

# Shooting death of former Altha resident said to be accidental

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

BAY COUNTY - A memorial service was held Saturday for a 24-year-old man whose life ended abruptly with a discharge from a shotgun being handled by one of his best friends at a home on Panama City Beach Jan. 2.

Thomas Reid Crawford died at the Cypress Street residence of Blaine Justin Kendall, 28.

The Bay County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene at about 11:48 p.m. to find Kendall distraught at what he stated was the accidental shooting of a friend. Crawford's body was found inside.

"He had gone over to his friend's house to watch the Sugar Bowl," according to Reid's stepmother, Renee Attaway Crawford of Altha. She said it was late and he had fallen asleep. "He probably never knew what hit him."

Bay County authorities believe the shooting was an accident, but Kendall was arrested Friday for providing false information when he told investigators the gun went off when he tripped on it. He later admitted he was handling the gun when it went off.

"He did admit to having picked up the gun and was holding it when he inadvertently pulled the trigger," according to Major Tommy Ford of the Bay County Sheriff's Office.

Ford said it did not appear that alcohol was a contributing factor and there was no evidence of a physical struggle or problems between the two men.

According to Crawford, Kendall kept the gun under a futon and kept stepping on it that night. "He was transferring it from one hand to the other when it discharged, hitting Reid point blank," she said. "We got the call just before midnight. It was just a tragic accident."

Reid's father and stepmother, James Crawford and Renee Attaway Crawford, and one of his step-sisters live in Altha. Reid lived with the family for a few months last year at their home off Hwy. 71, between Altha and Blountstown. He grew up in Malone, graduated from Marianna High School and went to Chipola College, as well as Gulf Coast College.

"He was a good kid," said Crawford. She said he worked with Dermatology Associates of Panama City and was thinking of going into the medical field. She said his mother, Beverly Crawford, is an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP).

"They grew up in Marianna together and had been close friends forever," his stepmother said. "The investigator had no doubt it was an accident. I can't even imagine the burden he's going to bear," she said about Kendall.

The family held a private burial Tuesday morning at a cemetery in Lynn Haven, just a couple of blocks from where Reid lived with his brother, Ryan Crawford.

His complete obituary appears inside on page 12.



REID CRAWFORD



## TWO NEW SHERIFFS SWORN IN TUESDAY



ABOVE: Newly-elected Liberty County Sheriff Nick Finch, top, is sworn into office Tuesday morning by Liberty County Judge Ken Hosford. Hosford did the honors just a week earlier to allow Finch to fill in temporarily before his term officially started this week due to the Dec. 31 resignation of Sheriff Donnie Conyers. BELOW: Retired Blountstown Police Chief Glenn Kimbrel is now wearing the Calhoun County Sheriff's badge following Tuesday's swearing in ceremony. His wife, Cathy Kimbrel, looks on as Judge Kevin Grover administers the oath.

JOHNNY EUBANKS PHOTOS

## Families welcome first babies of the New Year

### Calhoun County's first baby of 2013 arrives on Jan. 2

from Jackson Hospital

Amanda Jones and Robert Kuzmanko of Altha are the proud parents of Elijah Michael Kuzmanko, the first baby born in the New Year at Jackson Hospital in Marianna. He is also the first birth in 2013 for Calhoun County.

Elijah arrived on Jan. 2, at 7:56 a.m. weighing seven pounds, four ounces, and measuring 20 ¼ inches long.

Maternal grandmother is Cindy Kuzmanko, also of Altha.

Amanda says that her newest baby's name selection came from the Bible. Elijah joins two big brothers and two big sisters, rounding out the family to five children.

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DANIEL WILLIAMS PHOTOS

### Liberty County's first 2013 baby born at 4:52 a.m. New Year's Day

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

A Bristol couple who live off S.R. 20 across from White Springs welcomed an eight pound, two ounce baby boy on the first morning of the new year. Jacob Alexander Quijada arrived at 4:52 a.m. and measured 21.1 inches in length.

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## Domestic battery arrest made following Sumatra altercation

SUMATRA - A man who allegedly grabbed his girlfriend around the neck and headbutted her was arrested for domestic battery New Year's Day.



RALEIGH FENNELL

Raleigh Clay Fennell, 20, was taken into custody Jan. 1. He is being held on \$5,000 bond.

Fennell's 28-year-old girlfriend had a knot on her forehead and her left eye was swollen, according to a deputy's report. She declined medical attention.

The woman told the deputy she was at their Flamingo

Drive residence in Sumatra when Fennell walked in the door with a beer in his hand. She said he got angry because she was on the phone, called her a name and went into their bedroom. She heard noises and realized he was ripping up her clothing. When she told him to stop, he became verbally abusive.

She said when she laughed and called him "stupid" he grabbed her by the throat and they began fighting. She said he pushed her onto the bed and held her down, where they fought for a few minutes. His verbal abuse continued and she said she responded by calling him a "pathetic drunk." She said he then slammed his forehead into hers, leaving her with a knot. She began scratching at his face in an effort to break free.

When Deputy Jonathan Gentry went to talk to Fennell, he smelled the strong odor of an alcoholic beverage. He noted in his report, "it was obvious that he (Fennell) was highly intoxicated."

Fennell said he and his girlfriend were arguing and he threw her onto the bed after she tried to hit him in the face.

He denied causing the injuries to her face, telling the deputy he only threw her onto the bed. Fennell stated that she hit him in the face numerous times but displayed no apparent injuries other than scratch marks around his neck, according to the deputy.

Fennell's mother stated that she saw the two fighting and witnessed him headbutt his girlfriend.

When placed under arrest, Fennell became irate and starting yelling and cursing the deputy. He continued to display his anger after arriving at the jail around 8:40 p.m., where he yelled and cursed at the correctional staff.

## Man charged with taking the money but not finishing jobs

BRISTOL - A man who allegedly took the money but failed to finish two painting jobs in Bristol nearly a year ago was arrested last week.

Johnny Riley, 27, of South Carolina is charged with theft, solicitation of payments and exploitation of the elderly. He was taken into custody Jan. 2 after being transferred from Bay County on a warrant and is being held in the Liberty County Jail on \$30,000 bond.

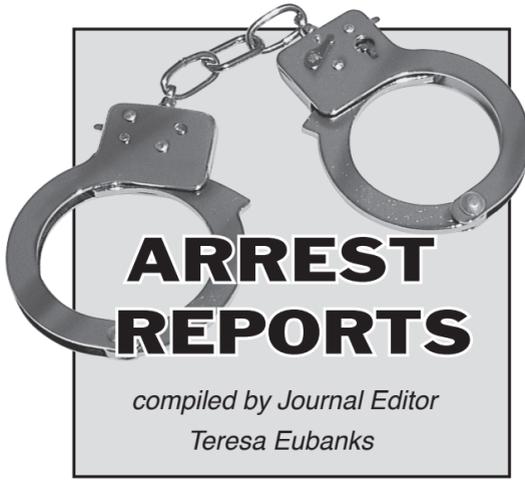
Wilson Hall, 75, went to the sheriff's office last January to report that a man he paid \$400 to do some painting left before completing his work. He described the suspect as a white male driving a red Chevrolet pickup.

A deputy on patrol later saw the pickup parked at an office on SR 12 and spoke with Riley, who told him he was checking on a couple other jobs and assured him he would complete the work he had started for Hall.

After a driver's license check showed Riley did not have any outstanding warrants, the deputy accompanied Riley to Hall's home. The painter stated he had "no intention of ripping him off" and promised Hall he would finish the work.

In early March, another of Riley's customers, Ralph Whitfield, 67, reported he paid Riley \$1400 to paint some of his properties. He said the work was not completed and Riley did not use the brand of paint he was told to buy.

According to the report, Whitfield lost \$900 and Hall lost \$200 to Riley.



## Bristol woman charged with DUI after speeding from convenience store

BRISTOL - A 19-year-old driver was arrested after a deputy saw her speeding away from a Bristol convenience store early Saturday morning and go around traffic in a no passing zone on CR 12 South, according to a report from the Liberty County Sheriff's Office.



DANA VAUGHN

Liberty County Deputy Jonathan Gentry was on stationary patrol at the intersection in Bristol around 2:30 a.m. and pulled out to follow the black Jeep. The driver did not respond to his emergency lights signaling for her to pull over until she reached Tolar School.

In the arrest report, the deputy noted there was a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage as he spoke with the driver, Dana Nicole Vaughn.

Vaughn denied having consumed any alcohol and said there was none in the Jeep. Vaughn and her passengers exited the vehicle and it was searched. When an open can of beer was found under the passenger's seat, Vaughn stated, "I will take the blame for it," according to the deputy's report. She then told the deputy, "I've had four and a Loco." (A Four Loko is a caffeinated drink containing 12% alcohol.)

During a roadside sobriety test, Vaughn swayed from side to side, was unable to stand on one leg, miscounted and had difficulty keeping her balance, according to the deputy.

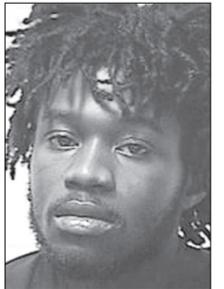
Breath tests taken at the jail resulted in alcohol readings of .140 and .148. The legal limit is .08.

She was charged with DUI and possession of an alcoholic beverage by someone under the age of 21.

## Man arrested for attack on pregnant girlfriend

BLOUNTSTOWN - A 20-year-old man was charged with aggravated battery on a pregnant victim after an altercation with his girlfriend Friday.

The woman, who is five months' pregnant, was left with a visible red mark on her face afterwards which was photographed as evidence, according to the offense report from the Blountstown Police Department.



RICKY MITCHELL, JR.

Arrested was Ricky S. Mitchell, Jr., who lives with the woman at Sutton Creek Apartments.

BPD Cpl. Patrick Crawford arrived at the apartment just before 3 a.m. and found the front door open and a table overturned in the living room.

Mitchell's girlfriend stated that she arrived at the apartment between 1:30 a.m. and 2 a.m. to find Mitchell passed out on their bed. She was unable to wake him and said he was very intoxicated.

When Mitchell's phone rang, it roused him but he was not fully awake when his girlfriend asked about the woman who was calling him. He got up, walked out of the bedroom and then returned to ask why she was crying.

She said she replied she "wasn't going through the same thing" again, referring to his involvement with other women by phone and on Facebook.

She told the officer she tried to calm down and left the room. When she returned, she grabbed a candle burner and threw it against the wall, which angered Mitchell.

She told the officer Mitchell said she had "f-ed up" and said his eyes got red. She said she opened the front door of the apartment in case she had to run from him.

The two were arguing when Mitchell "strangled me or choked me," according to the woman.

When he released her and walked back to the bedroom, she said she told him to get his things and leave. The woman said she then tried to leave but Mitchell threatened her. She said she was calling 911 and he left.

Crawford's report indicated that Mitchell was "extremely intoxicated" at the time of his arrest.

He is being held on \$2,500 bond.

## BPD plans Firearms class

The Blountstown Police Department will be hosting a Firearms Class Saturday, Jan. 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. You will meet at the police department, located on 16908 NE Pear Street. You must furnish your weapon and 20 rounds of ammunition.

To register, please call the police department at (850) 674-5987.

### SHERIFF'S LOG

#### CALHOUN COUNTY

January 2

•William Taylor, VOP, CCSO.

January 4

•Ricky Mitchell, aggravated battery on pregnant victim, CCSO.  
•Matthew Sourbeck, non support, CCSO.

January 6

•Adam Davis, failure to appear warrant, CCSO.

#### LIBERTY COUNTY

December 30

•Trampus Johnson, driving with license suspended or revoked, FHP.

December 31

•Michael Kaen, violation of injunction, LCSO.

•Brad C. Phillips, felony DUI, refusal to submit to a breath test, FHP.

January 1

•Raleigh Finnell Jr.,

battery (domestic violence), LCSO.

January 2

•Johnny Riley, theft, solicitation of payments, exploitation of the elderly, LCSO.

January 3

•Traci Todd, VOSP, LCSO.

January 4

•Jerrad Copeland, writ of attachment, LCSO.  
•Demetrius Peterson, writ of attachment, LCSO.

•Andrea Jackson, warrant for Gadsden County, LCSO.

•Joe Terry, VOCP, LCSO.

•Jessica Adkins, holding for CCSO, CCSO.

January 5

•Dana Vaughn, DUI (alcohol/drugs), alcohol possession by a person under 21, LCSO.

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

#### Blountstown Police Dept.

Dec 31- Jan 6, 2013



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## State of the Office of Sheriff

CALHOUN COUNTY

As I prepare to leave the Office of Sheriff and transition to a new administration I want to provide you with an accounting of the business of the office. I have endeavored to provide Sheriff Elect Kimbrel with the month of December for transition time so that the matters entrusted to me are smoothly transferred to him. We have closed out the 2011-2012 fiscal year accounting and referred it to our independent auditor. We have enjoyed 11 years of great audit reports and I anticipate that this one will be the same.

These are the balances for the various accounts of the office as of Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 based upon statements from Centennial Bank.

✓Sheriff's Office General Operating Account:	280,599.55
✓Investigative Resource Account	\$78,255.65
✓911 General Operating Account	\$32,945.88
✓911 Wireless Emergency Systems	\$40,749.05
✓Inmate Welfare Fund	\$7,497.51
✓Calhoun Narcotics Unit	\$7,621.53
✓Contribution Fund	\$256.30
✓Inmate Trust Fund	\$540.37

These are some of the recent additions or upgrades that will benefit the Office in the coming years:

- ★ New P25 digital radio system in 2010
- ★ New Jail in 2009 capable of holding 66 inmates
- ★ New Next Generation 911 system in 2011
- ★ New Deputy office complex with gym & training area 2011
- ★ Added 4 replacement patrol cars to fleet in October 2012
- ★ Upgraded computer network in 2012

I have personally and I have encouraged my staff to assist Sheriff-elect Kimbrel and his team in the transfer of responsibility. I wish him well.

I will forever be grateful for the opportunity to have served you for 33 years as an officer and 12 years as your Sheriff.

Best Regards,

David L. Tatum

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**2013 BABIES**  
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**BRISTOL: Jacob Alexander Quijada**

He is the son of Tricia Marshall and Juan Quijada.

The 37-year-old mother had a long labor. "My water broke at home Monday (Dec. 31) at a quarter 'til 6 a.m. We went to the hospital but he wasn't born until the following day," she said. "The doctor said his head was stuck behind my pelvic bone."

She was in labor for nearly 17 hours. "They didn't induce me until 11 a.m. Monday," she said.

Marshall has two other children, including a 17-year-old daughter who lives in Arkansas, and a four-year-old son who is with her in Bristol.

"It was a rough experience," she said, commenting that her previous births were very different. She said the birth of her first son was "totally opposite...it was quick and everything was so easy."

The couple met in Quincy and moved to Bristol in 2010. She is a former convenience store employee; he works with Blountstown Truss. After some time home with the baby, she hopes to begin classes this summer at Tallahassee Community College to become a radiologist.

The baby was born at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital's Women's Pavillion. Tallahassee's first baby of the new year arrived at 12:15 a.m. at Capital Regional Medical Center. Tallahassee Memorial's first New Year's Baby was born at 2:08 a.m. Both are girls.

Marshall said she didn't realize her newborn was Liberty County's first baby of the year until she went to the Health Department for her WIC appointment last Thursday.

**ALTHA: Elijah Michael Kuzmanko**

Robert is a volunteer firefighter and Amanda is a full-time, stay-at-home mom. The couple recently relocated from Virginia to Altha to join family there.

Dr. Ricky Leff with the Women's Healthcare of the Panhandle in Marianna delivered the baby.

Maternal Care Nurse Managers Christina Conrad, BSN, RN, and Connie Swearingen, BSN, RN, and the entire Maternal Care Nursing Unit on behalf of Jackson Hospital's Board of Trustees, Administration and Staff, presented the parents with a New Year's Baby Gift containing a case each of diapers, formula and baby wipes, a reusable silver baby spoon, baby blanket, and \$50 Walmart Gift Card.

Jackson Hospital delivers about 600 babies each year.

**Elected officials began their new term**



Tuesday was a busy day for judges as candidates in Calhoun and Liberty counties got ready to start their jobs. ABOVE: Judge Kevin Grover swears in Carla Hand as Calhoun County Clerk of Court. LEFT: Judge Ken Hosford swears in Liberty County Clerk of Court Kathy Brown for the official beginning of her duties, although the retirement of her predecessor gave her an early start on the job. BELOW: Husband Terry McDowell looks on as Gina McDowell formally becomes the new Liberty County Elections Supervisor.



Terry Stone begins another term as Calhoun County Property Appraiser.



LEFT: Margie Laramore returns to office as Calhoun County Elections Supervisor. RIGHT: Becky Trickey-Smith is sworn in as Calhoun County Tax Collector.

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**Health Care Board member responds to last week's story**

Dear editor:

I would like to respond to the misleading allegations made by Joel Montgomery in the Journal FQHC article last week, dated Wednesday, Jan. 2, wherein he stated that Liberty Community Health Care (LCHC) was not in compliance with the current grant regulations administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). In fact, LCHC is in full compliance with all grant conditions requirements and this was formally written in HRSA documents received by Shann Layne, current LCHC CEO, and Board Chairman Michael Clark Oct. 15 and 18, 2012. The Liberty County Health Department Administrator also received these documents last October and was part of the followup conference phone call with HRSA regarding full LCHC compliance.

These conditions and all correspondence with HRSA are confidential information between HRSA, the

LCHC Board of Directors and the Liberty County Health Department, so it is interesting how Mr. Montgomery provided the Journal with "documentation" regarding this privileged information and why he would be so intent on criticizing another FQHC. Perhaps Mr. Montgomery could spend his time more wisely by looking at his own lack of ability to hire physicians at North Florida Medical Centers' Eastpoint, Panacea, Greenville and other facilities and at the exorbitant administrative salaries within his own organization.

In late 2011, the LCHC Board of Directors asked HRSA to fully audit the health center facility, because the Board had concerns that there were non-compliance issues arising from

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the actions of the co-applicant health department. HRSA conducted an on-site visit Feb. 14-16 of 2012 and found certain conditions were not in compliance. Perhaps this confidential audit is to what Mr. Montgomery was referring. The LCHC Board of Directors hired a new CEO and immediately worked with its co-applicant partner, Liberty County Health Department, to successfully correct these conditions and emerged as a stronger organization.

Our vision of a community health center is a competently run clinic where patients can get excellent health care at very low cost, get the medications they need, find help for their family members without driving long distances and where the revenue

and grant money is returned to the community in the form of increasingly better quality health care services that truly meet the needs of the local population. This is the type of locally controlled, low-cost, community-driven health center that Liberty and Calhoun County have asked for and that we want to continue to provide.

In closing, I am still overwhelmed with the tremendous amount of community support we have had while writing for this grant and I want to thank all the wonderful people and many organizations involved. If we succeed, our community will be rewarded with a great health center, led by deeply committed volunteers on the Board and we will finally have our own local physician who understands the needs of this area and cares profoundly about the welfare of its citizens.

*Ann Hosford Smith,  
Board of Directors,  
Liberty Community Health Care*

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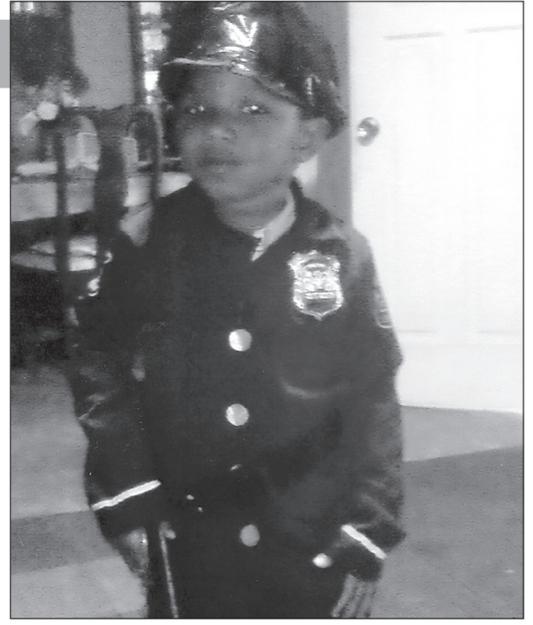
**BRAYDEN RICHTER**

Brayden Richter celebrated his eighth birthday Sunday, Jan. 6. He is the son of Michael and Heather Richter of Bristol. He is in the second grade at W.R. Tolar School. He enjoys many hobbies that include playing on his iPad, riding his dirt bike and playing with his remote control cars/helicopters. He recently attended his first FSU football game and enjoys being a big Nole fan. He celebrated with a "Brayden" day in Tallahassee.



**JIMMY THARPE**

Jimmy Tharpe will celebrate his 60th birthday Wednesday, January 16. He is the brother of Jeanie, Johnnie, Pauline, Lorraine and Kappy.



**JERVORI JERMAIN BACON**

Jervori Jermain Bacon will celebrate his third birthday Tuesday, Jan. 15. He is the son of Candice Nealy of Blountstown and Frederick Bacon of Bristol. His grandparents are Kimberly Martin and Leroy Nealey, Jr., both of Blountstown, Anita Mitchell of Bristol and Frederick Godwin of Blountstown. His great-grandparents are Leroy and Hazel Nealey, Dorothy Godwin, all of Blountstown, Bobby and Nancy Bacon of Bristol. He enjoys playing with his cousins and watching Disney and Nick Jr.

**Ashley Carolyn Van Lierop and Daniel Patrick Hood to exchange vows Jan. 26**

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Van Lierop of Blountstown announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Carolyn Van Lierop of Blountstown, to Daniel Patrick Hood of Tallahassee.

The prospective groom is the son of James and Linda Hood of Chipley. His grandparents are the late Elvie Armstrong and the late William and Essie Hood.

The bride-elect is currently attending Florida A&M University.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Troy State University and is presently employed as the Head Football Coach at Robert F. Munroe Day School.

The wedding will be Saturday, Jan. 26 at 6 p.m. (CT) at the First Baptist Church. A reception will follow at the Van Lierop's home. No invitations are being sent locally, however, all friends and relatives of the couple are cordially invited to attend the wedding and reception.



**Jerry and Ann Adair celebrate 50 years**

A surprise celebration will be held at the Altha Community Center Saturday, Jan. 12 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (CT) for Jerry and Ann Adair in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. All family and friends are invited. No gifts please, your presence is gift enough.



**Blake Prescott bags his first buck Dec. 31**

Blake Prescott, 14, the son of Kim Prescott and grandson of LaDone Duke, all of Blountstown, bagged his first Buck Monday, Dec. 31, 2012. It was a beautiful eight point. This made an excellent start to the new year!

**Caroline Yoder receives President's Recognition**

CLEARWATER – Caroline Yoder of Blountstown, received a President's Recognition at Clearwater Christian College for scholastic achievement during the 2012 fall semester.

In order to be recognized for this award, honorees must have been enrolled full-time and earn a minimum grade point average of 3.90 on a 4.00 scale.

Caroline is a Senior Biology major at CCC. She is a GED recipient

and the daughter of David and Sharon Yoder of Blountstown.

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# Liberty County Arts Council prepares for 'Guys and Dolls'

by Liliane Parbot, contributing writer

Preparations for the Friday, March 1 and Saturday, March 2 presentations of the junior version of "Guys and Dolls," captured most of the attention during the Monday night meeting of the Liberty County Arts Council.

LCAC, formed a couple of decades ago, meets at 6 p.m. the first Monday of each month.

"Guys and Dolls, Jr." is directed by Seth Geiger, the dean of students at Hosford Elementary and Junior High School. He told the board how exciting it was to see the reactions of the students as each one was told the part he or she would play.

In all, 40 Liberty County students, ranging from fourth to 12th grades, will take part in the production. Both presentations will be at the Veterans Memorial Park Civic Center in Bristol. Curtain time for Friday, March 1 has yet to be announced. Saturday, March 2 will be at 7 p.m.

"Guys and Dolls, Jr." will be the second production for Geiger:

"I was asked in 2010 to direct 'The Music Man,'



Arts Council members discuss plans at Monday's meeting in Bristol.

which was my first. This is my second musical. I am looking forward to it being a great success."

Tickets are \$5 and the money raised goes to the Arts Council and covers the cost of production.

"Our goal is not to make a profit per se," Geiger said after the meeting, "but to promote the arts in our area."

Throughout January and February, the young actors

will have numerous rehearsals, either at school or at the Civic Center Auditorium; four days per week, various scenes will be rehearsed and rehearsals for the entire show will take place during the last two weeks of February, with dress rehearsal Feb. 28. According to the schedule, the rehearsals last 90 minutes or two hours.

Geiger, who was a teacher for eight years and teaches piano in private lessons, first became acquainted with the stage while he was in high school.

"I was in plays and dramas in high school," he said. "I always had a love for the arts."

During the meeting, the possibility of the Arts Council becoming an independent non-profit organization was brought up by Chairperson, Meiko Whitfield. Currently, the Arts Council is a non-profit organization under county government.

"We are too small, I think," said Treasurer Gloria Keenan about a change. "Being under the government gives certain advantages, such as the use of the building and being under the county's insurance."

Presently, the Council has 11 members and volunteers.

## Live music, dinner & dancing Tickets available for Mar. 1 Calhoun Chamber Banquet

The 66th Annual Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce Membership Banquet is set for Friday, Mar. 1 at the W.T. Neal Civic Center in Blountstown.

This year, the Chamber will change up the annual meeting to include live music, social, as well as dinner and dancing!

There will be a reception at 6 p.m., with the banquet beginning at 7 p.m. Music and dancing will follow the awards presentations.

Get your tickets at the Chamber office, email Kristy at Kristy@calhounco.org to reserve tickets, or buy online and have mailed to you at www.calhounco.org/store.

## Line dancing class resumes in Bristol

If your 2013 resolution is to become more active, we have a solution.

Join in on the Line Dance classes Tuesdays and Thursdays at Veterans Memorial Civic Center in Bristol.

The Tuesday classes are from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Thursday classes are from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Classes are a lot of fun and provide great exercise for your heart and many other muscles.

Grab a friend, \$4 and come join in. You will feel better about your health.

Classes are sponsored by the UF/IFAS, Liberty County Extension office. For more information, please call 643-2229.

## Fish Fry at Calhoun County Sr. Center

The Calhoun County Senior Citizens Association will hold a fish fry Thursday, Jan. 17.

Bobby O'Bryan has again donated the fish and we will be providing all the trimmings. We will begin serving at 11:45 a.m. Cost will be just \$3.

Please call 674-4163 to get your name on the list.



## Community Calendar

**Wednesday, January 9**

BIRTHDAYS ~ Kimberly Redmond, Debbie Hansford

TODAY'S MEETINGS

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

**Thursday, January 10**

BIRTHDAYS ~ Paige White, Stephen Ford, Gabriel Yoder, Shelena Owens

TODAY'S MEETINGS

- AA, 7 p.m., basement of Calhoun County Courthouse
- Liberty Women's Club, 11 a.m., Apalachee Rest.
- Calhoun School Bd, 5 p.m. Calhoun Ext. Off. in Comm. Board Rm

**Friday, January 11**

<p style="text-align: center;">ANNIVERSARY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Joshua &amp; Angela Yoder</p> <p style="text-align: center;">• AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., Grace United Methodist Church, Hosford</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BIRTHDAYS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ann Dekle, Marc Rainwater, Shirley Davis</p>
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**Saturday, January 12**

<p style="text-align: center;">BIRTHDAYS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clara Foran, Jody Hoagland, Amanda Britt</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Train Day</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Veterans Memorial Park 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.</p> 
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**Sunday, January 13**

<p style="text-align: center;">BIRTHDAYS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Erik Johnson Jeremiah Anders</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday</p> 
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**Monday, January 14**

<p style="text-align: center;">TODAY'S MEETINGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boy Scout Troop 206, 7 p.m., Veterans Civic Ctr.</li> <li>• Panhandle Creative Crafters "Bizzie Bees", 5-8 p.m. (CT), WT Neal Civic Center, Blountstown</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">BIRTHDAYS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Shelly Stafford Terra Sanders</p>
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**Tuesday, January 15**

<p style="text-align: center;">TODAY'S MEETINGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Altha Boy Scouts, 7 p.m., Altha VFD</li> <li>• Altha Girl Scouts, Troop #39, 6 p.m., Page Pond Assembly of God Church</li> <li>• AA, 6 p.m., Altha Community Center</li> <li>• Altha Town Council, 6 p.m., City Hall</li> <li>• Blountstown City Council, 6 p.m., City Council Room on Angle St.</li> <li>• Bristol Lions Club, 7 p.m., Apalachee Restaurant</li> <li>• Blountstown Chapter #179 O.E.S., 7 p.m., Dixie Lodge in Btown</li> <li>• Liberty School Board, 7 p.m., LC School Board Meeting Room</li> <li>• Bristol VFD, 7 p.m., Bristol City Hall</li> <li>• AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., Grace United Methodist Church, Hosford</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">BIRTHDAYS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Joe Summers Staci Williams Jeff Bunkley Joan Mortan</p>
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One of Tom's multi-layered pencil drawings.

## Blountstown Public Library presents new series of art classes

The Blountstown Public Library presents a new series of art classes for the New Year! "Art with Tom Stratton" will be offered to beginners and open to adults. He has an ongoing art exhibit here. Come by and see the great talents this instructor has going.

There will be three sessions and four classes (one night a week) each session. Participants must register in advance. There is a limit of 10 students.

•Creative Nights will be Mondays from 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. in the Heritage Room off the Courtyard. A materials list will be given at time of sign up and the fee is \$10 for each class.

•Learning to Draw... Tips and Techniques on Sketching will be held Feb. 4, 11, 18 and 25.

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•The topic of the March class will be Understanding Color... How to Build Multiple Colors with Pencils

•The April class is Depth and Dimension...Creating the Illusion of Space Around Objects and Distance Between Them. Those class schedules will be announced at a later time.

Tom has 38 years experience in the commercial and fine art fields and has much to offer our community.

We hope you can merge into this loop of cultural programming! Please call 674-8773 or come to the front desk to put your name in for this month's series.

## Sr. Center meeting

The Calhoun County Senior Citizens Association will be holding a quarterly General Membership Meeting Tuesday, Jan. 15 at 8 a.m. If you would like to know what is going on, or if you just have questions, you are invited to attend! The meeting will be held at 16859 NE Cayson ST. in Blountstown (located behind the Old Courthouse).

The office and meal site will be closed Monday, Jan. 21 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We will reopen Tuesday, Jan. 22.

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# An explanation, a correction and a 'good luck'



Our traditional tabloid format, above. The new longer page, below.



by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

You might have noticed something different when you picked up last week's issue of *The Calhoun-Liberty Journal*.

We grew a few inches.

The width of the newspaper is the same but the length has increased.

We've had to give up our tabloid size, at least for now, for a longer, more traditional broadsheet size.

It wasn't because we wanted to.

When my father and I started *The Journal* in 1981, the goal was to provide something accessible and readable. We wanted you to be able to flip through it without looking like you were waving for help while wrestling with the pages. That's why we chose to do a tabloid size newspaper. We also like that it lends itself to single-topic pages, making it easier to find what you want to read. It was nice to be able to drop the paper on the table and page through it for a quick scan.

Why change now? Costs.

It's not the best time to be in the newspaper business and you have to tighten your belt where you can. Shifting to a longer page will eliminate paying someone to spend hours hand-folding the inserts that are just

a little too long for our former tabloid size. That might not seem like a big job at first, but when you're sending out an average of 5,300 papers each week, well...that's a lot of folding.

We appreciate the customers who have worked with us for years to have their inserts quarterfolded to fit our tabloid format. But the agencies representing other customers won't make that second fold on the press for us without charging extra. And at that point, well...we'd lose money since our insert rates are low to begin with. In fact, once they deducted what they would charge us to make that extra fold from what they paid us to mail out their flyers, we'd wind up owing them money.

So, we've decided to go with the broadsheet size, the same size used by most of today's newspaper - a narrower, trimmed-down version of the old broadsheets that were once the standard.

I hope you'll get used to it. It's going to take me awhile.

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In the Dec. 26 issue, I mistakenly identified a mural of the old Calhoun County Courthouse hanging in the newly remodeled

Blountstown McDonald's as the work of local artist Jeff Vickery. It was not. Jeff didn't mind the mix-up but wanted to be sure the error was corrected.

"I have a better idea of how many people read the paper by the number that have told me they saw it in that article," he said, and added, "I just tell them I'm still waiting on the check."

The large display featuring the old courthouse was done by Victor Ramos of Silver-Quest Studios, who has several photos hanging in McDonald's.

You can see plenty of Jeff's work around Blountstown, most notably on the side of The Diamond Corner, at Snowden Land Surveying and on the front of the Lake House Restaurant.

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This week, the students at Hosford School are getting a brand new intern to break in - our longtime photographer and Pea Ridge Road neighbor, Daniel Williams. (We hope he escapes the same fate as that unruly passenger on Icelandic Air who wound up duct-taped to his seat on an international flight last week.)

Good luck, Daniel.

## WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

by Douglas Cohn and Eleanor Clift

### Debt Ceiling: A question of Clauses

WASHINGTON - As Congress lurches toward the next cliff, a repeat of whether or not to raise the nation's debt ceiling, it comes down to a question of clauses. Much is once again being made of Section 4 of the Constitution's 14th Amendment: "The validity of the public debt of the United States, authorized by law, including debts incurred for payment of pensions and bounties for services in suppressing insurrection or rebellion, shall not be questioned."

But the Obama administration has decided it will not threaten its use if Congress refuses to raise the debt ceiling because most legal experts agree that the clause only refers to debt already authorized.

However, another constitutional path is more inviting, and it revolves around three other constitutional clauses:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 2: "[The Congress shall have the Power] to borrow Money . . ."

Article I, Section 8, Clause 5: "[The Congress shall have the Power] to coin Money . . ."

Article I, Section 9, Clause 7: "No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law . . ."

If under Clause 7 Congress has appropriated money and the president has signed the appropriations bill into law, thereby authorizing the various federal departments such as Defense to draw specific sums from the Treasury, the Treasury must comply. But what happens if the Treasury is empty, having spent everything it received from revenues, sales and borrowings? Congress cannot say to the secretary of the Treasury, "We may have ordered you to fund the nation's departments and agencies, but you cannot do so until we authorize the Treasury to borrow money under Clause 2 or print money under Clause 5."

Not all constitutional clauses are equal. In this instance, Clauses 2 and 5 are pointless without Clause 7 because there is no reason to borrow or print money other than to spend it. That is where Clause 7 comes in and when employed alone, it clearly incorporates the obviously subordinate Clauses 2 and 5.

If an appropriations bill is subject to further borrowing or printing authorization, it must include such language in the bill. In the absence of such language, the Treasury has no choice but to comply with the law. It must fund as directed. As a result, an appropriations bill includes the tacit authorization for the Treasury to borrow and/or print money because it would have no other means of complying with the law if the Treasury is empty.

If, on the other hand, Congress passed a bill under Clauses 2 and 5 forbidding the Treasury from borrowing and printing additional money at the same time it approved an appropriations bill that could not be funded any other way, a true constitutional crisis would ensue. In reality, of course, this is impossible because no president would sign such conflicting bills into law.

Returning to the appropriations scenario alone, how would the Supreme Court likely rule if a case were brought against the secretary of the Treasury for borrowing and printing money without congressional authorization if done to fulfill its legal obligation to disburse funds as directed by Congress in its appropriations bill? Surely the justices would side with the secretary of the Treasury who would have had no choice but to comply with the intent and letter of the law. And absent any language or law to the contrary, the intent of Congress would be clear: If the Treasury is ordered to spend money it does not have, the congressional order includes the tacit authorization to borrow or print the necessary money. This is all the more true if at the time Congress passed the appropriations bill it knew that the Treasury could only comply with it by borrowing or printing money. The intent is clear.



## Bird workshops offered at Landmark Park in January

DOTHAN, AL – Landmark Park will offer educational bird workshops this January. Learn about these fascinating and lovely creatures of flight, found in your own backyard. All workshops are free with paid gate admission and will be presented in the Interpretive Center Auditorium at 10 a.m. Registration is required.

Dr. Gary Manfreedy will conduct the Bluebird Workshop Saturday, Jan. 12, featuring new and updated information based on the recent findings regarding bluebird populations in recent years. Manfreedy is a member of the North American Bluebird Society and he currently maintains four bluebird trails in Houston and Dale counties, including the one at Landmark Park, with a total of 75 boxes. His main focus is on population numbers and successful fledgling numbers in diverse environmental habitats.

If you have ever wished your yard attracted more birds, you won't want to miss the Backyard Habitats workshop Saturday, Jan. 19. Troy University Dothan professor, Dr. Gary Manfreedy will share his knowledge of birds and gardening to help turn your garden into a backyard habitat for wildlife. Manfreedy will give tips and advice on which plants work best in attracting our beautiful feathered friends.

Fred Bassett will conclude the series of bird workshops with a Hummingbird Workshop Saturday, Jan. 26. Bassett is a licensed bird bander and is a member of the Hummer/Bird Study Group, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the study and preservation of hummingbirds. Bassett is known throughout the southeast for his work. He will share his extensive knowledge of hummingbirds with facts about nesting habits, food and caring for the feeders and migration patterns.

*Landmark Park is a 135-acre historical and natural science park located on U.S. Highway 431 North in Dothan, AL. For more information or to register for a workshop, contact the park at (334) 794-3452.*



His former staff members and many people from throughout the community gathered in the Frink Gym at the Panhandle Pioneer Settlement Thursday to honor retiring Calhoun County Sheriff David Tatum. ABOVE: The sheriff (left) is presented with a plaque recognizing his 33 years in law enforcement. BELOW: A display of photographs, plaques and certificates mark some of the highlights of his law enforcement career.

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# UNCLE JIM: A man of many years, few words

I don't know what anyone else plans to be doing when they're 100, but I expect to be fishing. Now, before you laugh, let me explain that there is historical precedent here. My Uncle Jim Hentz, for whom I was named, continued to hook up his boat trailer and drive to his favorite fishing holes until shortly before his death at 100 years old.

At his funeral, the preacher told the story of Uncle Jim showing up on his doorsteps bright and early one morning the previous summer. Thinking he was there for a visit, the preacher invited him in. It turned out Uncle Jim's trailer had jumped off the hitch near the preacher's house. He just needed some help hooking it back up so he could get on with his fishing trip.

Uncle Jim was my mother's older brother, and he lived for a century though he was born in 1906, when even surviving childhood was an iffy proposition. 'Old school' doesn't begin to describe him; he was more like Old Testament. His faith, hard work and determination enabled him to establish a successful grocery business during the Depression. Later that would grow to multiple stores and shopping centers in the Panama City area. And when he retired from the grocery business at age 80, he immediately turned his attention to real estate and did just as well at that.

The one thing Uncle Jim wasn't was a talker. He was unfailingly polite, sharp as a tack, and stayed up to date on politics and news. But he didn't believe in idle chatter.

One night when I was in college, my mother called and said that Uncle Jim wanted to speak with me. In years past, that always meant one thing: He was planning a fishing trip to Iamonia Lake and wanted me to bail out and clean up the old boat he kept there. But that didn't make sense because I knew he had recently bought a brand-new one.

When I called him later, our phone conversation went like this:

"Uncle Jim, Mama said you needed to speak to me . . ."

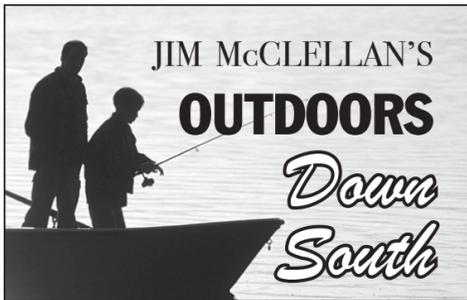
He said, "I got a new boat. Do you want the old one?"

"Yes, sir. That would be great."

"Well, come down here and get the motor and title, too" he said.

I started to thank him profusely. "Uncle Jim, I really appreciate this and I'll . . ." and then, click. Silence.

Our business was done and he had better things to do than listen to his nephew babble on.



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didn't choose. He had made a decision to fish with earthworms and that was, by God, what he intended to do.

Later that day, I got another reminder of the kind of man he was when I tried to help him as he was stepping out of his boat. I extended my arm just in case he needed the support. He ignored my gesture, jumped out of the boat and shot me a look that is burned into my memory until this day.

Without saying a single word, he let me know that was as close to a whipping as I had come in a long time.

Of course, that was back in his younger days. When he was only 86.

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.

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If you purchased property in 2012 and wish to file for homestead exemption or greenbelt for 2013, it will be necessary for you to come into the office to apply before **March 1, 2013**.

*For Homestead Exemption on mobile homes: Applicants must own the mobile home and the land to which the mobile home is permanently attached.*

### Attention: Senior Citizens 65 & Older

The Senior Citizen Additional Homestead Exemption is **NOT** automatically renewed. An application **MUST** be signed each year before March 1. There is a household income limitation to qualify for this exemption. Please contact this office before **March 1, 2013**.

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# Follow 'rule of halves' in managing for turkeys

Whether you oversee a large tract of land or own a smaller parcel, there are many wildlife management techniques you can use to help attract and keep wild turkeys on your property.

Wild turkeys, like deer, are "edge species," because of their need for more than one type of habitat. Most of the time, with large tracts of land, this isn't a problem because the vast landscape is diverse enough. But in the case of small-acreage, one-habitat properties, it's up to you as the landowner to create varied, preferred habitats if you expect turkeys to use the property.

For optimal turkey habitat, most experts believe a "rule of halves" should be applied to the landscape. What that means is that half of the area (and if you own a small tract, then include surrounding properties) should be in mature forests and the other half in early-succession openings, such as fields or clear-cut and plantation-cut landscapes.

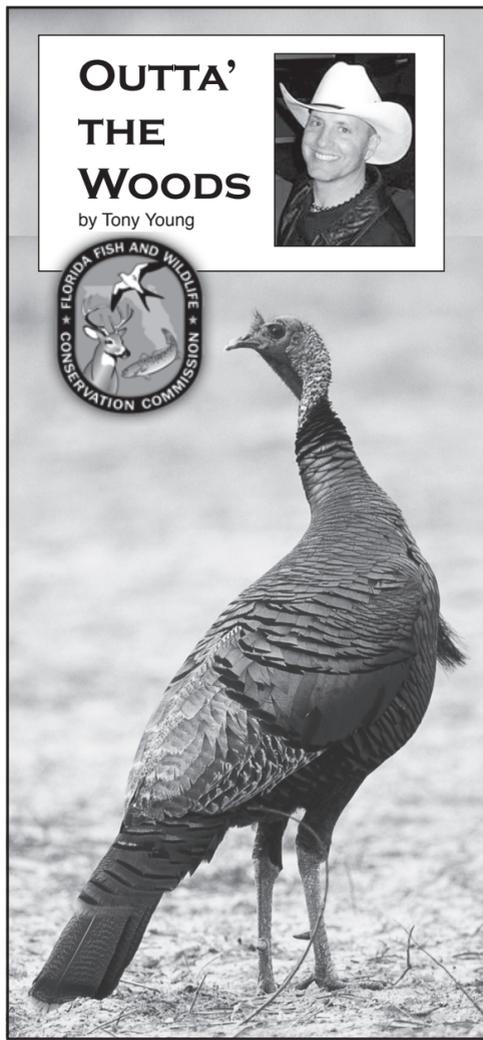
To create even better and more varied habitats for turkeys, you should offer differing age classes of forests and early-succession areas – and make prescribed burning a big part of your management plan. This will enable new growth of succulent, woody ornamentals, native grasses and weedy-type flowers.

Hardwood lowlands provide travel corridors that turkeys and deer use extensively and feel comfortable moving through. Most wild turkeys prefer to roost in trees over or near water, so it's important to leave these areas undisturbed and free from timbering.

Buffer strips of native grasses and woody ornamentals should be left un-mowed where clear-cut areas meet pine or hardwood forests. Hens require this thick understory cover for nesting.

In Florida, most hens begin laying their eggs in late March or early April and the eggs take about 25 days to hatch, so take care not to burn or mow through August. After hatching, poults will roost on the ground for the first 14 days, and during this period, approximately 70 percent of these young birds won't survive, primarily because of predation from raccoons, hawks, coyotes, foxes and bobcats.

Attempts to control these predators are usually ineffective and economically unfeasible, so your efforts are better spent creating and maintaining good-



**OUTTA' THE WOODS**  
by Tony Young



quality brood habitat.

Good brood habitat should hold food in the form of seeds, insects and tender, new-growth vegetation for young poults to feed upon throughout the summer. It should consist of one-to-three-foot-tall grass and weeds open enough to enable the young poults to move about, yet dense enough to provide cover from the above-mentioned predators.

There is great interest nationally in the planting of food plots for wildlife, including for turkeys. Within extensive closed-canopy forested areas, food plots and/or game feeders are essential to keeping turkeys on your property. Where an open forest structure is maintained by adequate timber thinning and the use of fire, such supplemental feeding is not as necessary because there is enough natural browse vegetation on which game can feed.

On very large tracts of land, sufficient supplemental feeding can be quite expensive. In these cases, proper use of burning and timber-thinning management are more economical ways of providing food

for turkeys and other wildlife.

Food plots, though, are a lot more cost-effective at feeding game than using feeders on moderate-sized pieces of property. In cases of smaller tracts, perhaps where food plots can't be utilized because the landscape is all lowland and you have a closed canopy, game feeders filled with corn or soybeans are your only option for attracting turkeys.

When thinking about good food plot sites, avoid excessively wet or dry areas and don't place them along heavily used roads to minimize disturbance and possible poaching.

Look to create these openings along an edge where upland pines meet a hardwood drain. This way, you'll have an area where three separate habitats converge. Keep in mind that it is recommended that two percent to three percent of the land should be in these permanent openings.

The best food plots are long and narrow rectangular shapes that follow the contour of the land. When possible, create food plots where the length (longest part) runs east to west. That way, the planted crops will receive the most direct sunlight.

In the fall, cereal grains like wheat, oats and rye can be planted along with Austrian winter peas, clover and brassicas like turnips, rape and kale. Except for clover, these crops grow well in most of Florida.

Clover requires a higher soil pH – between 6.5 and seven – and it often won't grow in the sandy soils that make up most of our state, unless you apply enough lime to bring the pH level up. In the northern-tiered counties that border Alabama and Georgia, the soil is richer with red clay and several varieties of clover and other legumes will grow well there.

All of the above-mentioned cool-season forages can be planted by "broadcast" method after Oct. 1. At least twice as much fertilizer should be applied. Slightly cover the seed by pulling a drag over it and try to put your crop in the ground when the soil is holding some moisture and rain is in the forecast.

In the spring after May 1, you can plow under your "browned-up" fall crop and replace it with any combination of soybeans, cowpeas, browntop millet, sorghum or peanuts. If you can afford it, turkeys are especially fond of chufa. That, along with the other warm-season forages, can be broadcasted and planted just like the cool-weather crops.

Hopefully, using some or all of these wildlife-management practices will help bring in turkeys and increase your property's carrying capacity for birds. If you need assistance, contact the FWC's Landowner Assistance Program, the National Wild Turkey Federation, Natural Resources Conservation Service or your county agricultural extension agent. Here's wishing you luck obtaining your management goals and objectives.

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## Jan. 15 deadline to apply for over \$20,000 in Liberty County emergency funding

Liberty County has been chosen to receive \$21,512.00 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from American Red Cross, Catholic Charities USA, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A, The Salvation Army, United Jewish Communities and United Way. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas

around the country. A Local Board will determine how the funds awarded to Liberty County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds made available through the ARRA.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must:

- Be private voluntary non-profits or units of government
- Be eligible to receive federal funds,
- Have an accounting system,
- Practice nondiscrimination,
- Have demonstrated the capability to

deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs and

• If they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Liberty County, has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with Liberty County Senior Citizens Association, Inc., who were participating. This agency was responsible for providing 5761 meals and no nights of lodging. Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for ARRA Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Leida Shiver or Jeanette Vinson at (850) 643-5690 for an application.

The deadline for applications to be received is Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2013.

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# Tolar's Sam Tejada wins Liberty Countywide Spelling Bee

The Liberty County School District is pleased to announce that Sam Tejada of W.R. Tolar School is the winner of the Countywide Spelling Bee.

The Spelling Bee consisted of ten students from grades fourth through eighth, who competed against each other to determine the

winner.

These students did a tremendous job and we are extremely proud of all of them.

Sam won the contest with the word *mediate* after 15 rounds.

Congratulations Sam and good luck in Tallahassee!



**Winner of the countywide spelling bee, Sam Tejada.**



FROM LEFT: front row - Jessica Reeder, Samantha Schwendeman, Sam Tejada and Randy Keene. Middle row - Javon Pride, Wayne Davis and Sierra Campbell. Back row - Jarvus Bess, Jacob Gregory and Zack Sewell.

## Altha School celebrates Literacy Week Jan. 14-18

Celebrate Literacy Week will be held the week of Jan. 14-18. The theme for this year is "Take the Lead and Read."

Activities are planned throughout the week and include :

- Million Minute Marathon - Monday we will participate in the State-wide challenge to read 30 Million Minutes ("30 minutes... Of daily reading beyond the regular reading program significantly increases student reading achievement." --National Center for Educational Statistics).

- Throughout the week guest readers will visit classrooms and our Wildcat Mascot will read to PK-1.

- Book exchange throughout the week for students and teachers .

- Thursday - Wear your favorite shirt/hat promoting your favorite race car driver.

- Monday - Winners of the Tropicana Speech Contest visit third grade to give speeches.

- Friday - PK-12 dress up as favorite book character (rewards for participation/parade to show costumes).

Additionally, the Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! Race Car, through the support of educational partners, will travel the state making appearances at VPK centers, elementary, middle and high schools as well as several community events. The purpose of the race car is to motivate students and educators and create an excitement about Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! and the challenge to "Take the Lead and Read."

Altha School has been selected as one of the schools that the race car will visit. The visit is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 13.



**ALTHA SCHOOL WELCOMES FOUR TEACHER INTERNS FROM CHIPOLA COLLEGE FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER** – FROM LEFT: Britney Collings (interning in first grade with Jessica Olson), Amy McCleod (in fifth grade), Zoe Gause (in second grade with Cindy Alday) and Chaz Johns (interning with Wretha Webb in first grade).

## Cats' Cuisine planned for Jan. 17

By Brianna Yon, *Altha Public School*  
Altha School will be hosting Cats' Cuisine Thursday, Jan. 17. The menu is garden salad with ranch dressing, crispy orange chicken bowl and garlic bread sticks.

For dessert we will be having chocolate mousse and strawberry cheesecake

shooters. The seatings are 11:40 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and take-out orders are available.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, Jan. 15. You can make reservations by calling Mrs. Granger at (850) 762-3121 or by fax to (850) 762-9502.

The price is \$6.

### Altha Calendar of Events

- **Wednesday, Jan. 9** – Girls Weightlifting at Altha, 3 p.m.
- **Thursday, Jan. 10** – JV/V Basketball vs. RF Munroe, 6/7:30 p.m.
- **Friday, Jan. 11** – FCA Breakfast at AFBC, hosted by Page Pond, 7 a.m.; STEM Regional Forum and JV/V Basketball at Wewa, 5:30/7 p.m.
- **Monday, Jan. 14-18** – Literacy Week
- **Monday, Jan. 14** – County Wide Tropicana Contest, 6 p.m. at the Calhoun County Public Library, Blountstown; Girls Weightlifting at Sneads, 3 p.m. and JV/V Basketball vs Bethlehem, 6/7:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Jan. 15** – Report Card Day and JV/V Basketball vs. Vernon, 5:30/7 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Jan. 16** – FCA Huddle, 7:12 a.m. and Honor Assembly - Elementary 8 a.m.; Middle School/High School 9 a.m.
- **Thursday, Jan. 17** – JV/V Basketball at Liberty County, 5/6:30 p.m.
- **Friday, Jan. 18** – Group leaves for Washington DC 5:30 p.m.

**TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN DEADLINE:** Notice to students and parents: Take Stock In Children Scholarship applications are due back to the guidance office at Blountstown High School no later than Wednesday, Jan. 16.

If any student needs a replacement application, please contact Becki Stanley at Blountstown High School.

### BHS Calendar of Events

- **Thursday, Jan. 10** – Boys Basketball vs. Marianna – (Away at 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.)
- **Friday, Jan. 11** – Basketball vs. Liberty High – (Home at 4 p.m./5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.) (Pink Game)
- **Tuesday, Jan. 15** – Basketball vs. Franklin County – Away at 3 p.m./4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.)
- **Wednesday, Jan. 16** – Honor Roll Assembly, FCA Huddle during Lunch, Cheer Competition – BHS at 5 p.m. and Report Card Day.

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# PUBLIC AND LEGAL NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE AIR PERMIT**

Florida Department of Environmental Protection Air Resource Section, Northwest District Office Draft Title V Source Air Construction Permit Project No. 0770007-017-AC Rex Lumber, Bristol, Florida, Bristol Lumber Mill, Liberty County, Florida

Applicant: The applicant for this project is Rex Lumber, Bristol, Florida. The applicant's responsible official and mailing address are: Mr. Kenny Sparks, General Manager, Rex Lumber Bristol, Florida, P O Box 610, Bristol, FL 32321.

Facility Location: The applicant operates the existing Bristol Lumber Mill, which is located in Liberty County on Highway 12 South in Bristol, Florida.

Project: The proposed project will lengthen the existing steam-heated lumber drying Kiln 1, modify it from a batch-process kiln to a continuous open-ended countercurrent kiln, and increase the maximum production capacity of the kiln from 66,000,000 board-feet per year to 85,000,000 board-feet per year.

Permitting Authority: Applications for air construction permits are subject to review in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 403, Florida Statutes (F.S.) and Chapters 62-4, 62-210 and 62-212 of the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The proposed project is not exempt from the air permitting requirements and an air permit is required to perform the proposed work. The Permitting Authority responsible for making a permit determination for this project is the Department of Environmental Protection's Air Resource Section in the Northwest District Office. The Permitting Authority's physical and mailing address is: 160 W. Government Street, Room 308, Pensacola, Florida 32502-5740. The Permitting Authority's telephone number is 850/595-8300.

Project File: A complete project file is available for public inspection during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except legal holidays), at the physical address indicated above to the Permitting Authority. The complete project file includes the Draft Permit, the Technical Evaluation and Preliminary Determination, the application and information submitted by the applicant (exclusive of confidential records under Section 403.111, F.S.). Interested persons may contact the Permitting Authority's project engineer for additional information at the address and phone number listed above. In addition, electronic copies of these documents are available on the following web site: <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/air/emission/apds/default.asp>.

Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit: The Permitting Authority gives notice of its intent to issue an air construction permit to the applicant for the project described above. The applicant has provided reasonable assurance that operation of proposed equipment will not adversely impact air quality and that the project will comply with all appropriate provisions of Chapters 62-4, 62-204, 62-210, 62-212, 62,213, 62,296 and 62-297, F.A.C. The Permitting Authority will issue a Final Permit in accordance with the conditions of the proposed Draft Permit unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or unless public comment received in accordance with this notice results in a different decision or a significant change of terms or conditions.

Comments: The Permitting Authority will accept written comments concerning the proposed Draft Permit for a period of 14 days from the date of publication of this Public Notice. Written comments must be received by the Permitting Authority by close of business (5:00 p.m.) on or before the end of the 14-day period. If written comments received result in a significant change to the Draft Permit, the Permitting Authority shall revise the Draft Permit and require, if applicable, another Public Notice. All comments filed will be made available for public inspection.

Petitions: A person whose substantial interest are affected by the proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed with (received by) the Department's Agency Clerk in the Office of General Counsel

of the Department of Environmental Protection at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station #35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000 (Telephone: 850/245-2241). Petitions filed by any persons other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 14 days of publication of this Public Notice or receipt of a written notice, whichever occurs first. Under Section 120.60(3), F.S., however, any person who asked the Permitting Authority for notice of agency action may file a petition within 14 days of receipt of that notice, regardless of the date of publication. A petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the above address indicated above, at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the approval of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Permitting Authority's action is based must contain the following information: (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known; (b) The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner; the name address and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial rights will be affected by the agency determination; (c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency action or proposed decision; (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so state; (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action including an explanation of how the alleged facts related to the specific rules or statutes; and, (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action. A petition that does not dispute the material facts upon which the Permitting Authority's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rule 28-106.3-1, F.A.C.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the Permitting Authority's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this Public Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the Permitting Authority on the application have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.

Mediation: Mediation is not available for this proceeding. 1-2, 1-9

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

All interested parties within Liberty County are hereby advised that the Liberty County Board of County Commissioners/ Liberty County Transit is applying to the Florida Department of Transportation for a capital grant under Section 5310 of the Federal Transit Act of 1991, as amended, for the purchase of one 12 passenger van and radio equipment to be used for the provision of public transit services within Liberty County and surrounding areas.

A Public Hearing has been scheduled at the Liberty County Senior Citizens Assoc. 15629 NW CR 12, Bristol, FL 32321, for the purpose of advising all interested parties of service being contemplated if a grant is awarded, and to ensure that contemplated services would not represent a duplication of current or proposed services provided by existing transit or paratransit operators in the area.

**This hearing will be conducted if and only if a written request for the hearing is received by January 14, 2013.**

Requests for a hearing must be addressed to Liberty County Transit, P.O. Box 730 Bristol, FL 32321 and a copy sent

to Vanessa Strickland, Florida Dept of Transportation, P.O. Box 607 Chipley, FL 32428.

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

CASE NO.: 11-144-CA

**JOSEPH S. SHULER and MARLENE P. SHULER,** Plaintiffs, v.

**RICHARD C. 'RICKY' STAFFORD, INSULATION DISTRIBUTORS, INC., BENNETT EUBANKS OIL CO., INC.,** and any unknown parties, including any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees and spouses, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against the named defendants.

**CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with Plaintiff's Final Judgment of Foreclosure, entered on December 20, 2012 in the above styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on **January 22, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time**, at the Liberty County Courthouse located at 10818 NW SR 20 in Bristol, Florida, 32321, a one half interest as a tenant in common in the property described on Exhibit A.

**EXHIBIT A**

PARCEL #1 - (Parcel ID #031-1S-7W-01992-022) A parcel of land lying in Section 30 and 31, Township 1 South, Range 7 West, Liberty County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows: Begin at a concrete monument (PSM 5024) marking the Northeast corner of lands as described in Official Record Book 122, Page 421 of the Public Records of said County, and run thence North 66 degrees 20 minutes 37 seconds East 606.49 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar with cap (PSM 3031) on the Westerly maintained right of way boundary of an un-named dirt roadway; thence North 00 degrees 11 minutes 23 seconds West along said Westerly maintained Right of Way boundary a distance of 610.36 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar (PSM 3031); thence South 89 degrees 48 minutes 37 seconds West 720.00 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar (PSM 3031); thence North 00 degrees 11 minutes 23 seconds West 292.00 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar (PSM 3031); thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes 14 seconds West 214.20 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar (PSM 3031); thence South 00 degrees 19 minutes 25 seconds West 1313.72 feet to a concrete monument (PSM 5024) marking the Northwest corner of lands as described in Official Records Book 121 Page 577 of said Public Records; thence North 66 degrees 20 minutes 37 seconds East along the Northern Boundary of said lands and the Northern Boundary of said lands as described in Official Record Book 122 Page 421, a distance of 424.73 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 19.05 acres, more or less. Less and Except that sold to Wesley V. Montford Per O.R. Book 188, Page 352, Public Records of Liberty County, Florida. Containing 10.44 acres.

ALSO: PARCEL #2 - (Parcel ID #031-1S-7W-01992-023)

A parcel of land lying in Section 31, Township 1 South, Range 7 West, Liberty County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a concrete monument (PSM 5024) marking the Northeast corner of lands as described in Official Record Book 122, Page 421 of the Public Records of said County, and run; thence North 66 degrees 20 minutes 37 seconds East 606.49 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar with cap (PSM 3031) on the westerly maintained Right of Way boundary of an un-named dirt roadway; thence North 00 degrees 11 minutes 23 seconds West along said Westerly maintained Right of Way boundary a distance of 610.36 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar (PSM 3031); thence South 89 degrees 48 minutes 37 seconds West 720.00 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar (PSM 3031); thence North 00 degrees 11 minutes 23 seconds West 292.00 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar (PSM 3031); thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes 14 seconds West 800.57 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar (PSM 3031) on the Northerly projection of an old fence line; thence South 00 degrees 42 minutes 59 seconds West along said old fence line a distance of 1523.46 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar (PSM 3031) for the POINT OF BEGINNING; From said POINT OF BEGINNING thence East 72.19 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar (PSM 3031); thence South 215.00 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar (PSM 5024) marking the Northwest corner of lands as described in Official Record Book 99 Page 292 of said Public Re-

cords; thence South 00 degrees 02 minutes 45 seconds West along the Western boundary of said lands a distance of 395.05 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar (PSM 5024) on the Northwesterly Right of Way boundary of County Road Number S-379 (80.00 feet Right of Way); said point also lying on a curve concave to the Southeast; thence Southwesterly along said Northwesterly Right of Way boundary and said curve with a radius of 1950.08 feet through a central angle of 00 degrees 15 minutes 35 seconds for an arc distance of 8.84 feet (the chord of said arc being South 42 degrees 13 minutes 23 seconds West 8.84 feet) to a State Road Department concrete monument for the end of said curve; thence continue along said Northwesterly Right of Way boundary South 42 degrees 05 minutes 36 seconds West 203.09 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar (PSM 3031) on the Southwesterly projection of an old fence line; thence North 05 degrees 42 minutes 27 seconds East along said fence line a distance of 606.47 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar (PSM 3031); thence North 03 degrees 27 minutes 17 seconds East 164.13 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 1.59 acres, more or less.

ALSO: PARCEL #3 - (Parcel ID #031-1S-7W-01992-023)

A parcel of land lying in Section 30 and 31, Township 1 South, Range 7 West, Liberty County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a concrete monument (PSM 5024) marking the Northeast corner of lands as described in Official Record Book 122, Page 421 of the Public Records of said County, and run; thence North 66 degrees 20 minutes 37 seconds East 606.49 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar with cap (PSM 3031) on the Westerly maintained boundary of an un-named dirt roadway; thence North 00 degrees 11 minutes 23 seconds West 610.36 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar (PSM 3031); thence South 89 degrees 48 minutes 37 seconds West 720.00 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar (PSM 3031); thence North 00 degrees 11 minutes 23 seconds West 292.00 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar (PSM 3031); thence North 00 degrees 11 minutes 23 seconds West 214.20 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar (PSM 3031); thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes 14 seconds West 214.20 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar (PSM 3031); thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes 14 seconds West 214.20 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar (PSM 3031); thence South 00 degrees 19 minutes 25 seconds West 1313.72 feet to a concrete monument (PSM 5024) marking the Northwest corner of lands as described in Official Record Book 99, Page 292 of said Public Records; thence North 66 degrees 26 minutes 54 seconds East 217.78 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar (PSM 5024) marking the Northeastern corner of said lands, said point also marking the Southwestern corner of lands as described in Official Record Book 162 Page 206 of said Public Records; thence North 35 degrees 07 minutes 33 seconds West 220.62 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar (PSM 5024) marking the Northwestern corner of said lands; thence North 70 minutes 55 seconds 46 degrees East 479.69 feet to a concrete monument (PSM 5024) marking the Northwestern corner of lands as described in Official Record Book 121 Page 577 of said Public Records; thence North 00 degrees 19 minutes 25 seconds East 1313.72 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 20.00 acres, more or less. Less and Except that sold to Albert L. Bryant and wife, Kimberly A. Bryant Per O.R. Book 174, Page 34, Public Records of Liberty County, Florida and Per O.R. Book 175, Page 223, Public Records of Liberty County, Florida. Containing 9.99 acres.

ALSO: PARCEL #4 - (Parcel ID #031-1S-7W-01992-000)

A parcel of land lying in Section 31, Township 1 South, Range 7 West, Liberty County, Florida and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a concrete monument (PSM 5024) marking the Northeast corner of lands as described in Official Record Book 122, Page 421 of the Public Records of said county, and run thence North 66 degrees 20 minutes 37 seconds East 606.49 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar with cap (PSM 3031) on the Westerly maintained right of way boundary of an un-named dirt roadway; thence North 00 degrees 11 minutes 23 seconds West along said Westerly maintained Right of way boundary a distance of 610.36 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar (PSM 3031), said Point also being the Northeast corner of property described in Official Record Book 166, Page 391, Public Records of Liberty

County, Florida for the Point of Beginning. Thence South 89 degrees 48 minutes 37 seconds West 720 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar (PSM 3031); thence North 00 degrees 11 minutes 23 seconds West 292 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar (PSM 3031) to an iron rod and cap (marked #7106); thence run East 720 feet; thence South 292 feet more or less to the Point of Beginning. Containing 4.8 acres. Less that to Kathy Britt as recorded in Official Record Book 170, Page 484, Public Records of Liberty County, Florida. Containing 3.8 acres.

ALSO: PARCEL #5 - (Parcel ID #031-1S-7W-01992-017)

A parcel of land lying in Section 31, Township 1 South, Range 7 West, Liberty County, Florida and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a concrete monument (PSM 5024) marking the Northeast corner of lands as described in Official Record Book 122, Page 421 of the Public Records of said County, and run; thence North 66 degrees 20 minutes 27 seconds East 606.49 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar with cap (PSM 3031) on the Westerly maintained boundary of an un-named dirt roadway; thence South 00 degrees 11 minutes 23 seconds East along said Westerly boundary a distance of 330.99 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar with cap (PSM 3031) on the Northerly right of way boundary of County Road #379 (70 foot right of way), for the Point of Beginning, said point also lying on a curve concave to the Northwest; thence Northeast along said Northerly right of way boundary of said County Road #379 a distance of 35 feet more or less to the Southwest corner of lands as described in Official Record Book 155, Page 480 of the Public Records of said county; thence North along the Westerly boundary of said property a distance of 443.21 feet more or less to the Northwest corner of lands as described in Official Record Book 142, Page 318 of the Public Records of said County, thence continue North along the westerly boundary of said lands 290.33 feet more or less to the Northeast corner of said lands; thence South 46 degrees 16 minutes 00 seconds East 300.96 feet more or less to the Northwest corner of lands described in Official Records Book 153, Page 58 of the Public Records of said County; thence North 43 degrees 44 minutes 31 seconds East 210 feet more or less to the Northeast corner of said lands; thence South 46 degrees 16 minutes 00 seconds East 40 feet more or less to a 5/8 inch rebar with cap (PSM 3031) said point also being the boundary line of lands described in Official Record Book 155, Page 529, Public Records of said county; thence North along said boundary line of said property 521.82 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar with cap (PSM 3031) said point also being the North boundary of said Section; thence West 45 feet more or less along said North boundary line to the Southwest corner of lands described in Official Record Book 63, Page 193, Public Records of said County; thence North 62 feet more or less to the Southeast corner of lands described in Official Record Book 170 Page 392, Public Record of said County; thence West 375 feet more or less to a point due North of the Point of Beginning thence South 1261.99 feet more or less to the Point of Beginning. Containing 6.26 acres.

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 26 day of December, 2012.

KATHLEEN BROWN, Clerk Liberty County Circuit Court P.O. Box 399 Bristol, FL 32321

by: V. Summers, Deputy Clerk 1-2, 1-9, 1-16

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE AIR PERMIT**

Florida Department of Environmental Protection Northwest District Draft Permit No. 0770007-016-AV Rex Lumber, Bristol, Florida, Bristol Lumber Mill Liberty County, Florida

Applicant: The applicant for this project is Rex Lumber, Bristol, Florida. The applicant's responsible official and mailing address are: Mr. Kenny Sparks, General Manager, Rex Lumber, Bristol, Florida, Post Office Box 610, Bristol, Florida 32321.

Facility Location: The applicant operates the existing Bristol Lumber Mill, which is located in Liberty County on Highway 12 South in Bristol, Florida.

Project: The applicant applied on October 29, 2012 to the Department for a Title V air operation permit renewal. This is a renewal of Title V air operation permit No. 0770007-012-AV. The existing facility consists of a log debarker, saw mill, wood waste handling and storage system, four steam heated drying kilns, planer mill and three boilers that provide heat to the kilns. The Boilers are fueled by wood waste that is generated during the processing of lumber at the facility. Ash from the Boilers is collected by multicyclones. Particulate emissions from wood waste handling and storage are collected by eight receiving cyclones. Potential emissions of NOx, CO, PM, SO, and VOC from the boilers do not increase over currently permitted levels. Potential emissions of VOC and Methanol from the kilns do not increase over currently permitted levels.

Permitting Authority: Applications for Title V air operation permits are subject to review in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 403, Florida Statutes (F.S.) and Chapters 62-4, 62-210, 62-213 of the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The proposed project is not exempt from air permitting requirements and a Title V air operation permit is required to operate the facility. The Department of Environmental Protection's Air Resource Section in the Northwest District is the Permitting Authority responsible for making a permit determination for this project. The Permitting Authority's physical and mailing address is: 160 W. Government Street, Suite 308, Pensacola, Florida 32502-5740. The Permitting Authority's telephone number is 850/595-8300.

Project File: A complete project file is available for public inspection during the normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except legal holidays), at the address indicated above for the Permitting Authority. The complete project file includes the draft permit, the statement of basis, the application, and the information submitted by the applicant, exclusive of confidential records under Section 403.111, F.S. Interested persons may view the draft permit by visiting the following website: <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/air/emission/apds/default.asp> and entering the permit number shown above. Interested persons may contact the Permitting Authority's project review engineer for additional information at the address or phone number listed above.

Notice of Intent to Issue Permit: The Permitting Authority gives notice of its intent to issue a draft Title V air operation permit renewal to the applicant for the project described above. The applicant has provided reasonable assurance that continued operation of the existing equipment will not adversely impact air quality and that the project will comply with all appropriate provisions of Chapters 62-4, 62-204, 62-210, 62-212, 62,213, 62-296 and 62-297, F.A.C. The Permitting Authority will issue a proposed permit and subsequent final permit in accordance with the conditions of the draft permit unless a response received in accordance with the following procedures results in a different decision or a significant change of terms or conditions.

Comments: The Permitting Authority will accept written comments concerning the draft Title V air operation permit for a period of 30 days from the date of publication of the Public Notice. Written comments must be received by the close of business (5:00 p.m.), on or before the end of this 30-day period by the Permitting Authority at the above address. As part of his or her comments, any person may also request that the Permitting Authority hold a public meeting on this permitting action. If the Permitting Authority determines there is sufficient interest for a public meeting, it will publish notice of the time, date, and location in the Florida (public Notice to be Published in the Newspaper) Administrative Weekly (FAW). If a public meeting is requested within the 30-day comment period and conducted by the Permitting Authority, any oral and written comments received during the public meeting will also be considered by the Permitting Authority. If timely received written comments or comments received at a public meeting result in a significant

# Covenant Hospice seeks artists for Garden Gala event

MARIANNA – Covenant Hospice will host the Eighth Annual Garden Gala from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 22 at the National Guard Armory, located Highway 90 West in Marianna. The Garden Gala Committee is currently seeking artists to paint wooden swings, Adirondack chairs, benches, windows, doors, or terra cotta flower pots that will be auctioned at the event. Artist applications are available at Cov-

enant Hospice or you can email [jennifer.griffin@covenanthospice.org](mailto:jennifer.griffin@covenanthospice.org).  
 “The Garden Gala is our signature fundraising event of the year. Proceeds from the gala are significant to the mission of Covenant Hospice in Calhoun, Jackson, Holmes and Washington Counties,” said Jennifer Griffin, Development Manager for Covenant Hospice.  
 At Covenant Hospice, we believe

that everyone deserves quality end-of-life care regardless of their ability to pay. We also believe there are certain programs that are essential to providing excellent care not only for the patients but also their loved ones. These programs include bereavement services, chaplain services and children’s support services. And lastly, for the 768 uninsured or under-insured patients Covenant Hospice cared for last year,

we provided services costing \$1.4 million. We were there when they needed us the most. Because these programs are not reimbursed by Medicare or other private insurance sources, we rely on donations, grants, memorials, contributions and fundraisers.  
 To become a Garden Gala artist, call Jennifer Griffin at 482-8520 or 209-8008, or via email [jennifer.griffin@covenanthospice.org](mailto:jennifer.griffin@covenanthospice.org).

## OBITUARIES

### NANCY BUCHANAN DURHAM

BLOUNTSTOWN—Nancy Buchanan Durham, 82, of Blountstown, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2013 in Blountstown. She was born July 6, 1930 in Rich Valley, VA where she grew up in a loving home with five brothers. She received her B.S. Degree in Education from Radford College (then the Women’s Division of VPI) in Radford, VA and in 1953 she made Blountstown her home. She received a graduate degree in Institutional Supervision from Florida State University in Tallahassee. She retired from the Calhoun County School System after 30 years of service where she was the Calhoun County Lunch Supervisor for eight years and for 22 years was a classroom teacher. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Blountstown and a loyal member of the Estelle Ramsey Sunday School Class.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Joe F. Durham; one daughter, Patty Durham Davis; her parents Raymond M. Buchanan, Sr. and Lila B. Buchanan; three brothers, Richard C. , Patrick M. and Tate C. Buchanan and one sister-in-law, Marcy Buchanan.

Survivors include one son, Joe Ray Durham and his wife, Tanya of Blountstown; one daughter, Lynne Durham Adams and her husband, Carl of Tallahassee; two brothers, Raymond Buchanan and his wife Janavee of Rich Valley, VA and Preston Buchanan and wife Arlene of Cedar Bluff, VA; one sister-in-law, Lois Buchanan of Glade Spring, VA; three grandchildren, Joseph and Sianna Davis of Marianna and Kelby Durham of Blountstown; four nieces, six nephews and their families and many other relatives and friends who held a special place in her life.

Services were held Saturday, Jan. 5 at First Baptist Church in Blountstown with Reverend Timothy Rhoads officiating. Interment followed in Nettle Ridge Cemetery.

Peavy Funeral Home in Blountstown was in charge of the arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to Covenant Hospice, 4215 Kelson AVE, Suite E. Marianna, FL 32446. The family extends its deep gratitude to the staff of Covenant Hospice, Marianna and to the devoted personal caregivers for their kindness, care and attention to Nancy during her illness, to the church family of First Baptist Church of Blountstown and to the wide circle of extended family and wonderful friends for their loving support.

### THOMAS REID CRAWFORD

LYNN HAVEN—Thomas Reid Crawford, 24, of Lynn Haven, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2013. He was born Nov. 3, 1988 in Dothan, AL. He grew up in Malone, where he attended Malone Public School and then graduated from Marianna High School in 2007. He attended Chipola and Gulf Coast Community Colleges. He had a passion for the outdoors and loved being on the Chipola River.

Survivors include his mother, Beverly Crawford of Lynn Haven; his father, James Crawford and his wife, Renee Attaway Crawford of Altha; two brothers, Ryan and Taylor Crawford, both of Panama City; two step-sisters, Alexx Miles of Altha and Amanda Stripling of Crawfordville; one stepbrother, Michael Stripling and his wife, Courtney of Vilseck, Germany; beloved dog, Bentley and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services were held Saturday, Jan. 5 at Southerland Family Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Shelly Chandler officiating.

Southerland Family Funeral Home in Panama City was in charge of the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting contributions be made to The Farm of Northwest Florida c/o Shelly Chandler 311 N. Waukesha Street, Bonifay, FL 32425. Condolences may be submitted or viewed online at [southerlandfamily.com](http://southerlandfamily.com).

### GLORIA REBECCA ADKINS BENNETT

WEWAHITCHKA—Gloria Rebecca Adkins Bennett, 46, of Wewahitchka, passed away Friday, Jan. 4, 2013 at her home. She was a homemaker and lovingly known by her grandchildren as “Granty.” She lived most of her life between Calhoun, Gulf and Taylor counties.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Jimmy Dale Adkins.

Survivors include her parents, William Adkins of Mayo and Dorothy “Meemaw” Tucker of Perry; her husband, Dewey C. Bennett of Norfolk, VA; two brothers, Boyd Adkins of Perry and Billy Joe Adkins of Kinard; two sisters, Bonita Johnson of Perry and Patience Johnson of Wewahitchka; four daughters, Renadale Adkins and her fiancé, Justin Miller of Wewahitchka, Jamie Adkins of Bristol, Kasey Adkins of Perry and Hannah McCall and her husband, Josh of New York; five grandchildren, Kalyne, Makayla, Vidalia, Browning and one unborn grandchild and numerous nieces, nephews and other extended family.

Memorialization will be by cremation.

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

### GALE ANDERSON CHASE

HOSFORD—Gale Anderson Chase, 98, of Hosford, passed away Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013 at her home. She was born on Jan. 20, 1914 in Rochester, NY. She was an adventurer, a dedicated conservationist and one of Liberty County’s most colorful individuals. She worked in the inventing department for Eastman-Kodak and she was a close friend of George Eastman until she retired. After her retirement, she moved to Hosford and helped build her cabin in the woods. She particularly enjoyed the outdoors and immersed herself into beautifying her land with native flowers. Also, she often volunteered with the Forestry Department helping to build nature trails and paths with her own two hands.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Oren and Ruby Gale Chase, both of New York.

Survivors include numerous friends.  
 Services were held Monday, Jan. 7 at Adams Funeral Home Chapel with Ken Hosford officiating.

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

### MARGARET A. MERWIN

BLOUNTSTOWN—Margaret A. Merwin, 68, of Blountstown, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2013 in Panama City. She was born Dec. 5, 1944 in Hot Springs, SD and had lived in Blountstown for the past 26 years, coming from Tampa. She was a retired CNA from River Valley Health and Rehab Center, formerly Parthenon Health and Rehab Center.

Survivors include two sons, Mark Crellin of Blountstown and Roger Merwin; one daughter, Dede Brown and her husband, Allen of Blountstown; one brother, Gene Merwin of Washington; eight grandchildren, Harry Brown and his wife, Rebecca, Lillie, Steve and Christopher Brown, Tyler Owens, Breanna Crellin, Amaya Petrantis and Justin Merwin.

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

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

### CHRYSTELLE V. STRICKLAND

TALLAHASSEE—Chrystelle V. Strickland, 88, of Tallahassee, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013. She was born and raised in Altha and had lived in Tallahassee since 1945. She was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church and Florida Women and Government.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Remus Strickland in 1992.

Survivors include two sons, Edd Strickland and his wife, Charlotte and Chris Strickland; four grandchildren, Brian and Blair Morer and Michele and Derek Strickland, all of Tallahassee, 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held Friday, Jan. 4 at Bevis Funeral Home. Interment followed in Mount Olive Cemetery.

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

### MICHAEL TUCKER

ALTHA—Michael Tucker, 53, of Altha, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2012 at his home. He was born March 25, 1959 in Calhoun County and had lived there all of his life. He was a carpenter and a member of the Holiness faith.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Morgan Stanford and Carrie Elizabeth Tucker and one brother, Ronnie Tucker.

Survivors include six brothers, Morgan Tucker and his wife, Cora, James Tucker and his wife, Jennifer, Earl Tucker and his wife, Betty, Tommy Tucker and his wife, Deborah, Larry Tucker and his wife, Dawn and Rex Tucker, all of Altha and one sister, Shirley Womble of Altha.

Memorial services were held Sunday, Dec. 23 at Peavy Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Charlie Fowler officiating.

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### LLOYD ALTON SHIVER, SR.

EASTPOINT—Lloyd Alton Shiver, Sr., 74, of Eastpoint, passed away Monday, Jan. 7, 2013. He was retired from St. George Plantation and was a retired commercial fisherman. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Eastpoint and a devoted and loving father.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elzie and Delcie Shiver of Eastpoint; two brothers, Dallas Shiver of Eastpoint and Allen Shiver of Carrabelle and a sister, Joan Shiver of Bristol.

Survivors include seven children, Tony and Bob Shiver, both of St. George Island, Mike, Skip and Tina Shiver and Cindy Collins, all of Apalachicola and Alton Shiver of Carrabelle; one sister, Evelyn Carroll of Eastpoint; two brothers, Buddy Shiver of Eastpoint and Larry Shiver of Wakulla, 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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

Services will be held Thursday, Jan. 10 at 3 p.m. at United Baptist Church in Eastpoint.

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

### J. MELVON HATCH, SR.

Family and friends of J. Melvon Hatch, Sr. are invited to attend a memorial service to celebrate his life Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013 at 11 a.m. (CT) at the Blountstown United Methodist Church.

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**BIBLE STUDY** – The Blountstown United Methodist Church will offer The Revised Edition of *Breaking Free: The Journey, The Stories* by Beth Moore on Monday, Jan. 14 for study.

*Breaking Free: The Journey, The Stories* takes the participants on an in-depth study of Scriptures (mainly from the Book of Isaiah) to find the transforming power of freedom in our Savior, Jesus. Moore describes resemblances between the Old Testament Israelites, held captive and those in the New Testament who believed that the Promised Messiah was Christ Jesus. Today's Christian must deal with similar captivating obstacles as the ruling Kings of Isaiah's time did in the battle for freedom. No matter what the size of your spiritual stronghold, this study will help you Break Free from the bondage that hinders you from the benefits of knowing God.

This 10 week, and 11 with introduction study, is Beth Moore's life message that she wishes to share with women everywhere. The study will begin Monday, Jan. 14 at 9 a.m. The weekly meetings will consist of a prayer time, small group discussions and the video session. Two hours should be set aside for the Monday meetings. The cost of the workbook is \$15, those wishing to purchase a copy prior to the study may do so by stopping by the Blountstown United Methodist Church office.

Everyone is invited to join us Monday, Jan. 14 at 9 a.m. (CT). For more information contact the church office at (850) 674-8254.

**REVIVAL** – Revival begins Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2013 for two weeks at Word of Truth on 19397 SW South Street in Blountstown. (Church is located behind City Tire on Highway 20-West.)

## Alternative opportunities for income in your forest

The Network for Women Landowners of Gadsden County will be hosting an Alternative Opportunities for Income in Your Forest Expo on Wednesday, Jan. 16. Many landowners struggle to keep their properties and additional income from their land is helpful. At the expo there will be information on pinestraw, silviculture, hunting leases, mushrooms, bees and more.

The Expo will be from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bear Creek Educa-

tional Forest, located on 8125 Pat Thomas Parkway south of Quincy. After a brief introduction by each exhibitor, landowners will be free to browse table to table asking questions of people with experience in the operations they are interested in. A small lunch will be provided. Pre-registration will be required.

The Network for Women Landowners meets regularly to cover various topics about land management and learn from one another

as they pursue good stewardship of the land. Women are encouraged to be involved in the management of their property both by education and hands on experience. Women ranging from first time recent landowners to lifetime Gadsden county residents have attended meetings and tours.

Please contact Cathy Hardin, Gadsden County Forester at 875-2937 or email: [Cathy.Hardin@FreshFromFlorida.com](mailto:Cathy.Hardin@FreshFromFlorida.com) for more information.

Services will be Wednesday, Jan. 2 - Sunday, Jan. 16, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. and Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m.

Evangelist Steve Grimsley will be the Guest Speaker. Pastor Baker cordially invites all to attend.

### SPECIAL ASSEMBLY DAY

The local congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses will hold a special assembly day Sunday, Jan. 13 at 9:40 a.m. at the Marina Civic Center in Panama City.

The theme of the Assembly is, "Safeguard Your Conscience," based on II Timothy 1:19. There is no admission charge and no collections will be taken.

The special assembly day has been designed to help each Christian use the remarkable gift of a Conscience that our Creator gave us.

The program will answer questions regarding the conscience such as; What is hazardous to the conscience? How can we train our conscience? How can we avoid wounding others in matters of conscience? And what blessings come to those who follow their spirit-directed conscience?

We know that Satan is making every effort to corrupt our conscience. With Jehovah God's help and by means of his word and organization, our loving heavenly father is providing guidance for us. Make us arrangement to be in attendance for the entire program.

# NEWS FROM THE PEWS



Bill Adams, who is a representative of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, will be a featured speaker at the Special Assembly Day.

## Miss Black History Pageant set Feb. 9

The Miss Black History Pageant Committee wishes to invite you, your daughter and your son to participate in 2013 Miss Black History Pageant and Scholarship fundraiser to be held Saturday, Feb. 9 at the Blountstown Middle School Auditorium at 12 p.m. (CT). The deadline to enter is Friday, Feb. 1 at 5 p.m. (CT). Participants in the Little Miss Division must not have ever been married, nor have ever been pregnant or have children.

The entry fee is \$40.

The age divisions are as follows:

- \* Baby Miss: 0-2 years
- \* Tiny Miss: 3-5 years
- \* Little Miss.: 6-9 years
- \* Young Miss: 10-13 years
- \* Teen Miss: 14-16 years
- \* Miss: 17-21 years
- \* Ms: 21+ single (with children), married and/or divorced.

### Special Awards are as follows:

\* Miss Black History Ambassador. The contestant that raises \$500 or more through donations and sponsor ticket sales will be crowned Miss Black History Ambassador

\* Photogenic. One photogenic winner will be selected.

\* People's Choice Award. This will be awarded to the contestant who has the most votes the day of the pageant.

Entry fee is \$40. Cash or money orders only. Money orders must be made out to Prayer Chainers' Mission of God. No refunds will be available after purchase. Please send all applications and fees to: Pastor G. B. Sheard, Founder, and Le'Tonya Reed, Director, at P. O. Box 447, Blountstown, FL 32424. You may contact via phone at (850) 237-1895, or Pastor Sheard at 674-8683, or the church at (850) 674-5548. You may also email at [missblackhistorypageant1@yahoo.com](mailto:missblackhistorypageant1@yahoo.com).

## NOTE OF THANKS

The family of Dewey D. Hall wishes to extend our sincere thanks to everyone for the prayers, cards, calls, food, floral arrangements and visits, during this difficult time.

Our thanks to Jackson Hospital staff, Emerald Coast Hospice and Peavy Funeral Home and Brother Tim Hawkins for their beautiful services.

Dewey D. Hall Family

change to the draft permit, the Permitting Authority shall issue a revised draft permit and require, if applicable, another Public Notice. All comments filed will be made available for public inspection. For additional information, contact the Permitting Authority at the above address or phone number.

**Petitions:** A person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed with (received by) the Department's Agency Clerk in the Office of General Counsel of the Department of Environmental Protection, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station #35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000. Petitions filed by the applicant or any of the parties listed below must be filed within 14 days of receipt of this Written Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit. Petitions filed by any persons other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 14 days of publication of the attached Public Notice or within 14 days of receipt of this Written Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit, whichever occurs first. Under Section 120.60(3), F.S., however, any person who asked the Permitting Authority for notice of agency action may file a petition within 14 days of receipt of that notice, regardless of the date of publication. A petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above, at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the approval of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C. A petition that disputes the material facts upon which the Permitting Authority's action is based must contain the following information: (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known; (b) The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner; the name address and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if

any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial rights will be affected by the agency determination; (c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency action or proposed decision; (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate; (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and, (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action. A petition that does not dispute the material facts upon which the Permitting Authority's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rule 28-106.301, F.A.C. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the Permitting Authority's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this Public Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the Permitting Authority on the application have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.

**Mediation:** Mediation is not available for this proceeding. **Objections:** Finally, pursuant to 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 7661d(b)(2), any person may petition the Administrator of the EPA within 60 days of the expiration of the Administrator's 45-day review period as established at 42 U.S.C. Section 7661 d(b)(1), to object to the issuance of any Title V air operation permit. Any petition shall be based only on objections to the Permit that were raised with reasonable specificity during the (public Notice to be Published in the Newspaper) 30-day public comment period provided in

the Public Notice, unless the petitioner demonstrates to the Administrator of the EPA that it was impracticable to raise such objections within the comment period or unless the grounds

for such objection arose after the comment period. Filing of a petition with the Administrator of the EPA does not stay the effective date of any permit properly issued pursuant to the

provisions of Chapter 62213, F.A.C. Petitions filed with the Administrator of EPA must meet the requirements of 42 U.S.C. Section 7661d(b)(2) and must be filed with the Administrator

of the EPA at: U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. For more information regarding EPA review and objections, visit EPA's Region 4 web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region4/air/permits/Florida.htm>. 1-9-16

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# UF/IFAS expert helps solve 80-year mystery that destroyed all adult Torreyea trees Fungus killing Torreyea trees is identified

by Tom Nordlie, University of Florida  
GAINESVILLE — An 80-year search for a tree killer has ended, says a University of Florida forest pathologist who helped identify the fungus that virtually wiped out the Florida Torreyea and fears it may threaten other species.

The fungus infects more than 90 percent of wild Florida Torreyas in their native range, which covers parts of North Florida and South Georgia close to the Apalachicola River, said Jason Smith, an associate professor with UF's School of Forest Resources and Conservation, part of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

Smith is part of a research team that discovered the fungus, *Fusarium torreyae* and formally described it in the journal *Mycologia*. Personnel from Atlanta Botanical Garden and the state Department of Environmental Protection are also involved.

"Over the years, the most common hypothesis was that a disease was killing Torreyea," Smith said. "But nobody had pinned down the cause until now. Now we hope to use this information to conserve the species and make some progress toward re-establishing the tree in its native range."

The Florida Torreyea is a primitive evergreen related to pines and firs. Once logged for its rot-resistant wood, the tree began dying off in the 1930s. Today, it's one of the world's rarest tree species, found primarily in Torreyea State Park in Florida's

Liberty County.

Though all adult Florida Torreyas are gone, the species may continue to survive in the wild in a stunted form. Many of the remaining Torreyea stumps send up healthy young shoots that survive until the fungus infects and kills them, usually about the time the shoots are three feet tall. A mature Florida Torreyea tree can be 75 feet tall.

A few of the wild specimens are disease-free and Smith says one of the research team's priorities is to conduct genetic testing to determine whether those trees possess natural resistance to the fungus. If so, it may be possible to induce resistance in other Florida Torreyas through conventional breeding or other means.

The team is also raising healthy Florida Torreyas from seed. Some are being returned to the wild, but their prospects are uncertain. After extensive surveying, the researchers concluded that the fungus is present throughout the tree's native range.

To give those transplanted specimens a fighting chance, the researchers carefully select and prepare planting sites, amending soil and removing vegetation that might compete for sunlight.

"There's some hope," Smith said. "If we can reduce the stress on the tree by growing it under different



Jason Smith, an associate professor with the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, poses with a wild Florida Torreyea tree at Torreyea State Park in Liberty County. He is part of a research team that identified a pathogen responsible for killing adult Torreyea trees since the 1930s. The culprit is a fungus, which the team described in a recent issue of the journal *Mycologia*.

conditions, we might be able to boost its natural resistance to the fungus."

The team also plans to analyze the fungus and investigate ways to manage it. Researchers believe the pathogen is not native to the United States, but determining its origins could be difficult. The *Fusarium* genus is large and widely distributed around the globe and scientists believe many species remain undetected in their natural habitats.

If the fungus' natural habitat is found, researchers may be able to pinpoint natural enemies useful in controlling the disease.

Ironically, Smith's biggest concern about the fungus doesn't even

concern the Florida Torreyea tree. He's afraid it will infect Fraser fir and red spruce trees, an economically important species shown to be highly sensitive to the fungus.

Those trees grow in the Appalachian Mountains, several hundred miles north of the Florida Torreyea's native range. In theory, they should be safe. However, a group of environmental activists has been raising Florida Torreyea trees and planting them in the wild, including parts of Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee.

The activists say they believe the species was once native to the Southern Appalachian Mountains and want to re-establish it there. But Smith is worried they'll end up introducing the fungus.

"Almost all the cultivated Torreyea trees we've seen have been infected," he said. "So we're concerned that one of these Torreyea being planted in the Appalachians could end up leading to infection of spruce and fir trees. The consequences could be disastrous."

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temperatures cause more frequent algal blooms and reduce dissolved oxygen levels, both of which can cause fish kills and do significant harm to ecosystems."

American Rivers reports that the health of our rivers in the face of increasing warming will depend largely on community preparedness.

Municipalities that fail to address aging infrastructure "will experience greater increases in storm water runoff and sewer overflows."

And communities that have damaged their wetlands, forests, streams and rivers will have fewer natural defenses to protect against the effects of climate change.

There is much we can do to protect rivers besides reduce our carbon footprints. American Rivers is promoting green infrastructure—an approach to water management that protects, restores or mimics the natural water cycle—as the way to bolster the health of rivers. "It means planting trees and restoring wetlands rather than building a new water treatment plant. It means choosing water efficiency instead of building a new water supply dam. It means restoring floodplains instead of building taller levees."

the quality of life in many places.

In the U.S., the number of storms with extreme precipitation has increased 24 percent since the late 1940s—and the trend is expected to continue.

Another certain impact on rivers is more pollution as more frequent and powerful storms increase runoff from urban and agricultural areas that contain fertilizers, pesticides, chemicals and motor oil.

"In older communities where storm water and sewage are transported together in one pipe, heavy storms can overwhelm the system and send raw sewage and polluted storm water into nearby streams and rivers," says American Rivers. "These combined sewer overflows will grow more frequent as extreme storms increase."

Lower water flows and rising temperatures compound problems caused by more runoff. "More frequent droughts and shifting precipitation patterns lower water levels in rivers, lakes and streams, leaving less water to dilute pollutants," says the group. "Higher

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