

Sheriff's K9 Officer Bella receives donation of body armor

Seminole County Sheriff's Office K9 Bella has received a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. K9 Bella's vest was embroidered with the sentiment "This gift of protection provided by Vested Interest in K9s, Inc."

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., established in 2009, is a 501(c)(3) charity whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. This potentially lifesaving body armor for four-legged K9 officers is U.S. made, custom fitted, and NIJ certified. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. has provided over 4,183 vests to K9s in all 50 states at a value of \$6.9 million, made possible by both private and corporate donations.

The program is open to U.S. dogs that are at least 20 months old and actively employed and certified with law enforcement or related agencies. K9s with expired vests are also eligible to participate. There are an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s throughout the United States.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. accepts tax-deductible contributions in any amount, while a single donation of \$960 will sponsor one vest. Each vest has a value of \$1,744-\$2,283, weighs an average of 4-5 lb., and comes with a five-year warranty. For more information, or to learn about volunteer opportunities, please call 508-824-6978. Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provides information, lists events, and accepts donations at www.vik9s.org, or you may mail your contribution to P.O. Box 9, East Taunton, MA 02718.



Seminole County Sheriff K-9 Officer Bella with handler, Deputy Kale King

Chamber shines its spotlight on Riverside Veterinary Clinic

The Donalsonville-Seminole County Chamber of Commerce shines its member spotlight this week on Riverside Veterinary Clinic.

Riverside Veterinary Clinic proudly serves the Southwest Georgia, North Florida and Southeast Alabama area for everything pet-related. The veterinary clinic and animal hospital is run by Dr. Cleve Bridges, who is a licensed, experienced Donalsonville veterinarian.

The team at Riverside is committed to educating clients on how to keep pets healthy year round, with good nutrition and exercise. Riverside Vet Clinic also provides pets with a host of essential medical services, including check-ups, therapy, and vaccines for a number of diseases, such as rabies. From quality spaying and neutering services to pet boarding facilities, they provide excellent services to each and every pet that comes through the doors.

Riverside Veterinary Clinic stays on top of the latest advances in veterinarian technology and above all, remembers that all animals and pets need to be treated with loving care in every check-up, procedure, or surgery. The clinic is located at south of Donalsonville at 6462 Georgia Highway 91. Give them a call at 229-524-6198.

If you are interested in joining the chamber and being featured in a spotlight, call or



Dr. Cleve Bridges

stop by and speak with Sara Avery or Kadie Matthews. The chamber is located at 122 East Second Street in downtown Donalsonville and open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call them at 229-524-2588.



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ATF offer reward for information in Mega Pawn burglary

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the National Shooting Sports Foundation, the trade association for the firearms industry, have announced a combined reward of up to \$10,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the burglary and theft of firearms from a federal firearms licensee in Hinesville.

Mega Pawn of Hinesville, located at 1008 W Oglethorpe Highway in Hinesville, was burglarized twice in the same week - Jan. 31 and Feb. 4. In total, 23 firearms were stolen and there are no definitive leads to date. The Jan. 31 burglary was a single suspect and the Feb. 4 burglary was three suspects. The suspects were all wearing hooded sweatshirts, facemasks and gloves.

The 23 stolen firearms pose a potential danger to citizens and communities. ATF is soliciting the public's assistance with any information that leads to those responsible for these crimes.

Anyone with information about this crime should contact ATF at 1-888-ATF-TIPS (888-283-8477), email ATFTips@atf.gov, or through its website at www.atf.gov/contact/atf-tips. Tips can be submitted anonymously using the ReportIt® app or by visiting www.reportit.com.

ATF is offering a reward of up to \$5,000, which will be matched by the NSSF for a total reward of up to \$10,000. This reward is part of a larger national cooperative initiative between the NSSF and ATF in which NSSF matches ATF rewards in cases involving the theft of firearms from federally licensed firearms retailers. A more information on ATF can be found at www.atf.gov.

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