

# FDLE reports 'inconclusive' finding in McLemore case

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

Did Trantum McLemore die by his own hand or was he killed?

An investigation by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) resulted in the same answer for both questions: "Inconclusive."

The FDLE investigation "does not support a finding that Trantum McLemore was the victim of a homicide; however, it likewise cannot be conclusively determined that his death was a suicide," according to the two-paragraph summary in the report released Tuesday.

Concerns were raised about the death of the middle-school football coach, the father of three young girls, whose marriage to their mother had already ended once in divorce. The two later reconciled but appeared to be heading for another split up.

His widow, Winter McLemore, said she had put the girls to bed and she and Trantum were going to discuss the divorce the night of April 4. She said they got ready for bed and left one small lamp on as they began to talk "peaceably about an equitable divorce."

She said there was no warning when her husband suddenly started choking her.

A short time later, she drove herself to the Liberty County Sheriff's Office and entered the dispatcher's room, crying and holding her reddened throat.

Trantum's body was facedown on the bloodied carpet at the foot of their bed. He had three bullet wounds. Shell casings recovered at the scene showed that seven shots had been fired.

That night, the Liberty County Sheriff's Office announced Trantum's death was a suicide. "I'm satisfied without a doubt in my mind that it was self-inflicted," Sheriff Donnie Conyers said a short time later.

But questions about the investigation, including the fact that two members of the sheriff's office are Winter's uncles, rumors of affairs by both of the McLemores and concerns about how evidence was handled at the scene of the shooting led to a request that the FDLE follow up with an investigation of their own.

## TWO POTENTIAL SUSPECTS ELIMINATED

The FDLE investigation included extensive analysis of subpoenaed phone records, including those of Winter McLemore and two men with whom she admitted being involved with. She had exchanged hundreds of text messages with each of them. Both had alibis for the night of the shooting and were eliminated as potential suspects in McLemore's death, according to the

report.

The report said Winter admitted being involved with one of the men since January 2012. The other relationship developed after her husband's death.

## CHILD MADE PHONE CALL AFTER FINDING BODY

After looking into conflicting accounts about when Winter called her sister, Laurie Brandon, that night, the

FDLE determined that it was Winter's 10-year-old daughter who called her aunt at 9:22.

Laurie told investigators she thought

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## DETOUR

ABOVE: A downed pine tree snagged electric lines as it fell across S.R. 20 Monday, causing a power outage of about three hours for Talquin Electric customers in Hosford and Bristol. Traffic was diverted through Hosford on Chester Street. RIGHT: A crew works to remove the large tree that caused the problem as the panhandle braced for the wind and rain expected as Tropical Storm Isaac slowly churned in the Gulf of Mexico heading toward New Orleans.

PHIL COALE PHOTOS



Two OK after car runs into tree off CR 274  
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Liberty County's Tait Shuler (#72) is sandwiched between two Chipley players while tackling the ball carrier in Friday's game.  
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FWC seeking Florida panther sighting reports  
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## Woman charged with DUI after being found unconscious at stop sign

Emergency workers responding to a 9:53 a.m. report of an unresponsive person in a locked car with its motor still running found 48-year-old Diana L. Sumner slumped over the steering wheel of a 2004 Cadillac at the intersection of NW Charlie Johns Street and North Main Street in Blountstown Friday.



DIANA SUMNER

Sumner failed to hear people yelling out to her and knocking repeatedly on the doors of her car. She came to after a deputy broke out a rear passenger side window.

The driver then unlocked the doors and turned the motor off, allowing emergency medical workers to evaluate her.

Sumner stated that she was heading to a home on SR 69 North when she stopped for the stop sign. She said she did not recall falling asleep.

When Sgt. Jared Nichols noted that she appeared disoriented, Sumner said she had taken two Loratabs. After seeing that she had difficulty keeping her balance, Nichols decided against continuing field sobriety exercises and arrested her for DUI.

She consented to a blood test and was taken to Calhoun-Liberty Hospital.

She later stated that she had taken three Loratabs that morning, and said she had used the prescription medication for 14 years for degenerative discs in her back.

She admitted having a similar incident in Panama City where she passed out behind the wheel of her car and first responders had to be sent out to rouse her.

She was given a conditional release following her arrest.

# ARREST REPORTS

compiled by Journal Editor Teresa Eubanks

## Bristol man charged with gun possession by a convicted felon

A Bristol man is charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon after he allegedly pawned two guns, a .22 single-shot youth model rifle and a .410 single shot Kmart shotgun.



JOSH CHURCH

Arrested was Josh Church, 37.

According to the arrest report, Patrick Hagerman, 38, of Bristol had allowed Church to take two guns that belonged to his young sons.

Church had been working with Hagerman and, according to the arrest report, the two men had argued and "Church was asked to hold on to the two firearms in question at his

residence."

When Hagerman later asked that the guns be returned, he said Church told him they had been pawned to Ken Sumner for \$60. Church said the guns were his and he planned to return to get them that Friday, according to Sumner.

Church told a deputy he pawned the guns because Hagerman had not paid him.

## Bristol man arrested for attacking mother

A 21-year-old Bristol man was charged with domestic battery after an altercation with his mother at their residence on Green Acres Road Saturday.

The Liberty County Sheriff's Office received a call that Spenser Faircloth "was beating his mother."

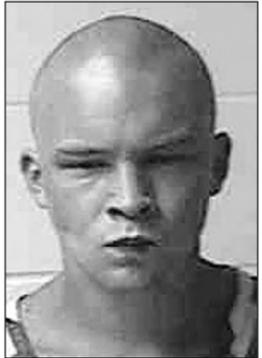
The victim, 43, said her son had been complaining a lot, which led to an argument. She said he came up behind her and pushed her, then grabbed her by the arm and began to shove her. She said he kept coming after her until she told him she was going to call the law.

His mother said she walked out the front door and he apparently went out the back door and ran into the woods.

Deputies searched the home and outlying area but did not find Faircloth.

About an hour later, Faircloth returned to his home and was taken into custody.

The arrest caused him to violate his state probation. He is being held without bond in the Liberty County Jail.



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### CALHOUN COUNTY

#### August 20

•Mark McGill, *child support*, CCSO.

#### August 21

•Dannielle Mari White, *out of county warrant (Bay Co.)*, CCSO.

#### August 22

•Amanda Hamlin, *VOP*, CCSO.

#### August 24

•Dale Doty, *DUI, FHP*.  
 •Diana Sumner, *DUI, BPD*.

#### August 25

•Felice Perez-Patino, *no valid driver's license*, CCSO.

### LIBERTY COUNTY

#### August 21

•Dannielle M. White, *holding for CCSO*, CCSO.

#### August 22

•Amanda Hamlin, *holding for CCSO*, CCSO.

•Patrick Hagerman, *warrant (possession of a firearm by a convicted felon)*, LCSO.

#### August 23

•Janice Shiver, *passing worthless bank checks*, LCSO.

#### August 24

•Joshua Church, *possession of a weapon by a felon*, LCSO.

#### August 26

•Diana Sumner, *holding for CCSO*, CCSO.

•Spencer Faircloth, *battery (domestic)*, LCSO.

•Christopher Daniels, *driving with license suspended or revoked*, LCSO.

•Jessica Fulghum, *warrant (Franklin) (domestic battery)*, LCSO.

### Blountstown Police Dept.

Aug. 20 through Aug. 26, 2012



Citations issued:

Accidents.....00	Traffic Citations.....22
Special details (business escorts, traffic details).....95	
Business alarms.....02	Residential alarms.....00
Complaints.....112	

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.

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# McLEMORE INVESTIGATION

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it was Winter. When questioned, Laurie said the caller was hysterical and she could only understand the words "arm and glass." She said she dropped the phone and rushed to her sister's house.

Records showed that Winter later called her sister from an unrecorded line behind the dispatcher's area at 9:30 p.m. The on-duty dispatcher said she had the impression Winter was leaving a message and heard her say, "I am at the sheriff's office. Come and get me."

FDLE investigators reported that the McLemore's oldest daughter said she was awakened by a noise described as the sound of "a belt slapping the wall."

According to the report, the youngster heard the sound of gunshots. Her mother had fled the house. Alone except for her two younger sisters, the 10-year-old went to her parents bedroom and saw a body on the floor. She thought it was her mother. She called her aunt but never realized that the call had been answered.

When interviewed by FDLE with a Child Protection Team, the little girl said after seeing a body on the floor, she found her youngest sister crying in the hallway and put her back in bed. She told investigators she was praying she would be able to tell her aunt what had happened and hoped that she would "be able to get it all fixed."

## MISSING MONEY

LCSO Investigator Brian Bateman confirmed that approximately \$35,000 was found in the glove box of Tranum's vehicle immediately after his death, according to the FDLE.

Winter said Tranum had gotten a check for almost \$30,000 after

cashing out a CD at their bank without her knowledge. She said that there was around \$6,000 in cash in the glovebox, along with the check. She said he had been taking small amounts of money from their joint bank account over the past few months because he "knew we were getting a divorce."

Winter later told FDLE her oldest daughter said she had seen the money in her father's truck earlier but never mentioned it to her, fearing it might start an argument.

No one seems to know what happened to the money. "There was no documented report of this money in reports provided by the sheriff's office," according to FDLE.

When asked about the money Tuesday, Conyers said, "Nothing of evidence was found in the truck. We didn't seize anything."

## THE GUN

The weapon used in Tranum's death was reportedly found under his leg and was removed before FDLE arrived that night. LCSO Sgt. Jamie Shiver had a deputy document the gun's location by taking a photo with a cell phone since no one had a camera at the scene. He said he removed the gun because he thought it was cocked and potentially dangerous.

The gun, a P95 Ruger semi-automatic pistol, was owned by Tranum and had been used by his wife during a firearms class held by the Blountstown Police Department. Both had fired the gun during class; DNA from both was found on the pistol, according to FDLE.

## PHOTOS OF THE SCENE

"The crime scene photographs taken by the FDLE Crime Laboratory were found to conflict

with the photographs taken by the LCSO," according to the FDLE report. "The FDLE photographs show Tranum laying on the floor on his stomach with his left leg bent upward, and no firearm was observed to be present. The photographs taken by LCSO show Tranum lying on his stomach with his left leg bent back and touching the right leg."

## 'NO DECEPTION' FOUND DURING POLYGRAPH

FDLE found "no deception" was indicated when Winter took a polygraph test on June 27.

The test included only three questions, which Winter reviewed in advance:

- Were you involved with the shooting of Tranum?
- Did you plan with anyone to shoot Tranum?
- Did you withhold any information about the shooting of Tranum?

The report indicated she answered negative to all three questions and the test administrator said he believed she was telling the truth.

## WAS CHILD COACHED?

On May 30, the McLemore's 10-year-old daughter was interviewed and gave what investigators felt were "very inconsistent" answers.

When asked about her relationship with her father, she replied that she had not really "bonded" with him, but said he took her hunting and fishing. She denied seeing anything "serious" going on between her parents but did see them arguing about money.

She said the afternoon of April 4, her father took her to McDonald's. She said he took his driver's license out, cut his photo out of it and handed it to

her, stating, "If anything happens, this is yours."

When asked what it meant, she said she didn't know but that her father always said, "Spend every day like it's the last."

Both an FDLE investigator and an investigator with the Florida Division of Children and Family agreed that it appeared the youngster had been coached on what to say.

## TWO BROTHERS' CONCERNS

Conyers said he stands behind his original determination that McLemore's death was a suicide.

The biggest critic of the sheriff's office investigation is McLemore's brother, Klenton McLemore of Dothan, AL, who asked the governor's office to open an independent investigation.

He is adamant that his brother did not take his own life and alleges there were "multiple accounts of crime scene contamination."

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

"The FDLE report found that every one of Klenton's allegations were false or unsubstantiated," said LCSO Major Steve Swier.

In response to some of the brother's allegations, the FDLE report concluded:

•There is no clear indication that Winter McLemore received special treatment because she had relatives working with the LCSO.

•There was no record of cell phone activity between Winter

McLemore and her uncle, LCSO Major Dussia Shuler. The FDLE determined that Shuler was 56 miles away in Ebro at the time of McLemore's death. He arrived at the scene at 9:48 p.m., according to the LCSO crime scene log.

•There was no evidence that Winter hugged her husband's body and was allowed to shower right after the shooting.

Klenton McLemore challenged the sequence of gunshot wounds as reported by the sheriff. The FDLE report concluded, "The crime scene evidence cannot substantiate an exact scenario as to how the gunshots occurred. Opinion has been expressed by numerous different officials but the exact sequence of gunshots cannot be confirmed."

The medical examiner's preliminary findings were that McLemore killed himself, first firing a shot into his left arm before putting the gun to the right side of his head and firing the fatal shot. A third shot to his leg was explained as an accidental discharge from the gun as he fell to the floor.

Soon after the shooting, another McLemore brother, Scott McLemore who is an attorney in Houston, TX, said, "I'm not a ballistics expert, but the sequence of shots is extremely disturbing and sounds almost impossible to me."

## CASE CLOSED

The FDLE report ended by stating the investigation was closed but added: "In the event that new evidence is presented or becomes available at some point in the future, the FDLE will examine any such information and make a determination regarding the reopening of this investigation."

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## Donations sought for Blountstown Gazebo restoration project

Main Street Organization of Blountstown and Keep Calhoun Beautiful, Inc. have recently formed a partnership to propose the construction of a Gazebo complex on Magnolia Square in downtown Blountstown. Attached to the gazebo by means of a "breeze-way" would be ladies and men's bath and dressing rooms which would be handicapped accessible.

Each Blountstown City Council member has had the opportunity to review the proposed project, ask questions and offer suggestions. We have had an overwhelming positive response from the council. The proposed project will be presented at the regularly scheduled meeting of the city council on Sept. 11 for their further consideration.

With our local economy and low income population we feel that such a facility would add to the social-economic climate of our community. We have a wealth of talent in our community and this would provide a venue for festivals, talent shows, concerts, weddings, movies on the square etc. With the cost of fuel, it is not feasible for many of our citizens to travel to other locations that provide entertainment and the camaraderie that this would afford.

The design for the project is already in place. The majority of the funding has been procured by donations from local organizations and individuals; however we are in need of additional funding.

We are asking individuals, local businesses, and businesses that are patronized by our citizens to consider donating to this worthy project. All donations will be properly recognized in a permanent place at the gazebo. This will allow you as an individual or business to be acknowledged for your generosity and concern for our community.

For further information, contact (850) 674-5635, e-mail [kccb@fairpoint.net](mailto:kccb@fairpoint.net) or P.O. Box 303, Blountstown, FL 32424.

## Fire Departments will host annual Poker Run Sept. 8

The Calhoun County Fire Departments are hosting their second Annual Poker Run on Saturday, Sept. 8.

Registration starts at 9 a.m. at Mossy Pond Volunteer Fire Department, located on 7128 NW Porter Grade Road – with last rider out at 10 a.m. and ending at Westside Volunteer Fire Department with the last rider in at 1 p.m.

There is an entry fee of \$20, the second rider is \$10 and you can increase your chances at a better hand for \$5. The best poker hand wins \$100 and the worst hand gets \$50. There will be T-shirts available for sale.

At the end of the run there will be food, door prizes and more, so come out and help support your local fire departments.

Hope to see everyone at this fantastic event!



# Community Calendar

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Wednesday, August 29



**national  
CHICKEN  
MONTH**

**TODAY'S MEETINGS**

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

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Thursday, August 30

**TODAY'S MEETINGS**

- **AA**, 7 p.m., basement of Calhoun County Courthouse



**MOLD  
AWARENESS MONTH**

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Friday, August 31

**LCHS Dawgs vs. Graceville**  
Away at 8 p.m. (ET)



**B-town Tigers vs. Holmes Co.**  
Home at 7 p.m. (CT)

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Saturday, September 1

**BIRTHDAYS**  
*Joanne Rankin  
Stephanie Doran  
James Tyson Goodman*

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



**NATIONAL  
PIANO  
MONTH**

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Sunday, September 2

**BIRTHDAYS ~ Oneta Larkin, Carmen Foran, Joey Peacock,  
James Kelley and Karen Solomon Dudley**

• **American Legion Post 272**, 2 p.m., Legion Hall in Blountstown



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Monday, September 3

**TODAY'S MEETINGS**

- **Boy Scout Troop 206**, 7 p.m., Veterans Civic Center
- **Altha Girls Scout Troop #39**, 6 p.m., Altha Community Center
- **Panhandle Creative Crafters "Bizzie Bees"**, 5-8 p.m. (CT), WT Neal Civic Center, Blountstown
- **Bulldog Club**, 7 p.m., Field House

**BIRTHDAYS**  
*Scott Copeland  
Toby Garnett*



**LABOR DAY**

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Tuesday, September 4

**TODAY'S MEETINGS**

- **Altha Boy Scouts**, 7 p.m., Altha VFD
- **AA**, 6 p.m., Altha Community Center
- **Calhoun Commission**, 2 p.m., Ag. Bldg., Conference Rm, across from Courthouse
- **Mossy Pond VFD Auxiliary**, 6 p.m., Fire House
- **Dixie 109 Masonic Lodge**, 7 p.m. (CT), Dixie Lodge in B'town
- **Mayhaw Community Action Group**, 6 p.m., St. Paul AME Church in Blountstown
- **Liberty Chamber of Commerce**, 7 p.m., Apalachee Restaurant

**BIRTHDAYS**  
*Sandra Brown,  
Kimberly Hardy,  
Katrina Lane,  
Kathy Knight,  
Derry Bowden,  
Helen Larkins &  
Ron Worrell*

## Free hunter safety internet-completion course set Saturday

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is offering a free hunter safety Internet-completion course in Liberty County.

The course is at the Woodmen of the World Camp, 22459 NE Woodmen of the World Road in Hosford. Instruction is Saturday, Sept. 1 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Students must complete the Internet course before coming to class and bring a copy of the final report from the online portion of the course. The final report form does not have to be notarized.

An adult must accompany children under the age of 16 at all times. Students are encouraged to bring a pencil and paper with them to take notes.

The hunter safety course is required for people born on or after June 1, 1975, to purchase a Florida hunting license. The FWC course satisfies hunter-safety training requirements for all other states and Canadian provinces.

People interested in attending this course can register online and obtain information about future hunter safety classes at [MyFWC.com/HunterSafety](http://MyFWC.com/HunterSafety) or by calling hunter safety coordinator George Warthen at the FWC's regional office in Panama City at (850) 265-3676.

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Free classes start Sept. 6 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. (ET) at Veterans Memorial Civic Center.

## Matthew-Baggett reunion Sept. 8

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# Chipola Artist Series tickets available online



MARIANNA – For the first time in the history of the Chipola College Artist Series, patrons can purchase season tickets online. Visit [www.chipola.edu](http://www.chipola.edu), click on “Fine Arts” and “Artist Series.” Tickets go on sale to the general public Aug. 27 at 7 a.m.

Online tickets can be printed at home, or with an order confirmation, will-call tickets will be available at the box office the night

of the show.

The lineup includes the nationally-recognized male a cappella group, Street Corner Symphony, Sept. 27. Street Corner was a finalist on NBC’s The Sing Off. Illusionist Sammy Cortino will present a Las Vegas style magic show Jan. 17, 2013. The Davis and Dow jazz quartet featuring a vocalist and a request by favorites second half is Feb. 7, 2013.

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## Art Alive 2012 exhibit

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## Late Night Laughs

A RECAP OF RECENT OBSERVATIONS  
BY LATE NIGHT TV HOSTS.

They're worried that Tropical Storm Isaac could hit Florida during the Republican convention. But Florida is ready for it. Thanks to President Obama's economic policies, many businesses down there are already boarded up. — JAY LENO

Former New York Giant Michael Strahan will replace Regis Philbin as Kelly Ripa's permanent co-host. Of course it gets kind of weird when you hear that Regis was actually traded to the Giants. — JIMMY FALLON

Mitt Romney and Hurricane Isaac have something in common. They can both change directions at any moment. — JAY LENO

The Obama campaign announced that theirs will be the first political campaign to accept donations via text message. The president is hoping it's a way to engage grass-roots supporters to give money. A friend of mine tried to donate money and ended up voting for Sanjaya. — JIMMY KIMMEL

At a campaign stop in Virginia, Joe Biden said he is such a NASCAR fan, he said, "I'd trade being vice president in a heartbeat for winning Daytona." To which President Obama said, "Deal!" — JAY LENO

President Obama's supporters can now text the word "GIVE" to donate up to \$50 to his campaign, although it's frustrating when autocorrect keeps changing it to "Fix the economy." — JIMMY FALLON

Happy birthday to gold medalist sprinter Usain Bolt. He turned 26 last week. You know the sad thing? His world record time has already been broken by Republicans running away from Missouri Congressman Todd Akin. — JAY LENO

A new report found that full-frontal nudity on prime-time TV has increased 6,000 percent over the last year. Especially on that one sitcom, "The Fresh Prince Harry." — JIMMY FALLON

The Mars Rover Curiosity has sent back images of some odd things on the surface of Mars, and some people think they could be UFOs. Here's my question. If we're on the surface of Mars, aren't we the UFO? — JAY LENO

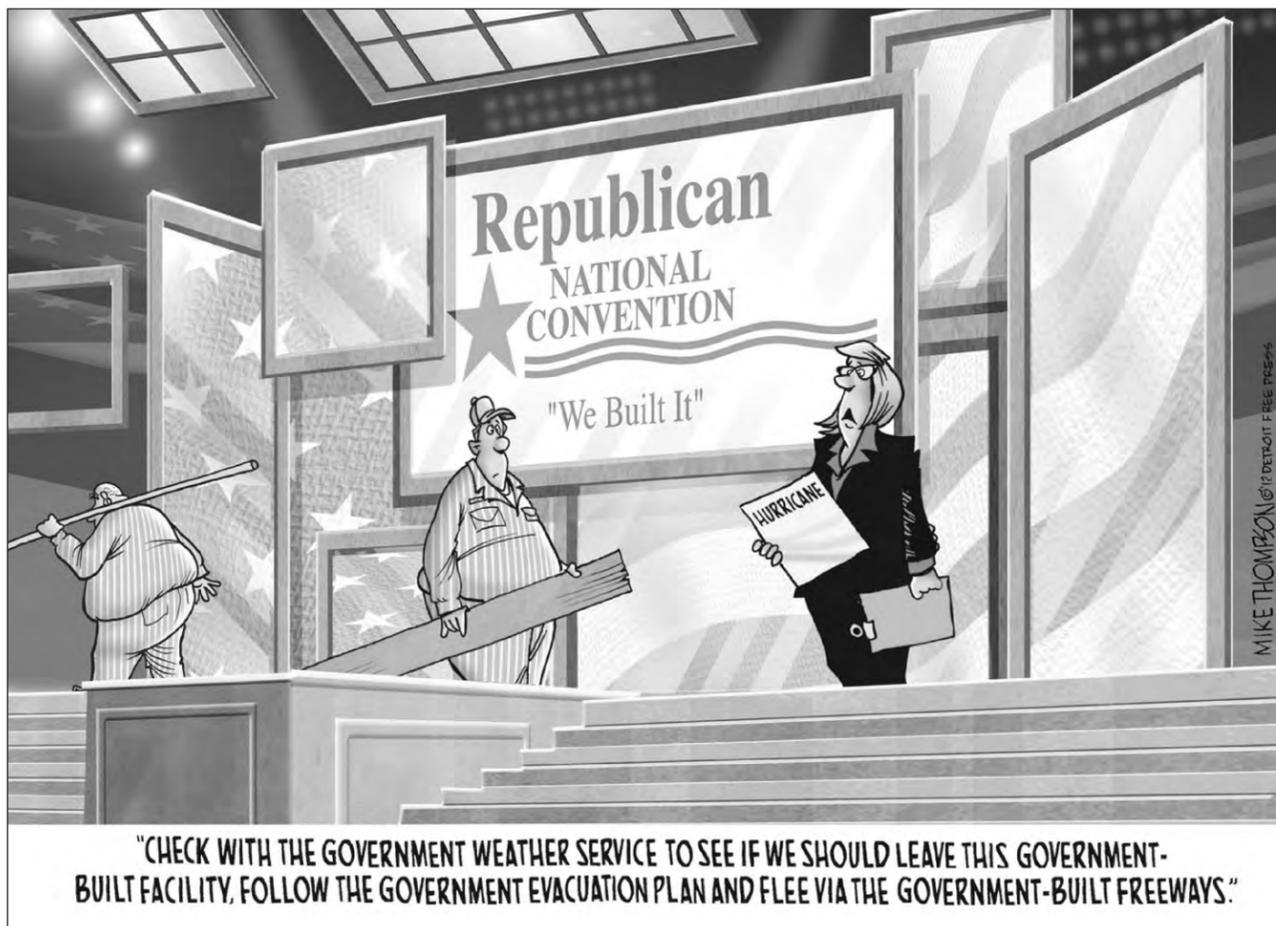
New research has found that people who wake up early are more productive than people who sleep in. Or as Congress put it, "Whoa, is it noon already?" — JIMMY FALLON

According to a new study, eating egg yolks after the age of 40 is as bad for you as smoking. Let me tell you something. If you are stupid enough to eat a 40-year-old egg yolk, you get what you deserve. — JAY LENO

Missouri Congressman Todd Akin has some interesting views on health. I think he's in a little hot water. Penn State took down his statue today. — DAVID LETTERMAN

Nude photos popped up on the Internet of what appears to be Prince Harry having a big naked party in Las Vegas. This has caused quite a commotion in London. But I'd be disappointed if my prince WASN'T having naked parties in Vegas. — JIMMY KIMMEL

More magazines are actually photo-shopping their models to make them look heavier. When models heard that they were like, "Or you could just let us eat." — JIMMY FALLON



## Making a choice in November

America is a divided camp. A political civil war is underway. The South (Republicans) against the North (Liberals). This war is not about capturing land and cities. This war is about capturing the hearts and minds of people.

On the second Tuesday in November 2012, the winner of this political fray will decide America's future. This is not just another election to maintain the status quo. There is no status quo in a divided America.

This election will determine if the Republican Party, controlled by right-wing extremists, gains control of the reins of government and continues their lurch to the right.

I long for the days when rational Republicans and Democrats would compromise and take care of America's business. Unfortunately, rational Republican politicians are no more. They are doing their best to burn down Washington as General Sherman burned Atlanta.

Where are Republican Senators like Bob Dole and Howard Taft when we need them? They have been replaced by Tea Party hacks whose only interest is to defeat President Obama and bring America to its knees. Of course, all in the interest of "saving America."

The Democrats are not without some criticism for this sorry state of affairs. ObamaCare was a great idea, but at the wrong time. By promoting healthcare first, President Obama is perceived as out of touch with the economy.

He inherited a very bad economic situation. He inherited an economy that was and still is in the hopper, President Bush's national debt and a national financial system that was coming unglued.

In my view, President Obama would have been better served to have focused on priming the economic pump, but too late. Now what?

In spite of right-wing blather, government does create jobs. Government at all levels fund infrastructure projects, like paving highways, building an "overpass ramp" at an intersection near my local airport. NASA is funding the private company Space X to resupply the international space station.

Governor Scott finally realized that government creates jobs. With the threat of closing down military bases in Florida, Governor Scott wrote to the DoD and Congress asking for protection for Florida military bases and the revenue that they generate.

In hindsight, if Obama had been able to really stimulate the economy with construction jobs then the economy might be improving more rapidly. About a third of the \$800 billion stimulus program was tax breaks for workers. If not renewed, these tax breaks will end

### COX'S CORNER

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at the end of the year, which will take more revenue out of the marketplace.

Republicans have been waging war on just about everything. They have a full court press to restrict women's rights. They are obsessed with abortion. Some things can't be resolved in the best interest of all parties. Abortion is one of those issues. Gay rights is another.

Republican state legislatures have proposed over 160 laws to restrict a woman's right to healthcare. Representative Todd Akin, running for the senate from Missouri, gave us his version of "legitimate rape." He then demonstrated that he had missed fifth-grade sex education by saying that in a rape, a woman's body would "shut down" and protect her from becoming pregnant.

The irony is that Akin and vice presidential hopeful, Paul Ryan, proposed a federal law that would ban abortion in all cases, including rape and incest. While Akin has been taken to the woodshed over his ignorant remarks, Paul Ryan, Romney's selection for vice president, and Akin are joined at the hip on this no exceptions for abortion for any type of rape. Of course, the Republican political platform also calls for no exception for abortion for any type of rape.

Because of their Neanderthal attitude toward abortion under any circumstance, I don't know why any woman would vote for Romney and Ryan. But, a mother and daughter, both supporters of Todd Akin in Missouri said in a radio interview that there should be no exception for abortion. I wondered what the mother or daughter would do if either of them were raped and impregnated. It would be a test of their ideological beliefs.

My view, forcing a woman to carry a child of a rapist to term is barbaric. But, extremist Republicans like Paul Ryan would force women to do just that.

Romney's energy plan is to burn more coal and oil. No great ideas from Mitt on clean energy that doesn't pollute the air we breathe. But, the energy companies own him. He will do their bidding.

Mitt's foreign policy: Remain in Afghanistan. Do Israel's bidding. Attack Syria. Start another 10-year war in the Middle East. Threaten China.

Mitt's immigration policy: Force about 10 million people to "self-deport."

Mitt's fiscal plan: No taxes. Every man and woman on their own. Don't worry, be happy, the job creators will take care of you.

Mitt's healthcare plan: You get a voucher. Figure it out for yourself. Good luck.

What is the future of America? On the morning of November 13, 2012, we will know. Americans will have made their choice.

**WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND**

by Douglas Cohn and Eleanor Clift



**Akin rubs off on Ryan**

WASHINGTON – It was one of those comments that broke through all the clutter, changing the calculus of a critical Senate race and upending the carefully planned rollout of Republican vice presidential candidate Paul Ryan. It almost doesn't matter whether Missouri Rep. Todd Akin is able to ride out the initial reaction to his assertion that in cases of "legitimate rape," a woman's body can shut down to prevent pregnancy, he is walking dead, politically speaking.

The Republican campaign committees are cutting off his money and his party has turned against him. He let the first deadline pass for a resignation that would allow the Missouri state party to easily name a successor and he's apologized for what he calls his ill-chosen words. He meant to say "forcible rape," a phrase that he and his House Republican colleagues favor because it would narrow the exceptions where abortion is allowed by excluding what are in their minds more ambiguous situations like date rape.

Whatever becomes of Rep. Akin, he has already had a negative impact on how his party's vice-presidential nominee is regarded. Ryan's chief attribute is his friendly, non-threatening demeanor, which at least in theory allows him to deliver strong opinions without making voters uneasy. The jury is out on that theory when it comes to Medicare and Ryan's insistence that turning health care for seniors into a voucher program is necessary to save it for future generations.

Now Ryan's persona is facing another test as women's groups and the Obama campaign point out that Ryan holds the same views as Akin and that their voting records are identical on legislative proposals that seek to curb abortion rights. Ryan and Akin were coauthors of the legislative language that sought to redefine rape by terming it forcible rape. Like Akin, Ryan opposes exceptions for rape and incest.

The Republican convention opens this week in Tampa and the party's platform endorses a Human Life Amendment to the Constitution that would prohibit abortion in all instances, including rape and incest. Republican nominee Mitt Romney supports the amendment and his party's platform but his presidential race has been based on the assumption that the election would be about the economy and job creation and that social issues like abortion would not be a focus for voters.

Akin's comments and Ryan's close identification with the same policies elevates the issue of abortion to center stage, at least for now. The media will scrutinize the agenda Republicans have pushed on Capitol Hill, bringing unwanted attention to the national ticket about what their party supports. Senator Rand Paul, R-Kent., recently held up much need flood relief legislation by tacking on a Personhood amendment to the Constitution that would declare life begins at conception and confer full rights on a fetus from the moment of conception.

Romney has strongly condemned Akin's remarks and said that he in no way supports him, but it will be more difficult for Ryan to separate himself from Akin's views since he shares them. Akin may have said "legitimate" when he meant "forcible," but it is a distinction without a difference and many if not most voters will react negatively to both Akin's made-up science and his attempt to separate out rape situations that should require a woman to carry a pregnancy to term versus those where he would concede a wrong has been done.

Akin in the end is a minor figure in the long sweep of history, but the Romney-Ryan ticket will pay the price. Romney picked a vice president to rally the GOP's conservative base and that means embracing views that many voters see as more radical than anything they could have imagined.



# FARM BUREAU BANQUET

*Raymond Russell, above right, welcomes guests at Thursday's annual Liberty County Farm Bureau Banquet, held at Veterans Memorial Civic Center in Bristol. Farm Bureau members gathered to enjoy a meal together as well as a chance to catch up with friends and neighbors.*

DANIEL WILLIAMS PHOTOS



SUWANNEECOUNTY - They're here!! They're here!! North Florida Animal Rescue announces the availability of barn cats from the Caboodle Cat Ranch confiscation.

Cats have been the answer to rodent contamination problems for hundreds of years. A good mouser can eliminate rodent pilfering, fouling and disease, making a barn and its contents safer for your animals and family.

"These cats are part of the Caboodle confiscation," says Jerry Garrett, NFAR Director of Operations. "They are all up to date on their shots, have been spayed/neutered and micro-chipped. They're ready to go to work."

According to Pam Taylor, Director of Rescue and Adoptions, "These are not pets. They're not going to curl up in your lap and purr, but they have been through a lot and deserve a good home where they will be treated kindly and valued for what they have to offer."

A special adoption fee of \$10 is available for these special cats. The adoption fee will be waived on the second cat if they are adopted in pairs. The fees will be donated to the ASPCA to help offset some of the cost of the cats' confiscation and treatment.

North Florida Animal Rescue is anticipating the arrival of more Caboodle cats in the near future. These will be pet temperament, looking for a lap to love.

We are located at 16800 CR 138 in Wellborn, approximately 150 miles from Bristol via East I-10.

For more information, call (386) 963-1295 or go to the website at [northfloridaanimalrescue.org](http://northfloridaanimalrescue.org).

## TOP NAMES FOR DOGS AND CATS

Dogs and cats will always hold a warm place in the hearts of pet-lovers. Naming that new puppy or kitten can take some forethought. You will need to find a name that will convey the spirit of the animal but also endure throughout the animal's life.

Oftentimes pet owners turn to the movies or modern culture to help name their pets. Other times they simply have a name that is dear to them. Certain pets names are more popular than others.

Here is the list of the top 10 names for both dogs and cats, courtesy of PetFinder.

- | CATS        | DOGS       |
|-------------|------------|
| 1. Lucy     | 1. Buddy   |
| 2. Midnight | 2. Max     |
| 3. Bella    | 3. Daisy   |
| 4. Molly    | 4. Bella   |
| 5. Smokey   | 5. Lucy    |
| 6. Tiger    | 6. Jack    |
| 7. Oreo     | 7. Molly   |
| 8. Max      | 8. Charlie |
| 9. Princess | 9. Sadie   |
| 10. Charlie | 10. Rocky  |

## Calhoun Chamber offers lower rate for individuals in new membership term

The 2012-13 membership term for the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce begins October 1, 2012 and will run through Sept. 30, 2013. The

Chamber is now offering a new option at a lower annual rate that encourages individuals to join the organization. Individual membership will now be \$25 per person, per year. Business membership remains at \$150 annually and non-profit membership is \$75 per year.

The attempt to increase individual membership was discussed by the Chamber board of directors at their strategic planning session in the spring. With so many retired or "stay at home" parents, they recognized

an untapped source of people who may have time available and want to stay engaged in their community, but aren't sure where to

begin. Joining the Chamber of Commerce to help support the community is a wonderful way to help strengthen the foundation of the organization, while helping build a more sustainable and successful community.

Any individual, business, or non-profit organization interested in Chamber of Commerce membership can receive more information by emailing [Kristy@calhounco.org](mailto:Kristy@calhounco.org), calling (850) 674-4519, or visiting the Chamber website at [www.calhounco.org](http://www.calhounco.org).



**ROAD BLOCK** - Log trucks seem to jam up as they try to make the detour turn onto Chester Street in Hosford Monday after a pine tree fell across a power line and onto SR 20. Power company employees are seen next to the debris as it is being removed from the road.

PHIL COALE PHOTO

## Couple share their experiences discovering national parks & write book to encourage minorities to embrace conservation

TALLAHASSEE – The Magnolia Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society is pleased to present a special program on expanding diversity in the conservation community Thursday evening, Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. at FSU. How can we bridge the artificial divisions that we experience in daily life so that we can have more common experiences of awe and connectedness? Special guest Audrey Peterman will share some of the successful strategies that are being used to illustrate our common humanity as a means of assuring our common sustainable future.

Audrey Peterman is President and Cofounder of Earthwise Productions, Inc., a consulting

and publishing firm dedicated to connecting Americans of color with the environmental movement. Since taking a 12,000-mile, 40-state, round-the-country road trip in 1995 with her husband Frank and discovering our National Park System, Audrey has been a passionate advocate for the preservation of the national parks and our public lands. Finding that the parks were practically devoid of visitors from among prominent racial and ethnic groups such as Latinos or African Americans, the Petermans were inspired to help redress this condition. In the intervening years, Earthwise has generated multiple stories in media ranging from the Afri-

*Monthly meetings and programs of the Magnolia Chapter are held on the first Thursday of the month and are open to the public, free of charge. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. at the FSU campus, King Life Sciences Building, Rm 1024 in Tallahassee. Directions may be found at [magnolia.fnpschapters.org](http://magnolia.fnpschapters.org). Parking is also free.*

can American-focused National Newspaper Publishers Association and the Tom Joyner Morning Show to Audubon magazine and MSNBC's Weekends with Alex Witt.

From Wall Street to small rural neighborhoods, the Petermans are credited with making millions aware of the National Park System and its relevance to their lives.

As a member of a minority group, Audrey knows how to align the values in her community – including spirituality and love of nature – with the need to protect landscapes large and small. The Petermans have been intimately connected with the effort to restore the Florida Everglades and were presented with the George Barley Award in 1997 to celebrate their leadership. The Peterman's first book, "Legacy on the Land: A Black Couple Discover Our National Inheritance and Tells Why

Every American Should Care," will be available for sale at the meeting. It details their observations of the challenges and opportunities inherent in expanding the environmental movement.

*The purpose of the Florida Native Plant Society is to promote the preservation, conservation and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida. For more information about this program or the Florida Native Plant Society visit [magnolia.fnpschapters.org](http://magnolia.fnpschapters.org) or call (850) 663-4361. Additional sponsors making this program possible are Native Nurseries, the Apalachee Chapter of the Florida Trail Association and the Big Bend Environmental Forum.*

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## BIRTHDAY

**HADLEIGH ELIZABETH BAILEY**

Hadleigh Elizabeth Bailey celebrated her first birthday Monday, August 27. She is the daughter of Heidi Bailey of Altha. Her grandparents are Howard and Laura Bailey of Altha and David and Tammy Lister of Wewahitchka. She enjoys eating, dancing, watching Baby First T.V. and playing with her big cousin, Cayson. She celebrated with a "Look Whoo's One" owl birthday party.



# Goat Day Barnyard Olympics to include dairy & meat goat show

The first annual Goat Day Barnyard Olympics will be held Saturday, Oct. 20 at Sam Atkins Park on Hwy 20 in Blountstown.

It will be open to all youth who are members in good standing with 4-H and FFA chapters. There will be separate shows for dairy and meat goats. The deadline is Oct. 1.

Showmanship class will be offered. You must be entered in regular dairy and/or meat goat classes to show in Showmanship class.

We will offer a Pee Wee class for youth that are under eight years of age. All participants will get a ribbon.

Goats do not need to be registered but must have current health certificate. All animals will be checked before unloading to the show grounds.

Official 4-H, FFA attire is encouraged. You can also show in a white collared shirt with white or black pants/jeans. Only closed end shoes are acceptable.

Pay outs for both shows will be a percentage of the entries collected. Scholarships will be given for best showman.

Check-in time is from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., with the show starting at 10 a.m. sharp.

Please note that dairy goats should not have ear tags, only tattoos.

This is a one day show with limited water and electricity. Your goats must be clipped and washed before they come to the show. Please bring tools to clean up after your goats. We will try to have pens for everyone, it will depend on the entry.

These goat shows will be held in conjunction with the Blountstown Rotary Annual Goat Day. This is a charity event and the Rotary has generously supported our show. Exhibitors will be given one ticket for themselves and two more for their parents. All others will have to pay the \$5 gate entry fee. There will be many free activities for younger kids.

Please be prepared to house your goats out of your trailers in case the entry is large. Pay outs will be given after your assigned area is inspected by the Show Committee and the Barnyard Olympics is complete.

For more information or questions, call Linda VanCleve, show chair at (850) 674-7332, or e-mail at [lvcab1@yahoo.com](mailto:lvcab1@yahoo.com).

## Goat Showing Clinic Sept. 8

A Goat Showing clinic will be held on the grounds of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Blountstown on Saturday, Sept. 8 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Goats will be provided. If you don't own a goat we can hook you up with a goat breeder who will lease you a goat and mentor you.

For more information, call Linda at (850) 674-7332 or e-mail [lvcab1@yahoo.com](mailto:lvcab1@yahoo.com).

## NOTES OF THANKS

To all the gracious, giving and thoughtful people of Liberty County, we would like to say thank you for all the kindness and generosity shown to us during the loss of our loved one. Thank you for all the food, paper goods, flowers, cards and most of all for the visits and prayers that were given so freely to us. All of the concern that was shown for our family was such a loving gesture. We will miss Butch more than any words can say, he was loved very much by all that knew him. Again, thank you so very much, we could not have gone through this without your support.

*Sincerely, The Butch Tharpe Family*

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Connections Fellowship would like to thank the community for its help in our fundraising this summer to provide backpacks for families in need in our community. We were able to give away 115 backpacks in our first year! Thank you to everyone who helped us with car washes, the Father's Day Pan Fish Tournament and the Boston Butts sale. We appreciate being able to serve through your generous help.

*Sincerely, Pastor Michael Murray*

## Florida Astronaut Challenge registration

TALLAHASSEE – Student team registration for the second annual Florida Astronaut Challenge is now open to high-school students across the state (grades nine through 12).

The 2013 competition follows the successful 2012 Florida Astronaut Challenge that took place on May 19 in Tallahassee.

Florida's Astronaut Challenge is an opportunity for students to showcase their knowledge

of Science, Technology, Mathematics and Engineering (STEM), through a series of team-oriented experiments and challenges.

The application deadline for the regional qualifier exam is Friday, September 28. Seven, five-person teams will be selected from the top scorers of the regional qualifier competition. The regional qualifier exam will be given at three locations in southern, central and northern Florida.

During the qualifier exam, students will be asked to respond to 100 multiple-choice questions based on the Student Astronaut Challenge Manual. Students will compete as a five-person team, taking a different version of the test individually and then one composite score will be produced from the average scores of team members.

Teams that qualify will be invited to contend for first place at the state-level competition March 8-10,

2013, in Tallahassee, where students will bring their experiments to life using a Mobile NASA Space Shuttle Flight simulator developed and constructed by Florida State University Lab School. For additional dates and information about the 2013 Astronaut Challenge and to register with your team, visit Florida's Astronaut Challenge website. Updates may also be found on the Department's Just for Teachers website.

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

### Jehovah's Witness assembly to be held this weekend in Panama City

The local congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses would like to invite everyone to attend a two day assembly Saturday and Sunday, September 1-2 starting at 9:40 a.m. at the Marina Civic Center in Panama City. The theme of the assembly is "Safeguard Your Mind," based on Matthew 22:37.

Jesus instructed his disciples to love Jehovah God with their whole heart, soul and mind. This assembly has been designed to help Christians strengthen the person they are on the inside. It will help each one to analyze their thoughts with a view to being more pleasing to Jehovah. A few

of the questions that will be answered are:

- How can we allow God to mold our thinking?
- How can husbands, wives, parents and children contribute to family hap-

piness?

•What benefit comes to those who apply what they learn from the Bible?

There is no admission charge; no collections are taken.

### Worship and baptism at Wakulla Springs Sunday

**CONNECTIONS FELLOWSHIP** – Connections Fellowship will be meeting this Sunday, September 2 at Wakulla Springs for a day of fun and worship.

We will conclude the day with worship at 5:30 p.m. by the springs, followed by our second baptism. Our youth will be performing a drama during the service. Dress comfortably and join us for a day of celebration this Labor Day Weekend.

For more information, please call Michael Murray at (850) 447-4115 or email us at [ConnectionsFellowship@comcast.net](mailto:ConnectionsFellowship@comcast.net).

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# LIBERTY 4-H

## Liberty County 4-H expands with clubs, classes & camps

from the Liberty County Extension Office  
4-H is a national organization that helps young people develop knowledge and skills to become productive members of society. 4-H helps youth to meet the diverse challenges of today's world by building self-confidence, learning responsibility and making positive decisions. In a safe environment, 4-H brings youth and adults together to learn everyday skills for living.

guidance 4-H volunteers offer. Just think of how much the next generation could benefit from your lifetime of experience. Volunteers are needed to meet the demands of a growing 4-H program.

Great opportunities are available to you in Liberty County 4-H. For more information, please contact the Liberty County Extension office at 643-2229 or visit [www.liberty.ifas.ufl.edu](http://www.liberty.ifas.ufl.edu).

Liberty County 4-H offers a variety of opportunities for youth ages five to 18, to learn and get involved in their community. Some of the things youth can do in 4-H include: community service, public speaking, gain leadership skills, teen council, sewing, food and nutrition, archery, just to name a few.

### Oktoberfest Arts & Crafts sale set

Liberty County 4-H is sponsoring their Second Annual Oktoberfest Arts & Crafts sale Saturday, October 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (ET) at Veterans Memorial Civic Center. Vendor space inside and outside will be available to rent for booths. If you would like an application, please call our office at 643-2229 or go online to [liberty.ifas.ufl.edu](http://liberty.ifas.ufl.edu) and click on 4-H Youth Development.

Youth can get involved in 4-H in a variety of ways.

•CLUBS: Two clubs are being offered after school twice a month at both Tolar and Hosford schools, one is archery and the other cooking.

We would like to add music to our festivities with different bands playing out by the gazebo while the Veterans Memorial Train runs. If you are in a band or know of a band that would like to play at the Oktoberfest, please give us a call.

•AFTER SCHOOL: During the 21st Century After School Program youth will participate in 4-H science and gardening. 4-H in the Classroom will include: 4-H/Tropicana Public Speaking program, Embryology and Ag Adventures.

We are also looking for kids' blow up equipment, pony rides, cotton candy, snow cones, etc. to be at the event. This is a great opportunity for clubs, organizations and individuals to make money as well as support 4-H. If you are interested in joining, please give us a call at 643-2229.

•CAMPS: The last way for youth to get involved in 4-H is residential and day camps.

Thank you for supporting Liberty County 4-H!

4-H volunteers make a difference. People volunteer for 4-H for many reasons. However, there is a special sense of accomplishment in helping a new generation of young people grow and learn. More and more youth need the values, skills and

## Beginning sewing class Sept. 10

The UF/IFAS, Liberty County Extension office is offering a sewing class for the beginner that would like to venture into sewing or quilting.

backstitch, finish and press your seams just like a professional.

You will become familiar with your sewing machine and learn how to clean and maintain it to keep in working condition.

After you practice sewing techniques, you will make a pillow case with finished seams. All you need to bring is a sewing machine.

Learn how to wind a bobbin, thread machine, adjust tension, learn about sewing terms, types of fabric and thread, sew a straight seam, turn corners,

Class will be held Monday, Sept. 10 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. (ET) at Veterans Memorial Civic Center, with Monica Brinkley as the instructor.

Class fee is \$15, which includes pillow case kit.

Choose one of the fol-

lowing for your project:

- Mr. Potato Head
- Grinch
- Dog Faces
- Passion for Music
- Poptarts
- Cat in the Hat
- Surf Boards
- Floral
- Clifford the Big Red Dog
- Florida Greetings
- Fishing Lures

Pre-registration must be done by Thursday, September 6, either online at [Liberty.ifas.ufl.edu](http://Liberty.ifas.ufl.edu) or, by calling 643-2229.

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# Two OK after car hits tree



Two Panama City men escaped with only minor injuries in a midday accident Saturday in Calhoun County when they collided with a tree.

The impact totaled the 2002 Honda and left part of the car's bumper hanging from a high limb and other debris from the vehicle scattered on the ground.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol report, William Henry Fischer, 27, was driving eastbound on CR 274 faster than the posted limit. He lost control of the car, which then began swerving and then ran sideways onto the eastbound shoulder. The car overturned

numerous times before coming to rest in the woods on its roof.

The crash was investigated by Trooper G.P. Jackson, who cited Fischer for careless driving. Both Fischer and his passenger, William Christopher Ketchum, also 27, were wearing seatbelts. They were taken to Bay Medical Center to be treated for their injuries. The 12 p.m. accident happened one half mile west of Church Street.

*RIGHT: A section of the car's bumper is shown hanging from the top of the tree, which bears the marks of the impact with the car.*

DANIEL WILLIAMS  
PHOTOS



# Thank You

I want to say "Thank you" to the citizens of Liberty County for your support and vote of confidence and trust in me to serve as your next Superintendent of Schools! I am truly blessed and honored to have been selected to represent and serve you and the children of our county.

This has been a dream of mine for many years, and I promise that I will not disappoint you. I pledge to always do what is in the best interest of children and will work diligently to put our school district on the map as a model for the state and the nation.



## FREE COOKOUT

Saturday, Sept. 8 from 5-7 p.m.  
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Everyone is invited! Let's celebrate our victory and show appreciation for your support. Scott Phillips will be honored at this event as well and all other candidates and newly elected officials are invited to come and enjoy a fellowship with our citizens. Wings, mullet, pilau, and side dishes will be served.

If you are interested in helping with this celebration, please email me at: [uzzellg@yahoo.com](mailto:uzzellg@yahoo.com).

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"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." ~ John F. Kennedy

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# RICHMOND PITTS

FOR CALHOUN COUNTY  
TAX COLLECTOR



I grew up on a small farm in the Clarksville/Frink area. My parents are the late Luvie and Mary Pitts. Working on the family farm as well as carrying the U.S. Mail at age 16 for my parents taught me the importance of good work ethics. I have resided in Calhoun County all my life and I still live on the family farm.

In 1977, I graduated with honors from Blountstown High School.

I have supervisory experience, supervising both men and women during my employment after high school. I have been employed with the Florida Department of Corrections for 19 years. At the present time I am a sergeant at the Calhoun C.I. Work Camp.

I have been married to Lynn Pitts for the past 21 years. I have two daughters Dara Pitts Taylor and Rebecca Pitts. I also have two grandchildren.

**If elected as your Tax Collector I plan to:**

- ✓Extend the office hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and on Saturday the Tax Collector's Office will be open from 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon. This can be accomplished with no additional cost to the Tax Collector's Office.

- ✓Form an unofficial advisory committee that will meet quarterly! This committee will differ in gender and business backgrounds. We want to strive for a higher customer satisfaction rating in Calhoun County.

- ✓Work extensively with other state and county agencies to make sure that the citizens of Calhoun County are represented by the Tax Collector's Office.

- ✓Have an "open door policy" and be accessible to the public.

- ✓Work tirelessly for the citizens of Calhoun County and carry out the duties of the Tax Collector courteously and professionally.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at (850) 447-2959 and I will be glad to speak with you.

**Thank you and I would appreciate your vote and support!**

Paid by Richmond Pitts, NPA, for Tax Collector

## Chipola College Summer Dean's list announced

MARIANNA – Dr. Sarah Clemmons, senior vice president of Instruction at Chipola College, commends some 200 students who made the Dean's List for academic achievement during the Summer I and II Terms 2012.

To be placed on the Dean's List, a student must take six or more semester hours of courses and make an average of 3.25 (B+) to 4.0 (A) in all courses.

Local students who made perfect averages of 4.0—straight A's—include:

•ALTHA — Liam Brantley-Curl, Justin Godwin, Tiffany Hill, Katrina Messer, James Sellers, Stephanie Shelton, Justin Terry

•BLOUNTSTOWN — Mitchell Darnell, Robert Deason, Cassidy Gurliaccio, William Holmes, Jr., Casey Johnson, Hailey Moravek, Dora Mosley, Mark Shuler, Sharlyn Smith

•BRISTOL — Phyllis Reddick, Carly Sapp, Ashley Sikes, Emily Whittaker

•CLARKSVILLE — Jesse Hall, Robert Johns, Faith Plazarin, John Tharpe;

Local students who earned grade point averages ranging from 3.25(B+) to 3.99 (A) and their hometowns include:

•ALTHA — Seth Alderman, Tiffany Hill, Maranda Middleton, Steve Yoder, Jr.

•BLOUNTSTOWN — Clarissa Cooper, Kenneth Edwards, Whitney Halley, Mary McClellan, Sharlyn Smith

•BRISTOL — Schelbie Anders, Auslinn Shuler, Ashley Sikes, Emily Whittaker

•KINARD — April Rich

## Caitlin Sanders graduates from Savannah College of Art and Design

SAVANNAH, GA—Caitlin Sanders of Blountstown recently graduated from the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD). Sanders earned a BFA degree in Performing Arts.

The Savannah College of Art and Design is a private, nonprofit, accredited institution conferring bachelor's and master's degrees to prepare talented students for professional careers. As the most comprehensive art and design university in the United States, SCAD offers more than 40 majors and more than 50 minors at distinctive locations in Savannah and Atlanta, GA, in Hong Kong, in Lacoste, France and online through SCAD eLearning.

SCAD has more than 20,000 alumni and offers an exceptional education and unparalleled career preparation. The diverse student body, consisting of more than 10,000 students, comes from all 50 United States and nearly 100 countries worldwide.

For more information, visit [scad.edu](http://scad.edu).



# Death by CHOCOLATE

Event raises \$6,300 for Calhoun Senior Citizens Association



Tables were covered with a tempting array of cakes, cookies, truffles and trifles along with every other imaginable way to use chocolate at Thursday's fundraiser for the Calhoun County Senior Citizens. Approximately 270 guests gathered at the W.T. Neal Civic Center for an all you can eat buffet full of chocolate treats, which were donated by board members, volunteers and the staff of the senior citizens association. The top auction item was a stay at a Mexico Beach house, which went to Margaret Warren with her bid of \$1,475. Yolanda Cheesmon and Maxine Jackson, shown below, were among the servers volunteering their time. The money raised will be used for matching grants and in-home services.



DANIEL WILLIAMS PHOTOS

# OUTDOORS

## Sept. 1 marks 75th year of Wildlife & Sport Fish Restoration Program

by Kenneth Wright, Chairman  
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION



The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program turns 75 this September. It is likely you haven't even heard of this program, but people everywhere who care about fish and wildlife conservation should be celebrating this anniversary. Without question, this is one of the most highly successful user-funded/public-benefit conservation programs in our nation's history.

It all began back in 1937 when hunters, joining with vendors of hunting equipment, approached the U.S. Congress to collect revenue from the sale of outdoor equipment and products to be used solely for the enhancement of wildlife conservation.

Wildlife Restoration funds have been critical to establishing healthy populations and habitats for many wildlife species, including the wild turkey, white-tailed deer and black bear just to name a few. These funds are essential to providing broader access and opportunities for public hunting and wildlife viewing,

monitoring wildlife populations, conducting practical wildlife research, providing hunter education, acquiring key wildlife habitats and developing public shooting ranges.

Sport Fish Restoration funds are used to provide broader access for public fishing and boating by constructing boat ramps, docks and fishing piers, conducting key fisheries research, restoring critical fisheries habitat and delivering educational programs targeting conservation of fisheries and their habitats.

Not only is September the 75th anniversary of the Restoration Fund, but September 1 is also one of our saltwater license-free fish-

ing days. What a great opportunity to introduce a non-angler to the sport of saltwater fishing. Florida is the Fishing Capital of the World and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is proud to be partners with all of the sportsmen, businesses and government agencies that help keep it that way.

As we enjoy the benefits flowing from hunters and anglers and the outdoor industry to fish and wildlife conservation and then back to everyone who enjoys our plentiful fish and wildlife resources, let's all remember that forward-thinking pioneers established the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program. It indeed forms a strong circle of stewardship and support around fish and wildlife unrivaled by any other conservation program in the world.

So, if you are out enjoying a day in the field or on the water, or just observing wildlife and you come across a hunter or angler, then offer your thanks for their leading role in conservation. They deserve major credit for the rich diversity of fish and wildlife resources we enjoy today.

## FWC to discuss Statewide Nuisance Alligator Program at meeting in Tampa on Sept. 5 & 6

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will meet Sept. 5 and 6 in Tampa to discuss the Statewide Nuisance Alligator Program; gopher tortoise, panther and falconry issues; the anchoring and mooring program; marine life and saltwater fisheries; modifications to management of Atlantic sea bass and reef fish, among other topics.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be at the Doubletree Hotel located on 4500 W. Cypress St. in Tampa, FL 33607. Both sessions start at 8:30 a.m.

After review of consent agenda items, Executive Director Nick Wiley will present a report.

Division of Hunting and Game Management staff will follow him with a report on the Statewide Nuisance Alligator Program, after which staff from the Division of Habitat and Species Conservation will discuss the conceptual framework for imperiled species management and provide information on panther population assessment and range expansion.

Also Sept. 5, Commissioners will decide whether to move forward with revision of the FWC's Gopher Tortoise Management Plan. The proposed document is a revision of the 2007 Gopher Tortoise Management Plan and is intended to guide the continued recovery of the gopher

tortoise through 2022.

To ensure that falconry can continue in Florida, the Commission will consider draft rule amendments to FWC rules pertaining to falconry, wildlife rehabilitation and other falconry-related issues, because the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is relinquishing to the states its share of permitting responsibility.

The final agenda item requiring action Sept. 5 is the latest component of a statewide anchoring and mooring pilot program. Staff will present a review of a proposed ordinance regulating the anchoring or mooring of non-live-aboard vessels outside the marked boundaries of public mooring fields in Monroe County. Commission approval is necessary before the ordinance can be enforced.

On Sept. 6, FWC Commissioners will take up marine fisheries issues, including updates from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council and the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council meetings; Atlantic black sea bass management changes; and provisions for restricted-species endorsement exemptions for veterans.

The Commission will consider draft rule changes to black sea bass management in Atlantic state waters. The proposed change would modify size and bag limits, and commercial

harvest and harvesting gear requirements.

The Commission also will consider, in a final public hearing, creating three commercial license exemptions that will assist Florida's veterans wishing to enter into the commercial fishing industry.

After deliberating the FWC's strategic plan, budget issues and legislative proposals, Commissioners will hear an update on tarpon, game fish and sport fish designations and how they might affect some Florida fisheries.

All people who request to speak at a Commission meeting will be allowed to speak to specific issues or about items not on the agenda, according to established guidelines.

For the full agenda, links to background reports and information about the Sept. 5 and 6 Commission meeting, go to [MyFWC.com/Commission](http://MyFWC.com/Commission).

Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting should notify the agency at least five calendar days before the meeting by calling (850) 488-6411. Contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service at (800) 955-8771 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (voice) if you are hearing- or speech-impaired.

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Muzzleloading Gun .....	Dec. 1 - 7 & Feb. 18 - 24
General Gun .....	Nov. 22 - 25 and Dec. 8 - Feb. 17
Antlerless Deer .....	Dec. 26 - Jan. 1
Fall Turkey .....	Nov. 22 - 25 and Dec. 8 - Jan. 13
Quail .....	Nov. 10 - March 3
Gray Squirrel .....	Oct. 13 - March 3
Bobcat and Otter .....	Dec. 1 - March 1
Youth Spring Turkey .....	March 9 - 10
Spring Turkey .....	March 16 - April 21
Mourning & White .....	Oct. 6 - 29, Nov. 10 - 25
Winged Dove .....	and Dec. 8 - Jan. 6

For more information visit: [www.myfwc.com](http://www.myfwc.com)

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## Some helpful, hard-earned wisdom for **Launching a boat**

When I was 16 and had a newly minted driver's license, my father let me take his boat down to Iamonia Lake to go hunting with my friend Curt Capps. I'd been driving since I was about 12, so that part was no problem. What I had never done before was back a boat trailer down a ramp.

What followed was a series of stops and starts, yelling and cussing, along with riotous laughter from the flock of old men at the Clubhouse, who were well-known for showing neither mercy nor any inclination to help in situations like this.

Curt, who was about as strong as four normal humans, finally got out, unhitched the boat trailer from the truck and walked it down to the water's edge.

"Now, just back the truck down to the trailer," he said. "I'll hook it back up when you're at the water."

Our solution was elegant in its simplicity. Plus, it shut up the peanut gallery and allowed us to go hunting in peace. When we came back, we repeated the procedure with the empty trailer. It was brilliant, we thought.

One person who did not appreciate our ingenuity, however, was my father. When word got back to him, he was livid. Forget-

**JIM McCLELLAN's**



### Outdoors DownSouth

Calhoun County native Jim McClellan grew up hunting, fishing and hanging out in the same Apalachicola River swamp that five generations of his family has enjoyed. He lives in Pensacola. He is sharing a few of his columns from his blog with Journal readers.

ting that he had raised four other sons, he was pretty sure he had spent hours teaching me to do this.

"I know darn well I showed you how to back a trailer," he said. (Daddy sometimes had what I like to refer to as a "revisionist memory.")

I helpfully pointed out that I was about five when he sold the truck he supposedly used to teach me. At that point, he fell back on his old standby: "Well, you ought to have enough common sense to figure it out."

After that day, I made it my business to get really good at backing a trailer. In the years since, I've done it hundreds of times in all sorts of conditions and with all types of boats. And I've learned that a lot more

people could have benefited greatly from my experience.

With that in mind, here is my abbreviated list of dos and don'ts for launching and/or loading boats.

**DO:** Launch your boat quickly and get out of my way.

**DON'T:** Do anything else. At all. Period.

And I don't care if nobody ever showed you how. You ought to have enough sense to figure it out.



Yes, I'm happy your son caught his first fish. But if he doesn't move off the ramp, he may also learn his first cuss word.

## HAPPY LABOR DAY

The Liberty County Landfill will be closed Monday, Sept. 3 in observance of Labor Day.

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LEFT: Liberty's Harold Armstrong (#34) loses his helmet while taking down a Chipley Tiger. RIGHT: Bulldog Alex Marlowe (#5) highsteps while trying to keep from going down as a Chipley player dives towards him.

# Liberty Bulldogs defeat Chipley Tigers 35-28

by Richard Williams, *Journal sports writer*

Liberty County defeated the Chipley Tigers 35-28 thanks to a first half effort that overcame a lackluster second half performance.

The Bulldogs scored four times in the first half to take a 27-7 lead into the locker room, but in the second half the Tigers scored on their opening drive and were able to close the gap on Liberty by scoring the last two touchdowns of the game.

LCHS Head Coach Grant Grantham said he was more disappointed in the second half effort than he was happy about the first half.

"We played like we practiced," Grantham said. "We want to come out hard early in the practice and then kind of coast through the rest thinking we're ready . . . and that is going to come back to bite us if our leadership doesn't step up and push people to finish."

Liberty opened their first drive with a big run by Alex Marlowe for 41 yards. Later in the drive Marlowe scored on a seven yard run to give Liberty the early lead.

On their first possession, the Tigers started moving the ball but an errant snap over the quarterback's head was recovered by Bulldog Jesse Williams. Liberty quarterback Dustin Watson threw his first touchdown pass as a Bulldog on the next play as he connected on

a 34-yard pass play with Michael Robinson who made the diving catch as he stretched across the goal line. The touchdown gave Liberty a 14-0 lead after their first two possessions.

Grantham said he was happy with the catch, but added it was the other things Robinson did on the field that caught his eye.

Grantham said Robinson did a great job blocking as a wide receiver and that his blocks made a difference for the team.

"People notice who scores the touchdowns, but it is the guys that sacrifice to make sure we can get in the end zone that deserve more credit," he said. Grantham also pointed to Terryal Jenkins on defense and Ryan Reisoglue on special teams as players making a difference that night.

Chipley cut the lead to 14-7, but the Bulldogs answered in the second quarter. Watson connected with Marlowe on a 20-yard scoring pass to give Liberty the 21-7 lead. The Bulldogs later extended the lead when Dusty Young plunged in from three yards out to put the Bulldogs up 27-7 at the half.

Chipley opened the second half with a scoring drive, but Liberty responded in the final quarter as Marlowe carried the ball in from five yards out. Watson then rolled right and hit Young for a successful two-point

conversion. Chipley added two more touchdowns, but were unable to recover two onside kick attempts and Liberty was able to run out the clock to preserve the win.

The Bulldogs travel to Graceville August 31 to play a team loaded with speed and motivated for revenge after losing big to Liberty last year. The game in Graceville starts at 8 p.m. ET. Liberty's junior varsity squad will host Sneads August 30 in a 7 p.m. ET contest.

Liberty's Terryal Jenkins (#4) under attack from the Chipley Tigers.



ABOVE: Bulldog Ryan Reisoglue (#18) dives in for the tackle. BELOW: An opponent dives for the ball as Liberty's Stedman Dawson kicks, assisted by teammate Dustin Watson (#6).



ABOVE: A Bulldog brings down a Chipley player. RIGHT: Bulldog AJ Palmberg (#15) blocks for Alex Marlowe (#5) as he runs the ball down field.

DANIEL WILLIAMS PHOTOS

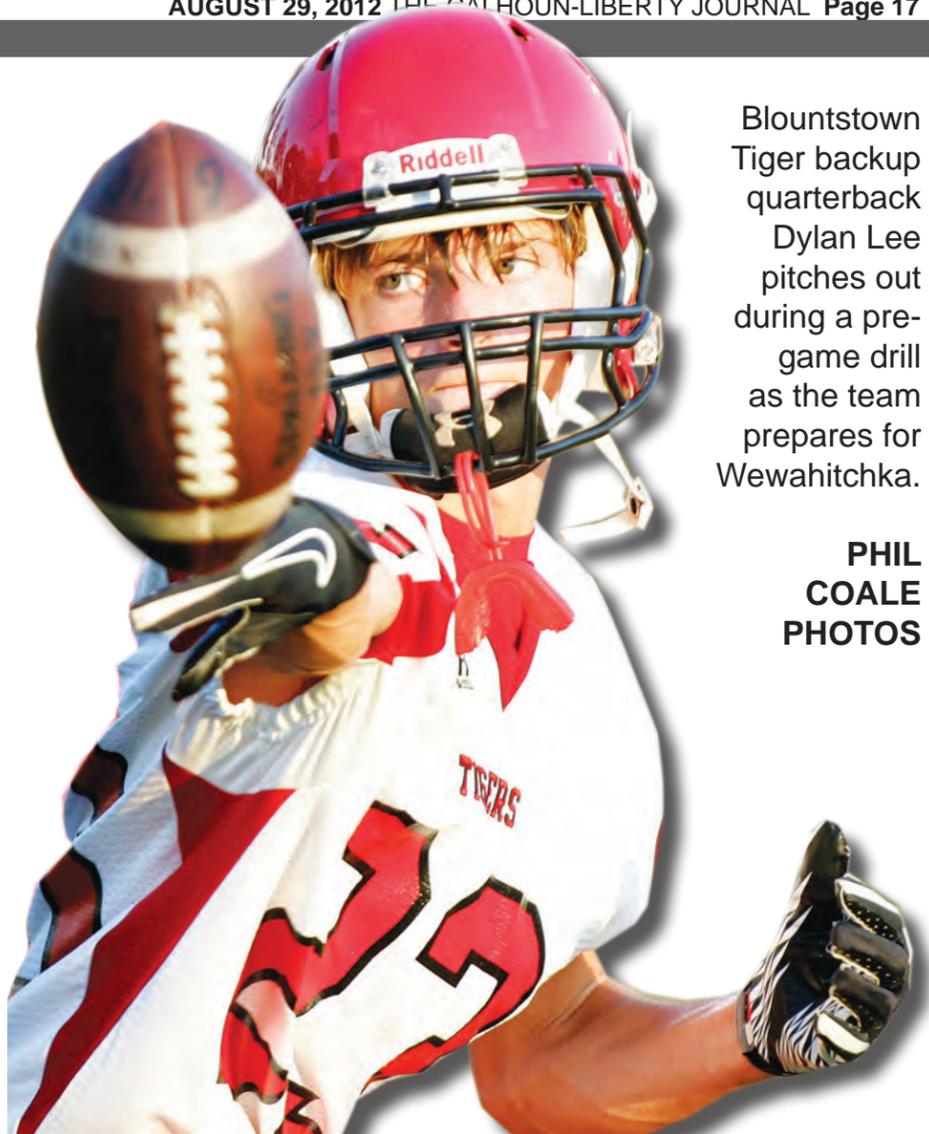




Blountstown high head coach Greg Jordan, center, works the sidelines.

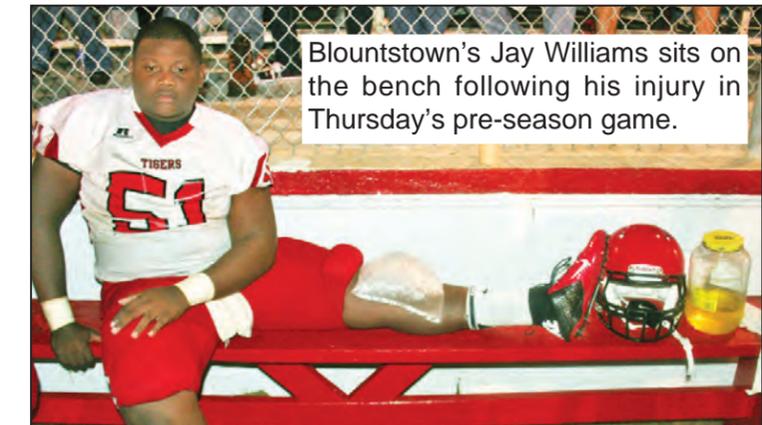


ABOVE: Blountstown's Javakiel Brigham runs for yardage against Wewa. RIGHT: BHS starting quarterback Hunter Jordan scrambles down the field as Wewahitchka's Jay Shiver gives chase.



Blountstown Tiger backup quarterback Dylan Lee pitches out during a pre-game drill as the team prepares for Wewahitchka.

PHIL COALE PHOTOS



Blountstown's Jay Williams sits on the bench following his injury in Thursday's pre-season game.



LEFT: Tiger running back Bobby Andrews pulls away from a Gator opponent.



## BHS Tigers win preseason opener 33-14

by Michael DeVuyst,  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

**WEWAHITCHKA** - The 2012 Blountstown Tiger Football season began last Thursday night with a preseason victory over the Wewa Gators 33-14.

Blountstown wasted no time after receiving the opening kickoff and scored on a five play 54-yard drive that took only two and a half minutes off the clock. The drive was capped off by a 2-yard plunge by Bobby Andrews and the kick by Andrew Bennett made the score 7-0.

Blountstown scored again in the second quarter on an eight play 64-yard drive. Big runs by Hunter Jordan and Corin Peterson took the ball down to the 3 yard line. Jordan completed the drive with a 3-yard run. Bennett's extra point kick pushed the score to 14-0 with 5:25 left in the first half. Wewa was able to put some points on the board just before the end of the half on a ten play 60-yard drive with Jaylin Addison carrying the ball across the goal line for the last yard. The extra point was no good and the half time score was 14-6.

Wewa received the second half kick but on third down C. Peterson recovered a fumble that set up the Tiger's 1 and 10 on the Gator 25-yard line. However, two plays

later the Tigers returned the favor on a fumble of their own. Once again, a Wewa turnover stopped their next drive. Dylan Lee intercepted an errant Gator pass and raced 19 yards down the right sideline to the Gator 6. This time the Tigers were able to capitalize on the Gator turnover and on the next play C. Peterson carried the ball across the end zone for the third Tiger score of the night. Bennett's extra point kicked made the score 21-6 with 9:43 left in the third quarter.

Wewa turned the ball over again on their next possession. This time a Gator fumble resulted in immediate points when Shon Peterson scooped up the ball off the turf and ran 15 yards for the score. The extra point was wide left, leaving the score at 27-6.

Wewa was able to hold onto the ball on their first drive of the fourth quarter and put together a beautiful 11 play 70-yard drive consuming 4:38 off the clock. Jarvest Sherfield finished the drive with a 4-yard run and Jaylin Addison added a 2-point conversion run. Wewa closed the gap 27-14 with 7:22 left in the game.

Blountstown answered Wewa's score with their final drive of the night. Blountstown's last drive covered 68 yards on 11 plays with Fabian Solomon carrying the

ball six times for 48 yards. Anthony Wyrick scored the touchdown with a one yard run. The Tigers took a knee on the 2-point conversion attempt, bringing the final score to 33-14.

The Tigers rushed for 318 yards on the night, led by Solomon's 68 yards on seven carries. Javakiel Brigham was close behind with 53 yards on six carries and C. Peterson's 52 yards on five carries. QB Jordan was 2 of 5 passing for 24 yards with Andrews and Tanner Peacock being credited with the receptions. The Tiger defense was led by C. Peterson with nine tackles. Tyler Owens and D. Lee finished with six tackles each.

Coach Greg Jordan was pleased with his team's effort. "We wanted to control the ball and the clock and shorten the game. We also wanted to keep everyone healthy for a tough opponent next week," he said. "We were able to move the ball well but we are a little banged up on the offensive line and that worries me a little bit because Holmes County is going to be one of the best teams we face all year."

The Tigers open the regular season at home on Friday, Aug. 31 at 7 p.m.

**BLOUNTSTOWN  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



## BES gets creative during writing class

Blountstown Elementary School fourth graders created creatures Friday during their writing class.

They were given play-doh and asked to make a creative creature. They were then asked to write a detailed description of their creatures.

Once they wrote their anonymous descriptions, the papers were passed to other students to see if they could match the description with a creature!

This was a practice in descriptive writing.

### BES Dates to Remember

✓September 7 – Family breakfast.

✓September 11 – Open House at 5 p.m. for grades Pre-K through fifth.

✓September 10-14 – Book fair at BES Library.

✓September 14 – Goodies for grandparents – Kindergarten and first grade only.

# Liberty County School District 2011-2012 District Report Card

## STUDENT PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS AND STUDENT PERFORMANCE DATA

As required by s. 1008.23 (8)(b), Florida Statutes, for Annual Public Reporting and for Presentation to the Florida Department of Education

### Students Scoring as Level 1 and Level 2 on the Reading Portion of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test 2.0 (FCAT 2.0)

The following table shows FCAT 2.0 Reading results for all students (all curriculum groups) tested during the 2012 administration of the FCAT 2.0

Grade	Total Number Tested	Number Scoring at Level 1	Percent Scoring at Level 1	Number Scoring at Level 2	Percent Scoring at Level 2	Number Scoring at Levels 1 and 2	Percent Scoring at Levels 1 and 2
3	111	15	13.51%	41	36.94%	56	50.45%
4	97	16	16.49%	29	29.9%	45	46.39%
5	104	15	14.42%	31	29.81%	46	44.23%
6	91	10	10.99%	26	28.57%	36	39.56%
7	87	8	9.2%	13	14.94%	21	24.14%
8	89	14	15.73%	19	21.35%	33	37.08%
9	89	21	23.6%	30	33.71%	51	57.3%
10	76	9	11.84%	26	34.21%	35	46.05%

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Aug 29 - Sept. 4

### CALHOUN

**WEDNESDAY**

BREAKFAST: Ham and cheese biscuit with potato tots.

LUNCH: Baked ham, baked sweet potatoes, garden peas, pineapple tidbits/apple crisp and cornbread or a chef salad.

**THURSDAY**

BREAKFAST: Scrambled eggs with buttered toast.

LUNCH: Chicken and brown rice, pinto beans, mixed vegetables, banana/diced pears with whole wheat roll or a garden salad with grilled chicken.

**FRIDAY**

BREAKFAST: French toast sticks with syrup and sausage patty.

LUNCH: Pepperoni pizza, French fries, Caesar salad, apple/banana/grapes or a chicken salad.

**MONDAY**

### Labor Day Holiday

**TUESDAY**

BREAKFAST: Pancake with syrup and turkey sausage patty.

LUNCH: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, easy baked carrots and fruit.

**AVAILABLE DAILY**

Cheese Burger, Chicken Burger, Meat Ball Sub, Cheese Pizza, Pepperoni Pizza, Assorted Hot and Cold Wraps.

### LIBERTY

**WEDNESDAY**

BREAKFAST: Sausage and gravy biscuit.

LUNCH: Chicken Parmesan over pasta or a turkey club on autumn grain or a veggie lover's wrap with green beans, tossed salad with tomatoes and light dressing. 2nd & 3rd grade Cheese Pizza.

**THURSDAY**

BREAKFAST: French toast sticks with syrup and ham slice.

LUNCH: Meatloaf or a toasted ham and cheese sandwich or a chicken salad sandwich with steamed broccoli, whole kernel corn and a dinner roll.

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

**FRIDAY**

BREAKFAST: Whole wheat grilled cheese sandwich.

LUNCH: Roast turkey with gravy or a hamburger on bun or a fruit, yogurt and cheese plate with baked sweet potatoes and cornbread. Pre-K & 4th grade Cheese Pizza.

**MONDAY**

### Labor Day Holiday

**TUESDAY**

BREAKFAST: Waffles with syrup and ham slice.

LUNCH: Chicken burrito or a chicken fried steak sandwich or a turkey and cheese chef salad with crackers, with pinto beans and glazed carrots.

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### Students Retained (not promoted) in Grades 3 through 10

Grade	Number Retained	End-of-Year Membership	Percent Retained
3	10	114	8.77%
4	5	103	4.85%
5	4	108	3.7%
6	2	116	1.72%
7	4	102	3.92%
8	2	100	2%
9	8	97	8.25%
10	6	85	7.06%

### Number of Students Promoted for Good Cause, by Category of Exemption

ELL/LEP Students with Less than 2 Years in ESOL	Students with Disabilities (SWD) not Tested on FCAT per IEP	Students Passing Alternative Assessment	Students Demonstrating Proficiency through Portfolio	SWD Retained Once with 2+ Years of Remediation	Students Retained Twice with 2 or More Years of Remediation	Total Promoted with Cause
8	0	14	0	1	0	23

The 2011-12 NCLB School Public Accountability Report is now available online. The report may be accessed at [www.doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbspar](http://www.doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbspar). A hard copy of this report is available at your child's school upon request by contacting the School Board office at 643-2275.

# Altha FFA attends 84th Annual State Convention

Altha FFA was well represented at the 84th Annual State FFA Convention this summer. We had a very busy week that was full of success.

Our chapter president, Rena O'Bryan, competed in the Job Interview Career Development Event (CDE) and was also elected as the District Secretary for the upcoming year.

Jesse Mills and Aubree Bay were chosen as Courtesy Corps members and spent the week working with convention staff to keep things running smoothly.

Kinsey Register competed in the State Middle School Prepared Public Speaking CDE and placed third overall in the state.

Ashton Baggett was recognized as an American Degree recipient and will go on to receive this honor at the National FFA Convention in October. Ashton was also a State Proficiency winner in the area of Fiber and Oil Crop Production; he was also a State Finalist in the area of Diversified Agricultural Production.



ALTHA WILDCATS

## Altha seniors and parents treated to breakfast Aug. 23

Parent meetings are being held at each grade level. Several grades have already meet and others are scheduled in the coming weeks.

Seniors and their parents were treated to breakfast last Thursday morning. They were provided with lots of information about their senior year.

Principal Ladona Kelley welcomed everyone and Charlene Yon, High School Guidance Counselor, provided scholarship information.

Senior sponsors talked about senior policies and discussed the senior trip.

All parents are encouraged to stay updated on all the events happening at Altha School throughout the year by going to our school website at [www.althaschool.org](http://www.althaschool.org).

Remaining meetings planned:

\*8/30 - Freshman Meeting at 7:45 a.m.

\*8/30 - Seventh/eighth grade at 5:30 p.m.

\*9/6 - Sophomore Meeting at 7:45 a.m.

\*9/13 - Junior Meeting at 7:45 a.m.



## Chipola offers help for unemployed and underemployed

MARIANNA – The U.S. Department of Labor recently awarded a \$3.9 million grant to Chipola College and the University of West Florida to provide education, training and job placement assistance to meet the demand for high-skill workers in Northwest Florida.

The project, Florida Hire Ed, allows Chipola College to enhance or increase the employment prospects for low-income or under-employed individuals in Holmes, Washington, Jackson, Liberty and Calhoun counties. Funds will not pay for tuition; however, funds will support additional services for participants, such as textbooks, online course access and industry exams.

Chipola College and UWF will enhance or add training in the fields of information technology and healthcare. Participants will earn industry certificates that represent portable skills recognized by employers nation-wide.

Programs at Chipola College and Washington-Holmes Technical Center included in this project will prepare information technology students to take industry certification exams in Courses leading to the following certifications are available: CompTIA Certifications: A+, Network+ and Security+; Microsoft Certifications: Windows seven and Windows Server 2008; EC-Council Certifications: Certified Ethical Hacker. These courses may also be applied to the Associate in Science (AS)

Degrees in Networking Services Technology and Computer Information Technology.

Health sciences programs included in the project are Certified Nurse Assistant, Emergency Medical Technician, Paramedic and Bridge-to-ADN students.

Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough, said, "This grant will allow us to provide the necessary training that will enable our citizens to fill these positions. We look forward to working with UWF, the Washington-Holmes Technical Center and the Chipola Regional Workforce Board as partners in training more students for high-skill, high-wage jobs in technology and health care."

As further specifics of the proposal are finalized, more details will be made available about the new training and certification that will be offered at both Chipola and UWF. As a first step, prospective students may visit the website [www.uwf.edu/floridahireed/](http://www.uwf.edu/floridahireed/) and complete the "participant application form" to determine their eligibility for assistance.

For information on this and other programs served by the One Stop Center systems, call (850) 718-0326 or (850) 638-6089.

The contact person at Chipola College is Vicki Mathis at (850) 718-2289. The Washington-Holmes contact is Stephanie Halley at (850) 638-1190.



Chipola College student Hannah Parrish works on a computer in the college Student Center.



## Chipola College holds nursing orientation

The Chipola College Nursing department recently held orientation for incoming students.

The program included skits and songs performed by current nursing students, pictured from left: Chelsea Dalton, James Ward, Yolanda Hamilton, Mary McClellan, Tiffany Lawrence, Sheena Davis, Chelsie Mathews, Emily Streukens and Latrice Thomas.

For information about Chipola's nursing program, call (850) 718-2316 or visit [www.chipola.edu](http://www.chipola.edu).



# Chipola Workforce Board holds annual celebration

The Chipola Regional Workforce Development Board held their annual celebration August 16 in Marianna. During the meeting the board named Joe Shuler of Liberty County as their Board Member of the Year. Shuler was a charter member of the board and has served for numerous years as head of the board's finance and audit committee.

After receiving the award Shuler said he is proud of his service to the five counties served by the board and added he was reminded of the reason he served after hearing from several success stories during the annual event. One of those stories was from David Herndon, who is currently employed by the Marianna Police Department. Herndon thanked the board members and staff for the support he received that allowed him to complete his training and become employed in his dream career. Herndon told the members that if it wasn't



ABOVE: Joe Shuler, left, shown with new CRWDB chairman Raymond Russell after being named the Board Member of the Year for the Chipola Regional Workforce Development Board.

for their support he wouldn't have been able to complete his training and he would never have been able to wear the uniform he now wears as he works to serve and protect others.

During the meeting outgoing chair Darrin Wall of Chipley passed the gavel to incoming chair Raymond Russell of Blountstown. Russell will be serving as chair of the board for a second time, becoming the first member to receive this honor. Russell reminded the board and staff of the importance of their mission as well as the good they do in the community.

Executive Director Richard Williams reminded those working for the CRWDB that they were blessed to have a job that allowed them to help others in the local community every day. He also thanked the staff for the dedication and devotion shown during the previous year.



ABOVE: Rep. Marti Coley addressed the members and expressed her support for local workforce development boards and the job done helping Florida residents get back to work. BELOW: Kenny "Bubba Trebek" Griffin gets a laugh while introducing Workforce Jeopardy contestants Niki Long, Joe Shuler and Lauren Morris. Each year the Workforce Board holds a themed annual celebration. This year the theme was Workforce Jeopardy and at various times during the meeting individuals from the audience were called up as contestants to show their knowledge of workforce related issues.



LEFT: Lynn Adcock receives the Employer of the Year Award from Executive Director Richard Williams on behalf of the Jackson County Commission.

DANIEL WILLIAMS PHOTOS



## Florida's unemployment rates for July

Florida's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 8.8 percent in July 2012, up 0.2 percentage points for June. There were 816,000 jobless Floridians out of a labor force of 9,269,000. The July 2012 rate was 1.8 percentage points lower than the year-ago rate of 10.6 percent. The U.S. unemployment rate was 8.3 percent

in July. Total nonagricultural employment in Florida was 7,331,400 in July 2012, a gain of 69,900 jobs over the year.

The counties that make up the Chipola Workforce Regional all experienced a slight increase in the unemployment rate for July 2012. The rate for July 2012 is 1.3 percentage points lower than July 2011.

---- UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ----

	July-12	June-12	July-11
Liberty.....	7.6	7.4	9.2
Calhoun.....	9.1	8.5	10.7
Holmes.....	7.8	7.5	8.8
Jackson.....	7.8	7.4	9.2
Washington....	9.9	9.6	11.3
Chipola Reg...	8.4	8.0	9.7

*Unemployment rates by age are:*

- \*16 to 19 years – 28.6 percent
- \*20 to 24 years – 15.5 percent
- \*25 to 54 years – 9.1 percent
- \*55 years +..... – 8.3 percent

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## Covenant Hospice offering free grief camp for children Sept. 15

TALLAHASSEE—The Children's Support Services Department of Covenant Hospice is sponsoring a one-day grief support camp called Camp Monarch Saturday, Sept. 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This is a unique camp for children and adolescents ages five-15 who have recently experienced the loss of a loved one.

This year, the camp will feature a "Nature and Adventure" theme complete with activities, nature exploration and games tailored for different age groups, including an obstacle course, fishing, jewelry making and much more. The camp will be held at Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center located at 9194 South Jefferson Hwy in Lamont and is free to all participants. Lunch and snacks are included. Parents are invited to attend a group meeting at 3 p.m. The deadline for registration is Monday, Sept. 10. To register for Camp Monarch, or for more information please call Bobbie Massey, LCSW or Erik Persson, LCSW at 575-4988. They can also be reached by email at [bobbie.massey@covenanthospice.org](mailto:bobbie.massey@covenanthospice.org).

*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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## OBITUARIES

### ETHEL INEZ LOLLIE

HOSFORD—Ethel Inez Lollie, 71, of Hosford, passed away Monday, August 27, 2012 in Blountstown. She was born September 1, 1940 in Calhoun County and had lived in Liberty County for most of her life. She was a member of the Telogia Assembly of God Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elbert and Alma Rachel (Godwin) Fowler and Chapman Fowler; one brother, James Earl Fowler.

Survivors include her husband, Curtis Lollie of Hosford; two sons, David Allen Lollie and his wife, Debbie of Tallahassee and Terry Dewayne Lollie and his wife, Cindy of Blountstown; two daughters, Sharon Kay Markham and her husband, Lloyd of Tallahassee and Tammy Lynn Waddell and her husband, Don of Tallahassee; two brothers, Bobby Gerald Fowler of Hosford and Thomas Ray Fowler of Tallahassee, 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Family will receive friends Wednesday, August 29 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. (ET) at Peavy Chapel.

Services will be held Thursday, August 30 at 11 a.m. (ET) at Telogia Assembly of God Church with Reverend Thomas Adams officiating. Interment will follow in Sanders Cemetery in Hosford.

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



### JAMES C. 'TINY' DURDEN

BLOUNTSTOWN—James C. "Tiny" Durden, 68, of Blountstown, passed away Tuesday, August 28, 2012. He was born May 27, 1944 in Hosford to E. Louie and Willie Mae Windham Durden. He was a retired carpenter and served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam.

Survivors include one son, James Louie Durden of Titusville; one daughter, Virginia Mylor of Margate; one sister, Jean Durden Davis of Bristol; devoted friend, Christine O'Neal of Blountstown and three grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday, September 4 at 1 p.m. in Wesleyan Cemetery in Telogia.

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

### LESSIE FINUFF EDWARDS

JUNIPER COMMUNITY—Lessie Finuff Edwards, 88, of Juniper Community, passed away Sunday, August 26, 2012 at her home. She was born March 29, 1924 in Telogia to William Clinton and Madie White Finuff.

She was preceded in death by her husband, E. L. Edwards.

Survivors include her grandson, Joe Maxwell and his wife, Terri of the Juniper Community; one granddaughter, Tay Maxwell and her husband, Andy Faircloth of Hardaway; five grandchildren, Drew Faircloth, Sawyer and Joe Maxwell III and Heather and Bryan Roberts.

Family will receive friends one hour prior to services at the graveside.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday, August 29 at 5 p.m. in Pine Grove Cemetery.

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



### LOUIS ANDREW 'LOUIE' SUTTON, SR.

TALLAHASSEE—Louis Andrew "Louie" Sutton, Sr., 82, of Tallahassee, passed away Sunday, August 26, 2012 at home with his daughter in Wakulla. He was a native of Cairo, GA

and a longtime resident of Tallahassee. He graduated from Leon High School and Florida State University, where he was a member of the football team at both schools. A construction superintendent, he was employed at various times by Jack Culpepper Construction, Tenneco Oil, Billy Bishop, Ernest Daffin and Lowell Crowder. As a young man he also wrangled on the Bud Adams Ranch in Ft. Pierce and served his country in the Army Reserves.

Survivors include two daughters, Patricia Robb and her husband, Merle of Crawfordville and Frances Louise Hosford of Tallahassee; three sons, John Louis Sutton and Louis Andrew Sutton, Jr. and his wife, Mina, both of Crawfordville and Yancey Marion Sutton and his wife, Caroline of Tallahassee; the mother of his children, Jane Yancey Sutton, 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren and friends galore.

Memorial services will be held Sunday, September 9 at 3 p.m. at Shiloh Farms located on 1500 Benjamin Chaires Road in Tallahassee 32317. A reception will follow the service. The preferred dress is boots and jeans.

Bevis Funeral Home in Tallahassee is in charge of the arrangements.

### MARTHA STORY MOORE AGERTON

GREENSBORO—Martha Story Moore Agerton, 83, of Greensboro, passed away Sunday, August 26, 2012 in Bainbridge, GA. She was born in Quincy, August 22, 1929, to Winston A. and Ruth Grady Story. She graduated from the Gadsden High School and was a member of the Greensboro First United Methodist Church. She was a retired bookkeeper.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Billy Moore, Jr. and Julian "Peanut" Agerton.

Survivors include one son, Winston D. Moor and his wife, Elaine of Climax, GA; one daughter, Jeanene Moore Harper and her husband, Chris of LeHigh Acres; one step-son, Julian "Sam" Agerton, Jr. of St. Augustine; one step-daughter, Kathryn Agerton and her husband, Danny Ferrell of Ozark, AL; one brother, Sonny Story of Moultrie, GA; one sister, Helen Story Powell of Gainesville and six grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday, August 29 at First United Methodist Church. Interment followed in Hillcrest Cemetery.

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

### WILLIE LEE PAGE

TALLAHASSEE—Willie Lee Page, 86, of Tallahassee, passed away Wednesday, August 22, 2012. She lived in Panama City for many years and moved to Tallahassee in 1987. She was a homemaker and attended Ole Tabernacle Church.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 64 years, Bill Page; and her parents, William Henry and Dorenda Gill.

Survivors include three sons, Herman Page and his wife, Ellen of Springfield, LA, Cecil Page and his wife, Diane of Tallahassee and Carl Page of Tampa; five daughters, Jeannie Lewis and her husband, Ed of Panama City, Glenda McCrimon of Texas, Carol Hajok of Mexico Beach, Dorenda Westfall and her husband, Rich of Ocala and Connie Chambers and her husband, Robert of Tallahassee, 16 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who will miss her deeply.

Graveside services were held Saturday, August 25 at the Jackson Bluff Cemetery near Tallahassee.

Adams Funeral Home in Bristol was in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [www.adamsfh.com](http://www.adamsfh.com).

"Aunt Stella loved hats."

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# PUBLIC AND LEGAL NOTICES

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS TO BE VOTED ON NOVEMBER 6, 2012 NOTICE OF ELECTION

I, Kenneth W. Detzner, Secretary of State of the State of Florida, do hereby give notice that an election will be held in each county in Florida, on November 6, 2012, for the ratification or rejection of proposed revisions to the constitution of the State of Florida.

### NO. 1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE I, SECTION 28 (Legislative)

**Ballot Title:** HEALTH CARE SERVICES.—

**Ballot Summary:** Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to prohibit laws or rules from compelling any person or employer to purchase, obtain, or otherwise provide for health care coverage; permit a person or an employer to purchase lawful health care services directly from a health care provider; permit a health care provider to accept direct payment from a person or an employer for lawful health care services; exempt persons, employers, and health care providers from penalties and taxes for paying directly or accepting direct payment for lawful health care services; and prohibit laws or rules from abolishing the private market for health care coverage of any lawful health care service. Specifies that the amendment does not affect which health care services a health care provider is required to perform or provide; affect which health care services are permitted by law; prohibit care provided pursuant to general law relating to workers' compensation; affect laws or rules in effect as of March 1, 2010; affect the terms or conditions of any health care system to the extent that those terms and conditions do not have the effect of punishing a person or an employer for paying directly for lawful health care services or a health care provider for accepting direct payment from a person or an employer for lawful health care services; or affect any general law passed by two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature, passed after the effective date of the amendment, provided such law states with specificity the public necessity justifying the exceptions from the provisions of the amendment. The amendment expressly provides that it may not be construed to prohibit negotiated provisions in insurance contracts, network agreements, or other provider agreements contractually limiting copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, or other patient charges.

**Full Text:** ARTICLE I DECLARATION OF RIGHTS SECTION 28. Health care services.—

(a) To preserve the freedom of all residents of the state to provide for their own health care:

(1) A law or rule may not compel, directly or indirectly, any person or employer to purchase, obtain, or otherwise provide for health care coverage.

(2) A person or an employer may pay directly for lawful health care services and may not be required to pay penalties or taxes for paying directly for lawful health care services. A health care provider may accept direct payment for lawful health care services and may

not be required to pay penalties or taxes for accepting direct payment from a person or an employer for lawful health care services.

(b) The private market for health care coverage of any lawful health care service may not be abolished by law or rule.

(c) This section does not:

(1) Affect which health care services a health care provider is required to perform or provide.

(2) Affect which health care services are permitted by law.

(3) Prohibit care provided pursuant to general law relating to workers' compensation.

(4) Affect laws or rules in effect as of March 1, 2010.

(5) Affect the terms or conditions of any health care system to the extent that those terms and conditions do not have the effect of punishing a person or an employer for paying directly for lawful health care services or a health care provider for accepting direct payment from a person or an employer for lawful health care services, except that this section may not be construed to prohibit any negotiated provision in any insurance contract, network agreement, or other provider agreement contractually limiting copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, or other patient charges.

(6) Affect any general law passed by a two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the legislature after the effective date of this section, if the law states with specificity the public necessity that justifies an exception from this section.

(d) As used in this section, the term:

(1) "Compel" includes the imposition of penalties or taxes.

(2) "Direct payment" or "pay directly" means payment for lawful health care services without a public or private third party, not including an employer, paying for any portion of the service.

(3) "Health care system" means any public or private entity whose function or purpose is the management of, processing of, enrollment of individuals for, or payment, in full or in part, for health care services, health care data, or health care information for its participants.

(4) "Lawful health care services" means any health-related service or treatment, to the extent that the service or treatment is permitted or not prohibited by law or regulation at the time the service or treatment is rendered, which may be provided by persons or businesses otherwise permitted to offer such services.

(5) "Penalties or taxes" means any civil or criminal penalty or fine, tax, salary or wage withholding or surcharge, or named fee with a similar effect established by law or rule by an agency established, created, or controlled by the government which is used to punish or discourage the exercise of rights protected under this section. For purposes of this section only, the term "rule by an agency" may not be construed to mean any negotiated provision in any insurance contract, network agreement, or other provider agreement contractually limiting copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, or other patient charges.

### NO. 2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6 ARTICLE XII, SECTION 32 (Legislative)

**Ballot Title:** VETERANS DISABLED DUE TO COMBAT INJURY; HOMESTEAD

PROPERTY TAX DISCOUNT.—

**Ballot Summary:** Proposing an amendment to Section 6 of Article VII and the creation of Section 32 of Article XII of the State Constitution to expand the availability of the property discount on the homesteads of veterans who became disabled as the result of a combat injury to include those who were not Florida residents when they entered the military and schedule the amendment to take effect January 1, 2013.

**Full Text:** ARTICLE VII FINANCE AND TAXATION SECTION 6. Homestead exemptions.—

(a) Every person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, shall be exempt from taxation thereon, except assessments for special benefits, up to the assessed valuation of twenty-five thousand dollars and, for all levies other than school district levies, on the assessed valuation greater than fifty thousand dollars and up to seventy-five thousand dollars, upon establishment of right thereto in the manner prescribed by law. The real estate may be held by legal or equitable title, by the entireties, jointly, in common, as a condominium, or indirectly by stock ownership or membership representing the owner's or member's proprietary interest in a corporation owning a fee or a leasehold initially in excess of ninety-eight years. The exemption shall not apply with respect to any assessment roll until such roll is first determined to be in compliance with the provisions of section 4 by a state agency designated by general law. This exemption is repealed on the effective date of any amendment to this Article which provides for the assessment of homestead property at less than just value.

(b) Not more than one exemption shall be allowed any individual or family unit or with respect to any residential unit. No exemption shall exceed the value of the real estate assessable to the owner or, in case of ownership through stock or membership in a corporation, the value of the proportion which the interest in the corporation bears to the assessed value of the property.

(c) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the Legislature may provide to renters, who are permanent residents, ad valorem tax relief on all ad valorem tax levies. Such ad valorem tax relief shall be in the form and amount established by general law.

(d) The legislature may, by general law, allow counties or municipalities, for the purpose of their respective tax levies and subject to the provisions of general law, to grant an additional homestead tax exemption not exceeding fifty thousand dollars to any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner and who has attained age sixty-five and whose household income, as defined by general law, does not exceed twenty thousand dollars. The general law must allow counties and municipalities to grant this additional exemption, within the limits prescribed in this subsection, by ordinance adopted in the manner prescribed by general law, and must provide for the periodic adjustment

of the income limitation prescribed in this subsection for changes in the cost of living.

(e) Each veteran who is age 65 or older who is partially or totally permanently disabled shall receive a discount from the amount of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property the veteran owns and resides in if the disability was combat related, the veteran was a resident of this state at the time of entering the military service of the United States, and the veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service. The discount shall be in a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for the discount granted by this subsection, an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser, by March 1, proof of residency at the time of entering military service, an official letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability and such evidence that reasonably identifies the disability as combat related, and a copy of the veteran's honorable discharge. If the property appraiser denies the request for a discount, the appraiser must notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial, and the veteran may reapply. The Legislature may, by general law, waive the annual application requirement in subsequent years. This subsection shall take effect December 7, 2006, is self-executing, and does not require implementing legislation.

ARTICLE XII SCHEDULE SECTION 32. Veterans disabled due to combat injury; homestead property tax discount.—The amendment to subsection (e) of Section 6 of Article VII relating to the homestead property tax discount for veterans who became disabled as the result of a combat injury shall take effect January 1, 2013.

### NO. 3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 1 and 19 ARTICLE XII, SECTION 32 (Legislative)

**Ballot Title:** STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE LIMITATION.—

**Ballot Summary:** This proposed amendment to the State Constitution replaces the existing state revenue limitation based on Florida personal income growth with a new state revenue limitation based on inflation and population changes. Under the amendment, state revenues, as defined in the amendment, collected in excess of the revenue limitation must be deposited into the budget stabilization fund until the fund reaches its maximum balance, and thereafter shall be used for the support and maintenance of public schools by reducing the minimum financial effort required from school districts for participation in a state-funded education finance program, or, if the minimum financial effort is no longer required, returned to the taxpayers. The Legislature may increase the state revenue limitation through a bill approved by a super majority vote of each house of the Legislature. The Legislature may also submit a proposed increase in the state revenue limitation to the voters. The Legislature must implement this proposed amendment by general law. The amendment will take effect upon approval

by the electors and will first apply to the 2014-2015 state fiscal year.

**Full Text:** ARTICLE VII FINANCE AND TAXATION SECTION 1. Taxation; appropriations; state expenses; state revenue limitation.—

(a) No tax shall be levied except in pursuance of law. No state ad valorem taxes shall be levied upon real estate or tangible personal property. All other forms of taxation shall be preempted to the state except as provided by general law.

(b) Motor vehicles, boats, airplanes, trailers, trailer coaches and mobile homes, as defined by law, shall be subject to a license tax for their operation in the amounts and for the purposes prescribed by law, but shall not be subject to ad valorem taxes.

(c) No money shall be drawn from the treasury except in pursuance of appropriation made by law.

(d) Provision shall be made by law for raising sufficient revenue to defray the expenses of the state for each fiscal period.

(e) Except as provided herein, state revenues collected for any fiscal year shall be limited to state revenues allowed under this subsection for the prior fiscal year plus an adjustment for growth. As used in this subsection, "growth" means an amount equal to the average annual rate of growth in Florida personal income over the most recent twenty quarters times the state revenues allowed under this subsection for the prior fiscal year. For the 1995-1996 fiscal year, the state revenues allowed under this subsection for the prior fiscal year shall equal the state revenues collected for the 1994-1995 fiscal year. Florida personal income shall be determined by the legislature, from information available from the United States Department of Commerce or its successor on the first day of February prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. State revenues collected for any fiscal year in excess of this limitation shall be transferred to the budget stabilization fund until the fund reaches the maximum balance specified in Section 19(g) of Article III, and thereafter shall be refunded to taxpayers as provided by general law. State revenues allowed under this subsection for any fiscal year may be increased by a two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the legislature in a separate bill that contains no other subject and that sets forth the dollar amount by which the state revenues allowed will be increased. The vote may not be taken less than seventy-two hours after the third reading of the bill. For purposes of this subsection, "state revenues" means taxes, fees, licenses, and charges for services imposed by the legislature on individuals, businesses, or agencies outside state government. However, "state revenues" does not include revenues that are necessary to meet the requirements set forth in documents authorizing the issuance of bonds by the state; revenues that are used to provide matching funds for the federal Medicaid program with the exception of the revenues used to support the Public Medical Assistance Trust Fund or its successor program and with the exception of state matching funds used to fund elective expansions made after July 1, 1994; proceeds from the state lottery returned as prizes; receipts of the Florida Hurricane Cata-

trophe Fund; balances carried forward from prior fiscal years; taxes, licenses, fees, and charges for services imposed by local, regional, or school district governing bodies; or revenue from taxes, licenses, fees, and charges for services required to be imposed by any amendment or revision to this constitution after July 1, 1994. An adjustment to the revenue limitation shall be made by general law to reflect the fiscal impact of transfers of responsibility for the funding of governmental functions between the state and other levels of government. The legislature shall, by general law, prescribe procedures necessary to administer this subsection.

SECTION 19. State revenue limitation.—

(a) STATE REVENUE LIMITATION.—Except as provided in this section, state revenues collected in any fiscal year are limited as follows:

(1) For the 2014-2015 fiscal year, state revenues are limited to an amount equal to the state revenues collected during the 2013-2014 fiscal year multiplied by the sum of the adjustment for growth plus four one-hundredths.

(2) For the 2015-2016 fiscal year, state revenues are limited to an amount equal to the state revenue limitation for fiscal year 2014-2015 multiplied by the sum of the adjustment for growth plus three one-hundredths.

(3) For the 2016-2017 fiscal year, state revenues are limited to an amount equal to the state revenue limitation for fiscal year 2015-2016 multiplied by the sum of the adjustment for growth plus two one-hundredths.

(4) For the 2017-2018 fiscal year, state revenues are limited to an amount equal to the state revenue limitation for fiscal year 2016-2017 multiplied by the sum of the adjustment for growth plus one one-hundredth.

(5) For the 2018-2019 fiscal year and thereafter, state revenues are limited to an amount equal to the state revenue limitation for the previous fiscal year multiplied by the adjustment for growth.

(6) The adjustment for growth for a fiscal year shall be determined by March 1 preceding the fiscal year using the latest information available. Once the adjustment for growth is determined for a fiscal year, it may not be changed based on revisions to the information used to make the determination.

(b) REVENUES IN EXCESS OF THE LIMITATION.—State revenues collected in any fiscal year in excess of the revenue limitation shall be transferred to the budget stabilization fund until the fund reaches the maximum balance specified in Section 19(g) of Article III, and thereafter shall be used for the support and maintenance of public schools by reducing the minimum financial effort required from school districts for participation in a state-funded education finance program, or, if the minimum financial effort is no longer required, returned to taxpayers as provided by general law.

(c) AUTHORITY OF THE LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE THE REVENUE LIMITATION.—

(1) The state revenue limitation for any fiscal year may be increased by a two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the legislature. Unless otherwise provided by the bill increasing the revenue

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limitation, the increased revenue limitation enacted under this paragraph shall be used to determine the revenue limitation for future fiscal years.

(2) The state revenue limitation for any one fiscal year may be increased by a three-fifths vote of the membership of each house of the legislature. Increases to the revenue limitation enacted under this paragraph must be disregarded when determining the revenue limitation in subsequent fiscal years.

(3) A bill increasing the revenue limitation may not contain any other subject and must set forth the dollar amount by which the state revenue limitation will be increased. The vote may not be taken less than seventy-two hours after the third reading in either house of the legislature of the bill in the form that will be presented to the governor.

(d) **AUTHORITY OF THE ELECTORS TO INCREASE THE REVENUE LIMITATION.**—The legislature may propose an increase in the state revenue limitation pursuant to a concurrent resolution enacted by a three-fifths vote of the membership of each house. The proposed increase shall be submitted to the electors at the next general election held more than ninety days after the resolution is filed with the custodian of state records. However, the legislature may submit the proposed increase at an earlier special election held more than ninety days after it is filed with the custodian of state records pursuant to a law enacted by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the membership of each house of the legislature. The resolution must set forth the dollar amount by which the state revenue limitation will be increased. Unless otherwise provided in the resolution, the increased revenue limitation shall be used to determine the revenue limitation for future fiscal years. The proposed increase shall take effect if it is approved by a vote of at least 60 percent of the electors voting on the matter.

(e) **REVENUE LIMIT ADJUSTMENT BY THE LEGISLATURE.**—The legislature shall provide by general law for adjustments to the state revenue limitation to reflect:

(1) The fiscal impact of transfers of responsibility for the funding of governmental functions between the state and other levels of government occurring after May 6, 2011; or

(2) The fiscal impact of a new federal mandate.

(f) **GENERAL LAW IMPLEMENTATION.**—The legislature shall, by general law, prescribe procedures necessary to administer this section.

(g) **DEFINITIONS.**—As used in this section, the term:

(1) "Adjustment for growth" means an amount equal to the average for the previous five years of the product of the inflation factor and the population factor.

(2) "Inflation factor" means an amount equal to one plus the percent change in the calendar year annual average of the Consumer Price Index. The term "Consumer Price Index" means the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, U.S. city average (not seasonally adjusted, current base for all items), as published by the United States Department of Labor. In the event the index ceases to exist, the legislature shall determine the successor index by general law.

(3) "Population factor" means an amount equal to one plus the percent change in population of the state as of April 1 compared to April 1 of the prior year. For purposes of calculating the annual rate of change in population, the state's official population esti-

mates shall be used.

(4) "State revenues" means taxes, fees, licenses, fines, and charges for services imposed by the legislature on individuals, businesses, or agencies outside state government. However, the term "state revenues" does not include revenues that are necessary to meet the requirements set forth in documents authorizing the issuance of bonds by the state for bonds issued before July 1, 2012; revenues that are used to provide matching funds for the federal Medicaid program with the exception of the revenues used to support the Public Medical Assistance Trust Fund or its successor program and with the exception of state matching funds used to fund optional expansions made after July 1, 1994; proceeds from the state lottery returned as prizes; receipts of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund and Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; receipts of public universities and colleges; balances carried forward from prior fiscal years; taxes, fees, licenses, fines, and charges for services imposed by local, regional, or school district governing bodies; or revenue from taxes, fees, licenses, fines, and charges for services authorized by any amendment or revision to this constitution after May 6, 2011.

## ARTICLE XII SCHEDULE

**SECTION 32. State revenue limitation.**—The amendment to Section 1 and the creation of Section 19 of Article VII, revising the state revenue limitation, and this section take effect upon approval by the electors and apply beginning in the 2014-2015 state fiscal year.

## NO. 4 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 4, 6 ARTICLE XII, SECTIONS 27, 32, 33 (Legislative)

**Ballot Title:** PROPERTY TAX LIMITATIONS; PROPERTY VALUE DECLINE; REDUCTION FOR NONHOMESTEAD ASSESSMENT INCREASES; DELAY OF SCHEDULED REPEAL.—

### Ballot Summary:

(1) This would amend Florida Constitution Article VII, Section 4 (Taxation; assessments) and Section 6 (Homestead exemptions). It also would amend Article XII, Section 27, and add Sections 32 and 33, relating to the Schedule for the amendments.

(2) In certain circumstances, the law requires the assessed value of homestead and specified nonhomestead property to increase when the just value of the property decreases. Therefore, this amendment provides that the Legislature may, by general law, provide that the assessment of homestead and specified nonhomestead property may not increase if the just value of that property is less than the just value of the property on the preceding January 1, subject to any adjustment in the assessed value due to changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to such property which are assessed as provided for by general law. This amendment takes effect upon approval by the voters.

(3) This amendment re-

duces from 10 percent to 5 percent the limitation on annual changes in assessments of nonhomestead real property. This amendment takes effect upon approval of the voters. If approved at a special election held on the date of the 2012 presidential preference primary, it shall operate retroactively to January 1, 2012, or, if approved at the 2012 general election, takes effect January 1, 2013.

(4) This amendment also authorizes general law to provide, subject to conditions specified in such law, an additional homestead exemption to every person who establishes the right to receive the homestead exemption provided in the Florida Constitution within 1 year after purchasing the homestead property and who has not owned property in the previous 3 calendar years to which the Florida homestead exemption applied. The additional homestead exemption shall apply to all levies except school district levies. The additional exemption is an amount equal to 50 percent of the homestead property's just value on January 1 of the year the homestead is established. The additional homestead exemption may not exceed an amount equal to the median just value of all homestead property within the county where the property at issue is located for the calendar year immediately preceding January 1 of the year the homestead is established. The additional exemption shall apply for the shorter of 5 years or the year of sale of the property. The amount of the additional exemption shall be reduced in each subsequent year by an amount equal to 20 percent of the amount of the additional exemption received in the year the homestead was established or by an amount equal to the difference between the just value of the property and the assessed value of the property determined under Article VII, Section 4(d), whichever is greater. Not more than one such exemption shall be allowed per homestead property at one time. The additional exemption applies to property purchased on or after January 1, 2011, if approved by the voters at a special election held on the date of the 2012 presidential preference primary, or to property purchased on or after January 1, 2012, if approved by the voters at the 2012 general election. The additional exemption is not available in the sixth and subsequent years after it is first received. The amendment shall take effect upon approval by the voters. If approved at a special election held on the date of the 2012 presidential preference primary, it shall operate retroactively to January 1, 2012, or, if approved at the 2012 general election, takes effect January 1, 2013.

(5) This amendment also delays until 2023, the repeal, currently scheduled to take effect in 2019, of constitutional amendments adopted in 2008 which limit annual assessment increases for specified nonhomestead real property. This amendment delays until 2022 the submission of an amendment proposing the abrogation of such repeal to the voters.

### Full Text:

**ARTICLE VII  
FINANCE AND TAXATION  
SECTION 4. Taxation; assessments.**—By general law regulations shall be prescribed which shall secure a just valuation of all property for ad valorem taxation, provided:

(a) Agricultural land, land producing high water recharge to Florida's aquifers, or land used exclusively for noncommercial recreational purposes

may be classified by general law and assessed solely on the basis of character or use.

(b) As provided by general law and subject to conditions, limitations, and reasonable definitions specified therein, land used for conservation purposes shall be classified by general law and assessed solely on the basis of character or use.

(c) Pursuant to general law tangible personal property held for sale as stock in trade and livestock may be valued for taxation at a specified percentage of its value, may be classified for tax purposes, or may be exempted from taxation.

(d) All persons entitled to a homestead exemption under Section 6 of this Article shall have their homestead assessed at just value as of January 1 of the year following the effective date of this amendment. This assessment shall change only as provided in this subsection.

(1) Assessments subject to this subsection shall change be changed annually on January 1 1st of each year, but those changes in assessments

a. A change in an assessment may not exceed the lower of the following:

1.a. Three percent (3%) of the assessment for the prior year.

2.b. The percent change in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers, U.S. City Average, all items 1967=100, or a successor index reports for the preceding calendar year as initially reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

b. The legislature may provide by general law that, except for changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to homestead property assessed as provided in paragraph (5), an assessment may not increase if the just value of the property is less than the just value of the property on the preceding January 1.

(2) An assessment may not exceed just value.

(3) After a any change of ownership, as provided by general law, homestead property shall be assessed at just value as of January 1 of the following year, unless the provisions of paragraph (8) apply. Thereafter, the homestead shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(4) New homestead property shall be assessed at just value as of January 1 1st of the year following the establishment of the homestead, unless the provisions of paragraph (8) apply. That assessment shall only change only as provided in this subsection.

(5) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to homestead property shall be assessed as provided for by general law;—provided, However, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(6) In the event of a termination of homestead status, the property shall be assessed as provided by general law.

(7) The provisions of this subsection amendment are severable. If a provision any of the provisions of this subsection is amendment shall be held unconstitutional by a any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of the such court does shall not affect or impair any remaining provisions of this subsection amendment.

(8)a. A person who establishes a new homestead as of January 1, 2009, or January 1 of any subsequent year and who has received a homestead exemption pursuant to Section 6 of this Article as of January 1 of either of the 2 two

years immediately preceding the establishment of a the new homestead is entitled to have the new homestead assessed at less than just value. If this revision is approved in January of 2008, a person who establishes a new homestead as of January 1, 2008, is entitled to have the new homestead assessed at less than just value only if that person received a homestead exemption on January 1, 2007. The assessed value of the newly established homestead shall be determined as follows:

1. If the just value of the new homestead is greater than or equal to the just value of the prior homestead as of January 1 of the year in which the prior homestead was abandoned, the assessed value of the new homestead shall be the just value of the new homestead minus an amount equal to the difference between the just value and the assessed value of the prior homestead as of January 1 of the year in which the prior homestead was abandoned. Thereafter, the homestead shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

2. If the just value of the new homestead is less than the just value of the prior homestead as of January 1 of the year in which the prior homestead was abandoned, the assessed value of the new homestead shall be equal to the just value of the new homestead divided by the just value of the prior homestead and multiplied by the assessed value of the prior homestead. However, if the difference between the just value of the new homestead and the assessed value of the new homestead calculated pursuant to this sub-subparagraph is greater than \$500,000, the assessed value of the new homestead shall be increased so that the difference between the just value and the assessed value equals \$500,000. Thereafter, the homestead shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

b. By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the legislature shall provide for application of this paragraph to property owned by more than one person.

(e) The legislature may, by general law, for assessment purposes and subject to the provisions of this subsection, allow counties and municipalities to authorize by ordinance that historic property may be assessed solely on the basis of character or use. Such character or use assessment shall apply only to the jurisdiction adopting the ordinance. The requirements for eligible properties must be specified by general law.

(f) A county may, in the manner prescribed by general law, provide for a reduction in the assessed value of homestead property to the extent of any increase in the assessed value of that property which results from the construction or reconstruction of the property for the purpose of providing living quarters for one or more natural or adoptive grandparents or parents of the owner of the property or of the owner's spouse if at least one of the grandparents or parents for whom the living quarters are provided is 62 years of age or older. Such a reduction may not exceed the lesser of the following:

(1) The increase in assessed value resulting from construction or reconstruction of the property.

(2) Twenty percent of the total assessed value of the property as improved.

(g) For all levies other than school district levies, assessments of residential real property, as defined by general

law, which contains nine units or fewer and which is not subject to the assessment limitations set forth in subsections (a) through (d) shall change only as provided in this subsection.

(1) Assessments subject to this subsection shall be changed annually on the date of assessment provided by law. However, but those changes in assessments may not exceed 5 ten percent (10%) of the assessment for the prior year. The legislature may provide by general law that, except for changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to property assessed as provided in paragraph (4), an assessment may not increase if the just value of the property is less than the just value of the property on the preceding date of assessment provided by law.

(2) An assessment may not shall exceed just value.

(3) After a change of ownership or control, as defined by general law, including any change of ownership of a legal entity that owns the property, such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(4) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to such property shall be assessed as provided for by general law; However, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(h) For all levies other than school district levies, assessments of real property that is not subject to the assessment limitations set forth in subsections (a) through (d) and (g) shall change only as provided in this subsection.

(1) Assessments subject to this subsection shall be changed annually on the date of assessment provided by law. However, but those changes in assessments may not exceed 5 ten percent (10%) of the assessment for the prior year. The legislature may provide by general law that, except for changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to property assessed as provided in paragraph (5), an assessment may not increase if the just value of the property is less than the just value of the property on the preceding date of assessment provided by law.

(2) An assessment may not shall exceed just value.

(3) The legislature must provide that such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date after a qualifying improvement, as defined by general law, is made to such property. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(4) The legislature may provide that such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date after a change of ownership or control, as defined by general law, including any change of ownership of the legal entity that owns the property. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(5) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to such property shall be assessed as provided for by general law; However, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(i) The legislature, by general law and subject to conditions specified therein, may prohibit the consideration of

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the following in the determination of the assessed value of real property used for residential purposes:

(1) Any change or improvement made for the purpose of improving the property's resistance to wind damage.

(2) The installation of a renewable energy source device.

(j)(1) The assessment of the following working waterfront properties shall be based upon the current use of the property:

a. Land used predominantly for commercial fishing purposes.

b. Land that is accessible to the public and used for vessel launches into waters that are navigable.

c. Marinas and drystacks that are open to the public.

d. Water-dependent marine manufacturing facilities, commercial fishing facilities, and marine vessel construction and repair facilities and their support activities.

(2) The assessment benefit provided by this subsection is subject to conditions and limitations and reasonable definitions as specified by the legislature by general law.

SECTION 6. Homestead exemptions.—

(a) Every person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, shall be exempt from taxation thereon, except assessments for special benefits, up to the assessed valuation of ~~\$25,000 twenty-five thousand dollars~~ and, for all levies other than school district levies, on the assessed valuation greater than ~~\$50,000 fifty thousand dollars~~ and up to ~~\$75,000 seventy-five thousand dollars~~, upon establishment of right thereto in the manner prescribed by law. The real estate may be held by legal or equitable title, by the entireties, jointly, in common, as a condominium, or indirectly by stock ownership or membership representing the owner's or member's proprietary interest in a corporation owning a fee or a leasehold initially in excess of ~~98 ninety-eight~~ years. The exemption shall not apply with respect to any assessment roll until such roll is first determined to be in compliance with the provisions of Section 4 by a state agency designated by general law. This exemption is repealed on the effective date of any amendment to this Article which provides for the assessment of homestead property at less than just value.

(b) Not more than one exemption shall be allowed any individual or family unit or with respect to any residential unit. No exemption shall exceed the value of the real estate assessable to the owner or, in case of ownership through stock or membership in a corporation, the value of the proportion which the interest in the corporation bears to the assessed value of the property.

(c) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the legislature may provide to renters, who are permanent residents, ad valorem tax relief on all ad valorem tax levies. Such ad valorem tax relief shall be in the form and amount established by general law.

(d) The legislature may, by general law, allow counties or municipalities, for the purpose of their respective tax levies and subject to the provisions of general law, to grant an additional homestead tax exemption not exceeding ~~\$50,000 fifty thousand dollars~~ to any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner and who has attained age ~~65 sixty-five~~ and whose household in-

come, as defined by general law, does not exceed ~~\$20,000 twenty thousand dollars~~. The general law must allow counties and municipalities to grant this additional exemption, within the limits prescribed in this subsection, by ordinance adopted in the manner prescribed by general law, and must provide for the periodic adjustment of the income limitation prescribed in this subsection for changes in the cost of living.

(e) Each veteran who is age 65 or older who is partially or totally permanently disabled shall receive a discount from the amount of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property the veteran owns and resides in if the disability was combat related, the veteran was a resident of this state at the time of entering the military service of the United States, and the veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service. The discount shall be in a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for the discount granted by this subsection, an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser, by March 1, proof of residency at the time of entering military service, an official letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability and such evidence that reasonably identifies the disability as combat related, and a copy of the veteran's honorable discharge. If the property appraiser denies the request for a discount, the appraiser must notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial, and the veteran may reapply. The legislature may, by general law, waive the annual application requirement in subsequent years. This subsection shall take effect December 7, 2006, is self-executing, and does not require implementing legislation.

(f) As provided by general law and subject to conditions specified therein, every person who establishes the right to receive the homestead exemption provided in subsection (a) within 1 year after purchasing the homestead property and who has not owned property in the previous 3 calendar years to which the homestead exemption provided in subsection (a) applied is entitled to an additional homestead exemption for all levies except school district levies. The additional exemption is an amount equal to 50 percent of the homestead property's just value on January 1 of the year the homestead is established. The additional exemption may not exceed the median just value of all homestead property within the county where the property at issue is located for the calendar year immediately preceding January 1 of the year the homestead is established. The additional exemption shall apply for a period of 5 years or until the year the property is sold, whichever occurs first. The amount of the additional exemption shall be reduced in each subsequent year by an amount equal to 20 percent of the amount of the additional exemption received in the year the homestead was established or by an amount equal to the difference between the just value of the property and the assessed value of the property determined under Section 4(d), whichever is greater. Not more than one exemption provided under this subsection shall be allowed per homestead property at one time. The ad-

ditional exemption applies to property purchased on or after January 1, 2011, if this amendment is approved at a special election held on the date of the 2012 presidential preference primary, or to property purchased on or after January 1, 2012, if this amendment is approved at the 2012 general election, but the additional exemption is not available in the sixth and subsequent years after it is first received.

ARTICLE XII  
SCHEDULE

SECTION 27. Property tax exemptions and limitations on property tax assessments.—The amendments to Sections 3, 4, and 6 of Article VII, providing a \$25,000 exemption for tangible personal property, providing an additional \$25,000 homestead exemption, authorizing transfer of the accrued benefit from the limitations on the assessment of homestead property, and this section, if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at a special election authorized by law to be held on January 29, 2008, shall take effect upon approval by the electors and shall operate retroactively to January 1, 2008, or, if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next general election, shall take effect January 1 of the year following such general election. The amendments to Section 4 of Article VII creating subsections (f) and (g) of that section, creating a limitation on annual assessment increases for specified real property, shall take effect upon approval of the electors and shall first limit assessments beginning January 1, 2009, if approved at a special election held on January 29, 2008, or shall first limit assessments beginning January 1, 2010, if approved at the general election held in November of 2008. Subsections (g) (f) and (h) (g) of Section 4 of Article VII, initially adopted as subsections (f) and (g), are repealed effective January 1, 2023 2019; however, the legislature shall by joint resolution propose an amendment abrogating the repeal of subsections (g) (f) and (h) (g), which shall be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the general election of 2022 2018 and, if approved, shall take effect January 1, 2023 2019.

SECTION 32. Property assessments.—This section and the amendment of Section 4 of Article VII addressing homestead and specified nonhomestead property having a declining just value and reducing the limit on the maximum annual increase in the assessed value of nonhomestead property, if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at a special election authorized by law to be held on the date of the 2012 presidential preference primary, shall take effect upon approval by the electors and shall operate retroactively to January 1, 2012, or, if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the 2012 general election, shall take effect January 1, 2013.

SECTION 33. Additional homestead exemption for owners of homestead property who recently have not owned homestead property.—This section and the amendment to Section 6 of Article VII providing for an additional homestead exemption for owners of homestead property who have not owned homestead property during the 3 calendar years immediately preceding purchase of the current homestead property, if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at a special election authorized by law to be held on the date of the

2012 presidential preference primary, shall take effect upon approval by the electors and operate retroactively to January 1, 2012, and the additional homestead exemption shall be available for properties purchased on or after January 1, 2011, or if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the 2012 general election, shall take effect January 1, 2013, and the additional homestead exemption shall be available for properties purchased on or after January 1, 2012.

NO. 5  
CONSTITUTIONAL  
AMENDMENT  
ARTICLE V, SECTIONS  
2, 11, AND 12  
(Legislative)

Ballot Title: STATE COURTS.—

Ballot Summary: Proposing a revision of Article V of the State Constitution relating to the judiciary.

The State Constitution authorizes the Supreme Court to adopt rules for the practice and procedure in all courts. The constitution further provides that a rule of court may be repealed by a general law enacted by a two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature. This proposed constitutional revision eliminates the requirement that a general law repealing a court rule pass by a two-thirds vote of each house, thereby providing that the Legislature may repeal a rule of court by a general law approved by a majority vote of each house of the Legislature that expresses the policy behind the repeal. The court could readopt the rule in conformity with the public policy expressed by the Legislature, but if the Legislature determines that a rule has been readopted and repeals the readopted rule, this proposed revision prohibits the court from further readopting the repealed rule without the Legislature's prior approval. Under current law, rules of the judicial nominating commissions and the Judicial Qualifications Commission may be repealed by general law enacted by a majority vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature. Under this proposed revision, a vote to repeal those rules is changed to repeal by general law enacted by a majority vote of the legislators present.

Under current law, the Governor appoints a justice of the Supreme Court from a list of nominees provided by a judicial nominating commission, and appointments by the Governor are not subject to confirmation. This revision requires Senate confirmation of a justice of the Supreme Court before the appointee can take office. If the Senate votes not to confirm the appointment, the judicial nominating commission must reconvene and may not renominate any person whose prior appointment to fill the same vacancy was not confirmed by the Senate. For the purpose of confirmation, the Senate may meet at any time. If the Senate fails to vote on the appointment of a justice within 90 days, the justice will be deemed confirmed and will take office.

The Judicial Qualifications Commission is an independent commission created by the State Constitution to investigate and prosecute before the Florida Supreme Court alleged misconduct by a justice or judge. Currently under the constitution, commission proceedings are confidential until formal charges are filed by the investigative panel of the commission. Once formal charges are filed, the formal

charges and all further proceedings of the commission are public. Currently, the constitution authorizes the House of Representatives to impeach a justice or judge. Further, the Speaker of the House of Representatives may request, and the Judicial Qualifications Commission must make available, all information in the commission's possession for use in deciding whether to impeach a justice or judge. This proposed revision requires the commission to make all of its files available to the Speaker of the House of Representatives but provides that such files would remain confidential during any investigation by the House of Representatives and until such information is used in the pursuit of an impeachment of a justice or judge. This revision also removes the power of the Governor to request files of the Judicial Qualifications Commission to conform to a prior constitutional change.

This revision also makes technical and clarifying additions and deletions relating to the selection of chief judges of a circuit and relating to the Judicial Qualifications Commission, and makes other nonsubstantive conforming and technical changes in the judicial article of the constitution.

## Full Text:

ARTICLE V  
JUDICIARY

SECTION 2. Administration; practice and procedure.—

(a) The supreme court shall adopt rules for the practice and procedure in all courts including the time for seeking appellate review, the administrative supervision of all courts, the transfer to the court having jurisdiction of any proceeding when the jurisdiction of another court has been improvidently invoked, and a requirement that no cause shall be dismissed because an improper remedy has been sought. The supreme court shall adopt rules to allow it the court and the district courts of appeal to submit questions relating to military law to the federal Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for an advisory opinion. Rules of court may be repealed by general law that expresses the policy behind the repeal enacted by two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the legislature. The court may readopt the repealed rule only in conformity with the public policy expressed by the legislature. If the legislature determines that a rule has been readopted and repeals the readopted rule, the rule may not be readopted thereafter without prior approval of the legislature.

(b) The chief justice of the supreme court shall be chosen by a majority of the members of the court; shall be the chief administrative officer of the judicial system; and shall have the power to assign justices or judges, including consenting retired justices or judges, to temporary duty in any court for which the judge is qualified and to delegate to a chief judge of a judicial circuit the power to assign judges for duty in that circuit.

(c) A chief judge for each district court of appeal shall be chosen by a majority of the judges thereof or, if there is no majority, by the chief justice. The chief judge shall be responsible for the administrative supervision of the court.

(d) A chief judge in each circuit shall be chosen from among the circuit judges as provided by supreme court rule. The chief judge of a circuit shall be responsible for the administrative supervision of the circuit courts and county

courts in the his circuit.

SECTION 11. Vacancies.—

(a) Whenever a vacancy occurs in a judicial office to which election for retention applies, the governor shall fill the vacancy by appointing for a term ending on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of the year following the next general election occurring at least one year after the date of appointment, one of not fewer than three persons nor more than six persons nominated by the appropriate judicial nominating commission.

(b) The governor shall fill each vacancy on a circuit court or on a county court, wherein the judges are elected by a majority vote of the electors, by appointing for a term ending on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of the year following the next primary and general election occurring at least one year after the date of appointment, one of not fewer than three persons nor more than six persons nominated by the appropriate judicial nominating commission. An election shall be held to fill that judicial office for the term of the office beginning at the end of the appointed term.

(c) The nominations shall be made within thirty days from the occurrence of a vacancy unless the period is extended by the governor for a time not to exceed thirty days. The governor shall make the appointment within sixty days after the nominations have been certified to the governor.

(d) Each appointment of a justice of the supreme court is subject to confirmation by the senate. The senate may sit for the purpose of confirmation regardless of whether the house of representatives is in session or not. If the senate fails to vote on the appointment of a justice within 90 days, the justice shall be deemed confirmed. If the senate votes to not confirm the appointment, the supreme court judicial nominating commission shall reconvene as though a new vacancy had occurred but may not renominate any person whose prior appointment to fill the same vacancy was not confirmed by the senate. The appointment of a justice is effective upon confirmation by the senate.

(e)(d) There shall be a separate judicial nominating commission as provided by general law for the supreme court, one for each district court of appeal, and one for each judicial circuit for all trial courts within the circuit. Uniform rules of procedure shall be established by the judicial nominating commissions at each level of the court system. Such rules, or any part thereof, may be repealed by general law enacted by a majority vote of the membership of each house of the legislature, or by the supreme court, five justices concurring. Except for deliberations of the judicial nominating commissions, the proceedings of the commissions and their records shall be open to the public.

SECTION 12. Discipline; removal and retirement.—

(a) JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION.—A judicial qualifications commission is created.

(1) There shall be a judicial qualifications commission vested with jurisdiction to investigate and recommend to the Supreme Court of Florida the removal from office of any justice or judge whose conduct, during term of office or otherwise, occurring on or after November 1, 1966, (without regard to the effective date of this section) demonstrates

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a present unfitness to hold office, and to investigate and recommend the discipline of a justice or judge whose conduct, during term of office or otherwise occurring on or after November 1, 1966 (without regard to the effective date of this section), warrants such discipline. For purposes of this section, discipline is defined as any or all of the following: reprimand, fine, suspension with or without pay, or lawyer discipline. The commission shall have jurisdiction over justices and judges regarding allegations that misconduct occurred before or during service as a justice or judge if a complaint is made no later than one year following service as a justice or judge. The commission shall have jurisdiction regarding allegations of incapacity during service as a justice or judge. The commission shall be composed of:

a. Two judges of district courts of appeal selected by the judges of those courts, two circuit judges selected by the judges of the circuit courts and two judges of county courts selected by the judges of those courts;

b. Four electors who reside in the state, who are members of the bar of Florida, and who shall be chosen by the governing body of the bar of Florida; and

c. Five electors who reside in the state, who have never held judicial office or been members of the bar of Florida, and who shall be appointed by the governor.

(2) The members of the judicial qualifications commission shall serve staggered terms, not to exceed six years, as prescribed by general law. No member of the commission except a judge shall be eligible for state judicial office while acting as a member of the commission and for a period of two years thereafter. No member of the commission shall hold office in a political party or participate in any campaign for judicial office or hold public office; provided that a judge may campaign for judicial office and hold that office. The commission shall elect one of its members as its chairperson.

(3) Members of the judicial qualifications commission not subject to impeachment shall be subject to removal from the commission pursuant to the provisions of Article IV, Section 7, Florida Constitution.

(4) The commission shall adopt rules regulating its proceedings, the filling of vacancies by the appointing authorities, the disqualification of members, the rotation of members between the panels, and the temporary replacement of disqualified or incapacitated members. The commission's rules, or any part thereof, may be repealed by general law enacted by a majority vote of the membership of each house of the legislature, or by the supreme court, five justices concurring. The commission shall have power to issue subpoenas. Until formal charges against a justice or judge are filed by the investigative panel with the clerk of the supreme court of Florida all proceedings by or before the commission shall be confidential; provided, however, upon a finding of probable cause and the filing by the investigative panel with said clerk of such formal charges against a justice or judge such charges and all further proceedings before the commission shall be public.

(5) The commission shall have access to all information from all executive, legislative and judicial agencies, including grand juries, subject to the rules of the commission. At any time, on request of the speaker of the house of representatives or the governor, the commission shall make available to the house of rep-

resentatives all information in the possession of the commission, which information shall remain confidential during any investigation and until such information is used in the pursuit for use in consideration of impeachment or suspension; respectively.

(b) PANELS.—The commission shall be divided into an investigative panel and a hearing panel as established by rule of the commission. The investigative panel is vested with the jurisdiction to receive or initiate complaints, conduct investigations, dismiss complaints, and upon a vote of a simple majority of the panel submit formal charges to the hearing panel. The hearing panel is vested with the authority to receive and hear formal charges from the investigative panel and upon a two-thirds vote of the panel recommend to the supreme court the removal of a justice or judge or the involuntary retirement of a justice or judge for any permanent disability that seriously interferes with the performance of judicial duties. Upon a simple majority vote of the membership of the hearing panel, the panel may recommend to the supreme court that the justice or judge be subject to appropriate discipline.

(c) SUPREME COURT.—The supreme court shall receive recommendations from the judicial qualifications commission's hearing panel.

(1) The supreme court may accept, reject, or modify in whole or in part the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the commission and it may order that the justice or judge be subjected to appropriate discipline, or be removed from office with termination of compensation for willful or persistent failure to perform judicial duties or for other conduct unbecoming a member of the judiciary demonstrating a present unfitness to hold office, or be involuntarily retired for any permanent disability that seriously interferes with the performance of judicial duties. Malafides, scienter or moral turpitude on the part of a justice or judge shall not be required for removal from office of a justice or judge whose conduct demonstrates a present unfitness to hold office. After the filing of a formal proceeding and upon request of the investigative panel, the supreme court may suspend the justice or judge from office, with or without compensation, pending final determination of the inquiry.

(2) The supreme court may award costs to the prevailing party.

(d) REMOVAL POWER.—The power of removal conferred by this section shall be both alternative and cumulative to the power of impeachment.

(e) PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING SUPREME COURT JUSTICE.—Notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions of this section, if the person who is the subject of proceedings by the judicial qualifications commission is a justice of the supreme court of Florida all justices of such court automatically shall be disqualified to sit as justices of such court with respect to all proceedings therein concerning such person and the supreme court for such purposes shall be composed of a panel consisting of the seven chief judges of the judicial circuits of the state of Florida most senior in tenure of judicial office as circuit judge. For purposes of determining seniority of such circuit judges in the event there be judges of equal tenure in judicial office as circuit judge the judge or judges from the lower

numbered circuit or circuits shall be deemed senior. In the event any such chief circuit judge is under investigation by the judicial qualifications commission or is otherwise disqualified or unable to serve on the panel, the next most senior chief circuit judge or judges shall serve in place of such disqualified or disabled chief circuit judge.

(f) SCHEDULE TO SECTION 12.—

(1) Except to the extent inconsistent with the provisions of this section, all provisions of law and rules of court in force on the effective date of this article shall continue in effect until superseded in the manner authorized by the constitution.

(2) After this section becomes effective and until adopted by rule of the commission consistent with it:

a. The commission shall be divided, as determined by the chairperson, into one investigative panel and one hearing panel to meet the responsibilities set forth in this section.

b. The investigative panel shall be composed of:

1. Four judges,

2. Two members of the bar of Florida, and

3. Three non-lawyers.

c. The hearing panel shall be composed of:

1. Two judges,

2. Two members of the bar of Florida, and

3. Two non-lawyers.

d. Membership on the panels may rotate in a manner determined by the rules of the commission provided that no member shall vote as a member of the investigative and hearing panel on the same proceeding.

e. The commission shall hire separate staff for each panel.

f. The members of the commission shall serve for staggered terms of six years.

g. The terms of office of the present members of the judicial qualifications commission shall expire upon the effective date of the amendments to this section approved by the legislature during the regular session of the legislature in 1996 and new members shall be appointed to serve the following staggered terms:

1. Group I.—The terms of five members, composed of two electors as set forth in s. 12(a)(1)c. of Article V, one member of the bar of Florida as set forth in s. 12(a)(1)b. of Article V, one judge from the district courts of appeal and one circuit judge as set forth in s. 12(a)(1)a. of Article V, shall expire on December 31, 1998:

2. Group II.—The terms of five members, composed of one elector as set forth in s. 12(a)(1)c. of Article V, two members of the bar of Florida as set forth in s. 12(a)(1)b. of Article V, one circuit judge and one county judge as set forth in s. 12(a)(1)a. of Article V shall expire on December 31, 2000:

3. Group III.—The terms of five members, composed of two electors as set forth in s. 12(a)(1)c. of Article V, one member of the bar of Florida as set forth in s. 12(a)(1)b. of Article V, one judge from the district courts of appeal and one county judge as set forth in s. 12(a)(1)a. of Article V, shall expire on December 31, 2002:

g.h. An appointment to fill a vacancy of the commission shall be for the remainder of the term.

h.i. Selection of members by district courts of appeal judges, circuit judges, and county court judges, shall be by no less than a majority of the members voting at the respective courts' conferences. Selection of members by the board of governors of the bar

of Florida shall be by no less than a majority of the board.

l.j. The commission shall be entitled to recover the costs of investigation and prosecution, in addition to any penalty levied by the supreme court.

j.k. The compensation of members and referees shall be the travel expenses or transportation and per diem allowance as provided by general law.

**NO. 6  
CONSTITUTIONAL  
AMENDMENT  
ARTICLE I, SECTION 28  
(Legislative)**

**Ballot Title:** PROHIBITION ON PUBLIC FUNDING OF ABORTIONS; CONSTRUCTION OF ABORTION RIGHTS.—

**Ballot Summary:** This proposed amendment provides that public funds may not be expended for any abortion or for health-benefits coverage that includes coverage of abortion. This prohibition does not apply to an expenditure required by federal law, a case in which a woman suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness that would place her in danger of death unless an abortion is performed, or a case of rape or incest. This proposed amendment provides that the State Constitution may not be interpreted to create broader rights to an abortion than those contained in the United States Constitution. With respect to abortion, this proposed amendment overrules court decisions which conclude that the right of privacy under Article I, Section 23 of the State Constitution is broader in scope than that of the United States Constitution.

**Full Text:**

ARTICLE I  
DECLARATION OF RIGHTS  
SECTION 28. Prohibition on public funding of abortions; construction of abortion rights.—

(a) Public funds may not be expended for any abortion or for health-benefits coverage that includes coverage of abortion. This subsection does not apply to:

(1) An expenditure required by federal law;

(2) A case in which a woman suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness, including a life-endangering, physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, which would, as certified by a physician, place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed; or

(3) A pregnancy that results from rape or incest.

(b) This constitution may not be interpreted to create broader rights to an abortion than those contained in the United States Constitution.

**NO. 8  
CONSTITUTIONAL  
AMENDMENT  
ARTICLE I, SECTION 3  
(Legislative)**

**Ballot Title:** RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.—

**Ballot Summary:** Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution providing that no individual or entity may be denied, on the basis of religious identity or belief, governmental benefits, funding or other support, except as required by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, and deleting the prohibition against using revenues from the public treasury directly or indirectly in aid of any church, sect, or religious denomination or in aid of any sectarian institution.

**Full Text:**

ARTICLE I  
DECLARATION OF RIGHTS  
SECTION 3. Religious freedom.—There shall be no law respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting or penalizing the free exercise thereof. Religious freedom shall not justify practices inconsistent with public morals, peace, or safety. Except to the extent required by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, neither the government nor any agent of the government may deny to any individual or entity the benefits of any program, funding, or other support on the basis of religious identity or belief. No revenue of the state or any political subdivision or agency thereof shall ever be taken from the public treasury directly or indirectly in aid of any church, sect, or religious denomination or in aid of any sectarian institution.

**NO. 9  
CONSTITUTIONAL  
AMENDMENT  
ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6  
ARTICLE XII, SECTION 32  
(Legislative)**

**Ballot Title:** HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SURVIVING SPOUSE OF MILITARY VETERAN OR FIRST RESPONDER.—

**Ballot Summary:** Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature to provide by general law ad valorem homestead property tax relief to the surviving spouse of a military veteran who died from service-connected causes while on active duty or to the surviving spouse of a first responder who died in the line of duty. The amendment authorizes the Legislature to totally exempt or partially exempt such surviving spouse's homestead property from ad valorem taxation. The amendment defines a first responder as a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, or a paramedic. This amendment shall take effect January 1, 2013.

**Full Text:**

ARTICLE VII  
FINANCE AND TAXATION

SECTION 6. Homestead exemptions.—

(a) Every person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, shall be exempt from taxation thereon, except assessments for special benefits, up to the assessed valuation of twenty-five thousand dollars and, for all levies other than school district levies, on the assessed valuation greater than fifty thousand dollars and up to seventy-five thousand dollars, upon establishment of right thereto in the manner prescribed by law. The real estate may be held by legal or equitable title, by the entireties, jointly, in common, as a condominium, or indirectly by stock ownership or membership representing the owner's or member's proprietary interest in a corporation owning a fee or a leasehold initially in excess of ninety-eight years. The exemption shall not apply with respect to any assessment roll until such roll is first determined to be in compliance with the provisions of section 4 by a state agency designated by general law. This exemption is repealed on the effective date of any amendment to this Article which provides for the assess-

ment of homestead property at less than just value.

(b) Not more than one exemption shall be allowed any individual or family unit or with respect to any residential unit. No exemption shall exceed the value of the real estate assessable to the owner or, in case of ownership through stock or membership in a corporation, the value of the proportion which the interest in the corporation bears to the assessed value of the property.

(c) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the Legislature may provide to renters, who are permanent residents, ad valorem tax relief on all ad valorem tax levies. Such ad valorem tax relief shall be in the form and amount established by general law.

(d) The legislature may, by general law, allow counties or municipalities, for the purpose of their respective tax levies and subject to the provisions of general law, to grant an additional homestead tax exemption not exceeding fifty thousand dollars to any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner and who has attained age sixty-five and whose household income, as defined by general law, does not exceed twenty thousand dollars. The general law must allow counties and municipalities to grant this additional exemption, within the limits prescribed in this subsection, by ordinance adopted in the manner prescribed by general law, and must provide for the periodic adjustment of the income limitation prescribed in this subsection for changes in the cost of living.

(e) Each veteran who is age 65 or older who is partially or totally permanently disabled shall receive a discount from the amount of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property the veteran owns and resides in if the disability was combat related, the veteran was a resident of this state at the time of entering the military service of the United States, and the veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service. The discount shall be in a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for the discount granted by this subsection, an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser, by March 1, proof of residency at the time of entering military service, an official letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability and such evidence that reasonably identifies the disability as combat related, and a copy of the veteran's honorable discharge. If the property appraiser denies the request for a discount, the appraiser must notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial, and the veteran may reapply. The Legislature may, by general law, waive the annual application requirement in subsequent years. This subsection shall take effect December 7, 2006, is self-executing, and does not require implementing legislation.

(f) By general law and subject to conditions and limitations specified therein, the Legislature may provide ad valorem tax relief equal to the total amount or a portion of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property to the:

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(1) Surviving spouse of a veteran who died from service-connected causes while on active duty as a member of the United States Armed Forces.

(2) Surviving spouse of a first responder who died in the line of duty.

(3) As used in this subsection and as further defined by general law, the term:

a. "First responder" means a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, or a paramedic.

b. "In the line of duty" means arising out of and in the actual performance of duty required by employment as a first responder.

## ARTICLE XII SCHEDULE

SECTION 32. Ad valorem tax relief for surviving spouses of veterans who died from service-connected causes and first responders who died in the line of duty.—This section and the amendment to Section 6 of Article VII permitting the legislature to provide ad valorem tax relief to surviving spouses of veterans who died from service-connected causes and first responders who died in the line of duty shall take effect January 1, 2013.

## NO. 10 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 3 ARTICLE XII, SECTION 32 (Legislative)

**Ballot Title:** TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION.—

**Ballot Summary:** Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to:

(1) Provide an exemption from ad valorem taxes levied by counties, municipalities, school districts, and other local governments on tangible personal property if the assessed value of an owner's tangible personal property is greater than \$25,000 but less than \$50,000. This new exemption, if approved by the voters, will take effect on January 1, 2013, and apply to the 2013 tax roll and subsequent tax rolls.

(2) Authorize a county or municipality for the purpose of its respective levy, and as provided by general law, to provide tangible personal property tax exemptions by ordinance.

This is in addition to other statewide tangible personal property tax exemptions provided by the Constitution and this amendment.

**Full Text:**  
ARTICLE VII  
FINANCE AND TAXATION

SECTION 3. Taxes; exemptions.—

(a) All property owned by a municipality and used exclusively by it for municipal or public purposes shall be exempt from taxation. A municipality, owning property outside the municipality, may be required by general law to make payment to the taxing unit in which the property is located. Such portions of property as are used predominantly for educational, literary, scientific, religious or charitable purposes may be exempted by general law from taxation.

(b) There shall be exempt from taxation, cumulatively, to every head of a family residing in this state, household goods and personal effects to the value fixed by general law, not less than one thousand dollars, and to every widow or widower or person who is blind or totally and permanently disabled, property to the value fixed by general law not less than five hundred dollars.

(c) Any county or municipality may, for the purpose

of its respective tax levy and subject to the provisions of this subsection and general law, grant community and economic development ad valorem tax exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses, as defined by general law. Such an exemption may be granted only by ordinance of the county or municipality, and only after the electors of the county or municipality voting on such question in a referendum authorize the county or municipality to adopt such ordinances. An exemption so granted shall apply to improvements to real property made by or for the use of a new business and improvements to real property related to the expansion of an existing business and shall also apply to tangible personal property of such new business and tangible personal property related to the expansion of an existing business. The amount or limits of the amount of such exemption shall be specified by general law. The period of time for which such exemption may be granted to a new business or expansion of an existing business shall be determined by general law. The authority to grant such exemption shall expire ten years from the date of approval by the electors of the county or municipality, and may be renewable by referendum as provided by general law.

(d) Any county or municipality may, for the purpose of its respective tax levy and subject to the provisions of this subsection and general law, grant historic preservation ad valorem tax exemptions to owners of historic properties. This exemption may be granted only by ordinance of the county or municipality. The amount or limits of the amount of this exemption and the requirements for eligible properties must be specified by general law. The period of time for which this exemption may be granted to a property owner shall be determined by general law.

(e)(1) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, twenty-five thousand dollars of the assessed value of tangible personal property is subject to tangible personal property tax shall be exempt from ad valorem taxation. Tangible personal property is also exempt from ad valorem taxation if the assessed value of such property is greater than twenty-five thousand dollars but less than fifty thousand dollars.

(2) A county or municipality may, for the purposes of its respective tax levy, provide additional tangible personal property tax exemptions by ordinance, subject to this subsection and as provided in general law.

(f) There shall be granted an ad valorem tax exemption for real property dedicated in perpetuity for conservation purposes, including real property encumbered by perpetual conservation easements or by other perpetual conservation protections, as defined by general law.

(g) By general law and subject to the conditions specified therein, each person who receives a homestead exemption as provided in section 6 of this article; who was a member of the United States military or military reserves, the United States Coast Guard or its reserves, or the Florida National Guard; and who was deployed during the preceding calendar year on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the legislature shall receive an additional exemption equal to a percentage of the taxable value of his or her homestead

property. The applicable percentage shall be calculated as the number of days during the preceding calendar year the person was deployed on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the legislature divided by the number of days in that year.

## ARTICLE XII SCHEDULE

SECTION 32. Tangible personal property; ad valorem tax exemption.—The amendment to Section 3 of Article VII providing that property is exempt from tangible personal property tax if the assessed value of such property is greater than twenty-five thousand dollars but less than fifty thousand dollars shall take effect January 1, 2013, and applies to assessments for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013.

## NO. 11 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6 (Legislative)

**Ballot Title:** ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION; LOW-INCOME SENIORS WHO MAINTAIN LONG-TERM RESIDENCY ON PROPERTY; EQUAL TO ASSESSED VALUE.—

**Ballot Summary:** Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature, by general law and subject to conditions set forth in the general law, to allow counties and municipalities to grant an additional homestead tax exemption equal to the assessed value of homestead property if the property has a just value less than \$250,000 to an owner who has maintained permanent residency on the property for not less than 25 years, who has attained age 65, and who has a low household income as defined by general law.

**Full Text:**  
ARTICLE VII  
FINANCE AND TAXATION  
SECTION 6. Homestead exemptions.—

(a) Every person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, shall be exempt from taxation thereon, except assessments for special benefits, up to the assessed valuation of twenty-five thousand dollars and, for all levies other than school district levies, on the assessed valuation greater than fifty thousand dollars and up to seventy-five thousand dollars, upon establishment of right thereto in the manner prescribed by law. The real estate may be held by legal or equitable title, by the entireties, jointly, in common, as a condominium, or indirectly by stock ownership or membership representing the owner's or member's proprietary interest in a corporation owning a fee or a leasehold initially in excess of ninety-eight years. The exemption shall not apply with respect to any assessment roll until such roll is first determined to be in compliance with the provisions of section 4 by a state agency designated by general law. This exemption is repealed on the effective date of any amendment to this Article which provides for the assessment of homestead property at less than just value.

(b) Not more than one exemption shall be allowed any individual or family unit or with respect to any residential unit. No exemption shall exceed the value of the real estate assessable to the owner or,

in case of ownership through stock or membership in a corporation, the value of the proportion which the interest in the corporation bears to the assessed value of the property.

(c) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the Legislature may provide to renters, who are permanent residents, ad valorem tax relief on all ad valorem tax levies. Such ad valorem tax relief shall be in the form and amount established by general law.

(d) The legislature may, by general law, allow counties or municipalities, for the purpose of their respective tax levies and subject to the provisions of general law, to grant either or both of the following an additional homestead tax exemptions:

(1) An exemption not exceeding fifty thousand dollars to any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner and who has attained age sixty-five and whose household income, as defined by general law, does not exceed twenty thousand dollars; or.

(2) An exemption equal to the assessed value of the property to any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate with a just value less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars and who has maintained thereon the permanent residence of the owner for not less than twenty-five years and who has attained age sixty-five and whose household income does not exceed the income limitation prescribed in paragraph (1).

The general law must allow counties and municipalities to grant these this additional exemptions exemption, within the limits prescribed in this subsection, by ordinance adopted in the manner prescribed by general law, and must provide for the periodic adjustment of the income limitation prescribed in this subsection for changes in the cost of living.

(e) Each veteran who is age 65 or older who is partially or totally permanently disabled shall receive a discount from the amount of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property the veteran owns and resides in if the disability was combat related, the veteran was a resident of this state at the time of entering the military service of the United States, and the veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service. The discount shall be in a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for the discount granted by this subsection, an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser, by March 1, proof of residency at the time of entering military service, an official letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability and such evidence that reasonably identifies the disability as combat related, and a copy of the veteran's honorable discharge. If the property appraiser denies the request for a discount, the appraiser must notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial, and the veteran may reapply. The Legislature may, by general law, waive the annual application requirement in subsequent years. This subsection shall take effect December 7, 2006, is self-executing, and does not require implementing

legislation.

## NO. 12 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE IX, SECTION 7 (Legislative)

**Ballot Title:** APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.—

**Ballot Summary:** Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to replace the president of the Florida Student Association with the chair of the council of state university student body presidents as the student member of the Board of Governors of the State University System and to require that the Board of Governors organize such council of state university student body presidents.

**Full Text:**  
ARTICLE IX  
EDUCATION  
SECTION 7. State University System.—

(a) PURPOSES. In order to achieve excellence through teaching students, advancing research and providing public service for the benefit of Florida's citizens, their communities and economies, the people hereby establish a system of governance for the state university system of Florida.

(b) STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. There shall be a single state university system comprised of all public universities. A board of trustees shall administer each public university and a board of governors shall govern the state university system.

(c) LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES. Each local constituent university shall be administered by a board of trustees consisting of thirteen members dedicated to the purposes of the state university system. The board of governors shall establish the powers and duties of the boards of trustees. Each board of trustees shall consist of six citizen members appointed by the governor and five citizen members appointed by the board of governors. The appointed members shall be confirmed by the senate and serve staggered terms of five years as provided by law. The chair of the faculty senate, or the equivalent, and the president of the student body of the university shall also be members.

(d) STATEWIDE BOARD OF GOVERNORS. The board of governors shall be a body corporate consisting of seventeen members. The board shall operate, regulate, control, and be fully responsible for the management of the whole university system. These responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to, defining the distinctive mission of each constituent university and its articulation with free public schools and community colleges, ensuring the well-planned coordination and operation of the system, and avoiding wasteful duplication of facilities or programs. The board's management shall be subject to the powers of the legislature to appropriate for the expenditure of funds, and the board shall account for such expenditures as provided by law. The governor shall appoint to the board fourteen citizens dedicated to the purposes of the state university system. The appointed members shall be confirmed by the senate and serve staggered terms of seven years as provided by law. The commissioner of education, the chair of the advisory council of faculty senates, or the equivalent, and the chair of the council of

student body presidents, which council shall be organized by the board of governors and consist of all the student body presidents of the state university system president of the Florida student association, or the equivalent, shall also be members of the board.

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

Case No.: 2009-172-CA

FRIER FINANCE, INC  
Plaintiff,

v.

DORIS O. Stewart, and  
SHIRLEY H. BUTLER,  
Defendants.

## FINAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE

**THIS CAUSE** came before the Court for hearing on July 19, 2012, upon Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment of Foreclosure. Having reviewed the instant Motion and the supporting affidavits and the court file, having heard argument of counsel, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, it is

## ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that:

1. The Court has jurisdiction of the subject matter and the parties of this cause.

2. There are no genuine issues of material fact. Plaintiff's Motion for Final Summary Judgment of foreclosure is **GRANTED**.

3. Plaintiff is entitled to an award of reasonable attorney's fees in the total amount of \$900.00 at the rate of \$150.00/hour for 6.0 total attorney hours. In awarding same, the Court has considered all of the criteria set forth in Florida Patients' Compensation Fund v. Rowe, 472 So. 2d1145 (Fla. 1985).

4. Plaintiff FRIER FINANCE, INC., whose address is 12788 U.S. Highway 90 West, Live Oak, FL 32060, is due the following:

Principal balance: \$60,085.00

Accrued interest through October 28, 2011, (per diem \$15.61): \$13,661.21

Accrued interest from October 29, 2011 to July 19, 2012 (per diem \$15.61): \$3,980.55

Late Charges: \$1,150.00

Escrow Balance: \$1,725.96

Attorney's fee incurred by The Decker Law Firm, P.A.: \$2,629.63

Filing fee incurred by The Decker Law Firm, P.A.: \$1,015.50

Service of process fee incurred by The Decker Law Firm, P.A.: \$120.00

Publication fee incurred by The Decker Law Firm, P.A.: \$294.00

Mediation fee incurred by The Decker Law Firm, P.A.: \$1,000.00

Title Search fee incurred by Timothy D. Padgett, P.A.: \$200.00

Attorney's Fees:  
Attorney Fee for Foreclosure Case: \$900.00

Attorney Fee Total: \$900.00 making a **total sum** of \$86,761.85, that shall bear interest at the rate of 4.75% per year, or as otherwise prescribed by law, whichever is less.

5. Plaintiff holds a lien for the total sum superior to any claim or estate of Defendant on the following property in

Liberty County, Florida, legally described as:

**EXHIBIT "A"**

Lot 92, TURKEY CREEK ACRES, an unrecorded subdivision, being more particularly described as follows:

A parcel of land being in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 33, Township 1 North, Range 7 West, Liberty County, Florida and lying East of Turkey Creek Road (80.00 foot Right-of-Way), more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Begin at a concrete monument (4"x4" - no ID) marking the Northeast corner of said Northwest 1/4; and run thence S89°59'11"W along the Northern boundary of said Northwest 1/4 a distance of 201.81 feet to a concrete monument (4"x4" - no ID) on the Easterly Right-of-Way boundary of said road; thence S06°56'18"E along said Easterly Right-of-Way boundary a distance of 45.62 feet to a re-bar (5/8" D.O.T.) marking a point of curve to the left; thence Southeasterly along said Easterly Right-of-Way boundary and said curve with radius of 1233.24 feet through a central angle of 06°50'14" for an arc distance of 147.16 feet (the chord of said arc being S10°21'25"E 147.08 feet) to a re-bar (PSM3031); thence N89°52'14"E 173.91 feet to a re-bar (PSM3031) on the Eastern boundary of said Northwest 1/4; thence N01°13'22"W (Bearing Base) along said Eastern boundary a distance of 189.67 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The above described parcel of land being SUBJECT TO a 10.00 foot utility easement along each lot line.

TOGETHER WITH that certain 1999 Manufactured Home, I.D. No(s). FLHML3B141720985A/B, Title No(s). 0079678763 and 0079678795.

6. If the sum with interest at the rate described in paragraph 4 and all cost accrued subsequent to this judgment are not paid, the clerk of this court shall sell the property at public sale on September 11, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time), or as soon thereafter as the sale may proceed, to the highest bidder for cash, except as prescribed in paragraph 7, at the **Courthouse Steps, Liberty County Courthouse, 10818 NW SR 20, Bristol, Florida 32321** in accordance with section 45.031, Florida Statutes.

7. Plaintiff shall advance all subsequent costs of this action and shall be reimbursed for them by the clerk if plaintiff is not the purchaser of the property for sale. If plaintiff is the purchaser, the clerk shall credit plaintiff's bid with the total sum with interest and cost accruing subsequent to this judgment, or such part of it, as is necessary to pay the bid in full.

8. On filing the certificate of title the clerk shall distribute the proceeds of the sale, so far as they are sufficient, by paying; first, all of plaintiff's cost; second, documentary stamps affixed to the certificate; third, plaintiff's attorney's fees; fourth, the total sum due to plaintiff, less the items paid, plus interest at the rate prescribed in paragraph 4 from this date to the date of the sale; and by retaining any remaining amount pending the further order of this court.

9. On filing the certificate of title defendant(s) and all persons claiming under or against defendant since the filing of the notice of lis pendens shall be foreclosed of all estate or claim in the property, except as to the potential rights of a condominium or homeowners' association under chapter 718

# LEGAL NOTICES

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or chapter 720, Florida Statutes, as more fully set forth herein. Upon the filing of the certificate of title, the person or entity named on the certificate of title shall be let into possession of the property. If any Defendant remains in possession of the property, the clerk shall without further order of the court issue forthwith a writ of possession upon request of the person named on the certificate of the title. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the rights of any condominium or homeowners' association or association shall be governed as provided in Section 718.116 and 720.3085, F.S., subject to limitations as set forth in **Coral Lakes Community Association, Inc. v. Busey Bank, N.A.**, 35 Fla. L. Weekly D431 (Fla. 2nd DCA 2010).

**10. If this property is sold a public auction, there may be additional money from the sale after payment of persons who are entitled to be paid from the sale proceeds pursuant to this Final Judgment. If you are a subordinate lien holder claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim, you will not be entitled to any remaining funds.**

**11. If you are the property owner, you may claim these funds yourself. You are not required to have a lawyer or any other representation and you do not have to assign your rights to anyone else in order for you to claim any money to which you are entitled. Please check with the Clerk of Court, Liberty County Courthouse, 10818 NW SR 20, Bristol, Florida 32321, (850) 642-5188, within 10 days after the sale to see if there is additional money from the foreclosure sale that the Clerk has in the Registry of the Court.**

**12. If you decide to sell your home or hire someone to help you claim the additional money, you should read very carefully, all papers you are required to sign ask someone else, preferably an attorney who is not related to the person offering to help you, to make sure that you understand what you are signing and that you are not transferring your property or the equity in your property without the proper information. If you cannot afford to pay an attorney, you may contact Legal Services of North Florida, Inc. (850) 862-3279, in your area, to see if you qualify financially for their services. If they cannot assist you, they may be able to refer you to a local bar referral agency or suggest other options. If you choose to contact Legal Services of North Florida, Inc., for assistance, you should do so as soon as possible after receipt of this notice.**

**13. The Plaintiff may assign the Judgment or the bid to a third party without further order of the Court.**

14. Jurisdiction of this action is retained to enter further orders that are proper including, without limitation, a deficiency judgment.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers at Bristol, Liberty County, Florida, this 19th day of July, 2012.

JAMES O. SHELFER  
Circuit Judge

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing Final Summary Judgment has been furnished to the following:

Timothy D. Padgett, ESQ.  
Timothy D. Padgett, P.A.  
2878 Remington Green Circle  
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by regular U.S. mail this 19 day of July, 2012

Clerk of Court  
Robert Hill, Clerk

V. Summers  
Deputy Clerk 8-22, 8-29

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That LABAN OR LINDA BON-TRAGER** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO.: 59  
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2010

Description of Property: Commence at a concrete monument marking the Northwest Corner of Section 33, Township 1 North, Range 7 West, Liberty County, Florida and thence proceed South 89 degrees 18 minutes 06 seconds East along the North boundary of said Section 33, a distance of 2204.71 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING, thence continue South 89 degrees 18 minutes 06 seconds East along said North boundary 183.50 feet to the Westerly right-of-way boundary of an 80.00 foot wide roadway; thence run South 06 degrees 12 minutes 59 seconds East along said Westerly right-of-way boundary 55.12 feet to a point of curve to the left; thence run Southeasterly along said Westerly right-of-way boundary and said curve having a radius of 1185.92 feet through a central angle of 06 degrees 38 minutes 46 seconds for an arc distance

of 137.56 feet (chord being South 09 degrees 32 minutes 23 seconds East 137.49 feet) to the North right-of-way boundary of a 60.00 foot wide roadway; thence run North 89 degrees 23 minutes 10 seconds West along said North right-of-way boundary 212.76 feet; thence run North 00 degrees 09 minutes 11 seconds East 190.34 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 0.86 of an acre, more or less.

Name in which assessed: **JOY J. WHITED**

Said property being in the County of Liberty, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the front door of the Liberty County Courthouse, 10818 NW SR 20, Bristol, Florida on the 3rd day of October 2012 at 11:00 A.M. E.S.T.

Dated this 23rd day of August 2012

ROBERT HILL,  
CLERK OF COURT  
Kathleen E. Brown,  
Deputy Clerk 8-29 T 9-19

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that LABAN OR LINDA BON-TRAGER** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO.: 105  
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2009

Description of Property: Lot 14: Commence at a rod and cap marking the Southwest corner of Block "34" of the

Town of Sumatra lying in Section 30, Township 5 South, Range 7 West, Liberty County, Florida, said point also lying on the Northerly right of way of State Road Number 22 (right of way varies); thence run South 05 degrees 08 minutes 10 seconds East 80.00 feet to a point lying on the Southerly right of way of said State Road Number 22; thence run along said right of way as follows: North 84 degrees 51 minutes 50 seconds East 1900.00 feet; thence South 05 degrees 08 minutes 10 seconds East 92.00 feet; thence North 84 degrees 51 minutes 50 seconds East 978.49 feet; thence South 00 degrees 54 minutes 18 seconds West 3.88 feet to a concrete monument; thence South 00 degrees 47 minutes 50 seconds West 268.96 feet to a point lying on the centerline of a 60 foot wide roadway and utility easement; thence run along centerline as follows: South 76 degrees 47 minutes 49 seconds West 142.63 feet; thence leaving said centerline run North 05 degrees 08 minutes 10 seconds West 30.30 feet to a point lying on the Northerly right of way of said 60 foot wide roadway and utility easement; thence run along said right of way as follows: South 76 degrees 47 minutes 49 seconds West 5.18 feet; thence South 73 degrees 06 minutes 50 seconds West 148.06 feet; thence South 70 degrees 15 minutes 40 seconds West 465.78 feet; thence South 76 degrees 59 minutes 59 seconds West 65.26 feet; thence South 76 degrees 59 minutes 59 seconds West 37.74 feet; thence South 81 degrees 00 minutes 49 seconds West 132.88 feet to a point lying on the centerline of a 60 foot wide roadway easement; thence leaving said right of way run along said centerline South 05 degrees 15 minutes 46 seconds East 679.23 feet; thence leaving said centerline run North 84 degrees 51 minutes 50 seconds East 420 feet to a rod and cap for the Point of Beginning; thence

from said Point of Beginning run North 05 degrees 15 minutes 46 seconds West 210.00 feet to a rod and cap lying on the centerline of a 60 foot wide roadway easement; thence run along said centerline North 84 degrees 51 minutes 50 seconds East 210.00 feet; thence leaving said centerline run South 05 degrees 15 minutes 46 seconds East 210.00 feet to a rod and cap; thence South 84 degrees 51 minutes 50 seconds West 210.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Subject to a roadway and utility easement lying over and across the Northerly 30 feet described thereof.

Name in which assessed: **LEE W. GLASSER**

Said property being in the County of Liberty, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Front Door of the Liberty County Courthouse, 10818 NW SR 20, Bristol, Florida on the 3rd day of October, 2012 at 11:00 A.M., E.S.T.

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Bristol 66 Towing and Recovery will hold a Public Auction on Sept. 6 at 5:30 p.m. (ET).

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## FWC asks public to share Florida panther sightings and photos on website

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has launched a new website that makes it easy for citizens who spot Florida panthers to share the information online.

The site – [www.Public.My-FWC.com/hsc/PantherSightings/](http://www.Public.My-FWC.com/hsc/PantherSightings/) – enables the public to report when and where they have seen a panther or its tracks and upload photos of the sighting.

As recently as the 1970s, the Florida panther was close to disappearing, with as few as 20 animals in the wild. Now there are an estimated 100 to 160 adults and sub-adults. Sub-adults are panthers that have left their mother but are not yet breeding age.

The growing population of this endangered species and its need to roam over large areas mean panthers are spreading beyond their well-documented south Florida range. The FWC has evidence of panther sightings throughout Florida and is getting increased reports from people lucky enough to have photographed a panther or its tracks.

“While it’s encouraging to hear from



a person who is excited about seeing a Florida panther, the FWC has to have specific documentation of the panther sighting to provide sound science-based panther management,” said Darrell Land, FWC panther team leader. “We’ve been receiving a lot of panther pictures from people who use trail cameras, and this website makes it easy for them to share that information with the FWC.”

FWC researchers will use the reported sightings to gain knowledge on the range of Florida panthers.

“The comeback of the Florida panther is a great example of what coordinated conservation efforts can accomplish,” Land said. “The FWC is asking people to help document how panthers are responding to these conservation efforts and where they are coexisting with Florida’s 19 million human residents.”

Learn more about the Florida panther at [FloridaPantherNet.org/](http://FloridaPantherNet.org/). The site includes information about panthers for people of different interest levels, including a coloring book and activity pages for kids.

## PYTHON PATROL

### Record python is a reminder to call 1 (888) IveGot1

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS – A 17.7 foot Burmese python carrying 87 eggs is a record for Everglades National Park and a reminder that these problem snakes are here to stay. The Nature Conservancy has been working to prevent their spread out of the Everglades by training responders to pick them up when sighted. If you see a sun-bathing python or any other invasive species, like Nile monitors, take a photo and please call 1 (888) IveGot1 and report your sighting to the Python Patrol.

“We have 24-hour response by law enforcement in 10 counties, although anyone in Florida can leave a message,” said Nature Conservancy Biologist Cheryl Millett, who runs the Conservancy’s Python Patrol program. The counties where a responder trained by the Conservancy to capture invasive snakes is dispatched are: Miami-Dade, Monroe, Collier, Hendry, Broward, Palm Beach, Glades, Martin, St. Lucie and Okeechobee counties.

The Nature Conservancy began the Python Patrol in 2008 to help prevent the spread of snakes out of Everglades National Park and into the Florida Keys where one had been discovered after feeding on an endangered Key Largo wood rat. People who work outside for a living were encouraged to call in sightings and trained responders up and down the Keys captured the intruders. Now the program is being implemented across the southern part of the state.

Pythons eat a wide range of wildlife species, including birds, mammals and alligators up to four feet long. University of Florida scientists studying Florida’s largest snake found to date said its size would allow it to eat most anything. Capture of the record snake was announced by UF Monday.

“By capturing snakes in the counties on the edges of the major infestation in the park we may be able to stop the spread and prevent new breeding. And by capturing them in the park we hope to suppress the population,” Millett said.

Sightings can be filed on-line at [IveGot1.org](http://IveGot1.org) as well. There is also an iPhone App available through iTunes called IveGot1 that was developed by the University of Georgia. The phone number and web site are open for reports of all invaders, including fish. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is partnering with the Conservancy to respond to reports. And wildlife officers continue to be trained to properly capture and bag snakes.

“We encourage everyone to become more familiar with distinguishing invasive from native reptiles by taking the free online REDDY training offered by the University of Florida,” Millett said. Online REDDY training is at [www.ufwildlife.ifas.ufl.edu/reddy.shtml](http://www.ufwildlife.ifas.ufl.edu/reddy.shtml) and offers a certificate at end of the 40-minute free training, plus ID and reporting handouts.

*The Nature Conservancy is a leading conservation organization working around the world to protect ecologically important lands and waters for nature and people. To date, the Conservancy and its more than one million members have been responsible for the protection of more than 18 million acres in the United States and have helped preserve more than 117 million acres in Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific. Visit The Nature Conservancy on the Web at [www.nature.org](http://www.nature.org).*

# EARTHWORMS

There are more than 2,700 different types of earthworms residing on the planet. Earthworms are often known to be workhorses in the garden, helping to aerate and fertilize the soil while filling it with nutrients.

Earthworms recycle materials like dead leaves, decaying animals and feces so new plant seedlings can grow and have the process begin anew. Worms have been around for 120 million years -- one of the few species of insects that have stood the test of time. In just one acre of soil, there may be a million or more earthworms turning over the soil and chewing on organic matter. Without earthworms, most plants would not thrive.

Earthworms have mucous covering their bodies in order to stay moist. This helps them to breathe through their skin. You may have noticed that after it rains worms appear on sidewalks and outside of their underground burrows. This is not because they are drowning underground, but because the environment is moist after it rains, making it more conducive for worms to breathe and move around to find mates. Normally the dry conditions above ground make them dry out and die.

Contrary to popular belief, worms do have a mouth and an opposite end for waste removal that is not interchangeable.



**Two butterflies fly in formation through a brushy thicket in the Apalachicola National Forest near Hosford.**

PHIL COALE PHOTO

# ECOSCAPING

Ecoscaping is a growing trend among homeowners who want to take care of their lawns and landscapes but want to do so in a way that's environmentally friendly. Integrating both landscape architecture and spatial planning with environmental science, ecoscaping is meant to help homeowners create a sustainable and eco-friendly landscape design.

It's natural to assume that ecoscaping includes looking for ways to reduce reliance on chemical pesticides, but there are many additional ways homeowners can embrace ecoscaping. This includes removing or refusing to plant invasive plants that are difficult to control because they are from different ecosystems and can threaten local wildlife and existing plants.

Instead of choosing exotic plants that aren't native to the area, choose native plants that are accustomed to the local climate.

Another way to embrace ecoscaping is to develop a planting strategy wherein plants are planted in beneficial growing conditions that can eliminate the need for chemical fertilizers and excessive watering.

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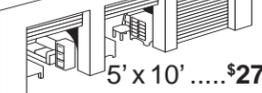
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**Two 12 inch Kenwood speakers**, \$20 for both. Call 643-9227. 8-22, 8-29

**Two 52 inch RCA TVs**, \$350 each. Call 762-2223. 8-22, 8-29

## FURNITURE

**Coffee table**, two end tables, sofa table all in light wood, \$175 OBO. Call 643-2859. 8-29, 9-5

**Platform rocker** in great shape, \$50, baby buggy, \$35. Call 674-3264. 8-29, 9-5

**Large card table** with 4 chairs, \$20. Call 580-3335. 8-29, 9-5

**Recliner** blue/green velour, excellent condition, \$50. Two swivel occasional chairs, tan/green slip covers, \$45 pair. Antique china hutch, painted tan/cream trim, \$100. Antique buffet/sideboard, painted brown, \$100. Loveseat, navy/burnt orange with flowers, \$50. White bookshelf/tall hutch with two open shelving at top and three drawers bottom. All in excellent condition and from a pet free/smoke free home. Please email if you would like to receive photos of items at cindyloinfla@hotmail.com or call (850) 338-4098. 8-29, 9-5

**Bedroom suite**, five piece, \$750. Call 643-8309. 8-29, 9-5

**Victorian couch and chair**. Baby bed with two mattresses. Call 762-8471. 8-22, 8-29

**Brown couch**, pulls out into a bed, in great shape, \$30. Antique chair, green, in great shape, \$20. Call 447-4502. 8-22, 8-29

**Big Boy Recliner**, mocha, good condition, \$100. Call 674-2716. 8-22, 8-29

**Couch**, white with floral design, only a few months old, \$150. Call 447-3361. 8-22, 8-29

**Matching sofa and love seat**, dusty rose with dusty blue with matching lamps, \$275. Call (850) 557-3455. 8-22, 8-29

**King size mattress** in good condition, \$75. Call 674-8183. 8-22, 8-29

**Wood dining room table**, 7 foot, in excellent condition, \$250. Call 674-4454. 8-22, 8-29

**Good used furniture** and appliances needed at Calhoun Liberty Ministry Center. Call 674-1818. UFN

## TRUCKS

**1985 Dodge pickup**, half ton, runs good, no tailgate, standard shift, \$600 OBO. Call 209-2698. 8-29, 9-5

**1986 Suburban**, 4-door, air conditioning front and rear, new 350 running gear and transmission. For sale or trade for a smaller vehicle. Call 274-1002. 8-29, 9-5

**1989 1-ton dully Ford**, with dump bed, 460 engine, has a blown head gasket, \$1,000. Call 762-3224. 8-22, 8-29

**1998 Jeep Wrangler**, 5 speed, 4WD, towing package, soft and hard top, \$7,000. Call 447-1786. 8-22, 8-29

**1995 Toyota pickup**, 2WD, 5-speed, regular cab, \$1,000. Call 447-1926. 8-22, 8-29

## CARS

**1979 Chevy Camaro**, new paint, new rebuilt engine, \$4,500. Call 237-1315. 8-29, 9-5

**1997 Mercury** station wagon, green, \$1,400. Call 674-3264. 8-29, 9-5

**1999 Nissan Maxima GLE**, white, has some electrical problems, \$1,200 as is. Call 643-2876. 8-29, 9-5

**2002 Dodge Stratus RT**, sports coupe, leather, loaded, in very good condition, \$4,000 OBO. Call 209-9489. 8-22, 8-29

## VEHICLE ACCESSORIES

**Two Goodyear Wrangler tires**, 5-275-GOR20 about half tread, both for \$50. Call 762-8491. 8-29, 9-5

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### Fun By The Numbers

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ANSWER:

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To place your ad, call 643-3333 by noon Eastern Time on Monday UFN. Non-business ads run FREE for 2 weeks.

## MOTORCYCLE & ATVs

**1987 Honda 600R** 4-stroke motorcycle, \$1,000. Call 447-1926.

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motor, runs good, boat body needs work. Call (850) 209-2487.

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**12 ft. fiberglass boat**, T-hull with a 50 hp Mercury motor, trolling motor, trailer in good condition, \$2,000 OBO. Call 643-8263 after 6 p.m. weekdays.

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## HOMES & LAND

**1978 Trailer**, 2 BD, 1 BA, \$2,500. Must be moved. Call 447-1180 or 447-3725.

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**1994 Mobile home**, 24x52, 3 BD, 2 BA with new carpet, laminated flooring and central heat and air unit, \$12,000. Call 643-2859.

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**1999 Fleetwood Elite**, 3BD, 2 BA mobile home, 16x80, must be moved, \$12,000 OBO. Call 509-9607.

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**1997 Skyline mobile home**, 14x70, 3BD, 2 BA, \$6,000. Call 447-1926.

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## WATER WELL SUPPLIES

**Do you need parts for 'That Darn Pump'?** We have capacitors, relays, control boxes, pressure switches, check valves, foot valves, air volume control valves, wire, pumps, tanks and much more. Available 7 days a week until 9 p.m. Repair questions are welcomed. Call us at 'That Darn Pump' at 643-4357.

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## PETS/SUPPLIES

**Five Chiweenie pups**, female, born July 1. Three chocolate at \$100 each. Two Dapple brindle, mother is Chiweenie, father is mini tri-color Chocolate Dachshund. Will be about 12 pounds when adult. Photos can be requested by email. Call 643-3809 or 643-8219.

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**Mother cat** and kittens, free to a good home. Seven weeks old. Call 491-7380.

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**Jack Russell rough coat**, female, three years old, weighs 7 lbs. Free to a good home. Call 762-8657.

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**Black Arabian Morgan** male gelding, 3 1/2 years old, good project horse, loves people. Shots up-to-date, no bad habits. Call 491-7380.

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**Kittens** wanting good loving homes. We are the Purring Sisters who are pre-teen kittens and we are healthy, bursting with energy, full of mischief plus we have lovable personalities. We've had our kitten check-ups. For more information call our Foster Mom Ruth at (850) 237-2740.

8-29, 9-5

**Six-year-old filly**. Has not been ridden in over a year, green broke. Call 674-2716.

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**Bob-Tailed kittens**, free to a good home. Call 674-5696.

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**Chihuahua puppies**, \$50. Call 674-3011.

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**Rat Terrier**, young, brown and white, great dog, good with kids, kills small rodents, free to a good home. Call 762-2959.

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*Buy, sell or trade in the Journal classifieds*

## HUNTING/FISHING

**14 ft. Kennedy Craft boat** with side console new battery, 25 hp Evinrude motor, galvanized trailer with new tires, clear title, \$2,200. Call 447-3661.

8-29, 9-5

**Black powder rifle** and pistol. Call 762-8471.

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**1985 18 ft. boat**, with 110 Mercury Cruiser inboard/outboard motor, new aluminum trailer, runs good, \$1,200 OBO. Call 762-3224.

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**Boat with trailer**. 1975 Mercury

## FOR SALE IN HOSFORD

\* 2 BD, 1 BA, fenced yard, close to school. At 21354 Roberts Street. **\$40,000.**

\* 4 BD, 1 1/2 BA house w/carport, up town, fenced property, big pecan trees, lots of flowers and dogwood trees. At 15731 Ferrell Street. **\$70,000.**

\* 2 BD, 1 BA, on a pretty lot, new roof and septic tank. At 15657 Hosford Street. **\$35,000.**

\* Highway Frontage, Trailer Park on property with 6 rentals, rent will pay mortgage. At 14332 NE State Road 65. **\$150,000.**

\* 2 BD, 1 BA nice house with grape vines, fig, tangerine & other fruit trees, nice quiet neighborhood, fenced-in property. At 21042 NE Talquin Circle. **\$75,000.**

**379-8457**

## ★STARSCOPE★

Week of Aug. 26 ~ Sept. 1

### ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, balance and harmony will reign supreme this week. If there is something you have been meaning to change, now is the time to get it done.

### TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Intentions can be lost when communication is not effective, Taurus. So don't expect someone to understand simply by your actions alone. Explain yourself along the way.

### GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, sometimes you give off the impression that everything is going well, even when it is not. Hiding your emotions works sometimes, but this week find another strategy.

### CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, most of the time you seem slow and steady. But every once in a while you show some passion that others may not expect from you. These sudden bursts are human.

### LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, you can't change the path the stars have set in your place even if you want to. It's best to simply accept the cards and make the most of them.

### VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, speak up if you are not satisfied with your relationship. Now is the time to set things straight and make your voice heard. The other person will be receptive.

### LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, you are ready to change careers or travel for a change of pace. This could be the ideal time to make your move because there isn't anything pressing going on.

### SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, your surroundings may try your patience this week. Rise above any potential confrontations, and you will come out looking and feeling better because of it.

### SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

You may be misunderstood all day, but that won't put a damper on your good mood, Sagittarius. Let others think what they want to think and simply carry on.

### CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, a new person in your life will become a close friend for a long time. This person will have the qualities you need the most right now, and friendship will be easy.

### AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

You're feeling like it's time to take matters into your own hands, Aquarius. Don't put off your happiness any longer. It's too important to push aside.

### PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

This is the perfect time to address the questions that have been on your mind, Pisces. If you've been fretting over something, work it out.

### FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST 26  
Chris Pine, Actor (32)

AUGUST 29  
Leah Michele, Actress (26)

AUGUST 27  
Paul Reubens, Actor (60)

AUGUST 30  
Cameron Diaz, Actress (40)

AUGUST 28  
LeAnn Rimes, Singer (30)

AUGUST 31  
Dana Hamm, Model (32)

SEPTEMBER 1  
Barry Gibb, Musician (62)

## LOST/FOUND

**LOST: White male dog**, about 2 months old, lost at Lake Mystic, white with black spots. Call 643-8383 ask for Delilah.

8-29, 9-5

**LOST: Brown Chihuahua**, answers to Whisky, last seen on 12th Street in Blountstown behind Hungry Howie's. He has seizures and requires medication. He is very loved and missed by his family. Please, if you have any information, call 674-1297. No questions asked if returned safely.

8-22, 8-29

## TOOLS AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT

**Avery farm tractor**, 4 cyl gas engine, antique, \$2,500 OBO. Call 762-4231.

8-29, 9-5

**12 inch Craftsman table saw** with all equipment. Call 674-4554.

8-22, 8-29

## WANTED

**Disk to pull behind ATV** or garden tractor. Call 693-0898.

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## CAMPERS

**2003 Keystone 24 ft. camper** 5th wheel with slide, gas and electric, refrigerator, hot water heater. Gas stove and electric AC, \$5,500. Call (727) 457-6693.

8-22, 8-29

## YARD SALES

### BLOUNTSTOWN

**Yard sale, Saturday, Sept. 1** beginning at 7 a.m. (CT). Located on John G. Bryant Road (1/4 mile past high school) turn left off 69, 1 block on your right before you get to Woodmont Community. Tons of toys, like new including Geotrax train, Disney train set with box, Vteck sit and stand toy, Fisher Price learning home. Junior clothes, men's clothes, boy's clothes newborn to 5T (name brand, like new) over 50 pair of shoes (newborn to adult), baby blankets, home decor, purses, DVDs \$1 each. No junk, quality items, something for everyone. Call 643-6009.

### BRISTOL

**Multi-family yard sale**, Saturday, Sept. 1 beginning at 8 a.m. Located at the corner of Pea Ridge and Hwy. 20. Children's, men's, women's clothes. Lots of 50¢ items and lots more. Call 643-5957. Cancel if rain.

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## Three take 11 1/2-ft. gator near Hickory Landing

by Teresa Eubanks, *Journal Editor*

A Telogia man, his son and a friend from Bristol hauled an 11 foot, 5 1/2 inch alligator out of the Apalachicola River Monday night just a short time after setting out from Hickory Landing.

Tommy Harris said he and his son, Jayson, found the gator the previous night and knew they'd need two boats to get their catch and themselves back to the bank.

Harris said they went up river to Bushy Creek in a 14 ft. aluminium boat. Their friend, Chris Dykes, stayed a short distance away and fished until they called him by walkie-talkie to tell him to bring the second boat, which was also a 14-footer.

"We called him to help us corral him," Harris said. "We were having a dickens of a time, just me and my son," he said of their 40-minute battle with the reptile.

When Chris arrived, "The gator like to got in the boat with him," Harris said, describing how the alligator managed to get one foot in the second aluminium boat.

"He come up the side of the boat and flipped his tail so hard that he must have throwed 10 gallons of water in the boat," said Harris, who added that the big gator "tilted the boat sideways."

When they fired the bang stick, "The first bullet bounced off his head and

went through the woods," Harris said. "We had to fight him back down again and that really upset him." They killed him with the second shot.

"It was a heck of a time for a awhile there," Harris said about capturing the 420-lb. alligator.

He said he and his son got a smaller alligator last year that measured seven feet and two inches, but, "That wasn't nothing compared to this one."

JOHNNY EUBANKS PHOTO



## Parent meetings start off the new year at Altha School

LEFT: Altha second grade teachers Cindy Alday, Alysha Edenfield and Rhonda Price speak with parents about their plans for the school year. BELOW: Students and parents gathered to learn what to expect this term. Parent meetings are being held at each grade level at the school. Several grades have already met and others are scheduled in the coming weeks.

