



Kinard's annual Easter Bonnet parade always includes plenty of colorful head wear **PAGE 9**

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Daisy Holliday does a sketch while visitors enjoy Friday's Moonlight Market in Blountstown **PAGE 17**

Wife describes night that ended with shooting death of husband



Tranum McLemore of Bristol was found dead with three bullet wounds. Despite the unusual circumstances, the sheriff and coroner believe it was suicide.

by Teresa Eubanks, *Journal Editor*

BRISTOL - Winter McLemore remembers her husband, Tranum, as a good man who loved their three little girls.

"He loved playing ball outside with them, wrestling on the floor with them, and playing games with them," she said.

He had a temper, she said, but they were able to joke about it. "It's your world. We just live in it," she would tell him and they would laugh.

"He liked things his way and he lived life with us just as he coached ball, everything was about the win. This is no secret and he would always say, 'I'm not going to lose.' I believe he took this attitude with me and our marriage as well," she said. "However, our girls were never scared of him and they never witnessed any domestic dispute between us."

Until last week.

What Winter thought would be a civil discussion about her plans to file for divorce exploded into violence April 4. "I do not

know what snapped with Tranum that night. I will never know or understand the actions he took that have forever changed our lives," she said. "What I do know is that was NOT my husband."

A QUIET TALK, A SUDDEN ATTACK

Tranum, 35, and Winter, 34, were first married on Dec. 29, 2000. A year and eight months later, they divorced. Just four months later, on Dec. 26, 2002, they remarried.

There were never any calls to law enforcement over domestic issues throughout their 12-year-relationship. While she had always been fearful of him, Winter said, "I would never have thought he would take it this far. There were no warning signs made evident to me. Nothing."

Winter admitted their marriage was in trouble. They had what she described as "a particularly rough morning" on Wednesday, April 4. Tranum, who was a coach and P.E.

teacher at Blountstown Middle School, left work and came home, aware that his wife was going to see a divorce attorney later that day.

"He texted me numerous times throughout the day to request that we put the girls to bed early to talk," she said. "I agreed and that is exactly what we did."

She said they got ready for bed as usual, turning the lights out and leaving only a lamp on. They talked "peaceably about an equitable divorce" as they sat in bed, she said. "Tranum was receptive to this at the time, even discussing how to best go about it for the girls' sake."

Winter stressed there was no argument, no raised voices, nothing to prepare her for what was to come. "The next thing I knew, Tranum was on top of my head, choking me with one hand and hitting with the other." She said he told her repeatedly, "I'll kill you."

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McLemore's brother, uncle both question account of shooting

by Teresa Eubanks, *Journal Editor*

Klenton McLemore, whose brother, Tranum McLemore died at his Bristol home last week in what authorities say was a suicide, finds it hard to believe he took his own life.

In television interviews Monday night, he said that "something just doesn't add up."

He points to the fact that Tranum's three young daughters were home at the time. "It doesn't make sense that my brother, as much as he adored those children, would've ever hurt himself with those children at home."

On the website where his TV interview was posted, someone identifying themselves as "Klenton" wrote in the comments section to question how Tranum, who was right-handed, could have shot behind his left ear after shooting himself in the left arm.

Liberty County Sheriff Donnie Conyers said the shot went in the right side of his head and exited the left.

Tranum's uncle, Ward McDaniel of Wewahitchka, told *The Journal* he also has questions

about what happened.

McDaniel, who worked as an EMT for 15 years, said he was with family members when they viewed the body before the funeral Saturday. He said he couldn't determine which was the entrance wound and which was the exit wound.

But he wonders how his nephew could have shot himself at all with one wounded arm.

An avid hunter, McDaniel said that a shot from a 9mm would have stopped him. "That shoulder shot would put you down," he told *The Journal* Tuesday. "It would normally be a 'knock down' shot that would send your body into shock," he said.

"Multiple wounds are not normal in suicides," he said, adding, "It needs more clarification."

He added that one thing was clear: "He loved those little girls," speaking of Tranum's three daughters.

He was also heartened to see that "over 70 kids" from Blountstown Middle School, where Tranum was a coach, came to his funeral to pay their respects.

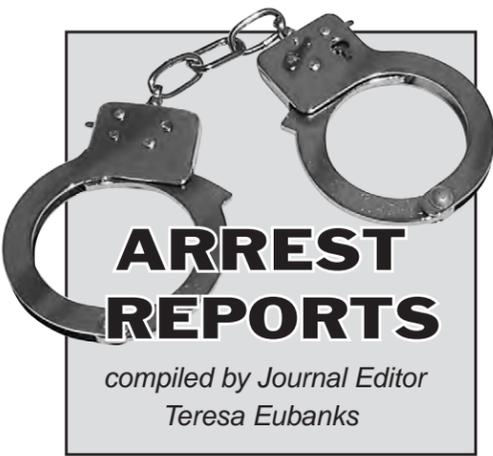
Celebrating Easter

RIGHT: Gage Marshall reaches for another egg to add to his basket during Saturday's Kinard Community Easter Egg Hunt. See more from that day's event on page 9. BELOW: Mary Emma Hosford dips an egg in blue dye to prepare for the egg hunt Saturday at Grace United Methodist Church in Hosford. More photos from that event can be seen on page 25.



Photo above by Daniel Williams; photo at left by Joe Summers





Woman alleges Bristol man raped her, struck her

A Bristol man was charged with sexual battery and battery after his girlfriend of one month told authorities he raped and beat her when she refused to have sex with him.

The woman alleged that 21-year-old Sidney Beckwith Jr. forced himself on her three times when they were together the afternoon of March 8 until early the next morning. She wrote out a detailed 15-page report for investigators in which she also accused Beckwith of hitting her.

She said they were in her car on a dirt road in Liberty County that was a short drive from the home of Beckwith's father when she was raped.

While they were together, her cell phone signaled that she had a message. She said Beckwith picked up her phone and began texting on it as

she got out of the car to put her clothes on. She said she thought about running from him but was unfamiliar with the area and did not know where she was.

Beckwith then started questioning her about "the dude" that had sent her a message. She said Beckwith hit her in the face when she told him she didn't know who the man was.

She said that later, when she handed a book bag belonging to Beckwith to him, he hit her again, this time so hard that she almost fell down.

He later began apologizing to her, she said.



SIDNEY BECKWITH, JR

Her bruises as well as a number of text messages from Beckwith to the man who had been contacting her were photographed.

When interviewed by an investigator, Beckwith admitted he hit the woman because he felt she had lied to him about another man. Beckwith also acknowledged that his girlfriend had told him to stop when he started having sex with her

the second time. He said he had consumed at least eight beers that day and told the investigator that he made poor choices when he drank.

He was released from the Liberty County Jail after posting \$17,500 bond.

Woman charged with taking roofing and a/c from home she turned over to cover debts

A Hosford woman was arrested after the metal roofing and an air conditioning unit went missing from the mobile home where she was living located at 17565 NW Merritt Trail.



DEBORAH ANN CHAMBERS

Deborah Ann Chambers, 39, is charged with grand theft over \$300 and criminal mischief over \$1,000.

The current owner of the mobile home said he loaned money to Chambers, who made only two payments before she agreed to sign a quitclaim deed and turn the trailer and property over to him. When she left, he said the roofing and air conditioner were gone.

A neighbor confirmed that both items were attached to the home before Chambers left.

Chambers was released on \$10,000 bond.

Inmate charged with aggravated battery on officer

A 57-year-old inmate was charged with aggravated battery on a police officer after an altercation at the Calhoun County Jail around 10 p.m. on April 2.

According to the arrest report, John Sangster attacked Correctional Officer Nicholas Macias, 30, as he was passing out evening medication.

The officer said when he looked up, Sangster struck

him in the face. The officer said that as he backed out of the pod, Sangster came after him and tried to hit him again. Macias said he grabbed the inmate with both arms around his mid-section to bring him under control. Sangster then grabbed the officer's right ear and pulled.

Four inmates responded to the scuffle and separated the two men. Sangster was then handcuffed.

When asked about the attack, Sangster told deputies he was tired of the officer tapping on his window at night. In a written statement, Sangster said he grabbed the officer's ear in order to get the attention of the proper authorities.



JOHN DEREK SANGSTER

SHERIFF'S LOG

CALHOUN COUNTY

April 2

•Elisa Couch, VOP, CCSO.

April 3

•John Sangster, aggravated battery on a police officer, CCSO.

April 4

•Gwendolyn Orshall, grand theft (Jackson County warrant), CCSO.

April 6

•Matthew Alexander Hall, failure to appear, CCSO.

•Charles Nathan Andrews, failure to appear, CCSO.

•Gregory Moore, improper exhibition of a firearm, CCSO.

•Mary Jane Moore, disorderly intoxication, CCSO.

•Octavio Torres, battery (domestic), BPD.

April 7

•Amanda Tharp, possession of alcohol under 21, CCSO.

•Patrick Pippin, alcohol beverage sell, give to person under 21, CCSO.

•Laramie Whitten, possession of alcohol under 21, CCSO.

•Jason McCrary, domestic battery, CCSO.

April 8

•Erick Peterson, sale of a controlled substance within 1,000 ft. of place of worship, BPD.

•Ericka Bess, battery, CCSO.

April 9

•Albert Johnson, III, allowing unauthorized driver to operate motor vehicle, CCSO.

•James Stewart, battery (domestic), CCSO.

LIBERTY COUNTY

April 2

•Sidney Beckwith, Jr., battery, sexual battery, LCSO.

•Robert Taylor, VOSP, LCSO.

•Hector Morales, battery (domestic violence), LCSO.

•Jack Tyler Huff, burglary of a dwelling, petty theft, criminal mischief, LCSO.

April 4

•Gwendolyn Orshall, holding for CCSO, CCSO.

April 6

•Mary Jane Moore, holding for CCSO, CCSO.

April 7

•Amanda Tharp, holding for CCSO, CCSO.

April 9

•Ericka Bess, holding for CCSO, CCSO.

•Deborah Ann Chambers, grand theft over \$300 and less than \$5,000, criminal mischief over \$1,000, 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 unless proven guilty.

Blountstown Police Dept.

April 2 through April 8, 2012

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Teen arrested for break-in and theft of iPod & pills

A tip that someone was trying to buy an iPod on Facebook led to the arrest of a Bristol teenager on burglary, petty theft and criminal mischief charges last week.

Arrested was 18-year-old Tyler Jack Huff.

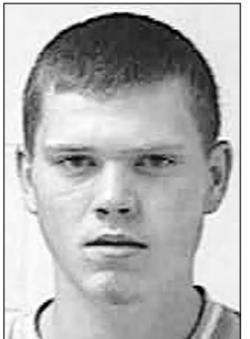
A resident on Third Street came home April 2 to discover her bedroom

window had been pushed in and several items were missing, including an iPod that had been beside her bed, along with two bottles of prescription medication.

Deputies learned that a woman living two blocks from the site of the break-in was trying to buy an iPod on Facebook. When questioned, the woman said her daughter was contacted by Huff, who wanted to sell an iPod.

Deputies located Huff hiding in the back yard of a home on Second Street. He admitted to taking the iPod and pills. He also said he was accompanied by another person during the theft, but would not name his accomplice.

The iPod and the medication were recovered.



JACK TYLER HUFF

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Buy, sell & trade with an ad in THE CALHOUN LIBERTY JOURNAL.

"I knew he wouldn't hurt the girls because they were asleep in their beds."

- Winter McLemore

MCLEMORE DEATH

CONTINUED FROM THE FRONT PAGE

"You better run fast because you don't want to see what I am about to do."

- Tranum McLemore's last words, according to his wife, Winter.

She said she lost consciousness twice and awakened in the bathroom.

"I remember trying to fight back and still hearing him repeat that he would kill me," she said. "I knew this was the way I was going to die on this night."

She said the second time she regained consciousness, Tranum was sitting next to her. She caught her breath and pleaded, "Please don't kill me, we have girls." That startled him. "He hurried backward, saying 'I'm sorry' over and over. This I know is when my Tranum came back."

He got to his feet, ran out of the bathroom and blocked the door, trapping her inside. She continued to plead with him.

He opened the door, looked at her and said, "You better run fast because you don't want to see what I am about to do."

She said he fired two shots before she got out of the door. "I knew the girls were asleep in their beds and that he wouldn't hurt them," she said. "I just knew I had to get help in that house for them and Tranum."

He continued to fire shots as she ran from the house. The sound awakened their 10-year-old daughter.

It was quiet when the little girl opened the door to her parents' darkened bedroom to what her mother described as "a dim mess and the smell of gun smoke." She ran to her room at the other end of the house and gathered her sisters, one just two years old, the other, five, in her bed. There, in her own words, they "prayed over and over that momma was okay."

DEPUTIES ARRIVE

When deputies arrived at the family's home at 14222 NW Hoecake Road in Bristol, they were met at the door by the couple's oldest daughter, who was crying.

A neighbor told investigators he heard two gunshots, saw a vehicle leave the McLemore home and then heard some more shots. "That says Tranum was alive when Winter left," her sister, Laurie Brandon, pointed out.

Winter made the three mile drive to the sheriff's office, arriving there at 9:15 p.m. A dispatcher relayed to deputies that she showed signs of being in an altercation. There were red marks on her neck. She had swelling and bruising around her eyes.

Deputies found Tranum lying facedown on the bloodied bedroom floor. A Ruger 9mm semi-automatic pistol was under his left leg. Seven shell casings were recovered.

A Leon County Coroner made the preliminary finding that McLemore took his own life even though there were three gunshots in the body.

The FDLE crime lab was on scene by 11 p.m. that night. Their official findings suggest McLemore shot himself, according to a news release from the sheriff's office. The final report from FDLE could take up to eight weeks to complete.

According to Liberty County Sheriff Donnie Conyers, the first shot to the shoulder was a sympathy

shot, perhaps intended to make Winter stay with him and call for medical help. The second shot to his head was the fatal one. Conyers said the bullet went in to the right side and exited on the left side of his head. The gun discharged as he fell to the floor, firing the third and final shot into his leg.

"I'm satisfied without a doubt in my mind that it was self-inflicted," the sheriff said after last week's autopsy.

Four other shots had been fired in the room, some went into the walls and one went through a window, he said.

THE AFTERMATH

Their oldest daughter knows some details of that night, her mother said. "The two younger girls only know that their daddy didn't feel good and went to live in Heaven with their granddaddy and his pawpaw," she said.

Winter is now trying to put the pieces of their lives together, with the help of her mother, Tina Rae Goodman and her sister, Laurie Brandon and the support of friends.

They are aware there is much speculation about Tranum's death.

"Those that love me have never questioned the events of that night, as there is only one story, and that is the truth," Winter said. "Moreover, Tranum and I both know what happened and that is really all that truly matters."



Area technology workers and interested citizens gathered Tuesday at the Heritage Room at the library in Blountstown to learn more about the Florida Rural Broadband Project that is bringing high speed internet access to small communities in the panhandle. RIGHT: Dustin Jurman, CEO of Rapid Systems, a Tampa-based broadband operations company, explains the details of the much-anticipated project during the seminar.

JOHNNY EUBANKS PHOTOS



Broadband expansion creates need for internet training

Broadband services have a huge impact on local economies by accelerating business expansion, job creation and educational opportunities. Rural parts of Florida have fallen far behind urban areas in terms of broadband availability but that is now beginning to change.

Driving the change is a \$24 million dollar federal grant that is being used to build and add broadband infrastructure throughout the rural regions in Florida.

Benefiting directly from the project are Florida's rural counties in the panhandle, north central Florida and the Heartland region in South Florida.

Providing broadband services, however, is only part of the equation. Teaching new users how to take full advantage of the in-

ternet is the next step. The Florida Learning Alliance and Workforce Florida, Inc. have taken the lead in an initiative to address broadband education issues. They have recently launched a multi-media campaign to teach new and novice users how to use the internet.

The campaign centers on the development of an aggregate website that assembles topics such as healthcare, education, job services and internet safety as well as other important topics

The website, www.floridainternettour.com, simplifies and de-mystifies the process of learning by allowing the user to participate in a self-directed guided tour of the internet.

Free class offered at BHS from 3-4 p.m. April 24

According to Mary Bedford, the Executive Director of the Florida Learning Alliance, "Many rural Floridians, including children, have not had an opportunity to take advantage of all the internet has to offer, especially in terms of education. High speed internet can change that and this website will help make new users more comfortable as they learn."

Educators point to several advantages of high speed internet availability besides the obvious research capabilities. Rural students can have easier access to dual enrollment, digital books and collaborative home studies, for example.

Internet safety is an important com-

ponent of the website as new users may be unaware of the dangers of providing personal information. More importantly, the website guides parents on how to block inappropriate websites from being accessed.

A free training session is scheduled for Calhoun County on April 24 from 3-4 p.m. (CT) at Blountstown High School. Please contact Lynn Gothard or Larche Hardy toll free at (877) 873-7232 to register for the class. Seating is limited and registration will take place on a first come, first served basis.

The website was developed with input from regional advisory boards throughout Florida. It is available for use now at www.floridainternettour.com.

Next Arts Series Event to feature writer, musicians

BLOUNTSTOWN – The Blountstown Public Library is getting ready for the next Arts Series Event *From Spiritual Awakenings to Musical Journeys* on Saturday, April 28 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The Heritage Room will be the stage for author Peggy White Russ as she uses stories to describe her newly published book *Wake Up*.

She will present the message of her personal spiritual unrest and the moment of her awakening. Peggy's program will fit right in with the Easter season.

Next, outside in the courtyard will be Joan and Amy Alderman performing their original music, song and storytelling.

The theme is journeys – how we and our ancestors came to America and how the stories are a central element of our personal heritage. Talent will be overflowing under the stars.

Light refreshments will be served at intermission and as always this event is free and open to the public. Come and enjoy.

Vickery Reunion set for April 21

BLOUNTSTOWN – The descendants of John, Frank and Jimmy Vickery will hold their 59th annual family reunion on Saturday, April 21 at the W.T. Neal Civic Center in Blountstown beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Please bring a covered dish lunch and soft drinks. Plates, forks, napkins, cups, and ice will be furnished.

If you have any family history, or pictures that you would like to share please bring them.

If you have any questions or need information call (850) 674-4317.

Free men's health seminar in Altha

ALTHA - The Calhoun/Liberty Health Department will be holding a men's health seminar on Thursday, May 1 at 6 p.m. (CT) at the Altha Church of God.

Roger Dutremble will be the guest speaker. This free seminar will focus on a variety of health-related topics. There will be dinner and give-aways.

For more information, please call (850) 643-2415 ext. 245 and ask for Susan Chafin.

Burn out shower to be held this Sunday

BRISTOL - There will be a burn out shower for Jim and Celeste Shuler on Sunday, April 15 from 2-4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Bristol in the fellowship hall. The family is registered at Wal-Mart and Bed, Bath and Beyond. Come and show your support for this family in their time of need.

For more information, call Anita at (850) 447-0800.



Community Calendar

Wednesday, April 11

TODAY'S MEETINGS

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

BIRTHDAY ~ Hali Smith

Barbershop Quartet Day



Thursday, April 12



NATIONAL GARDEN MONTH

TODAY'S MEETINGS

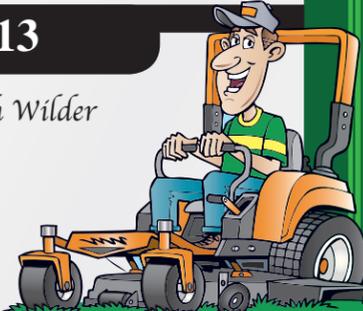
- **AA**, 7 p.m., basement of Calhoun County Courthouse
- **Liberty Women's Club**, 11 a.m., Apalachee Rest.
- **Calhoun School Board**, 5 p.m. Calhoun Extension Office in Comm. Board Room

Friday, April 13

BIRTHDAYS ~ Trish Corrente & Ruth Wilder



NATIONAL LAWN CARE MONTH



Saturday, April 14



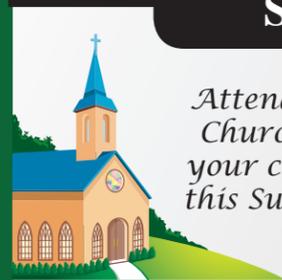
Adult Dance
8-12 p.m. at the Legion Hall in Blountstown

BIRTHDAYS
Nick Plass & Caleb Barrentine

Train Day
Veterans Memorial Park
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Sunday, April 15



Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
APRIL 15-21



Monday, April 16

TODAY'S MEETINGS

- **Boy Scout Troop 206**, 7 p.m., Veterans Memorial Park Civic Center
- **Altha Girl Scout Troop #39**, 6 p.m., Altha Community Center



INCOME TAX PAY DAY

Tuesday, April 17

TODAY'S MEETINGS

- **Altha Boy Scouts**, 7 p.m., Altha Vol. Fire Dept.
- **AA**, 6 p.m., Altha Community Center
- **Calhoun Chamber of Commerce**, noon, Senior Citizens Center
- **Calhoun Commission**, 5 p.m., Ag. Bldg., Conference Room across from Courthouse
- **Mossy Pond VFD Auxiliary**, 6 p.m., Fire House
- **Dixie 109 Masonic Lodge**, 7 p.m., Dixie Lodge in Blountstown
- **Hosford-Telogia VFD**, 7:30 p.m., fire house
- **Calhoun Children's Coalition/Calhoun Juvenile Justice Council**, 1:30 p.m., W.T. Neal Civic Center, Blountstown.

BIRTHDAY
George Franklin Carroll

Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative to hold annual members' meeting on Saturday

WEWAHITCHKA – Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative will hold its 64 annual members' meeting on Saturday, April 14 at its headquarter office, located at 722 West Highway 22 in Wewahitchka. The purpose of the meeting is to communicate information about the Cooperative, including the financial reports and overall business status, as well as serve as a social event for the entire membership.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. (CT) with each registered member receiving a \$10 credit on his or her electric bill. Members will be given the opportunity to win prizes throughout the day, including the grand prizes, which are ten \$100 credits to an electric bill. There will also be plenty of refreshments provided by GCEC and booths offering valuable information for the duration of the meeting.

Beginning at 9:15 a.m., entertainment will be provided by The Back Forty band. There will also be a bounce house for the children. The business portion of the annual meeting will begin at 11 a.m.

"I invite all of our members to come and take part in our annual meeting, not only to be present for the business portion of the meeting, but also to enjoy food, prizes and entertainment," Gulf Coast Electric CEO/General Manager Michael White said.

Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative is part of the Touchstone Energy® national alliance of local consumer-owned electric cooperatives providing high standards of service to customers large and small. GCEC serves approximately 20,500 meters in Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Jackson, Walton and Washington counties and in the municipalities of Wewahitchka, Ebro, White City, Lynn Haven, Fountain and Southport.

Fine Arts Series to present duet May 6

MARIANNA – St. Luke's Episcopal Church at 4362 Lafayette St., Marianna, invites you to come see their Fine Arts Series present a musical duet by Dr. Christine Yoshikawa on the Piano and Dr. Daniel Powell playing the Saxophone. The event is Sunday, May 6, at 4 p.m. and a "Meet the Artists" reception follows the concert.

Donations accepted for the series.

For more information call the church at (850) 482-2431.

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Pirate-themed Carrabelle Riverfront Festival set April 28 & 29

The 22nd Annual Carrabelle Riverfront Festival will be held on April the 28 and 29. Our family and pet friendly event will celebrate "The Pirates of the Carrabelle" at this year's festival.

Established traditions, new features and attrac-

tions, great arts and crafts, fresh local seafood and tasty festival treats promise all who attend a delightful time on Marine Street along the beautiful Carrabelle River and Carrabelle Wharf Park.

Free admission Saturday, April 28 opening the gates

from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

2012 SPECIAL EVENTS

***Pirates of the Carrabelle:** This year's theme of "Pirates of the Carrabelle" will encompass "flash mob" style street theatre from a pirate actor's troop and a skit or two on the main stage near the pavilion. Vendors, volunteers and festival attendees are invited to join the fun by dressing as their favorite pirate and festival T-shirts and decorations will complete the motif at this year's festival.

***The Governor's Stone:** The National Historic Landmark "Governor's Stone" will return to the Carrabelle River for this year's festival. The Governor's Stone is a 65 foot two masts schooner built in 1877. This wooden ship is a one of a kind and will be available for boarding and pictures. Weather

and scheduling permitting, the vessel may be available for short trips out to the bay. Opportunities to join the "Friends of the Governor's Stone" will be available. Check at the dock south of the main stage for more information

FESTIVAL SIGNATURE EVENTS

• Carrabelle's Fishy Fashion Show: Returning to grace this year's riverfront festival at the Carrabelle Wharf pavilion are the fabulous models of Carrabelle Riverfront Festival's Fishy Fashion Show. Each year the outrageous DOs and DO KNOTs of coastal couture are revealed with festive flair as Joan Matey of Lanark and Jan Neshat of Eastpoint present the annual Fishy Fashion Show collection. Show time is Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at Carrabelle CARES Stage.

• Procession of the Species: Also returning to the festival as a headline event, Carrabelle's home-town version of the wildly popular Procession of the Species will highlight the wild and wonderful denizens of the forgotten coast. Carrabelle's Procession of the Species is an annual springtime march and symbolic retreat to the pine trees and swamps of the Panhandle's Forgotten Coast. The procession begins at 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday at the Carrabelle Wharf Pavilion.

• Franklin County Humane Society's Pet Parade: Not to be out done, the four-legged friends will be on the march in this year's Franklin County Humane Society's Pet Parade. "Pet"-acured and pampered, full

offluffandflair, our beloved family friends are prancing for their less fortunate kin. Stop by the Humane Society's booth and adopt one of our "forgotten" friends and provide a warm and loving home. The parade begins at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday at the Carrabelle Wharf pavilion.

FESTIVAL ATTRACTIONS

•The Nature Walk: Folks interested in the wilder side of Carrabelle may want to explore the untamed wilderness of the Carrabelle Riverfront Festival's "New" Nature Walk (Ave C). This festival attraction features touch tanks and exhibits teeming with marine life, mammals, birds, reptiles and various critters of the forgotten coast. This year's nature trail is being coordinated and hosted by FAMU. There will be a special gulf coast educational treasure hunt with prizes on the nature trail. Be sure and catch this fierce exhibit and learn all about our natural world.

•The Museum Walk: Carrabelle's three museums will celebrate the rich cultural, historical and archaeological significance of the area along the "New" Museum Walk (Ave B). The Carrabelle History Museum, the Crooked River Lighthouse Museum and the Camp Gordon Johnston Museum will feature various displays, tours and exhibits highlighting various incarnations of Carrabelle's past. Regional history museums and archaeological exhibits will also be in attendance. History walks and boat tours up the Carrabelle River are available for those interested in exploring the area's past.

On Marine Street near Ave C, the Carr's Hill stage, will present the historical styling's of Ken Horne and Howard Pardue. Visitors are invited to join one of the historic walking tours leaving at scheduled intervals from the Carrabelle History Museum.

•The Friends of the Franklin County Public Library's KidZONE: Saturday, in its traditional location near the festival entrance, the "Friends of the Franklin County Public Library" kidZONE will delight children with a number of activities and attractions. A Reading Corner, a pirate's treasure hunt for toddlers, arts and crafts for kids, and coloring contest are among the activities planned for kids by kids is the library's interactive area.

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The Carrabelle Riverfront Festival is hosted by the City of Carrabelle each year on the fourth weekend in April. Carrabelle CARES, a local non-profit organization, is coordinating the festival on behalf of the City and the community for the first time this year. Various organizations from the Carrabelle Community will be hosting special venues, events, exhibits and attractions throughout the festival area over the two day celebration. The 22nd Annual festival is sponsored in part by the Franklin County Tourist Development Council, INNOVIA Consulting Group, and Centennial Bank.

For more information, call Steve Allen at (850) 320-8225 or check out: www.carrabelleriverfrontfestival.com.

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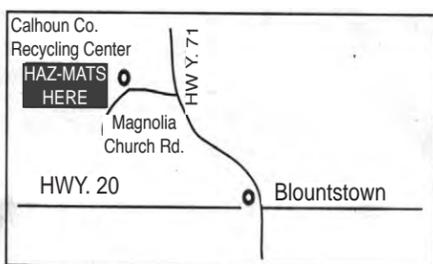
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'All About The Box 5K Fun Run' at Blountstown Depot on May 5

BLOUNTSTOWN—Poplar Head Baptist Church of Clarksville is sponsoring the *All About The Box 5K Fun Run* planned for Saturday, May 5 starting at 8 a.m at the Blountstown Depot.

All proceeds from this event will go specifically to support the Operation Christmas Child project. Operation Christmas Child sends a message of hope to children around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and is administered through Samaritans Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization led by Franklin Graham.

Donated items will be raffled off during the race and Ben Hall will be the MC for the event. Following the race, a \$10 one-mile fun run for kids will take place. All kids who participate will receive a medal.

The 5K is a timed event with eight age groups. It is \$15 to preregister online at active.com or \$20 to register the day of the race. The first 100 people to register will receive a free t-shirt.

All donations and gifts made by sponsors are tax-deductible. Please make all checks payable to Poplar Head Baptist Church. All sponsors will have their name printed on the Fun Run T-Shirt. Font size and boldness of the name will be determined by the level of sponsorship. All sponsors will also receive an *All About The Box 5K Fun Run* t-shirt as a token of their appreciation for your participation.

To donate, sponsor or for additional information contact Pastor Russell Jones at (850) 674-4201.

Late Night Laughs

A RECAP OF RECENT OBSERVATIONS
BY LATE NIGHT TV HOSTS.

Sarah Palin co-hosted the 'Today' show. She did a pretty good job, and they want to bring her back for a new version of "Where in the World is Matt Lauer?" What they're going to do is release Matt into Central Park, and then Sarah will track him down "Hunger Games' style." — JAY LENO

The sister of Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg is making a reality show about young people in the tech world — while the sister of the MySpace founder is making a reality show about a guy who has to move in with his sister. — JIMMY FALLON

The earth's population is now well past 7 billion people. And still, the Republicans can't find one candidate they really like. — JAY LENO

The protesters say Google is underestimating the dangers of merging man with machine. Well, they're a little late to stop that half-man, half-cyborg thing. They're already here. One of them just captured the Republican nomination. — CRAIG FERGUSON

Recently at the White House, President Obama admitted he's a Trekkie. Although Trekkies say he doesn't qualify because he has a wife and a job. — CONAN O'BRIEN

Mitt Romney went three for three by winning the primaries in Maryland, Wisconsin, and Washington, D.C. Not to be outdone, Rick Santorum went three for three by offending women, atheists, and Latinos. — JIMMY FALLON

There is a strange new law making its way through the Arizona Legislature that would make it illegal to post negative comments on the Internet. The penalty for annoying or offending someone is up to six months in jail. That is good. They're always saying the prisons aren't full enough. — JIMMY KIMMEL

Mitt Romney is catching heat for a possible violation of election rules. He was at a sub shop handing out free sandwiches. Special Romney sandwiches — they come on really, really white bread. — JIMMY KIMMEL

Congratulations to Mitt Romney. He won the Wisconsin primary. He won the state of Wisconsin because of his pro-cheese position. — DAVID LETTERMAN

Republicans are now starting to accept the fact that Mitt Romney will be their nominee for president. But you know, they're not that excited about it. It's kind of like starting to accept that you're going to prom with your sister. — JAY LENO

We learned that Mitt Romney is building a car elevator in his house. An elevator for your cars. I get the feeling this guy wants to be president so he has a place to live while he's remodeling his beach house. — BILL MAHER

Oh, here's your tax dollars at work. This is what makes people furious. The head of the GSA, a woman named Martha Johnson, has resigned after they found out she spent over \$830,000 on a four-day government conference in Las Vegas. And the president is furious. Not President Obama, the president of China. It's his money. It's his money she spent. — JAY LENO

Kim Kardashian said that she wants to be a more private person. Then she was like, "And you can see me try in my new reality series 'Kim Kardashian: Private Person.'" — JIMMY FALLON



Is America's judicial system biased?

James Madison, one of the Founding Fathers, was very smart in the drafting of the Constitution. Madison recognized that a national government could pose a tyrannical threat to its citizens. Constitutionists and historians believe that Madison's concept of the separation of powers of the national government was a stroke of genius because it guaranteed a check and balance between the activities of the three major branches of government. In Madison's concept of separation of powers, the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches are all equal; however, the judiciary is the arbiter of final constitutional meaning.

Both Republican and Democratic presidents attempt to "pack the Supreme Court." President George Bush's appointment of Chief Justice Roberts and Justice Alito, both conservative judges, was no accident. Bush wanted justices that would protect conservative issues that come before the Court. President Obama appointed liberal judges to protect liberal issues that might come before the Court.

President Franklin Roosevelt was noted for his attempts to pack the Supreme Court with his allies. Ironically, it was a Democratic dominated Congress that prevented Roosevelt from packing the court.

President Kennedy wasn't happy with his appointee, Justice Byron White. President Richard Nixon wasn't happy with his appointee, Justice Harry Blackmun.

Why are presidents unhappy with their appointees to the Supreme Court? Presidents discover that after joining the court, the justices have a mind of their own and fail to vote along political lines.

To the citizen on the street, the Supreme Court is a 5-4 court. Four justices that tend to vote for the conservatives and four vote for liberal issues. Justice Anthony Kennedy is known as the "swing vote." Sometimes Kennedy votes with the conservatives on the court and sometimes with the liberals. Which means

COX'S CORNER

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that Justice Kennedy is probably the most powerful and influential man in America.

When conservatives dislike a judge's ruling, they label him or her as an activist judge. Liberals do the same. The Supreme Court's upholding of Citizens United, which allows for unlimited anonymous donations to political campaigns, sticks in the craw of most Americans except those interested in buying politicians like buying a can of beans.

The Affordable Care Act or ObamaCare is before the Court for a decision on the constitutionality of the law, specifically the "mandated coverage" clause. For three days, the Court heard arguments from the government and the states opposing the law.

The hearings were recorded and made available to the public. I listened to all of it. The conservative/liberal bias of the Court was evident. Justice Antonin Scalia displayed the most obvious conservative bias against the Affordable Care Act, but the overriding sentiment of the Court seemed to be their lack of confidence that Congress can deal with the difficult issues that face America.

According to Associated Press reports, Justice Kennedy drew laughs when asking a lawyer describing what Congress would want the Court to do. Justice Kennedy's question to the lawyer was, "Is that the real Congress or a hypothetical Congress?"

Supreme Court justices aren't the only people who question whether the Congress is up to the task of dealing with the serious, complicated issues that confront us as a society. The average person knows that Congress isn't

up to the task of dealing with our collective issues in an unbiased manner. That is why the public's approval rating of the Congress is only about 10%.

The relationship between the three branches of government is severely skewed. The president can propose budgets and various legislative initiatives, but the Congress ignores the President's overtures. The Congress passes laws, but the President can veto the legislation. The Senate's 60-vote rule to get proposed legislation to the floor for discussion is a major factor in the inability the Congress to deal with serious, complicated issues. Both parties use the filibuster rule to ambush each other when attempting to bring proposed legislation to the Senate floor for discussion.

A cornerstone of democracy is our belief that the U.S. Supreme Court is unbiased. We believe, or would like to believe, that Supreme Court justices will ignore their biases in their decisions on issues that affect all of us.

Supreme Court justices aren't infallible. The 1857 Dred Scott Decision is a black mark on the U.S. Supreme Court. The Court ruled that people of African descent brought into the states as slaves were not protected by the Constitution. The 14th Amendment resolved that issue.

Many people think that the Court's ruling on Citizens United which permits unlimited funding for political action committees is one of those Dred Scott moments. Anonymous donors can buy the Presidency and other political positions.

The American people distrust the President, the Congress and the Supreme Court. That's not good. As a minimum, we should have confidence that the Supreme Court is an unbiased court of last resort.

The Court's ruling on the Affordable Care Act will determine the Court's bias. If the court rules 5-4 on ObamaCare, either for or against, it will be clear that the Court is influenced by politics. A 9-0 ruling for or against ObamaCare will be an indication of judicial independence.



WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

by Douglas Cohn and Eleanor Clift

WELFARE: It's time to cut out the middle man

WASHINGTON – We opposed it in 1996; we oppose it today. So-called welfare reform was President Bill Clinton's true low point. The party with a heart, the party claiming to be our brother's keeper, must lead the war on poverty. Instead, Clinton abandoned these Democratic mainstays and chose to prove he was a centrist by "ending welfare as we know it."

It was a decision supported by anecdotes, not facts. The Reagan era gave us images of welfare queens, those people who abused the system and lived well on the dole. But for every welfare queen how many of our fellow citizens were living in dire, hopeless straits? The answer, thanks to welfare reform, is many more today than in 1996. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the welfare rolls have been cut by more than 50 percent since 1996, while unemployment and poverty – exacerbated by the Great Recession – have soared.

It is unconscionable that the wealthiest nation in the world even has poverty and homelessness let alone in such numbers. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 46.2 million Americans were living in poverty as of 2010. In 2007, just before the recession began, the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty estimated that approximately 3.5 million people were likely to experience homelessness. But homeless people make up a below-the-radar demographic that defies statistical methodology.

The 1996 Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act, which replaced Aid to Families with Dependent Children, placed time limits on aid. In 1997, Congress passed Welfare-to-Work grants, and politicians of many stripes hailed these laws for providing workfare, not welfare. But then the Great Recession hit. Unemployment doubled, and destitution became rampant, exposing these heartless laws for what they are.

The problem is that impoverished and homeless people tend not to vote. They are virtually without a political voice, and American politics moves in waves. We are currently in one of those political troughs of selfishness that caters to constituent groups rather than noble ideals, and posterity will not regard this as one of America's finer moments.

President Lyndon Johnson initiated a War on Poverty, and it is time to reenergize it. Interestingly, it is possible to achieve victory in that war while actually saving taxpayer money. The current system operates on federal grants to states, but with so few strings that various states are able to divert the funds to other uses. The old system provided unlimited funds as long as the states matched them. The new system limits the funds, and states often do not match them, thereby making the situation even worse.

The solution is to cut out the middle men, the states. Let the Social Security system make payouts directly to the needy. The cost savings could be enormous; the resurrection of our national character unquantifiable.



They're back; Sturgeon returning to Suwannee River

They're back. Gulf sturgeon have begun their annual migration back into the Suwannee River.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) officers have reported seeing the fish jump already this year.

People have been injured in accidental collisions with the jumping sturgeon. In 2011, six boaters were hurt and 11 encounters with sturgeon were reported.

"Last season, we had quite a few people hurt, some seriously," said Maj. Roy Brown, regional law enforcement commander for the FWC's North Central Region, based in Lake City. "Just one person getting hurt is too many. We want people to be aware the Gulf sturgeon are returning to the Suwannee, and the risk of injury to boaters does exist."

In 2006, FWC officials began working on a public awareness campaign to alert boaters to the risks of jumping sturgeon.

"We posted signs at each boat ramp along the Suwannee, explaining the risk of impacts with these fish," Brown said. "Our officers will be on water patrol during this period and into the summer months in a continued effort to educate boaters about these jumping fish."

What's the best course of action for avoiding a collision?

"We recommend boaters reduce their speed to reduce the risk of impact and to give people more time to react if they do encounter a jumping sturgeon," Brown said. "The FWC also recommends that all boaters wear their life jackets."

The Suwannee River appears to support the largest viable population of Gulf sturgeon. Biologists estimate the annual population at 10,000-14,000 fish, averaging approximately 40 pounds each. Adult fish spend eight to nine months each year in the river spawning and three to four of the coolest months in Gulf waters.

Biologists are unsure why sturgeon jump. Theories include that the fish jump to communicate or as a dominance display.

"I have seen these collisions referred to as 'attacks.' However, these fish are in no way attacking



when they jump. They are simply doing what they have been doing for millions of years: jumping. They aren't targeting the boaters," Brown said.

Gulf sturgeon can get quite big, exceeding 8 feet and 200 pounds.

"They have five rows of rock-hard scutes along their sides, back and belly. When sturgeon and boaters collide, the results can be devastating," Brown said.

State and federal laws protect sturgeon, just like bald eagles, panthers and sea turtles. It is illegal to harvest Gulf sturgeon.

To report sturgeon collisions, call 888-404-FWCC (3922).

"If anyone is involved in an incident with a jumping sturgeon, please report it to the FWC. With the data received, we can get a better overall view of where the fish are jumping and get the word out to the public," Brown said.

For more information about the Gulf sturgeon, go to MyFWC.com/Research and click on "Saltwater."

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County Judge*	James Kevin Grover	\$134,280	6	\$5,371.20	85
Supt. of Schools	Tommy McClellan	\$91,694	4	\$5,500.44	85
Clerk of Court	Ruth W. Attaway	\$91,674	4	\$5,500.44	85
Prop. Appraiser	Terrell L. Stone	\$91,674	4	\$5,500.44	85
Tax Collector	Becky Smith	\$91,674	4	\$5,500.44	85
Sup. of Elections	Margie E. Laramore	\$75,007	4	\$4,500.42	85
Sheriff	David L. Tatum	\$100,290	4	\$6,017.40	85
Co. Comm. D-1	Danny Ray Wise	\$25,979	4	\$1,588.32	17
Co. Comm. D-3	Don Miller	\$25,979	4	\$1,588.32	17
Co. Comm. D-5	Harold Pickron	\$25,979	4	\$1,588.32	17
School Bd. D-1*	Danny Ryals	\$24,268	4	\$ 970.72	17
School Bd. D-4*	Kenneth Speights	\$24,268	4	\$ 970.72	17

Liberty County Elected Officials

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County Judge*	Kenneth L. Hosford	\$134,280	6	\$5,371.20	42
Supt. of Schools	Sue Summers	\$89,630	4	\$5,377.80	42
Clerk of Court	Robert Hill	\$89,630	4	\$5,377.80	42
Prop. Appraiser	Patricia S. Whitfield	\$89,630	4	\$5,377.80	42
Tax Collector	Marie G. Goodman	\$89,630	4	\$5,377.80	42
Sup. of Elections	Marcia Wood	\$73,041	4	\$4,382.46	42
Sheriff	Donnie E. Conyers	\$98,225	4	\$5,893.50	42
Co. Comm. D-1	Albert "Butch" Butcher	\$23,466	4	\$1,407.96	42
Co. Comm. D-3	Jim Johnson	\$23,466	4	\$1,407.96	42
Co. Comm. D-5	Edward 'Kevin' Williams	\$23,466	4	\$1,407.96	42
School Bd. D-1*	Logan E. Kever	\$23,269	4	\$ 930.76	42
School Bd. D-2*	Thomas W. 'Tommy' Duggar	\$23,269	4	\$ 930.76	42

* Nonpartisan

* Last Day to Qualify By Petition - May 7, 2012 at 12 Noon (local time)

* Last Day to Qualify By Paying Fee - June 8, 2012 at 12 Noon (local time)

CANDIDATE UPDATE

The Calhoun County Sheriff's race has another candidate now that retired Blountstown Police Chief Glenn Kimbrel (D) has filed his intent. He joins four others vying for the job, including James "Jimmy Baggett (NPA), Kenneth B. Futch (NPA), Earl Hunt (NPA) and Roman Wood (D).

Incumbent Sheriff David Tatum will not seek re-election.

Renee Attaway hopes to take over her mother's duties as Calhoun County Clerk of Court and filed her intent last week. Also in the race for that job is County Commissioner Danny Ray Wise and Ray Howell. All will run as Democrats.

Ron Mears (D) has entered the Superintendent of Schools race in which incumbent Tommy McClellan (D) has already filed his intent, along with Logan Barber, Julie Leonard Smith and Ralph Yoder, who are all running with no party affiliation.

In the Liberty County race, Gina McDowell (D), filed her intent to run for Supervisor of Elections last week and Tax Collector Marie Goodman (D) will seek another term.

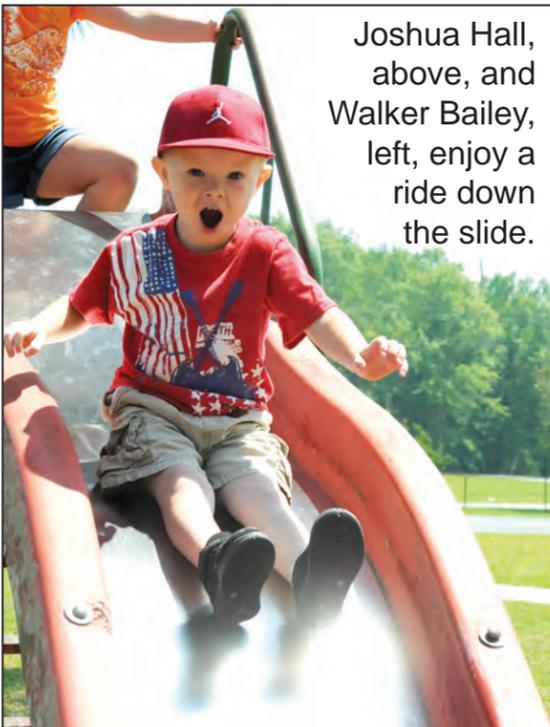


KINARD COMMUNITY CELEBRATES EASTER



The ladies (and at least one gentleman, shown at left) donned their colorful Easter bonnets to celebrate the season at Saturday's Kinard Community Easter Egg Hunt. Folks of all ages took part in the cake walk, including Audrey Hall and Joshua, at right. Little Kinsley, below, gets some help from Grant Marshall as she moves to a new square. Carly McWaters, shown at bottom, discovers a bright pink egg under the slide.

DANIEL WILLIAMS PHOTOS



Joshua Hall, above, and Walker Bailey, left, enjoy a ride down the slide.



BUSINESS

National Solar Power reaches key milestone in FL Solar Farm projects

by Liberty County Chamber of Commerce
MELBOURNE – National Solar Power Partners has reached a major milestone in its plans to build solar energy facilities totaling 700 megawatts (MW) in Florida by completing an agreement to acquire several million advanced solar panels from SolarWorld, the largest solar-technology manufacturer in the Americas. The projects in Gadsden, Hardee and Liberty counties will showcase National Solar's renewable-energy leadership by enabling institutions and investors to help establish U.S. renewable-energy infrastructure.

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National Solar. SolarWorld develops all phases of the manufacturing value chain, from raw materials through turn-key solar systems of all sizes. The group's largest production facilities are located in Hillsboro, OR. and Freiberg, Germany. SolarWorld employs about 3,300 people worldwide and more than one-third of them in the U.S.

As part of the effort to fund its renewable-energy projects, such as the solar projects in Gadsden, Hardee and Liberty counties, National Solar recently announced the creation of Green Infrastructure Partners LLC. Green Infrastructure offers a platform for institutions and accredited investors to participate in the inevitable transition to a renewable energy infrastructure in the United States, while enjoying competitive risk-adjusted returns on their capital. Green Infrastructure is externally managed and advised by Solar Capital Management LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of National Solar Power Partners LLC.

National Solar has executed power supply agreements for more than three gigawatts of solar farms in the U.S. Southeast. National Solar anticipates much of the power produced by its solar farm projects, particularly energy production during the summer months, will be used to shave peak requirements for power generated from fuels such as coal or gas.

A market leader in utility-scale solar power solutions, National Solar is uniquely positioned within the marketplace to offer cost-effective solar power solutions on the utility scale.

Learn more about National Solar at www.natlsolar.com.

Hardee County and 100 MW in Liberty County. Combined, the projects are an integral part of an investment and deployment paradigm shift that is taking place as solar becomes an essential and economical part of the nation's energy mix.

"SolarWorld looks forward to being a partner in this far-reaching and visionary project," said Kevin Kilkelly, president of SolarWorld Americas, the company's commercial unit. "National Solar Power is a recognized innovator, and its projects in Florida are truly exciting developments in the renewable-energy supply for our nation."

The solar farms will be built out in segments of 20 MW on about 200 acres each. The first 20 MW segment alone will utilize more than 100,000 solar panels, and the entire project will require millions of SolarWorld panels. National Solar is on track to begin construction of the first farm in Hardee County later this year. Hensel Phelps, a world leader in construction that remodeled the Pentagon after the 9-11 attacks in 2001, will design, build and operate the solar farm projects for

In partnership with Hensel Phelps Construction Co., National Solar signed a purchase order with SolarWorld, a vertically integrated U.S. solar manufacturer for more than 35 years, following lengthy review that included a tour of SolarWorld's manufacturing facility in Oregon. National Solar chose SolarWorld based on the high quality of its products and its corporate culture focused on sustainability and community partnerships.

"We're very excited about this partnership, which is a great cultural fit between our companies," said James Scrivener, CEO of National Solar, based in Melbourne. "We are committed to helping make the United States the world leader in renewable energy, and this partnership gives us the building blocks to produce clean energy domestically. Best of all, we will be using U.S. technology that will create thousands of jobs for Americans and help ensure U.S. energy security and independence."

Harnessing the unlimited energy source that gives the Sunshine State its nickname, the company eventually will generate 400 MW of power at its Gadsden County facility, 200 MW in

Calhoun County Chamber partners with SBDC to offer free counseling services

CALHOUNCOUNTY—The Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce is working with the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Gulf Coast State College and the Veterans' Business Outreach Center (VBOC) to offer free counseling in our area. A Certified Business Analyst will visit Calhoun County on the second Thursday of each month and be available for appointments in the Calhoun County Chamber office.

The SBDC prides itself on providing existing small business owners and prospective entrepreneurs with high quality management counseling, entrepreneurial training and information

access, enabling them to maximize their businesses' growth, competitiveness and profitability.

These services are targeted to those interested in:

- Starting a Business
- Increasing Sales
- Reducing Costs
- Improving Cash Flow
- Winning Government Contracts
- Obtaining Financing
- Improving Management Skills

One-on-one counseling is provided by trained and experienced Certified Busi-

Business Counselors will visit Calhoun County on the second Thursday of each month

ness Analysts (CBAs). Counseling sessions are personalized, confidential and free of charge.

Areas of business assistance range from new venture planning, to marketing, accounting and finance.

SBDC Certified Business Analysts will help you develop:

- Business Plans
- Marketing Plans
- Feasibility Studies
- Market Research
- Loan Proposals
- Accounting Systems
- Personnel Plans
- Employee Manuals

- Strategic Plans

In addition, specialized assistance through the Veterans' Business Outreach Center (VBOC) Program serves as a clearinghouse of business and technical assistance for veterans interested in starting or growing a business. A counselor can help conduct research, counsel veteran entrepreneurs, and educate veterans on a wide variety of business topics.

To set up an appointment with CBA Quen Lamb on Thursday, April 12, contact Kristy Terry at (850) 674-4519 or Kristy@calhounco.org.

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The Sewer Irrigation Rate will be determined as follows: A three month water usage average will be calculated utilizing the usage reflected on the preceding December, January, February, and March water bills, discarding the highest bill and using the 3 lowest bills for calculation purposes set forth in City of Bristol Ordinance 2011-02, and will be effective for (6) billing cycles beginning May 1, 2012 and ending October 1, 2012.

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

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ASK THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC



Can I change the color of the hydrangeas in my yard?

—F. L., New Bern, N.C.

The pH of your soil is what determines the color of hydrangea blossoms, and you can alter the pH to get the result you want. For blue flowers, the pH has to be between 4.5 and 5.5.

For pink flowers, you must raise the pH to between 7.0 and 7.5 by liming the soil. If you thought you were growing blue hydrangeas and some came out pink, a nearby concrete foundation may be the culprit.

Can I start new African daisies from plant cuttings?

—K. P., Scranton, Penn.

Yes, you can start new plants from cuttings. Snip off a shoot, trim off some of the lower leaves, and stick it into a pot of moist compost.

Place the pot out of direct sunlight. Water enough to prevent the compost from drying out. The cuttings should root within a few weeks.

To check whether



Joseph Pulitzer

APR. 9, MONDAY -- Easter Monday. Moon at ascending node. Arnold Palmer won his third Masters Tournament, 1962. Actress Kristen Stewart born, 1990.

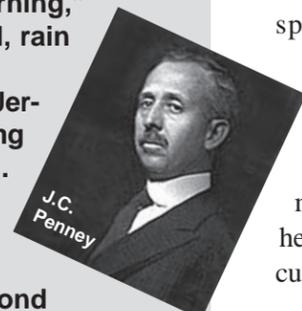
APR. 10, TUESDAY -- Moon runs low. Pluto stationary. Newspaper publisher and founder of Pulitzer Prize Joseph Pulitzer born, 1847. Comedian Sam Kinison died, 1992.

APR. 11, WEDNESDAY -- President Lincoln made his last public speech. He gave the speech at the White House and spoke of the reconstruction of the south, in particular Louisiana, 1865.

APR. 12, THURSDAY -- Conjunction of Pluto and the Moon. The polio vaccine developed by Dr. Salk was found to be successful after subjection to a year of clinical trials, 1955.

APR. 13, FRIDAY -- President Thomas Jefferson born, 1743. Charles Osgood became host of CBS's "Sunday Morning," 1994. If fowls roll in the sand, rain is at hand.

APR. 14, SATURDAY -- New Jersey passed first law providing state aid for public roads, 1891. James Cash Penney opened his first store, Kemmerer, Wyoming, 1902.



J.C. Penney

APR. 15, SUNDAY -- Second Sunday of Easter. Orthodox Easter. Mars stationary. President Lincoln called for 75,000 Union militia volunteers, 1861.

roots have formed, check to see if roots are protruding from the drainage holes in the bottom of the pot or give the cutting a gentle tug to feel

whether it is anchored in the pot.

A few shoots may wither and die before rooting takes place, so take several cuttings

from the same plant.

I read that housewives used to add marigolds to butter. What does that do?

—C. C., Attleboro, Mass.

Marigolds helped to color the butter and possibly added some vitamin A.

In Eliza Smith's book, *The Compleat Housewife: or Accomplish'd Gentlewoman's Companion* (1753), she describes a process for making butter that contains marigolds for added color.

The marigold she speaks of may have been the pot marigold (*Calendula officinalis*), better known as calendula and commonly used both as an herbal remedy and for culinary uses.

Most often used externally (on babies for diaper rash, on adults for varicose veins or hemorrhoids or sometimes as an eyebath for conjunctivitis), calendula was also considered good for internal use. It is full of vitamin A and considered healing to tissues and mucous membranes.

In butter, the flower heads mainly add color. If you decide to experiment with this, it would be important not to confuse calendula with the French marigold (*Tagetes patula*), which is used in insecticides and herbicides and for wart removal.

That's a very different pot of gold altogether!

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APRIL 10
Moon runs low

APRIL 15
Orthodox Easter

APRIL 9, 10
Best days to go camping

APRIL 12, 13
Best days to harvest belowground crops

Notable Notebooks

After finishing your taxes, celebrate the birthday of **Leonardo da Vinci**, born on April 15, 1452. Besides the Mona Lisa and other major works of art, da Vinci left some of the most prolific literary notebooks of any of our great genius minds. There were notebooks on human anatomy, the science of painting, and architecture. He also studied and depicted his knowledge in drawings and text on the subjects of hydraulic engineering, botany, geology, and other subjects. According to Leonardo, the key was simply in "knowing how to see."

Broccoli Pasta

Cook the pasta in boiling salted water until al dente, then drain. While the pasta is cooking, sauté the onion and garlic in the olive oil. Add the chopped broccoli and lemon juice and continue cooking, stirring occasionally, until tender. Serve over pasta and garnish with Parmesan cheese, as desired.

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WIT AND WISDOM FROM THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

- If the Sun goes pale to bed, 'twill rain tomorrow, it is said.
- To reduce a fever, drink warm lemonade.
- On April 12, 1954, Bill Haley and His Comets recorded *Rock Around the Clock*.

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WEDDINGS



Holley, Gregg to marry in Destin this Saturday

Roscoe and Stephanie Holley of Telogia are proud to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Candice Priscilla Holley of Telogia to Nicholas Lee Gregg of Bristol. He is the son of David Gregg of Quincy and Tracy Gregg of Mt. Pleasant.

Candice is the granddaughter of the late Thomas and Eleanor Bodiford of Telogia, the late Ferrol Holley of Hosford and Josephine Holley of Hosford.

Nicholas is the grandson of John and Nita Kennedy of Quincy and Linda Walker of Greensboro.

The bride to be is a 2007 graduate of Liberty County High School and is currently a registered nurse with the Twin Cities Hospital of Niceville.

The groom to be is a 2007 graduate of Liberty County High School and is currently enrolled with the dental program at University of Alabama at Birmingham that will begin in the fall of 2012.

The wedding and reception will take place on Saturday, April 14 at 3:30 p.m. (CT) at The Destin Bay House in Destin.

Happy Anniversary



FERRELL & KAY WAHLQUIST

*Hey Miss Kay,
Thank you for 55 fabulous years.
Maybe we could go dancing just one more time. But we'll probably have to settle for black & white Perry Mason and Murder She Wrote re-runs.
I love you, Ferrell*

Natalie Bristol, Bruce Kirbo to exchange vows in May 13 St. Joe beach ceremony

Dr. and Mrs. Clifford Bristol of Bristol, are pleased to announced the engagement of their daughter, Natalie Newell Bristol to Bruce Wheat Kirbo, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Wheat Kirbo, Jr. of Bainbridge, GA and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Kirbo of Bainbridge, GA and the late Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Carlyle Cloud of Climax, GA. Natalie is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Golden and the late Mr. and Mrs. James Peacock, all of Blountstown.

The two will wed on St. Joe Beach Sunday, May 13 with a reception following. Invitations have been sent.

She is a graduate of Robert F. Munroe Day School and the University of Florida. She will graduate from Florida State University School of



Law in May and has accepted a job offer from Thomasville National Bank in Thomasville, GA.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Bainbridge High School,

Valdosta State University and the University of Georgia School of Law. He is an attorney in Bainbridge, GA with the firm of Bruce W. Kirbo, Jr., Attorney At Law, LLC.

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TORCH RUN

Sgt. Sidney Johnson leads a group of officers from Liberty Correctional Institution as they make their way along SR 20 in Bristol Monday morning during the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run. Those running with him include Kibbe Sandine, Lt. Hover, Sgt. Brown, Sgt. Peddie, Sgt. Clark, Sgt. Mercer, Sgt. Moore, Sgt. Crosby, Sgt. Watson, Officer Daniels, Of-

ficer Copeland and Officer Phillips. The event raises money and awareness for the Special Olympics. Over 300 agencies in Florida take part to carry the torch to the opening ceremonies of the Special Olympics State Summer Games, which will be held May 18 & 19 at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Lake Buena Vista. **JOHNNY EUBANKS PHOTO**

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS



KEYIERA ALIANNA ERVIN
Keyiera Alianna Ervin will be celebrating her first birthday on April 15. She is the daughter of Vaccaro Ervin of Tallahassee and Shontae Taylor of Blountstown. Her grandparents are the late Calvin Paul and Almeada Paul of Tallahassee, Twyla Dawson, Mae Ervin and Stacey House, all of Bristol and Robert Taylor of Blountstown. Keyiera enjoys playing with her sister, Sharlize and brother, Jaevien. She also enjoys playing with her cousin.



DANIEL L. JACOBS
Daniel L. Jacobs celebrated his sixth birthday on April 12. He is the son of Richlene Young and Chip Jacobs, both of Bristol. His grandparents are Reverend Samuel E. McGlockton and Betty McGlockton, Lloyd M. Jacobs, Sr., all of Bristol. Daniel enjoys fishing, hunting and building bird houses with Papa. He also enjoys playing with his nieces, nephews and friends.



CRYSTAL ANN HARVELL
Crystal Ann Harvell celebrated her ninth birthday on April 10. She is the daughter of Bubba and Joanna Harvell. Her grandparents are Louise Tipton, Rudy Maguder and Floyd Harvell, Sr., all of Bristol and Patricia Marshall of Steinhatchee. Crystal has a big brother Mikey, who is twenty-one and a little sister, Elyssah, who is five. She will be celebrating April 14 at Rocket Lanes because bowling is one of her favorite games. Crystal enjoys going to church and she loves animals. She likes to watch *I Carly, Jessie, Austin and Ally* and *Big Time Rush*. She also enjoys spending time with her Uncle Nonie "John El" and her Nana.



Yale a cappella group to perform at Chipola

MARIANNA — *The Whiffenpoofs*, the oldest and best-known collegiate a cappella all-male singing group will perform as part of the Chipola College Artist Series on Thursday, April 26, at 7 p.m.

These 14 senior Yale University men carry on a tradition that started in 1909. *The Whiffenpoofs* have performed in Lincoln Center, the White House, Carnegie Hall, the Rose Bowl, and on television shows such as: *The Today Show*, *Saturday Night Live*, *60 Minutes*, and NBC's *The Sing-Off* to name a few.

A limited number of tickets—\$12 for adults and \$8 for ages 18 and under—are on sale in the Chipola Business Office.

The Chipola Artist Series is funded through Chipola's Performing Arts Fund, with grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Southern Arts Federation, the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs, the Chipola Regional Arts Association and corporate donors.

For tickets, call (850) 718-2220. For performance information, contact Dr. Daniel Powell at (850) 718-2257 or powelld@chipola.edu.

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NYFC asks where are the farmers of tomorrow?

Dear EarthTalk:

American farmers are an aging population. Is anyone doing anything to make sure younger people are taking up this profession in large enough numbers to keep at least some of our food production domestic?

-- Beverly Smith, Milwaukee, WI

Indeed American farmers as a whole are an aging group today as young people gravitate more towards virtual realities than tilling in the soil.

The National Young Farmers' Coalition (NYFC) reports that the total number of American farmers has declined from over six million in 1910 to just over two million today, and that for each farmer under the age of 35 there are now six over 65.

With the average age of U.S. farmers now at 57, one quarter (500,000) of all American farmers will retire over the next two decades. U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack is calling for hundreds of thousands of new farmers nationwide, but convincing young people to take up farming remains a hard sell.

NYFC would like to see action at the local, state and federal levels to help beginning farmers.

"At the local level, communities can create market opportunities for farmers by starting Community Supported Agriculture groups and shopping at farmers markets, as well as protecting existing farmland through zoning and the purchase of development rights." States can be helpful, the group adds, by



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offering incentives to preserve farmland and giving tax credits for farmers who sell their land to new practitioners.

But real change has to come from the top down. NYFC and others are pinning their hopes on the inclusion of the "Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Opportunity Act" in Congress' next Farm Bill.

The purpose of the proposed legis-

lation is to invest in the next generation of American agricultural and livestock producers by enabling access to land, credit and crop insurance to help new farmers and ranchers launch or strengthen their businesses and become better stewards of their land.

"The future of family farming and ranching in America—and the viability

of our nation's food supply—depends upon removing existing obstacles to entry into farming so that more people can start to farm," says the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition, another backer of the proposed legislation. "This bill encompasses a national strategy for addressing those barriers, focusing on the issues that consistently rank as the greatest challenges for beginning producers."

Backers of the bill warn that, at a cost of just a fraction of one percent of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) budget, the nation can't afford not to pass the bill given its potential long term benefits to both our food supply and trade deficit.

The good news is that interest in healthier, greener food is driving a resurgence in organic agriculture. As such, many of the new farmers cropping up to replace their retired forebears are eschewing genetically modified crops and harsh chemicals, thus improving the quality of our agricultural land base overall.

Tierney Creech of the Washington Young Farmers' Coalition (WYFC) calls this influx of green enthusiasm an agrarian revival.

"We're not just a few people spread across the country, we're a well organized, politically active group that can be documented," she says.

"We know who our senators and representatives are, we vote, and our friends and families vote. We need USDA and government support to succeed and we're going to let the nation know that."

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NEWS FROM THE PEWS

REVIVAL SERVICES – Corinth Baptist Church in Hosford, will be having revival services starting Sunday, April 15 at 10:30 a.m. (ET) and 6 p.m. Nightly services will be held April 16-18 at 7 p.m. Rev. John McDaniel of Aeon Baptist Church in Tallahassee will be the evangelist for the week. Worship music will be lead by William "Buckshot" VanCott, former tenor singer with the Bibletones Quartet. We would love to have you.

For more information, please call 556-1881.

SING AT GLORY HILL HOLINESS – Glory Hill Holiness Church will be having a sing on Sunday, April 15 at 5 p.m.

Featured singers will be *Heaven Bound*. Everyone is invited to come and join us in this time of worship and fellowship.

After the service there will be refreshments in the fellowship hall.

The church is located 5 miles N. of Clarksville on Hwy. 73. For more information, call (850) 762-8301.

GUESTSPEAKER – Guest Speaker Thomas Gust will present an adult faith-sharing program on The Book of Revelation, Part VI on Friday, April 13, at 6:30 p.m. (CT). This is part of a series at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, located on SW Gaskin St. in Blountstown.

We will meet in the church hall. Light refreshments will be served.

BLUE CREEK HOMECOMING – Grace United Methodist Church of Hosford will host its annual Blue Creek Homecoming service at the Blue Creek Methodist Church on Sunday, April 15 at 11 a.m. The service will be followed by lunch on the grounds.

The Blue Creek Church is located off CR 2224, south of SR 20.

For more information, call 379-8595 or visit our website at www.graceumchosford.org.

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This is Wildfire Awareness Wk.

BAY COUNTY – As Florida Forest Service wildland firefighters battle 73 wildfires burning nearly 16,000 acres in the state right now, everyone is reminded that this week—April 8-14, is Wildfire Awareness Week.

Florida has already had 1,100 wildfires which have burned approximately 30,000 acres since the start of the year and almost 80% of all wildfires in Florida are caused by human carelessness, with arson and escaped debris burning being the top two causes.

March, April, May and June are often the most active months of Florida's wildfire year.

Wind and low humidity that follow a cold front can quickly dry out grass, pine needles and small branches, allowing them the catch fire easily. Even though many of Florida's trees, shrubs and grasses are dependent on naturally occurring low intensity or prescribed fires to survive, for this reason, they will burn quickly from any spark whether it is from lightning or people.

The Florida Forest Service responds to an increased number of escaped yard debris fires this time of year. Residents are urged to use caution when burning yard waste and to follow a few guidelines:

- Your fire must be contained in an 8 feet diameter pile or non-combustible barrel and must be at least 25 feet from forests, 25 feet from your house, 50 feet from a paved public road, and 150 feet from other occupied buildings.

- Don't burn on windy days or when the humidity is below 30%.

- Never leave a fire unattended, and make sure it is out before you leave.

- Keep a shovel and water hose handy.

- If your fire escapes, you may be liable for suppression costs and damage to the property of others.

Yard waste is vegetative debris such as grass clippings, brush, leaves, tree limbs, etc., that are a result of yard maintenance. Burning yard waste does not require an authorization from the Florida Forest Service, but you should check with your local city or county officials to see if there are any restrictions in your area.

Floridians can take additional precautions to help prevent wildfires by reporting all suspicious fires to 911 or their local FFS office, never leaving a campfire unattended, disposing of cigarettes properly and making sure all vehicles and equipment have properly working spark arresters.

Last year in 2011, the Florida Forest Service responded to more than 4,700 wildfires that burned over 220,000 acres, a 32 percent increase from the previous year. Firefighters saved more than 1,100 homes and business in Florida.

To report a suspicious fire, call 547-7083. For more information about the Florida Forest Service, including wildfire information, or recreational opportunities, visit the Florida Forest Service website at www.floridaforestservice.com. The Chipola Forestry Center of the Florida Forest Service consists of 7 counties including Bay, Walton, Gulf, Holmes, Calhoun, Washington, and Jackson counties. (Special Note: Effective July 1, 2011, the Florida Division of Forestry returned to its 'original' name—the Florida Forest Service)



Moonlight Market



ABOVE: Geraldine Sheard fills up a plate full of good cookin' as Lynn Strawn looks on during Friday's Moonlight Market in Blountstown. LEFT: Calhoun County deputies were a big draw at the dunking booth. Thor Eikeland didn't bother throwing a ball. He skipped to the fun part when he just walked up and hit the target with his hand. BOTTOM LEFT: A trio of ladies - Kayla Arrant, Donna Arrant and Sidney Rivas - had a table filled with tasty goodies for sale. They call their dessert business "Phat & Sassy."



JOE SUMMERS PHOTOS

SEE MORE PHOTOS FROM THIS EVENT ON PAGE 28.

ALTHA WILDCATS

FFA places fifth in Horse Evaluation CDE

Altha FFA placed fifth in the Horse Evaluation CDE. The event was held April 7 at the University of Florida Horse Teaching Unit in Gainesville.

Fifteen teams from throughout Florida who qualified earlier this year gathered to compete for the top spot. The purpose of the Horse Evaluation CDE is to stimulate the study of, and interest in, equine science selection while providing recognition for those who have demonstrated skill and competency in this area.

The four students who com-

peted in this event, shown below, from left, included Hannah Register, Vicki Tipton, Morgan Lewis and Brooke Coleman.



Students rewarded for FCAT Writes scores

Altha students in 5th, 9th and 11th grade who scored a five or a six on their FCAT Writes last year earned a trip to Kindal Lanes for a day of fun Wednesday, April 4.

Everyone had a great time bowling, playing pool and dancing to their favorite tunes. The students were also treated to lunch.



Order Wildcat apparel by Friday, April 13

This is the last chance to place your Wildcat Apparel orders for the year.

Items available include a variety of T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, windbreakers, caps and backpacks.

They are due Friday, April 13.

If you are interested in ordering any

of the items you can pick up a form in the office, or visit the website at www.blue84spirit.com/FL005.

The school receives a portion of the proceeds, so take advantage of these quality items and help our school at the same time.

BLOUNTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Blountstown High School holds SGA elections

by Susan Gates

Student Government Association (SGA) elections were held for the upcoming school year on March 22.

The new President is Devan Rouhlac, who ran a close race with Chelsey Weiler.

"I look forward to working with the student body and I hope to continue the progress Blountstown High School has made. I am looking forward to a great school year," said Devan.

The new Vice President is Alex Wroblewski, who ran against Alexis Butler. Alex would like to say, "I am eager and ready to dive head first and I am looking forward to a great school year and I promise not to let anyone down."

Tayzee Lairson is our new SGA treasurer and Ased Farooqi is our new SGA secretary. Both ran unopposed and are very excited about the upcoming school year.

Students, faculty, and staff are looking forward to the upcoming year with these new SGA officers.



SGA officers for 2012-2013. Standing from left, Devan Rouhlac and Alex Wroblewski. Seated, from left, Ased Farooqi and Tayzee Lairson.

FCAT begins Monday for 9th & 10th grades

Next week, ninth and tenth grade students will be participating in the Statewide FCAT Reading Assessment.

FCAT Reading will be given in two 70 minute sessions over two days.

*Session 1 will be given to all ninth and tenth grade

students on Monday, April 16 and

*Session 2 will be given to all ninth and tenth grade students on Tuesday, April 17.

Testing will begin promptly at the beginning of the school day.

It is extremely important

that all ninth and tenth grade students be present on these two days.

Due to changes in the testing schedule, all eleventh and twelfth grade students will need to attend school as regularly scheduled.

Altha Calendar EVENTS

- April 11 – FCAT Retakes; Kindergarten & Mrs. Webb's class field trip to Gulf World; Senior Beta Trip; SWAT Meeting at 2:45 in the Media Center
- April 12 – Cats' Cuisine; Boys Weightlifting @ Blountstown 1 p.m. (Qualified Lifter Meet); Varsity Baseball vs. Ashford Acad @ Cottondale 4 p.m.; Varsity Softball @ Laurel Hill 5 p.m.
- April 13 – FCA Gym Huddle 7:15 a.m.; Varsity Softball vs. John Paul Double Header 5 p.m.
- April 14 – State Livestock Finals
- April 16 – 26: FCAT
- April 16 – Varsity Softball @ Cottondale District Tournament; Varsity Baseball vs. Malone 6 p.m.
- April 17 – Varsity Softball @ Cottondale District Tournament
- April 19 – Varsity Softball District Finals @ Cottondale
- April 20 – FCA Breakfast at ACOG 7 a.m.; Boy's Weightlifting State Kissimmee 10 a.m.; Varsity Baseball @ Poplar Springs 4 p.m.

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BHS Calendar of Events

- *Wednesday, April 11: FCA Huddle 5 p.m. – 7:30 a.m.; Algebra Study Session – 3 til 4 p.m.
- *Thursday, April 12: Cheer Clinic for 9th – 11th graders, 3 - 4 p.m.; Weightlifting – Home @ 3 p.m.; Baseball vs. Bozeman – Away @ 6:30 p.m.; Softball vs. Bay High – Home @ 6 p.m.
- *Friday, April 13: "A" Celebration/FCAT Fun Day; Chipola Math Contest; Baseball vs. South Walton – Away @
- *Saturday, April 14: ACT Testing; Guys and Dolls 4 hour rehearsal 1–5 p.m.
- *Monday, April 16: Geometry Study Session – 3–4:00 p.m.; FCAT Reading; Softball District Tournament in Blountstown
- *Tuesday, April 17: FCAT Reading; Softball District Tournament in Blountstown

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU



April 11-17, 2012

CALHOUN

Wednesday

BREAKFAST: Ham and Cheese Biscuit and potato tots.

LUNCH: Beef-a-roni, steamed broccoli, mixed fruit and a bread stick.

Thursday

BREAKFAST: Cheese toast, grits and ham cubes.

LUNCH: Chicken nuggets, buttered rice, green beans, whole wheat roll and diced peaches.

Friday

BREAKFAST: French toast sticks with syrup and sausage patty.

LUNCH: Cheese pizza, garden salad, fresh fruit and a homemade cookie.

Monday

BREAKFAST: Sausage and egg biscuit and potato tots.

LUNCH: Chicken BBQ sandwich, baked potato wedges and mixed fruit cup.

Tuesday

BREAKFAST: Pancakes with syrup and a sausage patty.

LUNCH: Baked ziti, garden salad, bread stick and diced peach cup.

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

LIBERTY

Wednesday

BREAKFAST: Sausage and gravy biscuit.

LUNCH: Baked ziti with cheese or ham and cheese on autumn grain or breaded chicken salad with crackers, green beans, tossed salad with light dressing and grape juice.

(2nd & 3rd grade pizza)

Thursday

BREAKFAST: French toast sticks and ham.

LUNCH: Oven fried chicken or toasted turkey and cheese sandwich or cobb chef salad with crackers, mashed potatoes with gravy, confetti coleslaw, cornbread and chilled peaches.

Friday

BREAKFAST: Grilled cheese on whole wheat.

LUNCH: Sizzling tacos or barbecued chicken melt on bun or chef salad with cheese and crackers, shredded lettuce and tomato, corn and black bean side salad and a fresh apple.

(4th grade pizza)

Monday

BREAKFAST: Breakfast burrito.

LUNCH: Toasted turkey and cheese and vegetable soup or chicken filet on a bun or grilled chicken wrap, green beans, baby carrots with LF dip, corn and black bean side salad and grape juice.

(Kg & 1st grade pizza).

Tuesday

BREAKFAST: Waffles and ham.

LUNCH: BBQ chicken or baked chicken nuggets or cobb chef salad with crackers, baked potato wedges, baked beans, cornbread and cinnamon applesauce.

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Hosford Panthers paw their way to conference championship

The Hosford Panther baseball team, led by Coaches Tim Davis and Richie Smith, wrapped up another awesome year of baseball with the first ever championship victory in the Panhandle Area Conference. The boys finished the year with a record of 13 wins and 3 losses during the season, falling only to River Springs once and Blountstown twice.

The season defeats to Blountstown however, didn't stop them from taking to the field on March 22 with the determination to bring the first place trophy home. Blountstown took an early lead of 2-0 in the bottom of the first inning. The Panthers knew they would have to dig deep. They managed to hold the Tigers defensively and didn't allow another score to be added to their side of the scoreboard for the remainder of the game. The Panthers got busy



The Hosford Panthers celebrate their win. Standing on back row, from left: Coach Tim Davis, Blade Barineau Micah McCaskill and Coach Richie Smith. Middle row: Kenneth Thompson, Donavin Sansom, Hunter McDaniel, Gunter Barber, Jakob Bradwell and Brody Holland. Front row, kneeling: Trey Watson, Tyler Ellison, Cody Arnold, Ricky Ramer, Bailey Singletary and Jakob Abbott.

adding their own points to the board. They scored their first two runs in the top of the fourth inning and added two more runs in the top of the 6th to take a 4-2 lead over the mighty Tigers. In the bottom of the 6 the Tigers attempted their comeback. The first batter flew out to Panther center fielder, Ricky Ramer. The second Tiger batter walked and the third batter got on base with

a hit by the pitcher. This put the tying run on first base and the go-ahead run at the plate. Tensions were high as Panther Bailey Singletary, on the mound, faced the Tigers' lead-off batter, Sumner, at the plate. Singletary had Sumner with a 1 and 2 count when he threw a beautiful pitch across the plate that Sumner sent airborne – straight to Panther shortstop, Micah McCaskill. McCaskill caught the fly ball for the out and threw it to the second baseman, Cody Arnold, where he caught the second base runner off the bag for the double play that made out three and ended the game with a hard fought Panther victory.

This is the first year the Panthers have won the Conference championship in baseball. We are so proud of them and can't wait to see what they accomplish next year as they defend their title.

BTOWN ELEMENTARY

Honor assembly for 3rd nine weeks held March 23

The Honor Assembly for the 3rd nine week grading period was held on March 23.

All students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades that made all A's or all A's and B's were recognized with an honor roll ribbon.

The 5th Grade Chorus and the Safety Patrol lead the audience in the National Anthem.



Kindergarten Registration April 27
Kindergarten Registration for the 2012-2013 school year will be April 27 from 8-12 a.m.
Please call the school office for an appointment at

674-8169.
Yearbooks on Sale
The B.E.S. 2011-2012 yearbooks are on sale now! The cost of the yearbooks are \$22. Please purchase yours as soon as possible. They will be on sale until April 30.



Liberty JROTC places 3rd & 4th at drill meet in Chipley March 24

Liberty County High School's JROTC Area 11 Drill Meet Color Guard placed fourth and the Drill Team placed third in Chipley on March 24. The teams from left, include: Major Groggett, Michael Marotta, Brandon Schneider, Adam Alvarado, Ben Harger, Harley White, Sergeant Milton, Molly Holmes, Marrison Escoto, Yvett Hernandez, Emily Whittaker, Allen Holbet and Nick Yates.

W. R. TOLAR SCHOOL



Tolar 4th grade performs at Awards Day program

WR Tolar's 4th grade class performed at the recent Awards Day. They delighted the audience with their songs, "A Minor Melody" and "Hot Cross/Merrily Mambo".

Hosford's Ann Marie Brown wins Apalachee Valley VFW Post #12010 Patriot Pen Essay Contest

Are You Proud of Your Country?

by Ann Marie Brown

Merriam Webster defines proud as being "much pleased; having proper self-respect." Whenever the question, "Are you proud of your country?" is proposed to me, I can immediately answer yes due to the fact that I am delighted by the United States of America. On a trip to Washington, D.C., I was stunned by our glorious country and the enormous sacrifices we have endured for the good of humanity. I take pride in being a citizen of this great country every second of my life. Arlington National Cemetery is visited by over four million people a year, but not one of them could explain to you the peaceful serenity, the pride, and the sorrow that fills one's heart when they look over the rolling hills filled with so many graves of men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice for this country. I am very much aware of this because I tried to explain the emotions that mingle with the cemetery to my family and friends who had not been able to visit our nation's capital. The pure white stones are forever engraved with the names of individuals who died for America... How could anyone be ashamed of that? The very thought of the United States of America makes my heart overflow with pride.

During my trip to Washington, D.C., I also visited many monuments, such as the Jefferson Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, and the Washington Monument. These memorials are tributes to our forefathers, who created so much for America. The United States Constitution provides the citizens of America with many liberties and freedoms that some countries' civilians still do not possess. The Declaration of Independence proves that America is a free, individual country with the unalienable rights that are gifted to every citizen being an American with the numerous features that many in this amazing country.

As an American citizen, I am bestowed with numerous features that many take for granted. America is the land of the free and the home of the brave. We are free in so many aspects that others in foreign countries are not, and our brave soldiers have given so much to the United States of America. So I am completely resolved to state today:

Yes, I am proud of America, the land that I love!

Ann Marie Brown of Hosford won the Apalachee Valley VFW Post 12010 Patriot Pen Essay contest in February. She wrote her essay on the theme 'Are You Proud of Your Country?' (see complete essay at left).

The 14-year-old is an eighth grade student at W.R. Tolar School in Bristol. She was awarded a check and certificate for winning the contest.

She enjoys reading, singing, church, creative activities, spending time with her family.

She is the daughter of Doyal and Beth Brown.

RIGHT: Ann Marie is shown giving her speech at the VFW Post.



Javakiel Brigham named MVP and wins medals at Football Combine March 31

Javakiel Brigham, a 10th grader at Blountstown High School, took home several top awards at the National Underclassmen Football Combine held March 31 in Tallahassee.

After training from both NFL and college players, he competed against 50 athletes from across Florida and Georgia. Brigham was named MVP, won the bench press event, was dubbed fastest man and was crowned Combine King for being the most athletic individual at the competition.

He ran the 40-yard dash in 4:42, the shuttle run in 4:28, did a 38.5 vertical leap and set a standing broad jump record at 10'10". He has been invited to compete in the Ultimate 100 in Georgia.

Javakiel is the grandson of Edward and Redella Brigham of Blountstown.

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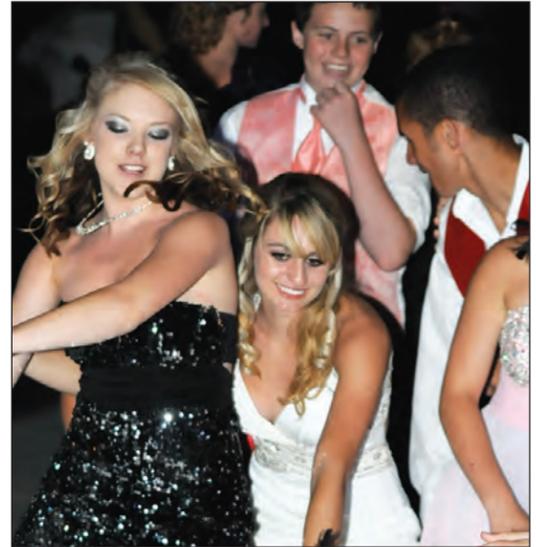
ALTHA HIGH SCHOOL 2012 PROM



A Masked Affair

This year's *A Masked Affair* theme made the 2012 Altha Prom a memorable one Saturday night. The group danced the night away at the Altha school gym.

Royalty makes their entrance. From left: Prom King Anthony Young, Prom Queen Autumn Cook, Princess Christalyn Castleberry and Prince Corey Barton.



Beachgoers asked to help monitor spawning horseshoe crabs

As spring arrives, horseshoe crabs converge along sandy beaches throughout the state to mate. Biologists with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) are asking the public for help pinpointing the sites where these horseshoe crabs spawn.

Beachgoers are likely to have the best luck spotting mating horseshoe crabs around high tide, just before, during or after a full or new moon. The conditions around the new moon on March 22 and the full moon on April 6 will create ideal opportunities to view the spawning behavior of horseshoe crabs.

The FWC asks people to report sightings through one of several convenient options. Go to MyFWC.com/Contact and click on the "Submit a Horseshoe



Crab Survey" link, then "Florida Horseshoe Crab Spawning Beach Survey." You can also email findings to horse-shoe@MyFWC.com or call the FWC at (866) 252-9326.

Observers should note the number of horseshoe crabs they see and whether those horseshoe crabs are mating. Mating crabs "pair up," with the smaller male on top of the larger female. Other male crabs may be present around the couple.

If possible, the observer should specify roughly how many horseshoe crabs are mating adults and how many are juveniles (4 inches wide or smaller).

Biologists also want to know the date, time, location, habitat type and environmental conditions – such as tides and moon phase – when a sighting occurs.

Through December 2011, the FWC has received 2,350 reports since the survey program began in April 2002.

Horseshoe crabs, often called "living fossils," have been around for approximately 450 million years and are an important part of a marine ecosystem. Their eggs are a vital food source for animals and birds, such as the red knot.

Horseshoe crabs are important to humans as well. In the biomedical industry, horseshoe crab blood helps save human lives. Pharmaceutical companies use horseshoe crab blood to make sure that intravenous drugs and vaccine injections are bacteria-free. Also, research into horseshoe crab eyes has given scientists a greater knowledge of the functioning of human eyes.

Study reveals new information about tarpon movement

Seven years into the Tarpon Genetic Recapture Study, biologists with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and Mote Marine Laboratory are gaining new insights into tarpon movement and seasonal habitat preferences. With the help of anglers participating in the study, researchers have confirmed that some tarpon move long distances, and others stay close to home. Biologists have also found evidence of a connection between tarpon habitats in southwest Florida and those of the Florida Keys.

Anglers sampled two tarpon in Charlotte Harbor during August 2010. Both fish were caught the following

spring in the Florida Keys – more than 150 miles away. These tarpon were initially sampled inshore at the end of a spawning season, in close proximity to offshore areas in the Gulf where spawning is presumed to occur.

Sampling of another tarpon showed the fish can travel a similar distance in a shorter time. That tarpon was caught near Islamorada in July 2011, about one month after an angler reeled it in during peak spawning season near Sarasota.

Researchers can track these tarpon thanks to volunteer anglers who submit tarpon DNA samples to the FWC. When an angler catches and samples a tarpon that was previously sampled, a

recapture occurs. Through recaptures, biologists can compare catch times and locations to determine movement.

In the study, the farthest distance recorded between an initial catch and a recapture is approximately 280 miles. That tarpon was reeled in near Apalachicola in July 2007 before it was recaptured near Captiva in May 2009.

Anglers have submitted over 13,000 tarpon DNA samples to the FWC, including more than 4,000 in 2011. Among the samples, researchers have documented about 100 recaptured tarpon.

Anglers who would like to assist the study can obtain a free, easy-to-use

tarpon DNA sampling kit by emailing TarponGenetics@MyFWC.com or by calling (800) 367-4461.

A new video provides a step-by-step look at how an angler takes a tarpon DNA sample for the study. The video, produced by Florida Sea Grant and the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Communications, can be viewed at www.YouTube.com/user/MyFWCsocial.

For more information on the Tarpon Genetic Recapture Study, visit MyFWC.com/Research, click on "Saltwater," and select "Tarpon Genetics" under "Tarpon."



Storytellers group to meet on Thursdays at Settlement

BLOUNTSTOWN – The Panhandle Pioneer Settlement Presents has been awarded the privilege of exhibiting the Smithsonian Institution and Florida Humanities Council Museum on Main Street --Journey Stories. The moms Journey Stories will be on display from July 14 - August 25.

This is the only facility located in North Florida that has been selected for the exhibit; therefore, we need to ensure that the exhibit is a success.

We are in need of Stories. Come and tell your story. The Pioneer Settlement is starting a new group of "Storytellers". Come and tell your story every Thursday morning from

10 a.m.-noon in our Club House. Be prepared to write and express your creativity.

Please bring one story on a subject of your choice. It could be about a funny interaction with your kids or something wonderful your grandchildren did. Subject doesn't matter. We just want you to get started writing. We will read the stories to the group then write a story on the spot about a subject suggested by the group. It is a fun way to get writing.

Just show up Thursday, April 12 at 10 a.m. and we guarantee you will have a great time.

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OBITUARIES

LUCILLE MARGARET STEWART

ALTHA – Lucille Margaret Stewart, 88, of Altha, passed away on Wednesday, April 4, 2012 in Blountstown. She was a member of Magnolia Baptist Church near Altha. She earned a Bachelor's Degree from Florida State University, a Master's Degree from the University of Florida and taught Home Economics and Chemistry in South Sumter High School in Bushnell for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Virgil Stewart; her parents, Thomas and Eula (Johnson) Jordan; a son, Delwin Stewart.

Survivors include a son, Kenneth Stewart and his wife, Elaine of Fort Walton Beach; a daughter, Cheryl Stephens and her husband, John of Tampa; six grandchildren, Lora Stewart, Jennifer Stewart, Chad and Ashley Stewart, Amy Elizabeth Stephens and Sarah Catherine Stephens; two great-grandchildren, Lane Stephens and Colby Rinberger; a brother, J. D. Jordan and his wife, Pam of Youngstown.

Services were held on Friday, April 6 at the Chapel of Adams Funeral Home with Reverend John Kuenierz and Reverend Clint Clemons officiating.

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

BOBBY LEE MCGHEE

CALLAWAY – Bobby Lee McGhee, 68, of Callaway, passed away on April 9, 2012 at his home in Callaway. He was born February 29, 1944.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ebb and Willene Partin McGhee; one brother, Thomas McGhee; his in-laws, Perry Yoder and Savilla Schrock Yoder.

Survivors include his wife of 43 years, Alta Dawn McGhee; seven children, Stephen McGhee of Panama City Beach, Emmanuel McGhee and his wife, Jeanette of Bristol, Savilla McGhee of Bratt, Karla Grantham and her husband, Donny Joe, Perry McGhee and his wife, Amanda, Christine Ayers and her husband, Drew, all of Blountstown and Bobby Joe McGhee of Callaway; seventeen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; two brothers, Johnny and Preston McGhee, both of Atmore, AL; three sisters, Christine Parker of Trinity, TX, Betty Ann Peacock of Atmore, AL and Angela DeVibiss of Foley, AL; many brothers and sisters in-law.

The family will receive friends today, April 11 from 6-8 p.m. (CT) at Brock's Funeral Home, located on Hwy. 22 in Callaway.

Services will be held Thursday, April 12 at 10 a.m. (CT) at High Praise Worship Center located at 7124 E. Hwy 22 in Panama City with Reverend Joshua Gay officiating.

Brock's Funeral Home in Panama City is in charge of the arrangements. Flowers may be sent to Brock's Funeral Home at 5907 Hwy 22, Panama City, FL 32404. Memorials may be made to the family as a love offering in care of High Praise Worship Center.

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JEANETTE ANN SIMS BUSBY

TALLAHASSEE – Jeanette Ann Sims Busby, 67, of Repton, AL, passed away on April 5, 2012 in Tallahassee. She was born February 8, 1945.

She was preceded in death by her brother, William Sims; a sister, Myrtle Daughtry; two grandsons, Thomas and Charles M. Busby, Jr.

Survivors include her husband, Dwight T. Busby, of Repton, AL; a son, Charles M. Busby, of Repton, AL; a daughter, Brenda B. Messer and her husband, Jeffery of Tallahassee; four brothers, Curtis Sims, James Jackson, Billy and Thomas Everett; three sisters, Betty Gatlin, Kathy Faircloth and Joann Everett; four grandsons, Daniel C., Joshua C., Jeffery C. and Noah T. Messer; three granddaughters, Kristen C., Erica L. and Rebekah A. Busby; one great-grandson, Jeremiah.

Services were held on Saturday, April 7 at Chaires United Methodist Church in Tallahassee. Interment followed in Sanders Cemetery in Bristol.

Beggs Funeral Home in Tallahassee was in charge of the arrangements.

MAY CUENIN

MARIANNA – May Cuenin, 90, of Marianna, passed away on Sunday, April 8, 2012 in Marianna. She was born on April 22, 1921 in Wisconsin and had lived in Marianna for the past nine years, coming from Palm Bay. She was a retired real estate agent and a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Marianna. She was a member of the Symphony Guild in Plantation and was on the Board of Realtors in Broward County.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

Services will be held on Thursday, April 12 at 2 p.m. (CT) from the graveside at Calvary Cemetery in Sunny Hill Community in Washington County with Chaplain Darren Tucker officiating. Interment will follow.

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



CLIFF SNIDER

BRISTOL – Cliff Snider, 73, of Bristol, passed away on April 9, 2012 in Tallahassee. He was a native of Canada and moved from Las Vegas to Bristol in 1988. He was a master gun smith and worked for many years at Old Dominion Gun Works in Bristol. He was a veteran of the United States Army, having served in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne and was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

He was preceded in death by his dear friend, Lamar Ford.

Survivors include his daughter, Virginia Snider of Tavier and his granddaughters, Jessica and Jordana and a great-grandson, Ethan, all of Canada.

A private family service will be held at a later date. Bevis Funeral Home in Bristol is in charge of the arrangements.



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CLARENCE MARTIN

ALTHA – Clarence Martin, 95, of Altha, passed away on Friday, April 6, 2012 in Marianna. He was born on February 2, 1917 in Calhoun County and had lived here all of his life. He worked on a dredge boat for a short time in Port Arthur, TX and served as one of the CCC boys during the Depression. He was a retired farmer, farming for 67 years and was a graduate of Altha High School. He was a member of Immonia Lake Hunting and Fishing Club for 60 years and a member of the Altha First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Geraldine Martin.

Survivors include two sons, Steve Martin and his wife, Brenda of Lynn Haven and Wayne Martin of Blountstown; a daughter, Juddie Barrett and her husband, Jim of Durham, NH; three grandchildren, Colby and Kendall Martin, Kaylei Cain and her husband, Sean; one great-grandchild, Aiden Cain.

Services were held on Tuesday, April 10 at Altha First Baptist Church with Reverend Jim McIntosh officiating. Interment followed in the Chipola Cemetery in Altha.

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



TRANUM H. MCLEMORE

BRISTOL – Trantum H. McLemore, 35, of Bristol, passed away on Wednesday, April 4, 2012. He was a native of Wewahitchka. He was born February 21, 1977 in Panama City to Klenton and Penny McLemore. He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and baseball. He graduated from Wewahitchka High School in 1996 and Florida State University in 2001. He was a Physical Ed Teacher for Blountstown Middle School where he coached football, basketball and baseball. He took great pride in impacting the young lives of those he taught and wanted to make a difference. He was a loving husband and father.

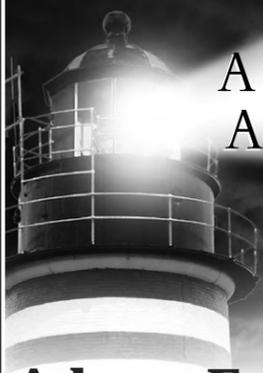
He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Thomas Howell McDaniel and a brother, Sterling McLemore.

Survivors include his wife, Winter McLemore; three beautiful daughters, Autumn, AubriAna and Aubrynn McLemore; his father, Klenton McLemore and his mother, Penny McLemore and her husband, Charles Mayhann; seven brothers, Robert Knowles, Lee, Will, Davis, Klenton, Mitchell and Scott McLemore; a grandmother, Minnie Ola Pridgeon McDaniel and numerous family members.

Services were held on Saturday, April 7 at First United Methodist Church of Wewahitchka with Pastor Jeremy Pridgeon officiating. Interment followed in Jehu Cemetery.

Southerland Family Funeral Home in Port St. Joe was in charge of the arrangements. Condolences may be submitted or viewed at www.southerlandfamily.com.

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GARDENING



Grow vegetables in a straw bale

A fun technique to try in your vegetable plot is “bale” gardening. Using straw or hay bales to grow plants in is a great option for people who have limited mobility, for those whose garden soil is poor and for those who have little space to garden. It’s an easy and low-cost way to create raised beds. They provide the perfect place to grow sweet potatoes, vining melons, and plenty of other vegetables.

The first item needed for this endeavor is the straw or hay bale. The difference between hay bales and straw bales derives from that which they are made. Hay bales are comprised primarily of grasses. These grasses still have seeds attached to them. Straw bales are comprised of only the stalks of plants, such as grain plants. As a rule the stalks do not have seeds attached, although some seeds or grains may remain due to the inability of machinery to remove them all. Therefore, straw bales are preferred over hay since straw contains less seed than hay. Pine straw bales do not work well.

The straw or hay bale should be tight and held together with two to three strands of twine, preferably made from a biodegradable material such as sisal, but synthetic materials can also be used. Biodegradable twines should be positioned parallel to the ground to avoid their hastened decomposition.

Place the bales in a location that is easily accessible and in an area that receives a minimum of six hours of full sun. Bales can be arranged based on space, type of production and mobility needs. You can also design the placement of the bales for an attractive appearance. In any case, ease of maintenance should be considered when designing the garden.

Next, the bales must be conditioned. Fresh straw bales must be watered and allowed to decompose for at least one to two weeks before planting. This is important because if seed or seedlings are planted into a fresh bale, the microbes in the bale will use any nutrients present to breakdown (or decompose) the straw depriving the growing seedlings of nutrients



by Theresa Friday, Horticulture Extension Agent, Santa Rosa County

Using straw or hay bales to grow plants in is a great option for people who have limited mobility, for those whose garden soil is poor and for those who have little space to garden.

such as nitrogen, phosphorus and other essential elements. Decomposition is an exothermic process meaning that substantial heat is released as the fresh straw is broken down. The heat can damage seed or seedlings placed directly into a fresh bale. Thus, old or pre-conditioned bales are necessary for bale gardening.

To speed up the conditioning process you can apply a nitrogen rich fertilizer. The fertilizer will cause the middle of the bale to decompose and heat up. Repeat the fertilizer applications at regular intervals until a substantial temperature change (or spike) is no longer detected several inches deep in the bale. Generally, a bale is ready to be planted when the temperature remains fairly constant at a depth of about three to four inches.

There are many published ways to condition a bale for vegetable gardening; take your pick. The idea is to accelerate the decomposition of the bale in order to create a perfect growing environment for the plant roots. One recipe for bale conditioning is available from the UF/IFAS Clay County Extension

Office. It’s online at clay.ifas.ufl.edu/documents/MG/Haybale_garden.pdf. There are two ways to plant the conditioned ‘bale bed.’ One way is to make pockets or holes about three to four inches deep by gently loosening and carefully removing a small amount of the straw. The number of pockets can vary depending on what you plan to grow. The other method is adding or spreading two to three inches of soil materials on the top of each bale, also called a flat straw/hay bale bed. For both methods, the growing medium can be compost or potting media.

Once a growing season is over remove the old bale and start a new one. It’s that easy.

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.

Pruning workshop in Marianna

On Saturday, April 14 from 9 to 11 a.m., Jackson County Extension Agent Rob Trawick will conduct a pruning workshop in Marianna.

The workshop will begin with a little bit of classroom time that discusses the ‘science’ behind proper pruning vs. improper pruning (or shearing). Topics will include how to make proper pruning cuts and how

and when to deal with flowering shrubs. After which, an on-site demonstration will follow.

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May 11 is application deadline Longleaf Legacy Incentive Program for Landowners

TALLAHASSEE – Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Florida Forest Service is accepting applications now through May 11 for its Longleaf Legacy Landowner Incentive Program which offers Florida’s non-industrial private landowners incentive payments for longleaf pine restoration.

“Longleaf pine forests once covered a vast range from Texas to Virginia, but have been reduced over time to accommodate other land uses,” said Commissioner Putnam. “These forests are highly valued for their resistance to damage by insects, disease, wildfire, storms and for their yield of high quality wood products, biological diversity and scenic beauty.”

The program works to increase the acreage of healthy longleaf pine ecosystems in Florida by helping non-industrial private forest landowners to make the necessary investments required to establish and maintain longleaf pine ecosystems. Funding is provided through a grant and support by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the Southern Company, USDA Forest Service, Natural Resource Conservation Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Program participants receive incentive payments for various land improvements completed including invasive species control, prescribed burning, longleaf planting and other functions that improve longleaf pine ecosystems and associated wildlife habitat. The program is offered for private lands in Florida counties located west of the Apalachicola River.

Interested applicants should visit their local Florida Forest Service office or visit www.floridaforestservice.com for program requirements and procedures. Qualifying applicants will be evaluated and ranked for funding approval.

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- ★Carylee Sewell – Carr School
- ★Carmen Overholt – Blountstown High School
- ★John Michael Henson – Altha Church of God
- ★Geraldine Sheard – Prayer Chainers
- ★Michele Futch – Blountstown First Baptist

If you have any questions, please contact Pamela McDaniel (850) 674-5645, ext 236.



Earnie Sumner shares the story of Easter with children in Hosford Saturday afternoon.

Kids celebrate Easter at Grace United



Children searched through tall grass for eggs to fill their baskets. An old tractor proved to be a good spot for one little boy to locate a few more Easter eggs.

JOE SUMMERS PHOTOS



Brittany Fletcher gives Olivia Shuler a push on the swing.



Church members, left, decorate a cross to place in front of the church on Easter Sunday. The group includes Earline Sumner, Timmy Graham, Curt Fletcher, Chris Fletcher and Paul Lampkin.

Riley Graham, Kent Hosford and Helaman Shuler set out to find lots and lots of eggs.

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ANSWER:

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LOST: Walking stick, gold metal, adjustable, last seen April 4 in Marianna Walmart. Needed badly to be able to get around. Call 762-3706 if found. 4-11, 4-18

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TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, butting heads in a conflict is easy, but it's not so easy to let things slide like water off a duck's back. You will earn greater respect for being nonconfrontational.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, work on rebuilding a relationship that may once have taken a backseat to more pressing matters. You never know when you need to call in a favor.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, your stubbornness appears once you set your mind to something and get to the task at hand. This can have its pros and cons, especially at work.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, you have exerted all your energy and now you're looking to lessen the workload. Now could be the time to delegate some of your responsibilities to others.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, accepting help is not a weakness. While you may want to be an independent person, accept the help others have generously offered.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, sometimes you want to play the role of the savior. While your efforts are generous, not everyone will accept your advice or your gestures.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Pick your battles, Scorpio, because not everything will necessarily go your way. There is no point in creating extra stress and grief for yourself.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, relax and open up to the ones you love. You may be surprised just how fulfilling and liberating this can feel, especially when you do it frequently.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, lean on friends and family when a difficult situation presents itself. Not everything has to be a secret this week; you can use some support.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, expect to see everything in black and white in the days ahead. This is alright, just avoid taking this perspective to the extreme. Sometimes you have to have faith.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, things are changing all around you and you'll get left behind if you don't make some attempts to catch up.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

APRIL 8
Julian Lennon, Songwriter (49)

APRIL 9
Kristen Stewart, Actress (22)

APRIL 10
Mandy Moore, Singer (28)

APRIL 11
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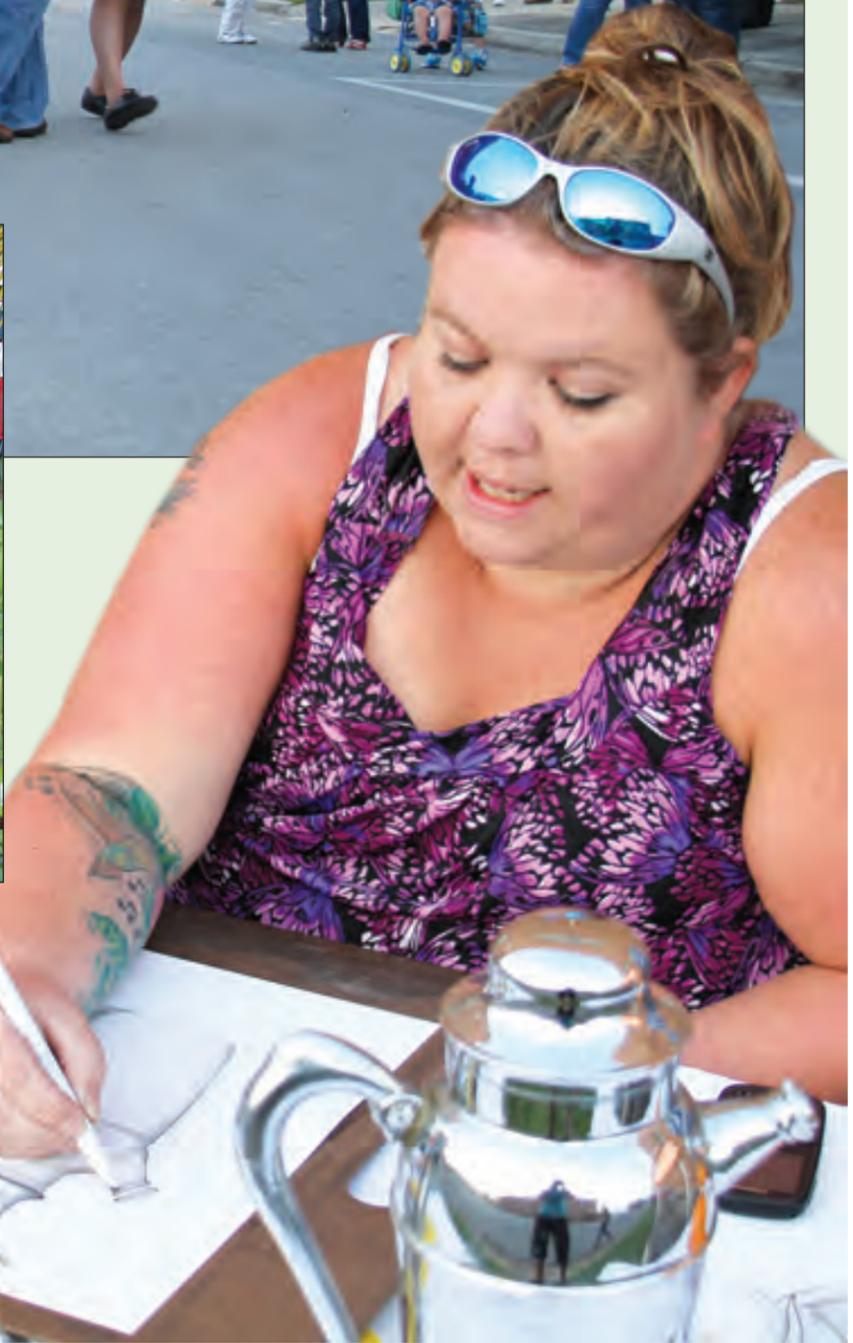
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Moonlight Market



TOP: Members of the River Town Squares do some do-se-doing in the middle of the street during Friday's Moonlight Market in Blountstown. ABOVE: Alice Ebersole and Amelia Carver visit at the Market. RIGHT: Daisy Holliday works on a sketch.

JOE SUMMERS PHOTOS

Peanut Producers Association scholarship money available

MARIANNA – The Florida Peanut Producers Association is pleased to announce the opening of their 2012 Scholarship Award Program, effective April 1. Two \$1,200 scholarships will be awarded to deserving high school seniors and/or college students. The applicant or someone in the applicant's family must be an actively producing peanut grower, not necessarily a member of the FPPA. It is the intent of the Scholarship Award Committee, however, that the award recipients attend a Florida junior college or four-year university.

Each winner will receive \$600 when the scholarship winners are announced. The remaining \$600 will be awarded after the completion of one semester and documentation of passing grades

is submitted to the FPPA Office.

"The Florida Peanut Producers Association is committed to helping further the education of young people in Florida and the scholarship program is evidence of our commitment," said Ken Barton, Executive Director of the FPPA.

"The FPPA welcomes all applicants. The final selection will be made by the committee and all applicants will be notified by mail, as will the scholarship winners," said Barton.

For an application contact the FPPA office at 2741 Penn Avenue, Suite 1 in Marianna, or call (850) 526-2590 or you can print the application off the FPPA website at www.flpeanuts.com. The Scholarship applications must be postmarked no later than July 1.



BUNNY VISIT

Two-year-old Peyton Ford kneels down to pet a bunny that visited him during the Ford family's Easter gathering Sunday afternoon at Ford Farm Trail in Bristol. His cousin, Allie Roberts, also two, Aunt Tessa Ford and four-year-old Renner Roberts look on. JOE SUMMERS PHOTO

Chipola College brain bowl is best in state and nation

MARIANNA—The Chipola College Brain Bowl team won Florida College System Activities Association Brain Bowl State Tournament on March 24 and finished as the top two-year college in Chicago at the National Academic Quiz Tournament (NAQT) Four-Year College Tournament on March 31.

For the second year in a row, Chipola placed ninth overall in the 32-team NAQT field of the best teams in the USA and Canada.

Chipola Brain Bowl Team members who played in the national tournament are: Travis Bontrager, Paul Kelson, Annemarie Nichols and Caroline Peacock. They are coached by mathematics professor Stan Young and volunteer, Dr. Robert Dunkle.

Chipola also recorded the second highest finish by a two-year college in tournament history. Chipola was one of only six two-year colleges in the nation to qualify for the tournament and did so by going undefeated in the two-year college national tournament in February to win its second consecutive two-year college national championship.

Chipola's 11-2 record, the second highest percentage record in the four-year college tournament behind Harvard, included impressive wins over teams from Carnegie Mellon, University of Chicago, Notre Dame, Maryland, Minnesota and Toronto. Chipola's only two losses in the tournament were to Harvard,



Brain Bowl team members are, from left: Caroline Peacock, Paul Kelson, Travis Bontrager, Annemarie Nichols and Adrian Carr.

the eventual champion and Delaware.

Chipola's Paul Kelson was the top scorer among all players in the 32-team field. He answered 131 tossups with 52 powers. Powers are awarded when a player answers a question early to earn 15 points instead of the 10 points normally awarded for a correct answer. Kelson averaged 81.48 points per game, the highest average among both all Division I teams (including graduate students) and Division II teams (only undergraduate students). Kelson is a freshman and will be eligible, should the Chipola team qualify next year, to play in both the two-year and four-year college national tournaments. Link to

NAQT statistics are available at www.naqt.com/stats/tournament-teams.jsp?tournament_id=3872&playoffs=1

Chipola won the Florida College System Activities Association Brain Bowl State Tournament on March 24 in Orlando finishing the tournament with a big 825-275 win over Valencia Red.

The state championship is Chipola's fifth in a row tying Broward as the only other Florida team to win five straight state titles. Chipola Brain Bowl Team members who played in the state tournament are: Travis Bontrager, Paul Kelson, Annemarie Nichols, Caroline Peacock and Adrian Carr.

Chipola's Paul Kelson was the Dave Ehler High Point Award winner in the tournament with 1145 points. Kelson was named to the All Star Team for the tournament along with Travis Bontrager (Chipola, 355 points).

Chipola swept all three major awards in the state tournament including championship team, high point player and Coach of the Year. Dr. Robert Dunkle, a volunteer assistant coach for the Chipola team, was selected by his fellow coaches to receive the Roger Raeppe Coach of the Year award.

Chipola Brain Bowl alumni Dallin Kelson and Ethan Hewitt served as readers for the state tournament. Results from the state tournament are available at www.thefcsaa.com/brain-bowl2

April 17 spring concert to feature chamber singers, jazz band & guitar students

MARIANNA—Chipola College's Spring Ensemble Concert is set for Tuesday, April 17, at 7 p.m., in the Chipola Arts Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The free concert will feature the college's Chamber Singers, classical guitar students, and Jazz Band. The audience will enjoy Swing, Latin, Funk styles, Cha-Cha and madrigal selections.

Dr. Daniel Powell, Associate Dean of Fine and Performing Arts says, "Excitement is particularly high because this is the last concert before the opening of the new Center for the Arts. Emotions

are high as we reflect on the memories of the past and look forward to a new era of arts for our community."

The jazz band under the leadership of Dr. Randall Haynes and the chamber chorus under the leadership of Leslie Heffner will deliver an exciting eclectic program, featuring many students that will give their last performance on Chipola's stage.

Since her Chipola debut last semester, Heffner has delivered jaw-dropping results and these students are sure to deliver again this semester. From jazz vocalists

to pop and swing charts, Dr. Haynes will feature his stunning group in another show-stopping performance.

Dr. Daniel Powell says, "All of our programming is of high caliber and this one will be no exception. Chipola has established a tradition of excellence in their programs: four artist series events, three theatrical productions, a popular Jazzmatazz series, Jazz Band, Chamber Chorus, and a Music Through Performance Program."

The APPLAUSE! Fundraising campaign is underway to raise funds to in-

crease programming in the new Center for the Arts. Dr. Powell says "There is a considerable increase in the infrastructure needed to run this state of the art facility and to attract talent appropriate to the integrity of the Center. We hope to meet the needs of our area schools and community by offering educational and instructional programming in addition to cultural performances and entertainment."

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

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Mini grant recipients to present at CRAA meeting next Tuesday

MARIANNA— Teachers who use arts in the classroom will present their mini-grant projects at the Chipola Regional Arts Association (CRAA) meeting Tuesday, April 17 at Jim's Buffet in Marianna.

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

Since 2000, CRAA has awarded \$30,000 to area art, music and theatre teachers who use the funds to support art programs in the area schools. This year's mini-grant applications were particularly competitive and only half of them were able to be funded.

Dr. Daniel Powell, Executive Director of CRAA,

says, "This is a powerful testament to what a donation to CRAA can do for the community. All funds received by CRAA directly support local arts programs."

The CRAA is in the middle of their fundraising campaign to fund next year's programs and the group hopes to increase its impact on the community.

Because of the number of mini-grant awards, presentations will be divided between the April 17 and May 15 CRAA meetings. To include more people, the May 15 meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at Jim's Buffet.

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

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Class delves into challenges facing student-veterans

TALLAHASSEE—The transition from combat to the classroom can be difficult for student-veterans. A new sociology class for student-veterans at Florida State University is making headway in discovering the unique challenges they face, and how they manage those challenges, so their needs can be better served.

The student-veterans in the Veterans Research class are being taught research methods by interviewing other student-veterans about their collegiate experiences. Their findings will be used to enhance university policy as Florida State strives to become the nation's most veteran-friendly campus.

"There is a lot of research on veterans in general, but less is known about the collegiate experiences of student-veterans," said Doug Schrock, an associate professor of sociology who teaches the class. "The students are learning how to craft interview questions, recruit respondents, conduct interviews, analyze interview transcripts and present their findings."

The students recently shared preliminary findings in three categories — transitioning into college, academic life and social life — at Florida State's 12 annual Undergraduate Research Symposium.

"Our preliminary findings make two contributions to research on

student-veterans," said Phil Lennon, a Marine Corps veteran who is majoring in sociology. "They support other research that show student-veterans are motivated and goal-oriented but sometimes feel alienated and different from other students.

They also illuminate how a significant number of hardships faced by student-veterans do not stem from the classroom but rather manifest themselves through the administrative interaction between the university, the federal G.I. Bill apparatus and ultimately the individual student-veteran."

The research suggests that student-veterans would benefit from a breakout session held especially for them during the university's new-student orientation. They also would benefit from the creation of a clearinghouse of information about local community support programs, as well as scholarships, internships and campus jobs.

The students will share their findings again during Florida State's inaugural Seminole Veterans Consortium, a campuswide meeting on the status of student-veterans. The consortium will take place this month on the Florida State campus.

The first-of-its-kind class at Florida State also is the first research project



funded by the Florida State Veterans Center, which was established in fall 2011.

With a \$1,000 grant from the center, Schrock purchased LiveScribe digital recording pens that the students are using to record their interviews.

Financial support from the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy has been a crucial element of the class because it has enabled the recorded interviews to be efficiently and professionally transcribed.

The students say they enjoy the camaraderie of the class and learning about other veterans' experiences, but they especially like the fact that their work may help future student-veterans.

"In this class we are working on something that is really meaningful and that can really have an impact," said Andrew Alvarez, a Navy veteran who is majoring in sociology and political science. Alvarez plans on pursuing a graduate degree in sociology after graduation.

"I learned from attending conferences of the Collegiate Veterans Association that veterans have a graduation rate that is about 50 percent lower than non-veterans," said Lennon, who also serves as the president of the FSU Collegiate Veterans Association.

"It is my hope that the class that will help us find actionable ways to close that gap."

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NED EDWARD TAYLOR

PANAMA CITY—Ned Edward Taylor, 86, of Panama City (Deer Point Lake), passed away on April 7, 2012 in Panama City at his home where he wanted to be.

and never missed a crusade. He and his niece would watch reruns. He prayed the sinner's prayer and accepted Jesus as his savior in 2010.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hugh and Laura Yon Taylor; three brothers, Thaddous, Raymond and Jerry Taylor; four sisters, Ruth Taylor Writch, Doris Taylor Velkey, Nina B. Taylor (his twin sister) and Gladys Taylor Butram.

Survivors include five nieces, Peggy Writch Basinger, who lived with him for the past 12 years and took care of him with so much love; Debra and Donna Taylor, both of Tallahassee, Ginger Hyland of Ft. Walton Beach and Portia Doran of Virginia Beach, VA and three nephews.

Services will be held on Wednesday, April 11 at 11 a.m. (CT) at Highland Park Assembly of God Church on East Ave in Panama City with Reverend Jason Lowery officiating. Family will receive friends 1 hour prior to service time at the church. Interment will follow at 2 p.m. (CT) in Boggs Cemetery in Blountstown.

It would honor Ned if you gave to the local Wounded Warriors Project of the DAV. Many thanks to an angel the Lord brought into our lives to help Peggy take care of Uncle Ned, Delois Fisher. We also thank Omni Nurses and Covenant Hospice personnel, who cared for him with love and who gave great support to Peggy. Thanks to Dr. Michael Gorniosky and his nurse, Holly and other personnel at the Veterans Administration Clinic in Panama City Beach. Thanks to Dr. Angel Nunez and Dr. Tariz Mahmood.

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

Edward Taylor or "Uncle Ned" to all who loved him, was a dear uncle and a WWII hero. He served in the WWII Army, fought in France and over into Germany. He lost his right leg at the Battle of the Bulge at age 19 on March 3, 1945. He spent the next year in the hospital in Atlanta recovering. He didn't talk about the war for many years and never thought of himself as a hero. He was awarded many medals, including the Purple Heart, Good Conduct Ribbon, ETO Ribbon, Combat Infantry, Four Battle Stars and the Bronze Star Medal.

He moved to Panama City around 1985 from Orange. He owned a grocery store and gas station there for many years and really enjoyed the camaraderie of his fellow fisherman and hunters. He was born and raised in Blountstown to Hugh and Laura Yon Taylor. He had three brothers and four sisters. Ned was a good, quiet, solitary and intelligent man. Being disabled didn't keep him from doing anything. He fished, hunted, built a house and went to the beach with his family. Because he was disabled, he had a big giving heart to others with disabilities and gave generously to them. He gave to the DAV and individuals. Although he had no church background growing up, he knew what it meant to be a Christian because of his family and friends. He loved watching Billy Graham

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Minutes from the March 8 Liberty Commission meeting

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

ers Kevin Williams, Davis Stoutamire, Jim Johnson, Albert Butcher, Attorney Shalene Grover, Clerk Robert Hill and Deputy Clerk Charla Kearce.

Prayer was led by Commissioner Albert Butcher.

Pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Davis Stoutamire.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dexter Barber. Present at the meeting were Commission-

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held Feb. 9 and special meeting Feb. 15 was made by Stoutamire, seconded by Williams and carried.

Amelia Smith with Community Action agency presented a plaque to the Liberty County Road Department for all the help and services that they provide their agency.

Obie Harper with the Estifanulga Volunteer Fire Department requested permission to hold a carnival on May 12 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Motion to approve contingent upon insurance approval was made by Johnson, seconded by Butcher and carried.

A Public Hearing

was held concerning the amendment to the comprehensive plan. There was no public comment regarding the evaluation and appraisal report concerning the amendments. Tony Arrant said that the next Public Hearing will be next month. Motion to approve was made by Williams, seconded by Stoutamire and carried.

Tony Arrant discussed the Ben Watkins subdivision plat. The plat has not been signed. There was no action taken on this matter.

Joe Brown told the Board that the Library needs to get the same contribution that we made last year in order to continue receiving the same State Aid Grant.

Joe Brown requested that the Board approve a resolution supporting the Water Management districts as they are set up. Attorney Grover will prepare the resolution for approval at the next regular meeting.

Joe Brown asked that we give a letter of support to Rural Development to promote tourism in this area.

Joe Brown also dis-

cussed a request from Riverway South to pledge funds to match a grant. There was no action taken on this.

Kristen Brown with Preble-Rish Engineers presented a change order on Blue Creek Road for a decrease of \$190,077.40. Motion to approve was made by Stoutamire, seconded by Williams and carried.

Kristin Brown discussed the shoreline protection at Estifanulga Boat Ramp and the permit.

Jim Shuler came before the Board. The bid on the 1997 Ford Ambulance was opened. There was only one bid received in the amount of \$891.99. Motion to award the bid to Hubert Pitts for \$891.99 was made by Stoutamire, seconded by Johnson and carried.

Jim Shuler recommended that the Board hire Steve Whitfield, George O'Bryan and Michael Ross. Motion to approve pending background checks was made by Butcher, seconded by Johnson and carried.

Lisa Taylor gave an update on the Health Department.

Commissioner Jim

Johnson told the Board that he talked with Shawn Logan about the Sumatra Fire Department lease. We need to talk to Logan about moving the county building off the property and look into using space at the Water System or the Tennis Court in Sumatra.

Motion to approve a letter opposing the proposed actions of the Legislators pertaining to Medicaid County Billing was made by Stoutamire, seconded by Williams and carried.

Motion to approve \$250 donation for Project Graduation was made by Johnson, seconded by Williams and carried.

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

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

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