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Ron Woody

## Bank robbery suspect arrested

BY DANNY JONES  
THE GAZETTE

At a press conference at Trenton City Hall Friday, Police Chief Will Sanders announced the arrest of a suspect that robbed Regions Bank, located at 2083 U.S. 45 Bypass, of an undetermined amount of money last week.

Ron Woody, 47, who resides at 107 Humboldt Highway in Trenton, is charged with aggravated robbery of the bank on Thursday, January 12, and is currently being held at the Gibson County Correctional Complex under a \$500,000 bond set by City Judge Mark Johnson. Woody is scheduled to appear in Trenton Municipal Court on January 27. Woody, who reportedly moved here from the Chicago area, had no previous criminal charges.

Employees stated then that the lone gunman, a white male, dressed in all black, including a black ski mask and hoodie, entered the bank brandishing a pistol and demanded money; he exited the building and drove away in a red pickup truck.

During the investigation, it was determined the truck had been stolen from Darryl's Auto Sales the day before. Shortly afterwards, officers found the truck parked behind the New Way Church, about a mile south of the bank, and the robber fled in another vehicle. The robbery was captured on

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## Food costs jump at county jail

BY STEVE SHORT

Food costs for prisoners at the Gibson Co. Correctional Complex jumped by 14 percent in the last three months, primarily due to a boom in the prison population.

County Commissioners heard a report on the jail in January from Com. Larry Kimery, Chairman of the Correctional Complex Committee.

Com. Kimery said despite the food cost increase the jail was still operating within its budget.

"I want to thank Sheriff Arnold and his staff for doing a good job working under budget and keeping us safe," said Mr. Kimery.

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## Bell writes to encourage, uplift readers

### TCR Community News Correspondent Spotlight

BY MICHAEL ENOCHS

Jerry Bell has been the pulpit minister for the Lowrance Chapel Church of Christ located a few miles from Rutherford since February of 2006. He is also a substitute teacher and school bus driver for the Gibson County Special School District.

Bell enjoys writing and editing the Lowrance Chapel News published each week in the Tri-City Reporter. He writes because he wants the readers to be encouraged and uplifted.

Bell has been preaching and teaching the gospel of Jesus Christ for over 25 years. He

served as minister for the Shallotte, North Carolina Church of Christ for 16 years before coming to Lowrance Chapel. He completed his biblical studies from the International Bible College at Heritage Christian University in Florence, Alabama, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in Bible.

Bell also has a Master's Degree in Clinical Counseling from Southern Christian University in Montgomery, Alabama, and a Certificate of Completion for a Pastoral Counseling Course from Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Bell was born in Saint Louis, Missouri in 1941. At the age of nine, he lost his parents in an auto

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Minister Jerry Bell

## Good Choices



SETTING GOOD EXAMPLES - Yorkville School alumni Hannah Moore, Brittany Hodge, Officer Rhonda Bonds, Taylor Hassell, and Mary-Elizabeth Miller visited with the fifth grade class as Gibson County High School DARE role models.

## GCHS DARE role models visit Yorkville fifth grade

A group of DARE role models from Gibson County High School visited Yorkville 5th graders on Thursday, January 19. Seniors completed applications and were selected to represent students who have made good choices in high school.

The fifth graders asked several questions including why the role models chose to be drug and alcohol-free and what to expect when they

get to high school. The role models also told the students about all of the different options available at Gibson County High School including football, band, cheerleading, and softball.

The seniors did a great job showing how students can be cool and successful in high school while saying no to drugs and alcohol. Groups of DARE role models also visited Dyer, Rutherford, and Spring Hill schools.

## Save a life; adopt a pet from Gibson County Animal Shelter

BY APRIL G. JACKSON

Many dogs from across Gibson County end up at the Gibson County Animal Shelter in Trenton.

Late last week, nine were there, awaiting their fates. Once they are picked up as strays and brought in, there is only a short amount of time to be found by their owners



SHELTER DOG - A dog awaits its fate at the Gibson County Animal Shelter. If the dogs are not adopted within a few days of arrival at the shelter, they are put down.

or to find a new home.

These dogs will be put down soon if not picked up or adopted. They have only a few days once placed in the shelter.

Many of the dogs have collars but no tags. Rabies tags are hard to trace, say volunteers. But ID tags with an owner's address or phone number can save a dog's life in many instances. Spaying and neutering ensures a dog won't be as apt to stray. And the owner won't be burdened with a surprise litter to care for.

The Gibson County Animal Shelter is located next to the Gibson County Fairgrounds in Trenton, phone 731-855-0771.

There is a \$50 dollar adoption fee for dogs leaving the shelter. But if you have them spayed or neutered within seven days of adoption and take proof to the county executive's office at the courthouse, you get the \$50 dollars refunded.

The number of dogs at the shelter changes on a daily basis. If you have a lost pet or happen to be looking for a pet, please call or go by the shelter, the volunteers urge.

Friends of Gibson County Animals try very hard to make the public aware of the dogs that come into the shelter. Kathy Hooper, a volunteer with FOGCA, reached out to try to spread the word to the community about the shelter dogs and the urgency in re-homing them or reuniting them with their owners. Find them on Facebook. Photos are updated often during the week.

## Charter commission would not replace GC commissioners

BY STEVE SHORT

A new Charter Commission in Gibson Co. would not replace the current Gibson Co. Commission, a leader of a petition drive said last week.

But a new charter, if approved by popular vote, could reduce the number of commissioners, impose term limits, and require a popular vote to raise property taxes, among other things.

Recent news articles erroneously said the county commission could be replaced by a Charter Commission if a petition drive succeeds. But that was incorrect, said David Nance, leader of the petition drive to create a Charter Commission and "home rule" government.

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## Relay kick-off is Thursday

BY KASEY HARRIS

Hello wonderful Relay people! Please make sure you've marked your calendar for the Kick-off Celebration Thursday, January 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the theater at Gibson County High School.

All teams need to be present for this event. There will be some important

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RFL CONSTRUCTION PLANS SCHEDULED - Construction plans are set with foundation work to begin for the 2012 Gibson - North Relay For Life Kick Off Thursday, January 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the GCHS theatre. Come join the fun!

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