

Ex-employee files sexual harassment complaint against suspended sheriff

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

A former jail employee has filed a sexual harassment complaint against Liberty County Sheriff Nick Finch alleging that she was fired after rejecting his advances.

Jennifer Bailey, 29, of Hosford was hired as a nurse in the jail when the new sheriff took office on Jan. 1. She started at \$15 an hour and within two weeks, she said the sheriff gave her a \$5 an hour raise after telling her she was "doing such a great job."

Twenty-four days into the job, she was fired.

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Bailey became "the target of harassing comments based on her gender almost immediately after she was hired," according to the complaint filed June 1 with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) by attorney Marie Mattox.

Her complaint alleges she was subjected to three sexual assaults by the sheriff:

- On one occasion, the sheriff began massaging her shoulders unexpectedly and to the shock of the Plaintiff.

- On another occasion, the sheriff placed his hand on Plaintiff's side and began sliding it up toward her breasts until his hand cupped Plaintiff's breast, which caused Plaintiff to jump and recoil in horror.

- On a third occasion, the sheriff approached Plaintiff from the rear, grabbed her hair, and began kissing and licking her neck, and when Plaintiff objected, the sheriff told Plaintiff that no one would find out.

She was fired after she "immediately and fully rejected all the sheriff's advances," according to the complaint.

Mattox said the complaint is a prerequisite to filing a lawsuit.



JENNIFER BAILEY OF HOSFORD

He is also accused of wrongful termination and discrimination.

The attorney confirmed that she is representing "at least two other women, possibly one more" who were also fired from the Liberty County Sheriff's Office. Their complaints are based on discrimination, not sexual harassment.

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Bailey is a single mother of three children. She lives with her father and stepmother in Hosford and currently works at Florida State Hospital at about half of her former salary.

Last year's election for sheriff was a hotly contested one in which the one-term incumbent was facing a newcomer to Liberty County politics. Finch defeated incumbent Donnie Conyers by 181 votes, receiving 52% of the ballots cast.

Finch's candidacy was a rarity; although he had served as a deputy for two years under his opponent, he did not have an established political base that ensures most small-town victories. Those against the opponent threw their support to Finch.

Bailey first met Finch when he was on the campaign trail, going door to door to visit voters. "My whole Sanders family backed him 100 percent," said Bailey. He sat with her family at their dining room table and talked about how the people of Liberty County deserved the best, she said.

They became Facebook friends on the day he took office. The two began exchanging brief messages and comments regularly, which included an ongoing exchange about going out to eat at Red Lobster. "It might have been a little bit flirty," Bailey admits, but was quick to point out, "When the advances started coming, I distanced myself."

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Suspended Liberty County Sheriff Nick Finch

Second amendment supporters plan rally for Finch at Capitol

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

Liberty County Sheriff Nick Finch, who was suspended following his arrest for official misconduct when he allegedly removed records after dropping charges for a man arrested for carrying a concealed weapon, will be the focus of a rally in Tallahassee Friday.

His supporters say his stand for the Second Amendment led to his removal from office.

"There has been an outpouring of support from all over the country," Finch said Monday. "I've had calls from Hawaii, Utah, Texas, Connecticut...there are a whole bunch of people in my corner supporting me."

He said he is working on a statement he will give at the rally.

He said several Second Amendment organizations want to support him and many people want to donate to his defense fund. He indicated there may be more rallies planned.

The rally will be held in the courtyard between the old and new State Capitol Buildings in Tallahassee from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Friday.

A number of speakers representing Second Amendment issues are expected to speak.

Finch said he is scheduled to be arraigned July 10, "unless the state decides they want to drop all charges and reinstate me."



New sheriff in town - Interim Sheriff Carl Causey (right) of Gulf Breeze confers with Capt. Wes Harsey as he fills in for suspended Sheriff Nick Finch at the Liberty County Sheriff's Office. DANIEL WILLIAMS PHOTO

State Attorney's office investigating Uzzell, Superintendent calls meeting 'a witchhunt'

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

State Attorney Willie Meggs has confirmed that his office is looking into allegations of wrongdoing by Liberty County School Superintendent Gloria "Gay" Uzzell.

Meggs said the investigation surrounds her use of a county credit card.

Investigators arrived at the school board office last Wednesday in Bristol to collect documentation for their investigation.

At last week's standing-room-only school board meeting, Chairman Kyle Peddie quizzed

Uzzell about over \$12,000 in charges made on her card, which has a \$10,000 limit.

Uzzell said she was "blindsided" at the June 4 meeting, which she called "the most brutal night of my life."

Peddie, who said he had only recently learned that Uzzell had credit cards issued to the county office without board approval, went over a long list of charges on several credit card bills. Thousands of dollars were charged to clothing shops, hotels and restaurants as well as online stores like Amazon.com.

Uzzell said she mistakenly put

items on the school credit card instead of her own, and those were "reimbursed long before there was any question."

She said part of the problem stemmed from the fact that, "Out of the nine months I've been here, we've only had a finance officer for four months."

She was hoping Tuesday afternoon that the board would approve her recommended candidate, Shelia Hall, for the job.

She added, "I have committed no wrongdoing. The evidence speaks for itself. I do not feel it was appropriate for the chairman to bring it up. It was pretty

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Teens charged with attempted armed robbery of Bristol store

Two teenagers were arrested shortly after an attempted armed robbery of a Bristol convenience store early Thursday morning.

The clerk at the Express Lane called the Liberty County Sheriff's Office at approximately 2:38 a.m. to report that an armed, masked man had pulled a gun on her. She said he ran out of the store after she refused his demand to hand over the money in the cash register, according to a report from the sheriff's office.

The suspect was described as a white male wearing a mask and a hoodie. The clerk said he fled on foot down CR 12 South.

Deputy Jonathan Gentry responded to the area and noticed a vehicle pull away from a residence at a high rate of speed in the area the suspect had run towards. Aware that the vehicle didn't belong to the homeowner and noticing it had an out of state tag, he conducted a traffic stop. The driver was pulled over in the parking lot of the store where the robbery attempt had just occurred.

When he approached the occupants, the deputy found two young white males. The passenger - identified as 18-year-old Thomas Tierney - was sweating and breathing heavily as though he had been running and appeared nervous.

The driver was Charles Capps, also 18.

The two were placed in separate patrol cars after being told they were being detained because

of a recent armed robbery.

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The store clerk said she was working when she heard the door open and looked up to see a man, dressed in all black, coming toward her holding a silver pistol. She said she pleaded with him not to shoot.

She said she refused to open the register for him.

Although a mask covered the lower half of his face, the clerk was sure she could identify him, stating that she "could not forget those eyes."

Deputies had Tierney step out of the patrol car so the clerk could get a good look at him. She quickly verified he was the one who held up her, telling deputies, "That's him! I'm 100 percent sure."

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When Capps was questioned why he was in the driveway, he replied, "I don't know." He finally said he didn't do the robbery, but his friend (Tierney) did. When asked about the gun, he said Tierney did not have it when he picked him up.

Tierney denied being involved in the robbery attempt and said they had just been turning around when deputies caught up with them. He then refused to answer any more questions.

Capps was more forthcoming under questioning. He said Tierney came to see him and said he

wanted to rob the store and began gathering up black clothing. En route, Capps said he noticed Tierney was holding what appeared to him to be a .22-caliber pistol. He said the gun was silver with a brown wood handle.

According to Capps, they drove to Bristol, turned right on CR 12 and parked at a home across from Bristol Auto Parts. Capps said Tierney moved from the driver's seat, put on a mask and told him to stay in the car, commenting that he would return "as quick as possible."

Capps said he came running back 20 or 30 minutes later. He said Tierney opened the trunk and threw some clothing in, and tossed another article of clothing on a nearby bush.

When deputies searched the trunk of the car, they looked under the carpet and found a Colt .25-caliber pistol with a bullet in the chamber and one more in the magazine. The gun was cocked and ready to fire.

Several items of black clothing along with a pair of New Balance shoes were also found wedged underneath the carpet.

Tierney was charged with robbery with a firearm and remained in custody as of Tuesday. Capps was charged with principal in the first degree to armed robbery. He was later released on bond.

SHERIFF'S LOG

CALHOUN COUNTY

June 3

•Merina Porter, *grand theft, forgery (times 43), uttering (times 43), CCSO.*
•Zachery Carpenter, *discharging firearm in public or on residential property, CCSO.*

June 5

•Avlorice Brye, *VOP, CCSO.*
•Brock Byrd, *domestic battery, CCSO.*

June 7

•Charles Stewart, *grand theft, CCSO.*
•Dustin Brady, *possession listed chemicals, obstruct, burglary, disguise, CCSO.*

June 8

•Brian Gee, *possession of marijuana with intent to sale, CCSO.*
•Juan Vann, *aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, CCSO.*

LIBERTY COUNTY

June 3

•Angela Howard, *holding for CCSO, CCSO.*

June 4

•Nicholas Finch, *official misconduct, FDLE.*
•Tracy Maloy, *servng weekends, LCSO.*

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

June 5

•Michael Shane Goff, *domestic battery, LCSO.*
•William McDaniel, *battery, LCSO.*

June 6

•Charles Capps, *principal in first degree, LCSO.*
•Thomas Tierney, *robbery with firearm, LCSO.*
•Matthew Green, *holding for Ohio, LCSO.*

June 7

•Nickolas Skelly, *aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, LCSO.*
•Christopher Cioffi, *VOCP, LCSO.*
•Pamela McLaughlin, *hold out of county, LCSO.*
•Lance Dabney, *possession of marijuana, less than 20 grams, LCSO.*
•Nicholas Plass, *servng 90 days, LCSO.*
•Victor Zamora, *servng 5 days, LCSO.*
•Wayne Worthington, *servng weekends, LCSO.*
•Issac Kent, *servng weekends, LCSO.*
•Julie Smith, *servng weekends, LCSO.*
•Oscar Reina, *servng 5 days, LCSO.*
•Josh Church, *servng weekends, LCSO.*
•Lamar Ridley, *servng weekends, LCSO.*

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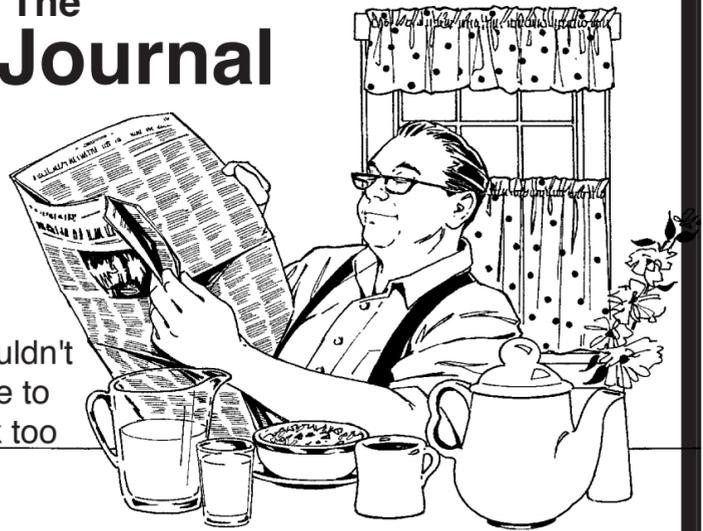


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The free four-hour seminar was to

help women become more aware of their well being, with an emphasis on menopause, heart health, diabetes prevention and learning how to manage stress in their lives. The event is headed up by the Calhoun-Liberty County Health Department and was hosted by the Bristol Pentecostal Holiness Church. ABOVE: After browsing at the vendor booths

everyone made their way to their seats to begin the day of fun and learning. LEFT: Seven-year-old Jaylen Ojeda sings during lunch for the ladies. BELOW: Shontoria Jackson, 4, admires everything on the table.



Betty Beckwith gets an enjoyable manicure.



LEFT: Susan Chafin with Calhoun-Liberty Health Dept. welcomes the crowd. RIGHT: Calhoun-Liberty Health Dept. Administrator Rachel Manspecker served as Emcee for the day.



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Wendy Smith takes Virginia Willis' blood pressure at one of the demonstration vendor tables.

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Finch commended; concealed weapon statute unconstitutional

To the editor,

I commend and support Sheriff Finch for doing his duty and taking his sworn oath to the Constitution seriously in releasing Mr. Parrish unlike most cops like FDLE and Officer Hoagland. That concealed weapon statute is unconstitutional and unjust and should not be enforced by any cop or prosecuted either. Nor should any juror convict for such a bogus law now.

All those in law enforcement have discretion to do such, especially sheriffs as the highest elected law officer in the county. The U.S. Supreme Court has also ruled the Second Amendment applies to state and local governments who are bound to comply with it under Article 6, the so called Supremacy clause. Failure to do so violates ones oath and renders them unfit to wear a badge. So much for protect and serve (We the People). Good riddance to Jody Hoagland.

This is what the Kentucky Supreme Court once ruled on this matter which still rings true today despite what the politically correct crowd says: "For, in principle, there is no difference between a law prohibiting the wearing concealed arms, and a law forbidding the wearing such as are exposed; and if the former be unconstitutional, the latter must be so likewise." (from Bliss.v.Commonwealth Kentucky Supreme Court 1822)

They and the founding fathers had it right unlike Officer Hoagland and FDLE, shamefully. What part of shall not be infringed don't they get?

An unconstitutional act is void "ab initio" i.e. the moment it is signed into "law." The "void ab initio" doctrine received its classic formulation in the case of Norton v. Shelby Co. 118 U.S. 425, 442, 6 S.Ct. 1121, 1125, 30 L.Ed. 178 (1886) wherein it was held that: "An unconstitutional act is not a law; it confers no rights; it imposes no duties; it affords no protection, it creates no office; it is, in legal contemplation, as inoperative as though it had never been passed." See also Ex parte Siebold, 100 U.S. 371, 376-77, 25 L.Ed. 717 (1879) ("An unconstitutional law is void, and is as no law. An offense created by it is not a crime. A conviction under it is not merely erroneous, but is illegal and void, and cannot be a legal cause of imprisonment.").

If we stand for this miscarriage of justice in our county then we should change the county name to Tyranny.

Tom Roberts, Hosford

Show your gun and risk getting shot or hide it and be charged?

To the editor,

Regarding the recent arrest of Sheriff Nick Finch, if my truck ever breaks down while driving through the National Forest where I get no cell phone reception, I would not hesitate to put my pistol in my pocket for my safety before I take off walking. And, if I came upon a law officer, the first thing I would tell that officer is that I have a pistol.

At that point, it would be up to the discretion of the officer whether or not to charge me with carrying a concealed weapon, which he could do, simply because I never took the time and spent the money to get a concealed carry permit from the state.

Then, I would forever be on record as having a third degree felony which makes me look like a gang member or street thug. I could forget about ever becoming a math teacher one day.

The irony is that if I held the pistol in my hand when approached by the law officer, I don't believe I could be charged with concealed carry, but I do believe I might get shot.

If it is up to the discretion of the officer to charge someone with concealed carry, why is it not up to the discretion of that officer's boss to decide whether or not to follow through with the charge?

Erik Johnson, Bristol

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Thursday, June 13

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• Myrlene's Beauty Shop 12 to 3 p.m.

Friday, June 14

• Walmart Superstore Chipley, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday, June 17

• Spring Creek Baptist Church Donaldsonville, GA, 1 to 6 p.m. (CT)

Tuesday, June 18

• Tri State Warehouse, 8 to 10:30 a.m.

• Jackson County Health Department, 1 to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, June 19

• Bonifay Nursing and Rehab, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

• Doctors Memorial Hospital, 2 to 5 p.m.

Thursday, June 20

• Northwest FL Community Hospital, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday June 21

• Jackson County Courthouse, 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Scouts seek Women of Distinction

PANAMA CITY – Do you know an extraordinary woman who has distinguished herself as an outstanding member of the community? A program inspired by Girl Scouts nationally, the Girl Scouts of the Florida Panhandle Women of Distinction Awards honor women from across the Florida Panhandle who truly stand out for their commitment to the community. Nominations are now being accepted for the 2013 Women of Distinction awards program.

Annually, women from across the council are nominated for this coveted award. The women honored for 2013 will join the 100 women in the Florida Panhandle who have been honored as Women of Distinction since the program's inception in 1998. All nominees will be honored during the Women of Distinction Awards Gala on August 23 at 6 p.m. at the Edgewater Beach and Golf Resort.

Nominees must live or work in Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton or Washington County. They should exemplify extraordinary civic, professional and/or philanthropic commitment and

achievement, be a role model for girls, and demonstrate a commitment to advocacy for improving the lives of women and/or girls. Nominees are to demonstrate initiative, integrity and leadership characteristics, and are not required to have been or currently be a Girl Scout. Nominations will be reviewed by an independent Selection Committee based on standardized criteria for nominees in each of the following awards categories:

- Arts, Media
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The public is invited to get a look at Blountstown Health and Rehab Center's (BHRC) new state-of-the-art therapy wing.

There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12, as well as an open house from 4 - 6 p.m.

The new wing offers 16 new private rooms and a new therapy suite to serve

short-term rehab patients.

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Swamp and Stomp Mud Run set for Sept. 21 at Altha Bog



Calhoun County's Swamp & Stomp Mud Run is a 5K-ish run, with an added bonus of down and dirty obstacles thrown in for good measure! Created for those with an adventurous spirit, the Swamp & Stomp is definitely NOT your average 5K. Participants may run, walk, or even skip through the course which winds through the Altha Recreation Park.

This off-road adventure takes you across scenic trails and fields, obstacles, and ends with a fun run through a mud pit. It is open to individuals and teams. Be prepared for some down and dirty fun.

The Swamp & Stomp will be held on Saturday, Sept. 21. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., adult mud run begins at 8 a.m.

Registration Fees: Adults - \$35 before Monday, Sept. 9, \$40 after; Kids ages 5 to 14 - \$10 before Saturday, Sept. 7, \$15 after; Adult Teams - individual fee applies

to each team member/all members of team must cross the finish line together. Each adult participant will receive a registration bag with a t-shirt. Each child will receive a t-shirt. All registrations will be processed through www.beta.active.com/altha-fl/running/mud-runs/swamp-and-stomp-mud-run-iii-2013.

The site of the Swamp & Stomp was home to the Altha Bog In. The park boasts a wonderful mud pit, perfect for the mud run. The race will wind and weave through the scenic trails, over and under obstacles, and straight through the mud. Register today!

If you are interested in sponsoring the event, or volunteering, please contact Kristy Terry at kristy@calhounco.org.

To stay in the loop about the Swamp & Stomp, like our facebook page at www.facebook.com/SwampandStomp.

July 4 celebration in Blountstown to include Moonlight Market, fireworks

Downtown Blountstown will be brimming with activity on the fourth of July! Rivertown Community Church and sponsors will be producing another amazing fireworks show. The Blountstown Middle School campus (formerly BHS) will be the launch site and the entire campus will be closed. However, downtown will be a perfect spot to see the show. And that's where all the other fun comes into play.

Blountstown Main Street will sponsor Moonlight Market at 6 p.m. Last year, the event kicked off with a parade and Main Street is seeking approval from the City Council to do that again this year. Watch for more details in a couple weeks. Head over to North Pear Street downtown where the road will be closed off all the way to the train park for a huge street festival known as Moonlight Market. Artists, crafters, food and merchant vendors are invited to enter a FREE booth at this event.

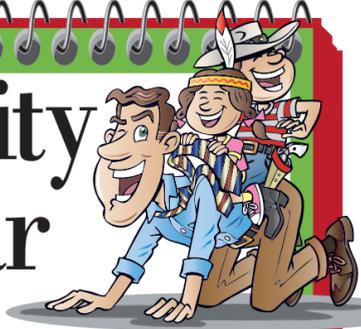
Farmers, bring your fresh produce to sell. To reserve your free booth space or enter the parade, call Kelli at 447-2765. Food vendors are urged to sign up early and declare the type of food they will be serving. There will only be one vendor for each food type to help everyone have a profitable day. For instance, if you are selling hamburgers, no other vendor will sell that item. In order to help food vendors make money during this event, Main Street will not allow free giveaways of food or beverage items. Thanks to all those who gave away food items last year, but Main Street asks that everyone please support vendors who are investing in this event.

Mark your calendars for this day of celebration. Bring your lawn chair, then settle in at Magnolia Square, along the sidewalks or the greenspace next to Centennial Bank for the fireworks show after dark.

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That's how many copies of *The Calhoun-Liberty Journal* were distributed last week, ensuring plenty of coverage for your announcements and great response for our business advertisers!

Community Calendar



Wednesday, June 12

RIBBON-CUTTING CELEBRATION
Blountstown Health & Rehab
today from 4-6 p.m. (CT)

4-H Dance Camp, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Civic Center

BIRTHDAY
Joann Hill Fant

TODAY'S MEETINGS
• Rotary Club, noon, Calhoun-Liberty Hospital
• AA, 7 p.m., Calhoun County Old Ag Bldg. east door, in front of jail

Thursday, June 13

Fireworks Safety Months
June 1 - July 31
Craft Day at Hosford Library
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

TODAY'S MEETINGS
• AA, 7 p.m., basement of Calhoun Courthouse
• Bristol Girl Scout Troop #303, 6:30 p.m., The Club, Bristol.
• Liberty Women's Club, 11 a.m., Apalachee Rest.
• Calhoun School Board, 5 p.m. Calhoun Extension Office in Commission Board Room

BIRTHDAYS

Donna Eldridge, Deborah Johnson, Van Lierop

Friday, June 14

BIRTHDAYS
Jim Redmond
Lanet Chester
Phil Summers
Gavin Samson



Saturday, June 15



Pancake Breakfast at Pioneer Settlement
7 - 10 a.m.

BIRTHDAYS
Cathy Kimbrel, Jimmy Kersey,
Frankie Mercer, Dana Brown,
Lucas Uzzell, Sonyl McClain

Dale Cox, guest speaker at Altha Community Center 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. (CT)



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

Sunday, June 16



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

BIRTHDAYS
Francine Fisher, Catrina Sharpe Stewart, Travis Peavy, Kevin Partridge, Catherine Rose Lewis, Colton Anders, Jr.



Monday, June 17

TODAY'S MEETINGS
• Altha Girls Scout Troop #39, 6 p.m., Altha Community Center
• Boy Scout Troop 206, 7 p.m., Veterans Civic Center

Panhandle Creative Crafters "Bizzie Bees", 5-8 p.m. (CT), WT Neal Civic Center, Blountstown
• Liberty County Bulldog Club, Dawg House 7 p.m.

BIRTHDAYS
Buddy Brown, Laura Whaley Morrow, Bulent Reisoglu



Tuesday, June 18

BIRTHDAYS ~ Selah Barfield, Reuben Bontrager, Zack Haney, Alycia Shuler Black, Josh Peddie



TODAY'S MEETINGS
• Calhoun Children's Coalition/Calhoun Juvenile Justice Council, 1:30 p.m., W.T. Neal Civic Center, Blountstown.
• Calhoun Commission, 5 p.m., Ag. Bldg., Conference Room across from Courthouse
• AA, 6 p.m., Altha Community Center
• Mossy Pond VFD Auxiliary, 6 p.m., Fire House

Dixie 109 Masonic Lodge, 7 p.m., Dixie Lodge in Blountstown
• Altha Boy Scouts, 7 p.m., Altha VFD
• Hosford-Telogia VFD, 7:30 p.m., fire house
• AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., Grace United Methodist Church, Hosford



Reading Program Ages PreK - K • 2 - 3 p.m. Harrell Memorial Library



Calhoun-Liberty Beekeepers Asso. to meet June 20

Are you interested in keeping bees? Please come join us as we begin a new Beekeeping Association in our area. All levels of experience, or none at all, are welcome.

The Calhoun/Liberty Beekeepers Association will have its first meeting on Thursday, June 20 at 6:30 p.m. (CT) at the Calhoun County Extension Office, located at 20816 Central Ave. East, Suite 1, Blountstown, FL 32424.

For more information contact David Danley at (850) 674-1349, or Calhoun County Extension Agent Judy Ludlow at (850) 674-8323.

LCHS Class of 1956 reunion on June 18

The Liberty County High School graduating class of 1956 will hold their reunion at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18 at the Apalachee Restaurant.

Please make plans to attend with your class for a time of reunion, fellowship, fun and food.

For more information, contact Mary Joiner at 643-5479.

Hosford School students urged to show interest in playing football

Students of Hosford School in grades 6 through 8 are encouraged to show their interest in starting a school football team. There has been recent speculation that there are not enough students willing to participate to establish a team.

If you have a student attending Hosford School that shares an interest in playing football, please contact Nick Finuff at (850) 363-4804 to express the child's desire to play and to sign-up.

Additional sign-up lists will available in local stores in the Hosford and Telogia area for parents' and students' convenience.

Holy Hoopsters set Tournament July 13

First Baptist Church of Bristol is seeking teams to participate in the 2013 Holy Hoopsters Basketball Tournament.

The teams will be four on four and each team can have up to eight players. The tournament is scheduled for Saturday, July 13 at 9 a.m. at the church. Cost is \$7 per person.

For more information or to pre-register call Troy Brady at (850) 272-0455.

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Late Night Laughs

A RECAP OF RECENT OBSERVATIONS BY LATE NIGHT TV HOSTS.

The White House closed the gift shop and opened a Verizon store after it was revealed that the National Security Agency seized millions of Verizon phone records. How ironic is that? We wanted a president who listens to all Americans. Now we have one. — JAY LENO

Russian President Vladimir Putin and his wife announced that they are getting a divorce after almost 30 years of marriage. When asked why, Putin said, "We tried to make it work, but you know what they say: Men are from Malgobek, women are from Kadnikov." — JIMMY FALLON

The White House is looking through our phone records, checking our computers, monitoring our emails. When did the government suddenly become our psycho ex-girlfriend? When did that happen? — JAY LENO

As part of a senior prank, students at a high school in Washington spray-painted all over their school, but they actually misspelled the word "senior" twice. That probably explains why they didn't get into "collage." — JIMMY FALLON

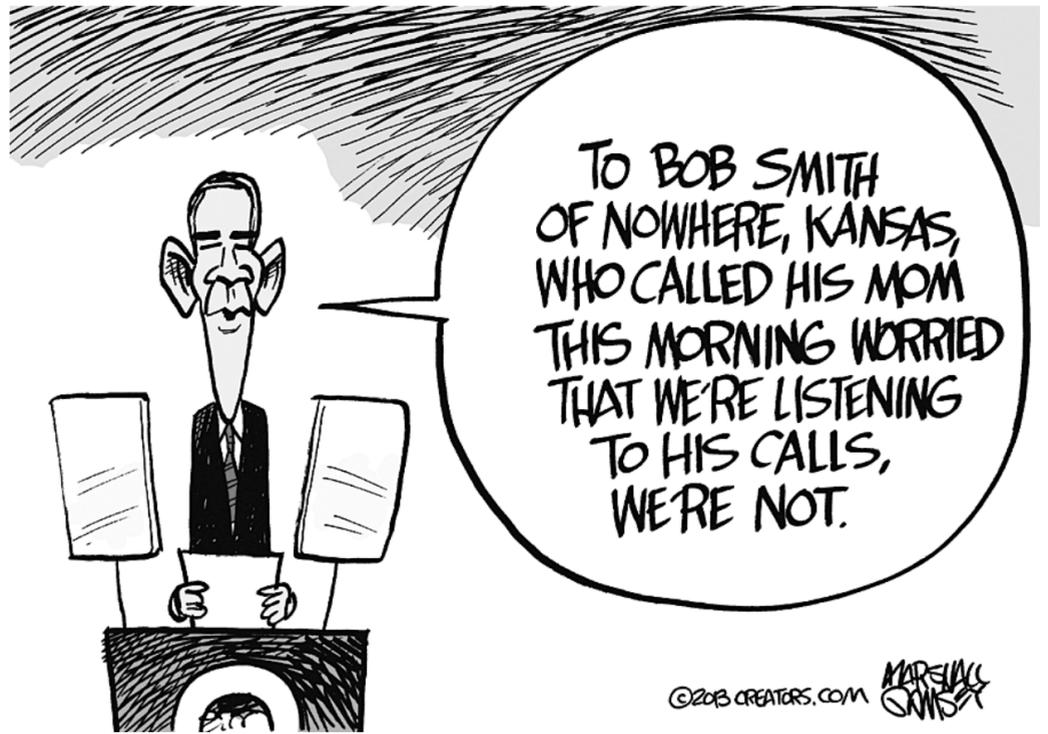
If Obama wants to put this snooping thing to good use, how about spying on the IRS the next time they throw a \$4 million party? Why don't you do that? — JAY LENO

Actually, Putin and his wife made their announcement after they attended the ballet. That's weird because most guys would want to break up with you before they had to go to a ballet. — JIMMY FALLON

President Obama clarified the situation today. He said no one is listening to your phone calls. He said it's not what the program is all about. You know, like the IRS targeting certain political groups. That's not what it's about. — JAY LENO

President Obama was visiting a middle school yesterday, and while he was there he said that every school in the U.S. should have high-speed Internet. Then it got awkward when one kid said, "Why, so you can read our emails faster?" — JIMMY FALLON

The IRS has taken some heat for reportedly spending \$4 million on a conference in Anaheim last year, where employees took dancing lessons. One of the dances they learned? Tap dancing around the issues. — JAY LENO



Protect our uniformed women

WASHINGTON — It was an astounding admission when Senator John McCain, R-Ariz., confessed that he had advised the mother of a young woman interested in joining the military that he couldn't in all good faith tell her it was the right career path for her daughter. McCain wasn't faulting the military for lack of opportunity, or for gender discrimination, but for something far more basic, the continued inability to protect service women, and men too, from sexual assault, and to give those who are the victims of assault or sexual harassment a fair hearing without fear of retribution.

The service chiefs appeared together for questioning before the Senate Armed Services committee on Tuesday, offering an impressive array of medals and an acknowledgment that after years of promoting a "zero tolerance" policy, they had failed to curtail the rise of sexual assault and abuse within the ranks. With a record seven women on the Senate panel representing both political parties, the days appear to be over when military leaders could offer reassuring words without taking significant action to address the problem.

The numbers released in a Pentagon report last month showed a surge in the number of cases that were being reported together with an estimated 26,000 troops thought to have experienced "unwanted sexual contact." The numbers were humbling for the dozen military leaders lined up at a long table, and they were appropriately contrite. "I'll speak for myself: I took my eye off the ball a bit in the commands I had," said Army Gen. Martin E Dempsey, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

But Dempsey and the others refused to give ground on what is the main sticking point as the Senate works to find legislative remedies for what ails the nation's military, and prevents the world's greatest armed force from protecting its own from sexual predators. Senator Kirsten Gillebrand, D-N.Y., is the chief sponsor of a

bill that would take the prosecution of sexual crimes out of the chain of command and place the authority in outside uniformed prosecutors. Under the current system, a service woman or man reporting sexual assault could compromise their career by lodging a complaint with someone of higher rank who has a vested interest in the outcome, or in downplaying any alleged crime.

This is not unique to the military. In any area of life where somebody has authority over someone else, there have to be safeguards. In the military, where chain-of-command authority is absolute, there have to be extra safeguards in the form of checks and balances. Ideally, the generals should be coming up with ideas on how to provide this extra measure of safety and security for a military that is becoming more diverse. Women are now 15 percent of recruits and eligible to compete for combat positions, yet they are still a distinct minority deserving of certain protections, and they should be recognized as such.

The men in charge can't continue to do things the way they've always done them, and remarks by Gen. Ray Odierno, the Army's chief of staff, contained more than a whiff of nostalgia. "Without equivocation, I believe maintaining the central role of the commander in our military justice system is absolutely critical," he said. "Removing commanders, making commanders less responsible, less accountable, will not work. It will hamper the delivery of justice to the people we most want to help."

If commanders want to keep the responsibility for adjudicating complaints of a sexual nature, they could start with a rule for the men and women reporting to them that anybody who has knowledge of a crime and doesn't report it is just as guilty as the perpetrator. Changing the culture away from one where these crimes are covered up to one where there is an incentive to report is the challenge, and if that isn't done from within, Congress is right to step in.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

by Douglas Cohn and Eleanor Clift

How would Washington rate under the Von Moltke test?

We who live in Washington are admittedly a little defensive about this city we call home. Be honest -- you would be, too, if the nation's elected leaders won their high offices by repeatedly running campaigns that bellowed how much they, and all right-thinking Americans, distrusted and despised Your Hometown.

Strange as it might seem, we Washingtonians can be a little puritanical about our work. Let me explain. We don't really make anything here. We don't grow corn or wheat. We don't make cars, computers or movies. Sometimes when people have trouble measuring output, they instead measure input.

What did you do yesterday, Mark? "Well, I got here at 7 a.m. and did not leave until almost 9 p.m." "So, if I can't tell you exactly what I did, I can at least tell you how long I didn't do it.

But to understand Washington's basic industry, the national political leadership, it helps to be familiar with Gen. Helmuth von Moltke, who from 1858 until 1888

was the chief of the German General Staff, which would become, under his leadership, the standard for all modern armies.

He developed the von Moltke Grid, under which he divided his entire office corps into one of four categories: 1) the mentally dull and the physically lazy, 2) the Mentally Dull and the Physically Energetic, 3) the Mentally Bright and the Physically Energetic and 4) the Mentally Bright and the Physically Lazy.

The officers assigned to the first group, the Mentally Dull and the Physically Lazy, were obviously not candidates for the general staff. But there are in any organization repetitive tasks to be performed to which members of this subdivision could be assigned.

The single most dangerous category in

the military, or any other major organization, is the Mentally Dull and the Physically Energetic.

He is both feckless and tireless. Having fouled up three assignments long before noon, he is cheerfully seeking new challenges to fail. This type who requires constant and vigilant adult supervision is not really a possibility for retention, let alone promotion.

The Mentally Bright and the Physically Energetic would not, under the von Moltke test, qualify to become a commanding officer. Instead, they were picked to become the staff officers who, while capable of seeing the sixth side of a four-sided problem, were, with their total attention to detail, compulsive micro-managers.

That left for candidates for eventual

elevation to the general staff and positions of ultimate command the Mentally Bright and the Physically Lazy. These are the individuals who are so bright that they understand the problems and see what must be done, but lazy enough to figure out the easiest, least complicated way to do it. He is capable of successfully delegating.

So how do our presidents rate under von Moltke? Military scholar Dennis Showalter, a professor of history at Colorado College, once told me he thought Dwight Eisenhower the ideal: "George Patton thought he was a better general than Ike. Montgomery knew he was a better general than Ike. Omar Bradley thought he was a better general than Ike. But Ike alone was able to manage and to command all of them -- along with the Navy and the Air Force and the allies."

Lou Cannon, the respected biographer of Ronald Reagan, who covered the Gipper from Sacramento through two White House terms, made the strong case that Reagan was in fact bright, but that, like many other septuagenarians, he was not curious. Jimmy Carter, with his Annapolis training and his managing the schedule on the White House tennis courts, was the quintessential Bright and too Energetic.

And President Barack Obama? Let us stipulate that he is Mentally Bright, but if he is Physically Lazy, he has yet to figure out the easiest, least complicated way to get it done under the von Moltke grid.

AMERICAN COLOR

by Mark Shields

Pundit Mark Shields has been on the political playing field since Robert F. Kennedy ran for president in 1968. After years of managing campaigns from the courthouse to the White House, he is now one of the most widely recognized commentators in the U.S.



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State honors Torreya State Park and team at Annual Prudential-Davis Productivity Awards



The 25th Annual Prudential-Davis Productivity Awards kicked off with a gala in Tallahassee on Wednesday evening, June 6. Florida TaxWatch and the award sponsors were joined by Governor Rick Scott and Chancellor Frank Brogan to present awards to state employees from the Tallahassee area.

Local honors included the Torreya State Park Habitat Restoration Partnership. This partnership has developed an innovative approach to restoring sandhill natural communities in Torreya State Park.

This public/private partnership between Florida State Parks and The Nature Conservancy leverages public and private efforts to increase on-the-ground support and to improve the efficiency of restoration efforts. This partnership has improved the amount/scale and quality of restoration results within Torreya State Park by pooling resources including manpower and equipment, and

including manpower and equipment, and leveraging public dollars with privately funded grants.

The partnership was formalized through a Memorandum of Agreement so that The Nature Conservancy staff and equipment could be utilized to augment existing restoration efforts at Torreya State Park.

As a result, over 200 acres per year of sandhill natural community is being restored to its natural condition. Efforts include removing off-site trees, restoring the topography, harvesting and planting native groundcover seeds, planting longleaf pine trees, applying prescribed fire, and monitoring results.

This partnership has resulted in a realized savings to the Division of Recreation and Parks of \$251,065. These savings are a direct result of the initiative the team members took to pursue and formalize this partnership.

Park Manager Steve Cutshaw accepted the award on behalf of the entire team.

FROM LEFT: Torreya State Park Manager, Steve Cutshaw and DEP Deputy Secretary Al Dougherty.

Blountstown's Caroline Yoder receives President's List Award this Spring

CLEARWATER -- Caroline Yoder of Blountstown received the President's List Award at Clearwater Christian College for scholastic achievement during the 2013 spring semester. In order to be recognized for this award, honorees must have been enrolled full-time and earn a minimum grade point average of 3.90 on a 4.00 scale.

Yoder, a graduate Biology major at CCC, is a GED recipient and the daughter

ACHIEVEMENT

of David and Sharon Yoder of Blountstown.

Located on a 138-acre property on Tampa Bay, Clearwater Christian College is home to over 500 undergraduate and graduate students pursuing a distinct Christian education in a traditional liberal arts environment. Clearwater Christian College is recognized by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

NOTES OF THANKS

To the Clarksville Post Office staff and community,

Thank you so much for being a part of helping the needy in our communities. It is wonderful to see how helpful and benevolent we can be when we all do our part.

We cannot do what we do without the help of people like you. People's lives have been touched by your generosity.

Calhoun-Liberty Ministry Center
Doug Hemanas, Director

We are thankful for the tremendous success of the recent benefit lunch we sponsored for Bryson Hatcher. Over 500 plates were sold and additional donations have matched the sale of the plates.

A special thanks to David and Marilyn Smith for the purchasing and smoking of the meats, and Ramsey's Piggly Wiggly, Captain D's and Sonny's of Marianna for food donations. Thank you also to Clifford Newsome, Virgil and Hazel Herndon, Mac McWaters, Jerry Lewis, Bo McWaters, Darrell Mullins, Terry Forest and Jamie Miller for your help in smoking the meat.

We also appreciate the many business owners in the area who allowed us to place donation containers on the counters of their businesses. The entire proceeds of this benefit lunch and all donations will go directly to Bryson's trust account at the Calhoun-Liberty Employee's Credit Union.

We are truly grateful for the overwhelming response from all who contributed to this endeavor by either purchasing a plate or making a donation.

May blessings return to you as you have blessed the Hatcher family.

With much appreciation,
Altha Church of God

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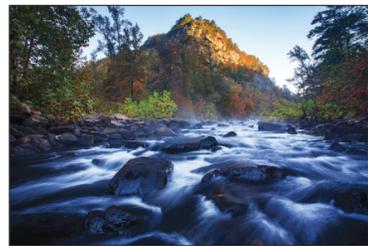
SIANNA CAMBREE PEDDIE

Richard and Heather Peddie of Rock Bluff are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Sianna Cambree Peddie. She was born on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital weighing 6 lbs. 3 ozs. and measuring 18 1/2 inches long. She is the sister of Stephanie, Summer, Sarah, Josh, Skylar and Aunt Megan. Her grandparents are David and Tammy Lolley of Bristol, Jerry Hosey of Quincy and Wayne and Debra Peddie of Rock Bluff. She was welcomed home with lots of love, hugs and kisses.

Outdoor Alabama Exhibit comes to Dothan

DOTHAN, AL - A collection of winning images from the 2013 Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest is traveling the state and is currently on view at Landmark Park in Dothan. The 38 winning color photographs were all taken in Alabama by amateur photographers and showcase the diverse natural beauty of the state. The winners represent 10 categories including: Scenic/Pictorial, Birds, Mammals, Reptiles/Amphibians/Fish, Other Wildlife, Nature-Based Recreation, Flora, State Parks, Youth Ages 13-18 and Youth Ages 6-12.

The annual photo contest is conducted by Outdoor Alabama magazine, a publication of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Currently the magazine is accepting entries for the 2014 photo contest. Information may be found at www.outdooralabama.com.



From water and wildlife, flora and fauna, breathtaking views and nature-based fun, these snapshots showcase the land and life of Alabama, according to Outdoor Alabama Editor Kim Nix. "The goal of the exhibit is to raise awareness of and appreciation for Alabama's natural beauty," she said. "We appreciate Landmark Park allowing us to share the photos with their visitors."

After leaving Landmark Park, the photos are scheduled to be exhibited in Montgomery and Spanish Fort.

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.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

MACEDONIA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Go on a World Tour with us. Join us each night for Vacation Bible School beginning Sunday, June 23 through Thursday, June 27 from 5 - 8 p.m. at Macedonia First Baptist Church.

The church is located at 20300 NE Macedonia Rd. in Blountstown. Lets go, connect and share!

Call Rhonda Marshall at 674-8409 for more information.



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EEOC complaint filed against suspended sheriff *continued from the front page*

Within the first two weeks on the job, she said the sheriff came up and started massaging her shoulders. She said she shrugged him off. Another time, she said he started to tickle her and moved his hand onto her breast. "I jumped as he startled me and tried to keep my distance from him at that point on," she said, adding that she was afraid of losing her job and worried about retaliation.

Around Jan. 17, she said the sheriff made another pass at her. She was leaving the jail around 5 p.m. when he flagged her down and asked her into his office. They chatted a bit and then, she said, he started telling her he was unhappy with his personal life. "The conversation became uncomfortable so I excused myself to go to the restroom," she said. When she returned, she told him she needed to go home.

She provided a written account of the alleged encounter to *The Journal*: "I bent down to pick up my belongings on the couch...when I stood up, he was right behind me. He brushed my hair from my neck while keeping it in his grasp and began to kiss my neck. Startled, I froze in fear and then I managed to utter the words, "I can't do this." And he responded, "No one will ever have to know."

Bailey said she told him she had to pick up her children from daycare and left. "I cried the entire way home feeling degraded and humiliated." After that experience, "I felt that Mr. Finch looked at me only as a 'piece of meat' and feared he would attempt another sexual advance. However, I needed my job to survive so I decided to just avoid him as much as possible."



"If the FDLE investigation had not happened, I could have kept my mouth shut," Bailey said about her claims against Finch. When she was trying to decide what to do, she said her father, Bo Sanders, encouraged her. "You stand up for yourself," he told her.

The sheriff - who has only been in office a little over five months - was suspended last week after his arrest for official misconduct following an investigation into allegations that he removed an arrest record from the jail file, had Floyd Eugene Parrish's name taken off the arrest log and released him from custody.

Parrish had been arrested during a traffic stop on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon. The arresting officer, Deputy Jody Hoagland, noticed an object

in Parrish's pocket when he stepped out of his truck. When he searched Parrish, the deputy discovered a loaded .25-caliber handgun with six rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber. Hoagland said the safety was off.

Bailey said she asked the FDLE to investigate her allegations but they did not. She then sought out legal representation.

A family emergency kept Bailey from work on Jan. 19. She said the sheriff was aware she would not be coming in and assured her that the Jail Administrator, Reggie Ethridge's wife, Edie Ethridge, who is also an LPN, would handle passing out medications to the inmates. Bailey said when she returned to work, Ethridge "jumped down her throat" about not calling in to notify anyone

she would be out. She said she replied that the sheriff knew and said it would be taken care of. She added she had also talked with a dispatcher to be sure they knew she would not be in.

Bailey was stunned when she was fired on Jan. 24. She said Finch told her he had to let her go because the Board of County Commissioners planned to turn inmate care over to Calhoun-Liberty Hospital at a meeting that evening. But the hospital and the board did not reach an agreement. And, she points out, even if they had reached an agreement they would need someone to distribute medication to the inmates until the hospital had someone in place to handle that responsibility.

Dr. Gene Charbonneau agreed to take over as Chief Medical Officer at the jail for the county on a temporary basis.

Bailey and Finch still maintained an outwardly friendly presence on Facebook, still exchanging private messages. She said she went back to talk and to see him in person to request a recommendation as she applied for other jobs. While "he never threatened my job" he indicated that had things gone differently, she would still be working there, she said.

When asked to comment on the accusations Monday, Finch said he had heard rumors about the pending complaint, but said, "I don't know what it's based on."

Knowing that she has printed out numerous pages of the many messages they exchanged, he commented that he had one that "will be very detrimental to her case" but would not comment further.

Liberty County School Superintendent *continued from the front page*

brutal and I will not tolerate that treatment again. Our school board meetings are for school business, not for accusations."

This is not the school administrator's first brush with financial irregularities.

She was suspended without pay for three days and her administrative duties were limited when she was employed with the Okaloosa School System in 2004.

School Superintendent Don Gaetz outlined the problems in a March 15, 2004 letter to Uzzell noting three problems:

- Payroll records were changed for one employee without approval. "School

Board policies do not allow alteration of pay records without thorough justification in writing and then only in limited cases when errors are made. No supervisor has the authority to permit such practices and your supervisor does not support your statements that he did so," Gaetz wrote.

- Cash collection procedures were not followed. "While there is no proof of theft, the failure to follow cash collection policies creates the potential for theft or accusations of theft," the letter stated.

- "Auditors reported your difficulty in keeping separate your personal property and public property. It appears that you failed to think through the potential consequences of your actions and the

appearance of your actions," according to Gaetz.

Gaetz praised her work with the Blended School program and called her an energetic, effective employee, but pointed out, "We cannot abide even our most valued employees not taking seriously their financial management responsibilities."

After following up on complaints against employees by Liberty County School Superintendent Gay Uzzell, State Attorney Willie Meggs told *The Journal* last week, "We are not honoring any trespassing warnings from the superintendent without a hearing."

The Liberty County Sheriff's office has received at least three complaints from the superintendent over the past months. Lt. Mark Mallory said Uzzell requested trespass warnings be issued against two former employees, one she fired and the other who resigned.

According to Mallory, the superintendent said she was being harassed by Jason Fowler and played a voice mail message he had left. "I didn't hear anything criminal," Mallory

said after listening to the message. In the end, he issued a trespassing warning against Fowler for Uzzell's office only that does not include any other areas of the building or school board property. Mallory pointed out Fowler is still free to be just outside her office at the secretary's desk or anywhere else nearby.

He confirmed that Uzzell also asked to have a trespass warning issued against Julie Brock Lyons on two separate occasions, including one time when, "She requested a trespass warning be issued to her for the entire property," Mallory said. That posed a problem because Lyons has children in school. Meggs advised the sheriff's office to put the matter before the school board.

Another time, the superintendent said Lyons had secretly recorded a conversation between the two. Mallory researched the complaint and while it could not be proven that their conversation was recorded, he determined, "If the conversation was about school business, it was not a protected part of speech."

School Board tables CPA bill and hires new Finance Officer

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

The Liberty County School Board held an emergency meeting June 11 to pay bills but decided not to write a check for the biggest one of all - \$13,000.50 to the CPA firm Carr, Riggs & Ingram.

Liberty County School Superintendent Gloria "Gay" Uzzell asked the board to pay the bill at last week's meeting. They voted 4-1 against doing so.

Uzzell - who was not present at the June 11 meeting - had the bill put on that night's agenda as well. Shortly before the meeting, board member Tina Tarpe received an email with an itemized report from the CPA firm's Independent Examination.

The end of the report clearly stated "we were not engaged to, and did not conduct an audit."

"They had some findings, but it was nothing major," said Board Chairman Kyle Peddie.

According to Peddie, the superintendent had a letter of engagement with the firm but nothing was approved by the school board.

"Only the board can contract with somebody," he said. "If she contracted

with them, then she can pay them."

Uzzell has previously requested a third-party forensic audit of the school system into records from the past administration.

The chairman said they did pay a controversial credit card bill after Uzzell had settled her part of the account.

He said Uzzell paid the county \$861.51 for personal purchases made on the credit card she had issued to her office with the board's knowledge. The bulk of what she owed - which totaled \$4,699.72 - was credited to the account after she went to the Doubletree and Loft hotels and some stores, including Dillard and Steinmart, to make her own arrangements for payment. "She paid them and they issued a credit for the June statement," Peddie said.

In other action, the board voted to hire a new Finance Officer. Shelia Hall of Blountstown, who has years of experience working with the finances of the Calhoun County School System.

The board's next meeting is set for June 27 and will include a budget workshop before the regular meeting.

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Three days, three rivers and one avid fisherman

If I didn't know better, I'd say the Corps of Engineers is monitoring my trips to Blountstown. We've finally got water in the Apalachicola system, but now we seem to have unexpected rises and falls that coincide with my travel to Calhoun County.

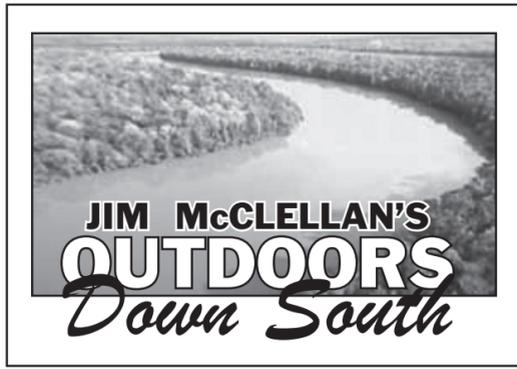
It happened again recently when I was in town for my 30-year high school class reunion. When I planned my visit, the river was on eight feet and, according to the USGS, it was supposed to stay there through the weekend. Based on that forecast, I decided to bring my boat and do some fishing. However, the day before I arrived, it mysteriously jumped up a couple of feet. Then it fell out again on the day I left.

Now, I'm not saying that the Corps is intentionally screwing up my fishing, but I'm not ruling it out either. Luckily, this happened to be Memorial Day weekend, so I still had two more days of fishing ahead. They just wouldn't be in Blountstown.

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On day two, I ended up on Choctaw Bay with the little brother I never had – my wife's cousin, Joe Donovan. Joe is a commercial crab fisherman (among other things) and he was doing a Saturday night crawfish boil followed by a Sunday trip on the water.

I heard the crawfish boil turned into a great party that lasted until the wee hours of Sunday morning. All I know is that it kept going well past my 10 o'clock bedtime.



Just after daylight, Joe and I waded through the carnage of the night before and went out to run his crab traps. We pulled about 100 or so, re-baiting with yellow grouper heads and backbones as we went. (I'm still not convinced the meat we were getting out was as good as what we were putting in, but I didn't argue.)

Although we only got a few dozen crabs, I did come away with two very important lessons: 1) Don't ever jam a fish head in a crab trap with the heel of your hand and 2) Don't ever complain about the cost of crabs. Seriously, they would be \$20 apiece if I had to do that for a living.

* * *

Monday was Memorial Day, so I elected to spend it with another veteran, my brother Steve. He and Mary Jane, his bride of 40 years, had just gotten back from an anniversary trip to Alaska where, among other things, they caught some

halibut and cod. After that adventure, I figured the last thing he wanted to do was go fishing again.

I figured wrong. That's exactly what he wanted to do.

So, we headed up the Escambia River and caught a mess of fish that included a super-sized sheephead that caused me to hunt for the landing net, which of course was about 10 miles out of reach back at Steve's house. Fortunately, Steve was able to keep the fish away from the anchor line and wear him down until we could safely lift him into the boat.

All too soon, it was time to go. As the sun was setting over the sawgrass, it dawned on me that I had fished three major river systems in Northwest Florida over the course of one long weekend. And that reminded me of how lucky we are to have such productive lakes, rivers and estuaries all around us.

As I thought about it more, I wondered how long would it take for one person to explore all of the great fishing spots here in Florida's Great Northwest. Can it even be done in one person's lifetime?

I have no idea — but I intend to find out. That is, if the Good Lord and the Corps of Engineers are willing.

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.

Heavy rains, low oxygen can create summer fish kills

Recently, north Florida anglers and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) fishery biologists were heartbroken to see the white bellies of numerous fish floating in Lake Victor. Lake Victor is a popular, 130-acre FWC-managed impoundment in Holmes County. Since the impoundment was constructed, the FWC has stocked fish, managed vegetation, provided boating access, created fish attractors and spawning beds and otherwise strove to create quality fishing.

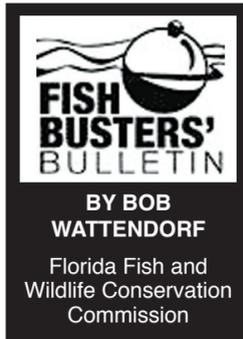
So, what happened, and could it happen to a lake near you? Unfortunately, it seems like a case of nature taking its course and, yes, it happens throughout the state each summer. In this case, it appears that heavy rainfalls flushed organic matter into the lake and the organic matter began to decompose, resulting in a low-dissolved-oxygen (DO) fish kill. As in most such cases, the die-off did not kill all of the fish, and when the water cleared and the sun came out, oxygen levels recovered and biologists observed numerous surviving fish.

This type of fish kill is pretty much

a natural occurrence. They are especially prevalent in summer, when a number of factors can come together to deplete the oxygen that is dissolved in the water. Fish absorb this oxygen from the water using their gills.

A healthy lake or river normally has approximately 7 to 9 parts per million (ppm) of oxygen, which is an ideal level for most fish. When the water temperature is lower, more oxygen dissolves into it. When temperatures rise, DO levels naturally drop due to reduced solubility. If the level drops below 5 ppm, many fish start showing adverse impacts, and below 2 ppm it can be lethal, if it lasts very long. Some species of fish are better adapted to low DO conditions, such as bowfin or gar, but most of our freshwater sunfishes (bass, bream, and crappie) are less tolerant.

Aquatic plants produce most of the oxygen in lakes through photosynthe-



sis, which occurs when green (chlorophyll) cells convert light into energy. However, at night or when there is inadequate light, plants use oxygen and give off carbon dioxide. Additional oxygen enters the water from the atmosphere by diffusion. In addition to fish using oxygen and plants removing it at night, a major demand on oxygen comes from decomposition of dead plant and animal tissue (organic matter).

Area residents first contacted the FWC about the fish kill in Lake Victor on April 17, after seeing dying fish floating. Fisheries biologists responded immediately and determined the DO level in much of the lake with pea-green water was 0.0 to 2.0 ppm, enough to cause the kill. Often, descriptions of lakes being pea-green relate to algal blooms, which are another insidious response to nutrients (decaying plant material, or organic fertilizers flushed from yards or crops by rain). These blooms block light to rooted plants so they do not produce as much oxygen. When algae die, they further increase the bacterial bloom.

Biologists visited daily for several weeks, documenting the number of dead fish and concluded that few adult game fish survived. However, they observed some schools of fingerling bass and bream from the spring spawn and a few bass on beds.

"We know there was over 19 inches of rain in the area from January to April, and the lake got its share of rain and runoff," said Chris Paxton, the FWC's freshwater fisheries adminis-

trator for northwest Florida. He said the FWC was in constant contact with the Florida Department of Health and the Department of Environmental Protection and that FWC staff accompanied investigators from the Department of Agriculture to inspect the lake during the fish kill. There was no visual evidence of chemical pollution, toxic algal blooms or signs of disease among the dead fish.

"This is something all of us, including the residents around the lake and our own fisheries management staff, wish never happened but in time the lake will recover," Paxton said. Once oxygen levels build back up, the FWC will restock the lake with fingerling sport fish.

Bream and crappie populations can respond within one to two years but it may take three to four years for significant bass populations to rebuild. FWC biologists will monitor the lake and consider all fisheries management tools that may quicken the lake's recovery.

The good news is there is no evidence of any form of contamination that would prevent the lake from recovering. In addition, reduced competition often allows young sport fish to grow rapidly after kills of this type.

To learn more about fish kills and what you can do to help prevent them, visit MyFWC.com/Contact. Although most summer fish kills relate to natural processes, the FWC requests your support in reporting fish kills to the FWC Fish Kill Hotline at (800) 636-0511 or at the above link.

Instant licenses are available at MyFWC.com/ License or by calling (888) FISH-FLORIDA (347-4356). Report violators by calling (888) 404-3922, *FWC or #FWC on your cell phone, or texting to Tip@MyFWC.com.

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Vacation Bible School fun!



Churches in Calhoun and Liberty are hosting the annual Vacation Bible School programs for youngsters in the community. The churches share messages from the Bible along with lots of fun to keep youngsters happy and entertained. The kids participate in a variety of activities, including arts and crafts, singing and games. ABOVE: Jason Fowler is the dunking victim for an eager young girl's throw at Cornith Baptist Church in Hosford. LEFT, RIGHT and BELOW: Children from Lake Mystic Baptist Church in Bristol are shown enjoying the evening service and some good food.



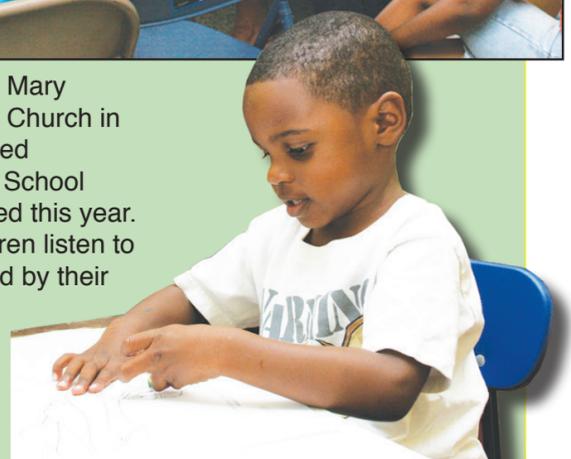
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The kids show their enjoyment during arts and craft time.

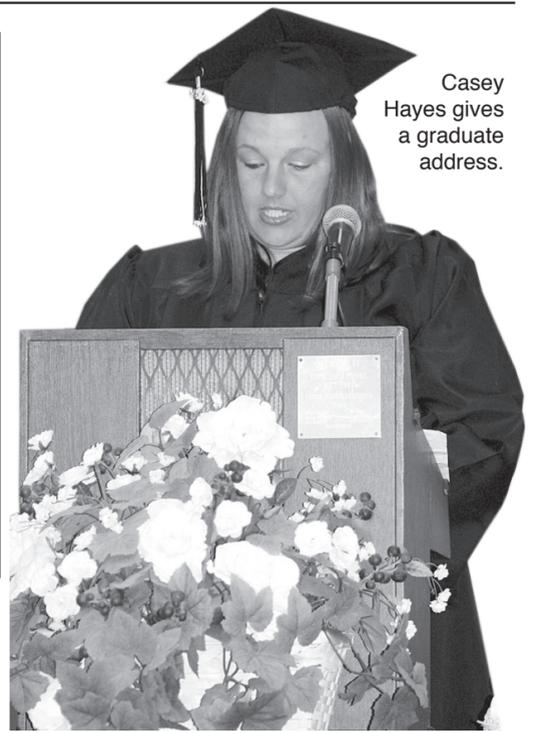


The children at St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church in Blountstown enjoyed the Vacation Bible School experience provided this year. ABOVE: The children listen to the lesson provided by their teacher. RIGHT: This little guy is working on his art project.





FROM LEFT, front row: Leah Smith, Candace Tye, Yazmine Rameriz, Danyelle Gregorczyk, Donna Reddick and Rachel Mercer. MIDDLE ROW: Amy Thompson, Britny Evans, Katelyn Simmons, Davina Fountain, Mitlon Higgins, Cody Carter, Casey Hayes, Joseph Page and Cody Nichols. BACK ROW: Karly Grice, Amy Stodgel, Rebecca Brown and Clifford "Jeff" O'Brian.



Casey Hayes gives a graduate address.

Calhoun Adult School graduates 19 May 28



ABOVE: Graduating together, sister-in-law and brother-in-law Candace Tye and Joseph Page. BELOW: Amy Thompson and Amy Stodgel enjoy the ceremony.



On Tuesday, May 28 at 7 p.m., 19 of 34 graduates from Calhoun County Adult School and Calhoun Public Library enjoyed hearing *Pomp and Circumstance* as they received their acknowledgement from Calhoun County Superintendent Ralph Yoder for their achievement and courage. The families and friends of Rebecca Brown, Cody Carter, Britny Evans, Davina Fountain, Karly Grice, Danyelle Grzegorzcyk, Casey Hayes, Milton Higgins, Rachel Mercer, Casey Nichols, Clifford "Jeff" O'Brian, Joseph Page, Vianey "Yazmine" Ramirez, Donna Reddick, Katelyn Simmons, Leah Smith, Amy Stodgel, Amy Thompson and Candace Tye packed the lunchroom as the graduates walked across the stage.

Calhoun County Adult School would like to send out special thanks to all that attended as well as the family members, clubs and businesses that helped with the reception or with scholarships for testing for our students.

Those businesses were: Eubanks' Oil, Inc., Harvey's, Hungry Howies, Piggly Wiggly, Quick Pic, The Rotary Club, Shiver's Florist, Cydney's Sinful Treats, Subway, The County Record, The Calhoun-Liberty Journal, and WYBT and WPHK. Also, a special thanks to Blountstown Elementary School for allowing us to use their facility and Candy Bryant and Angel Forbus for taking pictures.

Calhoun County Adult School Center follows the Calhoun County Schools' calendar and will be closed until the Fall, but if you would like to get a head start with basic skills, Altha Public Library continues tutoring during the summer. For more information contact the library at 762-8280.



ABOVE RIGHT: Karly Grice and her family were all smiles at her recent accomplishment. LEFT: Vianey 'Yazmine' Ramirez is flanked by her family members at the ceremony. RIGHT: Britny Evans, Casey Hayes and Rachel Mercer.



Liberty County Softball Team gets congratulation letter from Florida Commission on the Status of Women

On Friday, May 10, Michelle Manning, Assistant Director of the Florida Commission on the Status of Women presented the LCHS Softball Team with a congratulatory letter from Chair Laurie A. Pizzo for winning the Class 1A State Championship. The win was the first in the history of girls athletics in Liberty County.

The LCHS Softball Team finished their season with a 25-3 record, and winning 19 straight games to claim the school's first state title in any sport since 1971. The Commission deemed this a "significant accomplishment and one that all of the players on the team should be very proud of".

The Commission consists of 22 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, the Attorney General, the Governor, the Insurance Commissioner, the Comptroller, the Secretary of State, the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the Commissioner of Education. The Commission is statutorily charged with studying the changing and developing roles of women in American society, and responsibility for the Florida Women's Hall of Fame. The issues we face as women are significant, and the effectiveness obtained is dependent on the dedication of women such as these.



The group in front of the Florida History Museum.

Hosford School summer camp kicks off by 'Celebrating Florida'

Hosford School's 21st CCLC Summer Camp kicked off our *Celebrating Florida* camp with a two day theme of Celebrating Florida's History.

On Friday, June 7 our students visited the Florida History Museum in Tallahassee where they enjoyed a Seminole Tribe exhibit, Civil War artifacts, World War II

displays, and more. Students took delight in looking up ancestors in the Civil War computer system and pretending to drive the old fashioned steam boat.

Our favorite part was a scavenger hunt provided by Fran Herman, a special thanks to her!

We are looking forward to our next week's theme of *Space* and our visit to Ripley's Believe It or Not for a special space movie.



ABOVE: Natalie Mansell and Max Holbert pose by a siege mortar in the Civil War exhibit. RIGHT: Raegan Todd tries out the old-fashioned switch board in Grandma's Attic.



Delegation visits Cottondale Green Circle pellet plant

A delegation from Liberty County visited the Cottondale Green Circle pellet plant on June 10. The group was extremely impressed with the operation and urged the company to consider a location in Liberty County.

The proposed plant would have the timber harvester chipping the whole tree in the woods and deliver it to the plant, eliminating the potential for plant noise, debarking and chipping on site. Green Circle can transport the pellets to the port in Port St. Joe by truck or rail, whichever is most economical.

The plant would employ approximately 40 in-house workers and also hire loggers to bring harvested chips to the plant.

The project is still many months away, due to the permitting process and time needed to construct the plant after a final site has been selected.



FROM LEFT: Tom Moore, Mitch Willis, Johnny Eubanks, Greg Martin (Vice President of Marketing, Green Circle), Jim Johnson, Judge Ken Hosford, Kyle Peddie, Michael Wright, Richard Lamb (Production Manager, Green Circle) and John T. Sanders.

Counselors visit Calhoun County second Thursday of each month

Small Business Development Center offers assistance to existing businesses; next visit planned for June 13

The Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce is continuing their partnership with the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Gulf Coast State College and the Veterans' Business Outreach Center (VBOC) to offer free counseling in our area.

A Certified Business Analyst will visit Calhoun County on the second Thursday of each month, and be available for appointments in the Calhoun County Chamber office.

The SBDC prides itself on providing existing small business owners, as well as prospective entrepreneurs, with high quality management counseling, training, and information access, enabling them to

maximize their businesses' growth, competitiveness, and profitability. If you need help with accounting, human resources, marketing, or any other issue related to your small business, help is available!

One-on-one counseling is provided by trained and experienced Certified Business Analysts (CBAs). Counseling sessions are personalized, confidential and free of charge.

To set up an appointment with CBA Quen Lamb contact Kristy Terry at (850) 674-4519 or Kristy@calhounco.org. All counseling is confidential.

Farm Service Agency announces 2013 Crop Reporting deadlines

New Crop Reporting dates for Florida became effective July 1, 2012. The following dates indicate the reporting deadline.

November 15: PRF Perennial, Rangeland and Forage Grass
November 30: Clams
January 2: Honey
January 15: Small Grains, Oats and

Wheat

June 30: CRP
July 15: Corn, Cotton, Grain Sorghum, Peanuts, Soybeans and Watermelons

For further information, please contact the Calhoun-Franklin-Gulf and Liberty County FSA Office at 17413 NW Leonard Street, Blountstown, FL 32424 or call (850) 674-8388 or (800) 243-9912, ext. 6.

Calhoun Chamber on Summer break from membership meetings; will resume Sept. 17

Due to low attendance over the summer months, there will be no monthly Chamber Memberships Meetings in

June, July or August. Our next regularly scheduled monthly lunch meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 17 at noon.

Florida League of Cities Center for Municipal Research and Innovation releases latest State of the Cities report

TALLAHASSEE – Florida municipalities have experienced a "slight improvement" in their overall financial state, and as a result more than half of cities are now able to implement written policies to budget reserves for emergencies. Most Florida cities now say they offer some type of economic development incentive – most often, expedited permitting – in a bid to attract even greater economic growth.

These are among the findings of the inaugural State of the Cities report issued by the Florida League of Cities Center for Municipal Research and Innovation, based on statewide data from the League's 2012 CityStats Survey. The report focuses on trends and key issues related to municipal governments in Florida. With data and statistics from more than four out of five Florida municipalities, the State of the Cities report provides a comprehensive look at the current status of our cities in areas such as employment and economy, budgets, services and utilities, and public safety.

The report notes that as of last year, Florida's 19 million people were divided almost exactly between those who live in cities, towns or villages (9,603,954, or 50.3 percent) and those who live in

unincorporated areas (9,470,480, or 49.7 percent). The average Florida municipality is currently 78 percent developed, and more than one-third are over 90 percent built out, the report shows.

"For the first time in several years, Florida's municipalities are showing signs of improvement," said Florida League of Cities President and Sweetwater Mayor Manny Maroño. "Our cities were particularly hard-hit by unemployment and a beleaguered real estate market, so it's good to see that overall economic gains are working their way to the local level."

Some of the trends highlighted in the State of the Cities report include:

- An increase in economic development incentives to attract new employers. The most common incentives were expedited permitting (35 percent), followed by favorable land development regulations (24 percent) and tax breaks

or incentives (20 percent).

- More municipalities preparing for financial emergencies, such as hurricanes or other natural disasters, by budgeting for reserves. Approximately 52 percent of cities have adopted a written policy on budgeting for reserves, ensuring that they are saving a certain amount of money each year with defined policies that allow administrators to budget equal amounts each year.

- A decrease in the number of services provided by contract. According to the survey, the top three services provided directly by cities are parks, police and fire. Some 69 percent of municipalities provide city-run police services, while 55 percent provide fire services directly by city-employed firefighters.

According to the report, the largest Florida municipal population increases from 2010 to 2012 were in Miami (+15,243), Orlando (+7,102), Sweetwa-

ter (+6,464), Tampa (+6,062) and Cape Coral (+5,879).

The full State of the Cities report and results of the 2012 CityStats Survey are available online at www.floridaleagueofcities.com/Assets/Files/2012_State_of_the_Cities.pdf. Contact Monica Beyrouiti at mbeyrouiti@flcities.com or (850) 222-9684 for more information or to request a printed copy of the report.

Founded in 1922, the Florida League of Cities is the united voice for Florida's municipal governments. Its goals are to promote local self-government and serve the needs of Florida's cities. Florida's cities are formed by their citizens and governed by their citizens. The League is founded on the belief that local self-government is the keystone of American democracy. For more information, visit www.floridaleagueofcities.com.

The Center for Municipal Research and Innovation is the central source of local government research and resources at the Florida League of Cities. By collaborating and facilitating local-government-focused research, the Center is the place to find the most current and pertinent research on municipal government in Florida.



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Walkway of remembrance at Dozier Hospice House displays sentiments etched in brick

As you enter into the garden area of the Margaret Z. Dozier Hospice House, you are greeted with the sound of the cooper tree fountain draining. There are yellow flowers that line a walkway and pink camellia's bushes that make for a smooth respite for all that visit. The first word that comes to mind while visiting this garden is peaceful.

Throughout the garden lies a walkway of remembrance, made up of hundreds of etched brick pavers that have been donated in memory of love ones. It's difficult to walk through the garden without stopping to gaze down at the walkway and read the touching sentiments etched upon each brick. Many are in memory of relatives or loved ones who have gone ahead. Still others are in celebration of a new grandchild or treasured friend. All have deep meaning to those who placed them there. "The pavers allow me and my family to reflect on the love that our parents gave to us," Barbara Wright who purchased a brick in honor of her mother and father.

For every brick that is set upon the walkway, words are spoken by a Hospice chaplain at a Walkway Dedication ceremony. The service features music, words of comfort, and a special moment when the etched names are read aloud and a chime sounds in honor of each. Funds raised through the paver program are used to assist the families and patients of Big Bend Hospice.

Anyone interested in placing a brick on the Remembrance Walkway please contact Michael Eurich, (850) 878-5310 or michael.eurich@bigbendhospice.org.

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

OBITUARIES

GLENDA I. BASFORD

GREENWOOD - Glenda I. Basford, 75, of Greenwood, passed away Friday, June 7, 2013 in Marianna. She was born on June 3, 1938 in Miami, and had lived in Jackson County for most of her life. She was an Emergency Room Medical Secretary for a number of years and was a member of Greenwood Methodist Church in Greenwood.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth R. Basford and one sister, Cornelia Davis.

Survivors include one son, Kenneth Ross Basford and his wife, Brooke of Green Cove Springs; one daughter, Karen O'Neal of Greenwood; one brother, Phillip Lowrey and his wife, Cynthia of Donaldsonville, GA; one sister, Annette Emerich and her husband, Guy of Port Charlotte; three grandchildren, Angie Dean, Sidney Basford and Madison Basford.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, June 15 at 1 p.m. (CT) at Peavy Funeral Home Chapel with Chaplain Ernie Gray officiating. Memorialization will be by cremation.

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

ELIZABETH G. "LIZZIE" BARBER

BRISTOL - Elizabeth G. "Lizzie" Barber, 57, of Bristol, passed away Tuesday, June 4, 2013 in Blountstown. She lived in Bristol all of her life and was a 1973 graduate of Liberty County High School. She worked in administration for the U. S. Forestry Service for many years and was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Bristol.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles Monroe and Dorothy Smith Barber and one brother, Joe Barber.

Survivors include two brothers, Charles Barber and Gerald Barber and his wife, Debra, all of Bristol; three sisters, Ann Brinkley and her husband, Joe and Linda Barber, all of Bristol, Wanda Harpley and her husband, Cary of Tallahassee; Aunt Doris and Uncle Jerome Bracewell of Bristol; several nieces, nephews and other extended family.

A private family graveside service was held on Thursday, June 6 at Rock Bluff Cemetery with Rhett Shuler officiating.

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL

CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

Case#: 2009-CA-000049

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dates as of January 1, 2008 Equifirst Loan Securitization Trust 2008 - 1 Mortgage Pass - Through Certificates Series 2008-1, Plaintiff, and James T. Roddenberry, Sr. are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Kathleen Brown, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE LIBERTY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, HWY 20, BRISTOL, FLORIDA, AT 11 :00 A.M. on June 18, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

COMMENCE AT THE NW CORNER OF THE NE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 7 WEST IN LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN NORTH 88° 00' E 451.71 FEET ALONG THE SECTION LINE; THENCE RUN SOUTH 61° 20' E 266.28 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE TO RUN SOUTH 61° 20' E 133.14 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 03° 00' W 732.4 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 61° 20' W 133.14 FEET ALONG THE NORTHEAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SR NO. 67; THENCE RUN NORTH 03° 00' E 732.4 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ALSO:

BEGIN AT THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 7 WEST, LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN SOUTH 88° 00' WEST 955.41 FEET FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN SOUTH 61° 20' EAST 399.42 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 732.4 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE NORTH R/W OF HIGHWAY NO. 67; THENCE RUN SOUTH 55° 28' EAST ALONG THE NORTH R/W OF SAID HIGHWAY A DISTANCE OF 20.00 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH A DISTANCE OF 752.4 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 61. 20' WEST A DISTANCE OF 419.42 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT DUE NORTH 88° 00' EAST OF THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN SOUTH 88° 00' WEST BACK TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING .52 ACRE, MORE OR LESS.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 9th day of May, 2013, and entered in Case No. 2012 CA 000179, of the Circuit Court of the 2ND Judicial Circuit in and for Liberty County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC is the Plaintiff and JENNIFER L. ABBOTT, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JENNIFER L. ABBOTT and UNKNOWN TENANT NULL IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the, FRONT DOOR OF THE LIBERTY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, HIGHWAY 20, BRISTOL, FL 32321, 11:00 AM on the 25 day of June, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE SOUTH ONE HALF OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 6 WEST, LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ALSO SAID PARCEL BEING A PART OF LANDS AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 29, PAGE 34 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT (4 INCH BY 4 INCH - BLANK) MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER (MOST EASTERLY CORNER) OF SAID LANDS, AND RUN; THENCE WEST 242.66 FEET TO A RE-BAR (PSM3031); THENCE NORTH 24 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 376.53 FEET TO A RE-BAR (PSM3031) ON THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF CARABELLE HIGHWAY (STATE ROAD NO. 67 - 100 FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY); THENCE SOUTH 79 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY A DISTANCE OF 15.44 FEET TO A RE-BAR (PSM3031); THENCE SOUTH 24 DEGREES 99 MINUTES 00 SECONDS

EAST 373.50 FEET TO A RE-BAR (PSM3031); THENCE SOUTH 169.00 FEET TO A RE-BAR (PSM3031); THENCE EAST 140.00 FEET TO A RE-BAR (PSM3031); THENCE NORTH 50 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST 153.71 FEET TO A RE-BAR (PSM3031) ON THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF SAID LANDS; THENCE NORTH (BEARING BASE) ALONG SAID EASTERN BOUNDARY A DISTANCE OF 71.80 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING

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

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Dated this 9 day of May, 2013.

Kathleen E. Brown
 Clerk of The Circuit Court

by: V. Summers
 Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION:

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NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,
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 Defendants. /

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LEFT: Liberty's Rylan Roddenberry waits for the pitch.

RIGHT: Liberty's team coaches Ray Glisson and Ricky Mayo talk to the players, Channing Prichard, Brock Lewis, Kent Hosford, Kole Ellis and Jake Burns before the game.



ABOVE: The Calhoun All Stars enjoy a break. BELOW LEFT: This All Star gets ready for the pitch. CENTER: During the hot game a young player enjoys a cool treat.



Let's Play Ball

Calhoun and Liberty's youth are hitting the field this week for the Dixie Youth AAA District Tourney now under way at Sam Atkins Park in Blountstown. The counties have three teams, AAA, AA and Ozone (divided by age). Liberty's AA team, coached by Ray Glisson played against Altha's team Monday, June 10 and won 13-6. Also on Monday night, Liberty's AAA team coached by Scotty Hurst played Altha, winning their game 20-4. The Liberty County Ozone team, coached by Bret Holland, played the Calhoun All Star team Monday and lost 11-6.



ABOVE: The Altha team meets on the field to talk strategy before the game.

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8 ft. kayak, sit on, Lifetime-Calypso, like new, with paddle. \$100. Call (850) 379-3707. 6-12, 6-19

Doll cabinet with 24 dolls, \$1,000. Call 643-3909. 6-5, 6-12

Queen size comforter with matching pillow shams and decorative pillow case with silver flowers, \$10. Call 674-8392. 6-5, 6-12

Board games: Pictionary Man, Guesstures, Dominoes, Taboo, Trivial Pursuit, Rummikub and several Scene It games. Make offer. Call 718-7149. 6-5, 6-12

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Oak rolltop desk, excellent condition. \$400. Call 850-962-7894. 6-12, 6-19

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ELECTRONICS

Dell printer, copier, scanner, photo-pic bridge, like new. \$50. Call (850) 962-7894. 6-12, 6-19

60 in. Hitachi Ultravision TV, works great. \$100. Call (850) 379-3707. 6-12, 6-19

Wii accessories, three guns, four tennis racquets, one fishing pole, two clear cases, two golf clubs, two bats. One Wii game (Game Party), all for \$50. Call 718-7149. 6-5, 6-12

AUTO ACCESSORIES

Edelbrock Nitrous Oxide kit, 100 shot, full bottle, excellent condition. \$250. Call 850-962-7894. 6-12, 6-19

CARS

1997 Mercury station wagon, green. \$1,600. Call 674-3264. 6-12, 6-19

1993 Buick Lesabre, runs good, does a **SOLD** AC, power, automatic, \$800. Call 674-3230. 6-5, 6-12

TRUCKS

1998 Mazda V2500 truck, 4 cylinder, 140,000 miles. \$2,500. Call 447-4486. 6-12, 6-19

1998 Dodge, automatic, seats four, black. \$1,400. Call 674-3264. 6-12, 6-19

2004 Chevy 4WD, 350 motor, automatic in excellent condition, \$8,500. Call 643-8320. 6-5, 6-12

2003 Dodge Dakota truck, 4WD, cold AC, automatic, good tires, V6, \$4,800 OBO. Call 643-3628. 6-5, 6-12

1998 Dodge truck, black, automatic, seats 4-5 people, \$1,400 firm. Call 674-3264. 6-5, 6-12

PETS/SUPPLIES

Granny Hen, \$6. White rooster, \$6. Call 643-1959. 6-12, 6-19

Chihuahua puppies, three, born on March 26, all male. Free. Call 643-1401. 6-12, 6-19

Muscovy ducklings, \$3 each. Call 643-8492. 6-12, 6-19

Jack Russell puppy, 12 weeks old, female, free to a good home. Call 566-2093. 6-12, 6-19

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MOTORCYCLES & ATV'S

Motorcycle, 85-year-old selling his toy, 2006 Honda Shadow 750, 11,000 miles, like new. Asking \$3,000. Call 762-8189. 6-12, 6-19

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ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
You could be feeling under the weather this week, Aries. Even if your to-do list is a mile long, you need to take some time to recuperate before getting back to business.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Life experience is your advantage, Taurus. When your company is looking to fill a position, they will most likely hire from within. Make the most of this opportunity.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21
Gemini, just when things seem hopeless, a small ray of light shines through and you find a solution to your problem. Scorpio has some wise words, so listen up.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, once you think you have all of the answers, something pops up to make you reassess a situation. It could take a few days for you to find the answer you're looking for.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, you may have fun in the sun on your mind, but others are urging you to buckle down and focus on some tasks that need to get wrapped up before you leave.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
There are some changes coming at work, Virgo. You just don't know if they will be to your advantage or be something that could tilt you off your axis.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, you have much to learn, but you cannot cram it all into one week. There is no crash course on life. Make the most of a getaway opportunity.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
You can't seem to focus on one thing for very long this week, Scorpio. You might have to spend a few days clearing your mind before you can refocus on the tasks at hand.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, you are not one to let an obstacle block you from your goal. Rethink your strategy and you will soon find yourself back on the path to success.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, changes at home are in store and you may be feeling both excited and anxious at the same time. This is perfectly understandable as you await the news.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, vacation plans may have been elusive until now, but you finally have the funds and the time to take the trip you desire. Your traveling partner is still up in the air.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, a new season inspires you to make changes and reconsider old relationships. Call it a late spring cleaning of your life.

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ANSWER:

Day trips for Dad this Father's Day

Dads do a lot throughout the year, and Father's Day is when they get their recognition for all the helping hands they've offered in the last year. While it was once commonplace to give Dad a necktie or another minor accessory for Father's Day, many wives and children have begun to ensure Dad's gift is a little more meaningful come his special day each June.

For those who want to think outside the box, how about you think outside the house as well? A day trip with Dad to a local attraction of note could be just what the doctor ordered to put a smile on Dad's face this Father's Day. The following ideas are just a few of the many day trips that Dad is sure to love this Father's Day.

*** Take Dad out to the ball game.** If Dad is a fan of America's pastime, take him out to the ball game for a day of fun in the sun watching his favorite team. If there isn't a local Major League team in the area, look for a minor league game instead. Minor league games are more intimate affairs, and Dad is sure to appreciate and cherish a day at the ball-



park. Just don't let Dad spend a dime all day!

*** Hit the links.** For the father who's an avid golfer, nothing could be finer than a round of golf at his favorite course. Spend the afternoon hitting the links with Dad and then buy him a meal at the 19th hole.

*** Catch some fish.** For the father who loves to fish, a day at his favorite fishing hole could be a day of relaxation he's sure to covet. Be sure to spend the day with Dad chatting about what's been going on in his life and hopefully catch some fish along the way. And because there are no tickets to buy or greens fees

to pay, give Dad that new fishing pole he wants.

*** Go on tour.** For the Dad who loves his wine, perhaps a wine tour could make for a great weekend getaway. Book some rooms at a nearby hotel and tour a few local vineyards, ending the night with a delicious dinner and, of course, a bottle of wine.

*** Rock out!** For the father who still loves to crank up his stereo, consider some concert tickets to see one of his favorite bands. Because Father's Day falls during the warm weather season, consider an outdoor concert venue where everyone can sit under the stars and toast Dad as the music plays.

*** Run for the hills.** If Dad is an avid outdoorsman, a camping trip or a hike through a nearby park is an ideal way to spend some quality time together away from the pressures of everyday life. Dad may appreciate getting away from it all, and the fresh mountain air can't be matched when it comes to some R&R.

The right kind of fishing (and how not to be the catch of the day)

by Tony Lewis, Social Security Manager in Marianna

This Father's Day, you may be inclined to spend some quality time with Dad, maybe take him out camping or fishing. But try to make sure that nobody else tries to "phish" with you or your father.

These days, all people (including fathers and sons) need to be cautious of scams — Internet, mail, and even phone scams — which can damage your credit score and wallet. Scam artists have become shrewd. Any time someone asks

for your personal information, you should be wary. Particularly cruel are swindlers who target Social Security beneficiaries.

As a rule of thumb, Social Security will not call or email you for your personal information such as your Social Security number or banking information. If someone contacts you and asks for this kind of information and claims to be from Social Security, do not give out your personal information without first contacting Social Security to verify the

validity of the person contacting you. It could be an identity thief on the other end phishing for your personal information. Just call the local Social Security office, or Social Security's toll-free number at (800) 772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

If you receive a suspicious call, please report it to the Fraud Hotline. Reports may be made online at www.socialsecurity.gov/fraudreport/oig/public_fraud_reporting/form.htm or by telephone at (800) 269-0271 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (ET). Please include the following details:

The alleged suspect(s) and victim(s) names, addresses, phone numbers, dates of birth, and Social Security numbers; Description of the fraud and the location where the fraud took place; When and how the fraud was committed; Why the person committed the fraud (if known); and Who else has knowledge of the potential violation.

Identity theft is one of the fastest-growing crimes in America. If you, your father, or anyone you know has been the victim of an identity thief, the place to contact is the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at www.idtheft.gov. Or, call 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338); TTY 1-866-653-4261.

Some people who receive Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits are victimized by misleading advertisers. Such companies offer Social Security services for a fee, even though the same services are available directly from Social Security free of charge. Especially upsetting are such ads

that make it appear as though the ad has come directly from Social Security. By law, such advertisements must indicate that the company is not affiliated with Social Security. If you or your dad see what you believe is misleading advertising for Social Security services from a company that does not admit it is not affiliated with Social Security, send the complete mailing, including the envelope, to: Office of the Inspector General, Fraud Hotline, Social Security Administration, P.O. Box 17768, Baltimore, MD 21235.

Also, advise your State's attorney general or consumer affairs office and the Better Business Bureau. You can visit the Office of the Inspector General online at oig.ssa.gov and select the "Fraud, Waste, or Abuse" link. Learn more about identity theft at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10064.html. Read about misleading advertising at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10005.html.

And finally, while you're enjoying the right kind of fishing with Dad this Father's day, you may want to tell him about Extra Help with Medicare prescription drug costs. If your father is covered by Medicare and has limited income and resources, he may be eligible for Extra Help — available through Social Security — to pay part of his monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription copayments. We estimate that the Extra Help is worth about \$4,000 per year. That kind of savings buys a lot of bait and tackle. Learn more at www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp.

Taking a stand against elder abuse: Florida DCF, community partners recognize World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15

The Department of Children and Families is joining with community partners across Northwest Florida to bring awareness to adult abuse and neglect and the needs of vulnerable adults in our communities. Three events next week in Pensacola, Panama City and the Tallahassee area will commemorate World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, observed annually on June 15.



Thousands of elderly adults and adults with disabilities in Florida are mistreated each year by trusted family members, caregivers or others responsible for their well-being. Last year, DCF investigated more than 64,000 allegations of abuse, neglect and exploitation of adults statewide. More than 4,900 of those adult abuse investigations were here in Northwest Florida:

- 2,119 in Circuit 2 (Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty and Wakulla counties). *Note: this figure includes reports received from the state mental health treatment facility.
- 1,759 in Circuit 1 (Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa and Walton counties)
- 1,035 in Circuit 14 (Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson and Washington counties)

The informative events will focus on recognizing signs of adult abuse, neglect or exploitation, how to report concerns to authorities and what people can do to prevent abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults. Residents are encouraged to wear purple to support elder abuse awareness while joining us in informing our communities, bringing attention to this important issue and helping spread the message that elder abuse will not be ignored.

DCF urges residents to report suspicions of abuse, neglect or exploitation of an elderly or disabled adult to the Florida Abuse Hotline at (800) 962-2873 or at www.FloridaAbuseHotline.com.

The following events are scheduled:

- Wednesday, June 12 at 12 p.m. (ET) - Havana Learning Center, 112 E. 9th Ave., Havana. Free luncheon and educational forum in recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day hosted by Havana Learning Center and Department of Children and Families. The event will provide tips to seniors on what they can do to protect themselves from fraud, scams and financial abuse; health and dental screenings; health-related information; and free haircuts from a local barber. Special tokens of appreciation from local children in Early Learning Coalition

programs will be presented to the elders. More than 50 area seniors are expected to attend. Presentations by the Gadsden County Sheriff's Office and Gadsden County Health Department. For more information: please visit www.myflfamilies.com/event/world-elder-abuse-awareness-day-havana-fl. Event is open to Gadsden County residents.

- Thursday, June 13 at 9 a.m. (CT) - Department of Children and Families, 33 Brent Lane, Suite 104, Pensacola. "Take a Stand in the Fight Against Elder Abuse" Seminar hosted by Northwest Florida Area Agency on Aging Inc, Aging and Disability Resource Center and Department of Children and Families. More than 75 adult protection and elder and aging services professionals, attorneys, law enforcement and interested community members. Guest speakers include Attorney Eric Shurger, Department of Children and Families; Adult Protective Services Program Administrator Carl Martin, Department of Children and Families; Judy Ertl, Seniors vs. Crime; and Jason Waddell, Waddell & Waddell Law Firm. For more information please visit www.myflfamilies.com/event/take-stand-against-elder-abuse. Event is open to the public. Space is limited and reservations are encouraged by email at rhodesg@nwflaaa.org.

- Friday, June 14 at 9 a.m. (CT) - Glenwood Community Center, 722 E. 9th Court, Panama City. Fourth Annual Elder Abuse Awareness Expo hosted by Department of Children and Families with Bay County Sheriff's Office, Junior League of Panama City, Legal Services of North Florida and HealthSpring. Free shredding provided by Ultra Shred to help prevent identity theft. Forty vendors will provide services and information about elderly issues. Bay County Sheriff's Office will demonstrate the Project Lifesaver transmitter bracelet which helps locate wandering loved ones suffering from Alzheimer's disease or related dementia disorders. The Bay County Alzheimer's Alliance will donate two of the bracelets to vulnerable adults served by DCF. More than 100 seniors and interested community members, social services providers, medical professionals, law enforcement, legal services, local government and community leaders. For more information please visit www.myflfamilies.com/event/elder-abuse-awareness-day-event. Event is open to the public.



From LEFT: Sherry McCrone, Tasha Booth, Staci Sneads, ARNP, Kaley Revell and Jody Layfield.

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