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Bristol man is charged with capital felony sexual battery on 8-year-old



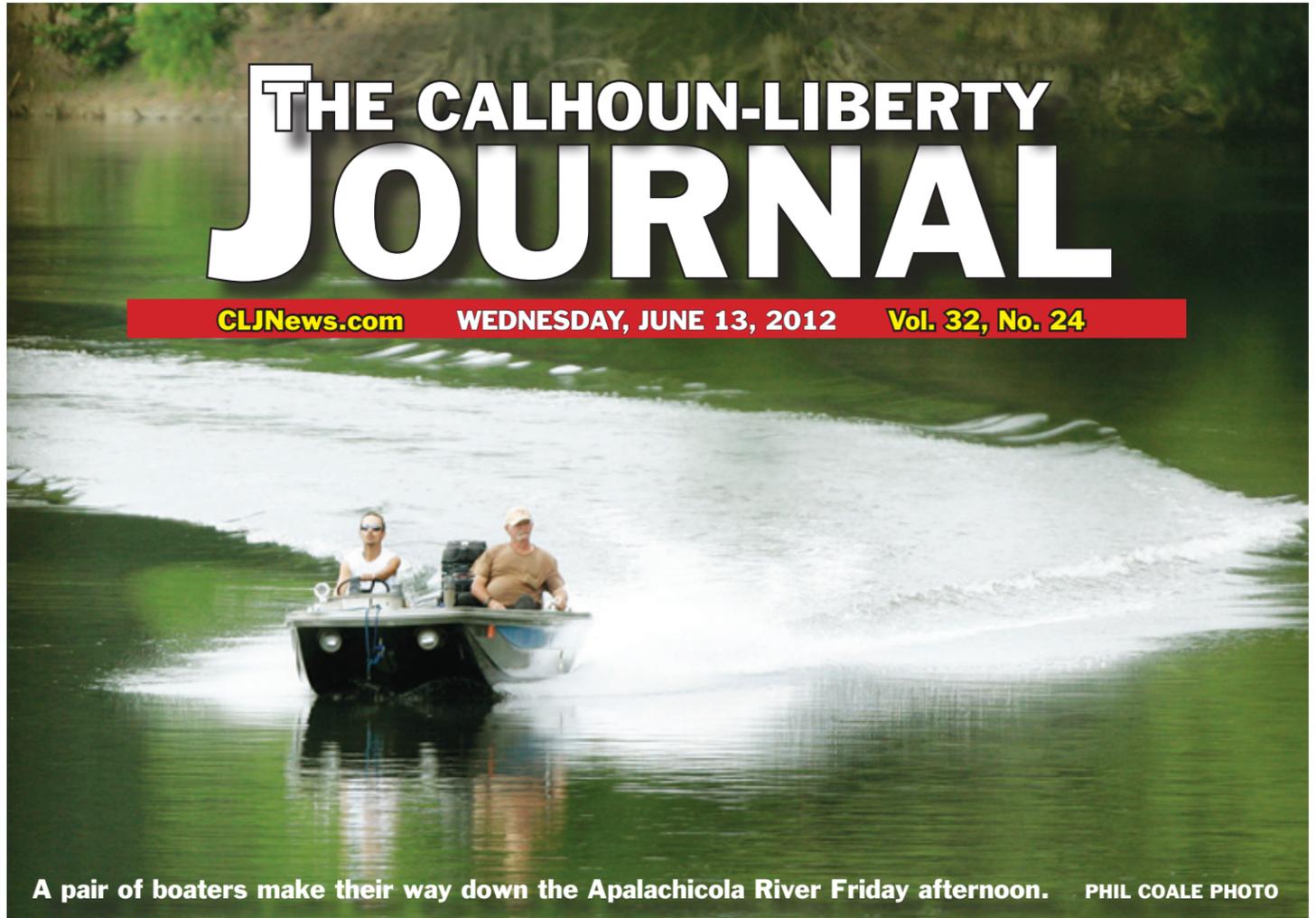
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Blountstown man facing four counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon after chase into Blountstown



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A pair of boaters make their way down the Apalachicola River Friday afternoon. PHIL COALE PHOTO

Terry Stone, Kathy Brown, Patricia Whitfield & Jim Johnson unopposed Candidates get ready for the Aug. 14 Primary

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

Four candidates - including three incumbents - won't have to hit the campaign trail this summer since they made it through qualifying week without an opponent coming forward in their race.

Calhoun County Property Appraiser Terry Stone is the sole candidate in his county to go unchallenged.

In Liberty County, longtime Deputy Clerk Kathy Brown will move from her desk into the Clerk of Court's office next January after qualifying week ended with no one else entering the race.

Property Appraiser Patricia Whitfield and District 3 County Commissioner Jim

Johnson, both incumbents, also went unchallenged.

Local Democrats will be on the Aug. 14 Primary ballot. The winner in that race will go on to face Republicans and candidates with no party affiliation in the General Election on Nov. 6.

The slate of candidates who will be vying for votes include the following in Liberty County:

LIBERTY COUNTY SHERIFF

Incumbent Sheriff Donnie Conyers is facing three challengers, two of whom once worked under him - former deputies Henry Hamlin and Nick Finch, along with Eddie Joe White. Voters will

decide between Conyers, Hamlin and White in the Primary Election. Finch, who is running without party affiliation, will face the winner of the Primary in the General Election.

- Incumbent Donnie Conyers, D
- Henry Hamlin, D
- Eddie Joe White, D
- Nick Finch, NPA

TAX COLLECTOR

Incumbent Marie Goodman (D) will face Teddy Eubanks, who is running without party affiliation, in the General Election.

- Incumbent Marie Goodman, D
- Teddy Eubanks, NPA

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Sue Summers is seeking her second term in office and faces one challenger, Gay Johnson Uzzell, in the Primary.

- Incumbent Sue Summers, D
- Gay Johnson Uzzell, D

ELECTIONS SUPERVISOR

Gina McDowell and Sharon Revell Mackey, both Democrats, will face off in the Primary.

- Gina McDowell, D
- Sharon Revell Mackey, D

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Passenger seriously injured when car rolls several times



James Kyle Brown of Panama City sits near the wreckage after the car he was driving overturned several times, seriously injuring his passenger. DANIEL WILLIAMS PHOTO

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

A Panama City man was not badly hurt but his passenger suffered serious injuries after their vehicle overturned several times on SR 12, east of County Road 1641 just before midnight Thursday in Liberty County.

James Kyle Brown of Panama City was traveling west on SR 12 on June 7 when he drove off the road and onto the north shoulder, according to FHP Trooper Sterling Safford. When Brown tried to correct his steering, he caused the 2003 Toyota to rotate out of control. The car returned to the road and overturned several times before coming to final rest on its roof in a ditch. Brown was taken to the emergency room at Calhoun-Liberty Hospital with minor injuries.

His passenger, identified as Stephanie Renee Lamkin, also of Panama City, was airlifted to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital with serious injuries.

Charges are pending.



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ARREST REPORTS

compiled by Journal Editor Teresa Eubanks

Man charged with 4 counts aggravated assault with deadly weapon after chase

A Blountstown man was charged with four counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill after he allegedly pulled a gun on his estranged wife and two male friends when they returned to her home Friday afternoon. He then followed them when they drove away, at one point ramming their vehicle with his truck, according to a report from the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office.



JOEY HOOD

Around 3:30 p.m., Melissa Hood, accompanied by Jason Mears and Billy Mears Jr., pulled up to her Hwy. 71 N home. As the three walked toward the residence, her estranged husband, Joey E. Hood, stepped out from the front door and pointed a handgun at Billy Mears Jr. According to his wife, he told Mears, "I'll put a bullet through your head."

The three ran back to the truck and fled.

A neighbor told deputies he saw the three pull up, return to the truck and then run off. He said Joey Hood then drove his truck

out from behind the home, where it had been hidden from view, and chased them.

The sheriff's office was alerted by a phone call from Melissa Hood, who asked to speak with a deputy. When Deputy Gary McGee returned her call but when he was initially unable to reach her, he started driving to her home.

While en route, McGee made contact with Hood's wife, who told him Hood was chasing her and that they were on Pear Street. The deputy heard her say "he just rammed us" before they lost contact.

A short time later, the three pulled into the parking lot at the sheriff's office.

The victims said Hood chased them from Hwy. 71 into town. They said he pulled up behind them on Pear Street, revved his motor, and then struck their truck with his.

When the light turned green, the three continued down South Pear Street with Hood in pursuit. They pulled into the Regions Bank parking lot and went out

the back entrance, where they made a right on Fannin Avenue and pulled into the courthouse parking lot. Hood was close behind and followed them as they made several laps around parked vehicles in an attempt to get away from him.

When they spotted a deputy pulling out of the sheriff's office parking lot, Melissa Hood began waving to get the deputy's attention. Her husband then drove onto River Street in an effort to get away, she said.

Joey E. Hood was taken into custody after Deputy Scotty Norris caught up with him on Sherry Avenue. An unloaded black Hi-Point .40-caliber hand gun was found on the front seat. The magazine for the gun was in the driver's side door.

Hood admitted that he had hidden his truck behind his wife's residence and waited for her to come home. He also said he threatened one of the men and followed them into Blountstown, through the bank parking lot and around cars parked next to the courthouse. He denied ramming the back of the victims' truck.

He is being held on \$40,000 bond in the Calhoun County Jail.

McDaniel arrested for capital felony sexual battery on an eight-year-old girl

The father of an eight-year-old girl told investigators he learned she had been sexually abused when he pointed out her "Uncle Roger" in a store and she replied, "I don't like him because he kisses little girls."

Although alarmed, the child's father waited until they returned home to question her.

The girl later told her father that when she and her cousins visited Roger Dale McDaniel, 46, of Bristol he made them take off their clothing and get on top of him while he touched them, according to the arrest report from the Liberty County Sheriff's Office.

The mother of the girl's cousins was contacted and after talking with her children, heard the same account.

The parents filed a report with the sheriff's office, which in turn contacted the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and an investigation was started.

Man who scared driver arrested on DUI charge

A man who later admitted he had "a bit of road rage" was arrested for DUI following reports that he had threatened a motorist with a gun and stopped short on SR 20, almost causing the driver behind him to run into his car.

Ellis Coleman Barnes, 47, of Panama City was taken into custody June 2 after a 911 call sent a Calhoun County deputy to look for a gold Buick traveling westbound on SR 20 around 10 a.m. Saturday.

The caller said the driver pulled up next to her on the road, ran up on her

The first girl's father told DCF investigators he recalled at least three times his daughter had stayed overnight at McDaniel's camper on NW CR 12 in Bristol. He said the visits were between Nov. 2011 and Feb. 2012. He said McDaniel would come pick up the little girl and drive her to his camper.

When questioned by a DCF investigator, the girl said McDaniel would have her undress, play with her and then kiss her on the lips. The child said he had hurt her "no no square" and described events that led investigators to believe she was a victim of sexual battery.

The girl said that the activity happened

while she was at McDaniel's home "more than five" times. She also stated that he had taken photos of her with his cell phone.

McDaniel has been charged with capital felony sexual battery on a victim less than 12 years of age.

He is being held without bond in the Liberty County Jail.



ROGER MCDANIEL

Northbound turn lane added at SR 71 and 69 intersection

CHIPLEY – A new turn lane will be added to the State Road (S.R.) 71 and S.R. 69 intersection in Blountstown. Construction crews will begin work June 19 on the 90-day contract to add a northbound right turn lane.

There will be no major lane closures; however, temporary lane shifts may occur. Drivers are reminded to use caution, pay attention to the speed limit and watch for lane shifts when traveling through the work zone.

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SHERIFF'S LOG

CALHOUN COUNTY

June 1

•Zachary Derek King, *retail theft, CCSO.*

•Douglas Chandler, *failure to appear, CCSO.*

•George Pelt, *criminal mischief, CCSO.*

•William Vestal, *battery, CCSO.*

June 2

•Ellis Barnes, *DUI, CCSO.*

June 3

•Jamira Cromartie, *no driver's license, tampering with evidence, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, CCSO.*

June 4

•Brandon Hatcher, *VOP, CCSO.*

•Heather McClellan, *VOP, CCSO.*

June 5

•Clifton Stevens, *VOP, CCSO.*

•Cassius Jackson-Donaldson, *criminal use of personal ID, theft of credit card by taking possession, fraudulent use of credit card, CCSO.*

June 6

•David McIntosh, *possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, CCSO.*

•Christopher Ryan Barton, Jr., *principal to burglary of a structure, petty theft, CCSO.*

June 7

•Abranda Ward, *VOSP, CCSO.*

•Debra Cook, *VOSP, CCSO.*

•Angela Baggett, *domestic battery, resist arrest with violence, CCSO.*

June 8

•Shawn Stephens, *VOP, CCSO.*

•Anderson Bridges, *domestic battery, BPD.*

•Joey Hood, *aggravated assault with deadly weapon (times 4), CCSO.*

•David Attaway, *domestic battery, CCSO.*

June 11

•Tyler Johnson, *no motor registration, reckless driving, CCSO.*

LIBERTY COUNTY

June 4

•Candice Vickery, *VOSP, LCSO.*

•Heather McClellan, *holding for CCSO, CCSO.*

June 6

•Clyde Hudson Harsey, *VOSP, LCSO.*

June 7

•Robert Lee Winters, *possession of marijuana with intent to sell, possession of paraphernalia, LCSO.*

•Jerry Canterbury, *possession of marijuana with intent to sell, possession of paraphernalia, LCSO.*

•Abranda Ward, *holding for CCSO, CCSO.*

•Debra Cook, *holding for CCSO, CCSO.*

June 8

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

June 9

•Christopher Berrieum, *domestic battery, criminal mischief, damage of property over \$200, LCSO.*

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

Blountstown Police Dept.
June 4 through June 10, 2012

Citations issued:	
Accidents.....00	Traffic Citations.....17
Special details (business escorts, traffic details).....102	
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Complaints.....00	



FINAL CANDIDATE LIST

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COUNTY COMMISSION, DISTRICT 1

Albert "Butch" Butcher is facing two opponents, all are Democrats. Dewayne "Bubba" Branch and Stafford Stanley Dawson will join him on the Primary ballot.

- Incumbent Albert "Butch" Butcher, D
- Dewayne "Bubba" Branch, D
- Stafford Stanley Dawson, D

COUNTY COMMISSION, DISTRICT 5

Scott Phillips is challenging current District 5 Commissioner Edward "Kevin" Williams. The two Democrats will meet on the Primary ballot.

- Incumbent Edward "Kevin" Williams, D
- Scott Phillips, D

SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT 1

Two candidates are running against the incumbent for the District 1 seat on the Liberty County School Board in this non-partisan race, which will appear on the Primary ballot.

- Incumbent Logan E. Kever
- Sidney S. Beckwith
- Michael Wright

SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT 2

Three candidates are vying for the District 2 seat on the Liberty County School Board. They will be on the Primary ballot.

- Ken Sumner
- Steve Cutshaw
- Tina Tharpe

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Candidates seeking election in Calhoun County include:

CALHOUN COUNTY SHERIFF

Eight men are running for the top law enforcement job in Calhoun County after current Sheriff David Tatum announced that he would seek reelection.

Democrats Roman Wood and Glenn Kimbrel will face each other in the Primary. The winner will go up against a long list of challengers in November, including Republican Poney Adams and five who are running with no party affiliation: James "Jimmy" Baggett, Kenneth B. Futch, Earl Hunt, Tomasi F. Matautia and Adam Terry.

Of that group, Wood and Terry are currently working as law enforcement officers with the sheriff's office, Futch is a former sheriff's office employee, Baggett is the Altha Police Chief and Kimbrel is a retired Blountstown Police Chief.

- Roman Wood, D
- Glenn Kimbrel, D
- Poney Adams, R
- James "Jimmy" Baggett, NPA
- Kenneth B. Futch, NPA
- Earl Hunt, NPA
- Tomasi F. Matautia, NPA
- Adam Terry, NPA

CLERK OF COURT

Four people tossed their names in the hat for this job after incumbent Clerk Ruth Attaway announced her retirement. The three Democratic candidates in this race are Renee Attaway Crawford, Ray Howell and Danny Ray Wise, who will appear on the Primary Ballot. The winner will face Carla A. Hand, who is running without party affiliation, in the General Election.

- Renee Attaway Crawford, D
- Ray Howell, D
- Danny Ray Wise, D
- Carla A. Hand, NPA

TAX COLLECTOR

Incumbent Becky Trickey-Smith, D, has two challengers in her race, including Democrat Ruby K. Clark and Richmond Broward Pitts, who is running without party affiliation. Smith and Clark will meet on the Primary ballot. The winner will face Pitts in the General Election.

- Incumbent Becky Trickey-Smith, D
- Ruby K. Clark, D
- Richmond Broward Pitts, NPA

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Incumbent Tommy McClellan is one of five seeking the school superintendent's job. McClellan will face fellow-Democrat Ron Mears in the Primary. The winner will go on the General Election ballot along with Logan Barbee, Julie Leonard Smith and Ralph Yoder, who are all running without party affiliation.

- Incumbent Tommy McClellan, D
- Ron Mears, D
- Logan Barbee, NPA
- Julie Leonard Smith, NPA
- Ralph Yoder, NPA

ELECTIONS SUPERVISOR

Democrats Sharon A. Chason and Sky Scott will be on the Primary Ballot. The winner will face incumbent Margie Laramore and Shelia Harrell Blackburn, both running with no party affiliation, in the General Election.

- Incumbent Margie Laramore, NPA
- Sharon A. Chason, D
- Sky Scott, D
- Shelia Harrell Blackburn, NPA

COUNTY COMMISSION, DISTRICT 1

The five candidates for the District 1 County Commission seat include Democrats Fred D. Blankenship, Lee Lee Brown and Nathan Goodman, who will meet in the Primary. The winner in the race will face Republican challenger Jerry Guilford and James Grover, who is running with no party affiliation.

- Fred D. Blankenship, D
- Lee Lee Brown, D
- Nathan Goodman, D
- Jerry Guilford, R
- James Grover, NPA

COUNTY COMMISSION, DISTRICT 3

Four men want to represent District 3 on the Calhoun County Commission. The list includes incumbent Don Miller and fellow-Democrats Jeral R. Hall Sr. and Lee Shelton, who will be in the Primary Election. The winner will face Nick Stone, who is running with no party affiliation, in the General Election. Craig Lipford filed his intent to run but did not qualify.

- Incumbent Don Miller, D
- Jeral R. Hall Sr., D
- Lee Shelton, D
- Nick Stone, NPA

COUNTY COMMISSION, DISTRICT 2

Incumbent Harold Pickron will face challenger Thomas Flowers in the Primary Election.

- Incumbent Harold Pickron, D
- Thomas Flowers, D

SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT 1

Edward Holley will challenge incumbent Danny Ryals in this non-partisan race, which will be decided in the Primary.

- Incumbent Danny Ryals
- Edward Holley

SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT 4

Incumbent Kenneth F. Speights and Katrina O. Hatchett will be on the Primary ballot.

- Incumbent Kenneth F. Speights, D
- Katrina O. Hatchett, D

BLOUNTSTOWN CITY ELECTIONS

This is only one race to be decided in the Blountstown City Elections. David Blair and Beverly Veress are both running for the Ward 4 City Council seat. They will be on the Primary ballot.

Current Ward 4 Blountstown City Councilman Tony Shoemaker will only have to change his seat at the table after being the sole candidate to qualify to run for Mayor of Blountstown.

Incumbent James H. Griffin was not challenged and will serve another term in the Ward 3 seat on the Blountstown City Council.

The Blountstown City Council regular meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

TOWN OF ALTHA ELECTIONS

There will be no Altha Town Council election. Altha Mayor Wes Johnston will serve another term in office after being the only one to qualify.

The three open seats on the town council were filled when only three people qualified to run: Martha Glory and incumbents Lee Alday and Tammy Gable.

All will serve two year terms.

The Altha Town Council meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

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Parade, Moonlight Market and fireworks scheduled Blountstown festivities set for 4th of July

Blountstown Main Street will be sponsoring a Fourth of July parade at 6 p.m., followed by Moonlight Market, all in conjunction with the annual fireworks show.

Floats, marching units, decorated cars, trucks, golf carts and emergency vehicles are invited to enter this patriotic parade. Special tribute will be paid to veterans and local emergency workers. If you have served in the armed forces, work as a law enforcement officer, emergency medical worker or firefighter, please come join the parade!

Lineup will be at 5:15 p.m. at BMS (formerly BHS) and will run the traditional route up SR 71, turning at the SR 20 red light, then winding down at the Calhoun County Courthouse (all pending City of Blountstown and DOT permit approval).

Immediately after the parade, head over to North Pear Street downtown where the road will be closed off all the way to the train park for a huge street festival known as Moonlight Market.

Artists, crafters, food and merchant vendors are invited to enter a free booth at this event. Farmers, bring your fresh produce to sell. To reserve your free booth space or enter the parade, call Kelli at 447-2765.

Bring your lawn chair, then settle in at Magnolia Square along the sidewalks or the green space next to Centennial Bank for the fireworks show after dark. The fireworks are sponsored by Rivertown Community Church, Blountstown Rotary Club and Ramsey Piggly Wiggly.

Senior Citizens organize 3 day trips for plays in Jacksonville

CalCo Travel (Calhoun County Senior Citizens) plans day trips to the Alhambra Theatre in Jacksonville. Enjoy a buffet lunch with lots of food and desserts and then see the show. Below are the shows available:

•**Saturday, August 4** – *Hank and the Honkey Tonk Heroes*. Hank Williams tribute artist Jason Petty is backed by an excellent four piece band that has got the music nailed.

•**Saturday, November 17** – *Phantom*. Based on the 1910 novel, "The Phantom of the Opera."

•**Saturday, December 15**– *White Christmas*. This musical is a stage adaptation of the beloved film.

Cost is just \$89 per person due upon sign up. Call 674-4163 to reserve your spot. We only have limited spaces available.



Community Calendar

Wednesday, June 13

TODAY'S MEETINGS

- **Rotary Club**, noon, Calhoun-Liberty Hospital
- **AA**, 7 p.m., Calhoun Co. Old Ag Bldg. E door, in front of jail

35th Annual National Nursing Assistants Week June 14-21





Thursday, June 14

BIRTHDAYS ~ *BryAnne White, Larry Walden, Phillip D. Summers, Lanet Chester and Jim Redmond*



TODAY'S MEETINGS

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

Friday, June 15



Ice Cream Days June 13-16

BIRTHDAYS
Jimmy Kersey, Frankie Mercer, Dana Michelle Brown and Tonya McClain

Saturday, June 16

BIRTHDAYS
Travis Peavy, Catrina Sharpe Stewart, Francine Fisher and Catherine Rose Lewis

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



Sunday, June 17



Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday

BIRTHDAY
Buddy Brown

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



Monday, June 18

TODAY'S MEETINGS

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

Tuesday, June 19

TODAY'S MEETINGS

- **Altha Boy Scouts**, 7 p.m., Altha VFD
- **AA**, 6 p.m., Altha Community Center noon, Senior Citizens Center
- **Calhoun Commission**, 5 p.m., Ag. Bldg., Conf. Rm across from Courthouse
- **Mossy Pond VFD Auxiliary**, 6 p.m., Fire House
- **Dixie 109 Masonic Lodge**, 7 p.m., Dixie Lodge in Blountstown
- **Hosford-Telogia VFD**, 7:30 p.m., fire house
- **Calhoun Children's Coalition**, 1:30 p.m., W.T. Neal Civic Center, Btown



Corn maze to illustrate gene function and mapping

TALLAHASSEE - As a way to illustrate gene function and mapping, the public is invited to stroll through a cornfield maze that represents the maize genome. The Maize-10-Maze Public Field Day, a National Science Foundation Plant Genome Research Project, is a collaborative effort of Associate Professor Hank Bass, Florida State University Department of Biological Science, and Professor and Associate Dean Kome Onokpise, Florida A&M University College of Agriculture and Food Sciences.

There will be 10 rows of corn — one for each of the 10 chromosomes of corn. Within the 10 rows, there will be nearly 100 different naturally occurring mutants of maize that illustrate genetic control of plant growth and development. Mutants mapped to chromosome 1 will be in row 1, those mapped to chromosome 2 will be in row 2 and so forth.

The maze will be open:

•**Friday, June 15** from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

•**Saturday, June 16** from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The maze is located at the Mission Road Research Facility, 2606 Mission Road in Tallahassee.

The self-guided public tour of this representation of the maize genome is intended to raise public awareness of how plant genome research relates to issues of public interest, including food production and renewable energy.

High school student-participants in the FAMU Forestry and Conservation Education(FACE) summer program will serve as hosts.

June 16 Story Time at library canceled

There will be no Saturday Story Time at the Blountstown Public Library on Saturday June 16. The story time ladies will be at a training conference in Panama City.

Story time will resume as scheduled at 10 a.m. the following Saturday. This will not affect the Thursday Story Time. Thursday Story Time will still be at 10 a.m.

These Story Times are geared for children through third grade.

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Chipola summer session registration deadline June 21; classes start June 25

MARIANNA—Students planning to enroll in Chipola College during Summer Session II or Fall are encouraged to make application as soon as possible.

Registration for Summer Session II is Thursday, June 21, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Classes begin June 25. Late registration continues until noon June 26. The schedule of classes is available online at www.chipola.edu

There are several steps to completing the application process: (1) complete a the college Admission Application; call 718-2311 for assistance; (2) request your high school to send a final transcript to Chipola College Admission and Record's Office; and (3) take the College Placement Test; call 718-2284 for assistance. Students who have completed testing, submitted all required documents and been cleared for admission, will be eligible to register for Summer Session II during the June 21–26 registration period. Students should report to Room 156 in the Student Services Building and sign in to see an academic advisor.

Returning students may register for Fall classes on July 9. New students who have been cleared for admission for the Fall Term by June 30 may register early for Fall classes July 10-12. New students who register during July will be required to attend orientation classes July 16, 17, 18, 19, and 23.

Day and evening orientation classes will be offered. The regular application deadline for the Fall Semester is Aug. 2.

Federal and local financial aid is available for the Fall 2012 semester. Apply for federal financial aid on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Students planning to use financial aid to pay tuition for Fall 2012, must have financial aid files complete by Aug. 1. Call (850) 718-2293 for assistance. Students are also encouraged to apply for scholarships through the Chipola Foundation; call (850) 718-2445 for assistance and deadline information.

Chipola offers the Associate in Arts Degree, the Associate in Science Degree and Workforce Development programs. Bachelor's Degrees in Education include majors in Middle and High School Math or Science, English Education, Exceptional Student Education and Elementary Education. A Business Administration degree is available with concentrations in Management or Accounting. A Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree also is offered. Additionally, the college offers the Educator Preparation Institute, a Teacher Certification program for those with a B.S. in a non-teaching field.

The Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree is designed for students who plan to complete their first two years of college work and then transfer to

a four-year program at Chipola or another college or university. Credits earned are transferable and are applicable toward a bachelor's degree. Academic advising guides that outline requirements for specific majors are available from Student Affairs and are located on the college website at www.chipola.edu.

Several Associate in Science (AS) and Workforce programs are offered which provide training for high wage jobs. Workforce programs include: Automotive Service Technology, Cross-Over Law Enforcement to Corrections, Firefighter II, Law Enforcement Officer, Correctional Officer, Cosmetology, Cross-Over Corrections to Law Enforcement and Patient Care Assistant.

Associate in Science (AS) programs include: Business Administration, Early Childhood Education, Computer Information Technology, Fire Science Technology, Criminal Justice Technology (Crime Scene Track), Networking Services Technology, Culinary Management, Nursing (RN and LPN) and Recreation Technology.

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Solomon receives plaque in honor of his 36 years with Liberty Co. schools



Gregory Solomon (shown here with Superintendent Sue Summers) was presented with a retirement plaque at last month's Liberty County School Board meeting in recognition of 36 years of teaching.

The Solomon family (Jacqueline, Jamicka, Jasmine and Oneal) invite everyone to celebrate his many years of teaching, coaching and administration in the education profession on Saturday, June 16 at 7 p.m. at the Liberty County High School Auditorium.

BIRTH



BAILLIE ANN COMBS

Jessica Hobbs of Kinard and David Combs of Macclenny are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Baillie Ann Combs, born Thursday, May 24, 2012. She weighed 6 lbs. 7 ozs. and measured 19 1/4 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Terry and Sara Hobbs of Kinard. Paternal grandparents are William and Brenda Combs of Macclenny. Maternal great-grandparents are Larry and Shirley Flowers of Kinard.

BIRTHDAY

COLTON BRUCE ANDERS, JR.

Colton Bruce Anders, Jr. will be celebrating his second birthday June 16, 2012. He is the son of Colton, Sr. and Schelbie Anders of Bristol. His grandparents are Bruce and Pam Anders of Bristol and Robert, Jr. and Connie Barton of Blountstown. His great-grandparents are Thyrel and Sarah Richerson and Jerry and Elaine Anders, all of Bristol and Robert, Sr. and Gail Barton of Blountstown. He enjoys riding the tractor with his daddy, watching his favorite movie *Finding Nemo* and most of all, he loves to dig up mama's flowers in her flower bed.



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WEDDING

Miles, Hand announce plans to exchange vows at the Panhandle Pioneer Settlement



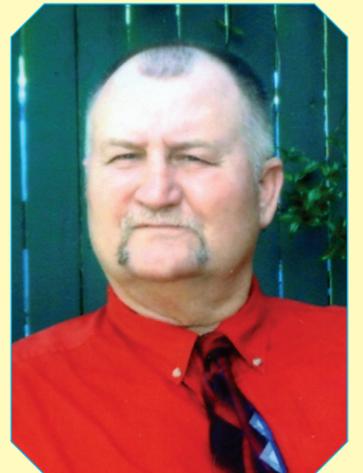
Along with their parents, Joy Miles and Kevin Hand are happy to announce their forthcoming marriage.

Joy is the daughter of Barbara and the late Ray Brown of Altha. Kevin is the son of Billy Joe and Carol Hand of Clarksville.

The couple will wed June 23 at the Panhandle Pioneer Settlement in Blountstown at 6 p.m. (CT).

No individual invitations are being sent, but friends and family of the couple are invited to share in this joyous occasion.

Hello my name is Ken Sumner and I am a candidate for Liberty County School Board, District 2.



BACKGROUND

I am a lifelong resident of Liberty County, 56 years. I am a 1973 graduate of Liberty County High School.

I am married to the former Cynthia Duggar who also graduated from Liberty County High School in 1971.

We have three sons, John, Matt and Chad and one grandson Brandon who is starting pre-school this year.

EXPERIENCE

- ✓ I worked for the Department of Justice as a General Foreman supervising 20 employees, 20 years before retiring this past year.
- ✓ Managed an annual budget of \$350,000 - \$500,000.
- ✓ I was responsible for distribution of monies spent on projects from several thousand dollars up to eight million dollars.

I will put time, thought and prayer in any decision I make that affects our schools, students and teachers before I vote on any issue brought before me. I will ask questions and seek answers on all topics that affect our school system before making my decision as to how I will vote. Being retired I can devote as much time as needed as your School Board Member.

If I do not get to see you before the election and you have questions, please call me at 643-5993.

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FSU medical student named AMA Minority Scholar



Shermeeka Hogans-Mathews of Bristol to receive \$10,000 scholarship for medical school.

Shermeeka Hogans-Mathews, a formerly under served Medicaid patient who has just completed her first year at the Florida State University College of Medicine, is one of 13 recipients of a 2012 Minority Scholars Award from the American Medical Association Foundation. She will receive a \$10,000 scholarship.

"I am completely humbled by this prestigious honor and recognition," said Hogans-Mathews, 29. "It's almost unbelievable, yet such a blessing and reassurance. I am very grateful."

When this former West Gadsden High School science teacher was considering medical school, some people had their doubts.

"Despite the advice for me to reconsider my career choice, I worked harder and studied harder," she said, "to prove to myself and others that your only hindrance from reaching your goals or dreams is yourself."

"My first year of medical school went well for me. I had heard horror stories and was intimidated at first, especially with anatomy, but quickly learned that I was in the right place and became confident in my ability to succeed."

Curtis Stine, M.D., shares that confidence.

"She is committed to devoting her future

career to working with the disadvantaged to eliminate health-care disparities," said Stine, associate chair of the College of Medicine's Department of Family Medicine and Rural Health. "She sees this career goal not as a hobby, not as a job or even a career, but as a calling and is living out this calling as a student by her volunteer and service activities in her community."

Hogans-Mathews knows about health-care disparities firsthand. She grew up in rural Liberty County, the eldest of six children and became a first-generation college student. Although she's now the married mother of three kids, for a time she was both a single parent and a full-time college student and she learned how difficult it could be to gain access to health care. As a Medicaid recipient, she often encountered doctors who would not accept her insurance. The lack of physicians in her rural community helped her develop an interest in family medicine. Now she's in the College of Medicine's Family Medicine Scholars Program.

She's also a leader in the local chapter of the Christian Medical Association and the Florida Rural Health Association. She has volunteered at various clinics in the community and she's active in her church and the community promoting health awareness, diabetes teaching and counseling teens in weekly mentoring sessions.

"Balancing parenting, being a wife, a campus leader, medical student and youth leader in my church was at times overwhelming," she acknowledged. "I was often asked by other students, 'How do you do it?' I often thought to myself, 'How could I not?' In medical school, you have an increased amount of responsibility, study material and duties and you adjust to it. It's the same with raising a family."

"My husband, Marcus and my mother-in-law, Gussie Mathews, were a great help with the kids. Many times I needed encouragement and reassurance along the way, but God has brought me this far and I have faith that he'll certainly assist me through this journey to practicing medicine."

Hogans-Mathews calls her mother, Patricia Hogans, the driving force behind her success: "My mom has always stood behind me, encouraged me and assisted me in any way that she could. She pushed me to excel and believe in myself and set the



"I remain committed to return to an under served and rural area much like Liberty County to practice family medicine."

- Shermeeka Hogans-Mathews

foundation for my work ethic."

Before she became a medical student, Hogans-Mathews was involved in the College of Medicine's outreach program.

"From our very first meeting, she knew that she wanted to become a physician," said Thesla

Berne-Anderson, director of college and pre-college outreach. "She possesses the determination, perseverance and stick-to-itiveness to achieve her goals."

"We are extremely proud of her accomplishments and know that she exemplifies the qualities of a true physician healer. Success is achieved by taking a dream and making

it come true. Her dreams have definitely come to fruition."

Hogans-Mathews has three more years of medical school, followed by at least three years of medical residency. Then what?

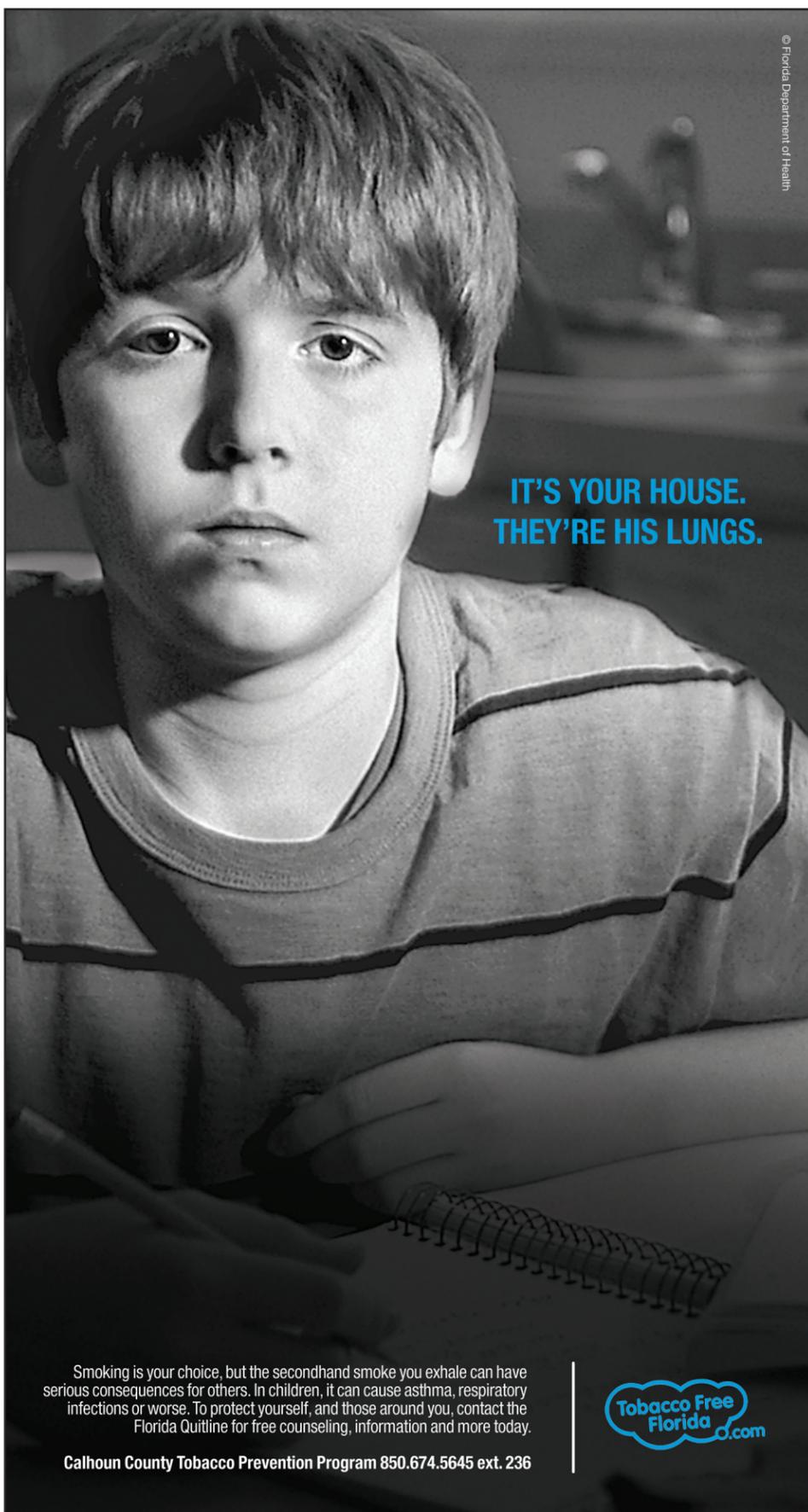
"I remain committed to return to an under served and rural area much like Liberty County to practice family medicine," she said. "I have developed quite a fondness for Gadsden County but am interested in possibly practicing in Liberty, Calhoun, Jackson and even Leon County."

Hogans-Mathews is not the first College of Medicine student to receive the Minority Scholars Award. Ivan Porter (M.D., '08) received it in 2005 and Brett Thomas ('14) in 2011.

The Minority Scholars Award, given in partnership with the AMA Minority Affairs Section with support from Pfizer Inc., promotes diversity in the medical profession and helps with the rapidly rising cost of medical education. The awards recognize scholastic achievement, financial need and commitment to improving minority health among first, or second-year medical students in groups defined as historically underrepresented in the medical profession.

The AMA Foundation reports that, on average, future physicians graduate approximately \$161,000 in debt and in many cases the debt load is much higher. A large debt burden may deter many from practicing primary-care medicine or practicing in under served areas of the country.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Shermeeka Hogans-Mathews is a 2001 graduate of Liberty County High School. While a high school student, she worked part time as a Production Assistant with the Calhoun-Liberty Journal in Bristol.



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Late Night Laughs

A RECAP OF RECENT OBSERVATIONS
BY LATE NIGHT TV HOSTS.

In Greece, the unemployment rate has risen to 22%. The solution to the problem was to raise taxes on the rich, according to the Greek president Barack Obama-opolis. — JAY LENO

Mayor Bloomberg has outlawed giant cans of soda. When you outlaw stuff it creates crime. I saw a guy today walking down the street and a cop is arresting him because he's got a huge can of soda, and he said "No, no, this is medicinal Mountain Dew." — DAVID LETTERMAN

Former Egyptian leader Hosni Mubarak has been sentenced to life in prison. You know, it's too bad we couldn't get the John Edwards trial moved to Egypt. — JAY LENO

This weekend President Obama's daughter, Sasha, will turn 11 years old. Sasha didn't ask Obama for a present — you know, because she's still waiting for him to deliver the gifts he promised three birthdays ago. — JIMMY FALLON

There were some tense moments during President Obama's visit to Los Angeles. Three private planes drifted into his restricted air space. And as you know, the president's restricted air space can be penetrated only by people donating more than \$35,000. — JAY LENO

Facebook may change its accounts policy and allow kids under 13 to join. Under 13. Yeah, when they heard this, Chinese officials said, "Great. Now our workers will never get anything done." — CONAN O'BRIEN

CNBC is reporting that America lost 129,000 millionaires last year. Or as Mitt Romney calls them, "an endangered species we have to protect." — JAY LENO

For the first time ever, more than half of all senior citizens in the U.S. are using the Internet. Or as AOL put it, "We're back, baby!" ... Half of all senior citizens are using the Internet. Yeah, I read that when my grandma sent the entire story to me in the subject line of an email. — JIMMY FALLON

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un spoke at a rally for more than 20,000 children. He said if the kids just buckle down and study hard, they can be anything he wants them to be. — JIMMY FALLON

The weather in the northeast has been unseasonably cold this week. Yeah, people here are still waiting for the heat to show up — you know, just like basketball fans in Miami. — DAVID LETTERMAN

Mitt Romney has been giving his volunteers a free sweatshirt for making phone calls on his behalf. The sweatshirts are just like Romney, 100 percent reversible. — JIMMY FALLON

In an event celebrating her 25th anniversary of being elected to Congress, Nancy Pelosi revealed that the ghost of past feminist leaders spoke to her at her first White House meeting as speaker. In a related story, doctors now say, "Yes, Botox can cause hallucinations." — JAY LENO

Forget the Mayans. According to NASA, the world will not come to an end for another 4 billion years — or about the same time your 401(k) comes back. — JAY LENO



Fraudulent elections ... Really?

The Voting Rights Act was passed by the U.S. Congress in 1965. The purpose of the law was and is to prevent discriminatory voting practices against minorities.

Wikipedia states that the Act prohibits states from imposing any "voting qualification or prerequisite to voting, or standard, practice, or procedure ... to deny or abridge the right of any citizen of the United States to vote on account of race or color." Specifically, Congress intended the Act to outlaw the practice of requiring otherwise qualified voters to pass literacy tests in order to register to vote, a principal means by which Southern states had prevented African-Americans from exercising the franchise.

According to the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections, five Florida counties are currently subject to the Voting Rights Act... Hillsborough, Monroe, Collier, Hardee, and Hendry. These five counties are "pre-clearance" counties, meaning election changes cannot be implemented without federal approval.

Florida Governor Rick Scott believes that voter fraud is a major concern in Florida elections. Scott and Secretary of State Ken Detzner have a list of 180,000 people in Florida who they suspect of being ineligible to vote. Unless the individuals on this list can prove that they are legitimate voters, Scott wants county Supervisors of Elections to remove them from the voting rolls. This is a red-meat issued for right-wingers.

Florida's 67 county Supervisors of Election aren't buying Governor Scott's plan. Governor Scott floated a plan to "rank county Supervisors of Election" by how well they responded to his rating criteria, such as how quickly a county reports election results to the state.

Florida's 67 county Supervisors of Election have told the governor to stuff it. They are "constitutional officers," elected by the people. They don't answer to Governor Scott, and they viewed Scott's actions as a power grab.

The 2010 elections were a disaster for this thing called "democracy." Republican governors and state legislators ushered into office by the Tea Party seem to have a collective effort underway to destroy unions, demonize state workers, end social programs that help the poor and consolidate power in the governor's office.

Michigan has a law that permits the Republican governor to remove local elected officials in cities and counties that are in financial stress and replace them with one of his stooges. Florida has a similar law. If local elected officials cannot resolve a fiscal problem, Governor Scott can intervene.

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.

I spoke with the Republican Supervisor of Elections in the county where I live. He gave me a detailed explanation of how he and his staff manage the voting rolls. People die; people are jailed; people move in or out of the county; people move within the county; people get married and divorced; people change their names; people change their political parties... On a daily basis, he and his staff make changes to the voting rolls

in this county.

I always vote. I show a photo ID, sign the roster, then vote. The poll workers are people that I know, and they know me. The poll workers have procedures for handling voter qualification issues. As long as politicians will stay out of it, voting rosters are in the good hands of the 67 Florida Supervisors of Elections.

As long as politicians will stay out of it, voting rosters are in the good hands of the 67 Florida Supervisors of Elections.

My Supervisor of Elections made a good point. He said, "If we err, we err on the side of the voter," meaning that every effort should be made to get people to cast their vote.

The U.S. Department of Justice has intervened in the 180,000 voter fraud scam, but Scott and Secretary of State Ken Detzner have told the U.S. DOJ to stuff it. No doubt, in return the U.S. DOJ will sue the State of Florida, as are other organizations like the American Civil Liberties Union.

The Governor's apparent plan to consolidate power in the governor's office is unsettling. The latest hoo-haa from the Governor is his order to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to investigate three of Florida's Supreme Court justices.

The supreme court witch hunt is a result of a complaint by a Republican state legislator to Scott that the judges violated the law when they used state employees to notarize their re-election paperwork. That's their "crime," using a "state worker" to notarize supreme court paperwork.

What is the real story behind the governor's effort to intimidate the Florida Supreme Court? The answer is that in 2010, the Court removed from the ballot three Republican sponsored constitutional amendments. There, you have it. We can't have those "activist" judges deciding which laws or ballot issues are legal, or not. The Republican dominated Florida Legislature knows best. Don't believe it, ask them.

A basic underpinning of democracy is the separation of powers...the executive branch, legislative branch and the Court. There is little, if any, separation of powers between the governor and the legislature, and now there is an effort to compromise the Florida Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

by Douglas Cohn and Eleanor Clift

Drone communication

WASHINGTON – The White House confirmed last week that a drone strike in a village in North Waziristan, a tribal area that is part of Pakistan, had killed Al-Qaeda’s number-two leader, Abu Yahya al-Libi, a key figure in planning attacks against the West in the wake of Bin Laden’s death in May of 2011. Libi was the only person killed in the CIA-directed drone attack, so it was what the professionals might call a clean hit without any collateral damage, the euphemism for civilian deaths. But how many people know this or comprehend its meaning?

President Barack Obama is not the Great Communicator. Drones have revolutionized modern warfare, replacing invading armies with remote-controlled targeted attacks. Obama is said to favor drones because they don’t leave a large footprint; they’re in and out, they don’t require supply lines and equipment and they get the job done. In the wake of the attack that killed Libi, White House press secretary Jay Carney said there is no obvious successor to the breadth of the role that Libi played and his death brings Al-Qaeda “closer to its ultimate demise than ever.” This is the present White House’s idea of communicating.

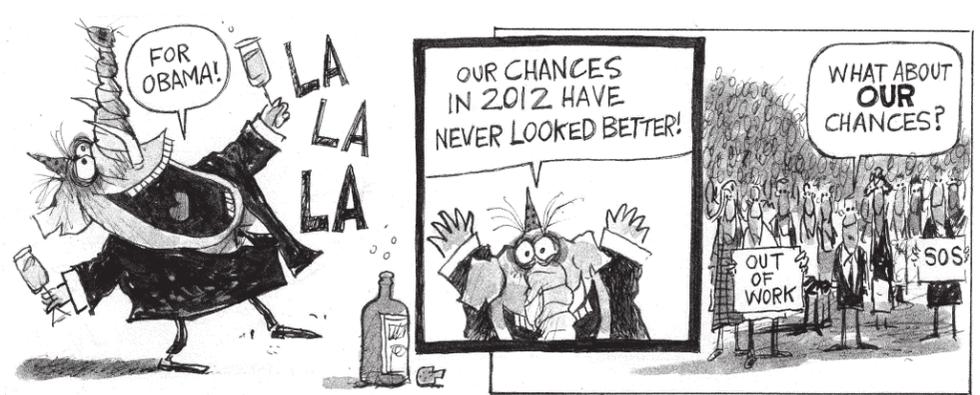
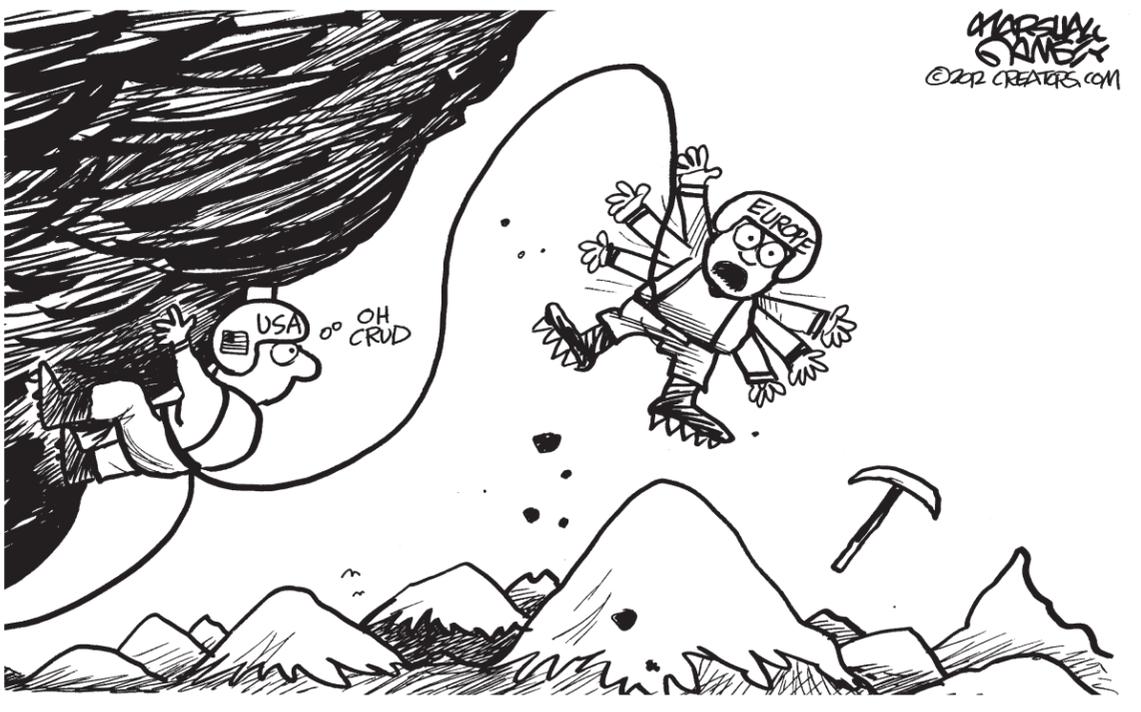
The *New York Times* recently documented on its front page how Obama personally goes over the “kill list” submitted to him by the CIA and the Pentagon to assure himself that everyone on the list should be there and to assume moral responsibility for the deaths that are ordered. Some analysts likened this to President Johnson selecting bombing targets during the Vietnam War, but that was more like a desperate president’s effort to gain some control over what he recognized was a losing cause.

Obama doesn’t seem to have any qualms about what he’s doing and accepts the responsibility for the drone attacks as commander in chief. But he doesn’t want to be pulled into a wider war than he believes necessary and appointing himself the final arbiter in these life-and-death decisions is his way of reining in a defense and intelligence establishment that could overreach.

Meanwhile, both friends and foes remain in the dark. The American public barely understands the magnitude of drone tactics and our enemies and those who harbor them grasp their lethality, but not their dominance. Extremists who wish America harm live among the civilian population, putting innocents at risk when there is a drone strike. In recent months, the Obama administration has finally gone public with its drone program after keeping it under wraps for so long. The publicity may alarm some in a defense establishment accustomed to operating in secrecy, but the greater transparency is intended to serve as fair warning to those who aid extremists, that in this brave new world of warfare, they too are in danger.

The problem is that the communications are sorely lacking. The White House needs to yell from the rooftops that America’s enemies are vulnerable to attack wherever they are and civilians who hide them are putting themselves and their families at risk. An occasional announcement will not suffice. It will take an information barrage to make the point at home and abroad, a point promised by President John F. Kennedy in 1961: “Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and the success of liberty.”

Drone tactics have made this possible and Obama needs to mobilize the government’s communication talents and resources and raise the dissemination of information to a level that matches our military ability. In a true Kennedyesque manner he should leave no doubt of our ability, dedication and intent.



Short course on pollinators offered in Marianna June 21

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and several participating agencies are offering a one-day short course June 21 in Marianna on the value of native bees and other pollinators.

The course will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Jackson County Extension Office, 2741 Pennsylvania Ave.

"There are roughly 4,000 native species of bees in North America, and they provide incalculable benefits to commercial crop production and to residents for home-grown fruits and vegetables," said Arlo Kane, a

private-lands biologist with the FWC. "Unfortunately, many of these pollinators have almost disappeared due to habitat loss, use of certain pesticides and introduced diseases."

Kane said the course explains the role that pollinators play and what homeowners and landowners can do to make their lands "pollinator friendly." That includes recommendations on wildflowers people can plant, optimum planting time and establishing long-term wildflower sites.

"One of the ancillary benefits of having sites estab-

lished in wildflowers is these areas are great habitat not only for pollinators but also for other species like bobwhite quail, wild turkeys, gopher tortoises and numerous other wildlife species," he said.

The partnering agencies include: The University of Florida, IFAS, Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District, National Wild Turkey Federation, Natural Resources Conservation Service and The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation.

The course is free but seating is limited. Everyone interested in attending must register by June 18.

Preliminary flood maps ready for Liberty & Calhoun residents

HAVANA – Residents of Liberty and Calhoun Counties can now view preliminary flood hazard maps updated by the Northwest Florida Water Management District at www.portal.nwfwmdfloodmaps.com/.

"These preliminary flood hazard maps were released September 30, 2011 and have not yet been officially adopted,"

said Ron Bartel, Director of the District's Division of Resource Management. "The public is first provided a 90-day appeal period, which began April 25, 2012 in Liberty County and April 27, 2012 in Calhoun County and runs through July 23 (Liberty) and July 25 (Calhoun)."

Appeals must show that

proposed additions or modifications for preliminary Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or regulatory floodway boundaries are scientifically or technically incorrect. Additional information on the appeals process can be found at [www.nwfwmdfloodmaps.com/documents/Appeal-](http://www.nwfwmdfloodmaps.com/documents/Appeal-Process010912.pdf)

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After all appeals received are resolved, it will take about nine months for the flood maps to become effective. At that time, property owners mapped into high-risk areas may be required to carry flood insurance as part of their mortgage agreement. A money-saving insurance option known as "grandfather-

ing" may be available. More information on "grandfathering" can be found at www.nwfwmdfloodmaps.com/pdf/SavingonFloodInsurance-OT2007.pdf.

For information, contact: Ron Bartel, Director, Division of Resource Management; Faith Eidse, Public Information Specialist.

Covenant Hospice to offer free grief workshop June 15 at Marianna branch

MARIANNA – Coping with the death of a loved one is extremely difficult, but no one should feel alone. Covenant Hospice invites those in the community who have lost a loved one to attend a free grief workshop from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, June 15 at the Marianna Covenant Hospice branch office, located at 4215 Kelson Ave. Suite E. in Marianna. Health care professionals and those who work with or care for someone who is grieving are also invited to attend.

The workshop is free and open to anyone in the com-

munity. Registration is required by June 8. Those who are both newly bereaved and those who are still coping from a previous loss are invited to attend. A Covenant Hospice bereavement specialist will present current information on coping strategies, normal grief reactions, and supporting someone in grief.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a friend to learn some new insights into the grief process. To register or more information, please contact Riley Henderson at (850) 482-8520.

Covenant Hospice is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing comprehensive, compassionate services to patients and loved ones during times of life-limiting illnesses. The focus of Covenant Hospice is to enable its patients to live as fully and comfortably as possible, to provide dignified palliative care, to assist patients' loved ones in coping with end-of-life issues and the eventual death of the patient, and to improve care for all patients at the end of their lives by example and education.

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Bids will be accepted until 2 p.m. (ET) on July 3, 2012 at the Liberty County Clerk's Office. All bids will be opened prior to the regularly scheduled County Commission Meeting and final decision to accept and approve the bid will be determined at the next regularly scheduled Liberty County Board of County Commissioner's Meeting on July 6, 2012 at 6 p.m. (ET) at the Liberty County Courthouse, Hwy. 20, Bristol, FL 32321. The Public is invited to attend.

Please indicate on the outside of the sealed envelope that this bid is for **Concrete Pad for Emergency Management.**

The Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to waive informalities in any bid and to accept or reject any or all bids and to accept the bid in their judgment that will be in the best interest of Liberty County.

Make the wise choice... **ELECT** *Tina Tharpe* for Liberty County School Board, District 2

Family History and Background Information for Candidate Tina Tharpe

Mother: Marsha Gregory Stevens, raised in Sumatra and Bristol; graduate of Liberty County High School; one of 11 children (6 sisters, 4 brothers) all from Liberty County

Father: Kenny Walden, raised in Clarksville; one of 8 children (2 sisters, 5 brothers) all from Calhoun County

Step-father: Ronnie Stevens, born and raised in Dale County, Alabama
Step-mother: Susan Walden, born and raised in Calhoun County

Brothers: Kenneth Walden, resides in Liberty County; Dr. Patrick Walden, resides in New York, New York

Maternal grandparents: The late Donald and Louise Gregory of Sumatra and Bristol
Paternal grandparents: The late George "Boy Blue" Walden and Hazel Walden of Frink and Clarksville

Tina Tharpe was born at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital to parents Marsha (Gregory) Stevens and Kenny Walden. Marsha is one of eleven (11) children raised in Liberty County (Sumatra and Bristol), and Kenny is one of eight (8) children raised in Calhoun County (Clarksville).

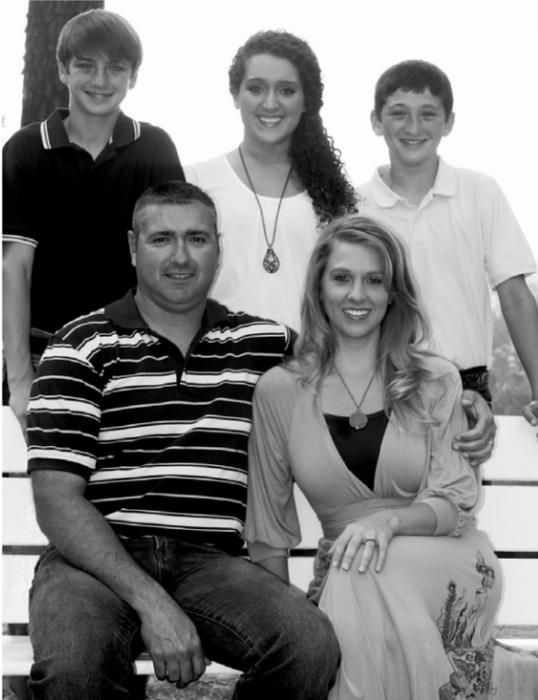
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Tina grew up in Calhoun and Liberty County, and was a 1996 graduate of Blountstown High School. After graduation, she enrolled in classes at Gulf Coast Community College, Tallahassee Community College and Florida State University.

In addition to general courses, she completed certification in Supervisory Management and as a Certified Public Manager (CPM) through The Florida Center for Public Management at Florida State University. She is also a licensed realtor, and currently works as the office manager for Bristol Dental Clinic.

In 2005 Tina married Shane Tharpe of Bristol, and has the honor and privilege of helping raise his three children - Ginna who is now 19, Blaine now 13, and Blake who is 12. Ginna graduated from Liberty County High School in 2011 and is continuing her education at Chipola College. Blaine and Blake attend W.R. Tolar Elementary and Middle School.

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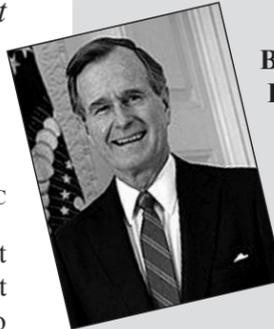
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I've heard about growing cantaloupes on trellises, but doesn't the fruit droop?

—H. S., Jamestown, NC



Yes, it does droop. But we have a solution for that (of course!), which is to tie each emerging melon up in a sort of sling or hammock made out of loose, stretchy material such as old nylon stockings. The netting from orange or onion bags also works well. It may sound like extra work, and it is, but if you're troubled by humid conditions that increase the likelihood of diseases and fungal problems, the trellises can help to solve your problem. Increasing the airflow around the vines and fruits can sometimes mean the difference between a bumper crop and no crop. Cucumbers can be strung up in the same way, and they require less support, because they are smaller and can hang free until they get

JUNE 11, MONDAY -- St. Barnabas. King Kamehameha I Day (Hawaii). Moon on equator. King Henry VIII of England and Katherine of Aragon married, 1509.

JUNE 12, TUESDAY -- Conjunction of Uranus and the Moon. U.S. president George H. W. Bush born, 1924. Magnitude -5.6 earthquake struck southern California, 2005.

JUNE 13, WEDNESDAY -- First sodium vapor lamps installed, Schenectady, New York, 1933. Softball-size hailstones fell, Denver, Colorado, 1984.

JUNE 14, THURSDAY -- St. Basil. Flag Day. Revolutionary War general Benedict Arnold died, 1801. Isaac Fischer Jr. patented sandpaper, 1834.

JUNE 15, FRIDAY -- Moon at apogee. Cincinnati Reds pitcher Johnny Vander Meer achieved his second consecutive no-hit, no-run professional baseball game, 1938.

JUNE 16, SATURDAY -- First roller coaster in U.S. began operation at Coney Island, New York, 1884. Football player Brian Piccolo died, 1970.

JUNE 17, SUNDAY -- Father's Day. Bunker Hill Day (Massachusetts). Santa Ana winds roasted fruit on trees in California, 1859. Success has many friends.



berry (Phytolaccaceae), is considered poisonous to both humans and dogs, but birds love it. Some naturalists plant it, along with artemisias or other flowering perennials, to highlight its reddish stems and purple berries that appear in the autumn.

It grows 4 to 12 feet high and has white or greenish-white flowers. Mockingbirds, robins, thrashers, woodpeckers, waxwings, and a host of other birds are drawn to its berries and seem to be able to eat them with no ill consequences.

Herbalists sometimes call the plant coakum, pigeon berry, pocan, or red plant (because of its stem color), and it was once used as a remedy for rheumatism and other ills.

There has been speculation, as well, that it can stimulate lymphatic activity. The fibrous root was the part used, in powdered form or in extracts.

The root is encased in a corklike substance and tastes very acrid. Because of its strong ability to induce vomiting, however, people are generally cautioned to leave this plant alone.

All parts of the plant, including the new shoots, contain an alkaloid that has wretched effects on the gastrointestinal system. In large doses, it can be extremely toxic. Dogs and children have been known to become quite sick just from ingesting the berries. They are not harmful to the touch, however, but be aware that they stain.

Fortunately, it's rare for a dog or child to show an interest in these berries, so cases of pokeweed poisoning are relatively rare. Eucalyptus, foxglove, and yew are other common plants that are poisonous to canines, but as with pokeweed, they're found all over the countryside, and it's rare that they present a problem.

If your pokeweed patch has been in the field for some time with no negative effects, it's probably safe to assume that you can continue to leave it for the birds.

My field is full of pokeweed. Is there any use for it?

—G. P., Pottstown, PA

Pokeweed, sometimes called poke root or poke-

quite large.

You'll want to be sure that your trellises are of strong stock. Your standard tomato support may not have the "umph" to do the job. If twig trellises are your passion, use the heavier stock from pruned willow, birch, redwood, or dogwood. Grapevines and wisteria are probably too lightweight for this job. Consider a trip to the dump or swap shop to look for worn-out stepladders, old coat racks, artist's easels, or other sturdy wooden uprights. If appearances are a big factor in your garden, you can always wind some morning glory vines or other blooming creepers amidst the melon patch.

You once printed an essay suggesting what you could read about a person's temperament by looking at their appearance. Can you find it?

—L. K., Antioch, TN

We'd never advise you to judge a book by its cover, because, more often than not, you'll be wrong. In 1816, however,

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JUNE 11
Last quarter Moon

JUNE 17
Father's Day

JUNE 12, 13
Best days to cut hay

JUNE 15, 16
Best days to cut hair to discourage growth

Happy Father's Day

The first **Father's Day** was celebrated thanks to Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington. Her father, William Jackson Smart, had raised his six children by himself after his wife died in childbirth. Mrs. Dodd proposed June 5, 1910, as a day to honor fathers and sought support from local ministers and the YMCA in Spokane. The ministers agreed but changed the date to June 19, feeling they needed extra time to prepare sermons on the unexplored subject of fathers. In 1966, Congress officially changed the date to the third Sunday in June.

Salmon-Stuffed Eggs

Slice eggs in half lengthwise. Remove the yolks into a bowl and mash with a fork. Mix together dry mustard and vinegar to form a paste. Add this paste, mayonnaise, salt, and pepper to the yolks. Stir in the chopped salmon and mound mixture into the cavities of the egg whites. Sprinkle with paprika. **MAKES 16 STUFFED EGG HALVES.**

8 hard-boiled eggs
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1 teaspoon vinegar
4 tablespoons mayonnaise
salt and pepper, to taste
2 ounces smoked salmon, chopped
paprika, for sprinkling

—WIT AND WISDOM FROM THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC—

- On St. Barnabas's day (June 11), the Sun comes to stay.
- Pinch off the tops of sweet pea plants to promote bushy growth.
- On June 16, 1903, Andrew Jackson Jr. was issued a patent for eye protectors for chickens.

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Talquin Electric CLOSES BRISTOL OFFICE

Talquin Electric will be closing their branch office in Bristol effective July 1, 2012 in an effort to contain costs due to the current economic climate.

Talquin will maintain a presence and continue to serve their Membership in Liberty County at the historic Liberty County branch office located at 25507 NE Cooperative Way in Hosford.

Centennial Bank in Bristol will continue to accept Talquin utility payments in the lobby area or drive-thru service.

Talquin is a member owned, not-for-profit electric cooperative serving approximately 54,000 homes and businesses across Gadsden, Leon, Liberty and Wakulla counties. Talquin Electric's service area stretches over 2,600 square miles and is headquartered in Gadsden County. Talquin provides electric, water, and wastewater services and is a member of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association which includes 900 electric cooperatives across America.

Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill

Economic and Property Damages Settlement

Providing Money to Individuals and Businesses

If you have economic loss or property damage because of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, you could get money from a class action settlement with BP Exploration & Production Inc. and BP America Production Company ("BP"). Go to DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com for more information, including information on how to file a claim.

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE ECONOMIC & PROPERTY DAMAGES SETTLEMENT?

The Economic and Property Damages ("E&PD") Settlement Class includes people, businesses, and other entities in the states of Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi, and certain counties in Texas and Florida, that were harmed by the oil spill. The website DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com has detailed descriptions and maps to help you determine whether a geographic location may be included in the E&PD Settlement. Additionally, you can call 1-866-992-6174 or e-mail questions@DeepwaterHorizonEconomicSettlement.com to find out if a geographic location is included.

WHAT DOES THE ECONOMIC & PROPERTY DAMAGES SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?

The E&PD Settlement makes payments for the following types of claims: (1) Seafood Compensation, (2) Economic Damage, (3) Loss of Subsistence, (4) Vessel Physical Damage, (5) Vessels of Opportunity Charter Payment, (6) Coastal Real Property Damage, (7) Wetlands Real Property Damage, and (8) Real Property Sales Damage. There is no limit on the total dollar amount of the E&PD Settlement; all qualified claims will be paid.

HOW TO GET BENEFITS FROM THE ECONOMIC & PROPERTY DAMAGES SETTLEMENT

You need to submit a Claim Form to request a payment. You can get a copy of the various Claim Forms by visiting the website or by calling 1-866-992-6174. Claims can be submitted online or by mail. If you have questions about how to file your claim, you should call the toll-free number for assistance.

The deadline to submit most E&PD claims will be April 22, 2014 or six months after the E&PD Settlement becomes effective (that is, after the Court grants "final approval" and any appeals are resolved), whichever is later. There will be an earlier deadline to submit E&PD Seafood Compensation claims. The earlier deadline to submit Seafood Compensation claims will be 30 days after final approval of the Settlement by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana (regardless of appeals). Actual claim filing deadlines will be posted on the website as they become available. Valid claims will be paid as they are approved, beginning shortly after the Court-Supervised Settlement Program commences. It is highly recommended that E&PD Settlement Class Members complete and submit their claim forms promptly. Please read the Medical Benefits Settlement notice because you may also be eligible for benefits from that settlement.

YOUR OTHER OPTIONS

If you do not want to be legally bound by the E&PD Settlement, you must Opt Out or exclude yourself by **October 1, 2012** or you won't be able to sue BP over certain economic and property damage claims. If you stay in the E&PD Settlement, you may object to it by **August 31, 2012**. The Detailed Notice explains how to exclude yourself or object.

The Court will hold a hearing on **November 8, 2012** to consider whether to approve the E&PD Settlement. You or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost. The Court will also consider Class Counsel fees, costs, and expenses including an interim payment of \$75 million and additional awards equal to 6% of class claims and benefits paid. Class Counsel fees, costs and expenses under the Economic and Property Damages Settlement Agreement and the Medical Benefits Settlement Agreement jointly cannot exceed \$600 million. Class members' payments will not be reduced if the Court approves the payment of Class Counsel fees, costs, and expenses because BP will separately pay these attorney fees, costs, and expenses.

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Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill

Medical Benefits Settlement

Providing Benefits to Clean-Up Workers and Certain Gulf Coast Residents

If you have a medical claim related to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, you could get benefits from a class action settlement with BP Exploration & Production Inc. and BP America Production Company ("BP"). Go to DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com for more information, including information on how to file a claim.

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE MEDICAL BENEFITS SETTLEMENT?

The Medical Class includes (1) clean-up workers and (2) certain people who resided in specific geographic areas in coastal and wetlands areas along the Gulf Coast during specific periods in 2010. The website DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com has detailed descriptions and maps to help you determine whether a geographic location may be included in one of these zones. Additionally, you can call 1-866-992-6174 or e-mail info@DeepwaterHorizonMedicalSettlement.com to find out if a geographic location is included.

WHAT DOES THE MEDICAL BENEFITS SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?

The benefits of the Medical Benefits Settlement include: (1) payments to qualifying people for certain acute (short-term) and chronic (ongoing) medical conditions occurring after exposure to oil or chemical dispersants; (2) provision of periodic medical examinations to qualifying people; and (3) creation of a Gulf Region Health Outreach Program, consisting of projects to strengthen the healthcare system. Benefits (1) and (2) will be provided only after the Court grants final approval and any appeals are resolved.

HOW TO GET BENEFITS FROM THE MEDICAL BENEFITS SETTLEMENT

You need to submit a Claim Form to request benefits. You can get a copy of the Claim Form by visiting the

website or by calling 1-866-992-6174. Claims can be submitted by mail. If you have questions about how to file your claim, you should call the toll-free number for assistance.

The deadline for filing a Claim Form is one year after the Medical Benefits Settlement becomes effective (that is, after the Court grants "final approval" and any appeals are resolved). The exact date of the claim filing deadline will be posted on the website. It is highly recommended that Medical Class Members complete and submit their claim forms promptly. Please read the Economic and Property Damages Settlement notice because you may also be eligible for a payment from that settlement.

YOUR OTHER OPTIONS

If you do not want to be legally bound by the Medical Benefits Settlement, you must Opt Out or exclude yourself by **October 1, 2012** or you won't be able to sue BP over certain medical claims. If you stay in the Medical Benefits Settlement, you may object to it by **August 31, 2012**. The Detailed Notice explains how to exclude yourself or object.

The Court will hold a hearing on **November 8, 2012** to consider whether to approve the Medical Benefits Settlement. You or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost. Class Counsel will ask the Court to consider an award of fees, costs, and expenses of 6% of the value of the benefits actually provided under the Medical Benefits Settlement Agreement. Class Counsel fees, costs, and expenses under the Medical Benefits Settlement Agreement and the Economic and Property Damages Settlement Agreement jointly cannot exceed \$600 million. Class members' payments will not be reduced if the Court approves the payment of Class Counsel fees, costs, and expenses because BP will separately pay these attorney fees, costs, and expenses.

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Altha School a winner for 'Athletic Program of the Year'

The Florida Athletic Coaches Association is pleased to announce the 2010-2011 Cary McDonald Award winners, recognizing the "Athletic Programs of the Year".

Years ago we named this award after our second Executive Director, Cary McDonald. Each year we recognize the top athletic programs in each classification with this award.

There are two criteria that we use in selecting the winner: Whole School Membership and

the athletic program's finish in the FHSAA Floyd E. Lay Sunshine Cup All Sports Award.

Winners for the 2010-2011 school year:

- 6A – Winter Park
- 5A – St. Thomas Aquinas
- 4A – Lakewood Ranch
- 3A Private – The Bolles School
- 3A Public – Baker County
- 2A Private – Trinity Prep
- 2A Public – Port St. Joe
- 1A Private – Oak Hall
- 1A Public – Altha



Cortney LeAnne Harris signs volleyball scholarship with Gulf Coast State College

Cortney LeAnne Harris, a recent graduate of Altha High School has signed a volleyball scholarship with the Gulf Coast State Lady Commodores.

Cortney was the captain of her varsity squad and was instrumental in leading her team to two regional appearances as a varsity player. She received the Lady Wildcat Award, Spiking Award and Setter Award while a varsity player at Altha School. "She will be an asset to any program, simply because she values hard work and knows what it takes to be good. I look forward to seeing her play at the collegiate level. She is the second Lady Wildcat to ever sign a volleyball scholarship," her coach said. "We at Altha School are super proud of her and her accomplishments."

She is the daughter of Scott and Carylee Sewell, of Blountstown and Ron Harris, of Grand Ridge.



Courtney LeAnne Harris signs her volleyball scholarship with the Gulf Coast State Lady Commodores.

ALTHA WILDCATS

Lady Wildcat volleyball team hosts day camp

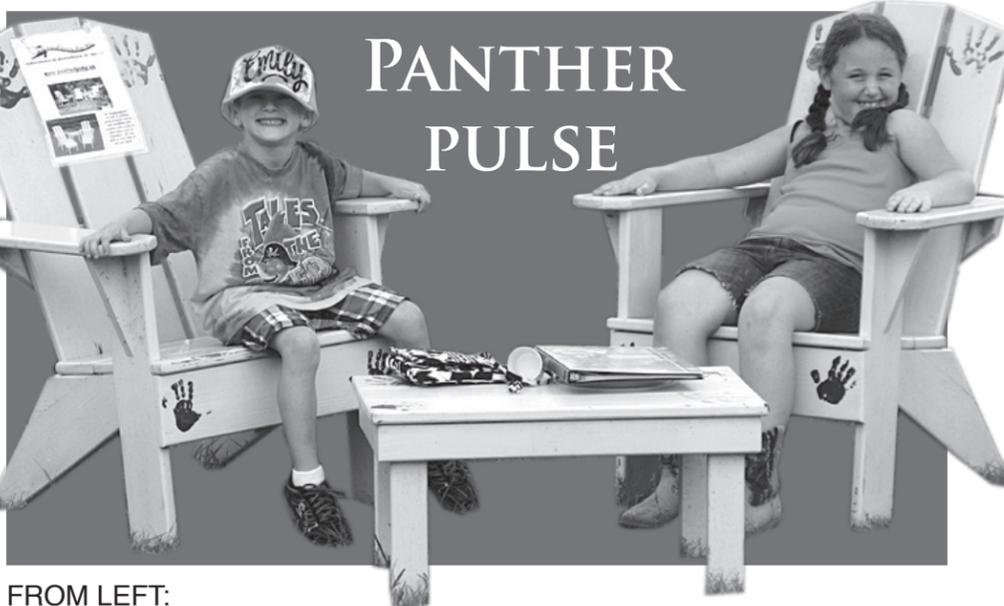
The Altha Lady Wildcat Volleyball team hosted a day camp in the Altha School Gymnasium on June 7.

Twenty girls participated in the event, learning basic passing, setting, rotation and serving skills.

Each participant received a t-shirt and a pass to a Lady Wildcat home volleyball game for the 2012 season.

The participants were served lunch from Subway.

All proceeds from this camp will benefit the Lady Wildcat Volleyball program.



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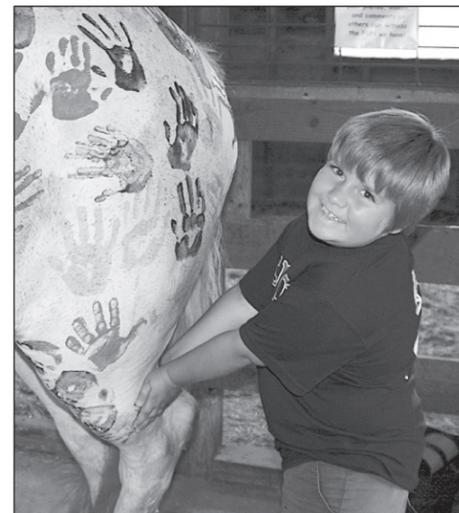
FROM LEFT: Jay Brown and Hayven Bunkley enjoy a rest in the Adirondack chairs that are handmade at the farm.

Hosford students have fun on the farm

In an extension of our Down on the Farm theme, Hosford's 21st CCLC summer camp program visited The Painted Pony in Monticello Friday, June 8. The field trip was a truly hands on experience. The students were able to visit with and pet several animals including Darrell the

Donkey, Gary the Goose and CJ the cow. It was wonderful to see the newly hatched blue birds in the handmade bird houses.

The students enjoyed a scenic hay ride around the whole farm. The best part of the day was painting Charlie the horse with our hand prints.



ABOVE LEFT: Lindsey Bunkley and Mary Beth Rogers enjoy the hay ride. RIGHT: Wayne Mansell smiles as he gets his turn to paint Charlie the horse.

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CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY – The pastor's Aide Committee of the Church of God Prophecy will hold a fish fry Friday, June 16 in the church dining hall, located on State Rd. 12 North.

Dinners will start being served at 11 a.m. and orders of five or more at any location or adjacent location will be delivered free of charge. Dinners will include your choice of mullet, bream or tilapia with sides of baked beans, cole slaw, bread and cake.

All dinners are \$6. Orders can also be called in the day of, by calling (850) 447-0038.

PASTOR'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – The congregation of Church of God of Prophecy announces plans for the 30th anniversary celebration of their pastor, Missionary Rosetta Baker:

***Monday, June 18** – Matthew Mitchell and his congregation of Fresh Start Church in Blountstown will lead a spirit-filled service. Pastor Mitchell has been in the ministry for a number of years and recently opened a church in Blountstown.

***Tuesday, June 19** – Evangelist Harriet P. Morton will be the guest speaker. She is the full time pastor of New Hope Christian Church in Mobile, AL. She has been in the ministry for 12 years and boasts a membership of 100. She has been married to William Morton for 10 years. She promises to bless your life on this night.

***Wednesday, June 20** – Bishop Marvin Alls of Open Door Church of God in Christ and his congregation, along with Superintendent Delano Reed of St. Luke Church of God in Christ in Bristol, who opened the doors to the church in March of 2011 and now boasts Sunday attendance of at least 75 and growing, and also the pastor of Miracle Restoration Church of God in Christ in Marianna and their congregations will join us for another promising spirit-filled service. We are looking forward to a powerful night in the spirit with these ministers aboard.

There are services scheduled for Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, so check with your local newspaper for details of scheduled speakers. Friday night will be our musical night in which we have several local choirs and soloists scheduled to perform.

If you wish to be a part of the musical, call (850) 447-0038.

CONNECTIONS FELLOWSHIP – Sunday, June 17 we will be hosting a Fathers' Day Panfish Tournament at Lake Talquin. Registration will be at 7 a.m. at Williams Landing (SR 20 at the Dollar General). Teams are \$25 each. There will be cash and door prizes.

For information please call (850) 447-4115.

Connections Fellowship would like to thank everyone who bought a Boston Butt and those who helped to sell them. We would especially like to thank Christine Sikes, who was amazing and such a blessing to us.

The proceeds will help our mission trip and provide backpacks for our community.

AVIATION VBS – You're clear for takeoff at Amazing Wonders Aviation™! Come join us for Vacation Bible School as we fly to some of the world's greatest natural wonders and encounter God's awesome power! As we fly around the world, kids will takeoff from Worship at The Worship Rally Hangar and make their first stop at the stunning Victoria Falls for Bible study. While flying around the world kids will also enjoy:

- Snacks at the Paricutin Volcano
- Missions under the Northern Lights
- Music at the Matterhorn
- Recreation at the Grand Canyon
- Crafts at the Great Barrier Reef.

This is Vacation Bible School, from June 24 – 28 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Macedonia First Baptist Church, like you've never experienced before. Children from Kindergarten through sixth grade are admitted.

Call 674-3397 or 674-8409 for more information.

Amazing Wonders Aviation™ will be an event to remember. Come join us!

FATHER'S DAY – Please join Crusaders Restoration Ministries Church Sunday, June 17 at 5 p.m. (ET) for an evening of fellowship.

Treat your dad to dinner and a movie. We will be showing the film *Courageous*.

Light refreshments will be served prior to the movie so they can be enjoyed during the movie. Please bring a light refreshment and show your dad how much you love him with a date night.

The event will take place at CRMC, located across from W.R. Tolar Elementary in Bristol. For more information, Please contact Senior Pastor Myrna Carnley at 567-8075 or Associate Pastor Chiquita Jacobs at 643-4623.

NOTES OF THANKS

The Sound of Liberty Band Boosters would like to thank everyone for the tremendous support shown this great group of kids at the May 18 Smoked Chicken dinner fundraiser. We hope everyone enjoyed the food, although there were a few delays in delivery. It was our first cookout and we'll be a little more fine-tuned for the next go-around.

We especially want to thank Mike Mayo, Sandy Davis and Chuck Goff for cooking; Warden Mercer (LCI), Sheriff's Dept. and Robert Hill for use of equipment and facilities; Harvey's Supermarket, KFC, Angel's Seafood by the Dam, Parramore's, Piggly Wiggly and our band family and friends for food donations. Thank you, Joe Brown for contributing so greatly.

We appreciate all who prepared, served, delivered, donated to, and enjoyed the cookout. We look forward to doing it again soon!

If you'd like to contribute to the band, please contact Mary Goff at 510-6929.

Thank you, *The Sound of Liberty Band Boosters*

We would like to thank our friends and family for the many acts of kindness shown to us during the illness and death of our loved one, James Roy Willis. All of the prayers, telephone calls, visits, meals, cards and memorial contributions were greatly appreciated.

A special thank you to Jerry Parrish for

your endless visits and support during Daddy's extended illness and his death. Thank you for being such a good friend to him and for the support you have given to us.

To Tony, Stephanie, Lizzie and Maryann, thank you for the compassion you had for Daddy while helping to care for him during his final days. Each of you went above and beyond what was expected of you and we sincerely thank you.

Although this has been a very difficult time, the love and support that we have received from our friends and family have been overwhelming. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you and may God bless each one of you.

Thanks again, *Sandra, Greg, Al, Tracy and Mitch*

The family of J. O. Stone would like to express our sincere appreciation for the support and prayers we have received during the recent loss of our loved one. The gift of your time spent with us along with the kind words of love and compassion has and will make this difficult time much easier.

We extend a special thank you to Dr. Bristol and his staff, Covent Hospice, Adams Funeral Home and River Town Community Church.

Thank you, *Clyde Marie Stone, Ronnie and Terrie Stone, Rickey Stone, Ronny and Joann Bridges*



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My work ethic began in 1990 at the Apalachee Restaurant. I graduated

from Liberty County High School in 1991. In 1997, started my journey with elections as the Assistant Supervisor of Elections, under the current Supervisor, Marcia Wood.

I am very proud to be a part of the integrity and efficiency our office has maintained over the years. So when you go to the polls on August 14, remember:

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Paid by Gina McDowell, Dem., for Supervisor of Elections

Destin men are charged with possession and intent to sell marijuana after running deputy off the road Thurs.

Two Destin men were arrested for possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia following a June 7 traffic stop in Liberty County in which they forced a patrol car off the road. Arrested was Jerry Kent Canterbury, 52, and Robert L. Winters, 57, both of Destin.

Liberty County Sheriff's Deputy Adam Walker was on patrol along SR 20, east of Hosford on Thursday when he saw a westbound car traveling in the eastbound lane as it attempted to pass a long line of westbound traffic. The car, which was traveling at a high rate of speed, was heading toward his east-

bound patrol car and forced him to pull off the road to avoid a collision. After the car passed him, Walker turned around and pulled the driver over. When he approached the car, the deputy noted the strong odor of green marijuana coming from inside the vehicle.

A search of the car resulted in the discovery of several plastic baggies of marijuana in a plastic container along with a lighter, scales and a glass pipe. All were found in a duffle bag that had been on the driver's lap. A large amount of cash totaling \$1,276 was found on the driver.

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ROBERT WINTERS



Sheriff Donnie Conyers is shown with the cash and marijuana seized in last week's traffic stop.



JERRY CANTERBURY

DUI CHARGE *continued from page 2*

bumper aggressively, cursed at her and threatened to shoot her.

A deputy passed the car that had been described and saw that the driver was following another vehicle too closely. The deputy made a quick U-turn and activated his emergency lights, which promoted the driver of the Buick to pull onto the shoulder of the road.

Aware that the driver could be armed, he was ordered out of his car and told to face away from the deputy. Barnes had difficulty following the deputy's commands and had to be told several times to face the other direction and walk backwards toward the deputy. He also had to be told repeatedly to put his hands on his head and interlock his fingers before he finally complied.

Barnes denied having any weapons in the car. An open quart bottle of beer with four-to-six ounces remaining was found during a search of the car.

After failing a series of roadside sobriety exercises, Barnes was taken into custody. After being placed in a patrol car, he told the deputy that he had driven all over

the road and said that people cut him off in traffic all the time. He said he got mad when a car cut him off that morning and had some "road rage."

Barnes refused to submit to a breath test to determine his level of intoxication, even after it was explained that he would automatically lose his driver's license for a year.

In addition to the DUI charge he was cited for having an open container.



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- ★Kennesse Dew – Altha School
- ★Jonathan Alford – Blountstown Middle School
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Covenant Hospice to celebrate Annual National Nursing Assistants Week

MARIANNA – Covenant Hospice will honor the work of its Nursing Assistants during this year’s 35th Annual National Nursing Assistants Week, celebrated June 14-21 throughout the United States.

The organization’s Hospice Aides provide compassionate hospice and palliative “care when it counts the most” to individuals facing end-of-life issues.

They give “hands on” or personal care which includes: bathing, dressing, hygienic care, light house-keeping, and simple meal preparation. Many of the Hospice Aides at Covenant Hospice are Certified Hospice and Palliative Care professionals and have years of experience working with hospice patients.

Nursing Assistants provide predictability and stability to care, which in turn enhances the feeling of security for our aging, frail, or chronically challenged citizens. They bring wisdom, patience, humor, and a general attitude of caring to the daily lives of their patients.

National Nursing Assistants Week begins on June 14, marked as Career Nursing Assistants Day, which is set aside each year to recognize longevity of service, special contributions to care practices and accomplishments of the nursing assistants who have made caring their life career.

Covenant Hospice is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing comprehensive, compassionate services to patients and loved ones during times of life-limiting illnesses. To receive care or find out more about the organization visit www.covenanthospice.org. You can also connect with them on Facebook (www.facebook.com/Covenant.Hospice) and Twitter (@CovenantHospice)

OBITUARIES



DR. JOHN J. LAROSA

TALLAHASSEE—Dr. John J. LaRosa, 78, of Tallahassee, passed away Monday, June 4, 2012. He was born January 8, 1934 in Bronx, NY and had lived in Tallahassee since 1999, coming from St. Petersburg. He was a retired thoracic surgeon and served in the United States Navy from 1984 until 1988 as a Lt. Commander. He served on the USS Saratoga. He was the standby surgeon in Grenada when President Ronald Reagan visited the island. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Columbia College in 1955 and his medical degree from Duke University School of Medicine in 1964. He became a recognized doctor in the State of Florida in 1965 and also attained his license to be a medical examiner from The National Board of Medical Examiners in 1965. In 1964, he served his internship at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami. His surgery residency was served at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami from 1965 to 1967. He then served another surgical residency at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, GA from 1967 to 1969. He was a thoracic resident at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, GA from 1969 to 1971. He was certified by the American Board of Surgery in 1970 and the American Board of Thoracic Surgery in 1971. He held several posts and practices over his career: Acting Surgical Staff at Brevard Hospital in Melbourne from 1971 to 1983, Consulting Surgical Staff at Cape Canaveral from 1971 to 1983, Consulting Surgical Staff at Eugene Wuestoff Hospital in Rockledge from 1971 to 1983, Surgical Staff at the Naval Jacksonville Hospital from 1984 to 1988, Convenient Care Clinic in St. Petersburg from 1988 to 1997, The Florida Health Department from 1997 to 1998 and was a senior physician at Florida State Hospital in 1998.

Along with his many positions held, he was a member of several professional societies: The American College of Surgeons, The Florida Medical Association, The Florida Thoracic Society, The Society of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgeons and The Pinellas County Medical Society. He published several articles and informative publications over the years, including “Plasmacytoma of Lymph Nodes,” The Journal of the American Medical Association (1964); “Arteriovenous Shunt Mechanism In Gastric Secretion,” The American Journal of Surgery (1968); “Heart Block and Cardiac Pacing,” The Journal of the Florida Medical Association (1978); “Blunt Traumatic Rupture Right Hemidiaphragm,” Military Medicine (1987) and “Chronic Acalculous Gallbladder,” Southern Medical Journal (1988). He also received the Physician’s Recognition Award consecutively from 1972 to 1992.

Survivors include his wife, Deborah (Yon) LaRosa of Tallahassee; one son, John Michael LaRosa of Cleveland, OH; two daughters, Jennifer (LaRosa) Schwartzberg and her husband, Jeremy of Tampa and Lauren Nicole LaRosa of Tallahassee; two sisters, Patricia (LaRosa) Thomas and her husband, Gordon of Connecticut and Janet (LaRosa) Hohn and her husband, Harry of New York; three grandchildren, Logan and Kayla Schwartzburg and Ava LaRosa.

Services were held Thursday, June 7 at Peavy Funeral Home Chapel with Tommy McClellan giving the eulogy and Bud Guilford officiating. Interment followed in Pine Memorial Cemetery.

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

AGNES INEZ WOOTEN DORCH MCBRIDE

BLOUNTSTOWN—Agnes Inez Wooten Dorch McBride, 74, of Blountstown, passed away Tuesday, June 5, 2012. She left Calhoun County in the 1960s to follow her husband, Mac to Alaska where she was a military wife and special education teacher. She was an amazing daughter, sister, wife, mama, friend and woman who touched many lives and will remain forever in hearts from Alaska to Florida. She was a deeply religious woman who loved His word and will now spend eternity with Him.

She was a fighter until the end, making sure her loved ones were at peace before saying “good-bye.” Her home was the Blountstown Health and Rehab, where she was surrounded by love and was never left wanting when it came to hugs and kisses.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerrel “Mac” McBride; her parents, Hinton and Nora Dorch; one sister, Nora Alice; one niece, Crystal; and one brother, Charles.

Survivors include two daughters, Sherrie McBide and her husband, Jeff Crop of Oregon and Sharon McBide and her husband, Joel Rogers of Florida; one brother, Lou of Missouri; one granddaughter, Renee McBride-Rogers and many family members and friends.

No services are planned at this time. Memorialization will be by cremation.

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

LIDDIE L. (CHASON) HALL

ALTHA – Liddie L. (Chason) Hall, 95, of Altha, passed away Friday, June 8, 2012 at her home. She was born November 25, 1916 in Jackson County and lived in Altha most of her life. She was a homemaker. She attended Hasty Pond Baptist Church in Marianna where she was the oldest member.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Marvin Hall; one grandson, Alexander Middleton; and one infant granddaughter, Anita Marie Hall.

Survivors include one son, Willard Hall and his wife, Thersa of Altha; six daughters, Josephine Kelley of Lakeland, Hilda Trickey and her husband, Kenneth of Pace, Wilma Middleton and her husband, Ernest, Blondell Melton and Lula Nix, all of Altha, Joan Baker and her husband, Jimmy of Huntsville, AL; a special niece and caregiver, Mable Weeks of Orlando, 19 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and 31 great-great-grandchildren.

Family received friends one hour prior to service at the church.

Services were held Tuesday, June 12 at 3 p.m. (CT) at Hasty Pond Baptist Church with Reverend Steven Dudley and Reverend A.L. Clark officiating. Interment followed in Hall Cemetery.

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

The family would like to give special thanks to Dr. Chin, Gentiva Home Health Care, Emerald Coast Hospice and Calhoun County Senior Citizens for all their love, care and support.

BETTY WINSLOW

BLOUNTSTOWN—Betty Winslow, 52, of Blountstown, passed away Wednesday, June 6, 2012. She was a cashier at Food World for many years and she was of the Baptist faith.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Annette Fay Winslow.

Survivors include her dad and stepmother, Ray and Maureen Winslow of Troy, AL; her mother, Betty Fay (O’Neal) Winslow of Jamesville, NC; one brother, Thomas Ray Winslow of Jamesville; one stepbrother, William, “Jr.” Riley of Troy; two stepsisters, Margie Carswell and Marie Perdue; one niece, Hailee Annette Winslow of Vance, AL.

Graveside services were held Saturday, June 9 in Pine Memorial Cemetery with Reverend David Kelly officiating.

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Application dates shift for some WMA quotas

If you hunt public land, you should know that many of Florida's wildlife management areas (WMAs) require a quota permit to hunt during archery, muzzle-loading gun and all or part of the general gun season. Take note that this year, there have been some major changes to some of the application periods, because the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is switching over to a new license/permit vendor.

What this means to you is this: Some of the quota application periods that previously occurred in October are going to be moved up earlier and others are going to be pushed back later.

For this year only, the application periods for Green Swamp general gun camping permits and these waterfowl permits – Merritt Island, Goodwin/Broadmoor, Ocklawaha Prairie, September waterfowl and the Stormwater Treatment Areas (STAs) – will be in July and August. The application dates for St. Marks spring turkey and special-opportunity spring turkey permits will be in November.

Updating to the new system also means there will be no issuing of guest permits, or the issuing of leftover quota permits and re-issues during the entire month of October for this year. So if you plan on taking a friend on an October hunt, be sure to obtain the guest permit in September.

We ask you to please be patient with us, while we make this challenging transition from old to new vendor. In the end, we feel this change will be well worth it and greatly benefit our valued customers – Florida's hunters – who deserve the best possible service and product we can provide.

There are several types of quota permits, and most are issued by random drawing. Just so you know, there will be no new changes to the first-phase application periods for archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, youth, family, track vehicle (a swamp buggy with tank treads), airboat and mobility-impaired quota hunt permits, which will still run June 1-30.

No costs are involved with quota permits, and during this period, you may turn in only one worksheet for each type of quota hunt. One thing to remember though: Unless exempt, you must have an up-to-date management area permit (or a license that includes one) when applying for a quota permit, or the system won't accept your application.

The FWC offers youth deer hunts on Camp Blanding WMA in Clay County and Andrews WMA in Levy County. If you have children ages eight to 15 and you want them to have the chance of experiencing one of these great hunts, apply for a youth quota hunt permit. During these hunts, only the youngsters may hunt, and they and their adult supervisors are the only ones allowed on the area.

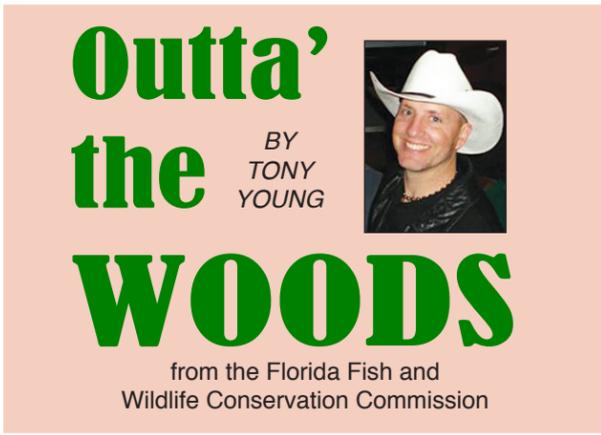
To increase youth hunting opportunities, children under age 16, while under direct supervision, may accompany an adult quota permit holder on any WMA – even if the area doesn't allow for exemptions. However, in that case, adults and youngsters must share a single bag limit.

This coming season, there will be family quota hunts on 24 WMAs. These areas are Matanzas, Andrews, Devil's Hammock, Dinner Island Ranch, Lafayette Creek, Allapattah Flats, Perdido River, Cary, Okaloacoochee Slough, Blackwater, Belmore, Jennings Forest, Four Creeks, Ralph E. Simmons, Hatchet Creek, Thomas Creek Kings Road Unit, Hilochee Osprey Unit, Lafayette Forest, Babcock Ranch Preserve, Aucilla Pinhook Area, Chipola River Altha Tract, L. Kirk Edwards, Apalachicola Bradwell Unit and Beaverdam Creek.

You must have a family quota hunt permit to hunt these areas during specific time periods. Should your name be drawn, the permit requires one adult to take one or two youths hunting.

Hunters certified by the FWC as mobility-impaired may apply for mobility-impaired quota permits. These permits allow exclusive access to general-gun hunting opportunities on nine of the state's better public hunting areas.

If you want to get the jump on these hunts, make



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from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

sure you have the correct quota hunt application worksheet so you can apply for one or more of these great opportunities. All application worksheets can be found at MyFWC.com/License (click on "Limited Entry/Quota Hunts" for the list).

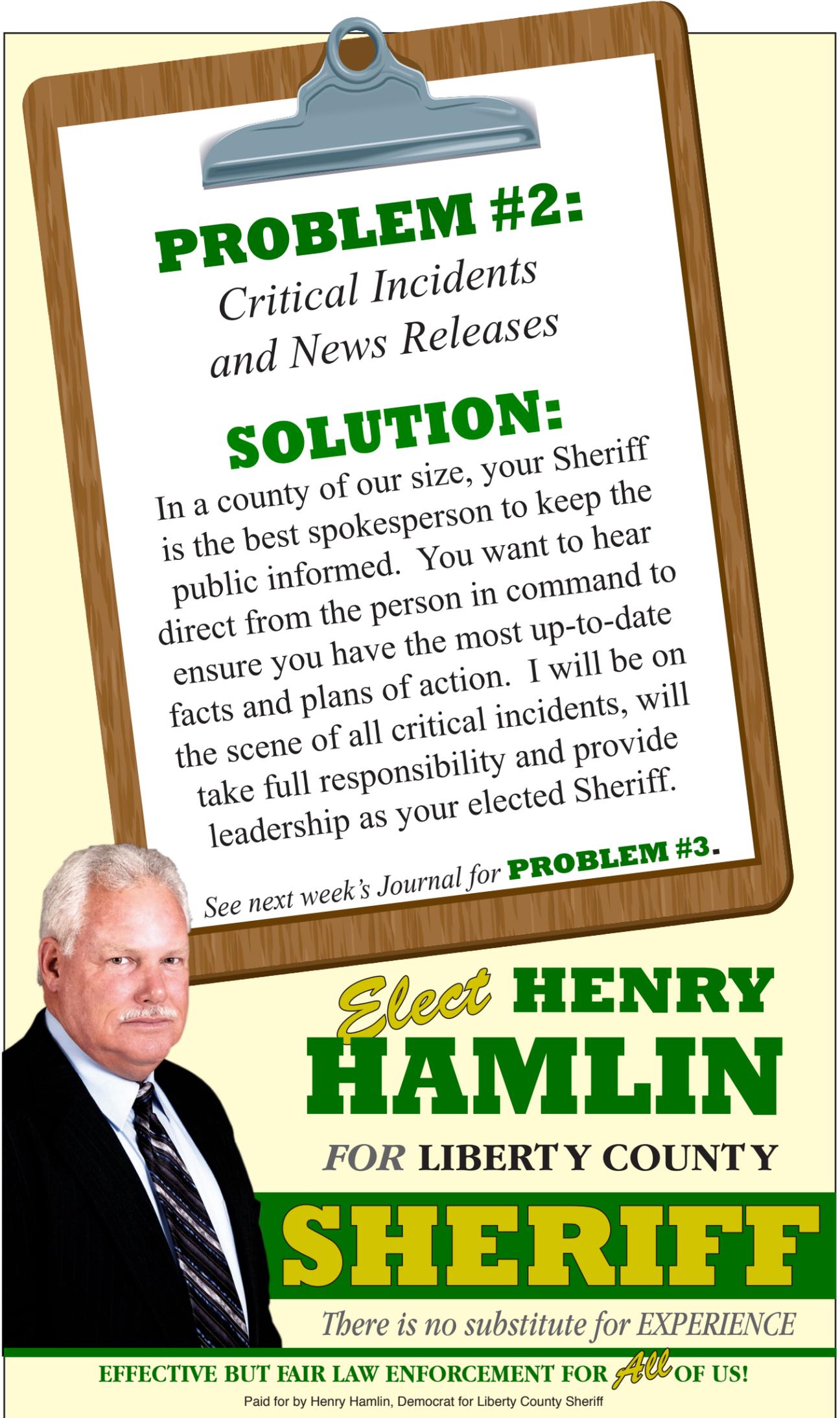
Once completed, you may use it to apply at My-

FWC.com/License (click on "Buy a License Online") or submit it to any license agent or tax collector's office.

The random drawings to decide who gets these quota hunt permits take place during most of July. To find out if you've been selected, go to MyFWC.com/License and select "Limited Entry/Quota Hunts," then click "Drawing Results." They are typically posted about two weeks after the last day of the application period.

To see an updated list of all the limited entry/quota permit application dates, go to MyFWC.com/License, and please help us spread the word about these upcoming changes.

Tony Young is the media relations coordinator for the FWC's Division of Hunting and Game Management. You can reach him with questions about quota permits and how to apply at Tony.Young@MyFWC.com.



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Mink sightings will be used to identify areas where mink are more common in Florida and help biologists pinpoint locations to focus mink research. The Everglades mink is listed in Florida as a threatened species.



Seen a mink? FWC wants to know how many of the elusive creatures live here

They're rarely seen in the wild but they do exist in Florida. They're mink.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) biologists are asking for the public's help in locating these small, fast, semi-aquatic

creatures.

Because their size and behavior keeps them out of sight, understanding where mink are in Florida and how many mink live in the state, is extremely challenging to biologists.

"If members of the public report their sightings of these elusive animals, it would be invaluable to our research," said Jesse Boulterice, FWC biologist in Lake City. "The more people we have looking for mink, the more information we can gather."

Fisherman, boaters and other water recreationists are asked to be particularly watchful for mink and report any sightings. These sightings



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research. The Everglades mink is listed in Florida as a threatened species.

The FWC has created an online database for anyone to report sightings of mink in Florida at www.public.myfwc.com/hsc/mink. The database link includes pictures.

Mink are typically found near, in and around sources of water, although they can also be found on dry land.

"They have a long sleek body, thick tail, small ears and small eyes," Boulterice said.

"Mink are between 1 and 2.5 feet long and weigh up to four pounds.

These animals are dark-chocolate brown to black in color and sometimes have a patch of white along the chin and throat."

Mink can be confused with otters. Otters look and behave similar to mink but are much larger in size (10-30 pounds). Weasels are also similar to mink, but are smaller and have brown fur along their backs and yellow along the entire belly.

Being strictly carnivorous, mink forage in and along the edges of water, eating fish, frogs, crayfish, crabs and even muskrat and other small mammals. Historically, mink were hunted and used to make mink-fur apparel.

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Donation of bullet-resistant vests give FWC's K-9s extra protection

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) officers Felix Collazo, Jeff Babauta and Jared Cloud each received a bullet-resistant vest recently. However, they aren't going to be the ones wearing them. These vests were actually designed for their K-9 partners Jasmine, Mack and Gus and donated by the Retired Law Enforcement Association of Southwest Florida.

"K-9s are often the first ones into a dangerous situation," said Ray Hubbert, president of the nonprofit organization. "We believe all K-9 officers and their dogs should be protected."

Hubbert's group raises money to support law enforcement agencies in Southwest Florida and has already provided vests for 16 other local police K-9s. Collazo, one of two FWC K-9 trainers, was instrumental in building a relationship between the association and the FWC.

"We respect our partner agencies' roles working traditional crimes on the streets," Collazo said. "With that in mind, we waited until their K-9s were equipped before accepting our vests."

The vests are manufactured and distributed by Point Blank Enterprises Inc.,

a Florida company and will be used during particularly high-risk situations, like felony manhunts.

"These are working dogs," said Capt. Carol Keyser, statewide coordinator for the FWC's K-9 program. "They are one of the tools that support our officers. They are valuable members of our agency and an important part of their handlers' lives. We will do whatever we can to ensure our K-9s are safe and healthy."

The vests will do just that. Designed to be bullet- and stab-resistant, they will protect the dogs during the dangerous situations they are likely to encounter. For example, FWC K-9s have been involved in several searches for people suspected of shooting law enforcement officers.

"In addition to tracking, FWC K-9s are trained in detection," Collazo said.

They can sniff out hidden evidence like weapons, ammunition and fish and wildlife.

"We are grateful to Mr. Hubbert and his organization for such a generous donation," Keyser said. "And we look forward to working with the Retired Law Enforcement Association of Southwest Florida in the future."

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ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, your ambition will take you to new places this week. Channel your energy in a constructive method to make the most of this renewed vigor.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, now is the time to do slow and steady work, rather than experimenting with new methods. You'll have time for fun and some trial and error later on.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, for some reason you feel compelled to get started on something new in the next few days. This may be a job or a relationship -- only time will unveil the secrets.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, you will need to take an intellectual approach to solving what has been troubling you recently. Lists and careful consideration might be necessary.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

You have to approach someone who hasn't been doing his or her share of the work, Leo. Tread gently because there could be a very good reason why this person has been floundering.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Open yourself up to a new line of thinking, Virgo. There are many different possibilities that you may have overlooked before now. Try to expand your horizons.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Embrace spontaneity this week, Libra. It could turn out to be something exciting and fun, which is just what you need at this time in your life.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, take a step back and allow an upset family member a little breathing room this week. It's best not to add fuel to the fire in this particular situation.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Get out and try to meet some new people, Sagittarius. Constantly add to your collection of networking contacts, because you never know when you'll need to call in a favor.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, though you can see quite clearly what you need to do this week, you may have to refrain from taking any action for some time. Try to be patient a little longer.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, things have been going your way and you are getting more and more excited about the future. This influx of enthusiasm is just what you need.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Your big ideas are highly valued, Pisces. Let others know what you are thinking and don't be surprised if others ask for your advice.

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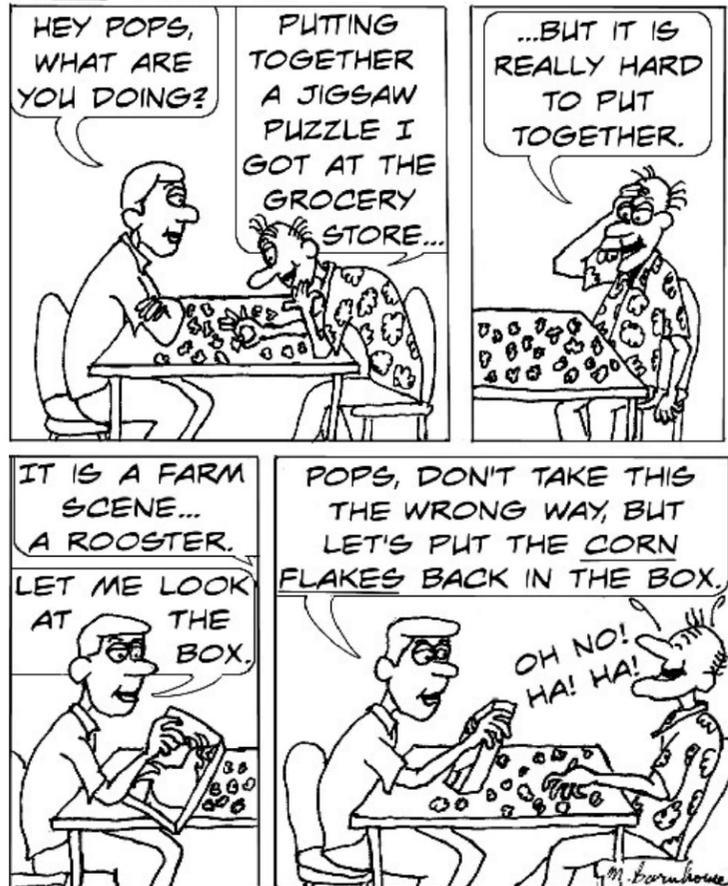
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Annual minimum wage increases will deter new business in Florida

To the editor:

I was invited to participate in Governor Scott's "Rural Roundtable" last week and discuss concerns for small business in our area. I was quoted as saying "It's not feasible for a small business to keep people on... there needs to be a cap on minimum wage." Needless to say this quote... left a lot out. And now for the rest of the story:

What I told the Governor was that with four years of recession and minimum wage going up every year, it was making it very difficult for businesses to keep non-essential employees or hire new employees. That we had to reduce staff and were no longer able to provide work experience for students during the summer. Since workman's compensation costs (state and federal payroll taxes, social security, etc...) are all based on a company's payroll, the increased cost each year is significant in this economy. With business down and employment costs up, small businesses are forced to reduce their workforce and benefits so they can cover the high cost of employing people and doing business in Florida. I asked the Governor what his feelings were and suggested there be some kind of cap to limit the increase each year. The

Governor agreed that this amendment is making it very difficult for businesses to operate in the state of Florida and something would have to be done but it would take a constitutional amendment to fix the problem. (According to the amendment as written, the minimum wage increases each year based on the CPI index with no limits in place. If the CPI index goes up 20%, minimum wages goes up 20%. The increase could be tied to the federal minimum wage, for example "the Florida Minimum Wage will exceed the Federal Minimum Wage by no more than X dollars or X percent.")

Every business is different, but agricultural businesses that deal with perishable products work on a very close margin. We don't have the luxury of keeping our product on the shelf until consumers have disposable income to spend again and business picks up. We have seen many businesses throughout the state of Florida close their doors in the last four years of this recession. We could see many more move across state lines and Florida will not be the state of choice for new industry if the minimum wage increases annually in perpetuity.

Mary O. McKenzie

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To the editor:

I'm curious if people actually realize why our county and those surrounding us are the poorest in the state of Florida! Could it be that people just make too much money at under \$8 an hour and recklessly spend it out of our area, or maybe they are just attempting to survive. They might spend a little more if they had a little more. Could

that possibly stimulate our local economy? It may even create a job or two. Those who feel as though they're being forced to pay those huge wages may even satisfy their hunger to make their bottom line look spectacular by selling more product. The same folks that are sinking their businesses may even bail them out.

I would truly like to

see those who feel that minimum wage is too high, place themselves on that same scale and see how easy those who are less fortunate have it! I am fortunate that I am not on that scale but I do have compassion for those who are struggling to survive! Too bad that others in our community could really care less!

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Minutes from the May 10 Liberty Commission meeting

Official minutes from the May 10 regular meeting of the Liberty County Commission as recorded by the board secretary

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

Prayer led by Commissioner Albert Butcher.

Pledge of allegiance led by Commissioner Jim Johnson.

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 5 and emergency meeting April 13, 2012 was made by Stoutamire, seconded by Williams and carried.

Bill May, Director of Talquin Electric, said that they would be closing the Bristol office effective July 1, 2012. Centennial Bank will now accept payments for Talquin Electric.

Tommy Baker, Gadsden County EMS Director would like to purchase the unused box that has been taken off the old ambulance. Motion to add this item to the agenda was made by Stoutamire, seconded by Johnson and carried.

Obie Harper discussed insurance for the Estifanulga Carnival. Motion to add to the

agenda was made by Stoutamire, seconded by Butcher and carried.

The county attorney will write a letter to John Deer Tractor Company concerning Road Department equipment.

Tom Keenan introduced David Deck. Mr. Deck will be taking over the operation of the railroad. Mr. Deck told the Board of his plans for the railroad.

Kristin Brown with Preble-Rish Engineers told the Board about a SCRAP Grant that was coming up. She suggested that we submit Chattahoochee Circle to be paved. If there is any funds left, Commissioner Johnson would like to have a section of road repaired in front of the saw mill on 12 South.

Motion to negotiate with Gadsden County EMS to purchase the ambulance box for a price of \$5,000 was made by Stoutamire, seconded by Johnson and carried.

Emergency Management Director, Rhonda Lewis presented two bids on a pole barn. 1. Blountstown Truss, Bountstown, FL bid \$8,204.99. 2. Better Built Barns, Hosford, FL bid \$7,800. Motion to award to low bidder Better Built Barns was made by Johnson, seconded by Butcher and carried.

Motion to accept agreement between Emergency Management and Management Experts sub-contract in the amount of \$20,000 was made by Butcher, seconded by Johnson and carried.

The Health Department Administrator gave the Board an update on positions that have been advertised and what has been going on at the Health Department.

Shawn Logan discussed property in Sumatra that he and partners have purchased from St. Joe Company. The

fire truck is housed on this property. The county had previously leased from St. Joe. The county attorney will draw up a lease with Shawn Logan and partners that will include a new legal description.

Motion to re-instate newly hired former employees to include previous experience concerning leave was made by Johnson, seconded by Butcher and carried. This is contingent upon attorney's approval.

Commissioner Butcher discussed the repairs done at the Bristol Boat Ramp picnic area.

Motion to adopt the Economic Development Agreement with Hensel Phelps Construction Company and National Solar Power Partners, LLC was made by Stoutamire, seconded by Williams and carried.

Motion for the Liberty County Board of County Commissioners to sponsor the Estifanulga Fire Department Carnival at Veter-

ans Park was made by Johnson, seconded by Williams and carried.

Motion to honor Junior Lolley with a plaque was made by Stoutamire, seconded by Johnson and carried.

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

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

Warrant List & Numbers
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SHIP Grant 3948 – 3953
Weatherization Grant 4670 – 4693

Robert Hill, Clerk of Court
Dexter Barber, Chairman

Special meeting minutes for May 23 from the Liberty County Commission

Official minutes from the May 23 special meeting of the Liberty County Commission as recorded by the board secretary

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dexter Barber. Present were Commissioners Kevin Williams, Davis Stoutamire, Jim Johnson, Albert Butcher and Clerk Robert Hill.

The prayer was given by Chairman Barber. Commissioner Stoutamire led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Stoutamire, seconded by Butcher and carried to accept Road Superintendent Jim Shuler's letter of resignation effective May 31, 2012.

Motion by Stoutamire to place JT Hathaway as Interim Road Superintendent and allow others to ride to and from work with him at the present rate of pay for that position, seconded by Butcher. Voting yes was Stoutamire and Butcher. Voting no was Barber, Williams and Johnson. Motion failed.

Motion to place JT Hathaway as Interim Road Superintendent effective June 1 with present pay for that position was made by Williams, seconded by Butcher and carried.

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

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DANIEL WILLIAMS PHOTOS

Billie Rae Larkins from Myrlene's Beauty Shop treats a little girl to a colorful manicure.



Soldiers have a new mission at FSU's entrepreneurship boot camp

TALLAHASSEE – Florida State University is set to welcome 23 military veterans from across the country — including nine from Florida — to its 2012 Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans with Disabilities (EBV) program, scheduled for June 19-26. The veterans, all of whom have experienced disabilities while serving their country, will spend an intense week in classes, workshops and breakout sessions and hear from industry professionals on best practices that will help them start a business or take their current business to the next level.

This year's week long boot camp kicks off with an opening ceremony on Tuesday, June 19 with actor J.R. Martinez delivering the keynote address. Severely burned by an improvised explosive device while serving in Iraq in 2003, the former Army infantryman launched a career as a motivational speaker and actor after completing the EBV at Florida State in 2008. More recently, he was the winner of Season

13 of ABC-TV's popular "Dancing with the Stars" and the grand marshal of the 2012 Rose Parade.

Now in its fifth year at Florida State, the boot-camp program is a means through which veterans such as Martinez can engage the economic engine of their communities, states and the nation. The program offers cutting-edge, experiential training in entrepreneurship and small-business management. The generosity of sponsors and donors, many of them Florida State alumni, makes it possible for the program to be offered free to participants.

In addition to the Floridians who will take part in this year's boot camp, participants hail from Georgia, Maryland,



Veterans who have suffered disabilities will receive training in small-business ownership

Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, North Carolina and Virginia. They represent all branches of the U.S. military.

The EBV program was founded in 2007 at the Whitman School of Management at Syracuse University. In addition to Syracuse and Florida State, it now is offered at the Anderson School of Management at the University of California Los Angeles; Mays Business School at Texas A&M University; Krannert School of Management at Purdue University; the University of Connecticut College of Business; the E.J. Ourso College of Business at Louisiana State University; and the School of Hotel Administration

at Cornell University. This year's Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans with Disabilities program at FSU began three weeks ago with an online course that the veterans were required to complete. June 19 marks the beginning of the residency portion of the program. At the end of the week long residency, the program will provide 12 months of ongoing support for the veterans after they return home. Key topics to be addressed in the program will include opportunity recognition, business concept development, profit models, resource acquisition strategies, business plan development, venture launch methods, guerrilla marketing approaches, deal structuring and negotiation, valuation, entrepreneurial finance and unique funding opportunities for veterans with disabilities, operations and operating models, service delivery, risk management, human resource management, and legal and regulatory challenges.