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## SREC Opens New Site for Meals and Keeps the Old One Alive

The Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. has struck a balanced answer to their dilemma in Williston and will be opening a new meal site on Mon. Feb. 4 at the 1st Baptist Church, 339 E. Noble Ave. in Williston. The meal site will be open on Mondays and Tuesdays from 11:30 AM to 1 PM.

The current site at Thompson Hall, 521 NW 1st St. in Williston will continue to be open on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 AM to 1 PM.

SREC serves hot meals to seniors age 60 and older. The meals will be served at 12:00 noon, and seniors are invited to come enjoy a hot, nutritious meal with other seniors. There is no cost but donations are welcomed.

For more information, please call Bernadette Preble, OAA Coordinator, at 352/490-7055, ext. 1, and to ensure there are enough meals prepared for everyone who wants a meal.

## McKoy Sworn In to the Florida Bar



In front of a small group of family and friends at The Gathering Table Steakhouse restaurant on Friday, January 25, 2013, Douglas K. McKoy took his final step to becoming an attorney as recognized by the State of Florida when he took the Oath of Admission to The Florida Bar. McKoy was sworn in by Joseph E. Smith, former County Judge of Levy County and long-time attorney.

As part of the oath, McKoy promised to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida. He also agreed to maintain fairness, integrity and civility, not only in court, but also in all written and oral communications.

McKoy graduated from Florida Coastal School of Law in Jacksonville, Fla., and also passed The Florida Bar in July 2012. He is a graduate of Florida State University and Bronson High School.

Upon taking the oath, McKoy will join the law firm of Gregory V. Beauchamp in Chiefland, and along with Beauchamp will continue to own and operate Security Title Services in Bronson and Gilchrist Title Services in Trenton.

Doug and his wife Gwen have three boys: Josh, Dogan and Sam. He is the son of Douglas M. and Sandra McKoy, and the grandson of Dogan S. Cobb.

## Tax Collector Linda Fugate Explains Williston Satellite Office to BoCC



By Kathy Hilliard  
*Editor*

Levy County Tax Collector Linda Fugate came before the Board of County Commissioners at the regular meeting on Tuesday January 22 to update the commissioners on the issue of a tax collector's satellite operation in Williston. Fugate introduced the subject saying, "I just wanted to give a brief update on our Williston office."

Fugate is a constitutional officer and is in charge of her department of Levy County government but she wanted to come before the board to clarify the decision to build a satellite office in Williston at this time. Currently they are renting a trailer in Williston and staffing the office one day a week with two current tax office employees for the citizens in the area of Williston. Fugate and another staff member who live between Bronson and Williston use one day to open that office without having to pay fuel and travel fees to someone else who lives farther away.

The City of Williston is currently on the schedule for CRA (Community Redevelopment Act) funds for city beautification projects and the 60-something-year-old trailer that the Levy County Tax Collector's office has been renting since 2002 is in the way of that progress, according to Fugate. So Fugate has made the decision to build a satellite office on land in Williston but will be leasing it back from the city of Williston on a 99-year lease at \$1 per month with a renewal option at the end of the 99 years. According to Fugate, this is the same arrangement as the EMS department has with the city of Williston. The new tax collector's office will be similar in design and near the EMS building and across from the Williston Elementary School. Thus far the city of Williston has charged nothing for the satellite office but the tax collector's office pays the electric and phone bill.

Fugate explained that she is waiting for a dollar amount on the exact cost but had a concern that she wanted to bring up to the board. Fugate mentioned that there were rumors going around on the issue and she



wanted to clarify any questions the board may have for the sake of transparency.

Fugate went on to say, "We had this discussion a while back. I just have a concern and wanted to express it to the board. I thought that I had addressed this but I wanted to make sure I addressed it. The funding for this building will come out of fees from my office. They are tax collector fees that we raise. We get a fee for collecting the tax roll, for collecting non-ad valorem assessments, vehicle registration, driver's licenses, hunting, fishing, etc. We get fees for all this and that is how my office operates. The cost for this building will come out of those fees. Any questions?"

Commission Chairman Ryan Bell remarked, "So that reduces the amount of money (to the board)..., because you turn the fees back over to the board..."

Fugate answered affirmatively saying, "What I do not spend."

Bell then said, "So that reduces that amount of money of what the board gets back."

Fugate answered, "Yes it will."

Bell said, "So it is real money to the board because at the end of the year we use that to balance."

Fugate answered, "You shouldn't. You should not consider that guaranteed funds. Those are tax collector revenues. If our revenues drop or we have an increase in our budget...."

Bell said, "For a better explanation, then, you go back

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## Public Awareness Campaign to Highlight Florida's New Child Abuse Law

"Don't Miss The Signs" – that's the message Floridians will soon see on television ads, posters and other materials, urging them to raise their voices to stop child abuse.

The comprehensive public awareness campaign will educate Floridians about their obligation to report suspected abuse under Florida's sweeping new child abuse reporting law, which took effect Oct. 1, 2012.

Last year, the Florida Legislature passed the nation's most protective child abuse reporting law, making it clear that reporting suspected child abuse is everyone's responsibility, not just designated "professional reporters" such as medical professionals and teachers. The law also clarifies that the state's abuse hotline will accept reports of abuse committed by people other than parents and primary caregivers, such as a coach, teacher or neighbor.

"Florida has set a national standard for child protection through the strength of our laws," said DCF Secretary David Wilkins. "But our laws are only effective if our citizens are willing to do their part and report abuse if they suspect a child is at risk."

To support the new law's implementation, the Legislature funded a comprehensive effort to raise awareness, encourage reporting and promote prevention. DCF developed the new "Don't Miss the Signs" campaign in partnership with the Lauren's Kids foundation, which seeks to end childhood sexual abuse.

"We must do everything we can to protect Florida's children, and 'Don't Miss the Signs'

will help all of us recognize the signs of abuse and help children immediately," stated Attorney General Pam Bondi. "I applaud the Department of Children and Families and the Lauren's Kids Foundation for their dedication to raising awareness about child abuse in our state."

To drive home the message that all citizens have a responsibility to report abuse, the public is encouraged to sign an online petition ("I commit my eyes, my voice to protect our children") on the website DontMissTheSigns.org. The site also provides educational materials about child abuse prevention and Florida's abuse reporting law, linking to DCF's abuse reporting system.

"I challenge every Floridian to sign this petition and actively join the effort to keep the children around them safe," said Lauren Book, president and CEO of the Lauren's Kids foundation. "It will take all of us, working together, to end child abuse."

Book created her foundation to end childhood sexual abuse through education and awareness. Book herself was a victim of sexual abuse by her family's nanny from the ages of 11 to 17. Elements of the new awareness campaign will focus specifically on preventing childhood sexual abuse by educating children, parents and youth-serving organizations.

Last year, the Legislature funded and Book created a curriculum intended to prevent childhood sexual abuse. The curriculum, Safer, Smarter Kids, was distributed to every public kindergarten in Florida and early testing showed a 77% gain in personal safety knowledge by children

who completed the curriculum.

The Don't Miss the Signs educational campaign and outreach effort includes a diverse array of components, including:

- A series of television and radio public service announcements, which begin airing this month. The spots feature children holding or wearing signs of abuse or the word, "Help," along with the message, "The signs of child abuse aren't always this obvious. Don't miss the signs. Report child abuse." Another spot, promoting the online petition, features a diverse series of Floridians – such as a school crossing guard, a woman at a cash register, a coach – each delivering a line of the pledge.
- Printed materials, including posters, brochures and rack cards that list possible signs of abuse in children of different ages, i.e. dullness, inactivity and excessive passivity in an infant; a return to bedwetting in an older child; self-mutilation in a teen.
- Recommended protective protocols and training materials for youth-serving organizations to help prevent childhood sexual abuse.
- Educational materials to help foster parents assimilate children who have been sexually abused into their families.
- And materials with protective strategies for parents and caregivers of children with disabilities, who are often targets of sexual abuse.
- A 30-minute television special about childhood sexual abuse and ways to prevent it.



## Levy County Sheriff's Office Arrest Report

Jail Media Report for 01/21/2013 to 01/28/2013

**ARNOLD, TIMOTHY WADE**, 35, OF INGLIS, FL: AGG BATTERY OFFENDR KNEW/SHOULD HAVE KNOWN VICT PREGNANT.

**BESS, DELTRICH KENYON**, 25, OF OCALA, FL: PROB VIOLATION.

**BISHOP, BRITNEY NOELLE**, 22, OF CHIEFLAND, FL: BATTERY TOUCH OR STRIKE.

**BUIE, BASIL JAMAAL**, 30, OF CHIEFLAND, FL: RE-ADMIT FROM COURT X 2.

**BURCHETT, JEREMY LEE**, 25, OF WILLISTON, FL: OUT-OF-COUNTY WARRANT X 2.

**CARLISLE, STEPHANIE ANN**, 19, OF BRONSON, FL: POSSESS LIQUOR BY PERSON UNDER 21 YOA 1ST OFF.

**CEDILLO-TERRAZA, PEDRO**, 19, OF WILLISTON, FL: OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLE WO VALID LICENSE.

**COBB, JEFFREY RURIC**, 50, OF CEDAR KEY, FL: FAILURE TO APPEAR.

**COLVIN, CHARLES JUNIOR**, 59, OF TAMPA, FL: RE-ADMIT FROM COURT.

**DUNCAN III, KENNETH BLANDE**, 29, OF TRENTON, FL: DRIVE WHILE LIC SUSP 1ST OFF.

**FLANDERS, DEZMON JOVAN**, 21, OF CROSS CITY, FL: RE-ADMIT FROM COURT.

**GOLDEN, SHARI LYNN**, 40, OF BRONSON, FL: BATTERY TOUCH OR STRIKE.

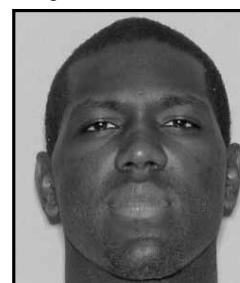
**GORE, DREW ANTHONY**, 21, OF CHIEFLAND, FL: TRESPASSING STRUCTURE OR CONVEYANCE; BURGL TOOLS-POSSESS



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Bronson  
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Old Town  
VOP FELONY  
THEFT  
NO BOND



**Neal, Tommie D**  
Bronson  
FELONY  
BATTERY  
DOMESTIC BY  
STRANGULATION  
NO BOND



**Stevens, Mark W**  
Old Town  
FTA POSS  
CONTROLLED SUB  
25,000 BOND



**Villanueva, Amanda**  
Archer  
VOP GRAND  
THEFT  
NO BOND

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**HALL, DAVID KEITH**, 23, OF INGLIS, FL: POSS METH W INTENT TO SELL MANUFACTURE DELIVER; CNTRI SUB WO PRESCRIPTION; TAMPER WITH OR FABRICATE PHYSICAL; INTRODUCE INTO DETENTION FACILITY X 2; DAMAGE PROP-CRIM MISCH OVER 200 DOIS UNDER 1000 DOLS.

**HALL, SOLOMON JOHN**, 42, OF TRENTON, FL: DRIVE WHILE LIC SUSP 1ST OFF.

**KECK, MATTHEW EVERETT**, 41, OF CHIEFLAND, FL: DRIVE WHILE LIC SUSP 3RD OR SUBSQ OFF; FAIL TO REGISTER MOTOR VEH.

**LANCASTER, KAYLIE ANN**, 26, OF CHIEFLAND, FL: PROB VIOLATION X 3.

**LONG, PAUL**, 43, OF HERNANDO, FL: BATTERY TOUCH OR STRIKE.

**MCKINLEY, MILES**, 28, OF DUNNELLON, FL: DUI ALCOHOL OR DRUGS.

**MILLER, AARON MICHAEL**, 32, OF DADE CITY, FL: PROB VIOLATION.

**MILLS, JOSHUA BROOKS**, 25, OF INGLIS, FL: PROB VIOLATION.

**OLD CROW, PRESTON SIMON**, 43, OF LAKE CITY, FL: DUI ALCOHOL OR DRUGS.

**PABLO, JOSE DANIEL**, 26, OF CHIEFLAND, FL: PROB VIOLATION.

**PARTAIN, JEFFERY LEE**, 31, OF OLD TOWN, FL: NON SUPPORT OF CHILDREN OR SPOUSE X 2.

**PINELLAS, LOUIS CORNELIOUS**, 27, OF OCALA, FL: FAILURE TO APPEAR.

**RAMEREZ, CRELENCO COBOS**, 21, OF REDDICK, FL: OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLE WO VALID LICENSE.

**SPANGLER, TRACI REILLY**, 51, OF DUNNELLON, FL: DUI ALCOHOL OR DRUGS.

**WILDS, DAWN ELLISE**, 42, OF HOMOSASSA, FL: PROB VIOLATION.

**WOOTEN, CATHERINE JOYCE**, 57, BRONSON, FL: BATTERY TOUCH OR STRIKE.

## Wisconsin Sheriff Calls on the Public to Participate with Law Enforcement in Self Defense



On Oct. 11, at a budget hearing, Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke explains the release of an ad calling on residents to defend themselves because the old model of having a citizen call 911 and wait for help isn't always the best option. Photo credit - Associated Press.

Milwaukee County, Wisconsin's Sheriff David Clarke has taken a bold step in a new ad citing the strain of budget cutbacks for advising people to consider some self-help when confronted with a dangerous situation rather than call 911.

Safety is "no longer a spectator sport," Clarke says. "I need you in the game."

"With officers laid off and furloughed, simply calling 911 and waiting is no longer your best option," Clark adds. "You can beg for mercy from a violent criminal, hide under the bed, or you can fight back. But are you prepared?"

"Consider taking a certified safety course in handling a firearm so you can defend yourself until we get there. You have a duty to protect yourself and your family. We're partners now. Can I count on you?" he asks.

Clarke said he simply wants people to know what their options are in protecting themselves.

"I'm not telling you to 'Hey, pick up a gun and blast away,'" he said. "People need to know what they are doing if they chose that method - to defend themselves."

Clarke did say that this idea may not be for everyone but for those who would consider it, proper training should be part of the plan. After being forced to lay off 48 deputies last year, Clarke realized that the public was an untapped reserve.

"People are responsible to play a role in their own safety, with the help of law enforcement," Clarke said. "I'm here to do my part, but we have fewer and fewer resources. We're not



## Auto Accident in Levy County Proves Fatal

On Tuesday January 29 at 6:20 a.m. a 2000 Dodge Neon driven by Sandra Vanessa Elviro, 19, of Fanning Springs, ran a stop sign at CR 346A (160 St) and SR 49 (US 129) in Levy County and hit a 2009 Kia Spectra driven by Teresa Reed Riedel, 49, of Chiefland, who was traveling north on SR 49 approaching CR 346A. Elviro's Dodge spun counterclockwise, left the road and came to a final stop against some brush. Riedel's Kia was hit and traveled off the road and lodged between two trees.

Ms. Riedel was taken to the hospital but succumbed to her injuries. She was wearing a seatbelt. Elviro was taken to Shands and is listed in serious condition. She was not wearing a seatbelt and a breath alcohol test is pending.

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**OPINION****Shouting Louder**

**Thomas Sowell**  
Creators Syndicate



An old-time trial lawyer once said, "When your case is weak, shout louder!"

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton shouted louder when asked about the Obama administration's story last fall that the September 11th attack on the U.S. ambassador's quarters in Benghazi was due to an anti-Islamic video that someone in the United States had put on the Internet, and thereby provoked a protest that escalated into violence.

She shouted: "We had four dead Americans. Was it because of a protest or was it because of guys out for a walk one night who decided they'd go kill some Americans? What difference, at this point, does it make?"

Students of propaganda may admire the skill with which she misdirected people's attention. But those of us who are still old-fashioned enough to think that the truth matters cannot applaud her success.

Let's go back to square one.

After the attack on the American ambassador's quarters in Benghazi that killed Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three other Americans, the Obama administration immediately blamed it on the anti-Islamic video.

Moreover, this version of what happened was not just a passing remark. It was a story that the administration kept repeating insistently. U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice repeated that story on five different television talk shows on the same Sunday. President Obama himself repeated the same story at the United Nations. The man who put the anti-Islamic video on the Internet was arrested for a parole violation, creating more media coverage to keep attention on this theme.

"What difference, at this point, does it make?" Secretary Clinton now asks. What difference did it make at the time?

Obviously the Obama administration thought it made a difference, with an election coming up. Prior to the attack, the administration's political theme was that Barack Obama

had killed Osama bin Laden (with an assist from the Navy SEALs), vanquished Al Qaeda and was now in the process of putting the terrorist threat behind us.

To have the attack in Benghazi be seen as a terrorist attack -- and a devastating one -- would have ruined this picture, with an election coming up.

The key question that remains unanswered to this day is: What speck of evidence is there that the attack in Benghazi was due to the much-discussed video or that there was ever any protest demonstration outside the ambassador's quarters?

If there is no evidence whatever, then the whole attempt to say that a protest over a video escalated into an attack was a deliberate hoax by people who knew better.

There is no point in the administration saying that they did not have all the facts about the attack immediately. All the facts may never be known. But the real question is: Did you have even a single fact that would substantiate your repeated claims that some video led to a protest in Benghazi that got out of hand and led to the attack?

Interestingly, Hillary Clinton herself was not featured in this campaign, even though as Secretary of State she was a key figure. Hillary was not about to create video footage that could come back to haunt her if she runs for President of the United States in 2016.

In a larger context, the Benghazi attack showed that you cannot unilaterally end the "war on terror" or the terrorists' war on us, by declaring victory.

For years, the Bush administration's phrase "war on terror" was avoided like the plague by the Obama administration, even if that required the Fort Hood massacre to be classified as "workplace violence." But, no matter how clever the rhetoric, reality nevertheless rears its ugly head.

Once the September 11th attack in Benghazi is seen for what it was -- a highly coordinated and highly successful operation by terrorists who were said to have been vanquished -- that calls into question the Obama administration's Middle East foreign policy.

That is why it still matters.

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**Letters to the Editor****Obama's Use of Children in Gun-Control Debate Is Dishonest**

**By Michael Ramirez**  
*Investor's Business Daily*

To understand why President Obama surrounded himself with a human shield of children last week as he ordered a tightening of our nation's gun controls, you have to remember this is an administration that never lets a "crisis" go to waste. Nor does it resist the use of a superficial prop to divert attention from serious deliberation.

It also has a history of claiming urgency to pass solutions based on misinformation without careful reflection.

That anyone would use children in such an overtly political manner or hijack a tragedy like Sandy Hook to further their political aims is repulsive in itself. But also remember this is an administration that knowingly walked hundreds of semi-automatic weapons and rifles across the Mexican border with little regard for the resulting slaughter of innocent people or the death of a U.S. Border Patrol agent.

This is also a president who has no problem leaving our children a huge burden of debt and a lower quality of life, thanks

to his unrestrained and irresponsible fiscal management.

Some surmise the primary motivation of Fast and Furious, the Mexican gun-walking operation, was to make a political case for gun control by selling the weapons to criminals.

Now, the administration has found another way to restrict the sale of weapons and ammunition — not to criminals, but to honest citizens.

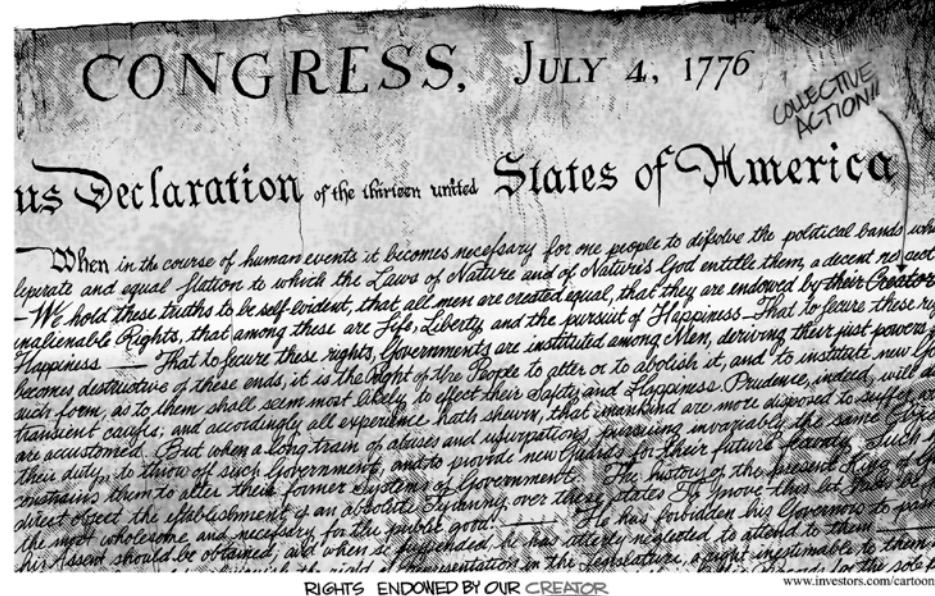
Never mind that Connecticut already has an assault weapons ban, that the state lists possession of such firearms as a class D felony or that there's probably nothing, short of confiscating all guns or providing armed security at all schools, that could have prevented the tragedy at Newtown, Conn.

At last count there were more than 310 million guns in the U.S., and a 2008 court ruling (District of Columbia vs. Heller) reaffirmed our Second Amendment rights. So guns aren't going away, and Heller would add still more.

Placing armed marshals in schools the way armed marshals are placed in airlines

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There's no better illustration of Common Core's duplicitous talk of higher standards than to start with its math "reforms." While Common Core promoters assert their standards are "internationally benchmarked," independent members of the expert panel in charge of validating the standards refute the claim. Panel member Dr. Sandra Stotsky of the University of Arkansas reported, "No material was ever provided to the Validation Committee or to the public on the specific college readiness expectations of other leading nations in mathematics" or other subjects.

In fact, Stanford University professor James Milgram, the only mathematician on the

validation panel, concluded that the Common Core math scheme would place American students two years behind their peers in other high-achieving countries. In protest, Milgram refused to sign

off on the standards. He's not alone.

Professor Jonathan Goodman of New York University found that the Common Core math standards imposed "significantly lower expectations with respect to algebra and geometry than the published standards of other countries."

Under Common Core, as the American Principles Project and Pioneer Institute point out, algebra I instruction is pushed to 9th grade, instead of 8th grade, as commonly taught. Division is postponed from 5th to 6th grade. Prime factorization, common denominators, conversions of fractions and decimals, and algebraic manipulation are de-emphasized or eschewed. Traditional Euclidean geometry is replaced with an experimental approach that had not been previously pilot-tested in the U.S.

Ze'ev Wurman, a prominent software architect, electrical engineer and longtime math advisory expert in California and Washington, D.C., points out that Common Core delays proficiency with addition and subtraction until 4th grade and proficiency with basic multiplication until 5th grade, and skimps on logarithms, mathematical induction, parametric equations and trigonometry at the high school level.

I cannot sum up the stakes any more clearly than Wurman did in his critique of this mess and the vested interests behind it:

"I believe the Common Core marks the cessation of educational standards improvement in the United States. No state has any reason left to aspire for first-rate standards, as all states will be judged by the same mediocre national benchmark enforced by the federal government. Moreover, there are organizations that have reasons to work for lower and less-demanding standards, specifically teachers unions and professional teacher organizations. While they may not admit it, they have a vested interest in lowering the accountability bar for their members. ... This will be done in the name of 'critical thinking' and '21st-century' skills, and in faraway Washington, D.C., well beyond the reach of parents and most states and employers."

This is all in keeping with my own experience as a parent of elementary- and middle-school age kids who were exposed to "Everyday Math" nonsense. This and other fads abandon "drill and kill" memorization techniques for fuzzy "critical thinking" methods that put the cart of "why" in front of

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**Obama's Use of Children in Gun-Control** *continued from page 4A*

may not be a bad idea. But it should be done at the local level and measured first for effectiveness and cost efficiency.

The efficacy of these programs would vary from community to community, which is why the Constitution leaves these and other issues like them to the jurisdiction of the states and localities, not the federal government. These issues need to be carefully considered rather than reacted to or passed based on the passion of the moment.

We all grieve for the tragedy in Newtown. The senseless loss of so many innocents can't help but generate strong feelings. No one wants a repeat of this crime and everyone wants to find solutions. Rather than form lynch mobs or gather children to use as political props, we should find the right solutions.

We should encourage our fellow citizens to mourn this tragedy, but then take a deep breath and consider the remedy carefully.

Too often when such tragic events occur, detached, objective consideration of the facts is trumped by the emotional desire to do something, anything.

But to find the right answers, you first need the right information. For instance, a Harvard study showed rates of violence in high-gun-ownership countries are much lower than in low ownership ones. And both New York and Chicago have some of our nation's strictest gun laws, yet they also have some of the highest crime and murder rates.

Norway has some of the strictest gun-control laws in the world, in addition to free mental health care. Yet it was the victim in 2008 of a horrendous crime that killed 69 children and attendees at a youth camp.

The term "military-style assault weapon" is a misnomer. The distinction is mostly cosmetic.

They are called "assault weapons" because they look like their military counterparts, but in reality they are worlds apart. When you pull the trigger of an automatic weapon it fires multiple rounds. Automatic weapons can shoot up to 1,000 rounds a minute and fire continuously as long as you hold the trigger. They are banned.

A weapon is called "semi-automatic" because it is self-loading. When you pull the trigger of a semi-automatic

weapon or a "military-style assault weapon," it fires just one round, just like your average Browning deer rifle, or the popular Remington 1100 shotgun, James Bond's trusty Walther PPK, or Barney Fife's double-action .38 revolver.

In 1993, the Assault Weapons Ban distinguished which semi-automatic rifles were classified as "assault weapons" largely based on their aesthetic features — collapsible stocks, flash hiders, and pistol grips, none of which would increase or decrease the number of rounds you can shoot when you pull the trigger.

The Assault Weapons Ban had a negligible effect on gun crimes. It did not ban the weapon used in the Columbine Massacre in 1999 and would not have banned the handguns used in the Virginia Tech murders in 2007.

Limiting magazine capacity also had little effect. The criminals simply brought more clips.

Even so, murders with "assault weapons" represent less than 1% of murders with guns.

The deadliest mass murder at a U.S. school remains the 1927 Bath Consolidated School disaster in Michigan. There, 38 elementary school children and six adults were killed when a 55-year-old ex-school treasurer set off explosives.

In the past 30 years, 543 people have been killed in 70 mass shootings — an average of 18 deaths a year. In contrast, three times as many people die from lightning strikes.

According to FBI statistics, 352 people were killed last year with rifles, 424 with shotguns, 1,836 with knives or cutting instruments, 623 with hammers or blunt objects, 815 people with personal weapons defined as hands, feet and fists, and 122 by strangulation.

By comparison, 32,885 people died in auto accidents, 10,839 from drunk driving, 443,000 people from tobacco-related diseases and 180,000 people from "hospital error."

In listing these, I'm merely trying to put the problem in perspective — not to minimize gun tragedies or say we shouldn't find a solution to these horrible crimes.

The common thread in the mass shootings is that perpetrators tend to suffer from mental illness. Truth is, if a madman wants to kill someone, he or she will find a way — whether it's with a gun, a knife, a hammer, a subway train,

explosives or a truck full of fertilizer.

The best way to stop them is by identifying and treating their illness before they commit these crimes. But if that fails, the next best way to stop them is with a gun.

Our Founding Fathers believed our rights were conceived by God. These rights — life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness — are established by natural law and protected by our Constitution. The Second Amendment was established to protect those rights and to protect individuals from tyranny.

The loss of 20 children and six adults at Sandy Hook is a terrible, terrible loss. And, yes, losing even one child is a terrible, terrible loss.

Emotional reactions, impractical remedies, imperious actions and the political abuse of children in this senseless tragedy offer no solutions.

Let's start with this: Lots of existing gun laws are already on the books. Enforce them.

But we must also find the ultimate causes of this tragedy and others like it, whether they be the shooter's mental health, the lack of proper treatment for the mentally ill, the exposure to violence from our popular culture, the moral decay of society at large, the breakdown of the family, our lack of parenting skills, limited social interaction caused by new technology, rising indifference, lack of compassion, or the desensitization of violence from our entertainment culture.

The time is now for serious introspection, to look carefully at what we can do to prevent these crimes, but to do so from a rational point of view not an emotional one.

The need is for real solutions based on real information rather than hollow gestures and emotional outbursts, real remedies and right cures rather than legislative placebos.

All of us hugged our children that much tighter after this terrible tragedy, but we must do more.

We must furnish them love, guidance and hope.

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## COMPUTER TIPS

### Unwanted Internet Browser Programs

Your computers main operating system is not the only part of your computer that can sometimes be affected by unwanted programs; your internet browsers can be affected as well. Have you ever opened your Internet Explorer browser and noticed that your normal homepage has somehow been replaced with something you may not have even heard of before, like Babylon or My Web Search? If so, then you have already experienced these unwanted programs (or add ons) first hand. In most cases they stealthily install themselves onto your computer through other program installations. By the time you realize what is going on, you notice that this unwanted program seems to be popping up everywhere.

At first you may think that your computer is experiencing the effects of a virus but these types of programs are more annoying than malicious. They come in, take over homepages and web search engine preferences, sometimes cause issues viewing videos or listening to live streaming music, and even slow your browser speed down. A few even seem to come right back after you find and uninstall it. Those unwanted programs can be deleted without having to bring in your computer for repair. It just depends on where you remove it from and the settings that you have to manually change.

With Internet Explorer, you can test it to see if you are in fact affected by one or more of these unwanted programs. Simply click on your start menu (located at the bottom left hand corner of your screen). Once your start menu opens, select the "All Programs" option towards the bottom. Next, select "Accessories" and then select the "System Tools" option. Lastly, select the "Internet Explorer with no add on". This will open up an Internet Explorer page without any add-on programs. At

the top of the page, select and delete the current web page address and simply type another website such as www.google.com, or the exact site that you were currently experiencing the issue with. Once you are there browse around the site, maybe click on a link that you know is safe. See if you have any of the issues that you were experiencing before, if not then it may be that your browser does have unwanted programs.

The best way to remove these unwanted programs from both your computer and your internet browser is by deleting them in your program list and resetting your homepage back to what you want it to be. You can delete these items simply by going to your start menu again and selecting the "Control Panel" option. Once there, select the program option, either called "Programs and Features" or "Add and Remove Programs". The name depends on which Operating system you have. Once your program list appears find the unwanted program, right click it, and tell it to "Uninstall". Once the program is uninstalled then all that is left to do is change your homepage in your internet browser. In Internet Explorer, simply select "Tools" at the top of the browser page, and then "Internet Options". The Internet Options page will appear with tabs along the top. The General Tab has the option to see and change your current homepage. Simply highlight the web address and delete it. Then type the correct web address that you desire, click "Apply" and then "Ok" to exit the page. Lastly, you will need to exit the browser page and reopen it to finalize the setting change made. Once you have made these changes you should no longer be affected by the unwanted program in your browser. If you have any further questions or concerns please feel free to contact us.

### Rotten to the Core

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the horse of "how." In other words: Instead of doing the grunt work of hammering times tables and basic functions into kids' heads first, the faddists have turned to wacky, wordy non-math alternatives to encourage "conceptual" understanding -- without any mastery of the fundamentals of math.

Common Core is rotten to the core. The corruption of math education is just the beginning.

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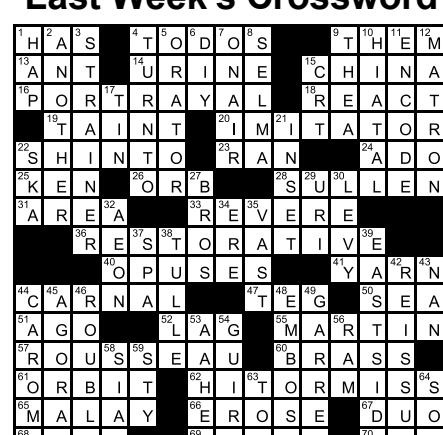
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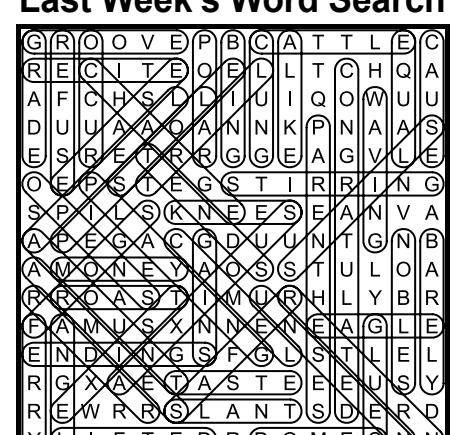
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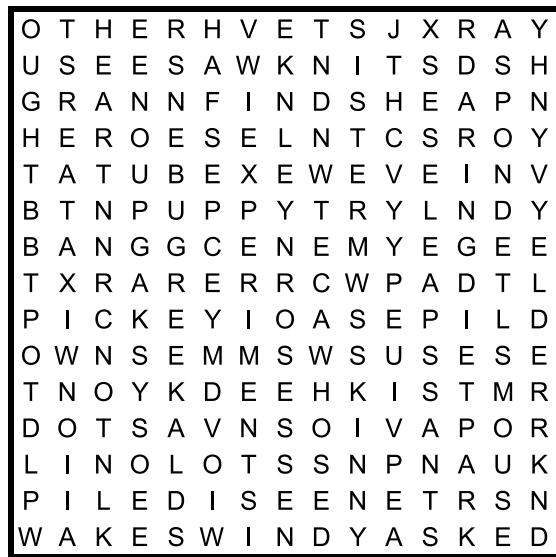
### Last Week's Crossword



### Last Week's Word Search



### Word Search



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| Ants   | Elder       | Hens   | Ones  | Pity   | Side   | Vapor |
| Asia   | Elves       | Heroes | Onto  | Pond   | Sister | Vets  |
| Asked  | Enemy       | Knits  | Other | Puppy  | Site   | Wake  |
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| Barked | Eyed        | Lion   | Owns  | Rare   | Spun   | We've |
| Barns  | Feet        | Load   | Park  | Roses  | Stern  | Whose |
| Crow   | Finds       | Loose  | Pats  | Scene  | Taxi   | Wind  |
| Daring | Gran        | Lots   | Penny | Seen   | Tiny   | Wins  |
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## WES Patrols Welcome 23 More into Ranks

*Induction ceremony held at after-school meeting*

by Lisa Statham Posteraro

Congratulations to the most recent group of Williston Elementary School safety patrol trainees who received their official patrol belts, pins and name tags: Bridget Barley, Connor Barwick, Juliette Beville, DeAsia Blanchard, Maddie Bond, Nathaniel Carroll-Douglas, Angelina Cochrane, Trentin Crooms, Ashley Ekizian, Josie Hickman, Sherard Joseph, Lowrance Kinsey, Hannah Kortises, Nadia Mendez, A. J. Moore, Nathaniel Noland, Magen Osteen, Tyler Roberts, Zander Stanley, Emily Stickney, Jerome Vazquez, Sam White and Alyssa Whitehurst. Some family members were also in attendance.

Newly tapped sergeants include Bridget

Barley, Angelina Cochrane, Trentin Crooms and Sherard Joseph. The first patroller to attain captain status was Lt. Dnika Appling.

The WES Safety Patrol group usually meets the first Thursday afternoon of each month in the Wildcat Café, where they enjoy food (of course!), fellowship and fun. Their advisers, Helen Darling and Lisa Posteraro, also conduct leadership training activities.

The newest "class" of safety patrollers at Williston Elementary School show off their new belts, pins and name tags as they gather around the refreshment table. After the photo, the group and their guests were first in line to enjoy the homemade cake provided by Kathy Brewington.



## WES Safety Patrollers say 'Thank You!'

The Williston Elementary School Safety Patrollers appreciate the great support of their recent pancake breakfast held at the WES Wildcat Café on Saturday morning, January 19th. Pancakes and sausages, donated by Jeff Islam with Florida Food Service, were served to over 200 people. Proceeds from the ticket sales go directly into the patrollers' individual accounts. Most of them are saving for the safety patrol trip to Washington, D.C., in June with the school resource officers from the Levy County Sheriff's Office.

Advisers Helen Darling and Lisa Posteraro also want to thank the patrollers who supported the event with their attendance; Missy Maguire, who organized the event;

and the great parents who cooked, flipped and cleaned up for two hours straight! Also receiving kudos is cafeteria manager Lynda Mincey who opened the cafeteria for the patrollers and stayed for the entire morning.

Above are some of the WES Safety Patrollers who helped with the recent Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. They're holding boxes of pancake mix and syrup, all donated by Jeff Islam with Florida Food Service. Tammy Johns, proprietor of Williston's Green Shutters, was our "food consultant," since she has hosted numerous fundraising pancake breakfasts for school and church groups.

What a great community we live in! Thank you, Williston!



Mrs. Carson's First Grade

### January/ February 2013 Levy County School Year Calendar

| FEBRUARY 2013 |    |    |    |    |    |    | MARCH 2013 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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Offices/Schools Closed  
Teacher Workday/No Attendance  
Emergency Day for Students  
Emergency  
Report Cards  
Spring Break/Schools Closed

### LEVY COUNTY SCHOOLS LUNCH MENU

| February 4, 2013  | February 5, 2013   | February 6, 2013   | February 7, 2013   | February 8, 2013   |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| Salisbury Steak (D-33)<br>Brown Rice w/Gravy<br>Black-Eyed Peas<br>Chilled Mixed Fruit<br>Assorted Milk | Chicken Tenders<br>Sweet Potato Fries<br>Savory Green Beans<br>Assorted Fresh Fruit<br>100% Fruit Juice<br>Assorted Milk                   | Chicken Ala King (D-16)<br>Whole Grain Egg Noodles<br>Steamed Broccoli<br>Chilled Peaches<br>Assorted Milk | Meatball Subs<br>Oven Fries<br>Savory Green Beans<br>Assorted Fresh Fruit<br>100% Fruit Juice<br>Assorted Milk                           | Chicken Vegetable/Noodle Soup (H-OB)<br>Toasted Cheese Sandwich (F-07)<br>Carrot/Celery Sticks w/Ranch Dressing<br>Chilled Pineapple<br>Tidbits<br>Assorted Milk |
| February 11, 2013   | February 12, 2013  | February 13, 2013  | February 14, 2013  | February 15, 2013  |
| Chicken Fajitas (D-40)<br>Steamed Broccoli<br>Chilled Peaches<br>Assorted Milk                          | Macaroni and Cheese w/Ham (D-26)<br>Homemade Wheat Roll<br>Creamed Green Peas<br>Assorted Fresh Fruit<br>100% Fruit Juice<br>Assorted Milk | Chicken Burritos (D-12B)<br>Savory Green Beans<br>Chilled Mixed Fruit<br>Assorted Milk                     | Pizzaburger on Roll (F-04)<br>Sweet Potato Fries<br>Winter Blend Vegetables<br>Assorted Fresh Fruit<br>100% Fruit Juice<br>Assorted Milk | Chicken Sandwich on Bun w/Mayo<br>Tater Tots<br>Baked Beans<br>Lettuce/Tomato Flavored Packaged "Crasins"<br>Chilled Peaches<br>Assorted Milk                    |

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## Sandgnat News from Yankeetown School

### Basketball Scores:

Co-ed game against Dunnellon Christian Academy brought another win for the Yankeetown Sandgnats. With a winning score of 29-42, the boys and girls on the team played well in this new co-ed arena. Highest scorers were Austin Fowler (21) and Casey Orshal (9). Season will be winding down soon, so let's all come out for the final few games! 1/29-Dunnellon Christian at 4:00 at YTS and Vision Christian on 1/31 at 4:30/5:30 at YTS.

### First Grade Science:

First graders in Mrs. Carson's class experimented with shadows as a follow up to the reading story, Short Shadow, Long Shadow. Can you have shadows if you do not have light? Students found out when they used a flashlight in the classroom to see how the position of the light affects the shadow that is cast by an object. The trophy and the cup used by the students made shadows from 2 inches long to almost 3 feet long. The lesson continued outside where the students drew shadows in the morning and then again in the afternoon. Students had to predict how shadows would look and then examine evidence and data. Other activities for the week included read-aloud about shadows, making shadow puppets, and drawing silhouettes of the students. Of course, shadow tag was played during recess times. Many students learned the sun does not move in the sky, we move because Earth is always moving.



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Tom Hill  
CGA STAFF WRITER

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**Sudoku**

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## Lady Eagles News

### Lady Eagles Win at Branford

The Bronson Lady Eagles defeated the Branford Bucs in Branford on Tuesday night 36-24. The wins pushed the Eagle record to 16-5 for the season.

### Newberry Girls' Defeat Bronson

The 3rd ranked Newberry girls' basketball team defeated the Bronson Lady Eagles 45-35 on Friday night in Bronson's gym. In the season finale for both teams the Eagles fell short in a sluggish but hard fought battle.

The game opened with the two teams trading baskets early. Bronson took the upper hand at the end of the quarter 13-9 and held a slim 20-19 lead at halftime. Cold shooting caused Bronson to fall behind in the 3rd quarter 35-28 then Newberry held on in the 4th quarter to secure the win.

Brianna Mitchell scored 11 points with 13 rebounds in a great performance for the Lady Eagles. Shay Sherman also had 11 points with 5 rebounds, Deonna Hamilton added 8 points with 6 assists, and Brittany Riley had 5 points with 12 rebounds.

The Lady Eagles fall to 16-6. This week Bronson will host the districts with the first round opponent of Cedar Key on Tuesday night. If they defeat the Sharks in round one the Lady Eagles will need to defeat Hawthorne on Friday night to qualify for the play-offs. As the 2nd seed Hawthorne has a bye till Friday night.

## Girls' District Bracket Schedule

Girls district tournament bracket to be held at Bronson

1 - Hilliard 10-0

2 - Hawthorne 8-2

3 - Bronson 6-4

4 - Trenton 3-7

5 - Bell 3-7

6 - Cedar Key 0-10

(4 & 5 Same record, coin toss determined higher seed)

### January 29th

6:00 - Trenton vs Bell

7:30 - Bronson vs Cedar Key

### Friday, Feb 1

6:00 - Hawthorne vs winner 7:30 game

7:30 - Hilliard vs winner 6:00 game

**\*\*Times will be switched if Bronson wins on Jan 29th\*\***

### Saturday, Feb 2

7:30 - Championship

## Log Cabin Quilters

The Log Cabin Quilters met Thursday, January 24th at the Levy County Quilt Museum. What a great day we had. About 15 ladies from the Williston RV Crossing Park stopped by for a visit. We're hoping that now they've found us they will bring their projects next week and join us for lunch. Mary from Bronson came by for a visit also. She was part of the group about 10 years ago. We hope she'll return also.

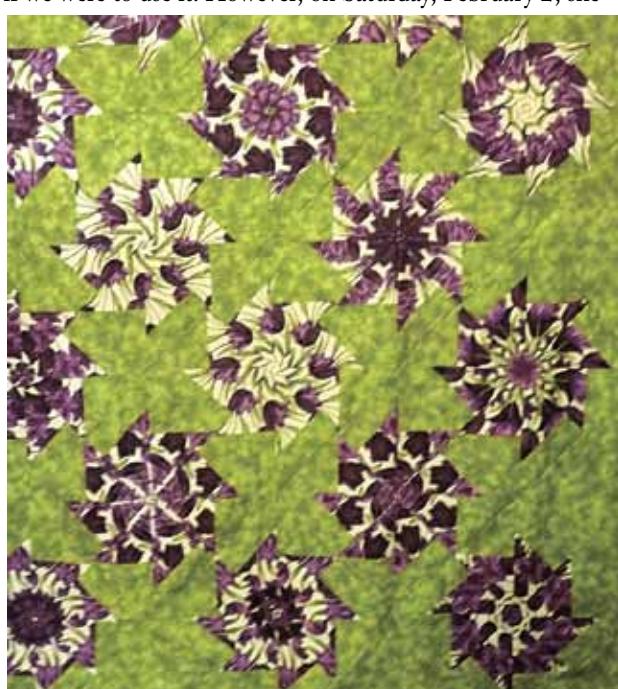
Another Thursday visitor was a lady who came by to look at our spinning wheel. She heard about our request for help from Karen from Trenton. Thanks Karen. We were all so excited to hear how she turns wool into yarn that we didn't even get her name. The spinning wheel we have would need some work if we were to use it. However, on Saturday, February 2, she will return with her spinning wheel. She explained some of the process of getting from sheared wool to yarn including how the yarn can be dyed. You'll have to come see for yourself. She may bring cotton bolls for us to see.

The Master Gardeners will be with us on Saturday. It will be a great time to ask questions as it will soon be time for us to get our yards ready for flowers and vegetables. They'll be here to answer your questions about planting seeds, pruning, container gardening or whatever.

Thursday lunch was great with chili, mustard greens, acre peas, cornbread, pasta salad and apple pie. This is another place we miss Winnelle as she always had food prepared for us or she would go in the kitchen and add a little more to the table. At least we're learning, one group gets lunch ready and another pitches in to clean up.

We're open Tuesday thru Saturday from 10 to 3 p.m. and we have rocking chairs waiting. Don't forget to join us Saturday.

Kay Warner is working on this stack and whack quilt. Great work, Kay.



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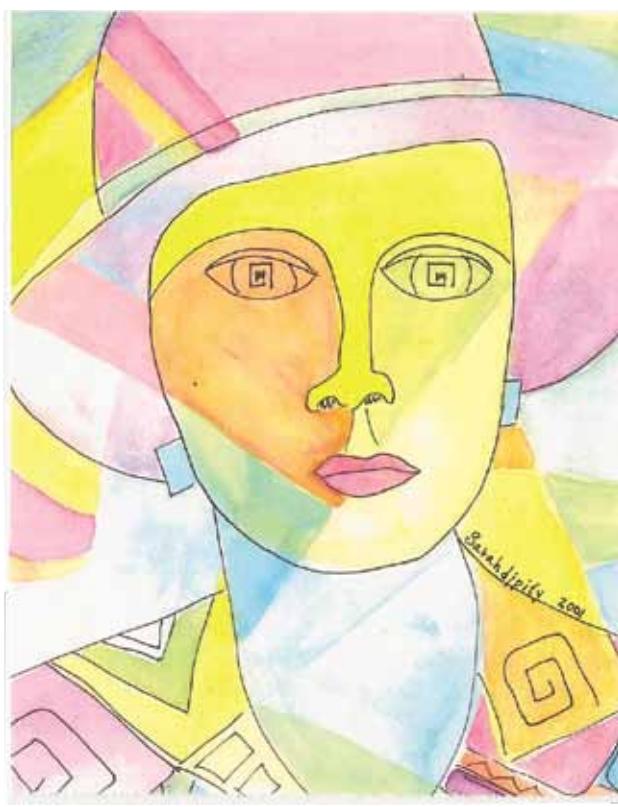
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## Juried Open Community Art Show Featuring Textiles 'Heart and Soul' a Retrospective at CKAC Feb. 2



"Rousseau Garden" 1977 Quilt



"Transformation" a 2001 Watercolor

In the Main Gallery at the Cedar Key Art Center from 4 to 6 p.m. on Feb. 2 will be an Juried Open Community Art Show featuring Mosaics and Textiles with prizes.

One of the features is Sarah Westenberg: Textile 'Art and Soul' a Retrospective. Sarah's creative journey began in 1977 with making a single quilt, which then blossomed into wearable art. Sarah's creative outlet was enhanced by taking watercolor classes at the Cedar Key Art Center in 2000. The preparation for her show has resulted in a spiritual journey of sorts, allowing her to re-examine her life through the different phases of her life and art. Through Sarah's textiles, she hopes to inspire other women; other artists. "My clothes inspire my art, my art is what I wear," says Sarah.



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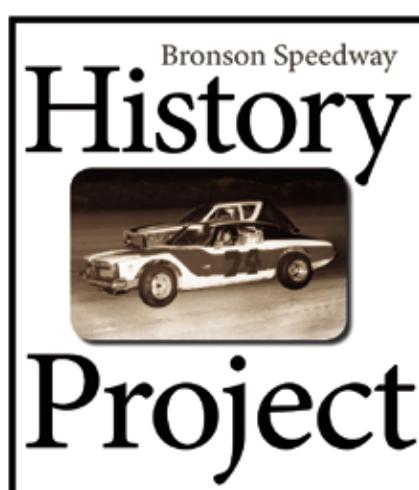
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## Searching for the Helping Hands that Built Bronson Speedway

By Suzette Cook



moments at Bronson Speedway from 1976 and 1977.

Ed Harris is sitting at a patio table on his back porch. To his right, is a can of Moxie soda, behind him is a brick fireplace filled with knick knacks.

Sprawled across the table top are two dozen photos that capture

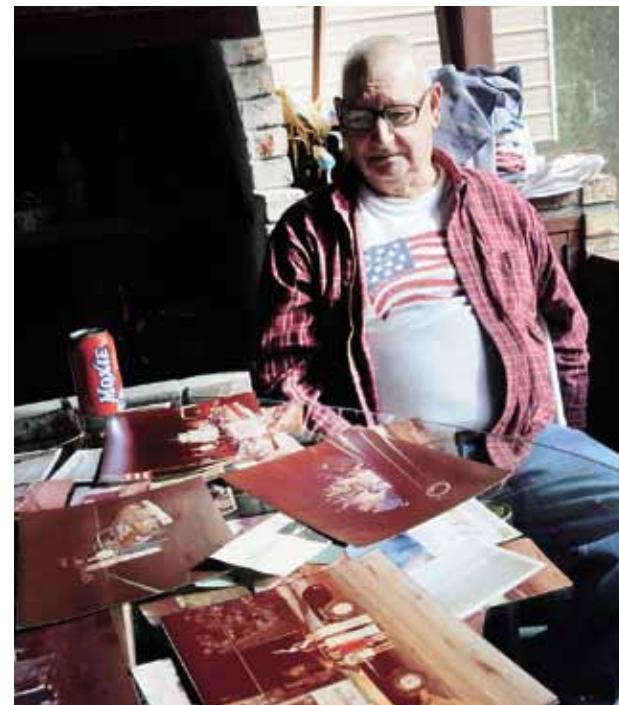
"I used to have a pile this high," Harris says and holds his arm out straight over his head. "But water got to those photos."

At 76, Harris still has vivid memories of the happenings at the track he built with the help of random volunteers who would stop by and pitch in. He shows off a photo revealing what's inside of the walls that still surround the track. Those walls still take hard hits from cars on Saturday nights.

His secret ingredient: railroad ties.

Did you or someone you know help build Bronson Speedway? Harris says folks would just pull over and ask if they could help so he doesn't remember who they all are.

If you have contact info for a person or company that contributed to the effort of building the track, please contact UF journalism student Suzette Cook at [suzettecook@onebox.com](mailto:suzettecook@onebox.com) or (352) 260-2511.



## Seeing Smoke Could be Good Thing

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Florida Park Service is observing Prescribed Fire Awareness Week from Jan. 27 to Feb. 2. Prescribed fires mimic naturally occurring fires and can help prevent devastating wildfires. Park staff, guided by detailed plans called prescriptions, conduct prescribed burns as a regular and important part of their land management activities in state parks and trails. Prescribed fire is a safe way to apply a natural process, ensure ecosystem health and reduce wildfire risk. Many state parks and trails will be conducting prescribed burns in the coming months.

"Prescribed fire is a safe way to reduce hazardous fuels on Florida's forest lands and prevent devastating wildfires," said Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Commissioner Adam Putnam. "With help from our partners, including the Florida Park Service, Florida is the nation's leader in prescribed fires, burning more than 2.3 million acres of agricultural and natural lands annually."

Florida habitats evolved under the influence of fire over thousands of years. Before there were roads, canals or big cities, lightning-set fires swept across Florida's landscape. Native Americans also set fires to improve the land for hunting and gathering food.

"As a state-certified burn manager, I know that good fires prevent bad ones," said DEP's Florida Park Service Director Donald Forgiore. "We are proud to partner with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Florida Forest Service as well as other public and private

organizations in conducting prescribed fires that protect and rejuvenate our natural resources while also protecting our communities from wildfire."

Fire plays a critical role in sustaining many of the earth's ecosystems. Many of Florida's ecosystems are fire-adapted systems that require frequent prescribed fire to maintain these natural areas in good health. Prescribed fire also protects state park neighbors from the threat of uncontrolled wildfires by reducing potential fuel for wildfires. Prescribed burning mimics natural fire cycles to restore natural communities, reduces undergrowth that accumulates over time and decreases the potential for wildfire. Burned lands experience an increase in native wildflowers, birds and other wildlife.

Prescribed fires are only conducted by highly trained and



professional staff and only when weather conditions are suitable. To learn more about the role of prescribed fire, visit [www.goodfires.org](http://www.goodfires.org).

## VA Medical Foster Home Program Seeking Caregivers

The North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System has expanded the Medical Foster Home (MFH) Program in order to serve Veterans who are unable to live alone due to health problems.

Medical Foster Homes are a long-term care alternative for Veterans with a chronic medical illness or disability who cannot live alone and do not want to live in a nursing home. The program is a 24/7 level of planned care in a VA approved homes with supportive services from a VA home care team. This program requires significant personal commitment and dedication from the MFH caregiver, as the Veteran would be

residing in the caregiver's primary residence.

The North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System will provide needed medical care and equipment for the Veterans. The VA will also provide specific on-going training at no cost to the caregiver, help solve problems that arise, provide support and arrange respite as appropriate.

Potential caregivers need to have some formal or informal care-giving experience such as nursing, CNA experience, or skills developed caring for a family member or friend. A potential caregiver needs to be both nurturing and physically able to provide the needed care for the Veterans in their home

along with meals, appropriate 24-hour supervision, assistance with medications, daily tasks and personal care.

Potential caregivers must be at least 21 years of age, own or rent your home and live in Alachua, Bradford, Citrus, Gilchrist, Levy, Marion, Putnam or Sumter County, and have a designated relief caregiver.

For more information, contact Tanya Fookes, MSW, LCSW, ACSW Medical Foster Home Coordinator at 352-376-1611 ext. 6005 or via e-mail at [Tanya.Fookes@va.gov](mailto:Tanya.Fookes@va.gov)

## 3rd Annual Black History Festival in Bronson Feb. 16

Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 16 as a day to celebrate the 3rd Annual Black History Festival with the ribbon-cutting for the new Martin Luther King Jr. Street/Main Street in Bronson. The festival begins at 9 a.m. with the ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. and will continue with fun and food and vendors in front of the Health Department at 66 West Main Street.

All the community is invited – residents, businesses, churches and schools – to have a fun day together at the festival.

For vendors there is a \$25 fee to be paid at the Women On A Mission For Christ table before setup.

Bring your talents – singing, dancing, mime, poetry – and the pavilion will be available. If your group or church is having a Black History program come and share it with us too.

Remember: Saturday, February 16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Garver and Maynard meet in bad way on turn 1 at Bronson Speedway Sun. Jan. 27

# Levy County Community Calendar

## BRONSON

### Want to Play Scrabble?

We had such a great turnout last week, that we are putting out the word again!

The Bronson Library is getting together a group(s) interested in playing Scrabble.

Our next game(s) is on Thurs., Jan. 31 at 10:30 AM. The Library is closed at this

time to the public, so it will be quiet. If you are interested or want more information,

please contact the Bronson Library at 486-2015. See you there!

### Evangelist Billy Mayo at Bronson United Methodist Church Feb. 3

You are invited to attend the Sunday evening contemporary worship service at Bronson United Methodist Church on Sun., Feb. 3 at 6:00 PM.

The guest speaker will be Rev. Billy Mayo, well-known evangelist from Chiefland. Brother Billy has travelled worldwide preaching and teaching the gospel and leads SonRise Word Ministries. Please come and be blessed by the music, praise, prayer and message. We welcome you with open hearts, open minds and open doors. There will be a time of fellowship following the service. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions please call the office at 352/486-2281 or Sue Bazin at 352/486-4094.

### Bronson Town Council Meeting Feb. 4

The next meeting of the Bronson Town Council will be on Mon. Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Dogan S. Cobb Municipal Building. City Hall – 352/486-2354.

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### Levy County Republican Executive Committee Meeting Feb. 18

The Levy County Republican Executive Committee meets at 7 PM at the Bronson Restaurant in Bronson, Florida on the 3rd Monday of the month. The next meeting is Feb. 18, 2013. Come at 6:30 and get a meal Dutch Treat and mingle. www.levyrepublicans.com

## OTTER CREEK

### Otter Creek Council Meeting Feb. 18

The Otter Creek Town Council conducts their regular meetings on the third Monday of the month. The next meeting is Mon. Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

## NEWBERRY

### Dudley Farm Historic State Park Plow Days Feb. 1 & 2

View farming as it was a century ago as draft horses plow the Dudley Farm crop fields from 10 AM to 2 PM on Fri. & Sat., Feb. 1 & 2.

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## CEDAR KEY

### Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuge Open House Feb 2

Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuge invites you to an open house on Seahorse Key Sat., Feb. 2 from 1 to 4:30 p.m.. Enhance your winter visit by getting outdoors into the spectacular Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuge. Bring your camera, walk along the beach, and enjoy the touch tanks and exhibits provided by University of Florida's Marine Research Lab.

The interior of Seahorse Key is normally closed to public entry, as are all posted refuge islands, so that birds and other wildlife are not disturbed. Annually, a three hundred foot buffer is closed to all public access from March through June to provide more security for the rookery while mature birds nest and rear their young. This will be the last time to visit until July.

The lighthouse on Seahorse Key, atop the 54-foot tall dune, offers great perspective for wildlife photography. You'll see white pelicans, cormorants, common and snowy egrets flying. Eagles and osprey also visit throughout the day from their nearby nests.

Catch a tour boat from the city docks, rent a vessel, or take your own to Seahorse Key for educational day with Dr. Jennifer Seavey.

For more information call the Refuge: 352/493-0238.

### Cedar Key Arts Center Workshops February 2013

The Art Center is undergoing needed repairs in the coming weeks. Repairs to the exterior of the building will take place followed by the painting of the structure. The workers will be sensitive to all Art Center and Keyhole Co-op functions. The safety of our members and guests is our top priority and areas under construction will be isolated during the renovation process. Full access to the Keyhole and Gallery will be maintained over the next few weeks.

The urgency of the situation demanded immediate attention. We apologize for any inconvenience that may occur during the renovation process.

#### Boat Builders every Wednesday at 9 AM.

Feb. 4, 11, 18 - Quilting with Beth Davis, CHANGED TIME - 2 to 4 PM. Make a machine applique art quilt in wall-hanging size. Cost \$30 plus supplies. Contact Beth at bethjdavis@bellsouth.net

Feb. 5, 12, 19 - Photography and Photo Shop Elements with Ann Kamzelski, 7 PM. Bring a computer with digital images loaded. Photos will be edited as simply as cropping and adjusting color and brightness or more advanced combining

more than one image to create new pictures using Photo Shop Elements. Printing, matting and framing can also be included for materials costs. Cost \$20. Maximum 10 students. Contact: Kamzel@epix.net or 352-543-9660.

Feb. 6-8 Open Studio

Feb. 28-Children's Art Program Benefit Dinner/Raffle

### Annual Stargazing Party Coming To Cedar Key Feb. 4 & 8

Cedar Key Scrub State Reserve and Cedar Key Museum State Park will host National Stars-n-Parks Programs Feb. 4 through Feb. 8.

Amateur astronomers are coming to town and bringing their high-powered telescopes for a week long stargazing event and Cedar Key is one of the few places in the nation with skies dark enough to host.

Events will include:

**Public Stargazing and Slide Shows**, Cedar Key Museum State Park at 12231 SW 166 Court in Cedar Key on Mon., Feb. 4 and Fri., Feb. 8, 7 PM. Slide show at 7 PM, stargazing follows. Light refreshments served. No charge.

**Stargazing Hayride** at Cedar Key Scrub State Reserve on Wed., Feb. 6, 6:45 PM and 8 PM

This event is free. The hayrides will depart from the Cedar Key Scrub picnic area on SR 24, five miles east of Cedar Key. This event may be rescheduled for Thurs., Feb. 7 in case of inclement weather.

For more information and to make reservations call (352) 543-5567. If you require assistance in order to participate in this event, please inform park staff when making reservations. For more information, visit [www.floridastateparks.org](http://www.floridastateparks.org).

### Cedar Key City Council Meeting Feb. 19

The Cedar Key City Council meets every third Tues. at 7 p.m. at the Cedar Key City Hall with the next meeting on Feb. 19. City Hall is located at 490 2nd Street – 352/543-5132.

### Children's Art Benefit at Cedar Key Community Center Feb. 28

Children's Art Benefit Dinner, Raffle and Silent Auction will be held at the Cedar Key Community Center (6th and F St) on Thurs. Feb. 28 at 6 p.m. Gourmet food will be provided by the Island Room Restaurant and there are wonderful items available for the raffle and silent auction. All proceeds from this event will be used to sponsor art programs for the children of Cedar Key who have NO art teacher in their school. Tickets (\$25 per person) are available at the CK Welcome Center or from CK Art Center Board Members. Come join the fun and support a great cause.

## YANKEETOWN-INGLIS

### Outdoor Ethics Training at the Withlacoochee Gulf Preserve Feb. 2 & 9

Master Naturalist and Educator Susan Pratt will conduct two 'Leave No Trace' training sessions on two consecutive Saturdays, Feb. 2 and 9, 10 AM, at the Withlacoochee Gulf Preserve, 1001 Old Rock Road, Yankeetown. The sessions are free and stand alone. Attend one or both. The goal is to help visitors develop practices that reduce the impact of their presence in parks, refuges and preserves and to leave them the same or better than when they arrived. This is a family friendly program open to all ages. Seven principles will be taught through interactive activities that will encourage participation in both indoor and outdoor settings – nothing strenuous. The goal is to raise our awareness of our impact on the environment when we enjoy outdoor activities like hiking, camping, boating, hunting, and fishing. Reservations are suggested but not required. Please call 352/447-5439 or email us [friendswgp@gmail.com](mailto:friendswgp@gmail.com) for our planning purposes. Visit [www.withlacoocheegulfpreserve.com](http://www.withlacoocheegulfpreserve.com) for more information and directions.

### Yankeetown-Inglis Woman's Club

Visit the Second To None Thrift Shoppe to check out the new arrivals and pick up some homemade treats at Sweet Magnolia Confections.

Attention all romantics...SAVE THE DATE—Feb. 16 @ 5:00 PM. The Yankeetown-Inglis Woman's Club has something really special planned to help you celebrate Valentine's Day in a grand way! Mark your calendar now and stay tuned for details.

Education Salad Luncheon Wed., Mar. 20, 12 Noon at the clubhouse on 56th St., Yankeetown. Due to limited space the ladies will be pre-selling tickets beginning January 9th. There are only 100 tickets available so get yours early...\$7.00 in advance, \$10.00 at the door if available. To purchase your ticket, see any club member, stop by the Second To None Thrift Shoppe Tues thru Sat 10 AM-2 PM or call 352/447-2057.

### Yankeetown Town Meetings 2013

The Regular Town Council meeting will be Feb. 4 at 7 PM. A regular Planning and Zoning meeting will be on Feb. 5 at 6:30 PM. City Hall is at 6241 Harmony Lane, 352/447-2511

### Inglis Council Meeting Feb. 12

The Town of Inglis' next regular Commission meeting will be on Feb. 12 at 6 PM in the Commission Room, City Hall, 135 Hwy. 40 West, Inglis – 352/447-2203. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month.

## WILLISTON

### Williston City Council Meeting Feb. 5

The Williston City Council meets at City Hall on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of each month and again in two weeks on Tuesday after the first one at 7 p.m. in the Williston City Council Room. The next Council meeting is Feb. 5. City Hall is at 50 NW Main Street, Williston, 352/528-3060.

### Hearts of Love Outreach Feb. 14

Come one come all to the 5th Annual Hearts of Love Outreach on Feb. 14, Valentine's Day, at Hwy 27 South and 318 from 2 PM until ?. Look for the tent. Free Valentine's gift for everyone. Contact Evangelist Felicia Carnegie Days at 352/231-2443.

### Williston Chamber Ribbon Cutting Feb. 14

The Williston Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce they will be having a Ribbon Cutting ceremony for its newest member Stony's Auto Service.

The Ribbon Cutting will take place on Thurs., Feb. 14 at 1:30 PM at Stony's new location, 131 N. Main St. The public is invited to attend.

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## Weather Forecast



<http://www.accuweather.com/en/us/bronson-fl/32621/daily-weather-forecast/332291>

## Around the Nature Coast

### Levy County Tourist Development Council Meeting Jan. 31

The Levy County Tourist Development Council will have its bi-monthly meeting Thurs., Jan. 31, 2013 at 6 p.m. at the Levy County Visitors Bureau, 620 N. Hathaway Ave., Bronson.

The meeting is open to the public.

### Tri-County Land Judging Contest Feb. 1

The Tri-County Land Judging Contest is held annually by one of the Soil and Water Conservation Districts and for this year 2013 Levy SWCD will be hosting the event at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Levy County on Fri. Feb. 1. The FFA and 4-H teams will be attending and competing for first place. Our largest contest last year had 29 teams of 5 different counties judging the soil. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and teams will be instructed on location and rules at registration site.

### Haven Hospice Yard Sale for Relay for Life Feb. 1 & 2

Haven Hospice is hosting a two-day yard sale with 100 percent of the proceeds benefiting the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of the Nature Coast on Fri. Feb. 1 from 8 to 5 PM and on Sat. Feb. 2 from 8 to 2 PM at Haven Hospice, 311 NE 9 Street in Chiefland.

### Levy County Quilt Museum Fun Fundraiser Feb. 2

On Sat. Feb. 2 there will be a Fish Fry or Chicken and Dumplings served up at the fundraiser for the Levy County Quilt Museum at 11050 NW 10th Ave. in Chiefland. An \$8.00 donation is requested and 100 percent of the donations go to the Museum.

There will be Yard-Craft sales, Wool to Yarn Spinning demo, the Tri County Cruisers, Master Gardeners, Live Music from the 70s and 80s and the Levy County Sheriff's Department.

Come and join us for all the fun starting about 8:30 AM.

For more information or driving instructions call: 352/493-2801

### Levy County Schools Foundation STARS Gala Feb. 2

The Levy County Schools Foundation will be hosting the 13th Annual STARS Gala on Sat., Feb. 2, 2013. The Gala will be held at the Bronson High School. Door open at 5:30

### Community Calendar continued from page 3B

#### Levy County Autism Support Group

Autism 4 Parents & Understanding U are hosting monthly meetings on the last Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 40 NW 1st Street in Williston. For more information: 352/529-1010.

Each month a new topic is introduced and valuable resources are shared. Our online web site for information is: www.autism4parents.org/

#### 5th Annual "Cruzin' for Kidz" Motorcycle Fundraiser at WES Mar. 9

The Williston Elementary School Safety Patrollers want to go to Washington DC again this year so the motorcyclists will be "Cruzin' for Kidz" again to help raise the money on Sat. Mar. 9. The ride will start at WES, 801 S. Main St., Williston, FL 32696 and will run from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

Registration will start at 8:30 AM. with kickstands going up at 10 AM.. T-shirts are for sale. Lunch will be available upon returning to WES. The Ride is free – but Donations are accepted. There will be free coffee and donuts for all riders. There will be a law enforcement escort provided. Come and ride for the kids to go to Washington in June. For more information contact: Lisa Postero @ 352-528-6030 or 352-339-1201; Also check out: <http://wes.levyschools.org/t-safety-patrol>

#### CHIEFLAND

#### AARP Tax Aide Feb. 1 & 2

FREE tax preparation and e-file with AARP Tax Aide begins in Chiefland on Fri. Feb. 1 (12 to 4 PM) and Sat. Feb. 2 (10:30 AM to 2 PM) at the Luther Callaway Library.

If you have an itemized return, please make your appointment after March 1 due to delays in approval of tax law changes. Call 352/493-2758 for an appointment thru April 15.

#### Chiefland City Commission Meeting Feb. 11 at CPD

Until further notice all meetings of the City Commission will be held at the Chiefland Police Department Conference Room at 14 East Park Avenue.

The Chiefland City Commission will hold a regular meeting on Feb. 11 at 6:00 PM.

#### Citizen of the Year Nominations By Feb. 6

Do you know someone that has made a note worthy contribution to the community? Someone who has gone out of their way and beyond to help others? The Greater Chiefland Area Chamber of Commerce wants to hear from you.

Anyone in the community who would like to nominate a person for the 2012 Citizen of the Year can submit a letter of recommendation, or call the Chamber office for a nomination form designed to help with the write-up.

The candidate must be at least 18 years old and must reside in the Chiefland area. The Citizen of the Year award will be presented at the Chamber's upcoming annual banquet, on Tues., Feb. 26, 2013 at the Tommy Usher Center, Reception 5:30 PM/Dinner 6 PM. Tickets will be \$25.00 reserved/paid in advance or \$30.00 reserved/paid at the door, with the theme of "Happy 100th Birthday Chiefland"

If you have any questions or need more information, please call the Chamber office 352/493-1849.

Send nominations to Chiefland Chamber, P.O. Box 1397, Chiefland, FL, 32644,

Email to: [chieflandchamber@bellsouth.net](mailto:chieflandchamber@bellsouth.net); Fax to: 352/493-0282 or drop off at the Chamber office at 23 SE 2nd Avenue, Monday through Friday between 9 AM and 1 PM.

Nominations MUST be submitted no later than noon on Wed., Feb. 6, 2013

#### TRENTON

Suwannee Valley Quilt Festival Looking for Crafters and

Environmental Protection Department, 408 W. University Ave. #106 (The Seagle Building) in Conference Room A, Gainesville.

#### WRPC Meetings Feb. 6

On Feb. 6 the following meetings will be held at the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council offices located at 1241 SW 10th Street, Ocala, Fla. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either Michael Arnold at [MARnold@wRPC.cc](mailto:MARnold@wRPC.cc); 352/732-1315 ext. 228 or BJ Fowler at [bjfowler@wRPC.cc](mailto:bjfowler@wRPC.cc); 352/732-1315 ext. 212.

District 5 LEPC Training Sub-Committee will meet at 9:30 AM.

District 5 LEPC meeting will be at 10:30 AM.

#### FLOW Meeting Feb. 11

FLOW (Florida Leaders Organized for Water) will be meeting on Mon. Feb. 11 at 6 PM at the Columbia County School Board Administrative Complex in the Auditorium at 372 W. Duval Street (US 90) in Lake City.

#### Hunter Safety Internet-completion course offered in Levy County Feb. 16

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

The class is Feb. 16 from 8 AM until 5 PM. Students who have taken the online course and wish to complete this classroom portion must bring the online-completion report with them.

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

All firearms, ammunition and materials are provided free of charge. Students should bring a pen or pencil and paper. An adult must accompany children younger than 16 at all times.

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

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

#### Demonstrators

Trenton's Suwannee Valley Quilt Festival is seeking crafters and demonstrators for the 6th Annual Festival scheduled for Sat., March 16. The Festival, which attracts over 5,000 visitors, will be held in downtown Trenton, 9 AM – 3 PM.

Visit [www.gilchristcounty.com](http://www.gilchristcounty.com) for more information, including an application, or contact PatWatson at 352-463-3467, or via email at [pat@gilchristcounty.com](mailto:pat@gilchristcounty.com).

#### Springs Saver Landscaping Workshop Feb. 16

A Springs Saver Landscaping Workshop will be held on Sat. Feb. 16 from 9 AM to 4 PM at Poe Springs Park. Poe Springs is west of High Springs on CR 340. Current Problems is working with the department to coordinate this free workshop. Space is limited, so be sure to sign up right away. Register anytime now by calling 352/264-6827. You may also register online by going to <http://tinyurl.com/agz9gx8>

#### DIXIE COUNTY

#### Free Evening of Bluegrass on Feb. 2

The Dixie County Historical Society will be hosting another evening of Bluegrass and Bluegrass Gospel music for your enjoyment on Sat., Feb. 2 at the "Old" Old Town Elementary School Auditorium located at SR. 349 and CR 55A. Big Cypress Bluegrass will be performing. The music will start at 6 PM and will finish when the music stops! Admission is free so bring the family and enjoy!

#### CROSS CITY

#### DAV Auxiliary Events

The Cross City Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary is located at 125 SE 165 Ave. (Airport Road) and hosts Bingo every Wed. and Sat at 6 p.m. at the Chapter Hall.

## Grace Ministry's Year of 2012 in Review

The Grace Ministry family would like to say 'Thank You' for all of your cards, notes, letters of encouragement, prayers and financial support in 2012. You folks have helped us through another year on the mission field.

By your generosity you have joined with us in helping countless individuals and families receive services that Grace Ministry offers, such as giving out food, clothing and household merchandise to those in need. Counseling with young people, married families, addicted men and women, even those incarcerated.

I hope you realize that you are a vital part of what we are doing and with each Father, Mother, Young Person or entire Family Unit that is helped, you are just as much responsible as we are. "Our hope and prayer is that you will see the value of 'Helping the Hurting' and continue supporting this ministry in 2013!"

Below you will find a short recap of milestones and statistics of our year in the ministry. Thank you again for another great year and for allowing our family to serve you on the mission field. Many lives were changed and families were helped because of your prayers and generous support.

Partners with you,  
Kevin, Nina & Austin Craven  
(352) 260-7020

2012 – Year in review

Discipleship Classes: We started our Discipleship Classes this year and this has been a great time of studying God's Word in an informal setting.

Easter Sunrise Service: We held our first Easter Sunrise service at Grace Ranch this past year.

Grace Ranch: Through a series of miraculous events we were able to purchase the Grace Ranch property. It is now solely owned by Grace Ministry of Florida, Inc.

Marriage Strengthening Classes: We were able to implement this program this past year and see its positive affects in the lives of those attending.

Facilities: We were able to build our Dining Pavilion this year. We are preparing for early 2013 to enclose the pavilion with screen walls and to complete the camp style kitchen area.

GED Classes: Part of our overall program of rehabilitation is to help the men in our Recovery Home return to society and obtain good steady employment.

Emergency Shelter Grant: We were the recipient of a \$9,333.00 grant from the Department of Children and Families, Office of Homelessness.

2012 Recovery Support Meeting Stats:

2012 Freedom Celebration Banquet: In October we held our annual banquet at the Otter Springs Campground and Lodge. This was wonderfully attended by the community at large with more than 225 in attendance.

#### 24 Recovery Support Meetings

284 Total Attendance – Avg. 12 per meeting

42 Unique (First Time) Attended

Issues that we dealt with this year; Eating Disorders, Co-Dependency, Drugs, Rx Pills, Cocaine, Marijuana, Crack, Smoking, Family Issues, Anger, Marital, Alcohol, Synthetic Marijuana

15 Youths attended our Recovery Support Program this year for Family Issues, Alcohol, Drugs, Rebellious Attitude and Anger

Grace Ministry Thrift Store

Here are a few stats we collected from the year;

- Approximately 15,000 customers came through the store – Of these, about 6,500 actually bought something.

- We average about 3 'divine' appointments per day and provide 2-4 lay counseling services per week

- We regularly help people in need with food, clothing, household merchandise and even free Bibles if they need one.

- Sharing Gospel tracts and Grace Ministry information is still one of our primary goals.

Grace Ministry of Florida, Inc.

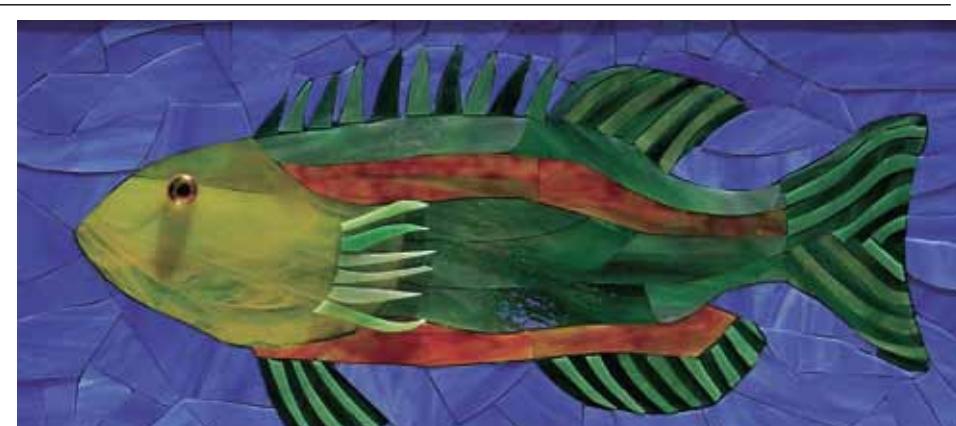
P.O. Box 164

Bell, FL 32619

352-463-8700

[www.grace-ministry.net](http://www.grace-ministry.net)

Come to the Cedar Key Art Center to experience the art of Mosaics at the Gallery Opening on Sat. Feb. 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. at 457 2nd St in Cedar Key.



**Williston Middle School FFA & Jr. Beta CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**

Friday, February 22, 2013  
WMS Bus Loop & Cafeteria

BBQ Dinners sold at Event for \$5.00/Snacks also available  
Middle/High School Division: 4:00p – 6:00p  
Adult Division: 6:30p – 9:00p  
Team Registrations DUE February 15th

# Worship Directory

**Ellzey United Methodist Church**

Corner of 336 &amp; Hwy 24

Worship Service ..... 11 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.

Pastor Doug Fleming

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

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

Bro. Tony Barber, Pastor

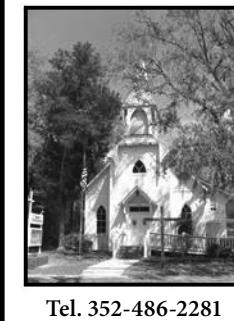
Services...

**Sunday -**  
Sunday School 9:00am  
Worship 10:00am  
**Wednesday -**  
Dinner 5:30pm  
Awana 6:00pm  
Worship 7:00pm  
**171 SW 3rd Street - Otter Creek**  
**352-486-2112****Pine Grove Baptist Church**  
16655 N. W. CR-339  
Trenton, Florida 32693  
**352-463-2151**  
[www.pgbefl.net](http://www.pgbefl.net)Dr. Greg Douglas, Senior Pastor  
Pastor Rickey Whitley, Assoc. Pastor/Youth  
Pastor Emanuel Harris, Education/Children  
Pastor Jared Douglas, Collegiate/Missions  
Pastor Josh Rials, MusicLOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE  
Blended Worship ..... 8:00 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 9:15 a.m.  
Contemporary Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday Night Services:**  
AWANA ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting, Youth, College & Career ..... 7:00 p.m.  
~ Nursery provided for all services ~**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 493-9723Saturday 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 6:00 pm  
**Tuesday:**  
Sr. Adult Bible Study 10:00am  
**Wednesday:**  
Church Supper 5:30pm  
RA/GA Children's Program 6:30pm  
Full Throttle Youth 6:30pm  
Prayer Hour 6:30pm**Pastor Troy A. Turner**  
451 S. Court Street - Bronson, FL 32621- 352.486.2282**Come and Worship**8:45 am Sunday School  
9:45 am Sunday Morning Worship  
7:00 pm Wednesday Bible Study -  
(except 3rd Wednesday)Reverend Priscilla Scherrah, Pastor  
Bronson United Methodist Church  
235 Court Street  
Bronson, Florida

Tel. 352-486-2281

A Non-Denominational  
Faith Community**turning Point****LEARNING HOUR: 9AM**  
**WORSHIP: 10:14AM**  
PASTOR: KENT ZIMMERMANN  
CELL 352-949-6501**But Anyway...**  
with Guy Sheffield**Church Calendar****Turning Point Fish Fry Jan. 31**

Turning Point Ministry will hold a Fish Fry on Thurs., Jan. 31 from 5 PM to 7 PM. The menu which may be purchased for \$8.99 will include Fried Fish, coleslaw, hush puppies, baked beans, assorted desserts and beverages.

Take out will be available.

The Ministry is located at 16750 NW 60 Ave(CR 341), Trenton, south of Lancaster Correctional Institution. Profits will be used to further the programming of the Ministry.

For further information, please call the Ministry office at 352/463-1882, or Bob Roley at 490-9924.

**Fish Dinner at Holy Family Catholic Church Feb. 8**

The Fish Dinner, fried or baked, at Holy Family Catholic Church Parish Hall will be on Friday Feb. 8 from 5 to 7 PM Adults \$7, smaller portion \$6, children under 12 \$4.

Lite Lunch is free and will be on Wed. Feb. 20, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to share a hot meal and fellowship.

Angel House Thrift Store is open Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. every weekend.

We are located 3 miles N. of Williston on Hwy 27A.

**Parsons Memorial Church Steak Dinner Feb. 8**

Come to Yankeetown for a BAKED STEAK DINNER on Fri. Feb. 8, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. \$7.00 donation gets you dinner, dessert, and drink. There will be a \$50 money tree raffle.

Eat with us at Parsons Memorial Presbyterian Church, 5850 Riverside Dr., Yankeetown. Or call for Take Out at 447-2506.

**Potato Pancakes at Peace Lutheran Church Feb. 12**

The 22nd Annual Peace Potato Pancake Supper will take place at Peace Lutheran Church on Tues. Feb. 12. Dinner will be served from 4:00 until 7:00 PM.

Tickets, available at the door, are \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children 5 through 12, and there is no charge for children under the age of 5. Tickets will also be available from members, and at the Peace Lutheran booth at the Dunnellon First Saturday event on February 2nd.

This popular event features traditional potato pancakes or buttermilk pancakes, ham, fruit cup, dessert and beverage. Potato Pancakes are the traditional fare for Shrove Tues, or "Fat" Tuesday.

Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday, is the final day before the commencement of Lent, a Christian season leading up to Easter Sunday. Pancakes are eaten on this day because they contain milk, butter and eggs, foods which were once forbidden during Lent.

Everyone is invited to attend. Members of Peace Lutheran Church will be peeling the potatoes, mixing the batter, cooking the pancakes, carving the ham, greeting, serving and cleaning up. Come hungry and leave happy!

For more information, call the church office, 352-489-5881 or visit [PeaceLutheranOnline.com](http://PeaceLutheranOnline.com).

**Letter of Thanks from the Holmes Family**

Our sincerest appreciation is extended for the outpouring of love and concern for our family during the illness and Homegoing of our loved one, James 'Donald' Holmes, Sr.

Your many acts of thoughtfulness in the form of prayers, visits, food, flowers, cards, hugs and words of comfort, memorial contributions and love helped sustain and carry us through this most painful and difficult time in our lives.

Special thanks are also extended to Bro. Gene Keith, Bro. Troy Turner and Bro. Gordon Keller for your visits during the time of illness and comforting words during the service, along with the special music by Steve Hancock and Sandra McCoy. We wish to acknowledge our appreciation to the First Baptist Church of Bronson for the use of tables and chairs for the house, the Sanctuary for the service, and Fellowship Hall for the meal and afterwards.

May God bless each and every one of you.  
Mary, Don Jr., JD III, Travis and Rachel

**Keeping an Attitude of Gratitude**

The December sun had begun its lazy plunge toward the western hills by the time my brother Heath and I parked along the gravel road. Gathering up our rifles, we jumped a ditch and plunged into the deep briar thickets that lined the forest's edge. The thorns raked against our camouflage, announcing our arrival, and ruling out any slip we may have pulled on a buck.

Ten grueling minutes later we had still not broken into open woods. We stopped for a breather; our chests heaving, the crisp winter air stinging our lungs. Heath looked like a Ninja turtle with that big climbing stand strapped to his back, and I said as much. Steam was rising from his collar, and fire shot from the look he gave me. "Whose idea was it to try this place? It ain't nothing but a briar patch," he spat.

"At least we're going downhill," I countered.

"Yeah... Well that's great Nimrod. What does that say for our trip back?"

I bristled and stomped off through the briars. "Just follow me," I huffed, "You're the one who don't know where he's going."

As we proceeded the grade became steeper, and nearly as thick and ornery as our attitudes. Soon we found our path blocked by some fallen timber. As I paused to consider our path, Heath made a move to go around, intent on recovering his spot at point. In desperation, I leaped up onto the fallen tree and scoffed, "What... you a sissy? Scared to climb over?" With that I inched out warily onto a decaying old branch. "We'll just tightrope this limb and then swing down into that little clearing below." Granted, it wasn't much of a plan, but one might say I was already out on a limb. I reckon Heath had watched enough 'America's Funniest Home Videos' to recognize a set up for the \$10,000 clip when he saw it, so he shucked out a quick 'double dog dare' on me. I grit my teeth and inched forward.

"What am I doing," I thought, "I'm going to kill myself! Unless..." Suddenly I had an idea. If I could break off this old limb we could use it as a bridge to cross over. Maybe there was a chance I could do it with hardly any aerial acrobatics. I began hopping up and down on the old limb like a rabid monkey. The

dry wood creaked and popped. Then came that rare moment when Heath would've traded his rifle in for a video camera. The limb snapped clean! It crashed to the ground just in time to cause another sharp stick to just straight upward to await my dismount. It might be said that I stuck the landing that day; a perfect 10! In fact, I came within one literal inch of becoming a human shish kebab! I balanced on that stout little stick for one or two excruciatingly long seconds, suddenly grateful for that little bone running along my undercarriage which kept me from becoming impaled. The whole experience made my ensuing plop to the ground and head over heels tumble down the ridge seemed like a walk in the park. "Thank you Jesus! Thank you Jesus! Thank you Jesus," I cried the whole way down. It was over the loud cackle of Heath's laughter of course.

But anyway- There was a time in my life I might've cussed Heath, the limb, the tree, and every other inanimate object out in the forest that day. But this time, in light of Scripture, I believe I actually did the right thing. (In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 KJV) Taking a fall here and there is just part of living in a fallen world. Stuff happens. The best we can do is to just get back up and dust ourselves off with an attitude of gratitude. Why stay down? As Christians, we know we have the ultimate victory. All this is just temporary. Besides, things could always be worse. You could be dumb ole' Heath still stuck up there in the briars! Hee hee hee... Who's laughing now Ninja boy? See... there's always a reason to give thanks.

-Guy Sheffield  
But Anyway [www.butanyway.org](http://www.butanyway.org)

**Obituaries****BILLY D. THOMAS**

Billy D. Thomas of Otter Creek, Florida died on Monday, January 14, 2013 at his home at the age of 80. Mr. Thomas was a native of Mars Hill, North Carolina, a former resident of Flag Pond, Tennessee, and son of the late Ratha and Laura "Fay" Silver Thomas.

Mr. Thomas was a proud Korean War veteran serving in the U.S. Army Military Police in Paejon, Korea. He received the United National Medal, Korean Service Ribbon,

National Defense Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal.

Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Jack Thomas, Sr., and three sisters: Mrs. Lillian Shelton, Mrs. Laura Hill, and Mrs. Verlye Waldrop.

Survivors include three sons: Ronald Thomas and wife Melinda of Otter Creek,

Russell Thomas of Otter Creek and Billy Thomas and wife Karla of Wapakoneta, Ohio;

four grandchildren: Jody and husband Josh Stevely of Wapakoneta, Ohio,

Nicole Schroeder of Wapakoneta, Ohio, Russell McCafferty of Lima, Ohio, and

Heather and husband Ben Hendricks of Ft. Campbell, Kentucky; five great-grandchildren: Conner and Cameron Schroeder of Wapakoneta, Ohio, and Makaylee, Makenzie, and Ben Hendricks, Jr. of Ft. Campbell, Kentucky; stepmother, Mrs. Frankie Mellon of Flag Pond, Tennessee; two stepsisters, Mrs. Eula Mae Blankenship and Mrs. Elaine Briggs and husband Phillip all of Flag Pond, Tennessee; step-grandchildren: Edward, B.J., Annalisa and Thomas of

Otter Creek and several nieces and nephews.

A private memorial service will be held in the Spring.

**ANDREW DONALD CALVERT**

Mr. Andrew Donald Calvert of Old Town, Florida passed away Monday, January 21, 2013 at his home. He was 52.

Mr. Calvert moved to Old Town two years ago from Punta Gorda. He worked most of his life as a waiter, except for a short period of time he spent working in retail sales in the family fish market on Pine Island. He enjoyed growing flowers and drawing and loved his nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Grand Prairie, Texas.

Mr. Calvert is survived by his mother, Mary Ann Calvert of Old Town; brothers, Dennis Calvert of Old Town and Thomas Calvert of Cumberland Furnace, Tennessee; and sisters: Margaret Ann Fowler of Punta Gorda, Martha Jane Stevens of Ft. Myers and Kimberly Jean Calvert of Old Town.

Graveside services were held Friday, January 25, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at Ft. Myers Memorial Gardens.

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

**JACK DAVID FUTCH**

Mr. Jack David Futch of Cross City passed away Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at Cross City Rehab. He was 74.

Mr. Futch was a lifelong resident of Cross City. He worked as a clerk at Foodland Grocery Store for many years and enjoyed working on his computer. He was a member of the Pentecostal Holiness Church in Cross City, Florida.

Mr. Futch is survived by his brother Richard Futch of Aiken, South Carolina; sister, Willene Futch of Cross City and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Saturday, January 26, 2013 at *continued on page 7B*

## LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the holder(s) of Certificate number 1972-09 of the sale of 2009 has (have) filed said Certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The name(s) of the holder(s) of said Certificate, the description of the property, the name(s) in which it is assessed are as follows:

NAME(S) OF CERTIFICATE HOLDER(S): THEODORE COUCH

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: LOTS 8 AND 9, BLOCK 5, B & R SUBDIVISION UNIT NO. 2, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 29, PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: ARTHUR JOE TYSON JR.

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

Unless such Certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such Certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the Courthouse lobby on the 18th day of February, 2013, between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. DATED this 11th DAY OF JANUARY 2013.

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

Pub.: Jan 17, 2013, Jan 24, 2013, Jan 31, 2013, Feb 07, 2013.

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

CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO. 38-2008-CA-000757

BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-6, Plaintiff, vs. ELIZABETH BROWN; et al., Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated January 17, 2013, and entered in Case No. 382008CA000757 of the Circuit Court in and for Levy County, Florida, wherein BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWABS, CASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-6 is Plaintiff and ELIZABETH BROWN; TAVARIES DAVON NORRIS; ANDREW J. BROWN; LEVY COUNTY ; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Main Lobby of the Levy County Courthouse, 355 Court Street, Bronson, FL 32621 on Monday Levy County, Florida, 11:00 a.m. on the 20th day of May, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 11, BLOCK B, NEW YORK SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 17, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of the Court not later than five business days prior to the proceeding at the Levy County Courthouse. Telephone 352-486-5228 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.

DATED at Bronson, Florida, on January 18, 2013.

DANNY SHIPP  
Clerk, Circuit Court  
By: Gwen McElroy /s/  
As Deputy Clerk

Pub.: Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 2013.

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

CASE NO.: 2012-CA-000269

TD BANK, N.A., a national banking association, Plaintiff,

Vs.

REGINA STANLEY, et al., Defendants

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 17, 2013 entered in Civil Case No. 2012-CA-000269 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Levy County, Florida, wherein TD BANK, N.A. is Plaintiff and REGINA STANLEY; et al., are Defendant(s).

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, in the BOCC Meeting Room in the Main Lobby of the Levy County Courthouse, 355 South Court Street, Bronson, FL 32621 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. on the 18th day of February, 2013 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

The West 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 19, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, Levy County Florida. Together with a 1997 Birc Single Wide Mobile Home bearing ID#49611001J and Title #73012650.

Street address:

7950 NE 125th Street, Bronson, FL 32621

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

DATED this 17th day of January, 2013.

(Court Seal)

DANNY J. SHIPP  
Clerk of Circuit Court

BY: Gwen McElroy /s/  
Deputy Clerk

Pub.: Jan. 24, 31, 2013.

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

CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 38-2010-CA-000213

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

Vs.

KENNETH R. TUCKER , et al., Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

trator at 355 Court Street, Bronson, FL 32621, Phone No. (352)374 3639 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice 614 pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-995-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013  
(COURT SEAL)

DANNY J. SHIPP  
Clerk of the Court  
By: Gwen McElroy /s/  
As Deputy Clerk  
Pub.: Jan. 24, 31, 2013.

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN  
AND FOR LEVY COUNTY  
GENERAL JURISDICTION  
DIVISION  
CASE NO. 38-2012-CA-  
000533**

SUNTRUST BANK,  
Plaintiff,  
vs  
JANETTE DAVIS, et al.,  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
To:  
AMY BLACKMAN  
4102 W. LAKE ESTATES  
DRIVE, DAVIE, FL 33328  
and  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF  
AMY BLACKMAN  
4102 W. LAKE ESTATES  
DRIVE, DAVIE, FL 33328  
and  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF  
TANIA MCGANN  
4102 W. LAKE ESTATES  
DRIVE, DAVIE, FL 33328  
and  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF  
TANIA MCGANN  
13361 SW 45th DR.  
MIRAMAR, FL 33027  
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS  
STATED,  
CURRENT RESIDENCE  
UNKNOWN

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to-wit:

A PARCEL OF LAND  
IN SECTION 15 AND 16,  
TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH,  
RANGE 16 EAST, LEVY  
COUNTY, SAID PARCEL  
BEING MORE PARTICULARLY  
DESCRIBED AS  
FOLLOWS:

FOR A POINT OF REFERENCE, COMMENCE  
AT POINT A AS DEFINED  
IN THE DESCRIPTION  
FOR THE PORTION  
ALONG THE NE ASBELL  
CREEK ROAD IN EX-  
HIBIT D OF THE DECLA-

RATION OF RESTRICTIONS AND PROTECTIVE COVENANTS FOR WINDING RIVER PRESERVE AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 947, PAGE 157, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING A POINT LYING AT THE APPROXIMATE INTERSECTION OF NE ASBELL CREEK ROAD WITH NE JONES ROAD, AND BEING APPROXIMATELY 4079 FEET EAST AND 2011 FEET NORTH OF THE SW CORNER OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 16 EAST: THENCE N 31°19'54" E, 50.48 FEET, TO A POINT ON THAT PORTION OF THE BOUNDARY THE COMMON PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN SAID EXHIBIT D THAT LIES AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF NE ASBELL CREEK ROAD WITH NE JONES ROAD; THENCE N 21°04'50" W, ALONG THAT PORTION OF THE BOUNDARY OF SAID COMMON PROPERTY THAT LIES ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF NE JONES ROAD, 1275.43 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE N 21°04'50" W, ALONG SAID BOUNDARY, 465.97 FEET; THENCE N 68°55'10" E, 1787.22 FEET; THENCE S 76°14'34" E, 385.26 FEET; THENCE S 23°49'07" W, 681.79 FEET; THENCE S 59°11'44" W, 424.72 FEET; THENCE S 83°18'33" W, 1242.55 FEET, TO CLOSE ON THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

has been filed against you and you are required to file a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Austin Nowakowski, McCalla Raymer, LLC, 225 E. Robinson St. Suite 660, Orlando, FL 32801 and file the original

with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before 30 days from the first publication, otherwise a Judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.  
(COURT SEAL)

**CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT**  
As Clerk of the Court  
BY: Gwen McElroy /s/  
Deputy Clerk

Pub.: Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 2013.  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR  
LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
CASE NO. 38-2012-CA-  
000769

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,  
vs.  
PHILLIP D. COTHAM, ET AL.  
Defendants

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
To the following  
Defendant(s):  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF  
PHILLIP D. COTHAM  
(CURRENT RESIDENCE  
UNKNOWN)

Last Known Address:  
7731 SW 125TH

TERRACE, CEDAR KEY, FL  
32625  
Additional Address:  
5405 BOCA GRANDE  
CIRCLE, DOVER, FL 33527  
Additional Address:  
9022 PINEBREEZE DRIVE  
RIVERVIEW, FL 33578

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

LOT 1 THROUGH 12, INCLUSIVE AND LOTS 21 THROUGH 32 INCLUSIVE OF BLOCK 87, CEDAR KEY HEIGHTS SECTION B, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 16, PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH A 2000 MERIT MOBILE HOME BEARING ID NO. FLHML2B67522962A & FLHML2B67522962B  
A/K/A 7731 SW 125TH TERRACE, CEDAR KEY, FL 32625 0000

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to Lauren E. Barbuti, Esq. at VAN NESS LAW FIRM, PLC, Attorney for the Plaintiff, whose address is 1239 E. NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE, SUITE #110, DEERFIELD BEACH, FL 33442 on or before March 8, 2013, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the LEVY COUNTY JOURNAL and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. This notice is provided to Administrative Order No. 2065

Under the American with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (352) 337-6237, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711. If you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact iCourt Interpreting at interpreter@court8.org

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2013.

DANNY J. SHIPP  
CLERK OF COURT  
By: Gwen McElroy /s/  
As Deputy Clerk  
Pub.: Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 2013.

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE 8<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR  
LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
CASE NO.: 38-2012-DR-  
000928

Division:

Jaimie Mendoza,  
Petitioner

and

Beatriz Ceniceros Beraza,  
Respondent.

**NOTICE OF ACTION FOR  
DISSOLUTION OF  
MARRIAGE**

TO:

BEATRIZ CENICEROS  
BERRAZA

Last Known Address:  
Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Jaime Mendoza, whose address is 21271 SE 71 Place, Morriston, FL 32668 on or before March 5, 2013, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at Levy County Courthouse, 355 S. Court Street, Bronson, FL 32621 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

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

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: June 24, 2013.  
(COURT SEAL)

**CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT**  
By: Sue Smith /s/  
Deputy Clerk

I, Ayela L. Ramirez, a non-lawyer, located at 635 N. Hyer Ave., Orlando, FL.. 407-420-9300, helped Jaime Mendoza, who is the petitioner, fill out this form.

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21, 2013.

**TOWN OF BRONSON  
NOTICE OF QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING**

PETITION FOR CHANGE

OF ZONING

**Petition No.**

2013-01-AKINS

**Applicant(s):** Francis Akins

**Location:** 51 Picnic Street

**Legal:** Parcel # 17-12-17-06523-000-00

Notice is hereby given that a Quasi-Judicial hearing will be conducted by the Town Board of Bronson on Monday, February 18, 2013, at 7:00 PM, in the Town Hall at 660 East Hathaway Avenue, Bronson, Florida to hear and act upon a request for a Zoning change.

Petitioners are requesting a Zoning change from Residential to Commercial on the subject property. The reason for the request is for the highest and best use of the property.

All interested persons are urged to attend this hearing. Comments may be forwarded to the Town of Bronson, PO Box 266, Bronson, Florida 32621, or bring them to the office of the Town Clerk at the Town Hall in Bronson, Florida.

If any person decides to appeal the decision of the Town Board with respect to any matter considered at said Public Hearing, he will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which includes the testimony and evidence upon which the Appeal is to be based.

If any accommodations are needed for persons with disabilities, contact the Clerk's Office in Town Hall at 352-486-2354.

Bronson Town Board

Bronson, Levy County,

Florida

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BRANNAN  
**Applicant(s):** WILFREDO  
AQUI/ MARK BRANNAN

**Location:** 980 E. Hathaway

Ave.

**Legal:** PARCEL # 03421-000-00

980 E. Hathaway Ave.

Notice is hereby given that a Quasi-Judicial hearing will be conducted by the Town Board of Bronson on Monday, Feb. 18, 2013, at 7:00 PM, in the Town Hall at 660 East Hathaway Avenue, Bronson, Florida to hear and act upon a request for a Rezoning and a Development Review.

Petitioners are requesting a rezoning of the above noted Land Parcel from Commercial to Industrial, and a Development Review or Site Plan Approval for a proposed new Auto Repair Facility.

All interested persons are urged to attend this hearing. Comments may be forwarded to the Town of Bronson, PO Box 266, Bronson, Florida 32621, or bring them to the office of the Town Clerk at the Town Hall in Bronson, Florida.

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Bronson Town Board  
Bronson, Levy County,  
Florida

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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:

**Cooperative Funding Public Meeting:** Governing

Board members will discuss, evaluate and prioritize fiscal year 2014 requests for project funding in Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas counties of SWFWMD.

**DATE/TIME:** Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2013; 10 am

**PLACE:** SWFWMD Tampa Service Office, 7601 US Highway 301 North, Tampa FL 33637

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

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: Lori.Manuel@watermatters.org 1(800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)796-7211, x4606 (Ad Order EXE0246).

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following public meeting to which all interested persons are invited:

**Cooperative Funding Public Meeting:** Governing Board members will discuss, evaluate and prioritize fiscal year 2014 requests for project funding in Polk, Highlands and Hardee counties of SWFWMD.

**DATE/TIME:** Wednesday, February 13, 2013; 1 pm

**PLACE:** SWFWMD Bartow Service Office, 170 Century Boulevard, Bartow, FL 33830

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If any person decides to appeal the decision of the Town Board with respect to any matter considered at said Public Hearing, he will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which includes the testimony and evidence upon which the Appeal is to be based.

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**Obituaries** continued from page 4B

2:00 p.m. at the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Randy Richardson officiating.

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

**JOANN BRASWELL BAILEY**

On February 1, 1946 a baby girl, JoAnn, was born to Mack and Susie Braswell. JoAnn was the seventh of eight children. She is survived by her eldest sister, Lillian Fussell, and her baby sister, Charlotte Ann Brannon.

JoAnn was preceded in death by her loving parents and five brothers. In death JoAnn Braswell Bailey joins her beloved husband Thurman "Scott" Bailey, united in Holy Matrimony on April 23, 1966. Scott and JoAnn are the parents of three children. First born, a son Brian Scott, two daughters Raquel Leigh "Kelly" and Shellie Reneé. JoAnn was also preceded in death by her mother-in-law Norma Virginia Bailey and brother-in-law Randy Brannon.

JoAnn is also survived by her two brothers-in-law, Darrell Bailey and Ronald Dale Brannon, her daughter-in-law Darlene Bailey, and son-in-law Jeffery Beauchamp.

JoAnn was a proud and loving grandmother. Her grandchildren are: starting with the eldest – Thurman Scott Bailey, Nadia Elaine Bailey, Vanden Wilder Fehmerling, Bailey Reneé Beauchamp, Brian Caiden Fehmerling, Riele Omara Beauchamp, Tristan Luke Bailey and the youngest Tanner Mack Bailey.

JoAnn evoked all the qualities and attributes of the very definition of mother. By grace she was mother to David Leroy Braswell and Patricia Grace Eplee and grandchildren: Jared and Kelley Ann Douglas and Kayla Elizabeth Braswell, one great-grandson Grayson Douglas to be joined by his cousin in May.

JoAnn was a lifelong resident of Chiefland, Florida, widowed in 1978, and she raised her children as mother and father. She enjoyed teaching her children and grandchildren about the things she enjoyed. JoAnn enjoyed cooking, fishing, hunting, farming and gardening. She worked as an insurance agent, retiring in 1998 yet maintaining and nurturing the friendships formed along the way.

JoAnn Braswell Bailey will be remembered as a remarkable woman who loved much.

Visitation was held on Monday, January 28, 2013 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Knauff Funeral Home-Chiefland. Funeral service was held on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Chiefland. Interment followed at Chiefland Cemetery.

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

**SIMEON WALLACE LAKE III**

Simeon Wallace Lake III, (Wally), passed away January 27, 2013. He was 69 years old. Mr. Lake was born in Miami, Florida, to Simeon W. Lake and Marie A. Lake. He served in the U.S. Army during Vietnam. He moved to Bronson, Florida in 1982 from Hialeah, Florida and went to work for the University of Florida. He retired 21 years later.

Mr. Lake was preceded in death by his parents, and wife Sharon A. Lake. He is survived by sons Wally Lake (Kimberly Lake) and Eddie Lake (Crissy Lake) and five grandchildren: Eryn Lake, Annah Lake, Emory Lake, Haley Bertie, and Peyton Lake.

A celebration of life service will be held at Bronson Church of God on Saturday, February 2, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. The church is located at 9353 US Alt. 27 Bronson, FL 32621.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to The Wounded Warriors Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256.

**WILLIAM NEWELL MIKELL**

December 26, 1924 – January 28, 2013

William "Bill" Newell Mikell, Sr., after a courageous battle with cancer, went to be with his Lord on January 28, 2013 at the age of 88. He was born on December 26, 1924 to Edward Lacy and Maggie Lynn Mikell. He is a distinguished decorated veteran of three wars. He went into the Civilian Conservation Corp at an early age building roads and bridges. After that he went to welding school, and then worked in the shipyards in Mobile, Alabama, and Jacksonville, Florida supporting the war effort. At 18 he



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was drafted into the Army and WWII. Later he enlisted in the Air Force where he served until retiring with 20 years of service in 1966.

He was an avid outdoorsman; enjoying hunting, fishing and gardening his whole life and going on cruises. He was a devoted member of the Morriston Church of Christ, DAV and a lifelong Levy County native. He was also an active participant for many years with Relay for Life.

Mr. Mikell was preceded in death by his father, mother, and brother Alvin Mikell.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 59 years, Dorothy L. Mikell; their four children: William (Billy) and his wife Missy of Searcy, Arkansas, Margaret Mikell of Williston, Edward and his wife Teresa of Meridian, Mississippi and Wayne and his wife Sharon of Ocala; eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren; his brothers, Lewis of Gallopello, Ohio and Dayton Mikell of Gainesville; sisters, Dorcas Moody of Crawford, Florida, and Annie Lou (Patty) Warrick of Tallahassee.

Visitation services are being held at Knauff Funeral Home, Williston, on January 31, 2013 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held on February 1, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. at Knauff Funeral Home, Williston. Burial will follow at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Morriston.

In lieu of flowers please consider a contribution in his memory to Haven Hospice Development Department, 4200 NW 90th Blvd. Gainesville, FL 32606

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

**JAMES TRAMMELL HARPER**

James Trammell Harper of Chiefland passed away at the age of 67 on January 25, 2013. Mr. Harper was a lifelong resident of Chiefland. He attended Chiefland High School and was part of the team taking the State Championship in 1961. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida. Mr. Harper was a member of the First Baptist Church of Chiefland.

James is survived by his wife, Rosa Arauz Harper of Chiefland; his mother, Narcissus Harper of Chiefland; his children: James "Tram" Harper Jr. (Vonya Gagnon, Fiancé) of Clermont, Fla., Joylene Tamar (Drew) Cooper of Anapolis, Maryland, Patricia Kohler of Chiefland and Sharon Musgrove of Waldo; a brother, Tommy (Irva) Harper of Chiefland; an Aunt, Evelyn Lane of Chiefland; aunt and uncle, Juanita and Can Quillen of Chiefland; cousins, David and Melanie Allen of Chiefland; six grandchildren; and numerous other friends and relatives. He will also be missed by his dog and loyal companion, 'Buddy.'

Funeral Services were Monday, January 28, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Chiefland with Pastor Gordon Keller officiating. Burial followed the service at Chiefland Cemetery.

Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services, 1301 N. Young Blvd., Chiefland, FL 32626, 352-493-0050 is honored to serve the Harper family. Condolences may be offered by visiting our website at www.hiers-baxley.com

**WILLIAM EUGENE FRYE**

December 2, 1927 – January 26, 2013

William Eugene Frye of Bronson, Florida passed away on January 26, 2013 at the age of 85. He was born on December 2, 1927 in Saltville, Virginia to William F. and Hazel (Barnette) Frye. He served in the United States Army during WWII as a medic retiring after 21 years of service. He was of the Protestant faith. He moved to Bronson 25 years ago from Ocala. He enjoyed fishing and vegetable gardening.

Mr. Frye was preceded in death by his parents and son William E. Frye Jr.

He is survived by his wife of 60 plus years Adelaida Frye; brothers: Ronny, Bernard, Danny, Benny and Jeff; sisters, Carol Frye and Linda Sheets; and granddaughter Shannon L. Frye.

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**LORRAINE ANN BESCOE**

January 27, 1932 – January 26, 2013

Lorraine Ann Bescoe of Brooksville, Florida and formally of Chiefland, passed away at the age of 80 on January 26, 2013. She was born on January 27, 1932 in Detroit, Michigan to Robert and Anna (Samulski) Connell. She was a homemaker. She moved to Brooksville three years ago from Redford, Michigan. She was married 49 years and 8 months and raised 9 children. She was a selfless wife, mother, grandma (Granny) and great-grandma. She truly enjoyed and loved her family and friends. She liked going to the Moose Lodge with her husband Eddie. Mom loved to cook and collect recipes from magazines. She was a wonderful cook and dessert maker. She always made sure to send everyone a birthday card, anniversary or any-occasion card and put little smiley faces with curly hair. She owned and ran a little restaurant for quite a few years called Hungry Johns. She was a wonderful cook. She traveled all around the USA in the earlier years with her husband and children. She loved watching the Price is Right.

Mrs. Bescoe was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Edwin in 2010 and daughter Juanita R. Sayig in 2012.

She is survived by her sons: Edwin R. Becoe Jr. (Kathy), William M. Bescoe (Kelly), Robert Q. Bescoe and John A. Bescoe; daughters: Tammy M. O'Donnell (Dennis), Bridget R. Nicodemus (Tom) and Lori A. Silverthorn (Duane); brother, Robert Connell (Joyce); sister, JoAnn Calcaterra (Bob); 21 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Visitation for Ms. Bescoe is being held on Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at Knauff Funeral Home-Chiefland. Funeral services are to follow at 2:00 p.m. with Reverend Kent Zimmerman officiating and ceremonies provided by the Moose Lodge.

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

**WILLIAM RONALD LANIER**

April 12, 1955 – January 27, 2013

Mr. William Ronald "Ronnie" Lanier of Horseshoe Beach, Florida, 57, went to be with the Lord Sunday, January 27, 2013.

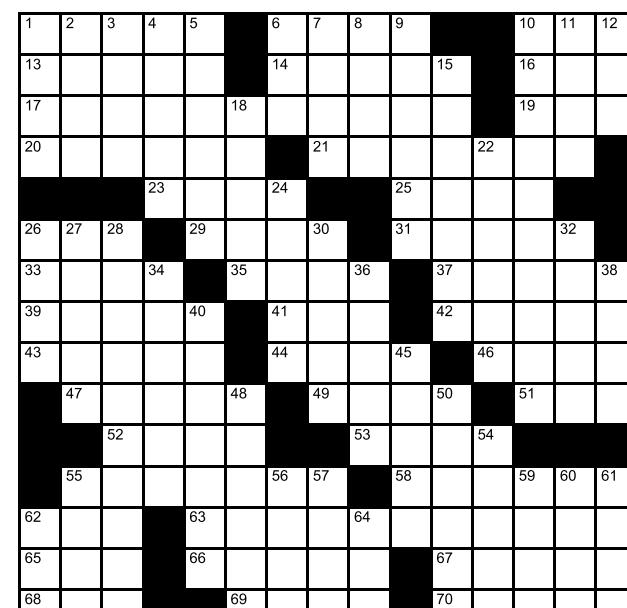
He was born April 12, 1955 to Sam and Florence Matthis Lanier in Homestead, Fla. He moved with his family to North Central Florida before his first birthday and lived in this area all of his life. He attended schools in Dixie and Alachua Counties. A commercial fisherman by trade, Mr. Lanier also enjoyed sport fishing and outdoor activities. He also did work in landscaping. Mr. Lanier was a Christian by faith.

Mr. Lanier was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Patsy Durrance and Virginia Denton.

He is survived by sons, Samuel Carson Lanier of Forest City, Pennsylvania and Coen Hines of Cross City; daughters, Tracy Varnum of Cross City and Amy Revels of Greenwood, Fla.; seven grandchildren; brothers: Leo "Buddy" Lanier of MacClenny, Fla., Sammie James "Jim" Lanier of Hawthorne and Johnny Lanier of Cross City; sisters: Betty Owen of Newberry, Connie Barlow of Old Town and Judy Langford of High Springs; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A memorial service will be held Friday, February 1, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at the pavilion at Butler Cemetery in Horseshoe Beach.

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

**Crossword Puzzle****Across**

- 1. "Naughty you!"
- 2. Shiny on top?
- 3. \_\_\_ test for identification (acronym)
- 4. Atlas, e.g. (hyphenated)
- 5. Happening
- 6. Carbonium, e.g.
- 7. Upkeep
- 8. Chester White's home
- 9. Doctor's \_\_\_
- 10. To go back over again
- 11. Fill
- 12. Sundae topper, perhaps
- 13. Bauxite, e.g.
- 14. Bombard
- 15. "Come to think of it ..."
- 16. Aggravate
- 17. Willingly
- 18. Dispute
- 19. Wrestling hold
- 20. Came in first
- 21. Having retrospective effect (law, 3 wds)
- 22. "Aladdin" prince
- 23. Hotel offering
- 24. Daughter of Mnemosyne
- 25. Amniotic
- 26. Hasenpfeffer, e.g.
- 27. Botherer

**Down**

- 1. Jerk
- 2. Try, as a case
- 3. During
- 4. Bison features
- 5. Bag
- 6. Blackout
- 7. Way, off
- 8. "The \_\_\_ Ranger"
- 9. Treat
- 10. Verbal exchanges
- 11. Do, for example (music)
- 12. \_\_\_ calls?"
- 13. Patio
- 14. Banana oil, e.g.
- 15. Lover of Dido, in myth
- 16. Carry away, in a way
- 17. Aroma
- 18. Court wear
- 19. \_\_\_ devices, e.g., TVs, radios and computers
- 20. Milk-Bone biscuit, e.g.
- 21. Brightly colored perching birds
- 22. Wealthy, powerful businessman
- 23. Artist's stand
- 24. Far from ruddy
- 25. Jews and Arabs
- 26. Corrupt
- 27. A combination of interlaced parts
- 28. Reduced sail size
- 29. Danger signal
- 30. Pepsi, e.g.
- 31. Fast-moving card game
- 32. \_\_\_ bag
- 33. Ponzi scheme, e.g.
- 34. "Beetle Bailey" dog
- 35. "High" time
- 36. Functioned as
- 37. Clinch, with "up"

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

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# Lu the Florida Hippo Celebrates 53rd Birthday with Cake and Friends

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park celebrated Lu the hippopotamus' 53rd birthday with two special birthday parties today.

"Lu is world-famous and we are proud that he calls Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park home," said park manager Art Yerian. "Lu delights visitors of all ages and helps us engage our visitors in learning about Florida's natural environment."

At the first party, more than 250 students from Rock Crusher Elementary School sang the birthday song to Lu and gave him a bread cake with the words "Lucky Lu!" on the cake. Park Volunteer Vicki Iozzia lead visitors in singing an original song she wrote for this special occasion. Every year she adds a new stanza for his latest birthday. The second party was held during the park's daily alligator and hippopotamus educational program. Visitors signed a giant birthday card to wish Lu a happy birthday, and Lu's fans around the world can send him a birthday greeting on his Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/pages/Lu/136100953148390](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Lu/136100953148390).

Lu, an African Hippopotamus, was born at San Diego Zoo in January 1960. He weighed 90 pounds at birth and now weighs over 6,000 pounds. A vegetarian, Lu consumes 15 pounds of alfalfa hay, four scoops of herbivore diet and a five-gallon bucket of vegetables and fruits every day.

A fixture at Homosassa Springs since 1964, Lu was a movie and television star with the Ivan Tors Animal Actors troupe. Ivan Tors wintered his animal actors at Homosassa Springs when the park was in private ownership. His credits include 1960s movies *Daktari* and *Cowboy in Africa*, and television specials such as the *Art Linkletter Show* and an *Herb Alpert Special*. He also starred in a *Union Carbide* commercial.

For more than four decades, Lu has been a mainstay among the animals at Homosassa Springs. When the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Florida Park Service



purchased the former attraction in 1989, the state planned to shift the emphasis from exotic animals to native Florida wildlife and find homes for all of the exotic species, including Lu. Public support led the state to grant Lu a special Florida citizenship in 1991, allowing him to stay at the park.

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Mon., Feb 25 @ 10:30 AM  
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Wed., Feb 13 @ 10:30 AM  
Wed., Feb 27 @ 10:30 AM

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### SLOW COOKER RIBS

2-3 lbs. Ribs, cut into lengths  
1 1/2 cup BBQ Sauce

Rub your favorite rub mixture liberally on all sides of ribs.

Prop ribs into slow cooker against the sides and leaning in like a tent. It doesn't need to be perfect, just propped up so there can be a bit of air around the ribs. Pour the barbecue sauce over the ribs.

Cook in slow cooker on high for 6-8 hours or until ribs are cooked through and falling off the bone.

Preheat broiler. Carefully transfer tender ribs to a broiler pan. Set aside.

Pour sauce and drippings from slow cooker through a sieve into a medium sauce pan. Heat on high until boiling, reduce heat and simmer for 10-15 minutes until thick and syrupy.

Brush sauce on ribs and place under broiler for 10-12 minutes or until caramelized. Pull out 2-3 times during cooking and baste with more sauce.

### SEVEN PEPPER GRILLING RUB

Makes 1/2 cup  
1/4 cup kosher salt  
3 tablespoons brown sugar  
2 teaspoons ancho pepper powder  
1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes  
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
1 teaspoon ground black pepper  
1 teaspoon ground white pepper  
1 teaspoon pink peppercorns  
1 teaspoon sweet paprika  
1 teaspoon smoked paprika

In a blender or spice grinder, grind all the ingredients together. Store in a sealed jar or plastic bag.

### S'MORES COOKIE BARS

1/2 cup butter, room temperature  
1/4 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 large egg  
1 1/4 tsp vanilla extract  
1 1/3 cups all purpose flour  
1 tsp baking powder  
3/4 cup graham cracker crumbs (approximately 6 full graham crackers)  
1/4 tsp salt  
2 super-sized (4.5 oz.) dark or milk chocolate bars (your preference)  
1 1/2 cups marshmallow creme/fluff (NOT melted marshmallows)

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease an 8-inch square baking pan.

In a large bowl, cream together butter and the sugars until light. Beat in egg and vanilla.

In a small bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, graham cracker crumbs, and salt. Add to butter mixture and mix at a low speed until combined. Dough will be thick. Divide dough in half and press half of dough into an even layer on the bottom of the prepared pan using either your hands or the back of a spoon.

Place chocolate bars over the dough. The bars should fit perfectly side by side. The chocolate should be 1/4 inch thick (the thickness of the bars) and no more. Do not double the bars.

Spread marshmallow fluff evenly over the chocolate layer spreading gently. Put the remaining dough on 1/2 of a sheet of plastic wrap approximately 30 inches long. Fold the other half over the dough. Gently roll the dough out to fit the 8x8 pan. Open wrap and place over 8x8 pan and unfold so the dough falls onto top of marshmallow fluff.

Bake for 30 to 35 minutes, until lightly browned. Cool completely before cutting into bars. Makes 12-16 cookie bars.

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