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## Season of Giving



Levy County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Max Long is seen with Avid Studstill, 5, (left) and Kadence Studstill, 7, in front of Walmart on Sunday afternoon (Dec. 2). The girls went shopping to find new toys to donate to other children via the Toys For Tots program. The two girls' mother Kerry Studstill said they do this each year. Sgt. Long said he thinks it is neat that the parents teach their children the importance of giving to others. This was part of a Marine Corps Reserve Tri-County Area Toys For Tots toy drive at the Walmart in Chiefland. This drive continues from 4 to 7 p.m. tomorrow (Monday, Dec. 3) in front of Walmart. THE Saturday (Dec. 1) drive was cancelled due to rain. Hence the program on Monday evening. This drive is called 'Hand it to a Hero.'

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**Chiefland Firefighter Andrew Casto unpacks the banner for the event Sunday afternoon.**



**CPD Sgt. Max Long and CFR Capt. Cal Morgan (right) helps Avid and Kadence Studstill put toys into one of the boxes for the Marine Corps Reserves Toys For Tots program that helps children in the Tri-County Area of Levy, Dixie and Gilchrist counties.**

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**Beverly Goodman, manager of Tri-County Community Resource Center, poses with Levy County Sheriff's Office Deputy Tim O'Shaughnessy. Goodman is the assistant coordinator for the Marine Corps Reserve Toys For Tots program with Coordinator Bryan Crisp.**



**John Jasiack of Old Town donates cash to the Toys For Tots program. LCSO Sgt. Max Long said the cash donations help the program, especially because many people provide gifts for very young children. The cash lets organizers buy gifts for the teens who receive presents at Christmas through the program. Levy County Sheriff's Office Deputy Tim O'Shaughnessy. is seen with crime tape in his hands. That tape helped tie the banner to something stable, just as the fire houses from Chiefland Fire Rescue helped weigh down the money donation bucket. There was a strong wind whipping through the area early Saturday afternoon, and the temporary collection area needed to be secured.**

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The 'Hand It To A Hero' aspect of Toys For Tots of the Tri-County Area is sponsored by the Tri-County Community Resource Center, the Levy County Sheriff's Office, the Marine Corps Reserve Toys For Tots Foundation, the Chiefland Fire Rescue Department, Levy County Emergency Management and the Levy County Department of Public Safety. In this drive, people are asked to purchase a toy and Hand it to a Hero. In addition to Capt. Morgan and Firefighter Casto from CFR, and Sgt. Long and Deputy O'Shaughnessy from the LCSO, and Beverly Goodman from the Tri-County Community Resource Center, CFR Assistant Chief A.D. Goodman was actively helping not only Chiefland Fire Rescue for its part, but also the Tri-County Community Resource Center for its part. Beverly Goodman said people will be able to 'Hand It To A Hero' from the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office on Friday, Dec. 7, at Fort Fanning Park during the Christmas Boat Parade that is currently planned for that evening. Fort Fanning Park is located at the southwest corner of the intersection of U.S. Highway 19 and the Suwannee River.

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