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Tyler Bounds, who is in Liberty County with the crew from Animal Planet's "Finding Bigfoot" show, speaks with Hosford students. DANIEL WILLIAMS PHOTO

Bigfoot researcher talks with students



Find out how a visit from a reality show crew member led to a memorable week of teachingPAGE 16

Jim McClellan shares his own take on how we should handle interest in BigfootPAGE 9

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor
Whether or not you believe in Bigfoot, you can be sure of one thing: Tyler Bounds loves his job. "I'm getting paid to go around the country to camp with friends to go look for Bigfoot," he says. Although he's listed as a production associate in the show credits for the Animal Planet program "Finding Bigfoot", he says his actual job is as an outdoor tech. He puts together the tents, the tools and the cooking equipment before they head into the woods. He's the guy who accompanies one of the show's key members when they do their solo overnighter in the woods looking for evidence of the mysterious Sasquatch. While they're

walking around in the dark, wearing night vision goggles and armed with a recorder in hopes of catching a Bigfoot howl, Tyler is following behind with a thermal camera. And last week, he was the guy who went to talk to the kids at Hosford School. The response from the sixth, seventh and eight-graders he met was "amazing," he said. He was set up to give his computer presentation, with video clips, photos and other information about the show when he stepped in front of the group last Thursday morning at the school. "I was five minutes into it and the hands started going up," he said. "I

pretty much abandoned my presentation and started answering questions." The students wanted to know what he had seen and what he thought about the possibility of "Bigfeet" roaming the nation's backwoods. Bigfoot believers think there are hundreds, if not a few thousand of the elusive creatures thriving across the country. "There were some great questions," he said. "One girl asked a couple of questions that got me thinking." The student wanted to know that if the Bigfeet were so adaptable to different terrains, weather and ecosystems, why aren't they proliferating and why aren't we seeing them? See BIGFOOT continued on page 16

Inmate caught with cell phone, cocaine, marijuana & tobacco

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor
A Liberty County Jail inmate in custody after he fled from court following a bond revocation hearing Feb. 4 is facing additional charges after he was caught with drugs and a cell phone.

As the jail staff was getting ready to search inmates following their Sunday visitation, Lt. Reggie Ethridge discovered a Samsung cell phone, 5.7 grams of marijuana, .7 grams of cocaine, some loose leaf tobacco with rolling papers, a cell phone charger and a Boost mobile calling card on the floor.



BRODRICK ALLS

It didn't take long to find out who it belonged to. They checked the phone and found several

text messages indicating it was being used by Brodrick J. Alls, 23, of Quincy.

Messages from the previous day discussed the items found on the floor that Alls was requesting be smuggled in to him.

Alls initially denied the items were his but later asked to speak with Ethridge, Capt. Wes Harsey and Capt. Tim Partridge. In that meeting, he gave a taped confession that a family member had brought in the items and he threw them on the floor when he realized he was about to be searched.

He did not identify the family member and there was no clear images showing the exchange on the jail's security cameras.

All was charged with introduction of contraband in to a county detention facility, possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) and possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana.



UNDER WATER

Recent rains have sent rivers rising and landings disappearing. ABOVE: The Willis Bridge is partially submerged in the Chipola River. LEFT: The Blountstown Landing. BELOW: The double yellow line of a watery John Redd Road is barely visible.



JEAN WEEKS PHOTOS

U.S. Supreme Court rules in State's favor in Liberty County 'Dog Sniff' case

TALLAHASSEE — The United State Supreme Court ruled Tuesday in favor of the State of Florida in Florida v. Clayton Harris, deciding that police dog Aldo's sniff constituted probable cause for Liberty County K-9 Officer William Wheatley to search Clayton Harris' vehicle for illegal drugs. The Court's decision is important to law enforcement officers throughout the nation because it clarifies the legal standards governing their reliance on drug detection dogs, a common law enforcement practice.

"This victory is paramount to preserving our law enforcement officers' ability to use police dog alerts to locate illegal drugs and arrest those who possess them," stated Attorney General Pam Bondi. "The Supreme Court correctly held that a police dog's reliability is determined through a common-sense evaluation of the relevant circumstances, rather than through a rigid set of judge-created requirements."

The Supreme Court unanimously reversed the Florida Supreme Court's judgment and declared, "Because training records established Aldo's reliability in detecting drugs and Harris failed to undermine that showing, we agree with the trial court that Wheatley had probable cause to search Harris's truck."



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Two arrested after meth found during traffic stop

A Sumatra woman and an Eastpoint man are being held without bond in the Liberty County Jail after methamphetamine and pills were found in their vehicle during a Saturday afternoon traffic stop.

Milan Hicks, 49, and Kaila Latrell Odom, 29, were pulled over after Deputy Jonathan Gentry, who was on stationary patrol at the intersection of Blue Creek Road and SR 20, noticed the driver was not wearing his seatbelt.

A computer check showed Hicks' license had been suspended indefinitely since 2011. His registration was expired and he had no insurance.

The deputy noticed that his passenger appeared to be under the influence of something. She said she had recently taken some prescription medicine and had not slept.

Hicks was taken into custody for driving with a suspended license.



KAILA ODOM



MILAN HICKS

During a search of the vehicle, a plastic bag containing an unspecified amount of methamphetamine, a glass pipe, two straws and burnt tinfoil with meth residue was found inside a purse on the passenger's side floorboard.

Two nasal decongestant tablets, like those used to

make meth, were found in an outside pocket of the purse.

A small container found on the floorboard held a white powder that tested positive as methamphetamine.

A green bottle with four hydrocodone pills was found behind the driver's visor.

Odom claimed the items that were found in the purse. She stated she had purchased the cold pills that day at Publix in Tallahassee and gave them to a friend to make methamphetamine.

Hicks denied any knowledge of the pills found in his visor.

Hicks was charged with possession of a Schedule III narcotic and driving with license suspended or revoked.

Odom was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of listed chemicals and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Woman arrested for DUI after stop for expired tag

A Tallahassee woman was charged with DUI and her passenger was cited for having an open container of alcohol following a Feb. 13 traffic stop in Liberty County.



SABRA WHITE

Deputy Amanda King stopped a westbound 1999 Mercury two-door with an expired temporary tag around 12:28 a.m. last Wednesday. When the driver pulled over, half of the car was still in the roadway.

Sabra Leigh White, 23, was unable to produce a driver's license, proof of insurance or proof of registration.

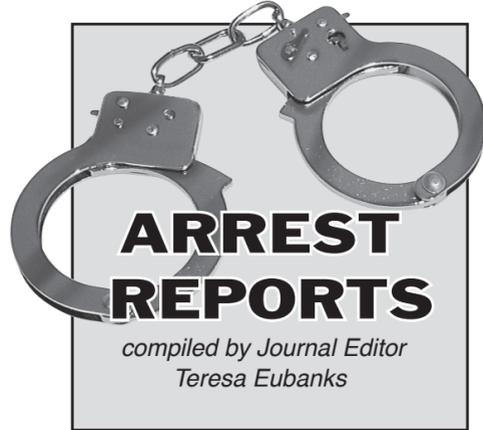
White had difficulty getting out of the vehicle and maintaining her balance, according to the deputy's report. After failing a roadside sobriety test, she was handcuffed and put in the back seat of King's patrol car.

While waiting for a tow truck, White slipped her wrists out of the handcuffs and told the officer, "There's no point in putting me in these."

White was then taken to jail, where she was given a breath test to determine her level of intoxication. Her samples resulted in readings of .204 and .202, more than two and a half times the legal limit of .08.

She was charged with DUI, failure to display registration, no proof of insurance, expired tag less than six months and failure to have her driver's license on her person. Her bond was set at \$2,500.

The passenger, Mitchel Valencia, was cited for having an open container after the deputy saw a can of Four Locos between his feet when he got out of the car.



Bristol Woman charged for pawning borrowed air compressor from boyfriend

A Bristol woman was charged with petty theft after a deputy discovered an air compressor and ring that her boyfriend had borrowed had been pawned.

Richard Tharpe reported the items missing after checking on the property with Katie Varnum's boyfriend.

The property, believed to be valued at \$100, had been pawned but was picked up by Varnum, 36, just before the deputy made contact with the shop owner.

Varnum then returned the property to Tharpe.

She was released on her own recognizance following her arrest Feb. 15.



KATIE VARNUM

Argument outside store ends with battery arrest

A 36-year-old Leon County man was arrested for domestic battery after a meeting with his children's mother in Liberty County late Friday afternoon resulted in an argument.

The victim, who is from Quincy, said she met her estranged husband, Donnie L. Newburn, in the parking lot at Crow's Corner so he could give her some money and see their two girls, age 3 and 6.

She said she tried to leave when their meeting became argumentative, with Newburn yelling at her and then following her to her car.

She said she was sitting in the driver's seat with her door open when Newburn grabbed her under the jaw and pushed her head up and then to the right. She said he grabbed her car keys and threw them across Hwy. 267.

He retrieved her keys and left when she picked up her phone to call the sheriff's office.

Deputy Adam Walker's report stated the 25-year-old woman had "slight red marks on her lower jawline, as well as large red marks on her upper chest."

When contacted by phone, Newburn told the deputy they had argued but "emphatically denied" putting his hands on the woman, and said he even hugged and kissed his daughters before he left.

The deputy did not get a recorded statement because Newburn was in Leon County and said he had been drinking.

An employee at the store said he saw the two arguing but did not witness any physical contact.



DONNIE L. NEWBURN

Couple arrested on meth charges

A home search conducted by Probation and Parole turned up evidence of methamphetamine and its use at the SR 73 home of a Calhoun County couple last week.

Deputies accompanied probation officers when they went to the residence of Thomas Charles Dawsey and his wife, Cristy, they share with their two children on Feb. 12.

Calhoun County's Lt. William T. Wheatley, Lt. Jared Nichols and Deputy Barbara Bodiford searched the home and found the following:

- A strip of tin foil with suspected burnt methamphetamine residue was found in a wastebasket in the couple's bedroom.

- A marijuana pipe with burnt residue and several twisted up coffee filters with white powdery residue were found in the same bedroom.



THOMAS C. DAWSEY



CHRISTY L. DAWSEY

•In a burn pile outside, Wheatley located three pieces of tin foil with burn marks, a partially burnt eye dropper commonly used to dispense acid when making meth, and two stripped lithium batteries.

Both were charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia and violation of state probation.

Traffic stop results in DUI charge

A 50-year-old Bristol man was charged with felony DUI and driving while license revoked following an early morning traffic stop Sunday.

FHP Trooper David S. Cox was watching traffic at SR 20 and Freeman Road around 2:41 a.m. when he noticed a car approach the stop sign and saw that the driver was not wearing his seat belt.

While conducting a traffic stop, he learned that the driver, Victor Beckwith,



VICTOR BECKWITH

had a revoked license. As they spoke, the trooper saw that Beckwith's eyes were watery and bloodshot, and noticed the smell of an alcoholic beverage coming from him.

After failing a roadside sobriety test, Beckwith told the trooper he had consumed two beers.

At the jail, he gave two breath samples to determine his level of intoxication. The first sample was a .131, the second resulted in a .128, both over the legal limit of .08.

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SHERIFF'S LOG

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<p>•Curtis Lipford, <i>failure to appear, petty theft, LCSO.</i></p> <p>February 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Cristy L. Dawsey, <i>possession of meth, possession or use of drug paraphernalia, VOSP, CCSO.</i> •Thomas Charles Dawsey, <i>possession of meth, possession of drug paraphernalia, VOSP, CCSO.</i> <p>February 14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Simon Jared Hathaway, <i>failure to appear (two counts), CCSO.</i> <p>February 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Savannah Downum, <i>VOP, CCSO.</i> <p>February 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •John Charles Lafallete, <i>criminal use of personal identification information, CCSO.</i> 	<p>•Katie Varnum, <i>petty theft, LCSO.</i></p> <p>February 14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Jaret Ammons, <i>driving with license suspended or revoked, LCSO.</i> •Johnny McClendon, <i>VOSP, LCSO.</i> <p>February 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Katie Varnum, <i>petty theft, LCSO.</i> •Savannah Downum, <i>holding for CCSO, CCSO.</i> <p>February 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Victor Beckwith, <i>DUI felony, driving with license suspended or revoked, FHP.</i> •Jennifer P. Beck, <i>DUI, possession of marijuana, LCSO.</i> •Milan Hicks, <i>possession of schedule III narcotic, driving with license suspended or revoked, LCSO.</i> •Kaila Odom, <i>possession of meth, possession of listed chemicals, possession of drug paraphernalia, LCSO.</i> <p>February 17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Brodrick Alls, <i>possession of cocaine, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, introduction of contraband into a detention facility, LCSO.</i>

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

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Month	CITATIONS ISSUED:
Feb. 11 through Feb. 17, 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accidents.....03 Traffic Citations.....11 Special details (business escorts, traffic details).....82 Business alarms.....03 Residential alarms.....01 Complaints.....47



ALLY GRACE BROWN
Ally Grace Brown celebrated her fifth birthday Tuesday, Feb. 19. She is the daughter of Meagan Reddick of Bristol and Rich Brown, Jr. of Hosford. She celebrated her birthday with a Princess party at the park with family and friends.



MOSLEY RAE SANSOM
Mosley Rae Sansom celebrated her first birthday on Friday, Feb. 8. She is the daughter of Shawna Finuff and Jamie Sansom of Telogia. Her grandparents are Chad and Laurie Finuff of Blue Creek and Danny and Denice Sansom of Hosford. She celebrated with a party at Veterans Memorial Park with family and friends.

BIRTH DAYS



FENTON LEE REDDICK
Fenton Lee Reddick celebrated his first birthday Tuesday, Feb. 5. He is the son of Austin Reddick and Misty Weeks of Bristol. He celebrated his birthday with a Cars party at the park with family and friends.



IAN EDWARD KOMBRINCK
Ian Edward Kombrinck, son of Jonathan and Moya Kombrinck, of Pittsboro, NC, celebrated his first birthday Monday, Feb. 4. He is the grandson of Bruce and Adronna Kombrinck of Blountstown. He loves to dance, play with his musical toys and eat "Nonna's" chicken and rice.



MALONA MAE PULLAM
Malona Mae pullam celebrated her fifth birthday Saturday, Feb. 2. She is the daughter of Kerstin Peddie and Anthony Pullam of Hosford. Her grandparents are Hilda and Charles Pippin, Monroe and Katrina Peddie and Anne and Charlie Pullam. Her great-grandparents are Darleen Peddie, Jackelene Pullam and Walter and Jeanette Joiner.



BIRTH

GRACE ELIZABETH COLEMAN

Chris and Sandy Coleman of Geneva, AL are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Grace Elizabeth Coleman, born on Monday, Jan. 14, 2013 at Flowers Hospital. She weighed 6 lbs. and 14 ozs. and measured 19 inches long. Her grandparents are Taff and Gerry Carr of Grand Ridge, Gene and Vicky Coleman and David and Faye Duncan, all of Bristol. Grace enjoys visits from her family and friends.

ACHIEVEMENT

Aravat Jackson of Chattahoochee makes principal's list and all A's

The family of Aravat Jackson, a student at Chattahoochee Elementary School, announce that he was named to the principal's list by making all A's for two consecutive nine weeks.

Aravat will enjoy a trip to the Jacksonville Zoo in Jacksonville along with other classmates.

Aravat is the son of Yvette



Beckwith-Akins of Bristol and Derek R. Jackson of Chattahoochee.

His proud grandparents are Verna White of Chattahoochee, Patricia Beckwith of Bristol and Derek O. and Meldra Jackson of Cottdale.

His great-grandparents are Lareatha Bellamy and Nook and Lillie C. Proctor, all of Chattahoochee.

CORINTH BAPTIST CHURCH - Corinth Baptist Church in Hosford will be hosting Only By Grace Ministries' production of "The Ring" this Sunday morning, Feb. 24, at 10:30 a.m. (EST).

"The Ring" is a modern day theatrical production of the parable of the prodigal son.

This incredible and moving event has been traveling all over the country presenting the Gospel.

After the morning service, there will be a covered dish lunch. As always we have breakfast each Sunday morning at 9 a.m., Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., and Worship at 10:30 a.m., so please be our guest this Sunday.

For more information, please call Rev. Kyle Peddie at 556-1881.

ST. MARY M.B. CHURCH - St. Mary M.B. Church invites you to celebrate with them their 101st Anniversary from February 22 - 24, 2013.

On Friday, Feb. 22, services will begin at

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

6:30 p.m. with host speaker Dr. Edward Brigham of True Holiness Church of God In Christ. Black and white attire should be worn for these

services.

Saturday, Feb. 23 services will be held at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker for the evening will be Superintendent Reed from St. Luke Church of God In Christ. The evening's attire is your choice.

Sunday services on Feb. 24 will begin at 11 a.m. and will feature African attire. Guest speaker will be Elder Joseph Franklin of Tallahassee.

The 3 p.m. services will host speaker Moderator Young of First Mount Moriah Baptist Church in Panama City.

Royal Blue and white or gray attire is preferred for this service.

Come one and all and help us celebrate this blessed time.

For more details contact Sister Sharon Williams or Pastor C.L. Wilson at 674-8099.

Btown Blasters win first tournament

The Blountstown Blasters swept the Jackson County Bulldogs in three games to win their first tournament ever on Saturday, Feb. 16.

The Blasters dominated with pitching.

Ryan Wooden and Lane Edenfield combined for six strikeouts in a 12-6 win.

Carson Ramsey started and Trace Mears closed out a second game shut-out.

Ethan Grover posted eleven strikeouts and gave up one hit over four innings in the 12-2 championship win.

Trace Mears lead the Blasters with four hits. Mears also made some excellent defensive plays.

Kellen Speights, Jordan Pride and Ethan Grover had three hits each. Speights, one of the best



Front: Ethan Grover, Jordan Pride, Trace Mears Middle: Carson Ramsey Back: Dillon Chason, Cody Pass, Lane Edenfield, Kellen Speights, Shawn Dunkle, Ryan Wooden, Ayden Mchperson, Coach Chad Ramsey.

pitchers on the team, was originally scheduled to close the championship win but the game was called after the Blasters gained a ten run lead.

The Blasters are in action again this Saturday in Bainbridge.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Calhoun County Legislative Delegation will be holding a public hearing in Blountstown,
Monday, February 25 at 6:15 p.m. (CT)

The hearing will be held in the Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners Chambers, the Extension Office, 20816 Central Avenue East in Blountstown.

All residents and elected officials are invited to attend. This hearing will allow the citizens the opportunity to meet their legislators, discuss concerns, ask questions and offer comments for upcoming 2013 Legislative Session.

Write us at, 214 Senate Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100 • (850) 487-5003. Or email: durham.melissa@flsenate.gov

Liberty Women's Club plans trip to see 'Hairspray'; next meeting to be held March 14

Come and join us. Life is made up of moments - it's not the money you spend but the moments you share with your family, your friends and neighbors and perhaps your community service. Raising money for scholarships, being an advocate for the youth of the community, Angel Trees at Christmas, Beautification Projects and projections for many good and wonderful services yet to be rendered and all the while having a great time with a group of great gals! That's your Liberty County Women's Club and we are looking for you.

The Liberty County Women's Club had a wonderful meeting Valentine's Day. Our guest was LCHS junior Odra Chapman, who is a very talented singer. She entertained us with the song, "Good Morning Baltimore" from the show Hairspray, in which Odra stars as "Tracie." We are all so proud of Odra trying out for the production at Chipola College and winning the role.

The Women's Club is planning to car pool and catch Odra in Hairspray on Sunday, Mar. 17 for a matinee performance. If any ladies would like to join us, please call Connie at 348-3554. Tickets are \$8.

Please join us for our next meeting that will be hosted by the Veterans Memorial Railroad. We will meet at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 14 at the Train Depot. We are looking for community minded women as we get ready to plan fundraisers for a Scholarship Grant to go to a Liberty County Student. Please call Connie at 348-3554 to verify so we may set a place for you at our table.

Don't forget to support our community Music and Arts programs. The Arts Council will present "Guys and Dolls" at our Civic Center on March 2 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at Centennial Bank, Buy Rite Drugs or Myrlene's Beauty Salon.

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Community Calendar

Bake for family fun MONTH

Wednesday, February 20

TODAY'S MEETINGS • Rotary Club, noon, Calhoun-Liberty Hospital • AA, 7 p.m., Calhoun County Old Ag Bldg. east door, in front of jail	BIRTHDAYS ~ Denean Sykes, Regina Williams, Jeri Flowers
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Thursday, February 21

TODAY'S MEETINGS • AA, 7 p.m., basement of Calhoun Courthouse • Mossy Pond VFD, 7 p.m., Fire House • Alzheimer's Project support group, 4 p.m., Calhoun Liberty Hospital • Liberty Community Center FQHC Board, 6 p.m., Emergency Mgt. Building on Spring St., Bristol • Liberty Community Health Center Board Meeting at 6 p.m. at Emergency Management Building. • Bristol Girl Scout Troop #303, 6:30 p.m., The Club, Bristol.	BIRTHDAYS Kevin Yoder, Rachel Davis, Todd Wahlquist, Trevor Lollie, Tony Patterson
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Friday, February 22

BIRTHDAYS ~ Arminda Spikes, Jeanna Kombrinck Davenport, Patricia McGee	
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Ladies Night DANCE
 8-12 p.m. at the Legion Hall in Blountstown

Saturday, February 23

BIRTHDAYS Sharmon Parrish, Jeff Sewell, Nancy Foran, Kate Hester, Gwynn McGoy, David Manning, Caleb Detweiler, Jeanie Whittaker Gargulio	
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Adult Dance,
 8-12 p.m. at the Legion Hall in Blountstown

Sunday, February 24

	BIRTHDAYS Kevin Brown, Jody Sellers, Tony Revell
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Monday, February 25

TODAY'S MEETINGS • Calhoun Children's Coalition, 9 a.m., W. T. Neal Civic Center • Boy Scout Troop 206, 7 p.m., Veterans Civic Center • Blountstown Lions Club, 6 p.m., Apalachee Rest. • Panhandle Creative Crafters "Bizzie Bees", 5-8 p.m. (CT), WT Neal Civic Center, Blountstown • Rock Bluff Community Fire Dept., 7 p.m., Voting house in Rock Bluff	BIRTHDAYS Laura Stoltzfus, Rhonda Lewis, Jimmy Durham, Pam Skinner, Melissa Anders
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Tuesday, February 26

TODAY'S MEETINGS • Altha Boy Scouts, 7 p.m., Altha VFD • AA, 6 p.m., Altha Community Center • Sit-n-Sew meeting, 6 pm., First United Methodist Church Youth Hall on Clinton St. Marianna. • Bristol Lions Club, 7 p.m., Apalachee Rest. • Blountstown Chapter #179 O.E.S., 7 p.m., Dixie Lodge in Blountstown. • AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., Grace United Methodist Church, Hosford	BIRTHDAYS Greg Pybus, Angie Durden, Shelly Burns, Renae Grande
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Local author to sign books at library March 9

The Blountstown Public Library announces that D.J. Phillabaum, local author, will be here Saturday, Mar. 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the book signing of "Once and Forever Love."



She will be at the round table to the right of library entrance. During her visit she will move into the Adult Reading Room, where cookies and coffee will be served, and give a few readings from her book of fiction.

Donna has been an avid reader all her life and Stephen King was her favorite author growing up. "I have been to his house in Bangor, ME" she says.

Much later in life, she has enjoyed Lee Child and James Patterson as well as "a very good local author, Michael Lister".

"Once and Forever Love" is an adult romance about Jeanie Ashford and her look back on her life. The book journeys through Miamisburg and West Carrollton, OH; Bristol, FL; Tucson, AZ and Anchorage, AK...six different jobs, and five different men. She reflects back 29 years to a love she once knew and so very much wants to experience again at which point she embarks on a very dangerous mission. Join us March 9 to learn more about this story.

Spring Farm Day at Landmark Park planned March 16

Spring Farm Day will take place on March 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Landmark Park in Dothan.

Turn back the clock 100 years and experience living history demonstrations of sheep shearing, blacksmithing, plowing with draft animals, basket weaving, quilting and other traditional spring farm activities. Plus, the "Old Time Fiddlers Convention."

Admission cost is adults, \$8; senior citizens and active military, \$6; children, \$4; members, free.

Visit www.landmarkpark.com for registration forms to demonstrate plowing, become a food vendor or an arts and crafts vendor, or enter the fiddling contest.

A special educational presentation of Spring Farm Day, Rural Heritage Day, will be held from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Friday, Mar. 15 for preregistered school groups only.

Teachers may register for Rural Heritage Day by calling (334) 794-3452.

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WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

by Douglas Cohn and Eleanor Clift

Sequestering the sequestors

WASHINGTON – Unless one or the other side has a change of heart, the much talked about budget-cutting device of sequestration will kick in on March 1st. It would be far preferable if the White House and congressional Republicans reach an agreement to distribute spending cuts more fairly, but for now it appears they will be arbitrarily leveled across the board at both the defense budget and domestic spending.

Every domestic program that is not a protected entitlement will take a hit, and that includes everything from federal spending on cancer and Alzheimer's research to funding for Head Start and Air Traffic Control at airports. Spending you didn't even know you needed, like weather satellites, will be scaled back.

That's the bad news, but the good news is that these cuts will not be felt on Day One. There will be time for lawmakers to consider what they have done and to come back and rectify their mistake. Of course, they may need help seeing the error of their ways, and that's where President Obama comes in.

There are three weeks between March 1 and March 27 when the "continuing resolution" that funds the government expires, and that window is when Congress will finally get to work. They will fix the sequester, and they will continue to fund the government unless Republicans have completely lost their minds, and want to see their party go the way of the Whigs.

Until the axe actually falls, all the talk about sequestration is theoretical with politicians painting dire scenarios while trying to stick the other party or the president with the blame. But when it actually happens, the Pentagon and department heads throughout the government will have to come up with a road map indicating how they will implement the cuts.

The president has already started to play hardball, pointing out that the threat of deep cuts has forced the Navy to delay sending an aircraft carrier that was supposed to deploy to the Persian Gulf. That's just a hint of what's to come in terms of actual cuts and the president's ability to use the bully pulpit to play politics around the impact of those cuts.

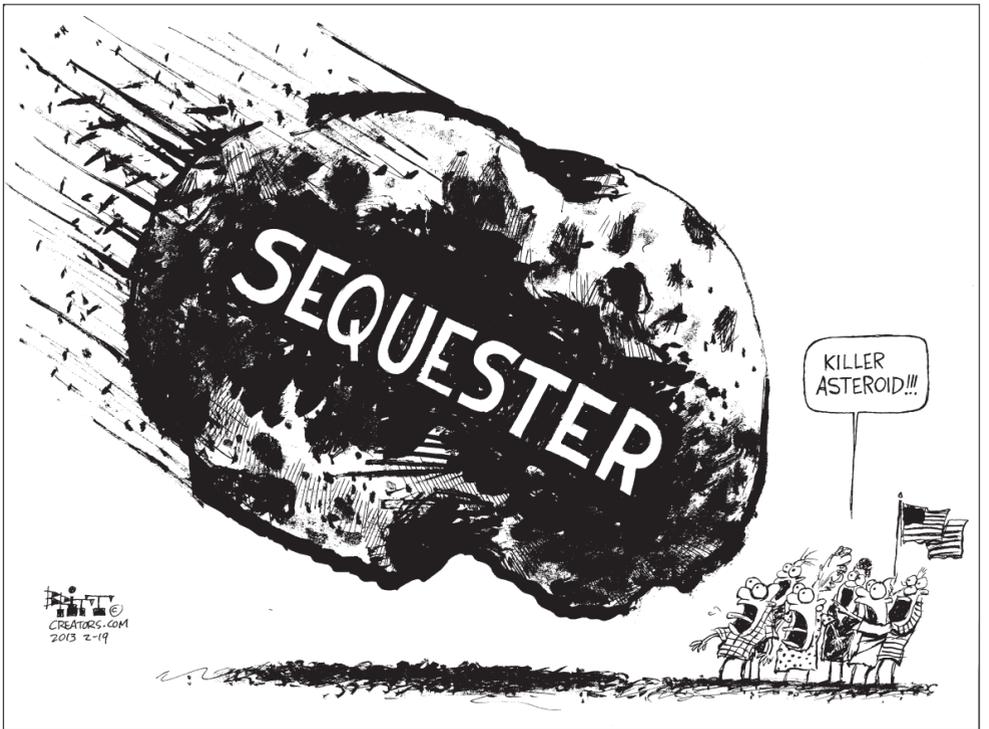
When the theoretical becomes the personal, and individual lawmakers get a taste of how their district or state could be affected, the political equation favors the president. That is especially true when it comes to defense spending. Congress has been diligent in awarding defense contracts in virtually every congressional district in the country. When jobs are lost, lawmakers can be counted on to loudly protest cutbacks that hurt their constituents.

Obama should have a game plan ready should sequestration happen, and that game plan should target Republicans who supported sequestration, and whose districts could suffer. The president could legitimately call in those members and let them know that unless they dial back, defense spending in their districts will take a hit.

This can be done largely under the radar although a Republican entering the Obama White House is rare enough that such a visit is unlikely to escape attention. Republicans who stood firm for sequestration are going to be very uncomfortable standing by while their constituents suffer. It would be a matter of sequestering the sequestors.

Politics is a contact sport, and nobody is going to blame Obama for getting tough on the other party. Lawmakers who supported sequester can't go running to the press to say they didn't think their district would be punished. They would look foolish.

The sequester was designed as something so onerous it should never happen, but it appears that it will happen, and it could be the ultimate teaching tool for Obama to bring Congress into line.



Pres. Obama embodies the Anti-Washington Candidate

Republicans are seen, and most Republicans see themselves, as the anti-government party. Republican solutions to most of the country's problems begin with, or at a minimum include, shrinking the size, scope and spending of government -- unless you're discussing the military budget. Democrats, in stark contrast, mostly believe the government can be and has been an instrument of both social justice and economic growth.

Somebody much smarter than I, with a dollop of cynicism, once observed that American voters send pro-government Democrats to Washington to be sure voters get all the benefits and services the federal government offers and that those same voters send anti-tax Republicans to Washington so that they, the voters, will not have to pay for those government services.

An old Irish saying held that the Devil was an angel until he started knocking his old hometown. There is no recorded evidence that President Barack Obama has ever heard this line. But he certainly does, especially for a Democrat, spend a lot of time knocking his adopted hometown of Washington -- a place he has spent the better part of six years of his life and a couple of billion dollars in order to live in its most prestigious public housing.

To a crowd in Seattle, the president announced, "It's good to be outside of Washington." Nevadans heard Obama declare: "You know, it's always a pleasure to get out of Washington. Washington is OK, but

AMERICAN COLOR

by Mark Shields

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it's nice taking time to talk to Americans of every walk of life outside the nation's capital."

Cannon Falls, Minn.: "So I am very pleased to be out of Washington." Strongsville, Ohio: "Good to be here in the Buckeye State. And it's even better to be out of Washington for a while."

Why so eager to leave D.C.? To Asheville, N.C.: "Not much listening" (in Washington), too much "political point-scoring."

To Racine, Wis.: "But it's wonderful to be here, and it's just nice to get out of Washington." Columbus, Ohio, heard the president criticize sharply the "kind of game-playing we've gotten used to in Washington," while Denver learned that "a lot of folks have lost confidence in Washington." So voters don't much like or trust Washington? Neither, if you listen to what he has said, does their Democratic president.

Who can argue, after Obama became the only U.S. president since hero Dwight David Eisenhower, to win a majority of the popular vote in successive national elections, that voters have not been charmed or impressed by the president's anti-Washington lyrics?

But missing from such rhetoric is the Democrats' historic summons to a public sector that abolished slavery, ended racial segregation, saved the Great Lakes and built the world's greatest higher education system. Absent is the inspiring call of John Kennedy: "Let the public service be a good and lively career. And let every man and woman who works in an area of our national government, in any branch, at any level, be able to say with pride and with honor in future years, 'I served the United States government in that hour of our nation's need.'"

This is about much more than words or quotes. It is about a national mood and spirit that an American president can influence or even inspire. After thousands of Americans, during the New Frontier, volunteered to join the brand-new Peace Corps, skeptics were astonished.

Perhaps the best explanation for that remarkable outpouring was offered by a young woman who became a volunteer: "I'd never done anything political, patriotic or unselfish, because nobody ever asked me to -- Kennedy asked." Will the same be said 50 years from now about Americans who had been inspired to public service -- that Obama asked?

Maddie Grace Richter colors a picture at the arts and crafts table.



ABOVE: Trigg and Thor Eikeland create their special Valentine project. RIGHT: Alvin Foran reads to his son Chaff. BELOW: Juacinta Copeland spends time reading to Emma Dean.

NIKI BARBER PHOTOS



Another successful family theme night at W.R. Tolar

W.R. Tolar kindergarten teachers hosted this month's Family Theme Night on Monday afternoon, Feb. 11.

With Valentine's Day right around the corner teachers set up this month's reading night event with a Valentine theme.

Students were welcomed to the media center and provided with snacks, opportunities to make Valentine books marks and time to read and take Accelerated Reader test with their parents, grandparents and/or guardians.

In spite of the unpleasant weather conditions there were still forty plus adults and students in attendance at the event. We are very proud that so far this year W.R. Tolar students have read over 26,165 books and over 243,029,756 words.

W.R. Tolar hosts a family theme night the second Monday of each month and we would like to invite all Tolar students and their families to attend future events. The next event night is scheduled for Monday, March 11.

W.R. Tolar holds annual Sweetheart Pageant Feb. 8

W.R. Tolar held its Annual Sweetheart Pageant February 8. Each 6th and 7th grade student voted and selected a representative for each homeroom.

The representatives from 6th grade were, 6A: Kelsey Jones and David Trejo, 6B: Tara Young and Brent Fant, 6C: Kayla Maneth and Zach Hobby.

From 7th grade, 7A: Caroline Carson and Blake Tharpe, 7B: Amber King and Shamon Mosley, 7C: Alexis Poole and Hunter Weeks. From that group, students elected a prince and princess for each grade.

Our 6th grade princess is Miss Kayla Maneth. Kayla is the daughter



ter of Shane and Garrett Maneth of Bristol.

Mr. Brent Fant is the 6th grade prince – Brent is the son of Berry and Stacie Fant of Sumatra.

Our 7th grade princess is Miss Amber King – Amber is the daughter of Jason King and Samantha Strickland of Bristol.

Mr. Shamon Mosley is the 7th

grade prince – Shamon is the son of Drico Mosley and Decca Howard of

and Tanner Cain and Hannah Sansom and Peyton Gonzalez.

Tolar plans family math night Feb. 25

In honor of Valentine's Day Tolar School will be having a "I Heart Math" themed Family Math Night for grades 4-8. The math night will

be Monday, Feb. 25 from 5-7 p.m. There will be fun, food, door prizes, and of course math! Students must be accompanied by an adult.

Tolar announces Good Citizens for December & January



ABOVE LEFT: The December Good Citizens are, Delmy Pineda, Maddie Grace Richter, Adrian Rangel, Alyssa Rudd, Princess Andrews, Zierra Boyd, Aubrie Arnold, Gustavo Perez, Jaime Chavez, Sarah Peddie, AJ Smith, Branden Summerlin, Kaleb Shiver, Jazmin Brinson, Alize Nord, Lucas Polver, Courtney Hall, Tayla Roberts, Lauren Johnson, Abygail Hernandez, Lawryn Daw-

son, Alex Sanchez, Alex Valdez, David Snipes, Kelsey Jones, Luke Johnson, Andrew Kern, Kaylee Wheatley, Brianna Clark and Alyssa Young.



ABOVE RIGHT: January Good Citizens are, Dylan Holcomb, Dirck Edwards, Taide Roblero, Cameryn McCollum, Daniel Jacobs, Diana Ibarra, Shelby Smith, Lizzie Kern, Lilimey Francis-

co, James Kroft, Lion Boutwel, Sumner Oswalt, Rosita Escandon, Emily Coxwell, Tristan Freels, Anthony Aldridge, Kade Williams, Cole Brandon, Ariana Martinez, Ashley Mims, Braddock Hobbs, Gaige Lewis, Daisy Puente, Stevie Vaughn, Alex Garcia, Emilea Thompson, Brice Dillmore, Blake Tharpe, Destiny Boyd, Tanner Young and Jaden Huff.

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The Bristol City Council will hold a

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With more than 3 million anglers in the state, it is likely you either know someone who fishes, or you are someone who fishes. Either way, Florida's license-free fishing days are the perfect venue to try your hand or introduce a friend to some of the finest fishing in the world.

During its February 13 meeting, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) selected Saturday, June 1 and Sunday, Sept. 1 as the 2013 saltwater license-free fishing days. On these days, the requirement to have a recreational fishing license is waived for Florida's residents and visitors while they are saltwater fishing.

The FWC offers four license-free fishing days a year: two saltwater and two freshwater. While the Commission selects new saltwater license-free fishing days on an annual basis, freshwater license-free fishing days are set to the first Saturday in April and the second Saturday in June.

This year's freshwater license-free fishing days are Saturday, April 6 and Saturday, June 8. Use these days to catch the big one and get rewarded for it. Sign up for an FWC freshwater angler recognition program in advance at www.Trophy-CatchFlorida.com and you will be entered into a drawing for a Phoenix bass boat powered by Mercury. If you catch, photograph and release a largemouth bass heavier than 8 pounds, you'll be eligible for great rewards or certificates for catching qualifying freshwater fish from among 33 exciting species in the program. The FWC will honor license-free freshwater fishing days as a legal exemption for fish caught on these dates.

To make these events accessible to as many people as possible, the FWC



plans these dates around holiday weekends and national events.

This year's June 1 saltwater and the June 8 freshwater license-free days are during National Fishing and Boating Week. Highlighted by significant national media coverage and public events, this week promotes

boating and fishing across the country as fun and healthy outdoor activities. In 2012, 37 states had at least one license-free fishing day during this annual event.

The September 1 saltwater license-free day falls on Labor Day weekend, when many families will be out on the water, enjoying one of the last big fishing weekends of summer. The ever-popular bay scallop season is also open to harvest on this date.

License-free days not only introduce

new anglers to the lifetime sport of fishing, they also economically benefit the state as those 3 million anglers cited by the American Sportfishing Association's "Sportfishing in America" report, shop at tackle stores, purchase boat fuel and bait and travel to their favorite fishing hole. Some of this money even finds its way back to the FWC via the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Sport Fish Restoration Program specifically to create more fishing and boating opportunities.

Go ahead and plan your fishing experience in advance. Ask friends to show you their favorite fishing spot. Get out the fishing poles for the kids (children under 16 are not required to have a fishing license year-round). Get ready to get into fishing in 2013.

But don't forget, all other regulations such as seasons, size limits and bag limits still apply on these days. Visit MyFWC.com/Fishing to learn more – from current regulations to fishing hotspots.

Gag grouper recreational season set for Gulf state waters

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) set the 2013 recreational gag grouper season for Gulf of Mexico state waters at its meeting Feb. 13 in Orlando.

The season in most state waters is slated to start July 1 and ends Dec. 3.

State waters off the coast of Taylor, Jefferson, Wakulla and Franklin counties, including

waters of the Steinhatchee River, Apalachicola Bay and Indian Pass, will have a gag grouper open season of April 1 through June 30. This four-county region will not be open during the July 1 through Dec. 3 season.

The Commission selected the April-to-June season for the four-county region to allow fishing opportunities for private recreational anglers in

this area when gag grouper are closer to shore and can be safely accessed by smaller boats. Because it is the least densely populated region of Florida's Gulf Coast, fishing effort for gag grouper is relatively low in these counties. By replacing the July 1-through-Dec. 3 season with a shorter but more desirable season in the Big Bend, the Commission hopes

to balance the economic and social needs of this region with the conservation needs of gag grouper.

Monroe County is excluded from the Gulf of Mexico season because it is included in the Atlantic season for gag grouper.

The selected seasons will offer Florida anglers the most number of gag grouper fishing

days while still contributing to the current rebuilding plan. The federal season has not yet been finalized but is expected to start July 1 and end sometime in late November or early December.

Learn more about gag grouper by visiting MyFWC.com/Fishing and clicking on "Saltwater," "Recreational Regulations" and "Gulf Grouper."

Sixty-eight Burmese pythons harvested in Everglades during Python Challenge

Competitors in the 2013 Python Challenge™ trekked through more than a million acres of swamps and sawgrass in search of the well-camouflaged Burmese python. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) today announced the results: 68 Burmese pythons harvested during the January 12 through February 10 competition.

The goal of the Python Challenge was to heighten public awareness about this invasive species, yet it also proved to be an unprecedented opportunity to gather important data about Burmese python populations and their impact on the Everglades ecosystem.

"Thanks to the determination of Python Challenge competitors, we are able to gather invaluable information that will help refine and focus combined efforts to control pythons in the Everglades," FWC Executive Director Nick Wiley said. "The enthusiastic support

from the public, elected officials, conservation organizations, government agencies and researchers gives hope that we can make progress on this difficult conservation challenge by working together."

At the Python Challenge Awareness and Awards Event at Zoo Miami on February 16, FWC Commissioner Ron Bergeron and Wiley congratulated and presented trophies to the top competitors. Nearly 1,600 people from 38 states, the District of Columbia and Canada had registered for the competition.

Here are the official 2013 Python Challenge™ results: the \$1,500 Grand Prize for harvesting the most Burmese pythons went to Brian Barrows, who harvested 6 pythons in the General Competition, and Ruben Ramirez, who harvested 18 pythons in the Python Permit Holders Competition. The Second Place Prize of \$750 in the most-harvested category went

to Bill Booth, who harvested 5 pythons in the General Competition, and Blake Russ, who harvested 5 pythons in the Python Permit Holders Competition.

The \$1,000 First Place Prize for harvesting the longest Burmese python went to Paul Shannon, who harvested a 14-foot, 3-inch-long python in the General Competition, and Ruben Ramirez, who harvested a 10-foot, 6.8-inch-long python in the Python Permit Holders Competition. The Second Place Prize of \$750 in the longest snake category went to Rigoberto Figueroa, for a 14-foot, 2.3-inch-long python in the General Competition, and Ruben Ramirez, who harvested a 10-foot, 3.6-inch-long python in the Python Permit Holders Competition.

Wiley thanked sponsors of the 2013 Python Challenge™ who provided prize money and other donations to the Wildlife Foundation of Florida in support of this event. Sponsors included Commissioner "Alligator Ron" Bergeron, Rachel Dodd, the Felburn Foundation, the Flowers Foundation, Golight Inc., Hoorag Bandanas, Incinc, K-Light Solar Lantern and Flashlight, Florida Wildlife Federation, Richmond Criminal Law and Mr. B.R. Slocum. Due to the generosity of sponsors, additional prizes were added.

Florida prohibits possession or sale of Burmese pythons for use as pets, and federal law bans the importation and interstate sale of this species. The public can help the fight to control invasive species such as Burmese pythons by:

- Reporting sightings of exotic species to (888) IVE-GOT-1 or www.ivegot1.org. It's helpful if you can submit a photo and location.

- Not releasing an exotic pet into the wild, and reminding others of the dangers of releasing nonnative species.



'Ladies, Let's Go Fishing!' event offers fishing fun plus kayaking

The popular sport of kayak fishing will be part of the next "Ladies, Let's Go Fishing!" seminar, hosted March 9-10 at the Matlacha Community Park, 4577 Pine Island Road N.W., Matlacha, which is just offshore of Fort Myers.

The event is held in conjunction with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) through the Sport Fish Restoration Program.

Ladies, Let's Go Fishing! is a national organization dedicated to attracting more women to sport fishing and to promoting conservation and responsible angling.

During the two-day, hands-on event, FWC educators will demonstrate ethical angler habits, such as safe hook removal, release techniques, fish venting and more. Local fishing guides will provide

instruction on kayak fishing and angling techniques. The second day offers an optional fishing trip from kayaks, pontoon boats and flats boats.

"We have chosen to host our Gulf Coast event at Matlacha, a beautiful part of the state with bountiful fishing," commented Ladies, Let's Go Fishing! founder Betty Bauman. "It's a refreshing location, perfect for beginners, those who have fished before or any lady with fishing on her bucket list!"

"I learned more about fishing in two days than from my dad in 20 years," said former participant Georgia Allen of Bonita Springs.

To learn more, visit ladiesletsgofishing.com, call (954) 475-9068 or email info@ladiesletsgofishing.com.

NOTICE

As a courtesy to Property Owners in Liberty County, the Property Appraiser's Office would like to inform you that the Automatic Renewal Notices for **Homestead Exemption and Greenbelt** have been mailed. You **DO NOT** have to return the receipt. You will be automatically renewed.

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**.

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Attention: Senior Citizens 65 & Older

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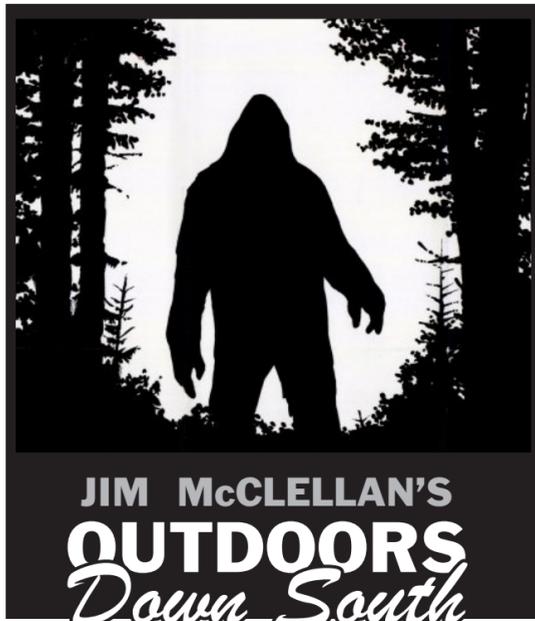
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RETHINKING BIGFOOT: Let's just go with it!

Just so we're all clear, I don't believe in Bigfoot and I think the Animal Planet producers are probably a few worms short of a full can. Of course I also don't believe in teenage wizards, but that didn't keep the Harry Potter series from raking in billions of dollars. That's why I've been rethinking my opinion about all this recent Finding Bigfoot hoo-ha. I'm starting to believe it might just be a wonderful opportunity for Liberty County and the surrounding area.



near the campsite." That's human nature and, as Roswell proves, it's enough to get more people to come year after year.

Also, when you stop and think about it, an undiscovered species in Liberty County isn't really that much of a leap. The late E.E. Callaway already convinced a bunch of folks that the Garden of Eden is here. Scientists know that we have lots rare and unique plants in that same area. How hard would it be to sell the idea that maybe not all

the animals made it onto Noah's Ark? Ever heard of Roswell, New Mexico? It's the kind of place that even tumbleweeds normally avoid. Yet every year thousands of people flock to that town, hoping to get a glimpse of a UFO. Why? Because a news story from the 1940s about the crash of a supposed alien spacecraft and the presence of the government's mysterious Area 51 research facility.

All it takes nowadays is the occasional grainy photo or shaky video to keep people coming back there year after year. Sure they're nuts, but their money's green and the people of Roswell are probably singing as they roll wheelbarrows full of tourist dollars to the bank.

So, here's my idea: Let's just go with this whole Sasquatch-in-the-Panhandle idea. All we really need to do is carve out a remote spot in Torreya State Park – well away from the environmentally sensitive areas, of course – and set up a Bigfoot observation center.

I'm pretty sure the Park Service would go along with the idea, given that it would bring in more visitors. And the other business possibilities are endless: campgrounds, restaurants, souvenir shops and motels, just to name a few. Plus, visitors who travel here to see Bigfoot probably would be gullible enough to buy anything else we wanted to sell them.

What happens when they don't meet the magical creature? Don't worry, everyone will see *something*. Nobody's going to travel hundreds or thousands of miles only to go back home and they'll tell their friends, "Well, we sure are suckers."

Nope. Instead they'll say, "We caught a glimpse of something" or "I think I heard one

the animals made it onto Noah's Ark?

Maybe Bigfoots (Bigfeet?) nodded off in the Land of Nod and missed the boat. Maybe the Great Flood didn't quite cover up the bluffs. We don't have to believe it; we just need to pose the questions.

Furthermore, have you read how most witnesses describe the creature? A big, hairy, apelike animal that sneaks around through the woods. Tell me that doesn't describe about half of us humans here during hunting season. Give him a ball cap and some camo and Bigfoot could hide in plain sight for months at a time.

Oh, and here's the best part: Any time the Apalachicola River gets too low, we can accuse the Corps of Engineers of endangering Bigfoot habitat. They don't seem to care about the oysters, the mussels or the fish. But if we convince folks this is Sasquatch stomping ground, maybe they'll be forced to let us have some more water.

The only downside I see is that we would have to put up with more tourists. But if we could funnel them from the Interstate, through a maze of locally owned stores and then into the park, it might keep them a safe distance away from the rest of us. (At least far enough that we don't have to hear any Bigfoot stories.)

Personally, I'll never believe in Bigfoot until I see one alive or hanging upside down at Big Bend Bait & Tackle. But I do believe in capitalism. So I say, let's embrace ol' Sasquatch for now and let the market tell us how real he is.

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. His columns can also be found on his blog, outdoorsdownsouth.com.

Final falconry rules get FWC approval

At a recent meeting in Orlando, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) approved a final rule regarding falconry, wildlife rehabilitation and taking of wildlife on roads and rights-of-way.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the FWC currently share regulatory authority for this practice, including issuing permits for falconers. However, the USFWS is now relinquishing its responsibilities to states.

"For falconry to continue to be allowed in Florida, the FWC must amend rules and regulations to meet or exceed federal standards and they must be certified by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service," said Maj. Curtis Brown, who presented the proposed new rules.

Commissioners discussed the amendments, heard public comment and ultimately approved the new rules as presented by staff. These amendments relate specifically to classification of falconers; reinstatement of lapsed permits; restoration of

suspended or revoked permits; the take, acquisition and transportation of raptors; housing and temporary care; feathers and carcasses of raptors; propagation and the addition of merlins as a raptor species to be used by apprentice falconers.

At its September 2012 meeting in Tampa, the Commissioners approved the draft amendments and directed staff to continue to work with stakeholders concerning the addition of merlins.

"We gathered further input from stakeholders and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service," Brown said. "We have included language in the new rule to allow apprentice falconers to possess merlins with support and guidance from their sponsor."

The rules being amended are 69A-9.006 and 68A-4.008, which will take effect July 1; 68A-9.005 has been amended and will take effect January 1, 2014.

For more information about falconry regulations, visit MyFWC.com/Rules and select "Proposed Rule Changes."

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Calhoun County School Board to seek special facility funds with plans to focus on the future of Altha School

BLOUNTSTOWN - On Monday, Feb. 18 Calhoun County Superintendent of Schools Ralph Yoder, announced that the Calhoun County School Board (CCSB) has approved action to begin the process of requesting funds from the State of Florida to construct a new school in Altha. The school board approved the measure during the regularly scheduled school board meeting on February 14, 2013. The action comes on the heels of the approval of the recommendation set forth in the Florida Department of Education Office (FDOE) of Educational Facilities five-year facility survey. While the request will not require any additional taxation above what is currently levied by the CCSB, it will require a local contribution to the effort. As an

example, less than 11% of the cost of the recently completed Blountstown High School was shouldered by Calhoun County. The balance was provided through the FDOE Office of Educational Facilities.

The CCSB sees this as a necessary investment into the future of the Calhoun County school system, as well as for current and future students of Altha Public School. It is the responsibility of the school board to provide a safe, productive learning environment for all students that offers up-to-date technology. This action will begin a process to construct a new facility on the Altha campus that will facilitate the education of the leaders of tomorrow.

Superintendent Ralph Yoder stated, "I was elected on providing principled lead-

ership from this generation to the next. This action upholds my commitment. The construction of a new school will replace an aging facility and allow many of our students to move from eleven portable classrooms. We will work closely with our legislative delegation to ensure they know how critical this investment is to the Calhoun County school system. Responsible leadership not only takes care of today, it also prepares for tomorrow."

Kenneth Speights, chairman of the school board stated, "We know that the teachers and staff are what makes the difference in the lives of our students' future and while buildings don't make a school, we know that the need for updated facilities are critical for a productive learning

environment for our students." Kelly King, whose district includes Altha stated, "I am honored to have made the motion to begin the process of requesting special facility funds for a new Altha school."

I look forward to working with the staff of the Calhoun County School Board and elected officials in meeting the critical needs of our school system."

In Governor Scott's most recent budget proposal, funding was included for the construction of two public schools, one in Dixie County and one in Glades County. The steps taken by the Calhoun County School Board will allow for the necessary application process for Calhoun County schools to be considered in the 2014 Legislative General Appropriations Act.

ALTHA NEWS

ALTHA PTO PLANS ANNUAL BBQ FUNDRAISER

MARCH 2 – Mark your calendars for the Annual PTO BBQ to be held on Saturday, Mar. 2. Plates are \$6 and include Boston Butt, BBQ Beans, Potato Salad and Bread. See any elementary student, teacher or PTO member to purchase tickets.

You can pick up plates behind the Altha School Lunchroom from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Drinks and Desserts will be available for an additional price as a fundraiser for the Project Graduation committee. The Altha PTO is an active group of parents, teachers and community members who work to help Altha School. Some of the things they provide are FCAT Incentives and Rewards, Kids of Character, Graduation Reception, a Senior Scholarship, and End of Year Awards. Last year the PTO BBQ raised over \$1,500. Thank you for your support!

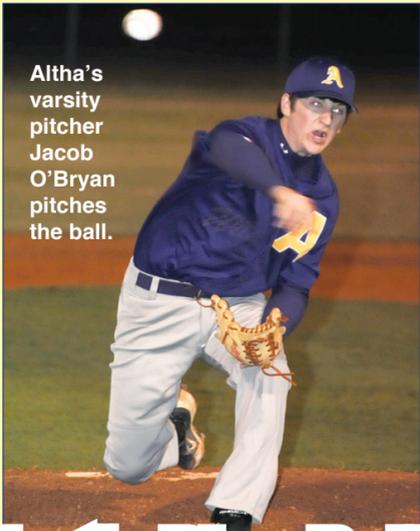
PENNIES FOR PATIENTS CAMPAIGN – Altha School is again participating in the "Pennies for Patients" campaign. Start collecting your spare change and turning it in to the proper boxes labeled "Pennies for Patients". Elementary boxes are located in their classrooms. Middle school boxes are in the Language classrooms and high school boxes are located in the Media Center.

This campaign incorporates service learning into a program that helps fight blood cancers. Funds are collected in honor of local student survivors and current patients. By simply donating change and watching the coins add up, each student learns that even a small effort can make a real difference in the lives of others. The school is also rewarded with various prizes, such as class parties, candy, and popsicles.

ALTHA PAGEANT MARCH 9 – The Altha Public School Student Council wishes to invite your daughter to participate in the 2013 Little Miss/Junior Miss/Teen Miss/Miss Altha Pageant, which will be held on Saturday, Mar. 9, 2013 at the Altha School Gymnasium.

The entry fee for the 2013 Altha Pageant is \$65. Please make checks payable to Altha School. Deadline to enter is Friday, Mar. 1 by 3:15 p.m. Participants must be an Altha Resident or an Altha Public School or Carr School student or a graduate of Altha Public School. Winners of Little Miss, Junior Miss, Teen Miss and Miss ARE REQUIRED to complete in the Miss Northwest Florida Pageant or they will forfeit their title and crown. There is a category for anybody ages 7 to 24.

For more information contact Russell Baggett at 762-3121 or russell.baggett@calhounflschools.org

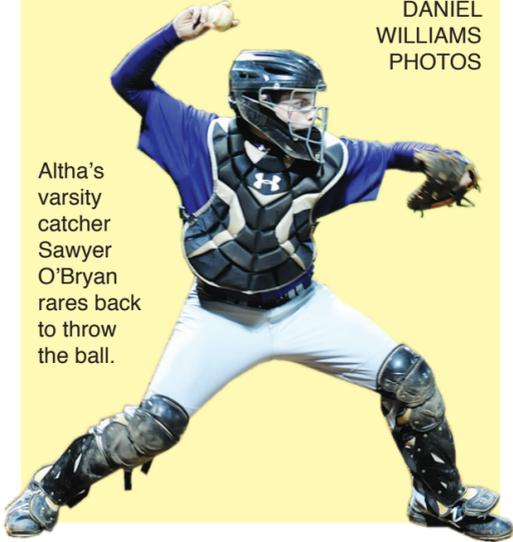


Altha's varsity pitcher Jacob O'Bryan pitches the ball.

Let's Play Ball

Altha played a good game on Friday, winning 11-6 against Popular Springs High School.

DANIEL WILLIAMS PHOTOS



Altha's varsity catcher Sawyer O'Bryan rares back to throw the ball.



Altha's Lynn scoops up a ground ball.

Lady Wildcats lose to Monroe High 20-1 Friday

Altha Lady Wildcats played a good game on Friday but were not able to pull off the win. The girls lost to Monroe High 20-1.

DANIEL WILLIAMS PHOTOS



Altha's Jessica Wilks winds up to make the pitch.

BHS students compete in 2013 Capital Regional Science and Engineering Fair on February 15

Bart Nichols and Jessica Harrell accompanied BHS Science students to the Capital Regional Science and Engineering Fair on Friday, Feb. 15. There were 34 High School Level Science Projects entered into the completion and Blountstown High School students were responsible for 15 of those entries.



The students displayed their projects and were interviewed by the Capital Regional Science and Engineering Fair Judges. Many of the projects received awards and recognition. BHS Principal, Debbie Williams, Ed. D. and all of the faculty and staff are very proud of the success of these students. Our school level Science Fair was reinstated last year and the success of this group of students at Regional Competition has become an important part

of the "BHS Tiger Pride".

The students receiving awards and recognition are as follows:

- Earth and Planetary Science:
 - 1st Place-Hunter Price and Tristan Wood
 - 2nd Place-Derek Eberly and Colton Purvis
- Engineering:
 - 2nd Place-Lexie DeVuyst and Chessa Goodman
- Environmental Science:
 - 1st Place- Mitchell Darnell and Kristen Jenkins
- Medicine and Health Sciences:
 - 2nd Place- Olivia Atkins and Heather Yoder
- Physics and Astronomy:
 - 3rd Place-Austin Britt and Scott Ludlow
- Honorable Mention-Kylee Harrell
- Zoology:
 - 1st Place-J.P. Leonard and Trip Taylor
 - 2nd Place Malac Johnson
 - 3rd Place-Tate Bennett and Gage Stone

Blountstown High Team Curl T-Shirt re-order deadline set February 22

We want to thank the community for their response to our efforts to support Teresa Curl with the Team Curl shirts.

Since several people have asked about buying shirts since we received the order, we are going to place a second order. If you would like to order a shirt, please contact Dana Ayers at 674-5724 (Blountstown High School) by Friday, Feb. 22. We will be happy to include you. The cost for a shirt is \$16.

BHS attends Chipola Throssell Literature/Language Festival

Chipola College held the Throssell Literature /Language Festival on February 15. The BHS student competitors were sponsored by Mrs. Debra Betts.

For the President's Reading Contest, there is only one winner chosen. The winner selected was Faith Plazarin, who received fifty dollars in cash and Chipola's Presidential Medallion. Karah Beaver won first place in the writing contest. In the speech contest, Andrew Bennet won third place, and Melissa Newsome won honorable mention. In the grammar/mechanics/usuage contest, Casey Johnson won honorable mention.



The administration, faculty, and staff are proud of each of our students who competed.

FROM LEFT: Faith Plazarin, Casey Johnson, Karah Beaver, Andrew Bennett, Melissa Newsome.

SCHOOL LUNCH Feb. 20 - Feb. 26 MENU

CALHOUN

WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST: Pancakes with syrup and turkey sausage patty. LUNCH: Sloppy Joe or chicken burger or chef salad served with french fries, green peas and fruit.	salad served with baked potato wedges, sliced tomatoes and lettuce and fresh fruit.
THURSDAY BREAKFAST: Ham and cheese biscuit with potato tots. LUNCH: Oven baked chicken or chicken burger or chicken Caesar salad served with sweet potatoes, green beans, corn bread and fruit.	MONDAY BREAKFAST: Pancakes with syrup and turkey sausage patty. LUNCH: Chicken BBQ sandwich or chicken burger or chef salad served with broccoli, french fries and fruit.
FRIDAY BREAKFAST: Waffles with syrup and turkey sausage patty. LUNCH: Pepperoni pizza or chicken Caesar wrap or taco	TUESDAY BREAKFAST: Egg and cheese biscuit, potato tots. LUNCH: Beef vegetable soup with grilled cheese sandwich or cheese burger or chicken Caesar salad served with carrot sticks with ranch dressing and fruit.

LIBERTY

WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST: Cheese grits and sausage patty. LUNCH: Sizzling hard shell beef tacos or open faced turkey sandwich or BBQ chicken salad with crackers served with shredded lettuce and tomato and refried beans.	salad with cheese, crackers and croutons served with green beans and tossed salad with tomatoes and light dressing. Pre-K and 4th grade cheese pizza
THURSDAY BREAKFAST: Whole wheat cinnamon toast and ham slice. LUNCH: Oven fried chicken with dinner roll or toasted turkey and cheese sandwich or cobb chef salad with crackers served with mashed potatoes with gravy and steamed broccoli. 2nd & 3rd grade cheese pizza	MONDAY BREAKFAST: Yogurt parfait and granola crackers. LUNCH: Toasted turkey and cheese sandwich with tomato soup or grilled chicken sandwich or chicken Caesar wrap served with green beans and glazed carrots. Kg & 1st grade cheese pizza
FRIDAY BREAKFAST: Scrambled eggs and grits. LUNCH: Italian spaghetti with meat sauce or pepperoni pizza or chef	TUESDAY BREAKFAST: Scrambled eggs and biscuit. LUNCH: Beef-A-Roni with garlic bread or turkey and cheese on Autumn grain or tuna salad wrap served with glazed carrots and tossed salad with tomatoes and light dressing.

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

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Jan. 15 Liberty School Board regular meeting minutes

Official minutes from the Jan. 15 regular meeting of the Liberty County School Board as recorded by the board secretary

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

The Prayer was offered by Reverend Roger Phillips, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Bristol. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Peddie.

RECOGNITIONS

There were no recognitions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NOTE: Any person addressing the board is reminded that the name of the student, other than the children of the person addressing the Board, should not be mentioned or disclosed in the person's comments. This time is set aside for the Citizens of Liberty County to address the School Board. This is not a question or answer period, nor a political forum. Personal accusations and/or derogatory remarks will not be tolerated. Comments should be limited to three minutes or less. In the interest of time, the Chairman reserves the right to limit the number of speakers on a single topic to two individuals.

There were no public comments.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by Kever, seconded Tharpe and carried unanimously to approve Consent Items A, B, C, and E

- A. Approval of Minutes from Dec. 11, 2012, Regular Board Meeting
- B. Principals' Reports for Dec. 2012
- C. Financial Statements for Dec. 2012
- D. NONE
- E. Bills and Payroll for Dec. 2012

ACTION ITEMS

A. Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Kever and carried unanimously to approve the request from UF/IFAS Liberty County Extension Director, Monica Brinkley, to use the Horse Arena located on school board property for its 4-H Horse Club for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year.

B. Motion was made by Tharpe, seconded by Hayes and carried unanimously to approve Bristol Youth Academy (BYA) calendar.

C. Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Tharpe and carried unanimously to approve an additional School Resource Officer position for Hosford School. This position will be funded from "Safe Schools" monies.

D. DELETE

E. Motion was made by Kever, seconded by Hayes and carried unanimously to approve the following changes in banking signature authorizations for Centennial Bank: Delete Harriet Brady and Jon Rusty Hill as authorized signees FROM the Liberty County High School account and add Aaron Day and Stephen Craig Shuler as authorized signees TO the Liberty County High School account. Delete Jeff Sewell and Stacie Fant as authorized signees FROM the W.R. Tolar School account and add Dana Burns as an authorized signee TO the W.R. Tolar School account. Delete Aaron Day as an authorized signee FROM the Hosford School account and add Jeff Sewell as an authorized signee TO the Hosford School account.

F. Motion was made by Tharpe, seconded by Hayes, and carried unanimously to approve Jon "Rusty" Hill as the Representative and Gloria Gay Uzzell as an Alternate to the Apalachee Regional Planning Council Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, effective Jan. 3, 2013.

PERSONNEL

A. Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Hayes, and carried unanimously to approve Linda Bontrager entering DROP, effective Dec. 1, 2012.

B. Motion was made by Tharpe, seconded by Hayes, and carried unanimously to approve recommendation to transfer Stacie Fant from Secretary, W.R. Tolar School, to District Secretary for Director of Administration, effective Dec. 17, 2012.

C. Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Hayes

and carried unanimously to approve recommendation to hire Lisa Rast as Para-Professional at W.R.Tolar School, effective Dec. 20, 2012.

D. Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Tharpe, and carried unanimously to approve recommendation to transfer Dana Burns from Executive Secretary for the Superintendent, to School Secretary at W.R. Tolar School, effective Jan. 1, 2013.

E. Motion was made by Hayes, seconded by Tharpe, and carried unanimously to approve transfer of Mary Eubanks from Fiscal Assistant: Food Service, to Executive Secretary for the Superintendent, effective Jan. 1, 2013.

F. Motion was made by Kever, seconded by Reddick, and carried unanimously to approve the recommendation to hire Harriet Brady as Teacher on Special Assignment: Administrative Dean/Instructional Coach at W.R. Tolar School, 10 months, effective Jan. 1, 2013.

G. Motion was made by Hayes, seconded by Kever and carried unanimously to approve the recommendation to hire Jon "Rusty" Hill for Teacher on Special Assignment: Transportation/Risk Management, effective Jan. 1, 2013.

H. Motion was made by Tharpe, seconded by Hayes and carried unanimously to approve the recommendation to hire Aaron Day as Liberty County High School Principal, effective Jan. 1, 2013.

I. Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Tharpe and carried unanimously to approve the recommendation to hire Stephen "Craig" Shuler as Liberty County High School Assistant Principal, effective Jan. 1, 2013.

J. Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Hayes and carried unanimously to approve the recommendation to hire Jeff Sewell as Hosford Elementary and Jr. High School Principal, effective Jan. 1, 2013.

K. Motion was made by Tharpe, seconded by Hayes and carried unanimously to approve the recommendation to hire Lara Deason as Teacher on Special Assignment: Administrative Dean/Instructional Coach for W.R. Tolar School, 12 months, effective Jan. 1, 2013.

L. Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Tharpe and carried unanimously to approve the recommendation to hire Spencer "Seth" Geiger as Teacher on Special Assignment: Administrative Dean/Instructional Coach for Hosford School, 10 months, effective Jan. 1, 2013.

M. Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Hayes and carried unanimously to approve the recommendation to hire Alex Mercer as Teacher on Special Assignment: Administrative Dean/Instructional Coach for Bristol Youth Academy (BYA), Horizons, Early Learning Center, and Adult Education - Special Programs, 12 months, effective Jan. 1, 2013.

N. Motion was made by Hayes, seconded by Tharpe and carried unanimously to approve the recommendation to approve the resignation of Harriet Brady, effective Jan. 3, 2013.

O. Motion was made by Hayes, seconded by Kever and carried unanimously to approve the recommendation to approve the transfer of Lisa Rast from Para-Professional, W.R. Tolar School, to Fiscal Assistant: Food Service, effective Jan. 3, 2013.

P. Motion was made by Tharpe, seconded by Hayes, and carried unanimously to approve the recommendation to approve the to hire Colonel Robert Quint for the SAI JrROTC position at Liberty County High School, effective Jan. 4, 2013.

Q. Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Kever, and carried unanimously to approve the recommendation to hire Beckie Black as Guidance Counselor, Hosford School, effective Jan. 9, 2013.

R. Motion was made by Tharpe, seconded by Hayes, and carried unanimously to approve the recommendation to hire Heather Clark as Guidance Counselor, W.R. Tolar School, effective Jan. 16, 2013.

S. Motion was made by Hayes, seconded by Reddick, and carried unanimously to approve the recommendation to hire Paula Parrish as Finance Coordinator/Supervisor, effective Jan. 22, 2013.

1. DELETE.

OLD BUSINESS

An original motion was made at the December 11, 2012, meeting to table the Budget Amendments for November, 2012. A motion was made by Kever, seconded by Tina Tharpe, and carried unanimously to take the motion off the table. A motion was made by Kever, seconded by Tharpe, and carried unanimously to approve the Budget Amendments for November, 2012.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Logan Kever discussed that Rex Lumber wanted to donate money to help with athletic facilities. A committee was recommended to form a plan. Committee Members: Superintendent Uzzell, Logan Kever, Tommy Duggar, Jennifer Sewell, Aaron Day, Ed Mercer, and Kevin Williams. Committee will meet on Jan. 22, 2013, at 6:00 PM.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent announced the award of a DJJ grant which was approximately \$20,000. Superintendent also mentioned her gratitude to the School Board for approving the School Resource Officer position for Hosford and shared that she'd received many positive comments from parents and others in the community regarding the changes in our schools.

BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

Darrel Hayes discussed the work order report for maintenance. Kevin Williams reported that the high school gym has been repaired and is not leaking. Roger Reddick mentioned the Hosford PTO fundraiser and asked if the School Board would match the amount they raised to buy playground equipment. Reddick will get more information to present at a later time.

EMERGENCY ITEMS: none

CONSENT ITEMS

A. Motion was made by Hayes, seconded by Tharpe and carried unanimously to approve the recommendation to hire Brenda Green as Teacher on Special Assignment: Administrative Dean/Instructional Coach for W.R. Tolar School, 10 months, effective Jan. 14, 2013.

B. Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Tharpe and carried unanimously to approve Family Medical Leave (FMLA) for Amanda Eikeland from Jan. 8, 2013 - Feb. 13, 2013.

C. Motion was made by Hayes, seconded by Reddick carried unanimously to approve the request by Wendy Phillips to discontinue her contracted services to assist in the Finance Department, effective Jan. 8, 2013.

D. Motion was made by Kever, seconded by Tharpe and carried unanimously to approve the recommendation to hire Misty Holcomb as Para Professional at W.R. Tolar School, effective Jan. 15, 2013.

E. Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Tharpe and carried unanimously to approve the transfer of employees. See attached memorandum.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Motion was made by Kever, seconded by Hayes and carried unanimously to approve the request for prison labor from Liberty Correctional Institution to begin renovations to the Emergency Management Building purchased by the district to house Horizons School.

B. Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Kever, and carried unanimously to approve student, _____ to attend liberty County Adult School Program as a 15-year-old.

C. Motion was made by Hayes, seconded by Tharpe and carried unanimously to approve student, _____ to attend Liberty County Adult School Program and take the GED after completion of a prescribed course of study.

D. Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Tharpe and carried unanimously to approve recommendation for a third party audit of major vendors/contracts by Carr, Riggs and Ingram. After discussion, a decision was made to allow the Auditor General's Office to complete their audit and if the AG's audit had findings with regard to major vendors/contractors that merited a more in depth look the Board would take up this item again in a future meeting. Reddick withdrew his original Motion; Hayes seconded and carried unanimously to withdraw.

E. Motion was made by Tharpe, seconded by Reddick and carried unanimously to approve the office of Program Policy and Government Accountability 2011-2012 School Safety and Security Best practiced Self-Assessment Form, as required by Section 1006.07(6), Florida Statutes.

ATTACHMENT:

EMERGENCY ITEMS, CONSENT ITEMS: EMPLOYEE TRANSFERS

A. Approve transfer of Kyler Peddie from Liberty County High School to W.R. Tolar School, effective Jan. 14, 2013.

B. Approve transfer of Kammy Mann from Liberty County High School to W.R. Tolar School, effective Jan. 14, 2013.

C. Approve transfer of Trikia White from Liberty County High School to W.R. Tolar School, effective Jan. 14, 2013.

D. Approve transfer of Laurie Brandon from W.R. Tolar School to Liberty County High School, effective Jan. 14, 2013.

E. Approve transfer of Gerard Steel from W.R. Tolar School to Liberty County High School, effective Jan. 14, 2013.

F. Approve transfer of David Shuler from Liberty County High School to Bristol Youth Academy, effective Jan. 14, 2013.

G. Approve transfer of Eric Willis from Bristol Youth Academy to Liberty County High School, effective Jan. 28, 2013.

H. Approve transfer of Tammy Pullam from Data Entry, W.R. Tolar, to Para Professional at W. R. Tolar School, effective Jan. 14, 2013, (replacing Lisa Rast's position).

I. Approve transfer of Ladell Holland from Para Professional at Horizons School to Data Entry at W.R. Tolar School, effective Jan. 14, 2013, (replacing Tammy Pullam's position).

J. Approve transfer of Dawn Lake, Para Professional at Early Learning Center, to Para Professional at Horizon's School, effective Jan. 14, 2013, (replacing Ladell Holland's position).

K. Approve transfer of Rene Odom, Para Professional at W.R. Tolar School, to Para Professional at Early Learning Center, effective Jan. 14, 2013, (replacing Dawn Lake's position).

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Hayes and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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Hosford School raises \$2,000 for 'Relay for Life' Feb. 14

Hosford School is Huntin' The Cure! We are so proud of our students! Each grade had a goal of \$100 which made our school goal \$1,000. We have met that goal and doubled it! Many classes hosted Read-A-Thons, hat days and other great fundraising events.

On Thursday, Feb. 14, Hosford School showed their "love" by participating in their own mini-relay. They walked three or more laps around the school (an in honor of lap, a survivor lap and a warrior lap).

Hosford School would like to thank Ms. Shannon Rodriguez from the American Cancer Society for presenting a brief presentation to our students about what Relay is doing for our communities and a big thanks to Ramsey's Piggly Wiggly in Bristol for donating bottled water to sell at our Walk-A-Thon.

BES NEWS



'JUST FOR FLORIDA' RACE CAR – The "Just Read Florida" Race Car has been traveling around the state prompting reading.

On Wednesday, Feb. 13, it came to Calhoun County and visited Blountstown Elementary School that morning.

The car has actually made a lap around the Daytona Speedway!

What a great motivation to get our students reading!

VALENTINE'S DAY 2013 – We celebrated Valentine's Day with lots of the traditional candy, flowers and special activities.

It was a great day at B.E.S.!

Important Dates To Remember

- *Feb. 21 - 1st Grade Field Trip,
- *Feb. 26 - 28 - FCAT Writing Test for 4th Grade



Lady Bulldog Leanne Smith (#18) slides under the tag of Lady Tiger Trudy Alford.



SAFE!

The LCHS Lady Bulldogs softball played the Blountstown Lady Tigers Thursday, Feb. 14. Blountstown's JV pulled out the win against Liberty's team. The Lady Bulldogs Varsity team finished the game in the 3rd inning using the 'Mercy Rule' with a 15-0 score against the Lady Tigers. Liberty's Carly Sapp had a 2-3 home run and Ashley Sykes pitched a no hitter for the game. DANIEL WILLIAMS PHOTOS

LCHS baseball kicks off season winning Thurs. & Friday games

The Liberty County High School Bulldog baseball team opened its season by defeating Marianna High and Sneads High School on Thursday and Friday.

In Thursday night's game, the Bulldogs traveled to Marianna to take on the 4-A Marianna Bulldogs. Liberty County came out on top by the score of 3 - 2.

Getting the win on the mound was Senior left hander JoJo Durden. JoJo went 5 inning allowing only two hits and 2 runs, only one of the runs was earned. He struck out 9 Marianna batters while only allowing one base on balls. "JoJo took up where he left of last year. He had great command of his fastball and that helped to set up his curveball and his change-up," Coach Donnie Coxwell said. Offensively it was a sluggish start for the Dawgs.

At the plate they were led by Junior center-fielder Hunter Jacobs who had two hits and scored all three Bulldog runs.

Freshman Micah McCaskill had two hits and Seniors Hayden Swier and Chuck Morris each added a hit a piece. "We were a little disappointed with they way we came out swinging the bats tonight," the coach said. "We are taking too many pitches and not being aggressive enough."

One of the other highlights of the night was the pitching performance of Junior Monroe Hinson. Monroe came in in the sixth inning and pitched the rest of the game, earning the save. "Monroe did a really good job getting those last six outs for us. He threw strikes and kept the ball down," according to Coxwell.

On Friday the Bulldogs traveled to Sneads to take on the Pirates. The Bulldogs scored 4 runs in the top of the seventh to earn the win. "I am proud of the way we battled back and won this game," their coach said.

The Bulldogs started Senior Hayden Swier on the mound. Hayden went 3 2/3 innings for the Dawgs. "Hayden kept us in the game. He struck out 7 and walked two and gave up two earned runs," the coach said. Hayden's pitch count got up and we had to get him in the 4th.

Senior Dustin Watson came in and pitched the rest of the game to pick up the win. "Dustin pitched really well," according to Coxwell. "He gave up three runs in the fifth but got went the sixth and seventh without giving up a run to give us for the win."

Once again the Dawgs struggled at the plate. The Dawgs were led at the plate by Hunter Jacobs who was 3 for 3 at the plate with two doubles and a triple and scored four runs and had 2 RBI. "Hunter is hitting the ball really well for us right now," said Coxwell. "He is using the whole field and when he gets on he is always a threat to steal a base." Hayden Swier added two hits and Dustin Watson, Chuck Morris, JoJo Durden, and Chase Taylor each added a hit a piece for the Dawgs. "We had done very little at the plate until the last inning then we had 5 hits in a row and scored four runs to get the lead."

The Bulldogs have a big week ahead of them with three games. They play Franklin County at home on Tuesday for their first District game of the season, South Walton at home on Thursday for another important District game and then the Dawgs travel to Wakulla on Friday to take on the 5-A War Eagles. Thursday's game will be a JV/Varsity double header starting at 4 p.m. (EST).

Calhoun County Take Stock in Children awards Aubree Bay and Edward Ellis this years scholarship



ABOVE: Aubree Bay from Altha School. BELOW: Edward 'Lee' Ellis from Blountstown High.



Calhoun County Take Stock in Children Council Members interviewed thirteen local ninth graders who applied for the Take Stock in Children Scholarship on Thursday, Feb. 7. Council Members were pleased to award two scholarships this year; scholarships were awarded to Altha Public School student, Aubree Bay, daughter of Gailand Bay and Nicole White Gonzalez and to Blountstown High School student, Edward "Lee" Ellis, son of Janet Ellis.

After high school graduation, these two students' Take Stock in Children Scholarship will be activated upon their entry into college. In the meantime, as a scholarship recipient, each student will be partnered with a mentor, thus providing support throughout their high school years. The mentor will also provide motivation, tutoring, continuous monitoring, intervention services, and college and career counseling.

In accepting these scholarships, the students will sign performance contracts agreeing to maintain good

grades, exhibit positive behavior, demonstrate a willingness to work with their mentor, and remain drug and crime free.

The two-year scholarships that were awarded to Aubree and Lee were made possible through monetary donations from individuals and businesses in our community. The number of scholarships awarded each year depends entirely upon donations received. Donations made to the program stay in Calhoun County and provide opportunities to our local students.

On Feb. 20 our local schools participated in "Hat Day." Students were offered the opportunity to contribute \$1 each, in order to wear a hat throughout the school day. All contributions collected will go to support the Take Stock In Children Scholarship fund.

For information on how you can help support Take Stock in Children with donations or mentoring services, contact Rebecca Stanley at (850) 674-5724, ext. 26.



Goodwill Big Bend launches donate movement to help consumers reduce waste and improve communities

TALLAHASSEE - Hoping to spark a movement with huge environmental and social benefits, Goodwill Industries - Big Bend, Inc. is launching a local version of the national "Donate Movement". This public awareness campaign is to emphasize the positive impact that donating clothing and other household goods can have on communities and the planet.

Along with the launch of the "Donate Movement," Goodwill Big Bend is introducing a new "D" donation icon which represents responsible donating. The hope is that the symbol will become universally known for donating like the universal three arrow recycling symbol.

Goodwill estimates that the campaign could remove millions of pounds of clothing and textiles a year

from the local landfill alone, while putting local residents to work and supporting Goodwill's core mission of job training and affordable housing for people with disabilities.

Just as the recycling movement has produced huge environmental benefits by changing human behavior, Goodwill CEO Fred Shelfer predicts that the Donation campaign has the potential to have a huge, positive impact on the community.

"When you donate the items you no longer need to Goodwill, you are helping someone find a job, strengthening your community and preserving the planet," said Shelfer. "Your donations also help the environment by allowing other people to repurpose the items so they can be diverted from landfills."

Clothing items that are not appro-

priate to sell at Goodwill stores are bailed and sold in bulk. So stained shirts can be turned into bulk textiles and sold. And broken computers can either be repaired or sold, creating training opportunities and jobs, or recycled through Goodwill's Dell Reconnect program.

So far this year alone, Goodwill donations prevented more than ten million pounds of usable goods from being thrown in the local landfill.

"Nationally, seven out of 10 consumers admit that, sometimes, they choose to discard their items rather than donate them. That's why we need to education our community about the power their donation have," Shelfer said. "By donating a computer, you can give a person 5.3 hours of career counseling. Or, one bike, one coat,

and one DVD provide an hour of on-the-job training for a person."

Donations can be made at any of Goodwill's 39 locations or unattended donation bins. Visitors to donate. goodwill.org can find out the impact of their donation by using Goodwill's Donation Impact Calculator.

To find out more information about the national Donate Movement and how donations can make an impact, visit: www.donate.goodwill.org.

Goodwill Industries-Big Bend, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit; Goodwill's mission is to provide job training, education, and employment to people with disabilities and other barriers to employment, helping them reach their fullest potential in supporting themselves and their families. Goodwill also provides barrier-free apartment complexes in which people with disabilities can live independently.

OBITUARIES

TERRY MICHAEL BRAZIL

FOUNTAIN - Captain Terry Michael Brazil, 65, passed away in December, 2012 at his residence in Fountain. He was born May 24, 1947 in Iron Mountain, MI and grew up in Sault Ste. Marie, MI. He graduated from Loretto High School and studied Seamanship in Alabama, Ohio, and Louisiana. He earned a Master Captain's License for large freshwater and saltwater shipping vessels and sailed throughout the Great Lakes and many oceans around the world. His retirement to Florida was devoted to the sponsorship of children through his favorite charity "Child Fund International", restoring vintage cars, collecting Native American artifacts, tending to his palm trees, and visiting Thailand.

He was preceded in death by his mother and stepfather, Dorothy and Gordon Brazil; his father, Paul Fayas; a half-sister, Gertrude Lindblom; and half-brother, Gerald Fayas.

Survivors include one son, Terry Brazil, II; two grandchildren, Gabriel and Natalie; seven half-brothers and sisters, Doris Gruell, Evelyn Larson, Joyce Stenerson, Lorraine Fayas, Paul Fayas Jr., Gordon Brazil, II, and Carol Gardiner; extended family, James Jabour; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Memorialization was by cremation.

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

EUGENIA S. GAUSE

BLOUNTSTOWN - Eugenia S. Gause, 89, of Blountstown, passed away Saturday, Feb. 16, 2013 in Blountstown. She was a retired waitress and was of the Protestant faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 9 a.m. at Pine Memorial Cemetery. Interment will follow.

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

RAYMOND RANDALL (RAY) WARD

LaGRANGE, GA - Raymond Randall (Ray) Ward, 68, of LaGrange, GA passed Friday, Feb. 15, 2013 at his home. He was born on September 18, 1944 in Pensacola and had lived in LaGrange since 1986, coming from Milton. He worked in construction for a number of years and was

Missionary Minister for over 40 years. He was a Veteran of the Vietnam Conflict, serving in the United States Army.



He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Ward and one brother, Clayton Ward.

Survivors include one son, Gregory Dewayne Ward and his wife, Patricia of Valley, AL; one daughter, Judy Kay Ward of Blountstown; six brothers, Marvin Ward, John Ward and his wife, Rita and Billy Ward, all of Milton, Richard Ward and his wife, Betty of Pensacola, Charles Ward and his wife, Sherry of Seneca, MO, and Jim Ervin Ward and his wife, Debbie of Avon, CT; four sisters, Margie Hahun and her husband, Gene of Hudson, Carol Kimbell and her husband, Clifford and Voncille Amore' and her husband, Joe all of Sevierville, TN, and Katrene Turner and her husband, David of Milton; two grandchildren, Randall James Ward and Anthony Nathaniel Ward.

Family will receive friends one hour prior to services at Peavy Funeral Home Chapel.

Services will be held Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 12 p.m. (CST) at Peavy Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Harold Burkett and Reverend Carlton Cain officiating. Interment will follow in Page Pond Cemetery in Altha.

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

JOHNNIE FRANKLIN JETER

BLOUNTSTOWN - Johnnie Franklin Jeter, 62, of Blountstown, passed away Sunday, Feb. 17, 2013 in Panama City. He was born on June 15, 1950 in Grand Ridge and had lived in Blountstown since 2000. He was a small engine repairman by trade and was a member of the Holiness Faith.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Tommy and Johnny Mae Jeter; two brothers, Wayne Thomas and Carl Jeter.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis Jeter of Blountstown; three sons, Johnnie F. Jeter, Jr. and his partner, Robert Jeter and his wife, Robin, Thomas Jeter and his wife, Christina; two daughters, Michelle Jeter and her partner, Melvin, Melanie Malse and her husband, John; two sons by marriage, Jody Vowell and his partner, Stephanie, Tony Vowell and his partner, Tanya; three brothers, John Wayne Jeter and his wife, Wanda, Larry Jeter and his wife, Laura, Flake Jeter and his wife, Gail; one sister, Elisabeth Boutwell and her partner, James Owens; 12 grandchildren.

Memorialization will be by cremation.

Memorial Services will be held Thursday, Feb. 21 at 2 p.m. (CST) at Peavy Funeral Home Chapel.

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

ELDON RAYMOND MCMANN

BRISTOL - Eldon Raymond McMann, 82, of Bristol, passed away Friday, Feb. 15, 2013 in Tallahassee. He was a carpenter and a veteran of the Korean conflict, serving in the United States Army.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond G. and Bernice Mitchell McMann and one son, Bill McMann.

Survivors include one son, Robert McMann of Bristol; three daughters, Robyn R. Johnson and her husband, Eric of Bristol, Joy Ann McMann of Lampasas, TX, and Laurie Sue Glynn of Reese, MI; one brother, Harold McMann; one sister, Florence Fournier of Michigan; and 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorialization was by cremation.

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

MARY MAGDALENE "YODER" GERBER

BLOUNTSTOWN - Mary Magdalene "Yoder" Gerber went home to be in the arms of Jesus, Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2013 after a lengthy illness. She was born on August 7, 1927 in Nappanee, IN to Daniel and Mable "Blie" Yoder. The family moved to Fairview, MI in her younger years where she lived most of her life. She married Peter A. Gerber, Jr. September 25, 1946 and had four children, JoAnn, Gloria, John and Dana. After her beloved husband's sudden death in 1999 she moved to Blountstown to be near her daughters. She was of the Mennonite faith and attended the Red Oak Mennonite Church in Blountstown.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother, Daniel and Mable Yoder; her loving husband of 52 years, Peter A. Gerber, Jr.; two sons, John Gerber and Dana Gerber; one granddaughter, Janice Lynn Nissley; one grandson, Hugh Knowles; one daughter-in-law, Doris Gerber; one son-in-law, Dr. Henry Knowles, three sisters, Orpha and Betty Yoder and Ruby Handrich; two brothers, Wayne and Glenn Yoder; two sisters-in law, Irene Yoder and Edna Yoder.

Survivors include two daughters, JoAnn Nissley and her husband, Reverend Ivan Nissley of Blountstown, Gloria Atwell and her husband, James of Marianna; two brothers, Floyd and Robert Yoder; two sisters, Ethel Handrich and her husband, Vergil and Ruth Sharp and her husband, Dennis; one brother-in-law, Richard Handrich; five grandchildren, Lenora and Joy Nissley, Dr. Henry Knowles, Jr. and his wife, Kelly, Tim Knowles and his wife, Holle, Tammy Glaze and her husband, Dr. Michael Glaze; ten great-grandchildren, Austin Nissley, Taylor Belle, McKenzie, Michael Glaze, Jr., Henry III, Benjamin, Mark Knowles, Isabella, Trystan, Hugh Knowles.

Services were held Sunday, Feb. 17 at Red Oak Mennonite Church in Blountstown with Pastor Rocky Weaver officiating. Interment followed in Red Oak Mennonite Cemetery.

A special thank you to the Chipola Nursing Pavilion in Marianna and their employees for the wonderful care that was given and to Covenant Hospice, in Marianna, especially to Shonda Jones for her care and moral support. Also a special thank you to her wonderful physician, Dr. Mark Akerson. Donations in her memory can be made to Covenant Hospice, 4215 Kelson Ave. Suite F, Marianna, FL.

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

ODELL HALL

BLOUNTSTOWN-Odell Hall, 78, of Blountstown, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2013 at his home in Blountstown. He was born on December 9, 1934 in Altha and had lived in Calhoun County all of his life. He, along with his wife, Willease, owned and operated Hall Logging Company for 50 years in Blountstown and worked for Neal Land and Timber Company from 1965 until 2000. He was a 1954 graduate of Altha High School and was a member of First Assembly of God Church in Blountstown where he served as secretary and treasurer for 55 years. He was an avid outdoors man, who loved hunting and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his parents Nolan and Hettie Hall; two sisters Maxine Hicks and Rajean Goings; one grandson, Josh Hall; one great-grandson, Colt O'Bryan.

Survivors include his wife, Willease Hall of Blountstown; two sons, Troy Hall and his wife, Margaret of Bristol and Jessie Hall and his wife, Kathy of Blountstown; one daughter, Janice Jacobs and her husband, Kent of Bristol; one brother, Wendell Hall and his wife, Pat of Panama City; one sister, Jeraline McPhee and her husband, Mike of Panama City; one aunt, Lottie Barton of Altha; five grandchildren, Jana Presley, Savannah Mercer, Kristy Copeland, Kelly Hall and T.J. Hall; five great-grandchildren, Kai and Owen Presley, Caden Mercer, Maison Hall and Jacob Copeland.

Services were held Friday, Feb. 15 at First Assembly of God Church in Blountstown with Reverend Shelton Kindig and Charles Terry officiating. Interment followed in Mt. Olive Cemetery in Altha.

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Career Resource Center open at Chipola College

MARIANNA—Chipola College officials and officers from the Chipola Regional Workforce Development Board marked the opening of a new Career Resource Center at the college on Wednesday, Feb. 13.

The Career Resource Center, located in the college's Workforce Development building, is a partnership between the Chipola Regional Workforce Development Board and the college.

The center will have staff two days a week to work directly with Chipola students. Services will focus on helping students understand the skills and training sought by employers. Some of the services available will include: Job Search, Resume Assistance, Interview Preparation and Interest Surveys. The center also will provide labor market information about demand occupations, projected job openings, and projected pay for various occupations.

Raymond Russell, CRWDB Chair, says, "The center will provide students a better way to connect with employers needing the particular skills they have gained at Chipola. This partnership is just another example of the strong connection between education and work. Chipola students have a strong foundation and we know our employers want quality people who can help make their companies even stronger."

Richard Williams, CRWDB Executive Director, says, "This partnership will provide students with access to a statewide placement system that also has a focus on local employers and local jobs. Not only will we be able to help students obtain employment, we will also help them better understand the real job market and the skills, certifications and degrees employers are looking for in our region and across the state.

Dr. Jason Hurst, Chipola Vice President of Baccalaureate and Occupational Education, says, "The Center will serve as an excellent resource to help our instructors align their curriculum with the needs of employers."



Photo by Michelle Mears-Donahue

Practitioners of Sacred Harp Singing gathered Saturday morning to continue the tradition of this unique southern choral music at the Panhandle Pioneer Settlement in Blountstown. Members sing without instrumental accompaniment from The Sacred Harp book, which uses specially-shaped notes (triangles, ovals, rectangles and diamonds) to help performers quickly identify them on the musical scale.

'The Scott Massacre of 1817' by Dale Cox

New book by local author interprets forgotten Apalachicola River battle

GREENSBORO — On Monday, Feb. 18 the West Gadsden Historical Society (WGHS) announced the release of a new book detailing the first U.S. defeat of the Seminole Wars.

The Scott Massacre of 1817, by author and historian Dale Cox, is the first book-length study of the little-known but significant battle of that name that took place on the upper Apalachicola River on November 30, 1817. Thoroughly researched and illustrated with both original artwork and modern photographs, the book sheds dramatic new light on the encounter and its role in American history.

"The attack on Lieutenant Scott's command resulted in one of the most devastating defeats of a U.S. military force in history," said Cox. "It was the first U.S. defeat of the Seminole Wars, a series of conflicts that would continue for the next forty years."

According to the author, the battle took place when a force of several hundred Red Stick Creek, Seminole and African (Black Seminole) warriors attacked a U.S. Army boat on the Apalachicola River at the modern city of Chattahoochee. The attack was in retaliation for raids by soldiers on the Creek Indian village of Fowltown in what is now Decatur County, Georgia. By the time the smoke cleared, Lieutenant Richard W. Scott's command

had suffered a stunning casualty rate of 98%, higher than that suffered by Custer's command at the Battle of Little Bighorn.

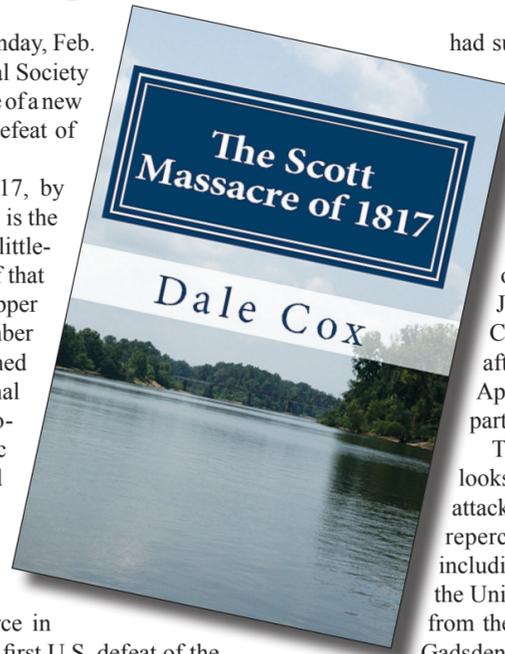
"Few people realize that this battle led directly to President James Monroe ordering General Andrew Jackson to invade Florida," Cox said. "Just four years after Scott was defeated on the Apalachicola, Florida became part of the United States."

The Scott Massacre of 1817 looks both at the causes of the attack at Chattahoochee and the repercussions that followed it, including the cession of Florida to the United States by Spain. Profits from the volume support the West Gadsden Historical Society.

The book is available at Amazon.com and from all other major online retailers or can be ordered by mail from the West Gadsden Historical Society, Post Office Drawer D, Greensboro, FL 32330-0803. Please include your check or money order for \$27 per book, tax and shipping included.

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Lincoln DC portable welder, 6 cyl. Continental engine, A/C auxiliary power, trailer mounted with tool box, in good condition, \$2,800. Call (850) 899-8695. 2-20, 2-27

72" Woods finishing mower, in excellent condition. Call 674-5051. 2-20, 2-27

HUNTING & FISHING

Matthews Menace Bow package, equipped with QAD ultra-rest arrow rest, Alpine Bear claw quiver, TruGlo Brightsite Extreme, TruBlock mini stabilizer, Surz Pep and Paradox braided sling, also includes arrows, case and TruBall pro release, used only a few times, \$400. Call 447-1358. 2-20, 2-27

1997 AquaSport 165 Striper boat with a 1997 Johnson 50 hp motor, 1997 E-Z loader trailer, used less than 100 hours, excellent condition, needs clean up, \$5,000. Call 442-6431. 2-20, 2-27

21 ft. Chris Craft ski boat, with trailer, 5.7 liter V8 260 hp motor, three tops, \$7,000 OBO or possible trade. 16 ft. Astro Glass bass boat with 85 hp motor and trailer, \$1,500 or possible trade. Call 237-1791. 2-13, 2-20

Guns: 88 Mossberg 12 gauge 2 3/4 & 3 inch shells, black synthetic stock, 28" VR barrel, \$250 firm. Call 443-2422 in Bristol. 2-13, 2-20

Johnson outboard motor 140 hp V4 with all controls, electric start, tilt and trim steering, in good condition, \$595. Call 443-2422 in Bristol. 2-13, 2-20

HOMES & LAND

Single-wide mobile home, must be moved, \$2,500. Call 643-4134 please leave a message. 2-20, 2-27

1997 16x56 Clayton mobile home, located on CR 69A, partially furnished (one bedroom set, dinette set, two matching recliners and an end table) also some appliances (washer, dryer, refrigerator, stove and microwave). Home in good condition, must be moved, \$10,000 OBO. Call (850) 559-0339. 2-20, 2-27

CAMPERS/RVS

Camper shell, fits full size short wheel base pickup. Like new, smoky gray. Price negotiable. Call 674-4554. 2-13, 2-20

LOST & FOUND

FOUND: Puppy in Turkey Creek area, a couple of months old, female, no collar. Call to identify. Call 643-3411 or 631-2189. 2-13, 2-20

YARD SALE

BRISTOL
Multi-family yard sale, Saturday, March 2, beginning at daylight. Located in from of the old Hogly Wogly store next to the Aplachee Restaurant. Phone 559-0284. 2-20, 2-27

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Week of Feb. 17 ~ Feb. 23, 2013
ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, planning is going well and you have been following through with your responsibilities. Expect to tweak a few things in the days to come.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, open up to a trusted friend to regarding a significant decision you have to make this week. This friend can provide some valuable perspective.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
A barrage of new ideas makes you a hot item this week, Gemini. Your brain is working overtime and you may be shocked at what you come up with.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, expect to see eye-to-eye with your significant other this week. You will be on the same page and this will help to strengthen your relationship.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, embrace the opinions of those closest to you. Those opinions might differ from your own, but they may also provide you with some important perspective.

VRIGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Try something different this week, Virgo. It may mean taking a new route to work or trying a new food. Try something that is out of your element and you may find you like it.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
You will be full of energy this week and ready to handle anything that comes your way, Libra. When you get on a roll, you may find you have some admirers.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, the coming week may try your patience. Relax when the week starts to prove too stressful, and you will make it through the week with your peace of mind intact.

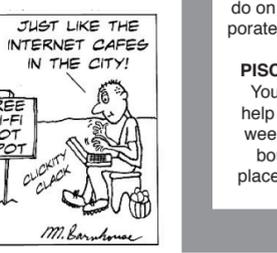
SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Keep listening when others around you are talking, Sagittarius. You can learn valuable lessons just by keeping a trained ear on the conversation and use this information later on.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, you may have big plans this week but that doesn't mean you can leave all other responsibilities by the wayside. If you can't get to things yourself, then delegate.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, you crave change this week, even if it is something small and mundane. Figure out something you can do on a small level to incorporate change into your day.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
You may be inclined to help your community this week, Pisces. There are bound to be plenty of places to share your time.

Small Town Tom
A CARTOON BY MIKE BARNHOUSE



Teacher invites 'Finding Bigfoot' crew member to speak with kids at Hosford

by Teresa Eubanks, *Journal Editor*
 Hosford School Science Teacher Jason White didn't really expect a response.

When he learned a crew from "Finding Bigfoot," a show on Animal Planet network, would be filming in the area soon, he decided to give it a shot.

"We had just finished a section on genetics and evolution," he said. Those subjects served as a jumping off point to take a look at the search for the elusive Sasquatch. Few believe it is real, but those who do believe in it are passionate about the huge hairy ape-like creature that has yet to leave definitive proof of its existence.

White sent three emails, including a couple to the network and another to one of the show's regulars, Matt MoneyMaker, and invited them to come speak to his students about their work.

"I was shocked. In less than 36 hours, I got a reply," he said. The show's outdoor tech, Tyler Bounds, called to tell him, "We'd love to come and talk to the kids."

THE WILD MAN OF THE WOODS

Before Bounds' visit, White got the kids involved in their own Bigfoot research. "After doing an overview of the recent section on evolution, we spent the rest of the week in the computer lab where I had them look up videos about Bigfoot," he said. His students read of other strange creatures, including a Bigfoot-like man captured in Jackson County in 1884. Panhandle historian Dale Cox documented the

story in his book, "The History of Jackson County: Reconstruction & The Jackson County War."

According to Cox, after numerous sightings and stories over the years, a search party caught up with what they called, "The Wild Man of the Woods" on Aug. 18, 1884. The strange man who lived in the swamps was described as unclothed, emaciated and "covered with a phenomenal growth of hair." Unable to explain himself, it was thought he was an escapee from the state mental hospital in Chattahoochee. He was delivered to the hospital but his captors learned there had been no escape.

He was then taken by train to Tallahassee. His fate is not known.



Jason White

THIS IS A THEORY

While White himself doesn't purport that any Bigfoot-like creature exists, "I'm not going to say he doesn't." He says, "There's been evidence around from Indian tales and cave drawings of something like Bigfoot hundreds of years ago, before there was technology to easily fake it. There has to be something there."

While he can't be sure about the legendary creature, there is one thing he's certain of. In his six years of teaching, "This was probably the best week of teaching I've ever had." He said the students were really interested and engaged in the topic, adding, "They were more into it than anything we've ever done."

He said he didn't try to convince anyone of anything. He said his job as a science teacher was to show students, "This is a theory. You make up your own mind."



BIGFOOT *continued from the front page*

"That was an eye-opener," he said. "It got my brain stem fired up."

Three students, including the girl who asked that question, were invited to attend last night's Town Hall meeting held at the Wesleyan Church in Hosford. The Town Hall meeting is a segment featured on each "Finding Bigfoot" episode where people share their stories about alleged encounters.

Participants are required to sign non-disclosure agreements before taking part in the meeting. The show crew does not like to talk about the content of the episode they're filming or even discuss where they're filming while in town.

Tyler was welcomed by a big banner when he arrived at the school. "The kids loved him," said Hosford Science Teacher Jason White, who arranged Thursday's program.

"Four students said they had family members who

had encounters," White said. Tyler encouraged them to ask their relatives to come to the Town Hall meeting to share their stories.

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"Finding Bigfoot" is about presenting witnesses' stories and looking for evidence to prove that these mysterious creatures exist. The crew includes resident skeptic, field biologist Ranae Holland. She, along with Matt MoneyMaker, Cliff Barackman and James "Bobo" Fay, travel the country to talk with people about their encounters with Bigfoot-like creatures.

But long before he met the crew two years ago while they were filming an episode in Georgia, Tyler had his own Bigfoot encounter.

The 41-year-old Washington State resident recalls a hiking trip he took with his father and grandfather in Northern California. He was only

four or five years old.

"We saw two of them," he said. "There was a big one and a little one that crossed the path in front of us," he said. His grandfather, who died a few years later, made casts of the footprints. "I remember seeing the casts. He leaned them up against a building (at his home)." Years after his grandfather's death, Tyler went to his grandmother in search of those casts but no one knew what had happened to them.

That experience left him with a lifelong interest in Bigfoot. He joined the Bigfoot Field Research Organization (BFRS) and went on his first expedition with them in 2009. The BFRS was founded in 1995 by Matt MoneyMaker to collect evidence in an effort to solve the mystery of Bigfoot. Much of the group's work involves debunking the many hoaxes based on Bigfoot legends.

NW Florida Water Management District approves funding for Apalachicola Bay Water Quality Project

HAVANA - The Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board recently approved up to \$71,500 in grant funding to the City of Apalachicola to improve water quality in Apalachicola Bay. Under this agreement, the District will provide funding for the design and engineering of a stormwater improvement project within the Battery Park Basin.

"The health of the Apalachicola River and Bay system is important to both the environment and economy of Florida," said Executive Director Jon Steverson.

The proposed project includes the construction of a large wet detention facility designed to capture, store and treat stormwater runoff before it is discharged to Apalachicola Bay. Along with improving the quality of water entering the Bay, this facility will also add a visually-appealing element to the popular park. An

additional component of the project includes conveyance system enhancements that will pre-treat runoff and help address localized flooding within the City of Apalachicola.

"I'm pleased by the District's ongoing efforts to reduce stormwater runoff and improve water quality in Apalachicola Bay," said Governing Board Secretary-Treasurer Joyce Estes.

The District's initial grant is expected to fund the entire cost of engineering, design, surveying and permitting for the project.

Through its Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) program, the District works with state agencies, local governments and other organizations to focus on water quality and habitat restoration in priority watersheds across northwest Florida.

LEGALS

PUBLIC AUCTION

Bristol 66 Towing and Recovery will hold a Public Auction on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. (ET).

2004 Nissan Maxima (4-Door), Maroon/Burgundy
Vin# 1N4BA41E14C875363

Auction will be held at Bristol 66 Storage at 12480 NW Martina Lane, Hoecake Road, Bristol. Bristol 66 Towing reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids. The Calhoun-Liberty Journal Feb. 20, 2013.

If you need any more information on the above vehicle, please call (850) 228-9555.

PUBLIC AUCTION

Bristol 66 Towing and Recovery will hold a Public Auction on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. (ET).

1989 Honda Civic, Red
Vin# 2HGED7361KH508092

Auction will be held at Bristol 66 Storage at 12480 NW Martina Lane, Hoecake Road, Bristol. Bristol 66 Towing reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids. The Calhoun-Liberty Journal Feb. 20, 2013.

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10 positions - Temporary/Seasonal work planting, cultivating and harvesting nursery stock. From 3/5/2013 to 11/30/2013 at Phyto Ecology, Ridgely, MD. Three months of previous experience required in the job described. Saturday work required. Must be able to lift/carry 60 lbs. \$10.87/hr or current applicable AEW. Workers are guaranteed 3/4 of work hours of total period. Work tools, supplies, equipment supplied by employer without charge to worker. Housing with kitchen facilities provided at no cost to only those workers who are not reasonably able to return same day to their place of residence at time of recruitment. Transportation and subsistence expenses to work site will be paid to nonresident workers not later than upon completion of 50% of the job contract. Interviews required. Apply for this job at nearest State Workforce Agency in state in which this ad appears, or One Stop Career Center 16908 Northeast Pear Street, Suite 2, Blountstown, FL 32424. Provide copy of this ad. MD Job Order #267923.

10 positions - Temporary/seasonal work planting, cultivating, harvesting nursery stock, trees, vegetables, fruit. from 3/1/2013 to 12/1/2013 at Lawrence J. Secor DBA Secor's Nursery, Perry, OH. Three months of previous experience required in the job described. Saturday work required. Must be able to lift/carry 60 lbs. Employer-paid post-hire random, upon suspicion and post-accident drug testing required. \$11.74/hr or current applicable AEW. Workers are guaranteed 3/4 of work hours of total period. Work tools, supplies, equipment supplied by employer without charge to worker. Housing

with kitchen facilities provided at no cost to only those workers who are not reasonably able to return same day to their place of residence at time of recruitment. Transportation and subsistence expenses to work site will be paid to nonresident workers not later than upon completion of 50% of the job contract. Interviews required. Apply for this job at nearest State Workforce Agency in state in which this ad appears, or One Stop Career Center 16908 Northeast Pear Street, Suite 2, Blountstown, FL 32424. Provide copy of this ad. OH Job Order #OH553675.

JOBS

4 positions - Temporary/seasonal work planting, cultivating and harvesting sod and blueberries. from 3/1/2013 to 12/13/2013 at Columbus Turf Nursery, Ltd., Ashville, OH. Three months previous experience required in the job described. Saturday work required. Must be able to lift/carry 75 lbs. Employer-paid post-hire random and upon suspicion drug testing required \$11.74/hr or current applicable AEW. Workers are guaranteed 3/4 of work hours of total period. Work tools, supplies, equipment supplied by employer without charge to worker. Housing with kitchen facilities provided at no cost to only those workers who are not reasonably able to return same day to their place of residence at time of recruitment. Transportation and subsistence expenses to work site will be paid to nonresident workers not later than upon completion of 50% of the job contract. Interviews required. Apply for this job at nearest State Workforce Agency in state in which this ad appears, or One Stop Career Center 16908 Northeast Pear Street, Suite 2, Blountstown, FL 32424. Provide copy of this ad. OH Job Order #OH553466.

12 positions - Temporary/Seasonal work planting, cultivating and harvesting nursery stock. from 3/1/2013 to 12/15/2013 at Stadler Garden Center, Inc., Frederick and Montgomery counties (MD), and Prince William county (VA). 3 months experience required in the job described. Saturday work required. Must be able to lift/carry 60 lbs. Employer-paid post-hire random, upon suspicion and post-accident drug testing required. \$10.87/hr or current applicable AEW. Workers are guaranteed 3/4 of work hours of total period. Work tools, supplies, equipment supplied by employer without charge to worker. Housing with kitchen facilities provided at no cost to only those workers who are not reasonably able to return same day to their place of residence at time of recruitment. Transportation and subsistence expenses to work site will be paid to nonresident workers not later than upon completion of 50% of the job contract. Interviews required. Apply for this job at nearest State Workforce Agency in state in which this ad appears, or One Stop Career Center 16908 Northeast Pear Street, Suite 2, Blountstown, FL 32424. Provide copy of this ad. MD Job Order #267671.

52 positions - Temporary/Seasonal work planting, cultivating and harvesting nursery stock - field grown balled and burlap (B&B) trees, tree-size shrubs, perennials, operation of 50+ HP nursery equipment. from 3/1/2013 to 6/1/2013 at Studebaker Nurseries, Inc., New Carlisle, OH. This job requires a minimum of three months (or 420 hours) of verifiable prior experience working in a diverse production wholesale nursery, handling both manual and machine tasks associated with nursery production and harvest activities, including experience with balled and burlap ("B&B") tree production and the operation of 50+ HP nursery equipment. Must be able to operate 50+ HP nursery equipment. Employer-paid drug testing required. Saturday work required. Must be able to lift/carry 100 pounds. \$11.74/hr or current applicable AEW. Workers are guaranteed 3/4 of work hours of total period. Work tools, supplies, equipment supplied by employer without charge to worker. Housing with kitchen facilities provided at no cost to only those workers who are not reasonably able to return same day to their place of residence at time of recruitment. Transportation and subsistence expenses to work site will be paid to nonresident workers not later than upon completion of 50% of the job contract. Interviews required. Apply for this job at nearest State Workforce Agency in state in which this ad appears, or One Stop Career Center 16908 Northeast Pear Street, Suite 2, Blountstown, FL 32424. Provide copy of this ad. OH Job Order #OH553319.