



District 4 County Commission Race Has Jaws Flapping as Qualifying Ends

By Terry Witt
Senior Staff Writer

Political candidates and their supporters in the two county commission races have plenty to gossip about this year.

When businessman Jamie Griffin jumped into the District 4 county commission race just before qualifying ended Friday, the jaws started flapping before the ink was barely dry on his paperwork.

Part of the reason for all the talk is that incumbent District

4 County Commission Chairman Ryan Bell has a felony theft conviction in his past, and so does Griffin. Both had their rights restored. Both can hold political office. Griffin served a year in prison and paid a \$20,000 fine. Bell paid a fine of about \$2,500, but wasn't sentenced to jail. Both said they are a much better person for having gone through the agonizing experience of being arrested and sentenced.

For the record, Bell was 19-years-old when he and a group of young men began stealing heavy equipment and transporting the equipment across state lines. He was

convicted in federal court of conspiracy and sentenced to probation. He never served jail time except for eight days waiting to be first appeared in Georgia. The group was charged in two states. In the intervening years since his release and the restoration of his rights, he has built a successful string of restaurants. He won county political office in 2010 and is seeking re-election.

Bell said he was young when he became part of the group stealing farm equipment. He said he never stole equipment from Levy

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Is County Commission Purchasing Policy in Need of Repairs?

Commission office project offers insights

By Terry Witt
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Levy County officials have nearly completed what turned out to be a \$15,000 project to remodel the county commission offices to provide better security and add more filing space for the human resource office, but the project was never formally approved by a vote of the Levy County Commission nor was it budgeted as a specific construction project.

But that's not unusual.

Some county repair and maintenance projects don't go through a formal bid process, but depending on the cost, the county may acquire quotes from prospective vendors. The county says this project was part of the courthouse repair and maintenance schedule and the county commission generally sets aside money for upgrades to various parts of the courthouse. The staff handles the projects. But staff members are expected to follow the county's purchase policy.

In this case, the Journal was unable to find any county commission meeting minutes where the remodeling of the commission offices was discussed as a project or voted on by the board, but the board has had several meetings about upgrades in the courthouse and elsewhere in the county. The discussions covered a wide range of subjects and commissioners sometimes skipped from one project to the next in rapid succession as they discussed where they wanted to spend money. The renovation of the upstairs civil office earlier this year was on the commission agenda and was authorized by the board. The remodel of the commission offices was not an agenda item.

County Construction Manager Jimmy Jones said the first he heard about the desired changes in the county commission offices was while Staley Construction, Inc. was working on the upstairs civil office of the clerk this spring, and the directive came through County Coordinator Freddie Moody. Jones said he did solicit quotes from Staley Construction and Rockcoustic Systems, Inc. The original plan was for one company to do the entire project, but it didn't pan out as a single project. It was done piecemeal, with county construction staff doing the repainting and plumbing work and Rockcoustic Systems of Bronson tearing out and relocating interior walls. Joseph Crane Flooring of Williston handled the flooring.

The county's purchasing policy states that department heads can purchase goods or services costing up to \$2,500 without commission approval. Board approval is needed for purchases of \$2,500 to \$5,000, but in emergency situations a committee consisting of the clerk, county coordinator and department head can give approval. Board approval and written quotes are needed for purchases of \$5,001 to \$10,000 and board

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Excellent Teachers Honored

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Teachers of the Year for 2014 pictured at the Evening of Excellence are: Tanya Taylor – WMS and District; Bobbie Jo Gowland – WHS; Nancy Bowman – WES; Monica Cooper – JBES; Robert Phillips – Summit Academy / Hilltop Alternative School; Chris Wilson – CMHS; Denise Cowart – CES; Lauren Adams – CKS; Jessica Sanchez – BES; Emma Powers – BMHS.

Chiefland Approves Disputed Severance Pay for Former City Manager

By Terry Witt
Senior Staff Writer

Chiefland City Commissioners voted to give former City Manager Kevin Gay his severance pay Monday night without requiring him to sign a release that protected the city from a lawsuit, but the severance package wasn't exactly what Gay wanted and the city refused to pay his attorney's fees.

City Attorney Norm Fugate said the city would tax Gay's gross pay of \$24,808 at a 25 percent tax rate and send him the balance, more than \$18,000, but Gay's attorney had asked for \$19,541 after taxes were withheld. Neither Gay nor his attorney were present for the meeting.

Gay argued through his attorney that he was entitled to 20 weeks of severance pay under his contract with the city, which he said amounted to \$19,541 after taxes, and he said Chiefland's refusal to pay liquidated damages could lead to unnecessary litigation and payment of additional damages.

Fugate said the law is clear on how much tax should

be assessed and the law is also clear that the city doesn't have to pay Gay's legal fees unless a lawsuit is filed by the former city manager.

Gay's contract with the city was terminated on a 3-2 vote of the city commission.

Mayor Teal Pomeroy said he was ready to give Gay all the money he was due and nothing more, but he never wanted to hear Gay's name mentioned again in the city commission meeting once the matter was settled.

Pomeroy was angered by a June 17 letter from Gay's attorney, Lanny Russell, claiming that Gay had told Pomeroy in his wife's presence that he expected to be paid his severance pay, but had not discussed releasing the city of any future liability claims.

Pomeroy said he had a phone conversation with Gay where the former city manager told him, "You pay my severance pay and I'll give you a letter (of release)." But the June 17 letter denied that Gay promised to release the city of liability.

"He called me a liar. I'm not too keen on that," Pomeroy said



County Goes With Low Bidder, But Caps Expenses on Inglis Septic Tank

By Terry Witt
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Levy County Commissioners voted unanimously Tuesday to hire the low bidder to repair a malfunctioning septic tank system at a federally rehabilitated home near Inglis, even though that wasn't the plan last week.

Commissioners have experienced a number of problems with contractors and the consultant

hired to administer the federal grant program at the Tarafa home, and because of the problems they wanted to use the next highest bidder, a company that had worked with the county before and was known to be reliable.

But the very problems with the project that prompted that line of thinking led the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to veto the idea of eliminating the lowest bidder just because it wasn't a known entity. Commission

Chairman Ryan Bell said the DEO, which oversees the federal Community Development Block Grant for the state basically told him it wouldn't fund the project unless the county went with the low bidder.

Bell said the DEO didn't want to invite legal challenges to the bid. There was about \$2,000 difference in the bids, according to Bell.

Richardson Site Prep of Fort White submitted the low bid

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Williston Hiring Real Estate Professional for CRA Parking Project

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The original downtown Williston business district across from Williston City Hall needs off-street parking and the city council has decided to purchase about an acre of property for that purpose.

Council members unanimously gave city staff the okay to advertise for a real estate firm that will be authorized to purchase 12 parcels of land

from eight individuals and groups east of City Hall.

The request for proposals will be offered to real estate professionals who can negotiate the purchase of the land on behalf of the city as part of the Community Redevelopment Agency's (CRA) efforts to improve the downtown business climate.

While the purpose of the CRA is not to create economic development on its own, it is charged with completing projects that will induce

private development efforts either through public-private partnerships, or in the case of this project, by purchasing a parking area for customers of businesses.

The original downtown businesses depended on street-side angle parking directly in front of stores, but most of that parking disappeared long ago. Many towns face similar challenges in their downtown areas.

The city staff currently doesn't have the

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Levy County Sheriff's Office Arrest Report

Jail Media Report for 06/16/2014 to 06/23/2014

DAVENPORT, MICHAEL PAUL, 35, OF YANKEETOWN, FL: WRT VOP BATTERY.
 DAYS, EUGENE THOMAS, 46, OF WILLISTON, FL: PETIT THEFT 2ND DEGREE 2ND OFFENSE.
 EDWARDS, KAREN LOTRON, 42, OF CHIEFLAND, FL: OPEN CONTAINER.
 FAGAN, JENNIFER, 28, OF OCALA, FL: FAILURE TO APPEAR.
 FENDER, AMANDA, 43, OF WILLISTON, FL: BATTERY TOUCH OR STRIKE.
 GILROY, LINDA DIANE, 61, OF HOMOASSA, FL: DUI.
 GONZALES, MARBIN, 43, OF FANNING SPRINGS, FL: DWLSR.
 GOOLD, WESLEY BURNS, 42, OF CHIEFLAND, FL: PETIT THEFT 1ST DEGREE 100 LESS 300 DOLS.
 HARRELSON, CHRISTIAN BRATT, 20, OF CHIEFLAND, FL: SEX OFFENSE VOYEURISM 1ST OFF; BATTERY TOUCH OR STRIKE.
 MARTIN, JAMES, 44, OF OLD TOWN, FL: PROB VIOLATION.
 MCCRAY, CECIL, 28, OF GAINESVILLE, FL: MARIJUANA-POSSESS NOT MORE THAN 20 GRAMS; POSS COCAINE; POSS OF WEAPON OR AMMO BY CONVICTED UNITED STATES FELON; COMMIT FELONY BATTERY; TAMPERING IN MISDEMEANOR PROCEEDING.
 OSBORNE, MITCHELL RANDALL, 35, OF TRENTON, FL: HOLD FOR COURT.
 PATEL, DAXA, 60, OF PERRY, FL: GRAND THEFT 300 LESS THAN 5K DOLS.

Levy County's Most Wanted



ALDRICH, DOUGLAS ORLANDO VOP RWOV NO BOND	GOSS, MARGARET M CHIEFLAND VOP PETIT THEFT NO BOND	JENKS, PAMELA J CHIEFLAND FTA OPERATING WHILE DL SUSPENDED/ CANCELED/ REVOKED KNOWINGLY BOND \$ 2,000	MCCLAIN, BRITTANY N CHIEFLAND FTA LARC - PETIT THEFT BOND \$ 25,000	SMITH, JULIAN J WILLISTON FTA OPERATING WHILE DL SUSPENDED/ CANCELED/ REVOKED KNOWINGLY BOND \$ 2,000
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PATEL, KASHMIRA, 39, OF PERRY, FL: GRAND THEFT 300 LESS THAN 5K DOLS.
 PATEL, SMITA, 46, OF PERRY, FL: GRAND THEFT 300 LESS THAN 5K DOLS.
 PUCKETT, DAVID RAY, 48, OF BRONSON, FL: DUI ALCOHOL OR DRUGS 4TH OR SUBSQ OFF.
 RAUDIS, KYLE, 18, OF WILLISTON, FL: PROB VIOLATION.
 RUSSO, NICHOLAS JAMES, 34, OF WILLISTON, FL: HOLD FOR COURT.
 STEPHENS, ZACHARY GARRETT, 18, OF OLD TOWN, FL: PETIT THEFT FROM MERCHANT 2ND OFF; RESIST OFFICER W/O VIOLENCE.
 STONER, JEFFERY WAYNE, 40, OF OLD TOWN, FL: DRIVE WHILE LIC SUSP 3RD OR SUBSQ OFF.
 SUTTON, MICHAEL, 35, OF WILLISTON, FL: PROB VIOLATION.
 TOURIGNY, ROBERT EDWARD, 65, OF INGLIS, FL: FAILURE TO APPEAR.

TYNDAL, BRITTANY CHERISE, 28, OF WILLISTON, FL: BATTERY ON OFFICER FIREFIGHTER EMT ETC; DISORDER INTOX PUBLIC PLACE CAUSE DISTURBANCE; WITH VIOLENCE.
 WILLIAMS, JOHN HENRY, 26, OF WILLISTON, FL SELL METHAMPHETAMINE; POSS METH W INTENT TO SELL MANUFACTURE DELIVER; USE 2 WAY COMM DEVICE TO FACIL FELONY.



Sheriff Gives \$15,136 to Chiefland

By Terry Witt
Senior Staff Writer

The Chiefland City Commission received a cash gift Monday night from Sheriff Bobby McCallum. Well, not exactly a gift. But it was a pleasant surprise. McCallum presented Police Chief Robert Douglas with checks totaling \$15,136 from drug related seizures that resulted from the city's participation in the Levy County Drug Task Force. McCallum said total revenue the city has received from drug task force activities is \$45,000 since he began serving as sheriff. The money goes into the police department budget. Many of the drug cases lead to the seizure of stolen merchandise from burglaries, according to McCallum. The task force has busted two methamphetamine labs and a mobile lab in Chiefland in recent weeks. "The partnership is working," McCallum said. Douglas was all smiles after receiving the checks. "We've got a good relationship and the task force is kickin' butt out there," Douglas said. In other business, commissioners tabled an agenda item aimed at improving the evaluation process for city managers. The proposed changes would have eliminated the self-evaluation part of the process and added a three-month

evaluation to the existing six-month and 12-month evaluations. Commissioner Teresa Barron suggested using written complaint forms to capture complaints about the city manager in writing, and she suggested doing the same for other city employees. But the matter is on hold for now. In an unrelated matter, commissioners had no objection to the former City Hall being used not only by the Tri-County Resource Center and the Partnership for Strong Families, but the Child Protection Team of from the University of Florida Department of Pediatrics. Stephanie Cox, team coordinator for the Child Protection Team said the program is funded through the Florida Department of Health. She said they also plan to start a Child Advocacy Center that would be partially state funded and partly funded by private groups and fundraising. The Corner Drug Store program, which attempts to intervene with children in schools before children get into trouble with the law, will also be housed in the Old City Hall. City Attorney Norm Fugate said the city may have to modify the proposed lease for Old City Hall to include the other groups that will use the facility. Cox said the university's insurance would cover her organization.



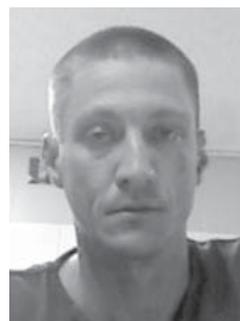
Sheriff Bobby McCallum presents Police Chief Robert Douglas with two checks totaling \$15,136 from drug busts by the Levy County Drug Task Force resulting forfeitures to the city. Photo by Terry Witt

Persistence Pays for Dixie County Deputies Serving a Warrant

Over a period of several days deputies attempted to locate James A. Williamson, 34, of Old Town, in order to serve an arrest warrant for Violation of Probation. Several attempts had failed when one of the deputies spotted Williamson at the Purvis Landing Park on the evening of June 11, 2014. At that time Williamson was operating an ATV with a white female and two young children on it. The deputy approached Williamson and instructed him to turn off the ATV and dismount. Williamson failed to do as instructed and as the deputy approached, Williamson fled from the deputy at a high rate of speed with the female and children still on board the deputy did not give chase and allowed Williamson to leave in order to prevent in further risk to the safety of the female and children. On Saturday morning June 21, a deputy went to a residence on NE 754 Street in Old Town in an attempt to execute the warrant again on Williamson. When he

arrived, he spotted Williamson sitting on a motorcycle in the driveway. When Williamson spotted the deputy coming, he immediately fled from the area and the deputy gave chase. Williamson turned the motorcycle into a wooded area heading in the direction of SR 349 and the deputy radioed another responding deputy that he had lost sight of him in the wooded area and gave the direction of travel. The second responding deputy was traveling south on SR 349 watching the wood line when Williamson emerged from the woods traveling in a northerly direction while the second deputy was still south bound. Williamson's motorcycle and the deputy's car collided causing Williamson to be ejected from the motorcycle. When the deputy exited his car in an attempt to arrest Williamson, Williamson resisted and fought with the deputy until he was able to get free and flee on foot. During the struggle with Williamson, a police scanner fell from Williamson's pockets. Shortly after this, the initial deputy arrived on the scene of the crash and the two began looking for Williamson in the area in which he ran. They were

able to locate Williamson, who when they approached, surrendered without further resistance. Williamson sustained minor injuries in the accident and was transported by Dixie County EMS to an area hospital where he was kept overnight for treatment. On Sunday afternoon, Williamson was taken from the hospital to the Dixie County Jail where he was booked on the charges of: Child Abuse (by Endangerment) and Fleeing and Alluding for the June 11th incident involving the children on the ATV. For Saturday's incident he was booked on the charges of: Violation of Probation, Resisting an Officer without Violence, Escape, Resisting and Officer with Violence, Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer and Unlawful Use of Possession of Police Communications. —information submitted by Major Scott Harden, Dixie County Sheriff's Office





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WES Safety Patrollers Honored by AAA Gainesville

End-of-the-year cookout held the day before

by Lisa Statham Posteraro

Several Williston Elementary School safety patrollers and their mothers traveled to Gainesville on May 9th at the invitation of Kathy Lascola, the American Automobile Association (AAA) representative for the area schools' safety patrol program. Storm Roberts from Radio Station-WKTK was there as were members of the Gainesville Fire and Rescue and a retriever being trained to be a companion dog for wounded soldiers. The Alachua County Bike Safety program director had a table set up as did Gatorland Zipline. This annual event was attended this year by Caleb Davis, Jenifer Garcia, Anthony Griffith, Colin Kleintank and Isabel Perez. Adviser Lisa Posteraro and her husband Jim also attended the event. Of course, refreshments were served, and all attendees "won" door prizes, bike helmets or ball caps.

The day before in the Wildcat Café, the entire group of patrollers celebrated the end of the year at their after-school meeting with a cookout. Attendees enjoyed hot dogs, chips, cookies and sweet tea followed by a brief business meeting inside then various games on the playground, organized by the patrol officers. Thanks to Sandlin Farms, who lent their large grill, and Jim Posteraro for doing the grilling. Appreciation also goes out to cafeteria manager Julia Oberst for providing the facility and fixing the tea. B. J. Hawkins-Smith and Becky Zank helped serve and supervise.

Safety patrollers at WES help monitor student traffic at the beginning and end of each school day as well as assist teachers in many ways throughout the day. The program was established in 1929 by AAA, and Florida's AAA South provides the materials (for a fee) for all schools with a safety patrol program.

In June many of the patrollers and their chaperones rode a chartered bus to enjoy a trip to Washington, D. C., hosted by the Levy County Sheriff's Office. School Resource Officer Grant Sandlin accompanied the Williston group along with Rhesa Collop, the Educational Tours travel representative. (See this story next week, right here.)

This will be the final trip for adviser Lisa Posteraro, who is retiring.

Editor's Note:

Watching Lisa Posteraro move on to "retirement" is with mixed emotions. Very glad for Lisa, very sad for the Journal. Lisa is the example of being faithful, diligent and passionate



Isabel Perez and Jenifer Garcia, 5th graders from Williston Elementary School and safety patrollers, share a slice of pizza outside the AAA office in Gainesville. Besides pizza, the attendees enjoyed cut up fresh fruit. The event was held after school on Friday, May 9th.



WES safety patrollers Colin Kleintank, Caleb Davis, Anthony Griffith, Isabel Perez and Jenifer Garcia stand in front of their supportive mothers: Shanon Blackburn, Catherine Davis, Patty Griffith, Elvira Iturbe and Dawn Perez. The boys are wearing their bright international yellow AAA ball caps they received from AAA.

for the story of the kids at WES being told to the rest of the community. She volunteers her time and talent to us all and we say thank you to Lisa for her commitment. We just hope Lisa jumps back out of retirement once in awhile to keep everyone abreast of the goings on in Williston. We thank you again Lisa for your dedication to the cause and extend blessings and joy to you in the future. Thanks for the example you set for everyone.

Kathy Hilliard, Editor



A member of the Gainesville Fire and Rescue stands with WES safety patrollers Caleb Davis, Anthony Griffith and Colin Kleintank, who hold implements used by the firefighters when they are fighting fires! The boys also toured the fire truck, parked in the back of the ZZZ offices on NW 13th St. in Gainesville.

Ornan Lodge No. 117 Masons Donate Bikes to WES

Perfect attendance during FCAT testing qualified students

Once more, local Masons purchased bicycles to reward students at Williston Elementary School who had perfect attendance during the two-week window of the recent FCAT testing. Right Worshipful Kenneth E. Shaw, Deputy District Grand Master, was on hand for the presentation. Next to him is WES Assistant Principal Chloe Gabriel, then from Ornan Lodge No. 117 are Bro. Jeremy Johnson, Senior Deacon; Worshipful Bill Catsulis, Past Master; Worshipful Glen Lee Garner, Worshipful Master; and Bro. David Bruce Alford, Senior Warden. WES Principal Marla Hiers rounds out the group behind the winners: 3rd grader Matthew Sampson, 4th grader Christyuna Caulwell and 5th grader Jaggert Justice. WES appreciates the great support! Photo by Donna Lovvron



Williston Council Moves to Shore Up School Security

By Terry Witt
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In an era when school shootings are all too common in the United States, the Williston City Council moved last week to shore up security at the community's four schools.

Acting on a request by Williston Police Chief Dennis Strow, the council voted unanimously to allow Chief Dennis Strow to file for a federal grant that would allow the hiring of an additional school resource officer.

Strow said \$300 million in competitive grants are available from the Justice Department through the COPS program and there is no guarantee the city will receive the money, but he said it's worth the effort to apply for a grant.

The grant application will be reviewed by the city's financial officer, Stephen Bloom, to ensure the council can afford to take on the full cost of funding the position after the grant funding runs out.

Council President Jason Cason said he supports the idea of hiring a second Williston school resource officer to protect the children of Williston.

"To me it would deter the opportunity for anything terrible to happen in our schools," Cason said.

None of the council members uttered a word of opposition to Councilman Elihu Ross's motion to allow Strow to apply for the grant funding.

The police chief said school safety has been a hot topic since 20 children were murdered by a shooter at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newton, Mass., on Dec. 14, 2012.

The Levy County Sheriff's Office provides one school resource officer for the four Williston schools – Williston Elementary, Joyce Bullock Elementary, Williston Middle School and Williston High School – but Strow felt an additional officer was needed.

The federal COPS grant program will provide 75 percent of funding for the first three years the officer works in Williston

and the council will pay the remaining 25 percent.

After three years, the council will pay the full salary and benefits estimated by Bloom to be \$50,476 annually. The officer must spend 75 percent of his time working in schools and community oriented policing.

Strow said the school board will break ground for a new Williston Middle High School next year. When the school is occupied, all four of Williston's schools will be in inside the city limits. The current middle school lies outside the city.

Strow said an extra school resource officer will heighten the level of security at the schools.

The new school resource officer will work for Strow but his activities will be coordinated with the sheriff's office. He can work as a Williston patrolman as needed, but 75 percent of his or her time must be spent in the schools.

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manpower to complete negotiating or administrative tasks associated with the purchase of real estate. City officials plan to hire a professional real estate agent that would be able to advise the city on current market conditions, fair property values and then negotiate a fair price.

Council President Jason Cason said one real estate professional asked him when the city would begin using the term "eminent domain." The term refers to condemning property for a public purpose. Property owners are required to sell after negotiating a price. No one responded to his comment.

Councilman Matt Brooks wondered why the CRA was shifting its focus from Heritage Park to downtown parking. City Manager Scott Lippmann said the next phase for the linear park is refining what is already there, but the parking

issue is a longstanding redevelopment issue that has yet to be addressed by the city. Lippmann said the city should move forward with the purchase of property for parking.

"They (CRA) see this need as greater," he said.

Lippmann said adding parking will serve the economic development needs of businesses.

"There's no reason for anyone to come into the interior of that block," he said.

In other business, council members approved an ordinance setting flood plain management regulations for the city based on Federal Emergency Management Agency flood hazard maps.

The city currently has no buildings that lie in a flood hazard area. Most of the identified flood areas are drainage retention ponds and flooded rock pits, but there are areas

where buildings could be constructed in the future that would be affected by the regulations.

In an unrelated matter, Capt. Frank Clegg of the Williston High School Jr. ROTC program appeared before the council to say that the ROTC program needs money for its programs and competitions.

The only ROTC program in the county relies on fundraisers. The cadets participate in all the parades and veterans activities. The military has ruled that U.S. Army money cannot be used for competitions of any kind or for transportation to competitions.

"We're out there. We need support," Clegg said.

The council offered no financial support for ROTC, but Cason suggested Clegg reach out to the Williston Rotary, Lions Club and other organizations for financial support.

OPINION

A Lame Duck Country?

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Pundits are pointing to President Barack Obama's recent decline in public opinion polls, and saying that he may now become another "lame duck" president, unable to accomplish much during his final term in office.

That has happened to other presidents. But it is extremely unlikely to happen to this president. There are reasons why other presidents have become impotent during their last years in office. But those reasons do not apply to Barack Obama.

The Constitution of the United States does not give presidents the power to carry out major policy changes without the cooperation of other branches of government. Once the country becomes disenchanted with a president during his second term, Congress has little incentive to cooperate with him -- and, once Congress becomes uncooperative, there is little that a president can do on his own.

That is, if he respects the Constitution.

President Obama has demonstrated, time and again, that he has no respect for the Constitution's limitations on his power. Despite his oath of office, to see that the laws are faithfully executed, Barack Obama has unilaterally changed welfare reform laws, by eliminating the work requirement passed by Congress during the Clinton administration.

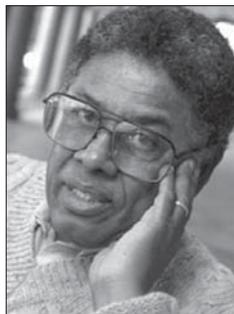
He has repeatedly and unilaterally changed or waived provisions of the ObamaCare law passed by Congress during his own administration.

President Obama has ordered Border Patrol agents not to carry out provisions of the immigration laws that he does not like. We see the results today in the tens of thousands of illegal immigrants entering the country unimpeded.

President Obama's oath of office obviously means no more to him than his oft-repeated promise that "you can keep your own doctor" under ObamaCare.

Why do we have a Constitution of the United States if a president can ignore it without any consequences?

The Constitution cannot protect our rights if we do not protect the Constitution. Freedom is not free, and the Constitution is just some words on paper if we do not do anything to



those who violate it.

What can ordinary citizens do?

Everything! Theirs is the ultimate power of the ballot that can bring down even the most powerful elected official.

The most important thing the voters can do is vote against anyone who violates the Constitution. When someone who has violated the Constitution repeatedly gets re-elected, then the voters are accomplices in the erosion of protection for their own freedom.

Laws without penalties are just suggestions -- and suggestions are a pitiful defense against power.

After voters have failed to protect the Constitution, the last-ditch remedy is impeachment. But Barack Obama knows that he is not going to be impeached.

Who wants to provoke a Constitutional crisis and riots in the streets? And, worst of all, end up with Joe Biden as President of the United States? Some cynics long ago referred to Barack Obama's choice of mental lightweight Biden to be his vice president as "impeachment insurance."

With neither the Constitution, nor the voters, nor the threat of impeachment to stop him, Barack Obama has clear sailing to use his powers however he chooses.

Far from seeing his power diminish in his last years, President Obama can extend his power even beyond the end of his administration by appointing federal judges who share his disregard of the Constitution and can enact his far-left agenda into law from the bench, when it cannot be enacted into law by the Congress.

Federal judges with lifetime tenure can make irreversible decisions binding future presidents and future Congresses. If Republicans do not win control of the Senate in this fall's elections, a Senate controlled by Majority Leader Harry Reid can confirm judges who will have the power to extend Barack Obama's agenda and complete the dismantling of Constitutional government.

Barack Obama can, as he said before taking office, fundamentally "change the United States of America." Far from being a lame duck president, Obama can make this a lame duck democracy.

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Amnesty Lite Is Still Amnesty

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Not since a 42-to-1 underdog named Buster Douglas knocked out undefeated heavyweight champion Mike Tyson in 1990 has there been an upset like economics professor Dave Brat defeating House Majority Leader Eric Cantor in the Republican primary in Virginia.

You couldn't write a script like this for a movie and have it be believable. Congressman Eric Cantor, with all kinds of name recognition, and outspending his opponent by 5 million dollars to \$100,000, lost 55 percent to 45 percent against somebody that virtually nobody ever heard of before.

Polls, incidentally, had predicted that Cantor would defeat Brat 62 percent to 28 percent.

To add a touch of absolute fantasy to the story, Dave Brat's Democratic opponent this fall is another professor at the same Randolph-Macon College where Professor Brat teaches.

Who would believe that in a movie?

In the end, all of this will be just a curious footnote to what this election means to the Republican Party and -- more important -- to the country at large.

To those in the media who see everything as just a contest -- a "horse race," as they say -- between different individuals and factions, this is being reported as a victory of the Tea Party over the Republican establishment.

One of the encouraging things about Professor Brat is that he apparently does not see it that way. He says that he is for the same principles as other Republicans, but that he believes in putting those principles into practice.

Unlike those Republicans on either the establishment side or the Tea Party side who are preoccupied with their internal party battles, Dave Brat is focused on the issues confronting this country at a crucial juncture in history and with the immediate task of defeating the Democrats in this fall's election.

If this primary election defeat puts an end to cocky talk by Republican establishment leaders about crushing their Tea Party rivals, there may be some hope that they can spare some time to deal with the serious issues facing this country, rather than their own ego indulgences.

A key issue in this campaign was amnesty for illegal immigrants.

Apparently the Republican leadership in the House of Representatives -- which is to say, House Speaker John Boehner and Majority Leader Eric Cantor -- thinks that amnesty is not amnesty if you call it "immigration reform" and toss in some fig-leaf requirements before the amnesty kicks in.

Immigration laws are the only laws that are discussed almost entirely in terms of what can be done to help those who have broken the law.

Some want to help a little and some want to help a lot. But amnesty lite is still amnesty.

Some people seem to think that amnesty is not amnesty if you throw in requirements for citizenship. Amnesty is not some esoteric concept. It means that you are not going to be punished for breaking the law -- and that simply brings laws into contempt. Denying citizenship is not a punishment because crossing the border illegally does not entitle you to citizenship.

Providing a legal status short of citizenship is not punishment either.

There is no requirement for either amnesty or for citizenship that President Obama cannot ignore or dilute unilaterally, as he has ignored or diluted existing immigration laws, as well as other laws. Barack Obama is the biggest reason to pass no immigration "reform" laws until after he is gone.

It doesn't matter what immigration policies you believe in if you don't control your borders -- and the vast numbers of minors flooding across our borders today show that the Obama administration has no intention of controlling the borders. They are more concerned with controlling the border guards and ordering them not to take pictures that show the public what is happening.

If you are serious about controlling the borders, then you pass laws to control the borders first. Some years later, after you can see whether the border has been controlled or not -- you can start discussing what our national immigration laws should be.

Otherwise, "comprehensive" immigration reform means granting some form of amnesty up front and promising to control the border later. How many more times are we going to fall for that bait and switch fraud?

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Two Sides to the VA Story

Presented here are two sides to the story surrounding the VA and its care of Veterans in need. First is a piece by one commentator carried by the Journal, Michelle Malkin. Her OpEd is based on the story of a Veteran who was in the care of the VA and his experiences.

The second story is from a local Veteran who has a different story due to a few different circumstances which might be a type of answer to the dilemma.

There are many people who work at the VA who are dedicated to the Veterans and are skilled in their field. But, there are also those that are definitely not. In the old America I knew, it was not difficult to get rid of the ones who did not care and showed that animosity in their daily work. Today that is a different story. Unionized federal workers are guaranteed a job if for no other reason than the massive paperjam and time it takes to get their butts out of the VA and out of the lives of our soldiers in need. Unionizing federal workers is not a good idea -- never was and never will be. Why? They have a stranglehold on the neverending flow of tax payer dollars with no repercussions at all. No one to answer to as everyone is in the same boat and if you take

down the ship for someone else, you take it down for yourself. Sounds rather "collective" to me. I prefer good old-fashioned "individualism." I get the credit when it is due; I take the heat when it is due -- and both are brought on by me. No blame game; just me.

A Fed-Up Veteran Blasts VA's "Lie, Delay, Deny" Abyss
By Michelle Malkin

"They don't care."

As Obama administration officials pivot like haywire jewelry-box ballerinas to divert attention away from the nationwide Veterans Affairs disgrace, a reader who has been fighting the system urged me to urge Capitol Hill and the American public to stay focused.

This former Special Forces soldier and medic served his country for

25 years. He worked in the health care field managing military field medical clinics. "I know how health care is supposed to run, even in austere or low-budget

environments," he says. And in his nightmarish, ongoing experience, the VA is an epic, deadly, monstrous failure. He minces no

words: "They're getting billions of dollars, and they treat veterans like s-t. There's no accountability, no buy-in, among civilian unionized employees. We mean nothing to them. It's like going to the DMV for your health care."

Over the past four years, the veteran tells me, he has been under direct VA care for two major line-of-duty-related injuries, including one combat-related injury. One of the medical centers that treated him -- or rather mistreated him and maltreated him -- is the Coatesville, Pa., VA.

It's the same facility where four vets died due to medical malpractice, leading to nearly \$1.4 million in settlements to vets' families, according to The Center for Investigative Reporting.

The harrowing cases included two fatal failures to monitor patients, improper management of a psychiatric patient, and wrongful diagnosis or misdiagnosis of a patient.

These details are all too familiar to my reader. "I have been misdiagnosed, had a missed diagnosis, and had delays

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of care lasting months," he says. "My records have been lost, changed, split and mismanaged." He has experienced firsthand the same "slow-walking" of care that millions of other VA patients have encountered and scores have died from -- a systemic modus operandi of "lie, delay, deny."

The vet gets a catch in his voice as he relates a horrible anecdote.

After refusing to return to the Coatesville facility and seeking treatment at another VA clinic one day, he became nauseous. Instead of allowing him to lie down on a gurney, a nurse made him vomit outside so he wouldn't soil the bed. He believes the office was open not to treat patients, but as a front for nurses to pick up extra shifts. He has encountered similar degrading and condescending treatment across the VA system.

When he appealed for help and advocacy within the system, the veteran was met with a stone wall of "Not My Job"-ism. Through denials of care, contraindicated medications, repeated mistakes and delays of pharmacy items, he endured callousness, humiliation and stigmatization. "When I get angry, they call me 'crazy.'" Classic blame-the-victim tactics from the VA abusers.

Big Government politicians want to throw more funding at the VA, as usual. The veteran offers a scathing reality check: "There is ample money to address the needs of American veterans," he says. "The problem is far deeper and more dangerous than just secret waiting lists. The VA almost killed me; my health is worse now than it was when I entered care; my quality of life and living conditions have been nothing short of horrific as I have waited years for adjudication of my benefits case, which in the end was botched."

Again, the vet refuses to candy-coat the roots of the festering VA

scandal: "The problem is not just waiting lists. It is utter fraudulent expenditure of enormous budgets, not on veterans, but on overpaid lazy, surly civilian employees that often make it clear that a) they do not like veterans and b) that the veteran is actually a nuisance. The problem is endemic, at every level, in the VA. The unfortunate fact of the matter is this: Veterans have become incidental to the process at the VA."

The system is "an enormous cash cow, warehousing tens of thousands of overpaid employees" who "keep the gravy-train rolling." The vet has a plea on behalf of all of his brothers and sisters who are drowning in the VA's "lie, delay, deny" abyss: "Please, don't let this die."

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Quality of VA Care May Depend on the Program

In Chiefland there is Veteran, Michael Gaither, who manages to get around to a lot of places nowadays -- government meetings, political get-togethers, social events, doctor's appointments and the VA in Gainesville. Helped

tremendously by his two faithful caretakers -- wife Kaye and canine companion Honey the Wonder Dog, Michael gets a lot accomplished.

That was not the case years ago. Michael, like others with the same condition, suffers from PTSD and Multiple Sclerosis and is in a wheelchair. The PTSD is common among those who have suffered a violent attack on their personal space, physically or emotionally, due to being in a place and time, usually not of their own choosing, that put them in danger and even though fearful of the situation they "did it afraid," as one national preacher lady calls courage. If a person is in a dangerous situation and is not afraid I think there is some other psychiatric term for it, but it is not normal. But, that does not mean you don't follow through with your duty. Courage is acknowledging the danger and doing it afraid.

Michael was an MP (Military Policeman) and served honorably in the US Army from 1964 through 1976. After the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King on April 4, 1968, Michael was assigned to MP duty for the funeral of Dr. King in Atlanta. Michael says that as an MP you move around a lot so as not to get to know and befriend people so you can do your job without ties to the area or the community. Michael said that the atmosphere became riotous in areas and in trying to keep the lines intact he was hit in the head with a brick and cut with a knife. There were no EMTs there at that time so he was bandaged up and sent back out to line duty. But the physical and emotional damage was done and found out later on examination.

Michael is in a wheelchair now due to spinal cord injury and MS and for years was a prisoner in his home and mind with PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disease).

Because he is listed as having spinal cord injury Michael was assigned to be a part of the LAMP (Low Activity of Daily Living Monitoring Program). The Low ADL Monitoring Program is a VISN 8 Community Care Coordination Service (CCCS) program designed to address the needs of veterans with activities of daily living (ADL) dependence through care coordination and the use of home monitoring and communications technology. The goal of LAMP is to promote independence and the maintenance of skills necessary to remain living at home, enhance quality of life, increase access to services, and reduce health related costs for functionally impaired veterans.

LAMP provides services for home-based veterans who require personal assistance with at least two basic ADLs (eating, bathing, dressing, toileting, transferring, and mobility). Veterans enrolled in LAMP receive a functional and home assessment by an occupational therapist, basic assistive technology and minor home environmental modifications, training and education, and referrals for additional services. They also receive daily remote monitoring via an in-home messaging device or personalized web-form dialogue via computer/internet-based communication. A key

aspect of LAMP is care coordination, an interdisciplinary approach to meeting veterans' needs across the continuum of care. LAMP staff work collaboratively with primary care providers and clinicians to reduce complications, hospitalizations, and unscheduled clinic and ER visits.

Because of this program, Michael does not have the long waits in line at the VA but makes appointments and is quickly seen. He says the people are mostly very dedicated and kind and the service is great.

But then there are some that detract from that standard. Michael's doctor wanted him to become part of the MOVE program to help him move around more and lose weight. So Michael signed up for it and was told he would hear back. He tried again to contact. Nothing. After three attempts, he said that is enough. They could not get the woman who was to be his helper in the program to call or show up. The End.

Through his doctor's advice and help Michael was signed up through the Rural Health Institute out of Lake City and was given an iPad with secure teleconferencing to physicians, psychiatrists and nurse practitioners and does not have to drive into the VA in Gainesville except for once in awhile. Michael is thrilled with this program.

The LAMP program was a pilot program and was initiated only in Gainesville. Daily contact is made through computer to ask and answer questions on any changes, pain, activities, needs, and questions for the doctor. Physician visits are scheduled to be a teleconference and if a specialist is needed, that specialist, no matter where he/she is located, is slated in for a teleconference unless a physical exam is needed.

The point here is that this type of program could be initiated all over the country lessening the need for more labor costs and greatly helping both the veteran and the physician to have more time to devote to the real problem -- the Veteran and their needs.

When asked, Michael did say, "As a whole, the VA is broken." He said he does not know if it will ever be fixed but some staff do their job really well but those that don't, really don't do their jobs. Michael has had his time with a few that tried to change his diagnosis to remove him from a service-connected MS to a non service-connected neurological disease. That would remove him from the LAMP program. A visit to a specialist in the VA reaffirmed his condition as it had been originally diagnosed.

If this type of program could be initiated all over, the world of doctor/patient/teleconferencing could revolutionize the industry and remove the need for the visible/invisible waiting lists. It could also remove the immoral people who used Veterans to get their greedy bonuses while the Veterans were shuffled off to wait, and for some to die.

There is no need for bonuses in Federal jobs! They are well paid and they retire well. The bonuses should go to the Veterans for their care. Anyone who needs a bonus to do their job, needs to be fired.

Kathy Hilliard, Editor.

Comm. Putnam Opens Florida Citrus Repository at LaCrosse

New Facility Expands Varieties of Citrus to Improve Health of State's Citrus Industry

Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Adam H. Putnam opened a new state-of-the-art facility in LaCrosse to improve the health of Florida's endangered citrus industry.

The Florida Citrus Repository at LaCrosse will expand the Citrus Germplasm Introduction Program, which provides a way to safely introduce healthy new citrus varieties into the state.

The new varieties will increase the strength of Florida's endangered \$9 billion citrus industry and allow Florida citrus to better compete in domestic and international markets

"More than half of Florida's groves are infected with citrus greening, and citrus production is at a 30-year low," said Commissioner Putnam. "This new state-of-the-art facility will help growers replant lost trees and support a comeback of Florida's signature crop."

The opening of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' 20,000 square-foot facility will significantly increase production capacity to more than 20 new varieties each year. New varieties will match growers' and consumers' preferences

of disease-tolerant, easy-to-peel and seedless citrus. All new varieties will go through an approval process that includes testing for pests and diseases.

The state's history of introducing citrus helps prevent the spread of pests and diseases from other states and other countries. The new plants are raised under quarantine until they are safe to release into the environment. With the spread of citrus canker and citrus greening statewide, finding new varieties to release is imperative to maintaining the health of Florida's \$9 billion citrus industry, which directly supports 75,000 jobs.

The LaCrosse facility is opening four months after the expansion of the state's Dundee Biological Control Laboratory, which is integral to Florida's fight against citrus greening. The laboratory rears a beneficial insect, Tamarixia radiata, which attacks the Asian citrus psyllid -- the vector of citrus greening -- for release throughout Florida's citrus production areas.

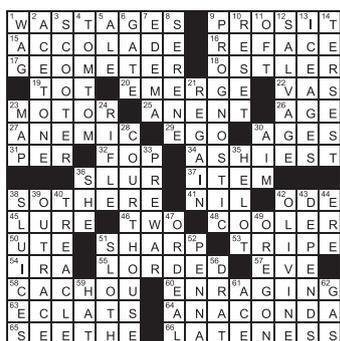
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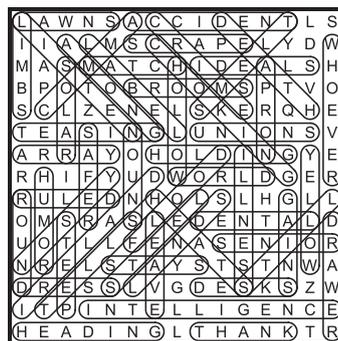
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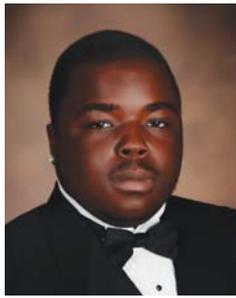
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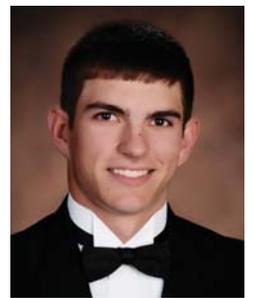
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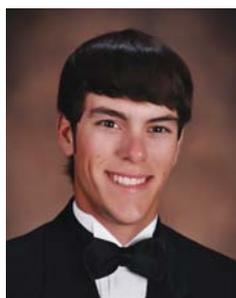
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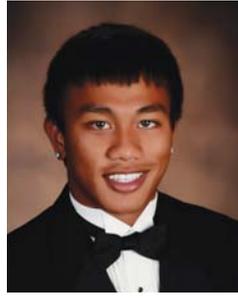
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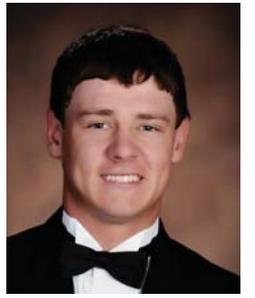
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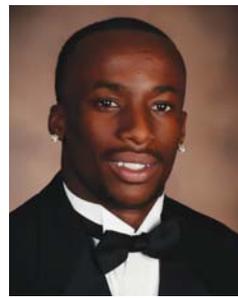
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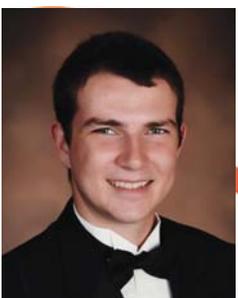
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District 4 County Commission Race Has Jaws Flapping as Qualifying Ends *continued from page 1A*

County farmers. After his conviction, he wore an electronic surveillance device around his ankle for four months, but he was released from the original sentence of 5 years of probation after serving 2 years and four months. His attorney advised him not to attempt to restore his rights for 10 years. The crime occurred 19 years ago.

He said people often blame people they were associated with for causing their criminal problems, but he has never gone down that path. He said he made the decisions to be involved and took responsibility.

"I made the decision and it was the biggest mistake of my life," he said. "Even though my parents did a good job of raising me and taught me the difference between right and wrong, I think that experience helped me to understand that I wanted to be a productive member of society rather than a detriment. It really made me buckle down and work. I think every kid when they reach age 17 should get locked up for a week in jail."

Bell said he was ranked 16 out of 130 in his graduating class at Chiefland High School. He was bright. He owned Bell's Restaurant at age 18, the year he was arrested for the theft. He continued to own and operate the restaurant while on probation. He later owned a chain of Hungry Howie's restaurants, which he sold when the economy crashed, but he still owns a number of Bubbaque's Restaurants. In Levy County he owns a Bubbaque's in Bronson and Chiefland.

"I was fortunate to have a community and family that didn't banish me," Bell said. "They helped me get this through this and get back on my feet."

Griffin was convicted of embezzling money from the Town of Bronson while serving in office as the town's mayor. He was sentenced to state prison in 2004 and repaid \$200,000 to the town by order of the judge. In the years since his release, he has opened a string of successful restaurants, including the Sea Breeze in Cedar Key, the Bronson Restaurant and Bett's Big T in north Chiefland. He was defeated in 2010 by John Meeks for the District 1 county commission post.

Griffin was sentenced to 1 year and 1 day in state prison for the theft, but he said the judge ordered him to repay Bronson before he started serving time or he would get 5 years instead of one. Griffin said it wasn't a difficult decision to sell everything he owned to pay the money. But the judge gave him only 60 days to come up with the money, and that was difficult. The economy was better back then and he sold his home and businesses for less than they were worth. The deadline to pay the fine turned out to be 90 days instead of 60 because two back-to-back tropical storms forced a postponement of his original sentencing date.

He said it was a horrible experience that taught him the value of personal integrity. His only support came from his church and family. But he learned painful lessons from the experience.

"I had to repair a broken integrity. That's hard to do, but I think people have seen what I've done with my life and things are turning around," he said. "The real lesson is your integrity is much more important than you give credit for."

Griffin said people either learn from their mistakes or they don't.

"I can tell you I learned from my mistakes. It was the worst thing of my life," he said. "I served my time. I repaid every dime. I sold everything I owned to pay my debt. I have rebuilt my life."

Bell, a Republican, and Griffin, a Democrat, have built new lives and put their past behind them as much as possible. When they opted to run for public office, all the talk about their past transgressions started again. The talk is part of the political process leading up to the elections.

Bell's Republican opponent in the Aug. 26 primary is former county commissioner Lilly Rooks. She has been silent for weeks. Calls to her cell phone have gone unanswered. She responded to a text mail last week, saying she would let this reporter know when she could do a candidate interview.

Rooks severely injured one of her knees when she jumped off a pickup truck while erecting campaign signs. She spoke

to this reporter on May 2 at the American Cancer Society Relay in Gilchrist County and was wearing what appeared to be a soft cast on her leg at the time as she walked with crutches. She later had surgery to repair the knee in mid-May. But there have been reports that she suffered serious medical complications following the surgery. She has been unavailable by phone to clear up the status of her health. She rode in the Chiefland Watermelon Festival Parade seated on the passenger side seat of a vehicle, but wasn't waving to the crowd or speaking to anyone when she passed by spectators standing along the street.

Should Bell win the Republican primary, he would meet Griffin in the Nov. 4 general election, but if Rooks wins, she would face Griffin in November.

In the second commission race, incumbent District 2 County Commissioner Chad "Cracker" Johnson, an auctioneer and real estate broker who got his start in politics when he was appointed to the county commission by former Gov. Charlie Crist to replace indicted former District 1 commissioner Tony Parker, has two challengers.

Johnson is making his first re-election bid as the District 2 commissioner. His opponents are Rock Meeks, a Levy County parks and recreation department and mosquito control employee, and Robert Studstill, who retired from the division of maintenance and mechanics at the University of Florida and farmed most of his life. Studstill still has cattle. Johnson and Meeks are Republicans, but Studstill has no party affiliation (NPA). Studstill will meet the winner of the Johnson and Meeks election in November.

Three school board members, District 1 member Cameron Asbell, District 3 member Robert Philpot and District 5 member Rick Turner were re-elected without opposition. Their names won't be on the August or November ballots.

Levy County Soil and Water Conservation District Group 3 candidate Wilbur Dean, a former county commissioner, and Group 5 candidate Jake Sache were elected without opposition. No candidate qualified for the District 1 seat.

Is County Commission Purchasing Policy in Need of Repairs? *continued from page 1A*

approval and sealed bids are required for purchases over \$10,000.

As part of the overall project, Human Resources Director Jacqueline Martin is purchasing a sliding filing cabinet for her office that costs \$5,197.38. She did not seek bids or quotes. She said the cabinet is being purchased from the same company that sold her the previous bi-slider cabinet, OEC Business Interiors of Gainesville. The company is reliable. The county still has the bid on file. The company was willing to provide the cabinet at the same price.

The county puts a great deal of faith in reliable vendors who have done business with the county previously. Rockcoustics is one example. Moody said the company has developed trust with county officials and could probably get a key to the courthouse to work when the courthouse was closed, as Staley Construction did when they were entrusted with working on the upstairs civil office on weekends. Much of the work on the county commission offices was done over the Memorial Day weekend.

The county hired Joseph Crane Flooring Inc. for \$6,801.85 to lay the laminate wood grain flooring, according to a purchase order. Rockcoustic Systems, Inc. was hired for \$3,468.00 to relocate two interior walls that gives Martin more office space and shrinks the former office of Moody to allow for more storage, according to the purchase order. Moody's office was moved down the hallway and a door was installed in the hallway to protect sensitive files in Martin's office from being seen by someone walking into her office. It also blocks the view of Moody and Martin's offices when the door is closed.

The Journal wasn't shown the quotes from Rockcoustic Systems, Inc. or from Joseph Crane Flooring, but the county's budget director in the clerk's office, Sheila Rees, said she

won't get the written quotes until the purchase orders pass through her office for payment. She conceded there probably needs to be tightening of the county's purchase order policy, particularly with enforcement of the policy.

"We need a little tighter policy," she said. "The problem is making everyone adhere to it."

Unlike Moody and Jones, who favor creating a department through which all purchase orders and quotes would flow, Rees said she isn't wild about the idea of creating another department in the courthouse.

"That's all we need is another department, and first thing you know they would need a secretary and more staff," she said.

County Commission Chairman Ryan Bell said he agrees the purchase policy isn't perfect.

"We do have a weak purchase policy," said Bell.

County Attorney Anne Bast Brown wrote a draft copy of a revised purchase policy that wasn't approved by the county commission. Moody said the policy was a quarter inch thick and included a local preferences section.

Moody said the county hasn't been criticized by its auditor for the purchase policy. Brown said in a previous interview that the purchase policy is working. She offered changes that weren't accepted.

Jones said he suggested creating a central purchasing department a year ago in a county commission meeting. He said the county's isn't as small as it once was and a central purchasing department would improve procedures for processing purchases and obtaining bids and quotes, and he believes it would save money. He said it might save enough money to pay for the purchasing department.

"I really think it would be cost effective," Jones said.

"We're not as small as we used to be."

Moody said the county commission is thinking about hiring an assistant county coordinator to help him, but there is also talk about hiring a political lobbyist to represent the county in Tallahassee. Part of the remodeling project was to accommodate a future assistant county coordinator. But personally, Moody said he thinks hiring someone to work in central purchasing would be a higher priority from his perspective.

The county administers a \$66 million budget. All the purchase orders eventually flow through the office of Rees. The clerk's office processes purchases orders for the county commission.

Rees is as close as the county gets to the enforcer of the purchasing policy, and she technically has no direct authority over department heads. She works for the clerk's office. The department heads work for the county commission. But she doesn't cut any slack. Department heads must provide quotes in writing.

Rees said occasionally the county commission declares an emergency when department heads come to the board at the last minute and need a piece of equipment replaced. She remembers several years ago when a department head approached the county commission to make an emergency purchase of a belt on a big machine.

"They should have noticed the belt was wearing out," she said. "That used to happen a lot." She was referring to emergency purchases.

County commissioners must decide if they like the current way of making purchases. Sealed bids are rare. Quotes can be solicited by phone. The county has no bid policy.

But the system is working, county officials say, and it has operated this way for many years.

The question is could it work better.

When is Candy Dangerous?



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of \$65,251. But the company had earlier submitted a bid of \$79,466.77 when it had no competition. The project was rebid. Richardson reduced its bid price. Bell was wary of the company's intentions. He wondered why Richardson had sharpened its pencil only when there were competitors in the mix.

The motion to approve Richardson took into account the checkered history of the project and questions about whether the company would try to take advantage of change orders as the project progresses. Commissioner John Meeks' motion capped the project cost at \$65,251. The contractor will have to return to the county commission for approval of cost overruns. Commissioners must approve any changes to the contract.

The Tarafa home is constructed on a peninsula in Peaceful Acres, an older subdivision along Lake Rousseau. It has water on three sides. This will be the third septic tank installed on the property by county contractors. The property is wet and water is expected to flow into the pit as dirt is removed for the septic system. The site will have to be dewatered and the dirty water hauled away.

The first two septic tanks failed. The county's engineer, GSE Engineering, has redesigned the project. Meeks said by his estimation the county has spent \$120,000 on the project, including the first septic tank. They are trying to build a system that will last a long time. The warranty is for one year.

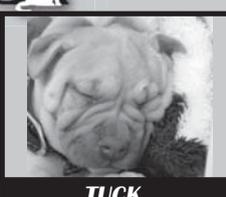
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I have been married to my beautiful wife Anna Studstill for fifty years and have four sons, ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. I believe in keeping strong family values.

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It truly is a blessing to live in America and in Levy County with the freedom to vote. Please do me the favor of going out on Election Day to make that vote.

Robert Studstill
Candidate for District 2 Levy County Commissioner

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Commissioner John M. Meeks Earns FAC Certified County Commissioner Designation

--Florida Association of Counties graduates Meeks from certification program--



The Florida Association of Counties (FAC) presented Levy County Commissioner John M. Meeks with the Certified County Commissioner (CCC) designation following Commissioner Meeks' completion of a comprehensive study program developed by the association. Commissioner Meeks received the designation with 41 other county commissioners during an awards ceremony held at the FAC Annual Conference in Orange County, FL.

CCC certification is not a requirement to serve as a county commissioner in Florida. However, county commissioners may voluntarily enroll in the program and complete a series of courses totaling 42 hours. The coursework is designed to provide information and enhance skills relevant to a commissioner's duties and responsibilities as

an elected official.

"This certification allows our citizen electorate to become experts in county government improving their communities," said FAC Executive Director Chris Holley. "The 380 graduates of this program is a testament to the importance of this curriculum to Florida's public servants and our counties"

The CCC program coursework covers a variety of topics, such as county government roles and responsibilities, county government structure and authority, financial management, ethics and sunshine law, negotiation skills, economic development, and effective communication. Completion of all coursework averages 12 to 18 months. The University of Florida/IFAS Extension sponsors this program.

Log Cabin Quilters

The Log Cabin Quilters met Thursday, June 19th at the Levy County Quilt Museum at 11050 NW 10th Ave, Chiefland. The Bronson Homemakers Club joined us for lunch and we also had David Creavey and Vandolly Sullivan from Haven Hospice in Chiefland.

David told us about Hospice Care at the local facility and also that home health care was available and should be at your home within hours of learning of your need. Hospice care does not cost anything, it's part of Medicare. Vandolly told us of their need for volunteers. They need volunteers to sit with the patients whether at the Facility or in their homes and there are many needs for volunteers at the facility. All the volunteers undergo a screening process. If you can spare an afternoon a week, they can help you find the ideal place for you. Give them a call for more information about Hospice care or to be a volunteer.

Greg and the boys were out during the week so we had them help set up the three new display racks after the yard work was completed. Thanks for your help Lancaster.

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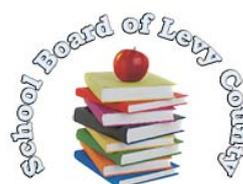
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Levy County Teachers and Professionals of the Year Honored at Evening of Excellence



Levy County celebrated the creativity, perseverance and skills of its teachers and professionals for 2014 at an Evening of Excellence presented by the Levy County Schools Foundation and the District Office of the School Board of Levy County on May 8 at Cedar Key School.

The evening began with light refreshments at 5:30 and then went to the awards and festivities at 6:00 p.m. The Levy County School Foundation receives donations from different businesses to pay for the evening and the awards. Suncoast Schools Credit Union is the major sponsor for this event and their representative helps to hand out the different awards to the recipients. This year there were engraved pen & pencil sets and coffee mugs. The Teacher of the Year award was sponsored by Capital City Bank and the Education Support Personnel of the Year by Duke Energy. The Volunteer of the Year was sponsored by the Levy County Schools Foundation. Special dinners were offered to recipients by the Pickled Pelican and Seabreeze restaurants for after the event dining.

School Superintendent Robert Hastings handed each recipient a day of paid leave and a one-time supplement check for amounts from \$75 to \$175.

Each school has their Teacher of the Year (TOY), Educational Staff Professional of the Year (ESPY) and Volunteer of the Year (VOY). A District Site award is also given for each TOY and ESPY. The District TOY is then entered into the Florida Department of Education/Macy's Teacher of the Year Program and the District ESPY is entered into the Florida School Related Employee of the Year (SREY) program.

Levy County is blessed with dedicated teachers who care about the community and its students. This yearly tribute to teachers is one way to recognize our education community and show support. Thank you, Levy County Teachers is well said and awards reinforce that sentiment. And thank you to the local businesses that also contributed to this Evening of Excellence. These teachers are grooming future employees and community leaders in the hopes

that the unique atmosphere here in Levy County will be maintained on into the future.



Providing some entertainment were Cedar Key High School students Heather Sikes and Noah Webster.



Educational Staff Professionals of the Year (ESPY) at the 2014 Evening of Excellence pictured are: Amanda Gibson – Suncoast Schools Credit Union; Angela Hogan, County Office and District ESP of the Year; Frances Townsend – District Bus Driver of the Year; Kristina Berger – CKS; Frankie Martin – YTS; Donna Bennett – BMHS; Sabrina Blanchard – JBES; (behind Sabrina) Karen Cox – Hilltop / Summit Academy; Latisha Geiger – WES; Jeff Stout – BES; Justin Underwood – CES.

Chiefland High School Honors Top Students for 2014

Valedictorian Kelsi Alexander

Chiefland High School graduated a fine class of students for 2014 and for this year Kelsi Alexander was chosen the Valedictorian.

Kelsi is the daughter of Rob and Jackie Alexander and graduated with a 4.26 GPA. Kelsi has been participating in the Advanced Placement courses and will graduate from CHS with 27 college credits. Kelsi plans on finishing her AA degree at Santa Fe College and then transfer to the University of Florida's nursing program. Kelsi is aiming at a Master's Degree in Health Administration.

Kelsi has been the FFA reporter for the past two years and it has been the experience here at the Journal that she was most helpful and diligent in sending us FFA information for CHS. She represented FFA very well to us and we are thankful for her contributions. Kelsi was also involved in FCA, SGA, BETA, cheerleading, volleyball, softball as part of the state championship team, and even weightlifting.

Kelsi also volunteered to her community by tutoring, at volleyball camps and at First Baptist Church at VBS.



Salutatorian Danielle Lourcey

The CHS 2014 Salutatorian is Danielle Lourcey who is the daughter of proud parents John and Annette Lourcey.

Danielle graduated with a GPA of 4.22 while also taking seven Advanced Placement courses. As part of her future endeavors in the health industry, Danielle was part of the Health Occupations Students of America organization (HOSA) and also tutored students at CHS.

Danielle also plans to go on to Santa Fe College to acquire an Associates Degree in Nuclear Medicine. In that specialized field Danielle can position herself at hospitals or imaging centers wherever she goes.



Williston Rehabilitation and Nursing Center Treated to Live Band

By Terry Witt
 Senior Staff Writer

Talented bands don't always perform at nursing homes or rehabilitative centers, but there are exceptions, and if the band is good, the appreciation is heartfelt.

Brothers Too paid a visit to Williston Rehabilitation and Nursing Center on a recent Friday and the loud applause after every song was a barometer of how the band was received.

Russell Bush and Larry Holtzclaw are the *Brothers Too*. Carol Perkins, who once had her own singing group and performed with Bush, sang with the band on this occasion.

The center is home to people who are undergoing rehabilitation and will go home at some point, as well as elderly residents, Alzheimer's patients and other dementia patients.

The dementia and Alzheimer's patients sat in the front row of the cafeteria and appeared happy to hear the music. They clapped and rocked in their chairs, listening attentively. Enjoyment of music is one of the last faculties to leave an Alzheimer's patient.

This was the first performance for *Brothers Too* at the nursing and rehab center. They performed for a small donation and the enjoyment of making people happy.

Perkins' former group was *Touch of Class*. Bush sang with the group for years. They sang at assistant living facilities, AmVet posts, VFW posts and the Moose Lodge. Two or three years ago when Perkins accepted her current job and Bush began working

for Wal-Mart Distribution they went their separate ways but remained close friends. *Brothers Too* consists of Bush and his brother-in-law, Larry Holtzclaw, who plays saxophone and electric keyboard. Bush plays acoustic guitar.

"We all perform because we love performing," Bush said.

Bush and Holtzclaw also donate their time to perform at Al's Place in Gainesville, an Alzheimer's daycare facility. The time he spends at Al's Place is special. Bush's father suffered from Alzheimer's. He is aware that people with the disease respond to music.

"It's really kind of touching to see that transformation," he said.

Brothers Too performs at VFW posts, American Legion posts, at the Atrium and other places like a swing music dance club in Gainesville. They play the older country, some older rock and roll plus other classic music.



The Brothers Too, Larry Holtzclaw and Russell Bush, along with guest singer Carol Perkins, entertain at Williston Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.

Bush said Penny Moore contacted the band about performing at the nursing and rehab center in Williston. Perkins agreed to perform with the band.

"We enjoy performing. When you see the response, that's why you do it," Bush said.

Will there be another performance at the center?
 "If they'll have us back, we'll be there," he said.

Levy County Community Calendar

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Scrabble at Bronson Library

Feel like teasing your brain? Enjoy finding those obscure words to use? Come join our Scrabble game at the Bronson Library every Thurs. morning at 10:30. We have multiple boards and just added another one. Call the Bronson Library at 486-2015 to confirm we are meeting.

Bronson 4th of July Celebration July 4

The Town of Bronson, Bronson Parks and Recreation and Bronson Fire invite you to another year of celebration on the 4th of July starting at 4 PM at James Cobb Park, 200 Picnic Street in Bronson. We will gather together on Independence Day as Americans to celebrate this day in history when Congress came together to sign what is known as one of the most vital documents in American history – the Declaration of Independence. Every year since, families come together to ignite fireworks, grill hotdogs, and adorn themselves in red, white and blue! We would love you to come exhibit your patriotism at this year's festivities.

Come and join us at James Cobb Park at 4 PM with your blankets and chairs. There will be great food, DJ Rodney, and Bronson Fire will light up the sky with another spectacular display of fireworks.

Bronson Town Council Meeting July 7

The next meeting of the Bronson Town Council will be July 7 at the Dogan S. Cobb Municipal Building. City Hall – 352/486-2354.

Brothers of the Third Wheel Trikers Meet in Bronson

The Nature Coast Chapter of The Brothers of the Third Wheel, an association for all trikers, meets the second Saturday of each month at the Bronson Restaurant on Alt. US 27 in Bronson. Coffee at 9 AM, meeting starts at 10 AM sharp. New members very welcome. For more info call Joe Graves at 352/208-0517 or email: capjoe2@att.net

The Children's Table

Looking for a place to volunteer that really makes a difference? The Children's Table urgently needs volunteers to help at their food bank location, 680 W. Thrasher Dr. (SR24) in Bronson, or to drive to pick up food. Call them, stop by or go to the site at: childrenstable.org

The Children's Table also does Bingo on Fri. and Sat. nights at 6:30 p.m. to benefit the food pantry at the old Campbell's Seafood House. Light refreshments are available. Call 352/486-6525 for more info.

Landrum American Legion in Bronson Monday Night Bingo

Landrum Memorial American Legion Post 236 is located at 9550 N.E. U.S. Hwy 27 Alt. in Bronson and has Jackpot Bingo every Monday night at 6:30 PM. Play for a chance at a \$200 Jackpot every Monday night. The Jackpot has progressive numbers each week until won. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 352/486-5003 or 352/317-5685.

WILLISTON

Williston 4th of July on July 3

Once again Williston is doing it up for the 4th of July celebration on July 3 with a parade beginning on Noble Ave. by the high school at 5:00 PM. There will be floats, the police and fire department representatives, horses and bands, as well as the Champion Red Devils baseball team. Dr. Kenneth Schwiebert is this year's Parade Marshal.

Right after the parade the gates to Williston Horseman's Park will open and the official Opening Ceremony will begin at 7:00 PM with the raising of the flag, color guard and pledge of allegiance.

All evening there will be entertainment including Lexi Zapata, Amber Richburg, Billie Brock and the Shane Wooten band.

Rides for the kids are free, food and non-food vendors will be available for the public.

Admission is free. A parking donation of \$2.00 is requested but not required.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets for a great fun family evening.

Fireworks display begins at approximately 9:30 – 9:45 PM depending on weather conditions.

Please – no coolers, pets (except for service dogs) or alcohol permitted.

Williston City Council Meeting July 8

The next regular City Council meeting is Tuesday July 8 at 7 PM in the Williston City Council Room. City Hall is at 50 NW Main Street, Williston, 352/528-3060. According to the City of Williston office (not the website)

regular council meetings are held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of the month and then again in two weeks.

Levy Animal Friends Community Cat Campaign

Levy Animal Friends, Inc. (LeAF) a county wide 501c3 organization, serving as a resource to all active Levy County rescue groups, is joining a local Community Cat Campaign to Trap, Neuter & Release (TNR)

Feral and Stray cats in colonies throughout the county. The first step in this effort is to identify any unregistered colonies. If you are or know someone who is currently feeding a group of outdoor cats (10 or more), please contact us. The goal of this ongoing program organized by Sheltering Hands Pet Rescue is to register those who feed the colonies as "Caregivers," train them in the process of TNR and organize trapping opportunities in order to neuter and control the growth of these groups. Please contact us if you wish to participate in the program or if you would like to help support these cats with feed or cash donations to provide veterinarian services. Email: LevyAnimalFriends@gmail.com or contact: Bob 642-6157 or Harry & Shirley 486-2067.

Williston Lions Club Events

The Williston Lions Club meets on the 4th Wed. of the month and is located at 401 SE 6th Avenue in Williston where we have regular events throughout the week and month for all to participate. We are looking for new members and volunteers so if you want to help out the community and have something enjoyable to do, come and see us. Guests are very welcome at our meetings. We will be planning future events so your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated. If you need to reach us by phone call 352/214-3315.

Thursdays: The Children's Table is here from 4 to 6 PM then Bingo @ 7 PM with two Jackpots. If an attendee brings a friend, that attendee will get a free card.

Saturdays: Flea Market from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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/

OTTER CREEK

Otter Creek Council Meeting July 21

The Otter Creek Town Council conducts their regular meetings on the third Monday of the month. The next meeting is Mon. July 21 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

CEDAR KEY

Cedar Key Arts Center Summer Events

June 29: Raku glaze and fire your piece of art in our kiln at Cedar Key Pottery. Cost: \$10 if you make the piece to be fired. \$20 if we make a tea bowl for you to fire on the spot.

July 6: Additional Raku firing.
July 14-24 Summer Art Program, Teen Art Camps.
Registration closed, please call Amy Gernhardt with questions. 352/215-2096

July 25: Exhibit of student art work. The public is invited. Please plan to attend. Your children and grandchildren will proudly display their work, which will be taken home that day. Time to be announced.

Cedar Key Arts Center Call to Artists

The Cedar Key Arts Center and Education and Outreach
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Levy County Saltwater and Freshwater Tides

DAY	HIGH /LOW	TIDE TIME	HEIGHT /FEET	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOON TIME	% MOON VISIBLE	
Cedar Key							
Th	26	High	2:32 AM	3.3	6:35 AM	Rise 6:07 AM	2
	26	Low	7:45 AM	1.6	8:35 PM	Set 8:02 PM	
	26	High	1:31 PM	4.3			
	26	Low	8:46 PM	-0.2			
F	27	High	3:08 AM	3.4	6:35 AM	Rise 6:58 AM	0
	27	Low	8:24 AM	1.6	8:35 PM	Set 8:48 PM	
	27	High	2:08 PM	4.3			
	27	Low	9:20 PM	-0.1			
Sa	28	High	3:41 AM	3.4	6:36 AM	Rise 7:49 AM	0
	28	Low	9:02 AM	1.6	8:35 PM	Set 9:30 PM	
	28	High	2:44 PM	4.2			
	28	Low	9:52 PM	0.0			
Su	29	High	4:12 AM	3.4	6:36 AM	Rise 8:41 AM	2
	29	Low	9:39 AM	1.5	8:35 PM	Set 10:09 PM	
	29	High	3:20 PM	4.2			
	29	Low	10:23 PM	0.1			
M	30	High	4:43 AM	3.5	6:36 AM	Rise 9:33 AM	5
	30	Low	10:16 AM	1.5	8:35 PM	Set 10:46 PM	
	30	High	3:57 PM	4.0			
	30	Low	10:53 PM	0.2			
Tu	1	High	5:14 AM	3.5	6:37 AM	Rise 10:24 AM	10
	1	Low	10:55 AM	1.4	8:35 PM	Set 11:20 PM	
	1	High	4:36 PM	3.9			
	1	Low	11:25 PM	0.4			
W	2	High	5:46 AM	3.5	6:37 AM	Rise 11:15 AM	17
	2	Low	11:37 AM	1.4	8:35 PM	Set 11:54 PM	
	2	High	5:19 PM	3.7			
	2	Low	11:59 PM	0.6			
Suwannee River Entrance							
Th	26	High	2:38 AM	2.9	6:35 AM	Rise 6:07 AM	2
	26	Low	8:03 AM	1.5	8:36 PM	Set 8:03 PM	
	26	High	1:37 PM	3.8			
	26	Low	9:04 PM	-0.2			
F	27	High	3:14 AM	3.0	6:35 AM	Rise 6:58 AM	0
	27	Low	8:42 AM	1.5	8:36 PM	Set 8:49 PM	
	27	High	2:14 PM	3.8			
	27	Low	9:38 PM	-0.1			
Sa	28	High	3:47 AM	3.0	6:36 AM	Rise 7:49 AM	0
	28	Low	9:20 AM	1.5	8:36 PM	Set 9:31 PM	
	28	High	2:50 PM	3.7			
	28	Low	10:10 PM	0.0			
Su	29	High	4:18 AM	3.0	6:36 AM	Rise 8:41 AM	2
	29	Low	9:57 AM	1.4	8:36 PM	Set 10:10 PM	
	29	High	3:26 PM	3.7			
	29	Low	10:41 PM	0.1			
M	30	High	4:49 AM	3.1	6:36 AM	Rise 9:33 AM	5
	30	Low	10:34 AM	1.4	8:36 PM	Set 10:46 PM	
	30	High	4:03 PM	3.5			
	30	Low	11:11 PM	0.2			
Tu	1	High	5:20 AM	3.1	6:37 AM	Rise 10:24 AM	10
	1	Low	11:13 AM	1.3	8:36 PM	Set 11:21 PM	
	1	High	4:42 PM	3.4			
	1	Low	11:43 PM	0.4			
W	2	High	5:52 AM	3.1	6:37 AM	Rise 11:16 AM	17
	2	Low	11:55 AM	1.3	8:36 PM	Set 11:55 PM	
	2	High	5:25 PM	3.3			
Withlacochee River Entrance							
Th	26	High	2:39 AM	3.0	6:34 AM	Rise 6:06 AM	2
	26	Low	8:40 AM	1.5	8:34 PM	Set 8:01 PM	
	26	High	1:38 PM	3.9			
	26	Low	9:41 PM	-0.2			
F	27	High	3:15 AM	3.1	6:35 AM	Rise 6:57 AM	0
	27	Low	9:19 AM	1.5	8:34 PM	Set 8:46 PM	
	27	High	2:15 PM	3.9			
	27	Low	10:15 PM	-0.1			
Sa	28	High	3:48 AM	3.1	6:35 AM	Rise 7:48 AM	0
	28	Low	9:57 AM	1.5	8:34 PM	Set 9:29 PM	
	28	High	2:51 PM	3.8			
	28	Low	10:47 PM	0.0			
Su	29	High	4:19 AM	3.1	6:35 AM	Rise 8:40 AM	2
	29	Low	10:34 AM	1.4	8:34 PM	Set 10:08 PM	
	29	High	3:27 PM	3.8			
	29	Low	11:18 PM	0.1			
M	30	High	4:50 AM	3.2	6:36 AM	Rise 9:32 AM	5
	30	Low	11:11 AM	1.4	8:34 PM	Set 10:44 PM	
	30	High	4:04 PM	3.6			
	30	Low	11:48 PM	0.2			
Tu	1	High	5:21 AM	3.2	6:36 AM	Rise 10:23 AM	10
	1	Low	11:50 AM	1.3	8:34 PM	Set 11:19 PM	
	1	High	4:43 PM	3.5			
	1	Low	12:20 AM	0.4			
W	2	High	5:53 AM	3.2	6:36 AM	Rise 11:14 AM	17
	2	Low	12:32 PM	1.3	8:34 PM	Set 11:53 PM	
	2	High	5:26 PM	3.4			

North Florida Livestock Market

WEDNESDAY JUNE 18, 2014

STEERS	LOW	HIGH	AVG	Compared to last week, prices remain strong with high demand. it's a great time to sell! Reminder - we will be closed June 30th - July 4th for the 4th of July holiday.
150-199 lb	215.00	350.00	281.67	Allan Roberts topped the slaughter bull market this week with \$133.00 bought by Brown Packing. Kirby Keys and Richard Boyd sold the top slaughter cow this week at \$116.00 bought by Central Beef Brown Packing respectively. Grady Richardson sold the highest price replacement cow at \$176.00 bought by Bar D Ranch. Milton Hitson topped the replacement bull market with \$130.00 bought by William Indellicati. Bob Hudson sold the high price pair this week at \$2000.00 bought by Sherod Keen and the high price yearling went to Bellamy Cattle at \$390.00 sold by Allan Roberts.
200-249 lb	190.00	390.00	268.57	Be in the Know! The new Animal ID rule is coming. A period of continued education will be established to help everyone become familiar with the rule requirements. Please contact Tallahassee to get your Premise ID and your FREE tags to start tagging your cattle now. Call Thomas Holt, State Veterinarian at 850-410-0900 or Stephen Monroe, Program Director at 850-410-0900 for more information.
250-299 lb	170.00	355.00	276.47	Check us out on the web at www.northfloridalivestock.com for our market report, news and upcoming events or drop us a line at nflm@att.net .
300-349 lb	205.50	340.00	271.72	
350-399 lb	180.00	270.00	235.36	
400-449 lb	206.00	230.00	221.27	
450-499 lb	170.00	224.00	203.07	
500-549 lb	168.00	218.00	199.69	
550-599 lb	160.00	212.00	184.46	
600-649 lb	176.00	190.00	183.17	
650-699 lb	164.00	180.00	169.33	
HEIFERS				
150-199 lb	290.00	300.00	285.00	
200-249 lb	195.00	305.00	277.50	
250-299 lb	175.00	260.00	226.07	
300-349 lb	175.00	265.00	221.50	
350-399 lb	190.00	237.50	214.67	
400-449 lb	202.00	215.00	205.75	
450-499 lb	160.00	220.00	180.00	
500-549 lb	168.00	196.00	186.00	
550-599 lb	169.00	165.00	178.00	
600-649 lb	160.00	176.00	168.00	
COWS				
600-800 lb	76.00	176.00	108.58	
800-1000 lb	78.00	146.00	104.65	
1000-1200 lb	74.00	136.00	105.04	
1200-1400 lb	91.00	118.00	102.20	
1400-1600 lb	73.00	114.00	100.67	
1600-1800 lb	108.00	109.00	108.33	
1800-2000 lb	102.00	106.00	103.00	
BULLS				
800-1000 lb	111.00	117.00	114.00	
1000-1200 lb	95.00	118.00	117.00	
1200-1400 lb	117.00	121.00	120.00	
1400-1600 lb	116.00	122.00	120.00	
1600-1800 lb	124.00	134.00	132.00	
1800-2000 lb	125.00	136.00	127.00	
PAIRS	1225.00	2000.00	1550.00	
TOTAL HEAD COUNT		377		

Weather Forecast

Thu Jun 26	Fri Jun 27	Sat Jun 28	Sun Jun 29	Mon Jun 30	Tue Jul 1	Wed Jul 2
Heavy afternoon thunderstorms	Times of clouds and sun	A thunderstorm possible	A t-storm around in the p.m.	A strong afternoon t-storm	Clouds and sun with a shower	A strong t-storm in spots
93° Lo 73°	92° Lo 72°	95° Lo 73°	95° Lo 74°	95° Lo 72°	92° Lo 69°	87° Lo 68°

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

Around the Nature Coast



Calling All WWII Veterans in Levy County

Attention all Levy County WW II Veterans! The 2014 Levy County Veterans Day Parade is scheduled for Saturday, November 8th at 11:00 AM. The parade will be in Inglis this year, with a Veteran's Memorial Dedication immediately following the parade. We would like to have ALL of the Levy County WW II Vets to be our honored guests (as Grand Marshalls in the parade and honored afterwards). If you or someone you know fits the bill, please contact Ruth Ruppert at (352) 447-0236 ASAP.

Hospice Volunteer Opportunities

Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast, licensed 1985, will conduct its next General Orientation Class for New Volunteers on Thurs. June 26, from 10 to 11:30 AM at 304 N. Main Street, Chiefland. This prepares volunteers to assist in our offices and at the Thrift & Gift Shoppe. To assist patients and their families, you will also need to complete the Patient Support Training Class, offered from 12 to 1:30 p.m. that day. For information or to reserve your space, call Volunteer Services Manager Barbara Leanza at 352/493-1181 (866-642-0962 toll free).

LC School Health Advisory Council Internet Meeting June 30

The Levy County School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) will be conducting a meeting on June 30th, 2014 at 10:00 AM live via the internet. This meeting is open to the community, parents, students, business leaders, school districts, health agencies and elected officials. The primary mission is to influence and support healthy lifestyles within our school and community. If you would like to participate, please contact Angie Phillips the SHAC Chair for more details 352/486-5261 ext. 228 or Phillian@levy.k12.fl.us

Need Help with Your Medicare Costs?

Want to see if you can save money on your prescription drug costs? Can't afford to have the Medicare Part B

Premium come out of your check every month? Are you new to Medicare and not sure of your options? Whether you are a Medicare beneficiary, family member or caregiver, SHINE, a volunteer program under the FL Dept of Elder Affairs, provides you with free, unbiased and confidential information. For assistance, please call the Elder Helpline at 1-800-262-2243 to have a volunteer return your call or come see us at:

Wed. July 2	10:00am-Noon	Williston Public Library
Wed. July 2	1:30-3:30pm	Bronson Public Library
Wed. July 16	1:30-3:30pm	Chiefland Senior Center

4H Day Camp - Fashion and Culinary Opportunities for Youth Deadlines

UF IFAS Extension Levy County 4-H Youth is offering day camping opportunities this summer. "Tops and Bottoms" is the beginning sewing camp scheduled for the week of July 21. Campers will make a pair of elastic waist shorts and decorate a T-shirt. A trip to the Quilt Museum is planned. Crafts and other activities will enhance this program. A Fashion Show will be held on Friday. DEADLINE for this camp is Thursday, July 3rd. Both of these camps are designed for youth ages 8 (as of September 1, 2013) to 13 years of age. Camps will start promptly at 9:00 AM - Lunch and snacks are provided. Breakfast is available, if needed. Camps end at approximately 4:15 PM. Space is limited in these camps and money holds the spot. For more information, please contact Muriel Turner at 352/486-5131.

Levy County BoCC July 8

The Levy County Board of County Commissioners will meet on Tues. July 8 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 in two weeks.

Levy County Republican Club Meeting July 21

The Levy County Republican Executive Committee meets on the third Monday of the month at The Gathering Table at 116 N. Main St. in Chiefland. The meeting starts with

food and fellowship at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to come hear from county leaders who will explain what's happening now and in the future of Levy County. Every meeting has informative Republican ideas, information and plans for the future in the county, state and nation.

Square Dancing in Levy County on Fridays

Clover Squares of Levy County dances and gives lessons every Friday evening at the Ornan Masonic Lodge, 650 NE 6th Blvd (SR 121), in Williston from 6:30 to 9:30 PM. Club caller Charlie Pergrossi starts lessons at 6:30 and the dance is at 8 PM. Couples, singles and children 10 and over are welcome to come and learn square dancing. For more information please visit <http://www.cloversquares.com> or call Susie at 352/283-1296.

Office Hours for Rep. Charlie Stone

Rep. Charlie Stone (R-Ocala, Dist. 22) holds office hours on the first Tuesday of every month in Williston and Bronson, and the last Wednesday of every month in Chiefland and Cedar Key. First Tuesday of month at: Bronson: 9-11:30 AM at Dogan S. Cobb Municipal Building, 660 E. Hathaway Ave. (U.S. Alt. 27), Bronson; Williston: 1:30 - 4 PM at Williston City Council Chambers, 50 N.W. Main St., Williston Last Wednesday every month at: Chiefland: 9 - 11:30 AM at Chiefland Chamber of Commerce, 23 S.E. Second Ave., Chiefland; Cedar Key: 1:30 - 4 PM at Cedar Key City Council Chambers, 490 Second St., Cedar Key.

WRPC Board of Directors Meeting July 17 - Quorum Needed

This is to notify you that the next WRPC Board of Directors meeting will be Thurs. July 17, 2014 at 7:00 PM. The July meeting will require a majority quorum for the passing of the Budget and, therefore, it is imperative that Board Members mark schedules accordingly.

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Program Coordinator, Seahorse Key Marine Laboratory are asking for local artists to apply for an artist in residence program to take place this summer or early fall.

The participant will spend time at the Cedar Key Arts Center and the Seahorse Key lighthouse. The chosen artist will receive a stipend to defray cost of travel or related expenses.

Please send photos of your work, and a brief artist statement. Note the type of medium you are using, and why you would like to take on this project.

The University of Florida will provide the parameters of this project.

The Cedar Key Arts Center will provide the stipend, and a forum for a talk and display of your work. Sale of the work will be discussed with you after the project is completed. It will take approximately two weeks to complete the project. You must be mobile, and self-reliant.

The ability to get into and out of a boat unassisted and to stay at the light house also is required for this assignment. You must provide all of your own food and supplies.

Further questions may be referred to Amy Gernhardt, President of the Cedar Key Arts Center, 352/215-2096; or Maria Sgambati (ufl.edu)

Cedar Key City Council Meeting July 1

The next Cedar Key City Council is July 1 at 6 PM. at the Cedar Key City Hall. City Hall is located at 490 2nd Street - 352/543-5132. Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6 PM.

Cedar Key Wildlife Refuge Open House July 5 On July 5th from 9:00 until 3:00, Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuge will host its Open House on Seahorse Key with partners University of Florida Marine Research Lab staff and students. Refuge staff will celebrate another successful year of the Seahorse Key rookery and will open the doors of the lighthouse for self-guided tours. Paddle out, catch a tour boat at the docks, or use your own boat and join the fun. Bring your kids and the camera and make some monumental memories!

2015 Old Florida Celebration of the Arts Design Contest deadline Aug. 1

The theme for the 2015 Old Florida Celebration of the Arts Design Contest is "Seeing the ART in Nature." Surrounded by nature's beauty, Cedar Key is the perfect place to see, experience and celebrate the art in nature all around us.

Entries are due by August 1, 2014. Maximum of two entries per artist.

Digital images should be forwarded to cedarkeyartsfestival@gmail.com.

Winner will be announced by September 1, 2014.

The Design Contest Winning Artist receives a complimentary invitation (no jury fee, no booth fee) to the 2015 Old Florida Celebration of the Arts March 28 and 29, 2015.

YANKEETOWN-INGLIS

Volunteer for Work on Tuesdays at WGP

The Withlacoochee Gulf Preserve Master Gardener, Susan Steinhorst, has appointed Tuesday mornings as maintenance time for the grounds around the Education Center.

Even though it is hot and buggy, Susan is determined to have a work day at the WGP. The first event started June 17 and will continue on Tuesdays starting at 8:00 AM. Make sure to bring plenty of water and pest protection along with your gloves and weeding tools.

Come and join us. Friends of the WGP, 1001 Old Rock Road, Yankeetown. Town Hall: 352/447-2511. www.withlacoocheegulfpreserve.com

Yankeetown-Inglis Woman's Club Seeks Information The Yankeetown-Inglis Woman's Club asks the questions;

Have you ever...Attended one of our exercise classes? Played Bingo with us on Thursday night? Checked out the A.F. Knotts Public Library? Shopped at the Second to None Shoppe? Won a terrific prize at one of our special events? Rented our clubhouse for a celebration? Borrowed crutches or a walker from our loan closet? Enjoyed our delicious foods? Received one of our scholarships or incentive awards? If you answered YES to any of the above, then you'll want to join us in celebrating 50 Years of "Making It Better" in our communities.

The Yankeetown-Inglis Woman's Club founded in 1965 will be celebrating their Golden Anniversary in 2015. Please drop us a note (PO Box 298, Yankeetown, FL 34498) or email (yiwomansclub@gmail.com) with how the Woman's Club has played a part in your life! Starting in September make sure to watch the papers and your inbox for details of our big celebration.

Yankeetown Meetings 2014

A Regular Planning and Zoning meeting will be on July 1 at 6:30 PM; Regular Council Meeting on July 7 at 7 PM; and a Council Budget Workshop on July 14 at 7 PM. Meetings are held the first Monday of the month (and again in two weeks if designated at first meeting) at the Inglis/ Yankeetown Lion's Club at 22 59th St., Yankeetown, FL 34498 (Directions: From the intersection of US 19 / 98 and State Road 40 in Inglis -Go west on SR 40 approx. 3 miles; turn left on 59th Street and proceed south approx. 1 block to the clubhouse). 352/447-2511.

Inglis Council Meeting July 15

The Town of Inglis' next regular Commission meeting will be on July 15 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.

Cleaning For a Reason - for Cancer Patients

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



July 4th, 2014 INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

The Town of Bronson, Bronson Parks & Recreation and Bronson Fire want to invite you out for another year of celebration! We gather together on Independence Day as Americans to celebrate this day in history when Congress came together to sign what is known as one of the most vital documents in American history, the Declaration of Independence. Every year since, families come together to ignite fireworks, grill hotdogs, and adorn themselves in red, white, and blue! We would love for you to come exhibit your patriotism at this year's festivities!

In lieu of parking fee, canned goods and non-perishable food items will be collected for the Backpack 4 Kids Program in Bronson.



CHIEFLAND

Chiefland Chamber of Commerce Meeting June 27

The Chamber members meet the 4th Friday of each month, our next meeting is Friday, June 27 from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Haven Hospice meeting room located at 311 NE 9th Street (off of Hwy 27). All Chamber members are invited to come and share in our monthly meetings. Reserve your seat by emailing us at the Chamber office to: chieflandchamber@bellsouth.net or by calling the Chamber office 352/493-1849.

Chiefland Ministerial Association Fellowship Dinner June 29

The Chiefland Ministerial Association would like to invite the community to a 5th Sunday Fellowship Dinner at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on Sunday, June 29th from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Call 493-4627 for more information.

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Event Time

Festivities begin at 4 and fireworks light the sky at nightfall

Bring your blankets & chairs!

DJ Rodney

Great Food

Bronson Fire

Beared up and ready to light the sky with another spectacular display of fireworks!

Town of Bronson

James H. Cobb Park
200 Picnic Street
Bronson, FL 32621
www.townofbranson.com
Friday, July, 4th, 2014

Worship Directory



Ellzey United Methodist Church

Corner of 336 & Hwy 24
Worship Service 11 a.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.

Pastor Doug Fleming



Bible Class 9:15am
Worship Service 10:30am
352-493-4597

4 miles N of Walmart on Hwy 19 (before Dakota Winery)



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

Pastor Jamie Brock



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

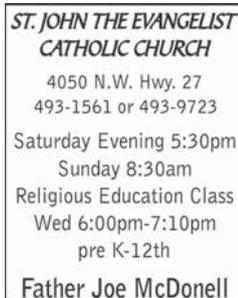


Bro. Wayne Butler, Pastor
Services ...
Sunday-
Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship 10:00 am
Wednesday-
Dinner 5:30 pm
Awanas 6:00 pm
Worship 7:00 pm

171 SW 3rd Street - Otter Creek
352-486-2112



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF CHIEFLAND
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
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Church Calendar

Love Levy Community Help Center Grand Opening June 27

Levy County's newest Community Help Center will open June 27 with a ribbon cutting ceremony beginning at 1:30 p.m. The Center is located at 20291 SE 33rd Street in Morriston. The public is invited to attend and receive a tour.

Love Levy is a new ministry of Morriston Baptist Church. Volunteers will staff the Center on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. providing a food pantry, clothes closet and Biblical guidance to residents in need.

The ministry wants to become a "go to" place for information and assistance to Levy folks in need and welcomes donations from individuals, other churches and local businesses who "have a heart" for helping their community. The Help Center is located at the church's former church campus - 1/2 mile east of the Highway 41 and CR 326/335 intersection.

For more information, call 352/529-7663 or visit www.morristonbaptist.org.

Gospel Music Sing June 28

Full Gospel Outreach Church of Chiefland invites everyone to an evening of great southern Gospel music with "The Groves Family" from Kissimmee Fla. The sing will begin at 6:00 PM on Sat. night June 28th. As always there will be no charge for admission to the event only a free-will love offering will be received. Full Gospel Outreach Church is located 3 miles north of the Chiefland Walmart on Hwy 19. For more information call 352/221-2003 or 352/493-1175 or visit www.oldtimechurch.com

Chiefland Ministerial Association Fellowship Dinner June 29

The Chiefland Ministerial Association would like to invite the community to a 5th Sunday Fellowship Dinner at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on Sunday, June 29th from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Call 493-4627 for more information.

Lite Lunch at Holy Family Catholic Church July 16

During the summer there will be no Fish Dinners but we will still enjoy our Lite Lunches. Come and join us.

Lite Lunch is free and will be on Wed. July 16 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.

What Goes Up Must Come Down

Sometimes I'm afraid to look in the dictionary under "bonehead"... worried what picture they might be running of me now. I wish I could say I was just born a bona fide buffoon. but truth is I had to work my way up through the ranks like everybody else; although I may have excelled at it more than most.

Most of my problems used to stem from my rebellious attitude. Boy, was I mischievous. Like the time I decided to swipe my dad's compound bow and began shooting his arrows straight up into the air. I was just a firing away when my little brother showed up.

"What cha doing?" he asked with a big snaggle-toothed grin. (Batman had Robin, Inspector Cousteau had Kato; I was stuck with this toe-headed little Heath.)

"What does it look like dummy?" I replied, "I'm shooting arrows up'n the sky." Glancing heavenward I took two steps back and added, "You might want to hold still."

About that time an arrow slapped the ground between us, burying six inches into the hard packed earth. Little Heath high tailed it towards the house in a hurry.

"What's the matter," I called, "You scaaaared?"

After a distance he wheeled around, arms overhead, "You got any more up there?"

"Naw dummy," I huffed, "I'm only shooting em' one at a time."

He squinted warily and moseyed back over, "Can I try?"

Well I knew enough about safety matters to know that just wouldn't do, but I offered to let him sit in with me as I launched a few. Notching another arrow, I carefully considered the wind speed and let it fly. It quickly zoomed out of sight. Meanwhile, I explained to Heath how you could usually pick it back up upon re-entry, if you didn't get distracted. He looked up in time to see it barreling back down and tore off like a screaming hyena. Naturally, that gave me great pleasure. It reminded me of that time some well-meaning kin folks gave us a set of yard darts without providing any adult supervision.

Well it didn't take long for the field to start resembling a huge pin cushion, and if I'd have been as good at calculating probabilities as I was at wind speed, I'd have quit right there. But Nooooo... I kept at it until Heath came up hurt, and commenced bleeding all over the place. It was just after I let go of the perfect shot. I looked over and noticed he'd

started up into the sun and lost his visual on the bogey.

"Run Dummy," I yelled, but he couldn't hear me over his own screaming. Not wanting to get into trouble, I ran over and shoved him out of the way. The arrow missed him by a good foot and a half, but he got up bawling like newborn calf in a hail storm; whining because he skinned his little knee. Then, of course, he ran off to tell on me. It's hard finding a good sidekick these days.

As usual, I got into big trouble. I had to listen to a long speech about how a big brother is supposed to be protective and all. Don't push him down... Yada yada yada... Like I didn't know all that stuff! Parents just don't realize; accidents happen.

Somehow, by the mercies of God, Heath and I went on to miraculously survive our days as the Dufus Duo, although we still suffer many scars from our checkered pasts. And let me say for the record, "Don't try stupid stunts like this at home!"

Heath and I both have kids of our own now, and can you believe they're always whining that we're too protective? WELL YEAH!!! We're trying to keep them rookies for a reason. Heath and I were trained professionals in our day; the nitwit elite, running at the top of our game. We want our kids to have a chance in life. They need to stick to safer ways to finding their thrills, like hockey, or sky diving and such.

I also want my children to know that every arrow of rebellion you shoot towards God will one day come back down on your head. God says of the man bending his bow towards evil, (His wrongdoing will come back to him, and his violent behaviour will come down on his head. Psalms 7:16 BBE) Rebellion is a serious matter to Jesus. It's much better to stay on target with God's ways so you can look towards heaven without flinching.

But anyway- It's been quite a while now since I've graced the cover of the 'Ignoramus Weekly', but I'd be shocked if I didn't get a call from them one day concerning their lifetime achievement award.

Guy Sheffield



But Anyway...
with Guy Sheffield

Recorded Marriages

June 6, 2014
Robert Eugene Beck, 12/3/72, to Felicia Gail Bellem, 11/23/74, both of Newberry.

June 9, 2014
Frank Albert Abrams, 11/27/89, to Heather Yvonne Archer, 5/14/91, both of Las Vegas, Nevada.

June 16, 2014
Damien Michael Campbell, 6/9/88, to Suzanne Carole Parker, 10/5/90, both of Williston.

June 18, 2014
Charles Francis Vorisek Jr., 6/17/61, of Inglis, to Brenda Lee Tadlock, 6/5/61, of Havana, Fla.

June 19, 2014
Travis Charles Perry, 6/11/81, to Cheryl Ann Weston, 7/19/84, both of Newberry.

Learning to Love and Respect Our Flag

By Daris Howard

Some of the older men in our community felt we scouts were not performing our responsibilities in handling the flag as respectfully as we should. Therefore, just before the Fourth of July, we found ourselves in a meeting where a gentleman had been invited to talk to us about it.

"Great!" Lenny quipped, looking at the man who was waiting for his turn to speak. "Just what I wanted to be doing on a Tuesday night. Sitting around and listening to some old guy I don't even know talk about the flag. The flag just isn't that big of a deal."

We all nodded our heads in agreement. It was a beautiful, clear evening, just right to be swimming, or playing baseball, or anything out of doors, not the kind of day to be spent in a meeting.

The man that was going to talk to us really wasn't that old; he was probably in his late forties or early fifties, but to teenage boys, that is ancient.

When it was his turn, he looked at us and smiled. "You know, I can't instill in you a love for the flag and a feeling of respect. I can only tell you why I love it." He then proceeded to tell us a story that enthralled us.

As a young soldier, he had been assigned to the Philippines during the beginning of World War II. That was where he was when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor.

He described how only a little more than a week later the Japanese attacked the Philippines. With the United States' ships destroyed, there was no means to receive supplies, and within only a few months, there was no option except surrender.

He then described the Bataan death march, and what it was like to watch many of his friends die from disease, starvation, and the guns and bayonets of the Japanese. He said there were many times he wished he could die too, rather than endure the atrocities. When they reached their destination, the camp they were interred in was not much better. Food was scarce and less than adequate. Many more died, and those who lived seemed to lose hope. They were not told of anything going on in the outside world, and they began to think they had been forgotten.

But after a couple of horrible years, some British soldiers, that had been captured in fighting in Australia, were brought as prisoners to their camp. Everyone learned from them that the Allied forces were moving island by island, and coming toward the Philippines. Excitement and hope soared as the dream of possible deliverance grew brighter. But then, just when they could hear the bombardment and knew the Allied forces were approaching, many of the prisoners were loaded onto ships for transport to prison camps in Japan.

They found themselves in the hot, humid hold of a

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Obituaries

MICHAEL JAMES MCGUIRE

Mr. Michael James "Magoo" McGuire of Old Town, Florida passed away Sunday, June 8, 2014 at the age of 61.

Mr. McGuire was born in Brooklyn, New York. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from 1970 through 1973. He moved to Old Town from Port St. Lucie 10 years ago. He enjoyed riding motorcycles and was a retired member of the Rough Riders Motorcycle Club. He also like tinkering with a lot of projects.

Mr. McGuire was preceded in death by brothers, Steven McGuire and Edward Hussey.

He is survived by his wife Carleen McGuire of Old Town; sons, Dennis Patrick McGuire and Ronald Dimsey of Toms River, New Jersey; daughter, Myrahia (Michael) Pearce of Old Town; grandchildren: Alana Dimsey, Michael John Pearce, III, Morgan James Pearce, Mathew Jacob Shawn Pearce and Jarred Dimsey; brother, James (Heidi) Hussey of Yuma, Arizona; sisters: Denise (James) Shinemen of Utica, Michigan, Ann (George) Madison of Yuma, Arizona and Patricia King of New York.

A memorial service will be held at St. Christopher's Catholic Church in Hobe Sound, Fla. on August 3, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

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

GEORGE LEE PATTERSON JR.

George Lee Patterson Jr. of Chiefland passed away at the age of 74 on June 18, 2014 at Haven Hospice in Chiefland. George was born to George and Ellsie Patterson in Cincinnati, Ohio. He has resided in the Chiefland area for 55 years. Mr. Patterson enjoyed fishing, hunting, taking walks but most of all visiting with his family.

George leaves to cherish his memory, his sons: Vernon Patterson of Old Town, Randall Paterson and Jr Davis, both of Chiefland; daughter, Brenda Eldridge of Michigan; sister, Shirley Cardale of Oregon; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

The family received friends from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., Thursday, June 19, 2014 in the chapel of Knauff Funeral Home, Chiefland. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. graveside at Long Pond Cemetery in Chiefland with Pastor Joe Link officiating.

Arrangements were placed under the care of Knauff Funeral

Home Chiefland, Florida.

For further information please call 352/493-4777.

WILLIAM MARION MCFARLAND

William "Bill" Marion McFarland of Bronson passed away at the age of 79 on June, 19, 2014 at Tri-county Nursing Home. Bill was born to William and Ethel McFarland in Balkan, Kentucky. He has resided in Bronson for 23 years relocating from Venice, Florida. Bill was of the Baptist faith and a member of Bronson First Baptist Church. Mr. McFarland proudly served his country in the United States Air Force and was a member of American Legion and the V.F.W. Bill enjoyed fishing, crossword and jigsaw puzzles, he was an avid reader and loved his church and family.

Bill leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Ida "Theresa" McFarland; sons: William III, Harold, Jeff and Gary McFarland; daughters, Cathy Collins and Carolann Lovely; brothers: David, Henry and Ralph McFarland; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at First Baptist Church at a later date to be announced.

Arrangements are under the care of Knauff Funeral Home, Chiefland, Florida.

For further information please call 352/493-4777.

LAVONDA L. KENNEDY

Mrs. Lavonda L. Kennedy of Bronson passed away Friday June 20, 2014 at her home. She was 82. Born in Miami, Florida she lived in Bronson since 1974 moving here from Miami. Mrs. Kennedy was a homemaker and member of the Church of Christ in Bronson. She loved painting, reading and gardening but her favorite pastime was spending time with family and friends.

Mrs. Kennedy is survived by her sons, Charles "Steve" (Gail) and William S. "Billy" II (Marsha) Kennedy; daughter, Brenda Kennedy; sister, Zeldia May Lake (Harold); nine grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral Services were conducted Wednesday June 25, 2014 in the Chapel of Knauff Funeral Home at 10:00 a.m. with Brother Mark Carswell and Brother John Zellner officiating. Burial followed in Bronson Cemetery. Visitation was held on June 24 from 7 to 9:00 p.m. at the Funeral Home with Knauff

Funeral Home- Williston in charge of arrangements.

SAMUEL GARRETT ROBERTS

Mr. Samuel Garrett Roberts passed away at the age of 80 on Saturday, June 21, 2014 at his home in Cross City, Florida.

Mr. Roberts was born and raised in Dixie County. He spent time in the Merchant Marines and then moved to Jacksonville where he worked for Thompson Beckman Construction installing underground tanks. He then moved back to Cross City and became an inspector with the Dixie County Building Department for 12 years. He enjoyed going to flea markets and collecting guns and knives.

Mr. Roberts was preceded in death by sisters, Anna Belle Bondurant and Alice Edmond Twoomly and brothers, B. C. Roberts and Warren Roberts.

He is survived by a brother, Darby Roberts of Tifton, Georgia; sister Jean Edmonds of Old Town; nephew, Lenton (Juno) Edmonds and many other nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cross City Cemetery with Bro. Lenton Edmonds officiating.

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

KEVIN BARRON

Mr. Kevin Barron of Trenton, Florida passed away Monday June 23, 2014 at this home at the age of 39. Born in Gainesville, Fla. He was a native of Trenton. Kevin was a farmer and rancher and member of the Church of Christ. He was a hunter and fisherman and enjoyed spending time on the Suwannee River. But his main interest was family and spending time with family and friends.

Mr. Barron is survived by his wife, Cheryl Barron; his father, Sandy Barron; his mother, Marcella Gentry; his son, Tyler Barron; daughter, Maddie Barron; brother, Kelly Barron; sister, Stephanie White; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral Services will be Friday June 27, 2014 at Hardeetown Baptist Church in Chiefland at 11:00 a.m. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

Knauff Funeral Home-Chiefland is in charge of arrangements.

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Senior Citizen Center Activities – FREE Amplified Phone June 30

Florida residents with a certified hearing loss are eligible to receive a FREE amplified phone from the non-profit Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc. Cordless and corded phones are available with a limit of one phone per customer. Visit the Senior Center on Mon. June 30 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM about a phone for you. See us at: www.ftri.org for more info.

The Chiefland Senior Center is located at 305 SW 1st St. behind the Deer Camp Store on South Main St. Activities are FREE: Mon. and Wed., exercise at 9 AM.; Mon., Bridge at 10 AM.; Tues. and Thurs., Bingo at 9 AM to noon; Wed., Crafts at 10 AM to noon; Fri. Line Dancing 10 AM to noon. Shine volunteers stop by every third Wed. to help with Medicare questions and information from 1:30 to 3:30 PM. Hot meals are served each weekday at noon. For more information call 352/490-7055.

Levy County Beekeepers Club July 3

The Levy County Beekeepers Club meets at 7 PM on the first Thursday of each month at 4 West Park Ave. in Chiefland. If you are interested in bees or beekeeping, you are invited. Experienced beekeepers are there to answer questions and share ideas. You don't have to be a beekeeper to attend our group. For more information call Byron Teerlink at 352/493-2216, or Chappie McChesney at 386/462-2637 or Leon Bath at 352/493-2329.

SVP Meeting July 14

The Suwannee Valley Players meet on the second Monday of the month now with the next meeting being Mon. July 14 at 7 PM at the Chief Theater at 25 E. Park Street in Chiefland. Please join us to discuss current topics with

the theatre and upcoming shows. For more information, leave a message at call 352/493-ARTS; or email us at SuwanneeValleyPlayers@gmail.com; visit our website: SVPlayers.org; or follow us on Facebook.

Chiefland City Commission Meeting July 14

The next Chiefland City Commission meeting will be on Mon. July 14 at 6 PM. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 6 PM at 214 East Park Avenue. Chiefland City Hall & Maintenance is CLOSED ON FRIDAYS. City Hall is open Mon. through Thurs. from 7:30 AM to 5 PM. Utility payments can be dropped in the box.

Pirates of Penzance at the Chief Theatre July 25-27

Pirates of Penzance performance dates will be July 25-27 and August 1-3. For information you may also contact the director, Laura Blanton at 352/221-3976 or email her at lblan2001@gmail.com as well as the regular contact info below.

SVP performances, auditions and meetings are held at the Chief Theater at 25 E. Park Street in Chiefland. For any information: call 352/493-ARTS; or email us at SuwanneeValleyPlayers@gmail.com; visit our website: SVPlayers.org; or follow us on Facebook.

Chiefland Crochet Club July 14

The Chiefland Crochet Club meets every second Monday of the month at the Luther Callaway Public Library at 5 PM. If you are interested in crochet and needlework you are welcome to join us.

GILCHRIST COUNTY

Gospel Concert and Fan Awards Program July 12

The 16th Annual Gospel Concert and Fan Awards Program will be held on Sat. July 12 from 6:00 to 10:00 PM at Bell High School on Hwy 129 in Bell. On the schedule are 10 great performing Gospel groups and admission is free. This event has become a premiere event in the area and all are welcome to attend and enjoy an unforgettable evening of music and ministry. A love offering will be received. For more information contact Glen or Mandie at 352/463-0312.

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 season free hot chocolate.

Regular Meetings:

Mon. - Boy Scout Troop 406; Sea Scout Ship 406; Tues. - Bingo; Wed. - Cub Scout Pack 406; Thurs. - American Legion Post 91; American Legion Aux. Unit 91

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.

CROSS CITY

DAV Auxiliary Events

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

Learning to Love and Respect Our Flag continued from page 4B



Japanese ship that was full of foul smells that burned their eyes and choked their lungs. They were packed so tightly that they were forced to stand 24 hours per day. As they heard the continuation of the bombardment from the American planes everyone cheered, even though they knew their own ship could be inadvertently sunk by a stray bomb. As the days grew long, and more people grew sick and died in their floating prison, when bombs would be heard around them, some men would call out, "Hit us! Hit us!" hoping to die instead of endure any more.

When they reached the shores of Japan, they were herded into a prison camp where they found other emaciated inmates. They received very little food or water, and disease and death continued to be their constant companions. However, after some time, their treatment began to improve. Word was that it was because the Japanese were beginning to fear retribution as their loss in the war seemed more and more imminent.

He told us about the day an American plane flew overhead and dropped food into their camp. He said seeing the flag on the side

of the plane thrilled him as much as the food. "But," he added, "nothing will ever compare to the day we saw a contingent of men approaching holding the American flag."

His voice choked as he continued. "That flag symbolized the freedom I had always taken for granted when I was young, and had only learned to cherish when it was no longer mine. I will forever love it. I know you can never feel the same as I do about it, at least not unless you experience the loss of your freedom that it stands for. But I hope in some small way, you can learn from those of us who have been there how valuable that freedom is and the flag that symbolizes it."

And we did learn. And every time I see that beautiful flag, I imagine myself imprisoned, and seeing it once more, and I know I will never think of it in the same way again. And even more, I pray that it will wave free and strong forever.

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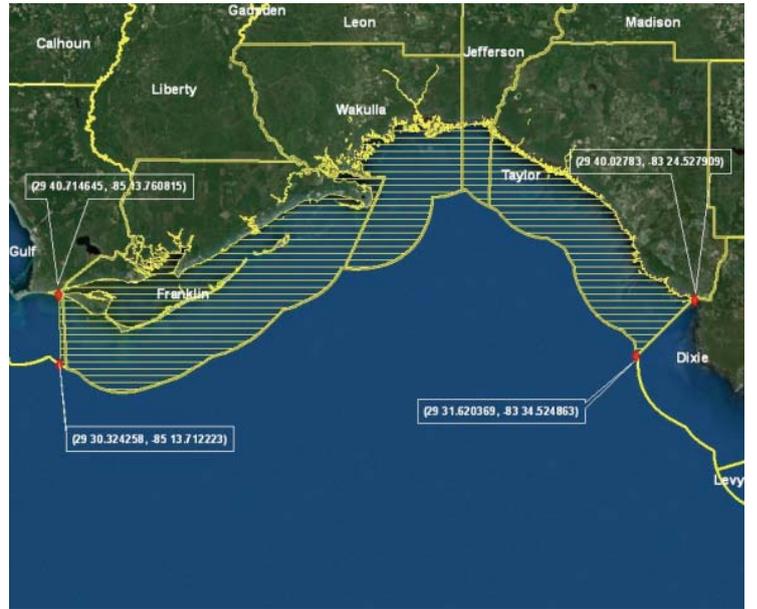
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Gag Grouper Recreational Harvest Opening in Most Gulf Waters, Closing in 4-County Region



The heavy yellow line in the map above represents the boundary between Taylor and Dixie counties. The shaded areas represent what will be open to recreational gag grouper harvest between April 1 and June 30. Coordinates: 29 40.02783, -83 24.527909

Anglers targeting gag grouper in state waters in Franklin, Wakulla, Jefferson and Taylor counties can keep their bag limit from April 1 through June 30. This opening also includes all waters of the Steinhatchee River, including those in Dixie County, and all waters of Apalachicola Bay and Indian Pass, including those in Gulf County. The coordinates listed on this map are: Franklin County shore: 29 40.714645, -85 43.760815; Franklin County offshore: 29 30.324258, -85 13.712223; Taylor County shore: 29 40.02783, -83 24.527909; Taylor County offshore: 29 31.620369, -83 34.524863.

Gag grouper will open for recreational harvest in most Gulf of Mexico state waters and all Gulf federal waters July 1. The same day, the season will close in state waters off the coast of Franklin, Wakulla, Jefferson and Taylor counties. The FWC manages marine fish from the shore to 9 nautical miles in the Gulf of Mexico.

The gag grouper recreational harvest season in Gulf of Mexico state waters, not including Franklin, Jefferson, Wakulla and Taylor counties, will remain open through Dec. 3, closing Dec. 4.

State waters off Franklin, Wakulla, Jefferson and Taylor counties were open from April 1 through June 30 and will not be open during the July 1-through-Dec. 3 season. The four-county region includes all waters of Apalachicola Bay and Indian Pass, including those in Gulf County, and all waters of the Steinhatchee River, including those in Dixie County.

Regional seasons such as these provide additional fishing opportunities and access while continuing to rebuild the gag grouper population to sustainable levels.

Monroe County is also excluded from this season because it follows the Atlantic season for gag grouper.

In state and federal Gulf waters, the gag grouper recreational harvest minimum size limit is 22 inches total length and the daily bag limit is two gag grouper per person within the four-fish grouper aggregate limit.

Gag grouper also opens in Gulf federal waters July 1; the season closing date is yet to be determined. Gag caught in federal waters during the federal season may be taken ashore in Franklin, Wakulla, Jefferson and Taylor counties, but boats with gag grouper aboard may not stop and must have gear stowed while traveling through state waters in that region. (See maps.)

To learn more, visit MyFWC.com/Fishing and click on "Saltwater," "Recreational Regulations" and "Gulf Grouper."

Help the FWC Locate Rare Upland Birds

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) requests the public's help in locating three species of rare birds during their breeding seasons. The southeastern American kestrel, the burrowing owl and the painted bunting are rare and declining species that are often overlooked by traditional monitoring programs such as the North American Breeding Bird Survey.

People are encouraged to use the FWC's new Rare Bird Registry to quickly map locations where they observe these species, with the option to upload photos and additional comments. It's quick and easy to use. Data submitted will be used by FWC scientists to identify important breeding areas for these species as well as estimate the size of their populations. "The Rare Bird Registry is an excellent opportunity for the public to participate in research," said Karl Miller, a



Painted Bunting male. Photo courtesy of MyFWCMedia.com



Florida Burrowing Owl. Photo by Dori (dori@merr.info)



Southeastern American Kestrel male. Photo by Alex Lamoreaux

biologist at the FWC's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute. "Sightings will provide the FWC with valuable data to help us study and conserve some of Florida's most unique and interesting species. This new website provides a great way to get involved."

To assist the FWC in locating these rare birds, visit MyFWC.com/Get-Involved and select "Citizen Science" then "Sightings" for the Rare Bird Registry link. —submitted

Bee is for Beauty

Everyone thinks of bear, deer, buffalo, eagles and other great American creatures when they think of the protection National Wildlife Refuges provide. Little do they know, Refuges provide security to smaller critters as well... and not just the warm and fuzzy ones, but the buzzy ones too.

Each year, the Director of the US Fish and Wildlife Service challenges each Refuge to go above and beyond regular duties to rally for the 4,400 native American bees and all the other winged creatures that pollinate our flowers, fruits, vegetables, and nuts. That's how important our pollinators are to the federal agency in charge of providing habitat for our nation's wild creatures.

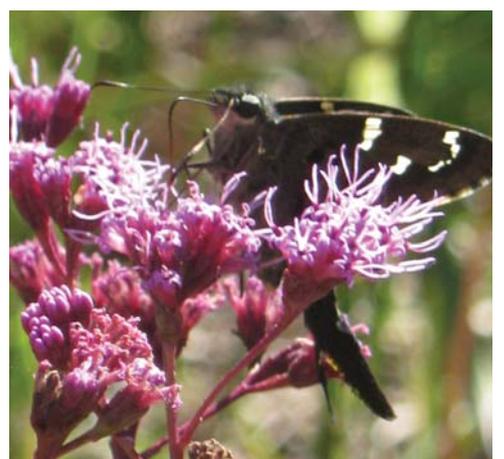
Eye-catching butterflies are also valued pollinators, so the Pollinator Garden at the Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge emphasizes plants used by butterflies as well as bees. If you've ever wondered what plants to use or how the garden

could look, come out for a visit Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Mowing policy at the Lower Suwannee requires that none be done until the nectar-rich wildflowers have gone to seed, guaranteeing they can serve as sustenance for pollinators as long as possible. The Refuge mission of providing habitat doesn't stop with pretty birds and exciting wildlife.

If you miss roadside wildflowers, go to: <http://pollinator.org/BEEAct.htm> and support longer growth periods before roadside mowing. You'll not only be seeing flowers longer, flowers will return each following year with hummingbirds, butterflies, and bees to help more seeds produce the visually pleasing beauties.

—submitted by Ranger Pam Darty



Williston Plans Parade, Fireworks for July 3rd Celebration



The Williston Area Chamber of Commerce has announced plans for the annual July 3rd Celebration.

Activities begin with a parade that starts on Noble Avenue at 5 p.m. The parade will include several floats, police and fire department representatives, horses, bands as well as the Williston High School Red Devil state championship baseball team.

Dr. Kenneth Schwiebert will serve as the parade marshal. Immediately after the parade, the gates to Williston

Horseman's Park will open. The official opening ceremony begins at 7 p.m. with the raising of the flag, the color guard and pledge of allegiance.

There will be entertainment all evening including Lexi Zepada, Amber Richburg, Billie Brock and the Shane Wooten Band.

Rides for the children will be free and there will be several food and non-food vendors available to the public.

The fireworks display will occur after dark at Horseman's Park, probably around 9:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. depending on

weather conditions.

Admission to the park is free. A parking donation of \$2 is requested but not required. Please no coolers, pets (except for service dogs).

No alcohol consumption is permitted.

Bring your own lawn chairs and blankets for a great family evening.

Horseman's Park is located off U.S. 41 in Williston. Turn at the stop light at the top of the hill and head south on U.S. 41.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the holder(s) of Certificate number 5251-05 of the sale of 2005 has (have) filed said Certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon.

NAME(S) OF CERTIFICATE HOLDER(S): NICK J MOSKES, JOHN N. MOSKES

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: LOT 1 TO 32 INCLUSIVE, BLOCK 9, OAKDALE HEIGHTS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 7, PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: PETER A. BAKOWSKI, PETER BAKOWSKI, SUSAN M. BAKOWSKI

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 14th day of July, 2014, between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M.

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

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the holder(s) of Certificate number 0872-09 of the sale of 2009 has (have) filed said Certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon.

NAME(S) OF CERTIFICATE HOLDER(S): BILL WOMBLE

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: TRACT #118, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS THE E 1/2

OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 17 EAST, LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: PASTOR FIGUEROA RODRIGUEZ

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 14th day of July, 2014, between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M.

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

Pub.: Jun 12, 2014, Jun 19, 2014, Jun 26, 2014, Jul 03, 2014.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the holder(s) of Certificate number 4558-09 of the sale of 2009 has (have) filed said Certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon.

NAME(S) OF CERTIFICATE HOLDER(S): LEVY COUNTY BOCC

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: THE SOUTH 100 FEET OF THE WEST 90 FEET OF LOT 18, BLOCK B, SUWANNEE RIVER ESTATES SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 58, PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: INEZ DICKINSON, WILLIE W. DICKINSON, WILLIE WALTER DICKINSON

ASSESSED: LAURA DAUM, CHARLES A. REED

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 14th day of July, 2014, between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M.

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the holder(s) of Certificate number 2860-10 of the sale of 2010 has (have) filed said Certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon.

NAME(S) OF CERTIFICATE HOLDER(S): GERMAN AMERICAN CAPITAL CORP

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: LOT 16, BLOCK D, HAMMOCK HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 23, PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: INEZ DICKINSON, WILLIE W. DICKINSON, WILLIE WALTER DICKINSON

JUNE 2014. DANNY J. SHIPP CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the holder(s) of Certificate number 0836-11 of the sale of 2011 has (have) filed said Certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon.

NAME(S) OF CERTIFICATE HOLDER(S): LEVY COUNTY BOCC

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: THE W 1/2 OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 17 EAST, LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING TRACT NO. 112

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: MICHAEL A. MYERS

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 14th day of July, 2014, between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M.

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

Pub.: Jun 12, 2014, Jun 19, 2014, Jun 26, 2014, Jul 03, 2014.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the holder(s) of Certificate number 1168-11 of the sale of 2011 has (have) filed said Certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon.

NAME(S) OF CERTIFICATE HOLDER(S): TC TAMPA 1, LLC

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 17 EAST, LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA. LESS AND EXCEPT THE 30 FT. EASEMENT ON THE SOUTH AND EAST SIDES THEREOF. LESS AND EXCEPT THE SW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 17 EAST, AS DESCRIBED IN WARRANTY DEEDS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 749, PAGE 911 AND OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 749, PAGE 912, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: GEORGE H. PIERCE, GEORGE HAMILTON PIERCE

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 14th day of July, 2014, between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M.

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

Pub.: Jun 12, 2014, Jun 19, 2014, Jun 26, 2014, Jul 03, 2014.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the holder(s) of Certificate number 3714-11 of the sale of 2011 has (have) filed said Certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon.

HOLDER(S): RM CAPITAL INVESTMENTS LLC, RM CAPITAL INVESTMENTS, LLC

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: LOT 2, BLOCK H, OAK RIDGE ESTATES, UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 7, PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: VOLVICK VOLMIR

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 14th day of July, 2014, between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M.

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

Pub.: Jun 12, 2014, Jun 19, 2014, Jun 26, 2014, Jul 03, 2014.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the holder(s) of Certificate number 4150-11 of the sale of 2011 has (have) filed said Certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon.

NAME(S) OF CERTIFICATE HOLDER(S): RM CAPITAL INVESTMENTS LLC, RM CAPITAL INVESTMENTS, LLC

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: LOT 1, BLOCK 19, WILLISTON HIGHLANDS, UNIT 12, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 13, PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: RICHARD A. SASSO JR, LISA M. SASSO

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

Like to Feed Wild Bears?

Here's the Price You May Pay FWC for that Misdemeanor — The Price to the Bear, May Be Life



Florida Wild Bear. Photo by jefferson.ifas.ufl.edu

Today the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) provided updates regarding bears in Seminole County.

After a black bear attack on April 12 in a Lake Mary neighborhood, the FWC was notified about alleged feeding of wildlife.

FWC staff investigated and determined that one subject in the neighborhood and two

others in a nearby town were intentionally feeding bears and other animals. Investigators worked with the State Attorney's Office of Florida's 18th Judicial Circuit to charge Eugene D. Cifers, 64, of Lake Mary and Corey D. Zeak, 28, and Lori E. Clem, 30, both of Longwood, for violating Florida Administrative Code 68A-4.001 and Florida Statute 379.401(2)(a)4,(2)(b)1.

These are second-degree misdemeanors. Today Cifers pleaded not guilty; his case will be revisited in July. Clem and Zeak pleaded no contest, and each was sentenced to the following:

- 6 months' probation, with the condition that they may not feed wildlife;
• \$200 payment to the FWC's Wildlife Alert program;
• 25 hours of community service.

After the mid-April attack, the FWC had to put down several bears in the Lake Mary area due to public safety risks because these bears demonstrated they were overly habituated to people and human-provided food.

There are several ways to reduce the chances of human-bear conflicts.

- People should secure garbage until the morning of pickup and not allow pet food, bird seed or other food items to be left out overnight.

• Most importantly, residents should never intentionally feed bears.

"People who feed bears don't realize the serious results of their actions," said FWC Bear Management Program Coordinator Dave Telesco.

People with any information regarding the intentional feeding of bears should contact the FWC's Wildlife Alert hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922). Those who supply relevant information may be eligible for a reward, and they can remain anonymous.

LCPSD and Families Enjoy Cedar Key Beach

Levy County Department of Public Safety employees took time out to build comradery on Saturday, July 21st at the Cedar Key Beach. This is the fourth year Director Knowles has worked with staff to provide time for crew members to relax and enjoy each other's company without having to worry about receiving emergency calls.

If you are interested in being part of this great team and learn life-saving skills or interested in volunteering contact: Levy County Department of Public Safety at 352/486-5209.



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sold to the highest bidder in the Courthouse lobby on the 14th day of July, 2014, between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. DATED this 9th DAY OF JUNE 2014.

DANNY J. SHIPP CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA Pub.: Jun 12, 2014, Jun 19, 2014, Jun 26, 2014, Jul 03, 2014.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the holder(s) of Certificate number 4784-11 of the sale of 2011 has (have) filed said Certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon.

NAME(S) OF CERTIFICATE HOLDER(S): ANTHONY SILVA LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: LOT 1, WOODY'S SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 37, PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY CASE NO. 38-2014-CA-000029 JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

NOTICE OF ACTION To the following Defendant(s): ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST CLARISSA KOTZE A/K/A CLARISSA M. KOTZE A/K/A CLARISSA (KITTY) KOTZE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS,

LOTS 5 AND 6, BLOCK 4, PEACEFUL ACRES SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 57 AND 57A, PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on McCalla Rayermer, LLC, Casey Jernigan King, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 225 East Robinson Street, Suite 660, Orlando, FL 32801 on or before 7/22/2014, 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 demand in the complaint. WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court this 13 day of June, 2014. (COURT SEAL)

Clerk of the Court By: Deanna Dobbins /s/ As Deputy Clerk Pub.: June 26, July 3, 2014.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 2013 CA 001096

SUNTRUST BANK, Plaintiff vs. KATHY E. SEGRUFF, et al., Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF ACTION FORECLOSURE-PROPERTY

TO: UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DOROTHY R. BROOKS WILLIAMS ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: 16750 NE 10TH STREET, WILLISTON, FL 32696 Residence unknown and if living, including any unknown spouse of the Defendant, if remarried and if said Defendant is dead, his/her respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant; and the aforementioned named Defendant and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendant and such of the unknown name Defendant as may be infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui juris.

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

THE NORTH 417.42 FEET OF THE WEST 208.71 FEET OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 18 EAST, LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1982 MOBILE HOME, ID#3320062578A&B AND TITLE 1121216594 AND 21216595 more commonly known as: 16750 NE 10TH STREET, WILLISTON, FL 32696

This action has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, to it on the Plaintiff's attorney, FLORIDA FORECLOSURE ATTORNEYS, PLLC, whose address is 601 Cleveland Street, Suite 690, Clearwater, FL 33755, on or before 30 days after date of first publication, response due by July 29, 2014, and file the original with the Clerk of the Circuit Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 18 day of June, 2014. (COURT SEAL)

Clerk of the Court LEVY County, Florida By: LaQuanda Latson /s/ Deputy Clerk Pub.: June 26, July 3, 2014.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2014 CA 000200 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

NOTICE OF ACTION To the following Defendant(s): FRANCISCO APONTE; YESICA APONTE, ET AL. Defendants

YESICA APONTE (CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN) Last Known Address: 7850 NW 180TH STREET, TRENTON, FL 32693 Additional Address: 13625 LANIER RD, JACKSONVILLE, FL 32226 1711 Additional Address: 11414 DUNN CREEK RD, JACKSONVILLE, FL 32218 2008 Additional Address: 2039 SW STATE ROAD 26, TRENTON, FL 32693 5629

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

LOT 8 OF SUWANNEE OAKS UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 3, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1999 FLEETWOOD MOBILE HOME, I.D. #S GAFLW54A83201ET21 & GAFLW54B83201ET21 LOCATED THEREON. A/K/A 7850 NW 180TH STREET, TRENTON, FL 32693

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to David A. Friedman, 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 July 14, 2014, 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. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (352) 337-6237, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711. If you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact Court Interpreting at interpreter@court8.org.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 9 day of June, 2014.

DANNY J. SHIPP CLERK OF COURT By: LaQuanda Latson /s/ As Deputy Clerk Pub: June 19, 26, 2014.

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

Case No. 2013 CA 000437 21st Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff,

vs. The Unknown Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, and all other parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Estate of Carl H. Blake a/k/a Carl Blake, Deceased; Et Al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 5, 2014, entered in Case No. 2013 CA 000437 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, in and for Levy County,

Florida, wherein 21st Mortgage Corporation is the Plaintiff and The Unknown Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, and all other parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Estate of Carl H. Blake a/k/a Carl Blake, Deceased; Terri L. Blake; Carl Blake, Jr.; Cindy Kopic; Grace Romero; Christine Tucker; Brenda Walker; Unknown Tenant #1; Unknown Tenant #2 are the Defendants, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the main lobby of the courthouse, 355 South Court Street, Bronson, FL 32621, beginning at 11:00 AM on the August 18, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 21 AND 22, BLOCK J, OF COUNTRY ESTATES AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 42, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH A 1998 DOUBLEWIDE NOBILITY MOBILE HOME WITH VIN NUMBERS N17141A AND N17141B.

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 6 day of June, 2014. (COURT SEAL)

Danny Shipp Clerk of the Court By: LaQuanda Latson /s/ As Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation in order to participate should call Jan Phillips, ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Courthouse, 201 E. University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601 at (352) 337-6237 within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired call (800) 955-8771; if you are voice impaired, call (800) 955-8770: Pub.: June 19, 26, 2014.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No. 38-2013-CA-001101

DRUMMOND COMMUNITY BANK, as successor in interest to PERKINS STATE BANK, a Florida Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,

vs. HIGHVAC CO. LLC, a Limited Liability Company, and DARMINDRA GHAMANDI. Defendant.

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE UNDER F.S. CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 5, 2014, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, Levy County Courthouse, 355 South Court Street, Bronson, Florida 32621 at 11:00 am on July 14, 2014 the following described property:

EXHIBIT "A" A parcel of land in the N 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Section 25, Township 16 South, Range 16 East, Levy County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

For a point of reference, commence at the Southeast corner of the N 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Section 25, Township 16 South, Range 16 East, Levy County, Florida; Thence S 89°41'47" W, along the South line of said N 1/2 of NW 1/4, a distance of 1009.96 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence

continue S 89°41'47" W, along said South line, 300.01 feet to the Southwest corner of the NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of said Section 25; thence continue S 89°41'47" W, along said South line 78.00 feet; thence N 00°18'13" W, 60.00 feet; thence S 89°41'47" W, 187.93 feet to a point on the Easterly right of way of US Highway 19 (State Road 55), said point also being on a right of way curve concave to the Northwest; having a radius of 11529.17 feet, through which passes a radial bearing of N 59°03'51" W; thence Northeasterly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 01°19'01", a distance of 265.00 feet; thence departing said right of way, S 78°43'05" E, 403.99 feet; thence S 10°00'00" E, 210.00 feet to close on the Point of Beginning.

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

Dated: June 6, 2014. (COURT SEAL)

Danny J. Shipp Clerk of Court By: LaQuanda Latson /s/ Deputy Clerk Pub.: June 19, 26, 2014.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 2013-CA-000572

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF (S) VS. RANDELL CHICKERING, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RANDELL CHICKERING, LISA M. JACOBY, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LISA M. JACOBY, SHIRLEY CHICKERING, ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT (S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, TENANT # 1 AND TENANT # 2

DEFENDANT (S) NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 5, 2014, and entered in Case No. 2013-CA-000572 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Levy County, Florida in which JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, is the Plaintiff and Lisa M. Jacoby; Randell Chickering and Shirley Chickering, are Defendants, the Levy County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on in the BOCC Meeting Room of the Levy County Courthouse, 355 S. Court St., Bronson, Florida 32621, Levy County, Florida at 11:00 AM on the 18 day of August, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOTS 4 AND 7, BLOCK 21, WILLISTON HIGHLANDS UNIT 14, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 14, PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A PERMANENT FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO, DESCRIBED AS A 2003 MOBILE HOME BEARING VIN

NUMBERS N811253A AND N811253B. A/K/A 1651 NE 122ND AVE WILLISTON FL 32696-8187

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 in Levy County, Florida this June 6, 2014. (COURT SEAL)

Danny J. Shipp Clerk of the Circuit Court Levy County, Florida By: LaQuanda Latson /s/ Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation in order to participate should call Jan Phillips, ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Courthouse, 201 E. University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601 at (352) 337-6237 within two (2) working days

NUMBERS N811253A AND N811253B. A/K/A 1651 NE 122ND AVE WILLISTON FL 32696-8187

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 in Levy County, Florida this June 6, 2014. (COURT SEAL)

Danny J. Shipp Clerk of the Circuit Court Levy County, Florida By: LaQuanda Latson /s/ Deputy Clerk If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Jan Phillips, ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Courthouse, 201 E. University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601 at (352)337-6237 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Pub.: June 19, 26, 2014.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 38-2012-CA-000801

BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC. Plaintiff vs. WESLEY M. WHITE JR., et al. Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 5, 2014, entered in Civil Case Number 38-2012-CA-000801, in the Circuit Court for Levy County, Florida, wherein BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC is the Plaintiff, and WESLEY M. WHITE JR., et al., are the Defendants, Levy County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in Levy County, Florida, described as:

LOT 3, HASTINGS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 2, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 2008 "LIVE OAK" MODEL #L-3724A DOUBLEWIDE MANUFACTURED HOME, SERIAL #LOHGA10710113A #LOHGA10710113B.

at public sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, in the lobby of the Levy County Courthouse, 355 South Court Street, Bronson, FL 32621 at 11:00 AM, on the 22 day of September, 2014.

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: June 6, 2014. (COURT SEAL)

Levy County Clerk of Court CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: LaQuanda Latson /s/ Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation in order to participate should call Jan Phillips, ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Courthouse, 201 E. University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601 at (352) 337-6237 within two (2) working days

LEGAL NOTICES

of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired call (800) 955-8771; if you are voice impaired, call (800) 955-8770.

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

Case No.: 38-2013-CA-001066 MATTHEW TABACCHI, HAL G. BROWN and CHARLANNE T. BROWN, husband and wife, Plaintiffs,

vs. MARK LESLIE BRANNAN, and NOEL K. BRANNAN, husband and wife, including any unknown spouse of said defendant, if married, if remarried, and if deceased, the respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named defendant, FOREST PARK III PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida non-profit corporation, MONTE HALL, HEIDI SAMEC Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to the Default Final Judgment entered on the 5th day of June, 2014, in Civil Action No.: 38-2013-CA-1066, Circuit Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit, in and for Levy County, Florida, in which MARK LESLIE BRANNAN and NOEL K. BRANNAN, including any unknown spouse if married, their known and unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under, or against them, FOREST PARK III PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida non-profit corporation, MONTE HALL, and HEIDI SAMEC, are the Defendants, and MATTHEW TABACCHI, HAL G. BROWN and CHARLANNE T. BROWN, are the Plaintiffs, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the BOCC Room, at Levy County Courthouse, 355 South Court Street, Bronson, Florida 32621, at 11:00 a.m. EST on the 18th day of August, 2014, the following described property set forth in the Default Final Judgment:

Lot 62, FOREST PARK UNIT 3, PHASE 1, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 6, Page(s) 8 through 11, of the public records of Levy County, Florida; Levy County Parcel Number 1662200000, together with that 2007 HMMT Mobile Home, VIN Nos.: FL26100PHB300110A and FL26100PHB300110B, Title Nos.: 97340004 and 97339941.

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 date of the sale.

Dated this 10th day of June, 2014. DANIEL HICKS, P.A. By: /s/ Daniel Hicks, Esquire 421 South Pine Avenue Ocala, Florida 34471 (352) 351-3353 weclose2@danielhickspa.com Florida Bar No.: 0145139 Attorney for Plaintiffs

Pub.: June 19, 26, 2014. IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2012-CA-000997 LEX SPECIAL ASSETS LLC, Plaintiff,

vs. FREDDIE RIVERA, LUZ E. RIVERA A/K/A LUZ RIVERA, ET AL., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER F.S. CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 5, 2014 in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at BOCC Meeting Room in the Levy County Courthouse, 355 South Court Street, Bronson, Florida at 11:00 a.m. on September 22, 2014, the following described property:

LOT 2, BLOCK 1, OF THE PINES UNIT NO. 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 15, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

This Notice of Sale shall be published for two (2) consecutive weeks in the Levy County Journal. I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was provided via First Class U.S. Mail or Via E-Mail Service as indicated to all parties on the attached Service List, on this 23rd day of June, 2014.

IRA SCOT SILVERSTEIN, LLC ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF 2900 West Cypress Creek Road, Suite 6 Lauderdale, Florida 33309 (954) 773-9911 (954) 369-5034 fax service@isslawyer.com By: /s/ Ira Scot Silverstein Ira Scot Silverstein, Esq. Fort FBN: 0009636 Pub.: June 26, July 3, 2014.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE

The Southwest Florida Water Management District is proposing to amend the following rule(s): 40D-22.303, F.A.C. and 40D-22.401, F.A.C.

The purpose of this rulemaking is to create a consolidated, consistent process for petitioning for variances and waivers from year-round conservation measures and water shortage orders. This rulemaking will promote consistency of terms throughout 40D, F.A.C., and Florida Statutes, will delete obsolete provisions, and will conform District rules to Florida Statutes. This rulemaking will improve rule clarity.

The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking appeared in the Florida Administrative Register, Vol. 40, No. 119, on June 19, 2014. A copy of the proposed rule can be viewed on the District's website at http://www.sfwfwd.state.fl.us/rules/proposed/ Pursuant to the provisions

of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to provide comments on this rulemaking is asked to contact SWFWMD Human Resources Director, (352) 796-7211, ext. 4702; 1-800-423-1476 (FL only), ext. 4702; or ADACoordinator@swfwmd.state.fl.us. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULES AND TO OBTAIN A COPY IS: Sonya White, 7601 Highway 301 North, Tampa, FL 33637-6759, (813) 985-7481 (4660), e-mail: sonya.white@swfwmd.state.fl.us. (Ref OGC # 2013053). Pub.: June 26, 2014.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION VACATING PUBLIC ROAD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, at its regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 2014, approved a petition to vacate, abandon and close the roadway generally described as:

That part of NE 65th Lane, a/k/a High Ridge Lane, located in Replat of Suncoast Estates Subdivision, a subdivision plat recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 54, of the public records of Levy County, from the western right-of-way line of NE 135th Terrace, a/k/a Orange Blossom Drive, westward to the boundary of the plat, and more particularly described in records available at the County Road Department at 620 North Hathaway Avenue, Bronson, FL, and the office of the Board of County Commissioners at 355 South Court Street, Bronson, FL.

A Resolution vacating said road was duly adopted. Ryan Bell, Chairman Board of County Commissioners Pub. June 26, 2014.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSIDER VACATING PUBLIC ROAD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, will consider at its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday July 8, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Commission Room in the Levy County Courthouse, Bronson, Florida, the vacation, abandonment and closing of a portion of a roadway described as:

That unimproved right-of-way located in King's Hill, a subdivision recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 52, of the public records of Levy County, and more particularly described in records available at the County Road Department at 620 North Hathaway Avenue, Bronson, FL, and the office of the Board of County Commissioners at 355 South Court Street, Bronson, FL.

Any persons interested in being heard concerning the vacation, abandonment and closing of the above-described roadway are encouraged to attend the meeting.

Ryan Bell Chair, Board of County Commissioners

NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE 2014-05 BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the proposed Ordinance will be considered for enactment by the Levy County Board of County Commissioners, at a public hearing on Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the same may be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, Levy County Courthouse, Bronson, Florida. Copies of said Ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public at the Office of the Board of County Commissioners located at 355 S. Court Street, Bronson, Florida, during regular business hours or contact by phone at (352) 486-5217. On the date, time and place first above-mentioned, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-05

AN ORDINANCE OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR LEVY COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTION TO NOT INCLUDE IN LEVY COUNTY CODE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

All persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decisions made at this public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, they may need

to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Any person requiring reasonable accommodations to participate in this meeting should contact the County Commissioners' Administration Office at (352) 486-5218.

Ryan Bell, Chair Levy Co. Board of County Commissioners Pub. June 26, 2014.

NOTICE TO BID

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Levy County Board of County Commissioners hereby gives notice that the Board will accept proposals from qualified persons or entities for the following work:

Design, furnish and erect a new metal building system to be constructed at the Levy County Solid Waste Management Facility located at 12051 NE 69 LANE, Williston, Florida 32621 (aka Bronson Landfill). Building system shall include foundation, structural framing, roofing, roof vents, gutters, down spouts, flashing and other miscellaneous items as necessary to form a complete functioning building as set forth in the Project Specifications. Sealed bids will be received at the office of the Levy County Board of County Commissioners, in the Levy County Courthouse, located at 355 South Court Street, Bronson, Florida, until 2:00 P.M. (local time), Thursday, July 31, 2014 at which time

the proposals will be opened and publicly read. Bidding Documents will not be issued after 5:00 P.M. (local time), Friday, July 25, 2014. Electronic (Internet) or facsimile (Fax) bids will not be accepted for this project. Award, if made, will be based on the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder based on the actual work intended, including selected alternates, if any, with consideration of time of completion, as determined by the County.

All work is to be done in accordance with the Florida Building Code, American Concrete Institute Specifications and Metal Building Manufacturers Association guidelines.

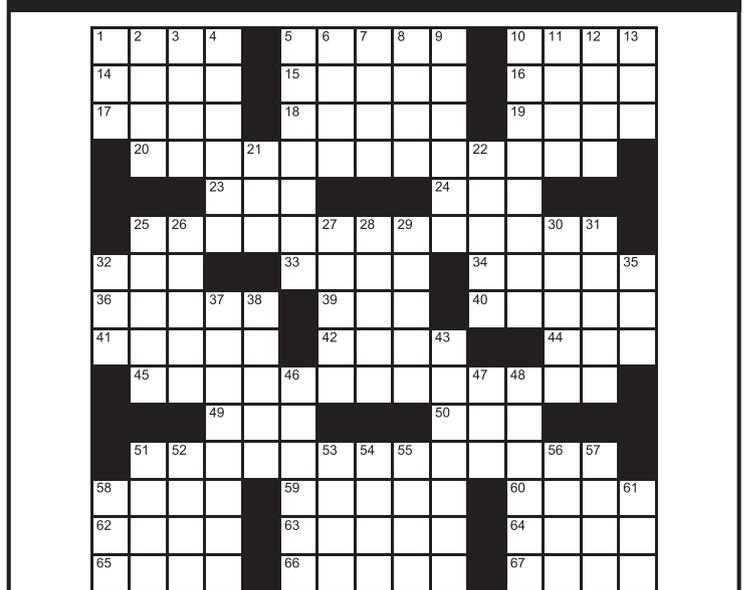
An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid to contract with a public entity for the construction of a public work as set forth in Florida Statute Chapter 287.134.

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

Bidder shall certify to eligibility in the bid proposal. Proposal Documents may be obtained from: Mills Engineering Company P.O. Box 778 Bronson, Florida 32621 Phone: (352) 486-2872 FAX: (352) 486-2498 email: millseng@bellsouth.net

The right is reserved to accept or reject any or all bids and to determine which proposal is in the best interest of the County. Pub.: June 26, July 3, 2014.

Crossword Puzzle



- Across 1. Western blue flag, e.g. 5. Abstinences from food 10. ___ gin fizz 14. Fashion 15. Bar order, with "the" 16. Part of BYO 17. Oil source 18. Asian shrub yielding flaxlike fiber 19. Caution 20. Church of England archbishops 23. Ring bearer, maybe 24. Beauty 25. Semiquaver (2 wds) 32. Electrical unit 33. Knocked off, in a way 34. Clear, as a disk 36. Boxer's stat 39. "___ Maria" 40. Cantankerous 41. American symbol 42. Caddie's bagful 44. Athletic supporter? 45. Dust catcher (2 wds) 49. Go after, in a way 50. "___ any drop to drink": Coleridge

- Down 1. Babysitter's handful 2. Be itinerant 3. Doing nothing 4. Pliable plastic explosive 5. Public uproars 6. "By yesterday!" 7. Clash of heavyweights 8. Detective, at times 9. Santa's rig 10. Buttonwood 11. Advance 12. "One of ___" (Willa Cather novel) 13. "... ___ he drove out of sight" 21. Backstabber 22. Article of faith 25. Bundle 26. Candidate's concern 27. Carry away, in a way 28. "Well, I ___!" 29. Like some jackets, fabric 30. Spoonful, say 31. Banana oil, e.g. 32. Bauxite, e.g. 35. Artist's asset 37. One who shows impressive excellence 38. In a lather (2 wds) 43. Break of dawn 46. Rupture 47. Boozehound 48. ___ customs 51. Copy 52. Bird venerated by ancient Egyptians 53. Brewer's equipment 54. Game on horseback 55. Black cat, maybe 56. Assortment 57. Norse goddess of fate 58. Big ___ Conference 61. "Ciao!"

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

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Bay Scallop Season Starts June 28

Get your bay scallop bags and shucking tools ready. The recreational bay scallop season opens in some Gulf of Mexico state waters (shore to 9 nautical miles) starting June 28, three-days earlier than the season was slated to start. The portion of Gulf state waters is from the Pasco-Hernando county line north and west to the west bank of the Mexico Beach Canal in Bay County.



Bay Scallop - *Argopecten irradians*. Courtesy of MyFWCMedia.

The season will remain open through Sept. 24, with the first day of the closure on Sept. 25.

Gov. Rick Scott asked the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to open the 2014 season early to provide additional opportunities to Florida's residents and visitors who flock to the coast to partake in this activity. The season is an economic draw to the coastal counties within the open region. This change is not expected to harm the scallop population.

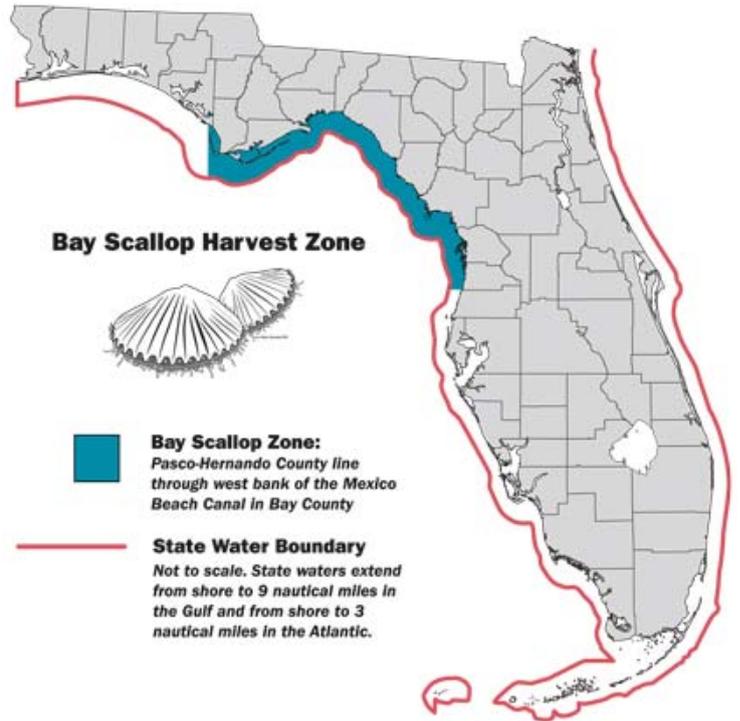
All size limits and bag limits remain the same. The bag limit is 2 gallons of whole bay scallops or 1 pint of meat per person, per day, with a vessel limit of 10 gallons of whole bay scallops or a half-gallon of meat. Scallops may be collected by hand or with a landing or dip net.

Scallops cannot be taken ashore outside of the open area. There is no commercial harvest for bay scallops in Florida.

The average number of scallops observed during 2013's post-season surveys suggests similar or slightly rising abundances for 2014 in Homosassa, St. Joseph Bay and Steinhatchee. The St. Marks average has been decreasing since June 2012, which is most likely due to increased storm runoff in recent years.

Be safe when diving for scallops. Stay within 300 feet of a properly displayed divers-down flag when scalloping in open water and within 100 feet of a properly displayed divers-down flag if on a river, inlet or navigation channel. Boat operators traveling within 300 feet of a divers-down flag in open water or 100 feet of one on a river, inlet or navigational channel must slow to idle speed.

Done for the day? Help FWC's scallop researchers by completing an online survey at



Bay Scallop zone. Courtesy of MyFWCMedia.

<http://svy.mk/bayscallops>. Harvesters can indicate where they harvest scallops, how many they collect and how long it takes to harvest them. Participants can email BayScallops@MyFWC.com to ask questions or send additional information.

Learn more about our new index-based graph, which illustrates long-term trends in the open and closed scalloping areas by visiting MyFWC.com/Fishing and clicking on "Saltwater," "Recreational Regulations" and "Bay Scallops."

Alachua County Judge David Phillip Kreider Appointed to the Eighth Judicial Circuit Court



Alachua County Judge David P. Kreider, 47, has been appointed by Governor Rick Scott to the Circuit Court bench of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, filling a vacancy caused by the retirement of Judge Ysleta W. McDonald.

Appointed to the Alachua County court bench in 2010, Judge Kreider has presided over civil traffic, county civil, criminal traffic, misdemeanor, and small claims cases. He has also worked as an Acting Circuit Court Judge, covering circuit civil, family, and felony events circuit-wide as needed. In this capacity, Judge Kreider also presided over an entire Family Law division in Alachua County during a circuit judge vacancy.

Judge Kreider graduated from the University of Florida in 1989 with a Bachelor of Arts in History, and received his Juris Doctor from the University of Florida College of Law in 1992.

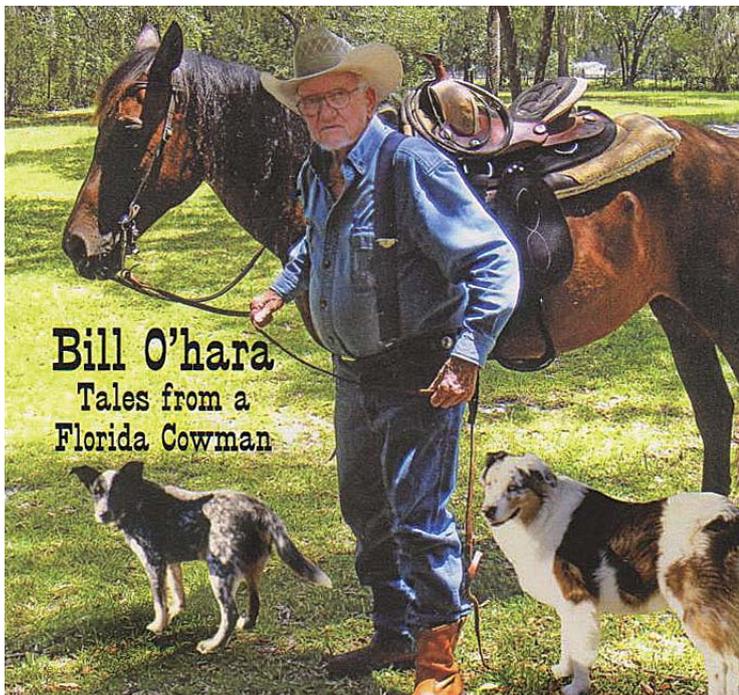
Prior to taking the bench, Judge Kreider worked as an Assistant State Attorney for the Eighth Judicial Circuit, serving as Division Chief for Bradford, Gilchrist, and Levy Counties. While working as Division Chief, Judge Kreider functioned as the lead prosecutor and administrative supervisor of the attorneys and support staff for these divisions. Judge Kreider also worked as an associate for Dell Graham, PA, doing civil defense.

Judge Kreider is currently assigned to Alachua County Criminal Division II and serves on the Alachua County Canvassing Board. His chambers are located at the Alachua County Criminal Justice Center and he is assisted by Debbie Spivey.

DIY Tip

Mess-Free Wasp Killer

If you have problems with wasp spray staining your soffits, siding, and decking, here is a solution. Put a little wasp spray in the bottom of a plastic container, quickly sneak up after dark when they're asleep and tape it right over the nest. You can dump the container and the nest in the trash the next morning.



Bill O'hara
Tales from a
Florida Cowman

Fence Pliers and Lightning

My son-in-law Tommy Lanzon and myself were fixin' fence about a quarter mile from our house on TM Britt Ranch which was about 30 miles southeast of Orlando. We were in the middle of the lightning capital of the world.

Where we were working, it was nice and sun shined but we could see a storm coming up about ten or fifteen miles away, across the woods. I had my fence pliers on this piece of wire fixin' to cut it when a bolt of lightning hit the fence somewhere back in the woods. That bolt knocked them pliers right out of my hand. It felt like it un-jointed my elbow.

Moral of the story: Now that will charge your battery!!

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



Penny's Recipes

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<p>STUFFED GREEN PEPPER SOUP</p> <p>2 pounds ground beef 2 quarts beef bouillon 1 can (28 ounces) tomato sauce 1 can (28 ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained 2 cups cooked long grain rice 2 cups chopped green peppers 1 cup chopped sweet onion 1/3 cup packed brown sugar 2 teaspoons salt 1 teaspoon pepper</p>	<p>ingredients; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 40-50 minutes or until peppers are tender. Yield: 10 servings (2-1/2 quarts).</p> <p>SPICED APPLES</p> <p>1/2 cup butter 6 large Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and sliced 1 3/4 cups sugar 2 teaspoon cinnamon 3/4 teaspoon nutmeg</p>
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In a Dutch oven (or heavy large saucepan if you don't have a Dutch oven), cook beef over medium heat until no longer pink; drain. Stir in the remaining

Melt butter in a large over medium-high heat; add apples and remaining ingredients. Sauté 15 to 20 minutes or until apples are soft. Serve as a side or as dessert over ice cream.

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