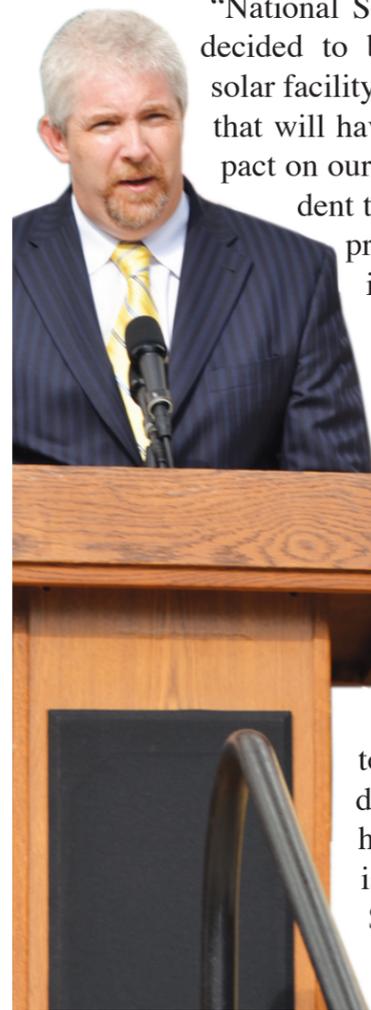


National Solar Power CEO to speak at Liberty Chamber banquet

James Scrivener, CEO of National Solar Power, will be the guest speaker at the Liberty County Chamber of Commerce annual banquet on Monday, Jan. 16.

The banquet, which will be followed by the general membership meeting, will begin at 7 p.m. and is being held at Veterans Memorial Park Civic Center in Bristol.



“National Solar Power recently decided to build a world-class solar facility in Gadsden County that will have a resounding impact on our region. I am confident that you will find his presentation not only interesting but also inspiring for the future of our local economy,” Chamber of Commerce President Michael Wright told chamber members in a recent memo.

The decision to locate in Gadsden County will add hundreds of jobs and is expected to bring \$1.5 million in economic investment into the region, according to a September 2011 news release from the company.

“With Gadsden County and the surrounding region, we know that we will have access to a qualified work force – for construction and operation,” Scrivener said after last year’s announcement.

By converting the natural power of the sun into electricity, National Solar Power’s planned 400-megawatt farm will be capable of providing enough renewable energy to power roughly 32,000 homes.

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Liberty Co. inmate escapes through unlocked jail door

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

BRISTOL — A 25-year-old man arrested last month for manufacturing methamphetamine had a few hours of freedom when he escaped from the Liberty County Jail after discovering an unsecured door.

Daniel M. Brown of Vermilion, LA, was downstairs with other inmates who were waiting to get their medications around 6:50 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 28 when the jailer saw him go out the door of the jail’s booking area.

Off-duty deputies joined the hunt along with a dog tracking team from Liberty Correctional Institution. Brown evaded capture for five and a half hours before he was found behind Duggar’s Barber Shop on SR 12 N, a quarter of a mile from the jail.

“We secured the area really quick and kept him pinned down,” Major Steve Swier said.

Brown was on foot and went to a friend’s home on Baker Street who didn’t know he had escaped. “He went to his house and asked for a sweatshirt,” Swier said. “Once his buddy realized he had escaped from jail, Brown took off and ran out the back door.”

Brown, who was barefoot, wearing a t-shirt and striped pants - then went onto the porch of a nearby trailer and grabbed some more clothing, along with a pair of boots, before ditching his jail clothes.

Throughout the evening, neighborhood residents kept an eye out for the escapee and reported sightings to the sheriff’s office.

The fact that Brown escaped barefooted and then put on boots slowed down tracking efforts, according to Swier.

Brown was found on the back side of the fence near Duggar’s Trailer Park, where he was using



DANIEL BROWN

concrete blocks for cover. Swier said a deputy spotted Brown “when he poked his head out.”

Brown, who has previous arrests on marijuana charges and methamphetamine distribution, was arrested Nov. 29 at a rental trailer in Bristol on Hwy. 12 North along with two women, Michelle Alexander and Loretta Swearengin. All three were charged with manufacturing methamphetamine.

Brown is now facing an escape charge as well.

JAIL DOOR REPAIRED; NEW SECURITY PROCEDURES ARE PUT IN PLACE

The door was fixed the next day and extra security measures have been put in place following last week’s escape, according to Swier. “We had been having some issues with the door not closing,” he said, explaining that a vendor had gone through the door 20 minutes earlier and when the door swung shut, “It failed to latch all the way.”

On Dec. 3, two female inmates slipped out of the women’s dorm at the jail after using a piece of cardboard to prevent the magnetic locks of another jail door from working. Violet Manning and Calesta Manasco made it from Bristol to Wewahitchka before being caught by the Gulf County Sheriff’s Office. They were back in custody in Liberty County six hours after their escape.

That was Manning’s second escape. On Oct. 20, she ran out of the jail but didn’t get far. She was found on the ground by a fence about 50 yards from the jail. She was returned to custody within 10 minutes.

Two Liberty Co. men charged with stealing boat, stove & copper wiring

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

BRISTOL — Two 19-year-old Liberty County residents were arrested Dec. 29 for the theft of an aluminum boat, a four-burner wood stove and an estimated \$3,000 worth of copper wiring.

James Tipton and Jessie William Hobby were charged with grand theft, burglary of an unoccupied dwelling, felony criminal mischief, burglary of an unoccupied structure and dealing in

stolen property.

The items were taken on Dec. 4 from two structures on NW Buck Larkins Road in Bristol owned by a South Florida man. The caretaker of the property verified that the items were missing.

According to records from Kyle Recycling in Hosford, Tipton and Hobby brought in the boat and the stove sometime around Thanksgiving.

The boat was identified by the hull registration number.

The owner, Patrick Callaghan, 81, valued the boat at \$100 and the stove at \$500.

Tipton later admitted that he and Hobby not only took the boat and the stove but returned within a day or two with bolt cutters and removed copper wiring from the attic.

They are being held on \$40,000 bond.



JAMES TIPTON



JESSIE HOBBY



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ARREST REPORTS

compiled by Journal Editor Teresa Eubanks

Twelve dollar scrap metal sale leads to arrest, grand theft charge for man

BLOUNTSTOWN - Grand theft and trespassing charges have been filed against a man accused of selling a stolen outboard motor for scrap metal, according to a report from the Blountstown Police Department.

On Dec. 27, Freddie Mae Edwards reported that an outboard motor and a mini bike had been stolen from her father-in-law's residence on SE Ridge Avenue. She was unable to give details about the stolen property and referred officers to her father-in-law, Leroy Edwards, who is currently staying at Parthenon Healthcare in Blountstown.

Edwards gave a detailed description of the motor, explaining it was a 35 hp Evinrude that had a 25 hp Johnson hood on it. He said he had placed a push button on the motor to start it.

Willie Clyde Powell Jr., 28, of Blountstown was arrested Dec. 29 after officers learned that



WILLIE C. POWELL

he received \$12 after he brought in a motor to Cumbaa Scrap Yard. The motor, identified as a 25 hp Johnson, appeared to be in good and working condition.

Powell gave a taped statement to officers confessing that he went to the Edwards' home, dragged the motor and mini-bike to the road, loaded them in his vehicle and took them from the scene. He said he sold them for scrap because he was trying to get some Christmas money for his kids. He said

a woman who accompanied him to the scrap yard did not know the items were stolen and said he was the only one involved in the theft.

The mini bike was also located but had been bent and badly damaged.

His bond was set at \$33,000. Powell is being held on outstanding warrants.

Stolen gun, game camera recovered, Burke charged

HOSFORD — A man who tried to sell a stolen gun was arrested for burglary of a dwelling with a concealed weapon, armed trespass, larceny (under \$300), dealing in stolen property and grand theft of a firearm.



DOUGLAS BURKE

Douglas Earl Burke, 29, of Hosford was arrested Dec. 29.

According to a report from the Liberty County Sheriff's Office, Burke's girlfriend, Misty Arnold, 31, told authorities she overheard Burke talking about a shotgun on the phone. He later showed her the Mossberg 20-gauge pump shotgun and D50 game camera.

When she asked how he got the

items, he said he was riding her brother's four-wheeler on CR 67 when he found the gun and camera and took them.

During an interview with Sgt. Jamie Shiver, Burke admitted to climbing into a "shooting house" and stealing the gun.

He said that as he was leaving, he noticed the game camera and realized his photo would be on it, so he took it too. He admitted making arrangements with someone to buy the gun, which was registered to Joe Brown.

Investigators found tire tracks matching the four-wheeler used by Burke at the scene, along with distinctive footprints from Nike Shox shoes, which Burke owns.

Bond was set at \$32,500 but Burke remains in custody for a probation violation on previous charges.

Man arrested after biting wife's face and damaging home

HOSFORD — A 43-year-old Hosford man was charged with domestic battery after he allegedly bit his wife in the face and punched a hole in the wall of their home on Christmas Eve, according to a report from the Liberty County Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Jonathan Gentry was dispatched to the Merritt Trail residence of Rodney John Rudd in Hosford just before midnight in response to a report of a physical disturbance.

While en route, the deputy found

Rudd standing at the intersection of Merritt Trail and Burnt Bridge Road. Rudd admitted that he had been involved in an altercation with his wife, which he said started when he walked in the door and she started arguing with him. He admitted that he gave her "a little shove" but denied biting her.

Rudd, who smelled strongly of alcohol, was placed in the back of the patrol car and rode with the deputy to his home.

When Gentry met Rudd's wife at their home, he noticed she had a

golf ball-sized knot on her head and a bite mark under her right eye. She declined medical attention.

According to her, she heard a loud noise earlier that evening and got up to see what had happened. She was met by her son, who said Rudd was trying to get in the trailer. She said she opened the door and saw Rudd standing on the porch, smoking a cigarette. She said she closed the door and explained that she is not supposed to be around cigarette smoke for medical reasons.

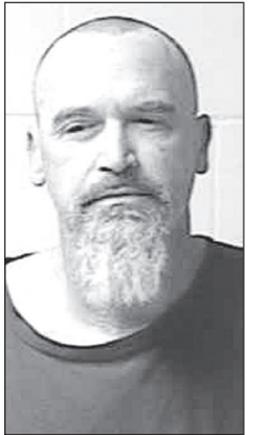
She said her husband reacted by

slinging the door open so hard that it put a hole in the wall. The two began arguing. She said he pushed her and then started overturning tables, tossing clothes around and throwing a wheelchair. She said she tried to stop him but he pushed her away.

The couple started to scuffle, fell to the floor and he bit her, according to the report. Her two sons separated the pair and called the sheriff's office.

When asked once again about the bite mark, Rudd replied, "I did bite her but it was in self defense."

He was released on a \$500 bond.



RODNEY RUDD

CORRECTION
Last week's page 2 story, "Two tased after resisting efforts to be taken into custody by deputies" showed an incorrect mugshot.



Jeremy Proctor Jr. was pictured but it was his father, Jeremy Proctor Sr. (shown here) who was arrested. We regret the error.



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SHERIFF'S LOG

CALHOUN COUNTY

Dec. 27

- Joshua Savell, *VOSP, CCSO*

Dec. 28

- Albert James Kearce, *domestic battery, BPD.*
- Pamela McMillian, *domestic battery, BPD.*
- Willie Powell, *grand theft, trespass on property other than a structure, BPD.*

Dec. 30

- Donna Chason, *FTA, BPD.*
- Kevin Lee Phillips, *FTA x12, CCSO.*

Dec. 31

- John Whitworth, *FTA, CCSO.*
- Tommy Bailey, *trespassing, CCSO*

Dec. 29

- Jessie Hobby, *grand theft, burglary of an unoccupied dwelling, felony criminal mischief, burglary of an unoccupied structure, dealing in stolen property, LCSO.*
- James Tipton, *grand theft, burglary of an unoccupied dwelling, felony criminal mischief, burglary of an unoccupied structure, dealing in stolen property, LCSO.*
- Daniel Brown, *escape, LCSO.*
- Douglas Burke, *burglary of a dwelling with a concealed weapon, trespass armed, larceny (under \$300), dealing in stolen property, grand theft of a firearm, VOSP, LCSO.*

Dec. 30

- Donna Chason, *Holding for CCSO, CCSO.*
- Johnnie Kitchen, *felony battery, LCSO.*

Listings include name followed by charge and identification of arresting agency. The names above represent those charged. We remind our readers that all are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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WILD HOGS: nuisance or hunting opportunity?

The white-tailed deer is the most popular game animal pursued each winter by Florida's more than 200,000 hunters. But, there's another big-game species that's hunted quite a bit too and is especially popular with hunters in the southern and central parts of the state: the wild hog.

Wild hogs, also called wild boars or feral pigs, aren't native to Florida. They either were introduced by colonists or may even have been brought over by the Spanish explorer Hernando DeSoto as early as 1539. Hogs provided a major food source for the early settlers, and those pigs that escaped or were released adapted and prospered readily in Florida's mild climate and varied habitats.

Though nonnative, you can hardly tell, because wild hogs are plentiful throughout Florida and can be found in all 67 counties. They live in various habitats but prefer moist forests, swamps and pine flatwoods. Abundant populations of wild hogs occur west of Lake Okeechobee, between the Kissimmee and lower St. Johns river basins, and farther north along the Gulf coastal marshes between the Aucilla and Withlacoochee rivers.

Wild hogs are omnivorous and feed by rooting up the ground with their broad snouts, leaving some areas

looking like plowed fields. Because of this, they are considered by many agricultural producers to be nuisance animals. Their diet consists of grasses and flowering plants in the spring, fruits in the summer and fall, and they eat roots, tubers and invertebrates throughout the year.

As with all animals, it's against the law to release wild hogs on public lands. It's also not recommended on private lands either, unless the property is surrounded by adequate fencing.

Wild hogs have an annual home range of more than 10 square miles and are prolific reproducers. A healthy female (sow) can breed when only 6 months old and continue to breed every six months, producing four to 14 piglets per litter.

They're not listed as game animals by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) but are considered wildlife. And even though wild hogs can have negative impacts on native vegetation and wildlife, they're an important food source for several native species, including the alligator, bobcat and black bear, as

well as the endangered Florida panther and threatened American crocodile.

Wild hogs also make for a great hunting opportunity. This especially is true in the southern portion of the state

where, in some areas, wild hogs actually have replaced deer as the preferred hunting species. Because of the abundance of hogs there and the fact these re-

gions tend to have smaller-bodied deer with lighter racks, hog hunting has gotten pretty popular in those parts.

On private property with the landowner's permission, you may hunt or trap wild hogs year-round. Also, there are no size or bag limits. You may harvest either sex, and you don't even need a hunting license to do so. That goes for nonresidents as well.

Now I do need to make you aware that when hunting one of the state's many wildlife management areas (WMAs), you will need a valid Florida hunting license and a management area permit.

On most WMAs, wild hogs may be hunted during all hunting seasons except spring turkey.

But if it's during archery season,

you must use a bow; during muzzle-loading gun season, you'll have to use a muzzleloader. Also, on some WMAs, daily bag limits do apply, and in some cases, there's a minimum size limit on what you can shoot.

During this time of year, many of the WMAs' small-game seasons are going on. The great thing about that is you never need a quota permit to hunt during a WMA's small-game season, and on most of them, hogs are legal game. The only thing is, you can't use a centerfire rifle during that season, but you can use a shotgun with buckshot or a slug, or a rimfire rifle like a .22 magnum, or even a pistol if you want.

In addition to still hunting for hogs from a stand or blind, there are those hunters who prefer to catch them with traps or by the use of dogs.

Special pens with trap doors work well when baited with acorns or slightly fermented corn. Dogs, such as black-mouth curs and pit bulls, make good "catch" dogs because they can be trained to capture hogs, which they do by biting down on their ears and pinning them to the ground.

So whether you think wild hogs are a nuisance or a hunting opportunity, they're a critter some of us are dealing with one way or another.

OUTTA' THE WOODS



by Tony Young
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Calhoun Chamber welcomes Big River Valley Hunters this weekend

by Kristy Terry, Calhoun Chamber of Commerce Director

Wednesday afternoon hunters from across the state will begin to arrive in Calhoun County to take part in the Chamber of Commerce's third Big River Valley Hunt.

This event offers a rare opportunity for visitors to hunt big game on private lands guided by area landowners. This year five hunters will take part in the event. This total number is down a bit, however, there were several hunters that expressed an interest in attending, but had schedule conflicts.

Locals have known for years that the Apalachicola River Valley is overflowing with natural resources. The Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce is at-

tempting to capitalize on those resources by focusing on eco-tourism. In addition to looking at nature tourism opportunities on the rivers and trails, the area's abundance of good hunting land could not be overlooked.

Several local landowners have partnered with the Chamber to offer hunting on their properties for one weekend in January. The Chamber has also partnered with several local businesses to offer services to hunters during the event.

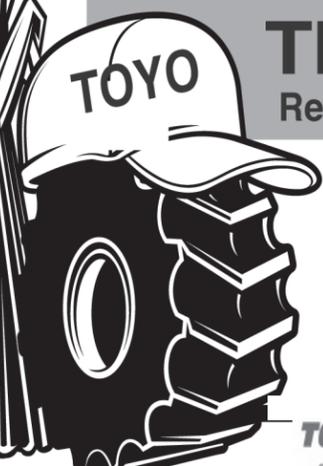
Most of the hunters are staying at the Airport Motel, which has done an exceptional job at hosting hunters over the past three years. Harry Rogers generously donates his time to coordinate hunters and guides, as

well as act as a guide himself. Bill Norris of Norris Smokehouse partners with the event as the official processor of any game killed. Norris processes the meat so it can be stored in coolers for the trip home. Big Bend Sporting Goods acts as headquarters of the hunt, with guides meeting hunters there each morning and afternoon. Local restaurants and retailers also offer coupons to hunters to encourage them to visit their business during their time in Calhoun County.

The Chamber will serve a continental breakfast each morning as hunters and guides head to the woods. A Game Hunters Lunch will be served at The Depot Museum Saturday before they go on their last hunt that afternoon.

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NEWS FROM THE PEWS

SPECIAL SERVICES

WORD OF TRUTH CHURCH – The Word of Truth begins special services on Jan. 4 - 15 with guest speaker Reverend Steve Grimsley, who will be preaching and praying for people each night.

Word of Truth is located at 19397 SW South Street in Blountstown (behind City Tire - Hwy 20-W).

Pastor Ron Baker and church family cordially invite you to attend these services.

For more information, call 674-4605 or visit our webpage at www.wordoftruthupc.com

Schedule for the first week

- *Wednesday, Jan. 4 at 7 p.m.
- *Friday night, Jan. 6 at 7 p.m.
- *Saturday night, Jan. 7 at 7 p.m.
- *Sunday evening, Jan. 8 at 7 p.m.

Schedule for the second week

- *Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m.
- *Friday night, Jan. 13 at 7 p.m.
- *Saturday night, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m.
- *Sunday evening, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m.

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NEW BIBLE STUDY

BLOUNTSTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH —On Thursday, Jan. 5, Blountstown United Methodist Church begins a new Beth Moore Bible study and invites you to join them.

“*The Patriarchs: Encountering the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*” is a ten-week, in-depth video-based study full of intrigue, twists, turns, and mysteries in the life of the historical figures of Genesis. Be warned that there will be a few uncomfortable and awkward moments to deal with. We will survive and learn from them.

Beth Moore is an accomplished author and teacher who loves God and His Word. Her goal in “*The Patriarchs*” is to encourage the student to love God more through the study of His inspired Word. She assures us that we have never taken a trip quite like this Bible study journey before. Each week will be divided into three parts, one hour video, thirty- to forty-five minutes in group discussions, and daily homework in the workbook. If you are looking for a serious Bible study, tailor-made for women, with a diverse group of Christian women, “*The Patriarchs*” is for you.

Ladies, make your plans to join us on Thursday, Jan. 5 at 9 a.m. CT. The church is located at 20500 Central West, across from Sub-Way on Hwy 20.

There is a fee of \$15 for the workbook.

This study is non-denominational and open to all women. For more information contact Donna Corbin or BUMC office at 674-8254. Workbooks are available for early purchase through the church office Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SINGING

GLORY HILL CHURCH — The Spencers from Mansfield, OH will be joining Glory Hill Church on Wednesday, Jan. 4 at 7 p.m.

The church is located five miles north of Clarksville on Hwy. 73. For more information call 557-5893 or 762-8301.



Community Calendar

Wednesday, January 4

Family Fit Lifestyle Month

TODAY'S MEETINGS

- **Rotary Club**, noon, Calhoun-Liberty Hospital
- **AA**, 7 p.m., Calhoun County Old Ag Bldg. east door, in front of jail
- **Boy Scout Troop 200**, 6:30 p.m., Mormon Church, Bristol

Thursday, January 5

TODAY'S MEETINGS

- **Liberty Children's Coalition**, 10 a.m., Liberty Emergency Management office
- **Liberty Community Coalition**, 10 a.m., New EMS Building in Bristol
- **Altha Area Recreation Committee**, 6 p.m., Altha Town Hall
- **AA**, 7 p.m., basement of Calhoun County Courthouse
- **Mossy Pond VFD**, 7 p.m., Fire House
- **Mayhaw Community Action Group**, 6 p.m., St. Paul AME Church in Blountstown
- **Liberty Commission**, 6 p.m. in Court room
- **Nettle Ridge VFD**, 7 p.m. at Fire House



Friday, January 6



Autism Support Group, 6 p.m., W.T. Neal Civic Center in Blountstown

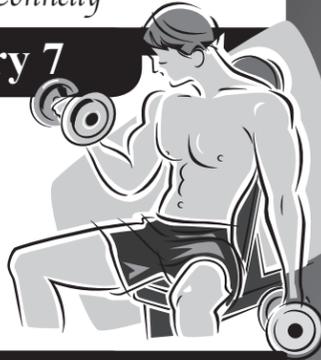
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Saturday, January 7

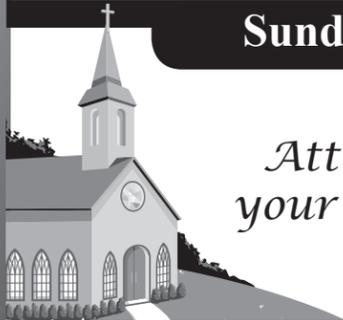
BIRTHDAYS

Robbie Barber & Pete Blackburn

Adult Dance, 8-12 p.m. at the Legion Hall in Blountstown



Sunday, January 8



Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday

Monday, January 9

TODAY'S MEETINGS

- **American Legion Auxiliary**, 5 p.m.,
- **Torrey Garden Club**, 6 p.m., Calhoun Co. Extension Office, Blountstown
- Vicki Davis to speak on Environment Education.



Parthenon Health Care, Blountstown, 1-4 p.m. (CT)

BIRTHDAYS

Kimberly Redmond and Darreyl Duggar

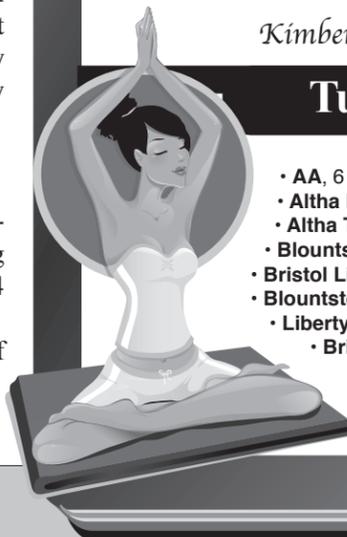
Tuesday, January 10

TODAY'S MEETINGS

- **AA**, 6 p.m., Altha Community Center
- **Altha Boy Scouts**, 7 p.m., Altha Volunteer Fire Department
- **Altha Town Council**, 6 p.m., City Hall
- **Blountstown City Council**, 6 p.m., City Council Room on Angle St.
- **Bristol Lions Club**, 7 p.m., Apalachee Restaurant
- **Blountstown Chapter #179 O.E.S.**, 7 p.m., Dixie Lodge in Blountstown
- **Liberty School Board**, 7 p.m., LC School Board Meeting Room
- **Bristol VFD**, 7 p.m., Bristol City Hall

BIRTHDAYS

Jim Deason, Stephen Ford & Paige White



Pancake Benefit Breakfast planned Saturday morning

Come and join us for our Pancake benefit to raise funds for the Club House porch on Saturday, Jan. 7 from 6 to 9 a.m. (CT).

A special breakfast will be served in the Club House which consist of all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, and your choice of coffee, milk, or juice.

Ticket prices are \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids ages 6 to 12 and is free for ages 5 and under.

The Panhandle Pioneer Settlement is a living museum documenting rural life in NW Florida since the early 1800s. It is located in Sam Atkins Park, about 1 mile west of the intersection of Hwy 71 and Hwy 20. Follow the signs.

For more information, contact the Settlement at (850) 674-2777 or visit www.ppmuseum.org.

Three LCHS players will play in Border Wars All-Star game

The community is invited to watch three Liberty High School students, Trey Johnson, Jake Harris and Shelby Williams, play in the Border Wars All-Star Football game taking place on Saturday, Jan. 7 at 1 p.m. at Bragg Memorial Stadium at FAMU in Tallahassee.

For more information please contact Coach Grant Grantham at 420-5106.

Healthy Start meeting

The Chipola Healthy Start Coalition Board of Directors will meet at Veterans Memorial Civic Center in Bristol on Thursday, Jan. 5 at 3 p.m. (ET). The public is welcome to attend.

SPEAK UP!

WITH A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Write: The Calhoun-Liberty Journal
P.O. Box 536, Bristol 32321

To the editor,

A U.S. Congressman appropriated \$600,000 for finding out why chimpanzees throw their feces. It is a “shovel ready” project with chimpanzees “ready to go!” I hope the testing produces a conclusive answer that is revealed in a world news broadcast so we will know our \$600,000 was not just “flushed down the toilet.”

Leonard Maio, Altha

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CCI assists Forestry Service in building hunting blinds for Family Wildlife Area

Calhoun Correctional Institution is assisting the United States Forestry Service in their quest to develop future hunters by having inmates build hunting blinds to be used by families and the disabled who wish to hunt.

The U.S. Forestry Service's Juniper Creek Wildlife Management (JCWM) Area, established on the 923-acre Chipola Experimental Forest in Calhoun County, is being developed to provide a safe environment for parents to teach their children to hunt.

Calhoun CI Warden Porter agreed to provide inmate labor, under the supervision of Officer Eddie Taylor, to assemble the hunting blinds from plans and materials provided by the Forestry Service. A total of seven blinds have been assembled and delivered, which completes the first phase of this project. Another six hunting blinds are scheduled to be built by Calhoun CI inmates in 2012.

"The Forestry Service has been pleased with the excellent workmanship Officer Taylor and his squad of inmates have provided, as well as the savings to taxpayers since we used inmate labor to build the blinds," said Warden Porter.

The JCWM Area has been divided into seven hunting zones ranging in size from 70 to 150 acres, with six of the zones having two wildlife openings constructed in

them. The openings range in size from two to six acres for a total of approximately 52 acres divided between 13 openings. Each opening will have a hunting blind. This area will be open to hunters from all over the country.

As information is collected on the deer herd, more hunting areas may be added in the future.

The Forestry Service is also exploring setting aside entire

weekends dedicated to hunters with disabilities. The blinds have been designed with a four-foot elevation and an access ramp to facilitate their use by hunters with disabilities.

As the program expands, Calhoun Correctional Institution and the U.S. Forestry Service look forward to continuing this partnership of community outreach that will benefit children and families on both a local and national level.



FROM LEFT: Deputy District Ranger Allen Smith and District Manager Marcus Beard of the U.S. Forestry Service, and Work Squad Officer Eddie Taylor of Calhoun Correctional Institution are shown with one of the hunting blinds under construction.

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If you purchased property in 2011 and wish to file for homestead exemption or greenbelt for 2012, it will be necessary for you to come into the office to apply before **March 1, 2012**.

For Homestead Exemption on mobile homes: Applicants must own the mobile home and the land to which the mobile home is permanently attached.

Attention: Senior Citizens 65 & Older

The Senior Citizen Additional Homestead Exemption is **NOT** automatically renewed. An application **MUST** be signed each year before March 1. There is a household income limitation to qualify for this exemption. Please contact this office **before March 1, 2012**.

If you have any questions, or if you have a problem with transportation, please feel free to contact the Property Appraiser's office at 643-2279.

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Blood mobile schedule for January 2012

The Southeastern Community Bloodmobile will be at the following locations this month:

***Wednesday, Jan. 4**
ACI East 7-11 CT
ACI West 12-3 CT

***Thursday, Jan. 5**
River Junction Work Camp, Chattahoochee 8-1130 a.m. CT; River Chase Care Center 12:30-3 p.m. CT

***Friday, Jan. 6**
Tri-State Warehouse 8-10 a.m. and Marianna Convalescent Center 2-4 p.m.

***Monday Jan. 9**
Parthenon Health Care, Blountstown, 1-4 p.m. CT

If you are unable to make a donation at the mobile unit, please give blood at our center at 2503 Commercial Park Drive in Marianna Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Late Night LAUGHS

A RECAP OF RECENT OBSERVATIONS BY LATE NIGHT TELEVISION HOSTS.

We're learning more and more about the death of North Korean dictator Kim Jong-Il. It seems he died of a heart attack while riding on a train in North Korea. I don't want to say Kim Jong-Il was little, but the train he died on was going around his Christmas tree.

— JAY LENO

The presidential election means all of us late night guys are going to have to go after the candidates when they screw up. I'll do my bit. But I've got to say, my heart is not really in it. It's just no fun without Herman Cain.

— CRAIG FERGUSON

The pro-adultery website ashleymadison.com is a website for married people that want to cheat. They have come out and endorsed Newt Gingrich for president. I guess it's their way of thanking him for all the years of business.

— JAY LENO

Some people think the world is ending in 2012. These people are called idiots.

— CRAIG FERGUSON

While shopping at Best Buy before Christmas, out of force of habit, President Obama put everything on layaway. He told the store, "Don't worry about it; the grandkids will pay for it."

— JAY LENO



In Defense of Iowa

AMERICAN COLOR

by Mark Shields

Pundit Mark Shields has been on the political playing field since Robert F. Kennedy ran for president in 1968. After years of managing campaigns from the courthouse to the White House, he is now one of the most widely recognized commentators in the U.S.

Beating up on Iowa -- and the Hawkeye State's Jan. 3 first-in-the-nation presidential caucuses -- is once again in the Eastern Time Zone. Readers of *The New York Times* are urged to read the gifted Gail

Collins' column so that they can "Feel Free to Ignore Iowa." If that's not enough, *The Washington Post* trumpets "The Idiocy of Iowa" in recommending Matt Miller's column. I emphatically disagree.

Iowa, we are told, is unrepresentative of the nation. The state's Republicans are more conservative and the state's Democrats more dovish than the respective national parties.

How politically unrepresentative is Iowa? "Let's," as the Happy Warrior, New York Gov. Al Smith, used to say, "look at the record."

In November 2008, Democrat Barack Obama won 53 percent of the popular vote nationally, while in Iowa he won 54 percent of the popular vote. In 2004, George W. Bush carried Iowa with 50 percent of the vote and the country with 50.7 percent. In 2000, Democrat Al Gore won the U.S. popular vote by one half of one percent and Iowa by one third of one percent. Maybe then 1996?

That year, Democrat Bill Clinton captured 49 percent of the national vote and 50 percent of the Iowa vote. Tell me: How representative of the nation can one state be?

To listen to much of the coastal criticism (with more than a whiff of smugness) of Iowa, the state's residents are appealingly straightforward but -- well, with the state fair and its butter sculptures -- just not that sophisticated.

Could we have the envelope, please? Of the 50 states, Iowa has the second-lowest murder rate, the fifth-lowest rate of motor vehicle thefts, a poverty rate 36 percent lower than the nation's at large and the U.S.'s third-lowest di-

voice rate. Iowa's public school students are tied for eighth in basic math skills.

With a high-school graduation rate of 90.5 percent, Iowa ranks sixth in the nation -- and comfortably ahead of coastal powerhouses

such as New Jersey, Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, Oregon, Washington, Maryland and Virginia. Tied for fourth among the 50 states in percentage of its residents who are literate, Iowans are good citizens, too, ranking fifth among the states in voter turnout.

The critics may well be right. In education achievements, marital stability, infrequency of crime, as well as civic participation, Iowa is not representative of the United States. No, Iowa is better.

It's true that Iowa voters do take their first-in-the-nation responsibility seriously. They show up at candidate events, listen attentively and ask good questions. I always feel better, more optimistic, about America after I've been in Iowa.

One other reason to visit Iowa is to go to Waterloo, the home of the five Sullivan brothers -- Joe, Matt, Al, George and Frank -- who all enlisted in the Navy on Jan. 3, 1942, shortly after Pearl Harbor. Ten months later, the Sullivans were all serving on the USS Juneau in the naval battle of Guadalcanal when their light cruiser was twice hit by Japanese torpedoes. All five Sullivan boys perished in the Pacific. National policy was changed to separate siblings in combat.

If you're anywhere near Waterloo, you must visit the Sullivan Brothers Iowa War Veterans museum. It's worth the trip.

Finally, if the state is so unrepresentative and so uncool, then how has Iowa -- for 11 consecutive national elections -- managed to keep its coveted first-in-the-nation, dominant influence in choosing our presidents?



WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

by Douglas Cohn and Eleanor Clift

Our unconstitutional primaries

WASHINGTON – Only two GOP presidential candidates (Mitt Romney and Ron Paul) managed to get on the ballot in Virginia, underscoring how difficult it is to run for president if you don't have a well-oiled machine taking care of these things. Newt Gingrich operates on a wing and a prayer, and so it's not surprising that he missed the deadline. Rick Perry has money and organization, but even he couldn't muster the required 10,000 signatures, including a requisite number from each of Virginia's congressional districts, to satisfy the state's Republican Party and Board of Elections.

Perry filed a narrowly-focused lawsuit contending that his constitutional rights were violated by a provision that requires that anyone gathering the signatures and circulating the petitions must be "an eligible or registered qualified voter in Virginia." Perry got into the race late by modern standards, and unless he does well in the early voting in Iowa and South Carolina, he may not be around by the time of the March 6 Super Tuesday primary, when voters go to the polls in Virginia.

Even so, his suit has merit and deserves consideration. The hoops that candidates have to jump through to gain ballot access are excessive, and so is the cost to taxpayers of holding what amount to exclusionary primaries in state after state. Partisan primaries are the brainchild of the two major political parties, and their relevance is questionable as more and more Americans identify themselves as Independents, and therefore can't participate.

There is nothing written in the Constitution about political parties, and it is only logical to wonder why taxpayers should foot the costs of holding primaries for voters of any one political persuasion, be they Republicans or Democrats.

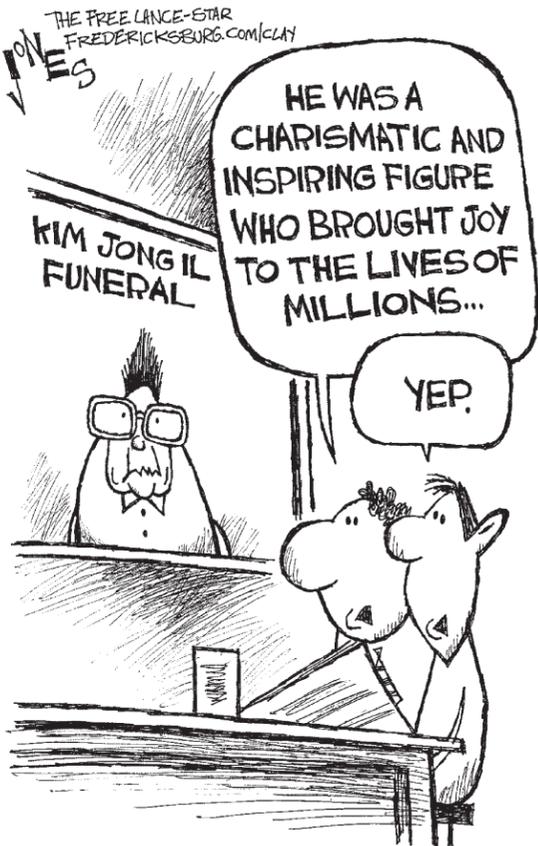
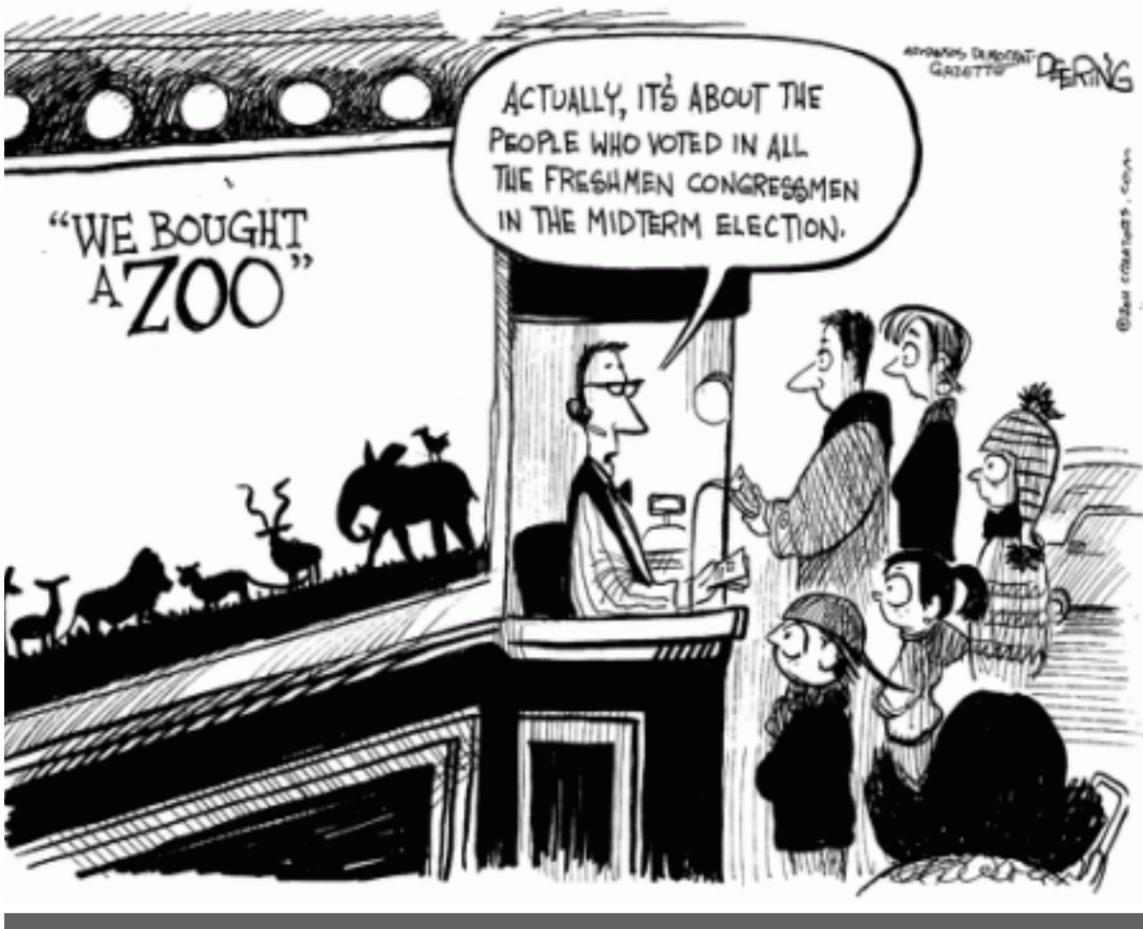
Independents or voters who decline to state a party identification are the fastest growing group at a time when trust in government is at or near record lows. Virginia has what is known as an open primary system, where Independents can participate. It's like being a Democrat or a Republican for a day, or at least the time it takes to cast your vote.

Seventeen states hold open primaries, including South Carolina, Michigan and Wisconsin. New Hampshire, a key battle ground, is considered an open primary state since voters can cast their ballot in either the Republican or Democratic primary, but it doesn't meet the technical definition because a voter registered with one of the two major political parties on election day can't vote in the opposing party's primary.

New Hampshire voters tend to jump back and forth between the parties depending on which has the more interesting race. In 2008, when it was presumed that Barack Obama would win New Hampshire on the heels of his strong showing in Iowa, a good number of Democratic voters opted to participate in the Republican primary, helping to propel John McCain to victory, and deflating Obama, who lost to Hillary Clinton.

Truly open primaries where party labels are discarded would energize voters and encourage more participation. Closed primaries, where only registered members of one party can cast their ballots, are exclusionary and undermine the democratic system. They are also potentially unconstitutional should anyone dare to press the case because taxpayers are being compelled to pay for primaries not open to all voters.

Anyone watching the primaries unfold can see how undemocratic the process has become. Iowa has a caucus system, but it's a closed caucus, limited to registered Republicans and registered Democrats. The result is that the first decision-making about who should be the GOP's challenger to President Obama is left in the hands of a very small slice of the electorate that is not representative of the country, or even the GOP as a whole.



WEDDING

Richard, Lipford to exchange vows at Blountstown Community Church



Terri Lynn Richards and Donnie Craig Lipford plan to wed on Jan. 19 at 6 p.m. (CT) at Blountstown Community Church. A private reception for the wedding party and immediate family will be held at the church following the ceremony. There will also be a reception for friends and family at Swampy Tonk Bar after the ceremony.

Terri Lynn is the daughter of Laura Pickron, Terry Thrash and the late Terry Wilson. She is the granddaughter of Harold Pickron of Blountstown and Laura Smith of Quincy.

Donnie is the son of Grant and Sharon Shiver. His grandparents are the late Marie Barfield, Lorene Lipford and the late Buford Lipford.

Daniel Stewart will serve as best man and Susan Lowery and Heather Jencks will serve as maids of honor. The wedding party will include Scott Silcox, Brian Beauchamp, Danny Richards II and Alan Shiver serving as groomsmen and Melinda George, Hannah Smith and Miranda Smith serving as bridesmaids. Flower girls will be Taylor Melvin and Madison Smith.

The couple plan to honeymoon on a seven day cruise to Jamaica. They will make their home in Clarksville.

Proposal for new Florida Underwater Archeological Preserve is announced

TALLAHASSEE—Secretary of State Kurt Browning recently announced that the Department of State's Division of Historical Resources has officially proposed the USS Narcissus to be designated Florida's twelfth Underwater Archeological Preserve. The site was nominated by Mike Terrell of the Florida Aquarium and maritime archaeologists John William Morris III and Nicole Tumbleson Morris. The USS Narcissus would be unique among Florida's archaeological preserves in that it is still the property of the US Navy, which has made recommendations that are incorporated into the proposal.

"The USS Narcissus provides not only a fascinating underwater preserve to explore, it also offers a unique and adventurous look into our nation's naval history," said Secretary Browning. "The site would be an exciting addition to Florida's underwater archaeological preserves."

The public proposal is a response to the Florida

Aquarium's nomination of the site, and is being made available to area stakeholders and members of the public for comment. If public response is favorable, the site of USS Narcissus will be designated Florida's Twelfth Underwater Archeological Preserve. The preserve program encourages state, county and city officials, local organizations and individuals to work together to protect and interpret Florida's maritime history. The proposal is available online at www.flheritage.com/archaeology/underwater/docs/USS_Narcissus_Proposal.pdf

A Civil War-era steam tugboat, USS Narcissus was lost in a storm off Egmont Key in 1866. Built in 1863 in East Albany, New York, the vessel was purchased by the US Navy. During the Battle of Mobile Bay the tug witnessed the attack in which Union Admiral David G. Farragut uttered the famous words, "Damn the torpedoes! Full speed ahead!" On her way to New York where she was

to be decommissioned the tug ran aground in heavy seas in Tampa Bay. The boiler exploded, killing all on board.

Florida's Underwater Archeological Preserves must meet several criteria such as safe public access, be located in state waters, be an identified wreck with recognizable features, and have abundant marine life. The Bureau of Archeological Research has determined that USS Narcissus meets these criteria. If designated as a preserve, the site will be more made more accessible and better interpreted for divers, with brochures, posters, underwater maps and a website. In addition, the site will be marked with a bronze plaque.

Florida's unique Underwater Archeological Preserves include Urca de Lima, a Spanish galleon off Ft. Pierce; USS Massachusetts, the nation's oldest battleship sunk off Pensacola; Half Moon, a racing yacht near Key Biscayne; and Georges Valentine, a steel barken-

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Visit www.museum-sinthesea.org for more information on Florida's Underwater Archeological Preserves.

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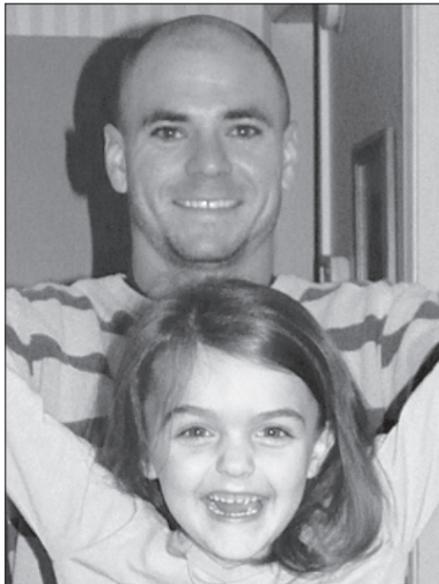
Callie Bea Welles will be celebrating her first birthday on Jan. 5. She is the daughter of Noah and Monica Welles of Hosford. Her grandparents are Roger and Gretchen Welles, and Penny and Robin Kent, all of Hosford. She is the great-granddaughter of Cortez and Ailene Kent of Blountstown and Shirley and the late Laryus Brown of Hosford, the late Archie and Bea Welles, the late Pete and Madge O'Steen, and the late Alfred and Mary Parker. Callie enjoys playing with dolls, monster trucks, dancing, her brother, Gabe Welles, and cousins, Aidan and Corbin Hamilton, Jacob Kent and Samuel Brown.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS



IRENE HENDERSON

Irene Henderson will celebrate her 70th birthday on Jan. 5. She is the mother of Ricky Pullam, who lives in Charleston, SC with his wife, Paula. Her grandson is Tony Pullam of Columbia, SC.



GRACIE BARBEE & BRYAN DAVIS

Gracie Barbee shares her fifth birthday with her big cousin, Bryan Davis, who turned 27 on Dec. 30. Gracie is the daughter of Mark and Casite Barbee of Kinard. Her grandparents are Barbara Gibson of Carrollton, GA, the late Jesse Hyde and Doris and the late Marcus Barbee, all of Kinard. Bryan is the son of Dan and Lynne Davis of Kinard. His grandparents are Doris and the late Marcus Barbee of Kinard and the late Doris Davis of Bradenton. Gracie enjoys singing, drawing, playing with her brother, Marcus, and sister, Jessie and spending time with family.



BRAYDEN LANE RICHTER

Brayden Lane Richter will celebrate his seventh birthday on Jan. 6. He is the son of Michael and Heather Richter of Bristol. Brayden attends W.R. Tolar School and enjoys being in Mrs. Connie Martin's first grade class. Brayden enjoys learning about space, collecting BeyBlades, riding the golf cart, and taking care of his chickens. He is looking forward to a visit to the Challenger Center in Tallahassee for his birthday celebration.

Liberty County School Board is proposing changes to the following policies:

8.21 Energy Conservation

A public hearing on these policies will be held on January 10, 2012 at the Liberty County Administrative Offices, Hwy 12 South, Bristol, FL 32321 at 6 p.m. Copies of all policies are available at the Superintendent's Office.

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BIRTHS

GREENLEY MADISON HIRES

Brogan White and Jason Hiers of Hosford, along with Greenley's two big brothers, Peyton and Cadence Hires are proud to announce the birth of their daughter and sister, Greenley Madison Hires on Oct. 8. She weighed 7 lbs. and 11 ozs. and measured 20 inches in length.

Her maternal grandparents are Brady and Jennifer White, both of Hosford.

Her paternal grandparents are Tammy and Rick Stephens of Bristol. Greenley's great-grandparents are John Cupp of Quincy, Ken Frost of Grand Ridge, Nettie Leigh Smith and Tina and the late Gene Atwell, all of Bristol.

Greenley was welcomed home by family and friends.



DELLA RENEE MCCARDLE

Dale McCardle and Maggie Skeen of Bristol are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Della Renee McCardle on Dec. 6 at Jackson Hospital at 8:18 a.m. She weighed 7 lbs., 14 ozs. and measured 20 inches in length.

Her grandparents are Earnest and Faye McCardle, Wanda and the late Harmon Whitfield, all of Altha and Gerry Skeen of Topeka, KS.

Della was welcomed home by her big brother, Justin.



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•Use this month to check your houseplants: divide and re-pot any pot-bound plants. Prune judiciously to create a compact, attractive specimen.

•Keep holiday poinsettias in a sunny, cool location with high humidity.

•If you have succulents such as jade, hoyo, and sansevieria, they may be reluctant to bloom in the house. Grow them in a small pot and hold back the water. This may persuade them to flower.

•Remove aphids from houseplants with a mixture of equal parts rubbing alcohol and water and add a drop of dishwashing detergent. Apply this to troubled plants with a soft brush.

•Open the doors and windows when temperatures permit to give your house a change of air. This will benefit you and your houseplants.

•Provide extra protection to houseplants on window sills if it is very cold. Place cardboard between the plants and the glass. Be sure the plants don't touch the windowpanes.

•Sponge off your plants or give them a good shower to remove the dust.

•Force a winter bouquet from cut branches of forsythia, pussy willow, deutzia, wisteria, lilac, apple, peach, or pear. Bruise the cut ends and set them in water. Spray the branches frequently. Keep them in a cool place until they bloom, then move to a warmer area for display.

Torrey Garden Club to meet

The Torrey Garden Club will meet at 6 p.m. (CT) on Monday, Jan. 9 in the Calhoun County Extension Office.

The speaker for the evening will be Vicki Davis and the topic will be Environment Education.

GARDENING

•Check any bulbs and tubers you may have stored to determine if moisture is okay. Repack bulbs that seem too damp, discarding any moldy ones. If bulbs seem too dry, try moving them to another location.

•Start a garden record book now, allowing space to record the dates of first and last frosts, sowing seeds, planting, transplanting, time of bloom, first fruits, fertilizing, problems with pests, and other information. Over a period of years, this will be an invaluable record.

•Make a careful study this month of three important garden subjects: fertilizers, spraying, and best seed varieties.

•Check with your county extension agent to find out whether your particular area really fits into the temperature range suggested by its garden zone. Though seed companies provide information about which zones are best for growing different varieties of plants, keep in mind that considerable variation may take place within each zone.

•Plan your garden and make a diagram drawn to scale before placing your spring order.

•Remember this rule of thumb for planning perennial gardens: The width of the garden should be about twice the height of the tallest plant growing in it.

•Review your gardening chemicals and check for deteriorating containers. Consult local authorities for acceptable ways of disposing of chemicals you no longer use.

•Organize, clean, oil, and sharpen garden tools. A splash of bright paint on tool handles will make them easier to spot out in the yard.

•Examine your land in the stark winter days,

looking for places where an evergreen might go nicely.

•Visit a greenhouse or nursery near you and talk with the experts about your growing problems. Ask them about shrub varieties best for your conditions.

•Remember to supply fresh water for the birds. Nuthatches, chickadees, cardinals, and juncos will enjoy any bread scraps you may have.

•Prune fruit trees now. The prunes can be gathered up into bundles to be used for kindling after they've dried.

•Examine willow and poplar trees for borers. Prune out any infested branches.

•Repair all fences, arbors, and garden furniture before the real work of spring begins. In the south, prune early-flowering shrubs when they finish blooming.

•Plant lettuce in flats this month and harvest before it's time to start some of the later seedlings. Artificial light may be required, but the air should not be too hot.

•Start some annual flowers this month. Good picks include marigolds, sweet peas, statice, impatiens, petunias, and snapdragons.

•Choose some perennials to start now from seed. Delphinium, Shasta daisy, carnation, digitalis, and armeria are good choices.

•Start geranium, begonia, vinca, and viola seeds now for spring and summer bloom. Begonia and vinca seeds are among the hardest to germinate, so don't be discouraged if your success rate is low or irregular.

•Avoid heavy traffic on your dormant lawn; dry grass is easily broken and damaged.

•Remember to prune your houseplants regularly. Pinch back new growth to encourage bushier plants.

•Group houseplants to increase humidity. Keep away from frosty windowsills.



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OBITUARIES

PAULINE B. BOZEMAN

TALLAHASSEE — Pauline B. Bozeman, 85, of Tallahassee passed away Thursday, Dec. 29, 2011 at Grady General Hospital in Cairo, GA. She was born in Blountstown to the late William Alfred and Mary Ida (Theus) Barfield. She worked diligently, side-by-side with her husband in the ministry for more than 50 years. She retired from the Florida Department of Motor Vehicles after 17 years of loyal service as a title and lien processor. She attended Harvest Chapel Pentecostal Holiness church in Tallahassee and was a dear loving, precious saint of God. Her family, glad that she is at home with Jesus Christ, will miss her. Thank God, her battles here are over, praise God! This loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother and aunt will be missed by all. As a minister's wife serving God with all her heart, she loved many people and was known as a sweet, kind and loving lady. She wanted everyone to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and be ready for His return.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 69 years, Rev. Roy Randolph Bozeman; daughter, Peggy Ann Cheshire; granddaughter, Wendy Watson; parents, William Alfred and Mary Ida (Theus) Barfield; and three brothers, Dowling Barfield, Lamar Barfield, and Wayne Barfield.

Survivors include two sons, Randy Bozeman and his wife, June and Bill Bozeman and his wife, Angel; three daughters, Sandra Adams and her husband Thomas, Gwyn Grissett and her husband, Mike, and Rissa Maxwell and her husband, Eugene; son-in-law, Ellis Cheshire and his wife, Carolyn; 13 grandchildren, Kaye and her husband, Doug, Tommy, Wanda and her husband, Tim, Everett and his wife, Lisa, Sherita, Nashenna and her husband, Jonathan, Michelle, Rachele and her husband, Lynn, Dylan, William, Dennis, Jodi, and Sarah; 19 great-grandchildren, Christi, Jenni and her husband, Billie Jo, Savannah, Zack, Shelby, Ben, Chip and his wife, Stephanie, Chad and his wife, Kayla, Levi, Ashley, Elliott, Candace, Wade, Camden, Clayton, Allison, Stephen, Autumn, and Tyler; and four great-great-grandchildren, Emma, Parker, Coleman, and Aubrey.

Services were held Sunday, Jan. 1 in the chapel at Adams Funeral Home in Blountstown with Reverend Walter Tryon, Jr. and Reverend Thomas Adams officiating. Interment followed in Pine Memorial Cemetery.

Adams Funeral Home in Blountstown was in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences may be made at adamsfh.com.

RUDOLPH J. RACKLEY

ALTHA — Rudolph J. Rackley, 88, of Altha passed away Thursday, Dec. 29, 2011 in Blountstown. He was born on Jan. 10, 1923 in Calhoun County and had lived here all of his life. He was a retired farmer, educator and coach of high school athletics in the AAU organization. He received his BS degree from the University of Florida, majoring in Agriculture Education. He was widely known for his athleticism and his love of anything associated with the University of Florida. He was a member of the Altha United Methodist Church in Altha.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jay W. Rackley and Floy Branton Rackley.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Myrl Rackley; two sons, Rudy Rackley and Jay Hoyt Rackley, all of Altha; three daughters, Harriett Eldridge and her husband Larry and Hilda Edenfield and her husband, Greg, all of Altha and Gilda Stewart and her husband, Joe of Woodland, AL; along with 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Sunday, Jan. 1 at Altha United Methodist Church in Altha with Reverend John King officiating. Interment followed in the Mt. Olive Cemetery in Altha. Donations in remembrance can be made to Altha Methodist Church, P.O. Box 456, Altha, FL 32421.

Peavy Funeral Home in Blountstown was in charge of the arrangements.

JEWEL G. DYKES

HOSFORD — Jewel G. Dykes, 82, passed away Dec. 29, 2011 in Blountstown. She was born in Donaldsonville, GA and has lived in Hosford since her childhood. She was retired from the Department of Environmental Service for the State of Florida.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Henry Dykes and grandson Ben Hyatt.

Survivors include her devoted companion of 20 years, David McClendon of Hosford; two daughters, Brenda Hyatt and her husband, Joe of Crawfordville and Regina Nobles and her husband Kim of Bristol; a sister, Clyde Parrish of Hosford; four grandchildren, Chad Hyatt, Leann Summers, Lyndsey Blair Nobles and Elizabeth Hyatt; three great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Saturday, Dec. 31 at Telogia Baptist Church. Interment followed at the Hosford Cemetery.

Charles McClellan Funeral Home in Quincy was in charge of the arrangements.

Tickets now on sale for Covenant Hospice's 3rd annual fundraiser, 'A Chocolate Affair'

TALLAHASSEE – Tickets are now on sale for A Chocolate Affair, Covenant Hospice's 3rd annual dessert competition and fundraiser. The event will be held on Saturday, February 4 at the University Center Club in Doak Campbell Stadium from 6 to 9 p.m., and will feature a sampling of desserts from local eateries, light hors d'oeuvres, music and dancing, a silent auction and a cash bar. Tickets are available for advance purchase through the Covenant Hospice office, online or at the door, and parking is complimentary.

Proceeds of the event will support Covenant Hospice's unfunded programs in Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor and Wakulla counties.

Covenant Hospice is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing comprehensive, compassionate end-of-life care to patients and their families. "Income from this event will help offset the \$2.4 million cost of indigent care we provide, along with our unfunded support services, such as bereavement and chaplain services, and our children's and volunteer programs," said Lydia Claire Brooks, Development Manager for Covenant Hospice.

To purchase a ticket for A Chocolate Affair or for more information, call Lydia Claire Brooks at (850) 701-0137 or via email lydiaclaire.brooks@covenanthospice.org.

Extension office offers classes for the new year to improve your health

How does your lifestyle measure up? Are you overweight? Are you physically inactive? Is your diet unhealthy? Is your blood pressure elevated? If you answered yes to any of these questions you could be "at risk" for diabetes and/or heart disease. Start the New Year right by learning if you are at risk and ways to delay or prevent diabetes and/or heart disease.

The UF/IFAS, Liberty County Extension Service and The Panhandle Area Health Network (PAHN) can help you determine your risk factors and provide tools to help you learn what you can do to lower your risk and live a longer, healthier life.

Join us Wednesday, January 18 at 12 p.m. EST at the Liberty County Veterans Memorial Civic Center and/or Thursday, January 19 at 6 p.m. CST at the Calhoun County Extension Center. Healthy snack foods will be provided. You can register by calling the Liberty County Extension Director, Monica Brinkley at (850) 643-2229 or PAHN Diabetes Clinical Coordinator, Norrie Chumley at (850) 333-1434.

NOTES OF THANKS

The family of Albert Sewell would like to thank family and friends for their thoughtfulness during our loss. We would also like to thank the Blountstown Rehabilitation Center, Calhoun-Liberty Hospital and Dr. Misbah Farooqi for their care during his illness.

The family of Albert Sewell

Chipola Community Church would like to thank Ed Tyus for the donation of the 12-gauge Remington shotgun, for the purpose of raising money for the church. The drawing for the winning ticket was held on Sunday, Jan. 1. The winner of the shotgun was Wellene Coxwell, of Blountstown. We congratulate her on her win.

We also want to thank each person who contributed money to the church.

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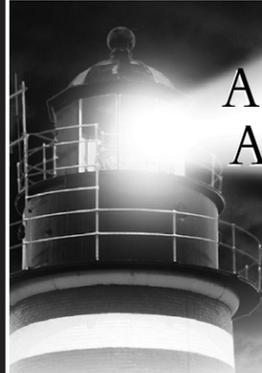
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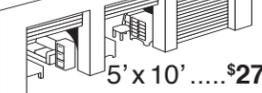
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YARD SALES

BLOUNTSTOWN
Neighborhood yard sale, Saturday, Jan. 7 beginning at 7 a.m., NW Cardinal Dr. off Hwy. 20 across from Dr. Henderson's and Kids Kingdom. Call 674-1202.

BRISTOL
Three family yard sale, Saturday, Jan. 7 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (ET) located at 11760 NW Durham Rd. There will be lots of furniture including a full size futon and solid wood highchair, a Maytag washer, crib mattress, Dora table and chairs and toy caddy, mini pool table, Little Tykes tool bench and outside slide as well as various toys and toddler clothes. Call 447-0299.

ITEMS FOR SALE

Ab Circle Pro, barely used, \$100. Call 643-1428 leave message. 1-4, 1-11

Wigs, new, make offer. Call 674-3264. 1-4, 1-11

Electric wheelchair, needs battery, \$200. Call 209-0527. 1-4, 1-11

Porcelain doll collection in really good condition, has been taken really good care of. 25 porcelain and 4 Anne Geddes collectable dolls. \$225 for all or will sell separately. They range from \$10 to \$20. Call 643-5011 after 5 p.m. if interested. 12-28, 1-4

Two truckloads of stuff (cleaning house). Clothes, furniture, toys, and more. \$30 a load. Call 674-3264. 12-28, 1-4

Lots of Christmas decorations, couch and love seat, good selection of clothes for entire family, dishes and other kitchen necessities and many other items. Everyone is invited to shop at the Calhoun-Liberty Ministry Center store. Located on Hwy. 20 E. in Blountstown, 674-1818. UFN

ELECTRONICS

TV with VCR, \$50. Call 379-3002 or 447-4343. 1-4, 1-11

Magnavox DTV, digital to analog converter box, new still in box, never used, \$30. Call 643-3509. 12-28, 1-4

19 inch TV, \$50. Call 643-7754 or 643-5993. 12-28, 1-4

APPLIANCES

Side by side refrigerator, \$150. Call 674-3264. 1-4, 1-11

Washer & Dryer set in good condition, \$150. Call 674-5583. 12-28, 1-4

Washing machine, \$50. Stackable washer & dryer, \$200. Call 643-7754 or 643-5993. 12-28, 1-4

36" Gas range, electric stove top, range hood, three electric dishwashers, Kirby vacuum cleaner with all attachments, excellent condition, Calhoun Liberty Ministry Center, Hwy. 20 east of Blountstown. Call 674-1818. UFN

FURNITURE

Coffee table and two end tables, wrought iron and glass, \$75. Call 762-8586. 1-4, 1-11

Three used recliners, good shape, \$25 each. Call 674-1840. 1-4, 1-11

Table and four chairs, and bar stools. Call 762-8897. 1-4, 1-11

Double bed, with frame, springs, and mattress, \$65; round table with two chairs, \$65; large desk, \$60; chest of drawers, \$15; couch

chair, \$20. Call 674-3264. 1-4, 1-11

Glass top table, with four chairs, \$50. Call 209-0527. 1-4, 1-11

Two recliners, tan leather, very good condition, clean, \$100 for both. Queen sleeper sofa in hunter green with wood trim, very good condition, very clean, \$200. Child's antique rocking chair, white with wood trim, \$45. Call 575-1234. 12-28, 1-4

Mattress with box springs, paid \$1,200, asking \$200. Round glass table for living room, \$25. Brown couch, like new, paid \$900 asking, \$200. Dresser, mirror and end table, \$50. Large glass table for knick-knacks, pictures or TV, nice \$50. Small iron table, stands up for pictures, \$15. Call 643-7754 or 643-5993. 12-28, 1-4

CARS

1984 Toyota Tercel, will trade for van. Call 762-8586. 1-4, 1-11

1997 Buick Regal GS, V6, four door, leather, dependable transportation, asking \$1,700 cash or \$900 down and three payments of \$300. Call 643-2616. 1-4, 1-11

1995 Cadillac Seville, needs some work, \$1,000. Call 674-5583. 12-28, 1-4

AUTO ACCESSORIES

Small aluminum trailer, make offer. Call 674-3264. 1-4, 1-11

White fiberglass topper, \$500, rear sliding window, \$90, for a 2002 GMC C1500 short-bed truck, in great condition. Call 447-5384. 12-28, 1-4

TOOLS & EQUIPMENT

Two row cultivator, wire fed welding machine. Ice machine, needs some repair. Call (850) 526-1751. 12-28, 1-4

PETS/SUPPLIES

Free hen and rooster. Call 379-3002 or 447-4343. 1-4, 1-11

Black mouth curr puppies, eight weeks old, \$100. Call 447-2372. 1-4, 1-11

Pug, free to a good home; Chihuahua and poodle mix, two years, free to a good home; full blooded German Shepherd, male, six months old; two full blooded chihuahuas, call for details. Call 237-1563. 1-4, 1-11

Two female kittens, tortoise color, will have spayed for free. Free to good home. Call 643-7149. 1-4, 1-11

Beagle/Walker mix, female, 6 months old, free to a good home. Call 379-8360. 12-28, 1-4

Dwarf hamster, white. Includes cage, food dish and water bottle.

Free to a good home. Call 237-1532 or 447-4613. 12-28, 1-4

LOST & FOUND

FOUND: Yellow Lab, South Telogia, found before Christmas. Call 545-7121. 1-4, 1-11

LOST: Pekinese, female, light brown with white chest, no collar, name is Abigail, last seen on Dec. 22 on JW Dillard St. in Altha, reward offered. Call 643-8599. 1-4, 1-11

LOST: two chocolate Labs, male and female, last seen under Trammell Bridge on Dec. 17, heavy orange collars. Call 643-7149. 1-4, 1-11

LOST: Black & Tan puppy with a blue collar, last seen Dec. 20 in the Lake Mystic area. Call 556-7019. 12-28, 1-4

FOUND: Small dog found Saturday, Dec. 17 in Bristol on Hwy. 12 S. Call (850) 227-1355 and identify. 12-28, 1-4

WANTED

Mobile home in Hosford/Telogia area, clean, used, two bedrooms, one or two bath. Call 408-3146. 1-4, 1-11

House and land in Blountstown area, around \$115,000. Call 674-3264. 1-4, 1-11

Singer for small country/rock group. Call 643-5622. 12-28, 1-4

Good used furniture and appliances needed at Calhoun Liberty Ministry Center on Hwy. 20 east of Blountstown. Call 674-1818. UFN

HUNTING & FISHING

PSE X Force dream season, fully loaded bow, \$500 or will trade for TC Encore or Walther PPK any caliber. Call 573-5656. 1-4, 1-11

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- Apalachee Restaurant
- Dollar General, Bristol
- Strickland's Ace Hardware

★ STARSCOPE ★

Week of Jan. 8 ~ Jan. 14

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
 Aries, you may have trouble connecting with family this week. You are very busy with personal issues and other obligations. It may seem frustrating, but keep your head up.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
 Taurus, you have a generous spirit, but sometimes you can be just a little bit too generous. Don't go overboard this week when buying gifts for those close to you.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21
 Gemini, you have always been very practical when it comes to matters of finance. Sometimes, however, the lure of shopping can try your resolve.

CANCER - June 22/July 22
 Cancer, you are in a high point in your career, and you don't want to lose the momentum. But you could feel pulled in too many directions this week to impact the job.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23
 You have unusually low levels of energy this week, Leo. There isn't much you can do about it other than prioritize your tasks so you can accomplish the most pressing things.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
 Virgo, any trips that you are planning this week could be delayed by some mechanical difficulties. You'll get there eventually, but it could take a while.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
 Libra, don't take anything at face value this week and try to avoid gossip as much as possible. This is achieved by surrounding yourself with gracious people.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
 You are bound to have a good time this week, Scorpio. It's because you will be spending time with your family. Enjoy as much time together as you can, including a good meal.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
 This is the ideal week to stay inside as much as possible and read or get busy work taken care of. Although it may not be exciting, it doesn't require a lot of energy.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
 Capricorn, this week you may have plans to spend some romantic evenings at home with your partner, but things don't always work out as expected. Schedule more time later.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
 Aquarius, it may seem like the walls are closing in on you, but that's just because you need a change of scenery. Trade in dull responsibilities for something else.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
 Pisces, this week you may find it difficult to concentrate. This is out of character for you, but everyone has an off-day.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

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| JANUARY 8
David Bowie, Singer (65) | JANUARY 11
Amanda Peet, Actress (40) |
| JANUARY 9
Dutchess Catherine, Royalty (30) | JANUARY 12
Andy Lawrence, Actor (24) |
| JANUARY 10
Rod Stewart, Singer (66) | JANUARY 13
Orlando Bloom, Actor (35) |
| JANUARY 14
Jason Bateman, Actor (43) | |

PUBLIC AND LEGAL NOTICES

2010 BRISTOL CDBG ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT # 205.017

NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS

The City of Bristol will receive sealed bids from any qualified person, company or corporation interested in constructing:

2010 BRISTOL CDBG ROAD RESURFACING

This project consists of the paving of several dirt roads, resurfacing several City streets and the installation of approximately 3,100 LF of 6" watermain.

Plans and specifications can be obtained at Preble-Rish, Inc., 20684 Central Avenue East, Bristol, Florida 32424, (850)674-3300. The bid must conform to Section 287.133(3) Florida Statutes, on public en-

tity crimes.

Bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, on January 17, 2012 at Bristol City Hall, 12444 NW Virginia G. Weaver Street, Bristol, Florida 32321 or via USPS mail at P.O. Box 207, Bristol, FL 32321, and will be opened and read aloud on January 17, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids. All Bids shall be submitted in an envelope clearly marked "Sealed Bid-2010 Bristol Road Resurfacing".

Completion date for this project will be 150 days from the date of the Notice to Proceed presented to the successful bidder.

Liquidated damages for failure to complete the project on the specified date will be set at

\$250.00 per day.

Please indicate on the envelope your company name and that this is a sealed bid. The original bid plus two (2) copies should be included.

Cost for Plans and Specifications will be \$75.00 per set and is non-refundable. Checks should be made payable to PREBLE-RISH, INC.

The City of Bristol reserves the right to waive informalities in any bid, to accept and/or reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid that in their judgment will be in the best interest of the City.

If you have any questions, please call Justin Ford at (850) 674-3300 or email at fordj@preble-rish.com.

LEGAL NOTICE

Chipola Experimental Forest
 USDA Forest Service
 Apalachicola National Forest
 Calhoun County, Florida

On December 8, 2011, District Ranger Marcus Beard signed a Decision Notice to implement Alternative B of the Chipola Experimental Forest on the Apalachicola National Forest in Calhoun County, Florida.

This Decision will improve an existing family hunt area, with wildlife openings and shooting blinds. Thinning will be done on approximately 473 acres to reduce competition and increase growth and vigor in young slash and sand pine plantations.

Longleaf pine restoration will be done on approximately 228 acres by clearcutting and prescribed burning. Containerized longleaf pine would then be planted. Release from hard-

woods and sand pine seedlings would be accomplished by herbicide or manual control. Following longleaf establishment, native groundcover would be planted if needed. Under-planting and release of longleaf pine will occur on approximately 11 acres of immature slash pine. There will be a bridge replacement on FR 020 in Stand 5. A barrow pit will be developed in Stand 22. There will be mechanical treatment for hazardous fuels on approximately on 365 acres. Purchaser maintenance of approximately 0.63 miles of existing maintenance level 2 roads, and Forest Service maintenance of 2.67 miles of level 2 roads will be done. Reconstruction will be done on 5.03 miles of existing specified roads. New construction 0.83 miles of specified roads will be done for access into wildlife openings.

This decision is not subject to

appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215.12(e)(1).

Implementation of the decision may occur anytime following publication of this legal notice. For additional information concerning this decision or the Forest Service appeal process, contact Sonja Durrwachter, P. O. Box 579, Bristol, FL 32321, (850) 643-2282 ext 1511. 1-4-12

PUBLIC AUCTION

Jamie's Auto Repair will hold a public auction on Feb. 3, 2012 at 9 a.m. (ET).
 1999 Ford Contour
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 Our auction will be held at Jamie's Auto Repair at 12395 Baker Street, Bristol, FL. Jamie's Auto Repair reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
 The Calhoun-Liberty Journal 1-4-11 & 1-11-12.
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ASK THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC



What is the best way to rid a pantry of moths?
—B. K., Methuen, Mass.

Food moths can be pretty tough to get rid of once they've moved into your home. You'll need to dump all pantry staples containing grains and nuts—including pasta, popcorn, crackers, flour, nuts, and breakfast cereals—since the moths may have already laid eggs in them. Buy new staples and put them directly in the freezer for 2 days, which will kill all stages of any new moths that may be in them. Then store the foods in glass jars. Any of the remaining moths will head for the hills when they discover nothing to eat in your pantry.

Why is it that the virtues faith, hope, and charity are always portrayed by women? Can't men be virtuous, too?
—H. S., Tuckahoe, Va.

The three theological virtues, faith, hope, and charity (or, some say, love), were said to be the daughters of Wisdom, or St. Sophia. There were also four cardinal virtues: courage (which carried a knight's armor, lion skin, sword, and buckler); justice (with the scales); prudence; and temperance. Some, like Faith, Hope, Charity, Prudence, and Temperance, became common women's

JAN. 2, MONDAY — Moon at apogee. Conjunction of Jupiter and the Moon. Japanese invaded and occupied Manila and the Philippines after successful attack on Pearl Harbor, 1942.

JAN. 3, TUESDAY — U.S. broke diplomatic relations with Cuba, 1961. Hotelier Conrad Hilton died, 1979. Holly berries shining red, Mean a long winter, 'tis said.

JAN. 4, WEDNESDAY — St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Earth at perihelion. Mahatma Gandhi began fast until death to win suffrage for untouchables, 1932.

JAN. 5, THURSDAY — Twelfth Night. Arkansas law requiring creationism to be taught in public schools struck down by federal court, 1982.

JAN. 7, SATURDAY — Distaff Day. Major satellites of Jupiter first seen by Galileo, 1610. Indians attempted to ambush cavalry of Iowa volunteers at Julesburg, Colorado, 1865.

JAN. 8, SUNDAY — First Sunday after Epiphany. First soup kitchens opened in London for relief of the poor, 1800. Chef Wolfgang Puck born, 1949.

names, of course. But if it's any consolation, the word "virtue" comes from the Latin "virtus," for manliness.

When it came to the vices, men were better represented, but both sexes appeared. The cardinal sins include pride (a crowned woman with bat's wings); envy (another woman); gluttony (also female); covetousness (a man sitting on a money chest); sloth (a man asleep); anger (also male); lust (a woman); unbelief (androgynous); despair (male); folly (male); and cowardice (also male). So, while the virtues were predominantly female, the vices were not solely male.

Can you list some houseplants that won't harm pets or young chil-

dren if they nibbled a leaf or two?

—E. H., Muskegon, Mich.

Usually at about this time of year we get questions about the poinsettia, which has had a bad rap as a poisonous plant for years. Although not highly poisonous, the milky sap in the stems can cause minor gastrointestinal problems in pets or humans if it is ingested. That same sap can be irritating to some people with sensitive skin. Holly berries and mistletoe are another matter, however. Be sure to keep them away from children and pets!

For nonpoisonous plants (although we certainly would not recommend eating them), consider African violets, Boston ferns, Christmas cacti, coleus, fuchsias, gloxinias, and jade plants

(they're said to bring good fortune, especially if you can get them to bloom). Spider plants are easy to grow and harmless, in spite of their alarming name.

If you have children or pets, avoid common houseplants such as philodendrons, ivy, daisies, amaryllis, and dieffenbachias. Bulbs such as daffodils, jonquils, hyacinths, and tulips are all poisonous, as well.

Keep in mind that some plants are toxic to pets, but they are not toxic to humans. Some sections of a plant might be safe, while other parts of the same plant can be toxic. Also, a plant might be relatively safe in small doses, but could produce a severe reaction in larger amounts. If your child or pet has eaten part of a plant that you are not sure is safe, call the nearest poison control center immediately.

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JANUARY 3, 4
Best days to destroy pests and weeds

JANUARY 5
Twelfth Night

JANUARY 3, 4
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Happy Birthday, Capricorn!

This is the time for **Capricorns**, chef Nigella Lawson (6th); U.S. president Millard Fillmore (7th); and singer David Bowie (8th). Some of this week's birthday people include colonial leader Nathaniel Bacon (2nd); pianist Victor Borge (3rd); teacher Louis Braille (4th); actress Diane Keaton (5th); and their health.

Scalloped Tomatoes

Preheat the oven to 375°F. Butter a 2-quart baking pan. In a large saucepan, simmer the tomatoes, sugar, basil, parsley, salt, and pepper until the tomatoes are tender. Add the olives and 2-1/2 cups of the bread crumbs. Pour into the prepared pan and top with remaining bread crumbs, cheese, and butter. Bake until the toping is browned. **MAKES 4 TO 6 SERVINGS**

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Tolar plans 6th grade meeting January 9

There is a sixth grade fundraiser meeting planned for Monday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. at Veterans Civic Center.

This is a meeting to get parents together to decide what fundraising events we will be holding between now and the end of the 2012 school year.

These will be to raise money for the 8th grade 2014 trip. If you are planning on your child going please put this on your calendar and be prepared to attend.

If you do not participate, no money will be given to your child for the trip. We encourage at least one parent from each family to attend.

If you are unable to attend and would like to be included please call Stephanie McCroskey at 591-6850 or e-mail at mccroskey0624@yahoo.com.



Senior JAGS place 2ND in two competitions

The Senior JAGS place second at the Peanut Festival in Dothan and Mardi Gras in Tallahassee. Above, from left on the front row: Karissa Flowers, Bianca Hernandez, Kallie Williams, Cheyenne Miranda,

Morgan Hiers, Lindsey Murkerson and Alysia Amaya. Back row: Odra Chapman, Kyra Chaney, Katelyn Buff, Jessica Read, Allysa Young and Brittany Mercer. Not pictured is Mykayla Mercer.

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Altha FFA competes in Sub-District December 6

The Altha FFA competed in Sub-Districts held in Blountstown on Tuesday, December 6.

Everyone did really well and placed in their competition. The students who placed first will go on to District Competition in Sneads.



Participants from left were, Aleisa Griffin second in Creed Speaking. For 1st in Opening and Closing Ceremonies, Cody Finuff, Johnny Aaron, Justin Moore, Jesse Mills, Claudia Griswell, Abbie Edenfield, Aubree Bay and Kinsey Register first in Prepared Public Speaking.

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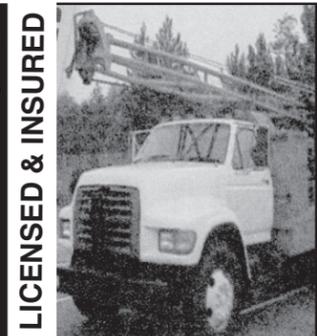
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