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## When All Is Said and Done for Lake Johnson Estates' Residents

By **Kathy Hilliard**  
Editor

The residents of Lake Johnson Estates showed up to voice their frustrations on Monday Feb. 6 and they were heard. The Bronson Town Council also had a chance to explain what the problems were from their point of view. When all is said and done it was seen that Mr. George Stephens has consistently blocked the drainage ditch shared with Mr. Russ Hall who just as consistently cleans it out. According to Mr. Hall, as fast as he can clean it up Mr. Stephens fills it up.

What to do, what to do? The floodwater issue in the Town of Bronson is directly affected by blocked drainage canals. Without a resolution Bronson has FEMA problems, SWFWMD problems, mosquito problems and for the Lake Johnson folks – paving problems. It was determined that a resolution must be made with Mr. Stephens but how that is done depends on land use regulations, finances to purchase easements if necessary and myriad one-thing-leads-to-another regulatory fix-its.

The next meeting to discuss the arrangements that the Bronson Town Council is working on is Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. at the Dogan Cobb Municipal Building.

For the record, following is the exact approved minutes for the meetings of Jan. 3 and Jan. 17 on this important issue so you can read for yourself what has transpired.

Town of Bronson Council Meeting for January 3, 2012

Mayor: Call Meeting to Order

Prayer:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: Present: Beatrice Mongo, Berlon Weeks, Jason Kennedy, Public Works Director Jimmy Dunford, Chief Jeff DiMaggio, Deputy Clerk Susie Robinson, Building Official Bob Niffenegger, and Clerk Kelli Brettel

Absent/Excused: Franklin Schuler, Aaron Edmondson.

OLD BUSINESS: Ms. Robbie Blake regarding annexation of Lake Johnson Estates.

Ms. Blake came before the council to say she is very much in favor of annexation of Lake Johnson Estates and would be willing to help organize a meeting to discuss the benefits of annexation to the Lake Johnson Estates area. Mayor Mongo had a question in regards to lot sizes and how they are addressed in the LDR. Councilman Weeks explained that since Lake Johnson Estates is a platted sub-division it would be required to come up to Bronson's Land Development Regulations per Mr. Bob Niffenegger's memo which is attached for reference. Councilman Weeks stated he views that to be a bit heavy handed. Mr. Bob Niffenegger thought it would be unfair to the existing tax payers of Bronson and no benefit to the Town. Mr. Bob reiterated that he is there to make a technical recommendation to the Council, but it is their final decision. Ms. Blake stated she is not asking for any promises regarding street paving or additional services she is looking to have representation and a voice in a Town she has supported over 30 years. Ms. Blake said

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## Florida Lawmakers Meet at the Fair



Pam Bondi and Ag Commissioner Adam Putnam take a slide at the Fair on opening day.



Gov. Rick Scott held regular meeting at the Fair with an audience of the bovine persuasion.

The Governor and Cabinet marked the opening of the 2012 Florida State Fair in Tampa by hosting their regular twice-monthly meeting at the fairgrounds on Thursday. As part of a day-long celebration of the state's rich agricultural heritage, the Governor and Cabinet participated in a variety of fair activities to highlight agriculture's contributions to Florida's economy and the youth leadership and development

opportunities offered by the fair.

During the Cabinet meeting, attendees heard from FFA President, Charlie Brown, who said that he was "proud to be part of an industry that ensures a safe, abundant food supply, including all that's Fresh from Florida." Larry Black, a local citrus grower, also discussed the citrus industry, which, despite the difficult economy, continues to grow and create jobs.

## FWC Receives Land Stewardship Award from National Wild Turkey Federation



The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) was presented with the 2012 Land Stewardship Award during the 36th annual National Wild Turkey Federation's (NWTf) National Convention and Sport Show Feb. 9-12 in Tennessee, sponsored by MidwayUSA.

"I am honored to accept this award on behalf of the Commissioners and staff of the FWC," FWC Chairman Kathy Barco said. "It is a reflection of our excellent partnership with the NWTf and the commitment we hold for proper management of wildlife habitat and preservation of our hunting heritage."

"We are thankful to be working side by side with the membership and staff of NWTf to build a

lasting conservation legacy that will be appreciated and enjoyed by many generations to come," Barco added.

The NWTf has given the Land Stewardship Award each year since 1994 to forestry and utility companies and organizations for excellence in land management, partnerships and NWTf project support. The award recognizes those who have done outstanding work to benefit natural resources through land stewardship and partnerships.

The FWC faces the daunting challenge of managing more than 5.8 million acres of public hunting land in a state that expects to double its human population in the next 50 years. The FWC has worked with the NWTf on many projects, including:

- Establishing a cost-share program in 1994 that has put more than \$2.2 million into habitat enhancement across 470 projects throughout the state's public wildlife management areas and state forests, impacting over a million acres to date.
- Providing approximately \$375,000 to support NWTf cooperative positions, including two biologists and one youth hunting program coordinator since 2006. These positions have fostered the generation of another \$3 million of cash match and \$2.5 million of in-kind match to impact more than 650,000 acres of public and private lands habitat.
- Providing more than \$100,000 of in-kind value through the Florida FWC Private Lands Program in support of NWTf landowner outreach and education, which have reached more than 1,500 landowners representing more than 250,000 acres since 2006.

"Florida FWC's partnerships with the NWTf have enabled us to improve wildlife habitat throughout the state and help pass along our hunting heritage to the next generation," said James Earl Kenamer, Ph.D., NWTf chief conservation officer.

The NWTf is a nonprofit conservation organization that works daily to further its mission of conserving the wild turkey and preserve the state's hunting

# Levy County Sheriff's Office Arrest Report

Bloom, Mary Richardson, 59, of Williston: NON SUPPORT OF CHILDREN OR SPOUSE.  
 Cason, Cassandra Rachelle, 24, of High Springs: OUT-OF-COUNTY WARRANT x 2.  
 Ellerby, James Allen, 17, of Chiefland: BATTERY WITH INTENTIONAL TOUCH OR STRIKE.  
 Fields, Timothy Ray, 27, of Bronson: LEWD & LASCIVIOUS BEHAVIOR WITH 12 YEAR OLD UP TO 16 YO BY AN OFFENDER 18 YEARS OLD OR OLDER X 3.  
 Flanders, Aaron, 46, of Chiefland: BATTERY WITH INTENTIONAL TOUCH OR STRIKE; PETIT THEFT 2ND DEGREE, 1ST OFFENSE.  
 Hampton, Shekenia Maria, 27, of Ocala: VOP.  
 Hart, Justin Timothy, 23, of Bronson: VOP x 7.  
 Herrera, Javi Perla, 26, of Trenton: OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT A VALID LICENSE.  
 Hopkins, Jerrell Lashaw, 24, of Gainesville: VOP.  
 Huffman, Shawn Donald, 40, of Inglis: BATTERY WITH INTENTIONAL TOUCH OR STRIKE.  
 Jenks, Pamela Jean, 46, of Chiefland: BATTERY WITH INTENTIONAL TOUCH OR STRIKE.  
 Kemp, Thomas Franklin, 25, of Chiefland: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE WITHOUT VIOLENCE.  
 McClain, Brittany Nicole, 19, of Chiefland: TRESPASSING BY PLACING SIGNS NEXT TO A HIGHWAY.

# Levy County's Most Wanted



<b>Fowler, Jason E</b> Bell W/M DOB/ 12/24/1983 382007CF000531A NO BOND	<b>Getman, Jeremy</b> Ocala VOP EXPLOITATION OF ELDERLY NO BOND	<b>Langford, Becky M</b> Archer VOP UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FRAUD NO BOND	<b>Simmons, Donald Jean Jr</b> Gainesville VOP POSSESS MARIJUANA \$5,000 BOND	<b>Watson, Tina Marie</b> Bronson VOP POSS FORG/STOLEN LICENSE NO BOND	<b>Zeagler, Travis D</b> Trenton FRAUD UTTER FALSE INST/ PETIT LARCENY 1ST OFFENSE TRENTON \$10,000 BOND
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McVey, Eric Ryan, 21, of Morriston: VOP.  
 Mercer, Luevell Andrew, 23, of Chiefland: BREACH OF THE PEACE; POSSESSION AND/OR USE OF DRUG EQUIPMENT; POSSESSION OF COCAINE.  
 Overstreet, Charles Walter, 24, of Old Town: VOP.  
 Pham, Phi Hung, 26, of Gainesville: OUT-OF-COUNTY WARRANT.  
 Queen, Thomas Allen, 58, of Morriston: OUT-OF-COUNTY WARRANT.  
 Rhoomes, Regina Marcella, 46, of Trenton: BATTERY WITH INTENTIONAL TOUCH OR STRIKE; PETIT THEFT 2ND DEGREE, 1ST OFFENSE.  
 Rohrer, Robert David, 36, of Inglis: OUT-OF-COUNTY WARRANT.  
 Salley, Michael Shane, 34, of Bronson: BATTERY WITH INTENTIONAL TOUCH OR STRIKE.  
 Schafer, Cristina Lynn, 33, of Inglis: FAILURE TO APPEAR; VOP.  
 Silliven, Collin James, 20, of Trenton: DUI ALCOHOL OR DRUGS.  
 Stack, Michael Sean, 18, of Morriston: BATTERY WITH INTENTIONAL TOUCH OR STRIKE.  
 Swafford, Imogene, 50, of Old Town: DUI CAUSING DEATH TO A HUMAN OR UNBORN CHILD; DUI AND PROPERTY DAMAGE x 2.  
 Wheyway, Nicole, 18, of Gainesville: PETIT THEFT 1ST DEGREE AT LEAST \$100 LESS THAN \$300 x 4; ALTERING A PUBLIC RECORD OR CERTIFICATE x 3; UTTERING A FALSE INSTRUMENT x 3.  
 Zachary, Daniel Wayne, 32, of Trenton: OUT-OF-COUNTY WARRANT x 2; DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED, 2ND OFFENSE.

# Levy County Teachers and Students Prepare for 2012 State Assessments

As spring arrives, so do State Assessments for Levy County students. Soon our students will be taking the FCAT Writes Exam, the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT 2.0), the Comprehensive English Language Learning Assessment (CELLA), and the End-of-Course (EOC) Exams for Geometry, Biology and Algebra I. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of a few important "parent involvement" guidelines and tips.

First, parents can obtain fact sheets, information, sample tests, and resources by going to <http://fcatt.fldoe.org> and by visiting the <http://www.fldoe.org/aala> website. It is just as important for parents to be informed as it is for our students. I would like to encourage all parents and guardians to visit these websites for information regarding FCAT and other state assessments.

Parents can help increase student success in school by promoting daily attendance, encouraging their children to do well in school, making sure their children have a well-rounded diet, keeping up with their children's progress, and making sure that their children are well-rested on school days and especially on testing days. Parents are also encouraged to meet with their child's teachers throughout the school year.

This year, testing begins on February 28, 2012, with FCAT Writing administered in Grades 4, 8, and 10. This test requires students to write an essay in response to a prompt. The FCAT Writing Test will be administered on February 28, 2012, with make-up days scheduled for February 29 and March 1. English Language Learners (ESOL students) will be taking the Comprehensive English Language Learning Assessment (CELLA) starting on March 5, 2012. The CELLA assesses students' skills in Listening/Speaking, Reading and Writing. FCAT Retake Exams in Reading and Mathematics will begin on April 9, 2012 for juniors and seniors. Students in Grades 3-10 will be taking FCAT Reading, Mathematics, and Science during the April 16-April 27 testing window. You will need to check with your school's Testing Coordinator or your child's teacher to get a specific calendar of what is tested each day beginning on April 16, since students in grades 3-10 must take different parts of the test on different days.

By: Valerie Boughanem, District Testing Coordinator, School Board of Levy County

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heritage. Through dynamic partnerships with state, federal and provincial wildlife agencies, the NWTF and its members have helped restore wild turkey populations across the country, investing more than \$372 million to conserve 17 million acres of critical habitat for all types of wildlife.

The website address is [nwtf.org](http://nwtf.org) to see more of what an organization run by hunters is doing for the future of hunting.

# Bronson Man Arrested for Molestation of Child



The Levy County Sheriff's Office received a call concerning a sexual assault. Deputy Kevin Kinik responded to the call and spoke to the juvenile victim who stated that she was "raped" two weeks ago by Timothy Ray Fields Jr., 27, of Bronson. The victim said she did not report the crime before now because she was scared. The assault occurred in Fields' vehicle. The victim said that Fields coerced her to have sex and told her that he loved her.

Corporal Mike Bell with the Criminal Investigations Division assisted in the investigation and obtained a taped statement from Fields confessing to the crime.

Corporal Bell arrested Fields for lewd and lascivious molestation of a child on Feb. 8, 2012 and transported Fields to the Levy County Jail where a \$400,000 bond was set.

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that Lake Johnson Estates is #4 on the County's paving list. After some debate and discussion about ad valorem taxes and services, Mr. Bob suggested that all these statistics be compiled and be brought forth during a public hearing. He also said there are services like water that the town would have to provide if the annexation passed within a specific time period. Councilman Weeks discussed the idea of using the existing water system at Lake Johnson Estates.

Councilman Weeks says that it is .6 tenths of a mile from our existing service to the start of the abandoned water system. He knows that the system would need to be investigated for usability, but he feels the benefit to annex the residents of Lake Johnson Estates to the Town far out ways any cost that would be incurred. He then made a motion to appoint an ambassador to go to Lake Johnson Estates with Ms. Robbie Blake to talk about annexation to the residents. Councilman Kennedy

seconded his motion and suggested that Councilman Weeks go. Mayor Mongo wanted to make sure Ms. Blake understood that no promises could be made and nothing would be decided until it was heard before the entire Council and the proper steps for annexation were taken. Councilman Kennedy said he understood Ms. Blake plight for representation. Ms. Blake thanked the Council.

Town of Bronson Council Meeting for January 17, 2012

Mayor: Call Meeting to Order  
 Prayer:  
 Pledge of Allegiance:  
 Roll Call

Present: Franklin Schuler, Beatrice Mongo, Aaron Edmondson, Berlon Weeks, Jason Kennedy, Attorney Steven Warm, Public Works Director Jimmy Dunford, Chief Jeff DiMaggio, Building Official Robert Niffenegger, Deputy Clerk Susie Robinson, and Town Clerk Kelli Brettel.

Mayor Mongo called the meeting to order

and after the prayer and pledge welcomed everyone who was in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mayor Mongo asked if the Council had a chance to review the minutes. Councilman Franklin Schuler had a comment regarding the minutes. He referenced back to the minutes back on December 19, 2011 regarding the motion he made addressing annexation of Lake Johnson Estates. He wanted to know how that motion was able to be reversed on January 3, 2012. Councilman Weeks said that Ms. Robbie Blake made a presentation to the Council at the January 3 meeting as requested by the Council, a meeting that both Vice Mayor Schuler and Councilman Edmondson were not able to attend. Vice Mayor Schuler's argument was that Ms. Robbie Blake was not a spokes person for all of Lake Johnson Estates, his intention was to hear from each individual property owner if they were interested in annexation. After some discussion as to if Ms. Blake can speak on behalf of the whole community Vice Mayor Schuler asked Attorney Warm if two motions can conflict each other. Attorney Warm said that "one can cancel the other out but since it is a sensitive situation he will look into it and report with a fair assumption." Both Vice Mayor Schuler and Councilman Weeks were satisfied with that course of action. Mayor Mongo then decided to table the minutes from January 3, 2012 until an opinion can be given. Mayor Mongo further said she was hearing some negative comments from residents from Lake Johnson Estates "so not everyone shares Ms. Blake's opinion."

These excerpts are directly from the minutes for the portion dealing with Lake Johnson Estates only.

We are waiting for approved written minutes for the Feb. 6 meeting but you can listen to the meeting audio at the Town of Bronson website: [townofbronson.com](http://townofbronson.com)

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# JBE Recognizes Teacher, ESP, and Volunteer of the Year

Lauren Whitehurst, a first grade teacher, was selected by the staff at JBE as Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Whitehurst says, "Teaching is an art. You are constantly molding and changing your methods and instructional practices for the better of others. The others being the twenty children I'm privileged to teach and grow with each year. Educating children is an emotional roller coaster, because it involves much excitement, frustration, and countless triumphs. Teaching the past four years at Joyce Bullock Elementary School has been beneficial to my growth as an educator. The staff at JBES that sat, talked, and problem solved with me helped support me along the way and I am extremely grateful. My passion and drive for the teaching profession is fostered by my husband, Adam and our families and their love for education is invaluable."



Volunteer of the year Deasirea Battles

Marcelle Samuels was chosen as Educational Support Personnel of the year. Mrs. Samuels is an ESP in Mrs. Dudeck's kindergarten classroom and has worked at JBE for eight years. She says, "My favorite thing about working at JBE is that they will carry what I teach them now with them for the rest of their lives. A solid educational foundation will give them the tools they need to succeed in whatever they choose to do in life." Mrs. Samuels is married and has three children and two grandchildren.

Deasirea Battle, an almost daily volunteer, was chosen by the staff as volunteer of the year. Mrs. Battle is not only a volunteer in the classroom but also anywhere she is needed from the office to media to after school activities.

Story and Photos by Melissa Lewis, Assistant Principal



## LARC Visits the Park



Florida State Parks have a program called partnerships that involves, as you might guess, partnering with other agencies, civic groups, and schools to achieve their goals. This is always a win-win for those involved. This past week, it was a winning day for Levy Association for Retarded Citizens (LARC) and the Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge.

Ranger Pam Darty was contacted by Manatee Spring State Park, sponsors of a grant that funds transportation of LARC clients to outdoor activities in public lands like State Parks and National Wildlife Refuges. Ranger Pam introduced LARC clients to bats at the giant bat house near the Refuge headquarters all the while promising a big surprise at the River Trail. As the group rounded the corner at the trailhead, Ms. Toni Collins and Mr. Lindon Lindsey, dressed in late 1800's period-clothing greeted them as if they were pioneers. They spoke of the old sawmill no longer at the end of the trail, lifeways of Florida pioneers like the Lindsey family, and priceless public lands like Refuges and Parks. After walking to the Suwannee River and finding no alligators, the group ventured to Shell Mound to learn of its ancient origins. Everyone took turns throwing a spear before learning of archaic technology demonstrated by the atlatl used to project the spear. After walking up the 28-foot high mound, the group was thrilled to view the Gulf from atop the mountain of shells.

"I couldn't have been happier that Ranger Dudley asked us to host LARC; all the clients are so sweet and appreciative," said Darty. "One of our goals at the Lower Suwannee NWR is to encourage non-traditional users to come visit, use our fishing pier, enjoy our trails, photograph birds at our observation decks, or view the bat exodus from our giant bat house."

For more information or to make arrangements for your group to visit, call the Refuge at 352/493-0238, ext 223. It's all free.

## Lions Get the Job Done, Period.

The Chiefland Lions Club conducted their first road clean-up project of 2012 on Feb. 4. The Chiefland Lions Club is responsible for routinely cleaning up their "adopted" stretch of Highway 19 in Chiefland between Stone's BP and Burger King and they do it.

In addition to caring for the environment, the Chiefland Lions Club focuses on sight preservation by providing glasses and eye exams to those in need in our area. We also conduct free diabetes screening for people in our community. Diabetes is important to the Lions because approximately two percent of all people who have had diabetes for 15 years become blind and about 10 percent develop a severe visual impairment.

The Lions Club is committed to serving our community and trying to help everyone see a better tomorrow. Those interested in helping us to give back to our community can feel free to visit one of our meetings that are held the first Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at Deke's Restaurant or contact Club President, Jackie Loubet at (352) 493-0778, email at: ChieflandLions@gmail.com or visit online at [www.facebook.com/ChieflandLionsClub](http://www.facebook.com/ChieflandLionsClub) and <http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/chiefland/index.php>

Thanks go to the hardworking Chiefland Lions Club as they clean up the roads



## COMPUTER TIPS

### The Why and How of Windows Updates

There are many different ways to keep your computer safe. Windows updates should always be part of your internet safety routine along with an active antivirus and firewall.

In order to understand why updates are so important you must first understand exactly what they are. Updates are software created to fix both errors that have been reported and security vulnerabilities that Microsoft has found. Windows updates also contain software tools to detect which updates your computer needs. In most situations computers are already set to run the updates automatically. However, if you run your updates yourself, you need to check, download and install updates as frequently as possible.

To check the update settings on your computer, click the Start Menu, and then click Control Panel. Once you are in the Control Panel, click on Windows update, which will bring you to the Windows Update screen. On the left side you will see Change Settings; click on it and it will bring you to the settings window you are looking for. This

window will allow you to view and change the update settings on your computer. Most of the newer computers are set on Install Updates Automatically (recommended), with the option of choosing the day and time you wish the updates to run (remember your computer must be on for the updates to install).

If you have a laptop you have a few options for downloading and installing your updates should you have dial up internet. You can download the updates at home, which may take time, or you may download the updates at your local Wi-Fi hotspot. Whichever option you choose, once downloaded, don't forget to allow the updates to install, or you can give us or your local computer repair shop a call for a quote to provide a Service Pack CD (a compilation of updates to run at one time) or to download and install the updates for you.

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OPINION

# The 'Progressive' Legacy

Thomas Sowell  
Creators Syndicate



Although Barack Obama is the first black President of the United States, he is by no means unique, except for his complexion. He follows in the footsteps of other presidents with a similar vision, the vision at the heart of the Progressive movement that flourished a hundred years ago.

Many of the trends, problems and disasters of our time are a legacy of that era. We can only imagine how many future generations will be paying the price -- and not just in money -- for the bright ideas and clever rhetoric of our current administration.

The two giants of the Progressive era -- Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson -- clashed a century ago, in the three-way election of 1912. With the Republican vote split between William Howard Taft and Theodore Roosevelt's newly created Progressive Party, Woodrow Wilson was elected president, so that the Democrats' version of Progressivism became dominant for eight years.

What Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson had in common, and what attracts some of today's Republicans and Democrats, respectively, who claim to be following in their footsteps, was a vision of an expanded role of the federal government in the economy and a reduced role for the Constitution of the United States.

Like other Progressives, Theodore Roosevelt was a critic and foe of big business. In this he was not inhibited by any knowledge of economics, and his own business ventures lost money.

Rhetoric was TR's strong suit. He denounced "the mighty industrial overlords" and "the tyranny of mere wealth."

Just what specifically this "tyranny" consisted of was not spelled out. This was indeed an era of the rise of businesses to unprecedented size in industry after industry -- and of prices falling rapidly, as a result of economies of scale that cut production costs and allowed larger profits to be made from lower prices that attracted more customers.

It was easy to stir up hysteria over a rapidly changing economic landscape and the rise of new businessmen like John D. Rockefeller to wealth and prominence. They were called "robber barons," but those who put this label on them failed to specify just who they robbed.

Like other Progressives, TR wanted an income tax to siphon off some of the earnings of the rich. Since the Constitution of the United States forbade such a tax, to the Progressives that simply meant that the Constitution should be changed.

After the 16th Amendment was passed, a very low income-tax rate was levied, as an entering wedge for rates that rapidly escalated up to 73 percent on the highest incomes during the Woodrow Wilson administration.

One of the criticisms of the Constitution by the Progressives, and one still heard today, is that the Constitution is so hard to amend that judges have to loosen its restrictions on the power of the federal government by judicial reinterpretations. Judicial activism is one of the enduring legacies of the Progressive era.

In reality, the Constitution was amended four times in eight years during the Progressive era. But facts carried no more weight with crusading Progressives then than they do today.

Theodore Roosevelt interpreted the Constitution to mean that the President of the United States could exercise any powers not explicitly forbidden to him. This stood the 10th Amendment on its head, for that Amendment explicitly gave the federal government only the powers specifically spelled out, and reserved all other powers to the states or to the people.

Woodrow Wilson attacked the Constitution in his writings as an academic before he became president. Once in power, his administration so restricted freedom of speech that this led to landmark Supreme Court decisions restoring that fundamental right.

Whatever the vision or rhetoric of the Progressive era, its practice was a never-ending expansion of the arbitrary powers of the federal government. The problems they created so discredited Progressives that they started calling themselves "liberals" -- and after they discredited themselves again, they went back to calling themselves "Progressives," now that people no longer remembered how Progressives had discredited themselves before.

Barack Obama's rhetoric of "change" is in fact a restoration of discredited ideas that originated a hundred years ago.

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## Wake UP

By Kathy Hilliard  
Editor

The founding fathers of these great United States of America came here to live free. They totally valued the liberty of the individual person. Each person needed to be able to make up his or her own mind as to what was their life, their liberty and their pursuit of happiness. And this liberty was not abused back then because these were a people who not only acknowledged the existence of God but also read His Word every day and even used that mighty bible to teach the children how to read in school.

To establish their dream of true liberty these brave pilgrims had to leave their original nation in which the Church of England was making up the rules and using the government to enforce them. So separation of church and state became one of their main criteria for establishing a great nation of liberty. The founding fathers were not afraid if the people talked about their faith or followed the 10 Commandments but they did fear the mixing of the two so that they shared the power and the law and the people had no choice or voice.

No, the churches of all types needed to be free to teach their beliefs without a law saying what they could or could not say or do; and the government needed no more power than what was needed to protect the people from danger and threat to their lives and fortunes. Government was for the running of the country, not the beliefs

of the faithful. I once studied under a man who said it very short and true: Law is for the integrity of the group but grace is for the individual.

Currently this administration in the United States has just stepped into "meddlin" in the affairs of the beliefs of the people. The forcing of the Catholic Church to provide contraception or any before or after abortion procedures is not the business of the government. Nor is its overreach made any less unconstitutional by making it free, it is meddlin'.

But now Obama has made his biggest step into the arena of false worship. In this particular case he is offering Catholic women the ability to choose him over the teachings of their church and thinking that making it free will soothe over the breach of faith involved. This bribery is atrocious. Wake up, believers everywhere. This is not about a right because there is no right to procedures such as this. They are there at your choosing for a price just like every other commodity. No problem. But if you have chosen to follow a certain belief system and that belief system says it is wrong then it is to them that you take your problem and get your answers; otherwise, drop out of the church and go follow Obamamessiah.

The bible was steps ahead on this issue. In Exodus Chapter 20 the Lord is giving the history of how the Israelites had disobeyed Him at every turn. And He wanted to just put a stop to it but every time He decided to show mercy so that

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## To Stop the Multiplication of the Unfit"

Michelle Malkin  
Creators Syndicate

If you aren't creeped out by the No Birth Control Left Behind rhetoric of the White House and Planned Parenthood, you aren't listening closely enough. The anesthetic of progressive benevolence always dulls the senses. Wake up.

When a bunch of wealthy white women and elite Washington bureaucrats defend the trampling of religious liberties in the name of "increased access" to "reproductive services" for "poor" women, the ghost of Margaret Sanger is cackling.

As she wrote in her autobiography, Sanger founded Planned Parenthood in 1916 "to stop the multiplication of the unfit." This, she boasted, would be "the most important and greatest step towards race betterment." While she oversaw the mass murder of black babies, Sanger cynically recruited minority activists to front her death racket. She conspired with eugenics financier and businessman Clarence Gamble to "hire three or four colored ministers, preferably with social-service backgrounds, and with engaging personalities" to sell their genocidal policies as community health and welfare services.

Outright murder wouldn't sell. But wrapping it under the egalitarian cloak of "women's health" -- and adorning it with the moral authority of black churches -- would. Sanger and Gamble called their deadly campaign "The Negro Project."

In other writings, historian Mike Perry found, Sanger attacked programs that provided "medical and nursing facilities to slum mothers" because they "facilitate the function of maternity" when "the absolute necessity is to discourage it." In an essay included in her writing collection held by the Library of Congress, Sanger urged her abortion clinic colleagues to "breed a race of thoroughbreds." Nationwide "birth control bureaus" would propagate the proper "science of breeding" to stop impoverished, non-white women from "breeding like weeds."

Speaking with CBS veteran journalist Mike Wallace in 1957, long after her racist views had supposedly mellowed, Sanger again revealed her true colors: "I think the greatest sin in the world is bringing children into the world -- that have disease from their parents, that have no chance in the world to be a human being practically. Delinquents, prisoners, all sorts of things just marked when they're born. That to me is the greatest sin -- that people can -- can commit."

Sanger also elaborated on her anti-Catholic animus, telling one of Wallace's reporters that New York Catholics had no right to protest the use of their tax dollars for city birth-control programs: "(I)t's not only wrong, it should be made illegal for any religious group to prohibit dissemination of birth control -- even among its own members." When Wallace pressed her ("In other words, you would like to see the government legislate religious beliefs in a certain sense?"), Sanger laughed nervously and disavowed the remarks.

Fast forward: Five decades and 16 million aborted black babies later, Planned Parenthood's insidious agenda has migrated

from inner-city "birth control bureaus" to public school-based health clinics to the White House -- forcibly funded with taxpayer dollars just as Sanger championed.



Several undercover stings by Live Action, pro-life documentarians, have exposed Planned Parenthood staff accepting donations over the years from callers posing as eugenics cheerleaders who wanted to earmark their contributions for the cause of aborting minority babies. "We can definitely designate it for an African-American," a Tulsa, Okla., Planned Parenthood employee eagerly promised.

What has cheap, easy and unmonitored "choice" for poor women in inner cities wrought? Nightmares like the Philadelphia Horror, where serial baby-killer Dr. Kermit Gosnell and his abortion clinic death squad oversaw the systematic execution of hundreds of healthy, living, breathing, squirming, viable black and Hispanic babies over 40 decades -- along with several minority mothers who may have lost their lives in his grimy birth control bureau.

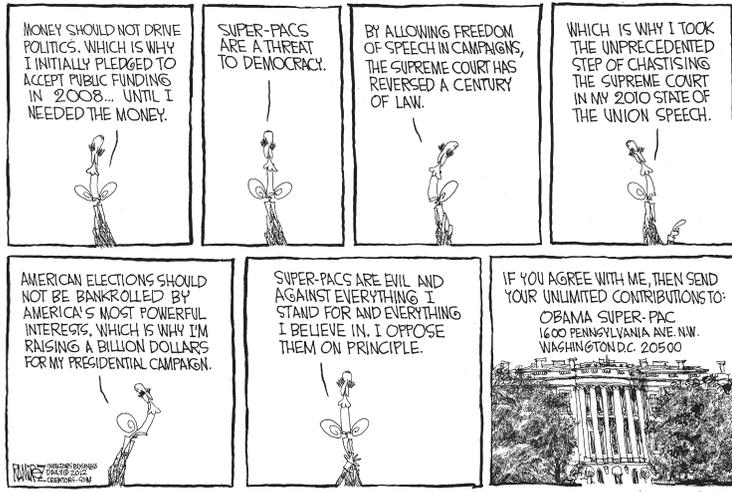
City and state authorities looked the other way while jars of baby parts and reports of botched abortions and infanticides piled up. Beltway Democrats who now brag about their concern for "women's health" were silent about the Gosnell massacre and countless others like it in America's ghettos. Why?

The Obama administration is crawling with the modern-day heirs of the eugenics movement, from Planned Parenthood golden girl Kathleen Sebelius at the Department of Health and Human Services to the president's prestigious science czar John Holdren -- an outspoken proponent of forced abortions and mass sterilizations and a self-proclaimed protege of eugenics guru Harrison Brown, whom he credits with inspiring him to become a scientist.

Brown envisioned a government regime in which the "number of abortions and artificial inseminations permitted in a given year would be determined completely by the difference between the number of deaths and the number of births in the year previous." He urged readers to "reconcile ourselves to the fact that artificial means must be applied to limit birth rates." He likened the global population to a "pulsating mass of maggots."

Listen carefully as this White House dresses its Obamacare abortion mandate in the white lab coat of "reproductive services" for all. The language of "access to birth control" is the duplicitous code of Sanger's ideological grim reapers.

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# Owl Mocker

## Seminole Trade on The Suwannee

Into the morning mist through the dense, wet forest came a loud chattering. It was not unlike that of an angry squirrel, but was the unrelenting scolding of an older woman ranting in Muskogee. Soon this, with the bluster of wind in the tall trees, was absorbed by the sound of the river's rush through the rock shoals on the Suwannee.

Dubose, the man leading a packhorse, was the first to come clear of the trees and descend the sandy bank. The path had come through the shallows across the shoals to the east bank. The way across was narrow and the submerged rocks were slick with moss. A younger woman walked behind the horse and the older woman followed, her blathering now blanketed by the sound of the river.

The horse was a smaller horse, like most that the Seminole rode. The water over the shoals washed about at his knees in the crossing. The horse's pack was divided in three bundles weighing about 60 pounds each. Two hung over the saddle and down either side. The third capped the other two and all were covered by a sheet of duffel, bound tight with leather straps. Dubose guided forward with a braided leather lead in one hand, his long rifle in the other. The younger woman was his wife, Joie, he called her in the language of his father, a French trader among the upper Creeks. She wore a small leather pack and waited patiently when the horse stumbled beneath his burden on the slick stones. Dubose turned and snatched at the lead. Something moved under his foot. He slipped, his arms flapping for balance, his free hand clawing the air before grasping his raised rifle with both hands and stumbling backwards in a crouch to regain his balance.

The older woman, Hokté, peering from behind the younger, hid an impish smile with the shawl draped over her frail shoulders and arms. Joie knew her husband's pride. She bit her lip and pretended she did not see his near sprawl.

Having righted himself quickly, Dubose plumbed his wife's face for any indication of amusement. He was most always serious, but she laughed easily, as he knew. Her bright eyes, however, remained averted downstream. With a cautioning glance then to the older woman, Dubose turned back to the crossing, leading the horse out and up to the right descending bank ahead.

They were wet above their knees from the river's wash when each came in turn upon the blanket of sand before the bank. Dubose bent to press the water from his buckskin moccasins, leggings and breach clout. He wore also a tweed waistcoat over a soiled, ruffled shirt yoked with a collection of colorful scarfs. Though well-worn, these had been among the finer items offered in exchange at the trading post on the lower Suwannee for which the three were bound.

Dubose, as the other able men of his tribe, had hunted out the winter months with the women dressing the hides. Now in the early spring they would make their trade for the deerskins bound up on the horse that was nosing at sprigs of grass among the cypress knees.

The women raised their calico skirts and wrung out river water. Joie wore a mantel of soft buckskin over her blouse. The leather had been dyed a shade of scarlet, though its brilliance was now leached by weather and wear. Only a scattering of colorful beads gave it luster. Her thick, dark hair was laced back into a single thick braid down her back. The older woman, who was found in the autumn widowed and abandoned, wore her white hair in a knot above her forehead. Pale red and yellow ribbons adorned her shawl made of shrouds cloth – a coarse woolen fabric made for trade in the British city of Shrouds.

That type of cloth, along with bolts of calico, duffels, osnaburg (a German linen-like cloth) and other European textiles would be found for trade at the store on the Suwannee. Conversely, the deer hides they bore were bringing top prices in Britain for hat bands, fine gloves, tailored riding britches and caps, exquisite bodices, book bindings and many more such items.

Dubose rewrapped the red turban-like circlet he wore. The headdress, common among his mother's people, was made by folding and wrapping the large scarf around his head, which he fastened by tucking the ends skillfully away beneath the folds without the use of pins. When he had finished, the younger woman stood nearby admiringly and the elder one began to bark. Dubose took up the horse's lead and went up the bank into the trees where a path traced a ridge of pine southward.

Later in the day they were down near the sulfur spring where the path trailed back along the perimeter of the river's bank. Dubose stopped suddenly. His nostrils flared as he caught the faint scent of wood smoke that also carried a stench like that of burnt hides. He silenced the older woman with an abrupt gesture and scoured the wooded terrain about them for any sign of others. The women looked, too. The wisp of scent was distant and indistinct otherwise. Dubose led on cautiously, but they traveled more silently now, Hokté's complaints reduced to a hushed muttering.

At a considerable distance from the path was an ancient sinkhole, a broad gash in the ground descending to a putrid pool of water. The hole had long since caved and lost its connection to the water source beneath. Only the runoff from rains gathered at its deeper edge. In recent months the water had descended, leaving a fractured rind of dry mud rough as an alligator's hide.

There a dark Indian with distorted facial features sat by a low fire. Dressed in only a breach clout and high English boots, he was a gaunt little man with a swollen belly. Out from the sooty pine ash at his feet laid the smoldering carcasses of five small creatures and one larger. These, a mother possum with five young, he'd come upon scavenging a dead, bloated bear nearby. He'd bludgeoned the possums with a pine knot and brought them to his fire. Now he belched and groaned. Beside him was a thick, amber bottle he lifted over again and shook or pointed at the sun. He squinted into its neck as through a spyglass. The bottle was vacant of its last drop, and he was not happy about it. His growls and sneers had the weight of curses about them as he shook his long, greasy mane in a drunken puzzlement at the emptiness of his bottle.

Far ahead where the river bowed westerly, Dubose spotted another traveler riding toward them on the path. The horse had distinctive markings and was familiar to him. He raised a hand and spoke to the women. By the time they'd come upon a wide place, they heard the singing and waited.

The song was a Scottish ditty and the voice, though raspy, was strong and well-tuned. The rider approaching on a spotted horse had long, silvery hair upon the shoulders of his Highlander's jacket. Dubose stood erect by the path, the women behind him with the horse and hides.

"Well, now!" the old Scotsman called ahead. "Dubose the younger, my fine lad.

"Yes, Dubose," he acknowledged when the rider was before him.

"You've had a good season's hunt I see, by the size of your bundle."

"Yes, good hunting, Arbuthnot," Dubose answered in English tinged with French.

The Scotsman leaned forward on his saddle, "I was aggrieved to learn from Bowleg's town that your father had passed. He was a good man. French, but a good and fair man in trade."

Dubose was uncertain of everything Arbuthnot had said, but acknowledged with a nod the Scotsman's apparent condolences.

"You'd be bound for our store then? If you trade as well as Dubose the elder, you'll have a good many chalks to be sure."

"Yes. Many chalk."

The skins were traded according to chalk marks counted, graded and calculated with hash marks on the board counter of the trading post. A larger dressed skin might bring three



Florida Archives

chalks, roughly a chalk per pound to be paid. Half or undressed "green" skins paid less per pound on the store's scales.

"Oh, indeed. My son John will make a good trade with you, Dubose. I'm off to the Tallassee hills for pipe and council." Old Arbuthnot nodded to the women, the older one squinting back suspiciously as she pursed her lips and looked away.

"Your good bye ah'so Arbuthnot," Dubose said, leading his horse forward on the trail, prompting the Scot to turn in his saddle to speak back across the rump of the spotted horse.

"Oh yes, and I should say to ye, be aware of that one called Owl Mocker. It's said he's been trouble along the river for some weeks now. Ye know of him, I'm sure. This dispossessed shaman said to transform himself into a horned owl hunting in the night or raven by day" the old man exclaimed with broad gestures. "Some now say he takes the form of a bear or a snapping turtle. I don't believe in such things, myself, but the lads whose raft overturned on the river last week do. They say a full crate of good Cuban rum was lost to the lunatic."

Dubose thought instantly of his near stumble over movement beneath his feet while crossing the shoals. The women, though they did not understand Arbuthnot's words, observed the shadow of uneasiness that crossed his face as the Scotsman rode on.

"Adieu, fare thee well," Arbuthnot rasped in good spirits as he rode away without looking back again.

The older woman was quick to demand the meaning of Arbuthnot's apparent caution. Dubose answered only that the old Scotsman had spoken of wives tales they already knew. But she insisted that they did not know the one of which Arbuthnot had spoken. There were many, she insisted, then proceeded to recount those she asserted as true and their location, all so worthy of dread.

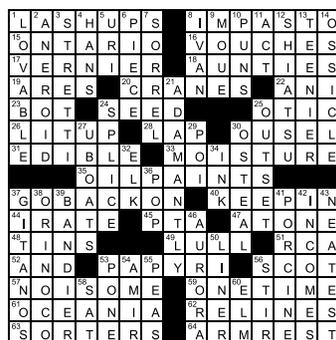
It was not until they made camp away that night on a dense hillock of pine that Dubose was willing to reveal Arbuthnot's warning. Even then he had his reservations, but in the intervening hours the speculation as to what threat there might actually be had overwhelmingly tilted toward the possibility of Owl Mocker's presence. He set his long rifle against the log where he sat and told across the campfire exactly what Arbuthnot had said.

The women then spoke rapidly among themselves until Dubose stopped them, saying now they would see the Owl Mocker in everything that moved. Just then there was a stirring across the brush below. Dubose's hand went instantly for his rifle. A small, light-curious doe stepped out and darted away in a single motion.

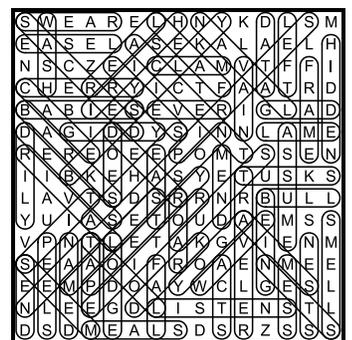
"Ahhhhh," the older woman jeered, jabbing a long, bony finger at Dubose. His wife smiled, but rendered it a grateful smile as she came round to their bed roll over hides piled by the log. That is where they slept that night with Hokté on the other side wrapped in a trade blanket tacky with straw.

Dubose slept soundly while the moon rose high above the dark eastern rim of the forest. When Joie stirred, he awoke suddenly to see a claw-like hand grasping the barrel of his rifle. (The conclusion next week)

### Last Week's Crossword



### Last Week's Word Search



## Word Search



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|--------------|---------|--------|---------|------------|---------|
| Auntie       | Gently  | Listen | Racket  | Shrubs     | Title   |
| Awoke        | Goose   | Lords  | Receive | Slant      | Tying   |
| Barrier      | Grocery | Myself | Reward  | Strengthen | Water   |
| Bills        | Haste   | Obeys  | Riders  | String     | Weave   |
| Bring        | Humans  | Packed | Right   | Sunny      | Wheeled |
| Conversation | Ideas   | Paper  | Ripped  | Telling    | Wizard  |
| Fifth        | Issue   | Passes | Rival   | These      | Worse   |
| Gates        | Jigsaw  | Priest | Settee  | Thirst     | Yawning |
|              |         |        |         |            | Zebra   |

# 'Awesome' Celestial Sights Wow Students, Adults



Teachers Jeanne DuBois (front) and Nancy Bowman register Tisha Moxley and daughter Emma along with classmate William Villavicencio. Over 200 people signed in at this first WES "Star Party."



Alachua Astronomy Club member Lisa Eager is available for questions from 5th grader Kalista Benjamin, who is looking through the eyepiece at the moon. Eager had visited WES last spring at the request of 5th grade teacher Kathy Brewington.



It always helps to hold one eye shut when you're looking through a telescope as pre-schooler Taylour Stark is doing; he attended with his mother Bobbie Jo and sister 3rd grader Victoria Dosey. Folks of all ages attended the WES Star Party at the end of Groundhog Day.

Stars and planets and moons, oh, my! Attendees at the Williston Elementary School "Star Party" were certainly treated to a fascinating celestial show, thanks to members of the Alachua Astronomy Club. Tandy Carter, Bob Lightner, Mary and Amir Abdullah, Vincent Safuto, Lisa Eager, Chuck Broward, Greg Beckner, Paula and Clint McLain set up their telescopes inside the school's track so that students and parents alike could view such bodies as Venus, Jupiter and four of its moons as well as our own moon.

Uranus, the Orion Nebula and Gamma Andromedae were also sighted. Some of the scopes used were a 12" reflector, a 3" refractor, several Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope (SCTs), and a 10" Dobsonian reflector. A couple pairs of strong binoculars were also available.

"I saw Jupiter and its bands and four of its moons," said 5th grader Savannah Turbeville. "It was awesome!" Savannah attended with older sister Mariah.

Organizer of the event, Jeanne DuBois and colleague Nancy Bowman registered over 200 names to be placed in a drawing for a telescope donated by 3rd grade teacher Tonya Townsend. At the end of the evening, 3rd grader Adrianna Decius was the proud owner of a Vivitar telescope.

"I was so excited!" exclaimed Adrianna. She has since used it to view the moon and a couple planets.

Eager and a couple other members had visited WES last spring at the request of 5th grade teacher Kathy Brewington; however, the Star Party was the first of its kind in Williston. Suzette Pelton, who coordinates the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) for Levy County, had sent out information from the Alachua Astronomy Club members offering to sponsor such an event, and DuBois took them up on their offer. "When my son was growing up, we often attended 'star parties.' I couldn't wait for our students to have this experience," said DuBois.

"I have to proclaim it a great success! The sky cooperated, we had some good scope operators, and tons of kids, parents, and teachers.....Wow! If you have not helped out at a school event, you don't know what you are missing," blogged Broward to his colleagues about the WES Star Party. Lightner had even brought a meteorite which he showed students such as 5th grader Caitlyn Fries.

Fourth grader Michael Marshall said, "It was amazing! I saw the moon, stars, Venus,

Jupiter..." Fifth grader Haley McMichen said she saw the same things. Seeing the moon close up through the telescope was an unbelievable sight for 5th grader Noah Sims.

Fifth grade teacher Steve Van Zwienen arrived early enough to view sun spots through one of the telescopes. "It was a great community event to expose our kids to...very cool," commented Erin Owens, physical education teacher. "Seeing the bright colors...those telescopes really got you close to it."

The Alachua Astronomy Club meets once a month and is free and open to the public. Check out the club's website at [www.floridastars.org](http://www.floridastars.org), which lists meetings, times and places.

In a recent article by Carl Zimmer featuring Neil DeGrasse Tyson, director of the Hayden Planetarium at the American Museum of Natural History and the person who demoted Pluto, Zimmer observes, "For all the spectacular advances American science had made over the past century - not just in astrophysics but in biology, engineering and other disciplines - the best days of American science may be behind us. And as American science declines, so does America...Tyson is trying to save the future, one neck cramp [received when people spend time looking through telescopes at the heavens] at a time."

"This event was a perfect example of how the school and local community can come together to make learning relevant, exciting and yet fun!! I learned so many new facts about our solar system and thoroughly enjoyed visiting with our parents. It certainly is a 'must' for next year's calendar. Adding food is the only improvement I'd suggest for this beautiful event!" said WES Principal Marla Hiers.

"I hope we can do it again next year!" added DuBois. "It certainly seemed to be a big hit with both students and parents alike."

— by Lisa Statham Posteraro



WES 3rd grade teacher Tonya Townsend stands with 3rd grader Adrianna Decius, whose name was drawn for the Vivitar telescope Townsend had donated for the Star Party. Adrianna was "so excited!"



Tandy Carter, the school liaison for the Alachua Astronomy Club, supervises the line of people waiting their turn to see what they can see through the powerful telescope lens. The song on their lips might be "I see the moon, and the moon sees me?"



It's a family affair for 4th grader Lisbeth Gorostieta, looking through the lens of Chuck Broward's 80 mm refractor telescope, as her mother Maria Cardoso and younger siblings wait for their turn. Broward is a member of the Alachua Astronomy Club, whose members donated their time and equipment to host the WES Star Party.

## Wake UP continued from 4A

those who did not know Him could see His goodness and "for the sake of My name, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations in whose sight I had brought them (the Israelites) out." Verse 21.

The Lord then went on to explain that He brought the Israelites into the land that He promised them but they were busy looking for "every high hill" to offer their sacrifices, the ones they thought were good, making up their own minds and not listening to what the Lord had said. So the Lord asked the people, "What is the high place to which you go?" in verse 29 and the verse continues, "So its name is called 'Bamah' to this day." In the concordance the meaning of the word Bamah (1116) is: height, hill, elevation, stronghold, a high place which was destined for unauthorized worship and used by pagan societies.

We are on the edge of what our founding fathers left England for - now only it is the government telling believers what to do within their own church. The government is displacing the authority of a church by going around the authority and offering the enticing morsel for free. Right now it is the Catholic Church and its stand on birth control and abortion but the next time it will be by another denomination and one of their strong tenets of belief. Saying no to your belief system and yes to the comfort-of-the-moment bribe of the government will not end up being free as they have said. Far from it. The true price is freedom itself. Wake UP! That is the very core agenda of the replacer's belief system. Wake UP while you are still free.

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*The answers for this week's sudoku puzzle will appear in next weeks issue.*

# Trenton Attorney Sheree H. Lancaster Announces Candidacy for Gilchrist County Judge

Sheree H. Lancaster, a veteran Gilchrist attorney with over 25 years of experience, honor graduate of The University of Florida, graduate of the College of Law of The University of Florida, community leader, mother, and proud grandparent, announces her candidacy for Gilchrist County Judge.

"I believe being a judge is the highest calling to which a lawyer can desire to achieve. With that belief and a desire to serve, I announce with great excitement and pleasure that I am seeking the office of County Court Judge for Gilchrist County," said Sheree Lancaster.

Sheree Lancaster is a respected member of the Gilchrist community with honored and exceptional service to family, commerce, church, and community.

"For me, this is not about running for a political office or being a politician, it is about continuing my lifelong service to the citizens of Gilchrist County," said Sheree Lancaster.

"If one becomes a judge, it is their moral responsibility to be a great judge. One must thoroughly understand the law, follow the law as written, and treat citizens with dignity and respect. It doesn't hurt to have a woman's common sense and grandma's wisdom added to the mix either." **Legal Experience:**

From 1998 until February 2, 2012, Judicial Hearing Officer for the Eighth Judicial Circuit, hearing cases and making recommended orders to Circuit Judges in Child Support cases;

Attended Judicial College, receiving training as a Traffic Court Hearing Officer, including classroom instruction and riding on patrol with Florida Highway Patrol officers and county deputies, as well as training as a Child Support Hearing Officer. In her role as Traffic Hearing Officer she performed similar duties to a County Judge hearing traffic court cases in Alachua County; Member of the Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association, serving numerous terms on its Board of Directors; Serves on the Board of Directors of the Guardian Foundation, Inc., serving dependent children of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, serving as President from 2007 – 2009; Member of the Florida School Board Attorneys Association since 1990, and has served on the Board of Directors, and was honored to serve as President of the statewide organization; Member of the National School Boards Association – Counsel of School Attorneys, The Florida Bar, and the American Bar Association; Volunteer with the Supreme Court's Justice

Teaching Program, volunteering as a speaker in Gilchrist County schools.

**Other Professional Experience:**

After graduating from the University of Florida and prior to attending law school at the University of Florida, Mrs. Lancaster was a juvenile probation officer for one year, and a child protective services counselor in Gilchrist County for two years.

**Community Experience:**

Mrs. Lancaster is a member of Cherry Sink Church of Christ, and an active member of the Gilchrist County Woman's Club since 1986, holding many offices, including President; Member of the Gilchrist County Chamber of Commerce for over twenty-five years and previously served on the Board of Directors and as President; Member of the Bell FFA Alumni, the Trenton FFA Alumni, the Trenton Quarterback Club, the Trenton Rotary Club, the Character Council of Gilchrist County, and the Gilchrist County Cattlemen's Association; Served on the committee each year for the annual fall fundraising event for Haven Hospice of the Tri Counties and has served on its Community Advisory Board since its formation; Long time supporter of The Education Foundation of Gilchrist County, Inc. and was responsible for filing the organization's Articles of Incorporation in 1992, and hosting the first two annual Wild Beast Feasts with her husband at the family farm.

**Personal:**

Sheree Lancaster is the daughter of J.D. "Bud" Hiers, Jr. and Margaret W. Hiers of Chiefland. She has been married for over twenty-seven years to Howell E. Lancaster, Jr., and they are the proud parents of two children, Deen Lancaster and Trip Lancaster, and the proud grandparents of five grandchildren.



## WES Selects 'Volunteer of the Year'

"I'm retired!!!...But I'll think about it" is how Kathleen "Kathy" Corona responded four years ago to a request to volunteer at Williston Elementary School from neighbor, Lita Halchak. Halchak teaches 4th grade there, and Corona had just left the post office with 23 years under her belt as a rural carrier based in Morriston. Halchak just knew this hard-working, loyal friend of hers would be a godsend in her classroom. This year she decided to nominate Corona to be WES Volunteer of the Year. Last Thursday, Corona was honored for her donated time as the WES Volunteer of the Year for 2012-13.

Originally from Ohio, this Catholic school graduate and her husband Jim moved to Pompano Beach after their marriage in 1965 where they managed 7-11 convenience stores before moving up to this area in 1979. Initially, Corona delivered papers for the Ocala Star-Banner before she began her career with the post office. Even after retiring, she is still involved in the carriers' union and attends the yearly conventions.

The Coronas have two children; their son is in Pittsburgh and their daughter in Trenton. They have four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

"She calls my students 'her kids,'" said Halchak. "[She] helps WES in many ways from working with students during daily curriculum activities such as classroom projects, class work, reading one-on-one, listening to groups of students read aloud, checking their work and answering their questions all the while challenging them to think out their reasoning. Students are always raising their hands to ask 'Miss Kathy' for help." Corona has even attended the required training for FCAT testing and has assisted Halchak the several times she's

had to move to another classroom.

Currently, Corona logs an average of five hours per week. "I like working with the kids... learning right along with them...whether it's projects, timed readings...I think it's the flexibility...just the sheer joy of working with them," said Corona. Every Friday she helps to sell dill pickles, a fundraiser for the Accelerated Reading Program. "They call me the 'Pickle Fairy!'" laughs Corona. (Yes, she has her very own pickle wand!) "It also makes me feel good when I'm out around town and 'my kids' come up to me and introduce me to their parents..." This is Miss Kathy."

When she's not volunteering at WES or donating myriad hours to Holy Family Catholic Church, her local parish, Corona enjoys collecting and visiting lighthouses and...cemeteries! "There's so much history at a cemetery," said Corona. "I have this really neat book, American's Resting Place. In reading it, I've learned the meaning of certain kinds of markers and such."

"No matter what I have planned for that day," said Halchak, "Kathy is ready for the challenge. My students are special to her, and she loves each and every one, treating them



Holding her certificate and a bouquet of flowers, Kathleen "Kathy" Corona is flanked by Marla Hiers, principal at Williston Elementary School; Lita Halchak, 4th grade teacher; and Angel Thomas, assistant principal.

as equals. These characteristics are what make Kathy Corona so precious to me."

Congratulations to Kathleen Corona, WES Volunteer of the Year for 2012-13!

—Submitted by Lisa Statham Posteraro



Front row: Anthony Piccarello, Coye Welborn, Daniela Hernandez, Sheri Hurd, Jamirya Days, Daniel Vance Middle Row: Haley Fox, Samantha Carswell, Shane Faircloth, Taylor McCurdy, Kalin Sims, Isabella Valiente, Jeremy Phillips Back Row: Samantha Padilla, Cole Chancey, Nolan Benton, Steven Sanchez, Carrie Tassel, Shayla Martinez, Jaimee Richardson

## JBE Selects Spring Safety Rangers

JBE Rangers are back at their posts and ready to continue to keep the Joyce Bullock Elementary children and campus safe. Our second grade teachers have selected new Rangers for the second semester. These Rangers were selected according to a set criteria: being responsible, polite, hard working, passing if not excellent grades and came to school on time ready to learn and accept new challenges. There are many boys and girls in second grade who met the expectations, so it was very difficult for teachers to narrow their selection down to two per class. The twenty new Rangers are listed below. We are excited about our new Rangers and look forward to them helping keep our campus and children safe.

—Story and Photo by Melissa Lewis, Assistant Principal

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## National Watermelon Promotion Board Nominating for District 2 on Mar. 10

The National Watermelon Promotion Board (NWPB) will hold a nomination convention in conjunction with the North Carolina Watermelon Association Meeting on Saturday, Mar. 10, 2012 at 8 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Sunspree, Wrightsville Beach, NC to nominate qualified watermelon producers and watermelon handlers to fill open positions as directors of the Board.

District 2 includes the Florida counties of Alachua, Baker, Bay, Bradford, Calhoun, Citrus, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Escambia, Flagler, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hamilton, Hernando, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Marion, Nassau, Okaloosa, Putnam, Santa Rosa, St. Johns, Sumter, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Wakulla, Walton, Washington, and the states of North Carolina and South Carolina.

The NWPB encourages all women, minorities and persons with disabilities who qualify as watermelon producers and handlers to attend the meeting and run for nomination to the NWPB.

All watermelon producers and handlers in District 2 are encouraged to attend and vote to nominate their representatives to the NWPB. Nominations are submitted to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Secretary of Agriculture makes the final appointments to the NWPB. The newly appointed Board members term of office will begin on January 1, 2013, and end December 31, 2015.

The Board members administer promotion and research programs for watermelon. The NWPB works to increase consumer demand for watermelon and expand domestic and foreign markets through its marketing, consumer public relations and education programs. The non-profit Board

works with an administrative staff to enact retail, foodservice and media promotions and research programs.

All Board members are required to attend two meetings each year to become familiar with and develop the Board's variety of marketing, research and education programs.

The NWPB represents about 2,200 commercial watermelon producers, handlers and importers that finance all of the Board's programs through assessments on watermelons as authorized by the Watermelon Research and Promotion Act. The 37-member Board is currently comprised of 14 producers, 14 handlers, 8 importers, and a member who represents the public.

Board members are nominated by their peers, and nominations are submitted to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, who makes final appointments to the Board. These board members oversee all aspects of the Board, including setting policies and deciding how the Board's budget is invested in promotion, research and education programs. The USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service monitors the Board's operations.

To be eligible for nomination, producers must grow 10 or more acres of watermelon, and handlers must be the first handler of watermelon, according to \$1210.306 and \$1210.308 of the Watermelon Research and Promotion Plan.

The NWPB will allow proxy voting for Board nominees. Individuals wishing to vote by proxy should prepare signed, dated statements, including the proxy voter's printed name, address, telephone number, identity as an importer, and the



name of the individual authorized to cast the proxy vote. These statements should be given to those authorized to cast the proxy vote, who will then provide the statements to the NWPB no later than March 9th, 2012.

The producers and handlers appointed to the Board will represent the NWPB's interests throughout the district in meetings and other forums, and should be dedicated to supporting the Board's marketing, promotion, research and education programs.

Additional information regarding the elections and nomination procedures may be obtained by contacting NWPB Director of Operations & Industry Affairs Rebekah Dossett or Industry Affairs Manager Andrea Smith toll-free at (877) 599-9595.

## Active Duty Marine Corporal Visits with Sea Cadets

Marine Corporal Rusty Wineberger came full circle when he visited with Manatee Division, US Naval Sea Cadet Corps in Yankeetown recently. When CPL Wineberger was a high school student in Citrus County, he heard about the Sea Cadets and joined Nautilus Division which was drilling at Coast Guard Station Yankeetown.

Although he and several of his buddies knew they were going to join the Marines after they graduated from High School, they enjoyed the Advanced Trainings offered to them in Sea Cadets. Since the Marine Corps is part of the Dept of the Navy- it was a natural fit.

Returning from deployment in Afghanistan, the Marine asked if he could meet with Manatee Division Sea Cadets and share with them some of his experiences as a Marine and how his time in the Cadet Corps helped him as a Marine. Wineberger conducted a dress uniform inspection, led them in a run as well as Combat Conditioning physical trainings. He also had some classroom training time teaching them about the Marine Corps and answering questions.

"My buddy Jon Taylor and I loved being in Sea Cadets together! We had such good times here and became best friends in the Sea Cadets." They were both leaders in the unit and went away

to trainings together. Wineberger shared the painful reality of being a Marine when he told the cadets and officers that his best friend CPL Jonathon Taylor- and according to him, the best Marine he ever met - was killed by an IED in Helmand Province in Afghanistan last year. He was thankful that local Cadets presented the fallen warrior's family with a shadow box of CPL Taylor's Sea Cadet achievements

Manatee Division cadets enjoyed the interaction with the former Cadet Chief Petty Officer who came back home to share some wisdom. They learned some of the finer details of close order drill and had fun going "grunt games" for their physical training. Wineberger said, "Sea Cadets continues to pay off for me. It helped me through boot camp and I still remember and use lessons I learned while I was a cadet. Some of my best childhood memories were formed right here at Coast Guard Station Yankeetown."

Manatee Division drills at Coast Guard Station Yankeetown, in Yankeetown, Florida, on the second weekend of each month. To learn more about Sea Cadets, go to [www.manateediv.org](http://www.manateediv.org) or call LTJG Dunn at 352-212-5473.

Submitted by *Katasba Cornwell, PIO Manatee Division, USNSCC*



Sea Cadets with Marine Corporal Rusty Wineberger. Back Row from Left to Right: Waldrop, Goodpaster, Fraiser. Middle Row from Left to Right: Morrison, McCain, Hand, Pickard, Anderson. Front Row from Left to Right: McAvy, Vickers (Kimberly), Evans, Vickers, Guest, Guest, Pusey. Very Front: Mantlo, Wineberger

## Log Cabin Quilters



Goldie was always willing to help hand-quilt any time she was out on Thursdays. Goldie, you will be missed.

The Log Cabin Quilters did not meet on Thursday. Many of the members were at the Museum helping with inventory, cleaning, and moving things around. Inventory hopefully will be completed next week. If you have any items at the Museum, please contact Connie at 352/493- 2801 so you can go thru the list we will have of items we think may belong to you. Some of the items we have found may just have initials or first or last name. We need to update the items and have your name, address and phone number on hand. Winnelle "knew" this but we don't.

We were very saddened to learn that Goldie McHenry has passed away. She was a member of the group for many years and has several items at the Museum. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Gregg and six young men were out Tuesday to help restore the Museum. The Main room had been cleared and chairs were borrowed so Tuesday was the day to start getting things in place for the inventory count. Thanks Lancaster.

The Board has not set the new hours or days that the Museum will be open. Best advice is to call first if you are planning a visit. Volunteers are doing to the best they can get things back to normal, it just takes time.

### 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@levyjjournal.com](mailto:editor@levyjjournal.com).

### Found Photo correction for the photo of 2-2-12

Mrs. Phyllis Cowart came in to correct her identification of the win information for Chris Cowart in the photo of the Feb. 2 edition of the Journal. Chris was pictured as the purchaser of Ryan Barr's steer at the Suwannee River Fair. Thanks for the correction, Phyllis.

### Found Photo Identified

The very proud father of the little girl in last week's Found Photo came by to identify her for us. Mr. Darryl Gunter says that is his daughter, Jennifer Lynn Gunter, receiving the first place award at an art festival around 1990-91 in which Jennifer had made a twig basket. She was in the 4th grade then but now she is Jennifer Studstill, the wife of Josh Studstill of Chiefland. Congratulations Jennifer on the art win and your marriage. Where does time go?



# Levy County Community Calendar

## BRONSON

### Bronson Annual African American Festival Feb. 18

The Bronson Annual African American Festival will be held on Saturday Feb. 18 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in front of the Levy County Public Health Dept at 66 S. Main Street in Bronson.

Anyone who would like to be a participant such as performers whether as a choir, duet or solo, dancers, mimes, or vendors for food should contact the organizers by Jan. 31. The cost for vendors is \$25.

If you would like more information please call: Beatrice Mongo (352)-642-2603; Lillian McCleendon (352)-486-6077; Mary Joe Edmondson (352)-486-2605 or (352)-221-5285 cell; or Katherine Manuel (352)-486-2693.

### Bronson Town Council Meeting Feb. 20

The Bronson Town Council will meet on Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. at the Dogan Cobb Municipal Building.

### Friends of the Bronson Library Winter Book Sale Feb. 25

Come join us for our Winter Book Sale on the porch of the Bronson Library on Sat., Feb. 25th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Paperback books will be 10 cents and Hardback books will be 50 cents. Hope you can join us in helping to raise funds in support of the Bronson Library special projects. We are still taking book donations. For more information call the Bronson Library at 486-2015.

## CEDAR KEY

### Cedar Key Arts Center

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

Cedar Key Arts Center Workshops: Register at Cedar Keyhole or by contacting instructor. Non-members are welcome, just add \$5 to cost or join CKAC. Info at cedarkeyartscenter.org

- Ongoing opportunities that still have openings: Feb. 17, Open Studio;
- Feb. 21, 7 p.m. Photoshop elements with Ann Kamzelski;
- Feb. 23, 10 a.m. Painting 101 with Sandi Allen;
- Feb. 29, 10 a.m. Cedar Key Painting in a day with Sandra Allen
- Mar. 4-6, 9 a.m. Portraits with Maggie McClellan deadline to sign up Feb. 26;
- Mar. 8, 10 a.m. Painting 101 with Sandra Allen;
- Mar. 12, 1 p.m. Costume jewelry with Diane Charette;
- Apr. 2-3, 10 a.m. Altered Books with Lois Benninghoff;
- Thurs.- After School Art Education with Zandy Zettler;
- Wed. mornings - Boat Builders with Earl Starnes; 10 a.m Dark Room Techniques with Chris Harkness.
- Sunday Salons are Free and held the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m. to demonstrate and discuss different aspects of art to gain a better understanding of various media. Feb. 12 -

Demo by Ray Hassard 3 p.m.

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.

The Children's Summer Art Program Benefit Dinner and Raffle will be held on Wed. Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. upstairs at the CK Arts Center with a 3-course gourmet dinner catered by The Island Room. Cost is \$25/person and includes beverage, tax and tip. There will be a raffle of original art and other fun items. To make reservations call 352/543-6520. Seating is limited

### Refuge Photo-Walks - Next one Feb. 21

Michelle Pearson will lead Cedar Keys and Lower Suwannee Friends of the Refuges Photo Walks/Trips every 4th Tuesday at 10 a.m. Most trips will be free, unless there is admission or other such costs. During the walks/trips, Michelle will suggest photo ops, as well as provide camera/photo skills assistance.

These photo-walks are open to public. Call 352/325-0134 for more info.

## TOWN OF SUWANNEE

### Paddlers in the Hidden Coast Workshop Feb. 23

Come and attend the 'Attracting Paddlers to the Hidden Coasts' Free workshop on Feb. 23 to be held in the Community Center in the town of Suwannee with lunch provided by the Suwannee Chamber of Commerce.

Join experts in the field of tourism, marketing, social media, and recreation and learn how to lure paddlers to this world-class paddling destination of the Big Bend and bring economic benefits to your business.

Please call Liz Sparks at 850/922-6160 to RSVP and answer any questions.

## YANKEETOWN-INGLIS

### Woman's Club Thrift Shop

Yankeetown-Inglis Woman's Club Spaghetti Dinner Feb. 18

The Yankeetown-Inglis Woman's Club is the place to be Saturday, February 18th. Their much anticipated Spaghetti Dinner extravaganza will be in full swing from 4 to 7 p.m. Bring your own wine or beer and join us at your neighborhood "Bistro" on 56th St, Yankeetown for a dining experience like no other. A delicious spaghetti dinner with homemade sauce, garlic bread, salad, coffee or tea awaits; \$7.00 adults, \$3.00 children under 12 and children under 5 are free. For those with a sweet tooth, a wonderful Italian dessert is waiting to finish off your meal. To continue your Italian dining experience at home, don't forget to pick up a few quarts of delicious sauce for \$5.00 each. As with

all our events, proceeds are given back to the community in our support of the AF Knotts Library, Yankeetown School, Fire and Rescue from Inglis and Yankeetown and many other worthwhile community causes. For those not able to make it to the "Bistro", take-out orders are available, call the clubhouse 352/447-2057 to place your order.

To add to the fun, the Thrift Shop will be open for your shopping pleasure. For questions call the club at 352/447-2057, Tues-Sat 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## WILLISTON

### "Cruzin for Kidz" Motorcycle Ride Feb. 25

The Cruzin for Kidz Motorcycle Ride is coming to town on Feb. 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. starting at Williston Elementary School at 801 S Main St. Register at 8:30 a.m.. It is free to ride and donations are accepted. Kickstands are up at 10 a.m. and \$8 lunch is available upon return. There are T-shirts for sale and door prizes. For more info see www.wessafypatrol.org or call Lisa Posteraro at 352/528-6030 or 339-1201. All proceeds benefit the WES Safety Patrollers trip to Washington CD in June.

### Williston Central Christian Spring Mulch Sale Feb. 25

The Williston Central Christian Academy will host its 2nd Annual Spring Mulch Sale on Sat. Feb. 25 from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. on the campus at 225 SE 4 Street in Williston.

We will be selling bagged Cypress Mulch for \$2.00 a bag. We will be taking pre-orders or you can swing by the day of the event and pick-up. If you wish to pre-order please contact the school at 352/529-0900.

### City of Williston Annual Fly In & Car Show for LARC Mar. 3

The City of Williston will be hosting the annual Fly In and Car Show on Sat. Mar. 3 to benefit the Levy County Retarded Citizens (LARC) program. Pilots wanting to fly in to showcase their planes will start the day. The Car Show will cruise through the city to Heritage Park and show off at the City of Williston FBO Building located at 1800 SW 18 Ave. from 3 to 8 p.m. This great event is open to all vehicles with trophies galore 50 'Best of' categories including a People's Choice and there will be a Split the Pot. Food will be served in Heritage Park with some

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# USDA Livestock Market Reports Due to Be Cut

The Federal/State Market News is slated to be discontinued as of June 30, 2012 due to budget cuts according to the North Florida Livestock Market in Lake City. This means no market reporters to report livestock prices to the USDA. From that we will get no Florida markets being reported on at any price-reporting venue.

People who are buying and selling Florida cattle need the prices reported for customers across the nation. Price discovery starts at your local livestock market. Without reporting at the local level the whole system stops right there.

According to the Florida Cattleman's Association, Florida's cattle industry ranks in the top 15 in the US. It is mostly cow/calf production with very little feed-yard or processing capacity. Florida's ranchers are committed to conservation of the states natural resources. Cattle producers provide jobs for state residents and support a wide variety of businesses such as feed companies,

equipment dealers and fertilizer manufacturers. Additionally, Florida's ranchers are strong supporters of Florida's youth. From county fairs to scholarship contests, they have worked hard to give back to the communities.

If you are using the USDA Livestock Market Reports and do not want to lose that ability contact the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Adam Putnam, at his email address: [Adam.Putnam@freshfromflorida.com](mailto:Adam.Putnam@freshfromflorida.com) or mail at: Adam Putnam, Florida Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services, The Capitol, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0800 or call him at: (850) 488-3022.

The *Levy County Journal* supplies the Livestock Report because our reading audience asked for it and when it is not there we hear about it. Some people get it elsewhere or online. Either way, no one will get it if there is not some noise made to Commissioner Putnam. Make some noise if you value the Livestock Reports.

## Florida Cattle Auctions Weekly Summary

*Bartow, FL Fri Feb 10, 2012 USDA-FL Dept of AG Market News*

At the Florida Livestock Auctions; Cattle receipts at 8 markets; Okeechobee, Lakeland, Webster, Ellisville, Arcadia, Ocala, Madison and Lake City, receipts totaled 6,308 compared to 6,669 last week, and 5,348 last year. According to the Florida Federal-State Livestock Market News Service: Compared to one week ago, slaughter cows 1.00 to 2.00 higher, bulls steady, feeder steers 3.00 to 5.00 higher, heifers 2.00 to 4.00 higher, replacement cows mostly steady.

	This week	Last week	Year ago	Feeder Steers and Bulls	Medium and Large 2-3		
Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
Steers over 600 lbs	3%	3%	1%	200-245	224	175.00-220.00	202.41
Steers under 600 lbs	32%	36%	33%	250-290	269	170.00-210.00	195.05
Heifers over 600 lbs	1%	1%	2%	300-345	323	170.00-200.00	185.33
Heifers under 600 lbs	28%	32%	31%	350-395	374	145.00-190.00	170.15
Feeder cows	1%	1%	2%	400-445	424	140.00-168.00	155.61
Slaughter cows	31%	24%	27%	450-495	471	136.00-162.00	152.13
Bulls	4%	3%	4%	500-545	526	124.00-158.00	142.88
				550-595	567	120.00-145.00	137.41
				605-635	619	122.00-140.00	130.61
				650-675	665	120.00-135.00	128.17
				715-745	730	117.00-125.00	119.97

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<b>Slaughter Cows Breakers 75-80</b>								
1230-1510	1319	76.00-87.00	82.52	650-675	665	120.00-135.00	128.17	
1200-1510	1325	85.00-97.00	90.73 HD	715-745	730	117.00-125.00	119.97	
<b>Slaughter Cows Boners 80-85</b>								
800-1190	1054	73.00-85.00	78.6	200-245	224	185.00-230.00	211.13	
925-1190	1072	87.00-91.00	89.26 HD	250-295	271	180.00-215.00	196.13	
850-1130	936	65.00-71.00	68.27 LD	300-345	321	160.00-200.00	181.01	
1205-1590	1390	75.00-85.00	80.87	350-395	369	147.50-180.00	161.97	
1200-1590	1396	83.00-93.00	86.58 HD	400-440	420	145.00-167.50	153.48	
				450-495	471	140.00-165.00	151.81	
				500-540	517	138.00-160.00	148.41	
				550-595	565	130.00-155.00	145.46	
				600-645	621	130.00-150.00	143	
				650-695	661	135.00-145.00	140.99	
				850-1195	984	66.00-75.00	70.18	
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# Around the Nature Coast

## Workforce Mobile Resource Unit Regular Stops

The Workforce Connection's MRU will be at the following places on a regular basis:  
Bronson Public Library on Mondays from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Williston Public Library on Tuesdays from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
The offices of Workforce are now in Chiefland at 109 NW 3 Ave, just off Main St. (US 19) in the former US Post office building.

## WRPC Meeting Cancelled

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council Board of Directors for Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012 at 7 p.m. has been cancelled due to lack of business.  
The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for March 15, 2012

## Levy County Health Department Opens After-Hours Medical Care

The Levy County Health Department will be providing after-hours medical care for minor injuries, illness, routine health care, physicals for work, sports or school on the last Wednesday of every month from 4:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

This clinic is for those people that meet the eligibility requirements which include: having no insurance, being a Levy County resident, having an income less than 200% of poverty (for example: a family of 4 earning less than \$44,700 per year).

The health care is administered by licensed providers and members of the Levy County Medical Reserve Corp and the Levy County Health Department.

The Levy County Health Department does NOT provide any pain management services at any of their clinics. They also cannot provide services to children less than 12 years of age.

The after-hours clinics provide no family planning, STD or maternity services but appointments can be made for these at our regular clinics.

Appointments and walk-ins are accepted. The location for the after-hours clinic is at the Levy County Health Department at 66 West Main Street in Bronson.

For more information or to make an appointment call: 352/486-5300.

## Tax-Aide Locations and Times

Free tax preparation and e-file with AARP Tax-Aide has begun. AARP helps low- and moderate-income families with special attention to those 60 and older to file their personal income tax returns. Volunteers are trained to assist in filing tax forms and basis schedules including the 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ. Taxpayers with complex tax returns are advised to seek paid tax assistance. Check with your location to see what they can do for you.

**CHIEFLAND** – Luther Callaway Library, 104 NE 3rd St, 352/493-2758; Fri. 12 to 4 p.m.; Sat. 10:30 to 2 p.m. (Feb. and Apr. only) Call to make appointment.

**CROSS CITY** – Dixie County Library, 16328 SE 19 Hwy, 352/498-1219; Tues. 12 to 4 p.m. Call for appointment.

**TRENTON** – Gilchrist County Library, Hwy 129 North, 352/463-3176; Mon. 1 to 5 p.m. Call for appointment.

**WILLISTON** – Williston Library, 10 SE 1 St., 352/528-2313; Thurs. 10 to 2 p.m. Call for appointment

## 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.

## Florida's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Meeting Feb. 16

The Florida Long-Term Care Ombudsman local council will meet on February 16 at Haven Hospice of North Central Florida, 4200 NW 90th Boulevard in Gainesville to discuss the program's current activities and give the public a chance to provide comments about long-term care facility issues. The public meetings begin at 12:30 p.m. Concerned citizens and those interested in volunteering are welcome to attend.

## Levy County Democratic Executive Committee Meeting Feb. 21

The Levy County Democratic Executive Committee will be holding its regular monthly meeting on Tues. Feb. 21 at 6 p.m.

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tunes later on from Old Skool. Preregistration must be done by Feb. 22 for \$15. After Feb. 22 the fee is \$20. Come on down to Williston and enjoy the show and vote for your favorite ride. If you would like to register your car for the show, make your check out to LARC and send to the Williston Police Department, Attn: Car Show, 5 SW 1st Ave., Williston, FL 32696.

## WCCA Catch & Release Fishing Tournament Mar. 10

Williston Central Christian Academy is hosting a day of fishing, food, fellowship and fun for the entire family on Sat. Mar. 10 starting at 8 a.m. for the Fishing Tournament until 11:30. Then comes the BBQ lunch included with registration to 12:30. And then - the first ever Duck Drop will begin with the first duck to cross the finish line winning a cash prize. Other activities will include: Bounce House, 3 Turkey Hunt Drawings, Various other

drawings and Face Painting. The event will be at The Harrison's Pond, call for directions, (352) 529-0900. Pre-registered by Mar. 7 tickets are \$12/adult, \$8/child, 4 and under free; day of event ticket prices are \$15/adult, \$10/child, 4 and under free. For more information: website – WillistonCentralChristian.org or call the school at (352) 529-0900.

## 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

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at the Bronson Restaurant at 157 Hathaway Ave. in Bronson.

All party members and supporters are invited to attend this very important open meeting.

## Free Workshop for Veterans to Succeed in Civilian Job Market Feb. 28

Retooling and Refueling for Success workshop put on by Workforce Connection is set for Feb. 28-March 1 in Lecanto. The three-day workshop features instruction and career tools to help veterans develop strategies and maintain focus during career transitions.

This workshop begins at 8 a.m. and takes place in Building 2, Room 202 at CF's Lecanto campus, 3800 S. Lecanto Highway.

In addition to the Retooling and Refueling workshops, Veterans Job Information services are available year round at the three Workforce Connection Centers in Chiefland, Inverness and Ocala. Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP) specialists and Local Veterans Employment Representatives (LVER) provide priority services to veterans, including job placement, information about the local job market, assessments, referrals and help securing funds to complete training or retraining.

To register for the Retooling and Refueling workshops for veterans, or for more details, contact Ellen Hayes, local veterans employment representative, at 352/840-5700, ext. 1416 or 800-434-JOBS (5627), ext. 1416.

## CFEC Yard Sale to Benefit Relay For Life Mar. 2 & 3

As part of their American Cancer Society Relay For Life fundraising efforts for 2012, the employees of Central Florida Electric Cooperative will have a yard sale at the Old Warehouse located adjacent to the main office and behind the Hardee's restaurant in Chiefland.

The yard sale, with goods donated by CFEC employees, will be Fri., Mar. 2, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sat., Mar. 3, from 7 a.m. until noon.

All funds will go to the Relay for Life program, so plan to stop by the yard sale and help CFEC in their fundraising efforts.

## DAV Poker Run Mar. 17

Saturday, Mar. 17 is the day to ride to benefit area veterans. The Disabled American Veterans are gearing up for the ride which starts at noon at the Chiefland Flea Market and continues on through the tri-county area with stops at 19-99 Grill in Fanning Springs, Akins BBQ in Bell, BubbaQue's in Cross

City and ends at the Old Town Tavern in Old Town. The fee if registered by Mar. 1 is \$15 for each rider and \$5 for a co-rider. After Mar. 1 up to the day of the ride the fee is \$20 for each rider and \$10 for a co-rider. Proceeds go to area vets that need help. This is a local endeavor for local vets. And there are prizes with a trip to the Bahamas for first place and \$100 cash for second place but the bikes must be back in by 3 p.m. For more info call Fred at 352/493-9322 or Jerry at 352/339-0635.

## AARP Safe Driving Course

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

Please arrive 10 minutes early to complete registration.

Levy County  
Feb. 21, Capital City Bank, North Young, Blvd., Chiefland, 9 a.m., call Linda Cochran at 352/493-1742;

Linda Cochran at 352/493-1742.

Crystal River, Homosassa, Homosassa Springs  
March 20/21, 1 to 4:00 p.m., Coastal Region Library, 8619 W. Crystal St., Crystal River. Call Lou Harmin at 352/564-0933  
Beverly Hill, Lecanto, Citrus Hills, Citrus Springs  
Feb. 28 and 29, 1 to 4 p.m., Central Ridge Library, 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd, Beverly Hills. Call Ron Plageman at 352/860-1578.

## Youth Hunter Education Challenge Apr. 7

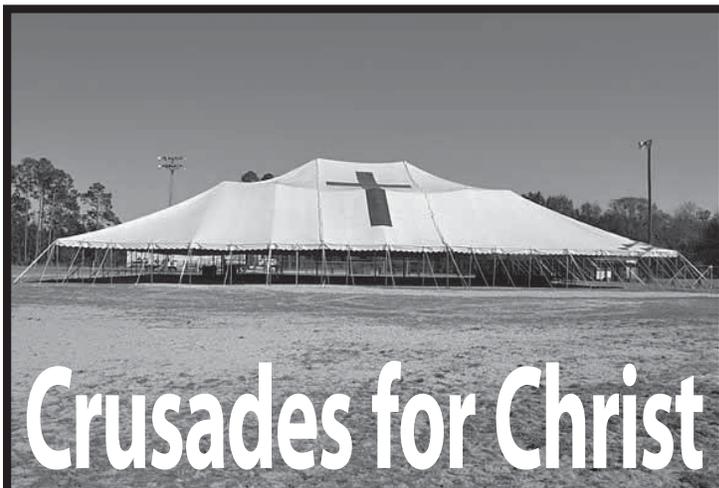
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is holding the Regional Youth Hunter Education Challenge along with the Florida 4-H on Apr. 7 at the 4-H office in Bronson. These events are designed to teach young men and women advanced outdoor and hunting skills. To participate you must have already completed the state mandated hunter safety course and register prior to the event. There are two age divisions: Junior for ages 14 and younger and Senior for ages 15 through 18. Events this year include: Firearms safety walk-through; Shotgun-shooting challenge (clay targets); Small-bore rifle shooting challenge (stationary targets); and 3-D archery. This is a fun competition and the only such warm-up event in the state to prepare participants for the State Youth Hunter Education Challenge in May 2012 at the Ocala youth Conservation Center. The top performers in Ocala become eligible to go on to the National Challenge in Penn. Next summer. For more information to: myfwc.com or call Brenda at 352/219-1456 Levy County 4-H.

## Levy County Fair Apr. 12-15

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

The Fair is still a few months away and there is 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 and Food Preservation to Sewing and Hobby Crafts. We will have a complete Livestock Show.

With all this excitement, 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, much more all for one low gate admission price! Mark your calendars now and check out the website or call 352/528-2516.



# Crusades for Christ

## Tent Ministry Coming to Levy County

**When:** Feb. 26-29 (Sun.-Wed) 2012

**Where:** White Property off Hwy 19 (Just north of Chiefland on east side of US19 at double lighted billboards)

**Time:** 7:00 nightly

This is a nondenominational ministry raised up to win the lost, bring unity to the church, and stir God's people for re-vival. Churches from your area have united to provide this ministry. There will be a strong involvement by our youth. Come as you are and bring a friend who has a need and help us to be a blessing to the community. Special invitations to all area pastors. There is nothing quite like an old fashioned tent revival.

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# Worship Directory

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 Corner of 336 & Hwy 24  
 Worship Service ..... 11 a.m.  
 Sunday School .....10 a.m.  
**Pastor Doug Fleming**

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

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

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

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**463-6369**  
**Don Lunsford, Pastor**

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

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

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

**First Baptist Church of Bronson**  
 "Serving God & Loving People"  
**Sunday:**  
 Sunday School 9:15 am  
 Morning Worship 10:30 am  
 Discipleship Hour 5:00 pm  
 Evening Worship 6:30 pm  
**Pastor Troy A. Turner**  
**451 S. Court Street - Bronson, FL 32621- 352.486.2282**

**Pine Grove Baptist Church**  
 16655 N. W. CR-339  
 Trenton, Florida 32693  
**352-463-2151**  
[www.pgbcfl.com](http://www.pgbcfl.com)  
 Dr. Greg Douglas, Senior Pastor  
 Pastor Rickey Whitley, Assoc. Pastor/Youth  
 Pastor Emanuel Harris, Education/Children  
 Pastor Jared Douglas, 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.  
 ~ Nursery provided for all services ~

**Manatee Springs Church of Christ**  
**Sunday**  
 10 a.m. .... Bible Study  
 11 a.m. .... Worship Period  
 5 p.m. .... Worship Period  
**Wednesday**  
 7 p.m. .... Bible Study  
**Minister Gene Dumas**  
**352-542-0657 or 352-493-7775**  
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 9:45 am Sunday Morning Worship  
 7:00 pm Wednesday Bible Study - (except 3rd Wednesday)  
**Reverend Priscilla Scherrah, Pastor**  
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 235 Court Street  
 Bronson, Florida  
 Tel. 352-486-2281

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**IN OUR NEW FACILITY**  
 CR 341 (Dairy Road)  
 Children's Church  
 Wednesday Night  
 Learning Time 7 pm

## Church Calendar

**St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church**  
 4050 NW Highway 27 Alt Chiefland, FL 32626  
 Food Closet - St. Vincent de Paul Society, Thurs. 10-12  
 USDA - Commodities, 3rd Sat. of Month, 8:30 - 10  
**Holy Cross Mission**  
 18278 SE Hwy 19, Cross City, FL 32628  
 Food Closet - Catholic Charities, 1st Tues of month, 9 a.m.  
 Food Closet - St. Vincent de Paul Society. 3rd Tues. 10-12  
 Thrift Store - open 10-12 Friday and Saturday  
 Bingo Tues. Night 6 p.m.

**Card of Thanks**  
 The family of William (Bill) Sheffield Jr. would like to thank everyone for their calls, prayers, cards and food during our time of sadness. Everything was gratefully appreciated.  
 Thank you,  
 The Family of Bill Sheffield

**Card of Thanks**  
 The family of Goldie McHenry would like to thank our friends and neighbors for their prayers, cards, food and many acts of kindness during her illness and death.  


**Recorded Marriages**  
**February 1, 2012**  
 Chris Cagle Lowrey, 12/29/42, to Vicki Lynn Baker, 11/29/58, both of Cedar Key.

## Don't Be Kissing Up to the devil

Long before I gave my heart to the Lord, I'd already begun to grow weary of giggling in the nightclubs. Now don't get me wrong, I love picking and grinning as much as the next musician, but the whole Yee-hawing, cat calling, bar room brawling scene was really beginning to take its toll on me. I mean, how much second hand smoke can a man take? Some nights it was so thick, by last call a fellow could scarcely drag a comb through his mullet! Believe me; the title 'Lounge Lizard' isn't nearly as glamorous as it sounds.  
 Maybe the times were-a-changing. Karaoke DJs had become all the rage, and watching one of those guys pocket more than our whole band didn't boost a musician's morale one bit. Then, of course, there is always that legendary night in Covington.  
 We'd rolled into town to make our debut at a local road house on a sultry Saturday night. Right off, we pinned their ears back with a rocking medley of six or seven songs. We scarcely even let them even come up for air. The locals had never seen the likes, but I reckon a rowdy bunch like that recognized a runaway party train when it chugged into town. They hopped right on board and commenced sanding that dance floor down to a nub.  
 Near the end of our second set, as if on cue, the crowd worked up an impromptu halftime show. Two ladies in the restroom, who had obviously ran into some irreconcilable differences, spilled out onto the dance floor, clawing and cussing each other something fierce. Eventually some brave souls waded in and broke it up, but now before they'd each wrenched out a fist full of weave. We just kept on playing, though I was starting to wonder if we might not need to drag out our emergency roll of chicken wire.  
 As the night wore on things continued to deteriorate. It was during our last set that it happened, the incident that'll be chuckled about in the halls of club-band folklore forever. An elderly lady, who'd obviously engaged in her fair share of half-time festivities, evident by her toothy grin which was largely hit or miss, suddenly took it upon herself to head up the band heckling committee. Between every song her raspy smoker's voice filled the gaps with taunts and requests for us to play some country and western. I tried to explain, "We



But Anyway... with Guy Sheffield

ain't never played either of those!"  
 At one point I bent down to take a drink, and she hedged on up to my microphone and motioned like she needed to tell me a secret. Worried any rudeness might start another ruckus, I bent an ear forward. Big mistake! Quicker'n a croc snatching a wildebeest off banks of the Serengeti, she took hold of my ears and latched onto my lips like a two ton hydraulic leech! Ears or no, ruckus or not, I whipped free of her unsolicited lip lock and commenced spitting and spewing all over the stage. I threw my guitar down and stomped back to my amp to whip out my emergency half pint. I practically downed the whole thing in one desperate swallow! The whole place was laughing hysterically, especially my band mates, who I've yet to fully forgive. I didn't care. I was too young to die.  
 But anyway- I reckon it all just goes to show you, if you hang out in the devil's haunts long enough, he'll find a way to lay one on you! And believe me, you won't like it. If you're still hanging out in those type places I got some advice. Run! Get out while you still can. Jesus has a better life for you. MUCH BETTER!  
 The Lord has since brought me out into the light and given me a fresh start. I'm mighty beholding, so I'm obeying the scripture below, and exposing my own shame here in hopes you won't have to learn the hard way too. (Take no part in the worthless pleasures of evil and darkness, but instead, rebuke and expose them. It would be shameful even to mention here those pleasures of darkness which the ungodly do. But when you expose them, the light shines in upon their sin and shows it up, and when they see how wrong they really are, some of them may even become children of light! Ephesians 5:11-13 NLT)  
 God wants us all to become children of light, and I can prove it. You see, not only did He rescue me, He saved my whole band. Yep, after that, we all got right with the Lord! We're still picking and grinning together too, although we carry a different kind of emergency kit now, playing for the Lord and all. My new kit says I should forgive my band for laughing at me that night. I'm still working on it.  
 Please keep this story hush-hush. It's kind of embarrassing. Plus I don't want that dear old lady to come tracking me down. I've got too much to live for now. I'm praying for her, hoping she'll find the Lord, and maybe a good dentist. But I'd like to continue to do it from a respectable distance.  
**Guy Sheffield**  
 You can visit Guy Sheffield at his website [www.butanyway.org](http://www.butanyway.org), or email him at [sfm4christ@gmail.com](mailto:sfm4christ@gmail.com).

## Obituaries

**NATHANIEL THEODORE HUNTER**  
 January 24, 1947 - January 12, 2012  
  
 Nathaniel Theodore "Ted" Hunter of Chiefland passed away on January 12, 2012 at Citrus Memorial Hospice in Inverness at the age of 64. He was born in Ocala to Raiford Hunter Sr. and Florida Buie Hunter on January 24, 1947. He grew up in Chiefland and graduated from Williston Vocational High School in Williston. Mr. Hunter was an inspiring basketball player, a baseball player, a baseball and softball coach and a loving father. He retired from Florida East Coast Railroad, Jacksonville, Fla. after 30 years of service and moved to Chiefland. He was a member of St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Bronson.

Mr. Hunter was preceded in death by his parents.  
 He is survived by his daughter, Latasha Hunter (James) Timmons of Inverness; granddaughter, Laryana Strong of Gainesville; grandsons, James Timmons Jr. and Cameron Timmons of Ocala; three sisters: Doris Hunter (Willie) Jones, Sandra (Joseph) Wilcox and Bertha L. Allen of Chiefland; one brother, Raiford (Michelle) Hunter of Bronson; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.  
 Funeral services were held January 21, 2012 at St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Bronson, (Rev. Jose Cuevas, Pastor) presided by Deacon Joe Eddie Scott and the eulogy by Elder Joseph L. Wilcox.  
**BRET EMERY BRASWELL**  
 Bret Emery Braswell of Chiefland passed away February 11, 2012 at his home at the age of 51. Born in Gainesville, he has spent

his life in the Chiefland and Cedar Key area. He was a fisherman dealing mainly in clams and oysters. Bret also enjoyed hunting.  
 Mr. Braswell was preceded in death by his father, Emery Braswell.  
 He is survived by his best friend and soulmate, Denise Jones of Chiefland; his mother and step father, Nancy and Thomas Olson of Chiefland; sisters, Sabrina (Kelly) Sheppard of Chiefland and Dana (Preston) Wilson of Mulford, Ga.; aunts, Gail Underwood of Chiefland and Daira Sartain of Gainesville; and his nieces and nephews.  
 A Celebration of his life was held at his mother's home on February 14, 2012.  
 Arrangements are under the care of Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services, 352/493-0050. On line condolences may be sent through our website at [www.hiers-baxley.com](http://www.hiers-baxley.com)  
**ANDRELL BRUCE GUNTER**  
 Mr. Andrell Bruce Gunter of Old Town

passed away Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at Hospice of the Tri-Counties. He was 54.  
 Mr. Gunter moved to Old Town from Winter Haven in October of 2005 after retiring from IMC Minerals and Chemicals in Mulberry, Fla.. He enjoyed golfing, fishing and playing poker.  
 Mr. Gunter is survived by his sons, Jeff (Victoria) Gunter and Scott Gunter, both of Winter Haven; granddaughter, Charlotte; mother, Betty Gunter and Clyde Lovett of Old Town; brother, Joseph Gunter of Boynton Beach; and sister, Andrea Gunter of Old Town.  
 A visitation for family and friends was held at the Rick Gooding Funeral Home on Friday, February 10, 2012 between the hours of 6 and 8 pm.  
 Arrangements were placed under the care of the Rick Gooding Funeral Home, Cross City, Florida, 352/498-5400.

LEGAL NOTICES

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
JUVENILE DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 38-2010-DP-0201

IN THE INTEREST OF:

L. J. (M)  
DOB: 11/16/07  
Minor Child.

**NOTICE OF SUIT FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AND PLACEMENT FOR ADOPTION**

THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO:

Liane Lastra  
Address unknown

You are hereby notified that a petition under oath has been filed in the above-styled Court for the termination of your parental rights to J.L., a male child born November 16, 2007, in Alachua County, Florida, and for permanent commitment of the child to the Department of Children and Families for subsequent adoption. You are hereby commanded to be and appear before the General Magistrate, at the Levy County Courthouse, Bronson, Florida, on the 22nd day of February, 2012, at 8:45 a.m. for an Advisory Hearing.

FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS OF THIS CHILD. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED, YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS AS A PARENT TO THE NAMED CHILD.

YOU ARE ENTITLED TO HAVE AN ATTORNEY REPRESENT YOU IN THIS MATTER. IF YOU WANT AN ATTORNEY BUT ARE UNABLE TO AFFORD ONE, THE COURT WILL APPOINT AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOU.

This notice shall be published once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks in the Levy County Journal at Bronson, Florida, commencing on January 26, 2012.

WITNESS my hand as the clerk of said Court and the Seal therefore, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012.

DANNY J. SHIPP,  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: Judy L. Marino /s/ Deputy Clerk

KRISTINE L. COFFIN,  
ESQUIRE

Florida Bar No. 0068508  
P.O. Box 1459  
Chieffland, FL 32644  
(352) 493-6850

Pub.: Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 2012.

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

CASE NO.: 38 2011 CA 001215

DIVISION:  
SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.,

Plaintiff,

vs.  
RICHARD T. VANASCO JR , et al,

Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

RICHARD T. VANASCO JR  
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS:  
6351 NE 126TH AVE  
WILLISTON, FL 32696

CURRENT ADDRESS:  
UNKNOWN

ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS

UNKNOWN  
CURRENT ADDRESS:  
UNKNOWN

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

LOT 39, FOREST PARK,

UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 26, PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Florida Default Law Group, P.L., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 4919 Memorial Highway, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33634, and file the original with 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 or petition.

This notice shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the Levy County Journal.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012.

Danny J. Shipp  
Clerk of the Court  
By: Gwen McElroy /s/ As Deputy Clerk

Americans 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: Ms. Jan Phillips, Human Resources Manager Alachua County Family/Civil Courthouse, 201 E. University Avenue, Room 410, Gainesville, FL 32601 Phone: 352-337-6237/Fax: 352-374-5238.  
Pub.: Feb. 9, 16, 2012.

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

Case No. 38-2010-CA-000306  
Division

CITIMORTGAGE, INC.

Plaintiff,

vs.  
MICHELLE WASKOM A/K/A MICHELLE A. WASKOM A/K/A MICHELLE WASCOM BRANNAN, et al.

Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

MICHELLE WASKOM A/K/A MICHELLE A. WASKOM A/K/A MICHELLE WASCOM BRANNAN

CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS 7665 NE 185TH TERRACE WILLISTON, FL 32696

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHELLE WASKOM A/K/A MICHELLE A. WASCOM A/K/A MICHELLE WASCOM BRANNAN

CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS 7665 NE 185TH TERRACE WILLISTON, FL 32696

You are notified that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Levy County, Florida:

LOTS 3 & 4, BLOCK 74, WILLISTON HIGHLANDS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 67, PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

commonly known as 710 NE 147TH TERRACE, WILLISTON, FL 32696

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Paul M. Messina, Jr. of Kass Shuler, P.A., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 800, Tampa,

Florida 33601, (813) 229-0900, on or before March 23, 2012, (or 30 days from the first date of publication, whichever is later) 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.

Dated: February 8, 2012. (COURT SEAL)  
CLERK OF THE COURT  
Honorable Danny J. Shipp  
P.O. Drawer 610  
Bronson, Florida 32621  
By: Gwen McElroy /s/ Deputy Clerk

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 Jan Phillips at (352) 374-374-3648 within 7 working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.  
Pub.: Feb. 16, 23, 2012.

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

File Number 38-2012-CP-000007

IN RE: ESTATE OF FERNANDO LAFAYETTE McELROY

Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of FERNANDO LAFAYETTE McELROY, deceased, whose date of death was December 11, 2011, File Number 38-2012-CP-000007, 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 32626. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of the first publication of this notice is February 16, 2012.

Personal Representative: DENISE McELROY a/k/a DENISE ANNETTE KOSS

7350 NW 110<sup>th</sup> Street Chieffland, Florida 32626

Attorney for Personal Representative: R. LUTHER BEAUCHAMP

Florida Bar No. 110207

LAW OFFICE OF R. LUTHER BEAUCHAMP

Attorney for Personal Representative 19 NE Third Street Post Office Box 10

Chieffland, FL 32644  
Telephone: 352/493-2525  
Pub.: Feb. 16, 23, 2012.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

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

**Tiger Bay Club Lunch Meeting:** Presentation on Polk County's water, present and future. SWFWMD Governing Board members are invited to participate in the presentation and discussion.

**DATE/TIME:** Monday, February 27, 2012; 11:30 a.m.

**PLACE:** Peace River Country Club, 150 Idlewood Avenue, Bartow FL 33830

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Tiger Bay Club - Laura@TigerBayPolk.com or 863-604-6164.

For more information, you may contact: Lou. Kavouras@watermatters.org or (1(800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)796-7211, x4604 (Ad Order EXE0195)  
Pub.: Feb. 16, 2012

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

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

**Governing Board Meeting, Committee Meetings and Public Hearing:** Consider SWFWMD business. Some Board members may participate in the meeting via communications media technology. The 9 a.m. meeting will be preceded by a recognition breakfast for former employees beginning at 8 a.m.

**DATE/TIME:** Tuesday, February 28, 2012; 8:00 a.m. (this is a change of time from the published agenda)

**PLACE:** SWFWMD Headquarters, 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville FL 34604

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

Pursuant to the provision of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring reasonable accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting SWFWMD's Human Resources Bureau Chief, 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, Florida 34604-6899; telephone (352) 796-7211, ext. 4702 or 1-800-423-1476 (FL only), ext. 4702; TDD (FL only) 1-800-231-6103; or email to ADACoordinator@swfwmd.state.fl.us.

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

For more information, you may contact: Cheryl Hill@watermatters.org; 1(800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)796-7211, x4452 (Ad Order EXE0197).  
Pub.: Feb. 16, 2012.

**NOTICE OF REVISED DATES OF PUBLIC MEETINGS and WORKSHOPS OF THE NORTH FLORIDA BROADBAND AUTHORITY**

The North Florida Broadband Authority ("NFBA") announced 2012 meeting schedule originally published in January for the NFBA Board of Directors for all interested persons to attend has changed. The NFBA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, and an Interlocal Agreement among Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, Union and Wakulla Counties and municipalities of Cedar Key, Cross City, Lake City, Live Oak, Monticello, Perry, White Springs and Worthington Springs, Florida.

The NFBA is issuing this **Network Operator Request for Information (RFI)** to prospective network operators for NFBA's broadband middle microwave network, and to any other parties interested in promoting the success of NFBA's mission. Through this RFI, NFBA will gather information from interested parties to support the development of a Request for Proposals for a Network Operator. The official Network Operator RFI document can be requested by emailing Faith Doyle at fdoyle@nfba.net. Please submit your responses to Faith Doyle at NFBA by February 22, 2012 as described in RFI Section 6, Response Guidance. Thank you for your consideration of this Request.

Pub.: Feb. 16, 2012.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

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

**Tiger Bay Club Lunch Meeting:** Presentation on Polk County's water, present and future. SWFWMD Governing Board members are invited to participate in the presentation and discussion.

**DATE/TIME:** Monday, February 27, 2012; 11:30 a.m.

**PLACE:** Peace River Country Club, 150 Idlewood Avenue, Bartow FL 33830

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Tiger Bay Club - Laura@TigerBayPolk.com or 863-604-6164.

For more information, you may contact: Lou. Kavouras@watermatters.org or (1(800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)796-7211, x4604 (Ad Order EXE0195)  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

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

**Governing Board Meeting, Committee Meetings and Public Hearing:** Consider SWFWMD business. Some Board members may participate in the meeting via communications media technology. The 9 a.m. meeting will be preceded by a recognition breakfast for former employees beginning at 8 a.m.

**DATE/TIME:** Tuesday, February 28, 2012; 8:00 a.m. (this is a change of time from the published agenda)

**PLACE:** SWFWMD Headquarters, 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville FL 34604

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

Pursuant to the provision of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring reasonable accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting SWFWMD's Human Resources Bureau Chief, 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, Florida 34604-6899; telephone (352) 796-7211, ext. 4702 or 1-800-423-1476 (FL only), ext. 4702; TDD (FL only) 1-800-231-6103; or email to ADACoordinator@swfwmd.state.fl.us.

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

For more information, you may contact: Cheryl Hill@watermatters.org; 1(800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)796-7211, x4452 (Ad Order EXE0197).  
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**NOTICE OF REVISED DATES OF PUBLIC MEETINGS and WORKSHOPS OF THE NORTH FLORIDA BROADBAND AUTHORITY**

The North Florida Broadband Authority ("NFBA") announced 2012 meeting schedule originally published in January for the NFBA Board of Directors for all interested persons to attend has changed. The NFBA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, and an Interlocal Agreement among Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, Union and Wakulla Counties and municipalities of Cedar Key, Cross City, Lake City, Live Oak, Monticello, Perry, White Springs and Worthington Springs, Florida.

The NFBA is issuing this **Network Operator Request for Information (RFI)** to prospective network operators for NFBA's broadband middle microwave network, and to any other parties interested in promoting the success of NFBA's mission. Through this RFI, NFBA will gather information from interested parties to support the development of a Request for Proposals for a Network Operator. The official Network Operator RFI document can be requested by emailing Faith Doyle at fdoyle@nfba.net. Please submit your responses to Faith Doyle at NFBA by February 22, 2012 as described in RFI Section 6, Response Guidance. Thank you for your consideration of this Request.

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

CASE NO.: 38-2010-CP-000007

IN RE: ESTATE OF FERNANDO LAFAYETTE McELROY

Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of FERNANDO LAFAYETTE McELROY, deceased, whose date of death was December 11, 2011, File Number 38-2012-CP-000007, 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 32626. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of the first publication of this notice is February 16, 2012.

Personal Representative: DENISE McELROY a/k/a DENISE ANNETTE KOSS

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are invited:  
**SWFWMD Governing Board Surplus Lands Subcommittee Meeting:**

Consider committee business including review of staff recommendations for potential surplus of SWFWMD lands in Charlotte, DeSoto, Highlands, Manatee and Sarasota Counties. Board members and Advisory Committee members may attend. Some Board members may participate in the meeting via communications media technology.

**DATE/TIME:** Wednesday, March 7, 2012; 10 a.m.

**PLACE:** Sarasota County Administration Building Commission Chambers; 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota FL 34236

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**NOTICE OF REVISED DATES OF PUBLIC MEETINGS and WORKSHOPS OF THE NORTH FLORIDA BROADBAND AUTHORITY**

# LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 6, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on December 6, 2011 at 9:00 AM in the Levy County Board of County Commissioners meeting room, with the following Commissioners present:

- Chairman Danny Stevens
- Comm. Ryan Bell
- Comm. Chad Johnson
- Comm. Marsha Drew
- Comm. Mike Joyner

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

Assistant to the County Coordinator – Dick Tummond  
Chairman Stevens called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Mr. Greenlee gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	106619-106725
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,178,923.44
ROAD	95,062.25
SHIP	13,260.00
COURT TECH/CRIM PREV	71.97
TRANSPORTATION	307.52
911	14,000.00
COURT FACILITIES	15.00
EMS	20,781.50
FIRE	18,978.07
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	320.92
UTILITIES	438.09
COMMUNICATION	1,035.93
LANDFILL	2,353.31
TOTAL	\$ 1,345,548.00

### MINUTES

The following minutes were presented for Board approval:

- Budget Workshop held July 11, 2011
- Budget Workshop held July 14, 2011
- Regular Meeting held September 30, 2011
- Regular Meeting held October 4, 2011

Comm. Drew made a motion to approve the above listed minutes as presented. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

### KENTUCKY COLONEL PRESENTATION

A presentation of the Kentucky Colonel Award was made by Barbara Blackburn on behalf of her husband Claude Blackburn to Lou Elliott Jones. She then explained the origin of the Kentucky Colonel Award to the Board.

### VFW

Ivan Chubb requested the Board recognize the Sons of AmVets Squadron 88 for their service to our Veterans; specifically the December 3rd luncheon for homeless veterans at the Honor Residence in Gainesville. There are also plans for a wreath placement ceremony at Rosemary Cemetery in conjunction with the National Wreaths Across America to honor our deceased Veterans on December 10th at 12:00.

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve the Board Chairman signing a letter to the Sons of AmVets Squadron 88 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Drew and the MOTION CARRIES.

### PUBLIC HEARING

Tim Haines  
Gray, Ackerman & Haines, PA  
HUD Section 108 application.

Mr. Haines spoke to the Board on behalf of Steven H. Gray regarding a HUD Section 108 application and requested approval of a resolution approving and authorizing submission of an application with the U.S. Department of Housing. He stated Gray, Ackerman & Haines, P.A. are representing Whitestone Capital Partners on a proposed project in Ocala to build an Assisted Living Facility which will have 60 assisted living units, 40 independent living units and 20 Alzheimer's units. The planned funding for this project is about \$5 million in equity from the developer and \$14 million in guaranteed HUD loans to the developer for this project. The HUD loans will come through the CDBG. Since Levy County is a non-assessed community, unlike Marion County and the City of Ocala, it gets its funding through the State. Upon Levy County authorizing application of these funds, they can become directly available to the developer once approval is granted by the State of Florida and HUD National. The benefit to Levy County and the reason it is asked to participate in this project is:

1. Levy County is adjacent to Marion County.
2. Levy County, like Marion County is an underserved county for Senior Services.

3. By virtue of the provision of funds based upon its request, Levy County residents will get priority in the beds and units in the Senior Housing Facility, equivalent to 86%.

4. This will not compete with any private enterprises. Comm. Stevens asks if there is anyone in the audience to speak for or against this item.

Mr. Schofield asks a question regarding the 86% available to Levy County residents Barney Cannon stated he has doubts regarding this proposal and is against it. The Commissioners then asked questions to Mr. Haines and the Public Hearing was closed at 9:32 A.M.

### SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

Connie Asbell, Supervisor of Elections

A. Appointment of County Commissioner to the Canvassing Board.

Mrs. Asbell requested approval of Comm. Bell and Comm. Stevens to be appointed to the Canvassing Board for the 2012 election cycle.

Comm. Bell made a motion the appoint Comm. Bell and Comm. Stevens to the Canvassing Board as requested. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

### 911 ADDRESSING

Mike West, 911 Addressing Coordinator

A. Request approval for the CenturyLink Evergreen Software contract. This contract provides coverage on the Evergreen for 10/23/11 – 10/22/12.

Mr. West requested Board approval of the CenturyLink Evergreen Software contract for their 911 system. The cost of the Evergreen, \$15,012.99 is covered by a grant received from the State E911 Board.

Comm. Drew made a motion to approve the renewal of the contract as requested. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS COUNTY COORDINATOR

Fred Moody, County Coordinator

A. Redistricting update, present proposed map.

Mr. Moody presented a proposed updated redistricting map to the Commissioners, explaining adjustments to some of the District lines.

B. Request motion to adopt resolutions 2011-64 and 2011-65 electing to withdraw from the Public Risk Management pool.

Mr. Moody requested approval of Resolutions 2011-64 and 2011-65 electing to withdraw from the Public Risk Management pool and suggested the Board to go out for bids for both. Atty. Brown explained notifying Public Risk Management is the first step to inform them we will be going out for bids. A second notice would need to be sent in order to leave Public Risk Management and, if not, Levy County would stay in the pool.

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve Resolutions 2011-64 and 2011-65 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Drew and the MOTION CARRIES.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

David Knowles, Director

A. Requesting a transfer of three Levy County Transit Supervisors' vehicles to the Department of Public Safety. All three vehicles have clear titles.

Mr. Knowles requested Board approval of an agreement allowing shared usage of a Public Safety owned bariatric unit with the Transit Department and the following vehicle transfers:

Transfer from Public Safety to Road Department one surplus ambulance vehicle. Remove from Public Safety inventory an S-10 Blazer which is no longer usable and offer it to any other Department, if they can use it.

Transfer three vehicles from Transit to Public Safety.

Comm. Drew made a motion to approve the vehicle transfers as requested. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

### LEVY COUNTY TRANSIT

James Shields

A. Request approval of the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged Shirley Conroy Rural Area Capital Assistance Support Grant.

Mr. Shields requested on behalf of Ms. Painter Board approval of the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged Shirley Conroy Rural Area Capital Assistance Support Grant. Mr. Moody explained the total amount is \$69,223 and the County's portion is \$6,922.

Comm. Drew made a motion to approve application of the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged Shirley Conroy Rural Area Capital Assistance Support Grant as presented. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Request approval for amendment #3 of the Medicaid Non-Emergency Agreement between the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged Commission and the Levy

County Board of County Commission; purpose of the amendment is a net increase of \$10,498.

Mr. Shields requested Board approval of Amendment #3 of the Medicaid Non-Emergency Subcontracted Transportation Provider Agreement between the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged Commission and the Levy BOCC. Mr. Moody explained the agreement is increased by \$10,498 and the monthly breakdown is listed in the agreement.

Comm. Drew made a motion to approve Amendment #3 of the Medicaid Non-Emergency Subcontracted Transportation Provider Agreement as presented. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

C. Request approval to purchase three (3) vehicles from the Florida Sheriff's Association Bid Award.

Mr. Shields requested Board approval to purchase three vehicles from the Florida Sheriff's Association Bid Award. He explained these three vehicles would replace the three vehicles to be donated to the Public Safety Department.

After review of the vehicle quotes and discussion by the Commissioners, this item was TABLED with a request for comparable quotes from local vendors of basic vehicles with no extras.

D. Request to donate one 2003 bus (wrecked and salvaged) to Suwannee Valley Transit; Gwen Pra.

Mr. Shields requested Board approval for the Transit Department to donate a 2003 bus which has been wrecked and is currently located at the Road Department to Gwen Pra at Suwannee Valley Transit.

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve donation of the 2003 bus as requested to Gwen Pra at Suwannee Valley Transit. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

### SHIP

Dick Tummond

A. Request motion to approve Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Christine J. Campbell, PA #508.

Mr. Tummond requested Board approval of the Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Christine J. Campbell in the amount of \$13,260.

Comm. Drew made a motion to approve the Deferred Payment Loan Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

### SOLID WASTE

Benny Jerrels, Director

A. Request approval for the 2011-12 Small County Consolidated Grant Agreement for State Assistance and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement.

Mr. Jerrels requested Board approval of the Small County Consolidated Grant Agreement for State Assistance and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement. The grant amount is \$70,588.

Comm. Drew made a motion to approve application of the Small County Consolidated Grant Agreement for State Assistance and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

### COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Comm. Johnson reported there is now funding for broadband so this is now back up and going.

The Levy County School Foundation Gala will be coming up on January 28th in Chiefland. He will give more details as the date approaches.

Comm. Johnson stated he would like to set date for a workshop for Commissioners to discuss their goals and priorities for the upcoming year. The Commissioners agreed to meet on January 3rd following the Regular Board meeting that day and each Commissioner will submit their ideas to the Board office by December 16th so it can be included with the agenda packets for the December 20th regular Board meeting for each Commissioner to review.

Comm. Bell reported there was a good turnout at the Chiefland Christmas parade held this past Saturday.

Comm. Joyner announced there would be a benefit fish fry lunch this Friday to help two families within the courthouse dealing with cancer. Donations are accepted.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barney Cannon spoke of ALF and stated it seems this outfit is dependent on our support to get going. He stated he would like to have the facility in Levy County, rather than Marion County.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:35 A.M.

### ATTEST:

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

## Marion County Health Dept. Terminates Rabies Alert

On December 7, 2011, the Marion County Health Department Director issued a rabies alert for a location within Marion County, Fla. We have not had a confirmed case of rabies in over sixty (60) days in this area. Therefore, the Marion County Health Department is terminating the Rabies Alert, # 0006/11.

Even though the alert is being terminated, all citizens are asked to maintain a heightened awareness that rabies is active in our county. We remind all citizens to make sure that their domestic animals have a current rabies vaccination record, keep the lid on any garbage cans, and do not leave any pet food out that can attract wild animals.



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## Cyndee Munkittrick Announces Bid For Levy County Judge

Chiefland attorney, Cyndee Munkittrick wants to be your Levy County Judge. Cyndee graduated from the University of Florida College of Law and opened a private law firm in Chiefland in 1996. She and her husband, the late Thomas (Tom) A. Munkittrick, were law partners in the Munkittrick Law Firm in Chiefland until Tom's death in 2003.

Cyndee is well versed in all aspects of the law. In her law practice, Cyndee has assisted clients in matters of administrative hearings and licensing law, criminal defense in felony and misdemeanor matters, real estate, probate matters, small claims, landlord tenant cases, dependency, divorce, child support, child custody, insurance law, personal injury and large civil law cases. She has practiced in county and circuit court in nine different counties and has successfully argued cases before the District Court of Appeal in Tallahassee. Cyndee said, "I believe in order to preside over such cases, it is imperative to have experience in them. And that is why I'm well qualified for this position: I have extensive courtroom experience in a wide variety of legal matters."

Cyndee has not only the experience, but also the knowledge of our community. "Our past helps define who we are and our overall values," Cyndee said. "It's important to anticipate and prepare for the changes of the future, while preserving our values." She's been a part of this community and owned property in Levy County for more than 40 years. Cyndee moved to Levy County in 1972 and her mother, sister, brother and their families all call Levy County home. She's watched our county grow and change during the past forty years and says it's important we elect our Judge, rather than allow someone in Tallahassee to decide for us.

She promises, "If elected I will treat all who come before me with the utmost fairness and respect. I will carefully

listen to both sides of a disagreement and then base a fair and reasoned decision on the facts presented." She said, "I will use only those facts and apply the law as drafted by our elected officials rather than attempt to create new law."

Being in public service is nothing new to Cyndee. In 1974 she, along with many other Levy Countians, volunteered for the U.S. Army Reserves. She's been a volunteer in many local organizations, giving back and helping to make our county a better place to live and raise our families. Cyndee is a member of the First Methodist Church in Chiefland. Levy County deserves a judge who has spent decades as a local resident and who has a vested interest in keeping our community a safe, healthy and enjoyable place to raise our families.

She and Tom have three children - who all attended Levy County Schools. Today they have five grandchildren. Michael Munkittrick and his wife Karrie live in Gainesville with their two daughters, Coral and Soleil. Natasha Munkittrick Allen and her husband Patrick live in Old Town with their two sons, Hunter and Austin. Andy Munkittrick and his wife Kate live in St. Petersburg with their daughter, Eve.

Cyndee is the daughter of Erline Stutsman and the late Robert Stutsman of Chiefland, and the sister of Cheri Prevatt (Lewis) and Kirk Stutsman (Lois), both of Chiefland.



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reach us by phone call 352-342-7525.  
Thursdays: Bingo @ 7 p.m. We offer two Jackpots. If an attendee brings a friend, that attendee will get a free card.  
Saturdays: Farmers Market and Flea Market from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**DUNNELLON-RAINBOW SPRINGS Cracker Days at Rainbow Spgs Park Feb. 25-26**

It's Cracker Days at Rainbow Springs State Park again. During the weekend of February 25th and 26th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. exhibitors and demonstrators will be telling about the early pioneer history of Florida. We will have many of the people you enjoy watching including Betty-Lou Seager with her angora rabbits and spinning wheel and Trapper Robert. Our staff and many volunteers will be in period dress in the cow camp, along with a Cracker horse and many exhibits about early Florida. There will also be an archeological exhibit.

Kettle corn, fry bread and lemonade will be available. The Crafty Ladies have Cracker dolls and other handcrafted items for you to buy. Nature Quest will be running trams in the parking lot to the entry and from the Felburn Pavilion to the Cow Camp. Copies of the Cracker Times will be available to show you where and when everything is taking place. Come hear Storyteller Sam tell about his adventures.

At the entrance to the park we will have our native plant sales and information. Some of the best Florida musicians will be performing throughout the day in the Felburn Pavilion. All this for the park entry fee of \$2.00 per person, children under 6 free.

You could help if you have any old candles that our staff could use for the candle making demonstrations. Just leave them at the toll booth or call the park at 352/465-8555 and ask for Nicky Aiken.

**Art in the Park Mar. 3 & 4**

Art in the Park returns to Rainbow Springs State Park on Saturday and Sunday, Mar. 3 and 4 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. This year's show and sale will include artists from the Nature Coast Painters, Ocala Digital Art Group, the Ocala Art Group, Gallery East and Florida Artists Gallery. As in previous years there will be an assortment of art work from framed pictures to small cards, something in all price ranges. Jewelry will also be available. Weather permitting; there will be artists through out the park painting and willing to discuss their techniques and materials. This is the longest running event held at Rainbow Springs and is always planned when many of our gardens will be in bloom, in spite of our fickle weather. Come enjoy a lovely day in the park and visit with these talented people. Remember that they contribute 20% of their sales to the Friends of Rainbow Springs. Admission to the park is \$2.00. Our concession is temporarily closed, so bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the day. For information call 465-8555.

**CITRUS COUNTY**

**Kings Bay Rotary Sportsman's Showcase Crystal River Feb. 16**

The 17th Annual Sportsman's Showcase comes to Kings Bay Plaza, US 19 in Crystal River, Thurs., Feb. 16 thru Monday, Feb. 20. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Refreshments will be available.  
Say "good-bye" to winter and "hello" to warm, sun-filled days with the latest and greatest in recreational vehicles and boats.  
This event is presented by the Kings Bay Rotary Foundation. Proceeds from the event will benefit many Citrus County charitable organizations.  
For more information call 352/613-0136 or visit [www.kingsbayrotary.org](http://www.kingsbayrotary.org).

**Citrus County Craft Council Spring Fling Craft Show Feb. 25**

The Citrus County Craft Council will hold its 22nd Annual Spring Fling Craft Show on Sat. Feb. 25, 2012 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Crystal River National Guard Armory located on Venable St., across from Home Depot (off Hwy 19, south of Crystal River Airport) in Crystal River. The show benefits Habitat for Humanity of Citrus County. There will be many crafters with a wide variety of items including stained glass art, handcrafted greeting cards, jewelry, unusual porcelain dolls, handbags, soap bars, and much more. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Plenty of free parking and no admission for this inside-outside show. For more info call: Michaelen Hurley at 352/249-7012.

**Elk's Lodge Lakeside Craft Show Mar. 24**

The Inverness Elk's Lodge #2522 will be presenting their 3rd Lakeside Craft Show on Sat. mar. 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lodge located at 3580 Lemon St, in Hernando behind the Ace Hardware on Hwy 41. FREE admission and parking. There will be many new crafters, inside and outside, for this show along with raffles, drawings, food and beverages. If you need directions or information about becoming vendor please call Mimi Salton at 352/860-2598.

**Mystery Poker Run in Crystal River Mar. 31**

The American Legion Riders, Post 155 Crystal River, will hold its sixth annual

Mystery Poker Run on Sat., Mar. 31 at 9 a.m. with proceeds benefiting veterans served by Hospice of Citrus County and Hospice of the Nature Coast.

The Mystery Poker Run will begin at the American Legion Post 155, 6585 W. Gulf to Lake Highway, Crystal River. Registration begins at 10 a.m. with the last bike out at 11 a.m. and last bike in (at the final stop) at 4 p.m. The final stop will feature a cash bar, dinner, music, raffles, a 50/50 drawing and prizes for the Best Hand and for the Joker.

The entry fee will be \$10 per rider. All vehicles are welcome!

Ride Chairperson Tom Voelz commented, "Proceeds from the Mystery Poker Run will benefit Hospice of Citrus County because they do a great job serving local veterans, especially at Hospice House."

The American Legion, Legion Auxiliary, Voiture 40/8, Legion Riders and Sons of the American Legion are all united by patriotism. American Legion Posts, and the organizations within them, raise thousands of dollars for local children's hospitals, schools, veterans' homes, severely wounded servicemen and servicewomen, and American Legion Scholarship programs.

For additional information on the American Legion Riders Post 155 Mystery Poker Run, call Ride Chairperson Tom Voelz 352/795-2884 or Hospice of Citrus County at 352/527-2020.

**CHIEFLAND**

**Chiefland Area Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year Award Banquet on Mar. 6**

On March 6, 2012, there is one place in Levy County where you will find our Chamber business people and their guests enjoying an evening of activities, door prizes, networking, a delicious dinner and plenty of fun. We're talking about the Annual Members Banquet held by the Greater Chiefland Area Chamber of Commerce.

This event will be held at the Tommy Usher Center, with the doors opening at 6:30 p.m. and dinner being served at 7 p.m.. Please feel free to come early to check in with other members and acquaintances, and check out these fundraisers:

Take part in any of our simultaneous silent auctions to fund our annual scholarship for a Chiefland High Senior.

The focus of the evening is to honor our community's 2011 Citizen of the Year. The program will begin at 7 p.m. with the announcement of the award recipient.

The public is invited to join this celebration of good deeds. The admission is \$25.00 per person and pre-paid reservations are required. Early booking is suggested since seating is limited. For any questions or for more information please contact the Chamber office at 352/493-1849, Monday through Friday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m..

Invitations have been sent out but if for any reason you did not receive an invitation and would like to attend please contact the Chamber office. Due to limited space available all reservations need to be made by Feb. 24th.

**Another Way 5th Annual CharITEA Mar. 24**

CURVES of Chiefland is presenting the 5th Annual CharITEA to benefit Another Way, Inc., a domestic violence and rape crisis center. The TEA and silent auction will be on Mar. 24 at 11:30 a.m. at Hopeful Baptist Church Life Center at 289 SE Hopeful Drive in Lake City. The tickets are \$25 and the tea cups are limited. Reserve your by contacting Andrea Fottry or Charlene Boice at 386/719-2700 or [adm@anotherwayinc.net](mailto:adm@anotherwayinc.net). Visa, MC, AmerEx, and Discover accepted. Another Way offers counseling, support and safe shelter to survivors of domestic and sexual violence while providing a positive alternative to violence through community education.

**COLLEGE OF CENTRAL FLORIDA CNA Refresher Course at CF Levy Center Mar. 19-28**

The College of Central Florida Levy Center will begin a Refresher Course for Certified Nursing Assistants on Mon., Mar. 19 for non-practicing Certified Nursing Assistants who would like to re-enter the field and CNAs who have allowed their license to lapse and need to retake the state licensure exam.

The class will meet Mondays and Wednesdays, March 19 through 28, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., is \$149 and no textbook is required.

Enroll in person at the Levy Center,

114 Rodgers Blvd., Chiefland, or online at [CFItraining.cf.edu](http://CFItraining.cf.edu) (select Levy noncredit classes). Deadline for enrollment is Fri., Mar. 9. The college will be closed for spring break March 12-16.

**TRENTON**

**American Legion Post 91 Membership Meeting/Dinner Feb. 16**

American Legion Post 91 of Trenton invites all members and community veterans to our monthly membership meeting and dinner on Feb. 16, with dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will follow shortly after dinner ending at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Jim Lynch, will be our guest speaker from Forest Meadows Funeral Home. Jim Lynch was the Alachua County Veteran Service Officer for over 20 years before beginning his new career with Forest Meadows. Mr. Lynch will present very important information on Veteran Funeral Benefits and Packages offered by the wonderful staff of Forest Meadows. He will be available after his presentation to field any questions a veteran may have. We also want to thank Mr. Strom of Bell, Fla. for donating a very nice television to the Post. We are still planning to offer Bingo soon. Also, our post wishes to remind our community veterans of the resources available to them such as the Gilchrist County Veteran Service Office, Florida Crown Workforce, and the many services this American Legion post has to offer.

For God and Country  
Jessie L. Crews, Post Commander

**Fundraiser for Children's Burn Center Feb. 18**

Tri County Nursing home is teaming up with our neighbors, the Shriners, for a local fundraiser for the Children's Burn Center to be held on Feb. 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Tri County facilities on Hwy 26 in the Wilcox/Trenton area. A hamburger or hot dog lunch of your choice which includes dessert and drink will be available for a donation of \$5. We will also have a yard Sale beginning at 8 a.m. (no early birds please) with raffles galore, a bake sale, entertainment by local talent and karaoke for anyone brave enough to give it a try. There will also be clowns for the kids and a Bounce House to play in. ALL proceeds go directly to the Shriners Children's Burn Center.

So mark your calendar for Feb. 18 at the Tri County Nursing Home for a great day of family fun and a chance to share your heart with a child in need.

**GILCHRIST COUNTY**

**Relay for Life Fundraiser at GC Sheriff's Office Feb. 24**

The Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office is hosting a Relay for Life fundraiser event on Fri. Feb. 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the GCSO office at 9239 S US Hwy 129 in Trenton. This will be the 3rd Annual Chili Cook-off and Luncheon and for only a \$5 donation you can enjoy Chili, Cornbread, Tea and Dessert from the best chili cooks in the county. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society/Relay for Life. For information call 352/463-3490.

**Earn (and Keep) More Money**

By Kay Louder  
Social Security District Manager, Gainesville, Fla.

You probably already know that there was an increase in Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) monthly payments at the beginning of the year. If you receive monthly Social Security or SSI payments, you received a 3.6 percent cost-of-living adjustment beginning with your payment for the month of January 2012.

For people who receive Social Security retirement benefits, there's more good news. In addition to receiving a little more each month, you may now earn more income without offsetting your benefits because the "earnings test" numbers also have gone up.

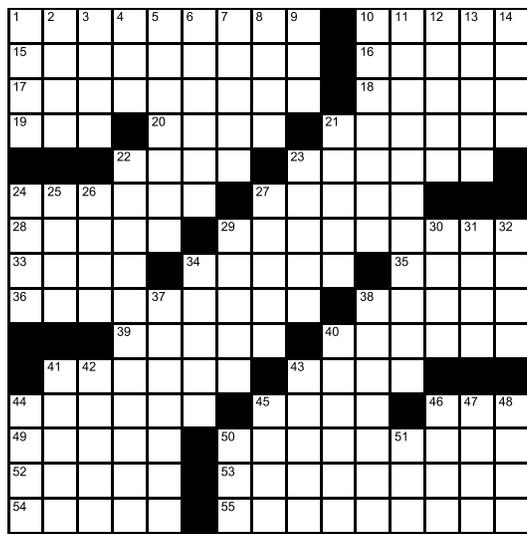
If you have reached your full retirement age (age 66 for anyone born between 1943 and 1954), the earnings test does not apply and you may earn as much money as you can without any effect on your benefits. However, if you are younger than full retirement age, collecting benefits and still working, we do offset some of your benefit amount after you reach a certain earnings limit. For people under full retirement age in 2012, the annual exempt amount is \$14,640, and if you do reach that limit, we withhold \$1 for every \$2 above that limit from your monthly benefit amount. For people who retired early, continue working and will obtain full retirement age in 2012, the annual exempt amount is \$38,880 and we will withhold \$1 for every \$3 you earn over the limit from your monthly benefits.

You can learn more about the earnings test and how benefits may be reduced by visiting our website, [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov), and searching on the topic "earnings test."

Find out what your full retirement age is at our Retirement Age page, [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/ageincrease.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/ageincrease.htm)

You also may want to read our publication, How Work Affects Your Benefits. It's available at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10069.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10069.html).

*Crossword Puzzle*



Across

- 1. Emergency vehicle
- 10. Eyeball benders (2 wds)
- 15. Those with sound judgment
- 16. Optician's rouge
- 17. Those who are confined in wartime
- 18. Lingo
- 19. Directly
- 20. "How \_\_\_!"
- 21. W African storytellers
- 22. Bent
- 23. Protein particles responsible for degenerative diseases of the nervous system
- 24. \_\_\_ and Hardy
- 27. Amalgam
- 28. Buenos \_\_\_
- 29. Small tart tree fruit
- 33. "I had no \_\_\_!"
- 34. Be bombastic
- 35. Hip bones
- 36. Discuss an issue from a different point of view
- 38. Considers
- 39. Daughter of Saturn
- 40. Take back
- 41. Vascular inner layer of skin
- 43. Supergarb
- 44. Pranksters
- 45. Kill, in a way
- 46. Long-jawed fish
- 49. Old World plants, such as cuckoopint
- 50. Condiment on lamb (2 wds)
- 52. Lure
- 53. Person who attacks another
- 54. Flip, in a way
- 55. Came in again

Down

- 1. Bone-dry
- 2. Restaurant options
- 3. Diminish
- 4. "It's no \_\_\_!"
- 5. Large motor vehicles with flat platforms
- 6. Yearly
- 7. Demands
- 8. Algonquian Indian
- 9. Cousin of -trix
- 10. Egg-shaped instrument
- 11. Object valued for evoking a historical time (2 wds)
- 12. About 1% of the atmosphere
- 13. Laugh-a-minute folks
- 14. Makes lace
- 21. Cousin of a loon
- 22. Hansel and Gretel's trail marks (2 wds)
- 23. Braids
- 24. Animal house
- 25. Assistant
- 26. Carbamide
- 27. Chutzpah
- 29. Algonquin Indians
- 30. "Guilty," e.g.
- 31. Describe
- 32. "\_\_\_ of Eden"
- 34. Gold braid
- 37. 1919 world heavyweight champion
- 38. Sediment
- 40. Wicker material
- 41. Egyptian corn
- 42. Small ornamental ladies' bags
- 43. Perfume
- 44. Street fleet
- 45. Workbench attachment
- 46. \_\_\_ gum, used as thickening agent in food
- 47. Bad marks
- 48. Abbr. after many a general's name
- 50. Fold, spindle or mutilate
- 51. A pint, maybe

*The answers for this week's crossword puzzle will appear in next week's issue.*

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# Bronson Eagles Boys Varsity Comes Up Short against Dixie County Bears

The Bronson HS Eagles Boys Varsity team played the Dixie County Bears at the Bronson Middle/High School gym on Jan. 31. The Eagles came up short against the Bears 46-63 as they head into the District Tournament.



Ben Landon (#12) shoots for two as Linwood Shouse (#23) looks on. Photo courtesy of Elizabeth C. Phillips, Digital Media



Jahleel Penny (#10) and Gavyn Thomas (#24) defend the basketball goal with Ty Barber (#13) looking on. Photo courtesy of Elizabeth C. Phillips, Digital Media



Gavyn Thomas (#24) shoots with Linwood Shouse (#23) and Ben Landon (#12). Photo courtesy of Elizabeth C. Phillips, Digital Media



Javonta Jones (#21) shoots over Ty Barber (#13), Christopher Saxon (#5), and Linwood Shouse (#23). Photo courtesy of Elizabeth C. Phillips, Digital Media

## Williston High School Softball Schedule 2011/2012

Date	Opponent	Location	Time	Depart
Feb. 16	Dixie County	Cross City	5:00/7:00	2:30
Feb. 17	Keystone	Williston	5:00/7:00	
Feb. 21	Interlachen	Interlachen	4:30/6:30	2:30
Feb. 24	Ft. White	Ft. White	5:00/7:00	2:30
Mar. 2	Keystone	Keystone Heights	5:00/7:00	2:30
Mar. 6	Suwannee	Williston	5:00/7:00	
Mar. 8	Ft. White	Williston	5:00/7:00	
Mar. 9	Santa Fe	Santa Fe	5:00/7:00	3:00
Mar. 12	Chiefland	Williston	5:00/7:00	
Mar. 16	Newberry	Williston	6:00	
Mar. 20	Interlachen	Williston	5:00/7:00	



## Archery in the Schools Tournament in Newberry on Feb. 25



On Saturday, February 25 the Florida National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) will be conducting their 5th annual State Tournament from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Easton Newberry Sports Complex at 24880 NW 16 Ave., Newberry, FL 32669. The NASP expects 200 kids from around the state to shoot in the live tournament, where their scores will be compared to those schools that competed virtually, due to budget issues, and winners will be announced that day.

The NASP is an archery program introduced into the school system in conjunction with the FWC and the Easton Foundation, a non-profit founded by James L. Easton for the purpose of training and developing a pool of world class archers able to compete at the highest levels. The Easton Newberry Sports Complex (ENSC), the venue for this year's 5th Annual State Tournament, is located in Newberry just 16 miles west of Gainesville. These centers foster new growth, and provide coordinated trainings for archers and coaches. Indoor and Outdoor archery events and tournaments are scheduled at the Archery Center year-round. The Easton Foundation also contributes to grants for the NASP School Equipment Grant Program to help more schools get on board for archery to the students.

For more information on how to get a grant for your area school or to learn more about this great program go to MyFWC.com/NASP or contact Steven R. Robbins, FWC Archery Programs Coordinator for the North Central Region FWC at 3377 East U.S. Hwy 90, Lake City, FL 32055, or call him at (386) 754-1655, or email: steven.robbins@MyFWC.com

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