



Flat Head Tourney Winner

Christopher Brown is shown with the 33.95-lb. catch that earned him \$1,000 and a first place trophy at the 12th annual Liberty County Senior Citizens Flathead Tournament. For more on the event, see page 10.

Car chase ends with crash in yard, driver arrested

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

BRISTOL - A man who fled a traffic stop and led deputies on a chase down SR 12 north into the Hall Circle community was caught after he lost control of the car, crashed into several trees and hit a water meter in the front yard of a Smith Circle residence last week.

The long list of charges filed against Tristan Martin include possession of cocaine with intent to sell, possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana, possession of MDMA with intent to sell, aggravated assault, aggravated fleeing and eluding, and resisting without violence following the April 24 pursuit. He is being held on \$115,000 bond.

The chase began after Liberty County Sheriff's Deputy Jarrod Taylor turned on his emergency lights and pulled in behind Martin to make a traffic stop. Martin pulled off the road and into a driveway as though



he was going to stop but suddenly drove back onto the road and sped off.

Lt. Mark Mallory joined the chase, with his lights and siren activated. Mallory said he had to swerve out of Martin's way and hit his brakes to avoid a collision.

As Martin turned onto Hall Circle, he met a third patrol car driven by Sgt. Bobby Revell and nearly hit it head-on.

Martin continued on, going 45 mph in a 25 mph zone, and turned on Smith Circle See **CRASH & ARREST** continued on page 3



TRISTAN MARTIN

Three arrested on meth charges after home is searched

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

Three people were arrested on methamphetamine charges after a deputy went to a Blountstown residence to serve a civil paper last week.

Calhoun County Deputy Bobby Sims noticed a strong chemical odor coming from a home at NW Garrett Drive shortly after he arrived just shortly before 2 p.m. on April 23.

He was met at the front door by Robert Ladon Duke Jr., 39, who said he was in the process of cleaning up the home for the owner, who was working out of town. Two others, identified as Karen Harrison Greenwood, 44 and Hal Hatton, 50, were in the home sleeping.

Sims contacted Lt. Todd Wheatley, who arrived at the residence along with Analyst Carla Scheetz, and the home was searched after the homeowner, John Thomas Garrett, was contacted by phone and gave his consent.

Numerous materials used in the meth-making process were found throughout the home.

•Items found in the kitchen included two empty bottles of lye, an eye dropper as well as a small white plastic container

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ROBERT LADON DUKE



KAREN HARRISON



HAL DOUGLAS HATTON



Volunteers work on a flower bed at a home during Saturday's Altha Pride Cleanup. See more on page 20.

DANIEL WILLIAMS PHOTO

Man charged for leaving toddlers alone in truck

A father was charged with child neglect after Blountstown Police Officer Adam Terry spotted a three-year-old climbing out of the window of a parked truck that was idling with its lights on Thursday night.

Terry was driving through the parking lot at Family Dollar around 8:40 p.m. when he noticed the child trying to get out of the truck and saw that there were no adults nearby.

The youngster had been left inside the vehicle with a one-year-old sibling while their mother shopped inside, according to the arrest report. Their father had walked to the other side of the parking lot to talk to a friend.

Several minutes after Terry stopped to check on the children, Jamie Lee Torrence, of Blountstown, noticed him there and ran across the parking lot to see what was happening.

During a search of his pockets, Terry found a pipe with marijuana residue which resulted in a charge for possession of drug paraphernalia.

The children were turned over to their mother.

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Family friend charged with molesting 10-year-old girl



DELMOS BARNES

A family friend who had once shared her home was arrested on a charge of lewd and lascivious molestation of a child under 12 after the alleged victim told investigators that he had kissed her, touched her below the waist and lay on top of her.

The girl's mother said that Delmos Barnes, 28, of Bristol, had lived with them for two or three weeks at their previous address. She reported that since they moved, someone has been coming to their home and beating on the windows at intervals through the night to keep them awake. She told a deputy she

believed it was Barnes.

On the evening of April 10, the disturbance started and during that time, she said her daughter said she needed to tell her something. The little girl spelled out K-I-S-S. When her mother asked her to explain, she said the child told her that Barnes had kissed her on the lips.

When asked if anything else had happened, the mother said her daughter told her she had also been touched inappropriately.

During an interview with a Child Protective Team, the girl repeated her story and said she

wished she could "take him to jail." She indicated there were two encounters with Barnes, both in her bedroom. She said her clothing was on and she did not touch him.

Barnes denied the accusation, telling deputies that he had only kissed her on the cheek and that in turn, she tried to kiss him on the mouth. He said the girl had walked into his room in the past wearing only a towel. He said she had tried to put his arm around her waist and if he had touched her inappropriately, it was not intentional.

Barnes was taken into custody April 24.

ARREST REPORTS

compiled by Journal Editor Teresa Eubanks

Man seen in fetal position on road arrested for disorderly intoxication

Deputies responding to a report of someone lying in the fetal position on the edge of the road arrived to find a man with obvious difficulty keeping his balance as he stumbled along SR 20 near the Ochlockonee River Bridge at the Liberty-Leon county line last week.

William Goodpasture, 46, whose Florida ID listed him as being from California, was walking westbound along the white line of SR 20 around 9:31 p.m. on April 24. His position on the road forced oncoming vehicles to swerve into the other lane to safely pass him, according to the sheriff's office report.

After being stopped by a deputy, Goodpasture acknowledged he was lying in the road earlier. Noting the strong smell of an alcoholic beverage on Goodpasture, the deputy had him lean against the patrol car to remain upright and then asked if he had been drinking.

He said he had one beer earlier that evening.

Two FHP troopers arrived at the scene with a portable breath test kit and, after getting a breath sample, determined his alcohol level to be .257. The legal limit for driving is .08. At that point, Goodpasture admitted to having "a few large" alcoholic beverages.

He was taken into custody for disorderly intoxication.

During a search of his person, deputies discovered a Visa credit card, a Social Security card and an Arizona driver's license in the name of John Wichie, who turned out to be an inmate in the Leon County Jail.

Goodpasture said he and Wichie were friends, but when contacted, Winchie told a deputy that no one else should be in possession of his license and other cards.

Dispute with pair renting home leads to one arrest

A deputy responding to a verbal dispute between a property owner and her tenants in Hosford later arrested a man after he continued to show his anger and repeatedly complain about the circumstances of his eviction.



HEATH GODWIN

Heath Godwin, 27, and his wife were attempting to get an emergency order to stop their eviction but were unable to get their landlord to sign it. Lt. Mark Mallory of the Liberty County Sheriff's Office told the Godwins that the landlord was under no obligation to sign it and that they needed to have the papers served to her by the sheriff's office.

As Mallory left,

Godwin cursed and complained about the legal system.

Mallory then went to speak with the landlord, who said she didn't like the way the Godwins were acting on her property. She showed him a final order of eviction effective within 24 hours.

The Godwins arrived at the sheriff's office about the same time as Mallory, and Godwin

resumed his comments about the situation, once again cursing and complaining. Godwin was told not to return to the office acting that way.

As Mallory left, Godwin turned around and continued arguing until coming face-to-face with the officer, who told him to leave.

The couple then went to the courthouse and later returned to the sheriff's office, where Godwin was told by another employee to "Go inside and finish your business." Again, he argued and began using profanity.

Godwin was then arrested for breach of peace and disorderly conduct.

Two arrested on meth charges

Two people were taken into custody last week following their April 4 arrest when investigators from the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office served a search warrant on their Elm Street residence in Blountstown.

Deputies arrived at the home on April 4, where they found Gregory Hartzell, 38, and Jodi Johnson, 36.

During a search of the home, Lt. Todd Wheatley reported that the following was found:

- A hot plate and a pill grinder with suspected



GREGORY HARTZELL



JODI JOHNSON

pseudoephedrine residue were located in the kitchen. Several tin foil strips with suspected methamphetamine residue were discovered in the kitchen trash can and a bottle of muriatic acid was found under the sink.

- A digital scale and a tin foil strip, both with suspected meth residue,

were found in the bedroom.

- A bottle of lighter fluid was found next to a loveseat in the living room.

- Stripped batteries and strips of tin foil with suspected meth residue were found in a burn pile.

- A bottle of lighter fluid and a pack of coffee filters were located in Johnson's vehicle.

The arrest report stated both Johnson and Hartzell admitted using and making methamphetamine.

Both were charged with possession of methamphetamine.

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with suspected muriatic acid, a 12 ounce bottle that held a bi-layer liquid, two Pyrex dishes with an unknown liquid and tin foil with suspected meth residue.

- A stripped lithium battery, a two-liter bottle containing a bi-level liquid, a half empty gallon-size bottle of muriatic acid, a plastic bottle of lighter fluid and some coffee filters with white residue were located in the laundry room area.

- A reaction vessel that was 3/4 full, a half-full bottle of lighter fluid and a Dollar General bag that held an ice compress with receipt, two funnels, both new and used coffee filters - the latter with white residue,

where found in a bathroom, along with a unopened box of Aleve D with a receipt inside a Wal-Mart bag.

- Items discovered in the bedroom included a small plastic container that held methamphetamine, a tin foil strip with suspected meth residue, an empty pack of lithium batteries, a wallet with Duke's driver's license and five various small containers that held unspecified amounts of methamphetamine.

All three are charged with manufacture of methamphetamine, possession of listed chemicals and possession of methamphetamine.

Sheriff's Log

CALHOUN COUNTY

April 22

- Larry Eugene McCourt, *DUI with property damage (out of county warrant), CCSO.*

April 23

- Darin Daniel Summerlin, *VOCC, CCSO.*

- Teresa Bailey, *VOSP, CCSO.*
- Anther Williams, *non support (times 3), CCSO.*
- Steven Register, *non support, CCSO.*

- Karen Harrison, *possession of meth, manufacture of meth, possession of listed chemicals, CCSO.*

- Hal Hatton, *possession of meth, manufacture of meth, possession of listed chemicals, CCSO.*

- Robert Duke, Jr., *possession of meth, manufacture of meth, possession of listed chemicals, CCSO.*

April 24

- Curtisha Burke, *VOSP, CCSO.*

April 25

- Gregory Hartzell, *possession of meth, CCSO.*

- Jodi Johnson, *possession of meth, CCSO.*

- Abigail Hill, *petty theft (times 2), CCSO.*

- William Hickman, *VOSP, CCSO.*

- Jason Mills, *VOSP, criminal mischief less than \$200 (times 2), aggravated assault, CCSO.*

- Jamie Lee Torrence, *child neglect, possession of drug paraphernalia, BPD.*

April 26

- Pamela Mayo, *sale of meth, sale of schedule II narcotic (zanax), CCSO.*

- Victoria D. Chason, *domestic battery, false imprisonment, possession of meth, possession of drug paraphernalia, CCSO.*

- Michael Lynn, *possession of meth, CCSO.*

April 28

- Kenshawn Scott Jackson, *battery, BPD.*

April 29

- Devanta Ross, *battery with a burglary, battery/battery on a pregnant victim, BPD.*

- Dana Chason, *VOP, CCSO.*

- Cary Snell, *lewd or lascivious exhibition (victim less than 16 years), BPD.*

LIBERTY COUNTY

April 22

- Robert Tellier, *failure to appear, LCSO.*

April 23

- Heath Godwin, *disorderly intoxication, LCSO.*

- Karen Harrison, *holding for CCSO, CCSO.*

April 24

- Tristan Martin, *possession of cocaine (schedule II) with intent to sell, possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana, possession of a xxxx (schedule II) with intent to sell, aggravated assault on a LEO, aggravated fleeing and eluding, resisting arrest without violence, LCSO.*

- William Goodpasture, *disorderly intoxication, LCSO.*

- Delmos Barnes, *lewd and lascivious molestation by a person over 18 years of age on a victim less than 12 years old, LCSO.*

- Abigail Hill, *petty theft (times 2), CCSO.*

April 26

- Edgar Baskerville, *battery, LCSO.*

- Kevin Whited, *DUI, driving with licenses suspended or revoked with knowledge, refusal to submit, LCSO.*

- Laquita Parramore, *DUI, LCSO.*

April 27

- Pamela Mayo, *holding for CCSO, CCSO.*

- Victoria D. Chason, *holding for CCSO, CCSO.*

April 29

- Dana Chason, *holding for CCSO, CCSO.*

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

Blountstown Police Dept.

April 22 through Apr. 28, 2013



CITATIONS ISSUED:	
Accidents.....	1
Traffic Citations.....	12
Special details (business escorts, traffic details).....	123
Business alarms.....	3
Residential alarms.....	0
Complaints.....	41

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More than 150 books suggested as good reads as summer break draws near
Summer reading list encourages kids to continue learning

TALLAHASSEE – Summer break is just a month away and the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) is encouraging kids to keep learning while they are outside of the classroom. More than 150 books have the department’s official seal of approval as good picks to entertain young readers and prevent summer learning loss.

Years of research confirm students lose vital reading and math skills, with some researchers estimating at least a month of learning loss, during each summer break. Prolonged breaks deteriorate student learning gains and widen the achievement gap among low-income students. The more students practice reading, math and critical-thinking skills during the summer months, the better prepared they will be to graduate high school ready for college and careers.

“Empowering a child with the ability to read has a transformational effect on their future success in life,” said Commissioner of Education Dr. Tony Bennett. “The new Common Core State Standards underscore the importance of reading and literacy, and we must do more to ensure kids don’t fall behind while they’re out of the classroom. If we can help kids love to read, we’ll ensure they are lifelong learners.”

The FDOE is also encouraging parents to get involved in their children’s reading activities this summer. Some tips to help children get excited about reading are to read aloud to young children, take children of all ages to the library and allow them to choose their own books, or to create light-hearted sibling rivalry by encouraging a competition to see who can read the most books over the summer months.

Examples of great books to enjoy from the 2013 summer reading list include

- Grades K-3: Charlotte’s Web, E.B. White
- Grades 4-5: The Black Stallion, Walter Farley
- Grades 6-8: Old Yeller, Fred Gipson
- Grades 9-12: The Old Man and the Sea, Ernest Hemingway

Visit the department’s Summer Reading List or Just Read, Florida! website at www.justread-florida.com for more information.

Chipola Law Enforcement and Corrections Classes

MARIANNA—The Chipola College Criminal Justice Training Center will offer an evening Law Enforcement Academy and a Corrections to Law Enforcement Cross-over class beginning Monday, May 20. Qualification deadline for all materials is Wednesday, May 15.

The program will meet weeknights from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. The course is 770 clock hours in length.

Chipola also offers an ongoing Basic Corrections academy with open enrollment. Students may start within a week of qualification. Classes are weekdays, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Candidates must be at least 19 years of age and earn a passing score on the Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test (CJBAT). Applicants must have a standard high school diploma or its equivalent and must undergo a medical physical examination, background check and drug screening. Financial Assistance is available based upon need and eligibility.

The Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test (CJBAT) is offered at the Public Service Building on Chipola Campus every Tuesday at 12:30. Cost of the test is \$45.

For information regarding the application process, contact Steven Stewart, Law Enforcement Coordinator, at 718-2286.



The author signs one of her books after she spoke to a group at the library Saturday evening.

‘From High Wire To Swiftwater’ event one of the Arts Series best

The Blountstown Public Library held another Arts Series Event Saturday evening and it will go down as one of the best.

The stage was set in the Heritage Room with colorful circus decorations to accent Liliane Parbot-Johnson's talk about her book entitled *From Circus Dream To Three-Ring Reality*. The stories about her life and all of her adventures held us captive as we listened with admiration for her bravery and zest for living.

After intermission and tasty treats the outdoor Courtyard came alive with original and popular tunes from the group Swiftwater (and friends). Everyone relaxed and took in the music whether it be bluegrass, country, or gospel. We almost stayed til the cows came home! We are so thankful to have artists such as these right here in our area.

Heartfelt appreciations go out to all that worked so hard on the event and to those, yes you, who help support the Arts in this wonderful community.



TERESA EUBANKS PHOTOS

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with deputies in pursuit.

Moments later, Martin lost control of the car, went into a front yard and ran into a cluster of small trees before hitting a water meter.

Deputies said Martin jumped out of the car and ran into the woods, followed by Taylor on foot. Mallory said he saw Martin toss out a Ziplock bag on the ground, which held a Kellogg's snack box with cocaine, marijuana and MDMA hidden inside.

The drugs confiscated at the scene included 10 grams of powder cocaine in a plastic bag and .5 grams of MDMA (also known as Ecstasy or Molly) in a small Ziplock bag. There were also six other small Ziplock bags, like those commonly used to package and sell drugs.

The wreck was investigated by FHP Trooper Chad Cox.



ABOVE: Cocaine, marijuana and MDMA were found in a Ziplock bag and a fruit snack box tossed out after the accident, according to the sheriff's office.

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Seminole People of Florida: Survival and Success, will be on display May 17 to August 18 Museum of Florida History announces new Seminole exhibit

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Department of State's Museum of Florida History today announced the opening date of the museum's next temporary exhibit, Seminole People of Florida: Survival and Success. The new exhibit will be on display May 17 to August 18 at the Museum of Florida History in downtown Tallahassee.

"We are pleased to present this exhibit, which was created in a spirit of admiration for a group of people who have not only survived and prospered but have overcome extreme adversity," said Secretary Detzner. "The Seminole people have a long, proud history in Florida, and this new exhibit

showcases their remarkable heritage and culture."

The exhibit provides insight into Seminole history, culture and artistic traditions from the mid-1850s to the present. The Museum of Florida History worked with members of the Seminole Tribe, the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum and other advisors to create a well-rounded exhibit. More than 90 artifacts are featured, including several examples of beautiful patchwork clothing from the museum's collection of Seminole artifacts. The exhibit includes artifacts on loan from the Seminole Tribe's Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum, notably an early nineteenth-century bandolier bag and nine paint-

ings by Seminole artist Noah Billie.

The Museum of Florida History's monthly programming will highlight the exhibit and feature numerous scholars and authors specializing in Seminole culture and history. More information on monthly programming may be obtained by calling the museum or by visiting the museum's website.

The Museum of Florida History is part of the Florida Department of State's Division of Cultural Affairs and is located in the R. A. Gray Building at 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida. Hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Sunday and holidays, noon to 4:30 p.m. Parking is available in the garage adjacent to the museum and in nearby downtown garages. For more information, contact (850) 245-6400 or visit our website at www.museumoffloridahistory.com.

Liberty County native selected for major exhibition in South Korea

The Sejong Museum of Fine Art in Seoul, Korea, has selected Liberty County native artist and photographer Rick Saint to present work in their latest exhibition, the 9th Annual GwangHwaMun International Art Festival (GIAF) "Good Morning GwangHwaMun."

Saint is one of approximately 400 artists from 5 continents chosen for this year's GIAF which is listed as one of Korea's most important cultural exchange programs. Sponsored by the

Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Korean Ministry of Culture and Tourism, the Korean Culture and Arts Council, and the Korean Ministry of Education, the GIAF is also considered a major event within Korea's "World Cooperation for Environmental Issues".

Originally from Rock Bluff, Florida, Saint now resides in Bangkok, Thailand. His love of people and cultures is seen in his work and his frequent travels in Asia have allowed him to capture a little of

the beauty that is found there.

Through the years, Saint has worked in a variety of media, including acrylics, mixed-media, and silks as well as being very involved in performance art; however, he is currently focusing primarily on photography. For the GIAF, Saint submitted a photographic piece entitled "Absolem", named for the hookah smoking caterpillar in "Alice in Wonderland". The smoky, mysterious image is intentionally ambiguous so that the viewer's

imagination is engaged by the work.

"I'm thrilled to have my work included in such a prestigious exhibition," said Saint. "My art is a passion for me. I'm just glad others enjoy it as well."

The GIAF runs from April 26 to May 27 in the Main Exhibition Hall of the Sejong Cultural Center and Museum located in Chebu-dong, Jongno-gu, Seoul, Korea.

Additional examples of the artist's work can be seen on his website: www.RickSaint.com.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

CORINTH BAPTIST CHURCH - Milton "Big Mo" Ostrander will be the evangelist for revival services at Corinth Baptist Church May 5-8. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. (ET) on Sunday, May 5, and nightly at 7 p.m. (ET), May 6-8.

Big Mo has been involved in gospel music for many years. He is a Dove Award nominee and has won the ECSGMA Songwriter of the Year. His songs have been featured on many of the Gaither Gospel Series videos, and many artists in Southern Gospel Music have recorded his powerful songs. He preaches revival services all over the country and continues to minister through music as well.

Corinth Baptist Church humbly invites you to join us in this wonderful week of music, ministry, and Revival! Corinth Baptist is located at 15816 NE Moore Street in Hosford. For more information, please call Rev. Kyle Peddie 556-1881.

CHURCH BREAKFAST - The Blountstown Community Church will be holding an all-you-can-eat breakfast benefit on Saturday, May 4 from 7 - 11 a.m.

Ham and sausage, eggs, grits, biscuits and gravy and pancakes will be served.

Please come and enjoy. For more information call 674-7023.

HEALING MINISTRIES - Healing Ministries will be holding their first service on Sunday, May at 2 p.m. (ET). The church is located on the corner of Hwy. 20 and Central Ave. Everyone is invited to attend.

NOTE OF THANKS

To all my friends, family and neighbors who were so generous to give of their time and prayers. To those who brought food or flowers, and to those who called to give words of encouragement since my accident, thank you doesn't seem nearly enough. I have been so blessed by your caring and concern. God's blessings to each and everyone.

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'ALICE IN WONDERLAND' tickets on sale at Chipola

MARIANNA—Tickets are now on sale for the Chipola College Theatre children's musical, *Alice in Wonderland*, set for Thursday, May 9 at 7 p.m.

The show also will be presented to hundreds of elementary school children during several sold-out daytime performances.

Chipola Theater director Charles Sirmon cast actors in the following roles: Colton Day and Trey McKay as Che-

sire Cats, Christin Wiggins as Mathilda, Gracie Wallace as Alice, Diane Glaze as White Rabbit, Austin Pettis as Doorknob, Patrea Clark as Dodo Bird, Terrence Shanks as Tweedle Dum, Shayli Tharp as Tweedle Dee, Brienne Beechum as Rose, Kayla Todd as Petunia, Melanie Henderson as Lily, Jae House as Caterpillar, Dylan Bass as Mad Hatter, Dante Tyler as March Hare, Odra Chapman as Queen of Hearts, Nick Cessna as King

of Hearts. Royal Cardsman and Tea Partiers include: Alex Anderson, Deanna Bailey, Amberly Corbin, Maddie Craven, Elyn Sapp and Julie Wells.

General admission tickets are available online at www.chipola.edu. Center for the Arts box office hours are 2 - 5 p.m., May 6, 7, 8, and from 6 - 7 p.m., May 9. For information contact Charles Sirmon, Director of Theatre sirmonc@chipola.edu (850) 718-2277.

Minnie Chason reunion held Easter weekend

The Minnie Lee Chason Reunion was held on Easter weekend, Friday through Sunday, at the Minnie Chason Park on Hwy. 73, just south of the Jackson/Calhoun line.

Nine of Minnie Chason's children were present. They included Lawrence Chason, Aubrey Chason, Ruby Flanders, Ruth Wood, Doris Bates, Irene Sessions, Rachel Collins, Juanita Mathis

and Jean Hilson.

Our oldest sister, Myrtie Vickery, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, February 27. She will be missed.

Approximately 245 family members and friends were present.

The oldest two present were Miram and Dorothy Stewart, of Marianna, brother and sister-in-law of Minnie Chason, both at the age

of 86. The youngest present was 3 1/2-month-old Henry Lee Bates, son of Quinton and Amy Bates of Altha. Henry Lee is the great-grandson of Minnie Chason.

There were eight new little ones born into the Chason family since last Easter.

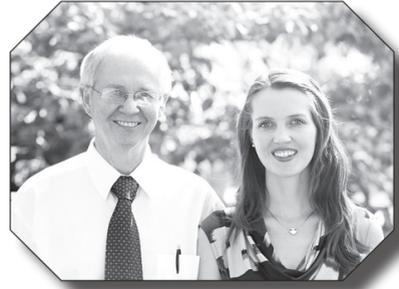
Again, we Chason brothers and sisters would like to give a big thank you to our

youngest generation for not only stepping up to the plate and getting the food ready for us to eat and then cleaning up afterwards, but for being in charge of the egg hunt, they hay ride, providing cupcakes for the children to decorate and painting fingernails Easter colors.

We love and appreciate you all very much. We are so blessed to have such a great family.



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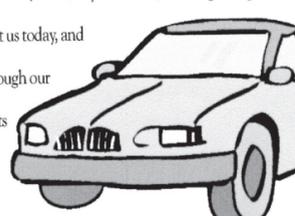
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Volunteer firefighters complete First Responders Course

Liberty County local volunteer fire departments - including Rock Bluff, Bristol, Estiffanulga and Hosford - have spent the last two months completing a first responder course that meets the DOT's 40 hour curriculum. The First Responders will be assisting with EMS calls and have the ability to administer first aid, oxygen, and CPR. During the course of the class, they have also been certified in CPR as well as completed a class in extrication.

FROM LEFT: Melissa Killingsworth - Instructor, Pam Joiner, Chris Peddie, Richard Peddie, Steven Danley, Kristy Shiver, Obie Harper, Angela Brown, Sandy Hoffmaster, Johnnie Barton.

SHELBY RODDENBERRY PHOTO



Magnolia Square Gazebo fundraiser planned May 31

An elegant evening on the Chipola River is planned Friday, May 31 from 5-7 p.m. at the home of Ann McMillan.

Ann is opening her Bass Avenue residence and guest house for this special event to help Blountstown Main Street raise funds for the new gazebo at Magnolia Square.

Taste and Tour will feature an array of heavy hors d'oeuvres catered by Barbara Wilson of Sweet Sage eatery inside the new Rivertown Mercantile in downtown Blountstown. Guests will also enjoy a variety of wines while listening to beautiful music on the river shore. Throughout the evening, tours of both Ann's main house and guest cottage will be available.

Tickets are \$25 each and available at Centennial Bank, Three Bridges Antiques, Rivertown Mercantile, or by calling 447-2765.

Proceeds will benefit the gazebo soon to be constructed in Magnolia Square. This structure will feature a stage, along with dressing and bathroom facilities, providing a unique venue for downtown performances and outdoor events.

12th Annual Quilt Show at Pioneer Settlement May 4

Everyone is invited to participate in our 12th annual quilt show on Saturday, May 4 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. (CT) at the Pioneer Settlement in Blountstown. Come view the quilts we will have on display or display one of your own.

We do not judge the quilts but we do have visitors vote on their favorite one and the winner receives a prize. Have your treasured quilts appraised! A Quilt Appraiser will be present to give you a verbal appraisal for \$15 or a written appraisal for \$35. A written appraisal can be used for insurance purposes.

If you would like to bring a quilt, please let us know by email at info@panhandlepioneer.org or phone at (850) 674-2777, as soon as possible.

The show lasts one day and quilts can be delivered for set up from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (CT) on Thursday, May 2. They can be picked up on Saturday afternoon after 3 p.m. Admission is \$3.



Community Calendar

Wednesday, May 1

<p>TODAY'S MEETINGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotary Club, noon, Calhoun-Liberty Hospital • AA, 7 p.m., Calhoun County Old Ag Bldg. east door, in front of jail 	<p>BIRTHDAYS</p> <p>Hayley Fennell Donafan Anders</p>
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Thursday, May 2

<p>MEETINGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AA, 7 p.m., basement of Calhoun Courthouse • Bristol Girl Scout Troop #303, 6:30 p.m., The Club, Bristol. • Liberty Community Coalition meets 7 p.m. in Emerg. Management Bldg. 	 <p>Day of Prayer</p> <p>Meet at noon, Liberty Courthouse Lawn</p>
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Friday, May 3



WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY MAY 3

Saturday, May 4

<p>Bristol Ballet Concert at 7:30 p.m. Veterans Memorial Civic Center, Bristol</p> <p>12th Annual Quilt Show at Pioneer Settlement 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. (CT)</p> <p>Kinard Community Homecoming 1 p.m. at Community Center</p>	
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Sunday, May 5

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Legion Post 272, 2 p.m., Legion Hall in Blountstown 	
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Monday, May 6

<p>BIRTHDAYS</p> <p>Fern Nissley & Sayward Distennette</p>	<p>TODAY'S MEETINGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boy Scout Troop 206, 7 p.m., Veterans Civic Center • Bristol City Council meets at 6:30 (ET) p.m. followed by Public Hearing on CDBG Grant.
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Tuesday, May 7

<p>TODAY'S MEETINGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Altha Boy Scouts, 7 p.m., Altha VFD • AA, 6 p.m., Altha Community Center • Liberty County Chamber of Commerce meets at Apalachee Restaurant at 7 p.m. (ET) 	
<p>BIRTHDAY - Louise Robinson ANNIVERSARY - Colton & Schelbie Anders</p>	

Fundraiser to help boy in need of kidney transplant Save the date for Bryson on May 31

A benefit lunch to assist Philip and Rachel Hatcher with ongoing medical expenses as they care for their son, Bryson Hatcher, who is in need of a kidney transplant, will be held on Friday, May 31, at the Altha Church of God Fellowship Hall.

A lunch of slow-cooked pulled pork, seasoned baked beans, sweet coleslaw, a roll and dessert will be sold for \$7. Serving will begin at 11 a.m. (CT).

You may dine-in or carryout is available. Delivery is available to businesses with five or more orders. Ticket sales are prepaid and available through Friday, May 24 by calling Peggy Whittaker at 674-3695, Gail Hollis at 762-8538, or Jena Norris at 674-8616.

Benevolence Fund for Scotty Phillips

Anyone who would like to help the church as they support the recovery efforts of Liberty County Commissioner Scotty Phillips can send checks to Telogia Baptist Church at P.O. Box 4, Telogia, FL 32360.

The church asks that checks be made payable to Telogia Baptist Church. Please write "Benevolence Fund" in the memo line.

The church reports that Scotty was doing well Tuesday and is expected to have a feeding tube put in place Wednesday to boost his nutrient intake.

The family is in the process of selecting a rehabilitation facility where they hope he can be moved soon.

Smith family reunion set for May 25 at Four Mile Creek

The 52nd Smith family reunion is set for Saturday, May 25 at Four Mile Creek Park in Clarksville.

This annual reunion is held by the descendants of the late Jesse Daniel and Mattie Williams Smith. All friends and relatives are invited to attend. We will have lunch around 12 p.m. (CT).

Please come and enjoy the day with us. For more information contact Tim Smith at 674-3056 or Estelle Jones at 674-4785.

Cypress swing raffle tickets now available

The Calhoun County Senior Citizens Association is raffling off a 6' Cypress Swing for just \$2 per ticket.

If you would like more than one they are 2 for \$5. The drawing will be held during the month of May.

Stop by our office at 16859 NE Cayson Street (the swing is on display in the lobby) to purchase your tickets.

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Mallory sworn in as U.S. Marshal

Liberty County Sheriff's Office Lt. Mark Mallory was sworn into the U.S. Marshal's Service Friday in Bristol by U.S. Marshal Supervisory Inspector Marty West. Mallory, who will remain with the sheriff's office, will now be able to make federal arrests and take part in the Service's Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force investigations. This designation will expand the sheriff's office abilities to work with other agencies. Shown above, FROM LEFT: Inspector West, Liberty County Sheriff Nick Finch and new U.S. Marshal Mark Mallory.

Mother's Day admission special at Landmark Park

DOTHAN, AL - On Sunday, May 12 mothers will be admitted free to Landmark Park when accompanied by their children, ages 15 and younger, in honor of Mother's Day.

Families can enjoy the outdoors with a stroll along the boardwalk and a picnic in the park. Make sure to visit the Martin Drugstore for an ice cream cone or soda. Planetarium shows will be held at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., and a Reptile Feeding Program will be held at 4 p.m. in the Interpretive Center Classroom.

The park is open on Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. Regular admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for children ages 4-15 and free for members and children 3 and under.

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

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Riders brave cool weather in support of Liberty County 4-H

On the brisk Saturday morning of April 20, 21 brave motorcycle riders suited up for a 86 mile ride through Liberty, Jackson and Calhoun counties in support of the Liberty County 4-H youth. A local group of avid riders organized a ride to provide financial assistance for youth to attend 4-H Camp Timpoochee. Even though the morning was quite cool, it turned out to be a great day for the ride for 21 riders with 11 passengers.



A big shout out to the following sponsors: Advanced Auto Parts, Altha Farmers Coop, Apalachee Restaurant, Auto Zone, Blountstown Drugs, Cathy Brown, Cox Transmission, Carolyn Drew, Kelli Flournoy – Beauti Control Consultant, Golden Pharmacy, Hungry Howie's, Klieght/Gaskin Hair Salon, Dr. David Lister, Neil Land & Timber, Hope Neiman – Pampered Chef Consultant, C.W. Roberts, Debbie's Beauty Shop, McMillan's Trees and Shrubs, Peavy Florist, Pizza Hut, River Town Grille, Unique Shop, Whit's Auto Repair, Maggie Williams – Mary Kay.

Thank you to all who volunteered to make the event a success.

Guardian Ad Litem volunteers needed for displaced children

There is a tremendous need in the area for adults who care for children and desire to make a difference in the life of a displaced child. These children, by no fault of their own, have been removed from their home and as a result have become part of the system. Upon their case coming before the judge more times than not Guardian ad Litem is assigned to the case. Guardian ad Litem and the gracious volunteers who sacrificially give of their time to represent and advocate for these children are held in high

esteem and receive great satisfaction in knowing they have enriched the life of a child who often times has no one else to do so.

In order to be a volunteer and then be an advocate for a child to the judge one must meet the following requirements:

- Complete an Application. This can be done online.
- Be at least 21 years of age. Call about recent changes if interested and are at least 19.
- Consent to a criminal background check.
- Consent to a Level 2 background check which includes fingerprints.
- Complete a screening interview with the local program.

• Complete 30 hours of certification training.

A Guardian ad Litem should be prepared to commit 6-8 hours per month with some months requiring more and some requiring less.

For information contact any of the following: Dan Fender: Recruiter/Trainer (850) 849-3925, in Blountstown (850) 674-2799, in Chipley (850) 638-6043, in Marianna (850) 482-9127.

Thank you for your willingness and efforts in serving your community and its children.

Honoring MAJOR LOLLEY

Major Junior Lolley was recently honored for his 35 years of service by the staff at the Liberty County Sheriff's Office in Bristol with a special lunch and a big cake. The longtime dispatcher's voice is familiar to all when he answers the phone, calms worried 911 callers and patiently gives deputies directions over the radio as they respond to calls throughout the county.

Attention Liberty County Water and Garbage Customers

The Liberty County Board of County Commissioners has combined the water and garbage billing on one monthly bill beginning April 30, 2013.

You may begin paying your bill with one check or pay your bill on line through the Pay n Seconds portal located at our website www.libertybocc.com. Please note Pay n Seconds charges a consumer service fee for this convenience. Payments can also be made at the Clerk's Office with a credit or debit card subject to the convenience fee. Please note, both bills are now due and payable by the 20th of each month, after this date the water bill will accrue a \$1.00 late fee and the garbage bill will accrue a \$1.68 late fee.

Any customer wishing to pay in advance may still do so and the credit will be applied to future bills. Also there is additional information located on the back of the bill regarding our service.

If you have any questions regarding the new billing please contact our office at (850) 643-2778.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS



CHEYENNE MARIE SUTTON
Cheyenne Marie Sutton will celebrate her fifth birthday on Wednesday, May 1. She is the daughter of Todd and Ginny Sutton of Bristol. She loves being with her grandparents, Edna and Thomas Brown. She enjoys helping her great-uncle, Mac, take care of the chickens and garden. When she is not doing that, she plays with her cousins and little brother, Mikey. She loves going to school and riding the bus with Ms. Poochie and Ms. Odum. She plays for hours on her swing and car in the yard. She also likes to have cookouts with her family and spending time with them.



ELIZABETH BAILEY
Elizabeth Bailey celebrated her 16th birthday on Monday, April 29. She is the daughter of Danny and Angela Bailey of Altha. Her grandparents are Patricia and the late Buddy Hunt and Hilda and the late Bobby Bailey. She enjoys playing J.V. Volleyball for Altha High School and spending time with her Aunt Mel Mel.



KINLEY ANN ORAMA
Kinley Ann Orama will celebrate her fourth birthday on Sunday, May 5. She is the daughter of Jerry and LeAnn Orama of Telogia. Her grandparents are Silas and Susie Summerlin and Betty Orama, all of Telogia, and Mike Orama of Hosford. Her great-grandparents are Nora Lee Summerlin and Betty Henthorn, both of Telogia. She is looking forward to starting Pre-K and will celebrate with a Little Mermaid party with family and friends.



MADISON STEVILYN BARINEAU
Madison Stevilyn Barineau will celebrate her 18th birthday on Saturday, May 4. She is the daughter of Steve Barineau and Brent and Sandra Melvin. Her grandparents are Frank and Donna Johnson and the late Lloyd and Shirley Barineau. Her brothers are Blade Barineau, Brandon Melvin, Eric Melvin and Fletcher Melvin. She loves her family, animals, friends and is very active in community activities and with Liberty County High School as a senior. She is the red-headed, blue-eyed sunshine who can light up a room with her smile.



Alston to graduate from Gulf Coast College on May 3

Tiesha Alston will be graduating on Friday, May 3 at 6 p.m. (CT) from Gulf Coast State College. She will be receiving a Phi Theta Kappa stole from her honor society along with her AA degree in Human Services Administration.

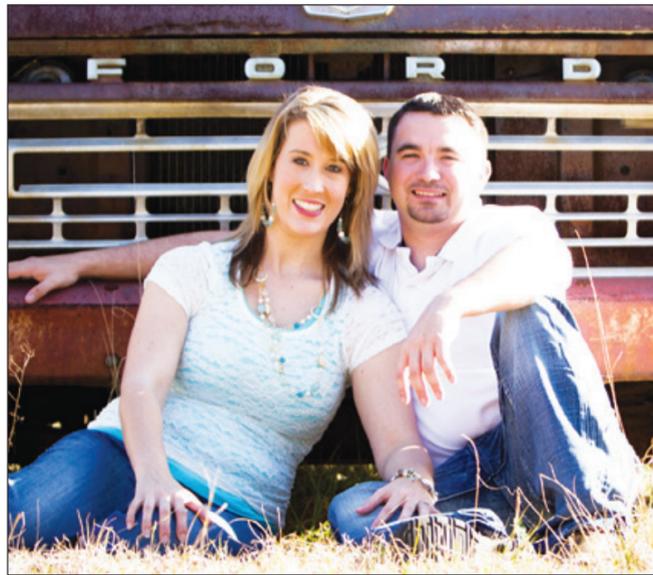
On Wednesday, April 17 she celebrated her National Signing Day.

She will continue her education at the University of West Georgia on a full volleyball scholarship where she will pursue her bachelor degree in Speech Language Pathology.

She is the daughter of Thaddeus Dawson of Bristol and Fontella Alston of Panama City. She is the sister of Thad Alston of Bristol and Tefon Alston of Providence, RI. Her grandparents are Bettye Dawson of Bristol, Willie Murray of Quincy and Brenda and Macky Qualls of Providence, RI.

WEDDING

Brooke Smith, Dennis Goodman to exchange vows September 21



Brenda Smith of Blountstown and Billy Smith of Sneads are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Brooke Anne Smith to Dennis J. Goodman, son of John and Dorcas Goodman, all of Bristol.

The bride-elect is a 2007 graduate of Sneads High School. Brooke is the granddaughter of Samuel and Joyce Herndon of Chattahoochee and Eleanor and Ed Ligon and Billy Ray Smith, all of Bristol. She is also the great-granddaughter of the late Pauline and C.D. Dawsey of Blountstown.

The groom-elect is a 2007 graduate of Altha High School. Dennis is the grandson of the late Jonas and Edna Bontrager of Blountstown, and the late John Wesley and Ann Goodman of Blountstown.

The wedding is planned for Sept. 21 in Blountstown.

Chipola graduation is Thursday, May 2

MARIANNA—The Chipola College graduation ceremony is Thursday, May 2, at 7 p.m. (CST), in the Milton H. Johnson Health Center. Parents, relatives and friends are invited to a reception immediately following the ceremony.

More than 400 graduates make up the Chipola class of 2013. They will join the ranks of more than 12,000 Chipola alumni.

Chipola alumnus Lamar Polston will deliver the commencement address. Polston grew up in Graceville, and graduated from Chipola in 1972. He went on to a distinguished career in the Insurance industry until his retirement in 2007.

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Late Night Laughs

A RECAP OF RECENT OBSERVATIONS BY LATE NIGHT TV HOSTS.

The 99 Cent Store founder passed away. He would still be alive if he hadn't gone to a 99 cent doctor. — DAVID LETTERMAN

Supreme Court Justice Steven Breyer had shoulder surgery for an injury after he fell off his bike. It happened when the justice drifted a little too far to the left. — CONAN O'BRIEN

Here's a disturbing bit of progress. Microsoft is allowing video gamers to order pizza directly from their Xbox. Xbox will not stop until humans and couches become one. — JIMMY KIMMEL

Washington Wizards center Jason Collins said it was not a tough decision to tell people that he's gay. He said it's easier than telling people he plays for the Washington Wizards. That's the hard part. — JAY LENO

A woman in Florida is being praised for turning in over \$36,000 in cash to the police after finding it on a golf course. Authorities are saying it's a selfless move, while the woman is like, "Good. Because I found \$80,000." — JIMMY KIMMEL

Plans are being discussed in California to let illegal immigrants serve on juries. Talk about doing the jobs Americans don't want to do! It's all yours. Thank you. — JAY LENO

The founder of the 99 Cent Stores died. The family asked in lieu of flowers, donations be made to everyone who shops at the 99 Cent Store. — CONAN O'BRIEN

The Tim Tebow era lasted about 16 games. The Jets fired him. He was so angry he picked up his helmet and he threw it. It went about 10 yards. — DAVID LETTERMAN

In a new interview, Mike Tyson revealed his ex-girlfriend cooked and ate his pet pigeon right in front of him. Tyson said she also had a dark side. — CONAN O'BRIEN

Congratulations to Gwyneth Paltrow. She's the most beautiful woman alive, according to People magazine. I thought to myself, "Wow. Thank God, finally some hope for good-looking, thin blondes." — DAVID LETTERMAN

Jason Collins is the first athlete in a major U.S. sport to announce he's gay. He's a free-agent now, but his last team was the Washington Wizards. He's not the first openly gay wizard. That trail was blazed by Dumbledore. — CRAIG FERGUSON

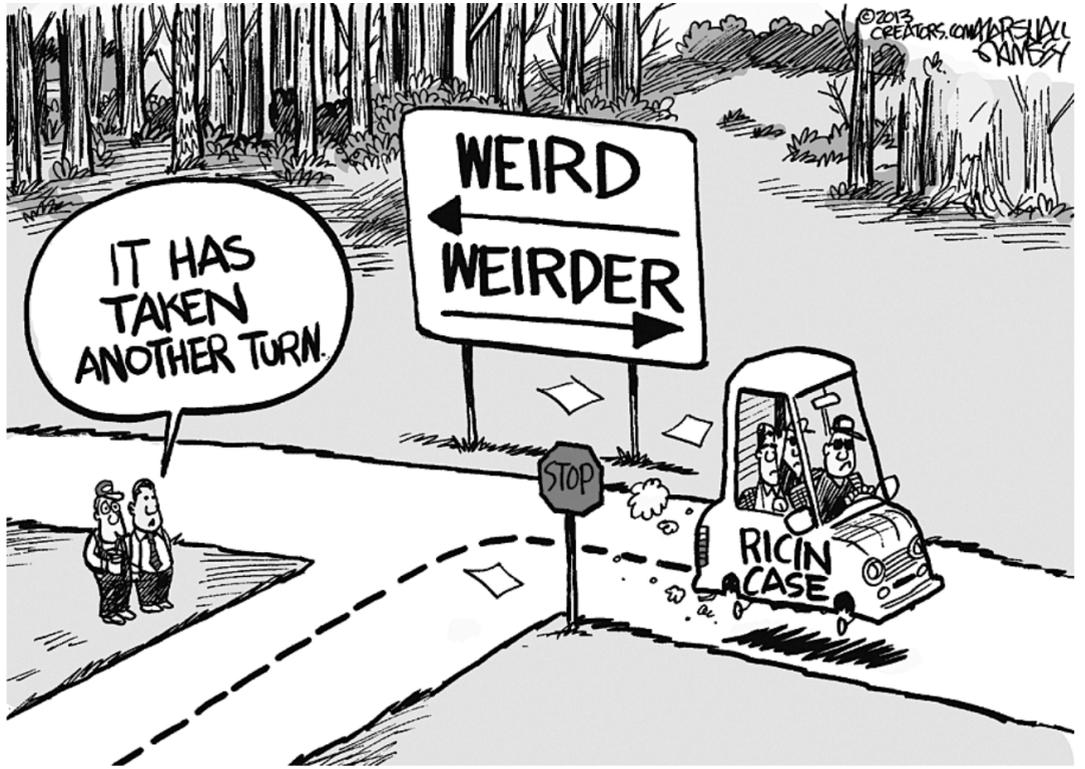
Jason Collins became the first active athlete from a major American sport to come out of the closet. He wrote an article in Sports Illustrated. He said, "I'm a 34-year-old NBA center, I'm black, and I'm gay. For those who don't follow sports, this is like a contestant on "Project Runway" coming out as straight." — JIMMY KIMMEL

All five living presidents gathered for the opening of the George W. Bush presidential library in Dallas. Well, six living presidents if you count Hillary in 2016. — JAY LENO

Gary Busey is on tonight's show. This will be one of the few interviews where I finish with more questions than I started with. — JIMMY FALLON

The United States Treasury announced that they will put into circulation a newly designed \$100 bill in October. Of course, by that time, it should be worth about 50 bucks. — JAY LENO

It's not a federal holiday but last Friday you were supposed to take your son or daughter to work. For a lot of people it's take your son or daughter to where you used to work... In China, kids take their parents to work. — DAVID LETTERMAN



US Tax code needs an overhaul

The federal tax man has come and gone for this year, but he'll be back. Everyone curses the tax collector no matter if it's the city, county, state or federal government. It's the American way.

Most everyone agrees that the U.S. Tax Code needs an overhaul. As I calculate my taxes every year, usually at the last minute, I'm reminded that the tax code consist largely of exemptions designed by the Congress to gain votes.

Mortgage interest deductions are a good example. Deducting mortgage paid each year is a major factor in the real estate market. Knowing that they can write off the annual interest which reduces their taxable income is a major incentive for potential homebuyers.

People working the federal budget issues comment that if all the exemptions in the tax code were eliminated then there would be no budget crisis. But that will never happen.

My view is that most of the exemptions should be eliminated and replaced by a program in which everyone pays some tax. But, that isn't going to happen either.

In a macro view of the U.S. budget system, I think that budgets should at least cover two years revenue and spending. The Department of Defense and the military services have a Five Year Defense Plan (FYDP) that projects budget cost based on anticipated requirements to defend the U.S. As a Pentagon planner, I and many other staff officers worked on the Air Force input to the FYDP. The Congress would be wise to generate long-range budgets that are updated or changed as necessary to accommodate a changing international environment, but it won't happen because the federal budget system is 100% politicized. Both political parties use the budget process to hammer each other into submission. Congressional action in the best interest of Americans as a whole isn't in either political party's playbook.

While ordinary citizens slog through the April thrash to pay their taxes, or hopefully, get a little something back, corporations don't do much slogging because they use offshore tax havens to avoid paying U.S. taxes.

U.S. PIRG, the federation of state Public Interest Research Groups (PIRGs), states that tax haven abuse cost the U.S. approximately \$150 billion in tax revenue every year. Multinational corporations account for about \$90 billion and individuals account for the other \$60 billion.

The PIRG report states that individual tax pay-

ers would have to ante up approximately \$1,026 each in additional taxes to compensate for \$150 billion in unpaid taxes on money stashed in offshore accounts.

To compensate for the \$90 billion in taxes on money that U.S. corporations have in offshore accounts, small businesses in the U.S. would have to pay an average of \$3,067 each in additional taxes.

PIRG states that as of 2008, 83 of the 100 largest publically traded U.S. corporations maintained revenues in offshore tax haven countries. Some PRIG examples.

Pfizer, the world's largest drug maker made 40% of its sales in the U.S., but has not reported any taxable income in the U.S. for the past five years. Pfizer operates 172 subsidiaries in tax havens and, at the time of the PIRG report, had \$73 billion in offshore accounts.

According to the PRIG report, Microsoft avoided \$4.5 billion in federal income taxes over three years through accounting tricks to shift its income to tax-friendly Puerto Rico. The report states that Microsoft keeps approximately \$60 billion offshore on which it owes approximately \$19 billion in U.S. taxes.

PRIG states that Citigroup maintains 20 subsidiaries in tax havens and has approximately \$42 billion offshore on which approximately \$11.5 billion taxes are due. The irony for the U.S. individual tax payer is that Citigroup was bailed out by tax payers in 2008.

According to the PRIG report, 60 of the largest U.S. multinational companies account for \$1.3 trillion of the estimated \$1.7 trillion parked offshore by all U.S. companies. That \$1.3 trillion is 40 percent of the 60 companies' total revenue, according to a Wall Street Journal analysis. Ten of the companies moved more cash offshore in 2012 than they earned in profits for the year.

The PRIG report comments that U.S.-based multinational firms and individuals avoid paying U.S. taxes by using accounting tricks to shift profits made in America to offshore tax havens—countries with minimal or no taxes. They benefit from their access to America's markets, workforce, infrastructure and security; but they pay little or nothing for it—violating the basic fairness of the tax system and forcing other taxpayers to pick up the tab.

In my view, if an individual or corporation is making money in the U.S., then pay U.S. taxes. No exceptions.

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



Boston Strong: People of pride and resilience

U.S. Air Force Col. Robert Valin was an airline pilot on Sept. 11, 2001. He once lived in Khobar Towers, the Saudi housing complex that was bombed by terrorists on June 25, 1996. His family also lived in Newtown, Conn., just around the corner from Sandy Hook Elementary School.

"The ties to these tragedies have always kind of been there," Col. Valin told *The Unknown Soldiers*.

On Apr. 15, the Massachusetts airman was watching live coverage of the Boston Marathon from Afghanistan, eight and a half hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time.

"I had actually watched a little bit of the marathon on TV for 20 to 30 minutes before the (attack) happened," Valin said. "The following morning, I learned more about what had happened."

Valin, who grew up in Lexington and Belmont, Mass., and plans to eventually retire in Charlestown, experienced an "ugly feeling" while seeing his beloved city under siege from thousands of miles away. But he was also filled with appreciation.

"There's the pride in Boston, Bostonians and the people of New England," he said.

Valin has been serving his country in uniform since the Reagan administration. With nearly 6,500 flying hours in F-16 and

A-10 fighter jets and commercial planes, he's navigated the skies under almost every circumstance. But ever since arriving in Afghanistan, the brave men and women under his command have consistently inspired him.

"Some folks come out here and kind of expect that all the leaders will be very inspiring kinds of people and the vast majority are just that," the Colonel said. "But the opposite also happens ... the leaders are themselves inspired by the soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines doing the job."

After two months in the war zone, Valin marveled at the heroism he's already witnessed.

"There's nothing more inspiring than seeing everything from an airman going outside the wire to someone manning a tower to a surgeon sewing up horrible wounds to a maintenance technician miraculously fixing an airplane that didn't look fixable," he said. "As you see more and more of these things around you,

The Unknown Soldiers

by Tom Sileo

An award-winning journalist who worked in newsrooms for eight years, Tom Sileo is a nationally syndicated columnist. Tom's weekly newspaper column, also titled "The Unknown Soldiers," has been distributed by Creators Syndicate since its February 2011 launch. Previously, Tom spent almost five years as a copy editor for CNN's broadband news service. He also worked at the Travis Manion Foundation, USO, Associated Press, Tribune, WSPA-TV, and WTVM-TV. Tom has a B.A. in Journalism and Mass Media from Rutgers University.



you're swamped with inspiration."

As director of staff for the Air Force's 455th Expeditionary Wing, Valin and his fellow airmen have wide-ranging, far-reaching responsibilities that tangibly impact the war and its ultimate outcome.

"We have airmen responsible for not only defending the airspace here at (our base) ...

they actually get out into Afghanistan and frankly the whole area around (the base) to meet the people and get to know the local and national police and the Afghan army," Valin said.

While the Colonel admitted it's tough on everyone to be apart from their loved ones, he and his fellow service members are embracing the opportunity to make history.

"Having the chance to serve is very gratifying," he said.

As horrifying images from the Boston bombings filled television and computer screens on his base, Valin and his col-

leagues, especially those from New England, watched intensely as an unprecedented manhunt for two suspected terrorists unfolded before the world's eyes.

"We used to live very close to the Watertown line," Valin said of the town engulfed by police as they hunted the younger suspect. "The wing commander and I were actually walking down that exact same street a couple years ago on our way to a Red Sox game."

Like his fellow Bostonians, Valin felt a sense of relief and enormous gratitude to Boston's police, firefighters and first responders as news of the younger suspect's capture spread through his Afghanistan base.

"I lived in Khobar Towers. I was at the top of the World Trade Center with my son a month before 9/11. I was flying 757s for United Airlines at the time of the attacks," he said. "From that, I've seen and learned to see the resilience of people."

As he works to prevent further terrorist attacks and to improve the lives of Afghans, Col. Robert Valin wears his Boston Red Sox gear with patriotism and pride. While grieving for the families affected by the attacks on his city, his faith in Boston's ability to overcome tragedy is unflinching.

"I also know the people," he said. "And they're strong people."

Controlled burns good for some things, just not animals & people

To the editor:

The following comments are submitted in response to the April 17 article in the Calhoun-Liberty Journal, "Commissioner Putnam cautions public as wildfire activity increases." The cautions given to the public are very good information yet there seems to be a double edge to this issue with only the failings of the public addressed.

The positive results of controlled burns are relayed to the public quite often as in the reduction of the intensity of a possible wild fire. Other results not mentioned are the ease and economical benefit of clearing a large plat of ground (after harvest) in a matter of hours. The resulting ash helps to fertilize the soil. Later, when the trees have grown to the size that burning the under-brush will not harm them, the land is fired again. Burning the under-story also eliminates plant growth so that it will not compete with the pine trees for nutrients. Kind of like, fertilizing and weeding a garden.

Not addressed are the major negative results of these "Controlled Burns", some of which seem to get out of control fairly often as noted by the public

and at times reported on. Many of the fires are set in the spring when March winds are strong (advise is given in the article, "don't burn on windy days" and, "Wildfires generally occur in the spring and early summer months due to a lack of rainfall, low humidity and strong winds"). No matter what direction the wind is blowing, and it can and does change direction, people are harmed. Dense smoke often causes dangerous conditions on the road. Auto accidents that happen during low visibility are never reported as having been influenced by smoke.

The smoke from forest fires effect people negatively. Research has proven that microscopic particles containing toxins are carried the greatest distance from the fire (sometimes miles) and are the most harmful to breathe. The small size can travel to the lungs, into the blood system and enter the brain and

other organs. Many people have breathing problems such as asthma, allergies, and COPD and are harmed by woods smoke more so than people without problems. There are people who are forced to leave home when smoke is in the air. The saying, "March Winds and April showers" come to mind yet this is precisely the time when "Controlled" burns are set.

The public is assured that most of the animals will leave the area or go to ground. When a fire is set on all sides to burn toward the center, how do the animals' escape? It is now April and the fires have been burning. Birds are making nest in bushes, turkeys and other ground nesting birds are laying eggs, and box shell turtles do not burrow in the ground. These and many other species are destroyed in the controlled burns. Gopher turtles and snakes are seen seldom anymore. The smoke affects all living creatures. Many are chopped up, entombed, burned and are killed or damaged by smoke. A short walk over a fresh burn will reveal some of the casualties.

The vast majority of forestland in Florida is public (article states one million acres) and private forest lands. The majority of public forestlands

are planted in pine trees, which are contracted out for harvest. Even the floodplain (cypress and others) trees are contracted out for harvest every so many years. It is claimed that money from the harvest of the trees does not bring in enough to support the upkeep of the forest. Why all pine trees? Forest of hybrid pines is a sterile environment that produces nothing for wildlife. Originally, here in Florida, there were great stands of live oak and other native trees. There are small areas where the native heart pines are planted but by far the majority are commercial hybrid pines. Private forestlands, which are greater by far, and therefore, pose a greater damage to the environment, are taxed at a very small portion, per acre, of what the public is forced to pay. They are not held accountable for ditching and draining tens of thousands of acres of wetlands and the many other negative effects of timber farming. For every thousand acres planted, one hundred acres could be required to be left undisturbed in order that wildlife might have a refuge where they might continue to exist. I know that logging has been a source of employment for many people for many years but why must the baby be thrown out with the wash water?

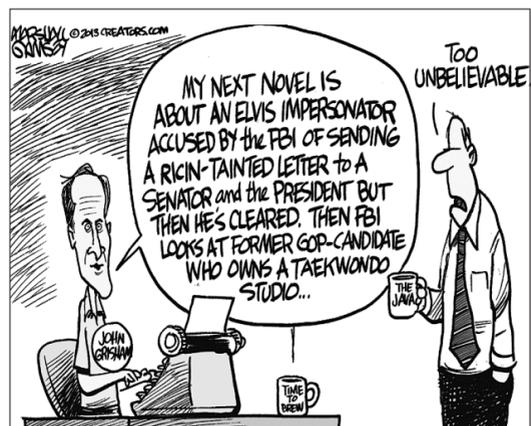
At a time when everything should be questioned, it seems like we are without the will to question at all.

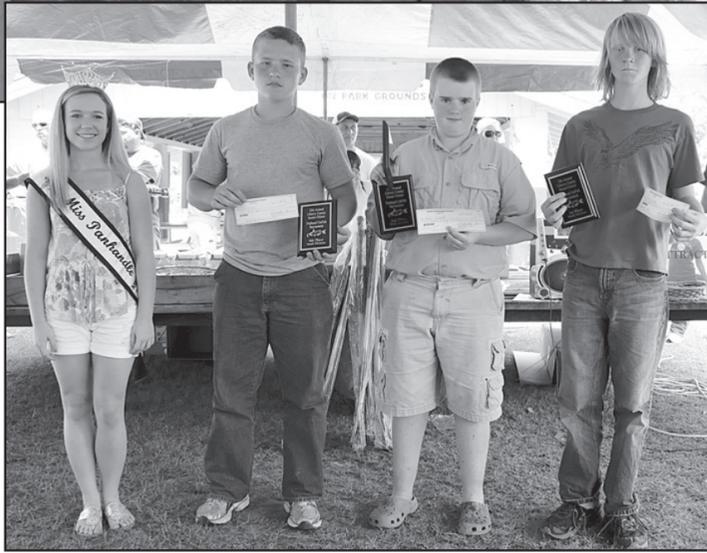
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SPEAK UP!

WITH A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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The Liberty County Senior Citizens made \$3,500 with this year's Flathead Fishing Tournament fundraiser, held Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27 at the Bristol Boat Landing. Between the 81 adults and a number of children who participated in the 12th annual tournament, a total of 916 lbs. of fish were hauled out of the Apalachicola River. First place winner Christopher Brown (right) got a \$1,000 check and a first place plaque for his winning catch that weighed 33.95 lbs. DANIEL WILLIAMS PHOTOS



Liberty Senior Citizens Fishing TOURNAMENT WINNERS

- ADULT DIVISION:
- 1st: Christopher Brown.....33.95 lbs
 - 2nd: Parley Shuler.....28.65 lbs
 - 3rd: Terry Forehand.....26.05 lbs
 - 4th: Carlton Champion.....21.65 lbs
 - Most lbs.: Parley Shuler.....86.40 lbs
 - Non-Flathead: Cory Harless.... 23.20 lbs
- CHILDREN'S DIVISION:
- 1st: Jordan Sumner.....14.20 lbs
 - 2nd: Brent Earnest.....8.75 lbs
 - 3rd: Brent Earnest..... 8.25 lbs
 - 4th: Seth Alday.....8.00 lbs

Celebrate Mother's Day at 'Ladies, Let's Go Fishing!' seminar in Stuart



Women are invited to explore the finest of fishing at the next "Ladies, Let's Go Fishing!" seminar, hosted May 10-12 at the Pirates Cove Resort & Marina, 4307 SE Bayview St. in Stuart. Sponsored by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) in conjunction with the Sport Fish Restoration Program, "Ladies, Let's Go Fishing!" is a national organization dedicated to attracting more women to sport fishing

and promoting conservation and responsible angling. During the three-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 fishing techniques and methods. Past participants found the event worthwhile. "Being able to pick, choose and move between skill sta-

tions was terrific," said Mary Hackney of Naples. "I loved the flexibility." "I learned more about fishing in two days than from my dad in 20 years," said Georgia Allen of Bonita Springs. On the final day of the seminar, women may embark on an optional fishing adventure. To learn more, visit ladies-lets-gofishing.com, call (954) 475-9068 or email info@ladies-lets-gofishing.com.

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Knife Show

Jerry Thompson shows his wares to Jack Haggard at Saturday's Custom Knife Show, held at the Panhandle Pioneer Settlement in Blountstown. Many one-of-a-kind, antique and handmade knives were on display and available for purchase.

DANIEL WILLIAMS PHOTOS



FWC asks for help spotting non-native tegus in Panama City

Residents in Panama City living in the area off East Avenue north of 15th Street are being asked to report any sightings of a tegu, a black-and-white lizard with banding on the tail. Tegus are nonnative to Florida.

Anyone who spots a tegu is asked to call the exotic species hotline at 888-IveGot1 (888-483-4681) or report it online at IveGot1.org. If possible, please take a photo and note the location when reporting.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) staff captured 33 Argentine tegus this past week in this Panama City neighborhood after a local resident called the exotic species hotline. Most of the reptiles captured were adults measuring 3 to 4 feet in length and weighing up to 30 pounds.

"A previous resident in the area had a Class III license, which allowed him to sell tegus," said FWC Investigator Jerry Shores. "That person left town and abandoned the tegus, which has prompted a criminal investigation. During the investigation, the current residents have been nothing but helpful."

Shores said most of the exotic lizards were captured within a fenced-in yard. However, some tegus have been reported by area residents a block or so away.

"We do not want anyone to try and capture these reptiles. Instead, we're asking they report the sighting to 888-IveGot1 (888-483-4681) and if possible take a picture of the tegu," Shores said.

The black-and-white tegu is native to Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay and Argentina. It can be purchased in the pet trade, but like many other nonnative species, it can become established in Florida's sub-tropical climate if it escapes or is released into the wild.

The tegu's diet includes fruit, vegetables, eggs, insects, lizards, rodents and potentially other small animals.

"We know tegus will compete with native wildlife. The FWC is asking for the public's help if someone spots a tegu in this area of Panama City," said Kristen Sommers, the FWC's Exotic Species Coordination Section leader.

Sommers said FWC staff are making routine site visits to the neighborhood and will continue capture efforts this coming week.

Releasing exotic species into Florida's ecosystem is illegal and can be harmful to native wildlife. If you have a tegu as a pet and no longer want to keep it, please call the FWC or participate in one of the FWC's Exotic Pet Amnesty Days, where you can turn it in, with no penalty, for adoption.

A fact sheet with photos and information about tegus is available at MyFWC.com/Nonnatives, where information about Exotic Pet Amnesty Days also is available.



First Hunt: When I lost my mind in a duck blind

As I've written before, a professional trainer warned me once that my yellow Lab, Pete, might not have the stuff great dogs are made of. In the years since, I've witnessed him nearly drown trying to retrieve a bait bucket tied to a dock, and swim half way across Santa Rosa Sound because he thought I was throwing the mullet that were jumping.

Now that he's eight, I've made peace with the fact that Pete is basically a sentient throw rug and a transport device for an ever-wagging otter tail.

But in his first two years, I still had hope that he was going to be a great hunter. After three months of work and a small fortune spent with the trainer, I was assured that Pete was fully "started." All he needed was some actual hunting experience to polish his skills.

Somehow I took that to mean I should take Pete on a real hunt where I expected to shoot ducks and have him retrieve them.

Turns out that was a huge mistake. What the trainer should have said instead was, "If you work with Pete constantly over the next several years, it's possible he won't be a complete liability in the field."

Sadly, I didn't realize that before his first hunt.

Thus with great enthusiasm, I went out to the pond the day before the season opened, set up my blind in a prime spot and even put an auger in the ground to which I could attach Pete's leash. I knew that young dogs often "break" and go fetch before they are given the command. What I didn't know was that breaking early would be the least of my problems.

Well before daylight the next day, our party assembled at the barn and we let the dogs run off some of their excess energy. For about half an hour, Pete and the other two dogs ran around in circles getting warmed up for the intense action ahead.

In retrospect, I should have let Pete run for about three or four hours. Instead, we went to the blind and hunkered down to wait for the ducks.

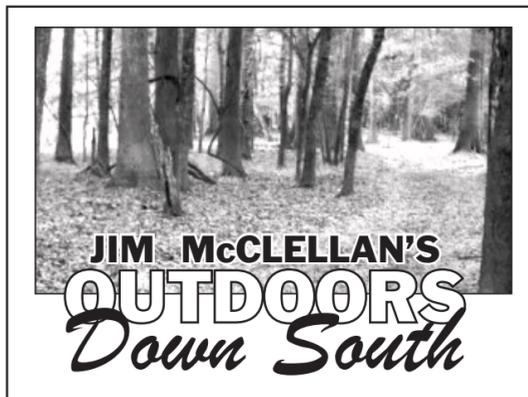
For the first 20 minutes or so, everything was going as planned. Pete sat beside me quietly, leashed to his auger and behaving like he was generally happy with the whole state of affairs. I couldn't have been more proud - I was in my blind with my genuine duck dog, waiting for first light. It was a peaceful, perfect Field & Stream moment.

Right up until the first birds came in.

Pete understands the general concept of retrieving. He just can't process the nuances involved with hunting - like being still and quiet.

Just before dawn yielded to day, a flight of wood ducks came whistling in at low altitude directly above us. Pete started whimpering nervously and tugging at his leash. Since legal shooting time was still a few minutes away, no one fired and the ducks landed safely. But Pete was on edge.

When a second wave of woodies came screaming in, the guns erupted and so did Pete. It's not that he was gun shy. He just wanted in on the action. And forget "breaking" a little early. Pete wanted to liter-



Ducks are coming in like it's the Atlanta airport and the gunshots make it sound like the Fourth of July. On the west side, exposed to God and all the world, is a guy losing a spirited wrestling match with a big yellow dog.

ally snatch the ducks out of the sky.

He began barking and whimpering uncontrollably. (For any non-hunters reading this, that's not generally considered helpful behavior on a duck hunt.) At this point, he was trying his best to leap out of the blind. I couldn't shoot because I had to use one hand to hold his collar to keep him from actually pulling the auger out of the ground.

It got worse from there.

Several more flights of various types of ducks were coming in well within range. But I was trapped in the blind with 95 pounds of hyper-excited dog attached to one hand and a shotgun in the other. I felt like a pro bull rider with his arm caught in the ropes.

The combination of my left hand, his leash and the

auger were just enough to control Pete's front end, but his hind legs and tail were a different matter. With all his thrashing about, he was able to jump-kick in a full circle and totally destroy my blind during the struggle. I had no choice now, but to put my gun down and use both arms and my body weight to subdue him. Meanwhile, some of the ducks were flying close enough for me to feel the water coming off their wings.

Picture this, if you will: It's dawn on a small farm pond with eight or nine hunters carefully hidden around the edges. Ducks are coming in like it's the Atlanta airport and the gunshots make it sound like the Fourth of July. On the west side, exposed to God and all the world, is a guy losing a spirited wrestling match with a big yellow dog. A dog, by the way, who sounds like he's being neutered without anesthesia.

I really didn't want to screw up everyone else's hunt - or, worse and more likely, get shot by "accident" - so I did the only thing I could. I grabbed Pete's leash and hustled him off a couple hundred yards out in the woods, where he continued to howl and bark like he had been kidnapped.

He and I sat underneath the pines for the next two hours listening to what turned out to be a fantastic duck hunt - for everyone else.

I would like to tell you that I spent that time reassuring Pete that he was a good dog and that I understood his youthful enthusiasm. In truth, I sat there considering how long it would take me to drive to North Georgia and drop him back off with his trainer.

If you ever need to hunt tennis balls, Pete may just be the dog for you.

I even went so far as to compose a threatening note in my mind. I can't remember all of it, but I do remember the gist: "Give me my money back or I'm leaving this dog with you."

Last night, I took Pete on an easy two-mile walk. When we got back home, he plopped down on the cool tile of the kitchen floor, exhausted from his "workout." I petted him, watered him and gave him a snack while he lay there.

I also wiped my feet on him just for good measure. He wagged his tail as if to say, "See, I'm useful!"

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.



Chris Colburn, shown above, is the Florida Forest Service's Forestry Supervisor on Lake Talquin State Forest.

Lake Talquin State Forest Supervisor Chris Colburn honored as Manager of the Year

TALLAHASSEE – Governor Rick Scott and the Florida Cabinet today signed three resolutions sponsored by Commissioner of Agriculture Adam H. Putnam, honoring the recipients of the 2013 Jim Stevenson Resource Manager of the Year Award. Each year, natural resource managers from the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service's Florida Forest Service and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission are selected for this award, one of Florida's highest environmental honors.

This year's award recipients are Matthew A. Allen, park manager of DEP's Deer Lake and Grayton Beach state parks; Florida Forest Service forestry supervisor Chris Colburn of Lake Talquin State Forest and biologist Justin Ellenberger of FWC's Guana River Wildlife Management Area.

The Jim Stevenson Resource Manager of the Year was established by DEP in 1992 to recognize the employee who is judged to have made the most significant progress in the stewardship of state lands that are actively managed by each of the three agencies. The award recipients are selected by a committee of environmental professionals.

"Florida's state parks are home to many of our state's most valuable natural resources, and the Panhandle area state parks preserve unique coastal forest ecosystems, a variety of wildlife and pristine coastal dune lakes" said DEP Secretary Herschel T. Vinyard, Jr. "I'm proud to recognize Matt Allen of Grayton Beach and Deer Lake state parks as one of Florida's top resource managers. His outstanding service to DEP, the Florida Park Service and the people of Florida ensure that the remarkable natural resources in these Panhandle parks will endure for future genera-

tions."

"The Florida Forest Service manages more than 1 million acres of public forest land. Our foresters keep millions of people safe from wildfires, provide unique recreational opportunities and teach children and adults about the bounty of the state's public lands," said Commissioner Putnam. "I am thrilled to recognize Forestry Supervisor Chris Colburn for his work to protect and improve our state lands and teach others how to enjoy what Florida has to offer."

About Colburn: Chris Colburn is the Florida Forest Service's Forestry Supervisor on Lake Talquin State Forest, which consists of 19,384 acres in Leon, Gadsden, Liberty and Wakulla counties. His dedication to excellence has helped develop improved prescribed fire and recreational programs on the state forest land. He also oversees the Bear Creek Educa-

tional Center, which provides outdoor educational opportunities for many local schools. Through monitoring the hardwood timber market, Colburn has been able to convert areas at Lake Talquin back to native longleaf pine while generating state revenue rather than paying significant costs for restoration. He has also secured mitigation funds from a nearby project that allowed the park to reforest 145 acres, develop five acres of wildlife foodplots and 38 acres of hydrologic restoration.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES CHANGING THE USE OF LAND

IN A JOINT MEETING OF LIBERTY COUNTY FLORIDA AND THE CITY OF BRISTOL FLORIDA AND THE LIBERTY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Liberty County Board of County Commissioners and the City Council of Bristol propose to adopt ordinances affecting the use of land by amending the Liberty County Comprehensive Plan and the City of Bristol Comprehensive Plan.

The Liberty County Board of County Commissioners and the City Council of Bristol and the Liberty County School Board propose to adopt an Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning.

LIBERTY COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 13-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS, AS REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 163, FLORIDA STATUTES, DESIGNED TO UPDATE THE LIBERTY COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FINDINGS OF THE COUNTY'S EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT; ADOPTING A PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES ELEMENT, UPDATING THE FUTURE LAND USE AND FUTURE TRANSPORTATION MAPS AND UPDATING THE GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES OF THE FUTURE LAND USE, TRAFFIC CIRCULATION, HOUSING, INFRASTRUCTURE CONSERVATION, RECREATION, INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION, AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE TRANSMITTAL OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

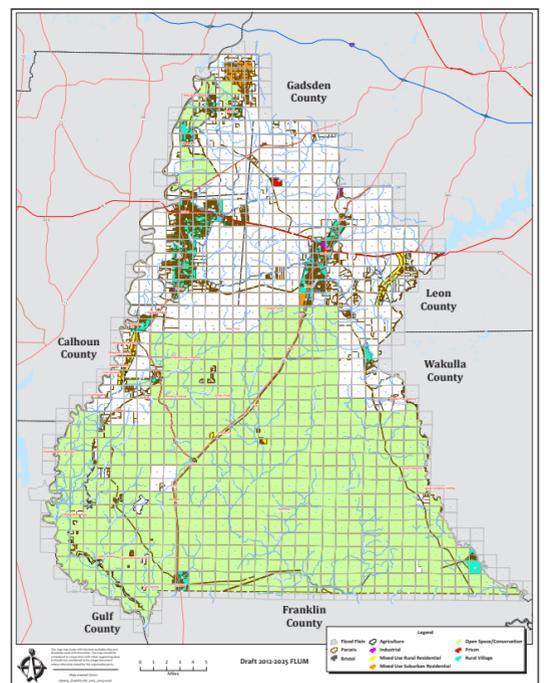
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MAP OF LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA with Bristol shown and labeled

A Public Hearing on the ordinances will be held on **THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2013, at 5:15 P.M.** in the Courtroom of the County Courthouse. A copy of said ordinances and interlocal agreement may be inspected by the public at the Office of the Liberty County Clerk of Court and at City Hall.

Please be advised that if a person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this hearing, such person will need a record of these proceedings, and for this purpose such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.



In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, these proceedings are being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Persons requiring special accommodations, a TDD device, or an interpreter to participate in these proceedings should contact Kathy Brown, Clerk of Court at ph: (850) 643-2215 or at the Clerk of Court's office located at 10818 NW SR 20, Bristol, FL 32321 or Robin Hatcher, City Clerk at ph: (850) 643-2261 or at her office located at 12444 NW Virginia G. Weaver Street, Bristol, FL 32321 at least 5 calendar days prior to the hearing date.

BES NEWS



BES, Carr and Altha Schools will compete in May 2 meet

Thursday, May 2, Altha School will host the Annual Elementary Track Meet. We will compete against Altha Elementary and Carr Elementary School track teams.

Our Track Team has been practicing very hard to prepare for this event. The B.E.S. Track Team consists of 4th and 5th grade students who went through try-outs and made the team. Good Luck to our B.E.S. 2013 Track Team.

BES Kindergarten Registration May 10

Kindergarten Registration for the 2013-2014 school year will be held Friday, May 10 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the school library.

Children MUST be 5 years of age by September 1, 2013 to be able to enroll in Kindergarten.

Parents need to bring birth certificates, shot records, proof of current physical, and social security cards to register their child for the school year 2013-2014.

Please call the BES Office at 674-8169 to set up your appointment!

BES SACS meeting

On Friday, May 3, there will be a SACS Committee Meeting at 7:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. If you are on the SACS Committee, we hope to see you at this meeting. Family Breakfast is also Friday, May 3, from 7-8 a.m.

BES plans Muffins For Moms breakfast on Friday, May 10

Our annual Muffins for Moms will be held Friday, May 10 from 7-8 a.m. for 2nd and 3rd grades.

Moms, with a child in the 2nd or 3rd grades, are invited to eat Muffins for breakfast with us.

Moms please make plans to come eat breakfast with your 2nd or 3rd grade students.

Yearbooks on sale until May 30 at BES

BES 2012-2013 Yearbooks are on sale now! Don't miss a single treasured moment as you watch your child grow from Pre-K to 5th grade!

Stop by the Media Center and see Ms. Sims to purchase your 2012-2013 yearbook. They will be on sale until May 30 for \$22 each.

LCHS Army JROTC excels at State Shooting Competition

The Liberty County High School Army JROTC Air Rifle Team traveled to Island Coast High School in Cape Coral, FL for the JROTC State Air Rifle Competition, Saturday, 27 April 2013. There were a total of 26 JROTC High School Air Rifle Teams that qualified for the state level shooting event.

LCHS JROTC finished 18th overall in the shooting competition with 912 total points, only 133 points behind the first place team, Joe Newsome High School with 1045 points and only 70 points behind the 6th place shooting team Ridge Community High School that finished with 982 points.

The air rifle competition consisted of shooting the prone, standing, and kneeling positions from a distance of 30 feet, shooting 10 pellets from each of the three positions. Other Area 11 JROTC Shooting Teams that competed were Chipley High School finishing in 22nd place overall with 852 points and Holmes County High School that finished 25th with 801 points.

The Liberty County High School JROTC Bulldog Battalion Shooting Team was lead by the



FROM LEFT: Zachary Kern, Nicholas Pitts, Santiago Trejo, Tait Shuler and LTC Bob Quint.

team's top shooter, Freshman Cadet and Team Captain Santiago Trejo who shot 258 out of 300 possible points. Junior Cadet Tait Shuler was the second place shooter with a score of 231, followed by Junior Cadet Zachary Kern who shot 223, and then Freshman Cadet Nicholas Pitts who shot 200.

Team Captain Santiago Trejo said, "It was a really good experience for me and the LCHS Rifle Team. One of the best things about going to the

Rifle Competition was the swimming pool at our nice hotel. I was so happy that I shot a 258."

Tait Shuler added, "It was a very fun experience, and I got to meet some really cool people and made some new friends. I'm proud of all our shooters."

Zachery Kern said, "It was a good bonding experience for the LCHS JROTC Rifle Team. I became closer to my fellow team members and I am looking forward to knowing them better."

Nicholas Pitts commented, "I really enjoyed this experience and hope I can go back to the State Shooting Competition again next year."

JROTC Senior Army Instructor (SAI) and Shooting Team Coach Lieutenant Colonel Bob Quint added, "I am extremely proud of all four of these young Cadets and their shooting abilities. They are ALL winners in my eyes. They handled the incredible stress at this competition extremely well. These are the best High School shooters I have ever coached. I am honored to be the coach of this Shooting Team."

ImPACT training held at Liberty High School

Rick Williams of Tallahassee Orthopedic Clinic visited Liberty County High School this week to help with ImPACT training for students and staff so they can assess student's fitness to participate in sports. ImPACT (Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing) is the first, most-widely used, and most scientifically validated computerized concussion evaluation system. It was developed to provide useful information to assist qualified practitioners in making sound return to play decisions following concussions.

JOHNNY EUBANKS PHOTOS



Liberty County Pre-K screenings May 6-8 at Early Childhood Center

Liberty County Schools will sponsor Pre-K screenings for the upcoming school year. Any parent/guardian that would like to have his/her 3-4 year-old child screened should call for a Pre-K screening appointment.

Screenings will be held at the Early Childhood Center Monday through Wednesday, May 6 - 8.

The parent or legal guardian must provide permission for the child to participate in the screening. Please bring the following documents to the screening:

- Proof of residency with your 911 address
- Proof of income (6 weeks)
- Child's birth certificate
- Child's Social Security card
- Parent/Guardian identification (driver's license)

Screening will be by appointment only. Call (850) 643-2275, ext. 242 to make an appointment.

Boston butt fundraiser May 3 at softball field

The LCHS Softball Team will be hosting a Boston butt fundraiser on Friday, May 3. The cost is \$25 and the boston butts can be picked up at the softball field at 12 p.m. or they can be delivered.

To place an order or for more information contact Lynn at (850) 643-2426, ext. 167. Thanks for supporting the Lady Dawgs!

Tolar School takes 1st place, wins \$2,000 in 'Get Piggy' competition

Ramsey Piggly Wiggly's sixth annual "Get Piggy With Education" Contest with all Calhoun and Liberty County Elementary Schools has declared a winner.

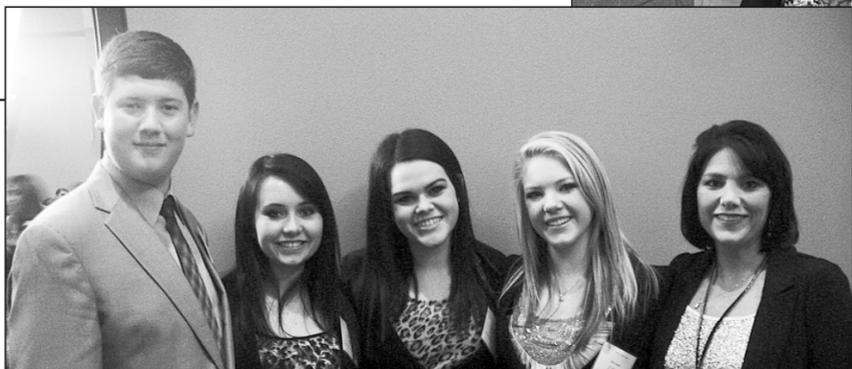
W.R. Tolar Elementary is our first place winner of the \$2,000 for 2013.

Our 2nd place winner of \$1000 is Carr School Elementary.

Third place winner of \$500 is Blountstown Elementary.

Fourth and 5th place winners of \$250 each is Altha Elementary and Hosford Elementary.

Congratulations to all the schools and thank you for your participation. Everyone wins with the "PIG".



Altha FBLA attends leadership conference

This past weekend four members from the Altha FBLA chapter traveled to Orlando to participate in the 2013 State FBLA Leadership Conference.

Hayden White competed in the Help Desk event where he placed

5th in the state. Hannah Register, Mary Sewell and Breanna Walker competed in the Digital Design and Promotion event.

These students were able to attend and compete by placing first at the district competition held

earlier at Chipola State College.

Their Advisor, Ms. Maggie Sewell, said that she "was very proud of her students' accomplishments this year and is looking forward to more participation in FBLA."

Altha, Carr kindergarten registration

Altha School is holding Kindergarten registration on Wednesday, May 1.

Parents will need to bring the child's certified birth certificate, social security card, original gold school physical form (both sides completed), original blue Florida immunization record and proof of residential address (utility bill in parent's name with physical address).

Parents need to call the school at 762-3121 to schedule an appointment.

Carr School will hold Kindergarten registration on Wednesday, May 8 from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Appointments can be made by calling the school office at 674-5395. Children must be five (5) years of age on or before September 1 to be eligible for kindergarten for the 2013-2014 school year. Please bring a copy of your child's updated immunization records, Florida school entrance physical, birth certificate and social security card.



FROM LEFT: Jessica O'Keefe, Chipola Senior Vice President of Instruction Dr. Sarah Clemmons, John Whittington, PTK Sponsor Alicia Hatcher and Kaylee Toole.

Chipola recognizes outstanding students

MARIANNA—Chipola College officials recognized the accomplishments of three of the college's most outstanding students at a press conference Thursday, April 25.

Chipola sophomore Kaylee Toole was recently featured in USA Today for her nomination to the 2013 All-USA Community College Academic Team. John Whittington was named to the All-Florida Academic team. Chipola graduate Jessica O'Keefe received the Hites Scholarship from Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

Portraits of Toole and Hites were unveiled at the press conference and will be added to Chipola's Academic Wall of Honor.

Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough, says, "These three young people are not only some of Chipola's best students, but they are three of the best in the country. They have excellent academic records and outstanding records of serving others. I am very proud that they chose to attend Chipola."

Pam Rentz, Chipola English professor and Phi Theta Kappa adviser, says, "We are so proud of the accomplishments of these students. Kaylee, Jessica and John have helped so many people while maintaining excellent grades. We are very proud of their service to the college and to the community."

Kaylee Toole was named First Team All-USA Academic Team in USA Today. The team consists of 20 members nationwide from 1,800

applicants from 800 community colleges.

Toole began dual-enrollment classes at Chipola the summer before her junior year at Marianna High School. She graduated from Marianna in 2011 as an honor graduate and top 10 in her class. At Chipola, she has been active in Phi Theta Kappa, Honors Program, Pre-Med Society, Show Choir and Science Club.

During her time at Chipola she has been a part of two mission trips to Nicaragua to help improve medical care and assist in building homes. On her first trip, she noticed that most of the people she met did not have shoes. When she returned to the U.S., she collected 300 pairs of shoes which delivered to Nicaragua last summer. She has since collected more shoes which she will take to Nicaragua on her third trip this summer. She also has served as a counselor at Joni and Friends Family Retreat, watching over a special needs child.

Toole will graduate from Chipola this semester with an Associate in Arts degree in pre-pharmacy. Toole said, "I decided I wanted to pursue a degree in pharmacy after I fell in love with my job at Kelson Drugs, where I have been employed for two years." She plans to continue her studies at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine's School of Pharmacy. Toole also serves as a tutor in the Chipola ACE Lab. Toole is the daughter of Steve and Melody Toole of Marianna.

Jessica O'Keefe, a

2012 graduate of Chipola College, is the recipient of the Hites Scholarship awarded by Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. The scholarship includes a \$7,500 monetary award. In her PTK service project, she helped raised funds, prepare and serve meals to 250 people at the Panama City Rescue Mission.

O'Keefe graduated from Chipley High in 2010. She is the daughter of Connie Odom and the late Ron O'Keefe. She is currently enrolled at the University of Florida majoring in Chemical Engineering.

John Whittington is a 2011 graduate of Sneads High School where he graduated with honors. While at Chipola, he has been a two-time nominee to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. He recently was awarded a transfer scholarship to Florida State University in Panama City.

Whittington also was involved in the Chipola Science Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Honors Club, and Phi Theta Kappa.

Through PTK John led a service project to renovate the historic Hard Labor Creek Church in Washington County. Through a fund drive and golf tournament, he raised \$12,000 for the project. He also convinced area contractors to donate time and labor for the renovation. To date, a new metal roof has been installed, and windows and doors have been repaired. New pews and a new podium were also installed. The exterior of the church has been

repainted and new has been landscaped planted. A wheelchair ramp also has been installed. A historical sign describing the history of the church is also in place. A dedication ceremony was held last year at which donors celebrated the restoration. This project helped him achieve the recognition of Second Team All Florida for the Nu Chi chapter of PTK.

Whittington is the son of Steve Whittington and Stephanie Gleason. After graduating from Chipola, he plans to continue his goal of becoming a civil engineer at FSU/PC.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

May 1 - May 7

CALHOUN

WEDNESDAY
BREAKFAST: Grits with ham cubes and banana muffin.
LUNCH: Chicken and gravy with whole grain roll or pepperoni pizza or chicken caesar salad served with mashed potatoes, easy baked carrots and fruit.

THURSDAY
BREAKFAST: Waffles with syrup and turkey sausage patty.
LUNCH: Turkey and cheese sub or managers choice or chef salad served with french fries, caesar salad and apple crisp.

FRIDAY
BREAKFAST: Sausage and cheese biscuit with potato rounds.
LUNCH: Cheese burger or

cheese pizza or taco salad served with baked potato wedges, sliced tomatoes and lettuce and fresh fruit.

MONDAY
BREAKFAST: Egg and cheese biscuit with potato rounds.
LUNCH: Managers choice or chicken caesar salad served with baked beans, carrot sticks with ranch dressing and fruit.

TUESDAY
BREAKFAST: Scrambled eggs with grits and buttered toast.
LUNCH: Chicken and gravy with whole grain roll or fresh made cheese pizza or chef salad served with brown rice, corn and green peas.

LIBERTY

WEDNESDAY
BREAKFAST: Scrambled eggs and grits with fruit cocktail.
LUNCH: Potato bar or barbecue chicken on bun or tuna salad wrap served with glazed carrots, cheddar cheese, light sour cream, breadstick and spinach and strawberry salad.

THURSDAY
BREAKFAST: Chicken biscuit with applesauce.
LUNCH: Orange chicken with brown rice or open face pepperoni sandwich or turkey, ham and cheese chef salad with crackers and croutons served with steamed broccoli.
2nd & 3rd grade cheese pizza

FRIDAY
BREAKFAST: Pancakes and ham slice with orange wedges.
LUNCH: Southern style chicken with gravy or baked corn dog or baby

turkey, ham and cheese sub served with rice and green peas.
Pre-K and 4th grade cheese pizza

MONDAY
BREAKFAST: Chicken biscuit with jelly and orange juice.
LUNCH: Two mini chicken sandwiches or cheese pizza or veggie lovers wrap served with shredded lettuce and tomato and baked sweet potato puffs.
Kg & 1st grade cheese pizza

TUESDAY
BREAKFAST: Sausage and gravy biscuit with fruit cocktail.
LUNCH: Herbed baked chicken with dinner roll or barbecue chicken sandwich or ham and cheese chef salad with croutons served with steamed broccoli and baked beans.

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OBITUARIES

JANICE TILLMAN ALDAY

BLOUNTSTOWN - Janice Tillman Alday, 66, of Blountstown, passed away Tuesday, April 30, 2013 in Tallahassee. She was born on August 17, 1946 in Altha and had lived in Calhoun County all of her life. She along with her husband, Buster were owners and operators of Alday Insurance Agency in Blountstown. At an early age, she went to work at West Florida Gas Company and worked for M.E. Young for 18 years. She loved fishing and was a member of the Immonia Lake Fishing Club.

Survivors include her husband, Lowell "Buster" Alday of Blountstown; one son, Teddy Alday and his wife, Stacie of Helena, AL; one daughter, Janna Richardson and her husband, John of Crawfordville; two brothers, David Tillman and his wife, Barbara of Blountstown and Delmar Tillman and his wife, Ruth of Marianna; three sisters, Gretchen Griffin and her husband, Woodrow of Blountstown, Inez Capps and her husband, Paul of Greenhead and Lavaine Williams and her husband, Lloyd of Marianna; five grandchildren, Bridgett and Casey Alday, Marshall, Mason and Alexander Richardson.

Family will receive friends on Thursday, May 2, from 6 - 8 p.m. (CT) at Peavy Funeral Home.

Graveside services will be held on Friday, May 3 at 10 a.m. (CT) at Pine Memorial Cemetery. Interment will follow.

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

Florida's SHINE Program warns against scams

Protecting yourself and your Medicare benefits

TALLAHASSEE - Elder citizens are frequent targets of Medicare schemes, including the latest identity theft scheme. Recently, several Medicare beneficiaries have received phone calls from individuals declaring to be from the "Health and Welfare Department" informing them that a new Medicare card will soon be issued to them. Beneficiaries are then asked to verify some personal information, including their Medicare number, address, birth date, and banking information. Seniors, and those who care for them, should know that the true goal of these calls is identity theft.

Medicare, and its authorized agents like the Florida Department of Elder Affairs' SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) Program, will not contact you through unsolicited calls, emails, or visits. We also will not ask for personal identifiers unless you contact us directly for assistance. SHINE counselors provide free, unbiased, and confidential insurance counseling and education regarding Medicare rights, options, and prescription drug assistance for elders, their families, and caregivers.

While the state's SHINE Program is a trusted community source, there are some organizations and individuals who should not be granted access to personal information. If you suspect the program or individual asking for your information is not legitimate, do not give them your information. Report the incident to the Senior Medicare Patrol project immediately at (866) 357-6677.

To learn more about the SHINE Program or receive free help from SHINE, individuals may visit designated SHINE counseling sites, attend enrollment events in local communities, or contact SHINE's trained volunteer counselors at (800) 96-ELDER (800) 963-5337. For a listing of SHINE counseling sites and enrollment events, visit www.FloridaSHINE.org.

JOHNNIE FAYE FAIRCLOTH SKAGGS

LYNN HAVEN - Johnnie Faye Faircloth Skaggs, 60, of Lynn Haven, passed away Tuesday, April 23, 2013 in Panama City. She was born on October 28, 1952 in Calhoun County, and had lived in Lynn Haven for the past 28 years, coming from Blountstown. She served in the United States Air Force and the National Guard. She was past (twice) Commander of American Legion Post # 356 in Panama City, past first District Commander, past Western Area Commander and past Membership Chairman of Florida. Faye was an avid Florida State Seminole Fan and was of the Pentecostal Holiness Faith.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother Johnny Faircloth and Joyce Summerlin Brown and her stepfather, Buddy Brown.

Survivors include her husband, Franklin Douglas Skaggs of Lynn Haven; one daughter, Denise Green Exum of Blountstown; one stepdaughter, Tammy Young and her husband, Dave of Panama City; five brothers and sisters, Floyd Brown and his wife, Pam and Bobby Faircloth and his wife, Vaneisa, all of Blountstown; Jerry W. Brown and his wife, Julie of Clarksville, Marie Kammerdiener and her husband, Robert of Pensacola and Patsy Guzman of Altha; three grandchildren, Wyatt L. Exum, Madison L. Exum and Kayleigh Young, all of Panama City; several nieces, nephews and her extended family and friends of American Legion Post #356 in Lynn Haven.

Services were held on Friday, April 26 at Peavy Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Michael Morris and Tim Faircloth officiating. Interment followed in Pine Memorial Cemetery.

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

MAURICE B. PARTRICH

BLOUNTSTOWN - Maurice B. Partrich, 91, of Blountstown, passed away Saturday, April 27, 2013 in Marianna. He was born on February 6, 1922 in Tuscaloosa County, AL and had lived in Blountstown since 2003, coming from Gainesville. He was a retired electrician, clock and watch maker and repairman. He was a veteran of WWII, serving in the United States Army Air Corp. He attended Rivertown Community Church in Blountstown.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Virginia Partrich and a daughter, Elizabeth June Carder.

Survivors include two granddaughters, Amelia Carder and Rebecca Carder Hambly and her husband, Nathan, all of Marianna; four great-grandchildren, Kayelin Green, Madison Hambly, Kirsten Green and Memphis Hambly.

Services will be held Wednesday, May 1 at 10 a.m. (CT) at Peavy Funeral Home Chapel with Paul Smith officiating. Interment will follow in Pine Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family request contributions be made to the Rivertown Community Church Rise up and Build Fund at 19350 SR 71 N. Blountstown, FL.

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

RUTH M. CONNER

BRANDON - Ruth M. Conner, 95, of Brandon, passed away on Tuesday, April 29, 2013. She was a very special lady and lived a Christian life. Her faith served her well and she was loved by all who know her.



She was a teacher for all of her life. Many from Brandon will remember her as their first grade teacher at Yates Elementary. Those from Liberty County will remember her as their kindergarten teacher and the pianist at First Baptist Church in Bristol.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James C. Conner; one son, John A. Conner.

Survivors include three sons, James C. Conner Jr., Donald L. Conner and his wife, Claudia, Harry M. Conner and his wife, Dolly; one daughter, Sharon D. Vecsey and her husband, Richard; seven grandchildren, James C. Conner III and his wife, Jean Marie, Lynda Hilliard and her husband, Gary, Donald L. Conner, Jr. and his wife, Tina, Shannon N. Herbonand her husband, Andy, Bobby A. Conner, David J. Conner and his wife, Stephanie and John Allen Conner, Jr.; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to give special thanks to Helping Hands, Caring Hearts, Marilyn Diana, Suzanne Runge and special friends Evelyn Harrison and Hazel Weeks.

Family will receive friends on Wednesday May 1 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Stowers Funeral Home in Brandon.

Graveside service will be held on Thursday, May 2 at 11 a.m. at Garden of Memories Cemetery.

Stowers Funeral Home in Brandon is in charge of the arrangements.

TERRELL JEFFERSON HOLLAND



ALTHA - Terrell Jefferson Holland, 67, of Altha, passed away Sunday, April 28, 2013 in Tallahassee. He was born on August 28, 1945 in Calhoun County and had lived here most of his life. He was a retired Supervisor at St. Joe Paper Company with

30 years of service and also retired from Big River Cypress with 13 years of service. He was a Veteran of the Vietnam Conflict serving in the United States Marine Corps. He was a member of Altha Church of God in Altha. If you went into his home and sat down in his recliner, you would find on the end table next to his chair a stack of aviation magazines and a Bible, well-worn around the edges with underlines and notes scribbled throughout. He loved flying, and he loved to study the Scriptures. He touched more lives than can be counted, but perhaps the most remarkable thing about him was that when told so, he simply couldn't understand how. He walked with a rare form of humility; one so genuine that it blinded himself to the scope of the good that he had done in the community he loved so dearly. He will always be remembered as a man of great convictions, who committed himself to the service of his beloved family, to his Christian faith, and to his work. He will be remembered by those that he worked with as both a man with an unwavering commitment to getting the job done, and as a loyal friend. He will be remembered by his church family as a man with the heart of a servant, with a steadfast faith in the goodness and faithfulness of the God that he worshipped. He will be remembered by his family as a tender man, utterly selfless, and overflowing with an abundant and unconditional love for his parents, wife and children, brothers and sisters, grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. He was a strong man, but he walked with an unforgettable gentleness of spirit that touched all those who came into contact with him. He laughed often, loved immensely, worked tirelessly, and gave of himself and his resources generously. He is described by those nearest him quite simply, as "the type of person who makes the world go round."

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Holland of Altha; two sons, Glenn Holland and his wife, Connie of Altha and Terrence Holland of Denver, CO; one daughter, Laura Holland of Denver, CO; three sisters, Marie Boals and Bonnie McDonald and her husband, Gil, all of Altha, Margaret Todd and her husband, Houston of Blountstown; three grandchildren, Tyler, Sandy and Ashley Holland.

Family will receive friends on Wednesday, May 1 from 6-8 p.m. (CT) at Peavy Funeral Home.

Services will be held on Thursday, May 2 at 10 a.m. (CT) at Altha Church of God with Reverend Allan Nichols officiating. Interment will follow in Victory Hill Cemetery near Altha.

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

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Dawgs overcome Seahawks, Tigers & Bucks to claim District Championship

The Liberty County High School Baseball team entered the 2013 district tournament as the number three seed and exited as District Champions for the second year in a row.

The Bulldogs used pitching, defense, and timely hitting to win three games to bring home the title.

THE SEAHAWKS

In the first game the Dawgs faced off against the Franklin County Seahawks. The Dawgs had to come from behind to earn a 6 – 5 victory.

The Dawgs started Senior Hayden Swier on the mound. Hayden gave up 5 runs on the night but only one of those runs was earned. “I think we were a little nervous going into that first game against Franklin,” said Coach Donnie Coxwell. “We made three errors that led to four of their five runs.” Hayden struck out 7 while only walking two. “Hayden was steady in the game like he has been all year for us,” the coach said. Senior JoJo Durden came in and retired the last batter on three straight pitches.

On offense the Dawgs scored 6 runs on 8 hits.

Freshman Micah McCaskill had three hits to lead the Dawgs at the plate. “This was a total team effort at the plate,” Coxwell pointed out. “Everyone in our line-up got on base at least twice.” Senior Dustin Watson scored two of the Dawgs six runs. The Dawgs scored the winning run in the bottom of the seventh with two out and nobody on. Hunter Jacobs singled, stole second base, went to third on a wild pitch, and scored on another wild pitch. “Hunter getting on base was huge for us,” the coach said. “When he gets on base he tends to make things happen.”

THE TIGERS

On Tuesday night, April 23, the Bulldogs played their rivals from across the river - the Blountstown Tigers. The Tigers came into the game as the number two seed in the tournament with a 22- 3 record and had beaten the Dawgs in their two previous meetings.

The Dawgs sent Senior left hander JoJo Durden to the mound. “This was the third

time JoJo had pitched against them this year. We usually don’t like to throw a pitcher that many times against somebody but that was just the way it worked out this season,” the coach said. It worked out for the Dawgs because JoJo threw a complete game, striking out 11 and giving up only 5 hits and the one run.

“JoJo has been coming up big for us all year and tonight was no exception,” he said. “He goes out there and throws strikes and hits his spots and gives us a chance. That is all you can ask a pitcher to do.”

Because Blountstown was the higher seeded team they were the home team for the game. The game was scoreless until the top of the third when the Dawgs sent nine players to the plate and scored five runs.

Dustin Watson started the rally with a base on balls. Micah McCaskill followed with a single. After a strike out Caleb Barrentine came up with two men on and two outs. Caleb worked the count to 3 – 2 and drew a walk. Hayden Swier was next to bat and with the bases loaded he hit a 2 RBI double to give the Dawgs a 2 to 0 lead.

But the Dawgs were not through. After David Black walked to load the bases once more, Senior Chuck Morris stepped up to the plate. Chuck quickly fell behind 0 – 2 and it looked like the Tigers would get out of the inning without any more damage. Chuck then fouled off 5 straight pitches before on the eighth pitch of the at bat ripped a double down the left field line to clear the bases. “Chuck’s AB was the big moment of the game,” said Coxwell. “That was the best at bat I have seen.” The Dawgs added two more runs the top fourth.

Blountstown scored their lone run in the bottom of the fourth. “We can’t say enough good things about our players after that game,” the coach said. “They had beaten us twice already in the regular season but we have talked all year bout the playoffs being a new season and tonight was proof of that.”

The win against Blountstown set up a re-match of last year’s District Championship

game against the Bozeman Bucks. Bozeman won its semi-final game against the South Walton Seahawks on Tuesday night in dramatic fashion. The Bucks were down by four runs in the bottom of the seventh with two out and nobody on base and the batter at the plate in a hole 0 – 2. The Bucks went on to score five runs to win the game.

THE BUCKS

It was a different year but it was the same results in this year’s Championship game. The Dawgs won the game and the Championship by the score of 4 – 0.

Senior Hayden Swier threw a no hitter to earn the win for the Dawgs. “Hayden did great for us tonight,” said the coach. “He told me he wanted the ball Wednesday and that made my mind up for me on who to start. I told him I wanted three innings out of him and he said all right. After the third inning I asked him how he felt he said great and he went back out for the fourth. He kept his pitch count down by throwing strikes and we played great defense. Dustin played great at short for us and Chuck made a couple big plays for us at 1st in the last two innings.”

At the plate the Dawgs were led by Dustin Watson who went 2 – 3 on the night. Also coming up big was Caleb Barrentine, Hayden Swier, David Black, and Chuck Morris, who each had an RBI on the night.

“It was a great tournament for our team. We had to beat the top two seeds in the tournament both of which had beaten us twice in the regular season. To do that was a great feat but to hold them both to a combined one run was incredible,” the coach said. “And I am super proud of our Seniors. They pulled together and made sure we did not lose. One of their goals all year was to win the district championship on our field in front of our fans and they made that happen.”

This was the second year in a row the Bulldogs have brought home the District Championship.

They will play next at home against the Vernon Yellow Jackets on Tuesday, May 7 at 7 p.m.



Blountstown Blasters finish as runners-up in Championship game with Jackson Co.

The Blountstown Blasters put runners in scoring position but were unable to get them home in a 6-3 championship game loss to Jackson County. Ethan Grover led at the plate with 5 hits on the day. Dylan Chason had 4 hits

followed by Kaiden Hatchett, Lane Edenfield, Lucas Polver and Carson Ramsey with 3 hits each.

Ethan Grover posted 8 strike-outs and 2 walks over 4 innings in a 8-5 semi-final win over the Lakeside Naturals. Carson

Ramsey posted 3 strike-outs over 1 inning of relief.

Kaiden Hatchett and Dylan Chason provided excellent defensive play. The Blasters participate in a 7 team tournament next weekend in Tallahassee.

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TO ALL PERSONS in the above described property, which was seized on or about March 14, 2013, in Liberty County, Florida. Said property is in the custody of Liberty County Sheriff's Department. Any owner, entity, bona fide lien holder or persons in possession of the property when seized has the right to request a preliminary adversarial hearing for a probable cause determination from the Circuit Court within 15 days of the first publication of this notice, with notice sent certified mail return receipt requested to J. David House, Attorney for the Sheriff's Department, 16865 SE River Street, Blountstown, Florida 32424. A Petition for Final Order of Forfeiture has been filed in the above styled cause.

Dated this 15 day of April 1, 2013.

J. DAVID HOUSE, P.A. 16865 SE River Street Blountstown, FL 32424 (850) 674-5481 jddavidhousepa@yahoo.com Attorney for Petitioners 5-1, 5-8

REQUEST FOR BIDS

First Baptist Church of Blountstown is seeking bids for interior painting of pastor's house (the Hollinger House) on Main Street across from sanctuary building.

- Downstairs: living room (ceiling only), den, bathroom, kitchen/breakfast area, laundry room.
- Upstairs: one bedroom, bathroom, hallway.

Submit bids in writing to church office, 16693 Pear St., by Friday, May 17. 5-1 T 5-15

Notice of FICTITIOUS NAME REGISTRATION

We hereby give notice to register in compliance with Section 865.09, Florida Statutes.

BUSINESS NAME & ADDRESS

Denise Anico
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Bristol, FL 32321

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS

Denise Anico
PO Box 170
Bristol, FL 32321

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

CASE NO.: 2012 CA 000212

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

VS.

BRET PHILLIPS, AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF BERNADINE FINUFF A/K/A BERNADINE MARIE FINUFF, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, TRUSTEES OF BERNADINE FINUFF A/K/A BERNADINE MARIE FINUFF, DECEASED; MARY HAZEL DUGGAR; VIRGIL LAMAR FINUFF; DOROTHY MILDRED HOLLAND; DANIEL DUNCAN; KERRY WAYNE FINUFF; MARTHA F. SMITH A/K/A MARTHA NAN SMITH; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, et.al. Defendant(s),

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, TRUSTEES OF BERNADINE FINUFF A/K/A BERNADINE MARIE FINUFF, DECEASED (Last Known Address) 17028 NE STATE ROAD 65 NE 2 HOSFORD, FL 32334

(Current Residence Unknown) if living, and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, including, if a named Defendant is deceased, the personal representatives, the surviving spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming, by, through, under or against that Defendant, and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the above named or described Defendants

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

LOTS 6 AND 7, BLOCK 13, OF TOWN OF HOSFORD, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF' AS RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A: 17028 STATE ROAD 65 NE 2, HOSFORD, FL 32334.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Brian L. Rosaler, Esquire, POPKIN & ROSALER, P.A., 1701 West Hillsboro Boulevard, Suite 400, Deerfield Beach, FL 33442, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose on or before June 1, 2013 a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the (Please/publish in) and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court this 15 day of April, 2013.

Kathleen E. Brown
As Clerk of the Court

By V. Summers
As Deputy Clerk

Published on 5-1-13

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE AIR PERMIT

Florida Department of Environmental Protection Division of Air Resource Management, Office of Permitting and Compliance Draft Air Construction Permit Project No. 0770010-016-AC (PSD-FL-282C) Georgia-Pacific Wood Products, LLC Liberty County, Florida

Applicant: The applicant for this project is Georgia-Pacific Wood Products LLC's Hosford OSB Plant. The applicant's authorized representative and mailing address is: Johnnie Temples, Plant Manager, Post Office Box 322, Hosford, Florida 32334.

Facility Location: Georgia-Pacific Wood Products LLC operates the existing Hosford OSB Plant, which is located in Liberty County at 12995 Highway 65 North in Hosford, Florida.

Project: This project makes the following revisions to Permit No. 0770010-002-AC (PSD-FL-282A) for the existing Hosford OSB Plant: Reduction in baghouse visible emission observation frequency for Emission Units 003 through 009 from daily to weekly. Corrections to emission units (EU) identification numbers were made to correspond with the facility's Title V Air Operation Permit No. 0770010-012-AV. The correction would properly identify the Thermal Oil System ESP as EU-011; Miscellaneous Coating Operations-stencil,

edge and stamps as EU-014; and classify EU-010 as various Fugitive sources.

A new prevention of significant deterioration (PSD) review and a determination of best available control technology (BACT) were not required. Permitting Authority: Applications for air construction permits are subject to review in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 403, Florida Statutes (F.S.) and Chapters 62-4, 62-210 and 62-212 of the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The proposed project is not exempt from air permitting requirements and an air permit modification of Permit No. 1230001-023-AC is required to perform the proposed work. The Permitting Authority responsible for making a permit determination for this project is the Office of Permitting and Compliance in the Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Air Resource Management. The Permitting Authority's physical address is: 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida. The Permitting Authority's mailing address is: 2600 Blair Stone Road, MS #5505, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400. The Permitting Authority's telephone number is 850/717-9000.

Project File: A complete project file is available for public inspection during the normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except legal holidays), at the physical address indicated above for the Permitting Authority. The complete project file includes the Draft Permit, the Technical Evaluation and Preliminary Determination, the application and information submitted by the applicant (exclusive of confidential records under Section 403.111, F.S.). Interested persons may contact the Permitting Authority's project engineer for additional information at the address and phone number listed above. In addition, electronic copies of these documents are available on the following web site by entering the draft permit No. 0770010-016-AC: <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/air/emission/apds/default.asp>.

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

Comments: The Permitting Authority will accept written comments concerning the proposed Draft Permit for a period of 14 days from the date of

publication of this Public Notice. Written comments must be received by the Permitting Authority by close of business (5:00 p.m.) on or before the end of the 14-day period. If written comments received result in a significant change to the Draft Permit, the Permitting Authority shall revise the Draft Permit and require, if applicable, another Public Notice. All comments filed will be made available for public inspection. Petitions: A person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed with (received by) the Department's Agency Clerk in the Office of General Counsel of the Department of Environmental Protection at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station #35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000. Petitions filed by any persons other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S. must be filed within 14 days of publication of this Public Notice or receipt of a written notice, whichever occurs first. Under Section 120.60(3), F.S., however, any person who asked the Permitting Authority for notice of agency action may file a petition within 14 days of receipt of that notice, regardless of the date of publication. A petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above, at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the approval of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Permitting Authority's action is based must contain the following information: (a) The name

and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known; (b) The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner; the name address and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial rights will be affected by the agency determination; (c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency action or proposed decision; (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so state; (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and, (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action. A petition that does not dispute the material facts upon which the Permitting Authority's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rule 28-106.301, F.A.C.

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

Mediation: Mediation is not available for this proceeding. 5-1-13

Gov. Rick Scott and Florida teachers applaud \$480 million to give every teacher a pay raise

On April 28, Governor Rick Scott and Florida Education Association (FEA) President Andy Ford applauded the House and the Senate's agreement to implement \$480 million in teacher pay raises. The language accompanying the funding allows districts the flexibility to develop their own performance plans to award the greatest number of teachers the largest teacher pay raise possible, in coordination with their collective bargaining agreements. The \$480 million in funding provides enough to give every teacher a minimum of a \$2,000 pay raise, while also giving districts the ability to provide teacher raises of \$2,500 or even \$3,500 – depending

on the plan each of the 67 school districts (plus lab and charter schools) develop.

Governor Rick Scott said, "I want to thank the House and the Senate for ensuring that we build on our work to implement performance pay, while also allowing school districts the flexibility to use the \$480 million in new funding to give every Florida teacher a pay raise. Our teachers are some of the best in the nation and they deserve to be rewarded for their great work."

FEA President Andy Ford said, "FEA thanks Governor Scott for his efforts to provide an immediate across-the-board pay increase to Florida's classroom teachers in

recognition of their demonstrated performance which has brought Florida's education system to sixth in the nation. FEA applauds the infusion of additional resources into public education as was proposed by the Governor.

"Through the collective bargaining process, FEA remains committed to working with local school districts to develop fair, valid, reliable and transparent processes to reward the success of Florida's teaching force. Through bargaining with local elected school boards, the success of such classroom personnel can be financially recognized in a manner which best meets the needs of local school districts."

'Strengthening Rural Communities Act' introduced

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Steve Southerland, II has introduced the Building Rural Communities Act (H.R. 1632) to assist rural communities with obtaining the critical technical assistance or financial planning necessary to construct community enhancement projects in a more cost effective manner. South-

erland's bill, which is sponsored by Rep. Mike McIntyre (D-NC), directs 3-5% of existing funding in the USDA's Rural Development Essential Communities Facilities program for technical assistance.

"Rural municipalities, country towns, and small farming communities form the backbone of

North and Northwest Florida," Southerland said.

"Unfortunately, across America many of these bedrock communities are fading away because they can't match the access to infrastructure and services that larger cities provide. Our legislation will make it easier for rural communities to thrive by

providing the technical assistance and project planning they need – all at no additional cost to taxpayers."

Similar project planning has already been utilized to build or upgrade water and wastewater projects in Marianna, Blountstown, Rosedale in Gadsden County, and Taylor County.

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DANIEL WILLIAMS PHOTOS

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Week of May 5 ~ May 11, 2013

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, you may feel like you need to move faster to get ahead, but the opposite is true this week. Slow down and focus on the details and you will benefit.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, though the first few days of the week may seem disastrous, hang in there and you will find things will turn around quite quickly.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, sometimes you have to make some noise to be heard, which may seem out of character for you. If the cause is that important, you will do what is necessary.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, you can't get enough of a certain thing, but you may need to pace yourself. Otherwise your interest may start to wane. A surprise situation arises on Thursday.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, there are things you need to say to a particular person in your life. But you do not know how to express your opinions in a way that's easy to understand. Speak from the heart.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
You may be feeling a bit under the weather this week, Virgo. It's likely due to you pushing your schedule to the limits. Schedule some recovery time for yourself.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, you need to rely on someone this week for a big project, but you don't know who to choose. Make a list of your best prospects, and then you can narrow it down from there.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
You can use a break from the daily grind, Scorpio. It might be time to plan a getaway. You may want to make this a solo trip so you can fully recharge.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
The truth can sometimes hurt a bit, Sagittarius. But a dose of honesty this week provides the reality check you have been needing. Make some changes.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, an event this week gets you fired up and excited. It could be the news you have been waiting to hear from work or from a significant other.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, knowing when to keep quiet can be difficult, especially when you suspect something is off-kilter. This week you will be put to the test.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, the week may begin somewhat aimlessly, but things will all come together by the middle of the week.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

- MAY 5
Adele, Singer (25)
MAY 6
Tom Bergeron, TV Host (58)
MAY 7
Breckin Meyer, Actor (39)
MAY 8
Enrique Iglesias, Singer (38)
MAY 9
Billy Joel, Singer (64)
MAY 10
Donovan, Singer (67)
MAY 11
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Country style chandelier, green shades, can use with or without the shades, \$75 OBO. Wilton floating tiers cake stand, includes books and four round wedding cake pans, \$150 OBO. Call 674-1636. 5-1, 5-8

Ladies clothes, size six petite, very nice. Ladies shoes, size 7M, in excellent condition, like new. Call 674-1636. 5-1, 5-8

Watering cans with handle and long spout, neat for a display or for use inside or out. (ca early 1900s). Prices vary. Call 643-7567. 4-24, 5-1

Old kitchen items, all sizes of aluminum pots, porcelain and enamel pans, white enamel bowls for mixing, etc. For use or display, (ca 1930-40s). Prices vary. Call 643-7567. 4-24, 5-1

Weber Baby Grand piano, new condition, \$5,500 OBO. Call 728-9742. 4-24, 5-1

Denim skirts, two boxes of long length, sizes 14-16. Also girls clothes, toys and household items. Call 566-8491. 4-24, 5-1

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Five rolls carpet padding in good condition, \$20 per roll. Call 643-5469, leave message if no answer. 4-24, 5-1

FURNITURE

Antique dresser, large mirror measures 44 wide x 41 high, \$250 OBO. Antique handmade small china hutch, dark wood, \$200 OBO. Call 674-1636. 5-1, 5-8

Roll top desk, oak, in excellent condition, \$400. Call (850) 962-7894. 5-1, 5-8

Dining table and chairs, all wood, \$125. Glass top coffee table, \$40. TV stand, \$20. Black room divider, \$30. Call 643-8290. 4-24, 5-1

Primitive chairs straight/slat back with cowhide, cane, slatted wood, basket weave, all types of seats. (ca 1880s-1930s). Prices vary. Call 643-7567. 4-24, 5-1

Chiffarobe with four drawers, has areas for long and short mirror (mirrors are missing), \$20. Call 762-3455. 4-24, 5-1

Large suede sofa with recliners on each end, \$200 OBO. Call 566-8491. 4-24, 5-1

Lots of good used furniture for sale at the Calhoun-Liberty Ministry Center thrift store. Come check us out. Located on Hwy. 20 East of Blountstown. Call 674-1818. UFN

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Frigidaire front end washing machine on pedestal, \$100. Flat top electric stove, \$50. Whirlpool refrigerator with ice maker, \$100. Call 379-5843. 5-1, 5-8

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ELECTRONICS

Computer equipment - Dell printer, copier, scanner, Pict-Bridge, like new, \$50. Call (850) 962-7894. 5-1, 5-8

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Edelbrock Nitrous Oxide kit, 100 shot, full bottle, in excellent condition, \$250. Call (850) 962-7894. 5-1, 5-8

Firestone tires, four great tires with lots of tread, size 265-75-16. All four \$100. Call 447-2074. 4-24, 5-1

CARS

2009 Dodge Nitro, 71,740 miles, red, asking \$12,500. Call 674-7228. 4-24, 5-1

TRUCKS

2000 Ford F-150 pickup truck, automatic, 4WD, toolbox and bedliner, stereo, cruise control. In good running condition, \$6,400 OBO. Call 447-4512. 4-10 T 5-8

CAMPERS/RVS

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HOMES & LAND

Single wide Mobile Home - 3BR, 2 BA, central heat and air. Land not included, must be moved after pay-off. Some owner financing available. Located in Bristol. Call 570-4212 for more information. 5-1, 5-8

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YARD SALE

Covenant House annual yard sale, 11636 SE Chipola Park Rd. Hwy. 71 six miles north of Wewa. May 2-3 at 8 (CT). Trampoline, sofa, bedroom set, dining tables and chairs, household bedding, TVs and more. Call 639-3214.

Hillcrest Baptist Church annual garage/bake sale, Saturday, May 4 from 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Located five miles West of Shelton's Corner on CR 274. Hope to see you there.

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Longleaf pine management workshop set for Marianna May 15

MARIANNA - Landowners and land managers with an interest in growing and managing longleaf pines are invited to attend a Longleaf Management Workshop Wednesday, May 15 in Marianna.

The 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. workshop is being offered at the Jackson County Agricultural Center, 2741 Pennsylvania St. There is no cost to attend.

“We believe this is a great opportunity for landowners interested in forestry and wildlife management practices to hear from experts who are knowledgeable about longleaf pines, their value in the timber industry, and how to meet your objectives,” said Ad Platt with The Longleaf Alliance. Platt, who covers north Florida and south Alabama, said he will also talk about various landowner incentive or cost-share programs to promote longleaf pines.

Following lunch, which is provided free of charge to all who register in advance, attendees will tour the Hatcher Farm, outside Marianna on Blue Springs Highway, where both longleaf pine and slash pine forests have been established. Those who take the tour will see the differences between the two forests, which are the same age.

Some of the topics covered at the workshop will include economic and environmental benefits of longleaf pines; native plants and wildlife associated with longleaf forests; prescribed fire and tips for landowners; and how many trees to plant per acre.

Longleaf pine forests were once the dominant forests throughout much of the South, with a natural range extending up to the 2,000-foot elevation in the mountains of Alabama and Georgia. This species, more than any other, built this region.

An estimated 92 million acres of longleaf pines existed when European settlers began moving into the southern states. By the mid-1900s longleaf pine forests were almost eliminated, with only 3 million acres remaining.

“Longleaf is again becoming a common sight across the south, and landowners are choosing this species for both economic and environmental purposes. Recent plantings have increased the acreage of longleaf by more than 4 million acres, and they continue to gather interest,” Platt said.

In addition to The Longleaf Alliance, other partnering agencies putting on the workshop are the University of Florida – IFAS, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Natural Resource Conservation Service and the Jackson County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Anyone interested in attending is urged to register by calling the Jackson County Extension office at (850) 482-9620.

GFBB announces Birds in the Backyard program May 4

QUINCY - Birds add delightful elements of movement, sound and color to our gardens, and are important wildlife components of healthy ecosystems. Gardening Friends of the Big Bend is pleased to sponsor a workshop about birds on Saturday, May 4.

Speaking on the smallest of birds – hummingbirds – will be Fred Dietrich, a Master Bird-bander well known for his passionate love of “hummers”. Mr. Dietrich will talk about the hummingbirds found in our area and how best to attract and protect them.

From the tiniest of birds to the largest, our next speaker is Sandy Beck who will bring live raptors such as hawks and owls. Ms. Beck, Education Director at St. Francis Wildlife Association, will use the live birds to discuss the role of birds-of-prey in ecosystems as well as promote appreciation and understanding of native wildlife.

Judy Shelton, Jackson Co. Master Gardener Emeritus, will then give a presentation on one of the most colorful and beloved songbirds, bluebirds. She will discuss the proper houses for bluebirds along with other backyard characteristics to help you attract these beautiful songbirds to your yard.

Finally, we will tie it all together with a presentation discussing habitat needs for birds and how you can alter your backyard to be more accommodating to our feathered friends.

The workshop will be held at the University of Florida/IFAS North Florida Research and Education Center, 155 Research Road, Quincy, FL. Take I-10 Exit 181 (Quincy, SR267), go north ¼ mile and turn left, following the drive to the main building.

Saturday, May 4, 2013. Registration begins at 8 a.m. (ET). The program begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends by 12:30 p.m. Handouts, refreshments and light snacks will be provided. In addition, there will be a GFBB sponsored plant sale after the workshop.

A pre-registered ticket for participants is \$10 for GFBB members and \$15 for non-members. Please pre-register by Friday, May 3, by emailing Friends@ifas.ufl.edu or by phoning NFREC at 875-7100. All registration fees should be mailed to GFBB, c/o NFREC, 155 Research Rd., Quincy, FL 32351. If not pre-registered, tickets purchased at the door are \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. Handouts will be provided.



Sprucing up the town



There was plenty of work to go around as more than 40 volunteers gathered Saturday morning to take part in Altha Pride by sprucing up the town and helping some homeowners with a few chores. TOP: Scott Payne puts a fresh coat of paint on Altha Town Hall. ABOVE: Nathan Goodman, Reggie Conyers, Joey Hall and Kevin Yoder unload a truckload of supplies. LEFT: The sidewalks near the Wildcat Den get a good cleaning with a leaf blower. BELOW LEFT to RIGHT: Melissa Chamberlin rakes, Amber Stokes washes the exterior of a storage shed and Ralph Yoder tends to a pile of burning leaves.

DANIEL WILLIAMS PHOTOS

