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Development Director Rob Corbitt Resigns after 23+ Years

By Kathy Hilliard, Editor

At the Board of County Commissioners meeting on Tuesday February 5, Levy County Development Director Rob Corbitt announced his decision to retire with a January 30th letter of resignation to be effective on Friday April 5, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.

Corbitt is also known as the Building Official, Plans Examiner, Chief Code Enforcement Officer, Flood Plain Manager and CRS Coordinator along with myriad miscellaneous duties and responsibilities he has accrued over these 23+ years in the development office.

Board Chairman Ryan Bell asked Corbitt to address all present saying, "This is kind of a bittersweet moment. We are happy for Rob but we are sad for the county."

Corbitt stated that he was "overwhelmed that not only this board but previous boards had the confidence to entrust him with a great amount of responsibility." Corbitt stated that it was time to take the job into the 21st century with the new technology available, if the board could be persuaded to "buy the new technology."

Corbitt said, "The board has many options to go forward with and Mr. Moody wants me to sit down with others" but "as my letter says, I don't have any recommendations."

Corbitt said the job has a lot of responsibilities and they could split the job up as one of their options. He also let everyone there know that it was his birthday that day and the commissioners gave their Happy Birthdays to him.

Bell expressed the appreciation of the board for all Corbitt has done.

County Administration Fred Moody said Corbitt has been very cooperative and that this is probably one of the most difficult jobs in the county.

Moody said they should use the same format as when hiring Mr. David Knowles, the Public Safety Director.

Bell mentioned outlining a system with parameters for staff as well as the new incoming director that would make possible a way for people to comply by more than just saying "no" to someone and move toward supplying what needs to be done to get a "yes." This would take the burden off the Director from being the buck-stops-here person and provide a system for the whole department to be involved in helping the person achieve their goal.

Corbitt went on to speak about the different coastal zones and wind zones in a county as large as Levy. Corbitt mentioned that he received his first certification back in 1983 which gives him a lot of experience in the risk category realm.

Commissioner Danny Stevens summed it up saying that the amount of knowledge Corbitt has about Levy County will not be found again and they will not be able to replace him as he stands in the position right now.

Duke Energy to Decommission Crystal River Nuke Plant

Considers sites for natural gas plants

Duke Energy announced today that it will "retire the Crystal River Nuclear Plant (CR3) in Citrus County." Their letter went on to say: "The plant has been safely shut down and offline since late 2009. The company is reviewing alternatives to replace the power produced by the unit, including the potential construction of a new, state-of-the-art natural gas-fueled plant. The company is evaluating a number of potential sites for new plant capacity that may be needed in the future to meet Florida customer needs, including sites in Citrus County."

The energy complex's four coal plants remain in service in Citrus County.

The nuclear plant has been shut down since 2009, when its concrete containment building cracked during a maintenance and upgrade project. A 2011 repair attempt resulted in new cracks in other parts of the containment structure. Estimates put repair costs at between \$1.3 billion and \$3.4 billion.

Duke goes on to say this is in the best interests for everyone but there are detractors to that theory when it comes to the customers' pocketbooks.

In their letter, Duke Energy explained the settlement with their insurance coverage this way: "In addition, the company and its insurance carrier, Nuclear Electric Insurance Limited (NEIL), have reached a resolution of the company's coverage claims through a mediation process. Under the terms of the mediator's proposal, NEIL will pay an additional \$530 million."

Along with the \$305 million NEIL has already paid, customers will receive \$835 million in insurance proceeds. This will be the largest claim payout in the history of NEIL.

But along with that payout to the customer will come the new payout from the customer to cover losses for repairs and buying energy from the market to supply customers with their energy needs. Plus the company intends to use the "SAFSTOR" option for decommissioning which involves placing the facility into a safe storage configuration, requiring limited staffing to monitor plant conditions, until the eventual dismantling and decontamination activities occur, usually in 40 to 60 years.

This long process of decommissioning will supply the time needed to allow its decommissioning fund to grow and cover the costs of a natural gas powered plant for the area. Duke's letter said, "the company is evaluating the potential to build a new, state-of-the-art, natural gas-fueled power plant, which could come online as early as 2018. There is no definitive plan for new generating capacity at this time."

But even after the NEIL payoff of \$835 million there are still expenses left to pay - like \$1.3 billion in upgrades and maintenance costs to the nuclear plant, a new natural gas plant costing more than \$1 billion, and the growing replacement power bill that has been accumulating since the plant went off line.

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Tags and Titles in Transition in Florida

By Kathy Hilliard, Editor

Just last week we reported that Levy County Tax Collector Linda Fugate announced that the state of Florida was introducing pathways and legislation for "central issuance" of titles and tags rather than leaving that ability with the local tax collector offices.

And this week the *Levy County Journal* received a letter from the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) explaining a "new electronic titling system that saves money and hassle."

But according to Fugate in an interview with the *Journal*, if you have ever tried to call the centralized phone number in Tallahassee you will find it rings busy much of the time. Upon checking the different websites the comments ranged from severe irritation to rage on the time it took to speak to someone in Tallahassee about the issue. I tried, it was busy, three times. Hmm, sounds like more of a hassle, not less.

Titles on new unpaid vehicles, motor homes or vessels are already electronically filed. According to the DHSMV letter, "E-titles prove ownership of a motor vehicle, mobile home or vessel the same way a paper title does. An e-title also simplifies the communications between the vehicle owner, the lienholder and the agency. An e-title also reduces title fraud."

DHSMV says, "You may not need to request a paper title prior to trading your vehicle with a Florida dealership. However, if you are selling your vehicle, with a private sale, you will need to request a paper title be printed in order to transfer ownership to the private purchaser."

This is where the confusion sets in. If you want a paper title and if your vehicle, motor home or vessel's title has never been electronically filed - you will have to pay the electronic fee which is currently \$75.25, then a print fee of either \$2.50 or, according to Fugate, \$10 in Levy County.

If the lien gets paid off, you can get a paper

title for just the print fee of \$2.50 in Tallahassee (once you get through on the phone or do the online thing) or \$10 at the Levy County Tax Collector's office.

If your vehicle already has an electronic title (bought new) and is paid off and you want a paper title in your own hands, in your own file, or you may be thinking of selling the vehicle, mobile home or vessel, for the time being you can still go to your local tax collector's office and pay a \$10 printing fee.

But the state of Florida is moving in the direction of new legislation to make the local option unavailable and only offering the "central issuance" option. So your only option will be to call Tallahassee and have them mail you a paper copy for a fee of \$2.50 if the title is already an e-title or if not pay the e-charge of \$75.25 then the \$2.50 printing/handling/mailling fee. You must be able to prove that any liens have been satisfied before receiving a paper title. And there may be costs to have the lien recorded.

For the computer savvy group, this may not be anything to think about. Just get online and do the dirty deed. But for those who do not have online capabilities, or who would rather visit their acquaintances at the local tax collector's office and ask some questions and be able to do this as fast as driving there during open hours - the old way may not be the new way of the future. Unless, of course, you contact your local congressperson or call Tallahassee by phone to register your objection.

The advantages of maintaining titles electronically, according to the DHSMV, are:

1. You eliminate the risk of losing or misplacing a title. 2. You reduce the chance of fraud because potential thieves will not be able to access the title. And 3. You cut the cost of replacing lost titles, with e-titles costing \$2.50 versus \$75 for a duplicate paper title." (#3 is confusing so we checked it out and presented all the options above).

The truth is - both ways you have to pay the

\$75.25 e-title fee (if the title is not electronic now) and then the difference is in the cost of the printing: \$2.50 from Tallahassee versus \$10 in Bronson.

Then there is the issue of timing. According to the DHSMV website, "There is a \$2.50 service fee for printing and mailing. DHSMV will mail your paper title within five days." So it will take 5 days or more depending on the mail.

But the website goes on to offer a quicker option - locally - "If you do not have computer access or need your title quicker, go to the tax collector office and request a paper title. You will need your vehicle registration and identification. The cost for this option is \$10."

Be forewarned: There are a huge number of fake websites that are NOT the Florida government websites but look official. Make sure you go to: <http://flhsmv.gov/>

Fugate brought up a very important issue at the last meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. If everything, including tags, goes to central issuance and you need to leave on a trip or are taking a vacation and realize your tags will be up in the middle of the trip? You can go to the tax collector's office and pay for a new tag - but, you will not be able to get a tag or sticker there, only pay for it. You will have to wait until Tallahassee sends it to you. By mail!

The website to order online through Tallahassee, www.GoRenew.com, is available and is linked with Fugate's website.

The difference is in the choosing. Right now you can still choose to visit our local tax collector's offices to do your tag, title, liens and tax business. But in the future, the centralizing government crowd may just legislate that option away - unless you let them know that is not what you want.

I thought the big thing nowadays was to buy and do business "locally?" and Tallahassee is not local to me.



Levy County Sheriff's Office Arrest Report

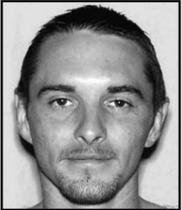
ANGELO, MICHAEL, 27, OF PORT ORANGE, FL: HOLD FOR OTHER AGENCY.
BROWN, ROGER PAUL, 51, OF MORRISTON, FL: SIMPLE ASSLT ON OFFICER FIREFIGHTER EMT ETC; OBSTRUCT WO VIOLENCE.
CARRER, WILLIAM MICHAEL, 18, HOMELESS: MARIJUANA-POSSESS NOT MORE THAN 20 GRAMS; PETIT THEFT 1ST DEGREE 100 LESS 300 DOLS.
COLSON, KELLY MICHELLE, 28, OF CHIEFLAND, FL: BURGL DWELLING STRUCTURE OR CONVEYANCE ARMED; GRAND THEFT OF FIREARM; BURGL UNOCCUPIED CONVEYANCE UNARMED; PETIT THEFT 1 ST DEGREE 100 LESS 300 DOLS; GRAND THEFT 300 LESS THAN 5K DOLS X 2.
DAMASO, JAVIER, 28, OF WILLISTON, FL: DRIVE WHILE LIC SUSP 1ST OFF; CNTRL SUB WO PRESCRIPTION.
DICKSON, JASON MATHIAS, 37, OF MORRISTON, FL: RE-ADMIT FROM COURT.
DURDEN, JAMES SCOTT, 42, OF ARCHER, FL: PROB VIOLATION.
FULTS, MELISSA MICHELLE, 28, OF BELL, FL: PETIT THEFT FROM MERCHANT 2ND OFF.
GREEN, WHITNEY, 25, OF BRONSON, FL: OUT-OF-COUNTY WARRANT X 3.
LEWIS, DAVID WARDELL, 31, OF ARCHER, FL: DRIVE WHILE LIC SUSP 2ND OFF; DELIV WI 1000FT WORSHIP OR BUSN SCH II COCAINE-



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Delury, Bryce J
Gainesville
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THEFT
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Foster, Jenna M
Inglis
VOP POSSESS
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Gauger, Keith
Gainesville
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STOLEN PROP
NO BOND

DISTRIB; OBSTRUCT WO VIOLENCE X 2; MARIJUANA-POSSESS NOT MORE THAN 20 GRAMS.
MCCOY, SEBASTIAN, 32, OF GAINESVILLE, FL: HOLD FOR OTHER AGENCY.
MUNDEN, JAMES STEPHEN, 52, OF GAINESVILLE, FL: PROB VIOLATION X 4.
NICHOLS, TOMMY RAY, 19, OF TRENTON, FL: PETIT THEFT 1ST DEGREE 100 LESS 300 DOLS.
ORTIZ, STEVEN JACOB, 41, OF INGLIS, FL: OUT-OF-COUNTY WARRANT.
PIPKIN, JOHN WAYNE, 36, OF CHIEFLAND, FL: POSS OF WEAPON OR AMMO BY CONVICTED FLA FELON; STOLEN PROP-DEAL IN X 3; GRAND THEFT 300 LESS THAN 5K DOLS X 4; BURGL UNOCCUPIED DWELLING UNARMED X 2; POSS OF WEAPON OR AMMO BY VIOLENT CAREER

CRIMINAL; BURGL DWELLING STRUCTURE OR CONVEYANCE ARMED; PETIT THEFT 1ST DEGREE 100 LESS 300 DOLS
ROBERTS JR, FORD HEATH, 45, OF WORTHVILLE, KY: OUT-OF-COUNTY-WARRANT X 6.
SALLEY, MICHAEL SHANE, 35, OF CHIEFLAND, FL: KIDNAP-FALSE IMPRISONMENT ADULT; TAMPERING IN FELONY LIFE CAPITAL PROCEEDING; ABUSE WITHOUT GREAT HARM TOWARD CHILD; AGG BATTERY CAUSE BODILY HARM OR DISABILITY.
SHEPPARD, KENNETH, 52, OF TRENTON, FL: CNTRL SUB WO PRESCRIPTION; DRIVE WHILE LIC SUSP 3RD OR SUBSQ OFF.
SULLIVAN, JAMES CLAY, 43, OF CHIEFLAND, FL: PROB VIOLATION.
WILKERSON, REBECCA, 35, OF ARCHER, FL: OUT-OF-COUNTY WARRANT X 2.

Sexual Predator Public Address Notification

On February 1, 2013 Lamont Lewis Nelson registered as a Sexual Predator with the Levy County Sheriff's Office. By Florida law Nelson is required to notify law enforcement whenever he changes or establishes a new address.



Lamont Nelson, 32, was convicted in 1999 in Highlands County, Fla. for Sexual Battery on a victim under 12 years of age. Nelson was just released from prison and has registered his address as: 12451 NE 108 Terrace, Archer, Fla.

Thieves Arrested, Property Recovered by LCSO Detectives in Local Burglaries

The Levy County Sheriff's Office received information on a couple of local thieves and moved right out on the information. On January 30 Detectives Jimmy Anderson and Mike Wilkinson arrested John Wayne Pipkin, 35, and Kelly Michelle Colson, 28, for various crimes dating back to November of 2012.



John Wayne Pipkin businesses in excess of \$500.



Kelly Michelle Colson Pipkin is being held at the Levy County Jail on a \$665,000 bond after being charged in five separate crimes. Colson is being held at the Levy County Jail for a \$165,000 bond after being charged in two cases.

The detectives recovered stolen property, including 6 guns, valued in excess of \$2,940. In addition to recovering stolen property, the detectives obtained confessions from the "duo" who had uttered stolen/forged checks to area

—Information submitted by the Levy County Sheriff's Office

Two Clerks in Williston Charged with Sale to Minors

On Friday February 1, 2013 agents from the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco working with the Williston Police Department conducted an undercover operation inside the city limits of Williston in an effort to ensure that the area convenience stores were complying with Florida laws and not selling alcoholic beverages to underage persons.

Two area clerks, Jennie Shiminski, 39, of Bronson and Maria Ortiz, 49, of Bronson sold alcoholic beverages to the undercover minor working with the agents assigned to the operation. As a result of this operation both clerks were given a notice to appear in County Court to answer the charge filed against them.

Operations such as this one are an ongoing cooperative effort between the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco and the Williston Police Department to reduce the availability of alcoholic beverages to our children.

Both clerks were charged with Making Sale of Alcohol to an Underage Person which is a misdemeanor under Florida law.

—submitted by Dennis Strow, Chief of Police, Williston, Florida

Decommission Crystal River Nuke Plant continued from page 1A

Jon Moyle Jr., a lawyer for the Florida Industrial Power Users Group, said the settlement between Duke and NEIL will shortchange the ratepayers since the settlement of \$530 million extra is less than half the lowest projected repair cost.

But Mike Hughes, a Duke spokesman, looking at the other side of the coin said the insurance money will benefit customers by covering some of the costs for initial repairs and some of the replacement power bill.

So where does that leave the customer?

Florida utilities regulators will be the ones to decide when customers see refunds to compensate for their higher bills due to having to purchase energy that could not be produced by CR3.

Florida's Public Service Commission last February allowed a \$150 million increase in base rates but directed Progress Energy Florida to refund customers \$288 million over two years for costs related to the nuclear plant shutdown. That money started to be included last month, Mike Hughes said. Another \$100 million is due to customers in 2015 and 2016 because repairs on Crystal River had not begun by the end of 2012.

Duke Energy spent \$338 million through the end of 2012 to repair the nuclear plant, \$143 million of which was covered by payments by insurance. How much of the cost to close the plant will be covered by customers or absorbed by shareholders will be decided by, you guessed it, Florida regulators.

Duke's letter ended with plans for the current employees of CR3 and in the area saying, "Approximately 600 full-time employees work at the Crystal River Nuclear Plant. Many will remain onsite to work through the closing and decommissioning of the unit. The company will work with employees to help as many as possible make the transition to positions in other Duke Energy organizations.

The coal-fired units and employees are not affected by today's announcement.

As previously announced, the company expects to retire the two older coal-fired plants (units 1 and 2) in the coming years – most likely in the 2015-2018 time frame – due to changing federal regulations, but there is no specific retirement plan for the units today.

The company has invested more than \$1 billion in recent years in adding advanced emission controls on the newer coal-fired plants (Crystal River units 4 and 5) and plans to continue to operate those units for many years to meet customer electricity demands."

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SANDGNAT NEWS Yankeetown School

Basketball Scores:

The Co-ed basketball game against Dunnellon Christian added another win for YTS. The game ended with a score of 26-20 with Coach Al Herndon adding Austin Fowler (9), Maverick Molina (9), Casey Orshal (4), and Kimberly Evers (2) as scorers for this game.

The YTS last basketball game of the year ended with both teams winning against Vision Christian. The boys score was 43-21 with high scorers being Austin Fowler (14), Casey Orshal (15); the girls game was also a win at 28-11 with high scorers being Kim Evers (10), Savannah Thompson (10) and Pam Rodgers (4). Pam Rodgers and Casey Orshal were the Defensive Players of the Year.

Being the last game of the season players were presented with certificates and flowers; Coach Al Herndon and his assistant parent, Ron Evers, received signed basketballs from their players. The final results were a winning season for YTS-Boys with 8 wins and 6 losses and Girls with 7 wins and 6 losses! Way to go Sandgnats!

Radiological Training:

John MacDonald, Radiological Emergency Planner, for Levy County Emergency Management came to YTS for an informational discussion on the Levy County/Yankeetown School Evacuation process. Discussion centered on the events that would take place in case of a disaster at the Crystal River Nuclear Station. Mr. Mac Donald showed the equipment used for detection of radiological activity; he also discussed the evacuation and the reasoning behind our evacuation plan. He stated that a pamphlet will be arriving for distribution to parents in a few weeks. Mr. MacDonald also provided a wonderful luncheon from BubbaQue's BBQ.



John MacDonald, Levy County Emergency Management

Awards Ceremony:

The 2nd nine weeks award ceremony was held on Wednesday, January 30 in the school auditorium. A new award was given, a recognition program called Character: The Core of Life. The following students were chosen by their teachers for demonstrating traits of good character:

Each month has a different theme-

For September – Responsibility: Adam Swedziak, Sheldon Pierce, Myranda Fielder, Madyson Black, Annabelle Pitts, Trina Ruttinger, Ryan Wildey, Jared Barnes, Tricia Ruttinger, Kristen Pank and Alex Wildey.

For October – Citizenship: Cara Hardy, Drashti Patel, Shana Beam, Ashley Pike, Ronnie Beam, Sheldon Pierce, David Ruttinger, Sarah Hallock, Amber Babcock, Katie Robinson, and Jessica Watkins.

For November – Honesty: Alex Wildey, Payton Bass, Morgan St. Cyr, Trina Ruttinger, Ryan Wildey, Lauren Cecere, Kerra Bell Hall, Lauren Mathews, Patrick Stewart, Hunter Orshal, Jacob Tiesmeyer, and Jaden Arnett

For December – Kindness: Sarah Babcock, Drashti Patel, Jewlia Mathews, Tate Howard, Cara Hardy, Mina Zino, Glory Thompson, Bryant Orshal, Amber Biorn, Jacob Pitts, Noveline Bowersen, and Leila Rodriguez

For January – Cooperation: Timothy Archibald, Tori Pressley, Haley Brannon, Kailey Beam, Emily Stines, Laelanni Butler, Mason Hawthorne, Cara Hardy, Shane Keim, Landon Hawthorne, Julie Snyder, and Elizabeth Beverley.

Perfect Attendance – Gabriel Gruss, Brooke Hurst, Sereana Pierce, Lourdes Colon, Katie Duncan, Rayna Prescott, Samantha DeGennaro, Alex Wildey, Chamberlain Kint, Amanda DeGennaro, Raven Langenburg, Bryant Orshal, Gena St. John, Vincent Pierce, and Ryan Wildey, Aries Langenburg, Tori Pressley, and Ashley Pike.

Women's Club Awards – Encouragement-Payton Bass; Most Improved – Conner Bryant and Clayton Sellner; Citizenship – Madison Fielder, Grace White, Tricia Ruttinger, Savannah Thompson, Amber Biorn, Vincent Pierce, and Raven Langenburg

Outline for pic #2993

Helen Ciallella, Brandon Duprey, Cara Hardy, Katie Johnson, and Lynne Tate

A Honor Roll: Anthony Biorn, Annabelle Pitts, Sereana Pierce, Grace White

A-B Honor Roll: Myranda Fielder, Brooke Hurst, Jocelyn Hurtado, Shelbee Stephens, Emily Stines, Shane Keim, Jewlia Mathews, Kyla Goode, Madeline Rohrer, Desiree Patterson, Sandra Evers, Brooke McCarthy, Sheldon Pierce, Rayna Prescott, Emily Robinson, Kylee Roland, Christopher Tiesmeyer, Lisa & Tori Pressley, Zachary Strayer, Cara Hardy, Foster Hawthorne, Alyssa Thompson, Noveline Bowersen, Haley Brannon, Orlando Colon, Jessica Watkins, Morgan St. Cyr, Willy Baker, Maverick Molina, Tricia Ruttinger, Kaloian Nedeltchev, Trina Ruttinger, and Ryan Wildey

AMVETS Contests:

Ruth Ruppert and Sandy Prescott from AMVETS Post 447, Inglis, presented the following awards for a job well done during their "Why Is It Important To Vote?" contest. Students in Kindergarten- 2nd grades submitted their coloring sheets of the American flag, 3rd- 4th submitted posters, and 5th - 8th submitted essays. Winners were all awarded certificates and a cash prize ranging from \$5 to \$25. Winners included:

Kindergarten – 1st-David Ruttinger; 2nd- David Marsee.

1st Grade – 1st-Emily Stines; 2nd-Jacob Tiesmeyer; 3rd-Jocelyn Hurtado.

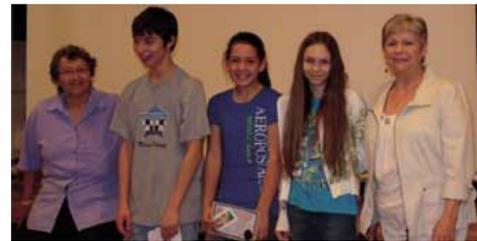
3rd Grade – 1st- Eli Thompson.

4th Grade – 1st- Katelyn Wood; 2nd- Kaitlyn Robinson; 3rd-DeLaney Cowan.

5th Grade – 1st-Trina Ruttinger.

8th Grade – 1st-Jessica Watkins; 2nd-Anna Konuck; 3rd-Tyler Archibald.

Some classes did not have entries. The first place winner's entries will be sent to the AMVETS State Level contest, and if won at that level they will be forwarded to the National Level Contest.



AMVETS award winners.

PTO Update:

Feb. 1-Very Special Person Award-New activity for students to choose their favorite staff member. Every month, PTO will award the staff member voted for by the students with a \$25 gift card. Pictures of staff –from principal to bus drivers, aides, café workers, secretaries – all have the opportunity to win.

Movie Night is Feb. 14, March 14, and April 11.

Yankee Candle Sale-March 1-15

Basket Auction-April 18

Spring Fling-May 4

Call Wanda Castell for volunteer information!! Support our PTO!

Book Fair:

The Annual YTS Book Fair will be held in the library next week, February 4 – 8. The PTO has generously donated \$5 to each student for use at the Fair. Students will get the opportunity to go with their class or as individuals at a set time next week. Students may purchase everything from books to posters.

Teacher Challenges Students – and Loses!

As the mediator of First Priority, a student-led Christian school club, I have been amazed by the growth that has been seen. From the beginnings of 12 members that had a dream to see the Lord spread His love throughout a campus, the group has risen to a regular attendance of 50 out of a possible 76 students between the grades of 5th and 8th. That is just fractions of a percent less than 66% overall middle school participation. The 50 students mark was a membership goal created two weeks ago that had an interesting payoff, if made. As the mediator, I gave my solemn oath that I would shave my legs and wear shorts the next day if this lofty, and in my mind unachievable goal was reached. Within two weeks that number was realized, along with the possibility of two more students that should have been present being out due to absence. The Lord works in mysterious ways and in places where no one expects to see them. So on a day colder than the average temperature of Pennsylvania in January, I walk, freezing my shorn legs off and see the smiles of Christians and the still undecided, as they walk by. I let them know that honesty is still present and promises fulfilled. Maybe this is the easier today than months past because the love of the Lord is radiating from a student population that was once so lost. They live out His love and those who thirst come looking for a drink that says they will never thirst again. It is amazing the miracles that can take place in a small town.

FWC Releases Female Panther Rescued as Kitten in 2011

Biologists with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) released a female Florida panther Thursday night at the Picayune Strand State Forest in Collier County.

The panther and its brother had been raised at the White Oak Conservation Center in Yulee since they were 5 months old. The FWC rescued the two panthers as kittens in September 2011 near the Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed in northern Collier County after their mother was found dead.

"This panther is healthy and has grown to a size that should prepare her for life in the wild," said Darrell Land, FWC panther team leader. "The goal in any panther rescue is to be able to release the animal back into the wild to aid in the recovery of this endangered species."

The release was coordinated in consultation with partners from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Five other kittens of similar ages – three females and two males – have been raised at White Oak and released in south Florida.

"We are grateful for the work the staff at White Oak has done to prepare this panther and others for release," said Land.

Biologists chose the Picayune Strand State Forest for the release of this panther after they evaluated the home ranges of other females in the region and found available space between them.



The panther peeks out to take in her new surroundings. Photo credit - FWC by Tom Donovan.

An estimated 100 to 160 adult and subadult panthers remain in south Florida.

Florida residents can support conservation efforts like the rescue and rehabilitation of this panther through the purchase of a panther license plate. Fees from license plate sales are the primary funding source for the FWC's research and management of Florida panthers.

To report dead or injured panthers, call the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922) or #FWC or *FWC on a cell phone.



The panther continues to sprint away toward the woodlands. Photo credit - FWC Tim Donovan.

For more information on Florida panthers, go to www.floridapanther.net.

Credit Card Debt?

Solutions that can help you get out of debt.

Tom Hill
CGA STAFF WRITER

Every three minutes another person falls behind on credit card debt. It's no wonder, since every major credit card company has nearly doubled the minimum monthly payment on consumers' bills. Federal Regulators forced the change because of their concern about the growing mountain of consumer debt, which stands at \$2.17 trillion. Many consumers can only pay the minimum payment, which can take up to 30 years to pay off. Now, relief is in sight for millions of Americans.

U.S. CREDIT CARD DEBT PER HOUSEHOLD (\$) (Data Source: U.S. Federal Reserve)

CreditGUARD of America, a non-profit licensed debt management service provider, is making a new program available to lower debt payments and become free of all credit card debt in only three to five years. Consumers need only \$2,000 or more in total credit card debt and at least 30 days behind on any account, to cut their payment by 35% to 50%, and reduce or eliminate interest charges altogether.

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One such case is Sandra L. who proclaimed "CreditGUARD cut my monthly payment by \$656 and saved me over \$29,206.53 in interest. They saved my way of life and gave me back my peace of mind! Now I can see myself on my way to becoming debt free." or Jeffrey C. who said "CreditGUARD of America helped me consolidate 3 of my credit cards into one affordable payment. They are now saving me nearly \$200 a month. Now I will be debt free in 2 years or less!"

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OPINION

Prophets and Losses

Thomas Sowell
Creators Syndicate



Now that the federal government is playing an ever larger role in the economy, a look at Washington's track record seems to be long overdue.

The recent release of the Federal Reserve Board's transcripts of its deliberations back in 2007 shows that their economic prophecies were way off. How much faith should we put in their prophecies today -- or the policies based on those prophecies?

Even after the housing market began its collapse in 2006, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said in 2007, "The impact on the broader economy and financial markets of the problems in the subprime market seems likely to be contained."

It turned out that financial disasters in the housing market were not "contained," but spread out to affect the whole American economy and economies overseas. Then Chairman Bernanke said: "It is an interesting question why what looks like \$100 billion or so of credit losses in the subprime market has been reflected in multiple trillions of dollars of losses in paper wealth."

What is an even more interesting question is why we should put such faith and such power in the hands of a man and an institution that have been so wrong before.

This is not just a question of a bad guess by Ben Bernanke. The previous chairman of the Federal Reserve System, Alan Greenspan, likewise misjudged the consequences of the housing boom and bust. Nor was the Federal Reserve's staff any more accurate in its prophecies. According to the New York Times, "The Fed's own staff still forecast that the economy would avoid a recession."

Today, the economy has not yet fully recovered from the recession that the Federal Reserve System's staff and chairmen thought we would avoid.

We all make mistakes. But we don't all have the enormous and growing power of the Federal Reserve System -- or the seemingly boundless confidence that Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke still shows as he intervenes in the economy on a massive scale.

Not only does the Federal Reserve System control the money supply and regulate banks, the Fed's willingness to keep buying hundreds of billions of dollars' worth of government bonds

makes it easier for the Obama administration to keep engaging in massive deficit spending that runs up a record-breaking national debt.

The reason that the Federal Reserve can afford to continue buying huge amounts of government bonds is that the Fed is authorized to create its own money out of thin air. They use the fancy term "quantitative easing," instead of saying in plain English that they are essentially just printing more money.

Being wrong is nothing new for the Federal Reserve System. Since this year is the one hundredth anniversary of the Fed's founding, it may be worth looking back at its history.

President Woodrow Wilson explained the reasons for creating the Federal Reserve System. He said that the Federal Reserve "provides a currency which expands as it is needed and contracts when it is not needed" and that "the power to direct this system of credits is put into the hands of a public board of disinterested officers of the Government itself" to avoid control by private bankers or other special interests.

The Federal Reserve was supposed to prevent shocks to the economy that can come from drastic inflation or deflation, and reduce the dangers that can come from widespread bank failures. These are all good goals. But what is the Fed's track record?

In the hundred years before there was a Federal Reserve System, inflation was less than half of what it became in the hundred years after the Fed was founded. The biggest deflation in the history of the country came after the Fed was founded, and that deflation contributed to the Great Depression of the 1930s. As for bank failures, they reached levels unheard of before there was a Federal Reserve System.

Like so many "progressives," then and now, Woodrow Wilson seemed to think that, if those who made government decisions had no financial interest in those decisions, then they could be trusted to wield their powers in the public interest.

But the enormous power wielded by the unelected leaders of the Fed over the economy, unchecked by the constraints of the market, has repeatedly turned out to be more than human beings can handle.

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Letters to the Editor

America Works when Americans Work

America works when Americans work. We have driven out of America millions of jobs over the last 30 years because we can't compete with countries with lower costs of doing business. Our wages, benefits, regulations, taxes, etc. all contribute to driving the cost of doing business up. Consequently, jobs go elsewhere. There is a bill in Congress, HR 25 that resurrects America as arguably the most cost competitive place to do business in the world, the FairTax bill. No more federal tax on income. Your gross pay is your take home pay. Taxes to fund

the government are generated by taxing consumption of new goods and services. To help citizens pay this tax on basic goods and services, a prebate is paid monthly to all legal Americans. No favors for special interests, everyone is treated the same. Manufacturers worldwide would flock to the USA to build factories. Good paying jobs return. Call your Congressman today and ask him to support the bill. America works when Americans work.

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Liberty or Safety

In the 1/17 edition of the Riverland News a letter by Patricia Hess advocated tougher gun control. This call for action was generated by the tragedy at Newtown and other similar events. While I know of no one who is not repulsed by this act of violence we must be careful to avoid enacting knee jerk legislation.

As with any issue there are multiple viewpoints some which can be quickly dismissed while others merit consideration. Before acceptance of any of those proposals a careful examination must be conducted. The heart of the issue is the second amendment. How would any proposal infringe upon the integrity of the amendment?

The second amendment was born out of the War for Independence. A war that was thrust upon the colonies by the British crown and the tyranny it legislated, which when resisted an attempt was made by force of arms to implement it. These legislative acts were designed to be revenue enhancing while denying the input of those who would be subject to the same, without any avenue for comment and discussion. This type of decision making sounds more than vaguely familiar at all levels of government today. Many readers of this can relate to this type of tyranny called taxation without representation.

The Founding Fathers did not nor could they have foreseen the advances in technology and manufacturing of firearms. The type of arms was never the intent here the reason was resistance of tyranny. The escalation of

anything is contingent on what others have leading to innovation. One does not take a knife to gunfight. To restrict firearms based on the fact of some tragedy caused not by the instrument used but rather the evil intent is as foolish as outlawing water due to the fact someone drowned. Lifeless tools have no ability to commit atrocities. What they did know and were more than knowledgeable of was that tyranny could not nor ever would be controlled by legislation. Tyranny is born out of the depravity of the heart. Tyranny is not partial to the use of one item over another to attain its goal.

The use of any tool requires responsibility which cannot be legislated. Legislation for the sole reason of appearing to address the issue is like many prescription medicines. Legislation here would merely serve to mask the symptom never curing the cause, such action is not without precedence. Insanity comes to mind at this point. Insanity is doing the same thing over and over expecting different results.

To eviscerate the second amendment in the name of safety will serve no other cause than to enable the further projection of tyranny upon the good decent folks who seek nothing other than to live and provide for their families.

As wise old Ben Franklin is to have said "Those who give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety."

Vernon R. Hastings, Ocala, Florida

Rotten to the Core (Part 2):
Readin', Writin' and
Deconstructionism

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(This is the second part of an ongoing series on federal "Common Core" education standards and the corruption of academic excellence.)

The Washington, D.C., board of education earned widespread mockery this week when it proposed allowing high school students -- in the nation's own capital -- to skip a basic U.S. government course to graduate. But this is fiddlesticks compared to what the federal government is doing to eliminate American children's core knowledge base in English, language arts and history.

Thanks to the "Common Core" regime, funded with President Obama's stimulus dollars and bolstered by duped Republican governors and business groups, deconstructionism is back in style. Traditional literature is under fire. Moral relativism is increasingly the norm. "Standards" is Orwell-speak for subjectivity and lowest common denominator pedagogy.

Take the Common Core literacy "standards." Please. As literature professors, writers, humanities scholars, secondary educators and parents have warned over the past three years, the new achievement goals actually set American students back by de-emphasizing great literary works for "informational texts." Challenging students to digest and dissect difficult poems and novels is becoming passe. Utilitarianism uber alles.

The Common Core English/language arts criteria call for students to spend only half of their class time studying literature, and only 30 percent of their class time by their junior and senior years in high school.

Under Common Core, classics such as "To Kill a Mockingbird" and "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" are of no more academic value than the pages of the Federal Register or the Federal Reserve archives -- or a pro-Obamacare opinion essay in The New Yorker. Audio and video transcripts, along with "alternative literacies" that are more "relevant" to today's students (pop song lyrics, for example), are on par with Shakespeare.

English professor Mary Grabar describes Common Core training exercises that tell teachers "to read Lincoln's Gettysburg Address without emotion and without providing any historical context. Common Core reduces all 'texts' to one level: the Gettysburg Address to the EPA's Recommended Levels of Insulation." Indeed, in my own research, I found one Common Core "exemplar" on teaching the Gettysburg Address that instructs educators to "refrain from giving background context or substantial instructional guidance at the outset."

Another exercise devised by Common Core promoters features the Gettysburg Address as a word cloud. Yes, a word cloud. Teachers use the jumble of letters, devoid of historical context and truths, to help students chart, decode and "deconstruct" Lincoln's speech.

Deconstructionism, of course, is the faddish leftwing school of thought popularized by French philosopher Jacques Derrida in the 1970s. Writer Robert Locke described the nihilistic movement best: "It is based on the proposition that the apparently real world is in fact a vast social construct and that the way to knowledge lies in taking apart in one's mind this thing society has built. Taken to its logical conclusion, it supposes that there is at the end of the day no actual reality, just a series of appearances stitched together by social constructs into what we all agree to call reality."

Literature and history are all about competing ideological narratives, in other words. One story or "text" is no better than another. Common Core's literature-lite literacy standards are aimed not at increasing "college readiness" or raising academic expectations. Just the opposite. They help pave the way for more creeping political indoctrination under the guise of increasing access to "information."

As University of Arkansas professor Sandra Stotsky, an unrelenting whistleblower who witnessed the Common Core sausage-making process firsthand, concluded: "An English curriculum overloaded with advocacy journalism or with 'informational' articles chosen for their topical and/or political nature should raise serious concerns among parents, school leaders, and policymakers. Common Core's standards not only present a serious threat to state and local education authority, but also put academic quality at risk. Pushing fatally flawed education standards into America's schools is not the way to improve education for America's students."

Bipartisan Common Core defenders claim their standards are merely "recommendations." But the standards, "rubrics" and "exemplars" are tied to tests and textbooks. The textbooks and tests are tied to money and power. Federally funded and federally championed nationalized standards lead inexorably to de facto mandates. Any way you slice it, dice it or word-cloud it, Common Core is a mandate for mediocrity.

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Levy County Health Department—Mosquito-Borne Illness Advisory

- Human Case of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) Virus Has Been Confirmed -

Bronson – The Levy County Health Department (LCHD) has issued a Mosquito-Borne Illness Advisory and emphasizes the importance of protection against mosquito-borne diseases after a human case of eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) was confirmed in a male resident of Levy County. EEE is caused by a virus transmitted by mosquitoes and can infect humans. This is the first confirmed case of EEE in Levy County and the first in the State for 2013. Because mosquito activity continues with a mild winter and the virus has been confirmed, the risk of transmission to humans continues to be elevated.

Symptoms of EEE may include headache, fever, fatigue, dizziness, weakness and confusion. Physicians should contact the local county health department if they suspect an individual may have a mosquito-borne illness. State of Florida Department of Health laboratories provide testing services for physicians treating patients with clinical signs of mosquito-borne diseases.

Levy County Mosquito Control and the Levy County Health Department continue surveillance and prevention efforts and advise everyone to take basic precautions to help limit exposure to mosquitoes by following the health department's recommendations. The Levy County Health Department is also recommending horse and livestock owners contact their veterinarian about vaccinations against mosquito borne diseases.

The health department advises citizens to remain diligent in protecting themselves from mosquito bites by following the "Drain and Cover":

- DRAIN standing water to stop mosquitoes from multiplying**
- Drain water from garbage cans, house gutters, buckets, pool covers, coolers, toys, flower pots or any other containers

where sprinkler or rain water has collected.

- Discard old tires, drums, bottles, cans, pots and pans, broken appliances and other items that aren't being used.
- Empty and clean birdbaths and pet's water bowls at least once or twice a week.
- Protect boats and vehicles from rain with tarps that don't accumulate water.
- Maintain swimming pools in good condition and appropriately chlorinated. Empty plastic swimming pools when not in use.

COVER skin with clothing or repellent

- **CLOTHING** - Wear shoes, socks, and long pants and long-sleeves. This type of protection may be necessary for people who must work in areas where mosquitoes are present.
- **REPELLENT** - Apply mosquito repellent to bare skin and clothing.
 - Always use repellents according to the label. Repellents with DEET(N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide), picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, and IR3535 are effective.
- Use mosquito netting to protect children younger than 2 months old.

COVER doors and windows with screens to keep mosquitoes out of your house

- Repair broken screening on windows, doors, porches, and patios.

Tips on Repellent Use

- Always read label directions carefully for the approved usage before you apply a repellent. Some repellents are not

suitable for children.

- Products with concentrations of up to 30 percent DEET are generally recommended. Other US Environmental Protection Agency-approved repellents contain Picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR3535. These products are generally available at local pharmacies. Look for active ingredients to be listed on the product label.
- Apply insect repellent to exposed skin, or onto clothing, but not under clothing.
- In protecting children, read label instructions to be sure the repellent is age-appropriate. According to the CDC, mosquito repellents containing oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under the age of three years. DEET is not recommended on children younger than two months old.
- Avoid applying repellents to the hands of children. Adults should apply repellent first to their own hands and then transfer it to the child's skin and clothing.
- If additional protection is necessary, apply a permethrin repellent directly to your clothing. Again, always follow the manufacturer's directions.

DOH continues to conduct statewide surveillance for mosquito borne illnesses, including West Nile virus infections, eastern equine encephalitis, St. Louis encephalitis, malaria, and dengue. Residents of Florida are encouraged to report dead birds via the web site for Surveillance of Wild-bird Die-offs located at <http://www.myfwc.com/bird/>. For more information, visit DOH's Environmental Public Health web site at <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/Environment/medicine/arboviral/index.html> or call your local county health department.

Angling Ethics, Common Sense Linked



By Bob Wattendorf

Angling ethics is about common sense and courtesy. It contributes to every angler's safety, success and enjoyment, as well as the future of our sport.

Conservation agencies, including the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), fishing guides, tourism destinations, marinas, tackle shops, anglers and boaters all play a role in making fishing more fun and satisfying for everyone. Most share an abiding love for aquatic resources and the role conservation stewardship plays in keeping our natural resources pristine. The following list is a good reminder.

An ethical angler:

- Promotes, through example and mentoring, an ethical use of aquatic resources.
- Values and respects the aquatic environment and all living things.
- Treats other anglers, boaters and property owners with courtesy and respect, including removing boat trailers promptly from active launching areas, watching wakes around other boaters, and not crowding other anglers.
- Avoids spilling and never dumps pollutants, such as gas or oil.
- Properly disposes of trash, including worn lines, leaders and hooks.
- Recycles whenever possible and keeps fishing sites litter-free.
- Purchases required fishing licenses and permits. (Exempt anglers often buy a license anyway, to contribute to conservation. All fishing license dollars go to the FWC – and increase matching federal funds for Sport Fish Restoration. See MyFWC.com/License/.)
- Learns and obeys angling and boating regulations and can identify local fish to adhere to the rules.
- Keeps no more fish than needed for consumption.
- Carefully handles and releases all fish that are unwanted or illegal to keep, minimizing harm to the fish. (Details follow).
- Takes measures to prevent spread of exotic plants and animals and does not use diseased or nonnative baits.
- Participates in conservation efforts such as river cleanups, vegetation transplanting, tagging studies and creel surveys.
- Practices safe angling and boating by following the laws and using common sense to prevent injury to himself/herself, others or property.
- Protects the environment from boat damage, including prop-scouring of vegetation, wake damage to shorelines, power-loading problems at ramps, or striking animals such as manatees or sturgeons.
- Conserves energy and water, knowing both affect local fish and wildlife.

"Releasing larger bass is one of the best contributions anglers can make toward the future of Florida's bass fishing," says Tom Champeau, director of the Division of Freshwater Fisheries Management.

Even though it's the right thing to do, it's nice to have an extra incentive. Hence the TrophyCatch program, which rewards anglers for releasing trophy bass with prizes donated by the fishing industry. Just registering enrolls anglers into a drawing for a Phoenix bass boat powered by Mercury.

Bass caught on live baits or artificial worms often swallow a hook, thus reducing their chances for survival. Biologists recommend setting the hook immediately after a strike, which increases the chance of hooking the fish in the mouth. Land the fish quickly without exhausting it.

Barbless hooks contribute to easier and quicker releases. If you don't have a barbless hook, simply pinch down the barbs with fishing pliers. Remember: Smaller hooks do less harm than larger ones; single hooks are better than trebles; and circle hooks are best of all.

Don't use rough or knotted landing nets that cause abrasions as a fish thrashes about and scrapes its mucus, that slimy coating that serves as a primary defense against disease.

When releasing bass, be gentle. Grip it by the lower jaw and, if possible, keep it in the water when removing a hook.

"Don't drop or throw a fish back," advises Champeau. "Instead, lower it gently into the water so it can swim away."

If a fish is taken from the water to measure or photograph, avoid touching its eyes and gills. Support a heavy fish's body with your other hand if you must lift it out of the water. One of the most crucial rules is to avoid keeping the fish out of water for more than 30 seconds at a

time (approximately as long as you hold your breath). So have your camera, scales and measuring tape ready to go.

You can place the fish back in a livewell or dip it over the side to let it breathe if you need to reset for another photo. The livewell should be aerated, at nearly the same temperature as the lake water and, if desired, you can use uniodized salt to stimulate slime production (0.5 pounds salt per 10 gallons of water). Never place fish in chlorinated tap water.

Commercial de-hookers, long-nose pliers or hemostats reduce stress. If the fish is hooked too deeply, simply cut the line and leave the hook. The fish's digestive juices will erode the hook.

Let's keep Florida the Fishing Capital of the World by recycling our catches. Also, let the FWC help you boast about your catch by sharing your photos and claiming your rewards at TrophyCatchFlorida.com.



Keeping a bass in the water as much as possible and only holding it by the lower jaw helps it survive release. Photo credit - MyFWCMedia

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City of Chiefland City Commission Meeting January 14, 2013

The Chiefland City Commission met in Regular Session at City Hall. Mayor Pomeroy called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Teal Pomeroy, Mayor-Commissioner
Teresa Barron, Vice Mayor-Commissioner
Frank Buie, Commissioner
Sammy Cason, Commissioner
Rollin Hudson, Commissioner

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT:

Grady Hartzog, City Manager
Norm Fugate, City Attorney
Robert Douglas, Police Chief
James Harris, Fire Chief
Bill Hammond, Building and Zoning Official

Student of the Month

Mayor Pomeroy recognized the following students for their excellence in the classroom:

Annette Eniquez - Chiefland Elementary School
Jada Bell- Chiefland Middle School
Hunter Bowen - Chiefland High School (not present)

Employee Recognition

Laurie Copeland and Alton Horne were recognized with a pin for their five years of service to the City of Chiefland.

Visitor:

Chuck Strange and Nikki Barwick - Chiefland Billiards and Sports Bar

Mr. Strange asked Commissioners to consider changing the blue law currently in place. He said several nearby municipalities have changed their stance on their blue law, such as City of Williston, City of Gainesville and Levy County.

Mayor Pomeroy said approximately 5-7 years ago someone brought the request to the Commission. Vice Mayor Barron said there were quite a number of people who spoke against it and a lot who spoke for it.

Mr. Fugate said Chiefland's ordinance prohibits the sale of alcohol on Sunday and the rest of the week is 7 AM to 12AM except for Thursday and Friday is 7 AM - 2AM. Mr. Strange questioned the process to proceed further. Mr. Fugate told Mr. Strange he has to convince a majority of the Commission to make the change by ordinance that requires two readings. Mr. Strange talked about the possible revenue stream created by changing the ordinance.

Commissioner Cason said just like in the past there will be a crowd here. He said liquor and crime run together. Commissioner Buie agreed. Vice Mayor Barron said this issue was addressed six years ago and it was rejected and her position has not changed. Commissioner Hudson said the City forced annexation to two businesses that sold alcohol and he wanted to allow them to continue to sell on Sunday but that was shut down.

Vice Mayor Barron said Mr. Strange could petition to have the issue on the ballot. Mr. Fugate said Mr. Strange could do a straw ballot or do a formal proposal for a charter amendment, even though it isn't in the charter, if enough petitioners, 10% of the registered electors as of the last City election, signed a petition that requires the Commission to put it on the ballot for a vote. Mr. Fugate highly recommended Mr. Strange retain legal counsel if he proceeds with the petition. Mr. Fugate cited Florida Statute 166.031 as the statute for formal charter amendments.

Dr. Richeson asked if the City Commission has the right to change the ordinance at will. Mayor Pomeroy replied yes by two readings. Dr. Richeson asked the reason why the Commission wouldn't want to sell alcohol 7 days a week. Mayor Pomeroy said the public feeling is to not sell alcohol on Sunday. Dr. Richeson said if the City is looking for money this is a good place to look.

Mrs. McCullar said the biggest concern is increased need of law enforcement. Mr. Strange asked Chief Douglas if he is lacking personnel. Chief Douglas replied yes but the main thing is drugs and thefts and WalMart retail thefts. Mr. Strange asked Chief Douglas if the need for law enforcement will increase. Chief Douglas said he doesn't know if the need will increase.

Mr. Fugate informed the City Commission that they can initiate a proposed charter amendment to go to the City voters in place of getting 10% of the citizen signatures or the Commission can put it on the ballot as a non-binding vote. He said being such a controversial subject the Commission might see some benefit from wanting to see it come from a petition of the citizens.

City Manager - Grady Hartzog

Selection of Mold Remediation and Build Back Construction Firm

Mr. Hartzog said eight firms that attended the December 27th mandatory pre-bid meeting. Proposals were received on January 8th from four firms and ranked by staff.

The firm of JTN Construction gave a low base price of \$39,255 however when their very high price of \$100 per linear foot for the HV AC work is factored in it increases their bid price by \$30,000. This firm also included a clause not given by any other firm that they be paid a rate of \$58 per hour for any additional work they were asked to perform. Since not all work can be known at this time staff did not feel comfortable with this clause and felt it could significantly increase the cost of the contract. Also this firm has only been in business for two years whereas the next lowest contractor, Dreyer's Cleaning and Restoration has been in business for 34 years and their disclosed price for the HVAC duct work was the lowest. Staff suggests Dreyer and J&L Construction be placed on the short list as the two top ranked firms and the City Manager begin the contract process with Dreyer's however should there be any issues that result in the City Manager being unable to finalize a contract with the top firm, allow him to drop to the second ranked firm.

Mr. Hartzog said Dreyer's Cleaning and Restoration base bid is \$62,414.53 with HVAC \$9.97 linear foot. J&L Construction

is \$77,100 and HV AC is \$45 - \$176 linear foot depending on duct size. Total prices do include removing the existing carpet but does not include replacing the carpet. The carpet will be bid separately.

Mr. Hartzog said the standard contract will be used and he will ask Mr. Fugate to review it.

Commissioner Hudson asked about the funding source for the project. Mr. Hartzog said he previously suggested utilizing the Waste Pro street paving money or the City could borrow the money. Mr. Hartzog said the total amount of the recommended base bid of \$62,414.53 does not include any funds for the HV AC duct work or the carpet replacement. Vice Mayor Barron asked how much has been spent to date, Mr. Hartzog replied approximately \$10,000.

Vice Mayor Barron asked if staff can check with JTN to see if his price for the duct work price can be reduced. Mrs. Copeland said this is how the firms bid the project. Mr. Fugate said it depends on what rights the City reserved on the bid documents. Commissioners asked Mr. Fugate to review the bid documents that were sent out and they will discuss it at the next meeting.

Resolution Number 13-01 Re-Affirming City of Chiefland Affirmative Action Plan

The City adopted its original affirmative action plan in November 1993. The State requires the City bring the plan up to date by making sure all definitions were correct and an EO officer be appointed.

Mr. Fugate said he hasn't read through the Resolution before today, but it appears there are no mandatory requirements.

Vice Mayor Barron made a motion to approve Resolution Number 13-01 updating and re-affirming its existing affirmative action plan including the appointment of the City Clerk as the equal opportunity officer. Commissioner Cason seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Utility Easement Dollar Tree Stores

Dollar Tree is going to construct a 9,700 square foot retail store in Chiefland. As part of the construction process Dollar Tree will be connecting to the City water system and creating a looped system. The water line will be on Dollar Tree property but owned by the City of Chiefland, therefore, an easement will be needed granting the City access to the water line for maintenance and repairs. Mr. Hartzog said Mr. Fugate prepared the document along with the description of the easement.

Vice Mayor Barron made a motion to approve the grant of utilities easement between the City of Chiefland and Dollar Tree Store. Commissioner Hudson seconded. Mr. Fugate said he has verified the right owner to sign off on the document it but the City should get the owner to give the City a title search to see if there are any mortgage holders that might need to consent. Vice Mayor Barron amended her motion to include after the owners supply the City with a title search to see if there is anyone else that needs to sign off on the document. Motion passed 5-0.

Police Chief Robert Douglas

JAG-D Grant Program FY 2012-13

Chief Douglas said the City was awarded the JAG-D grant that was applied for in October 2012. The funds will provide \$1,484 for a computer for dispatch and Police Chief.

Vice Mayor Barron made a motion to accept the 2012/13 JAG-D grant award and authorize the Mayor and Police Chief to sign all grant related documents. Commissioner Hudson seconded. Motion passed 5-0

Levy County Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force

Chief Douglas said he spoke with new Levy County Sheriff Bobby McCallum who said he's been busy and he would come to a City Commission meeting after he reviews the drug task force agreement for renewal. Commissioners reviewed a letter from Sheriff McCallum offering to extend the current Drug Task Force agreement dated January 1, 2009 through the first City Commission meeting in February.

Mayor Pomeroy read the distribution formula in the current drug task force agreement. He said the last four years that he has records for the City received 7.56% of the sharable funds, as opposed to when the agreement began in 2000 - 2005 the drug task force distributed 79% to participating members. Vice Mayor Barron said she talked with Sheriff McCallum and looks forward to talking to him at our first meeting in February.

Chief Douglas said the task force spent \$30,000 buying drugs in Chiefland. Mayor Pomeroy said he would like this agreement to be a true multi-jurisdictional task force.

Vice Mayor Barron said she feels certain the Sheriff understands our concerns and he will address them. Mr. Fugate said he understands for the years the money that hasn't been paid out has already been spent by the sheriff's department, and asked if there is an issue of anything that is currently in the process. Mayor Pomeroy asked Chief Douglas to bring back an itemized list describing all properties in limbo. Vice Mayor Barron told Chief Douglas the agreement states all the meetings are to be noticed, she asked if minutes were taken at the meetings. Chief Douglas said minutes were not taken unless the Sheriff's secretary attended the meeting. Mayor Pomeroy asked Chief Douglas to prepare a drug task force annual report for the next meeting.

Letter to State Attorney William Cervone

Chief Douglas presented to the Commission a copy of a letter he wrote to State Attorney William Cervone requesting him to assess a standard minimal charge for each criminal case that results in a conviction made by the Chiefland Police Department to include criminal traffic.

Police Activity Update

Chief Douglas presented a copy of the police activity for December 2012.

Request to Hire New Officer

Chief Douglas stated Officer Ken Hutson resigned to take a position with another agency. Chief Douglas asked permission

to hire reserve officer Melissa Watkins to fill the vacant full time position created by Officer Hutson's resignation.

Mayor Pomeroy suggested hiring Officer Watkins tentatively in case Sheriff McCallum decides to do away with the drug task force. Chief Douglas said he does not anticipate Sheriff McCallum making that decision. The City Commission agreed by consensus to hire Officer Watkins full time.

Fire Chief James Harris

Fire Activity Update

Chief Harris gave an update of the recent fire activity and the annual fire report.

New Department Members

Assistant Fire Chief A.D. Goodman recognized new department members: David Sanders, Kevin Davis, George Ney and Lee Dunn.

Fire Budget

Mayor Pomeroy questioned Chief Harris about the Fire Department level of service if Levy County cancels Chiefland's service in District 7.

Chief Harris said the level of service will remain the same:

- Respond to all fire and fire related alarms - commercial and residential
- All hazardous material incidents
- EMS/first responder calls according to county protocol
- Vehicle accidents with injury and or extrication
- Rescue calls for trapped children and adults
- Staffing levels will remain the same:
- 1 paid Chief on duty in the station from 08:00 until 17:00 Monday - Friday
- 1 paid or Volunteer Chief on duty 24/7
- 1 paid Captain on duty 24/7
- 1 part-time Firefighter on duty from 09:00 until 18:00 7 days a week
- Volunteer back up when available

Chief Harris said the difference of \$22,313.85 will come from Repair and Maintenance Building, Repair and Maintenance Vehicle and Operating Expenses. The total fire budget would be \$358,641.25.

Chief Harris said the current fire budget is \$380,000, the City pays \$179,000 and the County pays \$199,000 of that. Mr. Fugate said if the County takes back the unincorporated area from Chiefland, leaving us with Chiefland and the level of service remains the same the City would have to come up with the full \$358,641.25. If at that point the City decides to get out of the fire service and give it to the County, the County will come in and do their fire assessments and when those numbers are calculated it will total approximately \$500,000.

After some discussion, Vice Mayor Barron said Chiefland can work with the County the current arrangement is very good because we are stationed in Chiefland which helps EMS and the citizens. Mayor Pomeroy said he wants this to be fair and equitable for the fire department serving the outside county area.

Mr. Al Moruna questioned Chief Harris about the status of the cleanup of the house across from the senior center. Mr. Hammond said the City is still waiting on the family to settle with the insurance company. Chief Harris said the fire department has cleared their part. Mr. Fugate said this property is in the process of going through code enforcement.

City Attorney Norm Fugate

Quasi-Judicial Hearings

Mr. Fugate said Mr. Hammond asked him to look at the City's current quasi-judicial process policy which was approved years ago. The agenda document is a draft preliminary document for the Commission to review. He asked Commissioners to call him with questions and said the document will come back before the Commission after their review.

Christmas Light Lawsuit

Mr. Fugate said there is no final order yet on the lawsuit.

Old Business

None

Commissioners New Business

Vice Mayor Barron - Schedule Special Meeting for February 11, 2013 at 5:30pm for Fire Chief Annual Performance Evaluation and Employment Agreement Renewal.

Commissioners agreed to hold the special meeting on February 11, 2013 at 5:30pm.

Commissioner Hudson said he received complaints about limbs being hauled from outside the City to the City burn pile on the weekend. Mr. Hartzog said the gate to the Industrial Park is open when Coarsey works on the weekends. Mr. Hartzog said people have been caught previously and City employees do the best they can to monitor it. Commissioner Hudson questioned the penalty or fine for dumping by non-residents. Mr. Hartzog said a fine can be imposed and the persons can be taken to court.

Commissioner Buie reported a cable hanging and lying over a sidewalk on S.W. 2nd Street and S.W. 1st Avenue. Mr. Hartzog said he will report it again.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Special and Regular Meeting Minutes - December 10, 2012

Commissioner Cason made the motion to approve the minutes of the special and regular meetings held December 10, 2012. Commissioner Buie seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

City Manager Resignation

Mayor Pomeroy asked about the process in the past. Mrs. Ellzey said the Commission will set out the guidelines, salary and then advertise. Mayor Pomeroy said he would like for Commissioners to receive a copy of the advertisement and requirements.

Commissioners accepted Mr. Hartzog's offer to stay until employees are moved back into the City Hall building.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Attest;

Grady Hartzog, City Manager

M. Teal Pomeroy, Mayor/Commissioner

Recorded by: Mary Ellzey, Deputy City Clerk

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City of Chiefland City Commission Special Meeting January 14, 2013

The Chiefland City Commission met in Special Session at City Hall Mayor Pomeroy called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Teal Pomeroy, Mayor-Commissioner
Teresa Barron, Vice Mayor-Commissioner
Frank Buie, Commissioner
Sammy Cason, Commissioner
Rollin Hudson, Commissioner

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

ALSO PRESENT:

Grady Hartzog, City Manager
Robert Douglas, Police Chief

Mayor Pomeroy said Mr. Hartzog's evaluation points totaled 1082.3 with a composite score of 4.16. Mayor Pomeroy said he gave Mr. Hartzog a good evaluation, he has done a great job for the City of Chiefland and he has enjoyed working with him. Commissioner Cason agreed.

Vice Mayor Barron said Mr. Hartzog works well with the Commission and a lot of times she calls him with issues that need to be taken care of around the community and he does take care of those issues right away.

Commissioner Hudson asked Vice Mayor Barron about her comments on her evaluation of Mr. Hartzog. Vice Mayor Barron said at one of the Commission meetings there was a disagreement about re-advertising the budget.

Commissioner Hudson questioned Vice Mayor Barron's written comment relating to Mr. Hammond. She said that was about a meeting she and Mr. Hartzog made with Mr. Terence Reed. Commissioner Hudson said the car purchase was a fumble.

Commissioner Hudson read Vice Mayor Barron's comment "the public has asked about the hours worked and being off on Fridays, if working 4 days per week are you working 40 hours?" Commissioner Hudson said he has had a bunch of comments about that also. Mr. Hartzog said his contract doesn't say 40 hours. Commissioner Hudson said he has had several comments about Mr. Hartzog working four days a week. Mr. Hartzog said he and Mrs. Ellzey swap, he is off one Friday and she's off the next Friday and he is off one Monday and she's off the next. Mr. Hartzog said that is an administrative decision that was made and it can be changed. Commissioner Cason and Mayor Pomeroy said no one has talked to them about this issue. Mr. Hartzog said he can resolve it.

Mayor Pomeroy asked Vice Mayor Barron if the misinformation about the budget amendments was from Mr. Beauchamp's office. Vice Mayor Barron said the Commission talked about re-advertising at the beginning of the year because of changes and when it came down to the end of the year then everything changed and we weren't going to advertise the changes that were already approved at the beginning of the fiscal year. Mr. Hartzog said the recommendation was that Mr. Beauchamp's staff said to wait to the latter part of the year before amending the budget and the reason for that is there was

a question about \$74,000 due to general fund. The audit was started today and hopefully that issue can be resolved.

Commissioner Hudson said Mr. Hartzog worked hard to try to resolve the Mary Blake issue. He met with Central Florida Electric and others. Vice Mayor Barron said that is what he does well.

Mr. Hartzog said he is very thankful he has been allowed to serve for six years. He said he has considered a request to give his notice of 30 days effective February 14, 2013 to terminate his contract as City Manager of Chiefland. The staff and department heads have been wonderful to work with.

Commissioner Hudson asked Mr. Hartzog how long he was at Newberry. Mr. Hartzog replied seven years as City Manager and then Mayor-City Manager for 10 years. Mr. Hartzog said in respect of the next City Manager it is almost impossible for someone to move to the City for a one year contract. Mr. Hartzog offered to stay long enough to get back in the City Hall building because the bids will be submitted tonight. He said his contract says a 30 day notice and that is the intent of what he wants to do. Commissioners agreed to discuss the matter further in the regular City Commission meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:43 P.M.

Attest;

M. Teal Pomeroy, Mayor-Commissioner

Grady Hartzog, City Manager

Recorded by: Mary Ellzey, Deputy City Clerk

Levy County Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting, December 4, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on December 4, 2012 at 9:00 AM in the Levy County Board of County Commissioners meeting room, with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman Danny Stevens

Comm. Chad Johnson

Comm. John Meeks

Comm. Ryan Bell

Comm. Mike Joyner

Also present were:

County Attorney- Anne Bast Brown

County Coordinator- Fred Moody

Clerk of Court - Danny Shipp

Comm. Stevens called the Meeting to order at 9:02 A.M. Osborn Barker gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	109831-110097
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,118,786.01
ROAD	165,646.98
SHIP	18,018.00
NSP	5,462.87
TRANSPORTATION	38,412.74
911	14,000.00
COURT FACILITIES	4.00
PROGRESS ENERGY	4,524.15
EMS	141,293.59
FIRE	17,542.62
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	4,934.52
UTILITIES	463.47
ADD COURT COSTS	550.80
IMPACT FEES - EMS	1,506.41
DEBT SERVICE	7,920.66
LANDFILL	15,002.47
TOTAL	\$1,554,069.29

MINUTES

The minutes for the regular meeting on November 6, 2012 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on November 6, 2012 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

ZONING

Rob Corbitt, Director

Petition No. PP 1-12, Preliminary Plat of "Nishia Village."

Atty Brown swore in those in the audience wishing to speak for or against the Petition.

Atty. Brown then asked if any of the Commissioners had any ex-parte communications with the petitioners.

Mr. Corbitt requested Board approval of Petition No. PP 1-12, Preliminary Plat of "Nishia Village" on behalf of Croft Land Surveying who represents Venetta Anderson. Mr. Corbitt stated the parcel contains 8.02 acres more or less and will consist of five 1 acre lots. The zoning designation is "RR-2" Rural Residential and the land use is "LDR" Low Density Residential.

Comm. Stevens asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against the Petition. There were none.

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve Petition No. PP 1-12 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

UNITY FAMILY COMMUNITY CENTER

Ms. Annie Battles, Ms. Joyce Wilson

Presenting details of grant opportunities to Levy County from the Department of Health & Department of Children and Families.

Ms. Wilson spoke to the Board explaining grant opportunities which are available to Levy County from the Department of Health & Department of Children and Families.

OPPOSITION OF ALAN FANT COMPOST DEVELOPMENT

Gary Bennett, Kathy Joe Rindernecht, Cecil Benton, Kelly Morgan, Hal Phillips,

Presenting a petition opposing the ongoing development of Mr. Alan Fant's dump of horse stall compost.

A group of land owners in the Morrision area spoke to the Board requesting action regarding a horse compost development on property owned by Alan Fant. The following individuals spoke in opposition to the ongoing development:

Gary Bennett
Kathy Joe Rindernecht
Cecil Benton
Kelly Morgan
Hal Phillips
Kathy Bennett

The above listed landowners stated their reasons for opposing the horse compost on Mr. Fant's property is:

Dramatic increase in flies, especially in warm weather

Hazardous potential to the groundwater source

Decrease in land values

Strong foul smell

Unightly

Material brought in from out of county

Wear and tear on county roads used to transport material in

Negligible value for crop fertilizer value

Mr. Corbitt spoke and Code Enforcement Officer, Ted spoke to the Board and stated Mr. Fant is not in any violation of any Levy County Codes. He stated he has no authority to enforce any State Laws, and according to DEP, Mr. Fant is exempt from any State Statutes or State Laws which would prevent this type of composting operation.

Mr. Fant spoke to the Board, addressing concerns by those which spoke earlier and informing them of his farms cooperation and compliance with inspections which have been done. He explained the process of how the horse bedding material on his property is turned into usable compost. Mr. Fant also provided for the Commissioner's review, information from Levy County Ag. Extension Agent, Anthony Drew supporting the composting of horse bedding material done on his farm.

Comm. Stevens stated Mr. Fant's horse bedding composting operation is not in violation of any County Code and the Board has no authority with regard to State Laws and Regulations. It was the Board's position to take no action.

The meeting recessed at 10:33 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 10:47 A.M.

COUNTY AGENT

Albert Fuller, Director

Request budget increase and approve the purchase of a new truck for the Agricultural Agent.

Mr. Fuller requested Board approval for a budget increase for the purchase of a new truck for the Ag. Extension Agent, Anthony Drew. Mr. Fuller explained Mr. Drew is currently driving a 1991 Ford with 300,000 miles. It has reached a point where the current repair costs to make the vehicle safe and reliable to drive are much greater than the value of the vehicle once repaired.

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve going out for bids on a replacement vehicle for the Ag. Extension Agent. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Mark S. Johnson, Director

A. Request to accept the Progress Energy Contract (Amendment No. 6)

Mr. Johnson requested Board approval to accept the Progress Energy Contract, Amendment No. 6 which extends the completion date of the Contract from September 30, 2012 to September 30, 2014. The non-matching amounts are:

2012-2013	2013-2014
\$125,210	\$118,315

Comm. Bell made a motion to accept the Progress Energy Contract Amendment No. 6 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Request to accept the Emergency Management

Performance Grant (EMPG)

Modification #1 to Sub-grant Agreement.

Mr. Johnson requested Board approval to accept the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) in the amount of \$58,348. The agreement period is from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 in the amount of \$58,348.

Comm. Bell made a motion to accept the EMPG as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

C. Request approval to purchase Radiation Detection Meters.

Mr. Johnson requested Board approval to purchase 27 handheld Radiation Detection Meters from DEQ Technical Sales, LLC in the amount of \$17,366. This purchase is funded by Progress Energy.

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve the purchase of Radiation Detection Meters as presented. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC SAFETY

David Knowles, Director

A. Williams Communications, Harris Communications and the State of Florida would like to request Levy County to donate or form a long-term lease for a one acre parcel in the Williston area.

Mr. Knowles requested Board approval for either a donation or long-term lease on a one acre parcel in the Williston area with Williams Communications, Harris Communications and the State of Florida to erect a tower to enhance the SLERS communication system.

The Board agreed by consensus to move forward to work with this project.

B. Request approval to apply for the Florida Forest Service Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant for the following stations: Fowlers Bluff, Morrision/Montbrook, Rosewood and Yankeetown.

Mr. Knowles requested Board approval to apply for the Florida Forest Service Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant for Fowlers Bluff, Morrision/Montbrook, Rosewood, and Yankeetown Fire Departments. This is a 50/50 grant and if awarded, will offset the cost of items already budgeted for the year in these departments.

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve application for the Florida Forest Service Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant as requested. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike McDonald with Basic Two-Way Radio in Ocala spoke to the Board apologizing for an error in a sales letter sent to the County Commissioners and others in Levy County regarding ICom.

Mr. Moody informed the Board the next North Florida Broadband meeting will be on Wednesday, December 12th at the Quality Inn in Palatka. This is the same day as the Legislative Delegation meeting to be held in Courtroom A.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Johnson attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Dental Clinic at the Health Department last month and commended those who worked to help make the changes to the building possible.

Central Florida Community College in Chiefland has opened their welding facility and Comm. Johnson invited the other Commissioners to check it out.

FFA Sub-Districts will be on Thursday, December 13th at Bronson First Baptist.

Comm. Bell commended the Chiefland Chamber of Commerce for their work on the Chiefland Winter Festival this past Saturday. Inglis will have their Christmas Festival this Saturday, the 8th and on December 22nd will be an Open House at Seahorse Key from 10: A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Comm. Meeks informed everyone on December 15th at 12:00 P.M. at Rosemary Cemetery in Bronson, the Sons of AmVets Post 88 will be holding their wreath laying ceremony for Wreaths Across America.

On December 21st will be holding their annual "Winter in the Park".

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:24 A.M.

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'Outta' the Woods

Deer Season Still Goin' Strong in Zone D



By Tony Young

My wife and I got us a new huntin' spot this year, and as hunting seasons go, we have had a pretty good one thus far. We each took a racked buck, although I will admit hers was bigger. Also, I took a doe and a nice longbeard with my bow. But there's still lots of deer-hunting days west of where we live in Tallahassee. So if you're like me and not ready for deer season to be over and don't mind hunting with a primitive weapon, then point your pickup truck toward Zone D, because deer season is still goin' strong on private lands and on a lot of the wildlife management areas (WMAs).

The second phase of muzzleloading gun season runs Feb. 18-24 in the Panhandle's Zone D. This unique late season, which occurs only in this zone, was established to allow hunters the chance to hunt the rut, which runs from mid-January through February in this part of the state.

A \$5 muzzleloading gun permit is required to hunt during this season, where, on private land, hunters have the choice of using a muzzleloader, bow or crossbow.

On WMAs, this postseason is referred to as the archery/muzzleloading gun season. Hunters can use bows or muzzleloaders, but not crossbows, unless they possess a disabled crossbow permit. Hunters who choose to hunt with a bow must have the \$5 archery permit, and those using a muzzleloader need the muzzleloading gun permit.

The most common kinds of game to hunt during this season are deer and wild hogs. Only bucks may be taken (even if you use a bow), and one antler must be at least 5 inches in length. If you're hunting deer, make sure you have the \$5 deer permit. On private land, the daily bag limit is two. Bag limits and antler size for deer on WMAs can differ, so please consult the area brochure before you hunt.

Wild hogs aren't considered game animals on private lands, and because of this, they can be taken year-round by most weapons with no bag or size limits. On most WMAs, there

also are no bag or size limits, and hogs are legal to take during most hunting seasons except spring turkey. On selected WMAs, specific bag and size limits do apply, so check the area's brochure to make sure.

No dogs may be used in the pursuit of deer during this season. However, leashed dogs can be used to track a wounded deer if necessary. And it's important to note that no turkeys may be taken during this season.

Bows and crossbows must have a minimum draw weight of 35 pounds, and hand-held releases on bows are permitted. Broadheads used in taking deer must have at least two sharpened edges with a minimum width of 7/8 inch.

During this season, you may use only muzzleloaders that take black powder or a non-nitro-cellulose substitute and are fired by wheel lock, flintlock or percussion cap ignition (including 209 primers). You may not use muzzleloaders that require smokeless powder or those with self-contained cartridge ammunition capabilities. For hunting deer, muzzleloaders that fire single bullets must be at least .40-caliber, and those firing two or more balls must be 20-gauge or larger.

You're allowed to take deer and hogs over feeding stations on private land, but it's illegal to do that on WMAs.

Twelve of the WMAs in Zone D have a late archery/muzzleloading gun season, and if you plan to hunt any of 'em, you must have the \$26 management area permit as well. Ten of those areas don't require a quota permit during this period: Apalachicola, Apalachicola River, Beaverdam Creek, Blackwater, Choctawhatchee River, Econfina Creek, Escambia River, Point Washington, Tate's Hell and Yellow River WMAs. The only ones that do require a quota permit are Chipola River and Perdido River WMAs.

You can get all of the licenses and permits you'll need at any tax collector's office or retail outlet that sells hunting and fishing supplies, by calling 888-HUNT-FLORIDA or by going online at License.MyFWC.com.

So if you're not quite ready to give up on deer hunting, have no fear, 'cause February's here! Grab your favorite primitive weapon and head over to Zone D where the rut is still on.

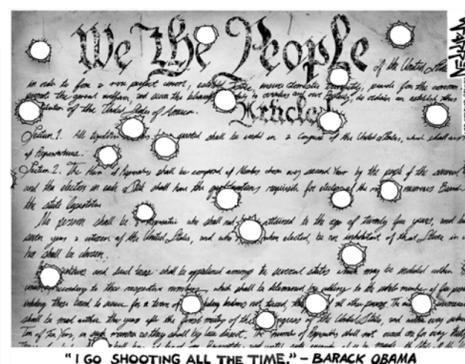
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<p>ADDITIONAL SENIOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION</p>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must be 65 years of age by January 1, 2013. 2. Annual household adjusted gross income must not exceed \$27,590 for year 2012. 3. Proof of age and income required. 4. If you do not file an IRS schedule 1040 income tax return, then a sworn statement is required. 5. Annual statement of income from social security and veterans administrating benefits will be accepted. 6. This is an annual application and is not automatically renewed. 		
<p>\$500 WIDOWS/WIDOWERS EXEMPTION Any widow/widower who is a permanent Florida resident may claim this exemption. If the widow/ widower remarries, she/he is no longer eligible and if the husband and wife were divorced before his/her death, the woman is not considered a widow, nor the man a widower. If filing for the first time, please present a Death Certificate or other proof of your widow/widower status.</p>	<p>DISABLED VETERANS' EXEMPTION A disabled veteran who has 10% or more war time disability is entitled to an additional \$5,000.00 beyond Homestead Exemption. A "V.A." letter must accompany application, or other acceptable record of disability. Veterans who are totally and permanently disabled as a result of certain service connected disabilities should contact the Appraiser's Office for determination or other special benefits.</p>	<p>AGRICULTURAL (GREENBELT) FILINGS All owners or lessees of agricultural lands who desire agricultural classifications for tax purposes on their property must file agricultural application with the Appraiser between January 1 and March 1. Agricultural classifications are automatically renewed.</p>
<p>PROPERTY TAX DISCOUNT FOR VETERANS AGE 65 AND OLDER WITH COMBAT RELATED DISABILITY</p> <p>A Florida veteran who is age 65 or older who is partially or totally permanently disabled shall receive a discount from the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property the veteran owns and resides in if the disability was combat related, the veteran was a resident of this state at the time of entering the military service of the United States, and the veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service. The discount shall be in a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for the discount granted by this subsection, an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser, by March 1, proof of residency at the time of entering military service, an official letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability as combat related, and a copy of the verteran's honorable discharge.</p>		
<p>NON-VETERAN DISABILITY EXEMPTION \$500.00 Every Florida resident who is totally and permanently disabled qualifies for the \$500 exemption. If filing for the, first time, present proof of the total and permanent disability by obtaining a certificate from a licensed physician of Florida. Residency must be as of January 1, 2013. Quadriplegics should contact the Appraiser's Office for special benefit information. If blind or confined to a wheelchair, there is an income limitation per year, including Social Security, contact the Appraiser's Office for determination of other special benefits. Disability forms are available at the Appraiser's Office.</p>	<p>TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY EXEMPTION \$25,000 Tangible Personal Property returns must be filed no later than April 1st. Failure to file a return will result in a penalty and an assessment will be made as provided by Florida Law. Tangible Personal Property includes property such as business furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment, household goods, and personal effects. (Florida residents are exempt from the tax on household goods and personal effects in their homestead.) The deadline for charitable and qualified non-profit organizations eligible as such exemption is March 1st. All others must file by April 1st.</p>	
<p>HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION IS NOT TRANSFERABLE — A NEW APPLICATION MUST BE FILED FOR ANY CHANGES</p> <p>Information will be required from all persons applying for exemptions to determine their residency status. If Husband or Wife is filing for one or both, residency documentation will be required for both.</p> <p>We are at your service and will be most happy to assist you in any way. Our office is located in the Levy County Courthouse. Website - www.levypa.com</p> <p>Osborn "Oz" Barker Property Appraiser -- Levy County P.O. Drawer 100 • Bronson, Florida 32621 • (352) 486 - 5222</p>		



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Levy County Board Of County Commissioners Regular Meeting, December 18, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on December 18, 2012 at 9:00 AM in the Levy County Board of County Commissioners meeting room, with the following Commissioners present:

- Chairman Danny Stevens
- Comm. Chad Johnson
- Comm. John Meeks
- Comm. Ryan Bell
- Comm. Mike Joyner
- Also present were:
- County Attorney- Anne Bast Brown
- County Coordinator- Fred Moody
- Clerk of Court - Danny Shipp
- Comm. Stevens called the Meeting to order at 9:04 A.M.
- Comm. Johnson gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	110098-110248
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	502,390.17
ROAD	31,597.82
SHIP	45,190.00
NSP	15,007.00
TRANSPORTATION	29,028.57
911	29,866.87
COURT FACILITIES	39.95
PROGRESS ENERGY	1,091.46
EMS	41,161.12
FIRE	6,059.79
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	4,507.33
UTILITIES	907.10
COMMUNICATION	21,362.58
ADD COURT COSTS	1,850.80
CAPITAL PROJECTS	6,000.00
LANDFILL	77,744.71
TOTAL	\$813,805.27

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Board Meeting on November 20, 2012 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on November 20, 2012 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

HEALTH CARE ADVISORY BOARD

Presenting information about health in Levy County and some ways that the HCAB may serve the Board of County Commissioners.

Swain Strickland spoke to the Board on behalf of the Health Care Advisory Board presenting information about the County's National Health Care ranking.

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

Connie Asbell
Request permission to donate broken computers to LARC.
Mrs. Asbell advised the Board she had several computers, printers and keyboards which were no longer usable and requested approval to donate them to LARC.
Comm. Johnson made a motion to approve donation of computers, printers and keyboards no longer usable from the Supervisor of Elections office to LARC as requested. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

ALFRED KOCH

Requesting permission to speak before the Commissioners concerning the Ambulance Service Non-ad Valorem Assessments.
Mr. Koch spoke to the Board with regard to his EMS Tax Assessment and questioned why he has received an additional \$200 bill with his yearly tax bill.
Comm. Stevens responded to Mr. Koch's questions and explained how the Ambulance Service Non-ad Valorem Assessments were calculated.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Bruce Greenlee, Administrative Superintendent
Request to place NE 80th St. on paving list.
Mr. Greenlee requested Board approval to place NE 80th Street on the paving list.
Comm. Meeks made a motion to add NE 80th Street to the paving list. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Request adoption of a Resolution 2012-71 to schedule a public hearing on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. for closure of a dedicated right-of-way of NW 50th Avenue as requested by Petitioners, Edmund T. and Donna D. Parada.

Mr. Greenlee requested Board approval of Resolution 2012-71 to schedule a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. for closure of a dedicated right-of-way of NW 50th Avenue as requested by Petitioners, Edmund T. and Donna D. Parada.

Comm. Bell made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-71 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Bruce Greenlee requested the Board hear a non-agenda item.

Comm. Bell made a motion to hear a non-agenda item. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Johnson votes NO.

Andrew Carswell of Mills Engineering presented bid information to the Board for the paving of LCR 464 as follows:

Anderson Columbia Co., Inc.	\$925,395.50
APAC-Southeast, Inc.	\$1,117,188.20
John C. Hipp Construction Equipment Co.	\$984,614.86
V.E. Whitehurst & Sons, Inc.	\$834,560.00

Mr. Burleson presented the Certificate of Qualification for V.E. Whitehurst & Sons, Inc. to Mr. Carswell and the Board.

Mr. Carswell stated the recommendation of Mills Engineering is to accept the bid from V.E. Whitehurst & Sons, Inc. as they were the lowest bidder.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to accept the bid from V.E. Whitehurst & Sons, Inc. as presented and authorize

the chair to sign. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

Ms. Cannon spoke to the Board objecting to their decision to approve V.E. Whitehurst & Sons, Inc. as the bid was not complete.

COUNTY COORDINATOR

Fred Moody
Request approval USDA Service Office Lease Amendment #4.

Mr. Moody informed the Board since the FSA had been relocated from the Ag. building in Bronson to Gilchrist county, the proposed Lease Amendment #4 would be at a reduced amount. There will now be 1,006 of usable square feet of space in the amount of \$16,458.16 at the rate of \$1,371.51 per month effective December 1, 2012 through June 1, 2013.

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve the USDA Service Office Lease Agreement #4 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

LEVY COUNTY TRANSIT

Connie Conley, General Manager
Request approval of Shirley Conroy Rural Area Capital Assistance Program Grant Contract.

Ms. Conley requested Board approval of the Shirley Conroy Rural Area Capital Assistance Program Grant Contract. The Grant has been approved for \$64,776 for a new bus and has a 10% match amount of \$6,477.60.

Comm. Johnson made a motion to approve the Shirley Conroy Rural Area Capital Assistance Program Grant Contract as requested. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

SUN RAY TAVERN - WILLARD'S RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

Tom Trammell, Sonny Innsbrook
Request to change closing hours from 12:00 A.M. to 2:00 A.M.

Mr. Trammell requested the Board allow his business to stay open two hours longer than the currently permitted closing time of 12:00 A.M. He stated he is losing customers to other businesses in the neighboring county which stay open longer.

Comm. Stevens stated there is an Ordinance in place which does not allow a business selling alcohol to stay open past 12:00 A.M. Changing this would require Public Hearings and he is not in favor of doing this.

Mr. Trammell requested the Board consider changing the Ordinance.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to have Atty. Brown research this topic and bring information back to the Board.

COUNTY AGENT

Albert Fuller, Director
Presenting three quotes for the purchase of a new truck for Agriculture Agent Anthony Drew.

Mr. Fuller presented the Board with three quotes for the purchase of a truck for Ag. Agent, Anthony Drew.			
State Contract	\$17,241.00	2013 Ford F150 4 x 4	
Scoggins Chevrolet	\$21,083.11	2013 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4 x 4	
White Ford	\$28,555	2013 Ford F140 4 x 4	
Chiefland Chrysler/x	\$23,922.50	2012 Dodge Ram 1500 Dodge/Jeep	

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve the purchase for the State Contract amount of \$17,241 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

Barbara Edmonds, UF/IFAS Extension Master Gardeners
Presenting the Board of County Commissioners with a check representing the value of volunteer hours donated by Nature Coast Master Gardeners to educate citizens in homeowner horticulture.

Ms. Edmonds presented a check to the Board in the amount of \$38,520, which represents the value of the volunteer hours donated by Nature Coast Master Gardeners to educate citizens in homeowner horticulture.

PUBLIC SAFETY

David Knowles, Director
Request Board approval to lease the Levy County DOC Correctional Facility located on CR 343 at a cost of \$300.00 per year.

Mr. Knowles requested Board approval to lease the Levy County DOC Correctional Facility located on CR 343 in the amount of \$300 per year.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the lease with State of Florida DOC for the Correctional Facility located on CR 343 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

Request approval to put the succession plan in place.
Mr. Knowles stated the Department of Safety has created a succession plan in order for the Department to operate in an efficient and orderly fashion in the case of the Director's unexpected absence.

Request approval to give the Assistant to the Director, Alesha Arnold, signature authority in the event of the Director's absence.

Mr. Knowles requested Board approval to give Assistant to the Director, Alesha Arnold, signature authority in the event of the Director's absence. This item goes with item B.

Comm. Johnson made a motion to approve the succession plan and to give signature authority to Alesha Arnold in the event of the Director's absence as requested. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Knowles requested Board approval to present a non-agenda item.
Comm. Meeks made a motion to hear a non-agenda item. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Johnson votes NO.

Mr. Knowles presented information to the Board concerning repairs to the radio communications building at the Sheriff's Office. An Agreement with the construction company has been prepared by Atty. Brown and Mr. Knowles. At this point there is a signed Agreement in the amount of \$14,032.74. Mr. Knowles requested Board approval of the Agreement.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve the Agreement as presented in the amount of \$14,032.74. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

SHIP

Shenley Neely, Director
Request a motion to approve recommendation of no changes to Levy County's current Affordable Housing Incentives.

Ms. Neely requested Board approval of the recommendation of no changes to Levy County's current Affordable Housing Incentives.

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve the recommendation of no changes as presented. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Anne Bast Brown
Request approval of Resolution 2012-69 electing to use the Uniform Method of Collecting Non-ad Valorem Special Assessments for Fire Protection Services and facilities levied within the unincorporated area of the county and the municipal limits of the Town of Yankeetown.

Atty. Brown requested Board approval of Resolution 2012-69 which will include the Town of Yankeetown in the Fire Assessment Program. Approval of a Resolution is statutorily required as is a Public Hearing.

Comm. Stevens asked if there was anyone in the audience to speak for against the item stated above. There were none.

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-69 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dana Sheffield spoke to the Board and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Johnson offered congratulation to representatives to the State Science Fair from area schools. He also reported of Levy County FFA contest recipients. Comm. Johnson also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Comm. Joyner wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Comm. Bell informed everyone Seahorse Key will hold an Open House from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on the 22nd. He also presented skills gap information for the Commissioners review.

Provide information and status report on the RESTORE Act (Resources & Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economies) of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 and Gulf Consortium.

Comm. Bell provided information and a status report on the RESTORE Act of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 and Gulf Consortium.

Comm. Johnson made a motion to waive the bid process and have Mr. Williams come in to give an educational presentation to the Board. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

Discuss NW 80th Street position on the road paving list.
Comm. Bell spoke to the Board regarding re-prioritizing NW 80th Street which is in his district. It is not in need of paving at this time, but is on the list. He asked if the Commissioners would like to move this road down on the list or remove it completely.

After discussion, Comm. Joyner made a motion to rotate NW 80th Street to bottom of list. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mrs. Cannon spoke to the Board stating the rules of placing a road on the paving list and feels it should be removed completely.

Comm. Bell wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
Comm. Meeks reported the Wreaths Across America was a success. Bronson will be hosting Christmas in the Park on Friday, December 21st, beginning at 5:00 P.M. at the Youth League Field. Comm. Meeks reported he and Comm. Joyner attended the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council year end meeting.

Mr. Moody reported of the recent North Florida Broadband meeting he had attended and stated it is moving forward.

Comm. Stevens asked for nominations for Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the upcoming year.

Comm. Meeks made a nomination for Comm. Bell to serve as Chairman for 2013. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Bell made a nomination for Comm. Johnson to continue as Vice-Chairman for 2013. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

These appointments will take effect at the next meeting.
THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:13 A.M.

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WES Took the Lead and Read, Read, Read

by Barbara Hoyt, WES Reading Coach, (photos by WES Staff)

The slogan for literacy week in Florida this year was "Take the Lead and Read" and that is exactly what the Williston Elementary Wildcats did! The school was buzzing with many activities to help guide WES students in finding or intensifying the joy in reading. These activities included:

- joining the state in its goal of reading 30 million minutes in one day. The Wildcats contributed 10,484 minutes!
- organizing a "Community Read-Aloud Day" in which many of Williston's wonderful community leaders read to students. Members of the local Rotary Club – Catherine and Andy Burke, Blake Fugate, Justin Head, Linda Fugate, Jonathan Lewis, Melody LaFlam, Mary Abayan and Chris Cowart, who is also school board member – went from class to class. Other dignitaries included Williston Police Chief Dennis Strow and Deputy Chief Clay Connelly; Williston firefighters Thomas Ratchford and Cody Murphy; SBLC Superintendent Bob Hastings; Dr. Rosalind Hall, ESE Director; Dr. Maria Coady from the UF faculty; School Resource Officer Grant Sandlin and WES principal Marla Hiers and assistant principal Melissa Lewis.
- competing in a school-wide bookmark contest. Winners from each class celebrated at a Reader's Tea with Barbara Hoyt, the school's reading coach.
- designing classroom reading strategy posters to be highlighted in the library during the school's spring book fair.
- donating books to our PBS Wildcat Store.
- participating in a school-wide "Running to Read" event.
- sending home a suggested reading list from Just Read Florida.

WES was thankful to the United Way for donating the bookshelf full of books that are free to the 3rd through 5th grade students. Reading made the WES Wildcats "roar" with excitement!



Levy County Superintendent Bob Hastings sits in a rocker to read to the 3rd graders of Hillary Cribbs and Michelle Ruiz. Joining him from the county office was Dr. Rosalind Hall, ESE Director.

Williston Mayor's Student of the Month Award for February 2013

Joyce Bullock Elementary:

Rance Moxley

Son of: Leighton and Tisha Moxley

Nominated by: Kim Milton, his teacher who made the following comments:

I am so happy that Rance was chosen for the Mayor's Student of the Month! I cannot begin to say enough wonderful things about Rance. To begin with his character in and out of the classroom is amazing. He is such a sweet, caring and thoughtful young man. You can tell he has been raised to show compassion to others. Rance is always willing to help a friend in need or pass a kind word to someone that might need a smile.

As a student Rance is a teacher's dream. He is one that always follows the rules, listens to the directions and wants to please. This is evident because he has maintained straight A's the first 2 nine week grading periods. Go Rance!!

I am very proud of you Rance, as I know your family is too! Keep up the good work. You are a truly amazing young man

and I am proud to be called your teacher.

Williston Elementary School:

Jenna Mueller 5th grade

Daughter of: Allen and Elia Fant

Nominated by: Steve Van Zwienen, her teacher who made the following comments:

Jenna was nominated because she is an outstanding student, both academically and with regard to citizenship. She has been gifted with a great mind, and she makes the most of this ability by working hard and staying on task. But more importantly, she is a good person. She is kind to others and is the

kind of person who would be the first one to help another student in any way possible.

January Student of the Month

Williston Middle School:

Valentina Lavieri-Sosa - 8th grade

Daughter of: Maria Sosa

Nominated by: The grade team who made the following comments:

Valentina Lavieri-Sosa is an excellent eighth grade student at Williston Middle School. It is with great pleasure that we chose her as our Student of the Month. All of her teachers say "Tina will do anything you ask of her with a smile and she goes over and above what is asked of her."

Valentina is 13 years old and she has a brother named Diego who is 12. Her family is originally from Venezuela, but has lived here for over 8 years. We are so glad they joined our community; everyone at WMS knows or knows of Tina and Diego. Mom, Maria Sosa is very involved with her children and can be seen volunteering or supporting her children on campus often.

Besides being an excellent student, Tina is an athlete that participates in both volleyball and softball. She also has a leadership role in FFA and she is an active member of the Jr. Beta Club. Her favorite subject is math and she would love to go to the University of Florida. She hopes to study sports medicine. Some of Tina's hobbies include helping her stepdad with the horses and reading. She says "I am not a big fan of TV."

February Student of the Month

Williston Middle School:

Kami McCormick 6th grade

Daughter of: Ton and Kellie McCormick

Nominated by: The grade team who made the following comments: Kami McCormick has been selected by her teachers for Williston Middle School's Student of the Month. She is an outstanding example of a student that works hard, stays positive, and shines. She is one of our many stars this year in sixth grade. Kami is very responsible, not afraid to invest time and effort in her studies and for this she has achieved wonderful grades so far this year. She is a stellar AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) student. She is kind and helpful to her classmates and teachers and behaves as a model citizen. She is a member of FFA, a positive leader in the classroom as well as an enthusiastic athlete on the Lil Devils Basketball team and the Lil Devils Softball team. She is an asset to our school and community and highly deserved of recognition.

Williston Central Christian Academy:

Rachel Spillane 1st grade

Daughter of: Patrick & Kim Spillane

Nominated by: The teacher Rhonda Gauthier who made the following comments:
Rachel Spillane, a first grader, attending Williston Central Christian Academy performs as an outstanding student both academically and socially. Rachel is a positive role model at school as well as in our community. Rachel not only takes the time and effort to have outstanding penmanship, she works diligently during and out of class to complete her assignments. Often Rachel's positive attitude and willingness to go the extra mile encourages other classmates to follow. Reading and writing are Rachel's favorite subjects. She loves to share her stories with others.

In addition to sharing her love for reading and writing stories, Rachel often demonstrates her God-given artistic ability by illustrating her stories, making handmade gifts and completing art projects to bring joy to others. She also enjoys developing her gymnastic skills and spending time with her family at RV campsites located throughout the U.S. This opportunity to experience many things firsthand has given Rachel an enormous amount of background knowledge that allows her to relate to many situations and people. God often uses this wisdom along with her great sense of humor to put a smile on someone's face. She brings lots of joy and laughter to the ones around her.

When Rachel is near, God's love shines through her. We are blessed to have Rachel as part of the WCCA family.

January/ February 2013 Levy County School Year Calendar

FEBRUARY 2013							MARCH 2013						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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11-15 FTE Week
18 Presidents Day
26-28 FCAT Writes

6 Early Release Day
20 End of 3rd 9 Wks
21 Early Release-- (Teacher Work Time)
22-28 Spring Break
29 Good Friday

Catholic Schools Closed
 Teachers Work/Student Attendance
 Excused Day for Students
 Early Release
 Report Cards
 Spring Break/Schools Closed

LEVY COUNTY SCHOOLS LUNCH MENU

February 11, 2013	February 12, 2013	February 13, 2013	February 14, 2013	February 15, 2013
Chicken Fajitas (D-40) Steamed Broccoli Chilled Peaches Assorted Milk	Macaroni and Cheese w/Ham (D-26) Homemade Wheat Roll Creamed Green Peas Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Assorted Milk	Chicken Burritos (D-12B) Savory Green Beans Chilled Mixed Fruit Assorted Milk	Pizzaburger on Roll (F-04) Sweet Potato Fries Winter Blend Vegetables Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Assorted Milk	Chicken Sandwich on Bun w/Mayo Tater Tots Baked Beans Lettuce/Tomato Flavored Packaged "Crasins" Chilled Peaches Assorted Milk
February 18, 2013	February 19, 2013	February 20, 2013	February 21, 2013	February 22, 2013
Presidents Day	Chicken Parmesan Whole Wheat Buttered Pasta Savory Green Beans Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Assorted Milk	Oven Fried Chicken Whipped Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Steamed Broccoli Fruited Jello Homemade Wheat Roll Assorted Milk	Scalloped Potatoes w/ Ham (I-16) Garden Salad w/Fresh Spinach and Tomatoes Sweet Potato Pie Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice	Popcorn Chicken Oven Fries "School Recipe" - Beans & Peas Seasoned Yellow Corn Chilled Mixed Fruit Assorted Milk

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4	5	8	9	3	2	6	1	7
3	2	1	5	6	7	4	9	8
2	1	6	7	5	9	3	8	4
8	3	7	2	4	1	9	5	6
5	9	4	6	8	3	2	7	1
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	8			4	7	1		2
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The answers for this week's sudoku puzzle will appear in next weeks issue.

The Bull and the Underwear

There were 5 houses, 2 big barns, a horse barn and a shop in a pasture of about 400 acres. We had cows and horses in this pasture also and there were no fences around our houses.

Nobody on the ranch had clothes dryers; our wives hung the wash on lines. There was this big bull in the pasture. When he saw clothes on the lines he would walk back and forth under the line gettin' flies off his head and back.

One morning we were workin' on some equipment in the shop which was not far from my house when all of a sudden I heard my wife give a yell. I looked toward the house and she was a chasin' the bull with a broom and he had a pair of her panties on his horn.

Moral of the story: Now that's funny!

The Duck and the Cowdogs

One Saturday, Ms. Jean and I loaded up the kids and went out to Fort Christmas to visit Bob and Barbara Arnold at the ranch where we once worked.

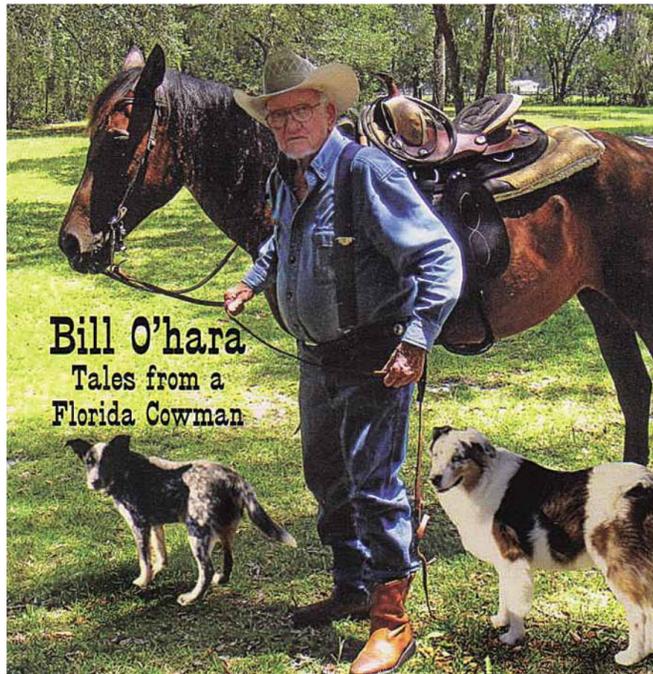
Barbara had hatched off a bunch of baby ducks and she gave the kids one of them.

We didn't have a cage to keep it in, so the kids put it in a cardboard box on the screen porch.

Next weekend we all went into Orlando and we didn't get home until around 10:00 or 10:30 that night. When we got home the box was empty and the duck was gone. You guessed it, I had to get my flashlight and look for the duck. There was 5 big cowdogs that slept under my house and I knew that one of them dogs had that duck for supper. When I shined my light under the house there was the duck, settin' on one of those dogs asleep. And he went to stayin' there every night - that was the safest place on the ranch! There wasn't no varmint goin' under there with them cowdogs.

We never did find out how the duck got out of the box and opened the screen door?

Moral of the story: You figure that one out!



You can contact Bill for a CD at 352/493-2766 or write him at: 8151 NW 77 Place, Chiefland, 32626.

Log Cabin Quilters



The spinning wheel demo was a major attraction. Lorna had a lot of questions to answer. She'll be back in March.

The Log Cabin Quilters met Thursday, January 31 at the Levy County Quilt Museum. Joyce and Peggy brought in some fabric they no longer wanted so the members had a great time looking thru it for future projects. We also got volunteers to bring sheet cakes for the Fish fry on Saturday.

Our Thursday lunch was great with homemade turkey pot pie, meatballs in barbeque sauce, scalloped potatoes, zipper peas, bean salad, jell-o with blueberries, raspberries and strawberries, tuna salad, fruit salad, banana bread, ginger snaps and more. After lunch, we were all lazy and caught up with what's been going on with each other.

Saturday was a fantastic day. It started out very cold and turned into a great day that we could open the doors and let fresh air in. The cold weather kept people away until mid-morning. A few brave people did set up tables and had some success (they didn't sell everything they brought) so they plan to return the first Saturday in March.

The fish fry or chicken and dumplings went over well. Cathy's cole slaw was delicious. Many thanks for Joe Allen Markham and Charles Weeks for catching, cleaning and cooking the mullet. Dylan Welch was kept busy helping set up our yard sale tables and helping with the fish fry. Tony Weeks Chevron furnished the ice. Cathy Weeks and Lois Fink did the inside cooking and serving. Cleo Prevatt and Ann Hardee did the chicken and dumplings and then pitched in and did

all the dirty dishes. Thanks to everyone else who helped us Saturday.

The live music was great. Next month we hope the other members of the group will be well and able to join us. S. J. Hall also had members of his group out with illness. We'll plan to see both in March.

Lorna and her spinning wheel drew a crowd all morning. She must have answered a million questions. She plans to be back in March also. Some brave members of her audience were able to try their hand at spinning.

The Tri-County Cruisers were also present. It looked like they also had their share of questions and lookers. Thanks for coming.

Our rocking chairs on the porch were kept busy. We saw "old" friends and made new friends. Everyone is invited out to visit us. Next week, I'll bring you up to date on the road sign and our battered flag.



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The 23% tax is included in the stated price of each item or service. Thus for a \$100 item, \$23 goes for taxes, and the remaining \$77 pays the cost of the item. This is the same as saying that if you are in the 25% income tax bracket, for every \$100 you earn, \$25 goes for taxes and you keep \$75. On the other hand if you divide \$23 by \$77 you come up with a 30% tax; but to be fair, your income tax rate by this same method would be calculated by dividing \$25 by \$75, which is 33%. And if you add in your \$7.65 payroll tax for social security, you now pay \$32.65 and keep \$67.35, which is really a 48.5% tax. Thus the 30% Fair Tax rate looks good.

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Mosaic Winners in Cedar Key



First place- Colette St Mary for Woman



Second Place - Linda Zidonic for Sandhill Cranes



First place- Colette St Mary for Woman

On Saturday, February 2nd, the Cedar Key Arts Center proudly opened their doors to this month's offering comprised of an Open Community Mosaic Show in the Main Gallery and Sarah Westenberg's textiles in the Members' Art Gallery.

A mosaic art group from Gainesville called Cracked Glass, headed by Linda Zidonic, added their professional masterworks along with many other local professional artists. There

is a beautiful range of looks and textures all using the art form of mosaic. The show drew many art lovers from vacationers, faithful members and guests.

Winners of the Mosaic's competition were: First place: Colette St Mary for "Woman"; Second Place: Linda Zidonic for "Sandhill Cranes"; Third: Kathleen Dummitt for "Dark Night of the Soul" and Honorable mentions went to Lois Benninghoff and Connie Nelson.

Bronson Speedway Driver Paul Dear Shares Trophies to Kids Era at Track –Are you one?



Paul Dear, right, and his mechanic Jim Brown after a win at Bronson Speedway in 1980. Photo by Suzette Cook/racebronson.com

By Suzette Cook

Paul Dear, 78, started his racing career in 1949 in Keene, N.H. He started out racing a 1937 Chevy and stopped racing up north after August 1951 when he enlisted in the



United States Air Force where he spent four years working as a heavy equipment operator.

It wasn't until February, 1974 that Dear moved to Florida with his wife Dorothy.

Dear remembers arriving in Florida just in time to catch the Daytona 500 race live in Daytona.

"They opened the track (Bronson Speedway) in March and I went there for my first race on the 4th of July 1978," Dear recalls. Bronson Speedway had held races for four months prior to Dear taking his car out on the track, but he won the champ title for his division despite his late start in the season.

"They complained that I won too much, so I started in the rear, and I still won. I was a hustling," Dear says.

Lots of local kids would follow Dear to the winner's circle and take a photo. He started giving his trophies away to those kids.

Dear remembers that some local children would always choose to ride in his car and not their fathers' cars during intermission when the drivers would take them around the track few times.

In 1978, he won his races with a 1968 yellow Chevelle which belonged to his wife. "We made it into a race car and I gave her another car and she didn't like that," Dear recalls.

Dear raced at Bronson from 1978 to 1990 and ended his career minutes before his last

race was supposed to start. Dear had a heart attack on the way to his race car on that Saturday night in October, 1990 and never returned to Bronson Speedway as a driver.

He still has fond memories of the track. One night the drivers tried to block Dear from winning, he said. They drove side by side, building a wall he couldn't get through.

"So I went on top, on that sand pile in front of them and came back down and won the race," he said.

"I stuck my hand out of the window and motioned to them to 'Come on.'"

That was before the walls went up around the track. "You can't get away with that with the barriers now," Dear adds.

He said he won a race once on three wheels but, "I got black flagged for racing on three wheels. Can you imagine how the crowd loved me?" he asks.

Do you have a trophy that Paul Dear or another driver from Bronson Speedway gave to you? Or do you have a collection of trophies from a family member who raced at the track? If so, please share your trophy story with UF journalism student Suzette Cook. You can reach her at suzettecook@onebox.com or (352) 260-2511.



Paul Dear, left, gave most of his trophies away to kids that came out to the winner's circle. Local race fan Lee Cleaver still has the trophy Dear gave him. Photo by Suzette Cook/racebronson.com

Bronson FFA Receives FFA: Food For All Grant

Nationwide Grant Provides Funding for Food Production, Service-Learning

The Bronson FFA chapter in Bronson, Florida has been awarded \$2500 as part of the FFA: Food For All program. The nationwide program provides grant money to local FFA chapters to support year-long service-learning projects focused on developing and implementing sustainable hunger relief projects.

The Bronson FFA plans to help fight hunger by expanding the Bronson Middle High School Educational Laboratory Garden to be able to produce both the quantity and quality of vegetable crops necessary to supply the Bronson First United Methodist Church Meal Program, a group that serves meals, and The Children's Table, a group that distributes commodities to low-income families, and the Bronson Middle High School Cafeteria with a good source of healthy, nutritious, locally grown produce. Students will also research and provide nutritional information to meal program participants.

The FFA: Food For All grant program is administered by the National FFA Organization, with funding provided in part by Farmers Feeding the World and the Howard G. Buffett Foundation. The program provided approximately \$323,000 to FFA chapters in 42 states. More information about the program can be found at www.FFA.org/foodforall.

— submitted.

Cedar Key School Awarded Grant for Water Resources Education Project

Students at Cedar Key School in Levy County will learn about water quality thanks to a Splash! school grant from the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

The goal of the Splash! school grant program is to provide teachers with funding to enhance student knowledge of topics that meet the District's core mission and teach students about their local watersheds, water conservation, quality and supply. Splash! school grants provide up to \$3,000 per school on a reimbursement basis and are available to public school teachers.

Melissa Gulvin, the District's K-12 education coordinator, said the grant program is important because these funds are often the deciding factor in whether students learn firsthand about local water resources or not.

"For instance, if a school's campus is near a local water body, students may conduct hands-on water testing and cleanups while learning how their actions affect the health of that local water body and the surrounding watershed," she said.

Teacher Raymond Powers of Cedar Key School was awarded \$1,341. Students will travel to selected sites along the Suwannee and the Waccasassa Rivers to conduct water quality testing and learn about the plants and animals at each site. Students will learn how human actions affect water quality and industries such as the local clamming industry in their town.

This year, 94 Splash! grants were awarded across the District's 16-county region to educate students on water resources. Past Splash! grant projects include student monitoring of local water quality, environmental field studies and school or community outreach campaigns designed to encourage water conservation.

2012 Citizen of the Year Annual Awards Banquet

The Greater Chiefland Area Chamber of Commerce has done it up right in Purple and Gold for the 2012 Citizen of the Year Annual Awards Banquet being held on February 26, 2013 at the Tommy Usher Center. Doors will be open at 6:00 p.m. followed by the dinner at 6:30 p.m. The banquet theme this year is "Happy Birthday Chiefland" for the 100th birthday celebration and the vibrant colors of purple and gold will appropriately decorate the center.

This is a wonderful opportunity to join in the fun, reconnect with colleagues, share some laughs, participate in the Silent Auctions and the Balloon Pop fundraiser and free drawings all through the evening

for door prizes donated by many of the local businesses.

You and your guests are all invited to attend the reception followed by the catered dinner as we honor the 2012 Citizen of the Year at the Annual Awards Banquet. Seating space is limited so **reservations are required**. Reservations are \$25 per person paid in advance or \$30 if reserved and paid at the door. You can reserve your seating by calling the Chamber office at 352/493-1849, email to: chieflandchamber@bellsouth.net or by sending your check for the amount of your reservations to: Chiefland Chamber, P.O. Box 1397, Chiefland, FL., 32644.

Around the Nature Coast

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Wed, Feb. 20th 1:30-3:30 PM Chiefland Senior Ctr.

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.

SRWMD Governing Board Meeting Feb. 12

On Tues., Feb. 12, 2013, the Suwannee River Water Management District's Governing Board will meet at 9:00 AM at District Headquarters, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, FL 32060.

The meeting is to consider District business and conduct public hearings on regulatory, real estate and other various matters. During the Feb. 12, 2013 Board meeting, the District will hold a Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution Number 2013-01 and Amendment to 2013 Florida Forever Work Plan.

All meetings, workshops and hearings are open to the public.

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.

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 or by calling the FWC's regional office in Lake City at 386/758-0525.

Levy County BoCC Feb. 19

The Levy County Board of County Commissioners will meet on Tues. Feb. 19, 2013 at 9 AM in the meeting room in the courthouse located at 355 S. Court Street in Bronson. The BoCC meets on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of the month and again two Tuesdays later.

Manatee Springs State Park Hosts Moonlight Paddle Starting Feb. 23

Paddle along the Suwannee River by Moonlight- These events will take place: 6:00 PM Sat., Feb. 23; 7:30 PM Sat., Mar. 23rd. at Manatee Springs State Park, 11650 NW 115th Street, Chiefland, Florida

Contact: Melissa LeMatty (352) 493-6072 or Joleen Dudley (352) 493-6736

Manatee Springs State Park is hosting the moonlight paddle events. Participants will learn about the history of the river while enjoying the beautiful scenery by moonlight. The park's Citizen Support Organization will provide a short program following the moonlight paddle. Light refreshments will be served.

To reserve a rental kayak for \$20.00 or canoe for \$30.00 through Anderson's Outdoor Adventures, call 571-230-0906. Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring bottled water, a flash light and whistle. Children under the age of six and pets are not allowed due to safety. Park entrance fees of \$6 per carload of up to eight people will apply. For more information, visit www.FloridaStateParks.org.

Levy County Extension Presents Florida Master Naturalist Uplands Module

A limited number of spaces are available for the Uplands Module of the Florida Master Naturalist Program this spring at the Levy County Extension office in Bronson. This seven-week course with classroom and field trips will be held Weds., Feb. 27 through Apr. 10 from 9 AM to 5 PM. UF Extension, wildlife professionals and cooperating agencies will provide research-based instruction in an exciting, fast paced and fun group environment. The cost for the course is \$225. Partner share discount is available. For details and to register go to <http://www.masternaturalist.ifas.ufl.edu/>

In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding wildlife in the urban setting, contact Fred Vose, Wildlife Ecology and Conservation, at fvose@ufl.edu or call 352/486-5131.

2013 JBS Education and Outreach, Gainesville Chapter CPMK

Feb. 25 - Beware of the Con-Con Con; Mar. 25 - Southern Poverty Law Center; Apr. 22 - The Gang; May 6 - Restoring Our Republic; June 24 - Who Are the Enemies of Liberty; July 22 - Introduction to Activism & The Power of 500; Aug. 26 - Morality and Freedom; Sept. 23 - Shadows of Power.

It is imperative that patriotic citizens make every effort to be informed on history and current events. Our schedule includes programs on solutions to restore our Constitutional Republic. These programs correctly identify the enemy of our Republic. Lloyd W. Bailey Jr., John Birch Society Chapter Leader, (352) 332-0738; www.jbs.org

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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. 9

Master Naturalist and Educator Susan Pratt will conduct two 'Leave No Trace' training sessions on Sat., Feb. 9, 10 AM, at the Withlacoochee Gulf Preserve, 1001 Old Rock Road, Yankeetown. The session is free. 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 friendswgp@gmail.com for our planning purposes. Visit www.withlacoocheegulfpreserve.com for more information and directions.

Yankeetown-Inglis Woman's Club

Valentine's Day Spaghetti Dinner and Dance Feb. 16 at The Yankeetown-Inglis Woman's Club is the place to be on Sat., Feb. 16 for the much anticipated Spaghetti Dinner extravaganza from 5 to 8 PM. Bring your own wine or beer and join us at your neighborhood "Bistro" on 56th St, Yankeetown for a dining experience like no other. A delicious spaghetti dinner with home-made sauce, garlic bread, salad, coffee or tea awaits; \$8 adults, \$3 children under 12 and children under 5 are free. For the sweet tooth, a wonderful Italian dessert will finish off your meal. Don't forget to pick up a few quarts of delicious sauce for \$5.00 each and take-out orders are always available; call the clubhouse 352/447-2057 to place your order.

The dance will kick off at 9 PM with 50's music. And the "Second To None" store will be open for your shopping pleasure. For questions call the club at 352/447-2057 Tues thru Sat 10 AM-2 PM.

Yankeetown Inglis Woman's Club, Second to None Shop's Special for February will be 25% off Woman's Sweaters, Jackets and Blazers. Open Tuesday thru Saturday 10 AM - 2 PM and Thurs. evenings from 5 PM to 7 PM. All proceeds are given back to the community in our support of the AF Knotts Library, Yankeetown School, Fire and Resue

from Inglis and Yankeetown and many other worthwhile community causes.

Education Salad Luncheon Wed., Mar. 20, 12 Noon at the clubhouse on 56th St., Yankeetown. 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

Special Town Council meeting will be Feb. 18 at 7 PM. The Yankeetown General Election will be Tues. Feb. 26 from 7 AM to 7 PM with the audit on Feb. 27 at 2:30 PM. A Special Council meeting will be on Feb. 27 at 12:30 PM. A regular Board of Trustees meeting will be on Feb. 27 at 5:30 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

AARP Chapter 912 Meeting Feb. 11

The Feb. meeting of AARP Chapter 912 will be Mon. Feb. 11 at 9:30 a.m. at AmVet Post 444 located on Hwy 27 Alt. From Williston toward Bronson take the first left past the BP station. Signs will be posted. For information about our local AARP Chapter call 528-3323.

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 7 PM. 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.

Williston City Council Meeting Feb. 19

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. 19. City Hall is at 50 NW Main Street, Williston, 352/528-3060.

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 motorcycleists 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 Posteraro @ 352-528-6030 or 352-339-1201; Also check out: <http://wes.levyschools.org/tr/safety-patrol>

CHIEFLAND

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 14 on East Park Avenue.

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

The Friends of the Chiefland Library Meet Feb. 14

The Friends of the Luther Callaway Public Library (FLCPL), the Chiefland Branch of the Levy County Public Library System, will hold their monthly meeting at the Library, 104 NE 3rd Street, Chiefland (a block behind City Hall), at 11:00 AM on Feb. 14. The FLCPL supports the Luther Callaway Public Library by promoting the Library's programs and resources and through fundraising projects to augment the Library's budget for the purchase of reading materials, books on tape, videos, operating supplies and minor equipment. Prospective members and guests are welcome at the meeting. For further information call FLCPL president Ann Brown at 352/226-7413.

TRENTON

Suwannee Valley Quilt Festival Looking for Crafters and 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 for more information, including an application, or contact Pat Watson at 352-463-3467, or via email at pat@gilchristcounty.com.

GILCHRIST COUNTY

American Legion Post 91

Come join us for Bingo every Tuesday evening at our smoke-free and alcohol-free Bingo Hall at 4200 S. US Hwy 129 between Trenton and Bell across from the "Field of Dreams" with doors open at 6:30 PM and games at 7 PM. Bingo Games are open to the public. Free coffee is provided or during the cooler winter

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Levy County 4-H OPEN Shooting Sports Rifle Competition

WHEN: Saturday February 16, 2013
WHERE: 4-H Pavilion - 625 N Hathaway Ave, Bronson
TIME: Registration begins at 8:00 AM

All youth and adults are invited to attend and compete in the Open Rifle Competition. Events will be:

- Smallbore Rifle (.22) - shooting the CMP match
- Air Rifle - shooting the 10m - 3P match

Age categories are:

- JUNIOR - ages 8 - 10 - can shoot the Air Rifle ONLY
- Intermediate - ages 11 - 13
- SENIOR - ages 14 - 18

ALL Youth ages are as of September 1, 2012

- ADULTS - ages 19 and up

COST is \$10.00 per shooter (\$5.00 for Levy County 4-H members), this price includes a lunch for all paid participants. Concessions will be available for purchase.

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Pastor Doug Fleming

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Worship Service 10:30am
352-493-4597
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Chiefland, FL 32626
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Discipleship Training 6 p.m.
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Sunday -
Sunday School 9:00am
Worship 10:00am
Wednesday -
Dinner 5:30pm
Awana 6:00pm
Worship 7:00pm
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10:15 a.m. Worship
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493-1561 or 493-9723
Saturday Evening 5:30pm
Sunday 8:30am
Religious Education Class
Wed 6:00pm-7:10pm pre K-12th
Father Joe McDonell

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"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
Pastor Troy A. Turner
451 S. Court Street - Bronson, FL 32621 - 352.486.2282

Pine Grove Baptist Church
16655 N. W. CR-339
Trenton, Florida 32693
352-463-2151
www.pgbcfl.net
Dr. Greg Douglas, Senior Pastor
Pastor Rickey Whitley, Assoc. Pastor/Youth
Pastor Emanuel Harris, Education/Children
Pastor Jared Douglas, Collegiate/Missions
Pastor Josh Ryals, Music
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.
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Sunday
10 a.m. Bible Study
11 a.m. Worship Period
5 p.m. Worship Period
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Minister
Gene Dumas
352-542-0657 or
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Children's Church
Wednesday Night
Learning Time 7 pm

Church Calendar

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.

Training Up a Child in this Day

When I was a kid we didn't have cable TV, we had rabbit ears, and I was considered the remote. With enough tin foil we might be able to pick up all three channels. You could expect Cartoons on Saturday, Church on Sunday, and at midnight they'd play the National Anthem and shut her down.

I'm thinking maybe those were the good old days. Though I suppose television those days had its flaws too. Those "Hee Haw" girls were awful risqué, and Buck Owens would always be singing, "Gloom, despair, and agony on me." (Talking about a song you don't want stuck in your head!) Then there were the soaps, which brought way too much unneeded drama into America's households. Oh... and how could we forget Saturday morning wrestling (Or "rastlin" as we called it in Mississippi). It was there I experienced the first ding in my armor of innocence.

I was just five years old, sitting alone in front of my grandmother's big console one day as the wrestling came on. I'd never seen such. My jaw slung open like a snaggletoothed fly trap. There was this good guy in a white hat, named Cowboy Bill. He took to fighting this dark seedy character whose name now escapes me. Cowboy was doing real good, until old seedy started cheating and dug down into his trunks for a chain. Seedy wrapped that chain around his fist and socked poor ole' Cowboy right in the kisser. The referee must've been easily distracted, because he missed the whole thing! A few minutes later, when Cowboy Bill got up off the canvas, he looked straight into the camera and spit out a handful of bloody Chicklets. My breath escaped me. A wave of fear pounced on my back and I ran into my Mimi's bedroom and hid under her bed. I realize now it was fake, but that day, I laid there until I cried myself to sleep.

I was reminded of this the other day while I was at a kid's birthday party. Three older little boys were herding up together and whispering with such goggle-eyed passion I purposed to ease closer and get in on the big secret. "I snuck up behind this guy and put the gun against his head and blew it clean off," the one was saying. "There was blood spurting everywhere!" They all laughed. Now my eyes were goggled. I must be overhearing some sort of awful confession. Another kid responded with an equally gruesome tale. I wanted to run and hide under a bed somewhere! Then it dawned on my lightning fast mind, these young tuffs were just talking about their exploits on a video game.

You may call me old fashioned, but I say shame; shame on

us as a society for producing such violent garbage for our children; shame on us as parents for not nurturing and protecting them from it. Do we really need a cheap babysitter so bad that we would allow their little hearts to be conditioned to such brutality?

Paul exhorted us- (Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Philippians 4:8 KJV) Wouldn't that principle also apply to our kids?

I've heard the tortured arguments about how we have to prepare our children for the "real" world. Well, I know the Creator of the real world, and He says- (Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6 KJV) Our kids should be spending their days learning how things should be, not how they shouldn't. Bank tellers don't study hundreds of different bogus bills in an attempt to keep up with what the counterfeiters are doing. They study our own U.S. currency and strive to learn every particular detail of the real deal. Then when someone tries to pass off a fake, they know immediately it's not to be accepted. It's the same way with our children. They should be offended by gratuitous violence, and all other manner of evil. Are we teaching them to embrace it? Are we like that referee, pretending we don't see what ole' Seedy's doing to our kids.

But anyway- I don't feel bad about sheltering my kids. Not for one moment. I want them to feel safe under my protection. At least until I am confident they have full faith in God's. I don't believe searing a child's conscience prepares them to be a warrior for God. Yes, they may eventually face their share of dark seedy characters, but when that time comes, I want them to do just that; face them. I don't want them to be one of them!

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Obituaries

KENNETH HOWARD CROSBY
July 28, 1938 – January 28, 2013
Kenneth Howard Crosby of Trenton, Florida passed away at the age of 74 on January 28, 2013. He was born on July 28, 1938 to Theodore and Juanita Crosby. He has lived his whole life in Trenton. He worked as a mechanic for many years. He is of the Baptist faith. He served in the United States Air Force from 1957-1961. He enjoyed fishing, being outdoors and spending time with family and friends.
Mr. Crosby is survived by his sons, Ricky Howard Crosby Jr. and Gary Dean Crosby; daughter, Delaine Taylor; sister, Mildred Brown; aunt, Betty Lynn Brown; and four grandchildren. Graveside services were held on Thursday, January 31, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. at Newberry Cemetery with Reverend Andy Cook officiating. Visitation was one hour prior. Arrangements are under the care of Knauff Funeral Home-Chiefland.

LAVAGHN ARTHUR SESSIONS
September 5, 1917 – January 29, 2013
Lavaghn Arthur Sessions went home to be with his Lord at the age of 95 on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at North Florida Regional Medical Center. He was born on September 5, 1917 in McAlpin, Florida to Thomas J. Sessions and Evelyn Starling Sessions. Mr. Sessions was a former Suwannee County Clerk of Court for 12 years, former Suwannee County Commissioner, a former Mayor of Branford and a former Mayor of Trenton. He was a business owner, a farmer, a member of the Masons, the Shriners,

Woodmen of the World and Priscilla Baptist Church. Mr. Sessions preceded in death by his parents, Tom and Evelyn Sessions; three sisters: Ernestine White, Celeste Sessions and Edna Mobley; and his son-in-law, Wilbur Bush. He is survived by his wife, Emily Barnett Sessions of Trenton; a daughter, Betty Bush of Trenton; two sons, Lloyd (Jamie) Sessions of Huntsville, Alabama and Thomas A. (Charlotte) Sessions of Branford; 19 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and 9 great-great-grandchildren.
Funeral Services were held on Saturday, February 2, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at Priscilla Baptist Church with Pastor Ron Black officiating. Interment followed at the church cemetery. Visitation was held on Friday, February 1 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Watson Funeral Home.
Arrangements under the care of Watson Funeral Home, 426 W. Wade Street, Trenton, FL. 32693 (352) 463-8888. Online condolences or to sign the guest book at www.watsonfhrenton.com

PAUL RICHARD MARTIN
September 8, 1928 – January 31, 2013
Paul Richard Martin of Williston, Florida passed away on January 31, 2013 at the age of 84. He was born on September 8, 1928 in Danville, Illinois to Joseph and Reva (Emery) Martin.



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He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. He moved to Williston in 1971 from Lantana, Florida was of the Baptist faith and a former member of Calvary Baptist Church in Ashland, Ohio. When he was younger he worked at his family's restaurant called Martin's Drive-In in Wooster, Ohio from 1952-1953. He also owned and operated Martin's Auto in Williston in 1981 along with owning and operating Martin's Trucking Co. In his spare time he enjoyed truck driving, being outdoors, farming, fishing with his kids and grandchildren, meeting new people, old cars, and piloting airplanes, but most of all being with family and friends.

He is survived by his loving and caring wife of 58 years Vera "Jane" Martin; sons, Joel Martin (June) and John Martin (Amy); daughter Jodi Heckmann (Adam); eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren with one on the way.

Visitation for Mr. Martin was held on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 from 12:00-2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Morriston. Funeral service followed at 2:00 p.m. with Pastor Keith Stewart officiating. Interment was at Orange Hill Cemetery. Fellowship followed at Joel and June Martin's house.

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

JAMES GRIFFEN ELLENBERG

Mr. James Griffen Ellenberg of Cross City passed away Thursday, January 31, 2013. He was 75.

Mr. Ellenberg was born in Brooks County, Georgia to Kermit Sr. and Mildred Ellenberg. He was an X-ray technician that, in his later years, became a commercial fisherman. He enjoyed playing the lottery and drinking coffee at "Mickey D's".

Mr. Ellenberg is survived by his granddaughter, Vanessa Armstrong and grandson, James Ellenberg; brother, T. J. Weeks of Everglades City; sisters, Sally Cherry of Horseshoe Beach and Sherry Glover of Old Town; nephew, Sambo Ellenberg; niece, Tonya Weeks and several great nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 4, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. at Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Sammy Corbin officiating. A visitation was held at the funeral home between the hours of 1 and 3 p.m. prior to the service.

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

CHARLES R. GILL

Charles Rain Gill of Lake City passed away at the age of 61 on February 1, 2013 at Shands at UF. Mr. Gill was born in Gainesville and lived most of his life in the Levy County area. He worked for the State Road Department.

He is survived by his three sisters, Theresa Owens, Bessie Hall and Nadine Cothron all of Chiefland and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial Services will be February 9, 2013 at 4 p.m. at Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services- Chiefland. Online condolences can be made at www.hiers-baxley.com

Arrangements are under the care of Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services 1301 N. Young Blvd. Chiefland, Florida 32626 (352) 493-0050.

KENNETH HARRISON CURLE JR.

November 1, 1954 - February 1, 2013



Kenneth Harrison Curle Jr. of Williston, Florida passed away at the age of 58 on February 1, 2013. He was born on November 1, 1954 in Albany, New York to Kenneth and Elizabeth (Kruse) Curle. He lived in Buffalo, NY where he attended Hamburg High School and played football for the Hamburg Bull Dogs. Upon graduation Ken

joined the United States Navy. He served upon the USS America CV-66. Ken loved the Navy and the many places he traveled to. Ken loved his family, fly fishing, eagles, birds and nature. He loved to help others. He was never too busy to stop to help someone. Ken moved to Williston in 1995 and worked at Winn Dixie where in 2001 he received the award for exceptional Guest Service. Most recently he worked at K-Mart in Gainesville.

Ken is survived by his sisters, Penny Lewis and Nancy Mains; nieces, Bridget A. Boland, Lisa L. Lewis and Tracy Mains Rudd; nephews James F. Lewis IV and Harry B. Mains Jr., great-nephew Corbin Boland and great-niece Hayden Lewis.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2013 at the First Presbyterian Church in Williston at 11:00 a.m. with Reverend Dalton Burch officiating. A graveside service is to follow at Orange Hill Cemetery at 2:00 p.m.

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

LILLIAN A. GREGOLI

January 27, 1923 - February 1, 2013

Lillian A. Gregoli of Williston, Florida passed away at the age of 90 on February 1, 2013.

She was born on January 27, 1923 in Brooklyn, New York to Phillip and Josephine (Ortolano) Pizzolato. She moved to Williston seven years ago from Pembroke Pines. She was of the Catholic faith and a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Williston. She was a former foster parent with Terry's Kids for children with Down Syndrome in Staten Island, NY. She enjoyed sewing, watching TV, helping raise all of her grandchildren, playing cards, loved to grow roses and going to church.

She is survived by her son Charles Gregoli; daughters, Josephine Moore and Diane Marchand (Butch); brother, Anthony Pizzolato; sister Antoinette Petroziello; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The family plans to hold a memorial service on Saturday, February 16, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church with Father Robert Trujillo officiating.

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

BARBARA ESTELLE INCE-SMARTLEY

September 16, 1947 - February 2, 2013

Barbara Estelle Ince-Smartley of Chiefland, Florida passed away on February 2, 2013 at the age of 65. She was born on September 16, 1947 in Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania to John and Ruth (Jones) Ince. She moved to the Chiefland area 33 years ago from Fort Lauderdale. She was of the Protestant faith. She was a member of the Friends of the Library in Chiefland. She enjoyed knitting, sewing, ceramics and reading.

She is survived by her husband Gerald Leo Smartley; brother, James D. Ince (Rose) of Deland; sister, Katherine "Kay" Ince of Chiefland; nephews, John and Sean Ince; grandnieces Haleigh, Jean and Samantha Ince; and life long

friend Barbara Deveau and her son Christopher.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, February 8, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at Knauff Funeral Home-Chiefland with Pastor Terry Wines officiating. In lieu of flowers donations are to be made to Paralyzed Vets or Haven Hospice.

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

ALICE COLLEEN WELLS

Mrs. Alice Colleen Wells, of Cross City, passed away Saturday, February 2, 2013 after a long illness. She was 83.

Mrs. Wells was a lifelong resident of Cross City. For many years she owned and operated Colleen's Flowers. She enjoyed life, her family and being a homemaker. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Cross City.

Mrs. Wells is survived by her husband, of 61 years, Carl D. Wells of Cross City; daughters, Sheila (Doyle) Frierson and Susan (John) Lamb, both of Cross City; grandchildren, Leslie Lane, Matt (Kenna) Frierson, and Leanne (Troy) Seay; four great grandchildren; step-brother, Gerald Williams of Bronson and nephews, Kirk and Carl Summerrall.

A graveside service was held Monday, February 4, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at Cross City Cemetery with Rev. Mike Brown officiating.

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

WILLIAM RUDOLPH PARROTT

Mr. William Rudolph Parrott of Cross City, Florida passed away Sunday, February 3, 2013 at the age of 80.

Mr. Parrott, a lifetime resident of Dixie County, was a supervisor for Hudson Pulp and Paper for many years. He went on to become a timber buyer for Suwannee Lumber Company from 1975 until 1988. He served as a County Commissioner for Dixie County between 1964 and 1968. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, especially turkey hunting, and growing a garden. He was a member of New Prospect Baptist Church.

Mr. Parrott was preceded in death by his wife Edwena Parrott, son William Ray Parrott and parents Henry and Johnnie Parrott.

He is survived by his son Ronnie Parrott of Cross City; brother, Eddie Parrott of Cross City; sisters: Faye Smith of Cross City, Shirley Douglas of Cross City and Dorothy Morgan of Perry.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at 11:00 AM at Cross City Cemetery with Rev. David Downing officiating.

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

JOHN DELMA 'BUD' HIERS

September 27, 1924 - February 4, 2013



John Delma 'Bud' Hiers, Jr., 88, of Chiefland, passed away Monday, February 4, 2013, at Ayres Health & Rehab in Trenton, after a long illness. He was a member of the Cherry Sink Church of Christ and a former longtime member of Chiefland Church of Christ. He was born September 27, 1924, in

Levy County to John Delma Hiers, Sr., and Velma Clyatt Hiers.

He was a proud Army Veteran of WWII, serving with the 258th Combat Engineers in the European Theater and the crossing of the Rhine River. After serving his country, he returned to Chiefland, owning and operating Hiers Oil Company for 36 years. Bud was a lifetime member of the VFW, having been one of the founding members and the author of the original name of the Chiefland VFW Rebel Post 5625.

Mr. Hiers was predeceased by his parents and a sister, Violet Crawford of California.

He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Margaret Wimberly Hiers of Chiefland; two daughters, Sylvia Hiers and her husband Robbie Emmons, and Sheree H. Lancaster and her husband Howell E. Lancaster, Jr., all of Trenton. He is also survived by two sisters, Johnnie Mae Cone of Ocala, and Helen Usher of Chiefland, 6 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Thursday, February 7, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. at the Chiefland Church of Christ with burial following at the Chiefland Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Haven Hospice of the Tri Counties or the Mildred Bishop Scholarship Fund for Geriatric Education at Ayres Health & Rehab in Trenton.

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

BETTY JEAN CREWS

September 26, 1935 -

February 4, 2013

Mrs. Betty Jean Crews of Old Town passed away at the

age of 77 at her home on Monday, February 4, 2013.

Betty was born in Bell on September 26, 1935 to Norman and Lela Branch. She was a devoted homemaker, mother and grandmother. Betty loved nothing more than to spend time with family and friends. She enjoyed her church, Cross City Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Mrs. Crews was preceded in death by her husband, James A. Crews.

Mrs. Crews is survived by a son, John M. Crews of Old Town; daughters, Sharon (Stant) Bradley of Old Town and Leslie (Jeremy) Braswell of Cross City; grandchildren, Chad Crews of Old Town, Logan, Lawson, Layden, and John Jr.; brother, John "Spaz" Branch of Cross City; and sisters, Enol Cannon and Doris Beckham, both of Cross City and Mary Stevens of Tampa.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Randy Richardson officiating. Interment will follow at Cross City Cemetery. A visitation is being held Wednesday evening, February 6, 2013 between the hours of 5 and 7 p.m.

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

LORRAINE ANN BESCOE

January 27, 1932 - January 26, 2013

Lorraine Ann Bescoe of Brooksville, Florida and formerly 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) Connel. She was a homemaker. She moved to Brooksville three years ago. 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. Lorraine loved to cook and collect recipes from magazines and 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: Dale W. Reese (Ed), 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 was held Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at Knauff Funeral Home-Chiefland. Funeral services followed at 2:00 p.m. with Reverend Kent Zimmerman officiating and ceremonies provided by the Moose Lodge.

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



Joe and Juanita Knauff are pleased to announce that Johnny Pons and his wife, Cyndi have joined the professional staff of Knauff Funeral Homes. Mr. Pons is a licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer and has many successful years of service to families in need. Cyndi will be involved working alongside her husband. They will be living in Chiefland and are looking forward to becoming an active part of the community. Knauff Funeral Homes are locally owned and family operated and have served Levy County and surrounding areas for many years offering a line of complete funeral services.

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Funeral Home
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715 W Park Ave.
Chiefland

352-493-4777

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Williston

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KnauffFuneralHomes.com

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 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.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the holder(s) of Certificate number 3531-09 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: LOT 16, BLOCK 46, OAK RIDGE ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 63-1 THROUGH 63-7, PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: MIGDALIA FERDROFF

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 DATED this 31st DAY OF JANUARY 2013.

DANNY J. SHIPP
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Pub.: Feb 07, 2013.

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

CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 38-2009-CA-000419

DIVISION:
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA,
Plaintiff,

vs.
RUSSELL A. KULP, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated January 31, 2013 and entered in Case No. 38-2009-CA-000419 of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for LEVY County, Florida wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA is

the Plaintiff and RUSSELL A. KULP; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RUSSELL A. KULP N/K/A PAM KULP N/K/A PAM KULP; DAVID DAMM; PHYLLIS DAMM; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; LINDA L. ALDRICH; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LINDA L. ALDRICH; GUSSIE MUNSON; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GUSSIE MUNSON; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at MAIN LOBBY OF THE LEVY COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00 AM, on the 1st day of April, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE SW 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 18 EAST, LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

FOR A POINT OF REFERENCE COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 18 EAST, LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 22, 512.27 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 00 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID WEST LINE, 152.26 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST, 606.07 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST, 302.52; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST, 150.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 41 SECONDS WEST, 300.00 FEET TO CLOSE THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

A/K/A 93 NE 160TH AVENUE, WILLISTON, FL 32696

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 sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on February 1, 2013.

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

Americans with Disabilities Act: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Ms. Jan Phillips, Human Resources Manager, Alachua County Family/Civil Court-house, 201 E. University Avenue, Room 410, Gainesville, FL 32601; Phone: 352-337-6237; Fax: 352-374-5238. Pub.: Feb. 7, 14, 2013.

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

CIVIL DIVISION
Case No.: 38-2012-CA-000209

DIVISION:
GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC (successor by merger to GMAC Mortgage Corporation)
Plaintiff,

vs.
SHARON R. JARRELL; HUBERT W. JARRELL; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; ALL OTHER UNKNOWN

PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS,
Defendants,

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment dated January 24, 2013, entered in Civil Case No.: 38-2012-CA-000209, of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for LEVY County, Florida, wherein GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC (successor by merger to GMAC Mortgage Corporation), is Plaintiff, and SHARON R. JARRELL; HUBERT W. JARRELL; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, are Defendants.

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the main lobby of the Courthouse located at 355 South Court Street, Bronson, FL 32621 at 11:00 a.m. on the 1st day of April, 2013 the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

Forest Meadows - Tract 3
A parcel of land in the SE 1/4 of Section 26, Township 12 South, Range 17 East, Levy County, Florida, being described as follows: For a Point of Reference, commence at the Northwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 26, Township 12 South, Range 17 East, Levy County, Florida; thence S 00° 23' 18" W, along the West line of said Northeast 1/4, 50.01 feet, to the South right of way line of Levy County Road C-102 (NE 60th Street); thence N 89° 00' 21" E, along said South right of way line, 671.62 feet; thence S 00° 23' 18" W, parallel with said West line of Northeast 1/4, 2596.39 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence S 00° 06' 05" W, 1302.59 feet; thence S 89° 19' 02" W, 668.85 feet; thence N 00° 00' 49" W, 1298.90 feet; thence N 89° 00' 21" E, parallel with said South right of way line, 671.52 feet, to close on the POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH a 30 foot ingress, egress and public utilities easement over and across the following described property: For a Point of Reference, commence at the Northwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 26, Township 12 South, Range 17 East, Levy County, Florida; thence S 00° 23' 18" W, along the West line of said Northeast 1/4, 50.01 feet, to the South right of way line of Levy County Road C-102 (NE 60th Street); thence N 89° 00' 21" E, along said South right of way line, 671.62 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence S 00° 23' 18" W, parallel with said West line of Northeast 1/4, 2596.39 feet; thence S 89° 00' 21" W, parallel with said South right of way line, 30.01 feet; thence N 00° 23' 18" E, 2596.39 feet, to said South right of way line; thence N 89° 00' 21" E, along said South right of way line, 30.01 feet, to close on the POINT OF BEGINNING. Together with those certain Mobile Homes described as: 200 Pioneer ID Numbers PH914GA16737A and PH914GA16737B

This property is located at the Street address of: 5490 NE 116th Avenue, 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 sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on January 29, 2013.

(COURT SEAL)
DANNY J. SHIPP
CLERK OF THE COURT
By: Gwen McElroy /s/ Deputy Clerk

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICAN'S WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Ms. Jan Phillips, Human Resources Manager, 201 East University Ave., Room 410, Gainesville, FL 32601, at (352) 337-6237, within 2 working days of your receipt of this summons. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call (800) 955-8771. Pub.: Feb. 7, 14, 2013.

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

CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 38-2011-CA-000719

DIVISION:
BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P.,
Plaintiff,

vs.
TRISTA D. KENT, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated January 24, 2013 and entered in Case NO. 38-2011-CA-000719 of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for LEVY County, Florida wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., is the Plaintiff and TRISTA D. KENT; TIMOTHY W. KENT; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at MAIN LOBBY OF THE LEVY COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00 AM, on the 1st day of April, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 300, BLOCK 18, OF UNIVERSITY ESTATES, FURTHER DESCRIBED AS THE EAST 1/2, OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 17, EAST, LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 11391 NE 73RD LANE, 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 sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on January 30, 2013.

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

Americans with Disabilities Act: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Ms. Jan Phillips, Human Resources Manager, Alachua County Family/Civil Court-house, 201 E. University Avenue, Room 410, Gainesville, FL 32601; Phone: 352-337-6237; Fax: 352-374-5238. Pub.: Feb. 7, 14, 2013.

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

CASE NO. 2012 CA 000613
TD BANK, N.A., as successor by merger with Carolina First Bank, as successor by merger with Mercantile Bank,
Plaintiff,

vs.
MIGDALIA COLON, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 31, 2013 entered in Civil Case No. 2012 CA 000613 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Levy County, Florida, wherein TD BANK, N.A. is Plaintiff and MIGDALIA COLON; 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 4th day of March, 2013 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

Lot 6, Block 29, THE FOURTH ADDITION TO BRONSON HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 65, Public Records of Levy County, Florida.

Street address:
10211 NE 72nd 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 1st day of February, 2013.
(Court Seal)

DANNY J. SHIPP
Clerk of Circuit Court
By: Gwen McElroy /s/ Deputy Clerk
Pub.: Feb. 7, 14, 2013.

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

CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO. 38-2012-CA-000719

CAPITAL CITY BANK, a Florida banking corporation,
Plaintiff,

vs.
STEPHANIE M. MANLEY
a/k/a STEPHANIE MICHELLE MANLEY,
a single person,
Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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

Tract 11, Small Farms, Unit 2, an unrecorded subdivision more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Southwest corner of Section 30, Township 14 South, Range 19 East; thence N 00°29' 28" E making the West boundary of said Section 30, a distance of 2120.85 feet; thence S 85°05' 17" E, a distance of 362.73 feet; thence S 00°25' 00" W, a distance of 1,224.15 feet to the Point of Beginning; from the Point of Beginning thus described continue S 00°25' 00" W, a distance of 298.97 feet; thence S 85°05' 17" E, a distance of 509.94 feet; thence S 00° 25' 00" a distance of 298.97 feet, thence N 85°05'17" W, a distance of 509.94 feet to the Point of Beginning. LESS the Western 25 feet thereof of Lot 11, Small Farms, Unit Number 2, as recorded in the unrecorded Plat Book 1 at page 14, lying in Section 30, Township 14 South, Range 19 East, Public Records of Levy County, Florida for pub-

lic road right of way. Said lands situate, lying and being in Levy County, Florida. Together with a mobile home located thereon. Together with a 2006 Scottbilt Ledgend mobile home bearing
Serial Number
SBHGA14020500977A
and
SBHGA14020500977B.

Said sale shall be made to the highest and best bidder for cash pursuant, to the Summary Final Judgment entered in the above styled cause and will be held in the Courthouse Lobby of the LEVY County Courthouse in Bronson, Florida, on the 4th day of March, 2013 commencing at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

All interested parties shall be governed accordingly by this Notice.

DATED this 1st day of February, 2013.

DANNY SHIPP
Clerk of the Court
By: Gwen McElroy /s/ Deputy Clerk
Pub.: Feb. 7, 14, 2013.

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

CIVIL DIVISION
Case No.: 38-2012-CA-000385
Division

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff,

vs.
PHILLIP M. EDWARDS
A/K/A PHILLIP MICHAEL EDWARDS, KRISTIE W. EDWARDS A/K/A KRISTIE WILKERSON EDWARDS A/K/A MARY KRISTINA WILKERSON EDWARDS, SUNTRUST BANK, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/ OWNERS,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on January 31, 2013, in the Circuit Court of Levy County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Levy County, Florida described as:

LOT 9, EDEN ACRES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 64, PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

and commonly known as: 10350 SE 132ND COURT, DUNNELLON, FL 34431; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein,

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash. Sales are held in the front lobby of the Levy County Courthouse, Court Street, Bronson, FL, on March 4, 2013 at 11 a.m.

Any persons 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 1st day of February, 2013.

Clerk of the circuit Court
Danny J. Shipp
By: Gwen McElroy /s/ Deputy Clerk
Pub.: Feb. 7, 14, 2013.

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

CASE NO: 2012-CA-000595
DIVISION:
UCN: 382012CA000595XX-

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U.S. BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF MID-STATE TRUST IV BY GREEN TREE SERVICING, LLC, A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA AS SERVICER WITH DELEGATED AUTHORITY
Plaintiff,

vs.
ROBERT W. GARDNER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ROBERT W. GARDNER; JOHN DOE N/K/A JOHN HILLIMAN;
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY

LEGAL NOTICES

GIVEN THAT, PURSUANT TO THE JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE ENTERED IN THE ABOVE CAUSE, I WILL SELL THE PROPERTY SITUATED IN LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESCRIBED AS: EXHIBIT " 1 "

Commence at the SW corner of Section 32, Township 11 South, Range 15 East; run thence North a distance of 50 feet, more or less, along the West boundary of said section to the point of intersection of the North Right of way line of State Road 500 and the West boundary of said section; thence run East along said right of way line a distance of 33 feet, more or less to the East boundary of a county grad and the point of beginning; thence continue East along said right of way line a distance of 210 feet to a point; thence run North 0 deg. 37 min. 31 sec. West a distance of 210 feet to a point; thence run West parallel to the South boundary of said section a distance of 210 feet, more or less, to the East boundary of said county grade; thence run South a distance of 210 feet along the East boundary of said county grade to the point of beginning, Containing one (1) acre, more or less.

AT PUBLIC SALE, TO THE HIGHEST AND BEST BIDDER, FOR CASH, ON May 6, 2013, AT 11:00 AM AT LEVY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, BRONSON, 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 LISPENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT Jan Phillips, ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Courthouse, 201 E. University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601, (352) 337-6237 AT LEAST SEVEN (7) DAYS BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED COURT APPEARANCE, OR IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTIFICATION IF THE TIME BEFORE THE SCHEDULED APPEARANCE IS LESS THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 711.

DATED: February 1, 2013. CLERK OF THE COURT By: Gwen McElroy /s/ Deputy Clerk Pub.: Feb. 7, 14, 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 CERTIFICATE-HOLDERS CWABS, C.ASSET-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 LISPENDENS 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 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 EXHIBIT D OF THE DECLARATION 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 18th 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 A/K/A PHILLIP 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. Barba, 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@circuit8.org

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 23rd 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 EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 38-2010-CA-001411

SPRINGLEAF HOME EQUITY, INC. F/K/A AMERICAN GENERAL HOME EQUITY, INC. Plaintiff,

vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, GRANTEES, DEVISEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND CREDITORS OF ARTHUR WALTER BROWN, JR., DECEASED, ET AL. Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, GRANTEES, DEVISEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND CREDITORS OF ARTHUR WALTER BROWN, JR., DECEASED, AND ALL CLAIMANTS, PERSONS OR PARTIES, NATURAL OR CORPORATE, AND WHOSE EXACT LEGAL STATUS IS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST ARTHUR WALTER BROWN, JR., DECEASED, OR ANY OF THE HEREIN NAMED OR DESCRIBED DEFENDANTS OR PARTIES CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED

Current residence unknown, but whose last known address was: 12451 N.E. 101ST COURT, ARCHER, FL 32618 -AND- TO:

DAKOTA CHEYANNE BROWN, A MINOR; and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under or against the above named Defendant, who is not known to be dead or alive, whether said unknown parties claim as heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, spouses, or other claimants Current Residence Unknown, but whose last known address was: 12451 N.E. 101ST COURT, ARCHER, FL 32618 14628 164TH PLACE S.E., RENTON, WA 98059

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

TRACT 53, FOREST PARK UNIT 3 PHASE II, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED

IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGES 17, 18 AND 19, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A PERMANENT FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO, DESCRIBED ASA2000 DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE HOME, TITLE NUMBERS 0079533787 & 0079533845, AND VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS FLHMLCY143022207A & FLHMLCY143022207B.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on DOUGLAS C. ZAHM, P.A., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 12425 28th Street North, Suite 200, St. Petersburg, FL 33716, on or BEFORE March 15, 2013 or within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at 355 South Court Street, Bronson, FL 32621, 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 petition.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Court on this 28th day of January, 2013. (SEAL)

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

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES REQUESTING REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT (352) 374-3639 OR VIA FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE 1-800-955-8771. Pub.: Feb. 7, 14, 2013.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 38-2012-DR-000928 Division:

Jaime Mendoza, Petitioner and Beatriz Cenicerros Berraza, 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. Remirez, 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. Pub.: Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, 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 Pub.: Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 2013.

TOWN OF BRONSON NOTICE OF QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING

PETITION FOR A REZONING AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

Petition No: 2013-02-AQUI/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 Pub.: Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 2013.

City of Williston, Florida City Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 18, 2012

DATE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2012

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: WILLISTON CITY COUNCIL ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS:

Mayor R. Gerald Hethcoat (Absent)

President Jason Cason

Vice-President Norm Fugate (Absent)

Councilman Cal Byrd

Councilman Charles Goodman

Councilman Elihu Ross

Interim City Manager Oel Wingo

City Manager Scott Lippmann

City Clerk Fran Taylor

City Attorney Fred Koberlein

OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

President Cason led the opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

ITEM – 1 – ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA - None. ITEM – 2 – CONSENT AGENDA

A. MINUTES: DECEMBER 4, 2012 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

B. MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 11, 2012 CIP WORKSHOP

Councilman Byrd moved to accept the consent agenda as published. Councilman Ross seconded. Motion carried, unanimously, 4-0.

ITEM – 3 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

ITEM – 4 – OLD BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION 2012-39: CITY MANAGER CONTRACT

Councilman Cason reviewed Resolution 2012-39 and noted that the items to be completed include the effective date and the date that the City would terminate the contract with Interim City Manager Wingo. City Attorney Koberlein reminded the Council that there was no agreement with Mr. Lippmann at that time and that there were items that needed to be considered related to severance and the effective date. In addition, the contract needed to be voted on in its entirety. He advised that once those issues were addressed, the contract would be revised as determined by Council and then prepared for the Presidents' signature.

President Cason stated that he wanted to give the attendees an overview of what was discussed and agreed upon in principal during the Special Council meeting held on December 13, 2012. He advised the Council and Mr. Lippmann had utilized the Pat Miller contract and made adjustments from there. The contract term will be indefinite and can be terminated based upon a 4-1 vote of a super majority of the Council. There was a question as to whether the City Charter permitted Council to contract with a super majority termination provision. It was President Cason's contention that if it is the will of the Council to enter into a contract with that provision, then that is representative of the will of the Council and the will of the people and does, therefore, comply with the City Charter. The reason this is an issue is the potential for having a hand-picked successor after any given election. The contract will state that any provision can be changed as mutually agreed upon. The next area was the beginning salary. Prior to May 1st, Mr. Lippmann will undergo his performance appraisal if he receives at least a 3.0 on the appraisal, he would then receive a \$2,500 increase. He will undergo another performance review on October 1st with a similar corresponding increase based upon his evaluation score. Leave is consistent with the standard City employee leave policy. In the event of termination, Mr. Lippmann would receive severance based upon the length of employment with a maximum of 100 days pay. President Cason noted that in his opinion, the effective date of the contract should be set as of the prior Thursday which is the date that Council and Mr. Lippmann came to an agreement of the terms in principal. That date, December 13th, was also the date he began work with the City.

Councilman Byrd agreed with the effective date as proposed. He stated that he would like to ask Dr. Wingo to talk about her availability, advising he was in no hurry to see her go and would like to see her stay on to assist Mr. Lippmann at least until January 1st. Councilman Ross concurred. Councilman Goodman advised that it was his understanding that while legal suggested there was nothing in the Charter to make it illegal for the Council to agree to a 4-1 super majority stipulation, there was a concern that Council would be tying the hands of a future Council with those terms in the contract. He advised that he had reservations. It is a huge difference between a 4-1 vote and a 3-2 vote. He asked what would happen if Council had only 4 members and how that would affect the provision. He noted having concerns that the present Council would be doing the same thing it feared a future Council might do by dictating future terms in this way. He stated that he wanted to have it noted on the record that he had serious concerns about the super majority provision. He stated that his second issue is that on the performance review and salary increases, the contract indicates that there is an automatic increase regardless of performance. President Cason advised that was the provision in the original contract and has since been modified. He confirmed that the initial pay increases would be contingent upon at least average ratings as determined by the mid-term performance appraisals. The reviews will occur within the first year of the contract period. Mr. Lippmann would be subject to annual performance evaluations thereafter and his salary would be subject to the annual budget process.

Councilman Goodman questioned the process of voting on the terms of a contract given that there was no written contract provided for review. President Cason clarified that Council would be voting on the actual terms that will be presented in the contract as agreed to by consensus at the Special Meeting of December 13th. He advised that at the conclusion of review of the topic at this meeting, he would like to have the authority to execute a contract as drafted by Mr. Koberlein that represents the terms as determined by Mr. Lippmann and Council at the present meeting.

Mr. Koberlein confirmed that Council could approve a contract verbally. He stated that the members have the oral terms and have worked off of an agreement as a basis for that discussion. He noted that Council could employ Mr. Lippmann retroactively based on the substantive terms developed in the discussions and he can sign an agreement as determined at the meeting. Any questions related to the content of the final

written contract can be resolved based upon a review of the recording of the meeting.

President Cason stated that, ultimately, the intent of the Council and Mr. Lippmann coming out of the December 13th meeting was to finalize the points discussed and to include them in a contract. The contract would require a 4-1 vote of a full 5 person Council for termination. That would not be the first City Manager contract that would require a full 4-1 vote. Mr. Coleman had a similar provision in his contract.

Councilman Goodman commented that he understood the dynamics, but was just troubled by them. He stated he would not vote against them, but wanted to make note that he was troubled by them.

President Cason verified with Mr. Koberlein that there were no further issues to outstanding related to the contract provisions.

Councilman Goodman moved to authorize the Council President to enter into a contract on behalf of the City with Mr. Lippmann based upon previous terms developed with further clarification that a 4-1 vote is required for termination, severance would be as previously agreed and that the effective date would be set at December 13th.

Councilman Byrd seconded. Councilman Byrd then asked about the time limit of the contract and advised that he wanted to ensure that the contract would be continuous. Mr. Koberlein confirmed the terms would be continuous. Mr. Lippmann stated his agreement with the terms as noted. On vote, the motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

President Cason referenced Section 2 in Resolution 2012-39 and asked Dr. Wingo if she had discussed with Mr. Lippmann, the amount of time she would be available to continue to assist the City. Dr. Wingo advised she would be available but wanted to leave the final decision up to the new City Manager. Mr. Lippmann proposed that the City continue its relationship with Dr. Wingo through the end of the month of January and reassess at that time. He stated there are a couple of major issues to be addressed in January and the City would benefit from her continued counsel and advice throughout that time. President Cason clarified that the term should end February 1, 2013 and reminded Council that the payment of the consulting fee will continue while the City begins making payment for the new City Manager at the rate established.

Councilman Goodman moved to employ Dr. Wingo as a consultant for the current City Manager until Feb 1st at which time it will be revisited to see if her services are still required and she is still available. Mr. Koberlein stated the motion should be revised unless Council wanted to schedule a meeting for February 1st. President Cason advised he would like to amend the motion to insert February 1st into the resolution. Councilman Goodman responded that he would accept that amendment.

President Cason noted that if Council decided in February that her services were still necessary, Council can enter into another agreement with Dr. Wingo. Councilman Byrd seconded the revised motion. President Cason read the title of Resolution 2012-39 into the record. He added that by approving it, Council was authorizing the Council President to sign and execute the contract as presented when Mr. Koberlein has it prepared. Roll call vote was conducted. On vote, the motion passed, unanimously, 4-0.

Dr. Wingo seated herself in the gallery and City Manager Lippmann took at seat at the dais. President Cason noted that City of Williston owes a debt of gratitude to Dr. Wingo that cannot be paid or provided in words for what she has done for the City. Councilman Ross agreed and noted that there should be a published resolution to that effect. Councilman Goodman concurred.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE: CITY CLERK PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

President Cason advised that all members and were provided with a copy of the City Clerk Evaluation compilation as part of the agenda packet and that Clerk Taylor had been provided with a copy of that compilation, as well. He explained that the numbers indicated in the compilation are an average; if all members and the mayor completed a portion of the review then the number provided represents the average of 6. Otherwise, the rating represents the total number divided by the number of people providing input. Any Council comments were included. There were several sections that were not completed because they were not applicable or Council did not have enough information. In all categories except one Clerk Taylor rated at 3.0 or higher. Her average overall rating is a 3.33 which is to say that she meets job standards. It would be the Council's decision to state whether this is sufficient for the evaluation process, if anyone had any questions about the process or if Council should schedule a separate meeting to discuss issues in the evaluation. Councilman Goodman noted that the 6 months in this evaluation have been a very difficult six months for the City. There has been a great deal of changes and for the City Clerk to receive a meets standards amid all of the chaos isn't that bad. He stated that clearly the members felt could do better and that he believed she will do better. He concluded that he felt it meets the evaluation standards and, unless, the Clerk felt there should be a meeting, the Council can let the evaluation stand and move on. Councilman Byrd and Councilman Ross agreed.

President Cason recalled being in the gallery when the same process was conducted for a prior Charter Officer and the City Council and the decision was made that what was done in the evaluation form was sufficient. He stated he was befuddled that the members would not want to have a conference with that Officer. He explained that when evaluating an employee in the private sector, he and the employee review the ratings and discuss whether the employee understands the ratings. He stated that he felt Council would owe that to Clerk Taylor and that is his personal preference. President Cason asked Clerk Taylor if she was content with the evaluation process as it had been or would if she would prefer to have a sit down and talk about her status. She stated she was content with the process and the fact that the members can sit down and discuss any issues face to face and that option also remains available for her should the need arise. President Cason asked if there was anything in the review Clerk Taylor found surprising or was not expecting. Clerk Taylor responded that there was not.

President Cason explained that the appraisal placed in the personnel file will be the compilation and her personal review will be attached to that. The actual hard copy will be all inclusive. The compilation is presented in the minutes and requires City Council and Mayor concurrence and states the next evaluation date. Councilman Ross moved to approve the

City Clerk evaluation and process. Councilman Byrd seconded the motion. Councilman Byrd recalled that he previously mentioned his practice of meeting with the Officers individually to talk with them and try to reach out and give them a picture of what his expectations are and discuss the evaluation on a point by point basis. He stated that he believes it is important for Council to communicate to Clerk Taylor on a point by point basis and as related to their thought process related to future goals and expectations. He noted he did not include goals in the evaluation because he wanted to discuss it with her on an individual basis. On vote, the motion passed 3-1 with President Cason dissenting. President Cason commented that the basis for his opposition was that he would have liked for Council and Clerk Taylor to have met as a group and do what Councilman Byrd was talking about.

C. ORDINANCE 628: REPEALING FIREARMS ORDINANCE 28-2 SECOND READING

Councilman Byrd confirmed with Chief Strow that there had been no changes to this item since first reading. President Cason read the title of Ordinance 628. Councilman Byrd moved to pass Ordinance 628 on second reading. Councilman Ross seconded. On vote, motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

ITEM – 5 – NEW BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCE 629: FIRE INSPECTION ORDINANCE FIRST READING

Assistant Fire Chief Wallace reviewed the ordinance as noted in the agenda cover. He explained that the purpose of the Ordinance is to set standards to give the city the ability to conduct a fire inspection of a building that may be at risk. The intention is not to burden current businesses with requirements by attempting to require compliance with the full fire prevention code and standards. This ordinance is designed to keep the basic life safety codes such as those that require businesses to keep fire extinguishers in buildings, maintain clear and unblocked entrances, prohibit the storage of hazardous materials etc. Fees are to be set by Council at a later date if the Council desires to do so. The City does not and has not had any fire ordinance whatsoever and this is a good ordinance for the City to begin with.

President Cason noted for clarification that Council had a long discussion about inspections and fees for inspections. The ordinance presented was not directly related to that discussion but it could be a precursor to that discussion at some point in the future. Assistant Fire Chief Wallace confirmed noting that the City could not assess fees without an ordinance to go by. He added that the City would be adopting the ordinance to memorialize the election of the City to become compliant specifically with Florida fire codes rather than the national fire codes which are much more restrictive. The City will follow the Florida Fire Codes and needed to start at the bottom and go up to standard in a gradual manner. Councilman Goodman stated he was concerned and felt that even though the Ordinance is 'soft', as Assistant Fire Chief Wallace had said, he had no doubt there are going to be some businesses that are going to be upset by it nonetheless. Councilman Goodman continued stating that he did see its value and thought that Assistant Fire Chief Wallace had done a good job of trying to minimize the impact on local business which was his concern. He stated he would like to commend effort and would support the Ordinance completely.

President Cason asked about the review and approval dates noted in the Ordinance. City Attorney Koberlein stated that it was originally under the incorrect chapter in municode and the numbers are Chapter 44 based upon a determination made by Planner Hall. President Cason confirmed that the Ordinance was the product of a combined effort between Dr. Wingo, City Attorney Koberlein, Planner Hall, Assistant Fire Chief Wallace and Fire Chief Stegall.

Councilman Goodman moved to adopt Ordinance 629 on first reading. Councilman Byrd seconded. President Cason read the title of Ordinance 629 into the record. On vote, the motion passed, unanimously, 4-0.

B. RESOLUTION 2012-36: JERRY MILLS HAY LEASE

Dr. Wingo reviewed the item as listed in the agenda cover. She stated the lease was originally done as a bid and staff did not want to just renew it because it was so unique. She advised that Mrs. Greener called some local realtors at her request find out what the normal rate was for hay leases. Mr. Mills indicated he would like to renew at a 10% increase which is \$17.16 per acre. This was within current market. She added that Mr. Mills seeded the land himself so he would be getting a return on his investment. She clarified that this item related to the hay lease and not the "u pick 'em" lease that will be coming for review in February.

Mr. Mills addressed the Council. He advised that he sold his equipment and had been paying and splitting the proceeds but needed to buy back hay equipment and go back to doing it himself because they were not getting as much hay off of it as they could. There was some discussion about the yield for each field. He noted that he gave up 30 acres a few years ago and would like to look at adding it back to the lease Council would consider it.

Councilman Goodman stated it is very straightforward and the price is reasonable. He moved to approve Resolution 2012-36. Councilman Byrd seconded. President Cason read the title of Resolution 2012-36 into the record and recommended that the 30 acres be reviewed with City Manager Lippmann and put under a new lease in February when the "u pick 'em" lease comes up for review. On vote, the motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

C. RESOLUTION 2012-37: AIRPORT RUNWAY CONSTRUCTION TASK AUTHORIZATION

Planner Hall detailed the item as stated in the agenda cover. He advised that the last time the City approved a similar agreement, there was some question as to whether pricing was fair. After providing detail on the pricing, he noted it was actually slightly under average. Councilman Byrd asked if Council would continue to review items for approval that are related to the grant that were not previously covered. Planner Hall confirmed noting that the first JPA was an agreement with the state to accept the grant and the current agreement authorizes Passero to actually design it. It states that the City has received the funding and now authorizes the consultants to do the work. Planner Hall advised that the original agreement was with the state for an agreement regarding the \$950,000 to be provided and earmarked for the project. It did not authorize any work. The current task authorization before Council will authorize the engineers to design it. President Cason confirmed that after the design is complete then Council will have to

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DATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2013
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: WILLISTON CITY COUNCIL ROOM
CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
MEMBERS:
Mayor R. Gerald Hethcoat
President Jason Cason
Vice-President Norm Fugate (Absent)
Councilman Cal Byrd
Councilman Charles Goodman
Councilman Elihu Ross
City Manager Scott Lippmann
City Clerk Fran Taylor
City Attorney Fred Koberlein

OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG ITEM – 1 – ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President Cason advised that a letter had been provided from Vice President Fugate to the Council. Councilman Fugate indicated at a meeting last month that he had decided to resign as a result of a scheduling conflict in his role as City Attorney for Cedar Key. President Cason requested that the letter be made part of the minutes of the meeting.

Councilman Byrd moved that Council declare an emergency and begin consideration for a short term appointment. Councilman Ross seconded. On vote, the motion passed, 4-0.

President Cason announced that an emergency had been declared and requested that the members consider the appointment process of replacement for Mr. Fugate for the duration of the end of his term under the first item of new business. President Cason further requested that the Special Event Application for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day March be placed under the second item of new business. Councilman Goodman moved to approve the agenda with the changes noted. Councilman Byrd seconded and the motion passed, 4-0.

ITEM – 2 – PRESENTATION OF MAYOR'S STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARD

Mayor Hethcoat presented the Student of the Month Awards for January.

ITEM – 3 – CONSENT AGENDA - The consent agenda was approved by general consent of the Council.

A. MINUTES: DECEMBER 13, 2012 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

B. MINUTES: DECEMBER 18, 2012 REG. CITY COUNCIL MEETING

C. FINANCIAL REPORTS: NOVEMBER 2012

D. SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION & FEE WAIVER: CANDLELIGHT VIGIL FOR SANDYHOOK VICTIMS JANUARY 19, 2013

ITEM – 4 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

ITEM – 5 – OLD BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCE 626 – SECOND READING: POWER COST ADJUSTMENT

Councilman Byrd moved to approve Ordinance 626 on second reading. Councilman Goodman seconded. President Cason read the title of Ordinance 626 into the record. Mr. Bloom advised that the process for developing the Ordinance began almost a year ago. When staff went back and looked at the Ordinance and tariff sheets they did not match. They

developed a formula and put it into the tariff sheets. The only serious change in the formula is to establish a rate stabilization fund which is currently zero but is established in case of extreme emergencies. On vote, the motion carried, 4-0.

B. ORDINANCE 629 – SECOND READING: FIRE INSPECTION ORDINANCE

President Cason introduced Ordinance 629 and asked Chief Stegall to explain how the Ordinance works. Chief Stegall stated that the City is already conducting fire inspections through a contractor. Ordinance 629 provides the City the opportunity in the future to set fees to offset the costs related to conducting the inspections required by the state. President Cason confirmed with Chief Stegall that the Ordinance provides for local businesses to call the City and request a fire inspection. Chief Stegall added that it also affords the City a means to recoup any fees that the Fire Department might accrue in the process. Councilman Byrd moved to approve Ordinance 629 upon second reading. Councilman Goodman seconded. President Cason read title of Ordinance 629 into the record. On vote, the motion passed, 4-0.

C. ORDINANCE 627 – SECOND READING: SIGN ORDINANCE

Planner Hall reviewed the item as noted in the agenda cover. President Cason confirmed with Planner Hall that the Council voted to approve first reading with specified changes. Planner Hall advised that the Ordinance presented represents those changes. The Planning and Zoning Commission established a working group to provide input on the sign issue. Planning and Zoning then approved and recommended the Ordinance to move forward. It includes 83 changes to the current Ordinance, 6 of which are considered major with one modification based upon input provided at the November 6th Council meeting. Planner Hall provided a review of the major changes. He noted there are 5 signs that fall into the category of permitted non-conforming signs which, under provisions of the ordinance, can remain to the useful life of the sign. President Cason confirmed that under the new changes, this would mean that those signs could remain so long as they are in good condition. Once replaced, the signs would have to conform with the new ordinance requirements.

Councilman Byrd asked Planner Hall to explain the estimates related to the cost of the signs referenced in the packet. Planner Hall advised the numbers were provided based on the value of the work and the estimated construction value. In cases where those numbers were not provided then figures were established based upon comparable permitted signs. Councilman Byrd confirmed with Planner Hall that the permit cost is a percentage of the cost of the sign and that permit fees were not part of the sign ordinance.

Councilman Ross asked Planner Hall about the provision on political signs. Planner Hall advised they were referenced under Section 52-5 Exemptions. Currently signs can be posted in the public right of way. The provisions of the new Ordinance state that political signs on private property are exempt from the regulation but they are not permitted on the public right of way.

Councilman Byrd confirmed that Planner Hall would be the regulations administrator referenced in Section 52-4 Enforcement. He further confirmed that the regulations administrator will inspect applications for zoning regulation but for permanent signs the building official will review them from a building standpoint. President Cason confirmed with Planner

Hall that the process calls for code enforcement to deal with the compliance process including providing notice to owners regarding violations of the ordinance.

Councilman Byrd asked about the requirement pertaining to contractors placing commercial signs. There was some discussion on this topic. Councilman Goodman advised that a person is not permitted to work on a commercial building just by virtue of the fact that he or she owns it. The work on commercial buildings must be conducted by a licensed commercial contractor. This includes the installation of signs, accessories, etc.

Councilman Byrd expressed concern for business owners and the additional fees that go along with involving the use of professionals in the process such as a regulations administrator, building inspector, state contractor, etc. Councilman Goodman noted his agreement but concluded that is a requirement of the law. There are checks and balances to ensure commercial construction is conducted in compliance with codes.

Planner Hall advised that the sign code is one of the more complex parts of the land development code but that the ordinance does not change that basic procedure. The building permit application comes in, the regulations administrator inspects it for zoning compliance and the building official inspects it for building code compliance.

President Cason noted that while he was in favor of the ordinance, there was discussion on first reading and Councilman Goodman had made a good point regarding political signs. He explained that under the new ordinance if he had a friend and supporter that owns property on Noble Ave, his friend could place an infinite number of signs on his property in support of his candidacy. However, if there was someone running against him that did not have supporters and friends that were property owners on a major thoroughfare, his opponent would not have the ability to put signs up. He stated that he is in favor of the political sign provision from a beautification standpoint. But from a freedom of speech perspective he was not sure he could support it. He noted that he wanted to ensure everyone understood that, under the new ordinance, if it is public property, there cannot be a political sign placed on it.

Councilman Ross asked if the political signs had to meet the anchoring requirements shown in the proposed ordinance. Planner Hall advised that, as written, political signs throughout the election season are exempt.

President Cason clarified that for the benefit of all that yard sale, garage sale signs can be placed on public property for no more than three consecutive days. Planner Hall noted that exemption under Section 52-5.

Councilman Goodman commended the Planning and Zoning Board for all of their hard work. He stated he would be voting against the ordinance because he believes it infringes on the political process. He concluded that is the only reason he would be voting against it.

Mr. Holcomb asked how the ordinance affects state land. President Cason responded that was addressed at the previous meeting that non-private property is essentially public property. There was further discussion on Florida Department of Transportation regulations. Planner Hall concluded that the City would need to work with FDOT to enforce the ordinance. Mayor Hethcoat commented that he believed it was illegal to put a sign on state land. Councilman Goodman added that

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come back and authorize the cost to actually implement project. Planner Hall responded that when the bids come in before any construction is done, it will come back to Council again for approval to be completed. Councilman Byrd moved to approve resolution 2012-37. Councilman Goodman seconded. President Cason read the title of Resolution 2012-37 into the record. On vote, the motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

D. RESOLUTION 2012-38: AMENDING CITY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE PURSUANT TO AGREEMENTS WITH AFSCME AND THE PBA

Dr. Wingo advised that the City began negotiations in September pursuant to the Council's direction in August and has reached agreement in negotiations on the holiday issue. She thanked the unions for recognizing that the citizens really desired to have a Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday and that the City was not able to simply add a day off for employees. Therefore, staff proposes to remove the personal holiday and add Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a holiday. President Cason noted that, on behalf of the City of Williston, he was saddened by the fact that it was 2012 before the City approved Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a holiday. He advised that a year earlier when preparing to run for Council, it was a stated goal of his to have Martin Luther King, Jr. Day be recognized as an official holiday. Councilman Goodman moved to approve Resolution 2012-38. Councilman Byrd seconded the motion. President Cason read the title of Resolution 2012-38 into the record.

Sue Ellen Goodman addressed the Council and voiced her support for Resolution 2012-38. On vote the motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

ITEM – 6 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Catrena Gulley addressed the Council regarding the utility cut off list. She advised she was able to get into City Hall before 4 pm the prior day but was told she could not have her power turned back on. Since the final cut off day fell on the 15th and 16th a lot of people thought they had until the 17th to pay the bill and it would not be cut off until the 18th. Mr. Frankie did not get out to her neighborhood to do disconnects until after 3 pm and she did not have a car. She had to walk to try to get to City Hall before 4 pm on the 17th and then noticed changes in the cut off/reconnect schedule. She requested that if City Hall makes changes like this, to please inform everyone as to what would need to be done to reconnect. She stated there have been disconnects with people owing \$5, \$10 and that she had been cut off owing \$12. She said that is no compassion whatsoever. 8 days before Christmas, she walked up to City Hall, went to the bank to get more money for the payment and still was not able to have her power reconnected. She offered to pay the \$50 reconnect fee to have her power turned on but was unsuccessful. She stated it is not the bill that is the issue but the changes that were made related to disconnects. She advised they are serious changes because she was being billed an extra \$400 that she did not have and then was told it was their mistake, but that she actually had to pay \$200 more. She concluded that if she got the money in before 4 pm, she should have had her lights turned back on.

President Cason advised that from a Council standpoint, not having all the facts before him, he was not able to form an opinion on what happened the previous day. It is the goal of City Hall to show more compassion and be more of a public service entity as opposed to dictating service to the customer. Mrs. Gully stated there is one clerk working the window with a lot of people trying to pay their bill before 4 pm. There should have been two windows open. By the time they finished processing it was after 4 pm. She advised she felt that both windows needed to be open and everyone should be treated the same.

President Cason expressed his appreciation for her comments and committed to her that Council will look into the situation. Mrs. Gulley advised she had met with the other City Managers and have complained before but nothing was done. She discovered that the current meeting was scheduled and walked to the Council Chambers so she could attend. She thanked the members for taking the time to listen. President Cason responded that the members appreciated her attending and asked that she not walk home as Council would make arrangements to provide her transportation home. Councilman Goodman stated that Mrs. Goodman would be happy to give Mrs. Gulley a ride home. Councilman Byrd requested that the City Manager address the issue and report back to all members and to Mrs. Gully in writing as to what will be done so everyone will know the results of the inquiry.

Carolyn Ten Broek of the Williston Pioneer confirmed with President Cason that if the 15th falls on the weekend, then the cut-off date is the Friday before. Councilman Goodman suggested she publish that information in the Williston Pioneer. Mrs. Goodman asked if there was a place that information could be posted. City Manager Lippmann responded that there was a public bulletin board in front of the business office available.

ITEM – 7 – CITY MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Wingo advised that she wanted to say publicly on the record how much she has enjoyed her 6 months in Williston and what a pleasure was to work in this City and with staff Council and citizens. She added that the Council made a good choice in selecting Mr. Lippmann and that he will make a good City Manager.

ITEM – 8 – COUNCILORS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Attorney Koberlein advised that the members would receive an email with the revised City Manager contract. He asked Dr. Wingo to provide a brief announcement about the law suit.

Dr. Wingo stated the settlement with the attorney, Mr. Roy, included a court order that Tri County Hospital provide the City a cash deposit. The bank would not extend another letter of credit. The City has received payments for 4 weeks in a row of \$5,000 each Friday which makes up the \$20,000 in cash deposit. The hospital paid all of the bill that was due post-bankruptcy. The pre-declaration of bankruptcy is recoverable with the original letter of credit from Perkins. The City will be sending a letter to Perkins State Bank to request the repayment

of the pre-declaration of bankruptcy from the original letter of credit. The estimate was that the City would be minus \$30,000 but it will all be recovered and the hospital is staying up to date with their payments. City Attorney Koberlein advised he would do everything he could to work with Mr. Lippmann legal issues and with the transition. The city administration has come a very long way in the past 18 months.

Councilman Byrd asked President Cason for an update on the meeting he recently had with Levy County School Board officials. President Cason responded that he planned to comment on that topic in his announcements.

Councilman Byrd asked if the issue regarding providing a business gift to employees was still able to be discussed.

President Cason confirmed there could be no action taken on the item due to the fact that notice was not given on that item. In addition, he requested that Council refrain from having that discussion in open meeting for fear that it would hinder union negotiations.

Councilman Byrd stated that the plans have been finalized for the Christmas dinner and asked the members to attend.

President Cason confirmed that those present would be available at 11:55 pm on December 21st for a Closed Executive Session in Council chambers and the session was scheduled.

President Cason advised that he, Mr. Lippmann and Mr. Hall had met with Jeff Edison of the Levy County School Board and Mr. Gene Tanner. The School Board is continuing to go forward and they have tentatively agreed on the purchase of the property. They had specific questions regarding estimated costs to provide sewer, water and natural gas to the property.

The plan will be presented to the Florida Department of Education early summer and as part of the proposal there must be a plan for the use, sale, renovation remodel, etc. of the two current school facilities. There was immediate discussion about the potential for trades, not necessarily the City of Williston purchase of facilities but to acquire facilities depending on what could be arranged. The City has until the first part of the year specifically for the High School facility, the middle school facility does not sit within City limits. However, the School Board is looking to the City and Council to help figure out what to do with that property as well. Additional information will be forthcoming in the future. There was more information discussed related to proposed costs on providing infrastructure, etc. It is a project that will be going forward and is modeled after a project recently approved for Dixie County at a cost between 49.5 to 50 million dollars.

President Cason advised that the Mayor is doing as well as can be expected regarding the recent loss in his family.

ITEM – 9 – ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Byrd moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Jason S. Cason, City Council President

Frances V. Taylor, City Clerk

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as discussed at last meeting, it is illegal for the City to then remove those signs.

Mr. Holcomb confirmed with Planner Hall that under Section 52-6, that businesses are prohibited from posting advertisements off premises. Mayor Hethcoat asked if there were any exceptions or appeals. Planner Hall responded that there can always be appeals.

Mrs. Debra Jones commented that if the members do not like something in the ordinance, they should change it. Otherwise she felt it was a good ordinance. She suggested that based upon the number of signs in the first block of Heritage Park last election, the Council could exempt political signs from that area for a number of days before election day.

Mrs. Bert Lippmann suggested the possibility of limiting the signage per person to a pre-determined number of signs per candidate.

Councilman Byrd moved to approve Ordinance 627 upon second reading with the elimination of all language regarding political signage. Councilman Goodman seconded the motion. City Attorney Koberlein advised that he considered the removal of the political sign language to be a substantial change and the ordinance would need to be re-advertised. He noted that there is a statute that requires signs be removed within 30 days following an election or removal from candidacy. The law allows the City to remove those signs. He concluded that even in removing the references from the City ordinance, there is still a state statute that provides enforcement.

Councilman Goodman responded that he was referring to the language that prohibits placement of political signs on public property for an election. There was further discussion on the political sign provision. President Cason stated he could not support the motion without some regulation of political signs on public property. He advised he would like to see staff identify similar communities with similar goals and try to make a determination for a good political sign provision based upon a survey of those regulations. He stated that he would like Council refer it back to Planning and Zoning to develop different language regarding political signage on political property. Councilman Byrd then withdrew the motion. President Cason stated that from a procedural standpoint, he wanted to ensure the record reflects the disposition properly. President Cason confirmed that Councilman Byrd was withdrawing his motion and clarified that it was the intent of Council to receive input from Planning & Zoning after they complete further study regarding political signs on public property. Councilman Goodman agreed the Council wanted to protect the rights of individuals to run in an election. He added that the members did not want to have to hire someone to count signs. He concluded that Council was essentially looking for some kind of reasonable compromise on that provision.

D. DISCUSSION & DIRECTION: T-HANGAR REFUNDS

President Cason advised he was at City Hall recently and received input from a T-Hangar tenant who was dissatisfied with the City Council's handling of the T-Hangar deposits and refunds. City Manager Lippmann explained that, at present, there are 21 deposits that are on account for a total of \$6,300 dollars in deposit fees. He stated that \$6,300 would be the fiscal impact should Council direct staff to refund those deposits. He noted that the Council appeared in the minutes to direct the deposits be refunded at the workshop but there was never any official action taken at the City Council Meeting to that effect. Council acted on leases and other related issues but not specifically on the refunds. Staff has brought this item before Council to obtain guidance on the matter. Mrs. Debra Jones addressed Council and advised that the Committee decided not to require a deposit to be consistent with the policy of many of the other airports. The leases are month to month and if the tenants are not paying, the City can just have them vacate the premises. There was some discussion about the potential for tenants to leave the T-Hangars in disrepair upon vacating. President Cason stated that the purpose of a deposit is to prevent a tenant from leaving the property with a balance due. The City decided not to require a credit report or deposit. If a customer has given money in deposit, the City should refund it. Refunds should be applied first to any past due rent. If there is a month to month customer that is past due then they do not need to be a customer anymore. Councilman Ross moved to direct staff to refund the 21 deposits. Councilman Goodman seconded the motion. Mr. Bloom asked Council for direction on the manner in which the refunds would be carried out. Consensus of the Council was to apply it to any rents that are past due. For those that are not past due, the City will issue a refund check. On vote, the motion passed, 4-0.

ITEM - 6 - NEW BUSINESS

A. RESIGNATION OF VICE-PRESIDENT FUGATE FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

President Cason advised that City Attorney Koberlein provided him with excerpts from Section 20 of the City Municipal Code related to filling a short term vacancy during term. The Council must appoint a successor who is otherwise eligible to serve in office to serve until the next general election at which time a new City Council member shall be elected. President Cason confirmed the timeframe for qualifying with City Clerk Taylor. He reminded Council that there was an application process for those that were interested when Councilman Ross's position was open. He suggested that the group either consider establishing a similar process with a deadline or determine if they would like to make an immediate appointment. Councilman Goodman stated that the City should advertise to see who would be interested. He concluded that the timeframe up to the next Council meeting should be sufficient to afford those interested the time needed to submit the completed applications. He requested that the City Clerk provide the applications to Council as they are received so the members would have adequate time to review them. President Cason confirmed that the City could advertise and require applications to be submitted by Thursday January 17th to be included in the agenda package for the consideration at the regularly scheduled meeting on the 22nd. Councilman Goodman moved to instruct the Clerk to advertise that a City Council member will be appointed at the next City Council meeting and that all applicants need to have their application

submitted prior to the . Councilman Ross seconded. On vote, the motion passed, 4-0. President Cason noted the members would address the issue of a Vice President at the next meeting.

B. SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY MARCH

President Cason observed that the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day March will begin at City Hall and end at Cornelius Park. He asked Capt. Connolly if this would require a road closure. Capt. Connolly noted that Chief Strow had contacted the organizer of the event who advised the activity would be a march that would require the closure of just one lane of traffic throughout the route with an escort. The lane closure is scheduled for the finite period of time as noted. The only expense would be the personnel that are supposed to be off on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. President Cason confirmed that the primary difference from this year to last year is that day is now a scheduled holiday and the City will be paying double time and a half to Police Officers. Capt. Connolly noted that it should not involve too many Police Department employees that are not already exempt. He added that there will be an additional need to fund holiday pay for a Code Enforcement Officer to drive the message board and for two city employees to lay down and pick up cones throughout the route. President Cason noted that he wanted to pull this item from the consent agenda to ensure that all of these issues had been addressed. Councilman Ross asked if the city could use the Citizens On Patrol (COP) personnel for support. Capt. Connolly responded that they could be used where the span of the march crosses the intersections but if patrol cars are used for the brief period those intersections will be locked, it may not be necessary. Because the march is scheduled on a Monday at 9 am, it is not likely to be an issue. Capt. Connolly concluded this activity was likely to have minimal impact on traffic. Councilman Byrd moved to approve the special event application. Councilman Goodman seconded. On vote, the motion passed, 4-0.

C. INFORMATION: FERAL HOG HUNTING/ TRAPPING

City Manager Lippmann stated that Mr. Joe Ball and the airport staff have informed the administration that hogs are becoming a nuisance. The grass airstrip has sustained a lot of damage as a result. Adam Neal has requested permission to trap hogs. The City is in the process of putting together an agreement to that effect. Staff has consulted with FDOT and the FAA and expects to have a final agreement for Council's review and approval at the next meeting. Mayor Hethcoat confirmed with Mrs. Debra Jones and City Manager Lippmann that there had previously been six contracts for trapping but they had not been renewed. Mrs. Jones noted that with six contracts for trapping, the efforts were not effective. There was discussion on the effectiveness of trapping versus hunting to minimize the feral hog population. President Cason concluded that there are a number of people who would be willing to pay for a hog hunting lease. The hogs are a nuisance. He stated his preference was to have the City draw up a prospective hunting lease and open it up for bid to allow the public to bid per acre and require them to provide hunters insurance. The City may only make a few thousand dollars but it is a better alternative than just allowing someone go out and hunt the hogs. Councilman Goodman expressed concern over turning hunters loose on airport property. Councilman Ross agreed noting he was leery of the use of firearms there. Councilman Goodman stated he did not want an airplane shot. He advised that he did not have a problem with the hunting if there was a mechanism that could regulate hunting and see to safety issues. He just wanted to ensure there is some mechanism in place. President Cason stated that trapping only works for a limited time. Mr. Steve Holcomb noted that a sow can have two litters a year at 16 piglets per litter. He stated that this problem is not just going to go away.

There was discussion on the use of dogs and running the hogs to adjoining properties. Mrs. Jones stated that is an option but the hogs will come back. Councilman Goodman agreed that if the City could make money while controlling the hog population, the staff should move forward with it. President Cason stated that Progress Energy has a similar problem in Crystal River and they put it up for bid to hunt the hogs. If the FAA approves of the hunting option, the City can regulate the methods through the lease.

Capt. Connolly stated that there were a number of safety concerns regarding having a number of hunters on the property. He suggested breaking it down to 7 leases with one for each day of the week. President Cason clarified that the City can limit the number of hunters. Carolyn Ten Broek confirmed with President Cason that there is no set season on feral hogs. Hog hunting is permitted at any time. By general consent the Council directed staff to develop a lease that includes hunter's liability insurance and review it at the next meeting.

D. ORDINANCE 630 - FIRST READING: AMENDING THE RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST FOR GENERAL EMPLOYEES

Amending the retirement plan and trust for general employees. President Cason reviewed the information on the agenda cover. It noted that the City had successfully negotiated with the unions to eliminate the defined benefit plan in lieu of a defined contribution plan. This is a measure to try to curb future costs of pension fund management. Paul Shamoun of the Florida the League of Cities introduced himself to Council and noted that he was present to answer any questions the members might have about Ordinance 630 and Ordinance 631. He stated that what Williston is doing is similar to what cities across the state and country are doing and the private sector has done for some time in transitioning to a 401K program for new employees. Councilman Byrd and President Cason confirmed with Mr. Shamoun that this Ordinance affects future general employees only and does not affect police officers or current employees. President Cason read the title of Ordinance 630 into the record.

President Cason asked about the documents provided in reference to Ordinance 631. Mr. Shamoun explained that it is presented in that manner to ensure legal review has been conducted prior to presentation to Council. Councilman Goodman moved to adopt Ordinance 630. Councilman Ross seconded. Councilman Goodman confirmed with City Manager Lippmann that this was the result of an agreement between

the City and the union. President Cason confirmed with City Attorney Koberlein that there had been a legal review. City Attorney Koberlein indicated his approval for both Ordinances.

Councilman Byrd asked if the City was planning to discuss the benefits of the 401 K and provide an explanation to employees. President Cason responded that would occur at the time a new employee is hired. Mr. Shamoun explained that when a new employee is hired, the City will contact the Florida League of Cities to arrange for a pension representative to meet with the employee and advise them on plan options. The defined contribution program is completely different from the current defined benefit plan and the employee will have to decide where and how much of their money they would like to invest in it. This is a fundamental change. With the defined benefit plan the bulk of the risk from market losses falls upon the City. With the defined contribution plan, the risk falls on the employee. The new plan will shift all of the risk on to the employee going forward. This is a big difference in the way the City provides these types of benefits. The plan the City has for current employees is a pension plan. The plan the City will be going to for future employees is essentially a long term retirement way the private sector went 20 years ago.

The representatives will encourage employees to put funding into deferred compensation. The defined contribution plan does not have the employer contribution. The employees need to put away 10 to 15 percent of their salary for retirement. The representatives will provide as much education as possible with the employees that participate. President Cason stated that nowhere in the Ordinance does it specify what the defined contribution plan will be. Mr. Shamoun advised that he has supporting documents in an agreement that will be reviewed for approval by Council. The City Manager will make a recommendation. He added that another decision that will have to be made is how long the employee must work for the City before becoming vested in the plan. On vote, the motion passed, 4-0.

E. ORDINANCE 631 - FIRST READING: ESTABLISHING A DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN FOR GENERAL EMPLOYEES

President Cason read title of the ordinance into the record. President Cason noted Ordinance 631 would be where the nuts and bolts are and they were to be in an attachment that had not been provided. Mr. Shamoun advised the Council could approve on first reading and instruct the City Manager to have a vesting schedule, contribution rate and the definition of salary (including or not including overtime, etc.). Councilman Goodman stated that if the plan was negotiated with the unions there had to have been numbers put forth during those negotiations. City Manager Lippmann advised that there were no numbers were provided in the session he attended. President Cason concluded the numbers need to be clarified before Council approves Ordinance 631. Councilman Goodman agreed. President Cason stated that without seeing the details he was hesitant to approve it without clarification that the union approved specific numbers. Consensus was reached to direct staff to bring the numbers and details to Council and to verify the plan has been approved by the union. City Manager Lippmann advised he would reach out to Dr. Wingo and determine the status. He added that he would not be comfortable bringing a set of numbers into a negotiation session that were not pre-approved by the Council. He advised he would check with Dr. Wingo to determine if those numbers do exist.

President Cason clarified that staff is directed to find out if the nuts and bolts exist and if so, to bring them back to Council. If they do not exist, staff will develop them and bring them back during an executive session.

Mrs. Jones stated that in her opinion, any employee union that approved the program to go from a guaranteed pension plan to a 401 K is not worth their salt. In addition, Section C should read 'after' instead of 'before' regarding the date of hire. Mr. Shamoun stated he would work with the City Manager to get the backup documents drafted.

F. RESOLUTION 2013-01: APPROVING CONTRACT AMENDMENT NUMBER 1 FOR GRANT MANAGEMENT OF ENERGY GRANT NO. ARS035/17476

Planner Hall reviewed the item as noted in the agenda cover. He stated the intention was to amend the current administration contract with Fred Fox for Grant ARS035. The grant was bid in 2010 and completed in 2012. They are having several issues in the grant office. In going through the closing process on this program, they identified something in the original grant that should have been included related to an immigration clause. Councilman Goodman confirmed with Planner Hall that the issue is essentially a required language change. Councilman Goodman moved to approve 2013-01. Councilman Byrd seconded. President Cason read the title of the resolution into the record. On vote, the motion passed, 4-0.

G. RESOLUTION 2013-02: APPOINTING MARC J. POMPEO TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND CODE ENFORCEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 7, 2016

Planner Hall reviewed the item as noted in the agenda cover. He advised that Marc Pompeo was experienced in real estate and had been in the City for 12 years. Councilman Byrd moved to appoint Marc Pompeo to the Board of Adjustment and Code Enforcement. Councilman Goodman seconded. President Cason read the title of the resolution into the record. Mrs. Debra Jones stated that Mr. Pompeo is a wonderful person. He is on the Board of Directors at the Levy County Fair and is a hard worker. She stated it will be good to have him on that board. On vote, the motion passed, 4-0.

ITEM - 7 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jonathan Bishop stated he is blessed to have a job. With the 401 K plan, he had concerns that it might not be beneficial in terms of recruiting good long term employees. President Cason thanked him for his work and his input as well.

ITEM - 8 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Koberlein commented that, with regard to the feral hog issue, the FAA will require the City to show how it would provide training regarding the hunting activities at the airport.

ITEM - 9 - ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Byrd moved to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Jason S. Cason, City Council President

Frances V. Taylor, City Clerk

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Town of Bronson Council Meeting December 17, 2012

Dogan S. Cobb Municipal Building 660 E. Hathaway Ave, Bronson FL

Mayor: Call Meeting to Order

Prayer:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Franklin Schuler, Councilwoman Beatrice Roberts, Vice Mayor Berlon Weeks, Councilman Aaron Edmondson, Councilman Jason Kennedy, Attorney Steven Warm, Public Works Director Jimmy Dunford, Parks & Rec Director Curtis Stacey, Deputy Clerk Susie Robinson, and Clerk Kelli Brettel.

Absent were Building Official Bob Niffenegger and Fire Chief Jeff DiMaggio.

After the prayer and pledge Mayor Schuler welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for coming to the night's meeting.

PRESENTATION: Mayor Schuler presented Student of the Month certificates for November.

BES - Elize Lozada

BMS - Adam Abouzd

BHS - Melanie Febles

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Schuler then asked for a motion to approve the December 3, 2012 minutes. Motion to approve minutes as written was made by Councilman Weeks with a second coming from Councilman Kennedy. Motion approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Franklin Schuler then welcomed House Representative Charlie Stone who came to discuss and ask for permission to utilize some of the Town's facilities to have a meeting place for at least 1-2 days a month. He is striving to be more accessible to the people he represents. The entire Council was in full agreement to allow Representative Charlie Stone the use of the Dogan S. Cobb municipal building.

OLD BUSINESS: Clerk Brettel presented and read Resolution 12-11 for its first and final reading establishing new garbage rates for the Town of Bronson. After the reading Vice Mayor Berlon Weeks made a motion to accept the resolution as read with a second from Councilman Aaron Edmondson. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Brettel then presented Resolution 12-12 for first and final reading establishing the administrative position of Recreation Director. Clerk Brettel read Resolution 12-12 for the record. After the reading Vice Mayor Weeks commented on the policy regarding any time worked over and above the 32 hours. He felt it should be the responsibility of the Mayor to approve not the council member over the department. He went on to say that this would also be in line with our newly adopted policies. Attorney Warm suggested replacing "Town Clerk and Department Head" with "the Mayor and asked the Clerk to re-read section 5 with the noted change. After the rereading Councilman Aaron Edmondson made a motion to approve resolution 12-12 as read. Vice Mayor Weeks seconded his motion. Mayor Schuler called for a vote and motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Nothing to report.

BRONSON PARKS AND RECREATION: Curtis addressed the Council regarding some safety issues he has

seen at the park and needed maintenance work to do on fields. With him being newly hired he wanted to establish a clear understanding of his chain of command. Curtis then spoke about the maintenance of fields and asked to be able to get some outside help regarding the field prep and maintenance so he can learn how the fields are to be maintained. There was talk about setting some dates for workdays at the park. Curtis stated he was still trying to get all the football equipment back from the coaches and players.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Public Works Director Jimmy Dunford presented the Neptune Annual System Support Agreement for renewal. Vice Mayor Bedon Weeks made a motion to accept. Councilman Aaron Edmondson seconded his motion. Motion passed unanimously.

He addressed some street lights that are needed on 337 with Councilman Edmondson he said he will make a list and will put a ribbon on them.

Jimmy then addressed the traffic light that went to flash last Thursday night. After doing some small diagnostics Jimmy ended up calling Summerville Electric that is contracted to repair the light through DOT. He has not received a bill yet for the service call. But will update Council at next meeting.

Councilman Weeks not wanting to slow the meeting down but did want to address one more issue regarding Parks & Rec. He wanted to know if we could find a way for the families with multiple children to possibly work or volunteer in kind services to lower or subsidize the registration fee. After several minutes of discussion regarding registration fees and ways to subsidize them and fund raising for the park, Council agreed to invest more monies into the park for this year. Mayor Schuler recommended that staff bring back ideas to help fund raise and plan events.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE: Vice Mayor Berlon Weeks said that the rates are coming to council in January and then a meeting will be called for the infrastructure committee.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Jason Kennedy said that they have not met since the last time they reported to council, but are working on the items that were discussed.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE: Mayor Franklin Schuler updated the Council saying that the pillars were completed and at the next meeting they will be discussing the sign. He said they have gotten several quotes but the company that supplied the sign at the park seems to be the lowest.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Warm had nothing to report, but wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Jeff DiMaggio was not present but Councilman Jason Kennedy did address some of the issues the fire department is working on regarding the chain of command within the fire department and town staff, he also said a punch list is being prepared in regards to the maintenance on the building that needs to be done, they are working on a shift schedule based on call loads and addressing the problem with the recent communication between the department and

Town Hall. Vice Mayor Weeks asked if any reprimands were handed out in regards to Captain Jerry Horton and the TV purchase. Councilman Kennedy was not aware of any but would pose the question.

CLERK REPORT: Clerk Kelli Brettel thanked all the Council and staff for allowing her to spend the last week with Mr. Kite the Town's auditor. She reported that Mr. Kite left saying the numbers looked good and he sees where we have made improvements on clearing up past issues. Clerk Brettel stated that when he does come and report to Council they most likely will hear about time management on her end and processes. She did say she will start closing her door a little more in order to spend more quality time on the financial work that is needed to be done. So she asked Council not to get offended. Clerk Brettel then said that with the hiring of another staff member she feels it necessary to start having weekly staff meetings so everyone can be abreast of what is happening in the town and she would like the Mayor to be a part of that meeting. This will start after the first of the year so personnel can be allocated to the various projects needing to get accomplished. Councilwoman Beatrice Roberts suggested a summary to Council get emailed out after the meeting. Then she discussed also having a planning meeting with staff so we can brainstorm and bring ideas back to Council as they so discussed earlier this evening. Kelli ended her report hoping that everyone will be out for Christmas in the Park, and she also stated that she feels Curtis is a good fit to the wheel and thanked the Council for the help. Councilman Kennedy asked about the email regarding the human resource workshop stating he would like to go the Mayor also stated he would like to go.

COUNCIL REPORT:

Councilman Aaron Edmondson asked Jimmy when Jimmy Jerrels would be starting on the streets. Jimmy said he said it would be the 2nd week of January. Councilwoman Roberts asked for Councilman Edmondson to check the streets on School and Glover.

Vice Mayor Berlon Weeks spoke about WCA missing garbage at the Methodist Church. Jimmy said he would get with the driver. Vice Mayor Weeks then brought up his email regarding Broadband. He asked the Council to respond to the survey.

Councilman Jason Kennedy had a meeting with the DAV and asked the Council to support their effort on educating children on the flag and suggested presenting the colors before the movie.

Councilwoman Beatrice Roberts had nothing to report, but asked that everyone keep the children and families of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in their prayers.

Mayor Franklin Schuler reminded everyone of the date and time for Christmas in the Park.

ADJOURN: With nothing further on the agenda Mayor Franklin Schuler adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes Approved:

Franklin Schuler, Mayor
Kelli Brettel, Town Clerk

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season free hot chocolate. The American Legion Family at Post 91 has several goals for the current membership drive during the months of December and January. Together, members of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, the Sons of The American Legion, and the American Legion Riders make up what is known as The Legion Family. All four organizations place high importance on preserving our American traditions and values, improving the quality of life for our nation's children, caring for veterans and their families, and perhaps most importantly, teaching the fundamentals of good citizenship.

American Legion Post 91 is a non-profit, nationally accredited Veteran Organization. To learn more call 1st Vice Commander Rod Lacey at (352) 221-2352 or visit us on the web at www.facebook.com/AmericanLegionJamersonSheffieldPost91. For God and Country!! Rod Lacey, 1st Vice Commander

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. This workshop includes hands-on activity as well as presentations about springs, rain gardens, low impact design and development, water conservation and springs, landscape planting for dry areas and water conservation. Lunch will be provided. Funding is provided by a Springs Protection Tag Grant administered by the Wildlife Foundation of Florida. Remember, there is no charge for this free workshop.

Register anytime now by calling 352/264-6827. You may also register online by going to <http://tinyurl.com/agz9g8>

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.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

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

Governing Board Financial Investments Ad Hoc Committee: Evaluate SWFWMD's current investment portfolio and discuss potential future investment opportunities.

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, February 20, 2013 9 a.m.

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

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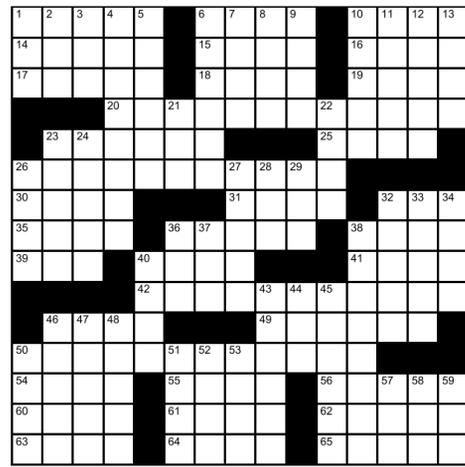
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For more information, you may contact: Lu- anne.Stout@watermatters.org; 1(800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)796-7211, x4605 (Ad Order EXE0249). Pub.: Feb. 7, 2013.

Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1. Beg
- 6. Wallop
- 10. Lowlife
- 14. Cliffside dwelling
- 15. Corn ____
- 16. Decline
- 17. Long
- 18. Beef buy
- 19. Final notice
- 20. Break into fragments
- 23. Filter
- 25. One way to stand by
- 26. Speculative
- 30. Enlarge, as a hole
- 31. Corrode
- 32. Big ____ Conference
- 35. "____ on Down the Road"
- 36. Lawn mower's path
- 38. "Buona ____" (Italian greeting)
- 39. "... ____ he drove out of sight"
- 40. Water-filled ditch surrounding a castle
- 41. Shed tears of grief
- 42. Committed to live and work in a specific place (2 wds)
- 46. Strong woody fiber
- 49. Druid, e.g.
- 50. Clergyman who also has a secular job (hyphenated) e.g.
- 54. "Mi chiamano Mimi," e.g.
- 55. Long, long time
- 56. In pieces
- 60. At sea
- 61. "Cast Away" setting
- 62. Come again
- 63. "Trick" joint
- 64. Airhead
- 65. Pirate's pal

Down

- 1. Be worthwhile
- 2. "Malcolm X" director
- 3. Victorian, for one
- 4. Military air base
- 5. Unit of fineness of silk fibers
- 6. Rigid support for a broken bone
- 7. "Crazy" bird
- 8. Condo, e.g.
- 9. Characteristic carrier
- 10. Weapon with a long, pointed blade
- 11. Conspiratorial group of plotters
- 12. Accord
- 13. Allocate, with "out"
- 21. "Comprende?"
- 22. Covered with gold
- 23. Clip sheep's fleece
- 24. "Cut it out!"
- 26. Diagram showing family lineage
- 27. About to explode
- 28. Director's cry
- 29. ____ Wednesday
- 32. Parenting challenges
- 33. At attention
- 34. Back of the neck
- 36. "My boy"
- 37. "This means ____!"
- 38. Flowering vine
- 40. Bit
- 43. Small harpsichord
- 44. Anger
- 45. Render harmless
- 46. Element B
- 47. Come to mind
- 48. Glide along on ice
- 50. Move by taking steps
- 51. Bust, so to speak
- 52. 100 centavos
- 53. "Let's ____"
- 57. Appear
- 58. Morgue, for one
- 59. "Don't give up!"

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

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ORANGE PECAN FRENCH TOAST

- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/3 cup butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons light corn syrup
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 14 (3/4 inch thick) slices French bread
- 1 1/2 teaspoon grated orange zest
- 1 cup fresh orange juice
- 1/2 cup 2% milk
- 4 tablespoons white sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 egg whites
- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoon confectioners' sugar and 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon for dusting

In a small bowl, stir together the brown sugar, melted butter, and corn syrup. Pour into a greased 9x13 inch baking dish, and spread evenly. Sprinkle pecans over the sugar mixture then arrange the bread slices in the bottom of the dish so they are in a snug single layer.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the orange zest, orange juice, milk, sugar, cinnamon, vanilla, egg whites, and eggs until well blended. Pour this mixture over the bread, pressing on the bread slices to help absorb the liquid. Cover and refrigerate for at

least one hour, or overnight. Preheat the oven to 350°. Remove dish from refrigerator at least 20 minutes before cooking.

Bake for 35 minutes in the preheated oven or until golden brown. Dust with the confectioners' sugar and cinnamon mixture before serving.

GARLIC HERB LEMON FISH

- 1 1/2 tablespoon finely minced or pressed garlic
- 1 large lemon, zest and juice
- 1 teaspoon of dried basil, rosemary, and oregano
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/3 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 cup (or more) extra virgin olive oil
- 1 to 1 1/2 lbs. of fresh boneless Tilapia or Cod filets

Combine garlic, lemon zest, lemon juice, herbs, salt and pepper. Add olive oil until mixture comes together like a thick sauce. Place fish in zipper plastic bag and pour mixture over fish. Place bag in refrigerator for 15-20 minutes. When ready to cook, preheat oiled outdoor grill or indoor grill pan. Cook a few minutes on each side, turning gently only once, until done and fish is flaky.

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Lady Eagles Steal Victory from Sharks

Bronson Girls' Basketball defeated Cedar Key 48-13 in the 1st round of district play. The win also allowed the Lady Eagles to advance to the quarterfinals of district play setting the 3rd seeded Lady Eagles up for a clash with #2 seeded Hawthorne Hornets. The game was a blow out from the beginning as Caitlyn Cates hit the opening shot and the Lady Eagles went ahead 9-0 and never looked back. Powered by 31 steals the game was never in doubt as the steals led to easy baskets on the offensive end. After the first quarter the score was 9-2, at half 23-6, at the end of the third quarter it was 44-10, and under the mercy rule the game ended 48-13.

Eighth-grader Lauren Moore led all scorers with 15 points and had 6 steals, Brittany Riley added 14 points with 4 steals, Shay Sherman had 9 points, 6 steals and 5 assists, 8th grade reserve Terrayye Woodley added 4 points, Deonna Hamilton had a 3 pointer and 6 assists, Caitlyn Cates had 2 points, Faith Heath had 1 point and 3 steals, and Brianna Mitchell had 8 rebounds and 3 steals.

The Lady Eagles advanced their regular season record to 17-6 while defeating Cedar Key for the 4th time this season. The first win was in the pre-season tournament hosted by the Lady Eagles. Head Coach Kenny Thomas and his squad played Hawthorne on Friday night at 7:30.

Hornets End Lady Eagle Season

The Bronson Lady Eagle basketball season came to an abrupt end on Friday night as they lost to Hawthorne 43-39. The Lady Eagles finished the season 17-7 in which three of their losses came from the Hornets. Hilliard would defeat the Hawthorne Hornets on Saturday night to become the district champions.

The game opened with teams exchanging baskets until the end of the first quarter when Bronson pulled ahead 10-6. At half the Lady Eagles led 18-13 and seemed to have things well in hand. During the third quarter Bronson enjoyed its largest lead 25-15 before Hawthorne stormed back to trail only 28-27 at the end of the third quarter. Employing a man-to-man defense Hawthorne broke open a 35-29 lead and a 43-36 lead before Lauren Moore hit a three pointer late for the final score.

Brianna Mitchell led the Lady Eagles with 10 points and 7 rebounds followed by Lauren Moore's 10 points, Shay Sherman's 8 points, Brittany Riley's 7 points, and Deonna Hamilton added a three pointer and a free throw for 4 points. Center Moriah Carter led the Hornets with 14 points and numerous blocks.

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