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## Sheriff's Office releases report on death of Tranum McLemore

by Teresa Eubanks, *Journal Editor*

BRISTOL - The Liberty County Sheriff's Office released the report on the death of Tranum McLemore Tuesday afternoon. Sheriff Donnie Conyers said he is satisfied that McLemore, who was found facedown on his bedroom floor with three bullet wounds — one to his left arm, one behind his right ear and one to his leg — took his own life.

Powder burns around the arm wound indicated the shot was fired from less than eight inches, according to Investigator Brian Bateman's report.

The pattern of blood drops indicate

that McLemore walked from the west corner of the bed to the east corner at the foot of the bed before turning toward the center of the bedroom, "where the shots to the head and leg occurred as evidenced by the concentration of blood in this area of the room," the report states.

"The head wound appeared to be a close range wound, entering from the right side behind the ear and exiting the left side in a slightly upward path," the investigator wrote.

A bullet went into his upper left thigh from the front but did not exit. Bateman determined it was a close range shot "as evidenced by

gun powder burns on the stomach consistent with a downward shot."

He noted there was a hole or tear in the left leg of the red shorts McLemore wore.

"All of these wounds were consistent with being self-inflicted," the report concluded.

Seven shots were fired. A bullet hole was found in a window and another in the north wall of the master bedroom. There were two bullet holes in the west wall just south of the bathroom door; one of those bullets was found in a closet door and the

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Luke Johnson displays the medal he and nine other Tolar School fifth-graders received after taking part in Saturday's Panhandle Elementary Honor Chorus performance in Graceville. Learn more about the event on page 13.

TERESA EUBANKS PHOTO

## Altha men convicted in federal court for drug conspiracy

TALLAHASSEE - By jury verdicts returned at 8:30 last Friday night in the U.S. District Court in Tallahassee, Jose Misael Garfias-Garcia, 33, and Miguel Angel Moreno-Ortega, 25, both of Altha, Florida, were convicted of conspiring to distribute cocaine and marijuana.

Evidence at trial showed that the men participated in the delivery of 177 pounds of marijuana that was seized by DEA in Montgomery, Alabama on May 29, 2011.

Officers searched the defendants' Altha, Florida residence on the same day, recovering documents and a cellular telephone that connected Garfias-Garcia to 1,285 kilograms of marijuana and 39 kilograms of cocaine that had been seized in Laredo, Texas in December

2010.

During the search of defendants' residence, agents also seized \$54,832 in cash, a money counting machine, two loaded handguns, and false identification documents.

At trial, the government introduced recordings of conversations intercepted during a series of court-authorized wiretaps. The recordings established that both defendants had been engaged in cocaine and marijuana trafficking over a 17-month period. The government's case also included surveillance videos and the testimony of cooperating co-conspirators.

Garfias-Garcia, whom the jury found responsible for conspiring to distribute five or more kilograms of cocaine and

100 or more kilograms of marijuana, faces a minimum ten years' up to life imprisonment. Moreno-Ortega, who was found responsible for 100 or more kilograms of marijuana and an undetermined amount of cocaine, faces a minimum of five, up to forty years' imprisonment. Both men are Mexican nationals and are subject to deportation proceedings.

Garfias-Garcia and Moreno-Ortega are two of twelve defendants indicted in the case. Ten of their co-defendants have pled guilty to drug conspiracy charges. The most recent of these was Melchor Munoz, 35, of Marianna, who pled guilty on April 9, 2012, the day he was set to begin trial with Garfias-Garcia and Moreno-Ortega.

Pamela C. Marsh, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Florida, credited the success of this investigation to the joint efforts of the Drug Enforcement Administration, Homeland Security Investigations, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Florida Highway Patrol, the Florida Department of Agriculture, the Florida National Guard, the Sheriff's Offices for Calhoun, Jackson, Liberty, and Leon Counties, and the Tallahassee Police Department.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michael T. Simpson, who is the Senior Litigation Counsel for the Northern District of Florida.

## Brother asks for new investigation

by Teresa Eubanks, *Journal Editor*

A Dothan, AL man has a lot of questions about the night his half-brother, Tranum McLemore, 35, died at the Bristol home where he lived with his wife, Winter, and their three young daughters, who are two, five and 10 years old.

He has asked the governor's office to open an independent investigation into the case, noting that the wife of the deceased has two uncles who work with the Liberty County Sheriff's Office. He doesn't believe his brother took his own life.

He claims the crime scene was unsecured for two hours before the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (driving from Tallahassee) arrived and alleges there were "multiple accounts of crime scene contamination." The medical examiner's preliminary findings were that McLemore killed himself, first firing a shot into his left arm before putting the gun to the right side of his head and firing the fatal shot. A third

**SEE SEEKING ANSWERS** *CONTINUED ON PAGE 24*

## CANDIDATE UPDATE

Three new Calhoun County candidates and one new Liberty County candidate have added their names to the list of those seeking office in this year's election.

Pony Adams (R) has joined five others in the Calhoun County Sheriff's race, including James "Jimmy" Baggett, Kenneth B. Futch and Earl Hunt, who are running with no party affiliation, and Demo-



crats Glenn Kimbrel and Roman Wood.

Ruby K. Clark has declared her intent to seek the job of Tax Collector. She joins incumbent Becky Tricky-Smith in the race so far. Both are Democrats.

Glenn A. Byler, a Republican, will run for the District 1 County Commission seat, along with Republican Jerry Guilford, Democrats Fred D. Blankenship and Nathan Goodman and James Grover, who is running with no party affiliation.

In the Liberty County race, incumbent Logan E. Kever has filed his intent to seek another term as the District 1 School Board member.



Joey Bilbo of Bristol gets a big welcome home hug from his daughter, Reagan, when he surprised her in the classroom. He is home for a two-week visit after six months in Afghanistan. See story on page 12.

# LCSO INVESTIGATION

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## REPORTING AN ATTACK AND THE SOUND OF GUNSHOTS

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Another neighbor, Carol Edwards, said she was outside by a pond with her grandchildren when she heard gunshots

around 9:15 p.m. "At the time, we thought it was our neighbor shooting at snakes," she wrote in her statement.

"First we heard around three or four shots, then several minutes passed and we heard another three or four shots."

She said they did not see anyone coming or going because the view was blocked by an outbuilding next door.

## CORONER: WOUNDS SELF-INFILCTED

The sheriff's office report states that Leon County Medical Examiner Dr. Anthony Clark's initial findings indicated McLemore's death was a suicide.

"Dr. Clark's assessment of the gunshot wounds was that each were made from a firearm at close range originating from a position that the firearm could be held in McLemore's right hand, consistent with the evidence at the scene that they were self-inflicted," according to the sheriff's office report.

The coroner's final report will not be issued for a few weeks.

A report is also expected in the weeks to come from the forensic evidence gathered at the scene by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

## SHERIFF'S LOG

### CALHOUN COUNTY

#### April 9

- Nellie Marks, *petty theft, APD.*
- George Hule, *non-support (2 counts), CCSO.*
- Latasha Ivory, *battery, BPD.*
- James Stewart, *aggravated assault with intent, CCSO.*

#### April 10

- Terrance Walker, *disorderly intoxication, BPD.*

#### April 11

- Levar Algernam Johnson, *grand theft over \$300 and under \$5,000 (times 2), VOCP, BPD.*
- Gary Powell, *sale of cocaine, CCSO.*

#### April 12

- Gary Powell, *VOCR, CCSO.*
- Latasha Mathis, *VOSP, CCSO.*
- Stephanie Nelson, *DUI, DUI with property damage, FHP.*
- Johnny Harold Hutton, *failure to appear, CCSO.*
- Ronnie Allen Davis Jr., *VOP, CCSO.*

#### April 13

- Charles Blackwell, *petty theft, BPD.*
- William Baggett, *petty theft, BPD.*

*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 9 through April 15, 2012

Citations issued:

Accidents.....	01 Traffic Citations.....	14
Special details (business escorts, traffic details).....		73
Business alarms.....	03 Residential alarms.....	01
Complaints.....		49



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## ARREST REPORTS



JAMES STEWART

he accelerated forward, forcing her to jump out of the way.

Stewart then rammed his own lawn mower, backed up and rammed it two more times, according to Deputy Bobby Lee Sims.

He then backed up toward the woman, who was standing on concrete steps in front of the home, once more forcing her to jump out of the way, according to witnesses. The rear bumper of the

truck hit the steps.

Stewart then chased the woman around his mother's vehicle with his truck. He and his mother then left.

A deputy photographed the damage, which included tire spin marks in the yard, damage to the front porch steps and a wrecked mower.

A neighbor said he heard a woman screaming and looked out to see a man ramming a lawnmower with a truck. The truck then backed up toward the woman on the steps.

While the deputy was talking with witnesses, Stewart called the woman on her cell phone. When the deputy answered it, Stewart told him he had come to the house for his lawnmower. He was later picked up at his mother's home and taken to jail.

## Axe taken from man after domestic disturbance



DAVID HOLMBERG

her "It was for anyone he wanted to take out, including himself."

She said he raised the axe in the air, grabbed her wrist and threatened to kill her. As she ran to her vehicle he followed and swung the axe, hitting her windshield. Before she left, she said he told her, "You won't be so lucky next time."

Holmberg was taken into custody and is being held without bond for a probation violation.

A 57-year-old Hosford man was charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, aggravated assault with intent to commit a felony and criminal mischief over \$200 following a domestic dispute on D's Ranch Road April 11, according to a report from the Liberty County Sheriff's Office.

David Holmberg's ex-wife told a deputy she went to check on him at her daughter's trailer and saw a small axe on the coffee table. She asked about it and said he told



## MARIANNA ARTS FESTIVAL & BBQ COOK-OFF

**Friday, April 20**

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**Saturday, April 21**

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One South Bank  
Paramore's Pharmacy  
Regions Bank  
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For more information visit

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# Two candidates for Health Dept. Director meet with county commissioners

Commissioners from both Calhoun and Liberty County held a workshop last Thursday to meet with and question two of the candidates seeking the job as Director of the Calhoun-Liberty Health Department.

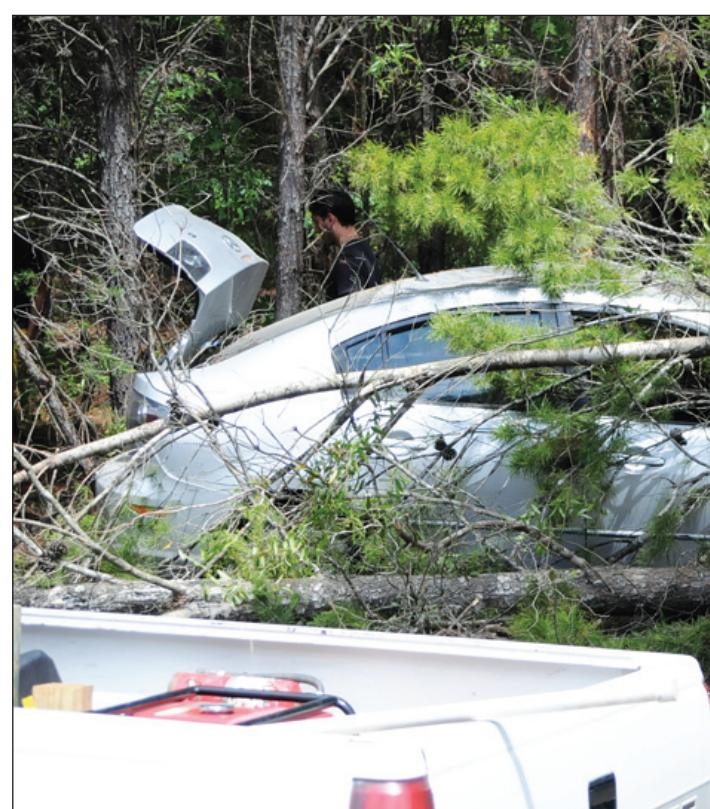
Rachel Manspeaker of Bristol (top) and Dr. Leonardo Ortega of Washington, D.C. (below) are just two of 32 people who applied for the position, which pays between \$80,000 and \$93,000 a year, according to Jessica Hammonds, press secretary with the Department of Health in Tallahassee. Hammonds said the state had completed the first round of interviews for the job and applicants are now coming in for the second round.

Liberty County Commissioners held a special meeting Friday morning and voted unanimously to recommend Manspeaker be awarded the position.

During Tuesday afternoon's regular board meeting, the Calhoun County Commission voted 4-1 to recommend Manspeaker for the job. Commissioner Danny Ray Wise had the only "no" vote.

Commissioners are hoping their preference will be considered when the state office makes a hiring decision.

JOHNNY EUBANKS PHOTOS



The occupants of this 2008 Mazda four-door escaped injury but the vehicle didn't fare well after running off SR 20, west of Loah Maxine Drive in Calhoun County just after 12 noon Sunday. FHP Trooper Wes Harshey reports that the driver, Evan Charles Marcus, 21, was westbound when he pulled out to pass a 2011 Jeep Wrangler, driven by Jacqueline Rafferty, 19, of Bethesda, MD, who then also pulled out to pass a vehicle ahead of her.

The left side of the Jeep hit the right side of the Mazda, causing it to run off the north side of the road and hit a pine tree in the woodline. Damages were estimated at \$20,000 to the car with \$500 in damages to the Jeep. Rafferty was cited for improper passing and overtaking. Neither driver was hurt. The four passengers in the Jeep, as well as the three passengers in the car were not injured.

DANIEL WILLIAMS PHOTO

## Passing attempt ends with crash in the woods

## Settlement hosts Custom Knife Show April 28

The Panhandle Pioneer Settlement will be having a Custom Knife Show and Sale on Saturday, April 28 at 8 a.m. (CT).

The Southern Knife Blade Smith Association will be at the Panhandle Pioneer Settlement to show and sell one of a kind knives. If you enjoy hand made knives, this is the place to be Saturday April, 28.

If you do not see a knife that you want then talk with knife makers and order your own custom made knife.

There will be a knife making demo at the Settlement Blacksmith Shop beginning at 10 a.m. through-out the day. Stop and see the blades hammered out to shape from the forage to the anvil.

Bring your family, your father, your brother and your neighbor. Enjoy this third annual event at the Panhandle Pioneer Settlement in Blountstown.

There is a \$5 admission fee (kids under 12 are free).

For more information, call 674-2777 or email [info@ppmuseum.org](mailto:info@ppmuseum.org). More information on the Panhandle Pioneer Settlement's historical Buildings go to [www.panhandlepioneer.org](http://www.panhandlepioneer.org)

## West Gadsden Historical Society to meet April 22 about Journey Stories

The West Gadsden Historical Society will meet Sunday, April 22 at 3 p.m. at Gardner Hall on 150 East 11th St. in Greensboro. This special meeting is about the Smithsonian Institution Journey Stories exhibit, sponsored by the Florida Humanities Council, which is to be held at the Panhandle Pioneer Settlement in Blountstown from July 14 through August 25.

Representatives from the Settlement will encourage participation from Gadsden County in this exhibit. Journey Stories is a display of stories that shows the struggles of our ancestors who made our nation what it is today.

The Blountstown exhibit is the only one scheduled in North Florida. Each person is encouraged to compile your family's journey story about entering this part of Florida during the early territorial and statehood days of the 1800's as well as during other decades throughout our nation's history.

Honor your families – past and present – take time to tell your story for the Smithsonian Institution Journey Stories exhibit.

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming meeting. Please tell all your neighbors and friends about this program.

For further information, please e-mail [info@gadsdenhistory.org](mailto:info@gadsdenhistory.org), or call (850) 442-6434.

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**Community Calendar**

**Wednesday, April 18**

BIRTHDAYS ~ Megan & Morgan Hiers

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

**Thursday, April 19**

BIRTHDAYS

Colton Anders, Connie Hansford & Kyle and Kalab Skeen

TODAY'S MEETINGS

- **AA**, 7 p.m., basement of Calhoun County Courthouse
- **Mossy Pond VFD**, 7 p.m., Fire House
- **Alzheimer's Project support group**, 4 p.m., Calhoun Liberty Hospital

**Friday, April 20**

**NATIONAL YOUTH SPORTS SAFETY MONTH**

BIRTHDAYS

Terry & Tryston Johnson

**Saturday, April 21**

BIRTHDAYS

Ben Collins, Tryston Lopez, Brady Enfinger & Chris McClain

**National AUCTIONEERS DAY**

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

**Sunday, April 22**

**EARTH DAY SUNDAY APR 22 2012**

Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday

**Monday, April 23**

TODAY'S MEETINGS

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

BIRTHDAY

Lynn Peddie

**Tuesday, April 24**

TODAY'S MEETINGS

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

BIRTHDAY ~ Darren Fant & Elly Paulin

**Jazz APPRECIATION MONTH**

## Pioneer Settlement needs extras for TV commercial April 24

Do you want to be in a TV commercial? The Panhandle Pioneer Settlement will be filming a TV commercial Tuesday, April 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We are looking for locals to portray "regular folks having a good time at the Settlement."

Please arrive no later than 10:30 a.m. (CT). Dress in normal clothing. Bring your children or grandchildren and a sack lunch.

Please gather outside the Frink Gymnasium. You will be given instructions there.

We thank you in advance for your kind cooperation.

## AT THE LIBRARY

### Blountstown Library host several kinds of journeys April 28

The next Arts Series Event at the Blountstown Public Library on Saturday, April 28 will take us on several kinds of journeys.

First we will follow Author Peggy White Russ down the path of her discontentment to the mountaintop of spiritual awakening with readings and reflections from her new book *Wake Up*. Copies will be for sale and she will autograph them.

After a refreshment break, the courtyard will come alive with story and song from Joan & Amy Alderman.

We will travel back in time listening to tales of passage and how our ancestors came to the area.

There will be a display about the Smithsonian Exhibit that will be at the Panhandle Pioneer Settlement Club House from July 14 - August 25.

*From Spiritual Awakenings to Musical Journeys* will begin in the library's Heritage Room (parking in back lot) at 6:30 p.m. and end under a starlit night in the courtyard around 8:30 p.m.

This event is FREE, family friendly and open to the public. Come join the voyage!

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# Poet Maya Angelou to speak in Tallahassee Saturday night

TALLAHASSEE — Celebrated poet Maya Angelou will speak on Saturday, April 21, at the Tallahassee-Leon Civic Center.

The event, "An Evening with Maya Angelou," is sponsored by Florida State University's Black Student Union, the Student Government Association, Union Productions, the Women's Center, the Asian-American Student Union and the Center for Participant Education.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and the program begins at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, but seating is limited and priority will be given to Florida State students with valid student IDs. There are no advance tickets and seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Angelou's appearance is the finale to the weekend-long commemoration of Florida State's historic integration a half-century ago. Hailed as a global "Renaissance woman," she is

a celebrated poet, memoirist, novelist, educator, dramatist, producer, actress, historian, filmmaker and activist.

Now 84, Angelou has published six autobiographies, five books of essays, numerous books of poetry and is credited with a long list of plays, movies and television shows.

A celebrated twentieth-century American writer who has won dozens of awards and holds more than 30 honorary doctoral degrees, Angelou is best known for several autobiographical works that focus on her childhood and early adult experiences. The first and most highly acclaimed, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* (1969), which is the story of the first 17 years of her life, is what first cast her in the international spotlight.

*For more information about the 50th anniversary commemoration events, call (850) 644-6626; send an email to Integration50@fsu.edu; or visit www.fsu.edu/integration.*



## Marianna Arts Festival & Barbecue begins Friday; Run set for Saturday

MARIANNA — Marianna Arts Festival and Barbecue Cook-off Chair Jonathon Fuqua enjoys a rib at last year's event. This year's festival is April 20-21 at the Citizen's Lodge in Marianna. Admission is \$3 per person on Friday, April 21 from noon to 10 p.m. and Saturday, April 21 from 9 a.m. until. A 5K Walk/Run sponsored by Jackson Hospital is Saturday, April 21 at 8 a.m. Followed by a big Fireworks show on Saturday evening at dark-thirty. For information, visit [www.mariannaartsfestival.com](http://www.mariannaartsfestival.com)

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The internet is a terrific way to improve your education, learn about jobs, find information about healthcare, learn about government, and discover tips on how to use the internet safely. There are also great games and other entertainment right at your fingertips.

The Florida Learning Alliance and Workforce Florida, Inc. have developed training materials just for you and your family. There is even a website called FLORIDA INTERNET TOUR that gives you step-by-step instructions on how to navigate the internet. It even takes you to some important sites that are designed to share information about essential topics like how to find a job.

If you, or someone in your family would like to take a free one-hour class to learn more about how to use the internet, call toll free, (877) 873-7232 and ask for Lynn Gothard or Larche Hardy to register for a class scheduled for Liberty County. The time and location will be announced later. Space is limited and registration will occur on a first come, first serve basis.

If you already have a computer and access to the internet, go to [www.floridainternettour.com](http://www.floridainternettour.com) and see what all you can learn.

## Rural Development Forum at Chipola

MARIANNA—Chipola College is the site of an Interagency Rural Development Forum set for Friday, April 20.

The free forum is hosted by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC).

Topics on the agenda include: Asset Building in Rural Florida, Housing and Community Development Resources, Resources for Small Businesses and Entrepreneurs, Rural Economic Development Opportunities and Update on the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA).

The forum begins at 9:30 a.m. and runs through 3:30 pm (CT) in the Chipola College Continuing Education Building (3158 College Street) in Marianna. Free continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. This event is free, but space is limited.

To register, send name, organization and email address to [aatkins@fdic.gov](mailto:aatkins@fdic.gov) by Monday, April 9. The Chipola College contact for the Forum is Dr. Jim Froh at (850) 718-2413.

## BIRTH DAYS



### TRYSTON LANE LOPEZ

Tryston Lane Lopez will be celebrating his eighth birthday Saturday, April 21. He is the son of Ashley and Stacey Lewis and Jorge Lopez, all of Hosford. His grandparents are Robin and Bobby Blackburn and Billy and Angelica Holley, all of Hosford, Rhonda and Jerry Lewis of Bristol and Pat Conley and Tony Conley of Marianna. He enjoys spending time with all of his brothers, Trayson, Trenton and Taylor. He loves to go fishing, hunting for hogs and deer, playing baseball and football. Most of all, he loves to be spoiled by his granny and meme.

### NOTES OF THANKS

*"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."* 1 CORINTHIANS 13:13.

We are truly blessed to live in this community and would like to thank everyone who has reached out to help us during this time.

*"How beautiful a day can be, when kindness touches it!"*

~GEORGE ELLISTON.

The outpouring of love, concern and numerous acts of kindness has been astonishing. In your heart, you know you live in a community that comes to the aide of one another, but when you are the recipient, it is truly overwhelming. We will never forget the comfort felt when the arms of this community wrapped us in a blanket of warmth following the loss of our home.

*"One can pay back the loan of gold, but one dies forever in debt to those who are kind."* ~MALAYAN PROVERB

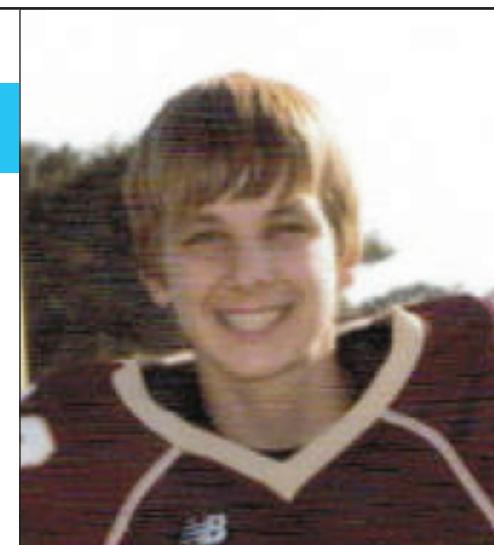
Sincerely, The Jim & Celeste Shuler Family

*I am in heaven dear ones, oh so happy and so bright. There is perfect joy and beauty in this everlasting light. All the pain and grief is gone. I am now at peace forever safely home in heaven at last. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.*

- PSALMS 116:15

Thank you for all the deeds and visits and calls you made as Mama was slipping away from us.

Linda, David, Donnie and Patti Summers



### TREY, TERRY AND TRISTAN JOHNSON

Trey (LEFT) celebrated his 18th birthday March 26. His brothers, Terry (CENTER) and Tristan (RIGHT) will be celebrating their 16th birthdays Friday, April 20. They are the sons of Roy and Tamara Johnson of Lake Talquin. Their

grandparents are Bill and the late Gail (Klotz) Evans of Hosford, James Loggins of Soperton, GA and Roy and Faye Johnson of Tallahassee. All three enjoy a day of fishing, going to the beach and playing a good game of football.



### KYLE AND KALAB SKEEN

Kyle and Kalab Skeen will be celebrating their tenth birthday Thursday, April 19. They are the sons of Preston Manning of Blountstown and Micki Skeen of Altha. Their grandparents are James and Sue Ammons of Blountstown, Donnie Manning of Hosford, and Harmon and Wanda Whitfield of Altha. They enjoy fishing, working in the yard and playing ball while staying at their dad's house.



### MEGAN AND MORGAN HIERS

Megan and Morgan Hiers will be celebrating their 16th birthday Wednesday, April 18. They are the daughters of Jed and Donna Hiers of Bristol. Their grandparents are James and the late Laverne Hiers of Greensboro and Terry and Shirley Segers of Bristol. A birthday celebration was held Saturday, April 14 with family and friends.



### BRADY ENFINGER

Brady will be celebrating his sixth birthday on Saturday, April 21. He is the son of Marty and Samantha Enfinger of Altha. His grandparents are Linda and Eugene Silcox of Altha, Penny Enfinger of Marianna and Ken Enfinger of Alabama. His uncles are Scott Silcox and Bubba and his fiance, Tory Lipford, all of Altha and Andy Enfinger of Marianna. He enjoys going to Carr School, playing his video games and spending quality time with friends and family. He will be celebrating his birthday at 4-Mile Creek Park with a Pokemon swim party with all his friends and family.

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## ANNIVERSARY



### Thomas 'Shorty' and Betty Mercer celebrate 50 years together

Betty and Thomas (Shorty) Mercer of Hosford are proud to announce that their 50th wedding anniversary took place Saturday, April 14.

They were married in 1962 in Bainbridge, GA. They enjoy taking walks together, watching the western channel on tv and going for rides.

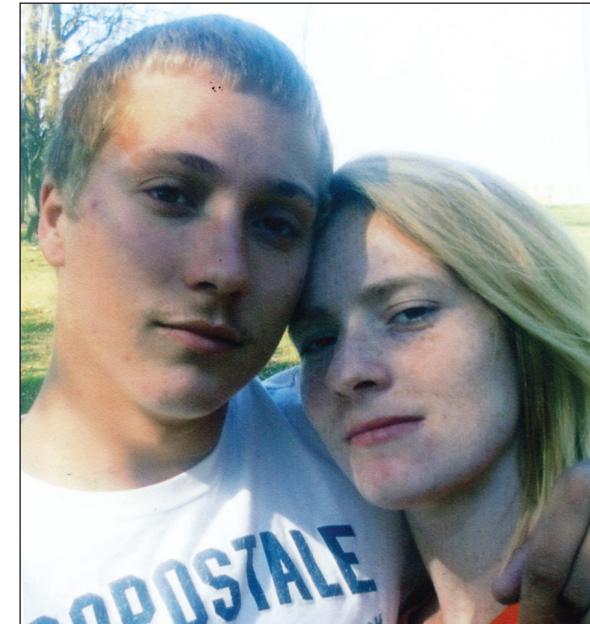
## Bruner, Merkison announce wedding April 22 at Veterans Civic Center gazebo

Devyn Bruner and Amanda Merkison are pleased to announce their upcoming wedding Sunday, April 22 at 3 p.m. at the gazebo of Veterans Memorial Civic Center in Bristol.

The groom's best man is David Bruner and the bride's maid of honor is Tiffany Merkison. The flower girl will be Anna Bruner and Daveyon Bruner will serve as ring bearer.

A reception will follow in the civic center.

The happy couple will honeymoon in Destin.



## BIRTH



### CARTER BRUCE HALL

Wade and Susan Hall of Blountstown are proud to announce the birth of their son, Carter Bruce Hall, born March 20. He weighed 7 lbs. 5.6 ozs. and measured 20 inches long. Maternal grandparents are John and Sandra Lindsey of Blountstown. Paternal grandparents are Pelo and Sharon Marshall of Clarksville. His sister is Maelee Hall, age three.

## Senator Bill Montford to speak at Chipola College graduation May 3

MARIANNA— Florida Senator Bill Montford (D-Tallahassee) will deliver the commencement address at the Chipola College graduation ceremony on Thursday, May 3.

The ceremony begins at 7 p.m. (CT), in the Milton H. Johnson Health Center. Parents, relatives and friends are invited to a reception immediately following the ceremony.

More than 400 graduates make up the Chipola class of 2012. They will join the ranks of more than 12,000 Chipola alumni. Counted as members of the class are all who completed their degrees or certificates from December of 2011 to May of 2012 or who will complete work during the summer 2012 terms.

Sen. Montford was born in Marianna and moved to Blountstown where he grew up and attended public school. He graduated from the then Chipola Junior College in 1967 and transferred to Florida State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in mathematics education and a Master of Science Degree in Administration and Supervision.

Montford began his career as a math teacher in Tallahassee in 1969 and went on to serve as a school administrator for 26 years, including 18 years as a high school principal. He was elected Leon County Superintendent of Schools in 1996. He was selected as the 2002 Florida Superintendent of the Year by the Florida Superintendents Association. In 2008, the Leon County School Board named the



William J. Montford, III Middle School as a tribute to his life-long contributions to education, the school district and the Leon County community.

In 2006, Montford was selected as Chief Executive Officer of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents. He served two terms as a Leon County Commis-

sioner from 1982 to 1988.

Montford currently serves on the Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee, Board of Directors and Chair for the Chamber's Governmental Affairs Committee. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Mary Brogan Museum of Art and Science, Challenger Learning Center, the Florida Center for Performing Arts and Education and The Village Square. Montford is a member of the Missing Children Information Clearinghouse Advisory Board, the Whole Child Leon leadership Council and the Florida TaxWatch Center for Educational Performance and Accountability.

Montford was appointed by Governor Charlie Crist to the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and the Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental Relations. In 2006, the William J. Montford, III educational Scholarship was established by the Florida State University College of Education, in honor of his lifelong dedication to the furtherance of education.

Montford has also received recognition for his personal contributions to the Mayor's Initiative on Race Relations, the Teenage Parent Program, the 100 Black Men of Tallahassee, the NAACP, the Tallahassee Human Relations Council, and he was awarded the Educational Leadership Award from the Martin Luther King Jr. Foundation of Florida.

Sen. Montford lives in Tallahassee

with his wife, Jane, a first grade public school teacher at Gilchrist Elementary School. Bill and Jane have two children, William J. Montford IV (Bill) and Katherine Montford Peters. Bill (IV) and his wife Emily have two sons, William J. Montford V (Jake) and Henry James Montford. Katherine and her husband, Kevin have a daughter, Eleanor Jane (Ellie Jane).

## Chipola alumnus Ricky Polston elected Chief Justice of Florida

TALLAHASSEE—The Florida Supreme Court on Wednesday, April 4 unanimously elected Ricky Polston to become the state's 55th Chief Justice starting July 1.

Polston will become only the second Chief Justice from Jackson County and the first to come from west of the Apalachicola River since 1925. "I am

deeply honored by my colleagues' vote," said Polston, 56. "And I commit myself to be a faithful steward of this public trust, recognizing that I am a servant to the people of Florida, to the constitution and to the laws of the land."

Polston is originally from Graceville where he graduated high school and attended Chipola College and Florida State University.

Justice Polston will serve a two-year term and will succeed the current Chief Justice, Charles T. Canady. He was ap-



pointed Justice of the Florida Supreme Court in October of 2008. He was a Judge for the First District Court of Appeals. He practiced law in Tallahassee from 1987 to 2000. He holds an Adjunct Law Professor position at the FSU Law School. He has been a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) since 1978.

Polston served as a Judge of the First District Court of Appeal from January 2001 until October 2008, when he left to join the Supreme Court. He received his law degree with high honors from Florida State University in 1986 and also attended FSU as an undergraduate.

With his wife Deborah Ehler Polston, he has been a vocal advocate for children's causes, especially in promoting the adoption of children from the foster care system. He and his wife raised four children of their own before adopting a sibling set of six brothers.

## Late Night Laughs

A RECAP OF RECENT OBSERVATIONS  
BY LATE NIGHT TV HOSTS.

This is the 100th anniversary of the Titanic disaster. On its maiden voyage, it collided with an iceberg and sank into the ocean. But it still made it further than that North Korean rocket. — JAY LENO

JK Rowling has a novel now aimed at adults. It's called "Harry Potter and the 30-Year Adjustable Rate Mortgage." — CONAN O'BRIEN

The teenage birth rate... is now the lowest it's been in 70 years, and people are wondering why. Is it due to a resurgence of sexual abstinence? Is it due to teens acting more responsibly? Or is it due to the fact that 'Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3' is so awesome that boys don't care about girls anymore? — JAY LENO

North Korea launched a top-secret new missile. It blasted off and flew about 90 seconds and then blew up. It fell apart faster than a Kardashian marriage. — DAVID LETTERMAN

President Obama has signed into law a bill that bans members of Congress from insider trading. However, they are still allowed to mishandle campaign funds, cheat on their wives, and kill the occasional drifter. — JAY LENO

Happy birthday to David Letterman, who just turned 65 years old. I don't want to say he's getting old, but today, he read the Top Ten reasons to get off his lawn. — JIMMY FALLON

In an interview, once again President Obama called Kanye West a jackass. In other words, President Obama's finally found an issue that can bring this country together. — CONAN O'BRIEN

The deadline to file your tax returns is coming up. You only have a few days left to frantically dig through your car for Burger King receipts that you can claim were business dinners later on. — JIMMY KIMMEL

Rick Santorum has suspended his presidential campaign. He dropped out after spending a weekend in prayer, and then realizing he didn't have one, he dropped out. — JAY LENO

Mitt Romney was actually spotted body-boarding in California. Romney would've gone surfing, but you know, he hates standing for something. — JIMMY FALLON

Keith Olbermann is suing his former employer, Current TV, for \$70 million. That comes out to \$10 million per viewer. — JAY LENO

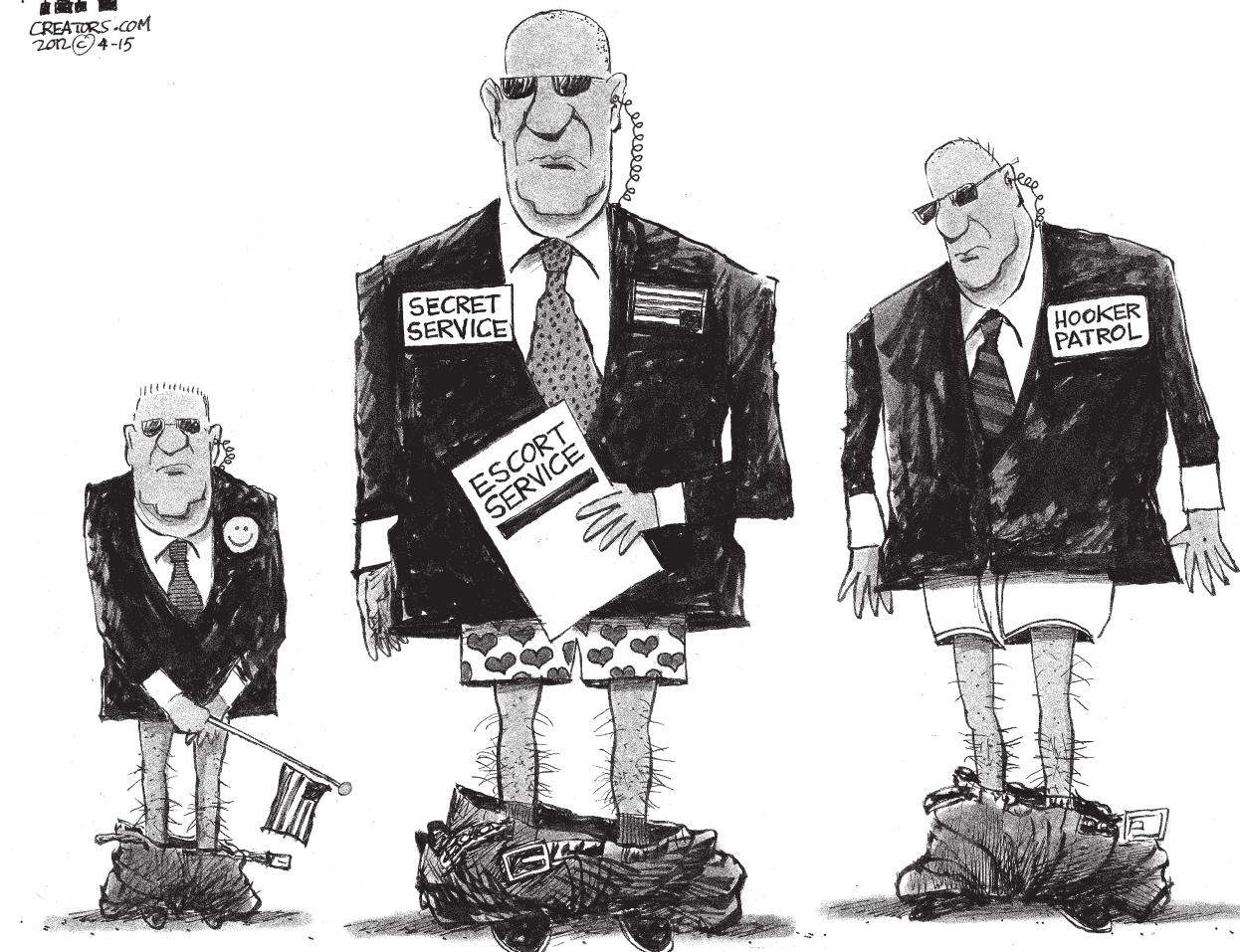
Joe Biden launched a new Twitter account to give supporters updates from the campaign trail. Like his most recent update: "They still won't let me go on the campaign trail." — JIMMY FALLON

The FBI is reporting that American universities are being infiltrated by foreign spies. They say everyone should be on the lookout for any student who's paying attention and taking notes. — CONAN O'BRIEN

Newt Gingrich admitted to The Washington Post that he knows he probably won't be the Republican nominee for president, but he's not bowing out of the race because he's \$5 million in debt. So he needs to keep raising money. How do you continue to raise money when you've already admitted you probably won't win? — JIMMY KIMMEL

Gingrich is \$5 million in debt. And he's the guy who was going to fix our economy. — DAVID LETTERMAN

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## Resources are fewer as our population is growing older

over 60 by 2020.

The Associated Press reported that six years ago, the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging found that less than half of cities at the time were preparing to deal with the needs of senior citizens. A recent survey by this agency found that little had changed.

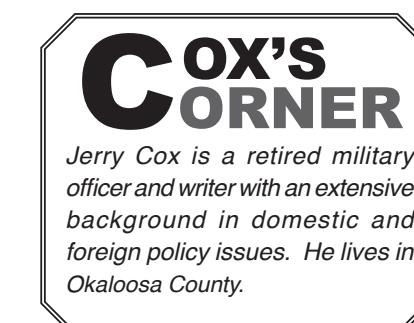
Local communities aren't prepared to provide the services that an ever increasing group of senior citizens require. Medicaid services are a good example.

The State of Florida is demanding that Florida counties ante up for unpaid state provided Medicaid services to the counties. This isn't chump change, it's big bucks. The Florida Association of Counties is suing the state to avoid these payments. Of course, the problem is that county governments are poor as church mice and have no capacity to pay off this alleged debt to the states.

County governments could tax its people to pay off alleged Medicare underpayments to the state, but people go nuts at the mere mention of an increase in sales or property taxes. Local citizens won't pay taxes to take care of their own business, much less the state's business.

The conundrum is this. People are getting older, requiring more medical and social services and no way to pay for it. The problem is further intensified by the plan to cut federal spending to the bone with nothing left of the federal government but defense.

The problem can be solved, but not by the current crop of elected representatives at the federal and state level. Their only skill is to pander for the vote. Tell 'em what they want to hear. Write some more anti-abortion and anti-contraception laws all the while avoiding serious issues that affect all of us.



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

A somewhat feeble (no pun intended) joke among senior citizens is that growing old is not for wussies. I agree. No matter what I think and no matter how I feel, the date of birth on my driver's license and military identification card says,

"Hey, Senior Citizen. How's it going?" Well, sometimes not so hot, but sometimes OK.

Of course, the doctors and nurses always note my age for the records, as if they don't already know. Thanks to President Obama's stimulus, which Republicans labeled as

something evil thing from Hell, medical records are now largely digitized to include my age. Even though Republicans continue to whine about the stimulus, digitizing medical records reduced medical cost and improved medical services.

As people get older, they require more medical care. Nothing new about that. None of us wants to die before our time. However, the fact that the majority of medical expenditures occur in the last years of our lives sticks in the craw of many clamoring for smaller government and less spending.

People concerned about how much is spent on seniors to keep them alive are, who else, those young whippersnappers in the right-wing, particularly those Tea Party poopers who apparently don't want to spend a dime to keep grandma in her rocking chair.

To be serious, America's aging population is a strategic issue. That's difficult to explain to some people, but the problem is that it means a diminishing workforce. Now, the num-

ber of workers relative to the number of seniors on Social Security is at a minimum and the ratio of workers to seniors will only get worse. So,

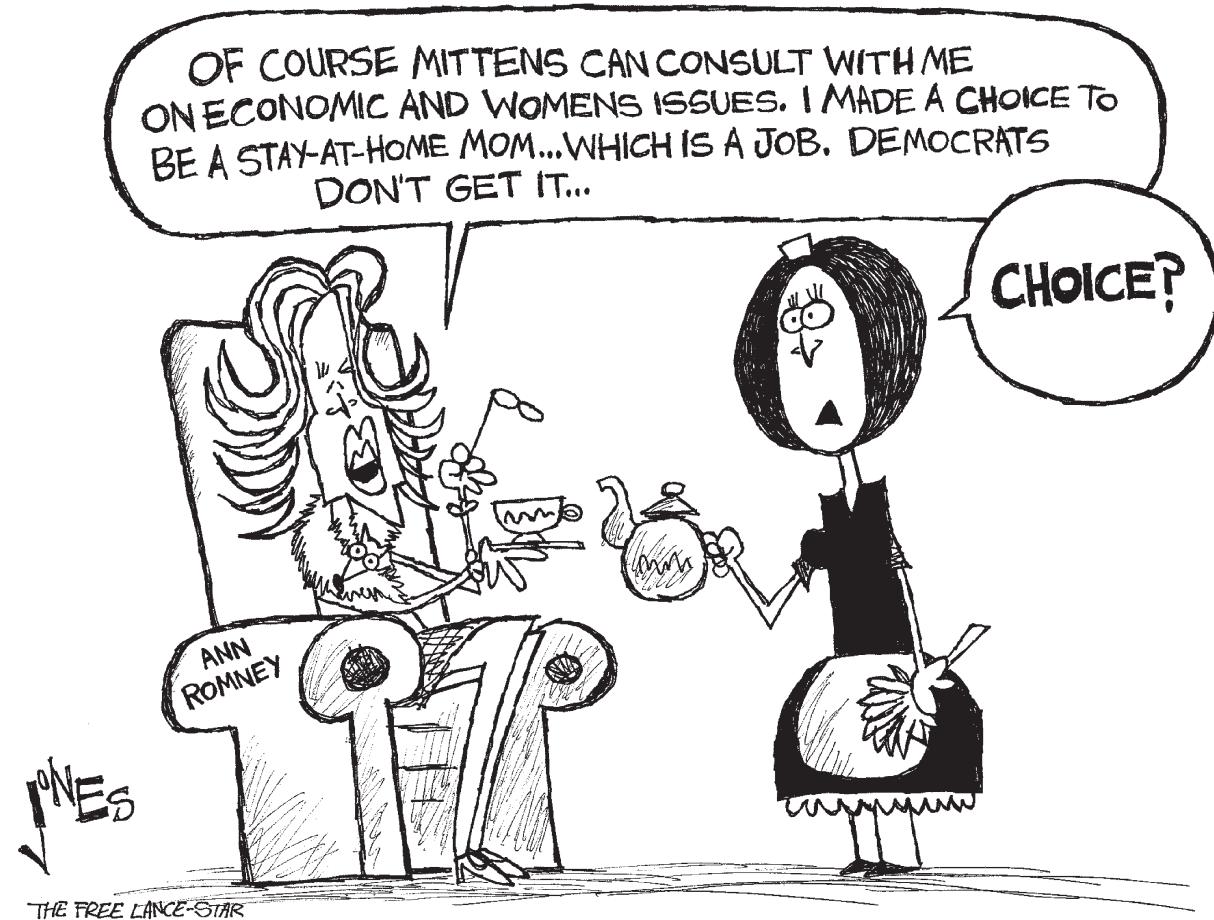
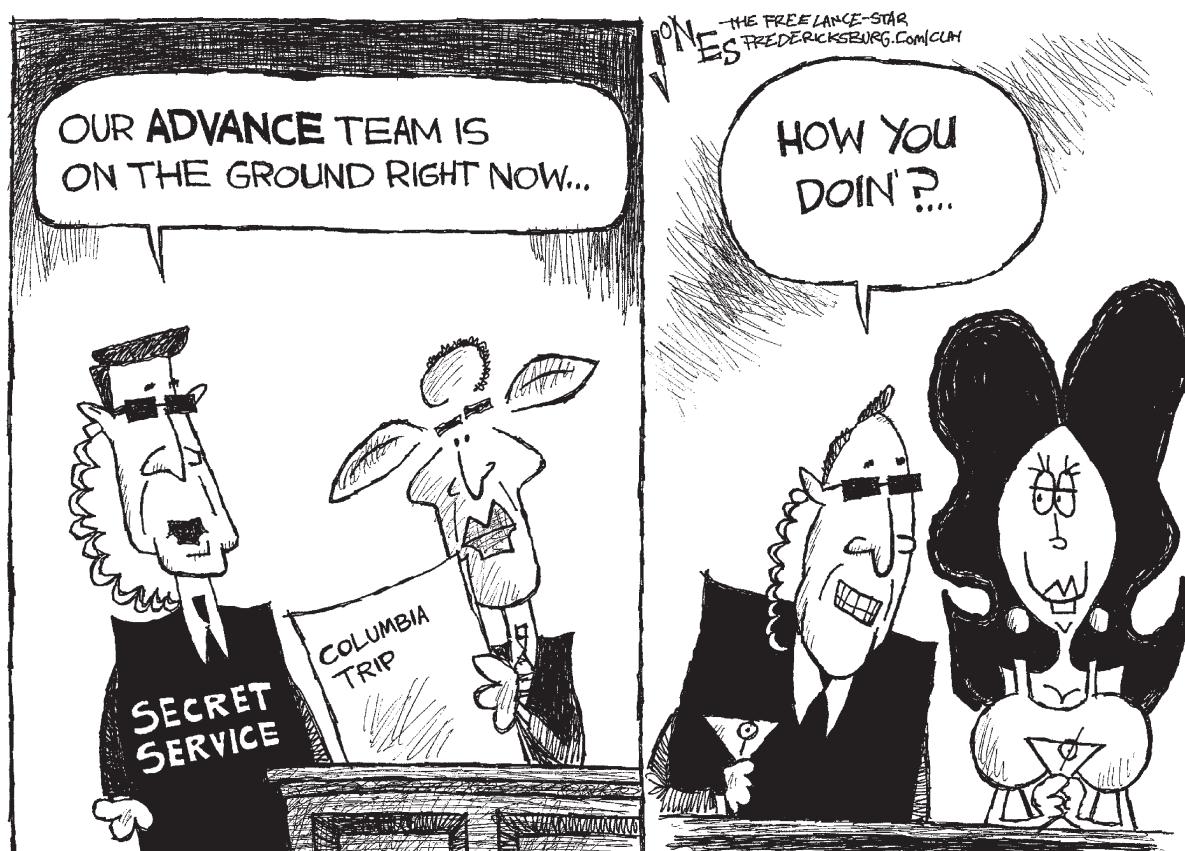
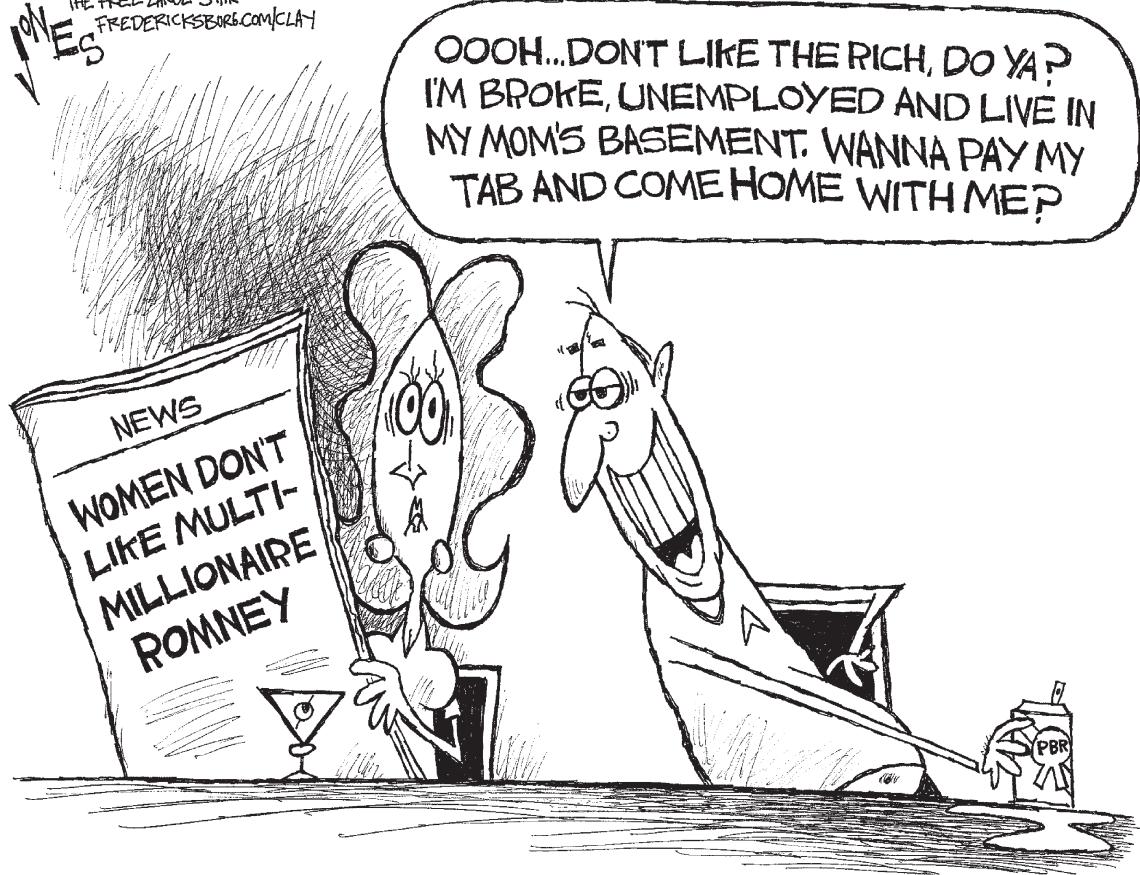
**Local communities aren't prepared to provide the services that an ever increasing group of senior citizens require.**

from the recession, there still isn't enough money flowing through the economy to accommodate senior support groups, particularly at the local level.

In the community where I live, food banks are asking for even more donations, not just for seniors, but for the public in general. The local newspaper reports on people losing their jobs, their homes or their rentals, then finding themselves living in their automobiles. One article was about 420 schoolchildren that were homeless.

According to the Federal Administration on Aging, the population of those 65 and older will double between 2000 and 2030, which is about 20% of the total population.

The ratio of seniors relative to the overall population in Sun Belt cities like Phoenix, Arizona will be even higher. No surprise here, retirees move to the Sun Belt to live out the last years of their lives. Arizona predicts that 25% of its citizens will be

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## WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

by Douglas Cohn and Eleanor Clift

### The burgeoning gender gap

WASHINGTON—When you see a headline that proclaims, “Romney’s Woman Problem,” it brings back memories of another president and a very different issue concerning women. Romney of course is an unassailable family man whose woman problem has to do with politics and policy and looking ahead to November could pose the greatest obstacle to his ability to defeat President Obama.

Women are 53 percent of the electorate and Romney right now is running 18 points behind Obama among women voters. It’s not all of Romney’s doing; much of the negative attitude toward him stems from his party and the overreach of Republican lawmakers in the wake of the GOP’s takeover of the House and numerous state legislatures and statehouses across the country in the November 2010 elections.

Socially conservative lawmakers have pushed all sorts of laws to curb reproductive rights, from personhood amendments that would grant the fetus full human rights to requirements that women seeking an abortion undergo ultrasound tests, interventions that have provoked a backlash from women’s groups and from a broad swath of women voters as well.

Democrats coined the phrase “war on women,” and last week Romney attempted to turn the phrase back on the Democrats by saying it’s really Obama who is waging the war on women. Surrounded by women at campaign events, Romney said that 92 percent of the people who have lost their jobs since Obama took office are women, a statistic so mind-blowing that it doesn’t pass the laugh test. Indeed, the recent recession has been termed by economists the “mansion,” because women fared better than men. The reason: women in lower-paid service jobs are not as easily subject to layoffs.

A Romney aide was caught flat-footed in a phone call with reporters when asked if Romney supported the Lily Ledbetter law, or Fair Pay Act of 2009, which Obama signed immediately upon taking office. The aide said he would have to get back to the media on that, later confirming after a very awkward pause that yes, Romney supported it.

On the stump, Romney often refers to his wife, Ann and how she tells him that women are mainly interested in the economy and not the discussion about contraception that has taken so much time on the campaign trail. Responding to that, it was the Democrats’ turn to stumble, and make the remark that would light up social media networks. Hilary Rosen, a staunch Democrat and sometime surrogate for the Obama campaign, questioned how much Ann Romney would know about the lives of working women since she “hasn’t worked a day in her life.”

The remark quickly ignited the Mommy wars, the long-standing tensions between women who choose to stay at home and women who work. Anybody without a partisan axe to grind knows that Rosen meant that Ann Romney didn’t work outside the home in addition to raising her five boys and therefore has no first-hand experience with the juggling of work and family that many American women face on a day-to-day basis.

Not wanting to see their gains with women slip away, the Obama campaign sent out its heaviest hitters. Senior campaign strategist David Axelrod tweeted that Rosen’s comments are “inappropriate and offensive.” Obama weighed in, telling an ABC affiliate during an interview in Washington, “There’s no tougher job than being a mom. Anybody who would argue otherwise, I think, probably needs to rethink their statement.”

With the outcome of the November election heavily dependent on the votes of women, this is only the first of many skirmishes as Romney tries to recapture important lost ground and Obama works to cement the biggest gender gap either party has seen in a very long time.

**ANNUAL SERVICES** – St. Mary's invites everyone to attend their pre-annual services for Dr. C. L. Wilson from April 20-22. The scheduled events are as follows:

• **Friday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m.** – Pastor Jarvis Alls, Pastor G. B. Sheard and the congregation of Quincy will hold the prayer changes of Blountstown.

• **Saturday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m.** – The Gospel Express with various groups and choirs will be performing.

• **Sunday, April 22 at 3 p.m.** – Pastor Derrick Thomas and the Tallahassee congregation as well as Pastor Delano Reed and St. Luke Church of Bristol will attend.

**HOMECOMING** – Pastor Johnie Godwin and the congregation of Chipola Community Church would like to extend an invitation to everyone to come and join us in celebrating our 25th homecoming on Sunday, April 22 beginning at 10 a.m.

Special singers will include members of our church, several Godwin family members and our praise team, led by Justin Godwin. Come expecting a blessing from God.

We will be having dinner following the morning worship service. Bring a covered dish and join us. Our church is located off Hwy. 71 north of Blountstown on Jim Godwin Road.

For more information, please call (850) 674-1230.

**MOVIE NIGHT** – First Baptist Church in Blountstown will show the movie *Courageous* on Sunday night, April 22 at 7 p.m. (CT).

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

**WOMEN'S DAY PROGRAM** – St. Stephens AME Church invites everyone to join them Sunday, April 22 for their annual Women's Day Program. There will be two services. The first is at 11 a.m. with Minister Dianna Green of Quincy presiding. At 3 p.m. Pastor Elaine Jones of Teneek, NJ will be presiding over the second service.

Dinner will also be provided.

St. Stephens AME Church is located in Bristol (Sweetwater).

For more information, call Mauth at 579-5989, Madie at 643-5977, Bettye at 643-5799 or Twylen at 643-2760.

**HONORING FOREIGN MISSIONS** – Carr Chapel in Clarksville invites the community to join them Sunday, April 22 for a special worship time and meal to follow in honor of those who serve in the foreign mission field sharing the Gospel of Christ. Following the meal there will be a silent auction to raise funds to support these servants of Christ. Carr Chapel helps support missionaries in countries like India, Mexico and many parts of Africa. Pastor Harris and his wife, Janice will share experiences about their mission trip to Croatia and Kosovo.

Sunday school is at 10 a.m. (CT), worship is at 11 a.m. and the special meal will follow the morning worship.

**MAGNOLIA BAPTIST CHURCH** – The congregation of Magnolia Baptist Church invites you to come, worship and be revived with us Sunday, April 22, through Wednesday, April 25. Reverend Rob Hall will be sharing the Word of God nightly at 6 p.m.

Born and raised in Daytona Beach, Rob began his new life in Christ Jesus at a teen camp when he was 13 years old. In 2003 he yielded to the Lord's call into ministry. A year later he began working at Crossroads Baptist Church where he was ordained in 2009. He currently serves as their pastor of student ministries.

The church is located about five miles north of Blountstown on Magnolia Church Rd. off Hwy. 71.

**REVIVAL** – The First Baptist Church of Bristol will be hosting a revival beginning Sunday, April 29 and ending Wednesday, May 2.

Sunday services will be at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mondays through Wednesdays services will be at 7 p.m.

Pastor Jim McAfee will preside and worship leaders will be the Telogia Praise Team.

Thursday, May 3 is movie night. *Courageous* will be presented.

**MEXICAN FOOD FESTIVAL** – St. Francis Church on Gaskin St. in Blountstown is hosting a Mexican Food Festival on Saturday, April 21.

Bring your family and friends for an evening of enjoying delicious homemade food (reasonably priced), lively music and dance and games.

Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. (CT) on the church grounds and admission is free.

## Blountstown Health and Rehabilitation Center will be conducting a Certified Nurse's Assistant (CNA) class • April 30

The class is being offered at NO cost to the student. Those interested may obtain an application at the facility, in the business office located at 16690 SW Chipola Road.

**The class duration will be 2-3 weeks from 4 - 8 p.m.**

Students will be selected based on the application she/he submits and with a formal interview.

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Most Flathead lbs. per person.....	\$100 and Trophy

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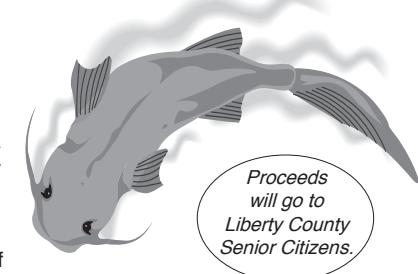
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1st place.....
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4th place.....

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Donate \$1 for a ticket for a chance to win \$500.

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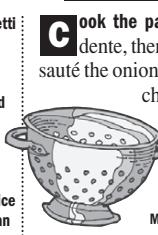


APRIL 12, 13  
Best days to harvest belowground crops

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

1 pound pasta (spaghetti or fettuccine)  
1 medium onion, chopped  
3 cloves garlic, pressed  
3 tablespoons olive oil  
1 head broccoli, chopped  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
freshly grated Parmesan cheese



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. MAKES 4 SERVINGS.

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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# OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC



*Is a whortleberry  
the same as a blue-  
berry?*

-G. M., Pointe Grosse,  
Mich.

Some people would say so, yes. Depending on what part of the country you're from, you might speak of picking blue whortleberries, huckleberries, huckleberries, Saskatoons, bilberries, or blueberries. In fact, there are slight differences in the origins of some of these berry bushes, the whortleberry being Vaccinium myrtillus, for example, while the Saskatoon is Amelanchier alnifolia. Bilberries and blueberries are both of the genus Vaccinium like the whortleberry, however.

All have healthful properties, which are recently coming back into common knowledge as health experts talk about antioxidants. Blueberries have vitamins A and C and calcium, but also have been used, for centuries, as an anti-diarrhea remedy. In fact, it is believed that blueberries destroy the E. coli bacteria that can cause digestive infections and distress. Blueberries also help those who are working to lower their cholesterol counts.

*What's the deal with wishing on M&Ms? Which color is the lucky color?*

-L. N., Somerville, N.J.

APR. 16, MONDAY -- Patriots Day (Maine, Massachusetts). Conjunction of Neptune and the Moon. Football coach Bill Belichick born, 1952. Wishes won't wash dishes.

APR. 17, TUESDAY -- Moon on equator. American statesman Benjamin Franklin died, 1790. Order of Canada, to honor outstanding contributions to society and country, instituted, 1967.

APR. 18, WEDNESDAY -- Conjunction of Mercury and the Moon. Actress Grace Kelly married Prince Rainier of Monaco, 1956. Lighted fishing pole patented, 1978.

APR. 19, THURSDAY -- Conjunction of Uranus and the Moon. Oxford English Dictionary completed, 1928. Lead, South Dakota, blanketed with 59 inches of snow, 2006.

APR. 20, FRIDAY -- Electron microscope demonstrated to public, 1940. Actress Jessica Lange born, 1949. F3 tornado touched down, Utica, Illinois, 2004.

APR. 21, SATURDAY -- San Jacinto Day (Texas). New Moon. Conjunction of Mercury and Uranus. Queen of Great Britain Elizabeth II born, 1926.

APR. 22, SUNDAY -- Third Sunday of Easter. Earth Day. Moon at apogee. Conjunction of Jupiter and the Moon. Humorist Erma Bombeck died, 1996.

We're told it's the green ones that are lucky, but maybe that was before the blue ones came out. But did you know that M&Ms were originally fighting food? Created in 1940 for the military, M&Ms take their name from their creators, Forrest Mars and Bruce Murries. In the 1990–91 Persian Gulf War, Hershey's created a "Desert Bar" for the Desert Storm soldiers. While M&Ms were designed to "melt in your mouth, not in your hand," the Desert Bar had to withstand heat of up to 140°F! But back to wishing.

Daniel DeFoe (1660–1731), famous for "Robinson Crusoe," was the author of the phrase, but Benjamin Franklin (1706–1790) was known to use it.

Keep in mind that Franklin was a great reader, and much of what was attributed to him came from his reading and knowledge of other authors, including Cervantes ("Honesty is the best policy"); George Herbert ("For want of a nail, the shoe was lost; for want of a shoe, the horse was lost; and for want of a horse, the rider was lost"); and Aesop ("God helps them that help themselves"). Some of these were entered as maxims in Poor Richard's Almanack and came to be associated with Franklin in that way.

Franklin used age-old proverbs in his speeches and conversations, and he paraphrased frequently.

He paraphrased Socrates when he said, "Eat to live and not live to eat." He also paraphrased Cicero and Samuel Butler: "There was never a good war or a bad peace." And now people paraphrase him.

There was certainly much that was original to Franklin, however, including the old classics such as, "Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise." Parents, worldwide, remember "A good example is the best sermon."

I always thought "as certain as death and taxes" was a Benjamin Franklin quote. Am I wrong?

-E. L., Beaumont, Tex.

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## Reagan gets a big surprise when dad visits her class

by Teresa Eubanks, *Journal Editor*

Five-year-old Reagan Bilbo got the surprise of her young life when her father, who is serving overseas with the Army National Guard, stepped through the door of her kindergarten classroom at Tolar School in Bristol last week.

"She hasn't seen him since he left for Afghanistan six months ago," said her mother, Lacey Bilbo.

Reagan and her dad, Joey Bilbo, have kept in touch via Skype, talking frequently by computer. She didn't know he was due for a two-week visit home before returning to Kuwait.

"It's been rough," her mom said.

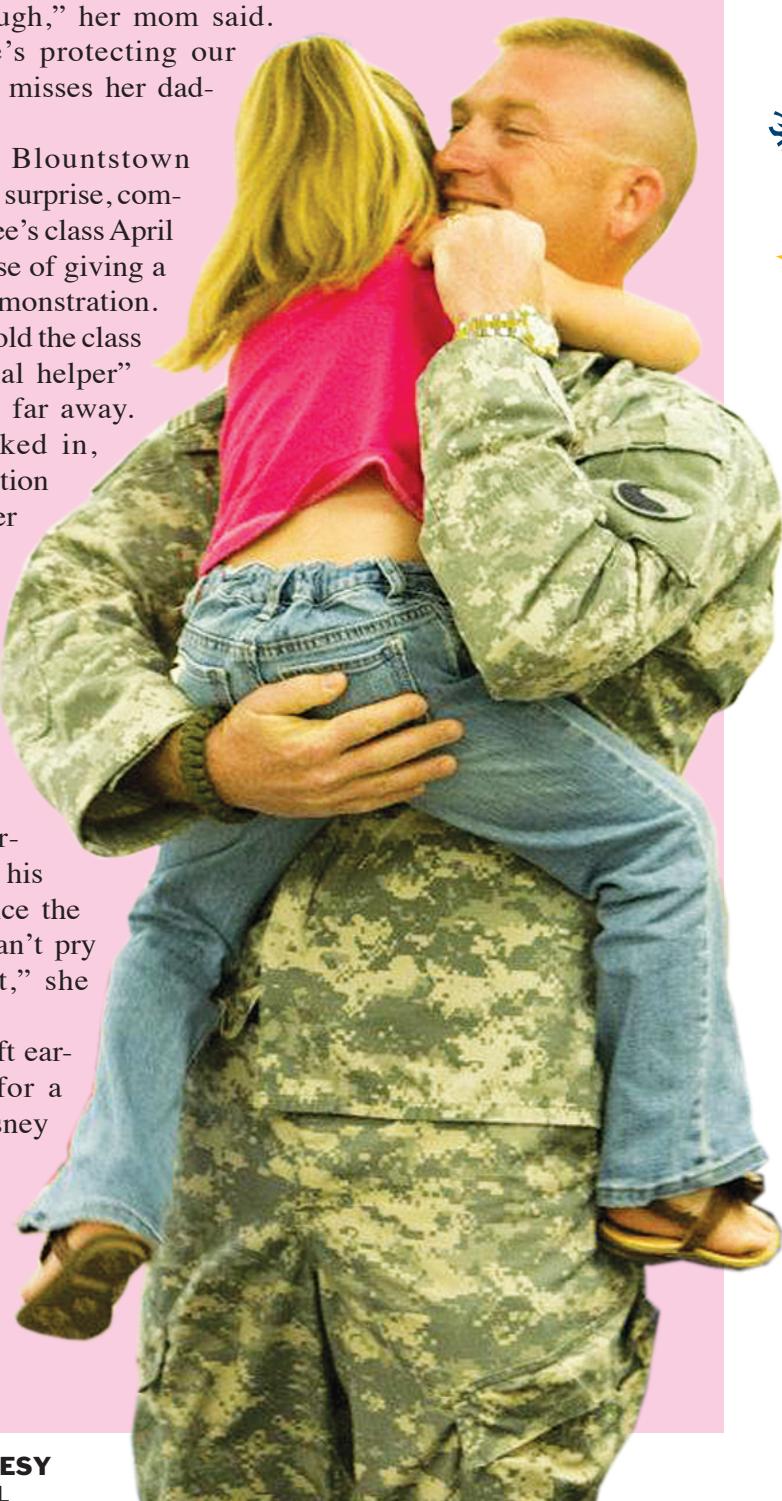
"She knows he's protecting our country but she misses her daddy."

Ben Hall of Blountstown helped set up the surprise, coming to Jennifer Lee's class April 11 on the pretense of giving a photography demonstration. At one point he told the class he had a "special helper" coming in from far away. Then Joey walked in, prompting a reaction from his daughter that Ben caught with his camera.

"I think she was in complete shock," her mother said. "She just held on to him and buried her head on his shoulder." Since the reunion, "you can't pry those two apart," she said.

The family left earlier this week for a few days at Disney World.

Joey is in the Army National Guard and serves with the 111th Aviation Battalion.



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# Tips to prevent learning loss over summer

Working parents are already lining up child care plans for the summer. While they're at it, educators say all parents of school-age children should also plan for preventing the dreaded summer slide.

"The 'summer slide' is the information and skills children forget during summer break from the end of one school year to the beginning of the next school year," says Carrie Scheiner, who created Exploracise ([www.exploracise.com](http://www.exploracise.com)), to provide parents and educators with award-winning products and programs that combine learning, exercise and healthy lifestyle choices.

The education slide is well-documented by numerous studies, which were synthesized in the 1990s by Harris Cooper, then a professor at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He found that children could forget one to three months of learning over the summer.

"While some people are aware of the learning loss, many aren't aware that children tend to gain weight more rapidly when they're out of school," Scheiner says, citing a 2007 study by Paul Von Hippel of Ohio State University. "He found that kids, especially those at risk for obesity, gain as much weight during the summer as they do all school year."

What can parents do to keep young brains and bodies engaged in healthy ways over the summer? Scheiner offers these tips:

- JOURNAL CURRENT ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS.** How do you know if your child is affected by summer slide if you don't remember where they ended the year? Create a summer journal and, in the first few pages, document what they most recently learned in their major subjects. Were they adding and subtracting double-digit numbers? Doing long division? What were some of their vocabulary or spelling words? Throughout the summer you can track their progress and, at the least, maintain those levels – or maybe even move on to more challenging material.

- TRY A WEEKLONG EDUCATIONAL DAY CAMP.** We all want our kids to have fun during the summer, and they can. Enroll in the fun, active day camps that focus on art, music or swimming. But toward the end of the summer, have your children attend one week of math camp and one week of reading camp as a refresher.

- FEED THE BRAIN DURING FREE TIME.** Kids have a lot more free time in the summer. With fewer scheduled activities, even kids who attend a camp may have more time to hang out in the evening. How can you feed their brain during this extra time? Visit the library and check out print books, audio books, educational DVDs, and even educational computer games. Many websites offer activity ideas that you and the kids can enjoy together. For instance, a free e-book, "10 Top Fun Wise Games: Making Learning Math Fun" is available at [www.exploracise.com](http://www.exploracise.com).

- ACTIVE-ate THE BRAIN.** Getting active exercises both the body and the brain. Just like our body needs exercise to stay healthy, so does the brain to keep those neurons firing. Encourage kids to stay active and play outside during the summer and allow only limited, scheduled times for sedentary activities like video games or TV.

Tolar School Music Teacher Gayle Grissett is shown surrounded by the ten students who took part in the Honors Chorus on Saturday in Graceville.



TOP ROW: Anthony Fleishman, Wayne Davis, Katlyn Truman and Andrew Kern. MIDDLE: ROW: Lindsey Marotta, Kelsey Jones, Luke Johnson, Mrs. Gayle and Makayla Geiger. BOTTOM ROW: Kelsey Nobles and Autumn Tanner.

## Tolar music students take part in Panhandle Elem. Honors Chorus

Ten Tolar School music students joined 70 students from schools throughout the Florida Panhandle and Southeast Alabama for a day-long workshop topped off by an afternoon performance during Saturday's Panhandle Elementary Honors Chorus at the Baptist College of Florida in Graceville. Students gave up their PE classes for three weeks and their teacher had to forgo her lunch and planning period to prepare for the program. They sang six songs, including one featuring phrases from several languages. Selections included a Calypso song, a folk song and a hymn. BELOW: Students are shown performing their final selection.



ABOVE: Kelsey Jones autographs the back of Anthony Fleishman's shirt after the performance. BELOW: While someone puts their name on the back of Wayne Davis' shirt, Paul Kern playfully offers to sign his face.



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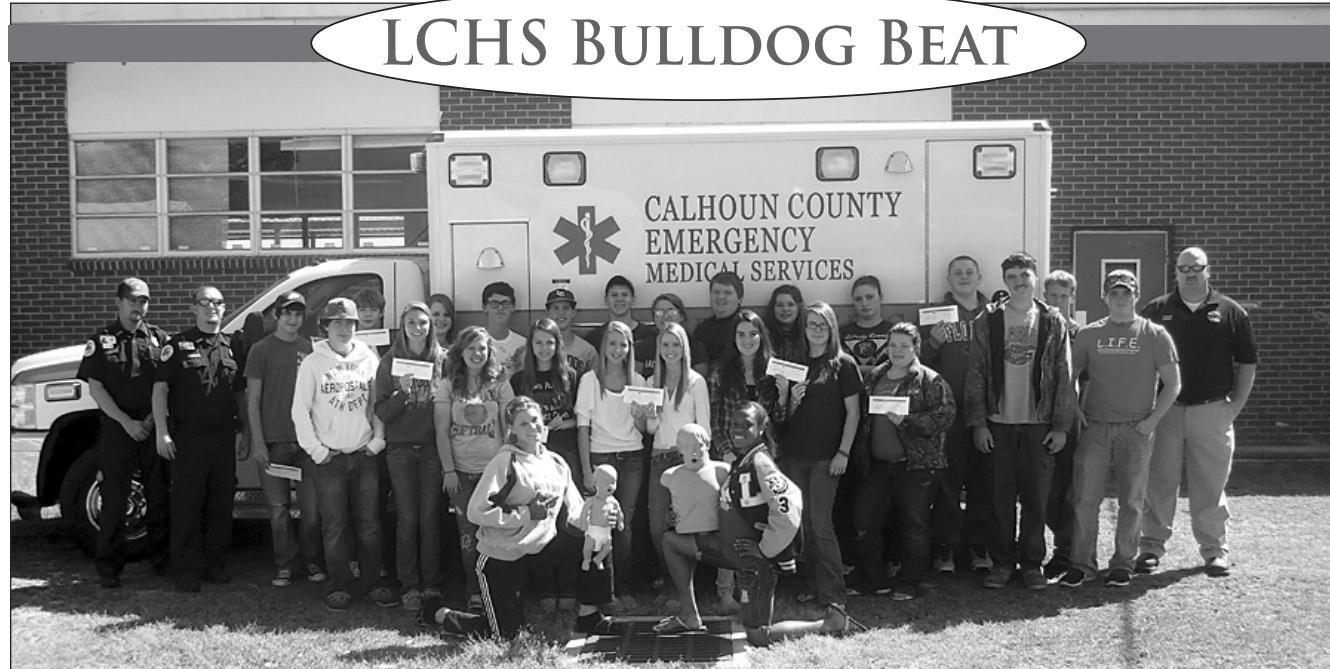
# LCHS students in Allied Health Program learn CPR

Students in the Allied Health Program at Liberty County High School recently had the opportunity to be certified in CPR.

The CPR class taught was part of The American Heart Association's Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers. This was a professional level CPR class.

Students learned how to perform adult, child and infant CPR, as well as how to use Automatic External Defibrillators and how to rescue a choking victim.

Instructors were Paramedics Jarrod Wester



and Jody Hoagland.

The students would like to thank Calhoun

County EMS and Calhoun Liberty Hospital for donating their time

and providing them with a pizza party!

They learned val-

able skills and are very proud of this accomplishment.

## Liberty County schools currently accepting applications for 21st CCLC summer program

Liberty County schools are now accepting applications for our 21st CCLC summer program.

Slots will be awarded to students who are current participants first and then will be open to all Liberty County students; any remaining slots will be allocated to non-district students.

We are very excited about being able to offer an additional hour of services this summer!

### Dates times and costs are as follows:

- Dates** – June 7 through July 19 (closed July 4)

- Time** – 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Cost** – Free. Both breakfast and lunch

are provided, parents are responsible for weekly field trip costs.

Transportation from Hosford School to Noah's Ark will be provided in the afternoons at 3:30 p.m. Transportation to and from Rock Bluff VFD are as follows: Pick up will be at 7:30 a.m., drop off will be 3:30 p.m.

Enrollment forms are currently being distributed at all three twenty-first CCLC sites and are available on the district website.

For more information, please visit, [lcsbonline.org](http://lcsbonline.org) or contact the Program Director, Mandie Fowler, at [mandie.fowler@lcsbonline.org](mailto:mandie.fowler@lcsbonline.org) or 643-7297.

## BLOUNTSTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



## BES teachers host FCAT pep rally

Mrs. Bozeman and Mrs. Wood held an FCAT Pep Rally for the third, fourth and fifth grade students on Friday, April 13.

All of these students have worked very hard preparing for the FCAT Test which will be given next week across the state.

There was cheering and a drawing for AR prizes.

For every 5 AR points a student earns, they get a ticket.

All of the tickets are put in a bucket and drawn for

prizes. It was a great celebration of our students and their hard work!

### ★ Kindergarten registration April 27 ★

Kindergarten Registration for the 2012-2013 school year will be April 27 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Please call the school office for an appointment at 674-8169.

You will need to bring birth certificate, shot records, recent physical, and social security card to register your child.

### ★ Yearbooks on sale now ★

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.

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENU



April 18-24, 2012

## CALHOUN

### Wednesday

**BREAKFAST:** Grits and ham cubes with sweet potato muffin.

**LUNCH:** Buffalo chicken wrap, french fries and a fresh fruit cup.

### Thursday

**BREAKFAST:** Waffle with syrup and a sausage patty.

**LUNCH:** Baked chicken, buttered rice, green beans, whole wheat roll and a tropical fruit cup.

### Friday

**BREAKFAST:** Sausage gravy and a biscuit.

**LUNCH:** Pepperoni pizza, garden salad and fresh fruit.

### Monday

**BREAKFAST:** Cheese toast, grits and ham cubes.

**LUNCH:** Chicken nuggets with baked potato wedges, green beans and fresh fruit.

### Tuesday

**BREAKFAST:** Waffle with syrup and sausage patty.

**LUNCH:** Salisbury steak with gravy, rice, turnip greens, corn bread and mixed fruit.

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

## LIBERTY

### Wednesday

**BREAKFAST:** Grits with scrambled eggs.

**LUNCH:** Beef-a-roni with whole grain pasta or turkey and cheese on autumn grain or chicken caesar wrap with glazed carrots, salad with light dressing, garlic bread\* and a petite banana.

(2nd & 3rd grades WG pizza)

### Thursday

**BREAKFAST:** Cinnamon roll with sausage patty.

**LUNCH:** Mandarin orange chicken or open faced pepperoni sandwich\* or turkey and cheese chef salad with brown rice\*, steamed broccoli, steamed cabbage and orange wedges.

### Friday

**BREAKFAST:** Whole wheat pancakes with sausage patty.

**LUNCH:** Salisbury steak or baked corn dog or baby turkey, ham & cheese sub with mashed potatoes, green peas, dinner roll\* and chilled pears.

(4th grade WG pizza)

### Monday

**BREAKFAST:** Breakfast pizza.

**LUNCH:** Herbed baked chicken or BBQ chicken melt\* or ham & cheese chef salad with crackers with steamed broccoli, baked beans, dinner roll\* and grape juice.

(Kg & 1st grade pizza)

### Tuesday

**BREAKFAST:** Ham and cheese biscuit.

**LUNCH:** Beef and bean burrito or spicy nachos or chicken caesar salad with croutons, shredded lettuce and tomato with whole kernel corn and sweet chewy raisins.

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## BHS Calendar of Events

**Wednesday, April 18**

– Algebra Study Session

3-4 p.m.; FCA Huddle 7:30

a.m.; Softball District Tournamen

t in Blountstown

**Thursday, April 19** –

Baseball vs. Wewa – Home

@ 6 p.m.; Softball District

Tournament in Blountsto

**Monday, April 23** –

Geometry Study Session

3-4 p.m.; Baseball District

Tournament; PERT Test

**Tuesday, April 24** –

Baseball District Tournamen

t; PERT Test

# BMS Lady Tigers capture 1st Panhandle Conference Championship, defeating the Hosford Panthers 10-3

The Blountstown Middle School Lady Tigers completed a perfect season to capture their first Panhandle Conference Championship by defeating the Hosford Panthers by a score of 10-3.

The Tigers were led offensively throughout the season by Anna Hassig, who had a batting average of .821 with 33 runs scored and 12 stolen bases while striking out only once. Taylor Stalnaker also had an incredible season, maintaining a batting average of .727 with 24 hits and 22 RBIs, and no strike outs.

The Tiger pitchers also had a great season. Trudie Alford led the way with a record of 7-0: pitching 23 innings, facing 114 batters, striking out 18, while giving up only 9 hits. Seventh grader Lana Wood had a record of 4-0: pitching 22 2/3 innings, facing 89 batters, striking out 14, while walking only 4 batters the entire season.

Defensively the Lady Tigers played stellar, committing only nine errors as a team for the season.

These girls have had a very successful season and have worked really hard the last couple of years. The eighth graders will truly be missed as they move on to BHS next season.



## Altha School to host Scholastic Book Fair April 23 - 27

### ALTHA WILDCATS

Altha School will host "Book Fair Luau - It's a Reading Celebration!" April 23-27. Shopping hours will be 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Families, faculty, and the community are invited to attend this fun reading event that helps inspire children to become lifelong readers.

The Book Fair will feature a special Family Event Tuesday, April 24 from 3 to 6 p.m. This event will feature time to shop at the fair, Book Fair-related activities and refreshments. Parents, grandparents as well as other relatives are invited to our "Book Fair Breakfast" Friday, April 27 from 7 – 7:30 a.m. A light breakfast will be served and there will be time to shop at the Book Fair.

The Book Fair offers specially priced books and educational products, including popular series, award-winning titles, new releases and other great reads from more than 100 publishers. You can also shop online at [scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs](http://www.scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs)

from April 17-30. All orders ship to school for free and each purchase benefits our school.

In addition, the Book Fair will feature the One for Books® program, where students can share the thrill of reading by donating their loose change to help purchase books for classroom libraries. Scholastic matches monetary donations with a donation of up to one million books, which go to national non-profit organizations dedicated to helping families in need, such as the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc. and Kids In Need Foundation.

The more a child reads, the stronger the reader he or she becomes. Strong reading skills are essential to a child's success in school and life. Our Book Fair encourages this success by offering students access to great books at affordable prices. Children are more likely to read books they personally choose. The wide variety of

choices offered at our Book Fair ensures that there will be something for everyone!

For more information, please call the Media Center at 762-3121.



### Altha Kids of Character for March

Principal Ladona Kelley proudly announces Altha School's Kids of Character for the month of March, demonstrating the character trait of Sincerity:

Front row, from left: Ben Glover, Christopher McClain, Camden Pitts, Jagger Weiler and Elijah Mathes. Second row: Kylie Mazzarese, Ariel Barrentine, Julie Burge and Michaela Markwalter. Back row: Abby Ham, Jessica Moore and Trace Newman. Not pictured is Hunter Lott.

### Middle school dance April 20

There will be a Middle School Dance on Friday, April 20 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Altha Community Center for students in grades 6 - 8 only.

Admission is \$3 per person and there will be concessions available. The dance is sponsored and chaperoned by the Altha School PTO.

### Free sports physicals May 1

Altha School will be hosting free sports physicals for any student interested in playing sports during the 2012-2013 school year on Tuesday, May 1 at Altha School.

Students should see any coach to get a physical form.

Parents must fill out the first page to complete the physical form.



## Yale Collegiate A Cappella group 'The Whiffenpoofs' to perform at Chipola April 26

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 begun in 1909. The Whiffenpoofs have performed in Lincoln Center, the White House, Carnegie Hall, the Rose Bowl, and on television shows The Today Show, Saturday Night Live, 60 Minutes, and NBC's The Sing-Off to name a few.

This performance is particularly historical, because it is the last artist series to be hosted in the old theatre. The

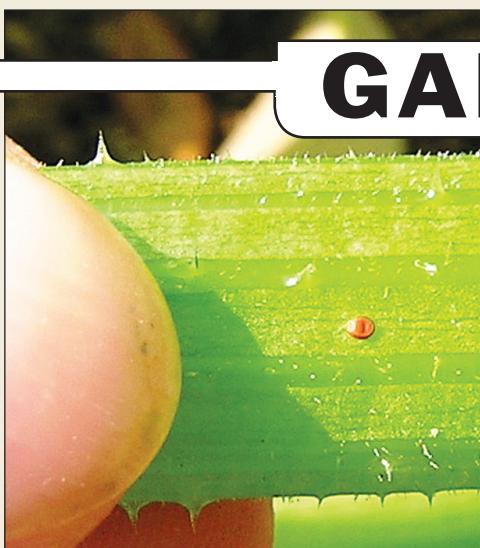
new Chipola Center for the Arts opens in September.

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.

# GARDENING



## Squash vine borer invades the garden

Squash vine borer invades the garden

Last week the zucchini plants in my garden began to flower. I knew that it would not be long before I would enjoy all the culinary pleasures of this versatile cucurbit. My concern was that all the bees, needed for pollination, seemed to be enjoying the flowers of a nearby bottlebrush plant and not visiting my vegetable garden. I even hand pollinated a few female flowers just to ensure that my dreams of zucchini bread would be fulfilled.

So when I spotted a small flying insect hovering around the zucchini plants, my heart leapt with joy. Then in a split second, the thrill was gone and a rush of adrenalin flowed through my veins. That was no pollinating honey bee; it was a squash vine borer moth. To make matters worse, this orange moth curled her abdomen under a stem and laid an egg. This is war!

The squash vine borer adult is a clearwing moth, common in Florida home gardens. It is a serious pest of vine crops, commonly attacking summer squash, winter squash, and pumpkins.

The adult is a moth about 1/2 inch long with an orange abdomen and black dots. Squash vine borer adults are relatively good fliers and resemble wasps in flight. These moths are unusual because they fly during the day while nearly all other moths fly at night.

They lay eggs singly on the plant concentrating their efforts at the plant's base. Eggs are flat, a rusty-brown color, and about 1/25 inch long. Approximately one week after they are laid, the eggs hatch and the resulting larvae, or caterpillar, bore into stems to feed. The caterpillars are cream-colored with brown heads, growing to almost an inch in length. They feed through the center of the stems, blocking the flow of water to the rest of the plant.

Often the first symptom of a borer attack is wilting of infested plants. Closer observation often reveals holes near the plant's base filled with moist greenish or orange sawdust-like mate-



by Theresa Friday,  
Horticulture Extension Agent,  
Santa Rosa County

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rial called frass. Over time, the base may become mushy or rot away altogether.

Squash vine borers are challenging to prevent or manage. Most management options are focused on controlling the hatching caterpillar before they enter the plant. Once they invade the stem, it is difficult to treat squash vine borers.

Home gardeners should be proactive by monitoring your plants for the presence of adult borers. Monitoring tells you if and when squash vine borers are present. There are two methods for detecting squash vine borer adults. The first is actual observation of adult activity in the garden. These moths are conspicuous insects when flying and easy to detect. You can also use yellow trap pans to detect squash vine borer adults. This can be any container (e.g. pan, pail, bowl) colored yellow and filled with water. Because squash vine borer adults are attracted to yellow, they will fly to the container and be trapped when they fall into the water. When you notice squash vine borer adults in your traps you know they are active and it is time to take further action.

If insecticides are needed, spray the stems at their base when the first adult moths are detected. Repeat in 7 to 10 days. Look for insecticides that contain Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt), permethrin or bifenthrin.

As always, read and follow label directions.

If, despite your efforts, your crop is successfully attacked by borers, you can try to kill the borer inside the vine. Although the chance of saving the plant is not good, you do not have much to lose. As soon as wilting is noticed, use a sharp knife to cut a slit in the affected stem. Slice carefully up the vine until you locate the borer (or borers). Once you have killed any borers with the tip of the knife, mound moist soil over the cut area and keep this spot well watered. New roots may grow along the cut stem, allowing the plant to survive.

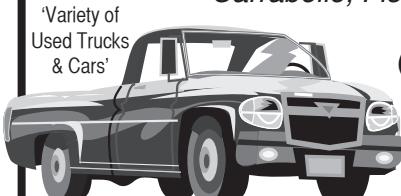
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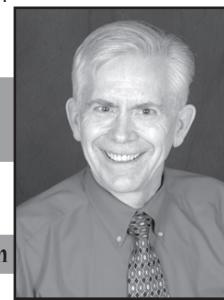
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# Garden Gala seeks volunteers for June 9 event plans monthly meeting on April 19

MARIANNA – Covenant Hospice will host the 7th Annual Garden Gala on Saturday, June 9 from 6-9 p.m. at the Donald E. Price Activity Center, located at 4792 Highway 90 (at the West Florida District Assembly of God Campgrounds) in Marianna. The Garden Gala Committee is currently seeking volunteers to help plan, prepare and present the event. Volunteers are needed for all areas of the event.

The Garden Gala committee will be holding its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 19 at noon at the Covenant Hospice branch, located at 4215 Kelson Avenue, Suite E. and lunch will be provided.

"The Garden Gala is our signature fundraising event of the year. Proceeds from the gala will help further the mission of Covenant Hospice in Calhoun, Jackson, Holmes and Washington Counties," said Jennifer Griffin, Development Manager for Covenant Hospice. Covenant Hospice is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing comprehensive compassionate service to patients and their loved ones during times of life limiting illnesses, based on need, regardless of ability to pay.

The Garden Gala is critical to furthering Covenant's mission in the Marianna service area. "Proceeds from the Garden Gala help offset set the \$1.3 million of indigent care; along with contributing to the programs not reimbursed by Medicare, such as: Bereavement & Social Services, Chaplain Services, Children Support Services and Volunteer Programs," said Griffin.

*To volunteer for the Garden Gala committee or for more information, call Jennifer Griffin or Angela Jackson at 482-8520 or 209-8008. Or via email jennifer.griffin@covenanthospice.org or angela.jackson@covenanthospice.org.*

## OBITUARIES



### DORINE KAY ANDERSON

BLOUNTSTOWN—Dorine Kay Anderson, 60, of Blountstown, passed away Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at her home surrounded by her family. She had a big heart and enjoyed helping people.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Leslie Earnest and Mary Elizabeth Anderson and a granddaughter, Alissa Waunita Loomis.

Survivors include her lifelong companion and soulmate of 27 years, Ziauddin Mufti of Blountstown; five children, Dewaine Loomis, Deborah Reynolds, Deana Chastain and her husband, Timothy, all of Blountstown, Dawn Graves and her husband, David of Denver, CO, Daniel Loomis and his wife, Jennifer of Fountain; a foster child, Aiden Cooney; many life long friends, Mary Pickett of Missouri, Marie and James Fox of Georgia, Brenda and Paul Foysthe of Missouri and 14 grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday, April 21 at 3 p.m. (CT) at Peavy Funeral Home Chapel with Kevin Yoder officiating. All are welcome to come and pay their respects.

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



### LOUIS EDWIN STRONG

BLOUNTSTOWN—Louis Edwin Strong, 96, of Blountstown, passed away Monday, April 16, 2012 in Blountstown. He was born April 12, 1916 in Hamden, OH and had lived in Blountstown since 1976. He was a retired carpenter and a Veteran of WWII, serving in the United States Army. His love of singing started in the fifth grade, where he was picked to sing in the high school operetta called *Old King Cole* and he was one of the Fiddlers Three. He continued singing lead parts in operettas all through high school. He played the French horn in the high school marching band and in the orchestra. He was very active in his church and loved singing. The first 32 years of his life he was a member of the Church of Christ. For the next 30 years he was the song director in the church of the Nazarene in Hillsdale, MI, Eustis and Blountstown. He was a member of the Gulf Coast Community College-Community Chorus in 1987, 1988 and 1989.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lee L. and Florence B. Strong; his wives, Blanche L. (Turner) Strong and E. Darlene (Sharp) Strong; two sons, Karl W. Strong and David Strong, Sr.; one daughter, Judith L. Irish; a stepfather, Forrest B. Morgan; two brothers, George C. Strong and Lee S. Strong.

Survivors include three sons, Louis E. Strong, Jr., Thomas W. Strong and John L. Strong, Sr.; three daughters, Delores L. Faircloth, Denise L. Horne and Patricia L. Davis; a stepdaughter, Carol L. Drews; a stepson, Benjamin Dillon

Graveside services will be held Friday, April 20 at 10 a.m. (CT) in Pine Memorial Cemetery with Reverend Don Henderson officiating.

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

### RAYLENE D. ANDERSON

CHIPLEY—Raylene D. Anderson, 51, of Chipley, passed away Thursday, April 12, 2012 in Chipley. She was born in Blountstown to the late Ray and Eileen (Kolvex) Smith. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth Lynn Anderson of Chipley; two sons, Kevin Anderson and his wife, Terra of Villa Rica, GA and Kenneth Anderson, Jr. of Chipley; one sister, Kelley Michelle Middleton and a brother in-law, Lavoy Anderson, both of Panama City and three grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday, April 17 at Adams Funeral Home with Reverend Rudy Olivo officiating.

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

### SUSIE HATCHER MORRIS

BLOUNTSTOWN—Susie Hatcher Morris, 65, of Blountstown, passed away Thursday, April 12, 2012. She was born in Gadsden, AL and lived most of her life in Bristol. She was a graduate of Blountstown High School and earned a bachelor's degree from Florida State University. She was a substitute teacher for Calhoun, Gulf and Liberty County Schools and also worked several years for the Liberty County Public Library where she especially enjoyed working in the genealogy department. She was very active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Bristol.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Larry Hatcher; a son, Alan Hatcher; her parents, Haywood Henderson and Tressie Naomi Henderson Clark.

Survivors include her husband, Julian Morris of Grand Ridge; four sons, Mark Hatcher of White City, Larry Hatcher, Jr. and his wife, Deborah of Wewahitchka, Timothy Hatcher of Kampala, Uganda and Steven Hatcher of Panama City; a daughter, Melissa Amaya and her husband, Mario of Bristol; two brothers, Bill Henderson and his wife, Margaret of Jacksonville and Lentz Henderson and his wife, Geri of Beverly Hills; a sister, Rebecca Henderson of Bristol and 10 grandchildren.

Family will receive friends Thursday, April 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. (CT) at Adams Funeral Home in Blountstown.

Services will be held Friday, April 20 at 11 a.m. (ET) at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints with Bishop Aaron Holloway officiating. Interment will follow in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Bristol.

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

### HUBERT LEE (JOE) KEEL, JR.

PANAMA CITY—Hubert Lee (Joe) Keel, Jr., 31, of Panama City, passed away Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at his home. He was born on June 1, 1980 in Marianna and had lived in Panama City Beach since 2003, coming from Altha. He was an auto mechanic and was of the Pentecostal faith.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Julie McBride and her husband, George of Panama City Beach; his father, Hubert Lee Keel, Sr. of Altha; one brother, Bobby James Keel of Atlanta, GA; one sister, Barbara Edwards and her husband, Joseph of Freeport; his paternal grandmother, Betty Corbin Whitfield of Blountstown; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services were held Saturday, April 14 at 2 p.m. at Peavy Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Terry Edwards officiating. Interment followed in Red Oak Cemetery.

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

### MIKAYLA ELIZABETH STEVENS

BLOUNTSTOWN—Mikayla Elizabeth Stevens, infant, of Blountstown, passed away Thursday, April 12, 2012 in Tallahassee.

She was preceded in death by a special great uncle, Andy Roberson.

Survivors include her mother, Mary Elizabeth (Beth) Stevens of Blountstown; maternal grandparents, Glenda and Mike Stevens of Blountstown; maternal great-grandparents, Elizabeth and Billy Roberson of Bristol; an aunt and uncle, Michelle and Alan Thrasher of Blountstown; five cousins, Emily, Corey, Dixon, Dylan, Memphis and numerous other relatives.

Services were held Saturday, April 14 at 4:30 p.m. at Peavy Funeral Home Chapel with Kevin Yoder officiating. Interment followed in Nettle Ridge Cemetery.

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

### EUGENE ABBOTT

BLOUNTSTOWN—Eugene Abbott, 77, of Blountstown, passed away Thursday, April 12, 2012 in Blountstown. He moved from Marianna to Blountstown in 2008 and was of the Holiness faith.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Rosa Lee Abbott.

Memorialization will be by cremation.

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# March 13 regular meeting minutes of the Liberty School Board

Official minutes from the March 13 regular meeting of the Liberty County School Board as recorded by the board secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kyle Peddie. Members present at the meeting were Roger Reddick, Darrel Hayes, Tommy Duggar, Logan Kever, Chairman Kyle Peddie and Superintendent Sue Summers.

The prayer was offered by Tommy Duggar and the Pledge of Allegiance was also led by Tommy Duggar.

## RECOGNITION

Chris Worrell on behalf of Commissioner Adam Putnam and the Florida Department of Agriculture presented the School Board a check in the amount of \$22,465.62 for timber harvested in the Lake Talquin State Forest and Tate's Hell State Forest.

Superintendent Summers recognized Barbara Brinson retiring March 30, 2012 with 14 years of dedicated service to the Liberty County School Board. Link Barber also recognized Barbara Brinson for her service at WR Tolar School.

Superintendent Summers recognized Ann Marie Brown as Regional Spelling Bee Champ for the second year. Ann Marie will travel to Washington, D.C. for the National Spelling Bee in May.

Superintendent Summers recognized Candace Mercer and the LCHS H.O.S.A. Student Group for the outstanding job they did at the Health Science Competition in Tallahassee in February.

## ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Hayes, seconded by Reddick and carried unanimously to adopt the agenda.

## CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by Duggar, seconded by Kever and carried unanimously to approve the following consent items.

- A. Approval of Minutes  
February 14, 2012
- B. Principals Reports for February, 2012
- C. Financial Statements for February, 2012
- D. Budget Amendments – 420-03
- E. Bills and Payroll for February, 2012

## ACTION ITEMS

Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Kever and carried unanimously to approve Substitute Teacher list.

Motion was made by Hayes, seconded by Reddick and carried unanimously to approve changes to the following policies:

- 3.18 School Calendar
- 3.50 Public Information and Inspection of Records
- 4.14 Adult Ed
- 4.71 Home and Private School Extracurricular activities

- 4.82 Animals on Campus
- 6.18 Contracts: Instructional and Administrative Personnel
- 6.40 Assessment of Employees
- Motion was made by Kever, seconded by Hayes and carried unanimously to approve new LCSB Policy:
- 5.301 Use of Time out, Seclusion and Physical Restraint
- Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Duggar and carried unanimously to approve request for permission to advertise changes to policies:
- 6.114 Paraprofessionals
- 6.38 Suspension with Partial or No Pay
- 6.92 Insurance Premiums
- 7.10 School Budget Systems
- 7.20 Accounting and Control Procedures

Motion was made by Hayes, seconded by Kever and carried unanimously to approve Liberty County Exceptional Student Education Policies and Procedures (SP&P) for 2009-2010 – 2011-2012.

Motion was made by Duggar, seconded by Kever and carried unanimously to approve 2012-2013 Liberty County School Board Twelve Month Calendar, 2012-2013 Bristol Youth Academy School Calendar, 2012-2013 Pre-K School Calendar, 2012-2013 Childcare Calendar.

Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Duggar and carried unanimously to approve revised 2012-2013 Liberty County School Board School Calendar.

Motion was made by Hayes, seconded by Duggar and carried unanimously to approve Maintenance Agreement with Liberty County School Board and Revell Electric Inc. & Automated Access Systems dated Jan. 3, 2012 for maintenance on gates at WR Tolar K-8 School and Hosford Elementary & Jr. High School. (One maintenance per quarter on 5 Gates and Operators and all Access Controls \$300/Hosford) (One maintenance per quarter on 6 Gates and Operators and all Access Controls \$350/WR Tolar)

## PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Duggar and carried unanimously to accept letter of resignation/retirement from LCSB/DROP Program for Barbara Brinson effective March 30, 2012.

Motion was made by Hayes, seconded by Kever and carried unanimously to accept letter of resignation from Roger Ard effective Feb. 20, 2012.

Motion was made by Duggar, seconded by Hayes and carried unanimously to approve request for Personal Leave without pay, 1 day, from Linda S. Bontrager on March 23, 2012.

Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Kever and carried unanimously to approve request for FMLA Medical Leave of Absence for Larry Dawson beginning Jan. 10, 2012.

Motion was made by Duggar, seconded by Kever and carried unanimously to approve request for FMLA Medical Leave of Absence for Christy Bentley beginning Feb. 20, 2012.

Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Hayes and carried unanimously to approve recommendation of Slade Geiger be hired as long-term substitute from Feb. 22, 2012 through remainder of the school year to replace Donna Bracewell, 3rd grade.

Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Hayes and carried unanimously to approve request for out-of-state travel for Grant Grantham and David Shuler to attend a Strength and Conditioning Clinic in Tennessee on March 2nd. (Only cost to district will be reimbursement for mileage)

## OLD BUSINESS

-- none --

## INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

-- none --

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Summers informed the

Board that the District is currently reviewing and preparing Student Code of Conduct for 2012-2013. The District Advisory Council will meet on Thursday to review and approve the recognition dollars and the school plans. Superintendent Summers also commented that the Community Budget Committee would meet on Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

## BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

Roger Reddick asked Kevin Williams for an update on the lights at the high school baseball field. Williams reported that Talquin Electric Coop. had contacted him and that the work has been completed at no charge. There was also an update on the new buses and the last one should be delivered within the next two weeks.

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Hayes, seconded by Kever and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Superintendent Sue Summers and Chairman Kyle Peddie

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# Consumers warned of misleading postcard solicitations for annuities

TALLAHASSEE—Florida Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater warned consumers about a scam that involves misleading postcards sent to seniors about an annuity they may have that has reached the end of its surrender period. An unlicensed company named Unlimited Fulfillment Services, LLC “Unlimited,” has been allegedly contacting senior consumers with these postcards advising that they need to contact the company’s “scheduling department” to discuss options. The Florida Department of Financial Services has filed a Notice of Intent to Issue Cease and Desist Order against the company.

“This company’s illegal marketing strategy is aimed at our state’s most vulnerable citizens,” CFO Atwater said. “My department will continue to take action against these types of misleading solicitations and I urge all consumers to be on high alert for this and other

## CONSUMER ALERT

from Florida CFO  
JEFF ATWATER

such attempts to get their hard-earned money.”

Unlimited, of Medina, Ohio, is not licensed in Florida as an insurance agency. The Notice of Intent to Issue Cease and Desist Order alleges that it engaged in the unlicensed and therefore illegal, business of insurance by soliciting annuity products to elderly Florida consumers. The notice also alleges the solicitations contained false or misleading information directed to elderly consumers.

As referenced in the notice, Unlimited sent Florida seniors a postcard indicating that it was from Unlimited’s insurance and annuity services department. The postcard

stated that the consumers might be in possession of an annuity that had reached the end of its surrender period. The postcard provided a toll-free telephone number and directed the recipient to contact an Unlimited representative to discuss options. The postcard was intended to mislead the consumers into believing that a phone call was necessary and action was required regarding investments about which Unlimited had no knowledge. Instead of possessing actual and relevant information regarding the consumers’ investments, Unlimited sought to mislead the elderly consumers by inducing them to call a toll-free telephone number upon receipt of the postcard advertisement.

*Consumers who are contacted by this company are encouraged to contact the department’s Division of Consumer Services by calling (877)-MY-FL-CFO, (877) 693-5236 to report the solicitation.*



## HAPPY FEET

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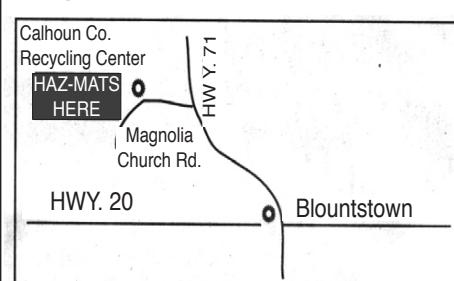
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All Liberty County youth, ages 8-13 are eligible to attend 4-H Camp Timpoochee. They do not have to be 4-H members to attend camp. Youth from Liberty County will camp June 25-29. The total cost for camp is \$220 which includes all meals, transportation to and from camp, daily snacks, overnight accommodations for four nights and a camp T-shirt.

Summer is a time for kids to relax and rejuvenate before the new school year begins, but that doesn’t mean they should spend the day sleeping until noon or fixed in front of the TV or becoming a video game junkie. At Camp Timpoochee, they can exercise their whole body and minds and meet new friends face to face – not just through email or Facebook.

4-H Camp Timpoochee offers traditional camping activities with the addition of some new and exciting activities. Because of its location on the bay, marine science studies are emphasized in a modern lab equipped with microscopes and saltwater aquariums. Environmental studies include day hikes where students explore the plant life and wildlife around them to learn about the forest and its inhabitants.

Recreation activities include swimming, volleyball, archery and games. Campers have free time to choose their

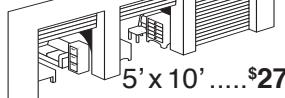
activities and set up games of volleyball, softball or basketball. At night, campers can sing karaoke or make up their own skit on skit night. Evening campfires end each night where campers sing favorite camp songs. The legend of Timpoochee is told on the final night of camp.

While your child is at camp, they will experience group living in a cabin setting where important life skills are learned. Skills that all kids and adults need, such as getting along with others, consideration for those around you and doing your part, will be experienced at camp. Campers assume full responsibility for their cabin and compete for the daily clean cabin award as well as help with dining room chores and general camp chores in a team atmosphere.

4-H Camp Timpoochee features air-conditioned log cabins with bunks for 8-10 campers and attached bath facilities between bunk houses. The staff is well trained in dealing with children and camping programs and nutritious, well-balanced meals are prepared three times a day for campers in the air-conditioned cafeteria.

It is the goal of Liberty County 4-H for your child to enjoy a week at 4-H Camp Timpoochee in a relaxed and fun learning environment. Camp registration and full payment is due June 1. If necessary, a camp payment plan can be set up for you.

If you would like a camp registration packet, please contact Cathia Schmarje, 4-H Program Assistant at 643-2229, or drop by the UF/IFAS Extension Office, located in the Liberty County Veteran’s Memorial Civic Center, for a packet. Camp packets are also available on our website: [liberty.ifas.ufl.edu](http://liberty.ifas.ufl.edu).

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**Formal dress**, butterscotch yellow, long, size 10, perfect for spring. Can be worn with or without straps. Call 643-6260. 4-18, 4-25

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**Candle holder**, iron and foldable, \$25 OBO. Outside light, 400 watt. Paid \$500, asking \$300. Four Safari pictures, 2x2 \$25 each or \$75 for all. Call 557-7338. 4-11, 4-18

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## APPLIANCES

**Flat top stove**, \$50. Call 379-3093. 4-18, 4-25

**Washer and dryer**, \$400 OBO. Frigidaire upright freezer, \$200 OBO. Whirlpool gold stainless 25 cubic ft. refrigerator, brand new. Paid \$2,200, asking, \$1,500. Call 557-7338. 4-11, 4-18

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**Oak table with sleeves**, seats six (no chairs). Twin bed with headboard and foot board for a girl in great condition, \$100. Twin bed with headboard, has mattress set, \$185. Glass stand with black and gold trim, 5 1/2 x 2 for \$75. Call 557-7338. 4-11, 4-18

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**Living room suit**, couch and chair. King mattress and box spring sets. Everyone is invited to shop at the Calhoun-Liberty Ministry Center store. Located on Hwy. 20 E. in Blountstown, 674-1818. UFN

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## CARS

**2001 Buick Lesabre**, in good condition, \$2,500. Call 674-5583. 4-18, 4-25

## AUTO ACCESSORIES

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**12 Chickens**, six weeks old, straight run, \$5 each. Call 447-1349. 4-11, 4-18

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**Two dogs** free to a good home, one miniature Collie, brown and white and one Chihuahua, black and tan. Call 372-3468. 4-11, 4-18

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## LOST & FOUND

**FOUND**: Small dog found at Calhoun-Liberty Credit Union. Has soft curly fur and looks to be of the dachshund, schnauzer or poodle mixture. Good Samaritan is keeping the puppy at home until owner is found. If you believe the dog to be yours or have a lead, please call 643-7603. 4-18, 4-25

**FOUND**: Two puppies found on Wednesday, April 11 at the corner of Charlie Johns Street and Hentz Avenue in Blountstown. One is a larger breed, black, and looks to be about 6-8 weeks old. The other is a smaller breed, tan and white, and looks to be about 6 months or older. If you have lost two puppies please call 643-6781. 4-18, 4-25

**LOST**: **Wedding ring**, last seen Saturday, April 7 in Blountstown or Bristol. Possibly at one of the local stores or parking lots. Size 6 with 3 marques on each side of round center stone, yellow gold band. Reward offered for return, great sentimental value. Please call 643-3506 or 447-2374. 4-11, 4-18

**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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**Mobile home** at lease 2002 or new model, 16x80 if possible or a doublewide. Call 447-0443. 4-11, 4-18

**Double wide trailer**, four bedrooms, two baths, prefer year range 2001 - 2009; Five acres of land in the Bristol, Hosford or Tallahassee area. Call 294-9544. 4-18, 4-25

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**HUNTING & FISHING**

**Connex 3300 CB radio**, high power, extra microphone, monkey stick antenna, like new, \$375 or will trade for hunting rifle. Call 643-8008. 4-18, 4-25

**2005 Bently 200 fish pontoon boat**, 20 ft. with 90 hp Mercury with tilt and trim on a 2009 trailer. NMMA weight certification, 15 people or 2,670 pounds. Two 2011 batteries. Stainless and OEM prop, trolling motor mount, blue lens docking system and navigation lights. Canvas and mosquito net covers, 9 ft. Bimini top with zipper cover. AM/FM stereo CD player, two bass seats, live well, pop up changing station with a port-a-potty, a ladder, two 31" gates and one 36" wheelchair accessible gate. \$10,000 OBO. Call 643-1390. 4-11, 4-18

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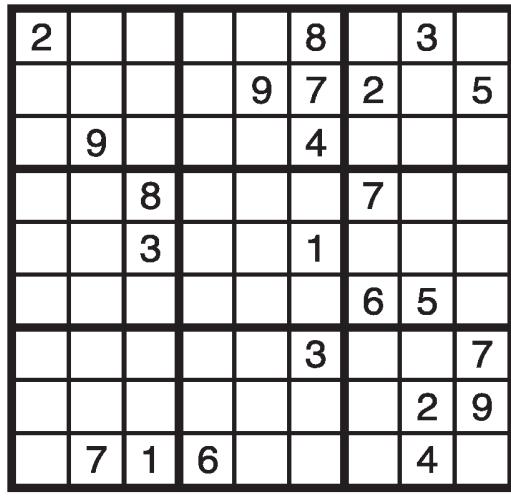
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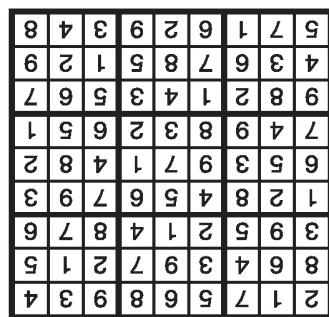
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ANSWER:

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**Little Wonder commercial parking lot blower**, \$450 OBO. Call 643-6589.

4-18, 4-25

**Lincoln welder 225**, includes helmet and 7 ft. long rods. Call 379-3093 for more information.

4-18, 4-25

**Electric pressure washer**, used

once, \$40. Call 674-2598.

4-18, 4-25

## CAMPERS

**2003 Keystone Sprinter travel trailer**, 24 ft., 1 slide out, refrigerator and hot water heater works with gas and electricity, gas stove with two propane tanks, awning on front, in good condition, \$7,500. Call (727) 457-6693.

4-18, 4-25

**2007 Gulf Stream Conquest travel trailer**, 8x26, sleeps six, separate bedroom with queen bed, full bathroom, all in excellent condition. Retail price \$16,200, asking \$12,200. Call 643-6315.

4-11, 4-18

**2006 Fleetwood Morgan camper**, 8x32 with one slide-out, \$5,500. Call 762-2803.

4-11, 4-18

**2006 Gulf Stream Cavalier**, sleeps 8, 30 ft. bumper pull. No

slide out, requires direct sewer hookup, has gas stove and electric hot water with working AC, \$4,000 OBO. Call 447-1693.

4-11, 4-18

## YARD SALE

### BLOUNTSTOWN

**Estate/Yard Sale** - Friday and Saturday, April 20 & 21, beginning at 8 a.m. Located at 17544 NE Jane Street. Antique chairs, bar stools, child's electric scooter, household items, quality shoes, plus size clothing, girls and boys clothing, wheelchair, and much more. Will cancel if it rains. Phone 674-4475 or 674-6022.

### ALTHA

**Yard Sale** - Saturday, April 21 beginning at 8 a.m. Located at 15716 NW Ashley Shiver Road. Lots of stuff. Bring dollar bills and quarters. Phone 363-2966.

# \*STARSCOPE\*

*Week of April 15 ~ April 21*

### ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, once you have your mind set on something, it is hard to get you to think about anything else. This dedication can be an asset at work but might also hinder relationships.

### TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you're in good spirits this week and it could be because you received some good news that provides you with extra energy. Get tasks done and then have fun.

### GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, it may be time for a change of scenery, especially if you feel like you need recharging. Browse available travel deals and you can probably find something affordable.

### CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, accept help when it is offered. Doing so will reduce stress and put you in a better frame of mind. Someone close to you has a proposition.

### LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, though you often enjoy being the center of attention, there are many times -- like this week -- when you simply thrive being able to recuperate out of the limelight.

### VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, when an opportunity presents itself, jump on it without delay. This could be the break you're looking for, so don't pass up the opportunity to get on board.

### FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

#### APRIL 15

Emma Thompson, Actress (53)

#### APRIL 16

Jon Cryer, Actor (47)

#### APRIL 17

Boomer Esiason, Athlete (51)

#### APRIL 21

Tony Danza, Actor (61)

### LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, pick your battles and recognize that there are certain things that you just can't change. It may prove frustrating, but that's the way it is.

### SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, sometimes the best way to help someone is to leave them to their own devices. This week you'll adopt this approach, and it will work out for the best.

### SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, there is conflict at home, you must help reduce the tension. It may take some time, but use this week to lay the ground work.

### CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, with so much change in the air, you may want to shout it from the hills. However, it may be wise to keep things hush-hush for a while until it's all worked out.

### AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, there's no time like the present to do a self-analysis and take the steps to change something that has been on your mind. You'll have the support of family.

### PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, positive thinking can often help you overcome obstacles, but so can simply taking some action. Expect good news this week.

## POLICY CHANGES

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

### 2.25 School Board Adopted Plans

A public hearing on these policies will be held on May 8, 2012 at the Liberty County Administrative Offices, Hwy 12 South, Bristol, FL 32321 at 6:00 pm.

Copies of all policies are available at the Superintendent's Office.

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# Fish & Conservation Commission looking for officer candidates

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is looking for a few good men and women, to borrow a phrase, to serve as law enforcement officers.

Applicants must be at least 19 years of age, possess a high school diploma and should have a love for protecting the outdoors. They must start the selection process by completing both a State of Florida employment application and an FWC supplemental application by visiting [peoplefirst.myflorida.com](http://peoplefirst.myflorida.com) by April 30.

Currently, the FWC has just over 700 officers to patrol more than 34 million acres of public and private lands, 12,000 miles of streams, rivers and canals and 7,700 lakes



larger than 10 acres. The agency sends its new recruits through a six-month academy at the Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Center.

"Fish and wildlife law enforcement officers have an incredible job," said Officer Philip Griffith, the FWC's Northwest Region law enforcement recruiter. "When they complete the academy, they are fully certified state law enforcement officers and primarily spend their time protecting the state's fish and wildlife resources and people."

He said law enforcement officers who are already certified and then hired by the FWC attend a shorter, specialized academy that focuses mostly on state fish

and wildlife laws.

Among the qualifying factors, Griffith said, all applicants must pass a background check and be willing to relocate.

"One thing we stress is those who are selected must be in good physical health. The academy is physically demanding, and they need to be in good shape to do the job," Griffith said. "They never know what they will have to do or respond to on a daily basis."

Starting pay for FWC officers is \$32,836.18 annually.

*For additional information, contact FWCLaw Enforcement recruiter Philip Griffith at (850) 232-9969, or visit [MyFWC.com/Get-Involved](http://MyFWC.com/Get-Involved).*

## LEGAL NOTICE

### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for Liberty County, Florida and Incorporated Areas

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has issued a preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report, reflecting proposed flood hazard determinations within the City of Bristol and the unincorporated areas of Liberty County. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. Technical information or comments are solicited on the proposed flood hazard determinations shown on the preliminary FIRM and/or FIS report for the above-

mentioned communities. The preliminary FIRM and FIS report can be viewed at <http://portal.nwfwmfdloodmaps.com/>. These flood hazard determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. However, before these determinations are effective for floodplain management purposes, you will be provided an opportunity to appeal the proposed information.

For information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, as well as a complete listing of the communities affected and the locations where copies of the FIRM are available for review, please visit FEMA's website at [www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/bfe](http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/bfe), or call the FEMA Map Information Exchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

4-18, 4-25

## Free Kids' Fishing clinic promises day of learning, fun on April 21 in Panacea

Teaching children a lifelong hobby, instilling appreciation for our marine environment and providing fun, family outings are the objectives for the upcoming Kids' Fishing Clinic in Panacea.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will offer a free Kids' Fishing Clinic for children between the ages of 5 and 15 on Saturday, April 21. The clinic will take place at Woolley Park on Mound Street from 9 a.m. to noon. Advance registration is not required.

## FWC to meet May 2-3

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will meet May 2-3 at The Plantation Inn, Crystal River, to discuss several fish-and-wildlife conservation issues. The May 2-3 dates reflect a change of schedule, but the location is the same.

Anyone requiring special accommodations to participate in the meeting should advise the FWC at least five calendar days prior to the May 2 meeting by contacting the FWC's Office of Human Resources at (850) 488-6411. If you are hearing- or speech-impaired, contact the FWC using the Florida Relay Service at (800) 955-8771 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (voice).

*To see the full agenda and links to background reports, go to [MyFWC.com/Commission](http://MyFWC.com/Commission).*

## JOB MARKET

6 positions - Temporary/seasonal work plant, cultivating and harvesting vegetables, from 5/7/2012 to 11/18/2012 at Ohman's Produce, Hartville, OH. Three months of previous experience required in the job described. Saturday work required. Must be able to lift/carry 60 pounds. Employer-paid post-hire random, upon suspicion and post-accident drug testing required. \$11.10/hr or current applicable AEWR. Workers are guaranteed  $\frac{3}{4}$  of work hours of total period. Work tools, supplies, equipment supplied by employer without charge to worker. Housing with kitchen facilities provided at no cost to only those workers who are not reasonably able to return same day to their place of residence at time of recruitment. Transportation and subsistence expenses to work site will be paid to nonresident workers not later than upon completion of 50% of the job contract. Interviews required. Apply for this job at nearest State Workforce Agency in state in which this ad appears, or One Stop Career Center 16908 Northeast Pear Street, Suite 2, Blountstown, FL 32424. Provide copy of this ad. Job Order #OH 540476.

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## Liberty County School Board JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Liberty County School District currently has a position open for the 2011-2012 school year.

*To view and apply for this position, go to [www.lcsbonline.org](http://www.lcsbonline.org). Applications will be received from April 11 - 20, 2012*

### Mechanic II

*Employment opportunities are offered without regard to race, religion, sex, national origin, age, handicap or marital status.*

## Calhoun Liberty Hospital VACANCIES

- Nursing Department • RN's
- Full time and PRN Status

Calhoun-Liberty Hospital is seeking highly motivated, compassionate and fully dedicated employees for patient care. Applicant must be available to work all shifts.

★ **Department:** Emergency Room (Full time RN) – Med Surg (Full time RN)

★ **Requirements:** High School diploma or equivalent, current certification / licensure; current CPR, current ACLS and PALS is preferred.

★ **Hourly Wage:** \$19-29 per based on years of experience

★ **Schedule:** 12 hour shift (7 p.m. to 7 a.m.)

★ **Benefits include:** Health Insurance: Coventry Healthcare Insurance paid 100% by Company for all full time employees plus \$25,000 life insurance policy paid 100% by company for all full time employees. 401K retirement plan offered with match up to 2%. Other benefits offered are dental, vision, disability, cancer, accident, term life, medical bridge. Vacation, sick leave and 6 paid holidays for all full time employees. Direct deposit is offered by not required at this time.

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*Are there health or environmental concerns with LED lightbulbs, which may soon replace compact fluorescents as the green-friendly light bulb of choice?*

-- Mari-Louise, via e-mail

Indeed, LED (light emitting diode) lighting does seem to be the wave of the future right now, given the mercury content and light quality issues with the current king-of-the-hill of green bulbs, the compact fluorescent (CFL). LEDs use significantly less energy than even CFLs, and do not contain mercury. And they are becoming economically competitive with CFLs at the point of purchase while yielding superior quality lighting and energy bill savings down the line.

But LEDs do have a dark side. A study published in late 2010 in the journal Environmental Science and Technology found that LEDs contain lead, arsenic and a dozen other potentially dangerous substances. LEDs are touted as the next generation of lighting," says Oladele Ogunseitan, one of the researchers behind the study and chair of the University of California (UC)-Irvine's Department of Population Health & Disease Prevention. "But as we try to find better products that do not deplete energy resources or contribute to global warming, we have to be vigilant [about] toxicity hazards...."

LED bulbs appear poised to displace compact fluorescents (CFLs) as the king-of-the-hill of green bulbs, but a study published in late 2010 in the journal Environmental Science and Technology found that LEDs contain lead, arsenic and a dozen other potentially dangerous substances.

# EARTH TALK

**Questions & Answers About Our Environment**

Ogunseitan and other UC-Irvine researchers tested several types of LEDs, including those used as Christmas lights, traffic lights, car headlights and brake lights. What did they find? Some of the worst offenders were low-intensity red LEDs, which were found to contain up to eight times the amount of lead, a known neurotoxin, allowed by California state law and which, according to researchers, "exhibit significant cancer and noncancer potentials due to the high content of arsenic and lead." Meanwhile, white LEDs contain the least lead, but still harbor large amounts of nickel, another heavy metal that causes allergic reactions in as many as one in five of us upon exposure. And the copper found in some LEDs can pose an environmental threat if it accumulates in rivers and lakes where it can poison aquatic life.

Ogunseitan adds that while breaking open

a single LED and breathing in its fumes wouldn't likely cause cancer, our bodies hardly need more toxic substances floating around, as the combined effects could be a disease trigger. If any LEDs break at home, Ogunseitan recommends sweeping them up while wearing gloves and a mask, and disposing of the debris -- and even the broom -- as hazardous waste. Furthermore, crews dispatched to clean up car crashes or broken traffic lights (LEDs are used extensively for automotive and traffic lighting) should wear protective clothing and handle material as hazardous waste. LEDs are currently not considered toxic by law and can be disposed of in regular landfills.

According to Ogunseitan, LED makers could easily reduce the concentrations of heavy metals in their products or even redesign them with truly safer materials, especially if state or federal regulators required them to do so. "Every day we don't have a law that says you cannot replace an unsafe product with another unsafe product, we're putting people's lives at risk," he concludes. "And it's a preventable risk."

Of course, we all need some kind of lighting in our lives and, despite their flaws, LEDs may still be the best choice regarding light quality, energy use and environmental footprint. That said, researchers are busy at work on even newer lighting technologies that could render even today's green choices obsolete.

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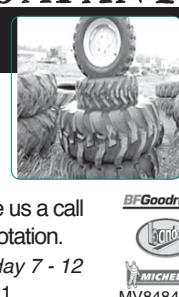
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# Job Placement Report confirms hiring trend continues

*Regional workforce boards assist more than 30,000 people in March who found jobs*

TALLAHASSEE -- For the third consecutive month, the state's 24 regional workforce boards helped more than 30,000 unemployed Floridians who found jobs, including placements for more than 7,000 job seekers who had been receiving unemployment compensation. The job placement numbers for March are part of a continuing trend for Florida, where unemployment has steadily declined, in keeping with Governor Rick Scott's goals for job placement, retention and recruitment.

"Florida's economy is built upon the success of Florida's businesses and job creators. As they grow and expand, job seekers throughout our state will continue to get back to work and further show that Florida is on the right path," said Governor Rick Scott. "Together with the jobs package I recently signed into law, we are making Florida the best state in the nation to live, work and play."

The results from March's Monthly Job Placement Report demonstrate consistent progress, with 30,335 individuals placed in jobs. That figure includes 7,047 people who were receiving unemployment compensation, up from 6,536 unemployment compensation claimants in January. The boards reported 31,239 placements in February and 32,965 placements in January. The Monthly Job Placement Report was developed at the Governor's direction by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and Workforce Florida Inc.

"These job placement numbers demonstrate that regional workforce boards are laser-focused on matching businesses to

the talented job seekers they need," said Chris Hart IV, President/CEO of Workforce Florida, the state's chief workforce policy organization. "Their work is an integral component of Florida's continued economic recovery, and I commend and thank them for their commitment to developing our state's talent and helping Floridians get to work."

The top 10 ranked regional workforce boards for reported job placements in March are:

1. Pasco Hernando Workforce Board - Pasco and Hernando counties - Board Chair Lex Smith and President/CEO Jerome Salatino
2. Workforce Solutions - Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee and St. Lucie counties - Board Chair Angie Metcalf and President/CEO Richard Stetson
3. South Florida Workforce - Miami-Dade and Monroe counties - Board Chair Alvin West and Executive Director Rick Beasley
4. Workforce Connection - Citrus, Levy and Marion counties - Board Chair Suzanne Mills and Chief Executive Officer Rusty Skinner
5. Brevard Workforce - Brevard County - Board Chair Jack Rood and President Lisa Rice
6. Florida Crown Workforce Board - Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist and Union counties - Board Chair Jennie Reed and Executive Director John Chastain
7. Chipola Regional Workforce

**Development Board** - Calhoun, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty and Washington counties - Board Chair Darrin Wall and Executive Director Richard Williams

8. GulfCoast Workforce Development Board - Bay, Franklin and Gulf counties - Board Chair Gary Ross and Executive Director Kimberly Bodine
9. Suncoast Workforce - Manatee and Sarasota counties - Board Chair Dale Vollrath and President/CEO Mary Helen Kress
10. Workforce Development Board of Okaloosa and Walton Counties - Okaloosa and Walton counties - Board Chair Dr. David O. Miller and Executive Director Linda Sumblin

The Monthly Job Placement Report was developed in response to Governor Scott's call for enhanced measurement of performance outcomes in workforce development that bolster the state's economic recovery and growth.

The goal of the report is to highlight and share job-placement achievement so that regional workforce boards and other workforce system partners can identify and replicate best practices and strategies that connect job seekers with employment. The report also provides another measurement of Florida's economic activities.

March is the third time Pasco Hernando Workforce Board has earned the No. 1 ranking in the Monthly Job Placement Report since the inception of this report in November 2011. The regional workforce board

is consistently ranked among the top two. Among other strategies, President Jerome Salatino credits the board's Employment Support Center -- a call center that operates Monday through Saturday helping to link job seekers with employers seeking to hire -- and the board's focus on continuous improvements in customer service for its improving job-placement performance.

"We have continued our focus on the correct job match," President/CEO Jerome Salatino of Pasco Hernando Workforce Board said. "The Career Central Employment Support Center plays a vital role in our success in connecting job seekers with employers."

Florida's workforce system is made up of Workforce Florida, the statewide workforce investment board; the Department of Economic Opportunity, the state agency responsible for policy implementation and administrative and fiscal management; and the 24 regional workforce boards and nearly 100 one-stop career centers charged with the design and delivery of local workforce services.

*To view the monthly report and a list of Frequently Asked Questions, go to [www.floridajobs.org/workforce-board-resources/program-monitoring-and-reports/monthly-regional-workforce-board-job-placement-reports](http://www.floridajobs.org/workforce-board-resources/program-monitoring-and-reports/monthly-regional-workforce-board-job-placement-reports).*

*For more information on Workforce Florida or its state and local workforce partners, go to [WorkforceFlorida.com](http://WorkforceFlorida.com). Please visit [EmployFlorida.com](http://EmployFlorida.com) to list a job opening or search for jobs and access a wide array of workforce resources.*

## SEEKING ANSWERS & A NEW INVESTIGATION

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"I'm not a ballistics expert, but the sequence of shots is extremely disturbing and sounds almost impossible to me," he said. "The circumstances of my brother's death are extremely suspicious."

He said he doesn't understand why an ambulance wasn't called after his sister-in-law heard shots as she ran from the house. "If you hear two shots go off in the home where your children and husband are, to me the obvious choice would be to call 911," he said.

He said Tranum's death came two days before the third anniversary of his brother Sterling McLemore's death. "I had eight brothers and one sister," he said. While some were half-siblings, he was quick to comment, "They're all my father's children and we grew up together."

### BROTHER SEEKS INFORMATION

Klenton McLemore said that just days before his brother's death, "Tranum related to three different friends that he would never kill himself...he loved his kids too much to ever not be able to be with them." He said that Tranum told those friends that if anyone ever said he had killed himself, it would not be true.

"Did Tranum know something he didn't tell us?" his brother asks. He is urging anyone with information to contact him directly at (334) 701-3645 or email him at [klenton66@gmail.com](mailto:klenton66@gmail.com).

"I was a K9 police officer for four years, I know the good and bad of the job," he said. "I believe that 99% of deputies and police officers are some of the best and most caring people that God put on this earth...To all my law enforcement brothers that truly live for the service and protection of others, if you can help, my family and I would be forever grateful."

## WINTER'S WARRIOR OFFER SUPPORT

Not long after McLemore's death, Bristol resident Kimberly Redmond started a page called "Winter's Warriors" on Facebook to let community members share their support for the family.

Many have ties to the family and Winter's work in the schools has put her in contact with many families who think highly of her. Now they have a way to express their concern for her and the children.

"This page is for only positive comments and sweet remarks for Mrs. Winter Goodman McLemore and her family," according to the "about" section on the page.

The page, which lists 466 members, includes poems and messages of sympathy as well as words of encouragement for the difficult days ahead as three little girls adjust to life without their father.

Former classmates, friends from church and others - some who have known the family for years, some only familiar with them from a distance - have come together to create a flow of posts offering help, sending prayers and urging them to stay strong through this rough time.

"My hope is that this page will just be chock full of love and kindness and if she's ever having a bad day, she can just read some of these sweet, sweet comments and then realize just how many folks care, believe in, and have her back!" Redmond posted on the page.

### ANOTHER BROTHER SPEAKS

Another McLemore brother, Scott McLemore, shares Klenton's concerns.

"Obviously, my family and I expect the community would have a lot of questions about what happened that night," he said Tuesday after learning that the final report from the Liberty County Sheriff's Office had been completed.

"We don't have a family spokesperson, but I believe my brother Klenton is attempting to engage in an honest search for missing information," he said, speaking from his law office in Houston, Texas.