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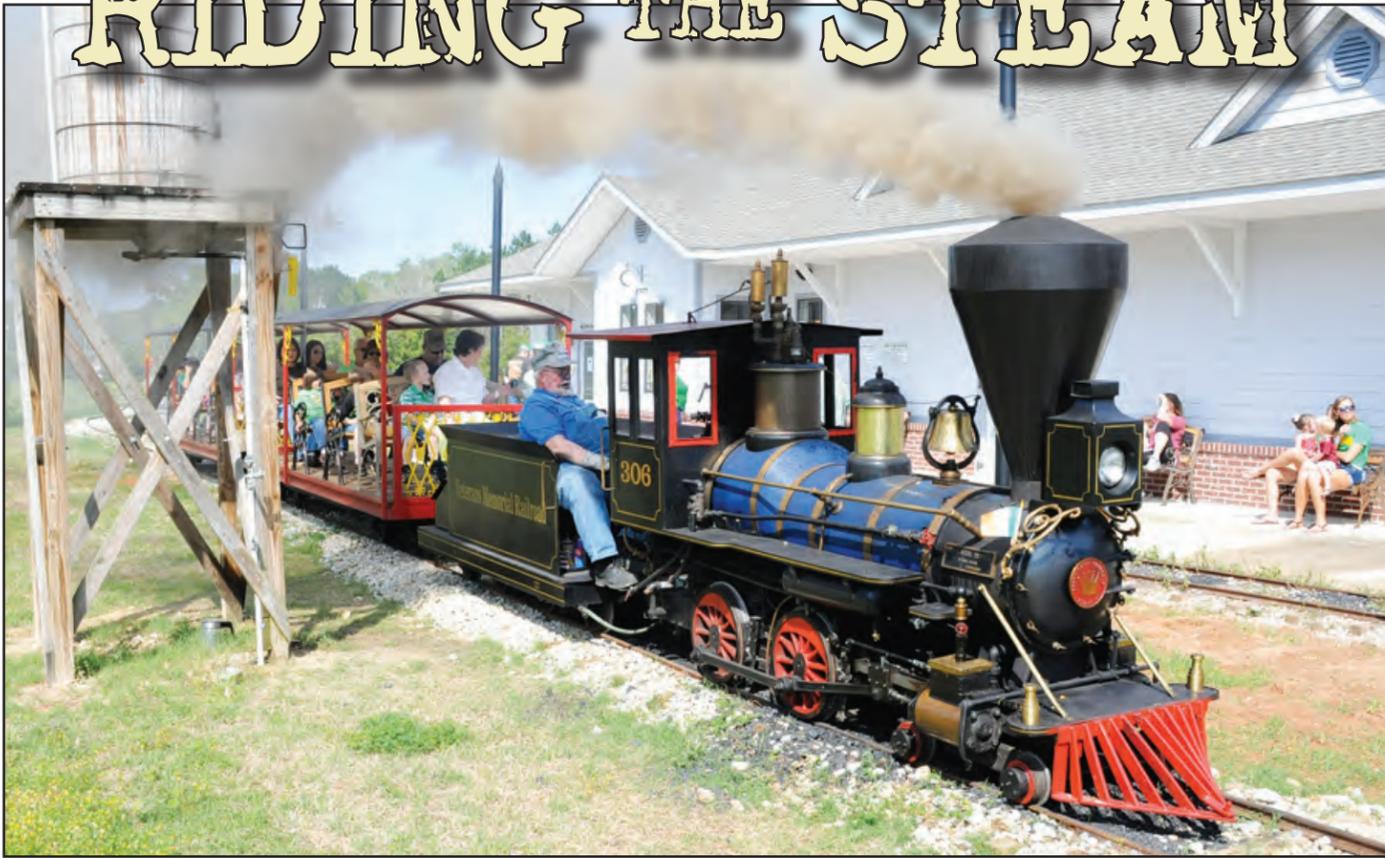
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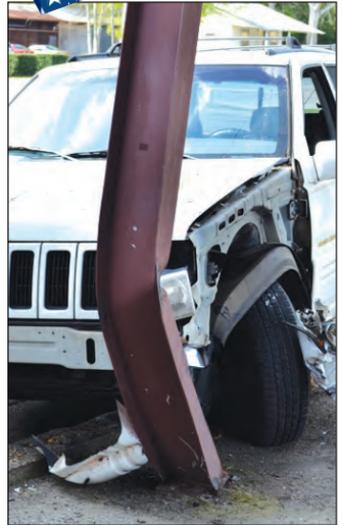
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file intent in
local races
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RIDING THE STEAM



Folks from Tallahassee, Marianna, Chattahoochee and many other area communities helped raise nearly \$700 to keep the train running at Veterans Memorial Park in Bristol at Saturday's 'Wear Green & Ride the Steam' event. "It was a great day for us," said Railroad volunteer Babs Moran. Many people did wear green and enjoy the good weather. ABOVE: The state's only steam engine makes its way past the depot pulling three cars of excited riders of all ages. See more about the event on page 12.

DANIEL WILLIAMS PHOTOS



Driver OK after
unusual wreck
in Blountstown
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Newborn filly
has an audience
for debut in Liberty
County pasture
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Hosford man facing child abuse and battery charges following altercation

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

A Hosford man is facing several charges following an altercation in which he hit a man, grabbed a child from a stroller and then resumed fighting while still holding the child, according to a report from the Liberty County Sheriff's Office.

William Rudd, 36, was charged with child abuse, battery, violation of an injunction and resisting arrest with violence.

When Deputy Adam Walker responded to a report of a fight in front of the Liberty County Courthouse at 4:12 p.m. Saturday, he saw Rudd leaving the scene on foot, heading west. Walker shouted to him to stop but he continued running down the sidewalk alongside SR 20.

The deputy returned to his patrol car to pursue Rudd and was directed by bystanders to the parking lot of the Bristol Chevron. Rudd, who was described as "heavily intoxicated"



WILLIAM RUDD

and "extremely agitated," tried to get away when Walker attempted to arrest him. "When I told him to stop, he yelled at me and said he had done nothing wrong and wasn't going to listen to me," the deputy stated in his report.

Rudd came at the deputy in an aggressive manner until Walker forced him on the pavement. Rudd tried to get up and resisted the deputy's efforts to handcuff him until he was overpowered, taken into custody and driven to

the jail.

Anthony Forte and Sara Adkins, who are married, gave a statement that they were walking along SR 20 with a youngster in a stroller when Rudd drove by and screamed at them from his truck. They said he got out of the truck, ran toward Forte and punched him in the face. At some point during the altercation, Rudd grabbed the child from the stroller and continued fighting

----- See RUDD continued inside on page 2 -----



Miss Altha crowned

Madelynn Lytle bends down just a bit as her crown is put in place after she was named Miss Altha in Saturday's pageant at Altha School. Find out who the others were on page 13.

PATRICIA WILLIAMS CAULEY PHOTO



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ARREST REPORTS

compiled by Journal Editor Teresa Eubanks

Woman charged with forging receipts for recycling sales

A Blountstown woman who admitted she was paid to forge papers showing she owned property being sold to a recycler was arrested March 15 on fraud charges, according to a report from the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office.



KENDRA RIVES

Kendra Rives, 25, is facing four counts of giving false verification of ownership to a secondary metal recycler.

While investigators were looking into the theft of a outboard motor by Willie Clyde Powell, Jr. this past December,

he told them Rives signed the sales ticket but was not aware that the motor had been stolen.

When investigators later talked with Rives, she said that Powell and others would come pick her up and have her sign for property they were taking to a recycler. She said she received payments of \$53.75, \$11.20, \$34 and \$12 for putting her signature on tickets for transmissions and other metals,

a washing machine and motors, including the stolen boat motor.

She was given a conditional release following her arrest.

One arrested for battery; warrant issued for another after altercation

A Bristol man has been charged with battery for an altercation that began on Third Street in Bristol and almost resumed at the Exxon Station.



IVAN WAGONER

The victim, Jeremy Baggett, 20, told investigators he had no idea why he was attacked Feb. 25 by two men he had just met that evening at a friend's home.

He said Ivan Wagoner ran up to his truck, hit him in the mouth and then attacked his friend, Malcolm Griffin, who was standing nearby. Baggett said when he went to help his friend, Mickey Harvell pushed him to the ground and punched him in the left eye.

Baggett then got up and left, driving away with his finance, who was with him that evening. The couple went to the Exxon Station in Bristol where Baggett said he was approached by the same two men, who started cursing at him and making threats.

An employee at the station witnessed Wagoner approach Baggett and try to start a fight. The employee told Wagoner to stop or leave the store. Baggett,

his finance and the store employee told deputies both men were intoxicated.

Wagoner was arrested March 16 and later released on \$1,000 bond.

A warrant was issued for Michael "Mickey" Harvell.

Man with no license found driving wrong way on one way street

A 46-year-old Bristol man was arrested following a traffic stop Saturday afternoon in Blountstown.

Blountstown Police Officer Ethan Ellis was traveling east on Lockwood Avenue when he saw a vehicle going the wrong direction on a one-way street.

Just before the vehicle came to a stop on Boyd Street, the officer saw the driver toss an open beer can out the window.

When asked for his license, Marlon Willis told the officer it was suspended. After verifying that it was, Willis was arrested for driving with a suspended license and driving the wrong way on a one way street.



MARLON WILLIS

He was later released on \$3,000 bond.

Visitor, inmate charged after marijuana brought into jail

Two people are charged with bringing marijuana into the Liberty County Jail after a correctional officer saw a visitor hand something over to an inmate last month.

Savannah Mobley, 22, of Tallahassee was visiting inmate Travis Ryan Jones, 21, on Feb. 24 when she gave him a small black bag, according to the arrest report.

A correctional officer immediately ordered Jones to leave the room so he could be searched by a deputy. When he stood up, the officer spotted an orange cigarette lighter and a small black bag. A plastic bag containing less than 20 grams of marijuana was found inside the black bag.

Mobley told an investigator that Jones had called her from a private number and asked her to bring the marijuana. She admitted she had done so before and said that on Feb. 14, she brought him marijuana and rolling papers.

Both were charged with possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis and introduction of contraband into a county detention facility.

Mobley was later released on \$15,000 bond.



TRAVIS JONES

EDITOR'S NOTE:
The Liberty County sheriff's office did not make a photo available for Savannah Mobley.

Petty theft arrest made

A 50-year-old man caught on surveillance camera taking two bottles of beer from the cooler of the Southern Express on East Central Avenue in Blountstown last November was arrested March 12.

Abdullah Aziz Muhammad, of Blountstown, was charged with petty theft.

The video showed Muhammad entering the store around 4:52 p.m. Nov. 24, 2011 and walking toward the beer cooler, where he removed two bottles and stuffed them down his pants before leaving the store.

He was released on \$5,000 bond.



ABDULLAH AZIZ MUHAMMAD

RUDD *continued from the front page*

with Forte.

Rudd was already on county probation for domestic violence and an injunction had been issued barring him from contact with Adkins.

When asked for his side of the story, Rudd told deputies he asked Adkins if he could see the baby and she nodded that he could. When reminded that he was not allowed to

speak to her, Rudd, who was still noticeably intoxicated, insisted that he had not spoken to her but repeatedly stated that he had yelled at her.

Rudd stated that Forte punched him after he picked up the baby. He denied doing anything to harm Forte.

Rudd is being held without bond due to the probation violation.

SHERIFF'S LOG

CALHOUN COUNTY

March 12

•Abdullah Muhammad Aziz, *retail theft, dealing in stolen property, BPD.*

March 13

•Anna Marie Nichols, *VOP, CCSO.*
•James Jeter, *driving with license suspended or revoked, FHP.*
•Jesse Wright, *VOP, CCSO.*
•Ethan Goodman, *armed burglary, CCSO.*

March 14

•James Jeter, *VOP, CCSO.*

March 15

•Ricky McCune, *VOP, CCSO.*
•Kendra Rives, *fraud, CCSO.*

March 16

•Laurie Ann Pegar, *failure to appear, CCSO.*

March 17

•Marion Todd Willis, *driving with license suspended or revoked (fel-*

ony), BPD.

LIBERTY COUNTY

March 9

•Savannah Mobley, *possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, introduction of contraband, LCSO.*

March 12

•Tracy Jack Smith, *VOCP, LCSO.*

March 13

•Anna Nichols, *holding for CCSO, CCSO.*

March 15

•Kendra Rives, *holding for CCSO, CCSO.*

March 16

•Ivan Wagoner, Jr., *battery, LCSO.*

•Robert Tellier, *holding for Bay County, LCSO.*

March 17

•William B. Rudd, *child abuse, violation of injunction, battery, resist arrest with violence, VOCP, 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.

Blountstown Police Dept.

March 12 through March 18, 2012

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A dedication plaque that honors the late Betsy Knight was posted at the new Eagle enclosure at the E.O. Wilson's Biophilia Center in Freeport late last year. Knight, who died Feb. 17, turned over a pair of eagles to the center last year in appreciation to M.C. Davis for all the wonderful things he did for Big Bend Wildlife Sanctuary. The eagles, Olaha and Agena, were in her care for several years and used in numerous educational presentations at schools as well as community events. At their new home, the pair can be shared with thousands of visitors each year. Olaha is shown in the background of the photo featuring the plaque. Visit www.eowilsoncenter.org to learn more about the facility.



Eagle visit 'a dream come true'

Betsy Knight made a dream come true for Karen Meeks of Marianna, who said she had always hoped to one day hold an eagle. Betsy made it happen.

"It was the most awesome experience to hold Agena," she said, adding that she had plenty of guidance and encouragement from Betsy, who stayed close by.

"I wouldn't trade that experience for anything in the world," Meeks said.



Worried passersby stop to welcome a newborn filly

Passing motorists stopped at a pasture along CR 12 South in Bristol around midmorning on March 7 after seeing a horse on the ground in apparent distress.

The sheriff's office was contacted in an effort to locate the owner and Deputy Caryl Marotta, a former horse owner herself, was dispatched to the scene to help.

She arrived to find the horse, a female named Birdie, giving birth.

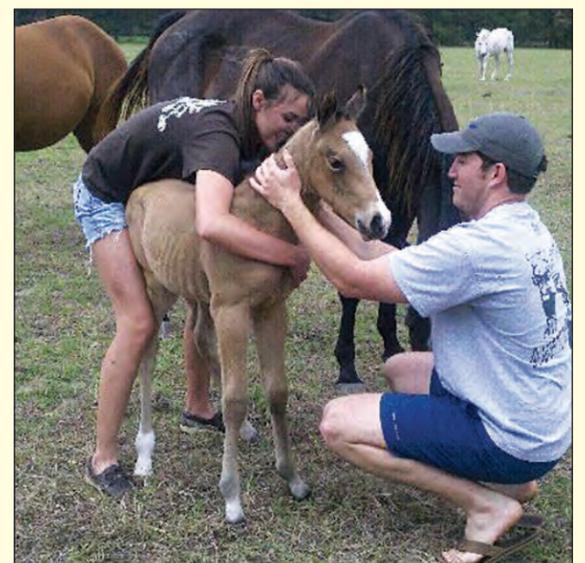
"I finished pulling her out and could see the baby breathing inside the sac," she said. "I tore the sac open at the head, pulled it back and the filly emerged. It was on its feet in about ten minutes," she said. The newborn made her debut in front of several delighted onlookers.

The mother then stood up, and came to the newborn and began grunting to it and nuzzling it.

Throughout the birth, a miniature horse named "Hercules" remained close. "He was looking after the mare, keeping the other horses away," Marotta said.

She said the unusual event was "a nice change from the daily deputy routine."

The foal - a buckskin filly - is owned by Paige Willis.



ABOVE: Owner Paige Willis and Jeremy Tankersley visit the foal. TOP: Deputy Marotta is shown with the newborn moments after its birth.



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PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE

Christine Sikes & Rusty

Christine Sikes, 91, of Hosford spends her time with her little buddy, Rusty. Rusty, 4, a poodle was brought to her by her son 3 1/2 years ago. The family just loves him and his cute behavior with Christine. She treats him like one of her children, she loves him so much. "He thinks he is a human," Christine says. "He has a sweet personality and is very good natured...He is my little man."



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Southerland staff to host office hrs. in Bristol on Friday

TALLAHASSEE—U.S. Representative Steve Southerland, II announced that his staff will be hosting mobile office hours in Liberty County on Friday, March 23. His staff will be at the Liberty County Courthouse from 1-4 p.m. (ET).

Residents of Liberty County and the surrounding area are invited to join Rep. Southerland's Deputy District Director to provide input on legislation, ask questions or request assistance with a federal agency on issues including: Social Security, Medicare, Housing and Urban Development, IRS, Veterans Affairs, and Immigration.

For more information, please contact Lori Hutto at (850) 561-3979 or Lori.Hutto@mail.house.gov.

Small business seminars at Chipola in April

MARIANNA—Chipola College will offer two small business seminars in April.

“Steps to Starting a Business,” is Friday, April 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participants will learn about organizational requirements and licensing for a small business in Florida. Topics will include personal financial assessments, credit checks, defining customers, location considerations and employee requirements.

•An “Ultimate Business Plan” seminar is set for Friday, April 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participants will learn to create an impressive, professional business plan to ensure success. The seminar also will include review of a business software program and a walk-through of the business plan process.

Cost of each seminar is \$30. Pre-registration is required. The first five Chipola students to register for either seminar get free admission.

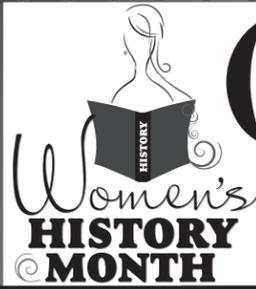
Seminars meet in Room M-108 of the Chipola Business and Technology building. To register, contact Elissa Severson at 718-2441, visit Building M, Office 208A, or register online at www.clients.floridasbdc.org/center.aspx?center=41230&subloc=4.

Blountstown Public Library Spring Fling

BLOUNTSTOWN—Spring has sprung! Bring your little bookworms, from birth through third grade, to your local library and enjoy spring time stories, songs, and snacks with the Story Time Crew. Come enjoy the annual spring fling at the times and dates listed here:

- Blountstown Public Library, Thursday, Mar. 22 and Saturday, Mar. 24 at 10 a.m.
- Altha Public Library, Saturday, March 31 at 10 a.m.
- Shelton Park Public Library, Thursday, March 29 at 3 p.m.
- Hugh Creek Park Public Library, Saturday, March 31 at 10:30 A.M.

Community Calendar



Wednesday, March 21

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
- **Alzheimer's Project support group**, 11:30 p.m., First Baptist Church of Bristol

BIRTHDAY
Beth Eubanks

Thursday, March 22

TODAY'S MEETINGS

SPRING FLING
Come enjoy the annual spring fling at your local library.
Blountstown Public Library
10 a.m.

- **AA**, 7 p.m., basement of Calhoun County Courthouse
- **The ABCs of Diabetes Class**, 7 p.m., Veterans Civic Center
- **Rock Bluff Community Fire Dept.**, 7 p.m., Voting house in Rock Bluff
- **VFW Post 12010**, 7:30 p.m., Veterans Civic Center
- **Liberty Community Center FQHC Board**, 6 p.m., Emergency Mgt Bld., Spring St., Bristol

Friday, March 23



Prom 2012

LCHS at 8 p.m. (ET)
Veterans Civic Center
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BHS at 8 p.m. (CT)
WT Neal Civic Center

SOUTHERLAND STAFF MOBILE HOURS

Liberty Co. Courthouse
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Saturday, March 24

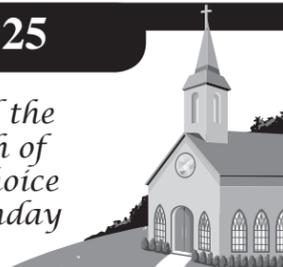
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Adult Dance
8-12 p.m. at the Legion Hall in Blountstown

Sunday, March 25

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Monday, March 26

TODAY'S MEETINGS

- **Boy Scout Troop 206**, 7 p.m., Veterans Memorial Park Civic Center
- **Calhoun Children's Coalition**, 9 a.m., WT Neal Civic Center
- **Blountstown Lions Club**, 6 p.m., Apalachee Rest.

Tuesday, March 27

TODAY'S MEETINGS

- **Altha Boy Scouts**, 7 p.m., Altha Volunteer Fire Department
- **AA**, 6 p.m., Altha Community Center
- **Sit-n-Sew meeting**, 6 pm., First United Methodist Church Youth Hall on Clinton St. Marianna (behind Marianna Post Office).
- **Bristol Lions Club**, 7 p.m., Apalachee Restaurant
- **Blountstown Chapter #179 O.E.S.**, 7 p.m., Dixie Lodge in Blountstown.



Volunteers sought for the 2012 Great American Cleanup

Keep Calhoun County Beautiful, Inc., (KCCB) is encouraging people of all ages to demonstrate that they love where they live by joining hands and volunteering for the 2012 Great American Cleanup.

The Great American Cleanup takes place across the country in urban areas and hamlets alike, reaching its apex during the spring season. Throughout the months of March, April and May, an anticipated 1,200 Keep America Beautiful affiliates and participating organizations will bring together an estimated 3.8 million volunteers to produce more vibrant, beautiful, cleaner, and safer towns and cities.

In what continues to be the largest grassroots community improvement program, KCCB, Inc.'s volunteers will choose from among the following activities---beautify and green their neighborhoods by planting trees, flowers and community gardens, remove graffiti, reclaim community amenities such as parks and playgrounds, clean up litter and debris from public lands and host recycling and e-cycling drives. Moreover, the Great American Cleanup is a significant opportunity for local organizations to coordinate activities that encourage civic engagement and action.

America's leading companies and brands supporting the campaign include: The Dow Chemical Company, The Glad Products Company, LG Electronics U.S.A., Nestle Pure Life Purified Water, PepsiCo's Pepsi-Cola and Gatorade Companies, Solo Cup Company, Troy-Built Lawn and Garden Equipment, Waste Management, and Wrigley. Promotional Partner is: The Miss America Organization. Educational Partners are: Rubber Manufacturers Association and WM Recycle America. Our local sponsor is Waste Pro who is providing dumpsters for this event.

Along with participating organizations, citizens of Calhoun County can be involved by bringing their white goods, furniture, etc. to the Recycling Center located at 17588 NW Magnolia Church Road from March 26-March 31, between the hours of 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. **NO HAZARDOUS GOODS OR TIRES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Citizens living within the City Limits of Blountstown should contact the City Hall at 674-5488 for their disposal schedule.

For more information you may call 674-9395, or 674-5635.

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5K set May 19 to raise funds for BFD Scholarship

BLOUNTSTOWN – Join the Blountstown Firefighters Saturday, May 19 for the First Annual Catfish Crawl 5K to benefit the Blountstown Fire Department Scholarship Fund.

“We are approached nearly every year by a graduating high school senior, searching for financial assistance to attend Firefighter Basic Standards Academy,” said Blountstown Fire Chief Ben Hall. “Currently there are no local scholarships that provide this type of assistance. Through this run we hope to change that!”

Come out on a beautiful spring morning and run, walk or crawl a short 3.1 miles along one of



Blountstown’s most valuable ecological resources, the Blountstown Greenway Trail.

For those seeking some friendly competition or even a new personal record, this timed track is a

flat, fast-out-and-back type run, with few turns and virtually no traffic concerns.

Registration is only \$20. Hall recommends runners register before May 1, “To be sure you get an awesome t-shirt, nylon backpack and water bottle.” Race day registrations will also be available, but shirts and backpacks aren’t guaranteed for those who register after May 1st. For more information or to register go to www.blountstownfire.org/catfishcrawl or drop by City Hall.

If you’re interested in helping sponsor this event, please contact Ben Hall at 674-4988 or at www.firechief@blountstownfire.org

Register now for free women’s fishing clinic scheduled for March 31 in Panama City

Women who want a lifelong hobby that teaches appreciation for Florida’s marine environment in a laid-back learning atmosphere should attend the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission’s (FWC) Women’s Fishing Clinic in Panama City.

Besides being fun, the clinic is free.

The FWC encourages women in the area to register soon for the March 31 Women’s Fishing Clinic. The clinic is

from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at St. Andrews State Park. Advance registration is required, and classes are capped at 25 participants.

This clinic enables women to learn the basics of environmental stewardship, fishing ethics, angling skills and safety. Participants will complete skill stations such as knot tying, casting, rod rigging, cast net throwing, fish handling and more.

Fishing equipment and bait will be

provided during the clinic, but participants can bring their own gear such as rods and reels, tackle and cast nets. All participants must bring their own lunch and refreshments.

This event includes a catch-and-release activity, so participants who wish to practice fishing from a nearby pier must have a valid recreational saltwater fishing license unless exempt. Learn more about how to obtain your recreational saltwater license

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Please email Jennifer Saranzak at Jennifer.Saranzak@MyFWC.com or call (352) 543-9219, ext. 216, to register and for more information on the clinic.

‘Then Sings My Soul’ author to speak at Gadsden Historical Society meeting on March 25

The West Gadsden Historical Society will meet Sunday, March 25 at 3 p.m. at the historic Joshua Davis House located at 8505 Blue Star Highway in Mt. Pleasant.

The guest speaker will be Dorothy Smiljanich, a Florida newspaper editor and writer.

She wrote *Then Sings My Soul*, the Scott Kelly Story, which traces Kelly’s birth in Madison County, his boyhood days in Gadsden County and his rise in Florida politics during the 1960s. Copies of this book will be available for purchase.

Ms. Smiljanich has been a

film and theater critic, features editor and travel writer. She has worked at the *Gainesville Sun*, *St. Petersburg Times*, and *Tampa Tribune*. She received her B.A. and M.A. in English from the University of Florida where she taught freshman English as a graduate student.

She also taught Mass Communications at the University of South Florida and St. Petersburg College.

Her work has appeared in *Coastal Living* magazine, the *Palm Beach Post*, and *The New York Times*. Dorothy grew up in Clearwater and lives there

now with her husband, Terry, an attorney in Tampa, and their dog Jessie, about whom she is now writing a book, *Jessie’s Heart*.

Tell all your friends about this program. For further info, e-mail info@gadsdenhistory.org or call (850) 442-6434.

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Dr. Laban Bontrager of Bristol is shown treating a patient in the Florida Baptist Convention's Mobile Dental Unit in Blountstown Monday. JOHNNY EUBANKS PHOTO

Dentists volunteer their skills to help local patients in need of care

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

Several area dentists agreed to step away from their own practices this week for a few hours to provide some much-needed dental care for people who have neither the insurance nor the funds to afford it on their own.

The volunteer dentists are working in the Florida Baptist Convention's Mobile Dental Unit, which will be on site at the Calhoun-Liberty Ministerial Center in Blountstown through Friday. Medical professionals donating their time include Dr. Laban Bontrager of Bristol, Dr. James Melzer of Chattahoochee, Dr. Raymond Layne and Dr. Brad Layne of Blountstown, Dr. Lynn Tolley of Tallahassee and Dr. Dusty May of Port St. Joe.

Twenty-eight patients were treated Monday and another 13 were seen Tuesday afternoon, according to Pastor Roger Phillips, who is coordinating the

program. He said they hope to help 100 patients in need of acute dental treatment. "We've seen a lot of people get treated who wouldn't have otherwise," Phillips said. "One man had eight teeth extracted that had been bothering him for ten years," according to Phillips. Most patients are coming in to get fillings and have teeth pulled, he said.

The dental bus has two treatment rooms, allowing doctors to work on one patient while a second is being prepped for a procedure. Services are available to patients who fall under certain income guides, explained Phillips. "If you're at 150% of the poverty level or below, you're qualified to receive free care."

A special mission fund supports the free dental clinic, which is sponsored by the Apalachee Baptist Association and the Calhoun-Liberty Ministry Center.

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MAX BREAUX BRIDGES

Chris and Renae Bridges of Kailua-Kona, HI are proud to announce the birth of their son, Max Breaux Bridges, born Jan. 26 at Kona Community Hospital in Kealahou, HI. He weighed 8 lbs., 12.5 ozs. and measured 21 inches long. His paternal grandparents are Denise Johnson of Bristol and Bernarr Bridges of Blountstown. His maternal grandparents are Alvin and Kathy Martina of Apalachicola. His great-grandparents are the late William J. and Lora Anne Barfield of Bristol, Bruce and the late Quinon Bridges of Blountstown, Buddy and Evelyn Martina of Apalachicola, and Red and the late Betty Hilton of Eastpoint.

BIRTHS



GRAYSON CASE CROSBY

Alan and Mandie Crosby of Bristol are proud to announce the birth of their son, Grayson Case Crosby, born on Feb. 25. He weighed 6 lbs., 5 ozs. and measured 19 inches long. His maternal grandparents are Bubby and Melissa Shuler of Bristol. His maternal grandparents are Mark and Charlotte Crosby of Sumatra. Grayson enjoys getting kisses from his big brother Channing and being spoiled by his Uncle Ethan and Tay Tay.



SOPHIA MARIE ALLEN

Shelley Allen of Bascom and Jon Allen of Bristol are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Sophia Marie Allen, born on March 6. She weighed 5 lbs., 12 ozs. and measured 19 inches long. Her maternal grandparents are Tracy and Mary Joyce Allen of Marianna and Mark and Marie Richards of Bascom. Her paternal grandparents are Donna and Ernie Adams of Bristol and Danny and Cathy Allen of Monticello. Her paternal great-grandparents are Gary and Myrtle Richards of Bristol and Jimmy and Betty Allen of Tallahassee. She was welcomed home by her proud big brother, Julian Allen.

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BIRTHDAYS

BLANTON ZEBIE 'ZEB' SUBER

Blanton Zebie Suber celebrated his seventh birthday March 17. He is the son of Wayne and Ashley Suber of Bristol. His grandparents are Gloria Smith and Jeff Uhrick of Bristol and Laverne and Buddy Whiddon of Climax, GA. His great-grandparents are the late Jewel and Joseph Harris of Bristol, the late Murlene and Bo Pete Smith of Blountstown and Onita Larkins of Bristol. Zeb enjoys riding his four-wheeler, playing in his sand pile, Xbox 360, swimming, playing with peyt-peyt and riding in daddy's monster truck. Zeb celebrated with a monster jam sleep over with family and friends.



MIGUEL OVALLE-MIRANDA



Miguel Ovalle-Miranda will be celebrating his fourth birthday on March 24. He is the son of Margie Swearingin and Emilio Ovalle-Miranda of Blountstown. His grandparents are Candelaria Ruiz-Miranda and Alfonso Ovalle-Sanchez of San Luis Potosi, Mexico, Kelli Odom of Blountstown and the late Alice Jordan. His great-grandparents are Jeanne Roberts and C.J. Roberts of Blountstown. Miguel enjoys playing with his wrestling men, with his daddy and Uncle Josh. He enjoys loving on mama and sister Selena and going to play with his cousins Randy, Calvin and Emily. He also enjoys going to Wewa to see his Nana and Aunt Loretta and going to play with his Tio Omar Ovalle-Miranda.

Late Night Laughs

A RECAP OF RECENT OBSERVATIONS
BY LATE NIGHT TV HOSTS.

A new CBS poll found that 80 percent of Americans say they are not better off than they were four years ago. The other 20 percent own gas stations. — JAY LENO

Asteroids are dull pieces of rock. There are tons of them, and they're in all shapes and sizes. That's why scientists refer to them as Kardashians of the solar system. — CRAIG FERGUSON

Police across the country say there's been a spike in criminals stealing Tide laundry detergent. So I guess all those commercials that say it cleans blood stains are really paying off. — JAY LENO

How about the weather — 72 degrees outside. I'll tell you why it's so warm. Remember Daylight Savings Day? We turned our thermometers ahead. — DAVID LETTERMAN

If you steal Tide laundry detergent, would that be considered a white-collar crime? — JAY LENO

The Army is pulling out of Rush. Meanwhile, they're staying in Afghanistan to negotiate with the Taliban, who evidently have a better track record on women's issues. — STEPHEN COBERT, on the U.S. Army pulling ads from Rush Limbaugh's radio show

More and more Republicans are calling on Newt Gingrich to drop out of the campaign. Well, I don't want to say things look bad for Newt, but his ex-wives now are starting to outnumber his supporters. — JAY LENO

Beautiful day in New York City. It was 75 and cloudy. It was so nice today that the carjackers were coming in through the sunroof. — DAVID LETTERMAN

Newt Gingrich has promised to cut the price of gas to \$2.50 a gallon. It's not catching on with voters. How bad a candidate are you that people are willing to pay higher gas prices just to keep you out of office? — JAY LENO

I wonder what the cast of "Jersey Shore" does on spring break. Do you think they go to school for a week? — JIMMY KIMMEL

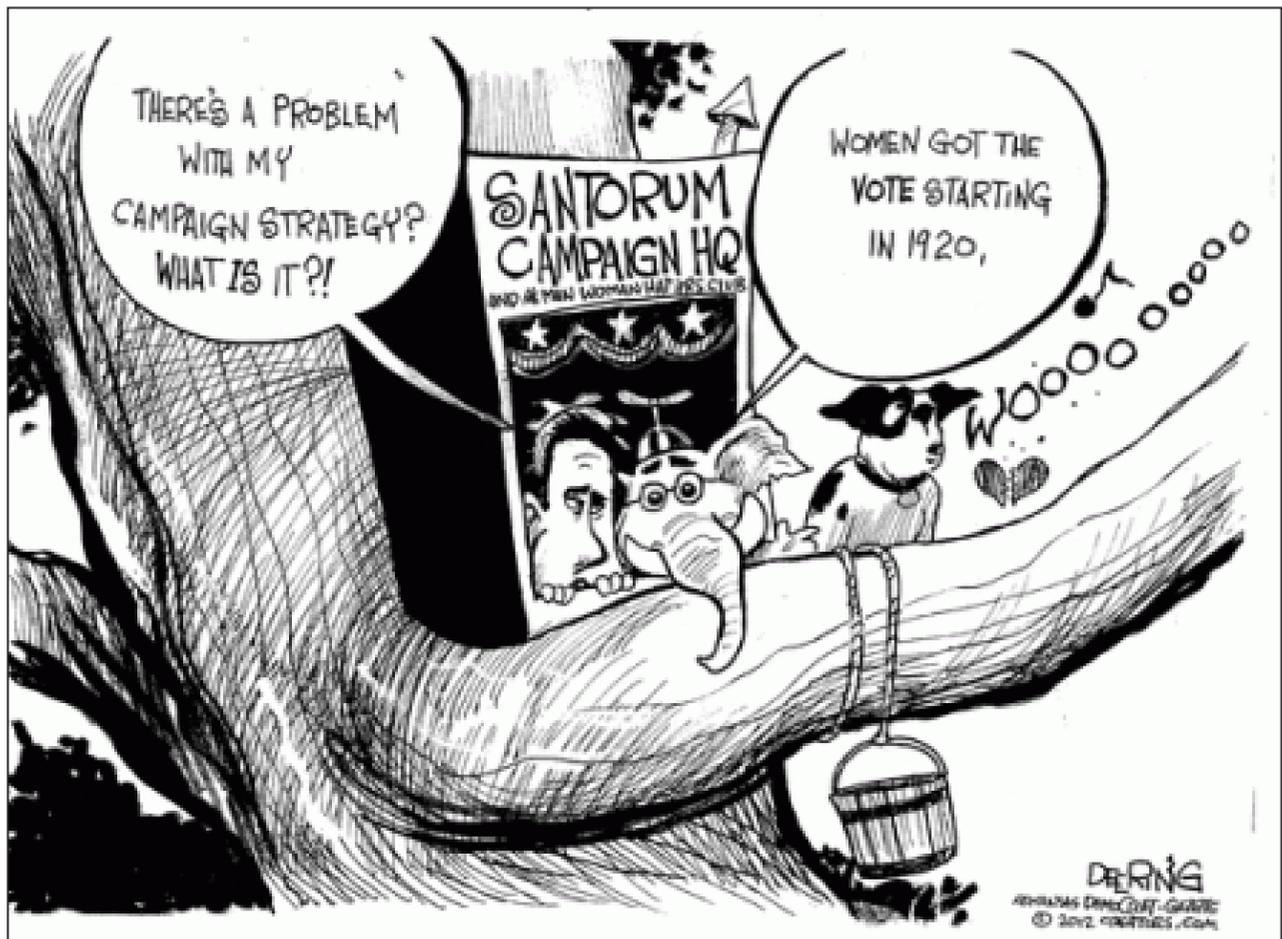
His approval rating has dropped 9 percent in the last month to an all-time low of 41 percent. In fact, if this keeps up, the White House said they may have to fish out bin Laden and shoot him all over again. — JAY LENO

A Harvard study says that one out of 10 deaths are caused by red meat. You know what that really means? Nine of those 10 people were killed by vegetables. — JAY LENO

Spring break is the week where college students get a much-needed break from binge drinking in Nebraska and go to binge drink in Florida. — JIMMY KIMMEL

Rick Santorum says if elected president, he'll crack down on Internet porn. You thought he was alienating female voters with that birth control thing? Oh, guys are gonna be leaving in droves. — JAY LENO

Drug users in San Francisco have formed a drug users union. If you're in the drug users union, and you pass the drug test, do they kick you out? — JAY LENO



The war on women's healthcare

You can't make this stuff up. Only in America could a woman's uterus become a political football. Of all the unemployment and economic issues facing Americans, why are politicians, particularly Republican social conservatives like presidential wannabe Rick Santorum, embroiled in a war on women and their healthcare?

Social conservatives claim that the liberals are waging a war on "religion." That's always a good spin from the right because in sanctimonious America, religion can do no wrong. Most people believe in the "separation of church and state," but extreme social conservatives like Santorum would establish a theology-based government. Should that happen, American society would not be any different from the Muslims and their Islamic religion.

The question for Americans, particularly those that have the inclination to vote, is what role religion should play in American politics and in our day-to-day activities. If Santorum should prevail and become president, then do we have a "Christian nation?" Would the Jews like that? How about the Catholics? What about the Wiccans? Would they want a piece of the action?

Many other religions are represented in the United States, including Jainism, Shinto, Taoism, Cao-daiism, Thelema, Wicca, Santería, Rastafari movement, Heathenism, Kemetism, Paganacht, Hellenism, Asatru, Theodism, Odinism, Religio Romana, Natib Qadish, Kaldanism, Druidry, Zoroastrianism, Vodou, Jediism and many forms of New Age spirituality.

My view is that religion is a private matter. Worship whatever you wish. I would think that a byproduct of religion would be peace, love and understanding for fellow man, but not so. As with most things, the view of religious groups is frequently, "My religion is better than your religion." That's when the fight starts.

I've used the following quote

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.

before, but I think the quote says it best relative to separation of church and state.

"It is a truism that almost any sect, cult, or religion will legislate its creed into law if it acquires the political power to do so." - Robert A. Heinlein, science-fiction author (1907-1988)

I've often wondered about the social conservative's preoccupation with the female reproductive process. I know...it starts with preventing abortions. I got that, but they can't drop the issue at that point. They keep digging the hole without a clue about when to stop legislating or better said, stop denigrating women and their health issues.

In the current legislative year, Republican-dominated state legislatures have proposed over 2,000 anti-abortion bills. In Virginia, the Republican governor, Bob McDonald, signed into law a bill that directs that a woman contemplating an abortion must undergo an ultrasound exam and pay for it. Six other states do the same. It doesn't matter that her doctor does not think that an ultrasound exam is required; the government and the governor of Virginia knows best.

Moreover, Republicans have the audacity to lecture the rest of us about "smaller, less intrusive" government. I can't think of anything more intrusive than the government interfering in a woman's personal healthcare. But social conservatives can't contain themselves. It must be their Puritan instinct to punish sinners.

There is a steady drumbeat from Republican governors about state's rights vs. what they see as meddling

from the federal government. Medicaid is one of those programs over which the states and the federal government joust.

The states want the federal government to give them millions in block grants and the right to administer the Medicaid program as the states see fit. Bad move. In their continuing war on women and women's right to healthcare, Republican governors are closing Planned Parenthood and other facilities that provide healthcare for women. The right-wing hue and cry is that Planned Parenthood is nothing more than abortion clinics. But, for millions of women, particularly the working poor, Planned Parenthood is the only source of medical care for them.

This latest hoo-haa over women's reproductive rights started when someone decided that Obama Care required churches and religious organizations to provide birth control drugs via employer-provided health plans. Doing so violates the teachings of the Church.

President Obama agreed and ruled that faith-based organizations didn't have to provide contraceptives. The cost would be borne by the individual and the insurance companies. But that acquiescence by the President was not enough.

Right-wingers in the Arizona legislature are attempting to pass a bill stating that women in Arizona trying to get reimbursed for birth control drugs through their employer-provided plan could be required to prove that they are taking it for a medical reason such as acne, not to prevent pregnancy.

So, in Arizona, employers will have to ask their female employees if they are taking birth control drugs, and, if so, why? If the reason is for contraception, then what? How moronic is this proposed legislation? Are all Republicans in the Arizona legislature bonkers?

What's next from Republicans. Virginity testing to qualify for employer-provided insurance?

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

by Douglas Cohn and Eleanor Clift

NO HELP FOR SYRIA

WASHINGTON – A humanitarian disaster continues to unfold in Syria while the world stands by, unable and/or unwilling to intervene. The Obama administration is convinced that the regime conducting the brutal crackdown on the political opposition will eventually fall, and that President Bashar Al-Assad will be driven from power. “It’s not a question of if Assad leaves, it’s a question of when,” President Obama said this week. “He has lost the legitimacy of his people.”

Obama may well be correct in saying that Assad’s days are numbered, but in the meantime, a lot of innocent people are suffering, and the politicians and the diplomats appear helpless in the face of the onslaught. Obama held a joint press conference with British Prime Minister David Cameron Wednesday, and when a British reporter asked if they had discussed a no-fly zone for Syria, both leaders said that Syria is not Libya. There is no plan to intervene militarily or to arm the Syrian opposition.

The two leaders said that injecting more arms into the volatile conflict would only increase the bloodshed, but what they were really saying is they don’t know the opposition, and therefore have no confidence that the Free Syrian Army would be able to take hold in the country, or be any better once in power than Assad, particularly when it comes to U.S. and U.K. interests.

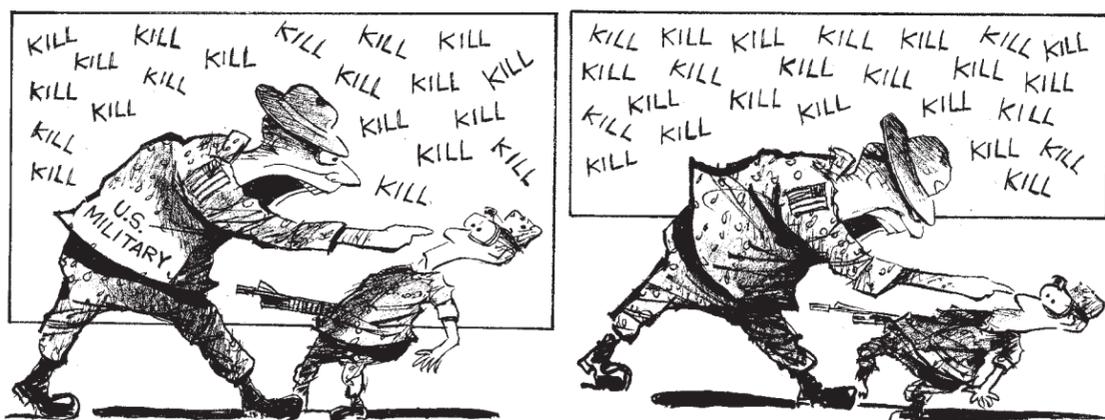
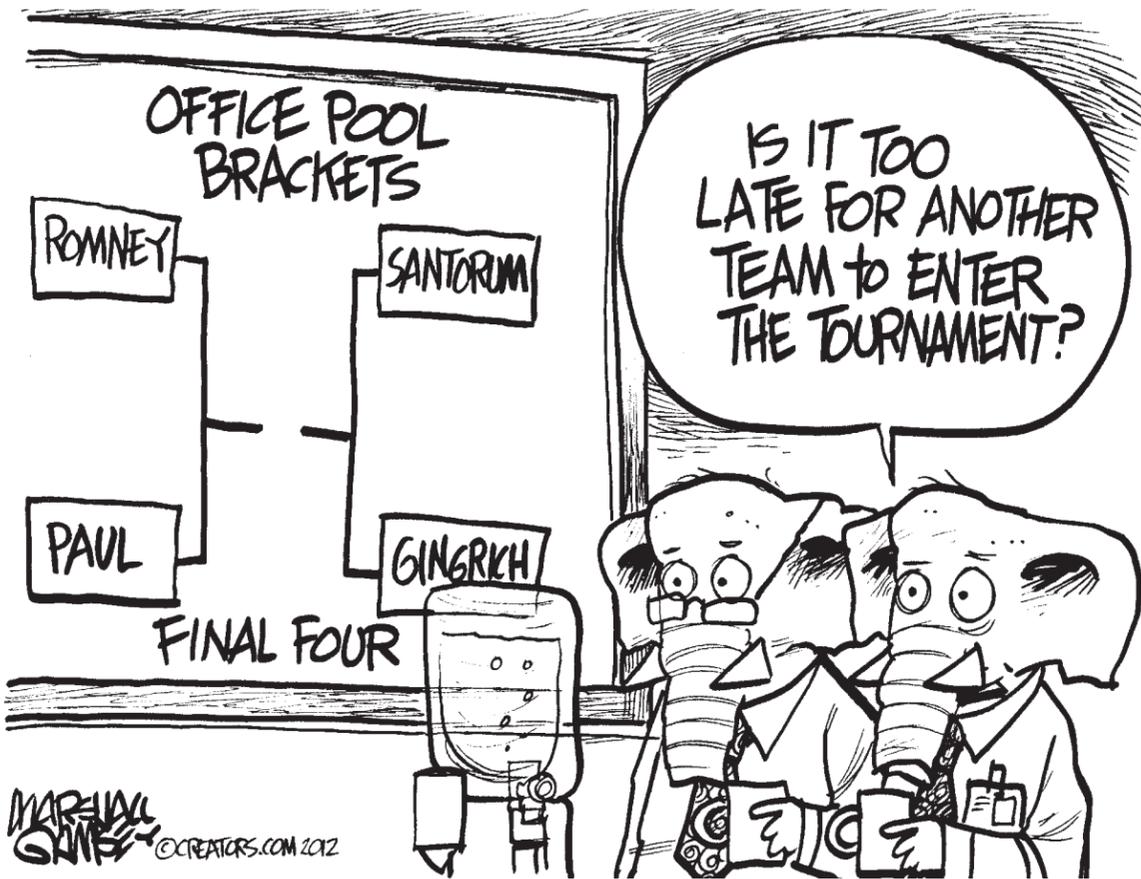
Obama is not getting much pushback on his position to stay out of the Syrian conflict. Senator John McCain, R-Ariz., was calling for air strikes, but received no support from his fellow Republicans. The GOP criticized Obama’s intervention in Libya even as that turned out amazingly well with no American boots on the ground, or loss of life, and an opposition movement that seems prepared to govern.

But none of the conditions that existed in Libya are present in Syria. There is no unanimity in the region about what to do, and everyone is acutely aware that if the Western powers stepped in, Syria could easily explode into a wider war with its surrogate partner, Iran, getting pulled into the conflict, a nightmare scenario that could easily spin out of control.

Obama doesn’t need another war on his hands, certainly not in the middle of his reelection campaign. The only way the U.S. could get pulled into the conflict is if America’s allies in the region, notably Turkey and Saudi Arabia, take a more assertive posture and call on Obama to back them up. There has been talk about the Saudis providing arms, and the Turks forcing open humanitarian routes to reach the population, treat the injured, and supply food and water to areas cut off by the government’s crackdown.

So far neither the Saudis nor the Turks have taken any concrete steps on behalf of the Syrian opposition. The Saudis must look at Assad and think that but for the grace of Allah, it could be them. They don’t want to set a precedent in the region that could someday be turned on them. As for the Turks, they are best positioned to lend a helping hand to the Syrian people, but they are cautious and worry their intervention could tip the conflict into a wider war. Turkey is a member of NATO, and could try to make the case that NATO should mount a humanitarian mission to protect the people of Syria, just as it did in Libya.

Turkey has so far chosen not to get out ahead of NATO, or to try to persuade NATO to take action in Syria. The result is that aside from a lot of hand-wringing, no one is doing anything meaningful to help the Syrian people. Assad’s departure may be inevitable, but all the inaction is allowing him to hang on longer than he should.



WOMEN'S DAY EVENTS

ST. MARY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH – The Women's Ministry will be celebrating our annual Women's Day activities beginning with an exciting, informative, and spirit-filled workshop on Saturday, March 24, at 10 a.m. Our very own anointed Evangelist Patricia Mosley will be the facilitator. A repast will be served immediately following the workshop.

On Sunday, March 25, at 11 a.m. the celebration continues. We are blessed to have as our guest speaker for this service, Evangelist Vivian Mitchell of St. Hebron A.M.E. Church of Quincy. Dinner will be served following this service.

The celebration will climax with our 3 p.m. service. The Spoken Word will be brought by God's anointed servant, Evangelist Jahazel Dawkins, pastor of Bostick Temple Christian Center of Quincy.

The theme for our celebration is "Christian Women of Faith Walking Worthy of Their Calling," Ephesians 4:1-2. The Women's Chorus of St. Mary, under the direction of our talented and anointed Minister of Music, Deacon Charles Milton, will be ministering in songs and hymns.

We are excited about these services and cordially invite you to join us. Bring someone with you. We are trusting God to bless us as we praise Him and have a glorious time in the Lord.

The church is located at 16345 Southeast River St. in Blountstown.

For more information you may call (850) 643-4107 or (850) 643-2948.

- Sister Guernica (Gigi) Mosley, Chairperson
- Sister Anna Everet, Program Chairperson
- Sister Betty Wilson, Women's Ministry President
- Rev. Dr. C.L. Wilson, Pastor/Teacher

GOSPEL DUET TO SING; FILM PLANNED

WILLIAMS MEMORIAL CHURCH – The Williams Memorial United Methodist Church family would like to extend an invitation to everyone to join us in our morning worship service on March 25 as the gospel duet (husband and wife team) "Heaven Bound" from Navarre brings our morning message in song. The service will begin at 9 a.m. with a love offering being received and a covered dish lunch following. Bring your favorite dish and join us.

That evening we will be showing "The Passion of the Christ" at 5 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Feel free to come join us and bring a friend or two. There will be no charge or special offering taken in the evening, only a time of good fellowship and seeing what Jesus possibly went through for us.

If you have not seen the movie before, it is very brutal but an eye opener and to me it depicts the reality of the suffering Jesus endured for us. If you have seen it before, come and see it again as a reminder of the price paid for our redemption.

Join us for one or both of these events. Everyone is invited.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

CHURCH TO MARK 118 YEARS

CHRISTIAN HOME FWB – Interim Pastor Brother Gene Morris and Congregation of Christian Home FWB Church will be celebrating 118 years of Christian services Sunday, March 25.

The day begins with Sunday school at 10 a.m. C.T. with a special service with Gailen Lock providing special singing. She will bless your heart. A covered dish lunch will be enjoyed by all immediately following service in the recreation building behind the church.

Christian Home is located on Hwy. 69 North, commonly called "Nettle Ridge." Everyone is welcome! For more information, call (850) 674-4368.

PASTOR APPRECIATION SERVICE

GLORY HILL HOLINESS CHURCH – You are invited to join us in our Pastor Appreciation service on Sunday, March 25.

Morning service will begin at 10 a.m. with lunch following in the fellowship hall. The evening service will begin at 5 p.m. Our featured guest will be songwriter and singer, Billy Gene Dickerson.

For more information, call Pastor William R. Adams at (850) 763-8301. The church is located 5 miles north of Clarksville on Hwy 73.

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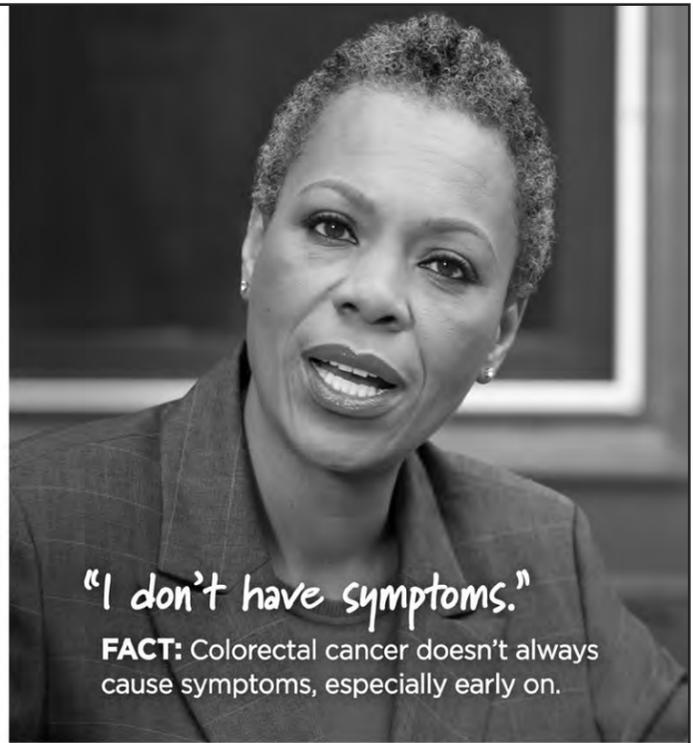
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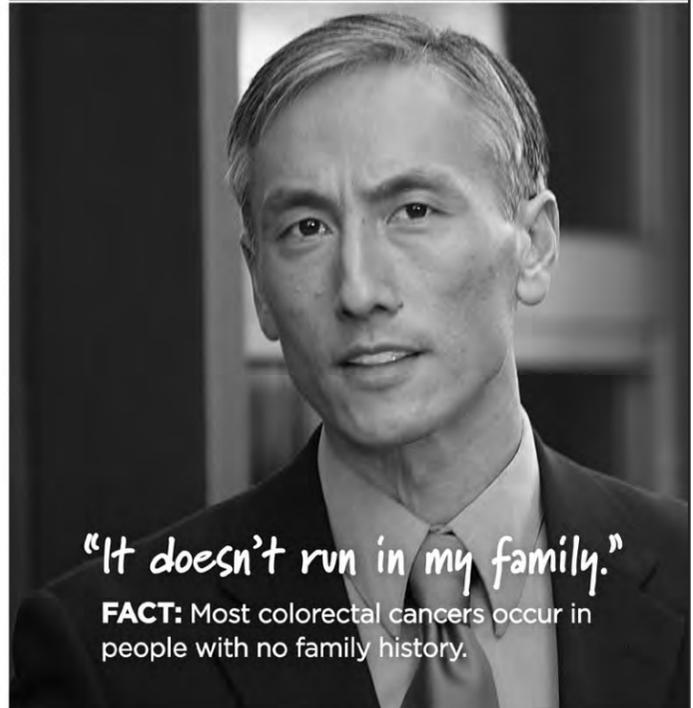


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FACT: Most colorectal cancers occur in people with no family history.



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FACT: There are several kinds of screening tests for colorectal cancer.

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Questions regarding the Sewer Irrigation Rate may be addressed to Robin M. Hatcher, City Clerk at (850) 643-2261.

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OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC



Does the nuthatch have a reason for walking down trees head-first?

-B. C., Albion, ME

Does it need one? It does it because it can, of course! The nuthatch has feet that are disproportionately large for its size, and its toes and claws are well developed and exceptionally strong. Distinguished by its ability to walk up or down trees, head always forward, and to climb horizontally along tree branches either right side up or upside down, the bluish-gray nuthatch leaves no bit of bark uninspected, lest there be an insect worth harvesting.

The nuthatch is also in the habit of hiding seeds and nuts in holes in the bark, as insurance against a snowy day, so it depends upon its ability to return to the food locker for its next meal. The nuthatch takes its name from its habit of wedging nuts in a crevice in the bark and then hammering away at the shells with its straight, sharp beak to get to the kernel inside. At the bird feeder, it's not fussy about seeds; it can crack almost anything.

The white-breasted nuthatch is only the size of a house sparrow but you'll see it year-round in southern portions of Maine especially, and it's common in woodlands and orchards all over the United States and Canada. The white-breasted nuthatch calls a merry "yank-yank" as it runs along a tree trunk;



MAR. 19, MONDAY -- St. Joseph. Actress Glenn Close born, 1947. Senate confirmed nominations of William Brennan and Charles Whittaker to U.S. Supreme Court, 1957.

MAR. 20, TUESDAY -- Vernal Equinox. Conjunction of Neptune and the Moon. Harriet Beecher Stowe's Uncle Tom's Cabin published, 1852.

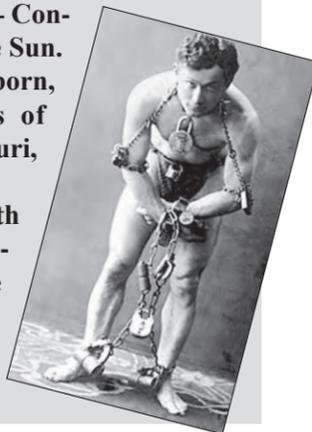
MAR. 21, WEDNESDAY -- Moon on equator. Last Mayflower passenger came ashore, Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1621. Never promise a fish until it's caught.

MAR. 22, THURSDAY -- New Moon. Conjunction of Mercury and the Moon. Conjunction of Uranus and the Moon. Gambling made illegal, Boston, Massachusetts, 1630.

MAR. 23, FRIDAY -- Halifax Gazette became Canada's first newspaper, 1752. Singer Billy Joel married model Christie Brinkley, 1985.

MAR. 24, SATURDAY -- Conjunction of Uranus and the Sun. Magician Harry Houdini born, 1874. Twenty-five inches of snow, Kansas City, Missouri, 1912.

MAR. 25, SUNDAY -- Fifth Sunday in Lent. Conjunction of Jupiter and the Moon. George Washington planted pecans at Mount Vernon, 1775.



the slightly smaller red-breasted nuthatch says, "ya-ya-ya!" Both like abandoned woodpecker cavities for their nests. A neglected orchard is heaven to these birds.

I heard that a woman invented panty hose? Is that true?

-B. H., Burlington, IA

Yes, in a way. A woman was behind the design, although it was the Glen Raven Mills company of Altamahaw, North Carolina, that first came out with the product. That

company's president, Allen Gant, had listened to his wife complain about the complications and inconvenience of nylon stockings, girdles, garters, and garter belts. Gant devised the new "Panti-Legs" in 1959, by first stitching a pair of seamed stockings to a pair of nylon panties. Opaque stockings were just becoming popular then. Later improvements made the panty hose more elastic and available in a wider variety of sizes, colors, and textures. Within a decade, in 1969, panty hose sales had skyrocketed to 624

million pairs, up from 200 million just the year before. The arrival of the miniskirt in 1965 made panty hose even more popular.

Is it true that the word "bowdlerize" takes its name from a real person?

-N. B., Wellsboro, PA

That's the unexpurgated truth. Thomas Bowdler (1754-1825) was a doctor from Scotland who, being offended by certain passages in Shakespeare and other classics of his day, decided to edit his own editions. His Family Shakespeare, published in 1818, censored from the original text any phrases or words that he considered to be indelicate or inappropriate for family reading groups. For his extreme sensibility to the propriety of other people's text, Thomas Bowdler's name became associated with the word "bowdlerize," meaning expurgate.

You'd be right in assuming that Mr. Bowdler was widely attacked for his prudery, but don't conjecture that he was widely ignored. Just the opposite! His 10-volume edition of the Family Shakespeare was reprinted several times over. He also bowdlerized Edward Gibbons's six-volume History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, and common conjectures say that it was his deletions from this work that may have led to his name being taken as the modern-day synonym for expurgate.

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Spring Has Sprung!

What man is there over whose mind a bright spring morning does not exercise a magic influence . . . the old green field with its gently waving trees, where the birds sang as he had never heard them since . . . where the sky seemed bluer, and the sun shone more brightly, where the air . . .

blew more freshly over greener grass and sweeter smelling flowers, where everything wore a nicer and more brilliant hue than it is ever dressed up in now!" Charles Dickens (1812-1870) wrote this definition of spring fever. Watch out; it arrives around March 20!

Quick Beet Risotto

3 cups chicken broth
3 medium beets, cooked, then peeled and diced
2 tablespoons butter
1 medium onion, chopped
1-1/2 cups Arborio rice
1/2 cup red wine or water
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
salt and pepper, to taste

Bring the broth to a boil, add the beets, and set aside. Melt the butter in a large skillet and sauté the onion until soft. Add the rice and cook another 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add the wine and vinegar and stir until absorbed. Slowly add the broth and beets to the rice mixture, stirring until all liquid is absorbed and the rice is tender. Season with salt and pepper. MAKES 4 TO 6 SERVINGS.

WIT AND WISDOM FROM THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

- March 19 clear, so follows a fertile year.
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- On March 22, 1963, The Beatles' first album, Please Please Me, was released in Britain.

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Madelynn Lytle crowned Miss Altha



Four young ladies were crowned in Saturday's annual Miss Altha Pageant and will represent the town in the year to come in parades, at ribbon-cuttings and other area events. Madelynn Lytle was named Miss Altha. The crown for Teen Miss Altha went to Claire Price, who was also named Miss Congeniality. Mallory Dalton was named Jr. Miss Altha and the title of Little Miss Altha went to Jolene Alday. Carly Young was named Ad Sales winner. Little Miss 1st runner-up was Kendall Pumphrey. Jr. Miss 3rd runner-up was Deveni Pena, Jr. Miss 2nd runner-up was Allyson Mears. Jr. Miss 1st runner-up was Kelsie Edenfield, Sky Pitts was named Teen Miss 1st runner-up.



BELOW: This year's Sandra Arrant Spirit Award winner was Marissa Marshall.



The 2012 Miss Altha queens. FRONT, FROM LEFT: Jr. Miss Altha Mallory Dalton and Little Miss Altha Jolene Alday. BACK: Teen Miss Altha Claire Price and Miss Altha Madelynn Lytle.

PATRICIA WILLIAMS CAULEY PHOTOS

Josie Bruffett and Justin Bradford crowned W.R. Tolar's 2012 Mr. and Miss Sweetheart

W.R. Tolar held its 2012 Mr. and Miss Sweetheart pageant on Feb. 10. The top five boys and girls were selected by the 8th grade student body. The 6th through 8th grade students then voted to select the King and Queen.

This year's Queen and King are Josie

Bruffett and Justin Bradford. Josie Bruffett is the daughter of Mark Bruffett and Tina Johnson. Josie enjoys fishing, cheering for the Bulldogs, hunting with her brother Landon, barrel racing, singing, acting and spending time with family and friends.

Justin Bradford is the son of Charles

and Jennifer Bradford. Justin enjoys hunting, fishing, baseball, football, tournament wrestling, and spending time with his family and friends.

Before the new Mr. and Miss Sweetheart were crowned, last year's queen, Miss A'Qeyla Grant, took her final walk.



Sixth grade Princess and Prince were Kaylee Wheatley and Jarkeavis Bess. Kaylee is the daughter of Rob and P.J. Wheatley. Jarkeavis is the son of Howie and Deidra Bess.



The 8th grade queen, king and court are shown. FROM LEFT: Julianna Pullam, Jarrod Whiddon, LeAnne Smith, Jarrod Beckwith, Queen Josie Bruffett, King Justin Bradford, Josie Parrott, Jordan Chaney, Nikki Shuler and Cephus Green.



Seventh grade Princess and Prince were Allison Myers and J.J. House. Allison is the daughter of Tim and Irene Myers. J.J. is the son of Stacey House & Valerie Braggs.

SHARON AUSTIN PHOTOS

LCHS Concert Band receives top marks at festival

The LCHS Concert Band is shown at right after performing at the District II Concert Festival March 9 at Chipley High School. They received straight superiors on their stage performance and an excellent in sight-reading. The band hasn't received scores that high in over 15 years.



BTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BES host Family Math night March 12

BES held the annual family math night Monday, March 12. This year's theme was "Dice It Up at BES". It was a night filled with fun math games and snacks. Those who came got to enjoy math skills taught with games that included dice and other math manipulatives. Door prizes were given out and parents were able to participate in activities with their children. What a great night of family fun!



Kindergarten registration set April 27

Kindergarten Registration for the 2012-2013 school year will be April 27, 2012 from 8:00 - noon. Please call the school office for an appointment at 674-8169. You will need to bring a birth certificate, shot records, recent physical and social security card to register your child.



ALTHA WILDCATS

Altha February Kids of Character

by Nick Young

Principal Ladona Kelley proudly announces Altha School's Kids of Character for the month of February, demonstrating the character trait of Forgiveness. Front row, from left: Ethan Kincer, Harmony Hall, Keely Plock, Nathan Hill and Jacob Cauley. Second row: Gabriel Wilson, Faith Hathaway, Clark Kelley and Alena Bailes. Back row: Madison Hathaway and Shawn Blevins. Not pictured: Emily Lynn and Ceceilia Chastain.

Altha SWAT sponsors Tobacco Free Florida events

by Kenny Johnson

Next week Altha School's SWAT has tons of activities planned for "Tobacco Free Florida Week" to help educate and empower everyone about relevant issues related to tobacco in the state.

This year's focal point, second-hand smoke, is one of the issues that

affects every Floridian.

Themed "Fresh Air for All", the week's events and outreach highlight the progress made in protecting Floridians from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke and look to the challenges ahead, as secondhand smoke continues to impact Florida's health.

Wednesday is "Kick Butts Day," students will have a kick ball game during break and during lunch to help kick cigarette butts out of Calhoun County.

Also be sure to look for interesting tobacco related facts on our school sign throughout the week.

Altha Wildcats baseball team fall a bit short with Vernon in district game

The Altha Wildcats hosted the Vernon Yellow Jackets in a district game on Tuesday, March 13. Unfortunately, the Wildcats came up a bit short in the contest by a score of 2-11.

Jacob O'Bryan started on the mound for Altha and pitched a very good game. Striking out 6 and giving up only 4 hits was a good outing. However, when the defense commits 13 errors, it is hard to win. Altha had 4 hits in the game as well but errors will definitely make the difference.

On Wednesday, the Wildcats played host to Coosa Valley Academy from Montgomery, AL at Chipola. Coosa Valley has won the private school state championship the last two years.

Ninth grader Cody Barfield started for the Cats and did a splendid job. It is always fun to play a state champion. Wildcats lost the game 10-0.

On Thursday, the Cottdale Hornets came to town, Caleb Chew, Senior, started on the mound and beat the visitors 5-2 in a District game.

Altha committed two errors in the game allowing the Hornets their only two runs in the first. After settling down, the Cats did not have any more errors and

went on to win. Chew allowed only one hit while walking five. A great job!

Senior Chew completed the game. Porter Smith, tenth grade catcher, continues to play hard and improve with the season.

Defensively, the Cats played much better.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU



Mar 21-27, 2012

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Wednesday

BREAKFAST: Scrambled eggs with cheese grits.

LUNCH: Meat ball sub or cheeseburger with baked potato wedges and diced pears.

Thursday

BREAKFAST: Ham and cheese biscuit with potato tots.

LUNCH: Chicken taco with cheese, lettuce, tomato, whole kernel corn and diced peaches.

Friday

BREAKFAST: Pancakes with syrup and sausage patty.

LUNCH: Cheese pizza with garden salad, fresh fruit and baked cookie.

Monday & Tuesday



*Each breakfast includes a choice of assorted cereal with whole wheat buttered toast and assorted fruit or fruit juice.

LIBERTY

Wednesday

BREAKFAST: Cheese grits with sausage patty.

LUNCH: Baked spaghetti or chicken ranchero wrap or ham and cheese sandwich on bread with green beans, tossed side salad with dressing and petite banana. (2nd & 3rd grade pizza)

Thursday

BREAKFAST: Whole wheat pancakes with ham.

LUNCH: Chicken nuggets or open faced pepperoni sandwich or chicken caesar salad and croutons with whole kernel corn, celery sticks with dip, cornbread and chilled pears.

Friday

BREAKFAST: Grits with scrambled eggs.

LUNCH: Spuds Bar baked with breadstick or BBQ chicken on bun or tuna salad wrap with chili and cheddar cheese, steamed broccoli, tossed salad with dressing and fresh apple. (4th grade pizza)

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ALTHA WILDCATS



Altha represented at 4th annual Envirothon Competition

by Alicia Griffin

Altha School was well represented last Tuesday at the 4th Annual Envirothon Competition held at Torreya State Park in Liberty County.

The competition is a team event in

which the group of students take 5 tests: Aquatics, Current Events, Forestry, Soil and Wildlife.

Our teams called "Wildcats" and "Altha Pounce" consisted of Porter Smith, Carly Schwartz, Brittney Pate, Rena

O'Bryan, Wesley Chevillot, Jesse Mills, Jamie Coleman, Shelby Murphy and Elizabeth Bailey.

Team "Wildcats" scored the highest on the forestry component and won third place overall.

LEFT: Jessica Wilks, Shelby Murphy, Elizabeth Bailey and Jamie Coleman.

RIGHT: Wesley Chevillot, Porter Smith, Carly Schwartz, Rena O'Bryan and Brittney Pate.

Blountstown High School holds Science Fair March 15

by Elizabeth Croley

The ninth and tenth grade students at Blountstown High School displayed science fair projects in the gymnasium on March 15.

The Science Teachers along with the rest of the faculty were very pleased with the end result. "The Science Department, ESE, Vocational, Math, English and Reading Teachers all put forth a tremendous effort to assist students with this event. In the beginning, low confidence was apparent with many students assuming that they couldn't finish. The collaborative student-teacher science-strive ended in major success," explained BHS teacher Mrs. Joanna Everett. Mr. Nichols, a BHS Science teacher, added, "I was very excited for the students to present the projects and I found myself very impressed by many of the displays." A common opinion from staff and students at the school is that science fairs like this are a wonderful opportunity for the kids to present and be proud of the academic skills that many other projects don't require.

Nearly everyone on campus played a role in the success of the BHS Science Fair. Honors classes had to exert a little extra and participate in a quizzical teacher-conducted interview regarding their project. Assistant Principal Debbie Williams commented, "Some of our kids described the experience as similar to being in a movie, because this was the first science fair they have seen besides on the TV. To me that was worthwhile and wonderful."

The winners were named at 4 p.m. March, 17 and they are as follows:

Biology: 1st Place-Shaylon Wood, 2nd Place-Aaron Boyd and Calen Masai, 3rd Place-Kelsey Kent and Colton Smith, Honorable Mention-Aleyah Spears and Keri Golden, Honorable Mention-Alex Wroblewski and



BLOUNTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Justin Terry.

Biology Honors: 1st Place-Faith Plazarin and April Rich, 2nd Place-Cassidy Odom, 3rd Place-Breanna Jerkins and Michelle Young, Honorable Mention-Austin Britt and Scott Ludrow, Honorable Mention-Andrew Bennett and Kylee Harrell.

Earth Space Science: 1st Place-Savannah Taylor and Bridget Howland, 2nd Place-Tatiana Messer and Sarah Cook, 3rd Place-Christian Flores Maye, Honorable Mention-Jenny Lyttle and Sarah Liffick, Honorable Mention-Ben Walden and Taylor Vincent.

Earth Space Science Honors: 1st Place-J.P. Leonard and Trip Taylor, 2nd Place-Jordan Willis, 3rd Place-Heather Yoder and Carley Richards, Honorable Mention-Hannah Plazarin and Santanna Lee, Honorable Mention-Thomas Howell, and Neel Hampton.

In the Agriscience Fair Division:

Animal Systems 1A: 1st Place-J.P. Leonard

Animal Systems 1B: 1st Place-Cassidy Odom, 2nd Place-Andrew Bennett

Animal Systems 2B: 1st Place-Mitchell Darnell and

Brandon Purvis, 2nd Place-Faith Plazarin and April Rich, 3rd Place-Gordon Yoder and Bre Pybus, Honorable Mention-Savannah Stephens and Aelon Dykes.

Power, Structure and Technical Systems: 1st Place-Trent Smith and Caitlyn Stewart

Food Products and Processing Systems 1A: 1st Place-Benjamin Walden

Food Processing and Production Systems 2B: 1st Place-Blayne Cherry and John Mallory

Plant Systems 1A: 1st Place-Heather Yoder, 2nd Place-Kyle Smith, 3rd Place-Cory Darnell

Plant Systems 1B: 1st Place-Aaron Boyd, 2nd Place-Taylor Boyd

Plant Systems 2B: 1st Place-Heather Parrish and Candy Bryant

Environmental Sciences and Natural Resources Division:

1st Place-Jordan Willis, 2nd Place-Neel Hampton, 3rd Place-Walker Strawn

Honorable Mention- Shay Hall, Honorable Mention-Cassidy Curliaccio

BHS National Honor Society holds induction ceremony



The BHS Chapter of the National Honor Society gathered in the auditorium to welcome twenty-eight new members on Tuesday, March 13. Vice-President Hamadah Talib welcomed the faculty, student body, parents and other guests to the ceremony. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Kelsey Bontrager, President, Shaquala Butler led the initiation of the new members. After Principal Ronnie Hand recognized the new members, Mr. Jeff Vickery was the guest speaker for the event delivered a motivational speech.

Congratulations to all of the new members: Jayla Brigham, Candase Bryant, Blayne Cherry, Aelon Dykes, Tommy Futch, Kylee Harrell, Breanna Jerkins, Hunter Jordan, Marisa Melvin, Cassidy Odom, Faith Plazarin, April Rich, Jalissia Ruiz, Khirsten White, Austin Britt, Casey Burch, Jacqueline Dudley, Ryan Flowers, Chesten Goodman, Caitlyn Holland, Savannah Jerkins, Calen Masai, Missy Newsome, Heather Parrish, Shelly Price, Roxannah Roney, Savannah Stephens and Michelle Young.

GARDENING

Heirloom or hybrid tomatoes, which to choose?



Tomatoes are a favorite of backyard gardeners. Fresh-grown tomatoes are packed with flavor and nutrition. Due to their popularity, many different types of tomatoes have been developed and selected over time. Choosing the best type for your individual growing situation will increase your chance of enjoying a mouth-watering tomato sandwich on a hot summer day.

Heirloom vegetables are back in vogue. A tomato must meet three criteria to be considered an heirloom variety. The variety must grow "true to type" from seed saved from each fruit, the seed must have been available for more than 50 years and the variety must have a history or folklore of its own. Heirloom vegetables are also called open-pollinated or non-hybrid.

Heirloom tomatoes are known for their full flavor and excellent taste. Gardeners who start their plants from seeds have always had many choices available to them.

This year, I was surprised to see some heirloom seedlings in stores including 'Cherokee Purple'. This is an heirloom from Tennessee rumored to have come from Cherokee gardeners. Its rich flavor is said to be similar to the much-celebrated Brandywine.

While heirlooms offer better flavor, they do have a downside. Their biggest weakness is that they are not generally disease resistant and are therefore more susceptible to devastating and sometimes fatal diseases. Heirloom varieties also experience more fruit defects such as cracking and catfacing.

To overcome the potential disease pitfall of heirloom varieties, many gardeners are now grafting their tomato seedlings. In the case of heirloom tomatoes, grafting involves connecting the shoot of the heirloom variety to the roots of a disease-resistant rootstock. The cut pieces are held together by a grafting clip until the tissues grow together.

To learn more about heirloom tomatoes and grafting, read the UF/IFAS publication entitled, "Growing Heirloom Tomato Varieties in Southwest Florida." It's available online at www.edis.ifas.ufl.edu/hs174 or by calling your local Extension Office.

Hybrid tomatoes are those that have been bred and selected for their disease resistance and productivity.



by Theresa Friday,
Horticulture Extension Agent,
Santa Rosa County

They are the first-generation cross between two "pure" parental lines.

The simplest way to define an F-1 hybrid is to take an example. Let's say a plant breeder observes a particularly good growth-habit in a plant, but with poor flower color, and in another plant of the same type they see good color but poor habit. The best plant of each type is taken and self-pollinated (in isolation) each year and each year the seed is re-sown. Eventually, every-time the seed is sown the same identical plants will appear. This is known as a 'pure line.'

If the breeder then takes the pure line of each of the two plants they originally selected and cross pollinates the two by hand the result is known as an F-1 hybrid. Plants are grown from seed and produced, the result of this cross pollination should have a good habit and good color.

The vigor of hybridization can increase yields, improve pest resistance and impart other desirable characteristics. Some have credited crop hybridization as a prime reason for our country's ability to feed larger populations with fewer farmers.

A down side of hybridization is that if you collect and save the seed from a hybrid variety, its offspring will show a loss of that hybrid vigor – it will start to revert back to its inbred parents. If you want the vigorous capacity that comes with hybrid varieties; don't save the seed for replanting. You will have to buy new seed each year.

To learn about tomato varieties recommended for Florida gardens, read the UF/IFAS publication entitled "Tomatoes in the Florida Garden." It's available online at www.edis.ifas.ufl.edu/vh028 or by calling your local Extension Office.

Theresa Friday is the Residential Horticulture Extension Agent for Santa Rosa County. The use of trade names, if used in this article, is solely for the purpose of providing specific information. It is not a guarantee, warranty, or endorsement of the product name(s) and does not signify that they are approved to the exclusion of others.

For additional information about all of the county extension services and other articles of interest go to: www.santarosa.ifas.ufl.edu.

Farm Service Agency crop reporting deadline April 15

The deadline to report fall and spring seeded crops, wheat, oats and annual rye grass, is April 15. Spring and fall vegetables should be reported fifteen days after planting. The final date to report other crops, peanuts, cotton, corn, soybeans, fruits, grass for hay, seed or grazing must be reported by June 30.

For further information, please contact the Calhoun-Franklin-Gulf-and Liberty County FSA Office at 17413 NW Leonard Street, Blountstown, FL 32424 or call (850) 674-8388 or (800) 243-9912 Ext. 6.

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Hospice hosts free Junior Flower Pot workshops for children April 28

MARIANNA - Children ages 5-14 will discover their creative spirit by participating in the second annual Junior Flower Pot Project, a companion event to Covenant Hospice's signature fundraiser, The Garden Gala.

Two workshop opportunities are being offered: the first is from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 28 and the second one is from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Both workshops will be held at Covenant Hos-

picelocated at 4215 Kelson Ave, Ste E. in Marianna.

This is a great way for children to learn about helping others while having fun!

Covenant Hospice will present brief, age-appropriate educational highlights about the hospice program. "It offers children an opportunity to become creative artists and help a charitable cause by painting and decorating terra cotta pots for Cov-

enant Hospice's Garden Gala" said Jennifer Griffin, development manager for Covenant Hospice.

The junior flower pots will be displayed as silent auction items at the Garden Gala on June 9 and proceeds will benefit the compassionate programs of Covenant Hospice, helping care for those with life-limiting illnesses and their families regardless of their ability to pay.

The workshops are free with refreshments, flower pots and art materials provided.

Pre-registration is required. The deadline is Friday, April 20. The sessions will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis with a total of 12 spaces per session.

To acquire an application please contact Jennifer Griffin or Angela Jackson at (850) 482-8520 or (850) 209-8008 or via email Jennifer.griffin@covenanthospice.org or angela.jackson@covenanthospice.org

For more information about the Seventh Annual Garden Gala go online to www.eventsatcovenant.org/gardengala.

Covenant Hospice currently serves over 1,100 patients daily and is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing comprehensive, compassionate care to patients and loved ones facing

NOTES OF THANKS

Words cannot express our gratitude for the phone calls, meals, flowers, cards, visits and kind words sent at the passing of our beloved father and grandfather, Johnnie P. Barber.

We are also grateful for the attentive care that he received during his illness by Dr. Clifford Bristol and staff and the kind, caring staff of Blountstown Health and Rehab and Covenant Hospice.

We are also very appreciative of those who took a moment to visit him in the nursing home; he was always

happy to see people he knew.

Your many acts of kindness and service continue to be a great comfort to us in our time of sorrow.

*The family of
Johnnie P. Barber*

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The family of Irene Ritter sends our thanks to so many of our friends for your prayers, words of comfort and acts of kindness during this time of loss for our family.

These few words seem so inadequate to express the depth of our

appreciation for such a wonderful, loving and caring community.

Your kindness, sympathy and concern will not be forgotten.

The family of Irene Ritter

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The family of Patti Taylor wishes to thank members of the extended family and many friends who reached out during our loss.

Your many acts of kindness and sympathy continue to be a great comfort to us in our time of sorrow.

Thank you, Bea and Girls

NAOMI SMITH SUMMERS

BRISTOL – Naomi Smith Summers, 79, of Bristol, passed away Monday, March 19, 2012 in Bristol. She was born April 9, 1932 to Charlie and Mae Lloyd Smith of Smithtown, Decatur County, GA. She lived most of her life in Liberty County. She was the former owner-operator of Lake Mystic Grocery and had served as a board member of the Farm Bureau of Liberty County.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack E. Summers.

Survivors include two sons, David Summers and Donnie Summers of Bristol; two daughters, Patti S. Shuler of Eastpoint and Linda S. Neel of Bristol; five grandchildren, Chip Smith, Jackson Summers and John Summers, Summerann Shuler Miller and Roni Shuler; and one sister, Geraldine Walker. The family expresses their heartfelt thanks to her two special caregivers, Patricia Hooks and Pat Hunt.

Services will be held Wednesday, March 21 at 5 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Bristol. Interment will follow at the Lake Mystic Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour before the service at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Covenant Hospice, 1545 Raymond Diehl Rd, Tallahassee, FL 32309.

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

OBITUARIES

HOYT DAVID GRAHAM

HOSFORD – Hoyt David Graham, 85, of Hosford passed away at his home surrounded by his loving family Wednesday, March 14, 2012. He was born in Danielsville, GA but he was a long time resident of Hosford. He loved the outdoors and was a seasoned woodsman who worked as a logger for many years. He also worked with the Liberty County Road Department for 15 years. His greatest love was his wife and family. He was a member of Corinth Baptist Church in Hosford.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Gertrude Howell Graham; his parents, Thomas Lonie and Mercilla Jane (Turner) Graham; his brothers and sisters, Elco Graham, J. B. Graham, Vinnie Graham, Dora Graham Rollins, Lawrence Graham, Myrtle Graham Duggar, O. B. Graham, and Verla Mae Graham.

Survivors include three children, Barbara Ann Graham Burnett, Larry David Graham and his wife, Zandra, and Sandra Graham Pennington and her husband, Jeff, all of Hosford; six grandchildren, Sheryl Burnett Fountain and her husband, Randy, Lisa Burnett and her husband, Brad, Larry David Graham, Jr. and his wife, Kelly, Timothy David Graham and his wife, Kelly, Christy Pennington, and Michael Pennington and his wife, Kristy; one brother, Ellis Graham of Thomasville, GA; three sisters, Ann Graham Knight, Thelma Graham Duran, and Hester Graham Quick, all of Thomasville, GA.; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday, March 17 at Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Blountstown with Reverend Aaron Elkins officiating. Interment followed in Hosford Cemetery.

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

EUNICE LOWERY

PENSACOLA – Eunice Lowery, 92, of Pensacola, passed away Thursday, March 15, 2012 in Pensacola. She lived in Pensacola for 44 years and had resided in Hosford for the last six months. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Travis Lowery; her parents, John and Zora (Phillips) Russell; a son, David Lowery; a brother, Thomas Russell; a sister, Clara Moore; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Survivors include two sons, James Lowery and his wife, Karen of Hosford and Ben Lowery and his wife, Mary of Pensacola; three daughters, Gwen Dick and her husband, Lester of Mobile, AL, Brenda Hanselmann of Rio Rancho, NM and Mary Good and her husband, Mike of Colorado Springs, CO; four brothers, J. W. Russell, Jr. of South Carolina, Horace Russell and Gene Russell, both of Mobile, AL, Harold Russell of Spanish Fort, AL; a sister, Geraldine Whitson of Mobile, AL, 14 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held on March 20 at New Liberty Free Will Baptist Church Cemetery in Fayette, AL. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may make memorial contributions to Covenant Hospice, 8383 North Davis Highway 3 North, Pensacola, FL 32514 in memory of Eunice Lowery.

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

IRENE F. RITTER

BRISTOL – Irene F. Ritter, 86, of Bristol passed away March 14, 2012 in Tallahassee. Born in 1925 in Flatwoods, KY, she had lived in Bristol since 1938. She retired from the United States Post Office in Bristol after more than 20 years of service. She was a charter member of the Liberty County Women's Club and of the 50 Plus Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Collon Spence in 1949 and her husband, John W. Ritter III in 1983.

Survivors include two sons, David Spence of Graceville and John W. Ritter IV of Bristol; a daughter, Miriam Ritter of Bristol; one sister, Margaret Perry of Russell, KY.; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday, March 17 at the Bevis Funeral Home Chapel.

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3. All entries must be mailed to THE JOURNAL at 11493 NW Summers Road, Bristol, FL 32321, or brought by our office. Kids have two weeks to pick out and color their favorite pictures. **Entries MUST be received no later than noon Wednesday, March 28.** Winners will be notified by phone and will be asked to come by THE JOURNAL during office hours on Friday, March 30 and Monday, April 2 from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. to claim their prize package and have their photo taken.

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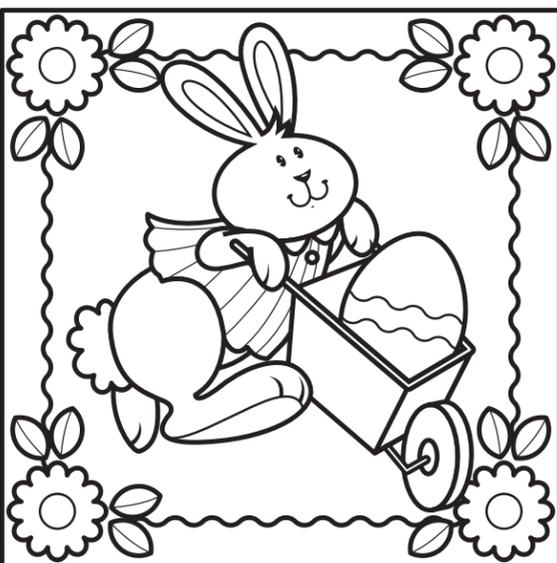
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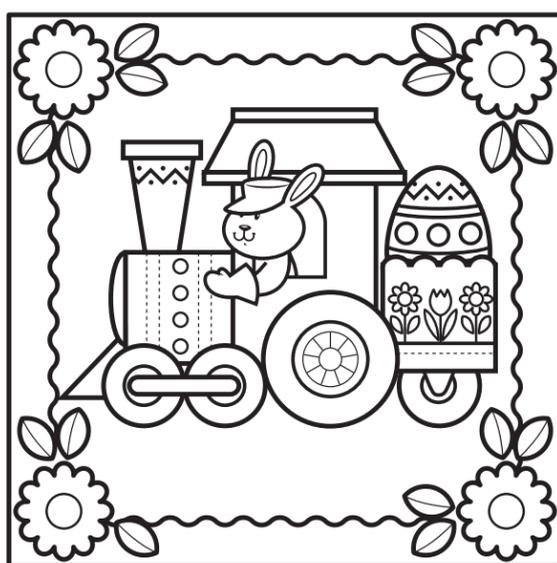
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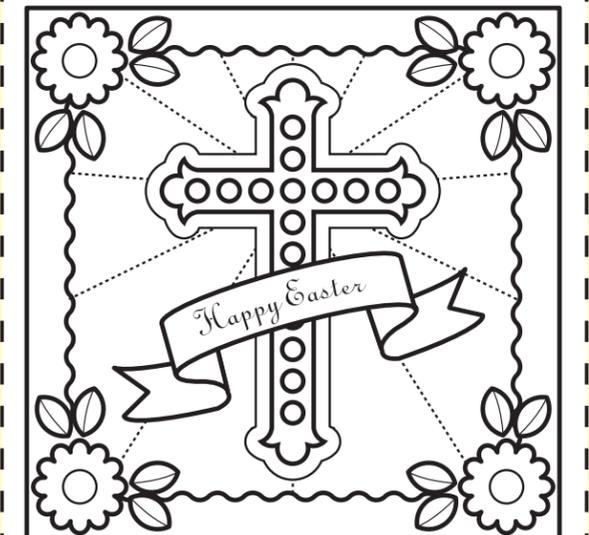
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Tallahassee Film Festival taps FSU film school to lead festival to national stage

TALLAHASSEE—Tallahassee Film Festival Board Chair Lou Armesto announced that the board has contracted the Florida State University College of Motion Picture Arts to provide the artistic and creative direction for the festival, with the goal of producing national visibility for the young arts organization.

“It’s a natural,” Armesto said. “We have one of the top film schools in the world right here in our own backyard. It makes perfect sense to leverage the expertise of its faculty to help the local festival that we are so proud of gain more prominence in the film industry.”

Frank Patterson, dean of the College of Motion Picture Arts said the college will focus on the long-term goal of growing the festival into a nationally recognized event and the short-term goal of producing a rich, film-centered cultural event for local audiences.

To achieve the long-term goal, Patterson has turned to Paul Cohen, the executive director of the college’s Torchlight Program, to guide the future development of the festival. Cohen, a 30-year veteran of the independent motion picture industry and an executive who has created several successful distribution and production companies, also teaches current and emerging film industry business practices at Florida State.

“I am excited and very much looking forward to working with the board to cultivate new initiatives and resources to move this festival forward,” Cohen said.

As Cohen works behind the scenes to develop the festival’s national footprint, Film School industry liaison Brenda Mills will serve as the festival’s executive director and provide organizational leadership for the festival. Mills will work with community volunteers, including key leaders Chris Faupel and Staci Mellman, to orchestrate the annual events.

Now approaching its fifth year, the Tallahassee Film Festival began as an initiative of the Knight Creative Communities Institute, with the goal of drawing and retaining young professionals and sustaining the area’s high quality of life. Since it was established, the festival has screened more than 300 films, including several international and award-winning features.

“This is great news for Tallahassee,” said Mike Pate, former publisher of the Tallahassee Democrat newspaper and an advisory board member of the Knight Creative Communities Institute. “The FSU-TFF agreement is a smart town-gown relationship, one that combines the knowledge and professional experience of the university with the local leadership and financial support of the community.”

Recently, the festival board reconstituted its membership with the goal of identifying leaders in the community who are both passionate about the arts and have the ability to donate and raise funds for the festival.

“That was the key to this whole deal,” Patterson said. “Without community leadership, the Film School can’t push the festival to the next level. Nothing would make us prouder than to deliver a top-notch arts event to our friends, neighbors and colleagues here in Tallahassee.”

The Tallahassee Film Festival (TFF) is a 501(c)3 charitable organization whose mission is to nurture all aspects of film culture and stimulate economic development; its vision is to make Tallahassee a nationally recognized film center. To those ends, it produces an annual festival and other year-round, film-related events. For more information, visit www.tallahasseefilmfestival.com.

The Florida State University College of Motion Picture Arts is regarded as a top film school, described by the Hollywood Reporter as “one of the world’s best” and by the 2012 Fiske Guide to Colleges as “one of the top motion picture schools in the nation.” It has also been recognized by the Directors Guild of America for its “distinguished contribution to American culture through the world of film and television.” Florida State is renowned for the number of Student Oscar®, Emmy®, and notable national and international awards its students earn each year. The faculty is composed of award-winning industry experts with a combined 400-plus feature film credits who share a gift for teaching students the art, craft and business of storytelling in the motion picture industry.



Foundation board tours Chipola Center for the Arts; facility set to open in Sept.

Members of the Chipola College Foundation board recently toured the new Chipola Center for the Arts.

Pictured from left, are: Chipola Foundation president Byron Ward;

board member Shelia Shelton; board member Carol Jean Crawford; Chipola theater director Charles Sirmon; and board member Margie Williams. The Center for the Arts is

expected to open in September. Interested persons may purchase stars or seat plaques in the new center.

For information, visit www.chipola.edu.

Troy guitar professor in concert at Chipola Thursday

MARIANNA—Troy University guitar professor Dr. Robby Gibson will appear in concert at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 22, at the Chipola College Theatre.

Dr. Gibson will also speak to students at 2 p.m. on the same day. Chipola music majors will have the opportunity to play for Dr. Gibson and receive feedback.

During the evening recital, Dr. Gibson will perform some of the most treasured and respected literature in the guitar repertory.

Dr. Gibson has won prizes in several competitions, including the Appalachian Guitar Festival Competition, the U.T.S.A. Concerto Competition, the Etude Music Club Competition and the M.T.N.A. National Competition. This seasoned professional has given performances in the United States, Mexico, Spain, and Italy.

Dr. Gibson earned his Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the University

of Texas and has studied with some of the most respected teachers in the world. He began his musical studies AT AGE 11.

In 2000 he earned a Bachelor of Music Degree in Guitar Performance from the University of Texas at San Antonio under the direction of Dr. Matthew Dunne.

He completed a Master’s of Music degree in 2002 and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in 2007 with Adam Holzman at the University of Texas at Austin.

In 2006, he completed his fourth year of studies with the legendary guitarist Oscar Ghiglia at the Accademia Musicale Chigiana in Siena, Italy.

Dr. Gibson has also studied with Pepe Romero, David Russell, Eliot Fisk, Sharon Isbin, Aaron Shearer, Leo Brouwer, Ricardo Cobo, Bruce Holzman and others in master class settings.

For additional information contact Dr. Daniel Powell at powelld@chipola.edu or (850) 718-2257.



‘Finale’ cast announced; performance set for May 17

MARIANNA—The Chipola College Theater is in full rehearsal for the children’s play, “Finale,” which will be presented to hundreds of elementary school children in May. A public performance is set for Thursday, May 17 at 7 p.m.

Chipola Theater director Charles Sirmon recently selected the following actors: Atrayu Adkins, Dylan Bass, Dante Brown, Joni Barfield, Darren Blake Collins, Brett Floyd, Meghan Gililand, Cade Guthrie, Dianna Glaze, Sierra Hill, Jae House, Elizabeth Mathis, Trey McKay, Taylor Myrick, Leah Page, Austin Pettis, Jamal Robinson, Ashleigh Stowe, Kayla Todd, Christin Wiggins and Gracie Wallace.

The show was written by Chipola guest choreographer Chris Manasco. The show

will be the last one in the “old theatre.” It’s time to move to the new theatre and there is going to be a lot of change. But someone forgot to tell the zany characters from past children’s shows. Don’t be surprised to see Snoopy, the Three Little Pigs, or even Alice in Wonderland make an appearance.

Come along as this roller coaster of an adventure weaves storylines and characters together in exciting and unexpected ways, reintroducing the audience to some of Chipola Theatre’s most memorable characters.

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Golson students enjoy a previous children’s show at Chipola.

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Four piece place setting (plates, cups, saucers) \$8. Box clothes, \$1-\$1.50 each and Jeans, \$2 each. Call 674-3264. 3-14, 3-21

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★STARSCOPE★

Week of March 18 ~ March 24

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, even though your intentions are good, be careful with words this week. Rely on your actions and not just your words to convey the message.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you are absolutely sure your work week will go your way. Considering you weigh all the facts in decisions, there's a strong chance you'll be right.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, you are tempted to bend the truth a little this week. Be careful what you wish for, as it might be hard to recover a sense of trust if your actions are discovered.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, adjust your way of thinking to be more flexible. You should not always operate on a rigid schedule, but be more receptive to changes. Check with friends; see what they think.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, you are aware of what lies ahead, but you're not eager to jump in and get started on the tasks that need your attention. Develop a plan and things will work out.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, your confidence returns this week but you are still treading carefully so as not to be disappointed later on. Trust in yourself and you likely won't be disappointed.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Establishing a balance between humility and self-confidence is the key to being a well-rounded person, Libra. Therefore, don't take the power of positive thinking to the extreme.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, although you are not overly excited about plans for the near future, you are capable of balancing fantasy with reality. Things will work out for the best.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, this week you realize that you don't have as many answers as you thought you had. You can look for other answers by being in touch with friends and family.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Use this week as a time for renewal, Capricorn. Set lofty goals because this will serve as a challenge in order for you to really shine -- and you thrive on challenges.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, you may get caught up in your emotions about a certain person in your life. Take a step back and you'll realize there's no reason to get so excited.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, once you start focusing on what you want to do next, you find you have the motivation to get anything accomplished.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

MARCH 18
Adam Levine, Singer (33)

MARCH 21
Matthew Broderick, Actor (50)

MARCH 19
Glenn Close, Actress (65)

MARCH 22
Bob Costas, TV personality (60)

MARCH 20
Spike Lee, Director (55)

MARCH 23
Keri Russell, Actress (36)

MARCH 24
Peyton Manning, Athlete (36)

There's no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke

Tobacco Free Florida Week: The critical need for 'Fresh Air for All'

TALLAHASSEE – Each year, Tobacco Free Florida Week is an opportunity to educate and empower Floridians about relevant issues related to tobacco use in the state. This year's focal point, secondhand smoke (SHS), is one of the issues that affects every single Floridian.

The fourth annual Tobacco Free Florida Week runs from March 26 through April 1. Themed "Fresh Air for All," the week's events and messaging highlight the progress made in protecting Floridians from the harmful effects of SHS and look to the challenges ahead, as SHS continues to impact Florida's health.

Despite the substantial decrease in smokers in the state and the growing trend of smoke-free policies -- both indoors and out -- many of Florida's most vulnerable are still involuntarily affected by SHS's harmful chemicals, hundreds of which are toxic and almost 70 are proven to cause cancer. Each year, approximately 2,520 non-smoking adults in Florida die primarily from exposure to SHS.

The health of Florida's children, our most vulnerable citizens, should also be a top priority.

Children are exposed to SHS more than adults and the consequences are alarming. Exposure to SHS increases a child's risk of respiratory infections and common ear infections. Children with asthma who are exposed to SHS are likely to experience more frequent and more severe attacks, which can put their lives in danger.

"We are committed to protecting Floridians, especially children who sometimes do not have a voice. One of the most crucial ways to protect yourself and your loved ones from the dangers of SHS is to maintain a 100 percent smoke-free home," said Dr. Frank Farmer, Florida's State Surgeon General. "While a home should always be a safe place for children, the fact is that the primary place young children breathe SHS is in their own homes.

Outside of the home, Florida residents benefit from Florida's Clean Indoor Air Act (FCIAA), which was amended in 2003 to protect people from exposure to SHS and prohibit smoking in indoor workplaces. While the FCIAA protects many, countless Floridians are involuntarily exposed to the dangers of SHS in the nightlife industry, construction

and other blue-collar industries while making a living and providing for their families.

The bottom line is that there is no risk-free level of exposure to SHS. Even breathing SHS for short periods of time, like at a bar or a nightclub, can be dangerous. When you breathe SHS, tobacco smoke immediately seeps into the bloodstream and changes its chemistry so that the blood becomes stickier, allowing clots to form that can cause major blockages in already narrowed arteries. Damage to the heart can be significant, if not deadly.

In addition to impacting heart health, exposure to SHS can increase the risk of many respiratory diseases, including emphysema, bronchitis, chronic airway obstruction and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Exposure to SHS also significantly increases the risk of lung cancer, Florida's number-one cancer killer.

Tobacco Free Florida offers a number of free and convenient resources to help Floridians quit tobacco.

For more information, visit www.tobaccofreeflorida.com/TFWeek.



HUNTING NEWS

Jenna Dees kills 1st turkey

Jenna Dees, 11, took her first turkey on March 11 during the Youth Spring Turkey Hunt. Jenna, a fifth grader at Carr School, is the daughter of Scott and Linda Dees.

Four license-free fishing days start April 7

Grab your fishing rods and tackle box. It's almost time – April 7 – to take advantage of the first of four license-free fishing days scheduled for this summer in Florida, according to Gov. Rick Scott, who highlighted the good news at the March 20 Cabinet meeting in Tallahassee.

“Fishing is a great way to enjoy Florida’s beautiful outdoors, great weather and a wonderful day with family and friends,” Scott said. “License-free fishing days are the perfect opportunity to discover the fun and excitement of fishing and Florida’s great outdoors.”

The days are perfect chances for parents, who don’t yet have a license, to take youth fishing, or for avid anglers to introduce a friend to the recreational pursuit without having to purchase a license.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) spread out the opportunities this year so more people will be able to head for their favorite lakes and rivers or saltwater destinations on designated days.

Instead of providing one weekend

for freshwater fishing and one weekend for saltwater fishing, the Commissioners decided at their meeting in February to break up the days. You won’t need a recreational fishing license on the special days listed below.

Florida residents and nonresidents, mark these Saturdays on your calendar for 2012:

- April 7 - Freshwater
- June 2 – Saltwater
- June 9 – Freshwater
- Sept. 1 – Saltwater

The April 7 date occurs during a productive freshwater fishing period when the weather is usually comfortable. Plus it is Easter weekend, and many people like to fill the weekend with a variety of activities with family or friends.

The June 2 free saltwater fishing day coincides with the first weekend of Gulf red snapper season and National Fishing and Boating Week, which means there will be lots of other related activities going on too.

The June 9 date for freshwater fishing also coincides with the last day of National Fishing and Boat-

ing Week. Last year, 38 states had at least one license-free fishing day during this annual event.

Sept. 1 is the Saturday of Labor Day Weekend, when lots of people have time to recreate and celebrate the traditional end-of-summer holiday. In addition, bay scallops, lobster and snook will be open for harvest on this date.

All other bag limit, season and size restrictions apply on these dates. The license-free fishing designation applies only to recreational fishing, not commercial.

To make your free fishing day successful, check out MyFWC.com/Fishing for fishing tips, locations and rules.

Those who venture out may discover why Florida is the Fishing Capital of the World and feel as if they are part of the sport’s business engine that propels a \$7.5 billion economic impact and sustains 80,000 jobs.

Fishing, however, is much more than a money-generating sport. Nature-based recreation can make people happier and healthier. And it’s fun and relaxing.

PUBLIC AND LEGAL NOTICES

**R&R Warehouses
NOTICE OF SALE**

On March 23, 2012 at 10 a.m. CST, R&R Warehouses will dispose of the contents of ten (9) storage units from Blountstown and four (4) storage units from Bristol at 19300 SR 20W. (850) 674-4700.

The units are believed to contain household and/or personal property of the following tenants:

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- William Baggett
- Ericka Bess
- Samantha Cavazos
- Marie Coglund
- Reggie Cromartie
- Sally Cromartie
- Deidre Daughtrey
- Jody Dawson
- Coretha Jones
- Paul Mattice
- Shelena Owens
- Mary Ann Young

There will be a disposal of all units not paid in full by this date. **THERE WILL BE NO AUCTION!** 3-14, 3-21

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT AND FOR LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE #11-172-CA

CENTENNIAL BANK, a foreign banking corporation,

Plaintiff,

v.

LLOYD C. PARRISH and GLORIA B. PARRISH, et al

Defendant.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment on Foreclosure dated March 15, 2012, entered in Case No. 11-172-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Liberty

County, Florida, wherein CENTENNIAL BANK is the Plaintiff, and LLOYD C. PARRISH AND GLORIA B. PARRISH, AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS are the Defendants, the undersigned will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front steps of the Liberty County Courthouse, 10818 NW SR 20, Bristol, Florida at 11 a.m. on April 17, 2012 the following described property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment on Foreclosure to-wit:

SEE EXHIBIT 'A'

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after sale.

DATED this 15 day of March, 2012.

ROBERT HILL,
Clerk of Circuit Court

by: **Vanell Summers, DC**
Deputy Clerk

EXHIBIT 'A'

Parcel A: Commence at the Northwest Corner of the SW1/4 of Section 29, Township 1 North, Range 7 West, and run South 00 Degrees 37 Minutes 41 Seconds West 585.07 feet, for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence run South 89 Degrees 17 Minutes 14 Seconds East 1308.88 feet, thence run South 00 Degrees 34 Minutes 36 Seconds West 500.22 feet, thence run North 89 Degrees 17 Minutes 14 Seconds West 1309.33 feet, thence run North 00 Degrees 37 Minutes 41 Seconds East 500.22 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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SHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN S 00'37'41" W 585.07 FEET; THENCE RUN S 89'17'14" E 1308.88 FEET; THENCE RUN S 00'38'32" W 291.85 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE S 00'38'32" W 208.74 FEET; THENCE RUN N 89'16'16" W 417.36 FEET; THENCE RUN N 00'38'32" E 208.74 FEET; THENCE RUN S 89'16'16" E

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COUNTY, FLORIDA.

PARCEL B: COMMENCE at the Northeast Corner of the SE1/4 of Section 30, Township 1 North, Range 7 West, and run South 00 Degrees 37 Minutes 41 Seconds West, 585.07 feet, for the POINT OF BEGINNING, thence continue running South 00 Degrees 37 Minutes 41 Seconds West 500.22 feet, thence run North 89 Degrees 22 Minutes 35

Seconds West 1068.17 feet; thence run North 26 Degrees 29 Minutes 00 Seconds East 275.24 feet, thence run North 28 Degrees 40 Minutes 20 Seconds East 287.99 feet, thence run South 89 Degrees 17 Minutes 14 Seconds East 812.73 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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Liberty County School Board
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
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Florida Public Utilities company announces third rate decrease

from Florida Public Utilities

MARIANNA—The cost of electricity will once again be reduced for customers of Florida Public Utilities Company (FPU). For the third time in just over a year, FPU

will lower rates in its Northwest Division service area. The Florida Public Service Commission approved the rate reduction last week. Consumer savings from the new rates will begin in April.

FPU's latest rate reduction will decrease the cost of 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity for residential customers by approximately 3.3%. This rate decrease follows previous reductions of approximately 3% in January 2011 and 10% in July 2011. In total, an average residential customer

(1,000 kWh) will realize a savings of over \$20 per month compared to their 2010 cost of electricity. Commercial customers will receive similar cost reductions

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“When I took the FPU job in June 2010, I promised we would do everything possible to bring down the cost of electricity,” said Jeff Householder, FPU President. “I am very pleased that we have been able to keep that promise. For years FPU was one of the lowest cost electric providers in the state. It’s great to see our rates coming back into line with other electric providers in the area. I am confident that we will be able to pass on additional cost savings in the future.”

Householder went on to say,

“I really appreciate the patience and support from our customers as we worked to lower rates. Our Northwest Division employees are committed to keeping our operating costs and rates down while continuing to invest in system and storm hardening improvements that maintain our high levels of service reliability. We’ve been providing electric service in Northwest Florida for over 75 years and we understand that service impacts people’s lives. We take very seriously the responsibility we have to the communities we serve.”

Florida Public Utilities Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation. Chesapeake Utilities Corporation (NYSE: CPK) is a diversified utility company engaged in natural gas distribution, transmission and marketing, electric distribution, propane gas distribution and wholesale marketing, advanced information services and other related services. Information about Chesapeake’s businesses is available at www.chpk.com.

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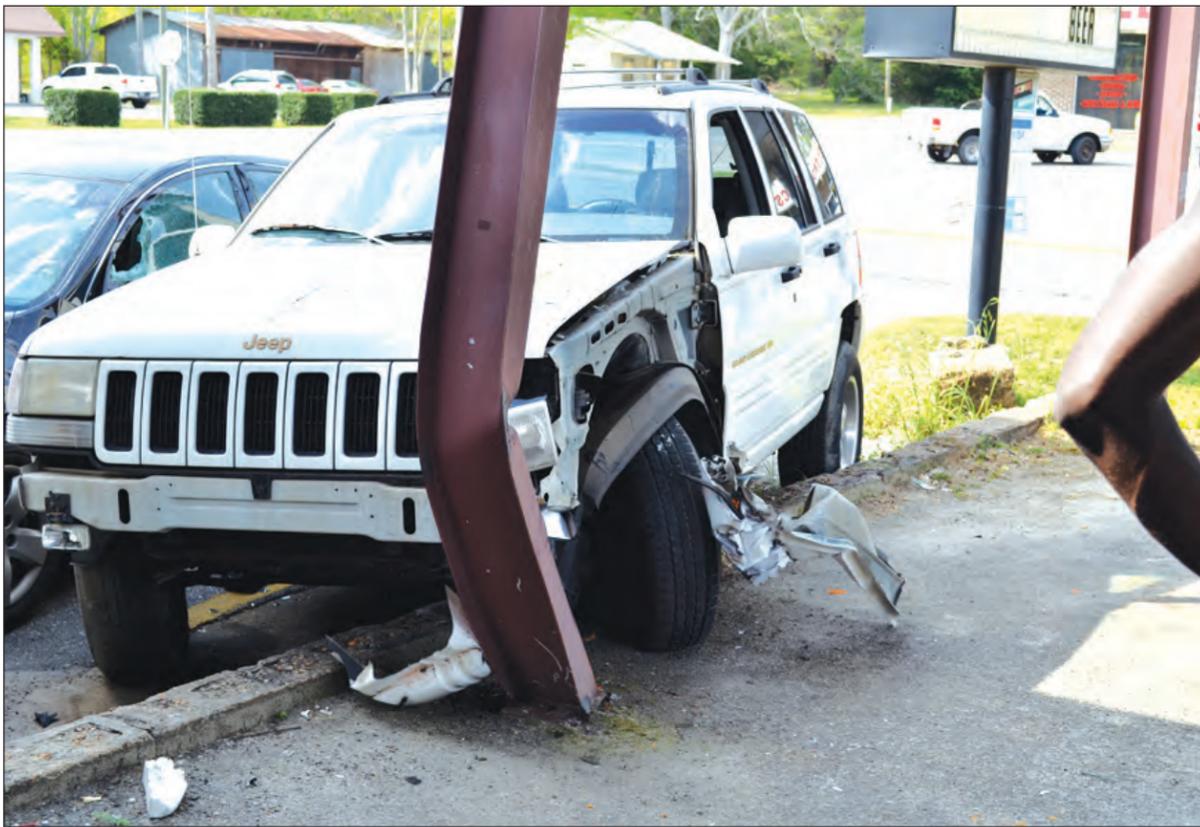
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The damaged Jeep came to rest next to this beam after it struck it, causing the rear of the vehicle to go up and rotate before coming to rest next to the car in the far left spot of the parking lot. BETH EUBANKS PHOTOS

But not without leaving a little damage behind

Jeep makes new parking space at liquor store

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

A 35-year-old woman with a learner's permit emerged with only a busted lip after losing control of a 1998 Jeep before it hit a metal beam and became wedged against another car in the parking lot at West End Liquors in Blountstown Monday afternoon.

Cassandra Michelle Jones, who was traveling west on SR 20 around 3:40 p.m., told Calhoun County Deputy John Scheetz she didn't know what happened.

A witness was able to give a description of the unusual accident and told the deputy the vehicle was on SR 20 when it suddenly swerved to the left and went over the



curb on the south side of the road.

The Jeep went through a metal awning at the former pawn shop next door to West End Liquors and slammed into a metal beam.

The impact with the beam caused the rear of the Jeep to go up in the air and rotate, landing on a Nissan Altima parked at the far end of the liquor store. "The right side of the Jeep kind

of sideswiped the car," according to the deputy.

The passenger's side of the Jeep hit the driver's side of the car.

The car was registered to Carlos Hall, whose wife works at the West End Liquors. The Jeep is registered to Joe Williams of Blountstown.

Jones declined medical treatment at the scene.

Two more file intent in local races

Altha Police James "Jimmy" Baggett has thrown his hat in the ring for the Calhoun County Sheriff's race. He joins former sheriff's office employee Ken Futch in making known his intent to seek the county's top law enforcement position.

Ken Sumner has filed his intent to seek the District 2 seat on the Liberty County School Board, which is currently held by Tommy Duggar, Sr.

Qualifying week begins at noon on Monday, June 4 and continues through noon Friday, June 8.



Chris Worrell and Liberty County School Board Chairman Kyle Peddie.

Forest receipts check totaling \$22,465.62 presented to board

The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services presented the Liberty County School Board with a check for \$22,465.62 at the School Board meeting held March 13. The payment reflects the distribution of the Tate's Hell and Lake Talquin State Forest receipts for fiscal year 2010-2011 and is an increase from the prior year receipts.

During the 2010-2011 fiscal year, the Department collected approximately \$5.8 million from the sale of timber and \$1,119,444.00 in recreation fees from over 1.8 million visitors.

Liberty County is one of 10 counties deemed fiscally constrained and receives 15% of the gross receipts from state forests in proportion to the acreage located in each county.



Tolar Principal Link Barber congratulates Barbara Brinson on her upcoming retirement.

Barbara Brinson retires after 14 years with Liberty County School system

Barbara Brinson will be retiring on March 30 after 14 years of faithful service to the children of Liberty County.

She has been a paraprofessional and provided academic support for students in the elementary grades during her entire career. Her warm and welcoming smile will be missed, along with her home cooked collard greens.

Link Barber, principal at Tolar School, commended Barbara for her team spirit and willingness to do whatever was asked of her. Barber stated, "I never asked her to do something that she didn't respond with, 'OK Mr. Barber.' I knew the job was done and done right."

Barbara will keep busy tending to her flowers and fishing with her husband Raleigh Brinson.