

Dear Santa,

I'm probely not the best kid in town but I think ive been good enough to get some presents.

Destiny
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Dear Santa,

I want a model car (1980's) mercedies, Samsun galaxy, DS games, pencil holder, Florida Gator hat.

Michael
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Dear Santa,

I want 1,000 dolers, a shot gun and a pistel.

Allen
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Merry Christmas

An exuberant Sarah Shuler takes the stage during Blountstown Elementary School's production of 'Elfis and the Sleigh Riders' Friday to celebrate the holiday season. See more on page 17.

REDNECK CHRISTMAS PARADE



Cole and Chloe Ellis, TOP RIGHT, were joined by their buddy Duke, who dressed up for annual Redneck Christmas Parade Saturday in Scotts Ferry.

RIGHT: Dowling Parrish makes his way down the parade route. See more on page 13.



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Jury convicts Clarksville 'Meth Mom' on 4 counts

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

A Calhoun County jury returned a guilty verdict last Wednesday against a Clarksville woman charged with making methamphetamine in the presence of her children.

The jury was out just 70 minutes before returning with their verdict. Angela Howard, 34, was found guilty of child abuse, possession of methamphetamine, possession of listed chemicals and manufacturing methamphetamine.

She is scheduled to be sentenced Jan. 9. Assistant State Attorney Gary Pack is asking the judge to send her to prison for 20 years.

"This was not a case of where adults were just putting poison in their bodies," said Pack. "The 'shake and bake' method of making methamphetamine was being done with her two kids present - that was the crux of the case." He said that method of cooking meth is dangerous, explaining it's "very flammable and volatile."

He said Howard's testimony showed "It didn't bother her that her kids were there."

Howard's two sons - then age nine and 14 - were at the mobile home Jan. 10 when deputies from the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office arrived at the Clarksville residence to serve warrants.

Deputies heard the sound of people running through the trailer before Howard opened the front door. A smokey haze was coming from a bedroom and there was a strong chemical odor in the home, according to the arrest report.

The components of a methamphetamine lab and paraphernalia were in plain view in the home, according to the arrest report. A hotplate and folded piece of burnt tinfoil was found on the bedroom dresser; elsewhere, a variety of materials used in the "one pot" method of making meth were found including striped lithium batteries, drain opener, several cold compress packs that are

used as a source of ammonium nitrate, a 32 ounce bottle of lighter fluid, funnels and empty pseudoephedrine blister packs. An unspecified amount of "finished meth" was found inside a glass container in the bedroom dresser.

Howard took the stand and denied having anything to do with making meth but did admit to smoking methamphetamine four times that day, according to Pack. She told the jury she arrived at the home just ten minutes before deputies got there.

Howard and three others were arrested that day. Brandon Keller, of Tallahassee, and Casey Ruis, of Havana, both entered pleas



ANGELA HOWARD

and testified against Howard. Keller was sentenced to serve 18 months. Ruis, who had a prior criminal history, was given 15 years in prison.

A fourth person found at the scene - identified as Jessica Brown of Tallahassee - has eluded law enforcement and a warrant has been issued for her arrest. All were originally arrested on

the same charges as Howard.

"This is the fifth or sixth 'Meth Mom' we've prosecuted," said Pack. "All have gone to prison because they were manufacturing these drugs in front of their kids." He added, "It's toxic. They're slowly killing their kids."

Any parent found making the drug in the presences of children will go to prison for at least five years, he said.

Damaged car left behind at accident scene in Bay County

Jordan charged with battery, vehicle theft

A Blountstown man was arrested for battery and vehicle theft following an altercation at a Pine Street residence Sunday after he allegedly took off in someone else's vehicle and left it behind after getting in an accident, according to a report from the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office.

Gary B. Jordan, 33, was taken into custody as he was trying to leave a residence following a dispute with a 14-year-old girl, according to Deputy Jody Hoagland.

The girl stated that Jordan poked her in the face several times during an argument. Jordan told the deputy the teenager was "running her mouth."

A witness stated the argument was about Jordan taking a vehicle earlier without permission. Earlier that afternoon, Jordan was seen driving off in a 2005 Mercury, registered to Josephine Brigham.

He reportedly fled the scene after wrecking the car in Panama City, and contacted a friend there who drove him back to Blountstown.

The Florida Highway Patrol found the car, which had heavy front end damage.

Jordan's bond was set at \$11,000. He is being held in the Calhoun County Jail.



GARY JORDAN

SHERIFF'S LOG

CALHOUN COUNTY

December 11

•Michael Carter, VOP, CCSO.

December 12

•Jonah Crackins, domestic battery, CCSO.

•Rex Veasey III, grand theft auto (Gulf County warrant), CCSO.

•Eldridge Cross, DUI felony, BPD.

December 13

•Jimmy Tucker, VOP, CCSO.

December 14

•Jason Newton, violation of injunction, CCSO.

December 15

•Hamilton Thomas, out of county warrant, CCSO.

December 16

•Sujata Smith, driving with license suspend-

ed or revoked (felony), BPD.

December 17

•Gary Jordan, battery, vehicle theft, CCSO.

LIBERTY COUNTY

December 12

•William Lindsey, petty theft, LCSO.

December 13

•Angela Howard, holding for CCSO, CCSO.

•Donna J. Jacobs, failure to appear (warrant), LCSO.

December 16

•Tyrell Cuerrier, serving 14 days, sentenced from court, LCSO.

•Sujata Smith, holding for CCSO, CCSO.

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

Blountstown Police Dept.

Dec. 10 - 16, 2012



Citations issued:	
Accidents.....	02
Traffic Citations.....	13
Special details (business escorts, traffic details).....	85
Business alarms.....	05
Residential alarms.....	00
Complaints.....	50

After driving recklessly and hitting mailbox at business

Marianna man charged with felony DUI Dec. 12

A concerned motorist who reported a southbound vehicle traveling recklessly on Hwy. 71 North can be credited with getting an intoxicated driver off the road.

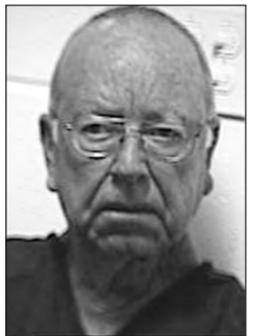
Deputy Scotty Norris and Blountstown Police Officer Leo Marlow were dispatched to the scene where a 2013 Nissan that had been seen weaving across the highway struck a mailbox and pulled into the parking lot at Amerigas.

The driver, identified as 69-year-old Eldridge Cross of Marianna, was behind the steering wheel of the vehicle with the motor still running when the deputy arrived.

Cross smelled strongly of an alcoholic beverage and when he stepped out of the vehicle, officers noticed that he had soiled his pants. A half-empty bottle of Seagram's Extra Dry Gin was found in the passenger's seat.

After determining that he was unable to perform any field sobriety exercises, Cross was taken into custody for driving under the influence and issued a citation for having an open container.

Breath samples given to determine his level of intoxication resulted in readings of .269 and .284. The legal limit is .08. He was charged with felony DUI and later given a conditional release.



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Happy Holidays

May you be safe and receive many blessings during these holidays and throughout the year.

My family and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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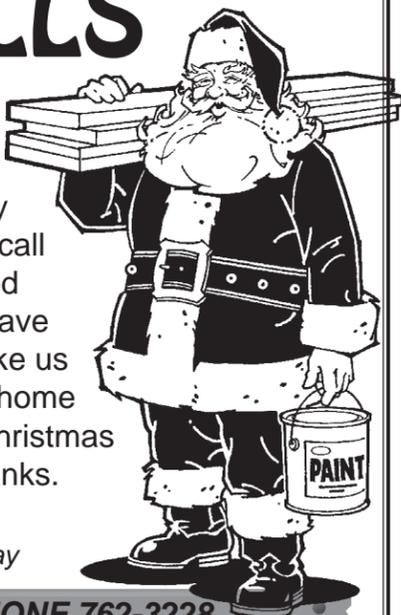
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NEW BRISTOL MAYOR TAKES OATH - New City of Bristol Mayor Steve Cutshaw is shown above as he is sworn into office by attorney David House at the Dec. 10 meeting of the Bristol City Council. "I was honored to be council vice-chairman and I'm just as honored to be mayor," he said, adding, "I'm looking forward to representing the city." **JOHNNY EUBANKS PHOTO**

DECK THE HALLS

As we spruce up our place for the holiday season we recall the many good friends who have helped to make us feel at ho-ho-home here Merry Christmas and many thanks.



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Some holiday traditions older than you think

Many Christmas traditions are older than some celebrants might think.

The tradition of lighting up a Christmas tree, for example, dates back to the days before Christmas lights.

Before electric-powered twinkle lights were invented and even

before electricity was discovered, people used actual candles to adorn the Christmas tree. As one can imagine, having an open flame next to a dried-out tree was risky, so it was customary to keep a bucket of water next to the tree in the case of fire.

As if fire wasn't enough, the tinsel used to decorate trees was made from strips of

silver and even lead -- something that is now known to be a health hazard to adults and children alike.

Although we've come a long way since candles and lead, even now trees that are overly dry and decorated with lights that have frayed wires can just as easily lead to fires. Plus, plastic tinsel can be a choking hazard for children

and pets.

One Christmas staple that has lost its status as a safety hazard is the poinsettia plant.

It has long been thought that poinsettias are poisonous to people and animals. While there is some toxicity to the plant, it would require the ingestion of hundreds of leaves to get a toxic dose of a plant's poison.

God Sent Us A Savior

If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator.

If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist.

If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist.

If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer.

But our greatest need was forgiveness so God sent us a Savior.

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Yuletide Greetings

Our warmest wishes to you and yours this holiday season.

Liberty County Courthouse

Kathy Brown, Clerk and staff

We will be closed Monday, Dec. 24 & Tuesday, Dec. 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday

Dedication ceremony planned for Mossy Pond Library Dec. 20

The Calhoun County Commission dedication of the Don Miller Complex and The Mossy Pond Public Library and Community Center will be held Thursday, Dec. 20 at 3 p.m.

The schedule is as follows:

- Welcome and Introductions by Thomas Flowers, Calhoun County Commission Chairman

- Invocation by David Tatum, Lee Shelton, County Commissioner District three; Ruth Attaway, Calhoun County Clerk of Court and Joe Woods, Public Works Director and Grants Coordinator.

The Community Partners are: Glenn Kimbrel, Calhoun County Sheriff; Peggy Howland, Healthy Start Program Manager; Jerry Keiser, Panhandle Public Library Cooperative Administrator and Rita Maupin, Calhoun County Public Library Director.

Please join in the celebration. Light refreshments will be available.

Corinth Baptist youth selling Fun Station fun cards for youth camp

Looking for a great stock stuffer or inexpensive gift for kids of all ages?

The youth of Corinth Baptist Church are selling Fun Station fun cards for only \$13. Each card includes one game of mini-golf, one game of laser-tag and one go-kart session.

But that's not all! You also get 20 tokens to use in the arcade. Now that's a deal for everyone.

Please call Jeff Sewell at 433-6108 or Beckie Black at 556-4270.

This is a fundraiser for church youth camp. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Chickens & turkeys for sale at Settlement

The Panhandle Pioneer Settlement has a number of chickens, roosters and turkeys for sale.

Curly Cushion Chickens and roosters are \$3 each. Turkeys are \$20 each, or two for \$35.

All proceeds from this sale goes to purchase more feed for the other chickens here at the Settlement in Blountstown.

For more information, please call 674-2777.

Newly remodeled McDonald's opens

The grand opening of the newly remodeled McDonald's in Blountstown is set for Thursday, December 20 from 4 to 6 p.m. The celebration will begin with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony followed by a VIP Reception.



Community Calendar

Wednesday, December 19

<p>TODAY'S MEETINGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotary Club, noon, Calhoun-Liberty Hospital • AA, 7 p.m., Calhoun County Old Ag Bldg. east door, in front of jail 	<p>BIRTHDAY</p> <p>Godfrey 'Pete' Peterson</p>
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Thursday, December 20



<p>TODAY'S MEETINGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AA, 7 p.m., basement of Calhoun Courthouse • Mossy Pond VFD, 7 p.m., Fire House • Alzheimer's Project support group, 4 p.m., Calhoun Liberty Hospital • Liberty Community Center FQHC Board, 6 p.m., Emergency Management Building on Spring St., Bristol

Friday, December 21

BIRTHDAY

Angie Davis

- **AA Meeting**, 7-8 p.m., Grace United Methodist Church, Hosford



Saturday, December 22



Winter Wonderland Express
Veterans Memorial Park
6:30 p.m.

BIRTHDAYS

Kaylee Wheetley
Emily Todd

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

Sunday, December 23

Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday



Monday, December 24



Tuesday, December 25



Newly-formed Liberty Education Foundation, Inc. seeks volunteers

Steve Cutshaw of Bristol is the founder and president of Liberty County Education Foundation, Inc., which has been organized to help area students by providing leadership and assistance in furthering their education.

The foundation is a non-profit organization whose mission is the promotion of Liberty County Schools educational services, to promote its welfare, to assist in it fulfilling its objectives, to sponsor and support the arts and athletics, to implement the total program of activities of the Liberty County School Board in appropriate ways and to otherwise assist, aid and advance the activities and services of the school board as it serves the citizens of Florida.

One of our main goals will be to provide scholarships to deserving Liberty County graduating students.

The foundation will survive solely on donations from individuals, business, grants and other donation avenues. The foundation is the first of its kind in Liberty County and already has assisted with classroom needs and teacher training.

We are licensed as a 501c3 with the IRS.

The founding members and current officers are:

- Steve Cutshaw, President/Treasurer:

- Joseph Shuler, Vice-President and

- Becky Brown, Secretary.

The foundation wishes to thank Hugh Black, Donnie Read and Ken Hosford for their dedication.

Donations can be made at Centennial Bank in Bristol and donations are completely tax deductible.

Please contact Steve Cutshaw at 643-4115 if you are interested in volunteering for the foundation or would like more information about our activities.

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Animal Planet coming to Torreya Park to film segment for 'Finding Bigfoot'

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

Torreya State Park is home to many unique plants and animals like the Torreya Tree, the Seminole Crescent butterfly and Apalachee Dusky Salamander.

And now a Crawfordville man and his son want to add one more item to the list of rare things that thrive in the Liberty County park: Bigfoot.

Stacy Brown Sr. and his son, Junior, say they had a close encounter with the fabled creature in May while camping at Torreya.

That spring night they felt something watching them. It was the kind of feeling that left the hair standing on the back of his neck, according to Brown in an interview with WCTV in

Tallahassee last week.

"We were asleep and we felt something push in the top of our tent. My buddy woke up screaming," said Junior Brown. "I woke up and we heard it run off. That's when I went all in."

The men grabbed their thermal imaging cameras and captured footage of what they believe is some kind of Bigfoot creature in Torreya Park.

The image is hard to make out, but with the video having been slowed down and enlarged enough, they believe they can see the silhouette of a Bigfoot-like creature running away. The brief bit of video was enough to prompt the folks



Torreya State Park's historic Gregory house.

at Animal Planet's "Finding Bigfoot" program to agree that there could be something to it.

As you might expect, the Browns and their friend didn't just happen up on the mysterious

creature. They were looking for him. And whether or not you believe their story, it will be part of an upcoming episode of "Finding Bigfoot."

The Browns are part of a group of Bigfoot enthusiasts who call themselves The Sasquatch Hunters, and their video can be seen at their website, thesasquatchhunters.com.

Torreya Park Manager Steve Cutshaw confirmed that he received a phone call from producers at the Animal Planet channel and they are making arrangements to come film in the park early next year.

While neither he nor any of the park staff have witnessed anything Bigfoot-related, Cutshaw seems

to be keeping an open mind about the prospect.

"This is a 14,000-acre state park and there's a lot of room to roam," he said, adding that after all, "Torreya is know as home to many rare and endangered species...and we're in a very remote area."

While he's not sure what to think about it all, he said, "We'll just take it all in stride, with 100 percent respect for their ideas." He added: "What they see is what they see."

Cutshaw has met the Browns and described them as "very passionate about what they do," calling them both "professional as well as likeable."

Now let's hope Bigfoot feels the same way.

THEIR ACCOUNT:

Fellow Sasquatch Hunter Glen Pieri wrote up the following account of what the Browns experienced during their visit to Torreya State Park in May 2012:

At 6:15 p.m., they arrived at the spot where they park. The two unloaded everything out of the truck and headed down the mile-long trail to the place where they would be camping for the evening. It had just rained, so it was really humid out and everything was wet. About 6:55 p.m. they arrived at the location where they would camp. After setting up their tents, Jr. started up the fire.

The plan they had was a simple one; one they usually followed if they were getting to an area late in the evening - start a fire, cook some food and play music through the boombox. This may not seem like a good idea but if you're in a remote area where people don't usually camp, this can be a good way to draw the

sasquatch in.

The night seemed to go by without a peep until 11:00 p.m. That's when they started hearing the noises. First it started with a knock. Both of them heard it and looked at each other. They quickly wrote it off as nothing and went back to the conversation they were having. About five minutes later they heard another knock. That's when they started paying closer attention. Shortly after that they started hearing footfalls coming from around the camp. After about 15 minutes of this and two more knocks (one was preceded by a growling/grunting sound), they turned up the radio and got the FLIR thermal camera ready so they could slip out of camp, hoping to catch whatever was making the noises on film.

They headed down the trail with their lights out; Stacy, Sr. running the FLIR [in black heat mode. This allowed Sr. to see the ground better than in white heat mode] and Stacy, Jr. filming him with the Sony Nightshot. While going down the trail, they continued to hear the

sounds of something big moving through the brush ahead. After about 20 minutes of walking down the trail they heard something close - real close. That's when Stacy, Sr. saw a black spot on the thermal indicating a living object. He paused and watched it for a minute. When he noticed it peeking out from behind a tree, he started to record. The next 22 seconds would come as a major shock to him.

Since the incident, they have been heavily investigating the area, trying to determine the size of the creature and find out exactly where they were standing. Once again, it was completely dark so they had no idea exactly where they were, only the general area they were in. After months of investigation, they teamed up with Cliff Barackman (of Animal Planet's Finding Bigfoot program) to help with the investigation. After countless hours of hard work they finally believe they have found the spot where the footage was captured, and figured out the size of the creature.

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Late Night Laughs

A RECAP OF RECENT OBSERVATIONS
BY LATE NIGHT TV HOSTS.

The Golden Globe nominations were announced and "Lincoln" got seven nominations. Finally, a Republican who might win something.

— JAY LENO

The new movie "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" came out. It is almost three hours long. This marks the first time people are saying, "I'm going to save myself some time and just read the book."

— JIMMY FALLON

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said a failure to reach a deal for the fiscal cliff will hurt the recovery. The good news is most Americans will not be affected by this because they had no idea there WAS a recovery.

— JAY LENO

The DEA says drug smugglers in Mexico are using canons to shoot marijuana over into the U.S. They have three distances — far, really far, and Willie Nelson's house.

— CRAIG FERGUSON

The Mayan calendar says that on the 21st, we're done. We've only got about a week left, and I haven't even started packing. On the bright side, the end of the world kind of takes the edge off the fiscal cliff, doesn't it?

— DAVID LETTERMAN

Steven Spielberg's movie "Lincoln" had the most nominations of any film this year. Seven. "Lincoln" was nominated for best picture, best director, best beard without a mustache, and furriest top hat.

— JIMMY KIMMEL

The U.S. Census Bureau says that by the year 2043, white people will be in the minority in the United States. By that time, the country will be 15 percent black, 31 percent Hispanic, and 1 percent Republican.

— JAY LENO

Thursday, the Senate floor was reserved for farewell speeches from retiring senators. Each senator received a fitting gift: a gold watch that stopped working years ago.

— JIMMY FALLON

Christmas is just around the corner. It's just under two weeks away, and today Santa released 10 years of tax returns.

— DAVID LETTERMAN

The Army has started kicking out overweight soldiers, and they're refusing to admit recruits that are obese. That shows you how times have changed. Back in the '60s, you had to go to Canada to stay out of the Army. Now, you just have to go to McDonald's.

— JAY LENO

The satellite that North Korea launched last week is apparently unstable, and could collide with several American satellites. Or as North Korea calls that, "The point."

— JIMMY FALLON

Barbara Walters chose General David Petraeus as the most fascinating person of 2012. What a coincidence. So did Paula Broadwell.— JAY LENO

HBO is planning a new movie similar to "Game Change," but based on the 2012 election. The network said they're not sure who will play Mitt Romney — then Mitt Romney said, "Hey, I'm not doing anything."

— JIMMY FALLON

The nominations for the Golden Globes were announced. If you got a screaming phone call at 4 a.m., you were either nominated for a Golden Globe or you're Charlie Sheen's girlfriend.

— JIMMY KIMMEL

Anyone see that Hurricane Sandy concert? Kanye West performed while wearing a leather skirt. So now they're having a benefit concert for people who had to see that.

— CONAN O'BRIEN



Second Amendment & gun control

This piece is about mass murders, not gun ownership. I own guns. I am one of the million people in Florida with a license to carry a concealed weapon.

The mass murder of 20 children and six adults at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut is beyond imagination. What could be a more "American place" than an elementary school for kindergarten to fourth grade children?

For the majority of Americans, the Second Amendment right to bear arms along with the First Amendment right to freedom of speech is the cornerstone of democracy. Yes, there is more "stuff" in the Constitution of which few are aware, but everyone is ingrained with the significance of the First and Second Amendments.

During the ratification of the basic Constitution in 1787, James Madison pledged to the Anti-Federalists, the Conservatives of that era, that the Constitution would be amended to accommodate personal rights that are now embodied in the Bill of Rights.

Madison relied on the Virginia Declaration of Rights for most of his proposed amendments. The original list contained 16 proposals pared to 12 with 10 making the final list, which is the National Bill of Rights that we know today.

A bit of historical trivia: The current First Amendment was number three on the final list of 12 becoming number one only after the rejection of the original numbers one and two.

According to the Blackwell Encyclopedia of the American Revolution, "The Second Amendment reflected an American preference for a 'home-grown' militia instead of a detested standing army, and hence, proclaimed 'the right of the people to keep and bear arms.'"

The Second through Fifth Amendments were designed to protect the colonists against foreign armies such as peacetime quartering of army troops in private homes and unreasonable searches by army troops.

Unfortunately, for many Americans, the original purpose of the Second Amendment has morphed into the belief that they need to be armed to the teeth to defend themselves against our own federal government. People actually believe that President Obama or someone from the federal government is going to arrive at their house and confiscate their guns.

That will never happen. Right or wrong, the Second Amendment is so ingrained in the American psyche that America would have to become a police state like the former Soviet Union for that to happen. It won't.

The question for all Americans is one of how much of our Second Amendment rights are we willing to give up in order to decrease the number of senseless mass murders like the one that just occurred in Connecticut?

Note that I wrote "decrease" the number of senseless killings because gun control is one of those

volatile issues that can never be totally resolved in a democratic society, particularly a society armed with the potency of the Second Amendment to the Constitution. Senseless killings will continue. The question is can some be prevented.

In my view, gun control is primarily a state issue. There are already federal gun laws, but enforcement is tepid at best. Like many federal laws, there is no mechanism to provide 100% enforcement. Problem is too big, no money and no people to enforce the law.

I think that people have a right to own guns. I own guns. I am one of the million people in Florida with a license to carry a concealed weapon. My work takes me to the outback, and I always have one of my friends with me... Mr. Beretta or my German buddy... Walther PPK when I'm out among 'em. I know how to use a weapon. I was a military police officer on a rifle and pistol team. I've fired a gazillion rounds.

But, I don't have any problem with gun control because sensible gun control does not prevent people like me from owning handguns and shotguns. However, I don't need a .50 caliber sniper rifle. If I did, I would still be in the military.

I recognize that people who do own a .50 caliber sniper rifle contend that they shoot it on a range. I believe them, but the mentally deranged will use the rifle against some perceived threat.

So, in my view, the issue is how to reduce mass murders in America. Are people willing to accept gun control for military style weapons? Are friends and families willing to report people to mental healthcare providers whom they consider a risk to society?

I'll answer my own question. The answer is "no." They won't.

COX'S CORNER

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





WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

by Douglas Cohn and Eleanor Clift

No party for the Tea Party

WASHINGTON – When South Carolina Republican Jim DeMint announced he was stepping down from his Senate seat with four more years to go, he sent a strong signal about the future of the Tea Party, a movement that is about to become a party in search of a party. No one has been a greater advocate for the Tea Party movement from its inception than DeMint and he was one its principal links to the Republican Party.

But the Tea Party is a barnacle movement. It cannot stand on its own; it must attach itself to another party and the Republican Party was the only entity offering it a home. But that was before the 2012 elections and the fiscal cliff fiasco.

When DeMint says Republicans have lost the argument on making tax cuts permanent for the top two percent of earners, he speaks from a base of knowledge. He speaks as a leader of a party within a party. He knows it's just a matter of time before his two masters – the GOP and the Tea Party – acknowledge reality and come to terms on a deal to avoid the fiscal cliff, or at least to avoid its worst impact should the impasse continue into the new year.

DeMint is leaving the Senate to assume the presidency of the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank that was created some 30 years ago to inform and assist the Reagan administration. There he will draw a salary of well over a million dollars, many times what he earned as a lawmaker.

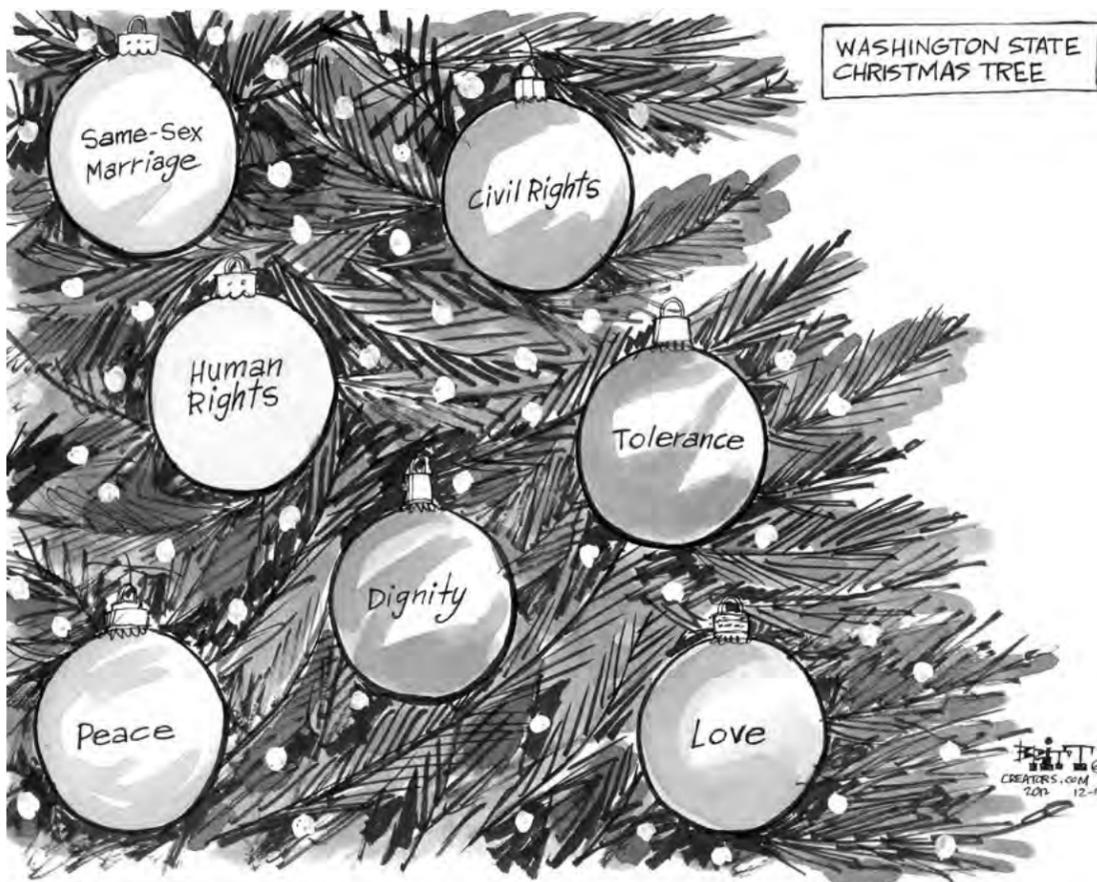
Still, it is highly unusual for a U.S. senator to give up a seat with so much time left on the clock. It is a commentary on the state of dysfunction on Capitol Hill together with the heightened power of outside groups.

In this instance, the Tea Party gets blamed for taking the GOP so far to the right that it lost touch with mainstream America. Republicans anticipated taking control of the U.S. Senate in the November election, and it didn't happen because extremist Tea Party candidates in Indiana and Kentucky torpedoed their party's chances, causing the Republican brand overall to lose credibility with the voters.

DeMint read the election results and concluded that the Tea Party within the confines of Congress had lost ground, but may yet have power as an outside lobbying force. But the Heritage Foundation, highly regarded for its work advancing conservative policies, is taking a risk with DeMint. He is an advocate and an ideologue, and could cost Heritage some of the credibility it has worked hard to build. Call it Tea Party poison.

Without DeMint in the Senate, the diminished Tea Party wing of the GOP will now turn to Kentucky Senator Rand Paul and incoming Texas freshman Ted Cruz, although it remains to be seen how much longer mainstream Republicans will tolerate them and their kind.

Meanwhile, if Tea Party obstinacy on tax rates takes us over the cliff, the Bush tax cuts will expire anyway, so what does the Republican Party gain? To paraphrase Mathew 16:26: For what will it profit a party if it gains its goal and forfeits its soul?





Cracker Cabin opens at park



A new spot is now available at Torreya State Park for visitors who want to enjoy a little comfort while they're camping. The new "Torreya Cracker Cabin" opened to the public on Monday, December 17. It sleeps six and is divided into three rooms, two bedrooms and a middle screened room. Each bedroom is fully furnished with built-in beds. One has four bunks and one has a queen-size bed. Each bedroom has heat and air conditioning. The cabin rents for \$50 per night and is reserveable through ReserveAmerica. All monies for the cabin were kept locally during construction.

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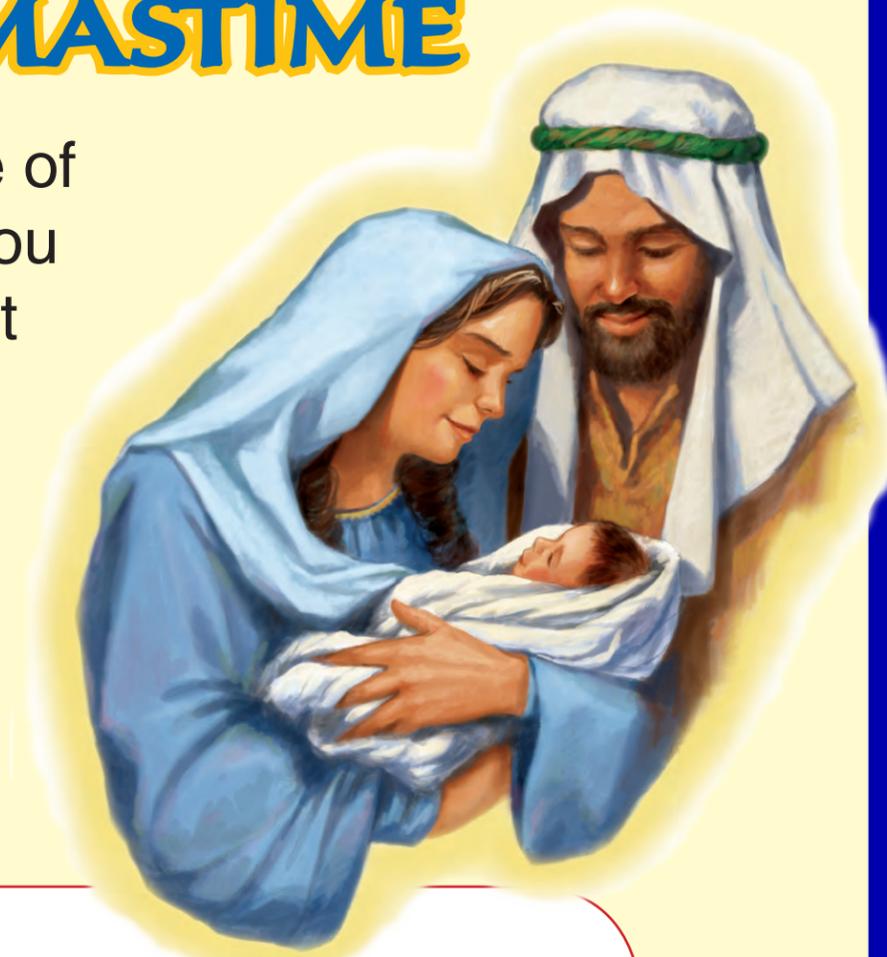
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BIRTHDAYS



SYDNEY SHAW

Sydney Shaw celebrated her 10th birthday Friday, Dec. 14. She is the daughter of Brandy Sandlin and Steve Shaw of Blountstown. Her grandparents are Dee Dee Shaw of Blountstown, Norma and Randy Smith of Orrville, OH and the late Tommy Spence of Oatman, AZ. Her great-grandparents are Dorothy Campbell of Wooster, OH and the late Katherine Fant of Scotts Ferry. She enjoys playing with her dog, Pixie and her cats. She loves to listen to music, draw, play the Wii, shoot the BB gun and annoy her sister, Ashley. She had a Rock Star Party with her friends. She wished she could have seen her special friend, the late Doug Thomas of Blountstown.



CARMEN MARTIN

Carmen Martin will celebrate her eighth birthday Friday, Dec. 21. She is the daughter of Amanda Phillips of Bristol and Casey and Maggie Martin of Clarksville. She enjoys riding her new bike and playing outside with her little brother, J.C. She celebrated with a Cinderella theme party.



TRAYSON LEE LEWIS

Trayson Lee Lewis celebrated his fourth birthday Wednesday, Dec. 19. He is the son of Ashley and Stacey Lewis of Hosford. His grandparents are Robin and Bobby Blackburn of Hosford, Rhonda and Jerry Lewis of Bristol and Pat Conley and Tony Conley, both of Marianna. He enjoys playing with all of his brothers, Trenton, Tryston and Taylor. He enjoys fishing and hunting and spending time with all of his cousins, but most of all he enjoys being spoiled by his grandparents.



ASHLEY MARIE SMITH

Ashley Marie Smith celebrated her 18th birthday Wednesday, Dec. 12. She is the daughter of Bruce and Lisa Smith of Bristol. Her grandparents are Billy Ray Smith of Blountstown, Eleanor and Ed Ligon and Linda and Clyde Gainey, all of Bristol. She is enjoying her senior year at LCHS. She loves volleyball and softball and spending time with her closest friends and cousins.

WEDDING



Cook, Connelly to exchange wedding vows on Dec. 24

Ray Cook and Tabatha Connelly would like to announce their engagement and forthcoming wedding.

The happy couple will be married December 24 at 5 p.m. (CT) at the bride's family home in Blountstown.

All family and friends are

welcome to attend.

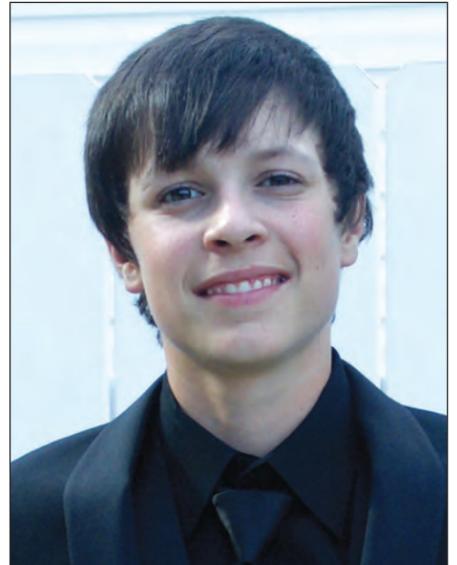
No invitations are being sent out.

The bride is the daughter of the late George P. Connelly, Jr. and Laura Davene Bailey Connelly. The groom is the son of the late Buck Cook and Ernest and Faye McCardel.



HOLLI PEDDIE

Holli Peddie will celebrate her fifth birthday Friday, Dec. 21. She is the daughter of Jamie Peddie of Hosford and Chad Peddie of Bristol. Her grandparents are Robert Chason, Jr. of Hosford, Anna Chason, Tim and Tammy McCroskey, all of Bristol and Tim Peddie of Scotts Ferry. She enjoys playing with her brothers, Hunter and Hayden and also spending time with her cousins, Lex Herndon and Lilah McCroskey.



MONROE HINSON

Monroe Hinson celebrates his 17th birthday Wednesday, Dec. 19. He is the son of Gail and Blaire Richter of Hosford and Chaff Hinson of Chattahoochee. He enjoys fishing with his Daddy B., aggravating his sister T.K. and spending time with his Papa and Manny (Allen and Marian Strickland). He dislikes Chemistry, but loves baseball and often refers to himself as the "Star Child."



DELLA MCCARDLE

Della McCardle celebrated her first birthday Thursday, Dec. 6. She is the daughter of Dale and Maggie McCardle. Her grandparents are Earnest and Faye McCardle and Wanda and the late Harmon Whitfield, all of Altha and Gerry Skeen of Topeka, KS. She enjoys playing with her big brother, Justin and all of her cousins. She celebrated with a Minnie Mouse party at her Nana's with lots of family and friends.

Holiday gifts for the nature lover

Holiday season is upon us. Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or having a few extra days to celebrate with family and friends, coming up with appropriate presents can be a challenge.

The key to gift-giving is matching the gift to the individual, while making sure it is something they'll enjoy, is hopefully good for them and not too expensive. And if it helps Mother Nature too, maybe that's the perfect gift. With that in mind, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has several suggestions for your holiday shopping.

How about an offering guaranteed to create a happier, healthier and more productive lifestyle? Richard Louv, chairman emeritus of the Children & Nature Network and author of "The Nature Principle" and "Last Child in the Woods," has made a solid case, supported by years of research, that connecting with nature results in those benefits. Being able to spend time in nature brings people of any age back to the roots connecting them with the nurturing earth.

In a time when frantic schedules, enclosed spaces and constant noise tend to drive us a little crazy, it is a real gift to get outdoors and relax with family and friends, get moving to burn off some excess holiday calories and open the door to better communications.

To start, how about planning a nature hike or fishing trip?

"Perhaps more than any other form of recreation, fishing and boating are critical to the health and well-being of America's outdoor heritage," according to the Outdoor Foundation. "By boat and on land, the first outdoor experience for many Americans is fishing, introducing tens of millions of



people each year to the wonders of nature. Fishing also serves as an important bridge and top 'gateway' activity that leads participants to other outdoor passions."

So why not invite your family and friends on a fun fishing trip, right here in Florida – the Fishing Capital of the World (Fishing-Capital.com)? An annual resident fishing license is easy to obtain at License.MyFWC.com, by calling 888-FISH-FLORIDA or visiting a local retailer that sells fishing tackle and licenses. A five-year freshwater fishing license makes an especially great gift. While you are purchasing the license, you will have the opportunity to make a donation to the Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network to help the FWC with "Creating the next generation that cares."

An annual freshwater fishing license costs just \$17. Since the average angler fishes 17 times a year (U.S. Census Bureau research) and enjoys four to five hours on a typical trip, the cost is less than a quarter per hour of fun and healthy recreation. When you purchase a license you are also providing a gift to nature and future generations of anglers and outdoor enthusiasts. For 75 years, the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program has guaranteed that fishing

license fees are protected by law and can only be used for fish and wildlife conservation. Moreover, fees collected by the federal government on fishing tackle, pleasure boats and motor boat fuels provide additional funding for recreational fishing and conservation.

While putting a fishing-related gift pack together, you can find lots of information about fishing tips and gear at MyFWC.com/Fishing, along with fishing sites and up-to-date forecasts. One of the most fun tips is to have everyone register for Florida's freshwater angler recognition programs, including TrophyCatch and Big Catch, at TrophyCatchFlorida.com. When you register, you become eligible for a Phoenix 619 Pro bass boat and trailer, with a Mercury outboard and Motor Guide trolling motor. That drawing will be in October 2013.

However, for the hard-core freshwater anglers who travel from all across the world to fish Florida's fresh water, the ultimate catch is a trophy largemouth bass. The FWC and corporate partners reward anglers for reporting those fish and then releasing them to challenge another angler and to keep the fishery thriving. To learn more and keep informed, please "like" us at Facebook.com/TrophyCatchFlorida.

Another great gift that will help anglers boast about their sport while supporting conservation is a "Go Fishing" largemouth bass specialty license plate for their vehicle or trailer. Simply go to Buyaplate.com, or purchase a gift certificate at an authorized motor vehicle office.

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Floridians urged to be careful with fire

TALLAHASSEE – Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Adam H. Putnam and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Florida Forest Service are encouraging Floridians to be cautious with outdoor fire while enjoying time with friends and family this holiday season. Over the summer months, Florida experienced above-normal amounts of precipitation; however, a recent decline in rainfall has increased drought conditions.

In the fall and winter months, cold fronts move through the state and dry out vegetation. As a result, the underbrush extremely vulnerable to wildfire. Late November saw freezing temperatures reach from the Panhandle down into parts of central Florida. These freezing temperatures dry out the grasses and small brush making them more likely to catch on fire. Relative humidity below 35 percent, lack of rainfall for two weeks or longer and strong dry winds are all components that create extreme fire danger.

"Any fire that starts during these weather conditions could get out of control and spread quickly," said Jim Karels, Florida Forest Service director.

The department's Florida Forest Service is urging residents to exercise caution with any type of outdoor burning given current weather conditions and heed these outdoor burning tips:

- Never leave any fire unattended.
- Clear area down to bare soil around campfires and warming fires.
- Do not burn yard waste during dry, windy conditions.
- Report any suspicious fire to 911.

Residents can also mitigate risk of wildfire by clearing leaves and pine needles from the roof and gutters, removing dead vegetation within 30 feet of the home and trimming trees and limbs within 15 feet of the chimney. For more ways to help protect a home against wildfire, visit www.firewise.org/.

The Florida Forest Service manages over one million acres of public forest land on 35 state forests and protects over 26 million acres of private homes, lands and natural resources from wildfire.

For more information about the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, visit www.FreshFrom-Florida.com.

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

To all our neighbors, customers and associates, our very best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season. We're proud to serve people like you and thank you for your continued support.

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 Becky Smith, Tax Collector & Staff

Dear Santa,
I'm probably not the best kid in town but I think I've been good enough to get some presents and the presents I want is a cell phone case that's lime green and some new shoes and clothes and a new cell phone screen and that about all.

And Santa I can explain why I deserve everything. Just listen close. Okay! Here we go. The reason I deserve a cell phone case, some new shoes and clothes, and a new screen is because I play sports and keep my head on straight and have good grades. And from what I hear you got to have good grades to play sports. So I better keep my grades up! An just to let you in on a little secret - When your flying and giving presents when you see a white, green, and red house its mine because we decorated our house with those colors. And while your there give me a bunch of gifts. Like more than I was supposed to get.

Then when you go inside and see my HUGE Christmas tree look on the right side of the tree and you will see my favorite ornament of a snowman.

One day I swear that snowman looked at me and smiled and said "how was your day". It totally freaked me out and the rest of the night I could not sleep because of that crazy but cool snowman. And also when your flying I will leave you milk and cookies.

Sincerely,
Destiny Tucker

Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas is a Wii U. I want the Wii U because it is only the most awesome gift that any kid would fall in love with the first few seconds they saw it. So I would do ANYTHING to have the Wii U sitting in front of me watching Netflix.

I deserve a Wii U because I make A's and I never got a dot in school in my whole life. Dots are where you get in trouble and get a hole punched in a conduct card. That's why I think I deserve a Wii U for Christmas.

I love Christmas because we decorate our house. First it is time to get the tree up. We decorate it with lights and ornaments. Then we go and decorate the porch with lots of pretty bright lights. That's how I decorate my house.

My favorite ornament is the one from Disney world that has Cinderella's castle and a picture of my family in it. It's my

favorite because it reminds me of my family and Disney, two of my favorite things. So that is my favorite ornament.

Truly yours,
Summer Stone

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is Far Cry 3. I wish for it.

We don't decorate any house.

My favorite ornament is Albert the gator.

Love,
Cody Barfield

Dear Santa,

I want 1,000 dollars, a shot gun and a pistol. I want 1,000 dollars to get hunting supplies, a shot gun to duck hunt, and a pistol to gator hunt.

I should get it because I sent Santa 2,000 dollars. I've helped mom cook. I've also helped dad with the burn pile, but I accidentally caught a tree on fire.

We decorate our house with garland and ornaments. My favorite ornament is the dove.

Your friend,
Allen Bates

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want is an elf on the shelf, Black ops 2, and a Christmas carol CD.

I deserve these because I help around the house.

My house has lights around my front porch and a white fake Christmas tree. My favorite ornament is a picture of me in first grade.

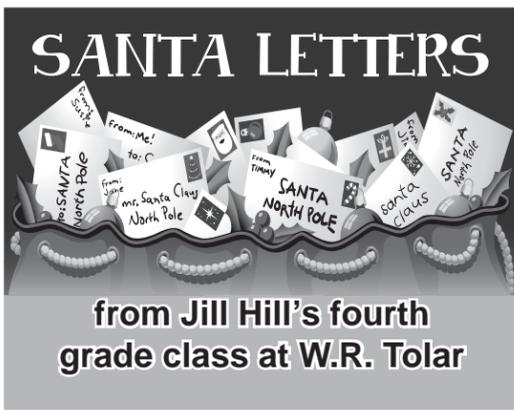
Sincerely,
Garrett Carter

Dear Santa,

This is the thing I want for Christmas. It is a bag of cookies for my mom and dad, and a go cart, Skylanders Giant, laptop, and a new DVD player.

The reason why I deserve these things is that I been helping my family and been nice this year.

My mom don't let me decorate the house, but if she will let me decorate the house I will decorate it nicely.



My favorite ornament is my sisters owl because the owl eye will follow you.

Your friend,
Cade Lawarre

Dear Santa,

This is what I want for Christmas. A college football game,

an Xbox 360, LSU shirts, jackets, backpack, and a pearl necklace for mom.

I help my mom with my sister and cook, chores, help with groceries, clean the dog house, help with Christmas ornaments and lights.

We decorate with blue lights, red lights to and rain deer. One moving its head. And little snowman on the patio.

Last but not least my favorite ornament is frosty. He puts me in the spirit.

Your friend,
Heath Sims

Dear Santa,

I want some video games. There names are Hunting expeditions, Dangerous Hunts 2013, Survival in the Shadows of Katmai, and a flat screen tv.

I have been good all year. I take out the trash all year and take off my dad's shoes.

Here's how we decorate my house. We get some light up candy canes and put them outside and clean the living room.

My favorite ornament is a bear holding a fish and a fishing pole because it has my name on it.

Your friend,
Jacob Smith

Dear Santa,

This year for Christmas I would like to have a Panda Jumbo Pillow Pet. Also I would like to have the video game called Super Mario Galaxy 2. Finally I would like to have Jenga.

Why I deserve these gifts is because I get my homework in on time. I am not a girl who acts up. Also I will use them every day.

What I decorate my house with is garland and red ribbon. It is all over the house.

My favorite ornament is a penguin

with bananas on its head. I love it because it is so funny.

Have a merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Caroline Hurst

Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas is a bear bag. The second thing I want for Christmas is a DSi. Last but not least I want a Christmas movie.

Your probably wondering why I deserve these gifts because I've been good and I didn't get any dots in school.

My favorite ornament is the ball that has penguins on it that dances and sings. The reason why I like it is because it does those two things.

Truly yours,
Gracie Boyd

Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas is an iPod touch, the white one. An elf on the shelf, Wii U with Super Mario, camo fool wheeler, the whole series of Diary of a Wimpy Kid and Dork Diaries.

The reason why I do deserve these things are because I don't back talk. I do what I am supposed to do. I help out and pick up after people.

We decorate our house very pretty and neat for everyone to see and clean.

My favorite ornament is the stockings on the fire place. Mine has you on it Santa and his toy sack at a mail box. My stocking is green. That is all.

Love,
Grace Brown

Dear Santa,

I want a 22" rifle, a remote control helicopter and a four wheeler.

I think I deserve these things because I have tried my best to be good.

My favorite ornament is the dove. It represents my great-grandpa.

Love,
Kaydon Lester

Dear Santa,

I want an iPad for Christmas.

I deserve it because help my grandpa and my grandma with everything at the house.

I decorate my house in and out. Out of all the ornaments I like my little Dale Jr. car and Dale Jr.

Your friend,
Sterling Miller



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Guests enjoy latest Arts Series Event: 'From Country Western Soul to Handwoven Creations'

The Arts Series Event, "From Country Western Soul to Handwoven Creations," recently held at the Blountstown Public Library was a big hit!

Faye Tucker Smith told us her incredible story of working in the recording industry as a "spotlight" country singer.

We all felt her passion for music as she spoke about the experience and we heard some of the songs that made her a hit.... We had tears in our eyes! What a beautiful voice! Thank you Miss Faye. We were honored to have you on the program.

Next, Anna Layton gave a talk about the textile industry when she was a designer then later a Woven Product Manager in New England. Her return to demonstrating handspinning and weaving, with a puppet show, took her to festivals and classrooms. Now she creates fiber arts that are full of texture with lots of colors.

The Heritage Room was aglow with lovely holiday decorations, food was yummy, but the best part was looking around at all the happy faces singing along with James Williford at the piano... carols of peace and joy. Thanks James for making it special!

We are grateful to those who donated to help support the ARTS for these events and to the staff that pitched in to make it all happen.



NOTES OF THANKS

The Liberty County Women's Club thanks Centennial Bank and Ace Hardware for their participation in the first holiday decorating contest for all Liberty County businesses.

Many homes in the county are alive with Christmas spirit with Santa's reindeer, sleds, talking snowmen, angels and beautiful lights. This tells us that next year we should include homes as well.

A special thank you to everyone who gave their energy, time and know-how to our great parade and floats.

We also appreciate our wonderful railroad that has brought visitors to our county from surrounding areas and stimulated business here at home.

*Merry Christmas to all,
The Liberty County Women's Club*

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The family of the late Martha "Missy" Hall would like to thank each one of you for your kindness, love, flowers, food and phone calls during the difficult period in our life.

We would like to extend our gratitude to the Calhoun-Liberty Hospital doctors and staff for the loving care that they gave our mother the months that she was with them.

We also would like to express our deepest appreciation for her home care given. Thank you again for everything.

The Hall family

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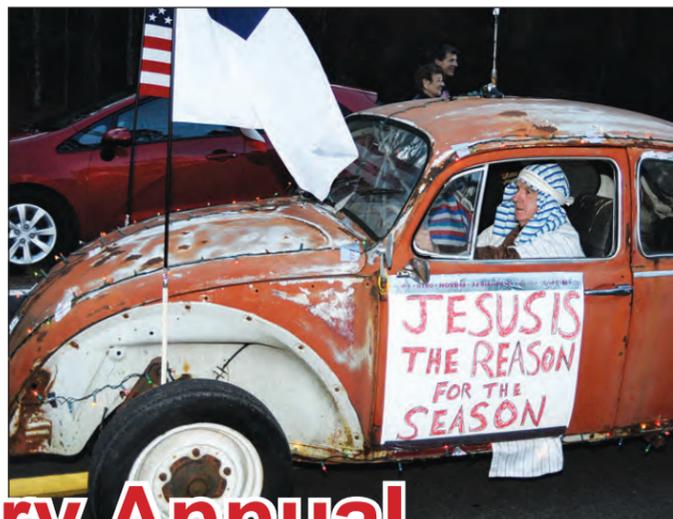
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Scotts Ferry Annual

REDNECK Christmas Parade

The road was filled with camouflage, deer mounts and tractors making their way through the heart of Scotts Ferry during Saturday's annual Redneck Christmas Parade. Parade participants showed off their best redneck style as they rode the parade route as others stood by to watch the unusual and spirited procession.

DANIEL WILLIAMS PHOTOS



Dear Santa,

First of all I would want a bow, PS Vieto, an air soft gun, and a hunting rifle, and a god of war action figure. I want these things because I'll have something to play with and go. I deserve these things because I go to church and have been a good kid. If you give me a few of these things I'll be extra delightful next year too.

Sincerely,
Cody Haney

Dear Santa,

I know your having trouble with all the other kids so I only want to ask for one gift. My one requested gift is money, so I can buy my own gift! I hope that's not too much to ask for. pluse I've been good all year. I did my chores, raked leaves. So your eleves won't have to scan me for Naughty or Nice. They'll just know! Warning: I have 3 dogs and they love raindeer meat. So you might have to keep them on the roof! Also the money has to be over 100 grand!

Love,
Jewell Griffin

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like three doghouses which are engraved with the names of Buster, Ellie-Mae, and Chance. I would also like a new playset for Alaric, and Daddy a new rifle. Mom should get a new Crepe Myrtle tree and I would like a years supply of band-aids. The reason I deserve these gifts is because I have been very helpful and sweet lately. Like the 9th, I raked under those big buckeye trees and took the leaves out to the woods. I've made all A's on my report card. Thank you for your hard work.

Yours Truly,
Danielle Mullins

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a dog. The reason I deserve a dog for Christmas is because I am responsible enough to feed it, water it, and go outside everyday to play with it. This is the reason I deserve a dog for Christmas.

Your friend,
Tyler Carman

Dear Santa,

I would like a Kindle Fire and a sparkly ornament to go on the tree. I have been a really good girl this year and my brother and I are fighting a lot less than usual. So if you have a spare ornament just lying around I'd be happy to have it and a Kindel Fire would be nice too.

Sincerely,
Hope Landrum

Dear Santa,

The things that would make me happy are more arrows for my bow, an iPad, and a Playstation Move. I deserve these gifts because I have been good all year. They would make me extra happy. I help around the house and I have made all A's.

Sincerely,
Samuel Tejada

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a guinea pig, clothes, new tennis shoes, new DS3 games, IPod, the Baby-sitter's Club books, American Girl doll books, Christmas books and Justice clothes. I deserve these gifts because I have been very good this year. I do my homework, make good grades, and help with chores occasionally.

P.S. I have been good no matter what my parents say.

Love,
Rylee Blackburn

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is a Playstation, playstation games, DS3 games. I love to make cookies for you. It is so fun. I make you cookies every year. I deserve these gifts because I'm good not bad.

Sincerely,
John O'Neal

Dear Santa,

I know you are not real but everyone has there own pinoin "right". Anyway, all I want for Christmas is a

LETTERS TO SANTA

from the students in Lynn Hobby's fourth grade class at W.R. Tolar



DS3, an iPhone, and the most is speed time with my friend Bre. Thats what I want for Christmas. "Can you handle that"?

P.S. I know how you are.
Love,
Selena Jimenery

Dear Santa,

I would like some DS games, some Wii games, and a tablet this Christmas. I've been good this year and I know your real. You're the best Santa and you always get what I want.

Sincerely,
Audrey M. Faircloth

Dear Santa,

I want star wars toys, Fliker scooter and Avenger park. I want these gifts so I can play and collect them. I can play with my star wars toys. Ride like the wind on my Fliker, collect all the Avenger parts. I don't really deserve them because I haven't been good all year, but one thing is for sure I know it is Jesus' birthday and it is all about him not the presents. I really want these presents. But then again I do deserve them because I believe in Jesus.

Love,
Jared Holcomb

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want an I pad touch 4G, Mew cow-girl boots and just Dance 4. Have I been good this year? I really hope I have been good. I think I been a jolly good girl. I have obeyed my parents. Thank you for all the presents.

Sincerely,
Meredith Barber

Dear Santa,

This year I don't want a lot of presents. I want a light brown guine pig with a white spot on its eye. I will name it Cleopatra Cleo would be her nick name. I really deserve a guine pig because I don't fight with my brothers and sister. (Which is really hard not to fight with them!) So please bring me a guine pig.

I would also like a new I pod case that has cookie monster on it. I really deserve this because I make all A's believe me is hard to make A's. So please for goodness sake bring me a new case.

Yours truly,
Ariana Martinez

Dear Santa,

I want a glow book and a movie called "The Hunger Games!" I appreciate Christmas!

To start with I think I should get the glowbook because I have been helping elders. One time when we were at the Tom Store a lady spilt cans of beans. I galloped over there and picked them up, she said, "Thank you!" I adore helping elders!

Significantly I think I should get the movie, "The Hunger Games" is because I help ingered animals evvery day. I remember when I found a dove with a broken wing. Suddenly I got a piece of cloth and put him in a cage. After two months he was fine. I love helping animals!

To conclude I love Christmas as I said I want a glowbook and the movie "The Hunger Games!" That's what I want for Christmas!

Love,
Cassie Vinson

Dear Santa,

This year I want for Christmas is a I phone 5. One reason I deserve a I phone 5 because the way my brother be with his I phone 4, so I think it's not fair that he gets a I phone 4 and I get the HTC and not the phone. I want is that not at all. So I will be very good so I can get the I phone 5 and not the I phone 4 and not a HTC.

Love your friend,
Dejari Belvin

Dear Santa,

I would really appreciate a black guine pig for Christmas. I deserve this pet because I have been a jolly good girl this year and I will be responseable for it my pet. Thanks for the gifts. Bye!

P.S. Tell Ms. Clause, the riegnndeer and the elfs I said, "Hello".

Love,
Amaris Wright

Dear Santa,

I really want a IPod 4 touch with a basket ball goal. In addition I want Carrie Underwood's recent CD Blown Away. I also want a pink camo gun, zebra pajamas. That would totally top it off for sure. I've gone to church all year so I defenly desevre these presents.

Your friend,
Kay Partridge

Dear Santa,

I would really appreciate a black guine pig for Christmas. I deserve this pet because I have been a jolly good girl this year and I will be responsible for it my pet. Thanks for the gifts. Bye!

Yours Truly,
Amans Wright

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Dear Santa,
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Yours truly,
 Payton Capers

Dear Santa,
 All I want for Christmas is my own charity center for orfens and homeless pepole. The reason I deserve this gift is because it's a good idea to help orfins and homeless pepol. I hope you give me this gift.

Sinslerly,
 Robbi Wagner

Dear Santa,
 What I want for Christmas is a yorke, a blue shirt that has a necklace and a easy back ovun. Bake pop maker, coton candy maker and lots more. I deserve all these gifts because I have been nice all year long. I do my chores. I be nice to nne-alother and I obey my Techers and all.

Yours truly
 Rekia Garrett

Dear Santa,
 I want the video game Skylanders Giat. Because the charectors come a live as soon as you put the character on the magic portal. I'm saing I'v bin good or bad. I react bin good by helping others and cleaning up my mess, Especially following derictions.

Sincerely,
 Luis Chavez

Dear Santa,
 I have been a good girl. I want a Android table and Justin Bieber. I deserve this because on the Android I need something to do at my dads. And on the Justin Bieber I just love Justin Bieber.

Love,
 Cortney Truman

Dear Santa,
 What I want for Christmas is N Xbox 360 kinect and a siver chail. Wiy I need it is for I have been very good and I have been real nice for my palpal. I work for him and I take all the trash for mom and I just help all my family and other people that way. Chud get gifts.

Sincerely,
 Brett Thompson

Dear Santa,
 What I want for Christmas is bean bag and downguard for Skyrim. I deserve it because I've help my family do things

like chores help my family take the trash out. This is why I deserve the bean bag and downguard for Skyim. I adore Christmas.

Sincerely,
 Ryan Chestaine Goff

Dear Santa,
 This year I want Ad-vehdgers mavel DVD, macreobrother sytox game, a phone I deserve this because I do my chores, I take out the trash, I do londry, I clean up the house.

Sincerely,
 Gordon Hansen Gieger

Dear Santa,
 My favorite present is to have a puppy. I deserve a puppy because I need company in the house. I know I have a puppy but I want 2 small baby puppy. If I get a puppy for Christmas I will name the pupp Mr. Santa Clause or Mrs. Clause. I love you Santa Clause.

Sincerely,
 Jadiyan Smith

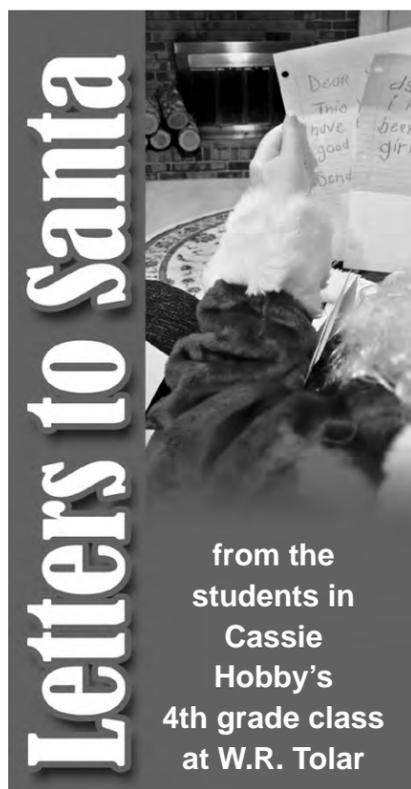
Dear Santa,
 What I want for Christmas is a pool, new boots with a zipper, jewelry, pants, shirts, belts and nail polish. I think I deserve them because I listen and do chores when I am supposed to. I follow the rules and obey the teachers and my parents, grandparents and other relatives. I try my best to be kind to one-another and be helpful to each other. I love my family so much. I admire my friends too.

Sincerely,
 Summer Sellers

Dear Santa,
 It's that time of the year again. I'm so excited it is Christmas. I would like an Ipod for Christmas this year. I think I really deserve it because I have awesome grades and I help my mom around the house. Merry Christmas and a happy new year. Please and thank you.

Sincerely,
 Anna Jo Carson

Dear St Nick,
 I've been half nice, half naughty this year. The three main thing I want a phone (your choice), a violin (you pick color) and a guinea pig male (you pick color). The phone and why I deserve it is cause if you don't give me one I have to wait till I'm 15 to get one!!! The reason why



Letters to Santa

from the students in Cassie Hobby's 4th grade class at W.R. Tolar

I want the violin is because I use to play this and I admire the sound it makes. The reason why I want the guinea pig cause I want a pet that is my own pet, not a family.

Love,
 Tayla Robart

Dear Santa,
 I'd appreciate it if you gave me a kid sized fourwheeler. I deserve it because I got 2 6.0's in writing. I'd also admire a pair of childrens miss me jeans (size 12-14). I deserve them because haven't had something special for getting a honor roll.

Last but not least I'd like another hunting dog. I deserve one because my dad gave my hunting dog, Shaniqua, away to Mr. Michael Wahlquist with out telling me. From my family to yours, we wish you a "Merry Christmas".

Sincerely,
 Emma Wade

Dear Santa,
 What I want for Christmas is a million dollars. Because I think I have been good. I have minded my parents, I have taken care if my animals and I have been good.

Sincerely,
 Thomas Fluornoy

Dear Santa,
 I would like a touchscreen phone. I think I should get one because I help my friends, I believe in you and I am very nice to just about everyone. So please get me one I am begging you!!!

Have a Merry Christmas to all!
 Sincerely,
 Kierstin Nichols

Dear Santa,
 All I want is a Nike football, blow gun, Under Armor basketball and a dirt bike. That is all I want for Christmas. I think I should get these things so I'm not bored. I think I have been a good boy. I mind my mom and dad. I have helped them when they needed help. I just hope Santa knows I have been a good boy and brings me my presents. I hope he fills my stocking full. That's what I hope I get for Christmas from my Mom, dad or Santa.

Cole Brandon

Dear Santa,
 I would like a football, a mini helmet, a cc airplane and a cc car. The reason I think I deserve these perants is because I have been trying to help my grandparents with stuff like walking m dog for my papa and helping my mom with laundry and giving he coffee in the morning. I also like t help my brother and sister when I can.

Merry Christmas Santa.
 Sincerely,
 Hayden Trigg

Dear Santa,
 What I want for Christmas is a X box 360 and a plasma tv. The reason I deserve this is have tried my very hardest to get this stuff so please make it for me. PS (I would like the new diary of a wimpy kid and the last hook of Percy Jackson and the Olympiol 15. And the new impdare for sky rite.) PSS(I would also would like a bean bag chair. PSSS- I would also like the new update for skirim.

Anthony Lake

Dear Santa,
 What I want for Christmas is a green keyboard. I've always wanted one. I've played one, but never owned one. It was fun playing it. It was so cool. It had different sound lists. I think I should get one because I've been good all year. Plus most of my life. This kind of holiday season no one want coal.

Austin Pastorich

Dear Santa,
 For Christmas I would like a Itunes card for my iPad, a pink and black otter box for my iPad, a pink and camo browsing jacket, a Wii with a pink controller, a new phone, a pair of pink and camo Justin boots. I desserve theese things because I've been good in school and I've been making good grades. Last but not least I've been nice to my brother and sister.

Have a very jolly Christmas.
 Sincerely,
 Mia Pendleton

Dear Santa,
 What I want for Christmas is a game called Call of dty Black Ops 2. It just came out and I want it because I have never played it and because I have been trying my best to stay out of trouble in school and out of school and because thats all I have ever wanted. Please Santa get that for me if you do I will be good for a hole intire week.

Sincerely,
 Chazz Chasteen

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HEALTH TALK

by Karen Collins, MS, RD, CDN
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Q: Is it true that beef is now considered heart-healthy?

A: Most research shows that frequently eating red meat, which includes beef, lamb and pork, is linked to increased risk of heart disease. This is especially true for processed red meat, such as hot dogs and sausage. You may have heard that beef can be heart healthy from recent news stories. One study of 36 adults with elevated cholesterol for example, compared a diet high in beef and low in fiber to a diet low in beef and filled with high-fiber veg-

etables and fruits. Both diets reduced LDL ("bad") cholesterol equally well whether high or low in beef. The low-beef diet in this study provided lean beef in amounts equivalent to about two decks of cards (about 6 ounces) per week. The higher beef diet provided lean beef equal to about one to one-and-a-half decks of cards (about 4 ounces) daily. The study was five weeks

and funded by the beef industry; it is not enough to support a

change in diet recommendations. And although the drops in lipids like LDL were similar, that may not be the whole answer for heart health, as factors like inflammation play an important role. Beef is high in a form of iron called heme iron. One large population study recently linked higher consumption of heme iron from red meat with a 65 percent increase in heart disease. Higher heme iron content is thought to be one of the reasons that high red meat (over 18 ounces per week) consumption is linked to increased risk of colon cancer. For now, the best move for most of us for heart and overall health, if you want to include beef, is to choose lean cuts of fresh meat and to limit amounts to no more than 18 ounces per week.

of 23 studies among people who already had heart disease showed that exercise programs decreased two markers of inflammation, CRP and IL-6. Greatest benefit occurred in those who started with higher levels of inflammation or higher blood cholesterol. In a study of people with type 2 diabetes, which tends to be associated with chronic inflammation, regardless of whether exercise was aerobic (like brisk walking), strength-training or a combination of the two, it decreased an important marker of inflammation and also improved blood sugar control and signs of heart health.

However, other studies of people with diabetes or metabolic syndrome suggest that exercise may not always directly reduce markers of inflammation. In some cases, it seems that if blood sugar is out of control and someone has a lot of excess body fat, the most effective strategies to reduce inflammation are to focus on losing weight and controlling blood sugar. And exercise certainly can play a role in doing that.

In some cases, it may be that higher intensity types of aerobic activity have greatest impact, but since this also poses greatest risk for people who already have heart disease risk factors, it is important to discuss plans for high-intensity training with your doctor first.

Q: Does exercise help decrease chronic inflammation?

A: Indirectly or directly, research suggests exercise does decrease inflammation. We need more research to identify the amounts and types of physical activity that will best reduce or prevent inflammation in different individuals. One analysis

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By Janet Tharpe

White Chocolate & Peppermint Dazzle for Holidays

"This is seriously the best cheesecake we have ever tasted. Try it... you won't be sorry!"



Forget sugar plums, visions of White Chocolate Peppermint Cheesecake are dancing in our heads this holiday season!

Homecook Beth Colon came up with this recipe to satisfy her husband's sweet tooth. With a Nilla Wafer crust, white chocolate layer, and powdered Starlight mints, this decadent dessert can't be beat!

See step-by-step photos of Beth's recipe plus thousands more from home cooks everywhere at:

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You'll also find a meal planner, coupons and chances to win! Enjoy and remember, use "just a pinch"...



Beth Colon
 Columbus, GA
 (pop. 189,885)

- Janet

White Chocolate Peppermint Cheesecake

What You Need

- 1 box Nilla Wafers
- 1 stick butter, melted
- 8 oz. Ghiradelli Vanilla Dream White Chocolate
- 24 oz. cream cheese (3 pkg), room temp
- 1 1/2 c sugar
- 6 eggs
- 16 oz. sour cream
- 25 Starlight mints

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Finely chop wafers in food processor. Add melted butter. Pour into spring form pan and press against bottom and half way up sides. Bake for 10 min.
- Meanwhile, melt 4 oz white chocolate in double boiler. When crust comes out of oven, pour white chocolate over bottom. Place in refrigerator to harden.
- For cheesecake, melt remaining white chocolate in double boiler and set aside to cool slightly. Cream together cream cheese and sugar. Add eggs one at a time, mixing smooth after each addition. Add sour cream and cooled chocolate; mix well.
- Smash mints into fine powder and fold into cheesecake mixture.
- Reduce oven temp to 300 degrees F. Pour cheesecake mix into prepared pan. Fill within 1/2-inch from top.
- Place a baking pan half filled with hot water on bottom rack of oven. Place cheesecake pan on baking sheet (in case spring form leaks) and place on rack above pan holding water.
- Bake for 1 1/2 hours. After that, turn off oven and let cheesecake sit for 4 hours, then refrigerate overnight.

Submitted by: Beth Colon, Columbus, GA (pop. 189,885)

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BES presents "Elfis and the Sleigh Riders"

Blountstown Elementary School's fifth grade presented "Elfis and the Sleigh Riders" Friday, Dec. 14. We met Elfis, Santa and Mrs. Claus, the reindeer, Rudolph and many Elves. Great show fifth grade!



Liberty County 4-H Program Assistant, Cathia Schmarje and Lex Herndon.

Practice bicycle safety during the holidays

Did you know Florida has one of the nation's highest rates of injuries and deaths from bicycle crashes?

Wearing bicycle helmets has been shown to reduce head injuries by 85%. There is no cure for brain injury. A blow to the head can change your life forever. In Florida, everyone under the age of 16 is required by law to wear a helmet.

Helmets need to be replaced if it has been involved in a crash, or is damaged. When you replace one, make sure it fits now and not one that you will "grow into." It should be comfortable, covers the forehead, and not rock forward or backward on your head. The chin strap must be tight and properly adjusted. You should be able to put two fingers between your chin and the strap. Always buckle the straps while wearing a helmet.

Please follow these eight smart routes to bicycle safety as you ride your bicycle:

- Protect your head, wear a helmet.

- Make sure your bicycle is adjusted properly to fit you.

- Stop it, always check brakes before riding.

- See and be seen and avoid biking at night.

- Stay alert! Always keep a look-out for obstacles in your path.

- Go with the flow. The safe way is the right way.

- Obey traffic laws. Always be aware of the traffic around you.

- Don't flip over your bicycle. Wheels should be securely fastened.

The UF/IFAS, Liberty County 4-H Extension office fitted and gave a new bicycle helmet for every Kindergarten student at W.R. Tolar and Hosford schools.

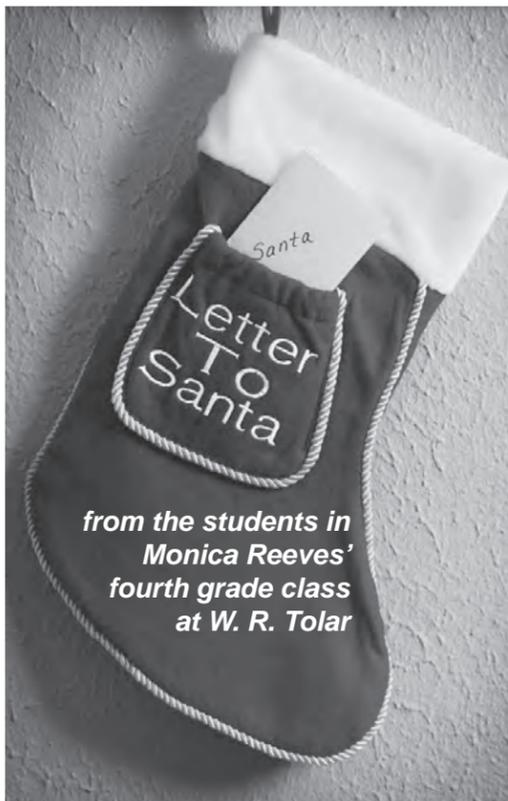
Parents, please reinforce the importance of wearing helmets every time children get on their bicycles.

Enjoy being outside and being physically active during the Holidays. Always remember to be safe.



YOU BETTER WATCH OUT
Drive sober or get pulled over.

Dear Santa,
 I really want a ipod for Christmas and a Aris so I can shoot cans off the top of the log and shoot deer. I really feel like I deserve a gun and a ipod. I helped clean my room , living room and bath room.
 Your friend,
 Cody Baggett



Dear Santa,
 The thing I really want from you is to bring that magic in to unen beach to help my mom, and my family up north. Also the other people who's out in New Jersey that are suffering with their homes.
 Your friend,
 JoVan

Dear Santa,
 You know what I want for Christmas is a ipod touch5. I deserve it because I do chores everyday. I also been nice to all of my family. I also want any thing that has a camra or spy gear like spy watches, spy helies, walkkey talkeys and all that stuff. Thank you for getting me gifts every year from yours.
 Sincerely,
 Christopher Fullwood

Dear Santa,
 I wanted a blue Intendo 3ds with orange dimand. I been really good this month and I help my family with chores. I wanted a lot of Intendo-3ds games that comes with like: puppy games and pony games.
 Love
 Abygail Hernandez

Dear Santa
 I have ben very good and I want this for Christmas, a 3DsXIL, Supermania Bros 2, ipod mini, gutair, and clouthes. The reason I deserve is because I helped my mom with a game and my brother with making a cage.
 Love,
 Katelyn D. Shuler

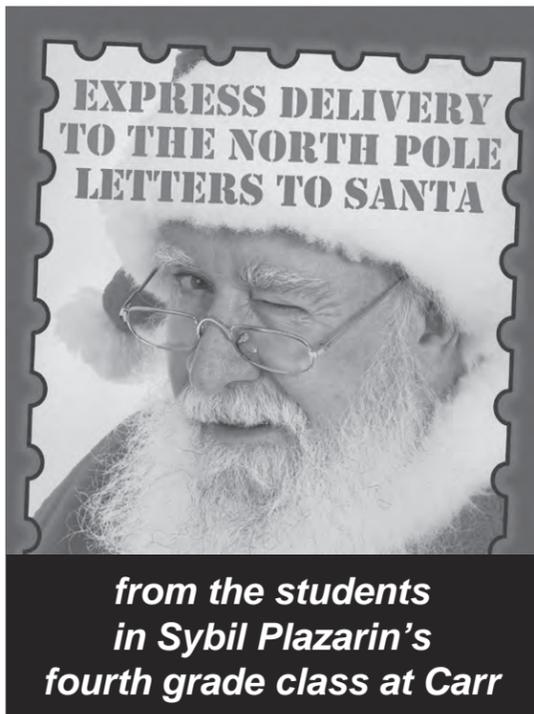
Dear Santa,
 This year I want for Christmas is a Apple ipod. The reason why I deserve a Apple ipod because one of my friend got one. When they take about it in my face they make me jealous. That is why I want a Apple ipod.
 Your friend,
 Danielle McCollum

Dear Santa,
 What I want for Christmas is a bunch of new video games like Sonic the hedge hog, in justice Gods among us, Transformers Fall of cyrectron, Axeyim, TransFormers Reveg of the Fallen, Transformers Dark of the moon, sonic genet__ generations, all for Xbox 360 for Christmas. I deserve this video games because I done my chores, cleaned my room, did my laundry and I make up my bed.
 Sincerely,
 Jared Kyle

Dear Santa,
 I would love a toy Colt Dobie Barrd shotgun for Christmas because I been reley good. One question how many elvs do you got? And how long does it take to make all the toys for every boy and gerl in the hole intier world? Well thank you for reding my letter.
 PS: Marry Christmas
 Yours truly, Jayson Kyle

Dear Santa,
 All I want for Christmas is 3 thing and here they are: a Ipod, sooter and a new saddle. Make sure it is purple. The reason I deseve these things because I do my chores and get my work done at school. Most of all get Mrs. Heather a traffic present. She really deserves it because she put up with 79 kids 5 days a week.
 Love,
 Angelica Mullins

Dear Santa,
 I want an tablet, camo jacket, reindeer, and a drum set to. And one of the elves.
 I deserve these gifts because I have been really nice.
 We do not decorate our house.
 My favorite ortament is my ortament I made in 2010. It's a Christmas tree and I like it because it gives me memory's, and it's the only one I have.
 Love,
 Dixie Sims



Dear Santa,
 For Christmas I want a IPod touch, a toy santa, a drum, and a 3DS games. I deserve these gifs. I try to be nice to who ever I meet.
 I always put lights in and outside of my house. On my tree my favorite ornament is my reindeer we got this year. It's my favorite because I love animals and a reindeer is an animal.
 Love,
 Daisy Burns

I decorate my house with candy canes, "the light yo ones" and Christmas lights, lots of them.
 My favorite orniment is a picture of me in pree-K. We all love it. I was missing my 2 front teeth. It looked so funny to them. Every time we hang it on the tree we laugh and I still think it's the best.
 Love,
 Jacob Tew

Dear Santa,
 I would like a nerf retaleator, bey blade XTS stealth battlers, a PSP vita and a call of duty de-classified bundle.
 I deserve these gifts because I have been a wonderful boy this year.
 I decorate my house like this. I put an inflatable of you and a penguin going to the beach. I put lights on the rails of my house. I put a forsty inflatable on the other side of the house. And get a Santa hanger to hang on the gutter.
 My favorite ornament is a penguin with a Florida State Seminole sign on his belly.
 Love,
 Caleb Bailey

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FFA members attended Sub-District FFA Career Development events

Altha Middle and Senior FFA members traveled to Poplar Head Baptist Church to attend the Sub-District FFA Career Development Events (CDE), hosted by Carr School on Thursday, Dec. 13. Altha FFA won first place in each Career Development Event they entered. Kinsey Register took home first place in the Middle School Prepared Public Speaking CDE with a speech on Salmonella. Abbie Edenfield, Caylynn Reeder, Stephenie Pickron, JD Hunter, Michelle Aaron, Kalista Jackson and Breanna Ter-

ry won first place in the Middle School Opening and Closing Ceremonies CDE. Jacob O'Bryan won first place in the Tractor Driving CDE and Rachel Williams took home first place in the Creed Speaking CDE. Each of these students will advance to the district level and compete for a chance at the State Contest in June. Rena O'Bryan was also elected as the Sub-District Chairman. These students worked hard to achieve these honors and represented Altha School extremely well.



Altha Wildcats Calendar of Events

- *Friday, Dec. 21 – Early Release Day, Students dismissed at 1 p.m., end of first Semester, JV/V Basketball at Vernon, 6/7:30 p.m.
- *Monday, Dec. 24 – Jan. 4 – Christmas Holidays.
- *Tuesday, Jan. 8 – Students Return to School.
- *Monday, Jan. 7 – Evaluation Day - No school for Students.



Hosford first graders show their Christmas spirit with donations to Ministry Center pantry

This year for Christmas rather than exchanging gifts, Hosford School's first graders wanted to give instead. Mrs. Desirae Sewell, Mrs. Karey

Gautier and Mrs. Jessica Peddie took their first grade classes to the Ministry Center in Blountstown. Each child brought a canned

food item to donate to the Food Pantry. The children learned that giving is always better than receiving.

BES spends time reading with Teen Trendsetters December 12

It was an exciting day at Blountstown Elementary, Wednesday Dec. 12. We had 33 Teen Trendsetters from Blountstown High School join us for a fun filled hour of reading. There were lots of smiles on some third grade students' faces as they made Christmas Cards with their friends. BHS students paired up with their third grader and had an exciting activity planned that was enjoyed by all.



Tolar chorus students go to concert in Tallahassee

Students attended the Honors Chorus trip to the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra at the Ruby Diamond Concert Center at Florida State University, from LEFT on first row: Diego Castro, Madison Conyers, Kelsey Hall, Kelsey Nobles, Lindsey Marotta, Luke Johnson, Lauren Johnson. Second row: Campbell Kruger, David Snipes, Hellena Bess, Taylynn Ezagui, Julia Cornwell, Michael King, Reniesha Marlow, Anthony Fleishman, Autumn McLemore, Wayne Davis, Andrew Kern. Third row: Chardezja Henderson, Danielle Portee, Courtney Larson, Phoenix Bruner, Gabriel White, Makayla Geiger, Dakota Murphy, Nayely Garcia.



LUNCH MENU

CALHOUN

- WEDNESDAY**
BREAKFAST: Ham and cheese biscuit with potato tots.
LUNCH: Sloppy Joe or chicken burger or chef salad served with french fries, orange glazed carrots and fresh fruit.
- THURSDAY**
BREAKFAST: Scrambled eggs and grits with buttered toast and jelly.
LUNCH: Cheese burger or ham and cheese sub or garden salad with chicken served with baked potato wedges, mixed vegetables and fruit.
- FRIDAY**
BREAKFAST: French toast sticks with syrup and sausage patty.

LUNCH: Corn dog served with fresh broccoli flowerets or french fries and carrot sticks with ranch dressing and fresh fruit.

WINTER HOLIDAYS



No School Dec. 24 through Jan. 8
Happy Holidays

LIBERTY

- WEDNESDAY**
BREAKFAST: Scrambled eggs and grits.
LUNCH: Baked spaghetti or spicy nachos or ham and cheese sandwich served with green peas, tossed side salad with light dressing.
- THURSDAY**
BREAKFAST: Whole wheat cinnamon toast with sausage patty.
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Dear Santa,

One of the main things I want for Christmas is X-Box 360 Kinect. Also, a playstation 3 too. There is two more things I really want, it is a 3DS and a surface!

I think I have been good this year – most of the time. I have helped my sister. Did most of my chores and didn't complain as much.

My family usually decorates the house it covered with lights and a reef on the front door, and little santas, , snowmeans, and reindeer. Those are normaly the things put up at our house.

My favorate ornament is the mascot of Gators and his name is Albert. The reason I like him is because I am a huge gator fan! I was so happy when gators beat the noles! Me and my sister Carly, always put it front and center.

Sincerely,
Megan McWaters

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is Halo 4, Assassins creed 3, far cn 3, call of duty black ops 2, X box 720 and the games on my list to I don't want everything It's just a idea of what I would like for Christmas. Hope it aint to much for Santa's slay because if he has a hole in it then how are we gonea have presents.

I deserve these because I've been good threw the season. I decorate my house by putting lights all around the house.

My favorite ordament is the elf one, he is doing the delivering for Santa because he is sicke.

Your friend,
Caleb Howard

Dear Santa,

What I want the most is a dsi. Why I deserve a dsi is because I have been good all year. One day I was looking in a store and found a thing called snow so we put it on awer window. My favorite odaments is my football player

Sincerely,
Nathan Cooper, Jr.

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is a new bike, Xbox 720A, Ipad, headbanner headset and last iPhone touch.

I deserve these presents because Ive been good.

We don't decorate on Christmas anymore.

My favorite ornament is santa claus riding a sleigh.

Sincerely Your friend,
Jaden Ross

Dear Santa,

These are some thing I want. I want a model car (1980's) mercedies, Samsun galaxy, DS games, robe, pencil holder, Florida Gator hat.

I think I deserve this is that I do my best to be a



good person.

I decorate our tree with sonownman penguin and ornaments.

My favorite penguin is Fluffy. He is the best ornament ever in my opinion.

Sincerely,
Michael Carpenter

Dear Santa,

Santa can I please get a ps3, dog, nerf gun that shoots 75 feet, that would be all, oh ya a knife to.

Santa, I think I deserve it because I listen and did what my mom told me to do.

This year we didn't do a lot to decorate the house. My favorite ornament is a seminole head that is garnet and gold and says ho! ho! ho!

Sincerely,
Gabriel Edmond Lowery

Dear Santa,

What do I want for Christmas is a IPod touch. I think I deserve this because I have helped my mom in the house a lot this year.

Do you know how I decorate my house with Christmas lights and a Christmas tree. My favorite oremnt is my Alabma one.

Love,
Lily Waldorff

Dear Santa,

I want a bike for Christmas because I have been nice this year.

I decorate my house with lots of lights and a Christ-

mas tree. My favorite ornament is a santa ornament that you pull the string and santa moves.

Sincerely,
Kelsey Cameron

Dear Santa,

I want this for Christmas, a psp vita with call of duty black ops and a 3DS with new super mario 2 and a samsun galaxy 3 and finally a I pad touch.

The reason why I deserve these gifts is because I help people, I get stuff for people and when people give orders I do it.

This is how I decorate my house. First we start with flashing lights and then around the trees then around the bushes and barns and then the finishing touch a snowman and a reindeer.

My favorite odament is the elf because there is a little string on it and when you pull it its legs and its arms go up and it gets a smiley face

Sincerely,
Casey Baldwin

Dear Santa,

I don't ask for mutch all I wont for Chastmas is to meet you! Don't forget the riandear to. I will back ex-eru cookies.

I wanted to see them so bad this year so I've bean good so I can see you!

I have't decorated my house yet so I'm steal waiting to decorate my house, but I can't wait to decorate the house!

Do you know what my favorite ornament is? It's santa that seats at the top of the tree glazing when the ligh hites it it's beautiful to see?

Sincerely,
Caitlin Hope

My favorite ortament is my ortament I made in 2010. It's a Christmas tree and I like it because it gives me memory's, and it's the only one I have.

Love,
Dixie Sims

Dear Santa,

I want dreadful moxie girls magic mermaid, tablet, laptop, clicky pencils with four packs of led, cool baker cake popmaker, easy-bake ultimate oven please.

I deserve the clicky pencils with the led because I do not have any pencils. I deserve the cool baker cake popmaker and easy-bake ultimate oven because I do not want to eat all of the food in the house.

We put lights (colorful lights) around the poles on our porch.

My favorite ornament is our white string angel because the strings look like a dress.

Love,
Sydney Goodwin

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Blountstown High FBLA sponsors blood drive Dec. 3

During this Christmas season we are always asking ourselves what we can do for others, but often are clueless about finding the perfect present. Recently at Blountstown High School, one of our beloved teachers was diagnosed with leukemia. To help the students understand how almost anyone could help in a situation like this, the Blountstown FBLA helped sponsor a blood drive Monday, Dec. 3. On that day, workers from the Southeastern Community Blood Center came to help the students who wanted to donate blood.



donor may donate enough platelets to treat one or two patients in a day. Chemotherapy treatment may impair platelet production severely, requiring daily platelet transfusions for several days or weeks.

- Red Blood Cells: when these oxygen carrying cells drop in numbers (a condition referred to as anemia), the lack of adequate flow of oxygen to vital organs may result in severe fatigue, dizziness or cardiac insufficiency. Patients who do not respond to treatment with stimulants of red blood cell production, or who are bleeding need red blood cell transfusions on a regular basis.

- Plasma: the clotting factors and proteins in plasma may be needed in patients who have to take blood thinners. Certain complications of bone marrow transplantation require the use of massive amounts of plasma to perform daily blood exchanges.

While modern medicine has improved the outcome for many patients with a diagnosis of cancer, the blood transfusion support needed to carry out successfully the treatment plan places a constant strain on the community organizations dedicated to recruit the volunteer blood donors needed to meet the demand for blood components.

At the high school we collected 35 units of blood from students, teachers and the community. However, even more importantly is that students learned a new way that they can give to others. What better gift can we give than to help save a life? So instead of just putting gifts under a tree, try donating blood to offer another fellow human a fighting chance in the courageous battle against a common enemy, cancer.

Patients undergoing treatment for cancer may require transfusions of:

- Platelets: small cell fragments that maintain the integrity of the inner lining of our blood vessels and can stop leaks that may show up as bleeding from the intestinal tract, gums, lungs or kidneys. A single patient may need every day to receive the platelets obtained from six to 12 whole blood donors. When special machines are used to harvest only platelets, a single

Once upon a time, the diagnosis of cancer was perceived as terminal illness that carried little hope of survival, but new developments in the diagnosis, evaluation and treatment of malignancies have resulted in much improved patient outcomes. Years of research by physicians and scientists have increased the odds of long term survival. Surgical techniques that spare healthy tissues, radiation therapy delivered in precise doses and locations, and less toxic chemotherapy regi-

mens have also made the side effects of treatment less taxing on the patient's quality of life. A little known fact in this improved scenario for those affected by a life threatening malignancy is that, to get through the treatment successfully, they may need to receive transfusions. Whether radical surgery (resulting in blood loss), chemotherapy (affecting bone marrow function), or marrow transplantation (to replace diseased tissue) are used to eradicate cancer, blood may need to be transfused to help the patient until fully capable of self-sustaining function.

Baseball boosters to host sausage dog sale Dec. 21

Get your delicious sausage dogs while they last! Friday, Dec. 21, the Baseball Boosters, in support of the Tiger baseball team, of Blountstown High School, will be having a sausage dog sale. The event is to raise funds for much needed equipment. It will be held at the corner of SR 20

and SR 71 in downtown Blountstown and will begin at 5:30 a.m. (CT).

Make plans to stop by, grab a sausage dog (or two) for breakfast and help support the Blountstown High School Tiger baseball team. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated.



Blountstown FFA chapter attends competition Thurs.

The Blountstown FFA Chapter sent 12 members to Sub-District competition Thursday, Dec. 13. The competition was hosted by the Carr Middle FFA Chapter at Poplar Head Baptist Church in Clarksville. We had many winners and are very proud of our members!

The Parliamentary Procedures team placed first. Team members include Mitchell Darnell, JP Leonard, Missy Newsome, Cassidy Odom, April Rich and Savannah Stephens. Alternates were Aaron Boyd and Jessie West. JP Leonard competed in the Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest and placed first. Gordon Yoder placed first in the Prepared Public Speaking event. Brandon Purvis placed second in the Safe Tractor Operations contest. Colby Tanner competed in the Creed Public Speaking contest and placed second. Cassidy Odom was elected as Sub-District Co-Chair.



Blountstown FFA competes in State Forestry competition

The Blountstown FFA sent a team down to Perry Nov. 15 and 16 to compete in the State Forestry competition. The students took six different tests focused on the different aspects of forestry. The tests were Compass and Pacing, Equipment ID, Forest Disorders, General Knowledge Test, Tree ID and Timber Cruising.

The team placed third in the state in Timber Cruising and sixth overall. Team members included J.P. Leonard, April Rich, Jessie West and Heather Yoder. Brandon Purvis was an alternate for the team.

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Minutes from the Nov. 13 Liberty School Board regular meeting

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kyle Peddie. Members present at the meeting were Darrel Hayes, Tommy Duggar, Logan Kever, Chairman Kyle Peddie and Superintendent Gloria Gay Uzzell.

The Prayer was offered by Tommy Duggar. The Pledge of Allegiance was also led by Tommy Duggar.

Chairman Peddie recognized Tommy Duggar and his retirement and service to the School Board. Peddie also recognized Martha Deason and her retirement and service to the Liberty County School System as a teacher. Chairman Peddie made mention that Marlene Beck has retired and was unable to be present at the meeting due to health issues and that Superintendent Sue Summers resigned effective Oct. 31, 2012 with 36 years of service to Liberty County Schools.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Duggar, seconded by Kever and carried unanimously to adopt the Agenda.

CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Approval of Minutes Oct. 9, 2012
- Oct. 18, 2012 (Workshop)
- b. Principals Reports for Oct., 2012
- c. Financial Statements for Oct. 2012
- d. Budget Amendments

ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion was made by Hayes, seconded by Kever and carried unanimously to approve revised Director of Administration Job Description.
2. Motion was made by Duggar, seconded by Hayes and carried unanimously to approve revised signature cards for all Liberty County School Board accounts with Cadence Bank to include Superintendent Gloria Gay Uzzell and School Board Chairman Brandon Kyle Peddie, effective Nov. 1, 2012 and removing Superintendent Sue Summers, resigned Oct. 31, 2012.
3. Motion was made by Kever, seconded by Duggar. Motion failed with a 2-2 vote to approve extension of Agreement for Contracted Services with Sheila D. Shelton and the Liberty County School Board for Assistance with Food Service and Training Food Service Personnel, beginning Nov. 13, 2012, 6.5 hours per day, \$25 per hour, until tasks are completed. Duggar and Kever voted yes. Peddie and Hayes voted no.
4. Motion was made by Hayes, seconded by Duggar and carried unanimously to approve 403(b) Plan Adoption Agreement between the Liberty County School Board and MidAmerica Administrative & Retirement Solutions, Inc.
5. Motion was made by Duggar, seconded by Hayes and carried unanimously to approve LCSB Resolution on Sequestration Number 12-01.
6. Motion was made by Kever, seconded by Duggar and carried unanimously to approve Contract Agreement 13-119 between the Liberty County School Board and Panhandle Area Educational Consortium for Aug. 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.
7. Motion was made by Duggar, seconded by Hayes and carried unanimously to approve Memorandum of Understanding with Liberty

Education Association and Liberty County School District amending Article XX, Section 10, reflecting the LCSB increase in contribution toward the cost of health insurance for employees for the 12-13 school year.

8. Motion was made by Kever, seconded by Hayes and carried unanimously to approve Contract between Liberty County School Board and Chemical Addictions Recovery Effort, Inc.

9. Motion was made by Duggar, seconded by Kever to approve request to create a Teacher on Special Assignment position and job Description for Food Service and Assessment (1.0 unit) and a Teacher on Special Assignment for Transportation (0.5 unit). These positions will be absorbed by the 1.5 units removed from Bristol Youth Academy and will not incur additional costs to the District.

The motion was discussed. Duggar made a motion to amend the request to delete "Teacher on Special Assignment for Transportation (0.5 unit), seconded by Kever and carried unanimously to approve amended request to create a Teacher on Special Assignment position and job description for Food Service and Assessment (1.0 unit). This position will be absorbed by the 1.0 unit removed from Bristol Youth Academy and will not incur additional costs to the District.

10. DELETED.

PERSONNEL

1. Motion was made by Hayes, seconded by Duggar and carried unanimously to approve recommendation to hire Jason Fowler as Teacher on Special Assignment, Instructional Technology position to be effective Oct. 24, 2012 for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year.

2. Motion was made by Duggar, seconded by Hayes and carried unanimously to approve recommendation to hire Kathy D. Nobles as Director of Administration to be effective Nov. 13, 2012 for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year.

3. Motion was made by Hayes, seconded by Kever and carried unanimously to approve recommendation for Beckie Black to provide hospital/homebound services, as needed, not to exceed 3 hours per week and for a period of 90 days to be paid at regular hourly rate.

4. DELETED
5. DELETED.
6. DELETED.

7. Motion was made by Kever, seconded by Duggar and carried unanimously to approve Connie Martin, FMLA Medical Leave beginning Nov. 5, 2012 through Feb. 13, 2013, 12 weeks total.

8. Motion was made by Duggar, seconded by Kever and carried unanimously to approve Jennifer Hayes as long term substitute for Connie Martin effective Nov. 13, 2012 through Feb. 13, 2013.

9. Motion was made by Hayes, second-

ed by Kever and carried unanimously to approve Myra Singletary FMLA medical leave beginning Nov. 5, 2012 through Feb. 13, 2013, 12 weeks total.

10. Motion was made by Duggar, seconded by Hayes and carried unanimously to approve Gerard Steele as long term substitute for Kristina Spikes, beginning Nov. 4, 2012 through Dec. 21, 2012.

11. Motion was made by Duggar, seconded by Hayes and carried unanimously to approve recommendation to hire Misty Trickey as Health Aide for 21st CCLC Position at W.R. Tolar School effective Oct. 22, 2012.

12. Motion was made by Duggar, seconded by Kever to approve request to advertise for Executive Secretary Position for the Director of Administration. The motion was discussed. Duggar made a motion to withdraw the request to advertise for Executive Secretary Position for the Director of Administration, seconded by Kever and carried unanimously. The motion was withdrawn.

OLD BUSINESS (Tabled items October 9, 2012)

1. Motion was made by Kever, seconded by Hayes and carried unanimously to approve request to reduce 1.0 teaching unit at Bristol Youth Academy (BYA) due to change in enrollment. It was agreed to modify the motion as previously voted on in Action Item #9 above.

2. Approve request to create 1.5 Teacher on Special Assignment Job Descriptions and positions in the areas of Transportation and Food Service (1.0 teaching unit) and Assessment (0.5 teaching unit).

a. Motion was made by Duggar, seconded by Hayes and carried unanimously to approve recommendation to withdraw recommendation.

3. Approve request to advertise within the district for 1.5 Teacher on Special Assignment positions in the areas of Transportation and Food Service (1.0 teaching unit) and Assessment (0.5 teaching unit).

a. Motion was made by Hayes, seconded by Duggar and carried unanimously to approve recommendation to withdraw recommendation.

4. Approve recommendation to create Paraprofessional position at Liberty County High School for ESE student with matrix of 254 or higher.

a. Motion was made by Hayes, seconded by Duggar and carried unanimously to approve recommendation to withdraw recommendation.

5. Approve request to advertise for Paraprofessional position at Liberty County High School for ESE student with matrix of 254 or higher.

a. Motion was made by Duggar, seconded by Hayes and carried unanimously to approve recommendation to withdraw recommendation.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS – None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

Superintendent Uzzell reported that since being appointed to office by the Governor on Nov. 1, 2012 she has been extremely busy with the tasks before her. She is excited and ready to get going. She has been able to visit the schools and is looking forward to serving the Liberty County School District as Superintendent. She recognized the many years Tommy Duggar has served on the School Board and wished him well.

BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

Chairman Peddie mentioned that the Liberty County High School Volleyball team would be leaving on Wednesday going to the State Playoffs.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Duggar, seconded by Hayes and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Superintendent Gloria Uzzell
Chairman Kyle Peddie

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OBITUARIES

THOMAS MELVIN MERCER

HOSFORD—Thomas Melvin Mercer, 91, of Hosford, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2012 in Tallahassee. A native of Hosford, he was a heavy equipment operator for C. W. Roberts for many years. He was a U.S. Army veteran who served in World War II and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Bristol.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lewis Lamire and Della Jeanette (Duggar) Mercer; three sisters, Charlotte McCallister, Lola Velma Spears and Myrtice Evelyn Hobbs; one brother, Lewis Milton Mercer and one brother-in-law, J.W. Larkins.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Jean Mercer of Hosford; two sons, James Douglas Mercer and Terry Sterling Mercer and his wife, Linda Jean, all of Hosford; two daughters, Linda Doreen Clark of Kentucky and Nancy Jean Mercer of Hosford; two sisters, Lois Evilea Hall and her husband, James of Tampa and Lossie L. Larkins of Bristol, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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

Services will be held Friday, Dec. 21 at 11 a.m. (ET) at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with Joe Shuler officiating. Interment will follow in Blue Creek Cemetery with full military honors.

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



JAMES L. "ROY" MAYHANN

DOTHAN, AL—James L. "Roy" Mayhann, 76, of Dothan, AL, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2012 in Dothan, AL. He was a graduate of Wewahitchka High School and was a member of First Baptist Church in Wewahitchka. He was a retired welder from Georgia Pacific, St. Joe Paper Company and Glidden. He later worked for Michelin Tire. He served his country in the U. S. Army during the Korean conflict. He enjoyed playing guitar, dancing, fishing, working on cars and fixing just about anything.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James B. and Mary Lois (Starling) Mayhann; two nephews, Tony and James and one niece, Donna.

Survivors include one daughter, Elana Crane of Columbus, GA; his long-time companion, Elizabeth Saye and her children, Bobby Saye, Judy Williamson and Annette Taylor; five grandchildren, Hunter, Sara, Carrie, Casey and Brandon; three brothers, Charles, Billy Joe and James T. Mayhann, all of Wewahitchka; three sisters, Faye Bishop, Jean and Joanne Salerno, all of Wewahitchka; one special great-nephew, Taylor Roy and his mom, Betty; nieces and nephews, Sherry, Julie, Ronald, Randy, Matt, Gina, Joey, Debbie, Jimmy, Mary Jo, Rhonda, Sheila, Jody, Linda Jo, Bryan, Jason and Kelly and other numerous special loved ones.

Graveside services were held Friday, Dec. 14 in Roberts Cemetery in Wewahitchka with Reverend Mike Stroud officiating. Interment followed.

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

BOBBY JOE ATKINS

BLOUNTSTOWN—Bobby Joe Atkins, 61, of Blountstown, passed away Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012 at his home. He was a lifelong resident of Blountstown and he worked for Big River Cypress and Hardwood for many years. He was of the Holiness faith.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lonnie Lee and Beatrice (Bryant) Atkins; one brother, Joseph Whittington; one niece, Kara Victoria Weeks and one nephew, Tanner Lemieux.

Survivors include his ex-wife, Mary Nell Atkins; two daughters, Stephanie Martinez and her husband, Antonio and Leathie Swearington; one son, Tommy Swearington and his wife, Ariel; six grandchildren, Alexis, Julian and Nicholas Martinez and Brayden, Reyna and Jaedyn Swearington; three sisters, Nancy Mae Weeks and her friend, Clifford McDaniel, Barbara McDaniel and Joe Helen Lemieux; two brothers, Lonnie Herrelson and David Ard; nieces, Wendi Steward, Jahna McDaniel, Brandi Rabon, Shaylynn and Desirea Herrelson, Aleigha, Ashten and Gabriela Whittington and Susan Kroft; three nephews, Cliffy McDaniel, Willard and Kevin Whittington; good friends, Frankie Baker and Dougie Brackins and a host of great nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held Friday, Dec. 21 at 4 p.m. in Nettle Ridge Cemetery with Reverend Tim Rhoads officiating. Interment will follow.

Adams Funeral Home in Blountstown is in charge of the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the funeral home to offset funeral expenses. Online condolences may be sent to www.adamsfh.com.



JAMES CARRELL DYKES

CLARKSVILLE—James Carrell Dykes, 81, of Clarksville, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2012 in Panama City. He was born February 1, 1931 in Blountstown and had lived in Calhoun County for most of his life. He enlisted

in the Army at age 17. His service took him to many locations around the world including Germany, Ethiopia and numerous missions to the Republic of South Vietnam. In 1962 he was awarded Army Aviation Soldier of the Year by the Secretary of the Army under President Kennedy. His sense of patriotism and loyalty to this country ran deep and paved the way for a hard working country boy to climb to great heights. He retired in 1969 as a Chief Warrant Officer and continued to serve his country as a civilian for many years. This gentle man was the true patriarch of his family. His love for family and friends knew no bounds and he was revered and respected by all who knew him. After retirement from the Army, he did contract work for the U.S. Government. He also worked at the Abitibi Mill in Blountstown for a number of years and with BEK Construction Company as an Instrument and Electrical Technician. He was a member of the VFW in Bristol, serving as Chaplain and was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

He was preceded in death by one grandchild, Faith Montgomery.

Survivors include his wife, Avis Dykes of Clarksville; one son, Tommy Dykes and his wife, Becky of Clarksville; one daughter, Janet Montgomery and her husband, Bob of Cedar City, UT; three sisters, Dorothy Busher and her husband, John, Bea Ross and Gail Segers, all of Clarksville; seven grandchildren, Jed, Zack, Tyler and Spencer Montgomery, Adam, Reid and Aelon Dykes; nine great-grandchildren, Will, Haven, Max, Seren, Gavin and Grayson Montgomery, Addisyn, Braxton and Braelyn Dykes.

Services were held Saturday, Dec. 15 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Bristol with Bishop Walt Money officiating. Interment followed in Clarksville Cemetery.

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

EDDIE FAIRCLOTH

BLOUNTSTOWN—Eddie Faircloth, 64, of Blountstown, passed away Friday, Dec. 14, 2012 in Tallahassee. He was born July 11, 1948 in Panama City and had lived in Blountstown all of his life. He, along with his wife, Charlotte, were owners and operators of Faircloth Septic Tank Service in Blountstown for several years. He was a 1966 graduate of Blountstown High School and was an avid Florida Gator Football fan. He was a devoted Christian at Victory Hill Pentecostal Holiness Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Neal and Zelma Faircloth and one brother, Ronnie Faircloth.

Survivors include his wife, Charlotte Faircloth of Blountstown; one daughter, Chelsea Faircloth of Blountstown; one sister, Betsy Diane Childs and her husband, Phillip of Folkston, GA; one brother, Tim Faircloth of Blountstown; a very special friend and companion, Sassy.

Services were held Tuesday, Dec. 18 at Peavy Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Dwayne Tolbert officiating. Interment followed in Pine Memorial Cemetery.

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

GREGORY DONALD DALTON

CHIPLEY—Gregory Donald Dalton, 53, of Chipley, passed away Sunday, Dec. 16, 2012 in Marianna. He was born July 16, 1959 in Tarpon Springs and had lived in Chipley for the past several years. He was a retired oil field worker.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Donald Ray and Karen Christine (Todd) Dalton.

Survivors include his wife, Veronica Dalton of Chipley; two sons, Jesse and Ethan Dalton, both of Chipley; two daughters, Heather Dalton and Camelia Wilson, both of Chipley; two brothers, Mike Dalton and his wife, Donna of Victoria, TX and Jimmy Clark and his wife, Chris of Chipley; one sister, Gwen Fleishman and her husband, Larry of Dallas, TX; two grandchildren, Houston and Dylon Dalton, both of Chipley.

Memorial services will be held Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 1 p.m. (CT) at Heaven's Way Biker's Church in Cottontale. Memorialization will be by cremation.

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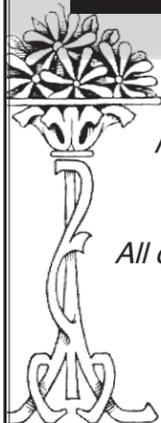
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Covenant Hospice holds annual Tree of Lights celebration

MARIANNA – Covenant Hospice held its annual Tree of Lights ~ A Celebration of Life, on Tuesday, Dec. 4 at Evangel Worship Center.

The ceremony featured a message of hope & renewal from Mrs. Angie Knight, recitation of loved ones' names, holiday music by Mrs. Vanessa Perkins, an ensemble from the Marianna High School Show Choir under the direction of Mrs. Shea Tiner, refreshments and fellowship.

Tree of Lights is a celebration of life, symbolized by a holiday tree illuminated by hundreds of lights.

For all of time, people have looked to the starry night sky for guidance, inspiration and joy. It is with the same sense of wonder that we light our holiday tree year after year.

These tiny twinkling lights fill us with peace, signaling our loved ones are with us every day. "Each



light on the tree symbolizes the life, hopes and dreams of a loved one," said Jennifer Griffin, Development

Manager for Covenant Hospice.

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.

Choose to be a volunteer for your New Year's resolution

Are you thinking of making a New Year's Resolution in 2013? Each January, roughly one in three Americans resolve to better themselves in some way. A much smaller percentage of people actually make good on those resolutions.

A popular, non-selfish New Year's resolution, one that will motivate you to keep, is to volunteer.

A growing body of research indicates a strong relationship between volunteerism and individual health benefits. "We tend to think that we

can make ourselves happy by doing things for ourselves, but we are happier when we are doing things for others, like through volunteer work," says Peter Kanaris, Ph.D, coordinator of public education for the New York State Psychological Association. And guess what? Happiness is good for your health. Studies show those who volunteer live longer, experience an increase in energy, enjoy a decrease in daily stress, are better able to manage their own health issues and are less likely to be obese.

Are you ready to reap some of these health benefits in 2013? You can do this while simultaneously spending time helping out at your local food bank, mentoring a child, or building a house. There are many nonprofit volunteer organizations in our area that could really

use your help. Still not sure where to volunteer – join the Big Bend Hospice Team!

Volunteering with Big Bend Hospice can take many forms:

- * Provide a supportive presence and companionship for patients and their families no matter where they live (at home, in a nursing home, etc.)

- * Relieve family members of caregiving duties for short periods of time

- * Drive patients to appointments

- * Perform household tasks such as shopping, errand, light housekeeping, and simple meal preparation

- * Provide support for patients in a nursing home, in an assisted living facility, or at the Margaret Z. Dozier Hospice House such as reading, talking and going outdoors

- * Sit with the patient and/or their family in the last hours of life

Need more convincing? Several studies have found that volunteers

with a chronic or serious illness receive benefits beyond what can be achieved through medical care. Moreover, other reports state volunteerism is almost as beneficial as quitting smoking. Yes, you have read those correctly!

Big Bend Hospice has excellent volunteer opportunities that will enable you to engage in meaningful and tangible results. If you would like to know more about the Big Bend Hospice Volunteer program, call Ginny Burns at (850) 878-5310 or visit www.bigbendhospice.org.

So, volunteer in 2013 and stick with it. Here's to your health!

Big Bend Hospice has been serving this community since 1983 with compassionate end-of-life care along with grief and loss counselors available to provide information and support to anyone in Leon, Jefferson, Taylor, Madison, Gadsden, Liberty, Franklin or Wakulla county. If you would like additional information about services, please call (850) 878-5310 or visit www.bigbendhospice.org.

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ZELLA LEE BREEDEN

BLOUNTSTOWN—Zella Lee Breedon, 97, of Blountstown, passed away Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012 in Marianna. She was born May 10, 1915 in Cordele, GA and had lived in Blountstown since 1997, coming from Lakeland. She worked as a nurse's aide in Lakeland until she retired.

Survivors include three daughters, Jean Shepard and her husband, Buford of Quincy, Jessie Vanmeter of Winter Haven and Jewell Sparr of Lakeland, a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

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

Services will be held Saturday, Dec. 22 at 10:30 a.m. (CT) at Peavy Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Michael Presley officiating. Interment will follow in Nettle Ridge Cemetery in Blountstown.

Peavy Funeral Home in Blountstown is in charge of the arrangements. A special thank you for all employees at Marianna Health and Rehab Center and Covenant Hospice.

DUANE L. WEST

LIBERTY COUNTY—

Duane L. West, 67, of Liberty County, passed away Monday, Dec. 10, 2012 in Liberty County. He was born in Charleston, SC, grew up in Madison and later moved to Tallahassee where he graduated from Florida State University. He pursued a career in law enforcement and retired as a lieutenant with the Tallahassee Police Department. He moved to Liberty County 25 years ago where he loved the outdoors, fishing and his family.

Survivors include his wife of 16 years, Linda West; his mother, Hazel Whitehead West; his five children, Judd L., Travis D., Chad W., Eric D. and B. Austin West; two stepchildren, Jenifer Ferguson and Jim Cobb; one sister, Billie J. Scarboro, five grandchildren and many other loving family members.

Graveside services were held Friday, Dec. 14 at Good Hope Cemetery.

Bevis Funeral Home in Bristol was in charge of the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to your charity of choice.

Letter from Jesus about Christmas

From
Our
Family
To Yours



Have a
Safe &
Blessed
Christmas

It has come to my attention that many of you are upset that folks are taking My name out of the season.

How I personally feel about this celebration can probably be most easily understood by those of you who have been blessed with children of your own. I don't care what you call the day. If you want to celebrate My birth, just GET ALONG AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER!

Now, having said that let Me go on. If it bothers you that the town in which you live doesn't allow a scene depicting My birth, then just get rid of a couple of Santas and snowmen and put in a small Nativity scene on your own front lawn. If all My followers did that, there wouldn't be any need for such a scene on the town square because there would be many of them all around town.

Stop worrying about the fact that people are calling the tree a holiday tree, instead of a Christmas tree. It was I who made all trees. You can remember Me anytime you see any tree. Decorate a grape vine if you wish: I actually spoke of that one in a teaching, explaining who I am in relation to you and what each of our tasks were. If you have forgotten that one, look up John 15: 1 – 8.

If you want to give Me a present in remembrance of My birth here is my wish list. Choose something from it:

1. Instead of writing protest letters objecting to the way My birthday is being celebrated, write letters of love and hope to soldiers away from home. They are terribly afraid and lonely this time of year. I know, they tell Me all the time.

2. Visit someone in a nursing home. You don't have to know them personally. They just need to know that someone cares about them.

3. Instead of writing the President complaining about the wording on the cards his staff sent out this year, why don't you write and tell him that you'll be praying for him and his family this year. Then follow up... it will be nice hearing from you again.

4. Instead of giving your children a lot of gifts you can't afford and they don't need - spend time with them. Tell them the story of My birth and why I came to live with you down here. Hold them in your arms and remind them that I love them.

5. Pick someone that has hurt you in the past and forgive him or her.

6. Did you know that someone in your town will attempt to take their own life this season because they feel so alone and hopeless? Since you don't know who that person is, try giving everyone you meet a warm smile; it could make the difference.

7. Instead of nit picking about what the retailer in your town calls the holiday, be patient with the people who work there. Give them a warm smile and a kind word. Even if they aren't allowed to wish you a "Merry Christmas" that doesn't keep you from wishing them one.

8. If you really want to make a difference, support a missionary - especially one who takes My love and Good News to those who have never heard My name.

9. Here's a good one... There are individuals and whole families in your town who not only will have no "Christmas" tree, but neither will they have any presents to give or receive. If you don't know them, buy some food and a few gifts and give them to the Salvation Army or some other charity which believes in Me and they will make the delivery for you.

10. Finally, if you want to make a statement about your belief in and loyalty to Me, then behave like a Christian. Don't do things in secret that you wouldn't do in My presence. Let people know by your actions that you are one of mine.

Don't forget - I am God and can take care of Myself. Just love Me and do what I have told you to do. I'll take care of all the rest. Check out the list above and get to work; time is short. I'll help you, but the ball is now in your court.

And do have a most blessed Christmas with all those whom you love and remember...

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The evolution & many faces of Christmas

Many people prepare for the arrival of Christmas months in advance. The first traces of wrapping paper and decorations arrive in stores as early as September, transforming the holiday into a much more secular celebration than its modest Christian beginnings.

Despite Christmas being an important date in the lives of today's Christians, the holiday failed to gain prominent status until relatively recently. Research indicates that as late as the 19th century, Christmas was not even a legal holiday requiring a day off from work. That's why 19th century readers of the classic Christmas tale, "A Christmas Carol," were not shocked at Bob Cratchit having to work on Christmas Day. The United States Congress used to meet on Christmas Day because it was not a national holiday. In 1836, Alabama became the first state to officially recognize Christmas, but it didn't become a legal holiday across the country until June 26, 1970.

Today's Christmas celebrations include traditions from around the world. Some ascertain that it was the Church's doing to schedule Christmas at a similar time to the pagan festivals, such as Saturnalia, that took place during the winter months. But many biblical scholars argue that this was not the case. Some pagan influences, such as holly and mistletoe as well as the burning of a yule log, have long been a part of Christmas traditions.

Santa Claus is one of the more recognizable symbols of Christmas. He is based on St. Nikolas of Myra, an area that is part of modern-day Turkey. St. Nikolas is the world's most popular non-Biblical saint and is one of the saints most portrayed by artists. Early depictions of St. Nikolas show him as a stern man who delivered his share of discipline. Eventually, those depictions changed to show a figure more associated with generosity. Throughout history there have been characters from around the globe, such as the Viking deity Odin, who were precursors to Santa Claus. Myth states that Odin rode his eight-legged flying horse in the winter. Odin gave out gifts to well-behaved children and punishments to those who misbehaved. Children would fill boots or stockings with treats for the flying horse.

Although many people feel Christmas begins when the first bag of tinsel appears on a store shelf and ends when the last present is opened on December 25th, the true religious holiday does not coincide with merchant schedules. While most people are bustling to and from department stores and malls, Christians are participating in Advent, which was traditionally a solemn season of reflection and fasting. Christians are supposed to spend Advent preparing for the birth of Jesus Christ and the joy that ensues during the weeks leading up to December 25.

Similarly, the joyous time of Christ's birth is a day of celebration that does not end on December 26 but continues for 12 days until the Epiphany, also known as Little Christmas, when Magi were reported to have visited the infant Christ and give him gifts. Although the more traditional day for gift-giving would seem to be on the Epiphany, by the time that day arrives many people have already taken down their Christmas decorations.

Christmas is a holiday steeped in many different traditions, and many people have their own ways of celebrating all through the month of December.

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Magnavox 32 inch color tv, \$75. Call 447-4502. 12-12, 12-19

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Double recliner, \$100. Call 447-4502. 12-12, 12-19

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APPLIANCES

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CARS

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9	1	6	3	5	8	2	7	4

ANSWER:

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★STARSCOPE★

Week of Dec. 16 ~ Dec. 22

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, you may need to take a leap of faith when someone close to you asks for your assistance. Act first and ask questions later. It will be worth it.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, sit down and enjoy some peace and quiet. You may enjoy the break from the frenetic pace you have been keeping the last few months.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, there is bound to be a learning curve when you begin a new job or a new task. Do not be hard on yourself if it takes you a little longer.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Ever an ideas person, Scorpio, now you have to put some follow-through into those plans. You can likely find a few friends to join you on your next adventure.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, thoughtful reflection certainly may provide some of the answers you seek. But another way is to simply get out there and ask other people what they think.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, things certainly go on when you're not around, but others may notice they just may not be as fun. You often lend joviality to anything you attend so spread your cheer.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, sad situations may come up, but you have a way of deflecting the situation and showcasing the bright side of things. You may find you are a person providing support this week.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, bide your time and you just may end the year on a bang. Don't be afraid to add other things to your last-minute wish list because your goals just may be met.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, many opportunities to entertain family and friends are on the horizon. Honor all of your commitments and enjoy all of the festivities.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, you enjoy social situations but that doesn't mean you have to be the life of the party. Keep this in mind as you attend holiday gatherings.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, while you aspire to have many friends, you just may find that there are only a few special people who hold the strings to your heart. It is okay to keep them close.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, while others are thinking about what presents they want under the tree, you may be thinking of how to give back to others.

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DECEMBER 19
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DECEMBER 17
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DECEMBER 20
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Don't miss December's holiday hunting traditions

There's finally a chill and certain festiveness in the air as most of us try to take time off from work to enjoy spending quality time with family and friends and reflect on the passing year. Children will be out of school on winter break soon, and while the holiday season is upon us, so are several traditional hunting opportunities.

The second phase of waterfowl and coot season came in statewide Dec. 8 and runs through Jan. 27. In addition to the usual hunting license and permit requirements, duck hunters also must have a Florida waterfowl permit (\$5) and a federal duck stamp (\$15).

The daily bag limit on ducks is six, but you need to know your ducks before you pull the trigger, because there are different daily limits for each species. For instance, within the six-bird limit there may be only one black duck, one mottled duck, one fulvous whistling-duck and one canvasback.

Only two of your six-bird limit may be pintails or redheads and three may be wood ducks. And you may have no more than four scaup, four scoters or four mallards (of which only two may be female) in your bag. All other species of ducks can be taken up to the six-bird limit, except

harlequin ducks.

The daily limit on coots is 15 and there's a five-bird limit on mergansers, only two of which may be hooded.

When hunting waterfowl, hunters may use only non-toxic shotgun shells. Only iron (steel), bismuth-tin and various tungsten-alloys are permissible.

For something different, try woodcock hunting. Woodcock season runs Sunday, Dec. 18 – Jan. 31. Woodcocks are excellent game birds because they hold well for pointing bird dogs and provide a challenging shot when flushed. The daily bag limit is three.

The third phase of mourning and white-winged dove season opened Thursday, Dec. 8 and runs through Jan. 6. The daily bag limit is 15 birds.

From November on, the shooting hours for all migratory birds are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. However, you must get a no-cost migratory bird permit where you purchase your hunting license before you hunt any of these birds.

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by Tony Young



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migratory game birds is a shotgun, no larger than 10-gauge. Shotguns must be plugged to a three-shell capacity (magazine and chamber com-

bined). Bows also are legal.

Retrievers and bird dogs can be useful in hunting migratory game birds. Artificial decoys and manual or mouth-operated bird calls also are legal and essential gear for duck hunters.

You may hunt migratory game birds over an agricultural field if the crop was planted by regular agricultural methods. However, don't even think about "sweetening" the field by scattering agricultural products over it – or anywhere near it – or you could wind up in serious trouble. It doesn't matter if you aren't the one who scattered the bait. If you knew or should have known that such bait was present, you're accountable under federal law.

Some other things you can't do while hunting migratory game birds include using rifles, pistols, crossbows, traps, snares, nets, sinkboxes, swivel guns, punt guns, battery guns, machine guns, fish hooks,

poisons, drugs, explosive substances, live decoys and recorded bird calls, sounds or electrically amplified bird-call imitations. It is also against the law to shoot from a moving automobile or boat and herd or drive birds with vehicles or vessels.

Bobcat and otter hunting season runs Saturday, Dec. 1 through March 1 and there's no daily bag or season limit on either species.

Like foxes, bobcats may be chased year-round with dogs, but possessing firearms during the closed season, between March 2 and Nov. 30, is prohibited. On a few wildlife management areas, bobcats and otters may not be taken, so please consult the specific area brochure before you hunt.

December has the hunting opportunities you're looking for, whether you are upland-bird hunting with friends and family, shooting ducks on the pond with your favorite lab or taking that big cat as he slips up behind an unsuspecting fawn.

Here's wishing you happy holidays and a successful hunting season. If you can, remember to introduce someone new to our great sport. As always, have fun, hunt safely and ethically and we'll see you in the woods!

FWC defines conservation model for 60 species

To achieve long-term survival for 60 imperiled wildlife species, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) discussed a new conservation model at its recent meeting in Apalachicola.

Creating the Imperiled Species Management Plan will define measurable objectives and actions to manage and conserve these animals to keep them part of Florida's wildlife forever.

Staff updated Commissioners on how they will integrate broad conservation strategies with specific actions for each wildlife species. The Imperiled Species Management Plan will include habitat conservation; wildlife management; measurable objectives (including time frames); possible incentives, potential rule recommendations and consideration of economic, ecological and social impacts.

"This approach is smart thinking," said FWC Chairman Kenneth Wright.

Typically, the FWC has developed and implemented separate management plans for individual species such as the bald eagle, Florida black bear, gopher tortoise and Florida manatee. With the Imperiled Species Management Plan, the FWC will re-

tain that focus while recognizing the efficiency of developing integrated strategies that positively affect multiple species, for example those sharing a seaside marsh or

upland scrub habitat.

Opportunities for input from stakeholders and the public will be sought as components of the Imperiled Species Management Plan begin

to be rolled out in draft form in 2013.

"By identifying both the common elements and specific actions needed to promote survival of 60 species, Flor-

ida can achieve broad long-term conservation success for wildlife such as the little blue heron, Eastern chipmunk and Florida sandhill crane," said Laura Barrett, the

FWC's Imperiled Species Management Plan Coordinator.

The BSRs and their listing recommendations are available at MyFWC.com/ImperiledSpecies.



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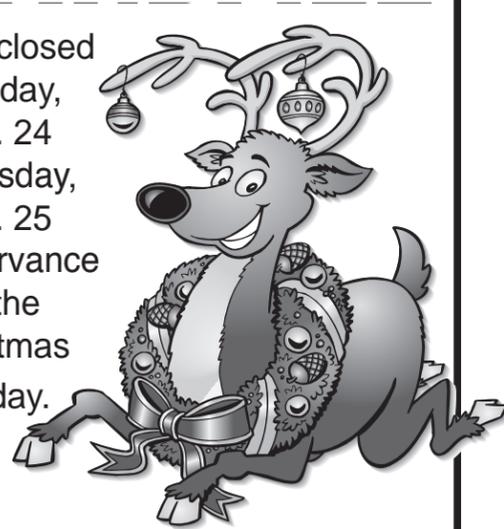
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Of pythons and morons

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Between state laws, the U.S. Constitution and the Holy Bible, there's not much you can do about invasive people. But there's a lot we can do about plants and animals that make their way here. And we'd better get busy because Florida has turned into a virtual Ellis Island for foreign flora and fauna.

We've already lost the battle against fire ants, armadillos and kudzu, but we still have a chance to stop the Burmese python from becoming a permanent Florida resident. According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), there is now a breeding population of them in the Florida Everglades and scientists are worried they could change the entire ecosystem.

I'm worried they'll find their way up here to Northwest

JIM McCLELLAN'S

OUTDOORS

Down South



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.

"Pythons, you say? Well, there goes the neighborhood."

So count me among the many folks who are happy about FWC's Python Challenge™, a month-long effort to "harvest" as many pythons as possible. The only thing I would do differently is rename it "The Great Python Murder-a-thon" and extend it indefinitely.

See, my goal isn't to just rid the Everglades of pythons; I want to leave a scar on all their future generations. Drive them all back to the jungles of

Asia, where they can tell their grandchildren about the terrible mistake they made coming to Florida.

But just like with everything else, there's a group of people out there defending the "rights" of pythons to be Floridians. I actually met a man who said, "We humans are an invasive species ourselves."

"Okay," I said. "Then let's approach it another way. As a human, if I was hunting out of season and without a license, FWC officers would stop me. They would tell me to put my hands over my head and, if I didn't, they would shoot me."

"So here's the deal," I continued. "Any pythons who surrender and put their hands over their heads get to live. All the rest get shot immediately."

The guy got a little angry and he wanted to argue the point some more.

But I decided to be polite and end the conversation the best way I knew how.

"You ain't from around here, are you?"

Florida.

Let me be real clear about something: I really don't like snakes. I know they have their place, and I've made peace with all the native species. I consider it a sign of maturity that I no longer shoot or hack up every one I see.

But pythons? Oh, hell no.

We're talking about a snake that can grow to be almost 30 feet long and squeeze a full-grown man to death. I don't know about you, but I don't want to live in a state where bears and gators have to watch where they step. I certainly don't want to ever see one in the Apalachicola River swamp.

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PUBLIC AND LEGAL NOTICES

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

Case No. 2012-033CA

LABAN BONTRAGER, Plaintiff,

vs.

JAMES D. TANTON and the Estate of HAZEL TANTON, and The U.S. Dept. of the Treasury Acting through the Internal Revenue Service, Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Order dated November 30, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 2012-033CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Liberty County, Florida, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash ON THE FRONT STEPS of the Liberty County Courthouse, Bristol, FL at 11 a.m. EST on the 8th day of January, 2013 the following described property as set forth in said Order, to wit:

SEE EXHIBIT 'A' below

PARCEL I: COMMENCE at the Southeast Corner of the NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 6, Township 1

South, Range 7 West, thence run South 30 yards, thence run East 78 yards, thence run North 30 yards, thence run West to PLACE OF BEGINNING, in Section 5, Township 1 South, Range 7 West.

PARCEL NO. II: COMMENCE at the Southeast Corner of the NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 6, Township 1 South, Range 7 West, and run South 30 yards, for POINT OF BEGINNING, thence run South 33 yards, thence run East along center of road know as Robertson Mill Road 78 yards, thence North 32 1/2 yards, thence West to POINT OF BEGINNING, and being in Section 5, Township 1 South, Range 7 West.

PARCEL NO. III: COMMENCE at a concrete monument marking the Northwest Corner of Section 5, Township 1 South, Range 7 West, Liberty County, Florida, and run thence South 00 Degrees 07 Minutes 18 Seconds East along the Westerly boundary of said Section 5, a distance of 1634.43 feet, thence North 80 Degrees 40 Minutes 16 Seconds East 83.77 feet, to an iron rod (LS 5024) at a fence corner for the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING, thence along a fence as follows: thence South 01 Degree 46 Minutes 33 Seconds East 163.90 feet, thence South 89 Degrees 27 Minutes 37 Seconds West 237.15, thence South 02 Degrees 46 Minutes

43 Seconds East 264.29 feet, thence leaving said fence run thence North 89 Degrees 56 Minutes 27 Seconds East 462.01 feet, thence North 01 Degree 09 Minutes 57 Seconds East 471.12 feet, thence South 80 Degrees 40 Minutes 16 Seconds West 46.73 feet, thence North 00 Degrees 07 Minutes 18 Seconds West along the Westerly boundary of lands described in Official Records Book 50, at page 742, of the Public Records of said county a distance of 120.15 feet to the southerly right of way boundary of the Robertson Mill Creek Road; thence South 79 Degrees 12 Minutes 42 Seconds West along said southerly right of way boundary, a distance of 77.34 feet, thence South 00 Degrees 07 minutes 18 Seconds East 118.15 feet, thence South 80 Degrees 40 Minutes 16 Seconds West 132.01 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

Dated this 10th day of Dec., 2012

KATHY BROWN Clerk of the Circuit

by: V. Summers Deputy Clerk 12-12, 12-19

IN THE CIRCUIT

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

CASE NO.: 39-2012-CA-000067 DIVISION: CIRCUIT CIVIL

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation authorized to transact business in Florida, Plaintiff,

vs.

MONIQUE FINNELL, a/k/a MONIQUE BRENDA FINNELL; JEFF WHITFIELD; BENEFICIAL FLORIDA, INC., a Delaware corporation authorized to transact business in Florida; UNIDENTIFIED JOHN DOE(S) and/or UNIDENTIFIED JANE DOE(S), Defendants.

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Plaintiffs Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 6, 2012 in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on January 15, 2013, at 11:00 A.M. (EST), at the Liberty County Courthouse, 10818 NW State Rd 20, Bristol, FL 32321, the following described property:

Commence at a concrete

monument marking the Northwest corner of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 4, Township 1 South, Range 7 West, Liberty County, Florida and run thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 21 seconds East along the Northerly boundary of said Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter a distance of 881.74 feet to a concrete monument; thence South 00 degrees 06 minutes 46 seconds West 676.54 feet to a concrete monument on the Northerly maintained right of way boundary of a graded road; thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 45 seconds East 1,117.95 feet; thence North 82 degrees 43 minutes 52 seconds East along said Northerly maintained right of way boundary, a distance of 94.69 feet; thence North 76 degrees 54 minutes 55 seconds East along said Northerly maintained right of way boundary, a distance of 94.38 feet; thence North 05 degrees 09 minutes 00 seconds West, a distance of 250.35 feet to the Southwesterly right of way boundary of State Road No. 20 (100 foot right of way); thence North 68 degrees 12 minutes 07 seconds West along said Southwesterly right of way boundary, a distance of 112.18 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING, thence South 00 degrees 46

minutes 17 seconds West a distance of 117.68 feet; thence North 89 degrees 13 minutes 43 seconds West, a distance of 299.21 feet; thence North 21 degrees 17 minutes 33 seconds East, a distance of 217.21 feet to the aforesaid Southwesterly right of way boundary, thence South 68 degrees 12 minutes 07 seconds East along said Southwesterly right of way boundary, a distance of 238.98 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH that certain 1995 Homes of Merit mobile home bearing Identification Numbers FLHML-CP72312321A and FLHML-CP72312321B.

Property Address: 13311 NW State Road 20, Bristol, FL 32321.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

Dated: December 6, 2012

KATHLEEN BROWN, CLERK LIBERTY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

By: V. Summers Deputy Clerk 12-19, 12-26

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Knowledge/Education & Experience Required: Graduation from an accredited high school or possession of an acceptable equivalency diploma. Must possess a Class "C" Water Treatment Plant Operators certification issued by the State of Florida (FAC 62-602) within a period of two (2) years, however, satisfactory progress toward obtaining the certification must be demonstrated within one (1) year. Valid Florida Driver's License and good driving record.

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Abilities Required (work characteristics, behaviors, leadership abilities, etc.): Must have initiative and be resourceful in problem solving, Clear Speaking Voice/Legible Handwriting, Physical and Drug Screening required.

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The School Board of Liberty County is accepting applications for the following position for the 2012-2013 school year.

FINANCE COORDINATOR/SUPERVISOR

A complete Classified Application listing Three (3) Professional References and Resume is required. It will need to be submitted in the Vacancies section under Human Resources/Careers of the online application at the LCSB website, www.lcsbonline.org. On the Current Job Openings page, click on the "Link", under "How to Apply" beside the position you are interested in applying for. After completing the Classified Application, it must be attached to the position. Resume can be attached to the online application under the "Attachment" drop down menu, faxed into the District Office at 850-643-5131 or you can bring it to the District Office. Any computer with internet access can be used, i.e. (Library, One Stop Career Center, Adult School, etc.).

Those without computer access may come to the District Administration office and complete your application. Assistance will be provided, if needed. Reasonable accommodations for completing forms and interviews are available for people with disabilities when requested in advance. For a request for reasonable accommodations, please contact the Office of the Superintendent.

LOCATION: Liberty County District Office

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: *Bachelor's Degree in Accounting or an Appropriate Finance area or ten (10) years of supervisory experience in governmental accounting or auditing may be substituted for degree

requirement. *Minimum of five (5) years appropriate supervisory experience in governmental accounting or auditing. *Must provide written references upon request from the Superintendent.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES: *Knowledge of governmental accounting standards, Florida School law and State Board of Education regulations. Management skills in supervising areas of budgeting, accounting, auditing, purchasing, investments, risk management and food service. Ability to plan and analyze. Ability to use personal computer / mainframe software and hardware. Knowledge of banking as it relates to investments. Ability to use effective public relations skills. Ability to effectively use problem-solving skills, group dynamics and communication skills for both oral and written presentations.

COMPENSATION:

Salary Range: \$45,000.00 - \$60,404.00

Applications will be received from: Dec. 13, 2012-Dec. 27, 2012

EMPLOYMENT WILL BE CONTINGENT UPON CLEARANCE OF FINGERPRINTS AND DRUG TEST

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Nov. 19 Liberty School Board organizational meeting minutes

Official minutes from the Nov. 19 organizational meeting of the Liberty County School Board as recorded by the board secretary

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Gloria Gay Uzzell.

Members present at the meeting were Darrel Hayes, Roger Reddick, Tina Tharpe, Kyle Peddie, Logan Kever and Superintendent Gloria Gay Uzzell.

SUPERINTENDENT

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Bristol, Florida 32321

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Tina Tharpe
12922 NW Old Post Road
Bristol, Florida 32321
Term Expires: Nov. 2016
District II

Darrel L. Hayes
P.O. Box 190
Bristol, Florida 32321
Term Expires: Nov. 2014
District III

Brandon Kyle Peddie
22404 NW Highway 20
Hosford, Florida 32334
Term Expires: Nov. 2014
District IV

Roger W. Reddick
25018 NE Whitehead Rd.
Hosford, Florida 32334
Term Expires: Nov. 2014
District V

The prayer was offered

by Kyle Peddie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Superintendent Uzzell.

Reddick made a motion, seconded by Kever and carried unanimously to appoint Kyle Peddie for School Board Chairman of the Liberty County School Board for 2012-2013. Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Kever and carried unanimously to appoint Darrel Hayes as Vice-Chairman of the Liberty County School Board for 2012-2013.

Superintendent Uzzell turned the meeting over to Kyle Peddie, School Board Chairman.

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

OLD BUSINESS - None

ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Tharpe and carried unanimously to set the Regular School Board Meetings for 7 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of every month in the Liberty County School Board Meeting Room at 12926 NW CR 12, Bristol, Florida 32321.

2. Motion was made by Hayes, seconded by Tharpe and carried unanimously to select Official Depository (Cadence Bank) for 2012-13.

3. Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Hayes and carried unanimously to approve Expenditures Statement Format for 2012-13.

4. Motion was made by Kever, seconded by Tharpe and carried unanimously to approve revised School Board Member and Superintendent Salaries for 2012-13.

PERSONNEL

1. Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Hayes and carried unanimously to accept resignation from Whitney Holcomb, teacher at Hosford Elementary & Jr. High School, effective Nov. 13, 2012.

2. Motion was made by Tharpe, seconded by Reddick and carried unanimously to accept letter of resignation from Larry Hutcheson as contracted consultant (external evaluator for 21st Century Community Learning Centers) effective Nov. 1, 2012.

3. Motion was made by Kever, seconded by Hayes and carried unanimously to approve recommendation of Jack Hal Summers, Jr. as contracted consultant (external evaluator for 21st Century Community learning Centers) effective Dec. 1, 2012.

4. Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Hayes and carried unanimously to approve recommendation of Amanda Brock as teacher, Allied Health, at Liberty County High School, effective Nov. 27, 2012.

5. Motion was made by Kever, seconded by Hayes and carried unanimously to accept letter of resignation from Stephanie Hofheinz, Director of Finance, effective Dec. 31, 2012.

6. DELETED.

7. Motion was made by Tharpe, seconded by Hayes and carried unanimously to accept letter of resignation from Lisa M. Smith, Paraprofessional at WR Tolar K-8 School, effective Nov. 30, 2012.

EMERGENCY ITEMS

1. Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Tharpe and carried unanimously to approve transfer of Rita Lewis from teacher at Bristol Youth Academy to Teacher on Special Assignment: Food Service and Assessment effective Nov. 26, 2012.

2. Motion was made by Kever, seconded by Tharpe and carried to approve extension of Agreement for Contracted Services with Sheila D. Shelton and the Liberty County School Board for Assistance with Food Service and Training Food Service Personnel, beginning Nov. 26, 2012, 6.5 hours per day, \$25 per hour, for a total of 15 days. Hayes, Reddick, Tharpe

and Kever voted yes. Peddie voted no.

3. Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Hayes and carried unanimously to accept letter of resignation from Irene J. Myers, teacher at W.R. Tolar K-8 School, effective Nov. 23, 2012.

4. Motion was made by Tharpe, seconded by Reddick and carried unanimously to approve request to advertise for Middle School Science teacher at W.R. Tolar K-8 School.

5. Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Tharpe and carried to approve request to create and advertise District Secretary position at Liberty County School Board District Office for Director of Administration. Reddick, Hayes, Tharpe and Kever voted yes. Peddie voted no.

6. The School Board recognized and congratulated the 2012 Liberty County High School Volleyball team and coaches as State Class 1A Runner-Up

7. Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Hayes and carried unanimously to transfer Alfreda Phillips to Hosford Elementary and Jr. High School for remainder of the 2012-2013 school year to fill the position vacated by Whitney Holcomb.

8. Motion was made by Kever, seconded by Tharpe and carried unanimously to approve request to grant permission to advertise for Paraprofessional at W.R. Tolar K-8 School for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year to fill the position vacated by Lisa M. Smith.

BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

Hayes mentioned that there is a school board employee who pays admission to the football games and spends most of the time at the game working in the restrooms fixing the drains and other issues that come up at the concession stand. He asked if there was a way that the High School could waive admission for him or do something to acknowledge his efforts. Reddick asked the Superintendent and Board about considering lowering the threshold that is currently set at \$25,000 for Board approval.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Kever and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Superintendent,
Gloria Gay Uzzell
Chairman Kyle Peddie

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