

# Trial starts Monday for woman charged in 2012 shooting death of boyfriend

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

A woman who has been held in the Liberty County Jail without bond for over a year is about to get her day in court.

Jury selection will begin Monday in the trial of Chairty Furr, 35, who was arrested for the shooting death of her boyfriend on Sept. 7, 2012 at a residence north of Hosford. She is charged with second degree murder.

Cliff Sloat was standing outside the Lowry residence when he was shot once in the chest, according to a report from the Liberty County Sheriff's Office. Investigators said Furr admitted firing toward him with the .22-caliber over .410 gauge shotgun that she kept behind her front door.

She called for help after the fatal blast of gunfire, telling the dispatcher who answered her 911 call, "I just shot my boyfriend."

Deputies and emergency personnel arrived at 7:44 p.m. to find her covered in blood. She told them repeatedly, "I love that man," according to a deputy.

When later questioned by deputies, Furr told them she did not mean to shoot Sloat and said, "I just wanted to scare him because he was being mean." She said she meant to shoot over his head "but I missed."

Sloat fell to the ground between a parked truck and a motorcycle at 13622 NE S.R. 65, about eight feet from Furr's front porch. The shotgun was dropped about 18 feet away. According to the medical examiner's report, "Sloat was not shot at point blank range since the pattern of the pellets' impact from near his sternum to his shoulder indicated that the projectiles had traveled far enough to spread."

Emergency workers struggled to keep Sloat alive as the ambulance headed for the hospital. He was pronounced dead at 8:50 p.m.

Investigators said both had been drinking. Furr told them she and Sloat were having a good time that evening until he accused her of sleeping with another man.

## County Commission OKs over \$50,000 in back pay for sheriff

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

A not guilty verdict put Liberty County Sheriff Nick Finch back in office Oct. 31 after a three-day trial.

A week later, he got something else he's been waiting on for a long time - approximately \$52,000 in back pay.

In a short meeting Thursday, the Liberty County Commission voted to pay the sheriff for the time he was suspended without pay from office following his arrest by FDLE on charges of official misconduct and falsifying public records. The time frame is for June 4 through Oct. 30.

The money will come out of the county's general fund and not from any department, according to the clerk of court's office.

## Includes land in Calhoun & Liberty counties St. Joe Company will sell 382,834 acres of timberland

WATERSOUND - The St. Joe Company (NYSE: JOE) (the "Company") announced last week that it has entered into a sales agreement with AgReserves, Inc., a Utah corporation, to sell approximately 382,834 acres of its non-strategic timberland and rural land in Northwest Florida for \$565 million.

The final price is subject to an adjustment set forth in the sales agreement.

This proposed transaction does not include land within the company's existing residential or commercial real estate segments or its resorts, leisure or leasing segment, nor include any land for which the company had plans to develop or use in these types of operations in the

foreseeable future.

"This sale of timberland will help the Company concentrate on its core business activity of real estate development in Northwest Florida," said Park Brady, CEO for The St. Joe Company. "The proceeds from the sale will provide the Company with significant liquidity and numerous opportunities to create long-term value for our shareholders."

The land to be sold includes the majority of the company's timberlands in Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty and Wakulla counties and had an aggregate carrying value of approximately \$54 million on Oct. 31, 2013.

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Marine Lt. Col. Ty Edwards, right, was leading a mission in Afghanistan's Kunar Province when his convoy was ambushed. Rushing forward to help relieve pinned down Afghans, he was shot in the head, nearly bleeding to death until his interpreter, left, Quadratullah Hakimi, ran over, dodging fire, and helped save his life. Edwards helped

bring Hakimi to the United States to save his life from the threat of being murdered at the hands of the Taliban for working with American forces. Edwards, who is from Calhoun County, spoke with students at Monday's Veterans Day program at Blountstown Middle School. He was accompanied by Hakimi. PHOTO BY JIM REED/TAMPA TRIBUNE

## Ty Edwards & family open home to Afghan comrade

by Howard Altman  
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Seven hours into the long flight from Dubai, Quadratullah Hakimi fell asleep, not waking up until the jet touched down at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

As the plane slowly headed to the taxiway, Hakimi looked around in amazement.

"I can't believe I am in America," he says he thought to himself. "I have waited for a long time."

It was Oct. 16. Almost exactly five years earlier, Hakimi, working as an interpreter with a team of Marines training Afghan troops, risked his life to save a Marine lieutenant colonel. Ty Edwards, now medically retired and living in Tampa Palms, spent the past four years, during an often painful rehabilitation, fighting State Department bureaucracy to bring Hakimi to the United States.

Hakimi was greeted at the

airport by his brother Hewad, who also served as an interpreter for the U.S. military in Afghanistan until getting his visa 18 months ago. After a joyful reunion, the brothers drove to Fort Polk, La., where Hewad Hakimi is stationed as a specialist in the Army. A week later, he arrived at the home of the man he saved.

"I was overwhelmed," says Edwards, sitting in a wheelchair in his living room, recalling the moment he saw Hakimi at his door. "I knew what we had been through for this to happen. I am so grateful."

On the morning of Oct. 18, 2008, Quadratullah Hakimi had been Edwards personal interpreter for about seven months, living and working together at a forward operating base along the Kunar River in the foothills of the Hindu Kush.

He climbed in a Humvee and took a seat behind Edwards, who was not only the truck commander, but he was in charge of the convoy of Marines, soldiers and Afghan Na-

tional Army troops heading out on a resupply mission. Navy corpsman Stephen Albright was driving and Lt. Sean McQuiston stood up in the turret manning the M240G machine gun.

"We were the last vehicle in the convoy and after leaving a checkpoint, we heard gunfire up ahead," says Hakimi, sitting at the dining room table of his new, temporary home he is sharing with Edwards and his family.

Edwards got out of the Humvee to check on the Afghans.

"I saw him get shot," Hakimi says with barely a trace of an accent. "I was scared. I was just 20 years old."

Edwards was lying on the ground.

"I thought he was dead," Hakimi says. As Hakimi recalls what he calls "the accident," Edwards wheels off to another part of the room.

See AFGHAN COMRADE continued inside on page 8



A log truck driver escaped serious injury but badly damaged his truck and spilled a load of logs on the way to the mill Monday morning in Bristol. The mishap occurred just south of Tolar School on C.R. 12 South around 7:45 a.m. The wreck shut down part of the roadway, leaving only one lane open to traffic until around 11:30 a.m.

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## Man who texted photos of stolen camera arrested on 3 charges

An investigation into the theft of a camera, a computer and a gun led to the arrest of a Blountstown man Monday when it was found that he had sent a photo of one of the stolen items from his phone to several people in an effort to sell it.

Mark Aaron Guilford, 34, was charged with grand theft, armed burglary and grand theft of a firearm Monday.

While looking into a complaint about a missing Canon EOS camera, an Apple laptop computer and a Delton AR-15 rifle, Capt. Adam Terry of the Blountstown Police Department found that Guilford was in a local restaurant on Oct. 26 with a friend who asked a waitress if she had seen an acquaintance of theirs.

The two men then left and drove around a bit, going through the driveway of the victim's home but not stopping when they realized he was not home. Guilford then dropped off his friend and drove off.

When questioned later, Guilford denied ever going by the victim's home that day, but his friend said they did.

Lt. Jared Nichols of the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office later spoke with a relative of Guilford's who asked if he was looking for a camera. The relative stated that Guilford was trying to sell one, and had sent a photo of the camera to a female friend as well



MARK GUILFORD

as his mother. It was later learned he had sent a group text to a number of people. Some of those he had contacted told investigators Guilford had offered to sell them a camera, a laptop and a rifle.

Nichols spoke with the friend who had received the photo on her phone a short time later. While they were discussing the camera, the woman got a frantic text from Guilford stating, "If I sent you a pix of a camera delete it now...somebody is trying to frame me for a burglary."

As Nichols was leaving the woman's workplace, Guilford pulled up outside.

He was told to stay away from the witness.

The man who had been with Guilford earlier gave a statement that Guilford gave him a ride home around 7:30 p.m. and left. He said Guilford returned a short time later with a laptop and a "machine gun-looking firearm" in the back seat. He said Guilford did not say where he got the property.

The victim did not report the thefts immediately, thinking that his daughter may have borrowed the computer or camera when he could not locate them after returning home around 10:30 p.m. on Oct. 26.

Two days later, he realized some medication was also missing and contacted the police department to report the thefts.

## Naked man arrested after wandering around trailer park

A Calhoun County man was charged with exposing himself after a deputy responded to numerous complaints about a nude man wandering around a trailer park.

When Deputy Christian Smith arrived on scene Nov. 3, he caught up with 50-year-old Nathan Cochran as he was walking back to his camper.

Cochran wasn't completely nude; he was wearing part of a diaper around one of his ankles.

After the deputy encouraged Cochran to cover himself, he went in the camper to put on a pair of shorts and then stumbled back outside.

The deputy's report noted that Cochran was "obviously intoxicated" and was staggering as he walked and his speech was slurred.

When asked what he was doing, Cochran told the deputy, "I'm sorry. I



NATHAN COCHRAN

just wanted to see who my neighbors were."

Cochran added that he was having a bad day and admitted he had been drinking. When asked about several scrapes and scratches on his back, he acknowledged that he had fallen down several times that evening.

Cochran's live-in girlfriend stated that he drank four quarts of beer and walked out of the camper

earlier that evening, wearing only a Depends adult diaper. She said when he returned, the diaper had fallen and was being dragged by his leg.

A neighbor stated that Cochran had come to his home several times asking to talk with him. Because he was nude, the neighbor repeatedly asked him to leave, concerned that his children might see him.

Cochran was taken to the Calhoun County Jail.

## Two arrested on meth charges

Two men were taken into custody on a charge of attempting to manufacture methamphetamine after deputies served a felony arrest warrant last week in Blountstown.

When the warrant was served at the NW 22nd Street residence of Christopher Clark, 36, he and another man, identified as Barry Glass, 38, of Blountstown, were arrested after investigators discovered components of a methamphetamine lab on the property, according to a news release from the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office.

Clark was identified as an out-of-state fugitive. Bond was set at \$5,000 for Glass.



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**CALHOUN COUNTY**

**Nov. 4**

- Henry Fain, criminal registrant, *CCSO*.
- Marckquis Cordale Miller, failure to appear, *CCSO*.
- Mason James Faust, operation of a motorcycle without a license, grand theft of a motor vehicle, *CCSO*.

**Nov. 5**

- Douglas Ray Lunsford, VOP, *CCSO*.
- Darryl Eugene Basford, VOICR, *CCSO*.

**Nov. 6**

- John Shuler, VOP (Liberty County), *CCSO*.
- Kirk Samuel Hall, VOP, *CCSO*.

**Nov. 8**

- Michelle Lorraine Griffin, failure to appear, *CCSO*.
- Christopher Neil Clark, out of state fugitive, *CCSO*.
- Dortha Shannon Catalano, VOP, *CCSO*.
- Lacey Chantel Kirkpatrick, driving while license suspended or revoked with knowledge, *CCSO*.
- Christopher Neil Clark, attempt to manufacture meth, *CCSO*.
- Barry Scott Glass, attempt to manufacture meth, *CCSO*.

**Nov. 11**

- Diane Lynn Clark, non-support, *CCSO*.

**LIBERTY COUNTY**

**Nov. 4**

- Horace Harris, serving 120 days, *LCSO*.
- Albert Howard, sentenced to DOC, *LCSO*.

**Nov. 5**

- Tracy Maloy, serving weekends, *LCSO*.

**Nov. 8**

- Michelle Griffin, holding for *CCSO*, *CCSO*.
- John Welch, holding for *CCSO*, *CCSO*.
- Lacey Kirkpatrick, holding for *CCSO*, *CCSO*.

**Nov. 11**

- Diane Clark, holding for *CCSO*, *CCSO*.
- Paula Cowles, holding for *CCSO*, *CCSO*.

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

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**Blountstown Police Dept.**

Nov. 4 through Nov. 10, 2013

CITATIONS ISSUED:

Accidents.....	0
Traffic Citations.....	8
Special details (business escorts, traffic details).....	173
Business alarms.....	0
Residential alarms.....	2
Complaints.....	77

### ST. JOE LAND SALE

*continued from the front page*

AgReserves, Inc. is assuming agreements and contracts existing on the purchased timberlands and intends to maintain timber and agricultural uses of the lands. "AgReserves has demonstrated its commitment to wise land stewardship and prudent resource management during more than 60 years of ranching and agricultural operations in east central Florida. We will apply that same commitment and expertise to managing the property we are acquiring in Florida's panhandle. We look to the long term in everything we do," said Paul Genho, Chairman of the Board for AgReserves, Inc. AgReserves, Inc. is a tax-paying affiliate of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The transaction was unanimously approved by the board of directors of the company and by AgReserves Inc., and is subject to customary closing conditions, including regulatory approvals, and the approval of the shareholders of the company. The transaction is expected to close in the first quarter of 2014. Following the sale, the company will own approximately 184,000 acres of land concentrated primarily in Northwest Florida, which includes lands used or intended to be used in its real estate development operations.

TAP Advisors acted as financial advisor to the company in connection with this transaction, with Sullivan & Cromwell LLP and Greenberg Traurig P.A. as legal counsel. Foley & Lardner LLP and Kirton McConkie PC acted as legal counsel to AgReserves, Inc.

*The St. Joe Company is a Florida-based real estate developer and manager. The Company owns land concentrated primarily in Northwest Florida and has significant residential and commercial land-use entitlements in hand or in process.*

*The Company also owns various commercial, resort and club properties. More information about the Company can be found on its website at [www.joe.com](http://www.joe.com).*

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### Sheriff's trial prompts both cheers & jeers from one reader

To the editor:

We the People have spoken. Cheers to the defense and jurors in the Nick Finch charade of a case/trial for their just and proper verdict. Liberty and truth prevailed in that kangaroo court and a salute is in order to them all.

JEERS to FDLE, Jack Campbell and Willie Meggs for their pernicious prosecution/persecution. What a disgrace and disappointment they are for such contemptible charges and also to Judge Gary. Boss Hogg would be so proud of them all. They are unfit to hold public office and the same goes for Governor (not so great) Scott for his unwarranted suspension of our duly elected sheriff which has pretty much ruined his reelection chances.

How ironic it is that they let these two TPD thugs off the hook after their atrocious assault on a woman arrested for DUI while he throws the book at Nick Finch. See article online at [www.tallahassee.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013309200020&ncklick\\_check=1](http://www.tallahassee.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013309200020&ncklick_check=1).

Good riddance also to the officURS who resigned after Finch's reinstatement and to the imposter/usurper sheriff Money, all of whom are unfit to wear a badge. Especially former Deputy Hoagland whose capricious complaint started this fiasco which has given our county a bad name and a black eye regrettably.

They are all constitutionally and morally clueless and oblivious to the fact that the premier law they are to enforce is the U.S. Constitution overrides and supercedes any and all state laws under Article 6 thereof known as the Supremacy Clause. I hope Finch sues them for false arrest and malicious prosecution and back pay as well.

Hats off again to the jury and let all Liberty County citizens support our Sheriff Finch henceforth.

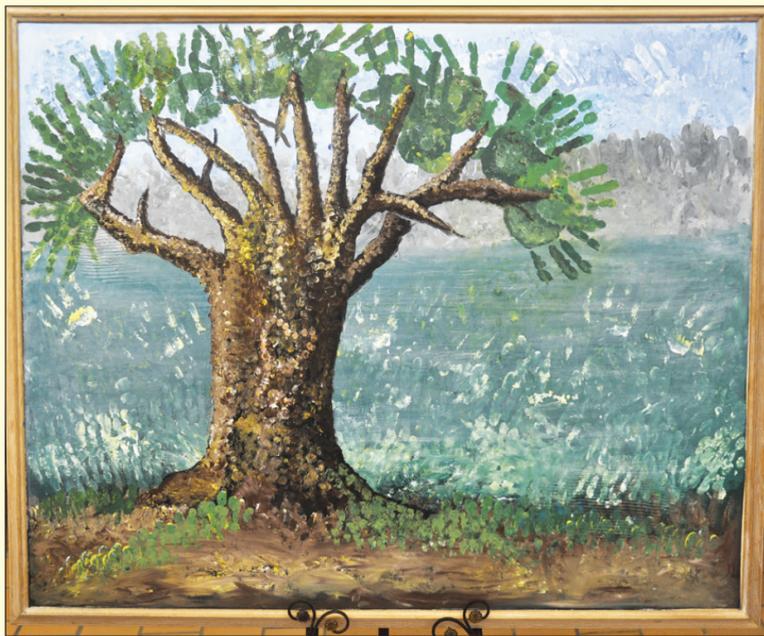
Tom Roberts, Hosford



## Genealogy classes being offered at Hosford Library

Elder Rhea, a missionary with the Mormon Church, is shown giving a lesson to two women interested in learning to navigate a website to fill in gaps in their family history. He and a second missionary, Edler Fannesbeck, are helping local folks learn how to use the free site, [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org), which contains three billion names from all over the world, has 4,500 family search centers and offers around the clock tech support over the phone. The Mormon Church is holding classes each Thursday between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the Jimmy Weaver Memorial Library in Hosford to assist those who want to learn more about their family history.

DOMENICK ESGRO PHOTOS



A local youth group did the painting above, which is on display at the library. Much of the design is made up of handprints and, if you look closely, you can see the branches of the tree spell out the word "family."

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## Liberty Co. Libraries holding silent auction to raise funding for books

Through the month of November, the Liberty County libraries will hold a silent auction to raise funds to purchase books for the libraries in Bristol and Hosford.

Some of the items you can bid on include:

- an AT&T Corded/Cordless Answering System
- a refurbished Brother XR-65

Sewing Machine

- an EdenPURE Personal Heater
- a Vicks Warm Mist Humidifier
- and lots more!

There are also a number of knick-knacks, some of which may be of interest to collectors, such as one item of Royal Albert Bone China.

You can bid on items through Nov. 27; the person with the win-

ning bid will be notified by telephone the week of Dec. 2.

The items are on display in the Harrell Memorial Library in Bristol, but you can also place your bid at the Jimmy Weaver Memorial Library in Hosford (where pictures of the items are displayed), or call the Bristol library at 643-2247 to place your bid.

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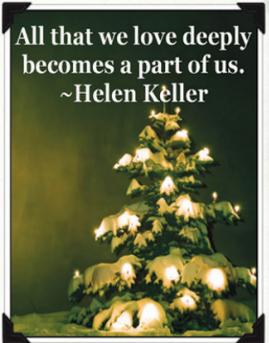
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SCRATCHBOARD ART - Jonathan Alford scratches out a design during a recent art program at the Blountstown Library. Participants scratched away on a board of white clay covered with India ink using a special pointed tool. Folks brought ideas to spur them on while others worked straight from their imaginations.

## Calhoun Chamber Business Bounce Nov. 21

Start your holiday shopping with spectacular savings during the Chamber's annual Holiday Business Bounce. Shoppers can bounce from business to business on Thursday,

Nov. 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. for special discounts and savings!

Current participants include Blountstown Drugs, Rivertown Mercantile, The Diamond Corner and

Merle Norman.

If you would like to add your business to the list of participating members, just call or email Kristy at (850) 674-4519 or [kristy@calhounco.org](mailto:kristy@calhounco.org).

# Tobacco Prevention Program helping employers create quit programs and tobacco free policies

BLOUNTSTOWN/ ALTHA - Tobacco users aren't the only ones paying the cost of their addiction with their health and wallet. Calhoun County employers are paying the price as well. Employees who smoke can cost businesses more than \$6,000 per year when compared to non-smokers.

In time for the Great American Smoke Out taking place on Nov. 21, the Florida Department of Health's Tobacco Free Florida program and Florida Department of Health in Calhoun County are encouraging businesses across Calhoun County to help their employees quit tobacco.

The Florida Department of Health in Calhoun County's Tobacco Prevention Program offers employers free assistance in developing tobacco cessation programs, whether it's through the company's health insurance provider or the state's free cessation services. Nearly 70 percent of smokers want to quit, and getting help through their employers can increase their chance of success while simultaneously benefiting the business.

Health care costs are one of the largest expenses

Calhoun County businesses. On average, health care costs for employees who smoke are up to 34 percent higher compared to non-smokers. Every employee who smokes can cost employers an extra \$2,056 a year in health care expenses.

Tobacco use is also the leading cause of productivity loss at work. In fact, each smoker can cost a business an average of \$4,056 every year in lost productivity including sick days, distraction at work, and smoking breaks. Workers who smoke at least one pack a day experience 75 percent more productivity loss than non-smoking workers.

"Businesses who want to help their employees quit tobacco should also implement a tobacco free grounds policy at their workplace," said Tobacco Free Florida Bureau Chief Shannon Hughes. "These policies are one of the most effective ways to help employees quit and it creates a healthier environment for all."

Tobacco free grounds policies nearly double the chance that employees will quit. For those that do not quit, the policy will reduce the number of cigarettes

smoked by employees during the week. Tobacco free grounds policies are easy to enforce. More than 80 percent of Floridians do not smoke, and research has shown compliance rates for tobacco free grounds policies to be more than 96 percent.

For more information, please contact Heather Stafford at (850) 674-5645 ext. 236 or heather.stafford@flhealth.gov.

The Department's Tobacco Free Florida campaign is a statewide cessation and prevention campaign funded by Florida's tobacco settlement fund.

Tobacco users interested in quitting are encouraged to use one of the state's three ways to quit. To learn about Tobacco Free Florida and the state's free quit resources, visit [www.tobaccofreeflorida.com](http://www.tobaccofreeflorida.com) or follow the campaign on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/TobaccoFreeFlorida](http://www.facebook.com/TobaccoFreeFlorida) or Twitter at [www.twitter.com/tobaccofreefla](http://www.twitter.com/tobaccofreefla).

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## BHS Cheerleaders and All State Choir partner with Rotary Club



FROM LEFT: Vicki Montford, Club President, Savannah Stevens, Chelsey O'Bryan, Elizabeth Bennett, Sponsor and Danny Ryals, Rotarian and School Board Member.

The Blountstown High School Cheerleaders and the All State Choir partnered with the Blountstown Rotary Club to earn \$500.

The Cheerleaders hosted the clean up for Goat Day and did a great job.

The All State Choir group were the characters that you would have seen at Goat Day. They are working hard to earn money to pay for registration, music, accommodations, food and travel. This event will take place in Tampa in January.

We wish good luck to these students and thank you all so much for helping us out at Goat Day.



FROM LEFT: Vicki Montford, Club President, Janet Edewaard, Fine Arts Teacher, Sarah Liffick, Emily Childress, Walker Strawn, Anna Gillis, Kayla Pickron, Aaron Boyd and Danny Ryals, Rotarian and School Board Member.

## BLOUNTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL



### BHS competes at state finals; Howells' are nominated for Coach & Runner of the year

The Blountstown High School Cross Country Boys and Girls Teams had an outstanding season. The Boys Team won District and placed 6th at Regionals, being the top public school in Class 1A, advancing them to the State Finals.

On Saturday, Nov. 9, the Blountstown High School Boys Cross Country Team competed in the FHSAA State Cross Country Finals.



The results are as follows: Thomas Howell: 17.29, Tyreek Sumner: 19.11, Jesse Langley: 19.20, Calen Masai: 19:57, Mark Wilson: 20.33, Austin Britt: 20.56, Alfredo Puentes: 21.11.

Coach Allyson Howell has been nominated as Coach of the year for Class 1A and Junior Runner Thomas Howell has been nominated as Runner of the Year for Class 1A.

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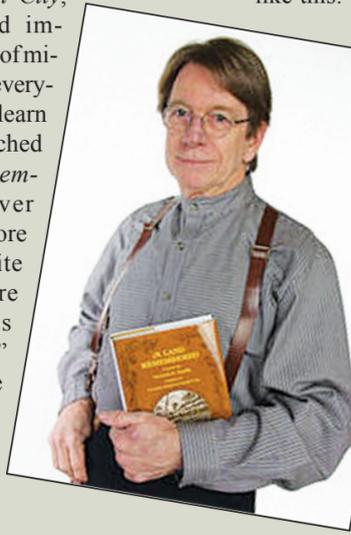
Few books have captured the spirit and colorful history of Florida like Patrick Smith's beloved novel, *A Land Remembered*. Brought to you by the Liberty County libraries, area residents will have the opportunity to get to know the author and his work through his son, award-winning video producer Rick Smith, when he comes to Bristol on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 6 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Civic Center.

Rick Smith will delight audiences with a multimedia show about his father and the extraordinary experiences he had which were necessary for him to write with such authority about Florida.

He'll explain things such as how his father broke into the Seminole culture in order to learn about them so that he could write about them in *Forever Island*. He'll explain how he worked

alongside migrant workers in order to write *Angel City*, which helped improve the lives of migrant workers everywhere. You'll learn how he researched *A Land Remembered* for over two years before he could write it. He'll share his thoughts about the "real" Florida. See how seemingly random events play into Patrick Smith's books.

This is a media intensive show. It is not a lecture or just a talk. You



have never seen visual storytelling like this. You will come away with a deeper appreciation for Florida's history and a desire to know more about your own family history.

This program is a sensory delight incorporating video clips, photos, paintings, music, sound effects and a few jokes to transport you to another place and time. Rick Smith narrates live throughout the show, answers questions and will happily sign your books (even though his Dad wrote them.)

Rick Smith is an award-winning media producer and his father's biggest fan. His passion for his subject is clearly evident in this lovingly produced program. Come and enjoy an unforgettable journey into a Florida that once was, is no more, and never again will be.

Funding for this program was provided through a grant from the Florida Humanities Council with funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities. When the library applied for the grant, the Liberty County Women's Club and the Liberty County Arts Council submitted letters in support of bringing this program to Liberty County.

For more information, call the library at 643-2247 or go to [www.alandremembered.com](http://www.alandremembered.com) and [www.patricksmithonline.com](http://www.patricksmithonline.com).

## Snowvember Fest Saturday at Calhoun Courthouse

The Calhoun County Sheriff's Office hopes to "Freeze Crime in Snowvember" with a free event this weekend.

The Festival will include free hamburgers, hot dogs, snow cones, drinks, ice skating rink, snow for the kids to play in, ponies, inflatables and much more. Join them on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 1 to 5 p.m. behind the Calhoun County Courthouse.

## Longbeards hosting Turkey Shoot Nov. 16

Want to win a turkey for Thanksgiving? The Big River Longbeards Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (a non-profit organization) is hosting a Turkey Shoot Saturday, Nov. 16 located at River Hill just outside the city limits west of Bristol. Fees will be \$3 per shot or two shots for \$5 at a target. Feel free to bring your own gun. Activities will begin at 10 a.m. (ET) and end at 2 p.m. (ET).

Everyone is invited to participate. Last year the community helped us donate turkeys to needy families in Calhoun and Liberty Counties.

Please help us donate even more this year. Please contact Justin Ford at (850) 814-3907 for further information.

## Bake a pumpkin pie at Veterans Memorial Nov. 21

Get a jumpstart on your Thanksgiving baking. Bring the whole family over to the Veterans Memorial Civic Center and bake a Pumpkin Pie. Your family will leave with two pumpkin pies, a pumpkin pie recipe, along with nutritional and gardening information all presented by UF/IFAS Liberty and Calhoun County Extension Agents.

The cost of the class for the whole family is \$10. The class will be held on Thursday, Nov. 21 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (ET). Advance registration is required. To register, call Rachel at 643-2229 or Peg at 674-8323.

## Calhoun Farm City luncheon set for Nov. 22

The UF/IFAS Extension Calhoun County and the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce are organizing the second annual Farm-City Luncheon on Friday, Nov. 22.

Farm-City Week is celebrated nationally the week prior to Thanksgiving Day and recognizes the importance of cooperative Farm-City partnerships to the success of America's agriculture.

At the Calhoun County luncheon we will formally recognize outstanding local producers as we connect agriculture, retail and commerce. This gathering will highlight the importance of agriculture to the economic strength of our community.

If you are interested in attending and/or sponsoring this event, please contact Judy Ludlow at (850) 674-8323 or [judy.ludlow@ufl.edu](mailto:judy.ludlow@ufl.edu).

## Turkey shoot and pancake breakfast at Scotts Ferry VFD

A Turkey Shoot and pancake breakfast will be held Saturday, Nov. 23 at the Scotts Ferry Volunteer Fire Department.

Pancakes are served at 7 a.m. (CT) with the Turkey shoot immediately following.

The Fire Department is located 13 miles South of Blountstown on Hwy. 71 South. All proceeds benefit the Scotts Ferry VFD.

## Community Calendar

**Wednesday, Nov. 13**

**BIRTHDAYS**  
Charles Orama, Jaylen Ojeda, Marissa Burke, Robin Blackburn, Stan Brannan, Tammy Capps, Leslie Lawson, Alvin Webb and Becky Kastli



**WORLD KINDNESS DAY**  
NOVEMBER 13

**Thursday, Nov. 14**

**BIRTHDAYS**  
Helen Brown and Wandee Baggett



**INTERNATIONAL GIRLS DAY**  
November 14

**Friday, Nov. 15**

**BIRTHDAYS**  
Doyle Eberly, Caroline Yoder, Linda Edenfield, Rhonda Branch, Sheila Cook, Jason Brock and Diane Long



**AMERICA RECYCLES DAY**  
NOVEMBER 15

**Saturday, Nov. 16**

**CCSO "Freeze Crime in Snowvember" Festival**  
BEHIND CALHOUN COURTHOUSE IN BLOUNTSTOWN 1-5 p.m. (CT)



**Turkey Shoot,**  
at River Hill  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
(ET)

**Sunday, Nov. 17**

**SHOWTIME!**  
presented at Veterans Civic Center, 7 p.m. ET



**FAMILY VOLUNTEER DAY**  
NOVEMBER 17

**Monday, Nov. 18**

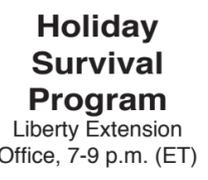
**national NOVEMBER 18-24 FAMILY WEEK**



Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday

**Tuesday, Nov. 19**

**BIRTHDAYS**  
April Orama, Damaris Russell, Ken Purvis, Tracy Martin, Deidra Hall, Jerry Carpenter, Jr., Erica Smith



**Holiday Survival Program**  
Liberty Extension Office, 7-9 p.m. (ET)

## MEETINGS

**Wednesday, Nov. 13**

- Boy Scout Troop 200, 6:30 p.m. (ET) at the Mormon Church in Bristol. Phone (850) 643-2373.

**Thursday, Nov. 14**

- Liberty Women's Club, 11 a.m., Apalachee Rest. Phone (850) 643-4617.
- Calhoun School Board, 5 p.m. Calhoun Extension Office in Commission Board Room. Phone (850) 674-5927.

**Saturday, Nov. 16**

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

**Monday, Nov. 18**

- Altha Girls Scout Troop #39, 6 p.m., Altha Community Center. Phone (850) 762-2136.
- Panhandle Creative Crafters "Bizzie Bees", 5-8 p.m. (CT), W.T. Neal Civic Center, Blountstown.
- Bulldog Club, 7 p.m., LCHS field house. Phone (850) 643-2344.
- AA, 6 p.m., Altha Community Center. Phone (850) 674-1363.
- Altha Boy Scouts, 7 p.m., Altha Fire Department. Phone (850) 762-3718.

**Tuesday, Nov. 19**

- Calhoun Chamber of Commerce, noon, Senior Citizens Center. Phone (850) 674-4519.
- Calhoun Commission, 5 p.m., Ag. Bldg., Conference Room across from Courthouse. Phone (850) 674-4545.
- Mossy Pond VFD Auxiliary, 6 p.m., Fire House. Phone (850) 762-1948.
- Dixie 109 Masonic Lodge, 7 p.m., Dixie Lodge in Blountstown. Phone (850) 643-5742.
- Hosford-Telogia VFD, 7:30 p.m., fire house. Phone (850) 566-0812.
- Calhoun Children's Coalition, 9 a.m., W.T. Neal Civic Center.

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Late Night Laughs

A RECAP OF RECENT OBSERVATIONS BY LATE NIGHT TV HOSTS.

A new record was set today in the 100 meters. It was set by Senate Democrats running away from Obamacare. — JAY LENO

This week's climate change talks are taking place in Poland and they're going to focus on China, the world's biggest polluter. However, that discussion may get awkward on Wednesday when China buys Poland. — CONAN O'BRIEN

The state of Washington is 124 years old today. We all know that Washington state was named after one of our greatest Americans — of course, Denzel Washington. — CRAIG FERGUSON

Congrats to the New York Giants, who got their third straight game after beating the Raiders. Which goes to show that if you work hard and really believe in yourself, eventually you'll play a team that's even worse than you. — JIMMY FALLON

Do you know who's going to the Vatican for a meeting with Pope Francis? Evil dictator Vladimir Putin. The Pope better be careful because I bet you anything Putin is going to try and steal his ring. — DAVID LETTERMAN

According to The Washington Post, the White House is considering appointing a civilian to lead the NSA. If you're interested in the job, no need to submit a résumé, they have all your information already. They will call you. — JAY LENO

During the European MTV Music Awards, Miley Cyrus went on stage and twerked with a dwarf. It's a pretty sad day when you have to ask a dwarf how he could stoop so low. — CONAN O'BRIEN

A lot of couples are planning on getting married Tuesday because the date will be 11/12/13. Couples say they like 11/12/13 because it's a unique date that will never happen again. In a related story, that's literally how EVERY date works. — JIMMY FALLON

A pharmaceutical company has developed a deodorant that is bacon scented. We have no healthcare, but we have bacon-scented deodorant. — DAVID LETTERMAN

President Obama said he is sorry that some Americans have lost their existing health coverage due to Obamacare. I think he's getting a little desperate. Today he said if you like your complete lack of coverage, you can keep your complete lack of coverage. — JAY LENO

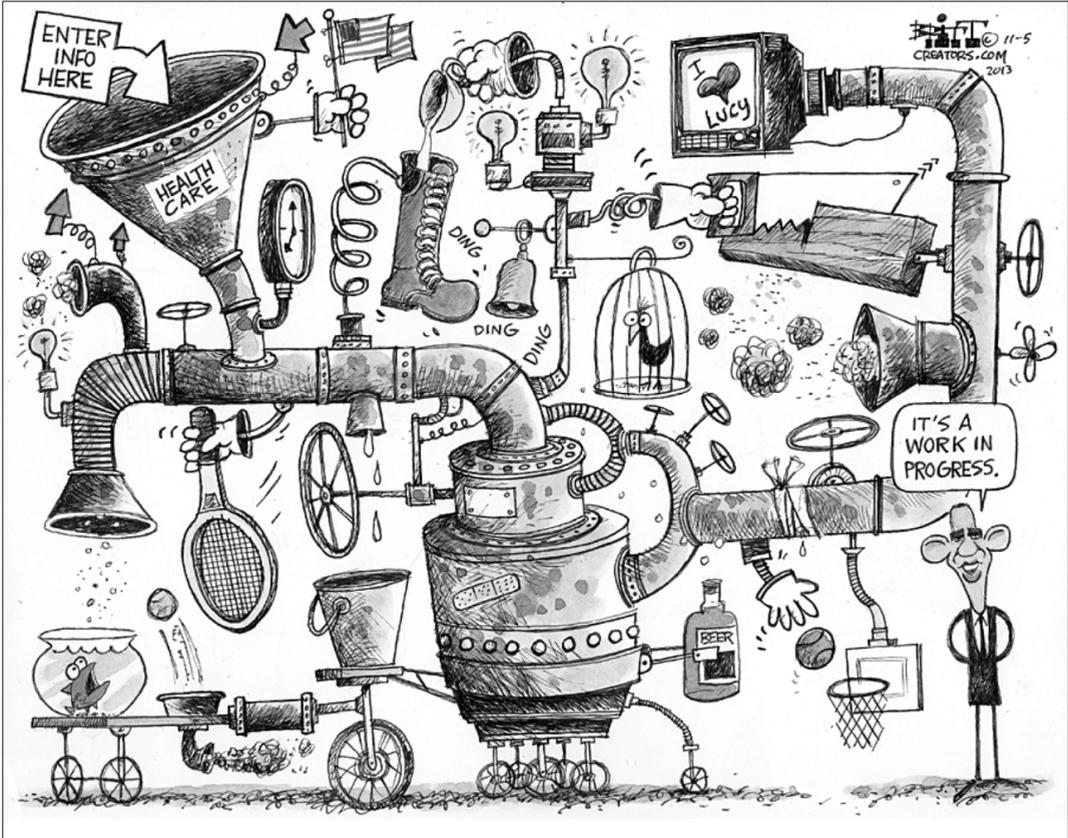
It is Veterans Day. A 107-year-old veteran met with President Obama this morning. It was good to see the president finally getting along so well with John McCain. — CONAN O'BRIEN

There's some beautiful scenery in Washington. Mount St. Helens is one of the most active volcanoes in the U.S. I wouldn't want my home near something that unstable. Then again, I live on the same block as Charlie Sheen. — CRAIG FERGUSON

A team of scientists from Cornell made news recently for creating a robot that can hold a knife. Or as robots will tell their grandkids, "That is when the revolution began." — JIMMY FALLON

We have a drought in New York City. It has not rained since Labor Day. It's going to kill the New York City wheat. — DAVID LETTERMAN

Apparently there is a huge crack cocaine problem in Toronto. Luckily, it's just confined to the mayor's office. — JAY LENO



A modest proposal to make our streets safer

The U.S. Constitution includes very specific protection for the right of citizens to bear arms. It does not, however, mention any similar right to bear children.

by Jim McClellan, contributing writer

Too many kids now are left to the streets because their parents care more about themselves and their own happiness. That's dangerous for the kids and for the rest of us, so we ought to be working to prevent it.

With that in mind, I have an idea that will reduce all types of crime and violence without explicitly infringing on the Constitution in the process. What I propose are some tough new restrictions on people in this country who want to have and rear kids.

Assuming the applicant meets these criteria, there should be a binding contract, ensuring unconditional love always, effective discipline when necessary, and consistent guidance until adulthood — and for as long as needed thereafter.

According to a National Institute of Justice study, maltreated children are 53 percent more likely to be arrested as juveniles and 38 percent more likely as young adults. And that doesn't even include the people whose bad parenting didn't rise to the level of abuse or neglect or the offenders who were never caught.

Once licensed parenthood is achieved by birth or adoption, the government should perform spot checks periodically to make sure the terms of the contract are being followed. In the event of a violation, the license should be revoked and the child sent to a better home.

Of course, not every violent adult is the product of bad child rearing. But those numbers do make a pretty compelling case that reasonable, common sense laws about who can be a parent will make our streets safer.

I recognize that there may be some flaws in my plan, but if we have to make some sacrifices in the name of public safety, so be it. After all, if it saves lives, it's worth it, right?

We can start by developing a licensing process. This is basic due diligence that's required before we're allowed to drive a vehicle. Surely it's not too much to ask before we allow someone to take on the responsibility for bringing up a child.

What's that, you say? It's not worth it? You say this is a completely unworkable scheme, one that would be a gross overreach by the federal government into our personal lives? You think it's being offered up for purely political reasons rather than any genuine concern for human life?

The first step in the process would be a background check to determine whether the prospective parent has a criminal record. If so, there should be solid evidence that he or she has reformed and stayed out of trouble for a length of time that's set according to the severity of the offense. However, a violent crime or a crime against a child should trigger an automatic, permanent rejection.

Well, you're right. And now you understand how I feel every time some politician, columnist or talking head spouts off about how restricting my Second Amendment rights will prevent psychotic madmen from killing or stop gang violence or end drug wars.

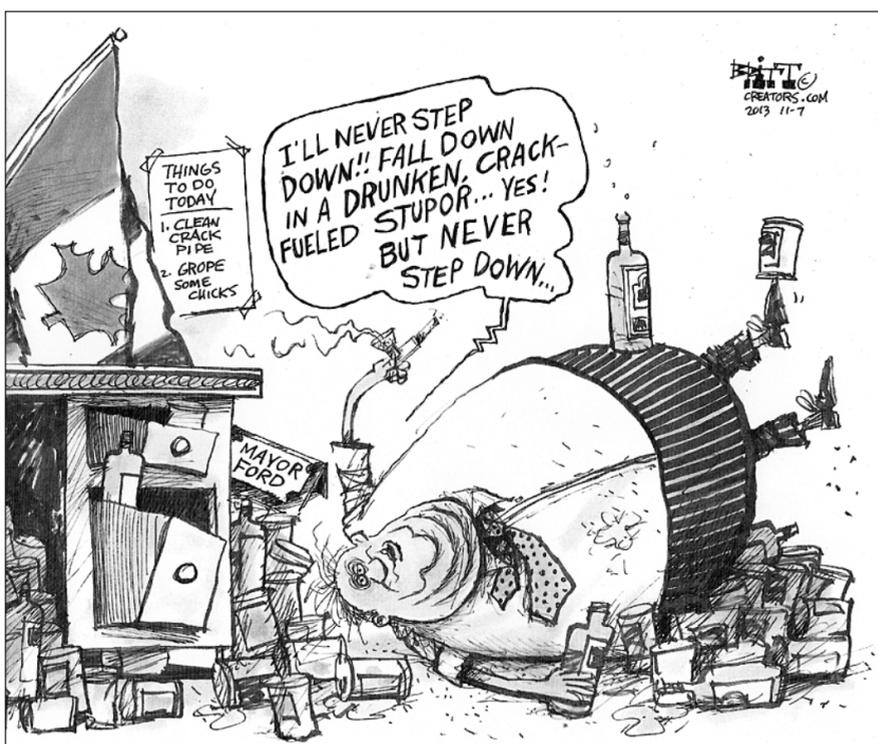
Character references from other parents should be required as well. And by "parents," I mean people whose children have reached adulthood, who are not in prison and who are contributing members of society. At least one of these letters should be from a grandparent or other relative who will agree to assume parenting duties if necessary.

The fact is people are hurt and killed by bad people. When we stop producing them, we'll stop crime and violence.

That brings up another important consideration — the family environment. Is it a loving home with caring adults who are emotionally prepared to raise children? We have to be sure the parent or parents will be present for their child, during good times and bad.

Until then, I'll be among the millions of peaceful, law-abiding Americans who are keeping our guns.

*Jim McClellan is a fifth-generation Florida native from Blountstown who left the floodplains of the Apalachicola River and spent 10 years in the even murkier waters of state government. A 1987 graduate of Florida State, Jim served as a speechwriter for Governor Lawton Chiles, communications director for the Florida Department of Commerce and press secretary for Lt. Governor Buddy MacKay. These days, Jim makes his home in Pensacola and makes his living doing marketing for an email and Web security company in Gulf Breeze.*



## Mayo, Varnum exchange vows at Panhandle Pioneer Settlement

Karen Brantley Mayo and Tommy Ray Varnum were united in marriage in the little Methodist Church at the Panhandle Pioneer Settlement on Saturday, Nov. 9.

It was a beautiful day for the country-western setting in the little church decorated with wildflowers, white bows and mason jar candles.

The son of the bride, Timothy Mayo, gave her away, with his son, Landon, acting as ring bearer. The groom's granddaughter, Jaydn Jacobs, was flower girl.

The bride wore a beautiful satin wedding gown with a row of satin covered buttons trailing down the back the length of the gown. Her cowboy boots carried out the western theme. She carried a bouquet of wild flowers and mums in fall colors.



The groom, as well as the son and grandson of the bride, wore jeans, boots, white shirts and white cowboy hats. The flower girl wore a cute, ruffled white dress and cowboy boots. She carried a white satin basket of red rose petals.

A reception featuring a country buffet was served in the log cabin a short distance away. The cabin was decorated with wild flowers, burlap and mason jars.

The couple honeymooned in the mountains of North Carolina. They will make their home in Bristol.

The bride is the daughter of Betty and Ernie

Dunn, and the late Huey Brantley. The groom is the son of Maxine Mercer and the late Tommy Varnum.

## BIRTH



### TYLER SCOTT HALL

Tiffany and Brandon Hall are pleased to announce the arrival of their son, Tyler Scott Hall. He was born on Sunday, Nov. 3, 2013 weighing 7 lbs. 10 ozs. and measuring 20 1/4 inches long.

## NOTES OF THANKS

We would like to say a heartfelt "Thank You" to our Fire Department and Volunteers, ambulatory service, First Response Team, Emergency Management and Law Enforcement for your dedication and service to the citizens of Liberty County.

*Sincerely,*

*Bristol Pentecostal Holiness Church*



I, Ronnie Williams, Sr. would like to thank you for your vote on Tuesday, Nov. 5 and electing me for Blountstown City Council Ward I. I will strive to do the best job possible.

*Thank you,  
Ronnie Williams, Sr.*

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING FEAST & PRAISE SERVICE** - The Liberty County Ministerial Association is hosting two community wide Thanksgiving events.

A Thanksgiving praise and worship service will be held at Corinth Baptist Church on Sunday, Nov. 24. The church is located at 15816 NE Moore Street in Hosford.

Churches from the area will be presenting a program of praise and worship. Please bring your favorite finger food, a drink and a canned food donation for the Calhoun Liberty Ministry Center.

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

The traditional Thanksgiving Feast will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 27 from 5-7 p.m. (ET) at the Veterans Memorial Civic Center. This event is free to everyone. You may dine in or take out dinners. Walk-ins are welcome. To sign up for a meal or for meal delivery please send an email to [good2give10@gmail.com](mailto:good2give10@gmail.com).

For more information on either

event call (850) 643-5400 or (850) 510-0225.

**ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH** - St. Luke's Episcopal Church will be hosting a Fine Arts Series featuring the Capital Chordsmen and their Barbershop Quartet.

The series will be held on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 4 p.m. (CT). A meet the artists reception will follow the recital. Donations are accepted for the series.

The church is located at 4362 Lafayette Street in Marianna. For more information call (850) 482-2431.

## BIRTHDAYS

### GRACEY SEWELL

Gracey Sewell celebrated her sixth birthday on Friday, Oct. 18. She is the daughter of Jeff and Desirae Sewell. Her grandparents are Glenn and Kathy Sewell of Hosford and Steve and Cin



Rider of Panama City. She enjoys singing, dancing and taking ballet from Mrs. Bonita Deck. She celebrated her birthday at Cookies & Tea for Me.



### J.C. MARTIN

J.C. Martin celebrated his seventh birthday on Thursday, Nov. 7. He is the son of Amanda Phillips of Bristol and Casey and Maggie Martin of Clarksville. He enjoys riding his bike, playing in the mud with his bog trucks and playing with his cousin, Sy. He celebrated by having a Florida Gator party along with many of his family members.



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## FREEZE CRIME IN SNOW VEMBER

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Face Painting

**Crime Prevention Information to be provided by: Calhoun Co. Sheriff's Office, United Way, Gulf Coast Children's Advocacy Center, Salvation Army & BACA.**

# AFGHAN COMRADE

*continued from the front page*

For Hakimi and the others still in the Humvee, there wasn't much time to think. Insurgents about 150 meters away were peppering the vehicle with small arms fire. McQuiston was hit in the hand, his machine gun destroyed.

After Hakimi bandaged McQuiston, the Humvee rocked and hot metal spewed down from the turret where McQuiston had been moments before. The truck had been hit by a rocket-propelled grenade, knocking Hakimi out, sending searing shrapnel into his arm, leg and back.

"When I came to, everyone was out of the Humvee, which was smoking," Hakimi says. "I had a choice, stay in and be burned alive, or take my chances against the Taliban bullets."

He opted for the bullets, grabbing McQuiston's M4 rifle and running over to Edwards.

"I didn't want to get taken alive," Hakimi says. "They would have cut my throat with a wire. They would have made a video. My death would have been hard. They would make me suffer every second."

Hakimi fired at the enemy until the magazine was empty. Then he got down on the ground and crawled toward Edwards.

"I could tell they were still shooting at me because the bullets kicked up dust," he says.

When he finally reached Edwards, Hakimi dragged him behind a rock.

"He was alive, but breathing heavy," Hakimi says. After taking off Edwards' helmet, Hakimi could see how badly wounded he was. He put a bandage in the hole in Edwards' head.

"Then I told him, 'don't die,' and I started crying, like I was hopeless," Hakimi says. "He needed help. He was dying in front of me and when I got on the radio, I asked for help, but it was all jammed up with people talking."

Desperate for help, Hakimi used Edwards' call sign.

"This is Sheepdog 6," he shouted over the sounds of gunfire and friendly artillery exploding close by. "Officer down."

Getting no response, Hakimi grabbed Edwards' rifle, which was locked and loaded, and fired away at the enemy as he made his way back to the Humvee, where McQuiston and Albright had taken cover, also firing at the Taliban.

Hakimi, his uniform full of blood from his own wounds, and Albright crawled through the gunfire, getting up every few feet to shoot back, until they reached Edwards. With Hakimi providing cover, Albright worked on Edwards, saving him until a quick reaction force arrived.

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The wounded were taken eventually to Bagram Air Field.

"I saw Lt. Col. Ty in the ICU," says Hakimi, whose hearing in his left ear is still virtually gone as the result of the RPG explosion. "That was the last time I saw him for five years."

Until Thursday, Oct. 24, when Hakimi arrived at the big house in the wooded Tampa subdivision.

"We kept in touch, emailing or Skype-ing several times a week," Hakimi says. "But it was so good to see him when I got here."

For four years, Hakimi tried to come to the United States under a program created by Congress in 2009 called the Afghan Allies Protection Act. Despite the efforts of Edwards, Sen. Bill Nelson, Rep. Dennis Ross, retired Marine Maj. Gen. J.D. Lynch and Mark Van Trees of Support The Troops, Hakimi, like thousands of other Afghan interpreters, languished in Afghanistan.

Shortly after a story appeared in *The Tampa Tribune*, Hakimi got his visa and was able to leave Afghanistan.

"A lot of interpreters are starting to leave," he says. "All the media attention has helped."

But the journey to America was not without sadness.

Hakimi had to leave behind his mother, another brother who is an interpreter and other family members.

"I had no option," he says. "Something would have happened to me if I stayed."

So now, Hakimi is adjusting to life in Tampa.

"Everything is different here," he says. "The roads aren't rutted. I don't have to worry about people shooting at me. This house is so big and beautiful."

And there are new challenges. "Afghan men are so spoiled," he says. "The women do all the work."

Now that he is in America, Hakimi says he is learning to cook.

"I also learned to iron my own clothes," he says. "Doing the laundry is next. Then learning how to clean up."

The Edwards family "has been wonderful to me," Hakimi says. But as soon as he gets his green card and driver's license and other identification, he will move out on his own.

But that will also require a job.

"I speak four languages," he says. "As an interpreter, I was always learning and picked up a lot of skills."

Edwards says he will introduce Hakimi to as many people as possible to help him find employment.

"He saved my life," Edwards says. "I will do whatever I can for him."

## LCHS Army JROTC cadets place flags on graves for Veterans Day

JROTC cadets from the local River Battalion Army JROTC Program came together Friday, Nov. 8 to place small American flags on the graves of area veterans.

Lt. Col. Bob Quint, JROTC Senior Army Instructor, recently requested support from the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) for some small American flags for his 100 JROTC Cadets.

"I received 144 American flags from Bobby Pickron of the VFW

for my cadets to place on the graves of our local veterans. I am deeply appreciative of the support and assistance of Mr. Pickron and the local VFW in this first year project by my Army JROTC Cadets," Lt. Col. Quint said. "Friday, I had two family members of veterans buried in the Bristol Cemetery approach me while we were placing the flags. They



Army JROTC Cadets Michael Hare and Matt Nielens place flags on a veteran's grave at the Bristol Cemetery.

thanked me for what the cadets were doing."

Danny Hassig, a Lt. Col. in an Army Reserve Civil Affairs unit and Calhoun County School Board member, lead the JROTC Cadets as they placed the flags at Blountstown's Boggs Cemetery.

"Last Friday was a very important day for our Army JROTC Program in support of Veterans Day. We placed 144 small American flags on the graves of American veterans and had our JROTC Veterans Day Ceremony in the High Schools Gym just before school ended," said JROTC Cadet Battalion Commander Zach Kern, an LCHS senior.

He added, "Freedom Is Not Free was the theme and our JROTC Cadets all did an outstanding effort in support of this year's Veterans Day."



Kristy Copeland's second grade class is shown holding their completed writing craft. BACK ROW: SFC Steve McKuhen. STANDING, from left: Ashton Mosley, Emily Goff, Mari Mendez, Zeke Sikes, Nevaeh Chambers, Cathy Tolley and Daniel Jacobs. KNEELING, from left: Isaiah Harvell, Gretchen Nesmith, Sawyer Landrum, Jaden Parramore, Kai Presley and Paige Mooney.

## SFC McKuhen Jr. visits Tolar class

Kristy Copeland's second graders received a visit from Sergeant First Class Steve McKuhen, Jr. from the Army Special Forces following W.R. Tolar's Veterans program Friday morning.

The students worked hard on an expository writing prompt all week about why they are thankful for Veterans.

SFC McKuhen, Jr. helped the students as they completed a soldier craft to go along with their writing.

He also brought in some of his combat equipment, told the students a little bit about each item and gave students the opportunity to hold and look at the items. SFC McKuhen, Jr. also shared his job duties and responsibilities with the students.

The kids really enjoyed having an active duty soldier in their classroom to help them understand the importance of honoring our Vets.

**First Annual** NWTF Conserve. Hunt. Share.

# SKREETSHOOT

**Saturday, Nov. 23, 2013**

Benefit Skeet Shoot and lunch hosted by the CCSO and Big River Longbeards NWTF. Proceeds go to **Christmas for the Children**. Must have a 5 man team. Individuals will be assigned to a team at registration. Each team will shoot 25 shots per person with any shotgun 6 gauge or higher shot. EYE AND EAR PROTECTION ARE REQUIRED

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  - c. Google and Microsoft
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- a. An aging tree sloth
  - b. A normal healthy adult
  - c. A mongoose on meth
- 4) **Under extreme stress, you tend to react more like:**
- a. Tony Soprano
  - b. Ward Cleaver
  - c. The love child of Gandhi and Mother Teresa
- 5) **In terms of physical fitness, people say that you are:**
- a. Too slow to catch diabetes
  - b. Relatively healthy
  - c. Under investigation for steroid use
- 6) **When you give a command to your dog, you expect it to obey like:**
- a. A Marine Corps recruit
  - b. A temperamental teenager
  - c. Lindsay Lohan on probation
- 7) **Which of the following best describes**

**your property?**

- a. I have a small yard.
  - b. I have several acres in the country
  - c. I can fit several countries on my acreage
- 8) **How often do you hunt upland birds?**
- a. A few times a year
  - b. Almost every day during the season
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- 9) **When I'm not hunting, I expect my dog to:**
- a. Act like a well-behaved house pet
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  - c. Be on a first-name basis with animal control
- 10) **My pet training experience consists of:**
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*In loving memory of Sophie, by far the best and worst dog I ever had.*

## Give thanks for hunting opportunities galore in November

November means the 2013-14 huntin' season is in full swing. In this month's column, I cover almost everything you need to know about general gun, fall turkey, quail, snipe and the second phase of mourning and white-winged dove season.

The first thing you need to do is pick up a \$17 Florida resident hunting license. Nonresidents pay \$46.50 for a 10-day license or \$151.50 for 12 months.

If you plan to hunt one of Florida's many wildlife management areas (WMAs), you'll also need a \$26.50 management area permit, but don't forget to study the brochure for the specific area you plan to hunt, because dates, bag limits and rules can differ greatly from area to area.

You can get these brochures at the tax collector's offices in close proximity to the WMA, or you can download them from MyFWC.com/Hunting.

You can buy your license and permits by calling 888-HUNT-

FLORIDA or going online at License.MyFWC.com. Have your credit card ready. You also can purchase them from a tax collector's office and most retail outlets that sell hunting and fishing supplies.

The general gun season runs Nov. 2 – Jan. 19 in Zone C; Dec. 7 – Feb. 23 in Zone B; and in Zone A, the second phase of general gun season runs Nov. 23 – Jan. 5. In Zone D, it starts Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 28) and lasts four days until Dec. 1. Two weeks later, the season reopens Dec. 14 and runs through Feb. 23.

Hunters can take bucks having at least one antler 5 inches or longer, but anyone hunting deer in Florida must have the \$5 deer permit. On private lands, the daily bag limit for deer is two, but during some quota hunts on WMAs, the bag limit is only one deer, and in some cases, there are antler restrictions, so read the particular WMA brochure before you hunt.

### OUTTA' THE WOODS

by Tony Young  
Florida Fish and Wildlife  
Conservation Commission  
MyFWC.com



On private lands, hunters can take wild hogs year-round with no bag or size limits. On most — but not all — WMAs, there's also no bag or size limit on wild hogs, and hunters can take them during any hunting season except spring turkey. Again, check the WMA brochure to be certain.

On private lands only, the highly anticipated antlerless deer season, often called "doe week," is Nov. 23-29 (Thanksgiving week) in zones A and C, and it always runs Dec. 26 – Jan. 1 (Christmas week) in zones B and D.

During doe week, the daily bag limit is one buck and one doe, or two bucks. You may not take two does in one day like you can during archery season, and

spotted fawns are never legal game. By the way, WMAs do not have an antlerless deer season.

Fall turkey season in Zone A is Nov. 23 – Jan. 5. In zones B and C, it runs Dec. 7 – Feb. 2 and Nov. 2 – Dec. 29, respectively. And in Zone D, fall turkey season is Nov. 28 – Dec. 1 and Dec. 14 – Jan. 19, except for Holmes County, where there is no fall turkey season.

Only bearded turkeys and gobblers are legal game; you must have a turkey permit (\$10 for residents; \$125 for nonresidents) to hunt them. The bag limit is one bird per day, and a total of two during the archery, crossbow, muzzleloading gun and fall turkey seasons combined.

Quail season runs statewide Nov. 9 – March 2, and the daily bag limit is 12.

Shooting hours for deer, turkey and quail are a half-hour before sunrise to a half-hour after sunset. All legal rifles,

shotguns, muzzleloaders, bows, crossbows and pistols are legal for taking these resident game animals during the general gun, antlerless deer, fall turkey and quail seasons.

Snipe hunting in Florida ranks second in the nation in number of birds harvested each year, and the season always runs Nov. 1 – Feb. 15 statewide. The second phase of the mourning and white-winged dove season also comes in this month and runs Nov. 16 – Dec. 1. Shooting hours for migratory game birds are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. The bag limit for snipe is eight; for doves, the bag limit is 15.

You must get a no-cost migratory bird permit if you plan to hunt snipe, doves or any other migratory game birds.

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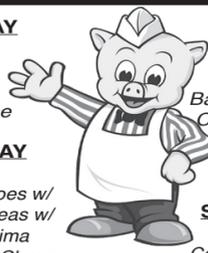
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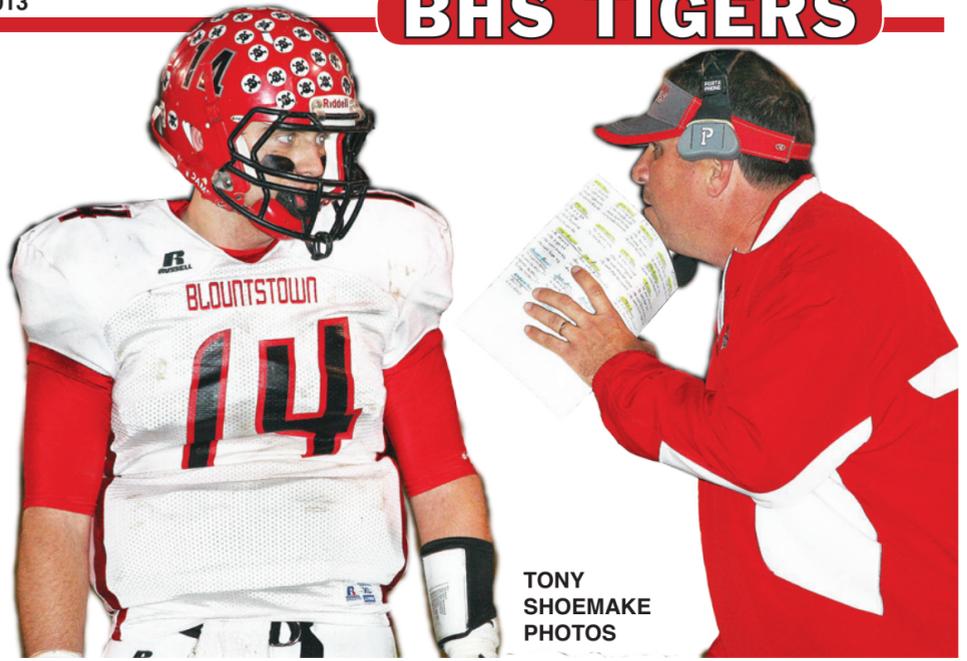
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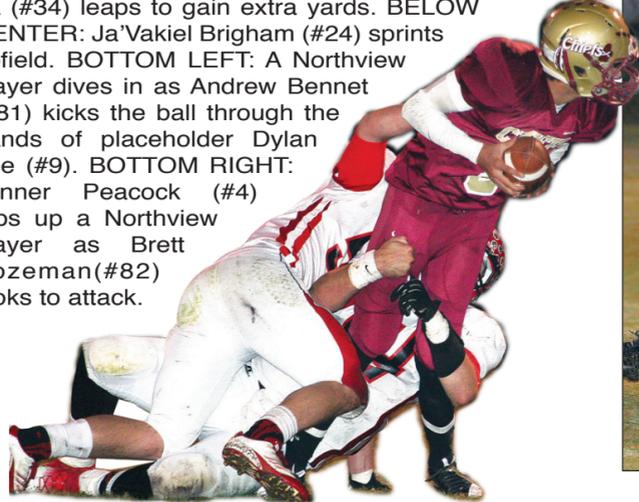
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TONY SHOEMAKE PHOTOS



TOP LEFT: Alex Mayorga (#22) finds room with Tommy Futch (#79) and Justin Mayorga (#34) blocking. TOP RIGHT: Coach Greg Jordan shares the next play with Hunter Jordan (#14). LEFT: Alex Mayorga (#22) comes helmet-to-helmet with a Northview player. MIDDLE: Hunter Jordan (#14) and Tyler Owens (#52) wrap up a Chief. RIGHT: Justin Mayorga (#34) leaps to gain extra yards. BELOW CENTER: Ja'Vakiel Brigham (#24) sprints upfield. BOTTOM LEFT: A Northview player dives in as Andrew Bennet (#81) kicks the ball through the hands of placeholder Dylan Lee (#9). BOTTOM RIGHT: Tanner Peacock (#4) trips up a Northview player as Brett Bozeman (#82) looks to attack.



# Tigers finish regular season a perfect 10-0

by Michael DeVuyst, contributing writer

**BLOUNTSTOWN** - The Blountstown Tiger Football team did not skip a beat coming off the bye week. The Tigers finished the regular season with a 31-0 victory over the defending Class A Champions the Northview Chiefs. It was the Tigers' sixth defensive shut-out of the year and fourth undefeated regular season in the last 10 years.

The Tiger defense set the tone early forcing Northview to punt on their first possession after losing 2 yards on three plays. Blountstown took the ball on their own 38 and drove 62 yards on 8 plays in 3:58. Shon Peterson finished the TD drive with a 30 yard run. Northview moved the ball on their next possession getting the ball into Tiger territory to the 22. The Chiefs went for it on 4th and 5 but came up a yard short and the Tigers took over on downs with 15 seconds left in the first quarter. Big runs by Ja'Vakiel Brigham, Fabian Solomon and Alex Moyorga pushed the Tigers down to the Chief 13. A penalty and short run moved the ball back to the 25 where the Tigers faced a 3rd and 21.

On the next play, Tiger QB Hunter Jordan found a wide open Tanner Peacock in the end zone for a 25 yard TD catch and the 14-0 lead.

With no offense to speak off, Northview changed offensive formations to try and move the ball against the tough Tiger defense. Northview's spread offense was just as ineffective on their next possession going three and out after two incomplete passes and a QB sack by Jordan and C.J. Hiers. After trading punts, the half ended with the

Tigers ahead 14-0 with the defense holding Northview to only 46 total yards on 4 possessions.

The Tigers took the opening kickoff and proceeded to impose their will on the Chiefs. The Tigers lined up in their Jumbo offense and went on a 10 play, 66 yard scoring drive taking 6:11 off the clock. Big runs by Justin and A. Mayorga moved the ball down to the Northview 2. Corin Peterson capped the drive with the 2 yard TD run and a 21-0 Tiger lead with 5:49 left in the third quarter. After trading punts, the Tigers started their next scoring drive on their own 39. A third down catch by J. Brigham and a personal foul penalty and the Tigers quickly moved into Chief territory all the way down to the 24. The drive stalled after two short runs and then Andrew Bennett was called on to attempt a 37 yard field goal. Bennett nailed the kick and all his extra points on the night and the Tigers led 24-0 with 5:51 left in the game.

After the kick off the Chiefs took over on the their 23 yard line but turned the ball over on downs after 4 straight incomplete passes. The Tigers took advantage of the short field and three plays later A. Mayorga scored on a 2 yard run and the 31-0 lead with 1:45 left in the game.

The Tiger rushing attack was led by A. Mayorga's 98 yards on 14 carries. J. Brigham carried 8 times for 63 yards and J. Mayorga 39 yards on 6 carries. H. Jordan completed 2 of 4 passes for 40 yards and Dylan Lee completed 1



the bye week. We were playing well before the bye and I hoped the week off was not going to hurt us. I am happy to send our 10 seniors off with an undefeated regular season," he said.

"But we all know that the most important game of the year is coming up with the first round of the playoffs. We have talked all year about playing a 14 game season and the most important part of the season starts this Friday night."

Liberty County will make the short trip across the Apalachicola River to take on the Tigers this Friday night Nov. 15. These teams met earlier in the year with the Tigers coming out on top 21-7. The Tigers dominated in most every statistical category but the game remained close most of the night due to five Tiger turnovers.

The Bulldogs will have a chance for revenge in Blountstown at 7:30 p.m. (CT). The winner will advance to the Class A Region 1 semi-final game against the winner of the Port St. Joe vs. South Walton game.

The loser's season will be over.



# National Hospice and Palliative Care Month in Florida

## Big Bend Hospice Commemorates Hospice Month

In 1974 the hospice movement gave birth to a new concept of care for the dying in America. Thirty years ago, that concept became practice in Florida's Big Bend area of Leon, Jefferson, Madison, Taylor, Gadsden, Liberty, Franklin and Wakulla counties. Led by a group of community advocates and volunteers, Big Bend Hospice was founded in 1983.

November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month. Hospice and palliative care is the model for quality, compassionate care for people facing a life-limiting illness or injury. Big Bend Hospice uses a team-oriented approach to provide expert medical care, pain management, and emotional and spiritual support tailored to the patient's needs and wishes. At the heart of Big Bend Hospice's care is the belief that each of us has the right to die pain-free and with dignity, and

that our families will receive the necessary support to allow us to do so.

Care can be provided in the patient's home, in a nursing home, assisted living facility, retirement community, or at Big Bend Hospice's freestanding care center, the Hospice House in Tallahassee. Hospice services are available to patients of any age, religion, race, or illness and are covered under Medicare, Medicaid, most private insurance plans, HMOs and other managed care organizations.

Physician Dame Cicely Saunders founded the first modern hospice, St. Christopher's Hospice, in a residential suburb of London, and applied the term "hospice" to the specialized care for dying patients in 1967. The roots of the term "hospice" date back to medieval times when it referred to a place of shelter or rest for weary

or ill travelers on a long journey.

Dame Cicely introduced the idea of specialized care for the dying to the United States at Yale University in 1963. Her lecture, including photos of terminally ill cancer patients and their families depicting the dramatic before and after symptom control difference, was presented to medical students, nurses, social workers and chaplains. This lecture set the foundation for the development of hospice care, as we know it today.

Big Bend Hospice's care team focuses on managing the patient's pain and symptoms, assisting the patient with the emotional and psychosocial and spiritual aspects of dying, providing necessary drugs, medical supplies and equipment, coaching the family on how to care for the patient. Hospice care can also involve delivery of special services like speech and physical therapy when needed; making short-term inpatient care at the Hospice House is available when pain or symptoms become too difficult to manage at home; providing respite time off for caregivers; music therapy and spiritual support; and providing bereavement care and counseling to surviving family and friends.

Hospice introduced the idea of controlling people's pain while helping them remain alert, and allowing patients to spend their last months organizing their affairs and saying goodbye. "Patients are able to work things out and get their affairs in order," explains Cathy Adkison, President and CEO of Big Bend Hospice.

When Big Bend Hospice opened in 1983, it was a privately funded volunteer organization serving only a handful of patients. Last year, Big Bend Hospice served 5,230 patients and their families throughout the 8 county areas. This includes 3,653 patients and their families who participated in services available through the Big Bend Hospice Bereavement program.

To fund that growth, Big Bend Hospice relies on two sources: community support through the United Way of the Big Bend, donations and bequests; and reimbursements from Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance companies. No one is ever refused services from Big Bend Hospice based on inability to pay.

"People have choices of care. Big Bend Hospice's care offers many benefits for our patients and families. When choosing a hospice, ask for Big Bend Hospice. There is a difference," said Adkison. "We are your hometown hospice. Our staff and volunteers live in your community. We have services not offered by any other hospice available to our patients."

Along with seeing more people, the Big Bend Hospice offers more programs and services. Family members can attend bereavement support groups. Big Bend Hospice also provides music therapist and chaplains for our patients. For children and adolescents who have lost loved ones, the Big Bend Hospice provides Caring Tree program, to help youth to express feelings and sorrows they may not otherwise be able to articulate. The Margaret Z. Dozier Hospice House in Tallahassee has twelve home-like patient rooms and provides care for patients who need constant nursing care or whose primary caregivers need respite. In 2014, the doors to the Jean McCulley Family House will open to provide even more services to the families and caregivers of loved ones in the Hospice House.

Visit [www.bigbendhospice.org](http://www.bigbendhospice.org) to see the proclamation reading by Florida Senator Bill Montford declaring November as National Hospice Month in the Big Bend area.

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## OBITUARIES

### JAMES F. CARRIGAN

SOUTHPORT - James F. Carrigan, 72, of Southport, passed away Thursday, Nov. 7, 2013 in Panama City. He was born on March 25, 1941 in Baltimore, MD and moved to Southport in 1997. He was a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include his friends, Brower and Bonnie Spell and Carolyn Cluff, all of Southport.

Memorialization will be by cremation.

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

### SHIRLEY SHEPARD CHAMBERS

GREENSBORO - Shirley Shepard Chambers, 74, of Greensboro, passed away Monday, Nov. 4, 2013 at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital. She was born May 26, 1939, the first daughter of Cecil and Ettie Shepard. She was born on her father's birthday. She grew up in Greensboro, attended Greensboro School and was crowned Tobacco Queen in 1955. She married William "Bill" Chambers Jan. 21, 1956. He was her husband and best friend for the next 57 years. She was an LPN for 25 years, working in Quincy and Apalachicola. She had to retire early due to health problems. Though she was sick much of the time she enjoyed life, family, the beach, mountains, flowers, birds and painting.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cecil and Ettie Shepard of Greensboro.

Survivors include her husband, Bill Chambers of Lake Tallavana; two sons, Cal Chambers, Jr. and his wife, Debbie of Hardaway and Allan Chambers



and his wife, Melody of Tallahassee; one daughter, Sandra Rowan and her husband, Brent of Havana; two sisters, Sue Butler and Cathy Blackburn; nine grandchildren, Christy Worley and her husband, Kenny, Cal Chambers III and his wife, Kasey, Bobbie Jo Chambers, Sharlee Whiddon and spouse, Cory, Mackenzie Rowan, Savannah Chambers, Sophia Chambers, Quinton Coon and his wife, Alicia and Jessica May and her husband, Tommy; 10 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held on Friday, Nov. 8 at Pine Grove Cemetery in Greensboro. Interment followed.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Audubon Society, 308 N. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301.

Independent Funeral Home in Quincy was in charge of the arrangements.

### MYRTLE PITTS

HOSFORD - Myrtle Pitts, 74, of Hosford, passed away Thursday, Nov. 7, 2013. She was born in Hosford on April 12, 1939 to the late Lark and Stella Alsburn Sewell. She was a homemaker and was of the Holiness faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Wayne Pitts.

Survivors include one brother, R.D. Sewell of Hosford; one sister, Mable Burke of Hosford; a host of nieces, nephews and other extended family.

Graveside services were held on Saturday, Nov. 9 in Hosford Cemetery. Interment followed.

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# LCHS BULLDOGS



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TOP LEFT: Dusty Young (#27) stops a Pirate in his tracks. TOP RIGHT: Ryan Reisoglu (#18) leaps in to deflect a pass. LEFT OF CENTER: Jarrod Beckwith (#4) makes the reception despite being hit from behind. CENTER: J.J. House (#11) finds an opening and heads upfield. LOWER LEFT: Stephen Hobby (#60) catches up with a Pirate. LOWER CENTER: Lando Brown (#32) closes in to make the tackle. LOWER RIGHT: Jarrod Beckwith (#4) dives in to break up the pass.

## Bulldogs now 8-2 after 28-7 win over Sneads

by Richard Williams,  
Journal sports writer

BRISTOL - LCHS opened the scoring on their first drive of the night as the Bulldogs moved the quickly down the field in front of a hometown crowd Friday.

Micah McCaskill threw a high arching lob to the corner of the end zone where Hunter Jacobs leaped above the defender to make the grab. The move gave LCHS a touchdown with just over two minutes gone in the first quarter.

Liberty held Sneads and then Ben Beckwith had a huge scoring run for the Bulldogs. Beckwith outran the defense to the corner as his blockers sealed for him and then he cut back across the field for the score. Liberty had a 14-0 lead with 5:35 left in the first quarter.

McCaskill hit Jarrod Beckwith on a slant route near the goal line early in the second quarter. Jarrod Beckwith stretched out across the goal line and put Liberty ahead by three touchdowns.

Sneads responded with a touchdown to cut into the Liberty lead and make the score 21-7, but on the next offensive play the Bulldogs scored again to go ahead 28-7.

Neither team was able to score the remainder of the game.

Liberty County travels to Blountstown this week to take on the Tigers in the first round of the state playoffs. The contest is a rematch of a game earlier this season that Blountstown won 21-7.

The Tigers enter the game with a perfect 10-0 record.



## LCHS Coach Buzzy Lewis honored Friday

Liberty County School Superintendent Tony Anderson presents longtime coach and teacher Buzzy Lewis with a plaque of appreciation in recognition of his 35 years in education during Friday's game in Bristol. Lewis will be retiring in December. Anderson called Lewis one of the "premier athletes" at LCHS who played football, basketball, baseball and ran track before going on to play for FSU. He began his coaching career at Blountstown High School and later came to work with his alma mater and coached at Tolar School. Lewis is shown above holding a set of golf clubs presented to him by the Bulldog Club.



# Minutes from the Oct. 10 reg. Liberty Commission meeting

*Official minutes from the Oct. 10, 2013 regular meeting of the Liberty Co. Commission as recorded by the board secretary*

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Johnson. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Scott Phillips, Davis Stoutamire, Dewayne Branch, Dexter Barber, Attorney Shalene Grover, Clerk Kathleen Brown and Deputy Clerk Charla Kearse.

Prayer was led by Commissioners Dexter Barber.

Pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Dewayne Branch.

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held Sept. 5, public hearing on budget and special meeting the Sept. 9, special meeting the Sept. 13 and public hearing updating the 5 year schedule of capital improvements, public hearing on the budget and special meeting the Sept. 23, 2013 was made by Branch, second by Barber and carried.

Motion to approve letter from Commissioner Scott Phillips abstaining from voting at the special meeting Sept. 23, 2013 on the issue of hiring Claude Whitehead as a Water Department employee due to Commissioner Phillips being related to Mr. Whitehead was made by Stoutamire, second by Branch and carried.

Emergency Management Director Rhonda Lewis requested to be added to the agenda. Motion to add Rhonda Lewis to the agenda was made by Stoutamire, second by Phillips and carried.

Motion to add Commissioner Davis Stoutamire to the agenda was made by Branch, second by Phillips and carried.

Need to have a workshop to go over the wages of the employees of the Road Department, charges for dirt rates and motor grater work on private property. Also talk about garbage.

Tax Collector, Marie Goodman presented the 2012 E and I. Motion to approve was made by Phillips, second by Stoutamire and carried.

County Planner Tony Arrant discussed property in Sumatra that Edwin Brown wants to sell concerning 48.73 acres that can never be subdivided. The potential buyer wants to make sure that he can build a home on the 48.73 acres. The county will not maintain a road going to his property and the land cannot further subdivide based on the current land development code. Motion to approve a letter to Edwin Brown approving the above was made by Branch, second by Stoutamire and carried.

Motion to authorize an ad to run in the local paper to include

the five year schedule for the School Board five year capital improvement fund was made by Stoutamire, second by Phillips and carried.

Need to have a workshop with Tony Arrant to discuss a unified land development code and placing it online.

Joe Bridges, special Operations Commander discussed military training in Liberty County. This will not be held during hunting season. Motion to sign the letter of approval was made by Barber, second by Phillips and carried.

Diane Long with the Calhoun Liberty Credit Union requested the use of the Civic Center to hold their annual meeting and that the fee be waived. Stoutamire made a motion to not waive the fee, second by Branch and carried by Johnson. Barber and Phillips voted to waive the fee.

Rachel Manspeaker gave an update on the Health Departments local plans for the community.

Sheriff Buddy Money stated that they needed to get a loan from the Fine and Forfeiture fund that would come out of the Sheriff's budget to spend grant funds of \$150,000.00 up front and that would be repaid by grant funds. Motion to approve was made by Stoutamire, second by Branch and carried.

Attorney Shalene Grover presented Resolution # 13-26 encouraging the Liberty County constitutional officers to abide by the same personnel policy as the Liberty County Board of County Commissioners was made by Barber, second by Phillips and carried. Branch voted no.

County Attorney Shalene

Grover said that she can provide the ethics training. She will get with the Board later to set up a date.

Rhonda Lewis presented the Home Land Security Grant in the amount of \$10,900.00. Motion to approve was made by Stoutamire, second by Branch and carried.

Motion to approve Emergency Managements sub contract with The Management Experts for training was made by Phillips, second by Barber and carried.

Commissioner Stoutamire discussed the problem of the septic drainage at Bentley Bluff. Motion to get bids for a drain field for the septic tank at Bentley Bluff was made by Stoutamire, second by Phillips and carried.

Proposal for the Sumatra Fire Department fence was discussed. Motion to advertise in the paper for bids was made by Branch, second by Barber and carried.

Motion to advertise Dog Ordinance # 2013-07 was made by Stoutamire, second by Phillips and carried.

Motion to pay the bills was made by Stoutamire, second by Barber and carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Branch, second by Barber and carried.

### Warrant List & Numbers

- Payroll Fund 34366 - 34394
- Operating Fund 8102 - 8265
- SHIP Grant 4092 - 4097
- Weatherization Grant 4727-4728

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Clerk of Court  
Jim Johnson, Chairman

## Special meeting of the Liberty Co. Commission

*Official minutes from the Oct. 17, 2013 special meeting of the Liberty Co. Commission as recorded by the board secretary*

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Johnson. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Scott Phillips, Davis Stoutamire, Dewayne Branch, Dexter Barber, Clerk Kathleen Brown and Deputy Clerk Charla Kearse.

Prayer was led by Commissioner Dewayne Branch.

Pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Dexter Barber.

Motion to pay Katie Phillips \$11.93 per hour to work at the Road Department 20 hours a week starting Nov. 2, 2013 was made by Branch, second by Barber, carried by Phillips and

Johnson. Stoutamire voted no. Motion to adjust the water bill of Shirley Webster to \$40.00 and change the meter out was made by Phillips, second by Stoutamire and carried.

Motion to get an estimate to have gutter work done on the Clerk's Office was made by Stoutamire, second by Phillips and carried.

Motion to have Steve Rudd spray the Hosford Park field at a cost of \$350.00 was made by Phillips, second by Branch and carried.

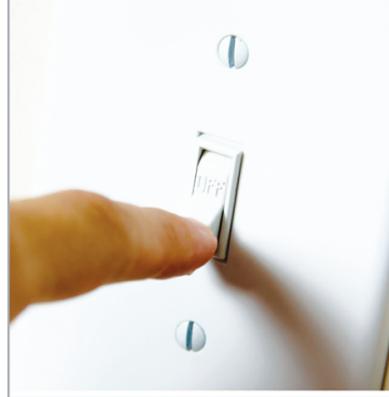
Motion to adjourn was made by Phillips, second by Branch and carried.

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**WEDNESDAY**  
**BREAKFAST:** Pancakes with syrup and turkey sausage.  
**LUNCH:** Spaghetti with meat sauce with whole grain roll or chicken burger on whole grain bun or taco salad with whole grain chips and steamed broccoli, easy baked carrots and fruit.

**THURSDAY**  
**BREAKFAST:** Ham biscuit with potato rounds.  
**LUNCH:** Turkey an cheese sub on whole grain roll or ranch chicken wrap or chef salad with whole grain bread stick and baked potato wedges, carrot sticks with ranch and fruit.

**FRIDAY**  
**BREAKFAST:** Waffles with syrup and turkey sausage.  
**LUNCH:** Tony's cheese pizza or buffalo chicken wrap or chef salad with whole grain bread sticks and green peas, Caesar salad and fruit.

**MONDAY**  
**BREAKFAST:** Breakfast pizza with potato tots.  
**LUNCH:** Corn dog nuggets or chicken burger or chef salad and baked beans, caesar salad and fruit.

**TUESDAY**  
**BREAKFAST:** Egg and cheese biscuit with potato tots.  
**LUNCH:** Chicken nuggets with whole grain roll or meatball sub or taco salad and baked potato wedges, green peas and fruit.

**LIBERTY**

**WEDNESDAY**  
**BREAKFAST:** French toast sticks with sausage link and kiwi.  
**LUNCH:** Salisbury steak with gravy or taco salad with rice, collard greens, corn bread and frozen strawberry cup.

**THURSDAY**  
**BREAKFAST:** Cinnamon roll with ham and grape juice.  
**LUNCH:** Grilled chicken sandwich or chef salad with baked fries, lettuce and tomato, green beans and sliced kiwi.

**FRIDAY**  
**BREAKFAST:** Pancake puffs with mozzarella stick and strawberries.  
**LUNCH:** Big Daddy's pizza with romaine salad, corn & orange.

**MONDAY**  
**BREAKFAST:** Ham and cheese croissant with blueberries.  
**LUNCH:** K-8: Chicken tenders. LCHS: Hamburger steak. With potato wedges, green peas, fruit choice and whole grain roll.

**TUESDAY**  
**BREAKFAST:** Cheese omelet with cinnamon toast and apple juice.  
**LUNCH:** Nachos with beef or cobb salad with shredded cheese, refried beans, lettuce and tomato, pears and tortilla chips.

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**ANSWER:**

★ **STARSCOPE** ★  
 Week of November 13~ November 19, 2013

**ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**  
 Aries, seek the advice of a mentor or confidante when a puzzling situation presents itself this week. Another person's perspective might be all you need to solve this problem.

**LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23**  
 Libra, get behind a cause that will benefit your community. You have been interested in giving back to others, and this week presents a great opportunity to do just that.

**TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21**  
 Taurus, getting the job done just isn't enough. You always need to get it done to the best of your ability and that's why others find you so reliable.

**SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**  
 Scorpio, you love to socialize with friends and family, but lately time has been hard to come by. Plan a get-together with friends and family.

**GEMINI - May 22/June 21**  
 Gemini, focus your energy on work this week, as a possible promotion is looming over the horizon. Give work your best efforts, and you will soon be glad you did.

**SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21**  
 Sagittarius, you can handle difficult situations with ease and your loved ones know it. When such a situation presents itself this week, don't be afraid to take charge.

**CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22**  
 Cancer, sometimes the key to success is to know when to step back and recharge. This week, spend some time resting and relaxing, and you will have the energy needed to go forward.

**CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20**  
 Capricorn, others trust what you have to say and want to follow along with your guidance. Cherish this trust and think carefully before making decisions that affect your loved ones.

**LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23**  
 Leo, you may be looking for something new to occupy your time. Try learning a new sport or language. It will keep your brain sharp and pass the time in a productive way.

**AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18**  
 Aquarius, sort out an ongoing issue that has been compromising your focus at work. Once you clear your mind, you can once again focus on your career.

**VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**  
 Virgo, this week is a great time to stop procrastinating and to get back on track. Figure out a time when you have the most energy, and dive right into the task at hand.

**PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20**  
 Pisces, you may find yourself spending more time with your social circle than your family in the next few days.

# Altha's TOP class make service learning project 'Go Pink'

TOP is the Wyman Teen Outreach Program which is a nationally replicated youth development approach aimed at preventing primary teen pregnancy and helping young people make consistent progress in school. The program consists of 25 Classroom Lessons and Community Service Learning Projects. The program goals for the students are healthy behaviors, life skills and sense of purpose. Altha School TOP class is taught



with Ms. McClellan's H.O.P.E Class by Ms. Barber on Wednesday and Thursday during 1st and 4th period.

The students participated in a Community Service Learning project for the Calhoun County Breast Cancer

Awareness Week, Oct. 21-26, by making posters that were displayed on the bridges entry for the "Bras Across The Bridge" exhibit. They also designed their own Pink Breast Cancer Awareness t-shirts and displayed a "Go Pink" fence banner along with hanging pink awareness ribbons throughout Altha School. The students put forth genuine effort in their art work for each activity to help promote breast cancer awareness in their community.

## Carr Elementary Veterans Luncheon



Carr Elementary and Middle School hosted a luncheon honoring those who have served our country on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. Veterans were recognized for the different branches of Armed Forces in which they served and enjoyed a grilled chicken lunch served by Carr FFA members.

Sixth, seventh and eighth grade students shared this time in the school cafeteria with the local veterans. Classes made decorations that were displayed throughout the school to show appreciation to Veterans for their sacrifice and service. Thanks again to our country's service men and women!



## AHS 6th grade studies Ancient Egypt

by Trayce King  
What do 44 6th graders, Ancient Egypt, and a Book Fair have in common? During a study of Ancient Egypt, 6th graders made Egyptian projects that ranged from pyramids to Egyptian boats.



It just so happens that this year's book fair theme is "Reading Oasis: A Cool Place to Discover Hot Books!" and the projects are currently on display in the Media Center. Sixth grader Maddyson Granger says she learned that there are over 100

pyramids in Egypt and Morgan Raper learned King Tut died at age 19. Carly Young learned that there are a lot of Egyptian Gods. The students enjoyed the projects. Their teacher is Mrs. Cathy Sumner.

## Altha School event calendar

- **Thursday, Nov. 14** - Middle School Basketball at Wewa 3:30 p.m.; Girls Weightlifting at Arnold 4:15 p.m.
- **Friday, Nov. 15** - FCA Breakfast at Altha First Baptist (Christian Home) 7 a.m.; FCCLA District meeting at Holmes County
- **Nov. 11 to 15** - Book Fair
- **Monday, Nov. 18** - Fall Picture Retakes; Weightlifting vs. Wakulla 3 p.m.; Middle School Basketball at PSJ 3:30 p.m.; Poison Prevention Program
- **Tuesday, Nov. 19** - Middle School Basketball vs. Hosford 3 p.m.; JV/V basketball at Sneads 5:30/7 p.m.; Chipola Career Fair; PTO/SAC Meeting 5 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 20** - 4th/5th Grade Musical 9 a.m.; Weightlifting at Home 3 p.m.
- **Thursday, Nov. 21** - Middle School Basketball at Hosford 3 p.m.; JV/V Basketball at Munroe 5/6:30 p.m.
- **Friday, Nov. 22** - Thanksgiving Lunch; JV/V Basketball at Graceville 5:30/7 p.m.; FCA Charity Volleyball Event

## Renaissance dinner Dec. 5 at AHS

Altha Public School Chorus and Culinary Arts Department will present "A Renaissance Madrigal Dinner" Thursday, Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. Dinner will be held at the Altha Church of God Fellowship Hall in Altha. Menu will include wassail, york salad, sliced pork loin with gingered yams and

five spiced apples, whole green beans, yeast rolls, tea and English plum pudding. Advanced tickets only are available at Altha Public School, from an Altha school Culinary student or a Chorus Student. Call (850) 762-3121 for more information.

## Musical at Tolar

Tolar School's second grade students performed at an assembly on Thursday, Oct. 31. The students performed a song, skit, and a rhythm band ensemble to "Boom Chick Chick."



## Blountstown Elementary 3rd graders Veterans program proves emotional

On Friday, Nov. 8 at 8:30 a.m., the 3rd grade class at BES honored our veterans with a Veterans Day program. In a very emotional presentation of words and songs, the 3rd grade students honored the veterans of this country. We are thankful to all Veterans



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