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Florida High School grades announced

TALLAHASSEE—Florida's high schools increased in the number and percent of schools achieving high marks for the 2010-11 school year, according to results just released from the Florida Department of Education. Results show that 78 percent of the state's high schools earned either an "A" or "B" grade, an increase from 71 percent last year. These grades are based on the high school grading formula that was used for the first time in the 2009-10 school year.

"It's great to see more of Florida's high schools trending upward," said Governor Scott. "Education is critical to improving lives, preparing students for a job and attracting employers."

Statewide, the greatest average increase in high school grade component points earned in 2010-11 was for student performance on accelerated coursework measured by AP, IB, AICE and industry certification examinations, as well as dual enrollment courses.

Of Florida's 474 graded public high schools (including combination schools serving high school grade levels) earning "A" through "F" grades for the 2010-11 school year:

- 147 earned an "A" (31 percent), compared to 145 schools (31 percent) last year.
- 224 earned a "B" (47 percent), compared to 188 schools (40 percent) last year.
- 72 earned a "C" (15 percent), compared to 69 schools (15 percent) last year.
- 25 earned a "D" (5 percent), compared to 57 schools (12 percent) last year.
- 6 earned an "F" (1 percent), compared to 11 schools (2 percent) last year.

The expanded high school grading system, first used for the 2009-10 school year, focuses on a broader set of student outcomes, including graduation rates and student participation and performance in advanced coursework.

School districts have an opportunity to appeal the grade through February 3, 2012.

For detailed information on the 2010-11 high school grades, visit www.schoolgrades.fldoe.org/.

Friend arrested; crash remains under investigation

Clarkville resident dies in Friday night accident

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

A Clarkville man died on the way to the hospital after he was injured in a single-vehicle accident on Newsome Road in Calhoun County Friday night.

Forensic Investigator Becki Fejes with the Bay County Medical Examiner's Office said John Michael Hemmings, 34, was killed by blunt force head trauma due to a motor vehicle crash.

Deputies learned of the wreck when they were summoned to the CR 287A home of Hemmings' fiancé, Regina Whitehead.

Calhoun County Deputy Gary McGee arrived to find Hemmings on the ground next to the passenger's door of a 2000 GMC Sonoma. He was bleeding heavily from a head wound and had only a faint pulse.

Deputy Bobby Sims arrived a few moments later and put an automated external defibrillator on the injured man as a precaution until he could get medical help.

When the ambulance arrived, the crew began CPR on Hemmings as they left the scene. He died en route and was pronounced dead at Calhoun-Liberty Hospital.

Tyrell Ashley Odom, 26, of Clarkville, drove Hemmings two miles from the crash site to the home he shared with Whitehead. He was not injured.

The two men left the house less than two hours earlier, according to Whitehead. She had gone to visit a relative in Altha and was pulling up in her yard just as Odom drove back with her fatally-injured fiancé.

Odom repeatedly told deputies that he wasn't driving when they wrecked. In his report, McGee noted that Odom smelled strongly of an alcoholic beverage and became belligerent when FHP troopers arrived to speak with him. "He was yelling, he wouldn't answer questions and was combative enough to be put in handcuffs,"



TYRELL ODOM

John Hemmings, right, was killed in a single-vehicle accident Friday night. He was with a friend, Tyrell Odom, who was arrested for disorderly intoxication after becoming combative with FHP troopers.



McGee said.

Odom was charged with disorderly intoxication and taken to the Calhoun County Jail, where he was later released on his own recognition.

FHP Cpl. Roger Boer said the fatal crash remains under investigation and they have not identified who was behind the wheel at the time of the wreck.

In a news release issued Saturday, FHP Trooper Nathan Russell reported that the truck was eastbound on Newsome Road around

8:30 p.m. when it went off the road as it entered a curve. The driver overcorrected and crossed the eastbound lane in the westbound lane. When the driver overcorrected a second time, the truck began rotating clockwise, ran off the road to the right a second time and overturned before coming to rest upright. The driver then left the area, traveling west on Newsome Road.

The truck, which had roof damage as well as damage to the right rear quarter and most of the driver's side, is registered to Odom.

Hemmings' funeral is scheduled for 2 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 11 in the chapel at Adams Funeral Home with Reverend Alan Nichols officiating. Survivors include his father, his fiancé, two sons, a stepson and a daughter, in addition to many other relatives and friends. His complete obituary appears inside on page 11.

Whitehead said Hemmings had moved to the area about a year and a half ago. He had recently told her that he had made peace with everyone in his life and "he was right with everything."

The couple spent Christmas with her son and Hemmings' children in Bushnell. "He said it was the best Christmas he ever had," she said.

Paramedic injured in wreck on way to work Tues.

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

A Liberty County paramedic didn't make it to work but her co-workers came to her aid after she lost control of her car and hit a tree Tuesday morning in Bristol.

Melissa Brown, 42, of Bristol was traveling east on SR 20 on her way to the Hosford EMS Office shortly after 7 a.m. when she apparently fell asleep, according to FHP Trooper David Cox.

Brown's 2003 Chrysler PT Cruiser had just come out of the four-lane when it crossed into the westbound lane of SR 20, hit a tree and overturned at Shoemaker Lane.

Brown, who was not wearing a seatbelt, sustained minor head injuries and other less serious wounds. She was transported to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital by ambulance and is reported to be in stable condition.

The car was totaled.



RIGHT: Co-workers from Liberty Emergency Medical Services help one of their own after Paramedic Melissa Brown overturned her car.

JOHNNY EUBANKS PHOTO



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Driver injured when log truck overturns on way to mill



BRISTOL - A Blountstown man was transported to a hospital by emergency helicopter after he suffered head injuries when the log truck he was driving overturned.

Robert Lambert was about two miles south of his destination - the pole mill on CR 12 in Bristol - when he ran off the eastbound shoulder of the road just before 9 a.m. Tuesday, according to FHP Trooper David Cox.

Lambert overcorrected when he tried to bring the truck and trailer, which was loaded with logs, back into his lane. "Once he overcorrected, his load shifted and the truck overturned on its right side," the trooper said. Lambert traveled back onto CR 12S with the truck sliding down the road on its right side finally coming to rest with the truck and trailer sprawled across both lanes and logs scattered everywhere.

During the accident, the logs slammed against the back side of the cab. "When the logs hit the back of the truck, it pushed the back of the cab forward and hit him in the head," according to Cox. He said that although the window was broken, the logs did not go into the cab.

Both the truck and trailer, which are registered to McMillan Logging, were totaled. The crash gouged out several holes in the road and traffic was blocked for a few hours until the debris could be moved.

Driver OK after rolling vehicle to dodge deer

An encounter with a deer caused a 19-year-old driver from Altha to lose control of her Nissan SUV early Saturday morning on Hwy. 71 near the Gulf County line.

FHP Trooper Matt Mattingly said Hailey Payne cut the wheel too hard to dodge a deer that jumped into her path around 2:30 a.m. Saturday near The Junction.

The small Nissan she was driving rolled over and stopped approximately 30 feet from the road on a wide shoulder, coming to rest on its roof, the trooper said.

The driver escaped serious injury, apparently suffering only a bruised knee. She was treated and released from the emergency room at Calhoun-Liberty Hospital.

ARREST REPORTS

Man arrested after dispute with ex over phone numbers

A 36-year-old Liberty County man was arrested after an argument with his former girlfriend last week over the numbers she had stored in her cell phone.

According to the woman, William Bradley Rudd went to her Burlington Road residence and asked to use her phone. He then ran inside the house with her phone and grabbed their small child.

The woman said that when she ran after him, Rudd pushed her into the wall and started



WILLIAM RUDD

hitting the wall. The woman then picked up the child and tried to leave but was stopped by Rudd, who threw her cell phone and broke it to keep her from calling for help, according to the arrest report.

The woman ran to a neighbor's house and called 911. She said

Rudd then jumped onto the side of a truck and unlocked the door, grabbed their child and walked away.

He was charged with domestic battery and taken into custody after the Jan. 4 incident. Rudd is being held on \$2,500 bond.

Woman arrested for suspended driver's license, pill possession

A Blountstown woman was charged with possession of prescription drugs without a prescription after she was found with three Tramadol pills during a search following a traffic stop Friday.

Calhoun County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Jared Nichols pulled over Angela Kay Tindall, 34, when he spotted her driving south on SR 71 around 2:30 p.m. and was aware she did



ANGELA TINDALL

not have a valid driver's license.

After confirming that her license was still suspended, she was taken into custody for driving while license suspended or revoked.

Following her arrest, an inventory was taken of the vehicle and her purse. When Nichols opened an Aleve bottle in her purse, he discovered the three Tramadol pain pills along with one Aleve.

SHERIFF'S LOG

CALHOUN COUNTY

Jan. 3

•Robert Raper, *VOSP, CCSO.*

Jan. 5

•Terri Lynn Mardel, *VOP, CCSO.*
•Tommy Wayne Bailey, *VOCR, CCSO.*

•Stephen Paul Matthews, *affray (public), BPD.*

Jan. 6

•Dannyelle Mari White, *Liberty Co warrant (battery), CCSO.*

•Angela Tindall, *driving with license suspended or revoked, possession of narcotic without a prescription, CCSO.*

Jan. 7

•Tyrell Odom, *disorderly intoxication, FHP.*

Jan. 8

•Armir McPherson, *DUI, FHP.*

LIBERTY COUNTY

Jan. 3

•Travis Jones, *grand theft, burglary of a dwelling, LCSO.*

•Ramon Sica, *failure to appear, case management, LCSO.*

•April Detrick, *VOCP, LCSO.*
•Gidget Oakley, *VOCP, LCSO.*

Jan. 4

•Joyce Stout, *VOCP, LCSO.*
•William B. Rudd, *domestic battery, LCSO.*

Jan. 5

•Harvey Dawkins, *holding for Leon County, LCSO.*

Jan. 6

•Dannyelle White, *holding for CCSO, CCSO.*

•Edward Britt, *writ of attachment, LC Judge.*

•Jason Hires, *writ of attachment, LC Judge.*

•Cecil Smith, *writ of attachment, LC Judge.*

•Angela Tindall, *holding for CCSO, CCSO.*

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.

Blountstown Police Dept.
Jan. 2 through Jan. 8, 2012

Citations issued:
Accidents.....01 Traffic Citations.....08
Special details (business escorts, traffic details)....106
Business alarms.....00 Residential alarms.....00
Complaints.....41



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Bristol City Council begins new year with a new mayor

New mayor Paul Kern, City Clerk Robin Hatcher and three returning board members were sworn in for a new term at Monday night's regular meeting of the Bristol City Council.

Councilman Mitch Willis was elected chairman and Councilman Steve Cutshaw was elected vice-chairman for the new year. Cutshaw was also appointed as the City's representative on the Apalachee Regional Planning Council, with Councilman Brigham Shuler selected as alternate.

Attorney David House told the board that he is working with Buddy Shelley of Florida Public Utilities to create an acceptable 5-year Electric Franchise Agreement for presentation to the council at a future meeting.

House also advised he was drafting an ordinance regarding internet cafes and gambling devices to be proposed for enactment prior to the expiration of the extension of the current moratorium.

Board members took the following action:

- TABLED A REQUEST for a letter from The Apalachicola Riverkeeper asking the Council to support their initiative to have the state designate the Apalachicola River Blueway paddling trail through the Office of Greenways and Trails as well as support for



Attorney David House swears in Bristol City Council officials during Monday night's regular meeting in Bristol. FROM LEFT: Councilman Brigham Shuler, Councilwoman Gilda Drummond, City Clerk Robin Hatcher, new Mayor Paul Kern and Councilman Steve Cutshaw. JOHNNY EUBANKS PHOTO

the river's designation as a National Recreation trail. The Council directed the attorney to report back on possible repercussions these designations may have on the use of the river by local residents.

- VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to donate \$150 to the United Way of the Big Bend.
- VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to adopt Resolution #2012-01 supporting police officer and

firefighter disability reforms to make pension plans and workers' compensation benefits sustainable for current and future police officers and firefighters. This effort was in support of the Florida League of Cities Legislative Action Agenda.

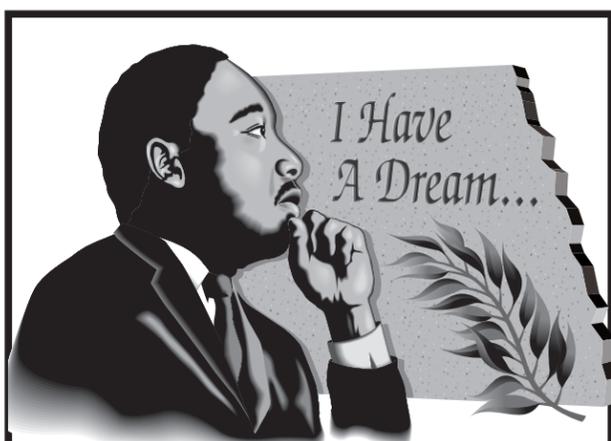
- VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to provide a letter in support of the Liberty County Health Department's Tobacco Prevention Program.



Lake Mystic trailer destroyed in blaze

An electrical fire is said to be the cause of an early morning blaze that destroyed a 1979 singlewide mobile home at Lake Mystic Saturday. Firefighters who were dispatched to 1142 Lake Mystic Road at 6:27 a.m. arrived to find the residence engulfed in flames. The blaze is believed to have started when a curtain next to an electrical outlet caught fire, according to a report from the Bristol Fire Department. The home's occupant, Hope Peacock, suffered a second degree burn on her arm when she attempted to put out the fire. The residence is owned by Danny Ryals.

DANIEL WILLIAMS PHOTO



The Liberty County Landfill will be closed Monday, Jan. 16 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Monday's recycling will be picked up Tuesday, Jan. 17.

If you have any questions, call the office at 643-3777.

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Torrey State Park to host 23RD annual Candlelight tour

BRISTOL- The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Torrey State Park will host the 23rd Annual Candlelight Tour on Saturday, Feb. 4. Leading up to the candlelight tours at sunset, there will be exhibits, food and live music for the whole family to enjoy.

Visitors will be able to enjoy fantastic foods, including good ole chili and hot dogs, as well as deserts and other goodies all while listening to the clinking of the blacksmith hammer and the authentic Civil War cannons being fired. There will be live music from local artists, wildlife to experience up close and personal, plus authentic hearth cast iron cooking, among numerous other exhibits.

Tours of the Historic Gregory House will begin at 10 a.m. and will continue every hour on the hour until 4 p.m. At sunset the Historic Gregory House will open its doors for leisurely tours, free of charge. Entrance fee to the park is \$3 per vehicle which includes admission to the event. All donations from this event will benefit the Friends of Torrey State Park, which is a non-profit organization whose mission is to support Torrey State Park.

For more information call the park at (850) 643-2674.

Annual MLK march planned for Monday, Jan. 16 in Blountstown

The 14th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King March and Celebration is planned for Monday, Jan. 16 beginning at 9 a.m.

The march will begin at Blountstown City Hall, traveling Hwy. 20 to River Street and ending at St. Mary M.B. Church. Pastors, ministers and politicians are expected to lead the march. Guest speaker will be attorney Phillip Hutchinson.

Please note: No motor riders such as bicycles, ATVs or golf carts will be allowed. This is a march, not a parade.

Palmer Pigweed control workshop set Jan. 18 at Altha Community Center

A presentation on *Palmer Pigweed Control: What Works, What Doesn't, and What's New* will be given by Dr. Jason (Jay) Ferrell, University of Florida Extension Weed Specialist at an upcoming workshop scheduled Jan. 18 from 9 a.m. until noon. Dr. Ferrell will discuss Palmer Pigweed Control and answer questions.

Join us for this free presentation and lunch at the Altha Community Center, located at 15552 NW Smith Road in Altha.

Pesticide CEUs for Private Applicator Ag are pending.

Please call the Calhoun County Extension office (850) 674-8323 if you have any questions.



Community Calendar

Wednesday, January 11

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 Scouts Troop 200**, 6:30 p.m., Mormon Church, Bristol

BIRTHDAYS

Marc Rainwater, Ann Pickron Dekle, Shirley Davis, Steven Hall

Thursday, January 12

TODAY'S MEETINGS

- **AA**, 7 p.m., basement of Calhoun County Courthouse
- **Liberty Women's Club**, 11 a.m., Apalachee Rest.
- **Calhoun School Board**, 5 p.m. Calhoun Extension Office in Commission Board Room
- **Republic Meeting**, 7 p.m., Apalachee Restaurant

Logic & Accuracy
Test of Voting Equipment
for Presidential
Preference Primary
9 a.m., Liberty Supervisor
of Elections Office



Florida State Hospital
Chattahoochee
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

BIRTHDAYS

Clara Foran and Jody Hoagland

Friday, January 13



BIRTHDAY

Erik Johnson

Saturday, January 14

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

BIRTHDAY
Shelly Stafford

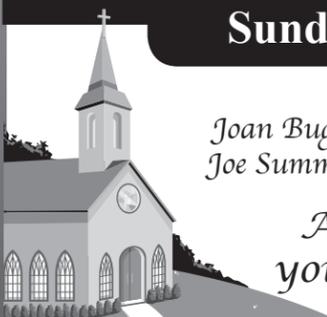


Sunday, January 15

BIRTHDAYS

Joan Bugzie Morgan, Staci Joiner Williams, Joe Summers, Toby Yancey and Jeff Bunkley

Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday



Monday, January 16



Chamber Membership Meeting starts at 7 p.m., Veterans Civic Center, Bristol

TODAY'S MEETING
• **Altha Girl Scout Troop #39**, 6 p.m., Altha Community Center

BIRTHDAY
Jimmy Tharpe



MLK March & Celebration
9 a.m. Blountstown City Hall along Hwy. 20 to River Street

Tuesday, January 17

TODAY'S MEETINGS

- **Altha Boy Scouts**, 7 p.m., Altha Volunteer Fire Department
- **AA**, 6 p.m., Altha Community Center
- **Calhoun Chamber of Commerce**, noon, Senior Citizens Center
- **Calhoun Commission**, 5 p.m., Ag. Bldg., Conference Room across from Courthouse
- **Mossy Pond VFD Auxiliary**, 6 p.m., Fire House
- **Dixie 109 Masonic Lodge**, 7 p.m., Dixie Lodge in Blountstown
- **Hosford-Telogia VFD**, 7:30 p.m., fire house

First Farm City Luncheon to be held next Tues.

Please join us for our first Farm City Luncheon as we recognize the tremendous impact of agriculture on our local economy! The Calhoun County Chamber is partnering with the UF/Calhoun County Extension to formally recognize the importance of agriculture to the economic strength of our community. We will recognize outstanding local producers as we connect agriculture, retail, and commerce.

The member meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 17 from 12-1 p.m. The cost is \$8 per person, and payment can be made at the door.

Please RVSP immediately if you plan to attend and will be eating lunch. We must have a final number of those attending no later than Friday, Jan. 13 at noon. Please call or email Kristy at (850) 674-4519 or kristy@calhounco.org.

Calhoun Chamber seeks nominees for Citizen of Year

The Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce is asking for nominations for the 2012 Outstanding Citizen of the Year. The award will be presented at the upcoming 65th Annual Chamber Membership Banquet.

Nominations must be in writing (email kristy@calhounco.org to request a form), and must be submitted to the Chamber by Feb. 10, 2012. Characteristics of this individual are someone who has worked, promoted, or volunteered with great effort to or for the citizens of Calhoun County to create a better quality of life.

Calhoun Chamber 65th membership banquet Feb. 23

The 65th Annual Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce Membership Banquet is set for Thursday, Feb. 23 at the W.T. Neal Civic Center in Blountstown. There will be an art show and reception at 6 p.m., with the banquet beginning at 7 p.m.

Tickets are available at the Chamber office or online at www.calhounco.org. Tickets are \$25 each.

Because of obligations to the caterer, tickets must be bought in advance. Deadline for ticket sales is Friday, Feb. 17, 2012. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.

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Revisit mid-20TH century at FSU's Miller furniture exhibit

TALLAHASSEE — An award-winning exhibit of classic Herman Miller furniture on display at Florida State University through March 16 is revealing just how timeless good design can be.

Curated by the FSU Department of Interior Design, the "CLASSIC Herman Miller" exhibition contains around 25 pieces of Herman Miller furniture from the 1940s, '50s and '60s. Among the vintage mid-century modern pieces are an Eames lounge chair and ottoman and a George Nelson marshmallow sofa.

This exhibit also comes with some interesting backstories.

For those of a certain age, the "CLASSIC Herman Miller" exhibit offers an evocative stroll down an iconic, mid-century Memory Lane. For those a bit younger, it provides a fashionable peek into the living room or den that their parents or grandparents might have grown up in. And the very same designs can still be found today in furniture stores and living rooms worldwide — proving that classic design and good taste never go out of style.

"CLASSIC Herman Miller" is free and open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday through March 16 in the striking, 1,000-square-foot glass gallery of the William Johnston Building, located at 143 Honors Way on the Florida State University campus in Tallahassee.

Already captivated by the exhibition at Florida State is the American Society of Interior Designers. It recently awarded the exhibit's curator, Department of Interior Design Chairman Eric Wiedegreen, an Honorable Mention in the Commercial Category in the ASID Educator Design Excellence Competition. The annual, peer-reviewed and juried national design contest recognizes interior design excellence in both residential and commercial projects completed by ASID Educator members.

The "CLASSIC Herman Miller" exhibit is underwritten by the Florida State University College of Visual Arts, Theatre and Dance and Herman Miller Inc. and supported by the Appleton Museum of Art.

To learn more:

· Go to the FSU video posted here on YouTube that features a brief preview of the exhibit with curator Wiedegreen.

· Visit the College of Visual Arts, Theatre and Dance website for additional information.



'A Party for the Park' planned in Dothan's Landmark Park Jan. 27

DOTHAN — 'A Party for the Park' and the Annual Membership Dinner will combine for one winter event on Friday, January 27. Chris Bradshaw, current owner of The Blue Plate restaurant and former co-owner

of the famous Dreamland Barbecue, will serve as pit master, roasting whole hogs and cooking ribs over an open pit outside the Stokes Activity Barn.

Racks of ribs will also be for sale in

conjunction with the event. Ribs may be picked up at Landmark Park between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. or from either Blue Plate location from 4 p.m.-5 p.m. on the day of the event. Live music and Landmark Park's annual meeting will also be held during the event. The meeting will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. During the annual meeting, winners of the Heritage Award and Volunteer Service Award will be announced. Dinner will be served at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Sponsors for Party for the Park include Adams Beverages, Dothan Printing and Litho, DSI Security Service, Infusion

Services, Merrill Lynch, Nantze Springs, U.S. Business Products and The Blue Plate Restaurant.

Tickets for 'A Party for the Park' will be \$30 per person, or \$240 for a table of 8. A cash bar will also be open. Take out racks of ribs are \$20. The deadline for purchasing tickets or making take out orders is January 20.

Landmark Park is a 135-acre historical and natural science park located on U.S. Highway 431 North in Dothan, AL. For more information, contact the park at (334) 794-3452.

Jewelry artist to present CRAA program Jan. 17 in Marianna



MARIANNA— Designer jewelry artist Kristin Anderson will present the program at the Chipola Regional Arts Association (CRAA) meeting Tuesday, January 17, at Jim's Buffet in Marianna.

The public is invited to attend the Dutch-treat buffet luncheon which begins at 11:30 a.m. and the program at noon.

Kristin Anderson who is skilled in working with precious metals, says, "My works express the awareness that has come to me through study and practice. Every piece that I make is an ambassador for my belief in quality of materials, design and craftsmanship." For more about Anderson's work, visit www.longdreamgallery.com

For information on the CRAA meeting, contact Daniel Powell at powelld@chipola.edu or (850) 718-2257.

Girl Scout Cookie season kicks off Jan. 14

What can a cookie do? More than you think! A Girl Scout Cookie can help girls dream more. Have more opportunities. Give more to their communities and do more than they ever thought possible. There's more to Girl Scout Cookies, than

just your favorite sweet.

On Jan. 14 girls and young women across the Florida Panhandle are headed door to door for community members to place their pre-orders. Pre-orders are the best way to ensure customers can

purchase their favorite Girl Scout Cookie flavor. Cookies are \$3.50 a box.

To celebrate the Girl Scouts' 100th Anniversary in 2012, a new cookie has been introduced: The Savannah Smiles. This crisp lemon wedge cookie honors the heritage of Girl Scouts and Girl Scout Cookies. And, when you hold it just right, you'll quickly be reminded of that world—famous "Brownie Smile."

To volunteer or join Girl Scouts, contact the local council office at (888) 271-8778 or visit www.gscfp.org.

Girl Scouts of the Florida Panhandle is a United Way Agency.

Public Notice

All interested parties within Liberty County are hereby advised that Liberty County Board of County Commissioners/Liberty County Transit is applying to the Florida Department of Transportation for a capital grant under Section 5310 and/or Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act of 1991, as amended, for the purchase of two (2) lowered floor Minivans including all safety equipment, and radio's for the provision of public transit services within Liberty County.

A Public Hearing has been scheduled for January 13, 2012, at 11 a.m. at the Douglas Robertson Center, 15629 NW CR 12, Bristol, Florida. (Liberty County Senior Citizens Bristol Center), for the purpose of advising all interested parties of service being contemplated if a grant is awarded, and to ensure that contemplated services would not represent a duplication of current or proposed services provided by existing transit or paratransit operators in the area.

This hearing will be conducted if and only if a written request for the hearing is received by January 17, 2012.

Request for a hearing must be addressed to Liberty County Transit, P.O. Box 730, Bristol, FL 32321 and a copy sent to Florida Department of Transportation, District #3, P.O. Box 607, Chipley, Florida, 32428.



Chipola



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Late Night Laughs

A RECAP OF RECENT OBSERVATIONS
BY LATE NIGHT TV HOSTS.

Mitt Romney says President Obama's promises are like Kim Kardashian's wedding vows. President Obama shot back. He said Romney's positions last about half as long as a Kim Kardashian wedding. — JAY LENO

The show's back in New Jersey this season. Last season was in Italy and before that it was Miami. They were in Miami at the same time as the Kardashians. It was the first year in recorded history that Miami citizens were fleeing to Cuba. — CRAIG FERGUSON

A man who calls himself the grand warlock of Mexico has predicted that President Obama will not win re-election. The grand warlock's real name? Juan Hannity. — JAY LENO

The U.S. government is selling \$30 billion worth of fighter jets to Saudi Arabia. Yeah, it's part of a new initiative called, 'Operation Regret This In Five Years. — JIMMY FALLON

Mitt Romney won the Iowa caucuses by defeating Rick Santorum by only eight votes. That's a record. To give you an idea of how close that is, if all of Newt Gingrich's ex-wives voted for Santorum, he would have won by 15. — CONAN O'BRIEN

A dead body was discovered this week on the grounds of a country estate owned by Queen Elizabeth. The queen said today she hopes this serves as a reminder to anybody on her staff that there is a right way and a wrong way to polish sterling silver. — JAY LENO

There's already controversy with the Iowa caucuses. They found eight more votes for Al Gore. — DAVID LETTERMAN

Mattel will soon release limited-edition Barbies inspired by the Kardashians. The Kim doll comes with a ring, but you can easily mail it back in 72 days. — JIMMY FALLON

On "Celebrity Apprentice" they announced new contestants. We have a former talk show host, a former "American Idol" loser, a former Miss Michigan, a Las Vegas magician and — oh no, I'm sorry, that is the Republican candidates for president. — DAVID LETTERMAN

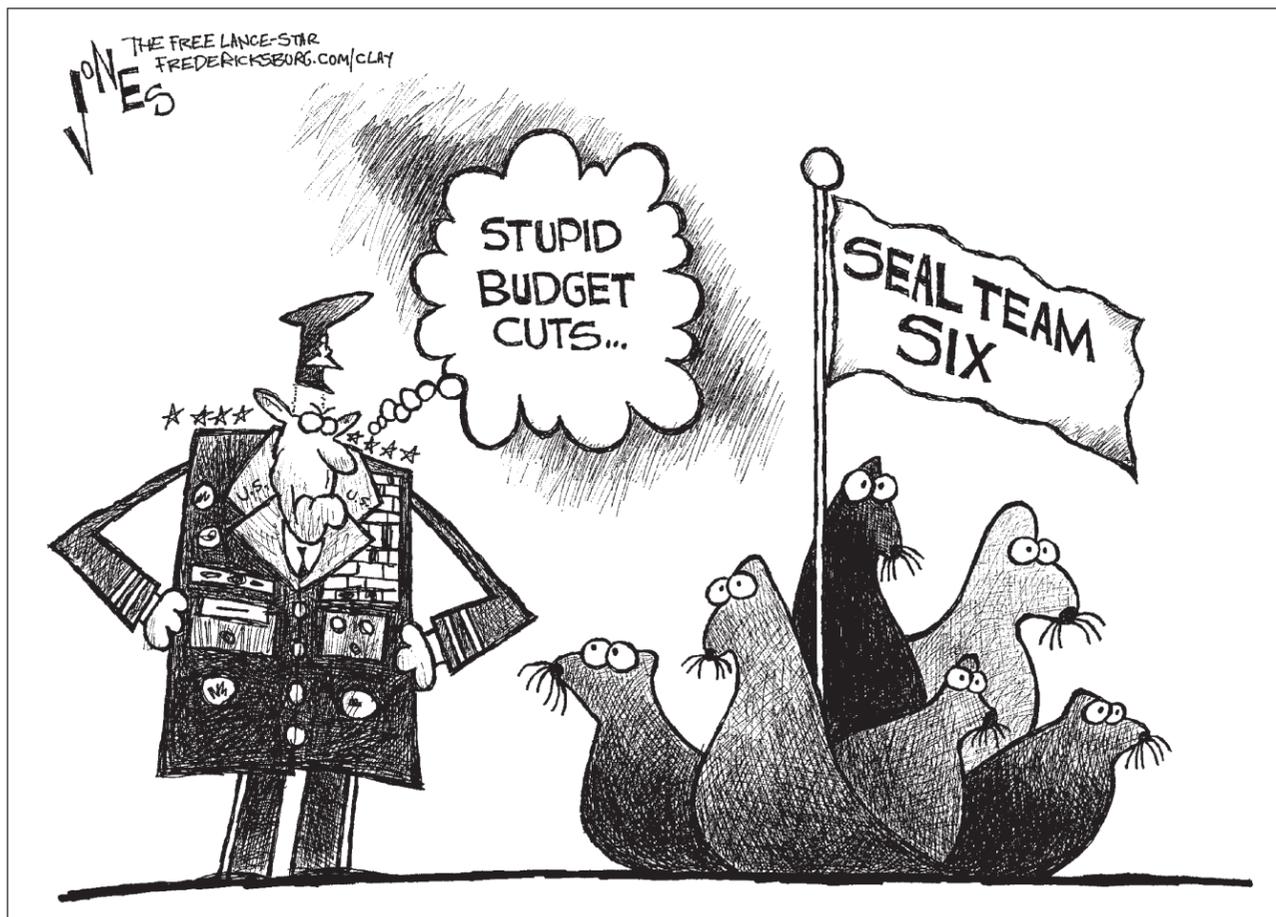
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The Kardashians have a brand new magazine coming out that will be called "K." And I said thank God we finally have a glimpse into the lives of these mysterious recluses. — DAVID LETTERMAN

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The new season of 'Jersey Shore.' It promises to have all of the name calling, sex scandals, and backstabbing of the Republican primaries — CONAN O'BRIEN

Us Weekly is reporting that Mattel is considering a line of Kardashian Barbie dolls. The top executives got together and said, "Who would make a worse role model for little girls than Barbie," and they settled on the Kardashians. — JIMMY FALLON



2012: The year of choice for the US

The 2012 election is not just another ho-hum election. Americans will make a choice in the 2012 presidential and congressional elections that will determine the future of America.

To say that America is a polarized nation is an understatement. There is no middle ground in the political system, just the left and the extreme right. Religious beliefs have a polarizing effect. Most significant is the polarizing effect of the "have and have not" in society. The rich are richer, but the working class has not shared in America's economic success. The worker's share of the economic pie hasn't increased.

The expectation is that the Congress will work in the best interest of most of the people most of the time. That concept disappeared years ago, and what exists now is a very dysfunctional congress. The Republican goal stated by Senator Mitch McConnell, the Senate Minority Leader, is to limit President Obama to one term in office. To do that, the Republicans have brought the House and Senate to its knees.

The Republican presidential nominating process is underway with the looniest set of characters in recent history. The "presidential debates" have morphed into religious fire and brimstone preaching reminiscent of religious tent revivals.

In the 1940s, my parents were charter members of an independent Bible Baptist Church that began in a large tent. I remember sitting on a backbench, tent flapping in the wind, and the preacher pounding the pulpit and telling all us sinners that if we didn't change our way that we were going to die and "bust Hell right wide open." At that point, I would try to hide behind the big woman in front of me wearing the big hat.

As I watch the Republican candidates for president pound their political pulpits and declare the end of America is neigh unless President Obama is ousted from office and run out of town, I'm reminded of my days on the backbench in the back of the tent.

The many Republican debates have been worthwhile. If people have watched the events then they have an understanding of the contestants. But, I think that other than political wonks, few Americans are paying attention to what these presidential candidates are saying.

Almost 100% of the rhetoric is about social conservative issues. Santorum is a two issue candidate; anti-abortion and anti-gay. I learned long ago that there are some things that can't be fixed in a way that satisfies all parties. Abortion is one of those issues. Leave it alone. Let it go.

Gay people have been here since the beginning of time. If two men or two women love each other, live together, want to get married, then OK by me. None of my busi-

COX'S CORNER

Jerry Cox is a retired military officer and writer with an extensive background in domestic and foreign policy issues. He lives in Okaloosa County.

ness, and as my crusty old grandmother would say, "No skin off my nose."

Santorum is about as homophobic as they come. He's entitled to his opinion but America doesn't need a president obsessed with the public's sexual mores. In my view, gay people have the same rights as the rest of us. Leave it alone. Let it go.

Ron Paul's view of America belongs in the 1700s. Trashing the federal government and returning to the supremacy of States rights was the status of the country prior to the Constitutional Congress. Under the Articles of Confederation, the 13 states were doing their own thing. The Founders recognized that for America to achieve greatness a central government was required.

Without a central government, the Louisiana Purchase may not have occurred and the Mississippi basin might still belong to the French. Spain would probably still own the Southwest. Texas would be a standalone Republic. Florida may not have been purchased from Spain. My view is without the advent of a central government, what is now America would be a hodgepodge of "countries," much like Central America. Ron Paul's vision of "his" America is dangerous.

The choice of government that Americans make in 2012 will decide America's fate in the international community. Since the Reagan administration, the American people have been playing the "government insanity game." They elect people, primarily in Congress, who believe in "trickle down, no regulations and no tax" forms of government. This model of government does not work. So, as the joke goes, doing the same thing repeatedly and expecting a different result each time is...insanity. The pronouncements of the Republican candidates for president give new meaning to government insanity. Their collective economic ignorance is astounding.

America isn't going to return to the robust economy of the 1950s when America was king of the international community. In my view, America will recover from the 2008 recession and struggle along at about a 2% growth rate. Demand for goods and services fuel the economic machine, but demand by the American people is far less than demand in an emerging nation like China or Brazil. People in these countries need consumer goods like a refrigerator or washing machine. In America, everyone that can afford a washing machine has one.

The choice for Americans in the 2012 election is either to choose a government that promotes more of the Bush fiscal and foreign policies that brought the country to its knees or a government that invests in America and the American people and attempts to achieve a balance between national cost and income.

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If you have time, you can try germinating a

JAN. 9, MONDAY -- Plough Monday. Full Wolf Moon. First successful U.S. balloon flight completed by Jean Pierre Blanchard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1793.

JAN. 10, TUESDAY -- Temperature dropped 47 degrees in 15 minutes, Rapid City, South Dakota, 1911. Singer Rod Stewart born, 1945. A change is as good as a rest.

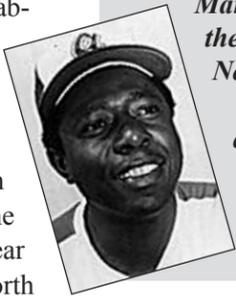
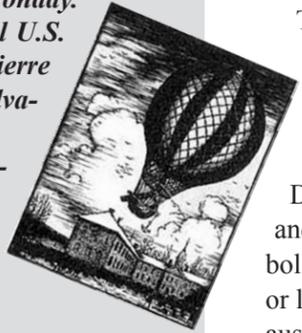
JAN. 11, WEDNESDAY -- Composer Francis Scott Key died, 1843. U.S. president Ronald Reagan bade the nation farewell in a national broadcast from the Oval Office, 1989.

JAN. 12, THURSDAY -- Comedian Joe Lewis born, 1902. Fifty-seven degrees below zero, Helena, Montana, 1959. Batman made its television debut, 1966.

JAN. 13, FRIDAY -- St. Hilary. Moon on equator. Conjunction of Mercury and Pluto. Actress Julia Louis-Dreyfus born, 1961. Hank Aaron elected to Baseball Hall of Fame, 1982.

JAN. 14, SATURDAY -- Conjunction of Mars and the Moon. Diana Ross sang with the Supremes for the last time, Las Vegas, Nevada, 1970.

JAN. 15, SUNDAY -- Second Sunday after Epiphany. Ford Foundation incorporated to administer funds for scientific, educational, and charitable purposes, 1936.



few seeds in a wet paper towel or other moist, humid environment, such as a glass jar filled with a small amount of water. If no sprouts form within a few days, you should probably buy new seeds. Many gardeners simply toss the old seeds in with the new and take their chances. If the old ones bear no fruit, the new ones will still prosper and you won't have lost much.

This works better, of course, if you have plenty of land to spare. If you are confined to porch containers or a small area of raised beds, you might prefer to put your trust in new seeds—or start some old ones a bit earlier than usual to see what comes up before you'd ordinarily plant.

I've always wondered what the Rx symbol for prescriptions stands for?

—J. C., Upland, CA

Well, the R stands for the Latin word for recipe, meaning “to take,” but there's more to it than that. The total symbol is actually taken from the symbol for the planet Jupiter.

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To the ancients, the planets and their ruling gods were inseparable. According to Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable, the Rx symbol actually says, more or less, “Under the good auspices of Jove, the patron of medicines, take the following drugs in the proportions set down.”

What does January take from its name-sake, Janus?

—D. L., Albany, KY

The Roman god Janus, from whom January gets its name, was the ruler of beginnings, both physical and temporal. He presided over gates and doors and over the first hour of the day, first day of the month, and first month of the year. Janus was pictured as two-headed, both heads bearded and situated back-to-back so that one head looked forward into the new year, while the other head looked back, in a retrospective mode.

Janus was also the temple of peace in Rome, where the doors were opened only during times of war.

As such, it was a sort of safety zone, a place where new beginnings could be made, just as our new year is considered a time to take up new resolutions. In peacetime, the temple doors were kept locked.

While you're pondering Janus and new beginnings, you might want to think back to the identity and circumstances of your “first-footer” this year, the person who first crossed your threshold on January 1.

Lore has it that the first-footer brings either good luck or bad, depending on whether the individual has remembered to enter with a small gift for the household.

The gift can be anything from a bit of coal for the fire to a loaf of bread or glass of strong spirits, but the first-footer must never arrive empty-handed, or the year will be a poor one. (Oh, now we tell you!)

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JANUARY 13
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Propitious for Women

In ancient folklore, the 14th day of the month was seen as particularly propitious for the birth of women. The 13th was considered propitious for marriage, and the 10th and 11th were lucky days for the birth of men. Hesiod, from 8th century B.C., marked each day of the month as fortunate for some things and unlucky for others. The 9th was seen as a good day for the “works of men,” while reaping fruit and shearing sheep were best done on the 10th or 11th. Although women had only one propitious birth day, their day was considered “holy above all.”

Chocolate Pie

Mix together the cocoa, flour, and sugar in a double boiler over simmering (not boiling) water. Add the yolks and milk. Continue to stir and cook until thick. Add the butter and vanilla, stirring well until incorporated. Cool. Pour the mixture into the baked pie shell. Top with whipped cream and chill for several hours.

MAKES 6 SERVINGS.

2 tablespoons cocoa
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 cup sugar
2 egg yolks
1 cup milk, heated
1 teaspoon butter
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
8-inch pie shell, baked
whipped cream, for topping

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'More Kids in the Woods' event hosts 500 students at Beau Turner Youth Center

TALLAHASSEE – The U.S. Forest Service has partnered with the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) to co-sponsor a "More Kids in the Woods" event hosted by the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center (BTYCC) in Lamont this week, Jan. 9-13.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) oversees the outdoor learning center which hosts many outdoor initiatives each year such as the U.S. Forest Service's "More Kids in the Woods" program. Other state and federal agencies participating in this event include the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Florida Forest Service.

According to National Forests in Florida Natural Resource Manager Carl Petrick, "The 'More Kids in the Woods' event is a great opportunity to expose young people to a variety of career paths in Natural Resources Management."

The five-day outdoor event consists of archery and BB gun ranges, a wild turkey education station, a forestry station, and a wildlife interpretive information station with 100 students attending each day. In addition, there will be a prescribed burn demonstration.

"The students will have the unique experience of witnessing a prescribed burn in real-time at the BTYCC, while listening to a wildland firefighter speak about the beneficial effects of this practice," said National Forests in Florida Wildlife Biologist Micah Thorning.

The funding for the "More Kids in the Woods" program was derived as a result of a U.S. Forest Service agreement with the NWTf. In addition, the "More Kids in the Woods" mission to connect youth with nature is a primary focus of BTYCC, which works closely with FWC and NWTf to promote this concept.

"These programs keep young people from becoming 'couch potatoes'; they keep kids off the street and away from trouble; they provide supervision for children in their natural world," said Beau Turner, founder of the BTYCC.



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- ★Carylee Sewell – Carr School
- ★Carmen Overholt – Blountstown High School
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BIRTHDAYS

CLAYTON ISAAC ORAMA



Clayton Isaac Oramacelebrated his first birthday Saturday, Jan. 7 with a John Deere party at his home with family and friends. Clayton is the son of Charles and April Orama and the little brother to Imma Orama.

His grandparents include Judy Sumner and the late Darrell Crowe, Betty Orama and Isaias Orama, the late Shirley Hinson, John and Doris Crowe and Betty Henthorn. Clayton enjoys spending time with family, getting into all his sister's things, unplugging daddy's alarm clock and being a momma's boy.



MAISON SCOTT HALL

Maison Scott Hall turned two years old on Jan. 5. He celebrated his birthday with family and friends on Dec. 31 with a Mickey Mouse birthday party. He is the son of Kelly Hall of Bristol and

Jesse Cardwell of Hosford. His grandparents are Margaret and Troy Hall of Bristol and Wendy and Danny Ernest of Hosford. Maison enjoys spending time with his family, playing outside, riding his new horse and tractor power-wheel and watching the Mickey Mouse Clubhouse.

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McDougalds met at the Blountstown drive-in and went to Wednesday Night prayer meeting on their first date

Couple will mark 60 years of marriage with reception at Lake Mystic Church

James Bertelle and Dollene Kever McDougald are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. A reception will be held in their honor at Lake Mystic Baptist Church at 5 p.m. ET (Bristol Time) on Saturday, Jan. 14. All family and friends are invited to attend.

Bert was born in Blountstown on Chipola Road on the original homestead. He lived in Blountstown all of his life until he met Dollene.

Dollene was born in Bristol on 40 acres of land off Hwy. 12 that was purchased by her dad when he came home after fighting in World War I.

Bert and Dollene met at the drive-in theater in Blountstown while watching a movie with a small group of friends. Bert decided that he really liked Dollene and showed up at her door the next night to ask her out again. They went on their first date together to Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting at Lake Mystic Baptist Church followed by a car ride around Lake Mystic.

A bond of love was formed that would only grow deeper over the years. Bert and Dollene saw each other every night from that time until they took a short trip to Donalsonville, GA on a cold January night. They rode with Bert's sister and her husband to see Judge M.S. Garwood, who was well known in this area for performing weddings at her home. Bert and Dollene wanted to surprise everyone, so they were going to get married and keep it a secret until they got their house set up. After they were married in Donalsonville, they each went back to their parent's house.

The plan was to move into a rental house owned by James,



James Bertelle and Dollene Kever McDougald

Bert McDougald credits "Plenty of fresh air and sunshine" as one of the secrets to a good marriage.

Bert's dad. They wanted to fix the place up and surprise everyone when they moved into their home. But they forgot to include James in on the plan and he inadvertently rented the house on the very day Bert and Dollene left for Donalsonville. Bert and Dollene had to move in with Bert's parents, James and Elnita.

Bert worked at Ramsey and Malloy's Grocery store, making \$35 a week. After six months, Bert found out from a friend that there were jobs available in Cleveland, OH where he could make \$73 a week for Murray Manufacturing. Bert left first, acquired a job, and set up the apartment.

Dollene, who had never left Bristol, rode to Tallahassee, boarded a Greyhound bus, and

stopped in Cincinnati, OH, where she had to walk to another bus station and change buses to complete the trip to Cleveland. She was able to find a job at Woolworth's Five and Dime making \$37.50 a week.

From those beginnings, Bert and Dollene have faced many troubles and triumphs together. They survived the draft and serving in the Army during Korea. They came home from Ohio after serving the military and Bert found a job in St. Joe at St. Joe Paper Company where he worked for the next 38 years. Dollene went to beauty school and opened up her own shop after working at the Clip and Curl in downtown

Blountstown. She would be a hairdresser for the next 34 years.

After living in St. Joe for eight years, Bert and Dollene moved back to the homestead in Blountstown and built a house. They had three boys, eight grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Through it all, Dollene says the secret to a long marriage is to realize that there are going to be good times and bad times. She says that you have to dwell on the good times and pray and trust the Lord about the bad times. Bert says that they made a pact when they got married that if one of them got upset he or she would go outside until the other one cooled off. So Bert says that his secret has been plenty of fresh air and sunshine.

They both say, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5 & 6.

ACHIEVEMENT

Caroline R. Yoder receives President's Recognition at Clearwater Christian College

CLEARWATER--Caroline R. Yoder of Blountstown received a President's Recognition at Clearwater Christian College for scholastic achievement during the 2011 fall semester. In order to be recognized for this award, honorees must have been enrolled full-time and earn a minimum grade point average of 3.90 on a 4.00 scale.

Yoder is a 2005 graduate and the daughter of David and Sharon Yoder of Blountstown. Yoder is a senior Biology major at Clearwater Christian College.

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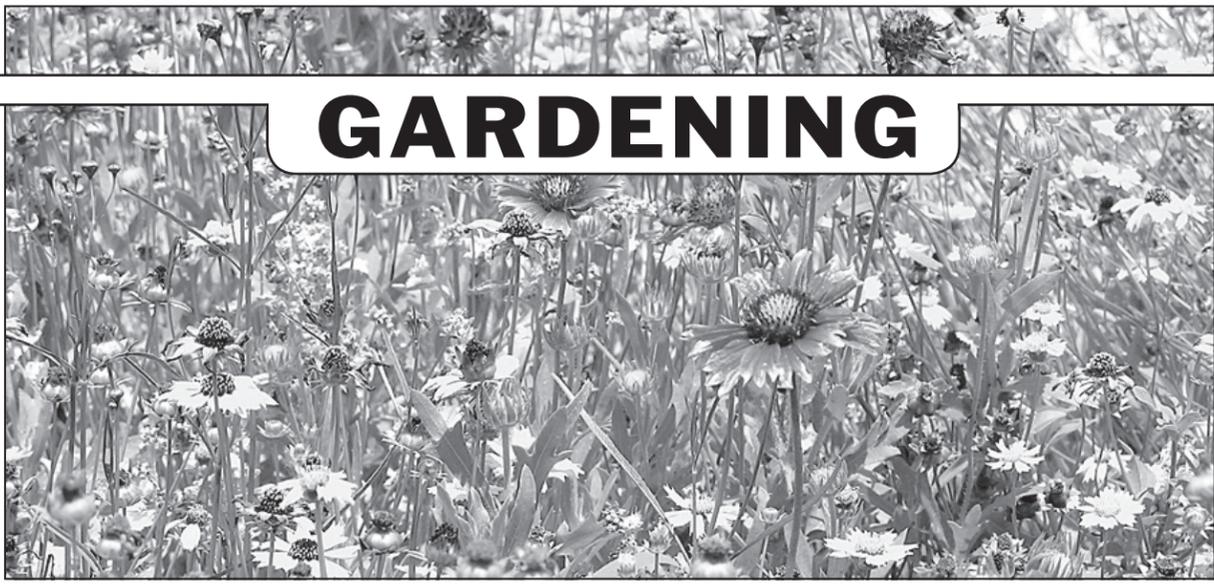
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GARDENING



Resolutions to help the environment

New Year's is often the time for resolutions, and gardeners shouldn't shy away from making a few of their own. Resolve to nurture your gardens in 2012 the Florida-friendly way by working to keep the environment healthy.

Whether you are new to Florida or have lived here all of your life, learn how to protect Florida's environment. Get started in your own back yard by implementing the nine principles of Florida-friendly landscaping. Learn to landscape and garden the Florida way - the smart way to grow!

1) Right Plant, Right Place: Not every plant can thrive in any place. Select plants that match your site's soil, light, water, and climatic conditions. Think about buying native plants when possible, and select a variety of trees, shrubs, groundcovers, and flowers. Resolve to research the mature size of your plants prior to purchase and plant them in locations that will accommodate their full size.

2) Water Efficiently: Efficient watering is the key to a healthy lawn and landscape. Even plants in the right place will sometimes need supplemental watering. To water efficiently, group plants with similar water needs together. Watch for signs of wilt and irrigate when needed. Resolve to check your irrigation system regularly to make sure it's zoned correctly and that you're watering plants, not the sidewalk.

3) Fertilize Appropriately: Fertilizers add nutrients to the soil for plants, but they can do more harm than good if not used wisely. Less is often best. Over-use of fertilizers not only wastes money but the practice can be hazardous to your yard and the environment since the excess may seep into our water systems. Resolve to get a soil test done on your lawn to determine the type of fertilizer that is needed.

4) Mulch: Maintain two to three inches of mulch to help retain soil moisture, prevent erosion and suppress weeds. It also gives your landscape a neat, uniform appearance and is a Florida-friendly choice for hard-to-mow slopes and shady spots. Resolve to avoid "volcano" mulching where mulch is piled up around tree trunks.

5) Attract Wildlife: Plants in your yard that provide

by Theresa Friday,
Horticulture Extension Agent,
Santa Rosa County



food, water and shelter can conserve Florida's diverse wildlife. Select plants with seeds, fruit, foliage, flowers, or berries that animals can eat. Supply water, such as a

rain garden or bird bath. Leave snags (dead trees) for birds to perch and nest in. Resolve to reduce wide-spread insecticide use to encourage beneficial insects.

6) Manage Yard Pests Responsibly: Unwise use of pesticides can harm people, pets, beneficial organisms and the environment. Remember that many insects are beneficial and should be allowed to stay in your landscape. Resolve to research and implement integrated pest management (IPM) practices.

7) Recycle: Grass clippings, leaves and yard trimmings composted and recycled on site provide nutrients to the soil and reduce waste disposal. Resolve to start a compost pile—it's fun and easy.

8) Reduce Stormwater Runoff: Water running off your yard can carry pollutants, such as fertilizer, pesticides, soil and debris that can harm water quality. Reduction of this runoff will help prevent pollution. Resolve to add a rain barrel or a rain garden to your landscape.

9) Protect the Waterfront: Waterfront property, whether on a river, stream, pond, bay or beach, is very fragile and should be carefully protected to maintain freshwater and marine ecosystems. Resolve to protect water bodies by maintaining a ten-foot-wide buffer zone of native plants along the water's edge. Don't mow, fertilize, or use pesticides in this area.

Landscaping the Florida-friendly way means having a beautiful landscape that could save you time, energy, and money while protecting Florida's future.

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Chipola to host High School Stem Scholar event Jan. 13

The inaugural student activity of the FloridaLearns STEM Scholars Project will take place on Friday, Jan. 13 beginning at 8:30 a.m. CT at Chipola College and will involve students from Holmes, Washington, Jackson, Calhoun, and Liberty Counties.

In conjunction with the day-long event, students will be bused from their home schools to the college campus where they will work collaboratively in teams and delve into the science and engineering principals with Dr. James Brooks, a materials scientist, who is Director of the Condensed

Matter Physics Laboratory at Florida State University's National High Magnetic Field Laboratory. Additionally, they will learn about the exciting work of Brian Toole, a mechanical engineer who works with Navy SEALs at the Naval Surface Warfare Center at the Naval Coastal Systems Laboratory in Panama City.

The FloridaLearns STEM Scholars projects is a collaborative initiative of the Panhandle Area Educational Consortium (PAEC), Heartland Educational Consortium (PAEC), and North East Florida Educational Consortium (NEFEC) representing

27 rural school districts and targeting gifted and talented students in grades 9-12. The initiative is part of \$4.5 million dollar grant awarded to the consortia for the development of a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education program for rural school districts.

The event is part of a program designed to positively impact students' perceptions, knowledge and skills in STEM and engage parents as partners throughout the three-year grant period.

The overall goals and objectives of the project include increasing the percentage of

students enrolled in rigorous STEM coursework, provide opportunities for students to collaboratively problem-solve with other students, enhance student leadership skills, increase students' knowledge of STEM careers, and develop and disseminate a replicable program model for Florida and the nation.

For more information, contact Brenda Crouch, Project Manager, FloridaLearns STEM Scholars, Panhandle Area Educational Consortium, 753 West Boulevard, Chipley, FL 32428, (877) 873-7232 ext. 2320.

OBITUARIES

NORMAN

EDWARD SORRELL



BRISTOL—Norman Edward Sorrell, 55, of Bristol passed away Thursday, Jan. 5, 2011 at his home in Bristol. He was born on June 28, 1956 in Palmer, MA and had lived in Bristol for over 14 years. He was a truck driver and served in the United States Army.

Survivors include his wife, Irma Sorrell of Bristol; a daughter, Anna Waltman of Nokomis; a brother, Bruce Sorrell of New Mexico; three sisters, Teresa LaBlanc and Denise Phillips, both of New Mexico, and Becky Wolf of Michigan; two grandchildren, Crystal Howett of Northport and Keith Steffen of Nokomis; two great-grandchildren, Jasher Howett and Alexis Howett, both of Northport.

No services are planned. Memorialization will be by cremation. Peavy Funeral Home in Blountstown is in charge of the arrangements.

MONROE TIMOTHY ELDER, SR.

BRISTOL—Reverend Monroe Timothy Elder, Sr., 77, of Bristol, went to be with his Lord on Jan. 3, 2012 after an extended illness. He was born in Monroeville, AL on March 19, 1934. He graduated from Port St. Joe High School in Port St. Joe and completed his undergraduate degree from the University of Florida. He went to Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA and received a Master's in Divinity. He also received a Master's in Guidance and Counseling from Florida State University. He served as a Presbyterian Minister in many churches in Georgia, Florida and Mississippi.

Survivors include his wife, Sara Catherine Elder; two sons, Jonathan David Elder and his wife, Ruth of Tucson, AZ and Monroe Timothy Elder, Jr. of Bristol; a daughter, Catherine Letitia Elder of Bristol; four grandchildren; a brother, Ben Elder of Emerald, SC; a sister, Alice Yadon of St. Johns and many nephews and nieces.

Services were held on Saturday, Jan. 7 at the Chattahoochee Presbyterian Church. Interment followed at Eureka Cemetery in Bristol.

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

JOHN MICHAEL HEMMINGS

CLARKSVILLE—John Michael Hemmings, 34, of Clarksville passed away Friday, Jan. 6, 2012 in Blountstown. He was a carpenter for Panhandle Construction and was of the Baptist faith. He once said that he had lived a great life, a life of ten men, and if he died tomorrow he was fine with that. He always had a smile on his face and made everyone around him laugh. He would always help people in any way he could. He was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

He is now in heaven with his mother, Teresa Hemmings, his son, Legend Hemmings and his dear Uncle Pat.

Survivors include his fiancé, Regina Whitehead of Clarksville; two sons, John Hemmings, Jr. and Sonny Hemmings; a daughter, Brittany Hemmings; his father, Ken Hemmings and a brother, Mark Hemmings, all of Bushnell; a step-son, Christopher Whitehead of Clarksville; his godparents, Nanna Nancy and Papa Rodney Keene; a godbrother, Roddy Keene and Melisa; and a godsister, Meagan Keene, all of Cottondale; special friends from Bushnell, Rick and Kim Morris; his grandmother-in-law, Geneva Pitts of Blountstown; his mother and father-in-law, Sheila and Gerald McFarland; brothers-in-law, Roland Whitehead and his wife, Leann, Richard Whitehead and his wife, Jazmine and Frankie Stone, all of Clarksville, and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Services will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 11 in the Chapel at Adams Funeral Home with Reverend Alan Nichols officiating.

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

LUCILLE HILL

SUMATRA—Lucille Hill, 88, of Sumatra passed away Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012 in Blountstown. She was born in Bristol on May 23, 1923 to the late Robert and Annie (Tipton) Minton. She was a homemaker and was a member of Sumatra Assembly of God Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Hill and a son, Dempsey Hill.

Survivors include her son, Ernest Hill and his wife, Diane of Bristol; her daughter, Willie Jean Hill of Sumatra; four grandchildren, Amy, Amanda, Mary and Jeff and five great-grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday, Jan. 10 at Sumatra Assembly of God Church with Reverend Ann Nelson officiating. Interment followed in Sumatra Cemetery.

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

YVONNE FOWLER

BLOUNTSTOWN—Yvonne Fowler, 74, of Blountstown passed away Monday, Jan. 9, 2012 in Blountstown. She was born in Blountstown March 23, 1937 to the late Lucious and Eldora (Padgett) Pelt. She was a homemaker and also worked at the sewing factory for several years. She was a member of Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Damon Earl Fowler; a brother, Doug Pelt, both of Blountstown; three sisters, Betty Morris of Tallahassee, Patricia Hooks of Blountstown, and Flora Klepser of Pensacola; a special niece, Regina Hooks of Blountstown; other nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Services will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 12 in the Chapel at Adams Funeral Home with Reverend Gene Morris officiating. Interment will follow in Pine Memorial Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 11 at the funeral home.

Adams Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. On-line condolences may be made at adamsfh.com.

NOTES OF THANKS

Blessings and Happy New Year from the staff of Liberty County Senior Citizens. We are blessed by everyone who volunteers their services and time so that we may continue services to the Seniors of Liberty County. Thank you to our Board of Directors, our Advisory Council and our Senior Companion Volunteers.

Without everyone's help, the Liberty County Senior Citizens Annual Flathead Tournament would not achieve the needed goal. Many sponsors donated prizes and volunteers gave many hours to make the tournament possible.

Our community holiday luncheons and parties are successful with the help of our volunteers, who provide entertainment (singing and performing). The young men of Bristol Youth Academy share their singing and performing talents each December during our Senior Christmas Party/Supper. Their presence exudes Christmas Joy and Spirit. Thank you Rita for sharing this happiness with us.

Thanks to Sheriff Donnie Conyers and his staff for providing the fruit that our seniors look forward to and enjoy. This year the Children of 21st Century Learning made decorated bags for door prizes to be placed in.

Congratulations from Liberty County Senior Citizens Advisory Council to Addie Carroll of Hosford who was the happy winner of the \$200 Gift Card. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser.

To everyone and anyone not mentioned, Thank You. The Liberty County Senior Citizens Association is thankful that we can be of service to our seniors and we look forward with anticipation to continuing these services in 2012. Of most importance are the seniors who attend our functions and receive our services; without you there would be no Senior Citizens Association.

Our sincere thanks to you for allowing us to be of service to you.

*We wish you a Blessed New Year,
The Liberty County Senior Citizens Organization*

The family of Brother E.P. Fuqua wish to thank those who offered condolences at his passing Nov. 28. So many responded with comfort, prayers, food and donations to ministries. To those who have called and offered testimonials, those who have been very comforting. He loved the people of this area. A special thanks to Dr. Bristol and his staff for years of care. Thank you all for being friends to him and our family.

He is surely missed but waits for us in Heaven.
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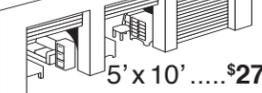
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Antique radio and record player, plays 33 or 45 records. Works good, \$40. Call 643-2967. 1-11, 1-18

Large stuffed red dog, \$8. Call 674-3264. 1-11, 1-18

Beautiful white dress with pearls, lace and sequins, child's size 4, \$10. Call 643-5479. 1-11, 1-18

Kelty backpack, internal frame, in good condition, great for overnight hiking and camping trips, \$25. Call 447-5384. 1-11, 1-18

Graco Baby Pack and Play in good condition, \$25. Call 447-5384. 1-11, 1-18

Windows, new, 24x36 and smaller. Call 643-1038. 1-11, 1-18

Bowflex Blaze with accessories, like new, \$500. Call 674-1617 or 447-1023, leave message. 1-11, 1-18

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

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

Verizon LG Vortex touch screen smart phone, have box, disc, charger, manual and case, \$100. Verizon pre-paid service card, \$50. Call 447-2339. 1-11, 1-18

1935 Adding machine, \$25 OBO. Call 379-3002. 1-11, 1-18

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

APPLIANCES

New gas stove, never used, \$500. Call 674-3264. 1-11, 1-18

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

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

Computer desk, \$25. Table

lamp, \$8. Two night stands, \$15 for both. Two metal 4x4 cabinets with drawers, \$65 for both. Call 674-3264. 1-11, 1-18

Glass for table top, measures 39 inches, 3/8 inch thick, \$50. Call 674-1617 or 447-1023, leave message. 1-11, 1-18

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

CARS

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Transmission mount for a full size Bronco, \$10. Four Ford factory 17-inch steel wheels with lugs and center caps, \$100. Call 674-1617 or 447-1023, leave message. 1-11, 1-18

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

TOOLS & EQUIPMENT

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PETS/SUPPLIES

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LOST & FOUND

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: Chocolate Lab, male last seen in South Telogia area before Christmas, heavy orange collar. Call 643-7149. 1-4, 1-11

WANTED

Keyboard player and drummer for a country and rock group. Call James at 643-5622. 1-11, 1-18

Kitchen cabinets, reasonably priced. Call 674-3264. 1-11, 1-18

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

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Jan. 11-17, 2012



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LUNCH: Stuffed crust pizza, garden salad, fresh fruit, home baked cookie.

Thursday

BREAKFAST: Grits and ham cubes, banana muffin.
LUNCH: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, garlic bread stick and mixed fruit cup.

Friday

BREAKFAST: Sausage gravy and biscuit.
LUNCH: Cheese pizza, garden salad and fresh fruit.

Monday

MLK HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday

BREAKFAST: Scrambled eggs, grits.
LUNCH: Chicken tetrazzini, broccoli/cauliflower polonaise, corn bread and tropical fruit.

**All breakfasts include a choice of assorted cereal with buttered toast and juice*

LIBERTY

Wednesday

BREAKFAST: Sausage and gravy biscuit.*
LUNCH: Turkey taco with romaine lettuce and tomato or cobb salad, mexi-corn, mixed fruit with strawberries. (2nd & 3rd grade pizza)

Thursday

BREAKFAST: French toast sticks and ham.*
LUNCH: Beef and bean chili with sal-tines or meatball sub on whole wheat roll, carrots and apricots.

Friday

BREAKFAST: Grilled cheese on whole wheat.*
LUNCH: Crispy chicken on a whole wheat bun or ham chef salad, baked potato tots and peaches. (4th grade pizza)

Monday

MLK HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday

BREAKFAST: Waffles and ham.*
LUNCH: BBQ Chicken with whole wheat roll or grilled cheese, baked beans, carrots and baked apples.

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ALTHA WILDCATS

Coronation & talent show to kick off Homecoming Week at Altha School

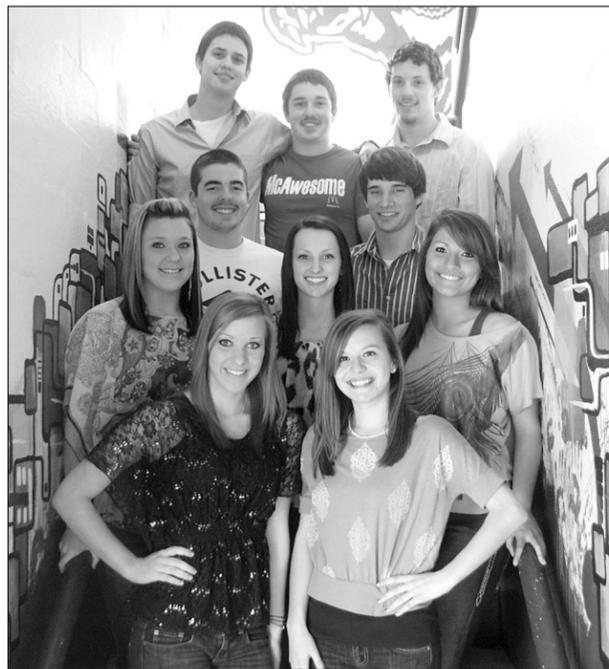
Monday, Jan. 16 kicks off Altha School's 2012 Homecoming Week with the theme: "Back Where I Come From."

•The Coronation & Talent Show will be held in the gym at 6:30 p.m. Monday night.

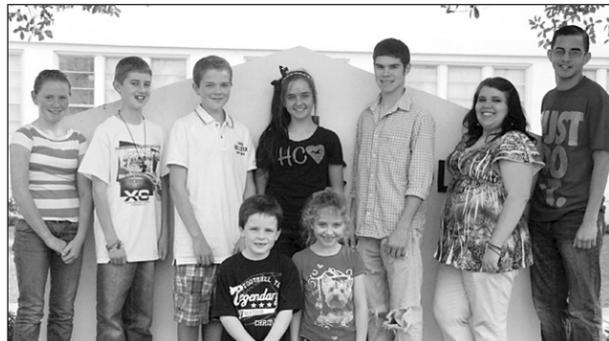
•The Homecoming Parade will be at 1 p.m., Friday, Jan. 20.

•Come out and support the Altha Wildcats as they take on Bethlehem Friday afternoon. JV plays at 6 p.m and Varsity at 7:30 p.m.

•The festivities continue on Saturday with the Annual Alumni Game and Chili Cook-Off at 6 p.m.



RIGHT: Candidates for King and Queen include, first row, from left: Kristen Majeske and Autumn Cook. Second row: Cortney Harris, Kimi Wiltse and Brianna Attaway. Third row: Will Rogers and Anthony Young. Fourth row: Colby Barrentine, Caleb Chew and Jacob Warner. BELOW: Candidates for 8th grade prince and princess are on first row, from left: Jamyn Rogers, Shelby Posey and Aubree Bay. Second row: Sawyer O'Bryan, Johnny Aaron and Jay Yon.



Altha attendants, on first row, from left, include Crown Bearer Christian Hupp and Flower Girl, Jolene Alday. Second row: 6th Grade, Josie Hall and Max Scott; 7th Grade, Hunter Young and Madison Smith; 9th Grade, Daniel Lowery and (not pictured) Kelsey Thomas; 10th Grade, Kayla Gay and (not pictured) Kyler Dew; 11th Grade, Devin Ferrell and (not pictured) Chelsea Murphy.

★STARSCOPE★

Week of Jan. 15 ~ Jan. 21

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, you're in a good mood, and you begin to express your inner child this week. You want to participate in as many activities as you can.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, your idealistic view of work this week may win you extra points with the boss. This is especially true if you continue to put your head down and work hard.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, although the week proves to be very busy, somehow you're able to sail through without a worry. That's ideal for keeping stress levels at a minimum.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, things seem to be even keel at home, but there is something that will pop up this week that will catch you off guard. Stay alert and you will handle it effectively.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, your physical energy is high this week, and that gives you a little more hop in your step. It also enables you to get a lot of things accomplished.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you like to work behind the scenes and not be the center of attention. But this week you may be even more out of the limelight than ever. Others may wonder if you're there.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, your fantasy life is very vivid right now, and it may put a little fun and spice to your everyday activities. Find inspiration through dreams and other desires.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you could have a series of very productive days this week. You are at the top of your professional game and are actually enjoying the feeling of power.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, getting together with a few coworkers or friends and having a night out could be just what you need this week. It's time to relax and kick back.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

You have specific goals, Capricorn. But you can't let ambition rule your life. Sometimes it is best to just enjoy the moment and the people around you.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, others may want you to explore uncharted territory. While momentarily sceptical, you soon could realize this is an opportunity that does not come along too often.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, though you may try to keep your feelings to yourself this week, it won't be hard for others to discern your mood.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY 15

Chad Lowe, Actor (44)

JANUARY 16

Debbie Allen, Choreographer (42)

JANUARY 17

Michelle Obama, First Lady (48)

JANUARY 18

Megan York, Actress (19)

JANUARY 19

Katey Sagal, Actress (58)

JANUARY 20

Rainn Wilson, Actor (46)

JANUARY 21

Emma Lee Bunton, Singer (36)

Altha plans SAC meeting Jan. 12

There will be a School Advisory Counsel meeting on Thursday, January 12 at 5 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the Media Center.

Everyone is invited.

Altha School Calendar of Events

Thursday, Jan. 12 – SAC Meeting Media Center 5 p.m.; JV/V Basketball vs. R.F. Munroe, 5:30/7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 13 – STEM Seminar at Chipola College; JV/V Basketball vs. Wewa, 5:30/7 p.m.
Wed. – Sat., Jan. 13-14 - Chorus trip Tampa
Monday, Jan. 16 – No school MLK Jr. Day, Homecoming Coronation 6:30 p.m. in the Gym
Tuesday, Jan. 17 – JV/V Basketball vs. Vernon, 5:30/7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 18 – Black light Pep Rally 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 20 – Parade 1 p.m.; JV/V Basketball vs. Bethlehem 6/7:30 p.m., Homecoming Game
Saturday, Jan. 21 – Chili Contest 4 p.m.; Alumni Basketball Game and 6 p.m.

Alumni Game and chili cookoff planned Jan. 21

by Alicia Griffin

Calling all Wildcats! It's time for the Annual Homecoming Chili Cook-Off and Alumni Game. Mark your calendars for Saturday Jan. 21. The fun isn't just for Al-

tha School Alumni -- everyone is invited!

The festivities start with the Chili Cook-Off. Anyone can enter. Just have your crockpot with your favorite recipe at the gym by

4 p.m. Prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place as well as the crowd favorite. The concession stand will open at 5 p.m. It's \$2 for samples of five Chili recipes or \$5 to sample them all.

Altha seniors hold ticket raffle for \$100 gift card & homemade quilt

by Autumn Cook

Seniors are selling raffle tickets for either a \$100 Wal-Mart gift card or a homemade Altha quilt.

Raffle tickets for the Wal-mart gift card are \$1 per ticket. Raffle tickets for the quilt are also \$1 per chance or \$5 for 10 chances.

The drawing will be during the home-



coming basketball game on Jan. 20. You do not have to

be present to win.

If interested, see

any senior to purchase your ticket.

All benefits will go towards the senior trip.

Want to relive your "Glory Days"? Alumni basketball players and cheerleaders can sign up to participate. Please contact Rhonda O'Bryan in the front office at 762-3121 or Russell Baggett. The game will start at 6 p.m.

Alumni, bring your memorabilia to share. There will be old yearbooks and other items on display as well as some yearbooks for sell. We'll also have the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce ornament featuring Altha School available for \$15 and Wildcat T-shirts and caps.

The event is sponsored by the Altha PTO and is a fundraiser for the students at Altha School. Admission is \$3.

We appreciate everyone's support and promise a great evening for the entire family.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

MUSIC LESSONS

HILLCREST BAPTIST CHURCH — Did you get a guitar or keyboard for Christmas? Have you always wanted to learn how to play?

Beginning Saturday morning, Jan. 14, the Praise Team at Hillcrest Baptist Church will be offering free music lessons to children age 6 to adults from 9:30-11 a.m.

If you have an instrument, bring it with you. We will offer these lessons every other Saturday. Come with a desire to learn and a love for music.

We are located 5 miles

west of Shelton's Corner on CR 274. For more information call Pastor Forrest Parker at 209-2253.

SWAT PRESENTATION

PRAYER CHAINERS MISSION OF GOD — Trooper Larry Battle mesmerized the Hugh Creek Prayer Chainer SWAT with a fantastic presentation recently on the use and necessity of wearing seat belts and using child restraints. The SWAT kids and adults were excited about the 35 mph roll over assimilator to show the danger of not wearing seat belts.

Educational materials

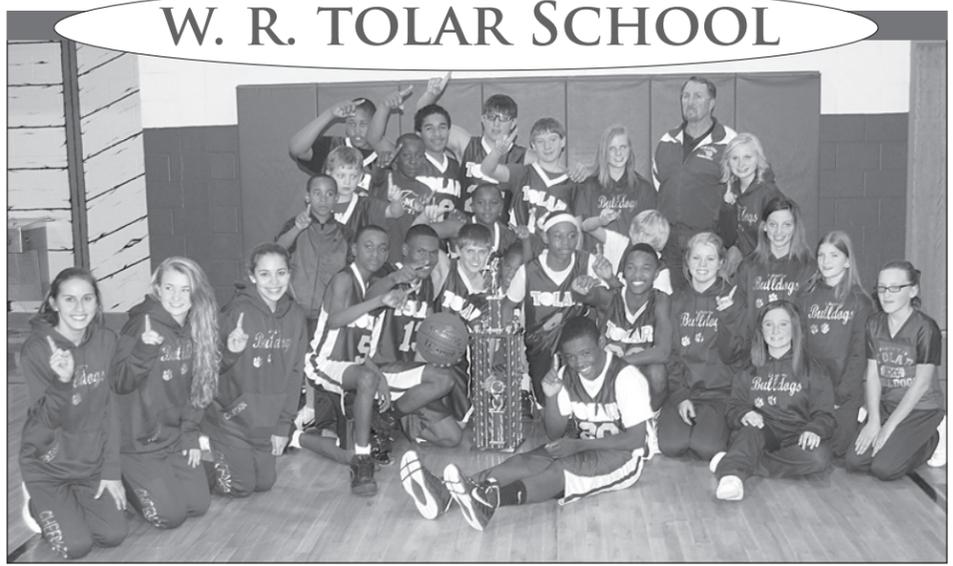
with lifesaving information about seat belt restraint and the harm caused by tobacco use were passed out at the end of the presentation.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY DAY

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES — The local congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses would like to invite you to attend a Special Assembly Day on Jan. 14 at the Marina Civic Center in Panama City.

The theme of the assembly is, "Let Your Will Take Place," based on Matthew 6:10.

All are invited to attend and to pay careful attention to this encouraging program. The program starts at 9:40 a.m. No admission fee and no collections are taken.



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Tolar Boys Basketball 2011 Panhandle Conference Champs; end season 15-0

The Tolar Boys Basketball team had plenty to celebrate, winning the 2011 Panhandle Conference Champs with a 15-0 season. The team is pictured here showing off their trophy with the cheerleaders and coaches. Front row, from left: Hulya Reisoglu, Josie Bruffett, Rhiannon Faircloth, Shamon Mosley, Cephus Green, Levi Brannan, Jarkevis Bess, Chris Williams, Jarrod Beckwith, Jordon Chaney, J.J. House, LeAnne Smith and Cheyanne Kyle. Back row: Justin Beckwith (water boy), Tanner Young, Marlon Black, Marco Espinoza, Maze Holmes, Milo Brown, PJ Graham, Coach Buzzy Lewis, Juliana Pullam, Kaly Partridge, Amber Revell and Kaylee Wheatley.

BLOUNTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

BHS to host student/parent FAFSA workshop Jan. 26

by Rebecca Stanley, BHS Guidance Counselor

Blountstown High School will host a student/parent FAFSA workshop from 5 - 7 p.m. on Jan. 26. This workshop is being held to assist seniors and/or their parents/guardians, with their applications for federal student financial aid.

A representative from the Florida Department of Education will be on campus to conduct the workshop. Please remember that students who

are applying for a Bright Future's Scholarship are now required to complete a FAFSA. We hope to have all seniors and their parents or guardians in attendance.

2011-2012 documents needed to complete the FAFSA include:

- *Social Security numbers
- *Driver's License number (if any)
- *2011 W-2 Forms and other records of money earned
- *2011 Federal Income Tax Return

for the current tax year *Parents' 2011 Federal Income Tax Return (if you are a dependent student)

- *2011 untaxed income records
- *Current bank statements
- *Current business and investment mortgage information, business and farm records, stock, bond and other investment records
- *Alien registration or permanent resident card (if you are not a U. S. citizen)

BHS plans advisory council meeting Jan. 23

by Debbie Williams, Ed.D., BHS Assistant Principal

Blountstown High School will hold a School Advisory Council Meeting on Monday, Jan. 23 at 5:30 p.m. in the

Administration Conference Room. The agenda will be posted on the BHS website www.blountstownhigh.org. The public is invited to attend.



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Dated Jan. 11, 2012

PUBLIC AUCTION

Jamie's Auto Repair will hold a public auction on Feb. 3, 2012 at 9 a.m. (ET).

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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.

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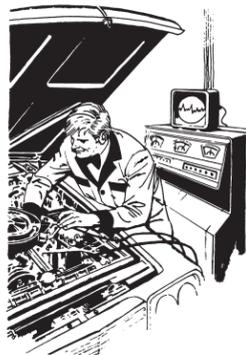
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Minutes from the Dec. 8 Liberty Commission meeting

Official minutes from the Dec. 8 regular meeting of the Liberty County Commission as recorded by the board secretary

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dexter Barber. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Kevin Williams, Davis Stoutamire, Jim Johnson, Albert Butcher, Attorney Shalene Grover, Clerk Robert Hill and Deputy Clerk Charla Kearce.

Prayer was led by Dick Stanley. Pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Jim Johnson.

Motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting held Nov. 3, regular meeting Nov. 10, emergency meeting Nov. 11 and special meeting Nov. 22, 2011 was made by Johnson, seconded by Stoutamire and carried.

Motion to add to the agenda 1.) Discuss FQHC letter of request and 2.) Commissioner Butcher to discuss em-

ployees was made by Johnson, seconded by Williams and carried.

The county attorney will look at policies for cemeteries. Craig McMillian with Pat Thomas Insurance Company presented the Board with a return premium check in the amount of \$15,730 from Florida Municipal Trust and Florida League of Cities.

Bid on the Service/Maintenance Truck was opened. The only bid received was from FTJ Contracting, Inc., Graham, North Carolina in the amount of \$25,800. This truck has 177,000 miles and is a 1999 Ford F-550. Motion to table was made by Stoutamire, seconded by Johnson and carried.

Motion to approve Resolution #11-21 to close Alleyways in Block 15,16,17 and 18 in West Hosford as recorded in Plat Book A page 19 was made by Butcher, seconded by Johnson and carried.

Janet Hanson, Director of Management 211 Big Bend, Inc. came before the Board to make the Board aware of the services offered by 211.

Daniel Stanley with the Florida Forest Service presented the annual report and mutual aid plan.

Clerk Hill told the Board that there were concerned citizens in Hosford that have requested that we contact the Department of Transportation and request that the speed limit be lowered

to 45 MPH from Hosford to the old St. Joe offices on Highway 20. The Clerk will contact Ralph Yoder with DOT.

Clerk Hill told the Board that Veterans Park will have Christmas in the Park next week. There will be over 300 kids to ride the train from Blountstown, Bristol and Hosford Elementary Schools.

Motion to approve the county attorney to look at agreement for FQHC at their request was made by Butcher, seconded by Johnson and carried.

Motion to appoint Commissioner Albert Butcher to serve on the FQHC Board was made by Johnson, seconded by Stoutamire and carried.

Motion to give the county employees Friday, Dec. 23, 2011 before Christmas off was made by Butcher, seconded by Johnson and carried.

Motion to pay the bills was made by Williams, seconded by Johnson and carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Butcher, seconded by Williams and carried.

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December 6 special meeting minutes of the Liberty County Commission

Official minutes from the Dec. 6 special meeting of the Liberty County Commission as recorded by the board secretary

Chairman Dexter Barber called the meeting to order. Present were Commissioners Kevin Williams, Davis Stoutamire, Jim Johnson, Albert Butcher, Attorney Shalene Grover, Attorney Tim Warner and Clerk Robert Hill.

Prayer was given by Commissioner Stoutamire. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Williams.

Dr. Celeste Philip with the Liberty County Health Department was introduced to the Commissioners.

Attorney Tim Warner presented the Nov. 28, 2011 mediation agreement on the Odum case to the Board for their approval. The total settlement was for \$50,000. Florida Association of Counties trust will pay \$32,500. Liberty County Commission will pay \$17,500. This action settles the lawsuit against the Liberty County Commission and former Commissioners L.B. Arnold and John T. Sanders. Motion by Stoutamire, seconded by Johnson and carried to approve this settlement.

Motion to adjourn by Butcher, seconded by Johnson and carried.

Robert Hill, Clerk of Court
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