting on Dec. 15, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. in Chiefland City Hall, 214 East Park Avenue.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with Disabilities needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the office of the City Manager at City Hall, 214 East Park Avenue, Chiefland, FL 32626 (352) 493-6711

For more information contact: Laurie Copeland, Financial Project Coordinator at (352) 493-6711.

### SVP Presents A Little Christmas Spirit Running Until Dec. 18

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, through Dec. 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).

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## Levy County Saltwater and Freshwater Tides

	DAY	HIGH /LOW	TIDE	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			
F	9	Low	7:29 AM	-0.6	7:15 AM	Set 6:21 AM	97
	9	High	1:53 PM	2.6	5:35 PM	Rise 4:58 PM	
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	11	High	3:05 PM	2.6			
	11	Low	8:30 PM	1.3			
M	12	High	1:49 AM	3.3	7:17 AM	Set 8:51 AM	98
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	14	Low	10:39 PM	1			
<b>Withlacoochee River Entrance</b>							
Th	8	Low	7:28 AM	-0.4	7:12 AM	Set 5:25 AM	93
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M	12	High	1:50 AM	3.5	7:15 AM	Set 8:49 AM	98
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# Don't Forget: Florida Wildlife and Balloons Don't Mix

As people gather together for occasions that make the holidays bright, remember that releasing balloons may be harmful to wildlife.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) wants event and meeting organizers and other Floridians to be aware of a law prohibiting the release of more than nine lighter-than-air balloons within a 24-hour period.

Instead of releasing balloons this holiday season, the FWC suggests groups use more environmentally friendly ways to celebrate events such as New Year's Eve and football bowl games.

The release into the atmosphere of large numbers of balloons inflated with lighter-than-air gases poses a danger and nuisance to the environment, particularly to wildlife and marine animals. Balloons released in Florida almost inevitably end up in the Gulf of Mexico, Atlantic Ocean or other water bodies. Wildlife, especially sea turtles, mistake balloons for food, and strings attached to balloons can entangle birds and other animals.

There are exceptions for balloons released indoors, scientific or meteorological balloons released by a government agency or under government contract, or hot air balloons recovered after launching.

# Around the Nature Coast

## 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.

## The Suwannee River Garden Club Christmas Social Dec. 17

'Tis' the season! And here is a reminder to all members and friends of the Suwannee River Garden

Club of the upcoming Christmas Social and Ornament Exchange. The event is being held at the Dixie County Historical Society Building from 3 to 5 PM on Sat. Dec. 17. Please bring one or more Christmas Ornaments to exchange

and, if you'd like, feel free to bring a favorite homemade cookie or treat to share. I'm sure the hostesses won't mind extra goodies added to their already scrumptious offerings.

## Governing Board to Meet in Haines City Dec. 20

The Southwest Florida Water Management District's Governing Board will hold its monthly meeting on Tues., Dec. 20, at 9 a.m. at the Lake Eva Banquet Hall, 799 Johns Avenue, Haines City.

The Governing Board holds some of its regular monthly meetings away from District service offices to encourage participation from local citizens.

To view the meeting agenda, visit [www.WaterMatters.org](http://www.WaterMatters.org) and click on the "Boards, Meetings & Events Calendar" link. The agenda will be posted one week before the meeting. To view the Governing Board meeting online, visit [www.WaterMatters.org](http://www.WaterMatters.org) and click on the "Live Video Stream" link. The video stream link becomes active and the live video feed begins approximately 15 minutes before the scheduled meeting time.

## 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)

## Levy County Coalition Against Tobacco Meeting Jan. 10

The Levy County Coalition against Tobacco will be holding a meeting on Tues. Jan. 10, 2012 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Capital City Bank of Chiefland. The Public is encouraged to attend.

## 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.

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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.

## Free Workshop to Start Business Jan. 30

CCF and Gainesville Score will be holding a workshop entitled "Simple Steps to Starting Your Business." This workshop will be held on Mon., Jan. 30 from 6 to 9 p.m. This is a free workshop. For more information please call 352/493-9533, ext. 2106.

## 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

# My Little Christmas Angel

By Daris Howard

My wife, Donna, says I have a real ability to see the humor in almost anything. I think that is because I have learned that I much prefer laughing to crying. If I couldn't laugh at life, I'm afraid I would become very pessimistic, something I don't want to be. However, even with my desire to look at life optimistically, there still are times when even the most optimistic person will struggle to view something in a positive light.

In 1996 we were expecting a little girl. As any family does, we began to plan for her. We were very excited. We had picked out a name and got things ready. We had cute little jammies, a darling blanket that had little balloons and toy trains on it, and, of course, a cute little brown bear. Then, just before Christmas, my wife went in for a routine ultrasound and our children joined us for a shopping trip. I kept the children with me in the waiting room. As her doctor's concern rose, she sent for me to join her to offer support in case the worst became inevitable.

And the inevitable was what it was. Our little Tracie was gone. It was the twenty-third of December. Our Christmas outing was cancelled. I took Donna to the hospital and checked her in, then I took the children home, fed them, and tucked them into bed. I was able to get someone to come watch them and I returned to be with Donna. When our little Tracie came she was so small and yet so perfect. Our hearts ached and our arms felt empty for the little baby we had already grown to love, but would never have another chance to hold. Over time, people tried to comfort us by saying they were sure we were grateful, if we had to lose her, that it happened before we loved her. I realize those who said that

meant well, but the love of a parent for a child often starts long before the child is born.

Donna and I shared a quiet time together and it was hard not to wonder what our little girl would have been like had she come to our home. As I went home, early in the morning of December 24th, my heart ached. Every person deals with grief in their own way. I couldn't sleep and finally got up and wrote a song, something I do at times when my emotions are near the surface. Here are the lyrics:

*\*Rest well, my baby, I love you.  
God in heaven loves you, too.  
As you dream His angels watch over you.  
Rest well, my baby, rest well.*

*And when the dawn is coming,  
I'll be there for you  
To hold you in the morning  
And love you all day through.*

*And God will love and keep you.  
You're His baby too.  
And I'll be there to greet you  
When dawn brings life anew.*

*Rest well, my baby, I love you.  
God in heaven loves you, too.  
As you dream, His angels watch over you.  
Rest well, my baby, rest well.*



And thus my little Christmas Angel joined Jesus to celebrate his birthday, on that day when the Christian world is filled by the hope given by the birth of another child many centuries ago.

Daris Howard, award-winning, syndicated columnist and playwright, is author of "Super Cowboy Rides" and can be contacted at [daris@darishoward.com](mailto:daris@darishoward.com); or visit his website at <http://www.darishoward.com>

## The Law Offices of Mark J. Feather P.A.

Will be closed

from Friday, December 23rd

until Monday, January 2nd

In observance of the birth

of our Savior, Jesus Christ

And so that we can spend the time

With our family and friends.

**Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year!**

# Decorate Safely with these 10 Tips

The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services released a list of 10 tips today to help Floridians safely decorate their homes this holiday season. With dry conditions around the state there is a higher potential for fires and Floridians should use caution when decorating trees or hanging lights.

Some helpful safety tips to consider when decorating inside or outside this holiday season:

1. Keep Christmas trees away from fireplaces, portable heaters and other heat sources.
2. Use extreme caution when using electric lights and decorations on artificial trees made of metal.
3. Keep menorahs away from children.

4. Don't move candles while they are burning.
5. Check the labels on lights to make sure they were tested at a facility, such as UL of ETL.
6. Discard any lights with cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections.
7. Use only non-combustible or flame-resistant decorations on a tree.
8. Make sure any lights you place outside were intended for such use.
9. Follow manufacturer's instructions regarding the number of light strings that can be safely connected together.
10. Always turn off holiday lights and blow out candles when going to bed or leaving the house.

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# Worship Directory

**Ellzey United Methodist Church**  
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 Worship Service.....11:00am  
 Sunday School.....9:45am  
**Pastor Terry Knight**

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

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

**CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 5551 NW CR 336  
 Chiefland, FL 32626  
 (352) 493-1219  
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 Sunday School.....10 a.m.  
 Worship Service.....11 a.m.  
 Discipleship Training.....6 p.m.  
 Worship Service.....7 p.m.  
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 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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 9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
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**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  
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 Dr. Greg Douglas, Senior Pastor  
 Pastor Rickey Whitley, Assoc. Pastor/Youth  
 Pastor Emanuel Harris, Education/Children  
 Pastor Jared Douglas, Collegiate/Missions  
 Sunday School ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Morning Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday Night Services:**  
 Prayer Meeting, Youth, College & Career ..... 7:00 p.m.  
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**Manatee Springs Church of Christ**  
**Sunday**  
 10 a.m. Bible Study  
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## Church Calendar

**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.

**St. Alban's Episcopal Church Christmas Services Dec. 24 & 25**  
 St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Chiefland, 4 miles north of Wal-Mart on Rt 19, will hold Christmas Services on Sat. Dec. 24 at: 6:30 p.m. Carol singing with 7 p.m. Holy Eucharist and again at 10:30 p.m. Carols singing with 11 p.m. Holy Eucharist. On Dec. 25 we will have Morning Prayer at 9 a.m. Come and join us for Christmas.

**Recorded Marriages**  
 December 1, 2011  
 Ronald Edward Rocks, 7/29/43, of Archer to Lachell Ann Johnson, 7/2/62, of Gainesville.  
 December 2, 2011  
 Michael Charles Edwards, 5/31/72, to Trinia Maria Bookout, 4/20/68, both of Moatsville, WV.  
 Mark Andrew Schwab, 4/27/60, to Richele Lyn Colon, 3/22/66, both of Williston.  
 December 5, 2011  
 Johnathan Stewart Miller, 7/23/90, to Karri Michelle Campbell, 2/6/82, both of Chiefland.

## Merry Christmas from the One Who Hung the Stars

My family used to have this crazy Christmas tradition of hanging a big blue star atop the triangular steel TV antenna that towered 40 foot above my Grandpa's roof. Once lit, the star could be seen from miles around. It was the talk of Shaw Mississippi. Come every December I'd watch with envy as my uncle Joey scampered up the tower and duct taped it into place. I wanted to do it so bad, but my Papa would always wrinkle his Italian brows, "Nooo... You'll break-a your neck-a der boy!" I was a young teen before my uncle finally went off to college and left the chore to me. The whole family came out to watch as usual. I sniffed confidently, hitched up my pants, and heaved that heavy welded steel star over my shoulder. I'd made it only a few feet above the roof when I stopped to ponder a startling new discovery, something not readily noticed from the ground. I WAS AFRAID OF HEIGHTS!! "Keep-a going der boy," my Papa yelled, but it was too late. I'd lost my nerve. I slunk back down with my tail between my legs. For the next few years my little brother Heath courageously mounted that blue star. He became the family hero. Me... well I hung my head and conveniently made excuses to be elsewhere while he performed the daring deed. Mercifully the day finally came when we both had grown too heavy to reasonably be expected to climb that pole safely. I'm sure Heath was just as relieved as I. For the next decade the old blue star laid in moth balls. Shaw just wasn't the same. I'd conveniently forgotten about the star until one day I accidentally came across it rummaging through Papa's barn. Just seeing it hit me like a slap in the face. Was I still going



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

to let a little fear keep me from attaining the great heights to which I was called? After all, I was a man now, married with a kid on the way. I drug the star out and started up the pole. Papa must've thought Santa's sleigh had landed on his house when my 220 pounds hit the roof. "Nooo..." he cried, rushing out. "You'll break-a your neck-a der boy!" That antenna was swaying like crazy, but I just kept my focus and pressed on, one rung at a time. After some pretty harrowing moments, and some aerial acrobatics that nearly brought a halt to the traffic on the 61 highway, I finally taped the star to the top and scooted back down to gloat. Papa's furrowed his brows, "But it ain't Christmas yet der boy!" What's my point? I don't know... but if I'd been willing to attempt something so totally void of common sense just to display my own feeble courage, how much more confidence should I have now that God is on my team? I mean, come on. Let's get the true Christmas spirit here. To us was born Emmanuel! (Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Matthew 1:23 KJV) Surely if we've got the One who hung the whole universe full of blue stars at our side we can overcome any obstacles that lay between us and our destiny! Put your trust in Him. Of course I feel like I should take a moment and give some kind of official disclaimer to all you testosterone monkeys like me who'll want to run out and climb all over God's nerves by tempting the Lord your God with some fool act. "DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME!" Please make sure you hear from the Lord before ever even contemplating any hair brained notions to the likes of this. You see, the next spring that rusty antenna collapsed. I could've been killed... or worse, sued by kinfolk! But anyway- That old star is safely tucked away up in my own attic nowadays. But don't worry, it no longer presents a danger. I've got cable. Merry Christmas!!!  
 -Guy Sheffield  
 You can visit Guy at his website [www.butanyway.org](http://www.butanyway.org), or email him at [guy.sheffield@butanyway.org](mailto:guy.sheffield@butanyway.org).

## Obituaries

**DAVID L. GEBHARDT**  
 November 15, 1936 – December 7, 2011  
 David L Gebhardt of Williston passed away on December 7, 2011 at the age of 75. He was born on November 15, 1936 in Conshohocken, Pa. to George W. and Elizabeth (Cain) Gebhardt. He served in the United States Army. He worked many years as a medical instrument repairman. He was of the Lutheran faith and was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. He moved to Williston in 2004 from Pa. He enjoyed woodworking, golfing and fishing.  
 Mr. Gebhardt was preceded in death by his son David Gebhardt Jr. He is survived by his wife of 22 years Ruby Gebhardt; daughters, Sandra Gebhardt and Jackie Wood; brother, George Gebhardt; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.  
 The family is holding a memorial service on January 7, 2012 at 11 a.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran church in Fanning Springs with Pastor Louis Abel officiating.  
 Arrangements are under the care of Knauff Funeral Home-Williston.

**DONALD BARTON TOWNSEND**  
 April 8, 1926 – December 9, 2011  
  
 Mr. Donald Barton Townsend passed from this life on December 9, 2011, in Bronson at the age of 85. He was born in Warren, Ohio, April 8, 1926. Mr. Townsend was a dearly loved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and uncle. He served his country as a veteran of the US Navy, serving in WWII. He served his community as a Mason for 60 years, member and past-President of the Lions Club, past-Commander of the AM Vets of Jensen Beach, Fla., and member of the American Legion. Mr. Townsend

worked in sales for Rockwell Industries for 25 years.  
 Mr. Townsend is survived by his daughter, Kimberly Jo (Larry W.) Deedrick of Bronson; brother, Kenny Townsend; grandson, Donald Ray (Courtney) Stipp; great-granddaughter Emma Honey Stipp; two additional grandchildren; three additional great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.  
 Arrangements are under the care of Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services, 1301 N. Young Blvd., Chiefland, FL 32626, 352/493-0050. On line condolences may be sent through our website at [www.hiers-baxley.com](http://www.hiers-baxley.com)  
**KUNEGUNDA S. HAMILTON**  
 Kunegunda S. Hamilton of Chiefland passed away Dec. 10, 2011 at North Florida Regional Medical Center in Gainesville at the age of 79. Born in Albany, NY she has been in Levy County for the past 7 years after living in Gilchrist County over 20 years. Mrs. Hamilton was a homemaker who was proud of her family. She enjoyed reading, playing cards, puzzle books and watching TV.  
 She is survived by her daughters, Connie A. Ward of Chiefland, Terry L. Starr of Battle Creek, Mich., Teena M. Miller of De Funiak Springs, Fla.; her son Francis S. Hamilton of Daytona Beach; sister Honoria Garguila of Lutz, Fla., brothers Stanley Sabon and Chuck Sabon, both of NC; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Memorial services will be held on Fri. Dec. 16, 2011 at 11 a.m. at Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services – Chiefland.  
 Arrangements are under the care of Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services, 1301 N. Young Blvd., Chiefland, FL 32626, 352-493-0050. On line condolences may be sent through our website at [www.hiers-baxley.com](http://www.hiers-baxley.com)  
**CHIP MCELROY**  
 Chip McElroy of Chiefland passed away Dec. 11, 2011 at his home with his family by his side at the age of 56. Born in Gainesville he has spent his lifetime in this area. Chip served his country in the US Navy. He worked for 22 years as a Correctional Officer with the State of Florida and was a member of Fowlers Bluff Baptist Church where he served as an usher. He enjoyed sitting by the fire, carving, fishing and hunting and had a green thumb and could grow most any plant. Being

a single father and raising his son Nathan alone, he was very proud of the man Nathan has become.  
 Chip was preceded in death by his father Carlton "Chubby" McElroy and brother, Roger McElroy.  
 He is survived by his wife, Denise Coggins McElroy of Chiefland; son and daughter-in-law Nathan "Rowdy" and Tracey McElroy, serving in the US Army; mother Kathleen McElroy of Chiefland; brothers, Felipe McElroy of Bronson and Mario (Iris) McElroy; sister, Ginger (Rod) McElroy Hunt; and sister-in-law, Sherry McElroy, all of Chiefland; four nieces and nephews and four great-nieces.  
 Funeral Services will be Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011 at 2 p.m. at Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services in Chiefland with Pastor Eddie Hatch officiating. Interment will follow at Pine Grove Baptist Church Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday, Dec 16, 2011 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.  
 In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Chip's memory to the Wounded Veterans of America.  
 Arrangements are under the care of Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services, 1301 N. Young Blvd., Chiefland, FL 32626, 352-493-0050. On line condolences may be sent through our website at [www.hiers-baxley.com](http://www.hiers-baxley.com)  
**IRVING WAYNE HURST**  
 March 5, 1940 – December 7, 2011  
 Mr Irving Wayne Hurst of Old Town passed away Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at North Florida Regional Hospital. He was 71.  
 Mr. Hurst was born in Palm Harbor, Florida on March 5, 1940. He was an electrical contractor who owned his own business and worked for Huettig Electric. After moving to Old Town in 1988, he became a vocational instructor for 6 years at Lancaster Correctional Institute. Mr. Hurst formerly served with the Florida National Guard and was a member of Curlew Baptist Church in Palm Harbor. He enjoyed fishing and hunting.  
 Mr. Hurst is survived by his wife of 36 years, Mary Jo Hurst of Old Town; son, Tim (Christi) Hurst of Palm Harbor; daughters, Paige

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LEGAL NOTICES

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 SOUTH-WESTERN 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-erly 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 con-

cave 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 accommodation 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.

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

CASE NO.: 38-2011-CA-000457 FARM CREDIT OF FLORIDA, ACA, AS AGENT/NOMINEE FOR FLORIDA FEDERAL LAND BANK ASSOCIATION, FLCA, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FARM CREDIT OF NORTH FLORIDA, ACA, AS AGENT/NOMINEE FOR FARM CREDIT OF NORTH FLORIDA, FLCA, PLAINTIFF, VS. PHIL AM PARTNERS, LLC, ET AL DEFENDANT(S)

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 22, 2011, and entered in Case No. 38-2011-CA000457, of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Levy County, Florida, wherein FARM CREDIT OF FLORIDA, ACA, AS AGENT/NOMINEE FOR FLORIDA FEDERAL LAND BANK ASSOCIATION, FLCA, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FARM CREDIT OF NORTH FLORIDA, ACA, AS AGENT/NOMINEE FOR FARM CREDIT OF NORTH FLORIDA, FLCA, is the PLAINTIFF, and PHIL AM PARTNERS, LLC, ARTHUR ROSS, ELENITA G. ROSS, JOSE NELSON E. REYES, EVELYN E. REYES, and WINDING RIVER PRESERVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., are the DEFENDANTS. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the MAIN LOBBY OF THE LEVY COUNTY COURTHOUSE in LEVY County, 335 S. COURT STREET, BRONSON, FLORIDA 32621, at 11:00 A.M. on JANUARY 23, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

WINDING RIVER PRESERVE TRACT 32: A PARCEL OF LAND IN SECTIONS 22, 23, 26 AND 27, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 16 EAST, LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

FOR A POINT OF REFERENCE, COMMENCE AT THE SW CORNER OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 16 EAST, LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE N 00°27'44" E, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 27, A DISTANCE OF 32.34 FEET, TO THE NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF LEVY COUNTY ROAD C-339; THENCE S 68°36'33" E, ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 247.24 FEET, TO A POINT LYING WITHIN THE HEADWATERS OF THE WACCASASSA RIVER; THENCE N 24°52'09" E, GENERALLY ALONG SAID RIVER, 1675.13 FEET; THENCE N 00°28'38" E, GENERALLY ALONG SAID RIVER, 3398.02 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE, DEPARTING SAID RIVER, RUN S 56°42'11" E, 1873.51 FEET; THENCE N 70°17'43" E, 850.00 FEET; THENCE S 35°41'37" E, 1031.24 FEET, TO A POINT ON THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE COBB ROAD EASEMENT AREA AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT 'C' OF THE COBB ROAD EASEMENT AGREEMENT RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 806, PAGE 377; THENCE, ALONG SAID WESTERN BOUNDARY UNTIL OTHERWISE NOTED, RUN N 50°47'42" E, 571.35 FEET, TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SOUTHEAST,

HAVING A RADIUS OF 882.69 FEET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY, ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 14°03'35", A DISTANCE OF 216.60 FEET, TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE; THENCE N 64°51'17" E, 95.86 FEET, TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHWEST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1046.32 FEET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY, ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 10°08'37", A DISTANCE OF 185.24 FEET, TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE; THENCE N 54°42'40" E, 514.78 FEET, TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SOUTH, HAVING A RADIUS OF 526.78 FEET; THENCE EASTERLY, ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 26°37'36", A DISTANCE OF 244.81 FEET, TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE; THENCE N 81°20'16" E, 210.71 FEET, TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHWEST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 192.04 FEET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY, ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 66°28'18", A DISTANCE OF 222.80 FEET, TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE; THENCE N 14°51'58" E, 284.91 FEET, TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE WEST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 762.65 FEET; THENCE NORTHERLY, ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 19°41'31", A DISTANCE OF 262.12 FEET, TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE; THENCE N 04°49'33" W, 527.29 FEET; THENCE, DEPARTING SAID WESTERN BOUNDARY, RUN S 86°45'44" W, 4906.55 FEET, TO A POINT LYING WITHIN SAID HEADWATERS OF THE WACCASASSA RIVER; THENCE S 00°28'38" W, 374.62 FEET, TO CLOSE ON THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PERSONS NEEDING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT COUNTY CIVIL NOT LATER THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS PRIOR TO THE PROCEEDING AT THE FOREGOING ADDRESS OR CALL 352-486-5277; IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED CALL 1-800-955-8771; IF YOU ARE VOICE IMPAIRED CALL 1-800-955-8770.

Dated: December 6, 2011 (Court Seal)

DANNY J. SHIPP CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: Gwen McElroy /s/ Deputy Clerk Pub.: Dec. 15, 22, 2011.

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

CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 38-2011-CA-000845 BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, Plaintiff,

VS. HAROLD BONDURANT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF HAROLD BONDURANT; SHERRIE BONDURANT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHERRIE BONDURANT; JERRI WAINER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JERRI WAINER; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION TO: JERRI WAINER; Whose residence are/is unknown.

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

TRACT #153, UNIVERSITY ESTATES, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION IN SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 17 EAST, LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 17 EAST, LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA. SUBJECT TO ROAD RIGHT OF WAY.

To include a: 2006 AMER, VIN GAF-L575A77500AE21 and 0096421372 2006 AMER, VIN GAF-L575B77500AE21 and 0096421449

If you fail to file your response or answer, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney, Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Palm Dr., Tampa, Florida 33619-1328, telephone (813) 915-8660, facsimile (813) 915-0559, within thirty days of the first publication of this Notice, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

DATED at LEVY County this 6th day of December, 2011. (COURT SEAL)

Clerk of Circuit Court By: Gwen McElroy /s/ Deputy Clerk AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES (ADA) REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS FOR NOTICE OF COURT PROCEEDINGS: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Ms. Jan Phillips, ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Family and Civil Justice Center, 201 East University Avenue, Room 410, Gainesville, FL 32601 at (352) 337-6237 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. If you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted

listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact the Court Interpreter Program at interpreter@circuit8.org Pub.: Dec. 15, 22, 2011.

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

CASE NO. 38-2011-CA-000867 Division No. Section

ROSE ACCEPTANCE, INC. Plaintiff(s), vs. ROBERT KIBLER A/K/A ROBERT LEE KIBLER; et. al.,

Defendant(s) / NOTICE OF ACTION FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY

TO: ROBERT KIBLER A/K/A ROBERT LEE KIBLER, ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: 17050 NW 71st AVE, TRENTON, FL 32693; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ROBERT KIBLER A/K/A ROBERT LEE KIBLER, ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: 17050 NW 71st AVE, TRENTON, FL 32693; ROBIN KIBLER A/K/A ROBIN LYNN KIBLER, ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: 17050 NW 71st AVE, TRENTON, FL 32693; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ROBIN KIBLER A/K/A ROBIN LYNN KIBLER, ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: 17050 NW 71st AVE, TRENTON, FL 32693.

Residence unknown and if living, including any unknown spouse of the Defendant, if remarried and if said Defendant is dead, his/her respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant; and the aforementioned named Defendant and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendant and such of the unknown named Defendant as may be infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui juris.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property, to-wit:

LOT 1, LOUMAR ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 47, PUBLIC RECORDS, LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA; TOGETHER WITH 1981 BROA MOBILE HOME WITH VIN FL1A064333996 AND TITLE NUMBER 21626303, WHICH IS AFFIXED THERETO.

more commonly known as ,17050 NW 71st AVE, TRENTON, FL 32693.

This action has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, to it on Plaintiff's attorney, GILBERT GARCIA GROUP, P.A., whose address is 2005 Pan Am Circle, Suite 110, Tampa, Florida 33607, on or before 30 days after date of first publication and file the original with the Clerk of the Circuit Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 8th day of December, 2011.

DANNY J. SHIPP LEVY County, Florida By: Gwen McElroy /s/ Deputy Clerk

"In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons in need of a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall, within seven (7) days prior to any proceeding, contact the Administrative Office of the Court, LEVY County, 355 SOUTH COURT

LEGAL NOTICES

STREET, BRONSON FL 32621, County Phone: 352-486-5266 EXT. 238 TDD 1-800-955-8771 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service".  
Pub.: Dec. 15, 22, 2011.

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
CASE NO: 38-2011-CA-001213

DIVISION: 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, et.,., Plaintiffs,

vs. AMY L. COOK, et al, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO: Gregory S. Hopkins Last Known Address 7751 NW 168 Lane Trenton, FL 32693  
Unknown Spouse of Gregory S. Hopkins Last Known Address 7751 NW 168 Lane Trenton, FL 32693

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Levy County, Florida:

LOT 71, BLOCK 3, FANNIN SPRINGS ANNEX, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 31, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA TOGETHER WITH A 2009 SCOTBILT, SANDPIPER 52 X 28 MANUFACTURED HOME, SERIAL NOS: SBHGA1500803868A & SBHGA1500803868B, LOCATED ON THE PROPERTY

Has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Lance Paul Cohen, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Cohen & Thurston, P.A., 1723 Blanding Boulevard, Suite 102, Jacksonville, Florida 32210, within thirty (30) days from the first date of publication of this notice, on or before January 20, 2012, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011  
DANNY J. SHIPP  
CLERK OF THE COURT  
LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
By: Gwen McElroy /s/ Deputy Clerk  
Pub.: Dec. 15, 22, 2011.

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
PROBATE DIVISION  
File Number 38-2011-CP-000204

IN RE: ESTATE OF FLORENCE I. LOUCKS, Deceased.  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the Estate of FLORENCE I. LOUCKS, Deceased, whose date of death was October 20, 2011; File Number 38-2011-CP-000204, 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 15, 2011.

/s/ Stephen A. Loucks  
Personal Representative  
100 Bernice Drive  
Valdosta, GA 31601

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. 15, 22, 2011.

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

File No. 38-2011-CP-00224  
IN RE: ESTATE OF WALSTON LEVI LOCKE  
Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the Estate of Walston Levi Locke deceased, whose date of death was November 30, 2011, and whose social security number is XXX-XX-0443, is pending in the Court for Levy County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 355 S. Court Street, Bronson, Florida, 32621. The name and address of the personal representative are set forth

below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demand against the 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 FOR IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

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

Personal Representative  
Sharon R. Plaughter  
3308 SW 101st Terrace,  
Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida  
Tel: 352-328-5402

ADJUDGED that Sharon R. Plaughter is appointed personal representative of the estate of the decedent, and that upon taking the prescribed oath the letters of administration shall be issued.

ORDERED ON \_\_\_\_\_  
CIRCUIT JUDGE  
Pub.: Dec. 15, 22, 2011.

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 38-2011-CA-001109

ONEWEST BANK, FSB, Plaintiff,  
vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND OR BENEFICIARIES OF THE ESTATE OF IRENE THAYER AKA IRENE T. THAYER, et al, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO: UNKNOWN CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF IRENE THAYER AKA IRENE T. THAYER; LAST ADDRESS UNKNOWN; CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND OR BENEFICIARIES OF THE ESTATE OF IRENE THAYER AKA IRENE T. THAYER; LAST ADDRESS UNKNOWN; CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN. JOSEPH THAYER LAST ADDRESS UNKNOWN; CURRENT RESI-

DENCE UNKNOWN.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

TRACT 2, OF BLOCK "E" OF WOODLAND ACRES SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT 3, PAGE 39, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1997 NOBO DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME IDENTIFIED BY VIN NUMBERS: N87949A AND N87949B.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Marshall C. Watson, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 1800 NW 49TH STREET, SUITE 120, FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33309 on or before January 20, 2012, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the LEVY COUNTY JOURNAL and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Under the American with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (352) 337-6237, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711.

If you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact Court Interpreting at interpreter@circuitt8.org

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011.

Danny J. Shipp  
Clerk of the Court  
By: Gwen McElroy /s/ As Deputy Clerk  
Pub.: Dec. 15, 22, 2011.

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
CASE NO. 38-2011-DR-0814

ALEXANDRA HULLANDER, Petitioner,  
and  
FREEMAN V. STRODER, Respondent.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO: FREEMAN V. STRODER  
229 Ridgewood Avenue,  
#105  
Minneapolis, MN 55403

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to establish parental responsibility, parenting plan, time-sharing and other relief has been filed against you, and

you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on the petitioner's attorney, whose name is EDITH R. RICHMAN, and whose address is P.O. Box 10, Archer, Florida 32618, on or before January 13, 2012, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 355 South Court Street, Bronson, Florida 32621, either before service on petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

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

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.)

WARNING: Rule 12.25, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

DATED December 12, 2011

DANNY J. SHIPP  
Clerk of the Court  
By: Lindsey Polk /s/ As Deputy Clerk  
(COURT SEAL)  
Pub.: Dec. 15, 22, 2011.

**INVITATION TO BID MODIFICATIONS TO AN OBSERVATION TOWER TOWN OF YANKEETOWN, FLORIDA**

The Town of Yankeetown hereby gives notice that the Town will accept bids from qualified contractors for the following work:

Modifications to the Observation Tower located at the Withlacoochee Gulf Preserve. Modifications include the addition of concrete foundations, addition of support poles and framing, and the leveling of existing stairs and landings on an existing timber framed tower which is approximately 30 feet to the upper observation deck. Approximately 45 days will be allowed for construction. A payment and performance bond will be required for 100 percent of the proposed contract amount.

Bidding documents are now available and may currently be obtained from the Town Clerk, Town of Yankeetown 6241 Harmony Lane, Yankeetown, Florida 34498, Telephone Number 352-447-2511 or on the Town's Web Site at http://yankeetownfl.gov/office2.com. Bidding Documents will not be issued after 12:00 P.M. (local time), on Friday, January 20, 2012. Sealed bids will be received at the Office of the Town of Yankeetown at 6241 Harmony Lane, Yankeetown, Florida 34498 until 12:00 P.M. (local time) on Monday, January 23, 2012 and all proposals will be opened at Town Hall 6241 Harmony Lane, FL 34498 at 12:15 P.M. (local time) on Monday, January 23, 2012. Proposals received after the specified time and date will not be considered. Proposals shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "SEALED BID - OBSERVATION TOWER MODIFICATION". Electronic (internet) or facsimile (fax) bids will not be accepted for this project. Bid selection will be scheduled for a public hearing by the Town Council.

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

All work is to be done in accordance with the Plans, Special Provisions, Supplemental Specifications and Technical Specifications to accompany the Florida Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction 2010 together with the complete Florida Department of Transportation Implemented Modifications to the Standard Specifications (Supplemental Specifications) effective January 1, 2011.

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

The bidder may also include and submit any additional or optional information that would assist the Town in the evaluation of your proposal including any information concerning experience with similar projects involving pedestrian observation towers or references with knowledge of your firm's contract performance with local government or other entities in the performance of contracts for such projects.

The Town reserves the right to waive any deficiencies, modify the bid documents, or to reject any or all bids and to make the award to either the lowest or best bidder who, in the Town's sole judgment, is most qualified and capable of executing the contract in the best interest of the Town in the most economical manner.  
Pub.: Dec. 15, 2011.

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effortless. You can even donate your car online at [www.cars4charities.org](http://www.cars4charities.org). Your vehicle does not have to run or be in good condition and it will be picked up in a matter of days, free of charge. Cars4Charities will provide you with all the paperwork you'll need. To claim your 2011 deduction, your title must be signed and postmarked by December 31, 2011. For details, please visit [www.cars4charities.org](http://www.cars4charities.org) or call 1-866-448-3487 (GIVE-4-US).

## Obituaries continued from page 4B

(Paul) Ohmer of New Port Richey and Mary (Scott) Arnold of St. Petersburg; brothers, Earl Hurst of Steinhatchee and Roy Hurst of Palm Harbor; sisters, Jan Johns of Spring Hill, Jean Clarks of Otter Creek and Merle Anderson of Georgia; and seven grandchildren.

A visitation was held Friday evening, December 9, 2011, at the Rick Gooding Funeral Home between the hours of 6 and 8 p.m. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 10, 2011 at 11 a.m. at the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chapel with Michael Hurst officiating. Interment followed at Old McCrabb Cemetery, Old Town, Florida.

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

### ROBERT (ROBBIE) E. ANDERSON, JR

Mr. Robert (Robbie) E. Anderson, Jr. of Old Town, and formerly of Englewood, passed away Saturday, December 10, 2011 at the age of 52.

Robbie was an avid fishing and hunting sportsman who enjoyed life to the fullest. He attended Praise Christian Church.

Robbie is survived by his three children: sons, Larry Anderson of New Port Richey and Daryl Anderson of Old Town, and daughter, Katie Anderson of New Port Richey; four grandchildren, all of New Port Richey; parents, Robert E. (Bob) Sr. and Gladys Anderson of Old Town; sisters, Karen Siebelt of Englewood, Rhonda Lamont of Bradenton and Melody Kolb of Cumming, Ga.; and the love of his life, Tammy Underhill of Old Town.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 1 p.m. at the Praise Christian Church in Old Town with Rev. Cecil Hysmith officiating.

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

### CHRISTINE SNELLGROVE

MRS. CHRISTINE SNELLGROVE passed away at her home in Cross City on Saturday, December 10, 2011. She was 75.

Mrs. Snellgrove was born in Waynesboro, Mississippi and moved to Cross City in 1957. A homemaker, mother and grandmother, Mrs. Snellgrove raised two of her grandchildren, Heather and Andrew. She enjoyed taking care of her family, friends and her church. She was a founding member

of Calvary Temple Assembly of God.

Mrs. Snellgrove was preceded in death by her husband Andrew Lavelle; daughter Cindy Hammer; granddaughter Britney Snellgrove; father and mother Tom and Ollie Mae Sumrall and brother Roger Sumrall.

She is survived by her son, William Snellgrove of Cross City; her daughter Kay (John) Weeks of Old Town; grandchildren: Heather, Andrew, Cindy, Kristen, William, and Kayla; great-grandchildren, Dylan and Jessie; brother, Terry Sumrall of Cross City and sister, Elaine Risely of Laurel, Mississippi.

A visitation was held Wednesday, December 14, 2011 between the hours of 5 and 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Funeral services are being held Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 3 p.m. at Calvary Temple Assembly of God with Rev. James Hurst officiating. Interment will follow at Cross City Cemetery.

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

### MICHAEL F. HASENBEIN

April 20, 1916 – December 12, 2011

Michael "Mike" F. Hasenbein of Brooksville, Fla. passed away on December 12, 2011 at the age of 95. He was born on April 20, 1916 in Culman, Ala. to Frank and Elizabeth (Grabber) Hasenbein. He worked a machinist most of his life and retired from Eastern Airlines. He moved 2 1/2 years ago to Brooksville from Tennessee. He also lived in Chiefland for some time. He was of the Catholic faith and attended services at St. Paul's Apostolic Catholic Church. He enjoyed gardening, anything mechanical, was a rock hound and did lapidary. He loved being outdoors. Mike is survived by his daughters: Mary Hasenbein, Carolyn Nettles, Brenda Hanson (Michael), and Linda Brindisi (Dominic); brother, Alfred Hasenbein; 19 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation and services will be held graveside at Chiefland Cemetery on Thursday, December 15, 2011. Visitation will be at 1p.m. with the funeral service beginning at 2 p.m.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the St. Paul's Apostolic Catholic Church building fund at P.O. Box 10742, Brooksville, FL 34603.

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

## Florida Cattle Auctions Weekly Summary

Bartow, FL Fri Dec 09, 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 11,258 compared to 11,482 last week, and 11,949 last year. According to the Florida Federal-State Livestock Market News Service: Compared to one week ago, slaughter cows 1.00 to 3.00 higher, bulls steady to 1.00 lower, feeder steers 1.00 to 3.00 higher, steer calves 2.00 to 5.00 higher, heifers and heifer calves 3.00 to 5.00 higher, replacement cows 3.00 to 5.00 lower.

	This week	Last week	Year ago	Feeder Steers and Bulls Medium and Large 2-3
	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
Steers over 600 lbs	4%	1%	2%	200-240 218 155.00-180.00 172.42
Steers under 600 lbs	44%	37%	45%	250-290 272 140.00-190.00 170.48
Heifers over 600 lbs	2%	0%	1%	300-345 322 137.50-185.00 163.67
Heifers under 600 lbs	35%	38%	35%	350-395 374 122.50-152.00 138.53
Feeder cows	1%	2%	2%	400-445 420 118.00-142.00 130.35
Slaughter cows	13%	19%	13%	450-490 469 116.00-137.00 128.39
Bulls	1%	3%	2%	500-545 524 110.00-130.00 120.48

### Slaughter Cows Breakers 75-80

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1200-1585	1348	65.00-76.00	70.92
1200-1575	1345	70.00-79.00	77.01 HD
1205-1385	1278	57.00-65.00	60.60 LD
1605-1770	1688	67.00-76.50	74.2

### Slaughter Cows Boners 80-85

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
865-1195	1071	60.00-73.50	66.27
945-1190	1103	70.00-78.00	73.17 HD
800-1195	1030	56.00-65.00	62.36 LD
1200-1595	1333	62.00-71.00	67.17
1200-1550	1369	71.00-77.00	72.76 HD

### Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
850-1190	1014	52.00-61.00	56.97
950-1180	1047	50.00-52.00	50.33 LD
1200-1450	1303	55.00-61.00	58.79

### Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 1

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1065-1495	1355	73.00-85.00	78.53
1500-1820	1602	76.00-88.00	80.99

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

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
200-245	220	180.00-230.00	204.98
250-290	273	175.00-225.00	198.42
300-345	319	170.00-210.00	188.52
350-395	370	142.00-180.00	161.53
400-445	420	135.00-170.00	149.45
450-495	467	132.00-160.00	143.38
500-545	517	125.00-145.00	134.58
550-595	567	122.50-140.00	130.86
600-645	619	120.00-137.00	126.8
650-695	669	120.00-132.00	126.12
700-745	718	117.00-118.00	120.9
750-790	763	115.00-121.00	116.61

### Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
200-245	225	142.50-180.00	160.83
250-295	271	137.00-180.00	154.58
300-345	321	136.00-165.00	147.03
350-395	368	127.50-160.00	143.22
400-445	420	120.00-144.00	132.35
450-495	466	117.00-139.00	127.44
500-545	520	111.00-130.00	121.98
550-595	569	110.00-128.00	120.17
600-645	617	109.00-125.00	116.42
650-675	659	108.00-121.00	113.79
700-725	713	105.00-121.00	111.21

### Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2-3

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
200-245	223	125.00-145.00	136.72
250-290	272	120.00-155.00	129.67
300-345	325	115.00-135.00	123.73
350-395	372	110.00-137.00	121.4
400-445	421	108.00-128.00	116.59
450-490	470	105.00-124.00	113.32
500-545	522	100.00-118.00	109.89
550-590	569	100.00-118.00	106.96
600-640	618	100.00-108.00	104.74
655-680	664	100.00-107.00	103.62

### Bred Cows Medium and Large 1-2

Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
900-1085	992	72.00-88.00	76.57
1105-1195	1156	75.00-86.00	80.6
1200-1295	1237	78.00-88.00	81.63
1305-1485	1375	67.00-78.00	70.27

# Social Security Helps The Homeless

By Kay Louder

Social Security District Manager, Gainesville, FL

More than half-a-million Americans experience homelessness on any given night. Nearly 20 percent of them are "chronically homeless," meaning they are on the streets regularly.

Social Security has several programs that pay benefits to qualified individuals, including those who are homeless. These programs include retirement, disability, and survivors benefits, as well as Supplemental Security Income (SSI), which is a needs-based program for people who are blind, disabled, or age 65 or older.

The homelessness page, [www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi/spotlights/sopt-homeless.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi/spotlights/sopt-homeless.htm), also includes links to information on health care for the homeless, institutionalization, advocacy groups, reports on homeless outreach, and even links to other websites like the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness and HUD.

# Social Security Questions and Answers

By Kay Louder

Social Security District Manager, Gainesville, FL

### Question:

Can I get an estimate of my retirement benefit at several different possible ages?

### Answer:

Yes. We suggest you use our Retirement Estimator at [www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator) to test different retirement scenarios. This online tool will give you retirement benefit estimates based on current law and real time access to your earnings record. The Retirement Estimator also lets you create additional "what if" retirement scenarios.

### Question:

If both my spouse and I are entitled to Social Security benefits, is there any reduction in our payments because we are married?

### Answer:

No. We calculate lifetime earnings independently to determine each spouse's Social Security benefit amount. When each member of a married couple meets all other eligibility requirements to receive Social Security retirement benefits, each spouse receives a monthly benefit amount based on his or her own earnings. Couples are not penalized simply because they are married. If one member of the couple earned low wages or failed to earn enough Social Security credits (40) to be insured for retirement benefits, he or she may be eligible to receive benefits as a spouse.

### Question:

Is there a time limit on Social Security

disability benefits?

### Answer:

Your disability benefits will continue as long as your medical condition has not improved and you cannot work. We will review your case at regular intervals to make sure you are still disabled. Learn more by reading our publication, Disability Benefits, at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10029.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10029.html).

### Question:

When a person who has worked and paid Social Security taxes dies, are benefits payable on that person's record?

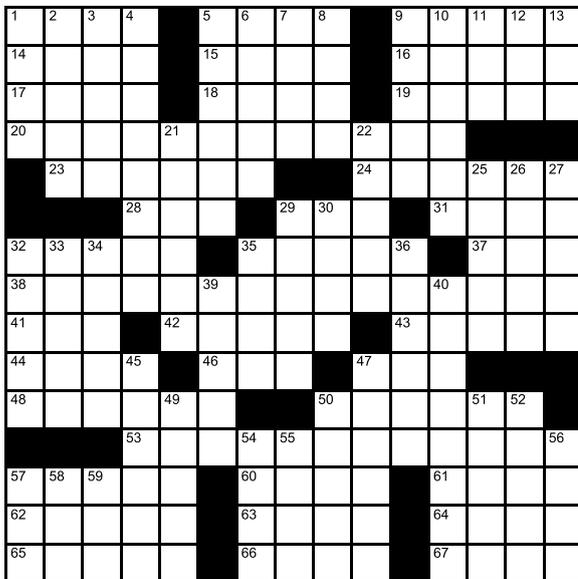
### Answer:

Social Security survivors benefits can be paid to:

- A widow or widower — unreduced benefits at full retirement age, or reduced benefits as early as age 60;
- A disabled widow or widower — as early as age 50;
- A widow or widower at any age if he or she takes care of the deceased's child who is under age 16 or disabled, and receiving Social Security benefits;
- Unmarried children under 18, or up to age 19 if they are attending high school full time. Under certain circumstances, benefits can be paid to stepchildren, grandchildren or adopted children;
- Children at any age who were disabled before age 22 and remain disabled; and
- Dependent parents age 62 or older.

Even if you are divorced, you still may qualify for survivors benefits. For more information, go to [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

## Crossword Puzzle



### Across

- Door feature
- Christian Science founder
- New moon, e.g.
- Control freak
- Achy
- Horse opera
- Aroma
- Checked item
- Contemptuous look
- Energy converters (2 wds)
- Bridge play (pl.)
- Map line
- "Give it \_\_\_!" (2 wds)
- Big \_\_\_ Conference
- French Sudan, today
- Lawn mower's path
- Sits tight
- End
- Hit by thunderstorm's electrical discharge (2 wds)
- "Is that \_\_\_?"
- Bulrush, e.g.
- Like some buckets
- Clickable image
- \_\_\_ bit
- "Wheel of Fortune" buy (2 wds)
- Not at all
- Makes right
- January 1 to December 31 (2 wds)
- Strikes with beak
- Cameron \_\_\_\_, actress
- Plunge headfirst
- Fits
- #1 spot
- Battery contents
- Regretful
- Bungle, with "up"
- Cravings

### Down

- Comprehend
- Low point
- Kind of layer
- Robin's tidying spot
- Former Portugese monetary unit
- Opportunities, so to speak
- Blah
- Abominable Snowman
- Presents, as a threat
- Two-wheeled covered carriage
- Absorbed, as a cost
- "Comprede?"
- "To \_\_\_ is human ..."
- Acrobat's garb
- Dressed to the \_\_\_
- Dye with wax
- Similar
- Turn red or yellow, say
- Bit of color
- Halftime lead, e.g.
- Assassinated
- Ham radio response
- Burning
- Dwell
- Habitual drug user
- Handrail support
- Time of financial need (2 wds)
- Neigh softly
- Blows away
- Flip, in a way
- Monroe's successor
- Prepare for winter takeoff
- Small spreading juniper bush
- \_\_\_ cheese
- "Good going!"
- 1990 World Series champs
- \_\_\_ de deux
- "I" problem
- Blackguard

# Time for A Little Christmas Spirit

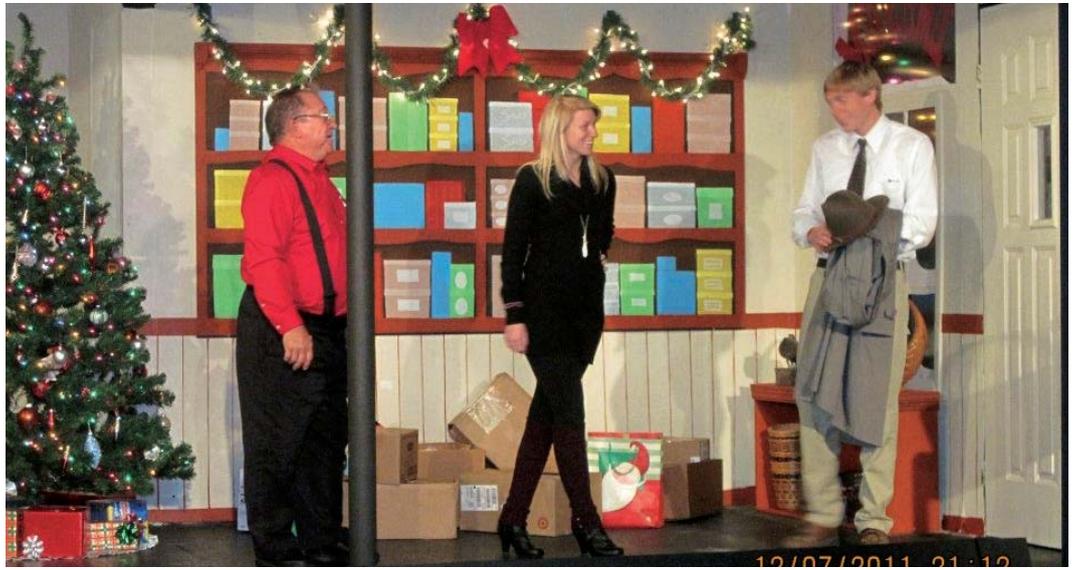
Suwannee Valley Players will be entertaining audiences with laughter and suspense this weekend with their annual Christmas show this weekend, Dec. 16-18. This year's production, A Little Christmas Spirit written by Pat Cook, is produced by special arrangement with Eldridge Publishing Company. Like other Pat Cook plays, A Little Christmas Spirit is 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, an old-fashioned store chock-full of all sorts of gifts and knickknacks. He has a hard time explaining to Nick, played by veteran actor Perry Davidson, what he's looking for, but finds himself falling under the old storekeeper's spell.

Just when Morse is about to buy something, he runs outside to chase some kids away from his car. When he returns, he finds the store suddenly dark and quiet. A policeman then shows up to run him off because, "This place ain't been open in 40 years!" Morse finds a way back, not only to the store, but to a time 40 years ago when he was a younger man.

This Yuletide fantasy is full of humor and the holiday spirit and makes us all wish we could find a "Nick's Emporium" where life stands still and we can all truly enjoy A Little Christmas Spirit. The show will run Friday and Saturday at 8 PM and Sunday at 2:30 PM at the Chief Theatre, 25 East Park Avenue, Chiefland, from December 16th 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 or email us at suwanneevalleyplayers@gmail.com.



## Log Cabin Quilters

The Log Cabin Quilters met Thursday, Dec. 8 at the Levy County Quilt Museum. We are having lots of visitors who were told about the Museum from other visitors who came to the Quilt Show.

Last Sunday, we drew the names of the winners of the three quilts on which we had been taking donations. The Watermelon Quilt went to Roy Marshall, the Rose Quilt went to Reggie Chapman from Lakeland and the Log Cabin Quilt went to Tony Booth. The big Log Cabin Quilt had donations of \$900.00 which will be sent to the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch in Live Oak for the children to go to camp in the summer. We donated the quilt and were so glad we were able to do so much for the children at the camp.

We want to thank the quilters who came out during the show and worked and the more than 500 visitors who came to see us. We also want to thank Jeff Klinkenburg who wrote the article in the St. Pete Times, Karen Voyles who wrote for the Gainesville Sun and their photographers. Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's Quilt Show the biggest show we have had in a long time. We also would like to thank Frank Nickleson for helping us as our maintenance man. God bless everyone is our prayer.

—Winnelle Horne



Rose Ford has completed this autumn quilt. This quilt took three years to complete and is scheduled to go to the State Fair in February. You really should see this quilt in person.



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## Free Workshop to Start Your Business

The College of Central Florida and Gainesville Score will be holding a free workshop entitled "Simple Steps to Starting Your Business." This workshop will be held on Monday, January 30 from 6 to 9 p.m. This is a free workshop. For more information please call 352/493-9533, ext. 2106.

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