Man crashes motorcycle to avoid collision on bridge

A Panama City motorcyclist sustained minor injuries after he deliberately laid his bike down on one lane of the Tonnell Bridge after he suddenly drove up behind a line of stopped traffic Sunday afternoon.

Raymond Glasglow, 53, was traveling westbound on the bridge around 3:22 p.m. when he braked and took evasive action to avoid slamming into the vehicle ahead of him, according to FHP Trooper DL Sanders.

“Once he laid it down, the Kawasaki 1400 sports touring bike continued to travel a short distance,” the trooper said. “He separated from the bike right before it stopped.”

Glasglow (in yellow) talks with deputies at the scene Sunday.

The motorcycle came to rest before hitting the other vehicle. Injuries to his hand were treated at the scene. Glasglow refused transport to the emergency room, Sanders said.

He was charged with careless driving.

The accident left a large trail of debris but the motorcycle is repairable,” the trooper said. The bridge is being used for two-way traffic while work is being done on the old bridge. The trooper noted that the two-lane bridge is normally used only for one way traffic and said there was some confusion for drivers because “a lot of people aren’t used to it.”

Florida Governor Rick Scott talks with Health Department Director for Altha during his visit to Bristol early this past Monday morning. For more on the gathering, see page 14.

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Coupke arrested after dispute involving knife

A Liberty County couple involved in a domestic altercation were arrested at their Green Acres Road residence Dec. 9 and are facing charges.

Danielle Parramore was arrested for aggravated battery with a deadly weapon after she allegedly swung a knife at her husband, leaving a red mark from her against his chest. He was not seriously injured.

Kelyn Parramore was charged with domestic battery after his wife accused him of grabbing her by her right arm and pushing her to the ground while demanding money. She said that when she started to walk away from him, he grabbed her by the hair and back of the neck, causing her to fall against a bar in the kitchen.

A deputy noted in the arrest report that several red marks were found on the back of the woman's neck. She said she then grabbed the knife off the bar and swung it over her right side as he held her against the bar. She said he leaned back from the knife as she swung it at him and ran out the back door.

She indicated she was upset that he had come home an hour after getting off work and that she believed he had gone to Blountstown to buy drugs.

Her husband told deputies that she was "tripping" when he got home that evening and said she told him she was going to kill him. He stated they were "face to face" when she attempted to cut him.

He became angry when he was taken into custody and after being put in a patrol car, told deputies, "I'm going to give y'all a reason to arrest me when I get out," according to the report from the sheriff's office.

Wewa man charged with fleeing scene of crash where meth was found

A 27-year-old Wewahitchka man who was charged with possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute and possession of drug paraphernalia after drugs were found at the scene of a single-vehicle crash on S.R. 73 South last month.

Jeffery Ryan Marshall, who was charged Dec. 13, is being held for the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (CCSO).

According to the arrest affidavit, GCSO Investigator Greg Skipper was driving south on S.R. 73 when he saw a northbound gray truck go off the road and into a ditch before it hit an embankment. Skipper stopped to check on the driver and saw a white male - a man he had previously arrested and knew as Marshall - step out of the truck.

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She said she stayed behind close until he made a right turn on NE C.R. 274. He said that after he traveled in the wooded area, someone truck pulled up beside him, traveling west in the candleback lane. He said Smith was shouting and making obscene hand gestures at him.

He reported that when he tried to make a left turn to go into a cotton field where he was going to work, Smith blocked the gate with his truck. The man said he believed she thought her estranged husband was in the vehicle.

He said she indicated she was upset with everything he had previously arrested in the truck.

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Driver's side of the truck. Skipper ordered Marshall to stay until authorities arrived but he fled and crashed on S.R. 73. Skipper followed but lost him when Marshall turned onto Otsa Walden Road, running west.

After Marshall disappeared, Skipper found the truck he left behind and found a piece of crystal methamphetamine on the door of the driver. He found an inhaler labeled with Jeffery Marshall's name tucked in a red duffel bag. The bag also held out of digital scales and numerous small plastic bags like those used to package narcotics.

Altha woman charged with stalking after close call with truck on CR 267

A 41-year-old Altha woman wanted for stalking following an incident last month on C.R. 274 turned herself in at the Calhoun County Jail Friday.

Kimberly Green Smith was charged and then given a conditional release.

According to the complaint, Smith, who was driving a dark Ford pickup, was "aggressively following" a man driving her estranged husband's vehicle on Nov. 21.

The man, who was employed by Smith's husband, recognized her and saw that her teenage daughter was in the front passenger seat. He said Smith told him that she was looking for information seeking assistance in finding the suspect.
Folks gathered for a real “Country Christmas” on the front lawn of the courthouse in Bristol Saturday, where kids got a chance to talk with Santa and everyone else enjoyed shopping at the craft tables. ABOVE: Ralph Whitfield chats with Clerk of Court Kathy Brown.

LEFT: Darin Baker talks with Santa. BELOW: Liberty County Sheriff Nick Finch takes his dog “Shadow” out for a visit at the gathering.

DAKODA BERG PHOTOS
Sound of Music auditions begin Jan. 6 at Chipola

MARIANNA - Chipola College Theatre will hold auditions for "The Sound of Music," Monday, Jan. 6, in the Chipola Center for the Arts. Ages 1st grade and up are welcome. No previous experience is required. Those auditioning for the Von Trapp children will audition at 5 p.m. Adults and all others will audition at 6:30 p.m.

Chipola Theatre Director Charles Sirmon, who helms standards, such as "Edelweiss," "My Favorite Things" and "Climb Every Mountain," among others in the Chipola Theatre production of "The Sound of Music," Monday, Jan. 6, in the Chipola Center for the Arts. (Tallahassee Democrat file photo)

Dale Cox tells story of Florida’s Pocahontas at DAR tea

Dale Alan Cox, distinguished speaker, historian, and author, held his audience spellbound at the annual DAR/C.A.R. tea in Marianna. Cox is the author of the exciting life of Domestic Violence and the treatment of American Indians. To learn about the amazing life of Milly Francis, please read the stories that he is ready, willing, and able - as well as hints for writing a prize winning essay. For information about the essay contest please contact Robin Causey at bluespringscar@yahoo.com or (850) 209-4066.

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Ring in the New Year with a COLA

The estimated average monthly Social Security benefit payment.

Another Christmas is rolling in and we’d like to say thanks for every year’s of good driving, try all of us. Best wishes for a Merry Season!

Adoptables

Clean out your closet and fill up your wallet by becoming a recognized leader in animal welfare and animal cruelty prevention. To learn more about how you can help, visit our website at: www.AlaquaAnimalRefuge.org/HowToHelp

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Wait is a consumate explorer; no matter what the adventure, he is ready, willing, and able. His unquenchable curiosity led him astray in his youth and he accidentally lost his way; fortunately he was saved and brought to Alaqua Animal Refuge. His happy, hands-on appearance and especially his bright personality made him popular with staff members, but unfortunately his unbridled enthusiasm was a deterrent to adopters. That lively curiosity and intelligence made him an excellent candidate for the Unconditional Love training program, so he thought, though he came the program in November.

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Toward Cox, “It is appropriate that she received the nation’s first Congressional Medal of Honor. Milly Francis, more than any other single person in American history, began our nation’s dialog with the humanity and treatment of the American Indians.” To learn about the amazing life of Milly Francis, please read the stories that he is ready, willing, and able - as well as hints for writing a prize winning essay. For information about the essay contest please contact Robin Causey at bluespringscar@yahoo.com or (850) 209-4066.

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Celebration walk set for New Year’s at Bradwell Bay Wilderness area

TALLAHASSEE – The Apalachicola National Forest is hosting a New Year’s Day walk into Bradwell Bay Wilderness to kick off the 2014 celebration of the Wilderness Act on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014.

The Wilderness Act, signed into law by Lyndon B. Johnson on September 3, 1964, established the National Wilderness Preservation System (NWPS) and set aside national- and wildland for the use and benefit of the American people. This year marks the 50th anniversary of this historic legislation.

To celebrate, the National Forests in Florida has planned several events throughout 2014, which include interpretive hikes through selected wilderness areas, presentations on Florida film festivals scheduled throughout the state.

Wilderness and Recreation Planner Havan Cook of the National Forests in Florida will be leading the three-mile interpretive walk on the Florida National Scenic Trail, which runs through the wilderness.

“Everyone should come prepared for the outdoors, some water, sunscreen, a hat, insect repellent and rain gear depending on weather conditions.”

Participants are encouraged to wear appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear, bring snacks, plenty of water, sunscreen, hat, insect repellent and rain gear depending on weather conditions.

Space is limited to 20 people and registration is required. The group will gather at Hudson Park across from the Sun Drive-In on Highway 319 in Crawfordville, at 8:30 a.m., and caravan to the Florida National Scenic Trailhead on Forest Road 129.

For more information, contact Recreation Program Manager Chandra Roberts at (850) 926-3561, ext. 6509 or by email, chandra.roberts@fs.fed.us.

Visit www.fs.fed.us and www.wilderness30.com to find out more about wilderness, the Wilderness Act and Wilderness 50 events throughout the year.

Join CalCo Travel on upcoming trips

The Calhoun County Senior Citizens (CalCo’s Travel) is pleased to announce to following upcoming trips.

1. GEORGIA MOUNTAIN FAIR, July 18-21, 2014. Get ready for a “foot-stomping” good time in Hiawassee, Georgia where you will enjoy seeing the old time ways and exhibits, clog dancing, and a concert at the Hiawassee Railroad, 7-10 p.m. (ET).

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2. ROYAL DECEMBER, December 11-13, 2014. Head to Wauchula, FL to see “The Story of Noah.” Then the next day the tour will take you to the “Holy Land Experience” for the entire day. Trip includes: transportation, 2 nights lodging, 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners, and a good time with your fellow Christians! Cost of the trip: $449 single, $339 double, and $309 triple.

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To reserve your space, contact Peg Frith at the Calhoun County 4-H office at (850) 674-3823.

A valid credit card (Visa, Mastercard or Discover) payment, regardless of trip, route, color, national origins, ability, gender or disability. Reservations with incomplete names and addresses requiring special accommodations must be contacted 60 days in advance of your tour, due to the nature of the programs that may be offered. Participants must be at least 18 years old.”

TO GET ON THE LIST:

To participate, you do not have to be a senior citizens interested in either of these two trips.

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-AWUM WELLS

For Christmas I want an iPod. I deserve it because it has been a good year. The way Santa will find my house is he’s at my house before.

-D.J. SMITH

This year I want a Kindle for Christmas. I deserve it because I have tried to be the best I could all year. I know he will find my house because he is magic.

-ELIZABETH FOWLER

Live at Hosford School. “Miss Caeli Sloat, what do you want for Christmas?”, asked reporter Zann Geiger. I want an English bulldog puppy and for my whole entire family to be together so we could sing Christmas carols and eat peanut butter cookies with milk. Then we can play games and think about what Santa will bring us this year on 12/25/13. I deserve my presents because I have been trying to be good all year and I need for my family to be happy this year. However, if I don’t get what I want for Christmas then I will not get furlough with Santa and hopefully will have next year to ask. I’ll always be responsible for my English bulldog if I get one. Santa will definitely find my house and I wouldn’t even have to decorate. Santa will always find my house because of his head reindeer Rudolph the Red nosed Raindeer. His nose shines through dim and dark, clear and foggy. He will always find my house and he will give me my most precious gift.

-CAELI SLOAT

For Christmas I want an iPhone. I deserve it because I have lost in stores sometimes. If I have an iPhone I can call mom if I get lost. Santa will find my house because he knows where everyone lives.

-ZAC

The thing I want for Christmas is a Star Trek Type 1 Phaser. I have seen YouTube videos of it. It is awesome. I deserve it because of my straight A’s. Santa will find my house because his reindeer will find me because of my scent and well they just love me.

-AUSTIN SEGREE

For Christmas I would like a puppy. The puppy I want is a Yorkie. I would like a girl puppy. I would like it because they are cute and love to play. I deserve a puppy because my elf on the shelf and Santa told me that I was a good, good girl. I will leave his reindeer food. Also, he will see the twinkling lights outside and my Christmas tree.

-MAKENNA

For Christmas I want a basketball hoop with a basketball. I deserve it because I have been a very, very good girl. I live on Clark Road so Santa can find me there.

-JULIE LOLLIE

For Christmas I want a football table. I deserve it because I do good in school. He will find me on Clark Road.

-DILLON BLOUNT

What I want for Christmas is a DS. I believe because I have been good this year. Santa will find my house because I have flashing lights.

-LINDSA COOOPER

For Christmas I would like a 26 gauge pump shotgun. I deserve a gun because I haven’t gone to the principal this year and I have helped around the house and yard. Santa has found my house every year so he shouldn’t have trouble this year.

-ADAIN HAMILTON

For Christmas I want Santa to get me the American Girl doll Julie. I deserve Julie because I have been good all year. I know that Santa will be able to find me because he is magic.

-KILYN GAUTIER

For Christmas I want female box turtles. I deserve them because I did the dishes and I washed the dogs. I also clean the house! He will find my house when he sees the twinkling Christmas tree.

-MORGAN HALL

If I had to choose an item that I would like for Christmas it would be a scooter. The one I have now is about to fall apart. If you asked me do I deserve a scooter I would say ask Santa. Santa’s reindeer will find me! And I have a pond and a green boat.

-NATE PULLAM

For Christmas I want a mini iPad and a Cricket embroidery machine. I deserve it because I’m working hard in school. It’s Christmas and I get a present every Christmas. Santa will find my house. He does every year. He’s magic.

-RICEE RUDD

What I want for Christmas is an Xbox 360 and a dirt bike. I deserve it because I have been a very good boy all year. I will have a light up flag on the top of the house so Santa can find me.

-REMMING POTTER

What I want for Christmas is an iPod. With an iPod I can play games, get on Instagram and definitely do any thing I want. Why I deserve an iPod is because I have been good in school, nice, and patient for Christmas to come around. Santa will find my house by all the lights I have put out and his good instincts.

-ANGEL BRAO

For Christmas I want a new football that has a Florida State symbol on it. I deserve a new football because I have been good and because I had good grades. Santa will find my house by putting a bunch of lights that spell our name.

-TRYSTON LOPEZ

For Christmas I want an iPod. I deserve it because I was good this year and will be good next year. Santa will find my house from the elves. The elves check on every home in December only.

-JONATHAN SHULER
CALHOUN COUNTY - Calhoun County Super- intendent of Schools Ralph Yoder announced that Blountstown High School teacher, Loraine McClellan, was recently recognized as the recipient of the “Make Their Day Better” award for the month of November. This monthly award was instituted by Superintendent Yoder to recognize individuals that make a difference in the day of fellow staff members, students and/or parents. Mrs. McClellan was one of eight nominations that were submitted by administrators and colleagues working in the Calhoun County School district.

McClellan is originally from North Carolina and has taught social studies and government for 33 years. She is a native of Blountstown and graduated from Blountstown High School in 1968. She then attended Chipola College and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Lee College in 1973. Mrs. McClellan was selected from eight nominations that were submitted by administrators and colleagues working in the Calhoun County School district.

This month, the Governor’s Business Ambassador Award was presented to Oglesby Plants International for their dedication to creating jobs and opportunities in their community. In almost three years, Florida has added 440,900 private sector jobs and the unemployment rate has dropped from 11.6 to 7.7 percent. One goal is to create an opportunity economy in Florida where businesses can create jobs for generations to come, and I applaud Oglesby Plants International for the steps they are taking to make this goal a reality.

Oglesby Plants is a leading supplier of high-quality, young plants for commercial growers around the world in the ornamental plant industry. Oglesby Plants was founded by Raymond P. Oglesby in 1947 and today operates in Calhoun County where they employ over 170 employees who enjoy working with plants.

Loraine McClellan presented with Nov. 'Make Their Day Better' award from Superintendent

Dr. Jason Hurst named Chipola president

MARIANNA - The Chipola Col- lege District Board of Trustees on Thursday selected Dr. Jason Hurst as Chipola’s next president. Dr. Hurst, who now serves as Execu- tive Vice President, will take over as President and CEO on January 1, 2014. Outgoing president Dr. Gene Prough will retire on March 31, 2013.

Upon the announcement, Dr. Hurst said, “I feel so honored and blessed to have the opportunity to serve as the next president of Chipola College. In my two years here, I have learned so much. After this time, I will be able to return this fall to live in my hometown of Tallahassee. I will miss this community and all the people that have become my family here.”

Outgoing President Dr. Gene Prough said, “It’s a happy and a sad time for me. Chipola has been an important part of my life since I first came here as a student in 1987. I appreciate the community support that I have enjoyed over the years. I’ve been blessed with great employees and great friends.” Prough, a 1989 graduate of Chipola, became the college’s 13th president in October of 2011.

A National Search Committee recommended Dr. Hurst to the full board after reviewing applicants from within the college. Dr. Bryan Owen, Chipola’s Public Relations Director, was the only external candidate.

Dr. Hurst came to Chipola in November 2011 as Vice-President of Workforce Development and Workforce Promotions and was promoted to Executive Vice President in 2013. Prior to Chipola, Hurst served as Vice President for Workforce Development and Education Academic Support at Pensacola State College from July 2010 to November 2011.

Dr. Hurst earned a doctorate from Mississippi State University in 2008, a Master of Education from Auburn University in 1999 and a Bachelor of Educa- tion from Alabama State University in 1997.

Dr. Hurst and his wife, Alisa, have three children—Hayden, Halle and Hunter—who are enrolled in the Jackson County School System.

Alisa Hurst is the Visual Impairment Teacher for the Washington County School District. She has a BS from Auburn University in Elementary Education, and a Master’s from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in Exceptional Student Education with an emphasis in Visual Impairment. She is Nationally Braille certified through the U.S. Library of Congress.

Dr. Jason Hurst

ABIGAIL MADRSKY KNOWLES celebrated her second birthday on Tuesday, Dec. 17. She is the daughter of Erica Griffin of Blountstown and Brian Knowles of Blountstown. Her grandparents are Lee “Papa” Godwin and Betty “Belle” Godwin.

She loves to spend time with her Uncle Caleb and Aunt T.T. of Blountstown and loves to play outside.

ANISLEY SUMMERS celebrated her third birthday on Sunday, Dec. 15. She is the daughter of Jacob and Laura Summerson of Bristol. Her grandparents are Hand and Pam Summerson and Kim and Regina Neaves, all of Bristol. Her great-grandparents are Becky Nobles and Kim Sipple, both of Bristol. She enjoys riding the golf cart, playing with her puppy and playing with her cousins. She celebrated with a Little Mermaid party.

ISABELLA GRACE RANSOM was born on Thursday, Nov. 21, 2013 at Orange Park Medical Hospital weighing 6 lbs. 4 oz. and measured 20 inches long. Her grandparents are Betty Orama and David and Rebekah Ransom of St. Johns. Her great-grandparents are Becky, Orama and Betty “BeBe” Godwin. She loves to play in the park and loves to cheer with the JAGS.

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Library liberties get grant for 61 children’s books

The Liberty County Libraries recently received a Books for Children grant from The Libri Foundation. The Friends of the Liberty County Libraries provided the match for the grant. With these funds, the libraries introduced 61 new children’s books.

The Libri Foundation, founded in Eugene, Oregon, was established in 1989 for the sole purpose of helping local libraries acquire new, quality, used children’s books so they could not otherwise be sold. Since October 1990, the Foundation has donated over $5.8 million worth of new children’s books to more than 3,000 libraries in all 50 states.

To introduce the new books to area children, the Harrell Memorial Library in Bristol is hosting a chil- drren’s program on Saturday, Dec. 21 from 10 a.m. to noon. The library will have storytime and then show a Christmas movie. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information, please call the library at 643-2247.
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I tell you, it’s really amazing how popular baby Jesus was able to become without his mother posting a single picture of him on Facebook.

The Dallas Cowboys blew a 23-point lead. And then their quarterback, Tony Romo, threw two late interceptions in a 37-36 loss to Green Bay. You can’t tell Tony Romo without “o” and “no”
The Kardashians are like fragrances. Every year they release another one. A football player from Troy University in Alabama has been arrested for murder. Sounds like he’s ready for the NFL. The scouts are like, “Wow!”

It’s hard to believe it’s already been a year since the last “Hobbit” movie. Maybe because that last one felt like it was 11 months long.

The Mega Millions jackpot is now up to $566 mil- lion. The odds of winning are 1 in 295 million. Those are the same odds of Tony Romo throw- ing a pass to his own teammate in the 4th quar- ter.
Remember the take sign language guy who worked the Nelson Mandela funeral? I’ve heard he’s now been booked for the Peter O’Toole funeral.
I’m happy for China. Sending a rover to the moon is really impressive. These days our government can’t even get a website to work.

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**Florida’s First Lady**

**Ann Scott visits W.R. Tolar School**

Ann Scott, wife of Florida Gov. Rick Scott, paid a visit to W.R. Tolar School last week to promote reading. The state’s First Lady arrived on Dec. 11 to tour the school and read to two classes, sharing the tale of “Elizabeth’s Stormy Ride” with Fran Cutshaw’s fourth grade and sharing a Christmas story with Jessie Bennett’s first grade. Scott is shown above addressing a group of youngsters gathered on the floor. She is shown (center) after being presented with a gift bag. Scott is pictured at right as she talks with youngsters.

PHOTOS BY LCHS STUDENT KARA FOWLER
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A Country Christmas

A rainy afternoon didn’t dampen spirits as folks gathered for the annual Christmas Parade in Liberty County on Saturday. Tony Anderson and his wife, Vanita, shown at right, made a convincing Mr. and Mrs. Claus.

PHOTOS BY DANIEL WILLIAMS & DAKOTA BERG

Thank you for your support in 2013.
A Mouse at Mother Mac’s House

Jim McClellan
Outdoors Down South

It’s a little a dicey to tell stories about folks who’ve passed way. Usually I try to make sure I don’t write anything (much) that I wouldn’t have said while they were alive.

This story is an exception. If I had written this while my grandmother, Ella Mae McClellan, was around, I would still be in her tracks down a little four-footed friend who quietly dropped in one morning while I was there for a visit. For some background, I should point out that Mother Mac got irrationally upset about anything that invades her house. If she saw a bag, she took it as a sign that something needed to be cleaned more thoroughly. If she saw a roach in a cabinet, for example, life as we knew it would stop while she pulled everything out, found the intruder and scrubbed all the surfaces he might have touched. And if you happened to be there, you were automatically drafted to help.

Not surprisingly, I learned as a young child to keep my mouth shut when I saw a bug there. I hoped she would mellow out a little as the years wore on, but I think I prayed, and I’m sure there was divine intervention because at that moment Mother Mac spilled a little bit of her coffee and turned back toward the sink. The mouse got his bearings and jumped off the other side, onto the floor and out the door. She never saw him.

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### Liberty School Board special meeting

**Minutes of the Nov. 12 School Board organizational meeting**

Official notice from the Nov. 12 meeting of the Liberty County School Board will be posted at the board's website.

**Agenda Date:** Nov. 12, 2013

**HOLIDAY HOURS**

Mondays & Tuesdays, Dec. 23, we will serve breakfast only from 7 a.m. - 12 p.m. We will close Wednesday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day.

**Connie’s Kitchen**

**Minced meat, Apple pie**

**Liberty School Board special meeting**

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The above is to be published on one occasion in a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Coshocton, Ohio, the Clark Sentinel, published in McArthur, Ohio, the paper of general circulation in the County of Clark, Ohio, The Columbus Dispatch, published in Columbus, Ohio, and The Columbus Ledger-Enquirer, published in Columbus, Ohio, the paper of general circulation in the County of Franklin, Ohio.

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The Altha Wildcats increased their overall record to (7-1) and district record to (4-1) this weekend by winning two tough nail-biters against Vernon and the Blountstown Tigers.

On Dec. 10, the Yellow Jackets came to Altha to face the Wildcats. The JV teams faced off first. Despite being outmanned, the JV Wildcats were in control of the game and won by a score of 41-32. Jay Yon led all scorers with 14 points. Jay played a tremendous game. Jay is one of those players that gives you everything he has from start to finish. He works extremely hard and wins a lot of the hustle plays. He's tough and the type of player you want on your team. Dylan Hill was next, contributing 10 points. Jaylon Hill added 8, Shiloh Brown 6 and Hunter Young chipped in 3 points.

The Varsity Cats were next up and had a tough task ahead of them. They were facing a tough Vernon team that is loaded with athletic ability and boasting an undefeated record.

After the first quarter the Wildcats found themselves down 29-14. By halftime it was 34-24. The Wildcats were handling their pressure defense very well, but struggling to get into any kind of rhythm offensively. They found themselves down 41-29 in the third quarter and the boys couldn't lay down, but they kept at it and by the end of third had closed the lead to 5 in the fourth, they were able to gain the lead, control the clock, and hit our free throws to secure the victory. The Wildcats earned the huge district win with a score of 60-57. They only shot 38% as a team from the floor. The Wildcats didn't shoot it very well, but were able to hit 27 out of 31 free throws for a free throw percentage of 87%. The fact that the boys didn't give up when we were down and were able to knock down free throws was the difference in the ball game.

P.J. Iler led all scorers with 26 points, 6 rebounds, and 2 steals. Art Platt had 14 points and 7 rebounds. Zac Morris recorded 11 points and 6 rebounds. Kent Rogers contributed 10 points, 6 rebounds, and 5 assists. Kyler Dew chipped in points and wingman in the backcourt.

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Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I hope you are feeling well. I love you and Mrs. Claus and I'm glad that you come to my house. I hope you will give me presents instead of a break for doing all that hard work. So how are the elves? Maybe they can take a break for doing all that hard work. I'm going to leave out a batch of cookies and milk. I can hardly wait for Christmas to get here. Oh yes you can ask Mrs. Claus to buy me some shoes. She makes size 9. Have a wonderful Christmas.

Sincerely

Evie

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Merry Christmas!

How are you and Mrs. Claus? I've been helping my parents with some stuff. I have always wondered must really get tired at night time with all of that fling. I have always wondered how are the elves? I have always wondered how are the reindeer? I hope Rudolph is practicing for Christmas yet? How is Rudolph? Is his nose bright as could be to light the way? How are the elves working their best? I hope they are good. Are the reindeer ok? Is the Northpole cold? Can you give Rudolph extra? I will be carrots in the fridge. I don't like chocolate chip cookies and milk. I can hardly wait for Christmas to get here. Oh yes, you can ask Mrs. Claus for me cookies and milk so I am going to leave you some hot chocolate and a candy cane. Merry Christmas!

Sincerely your friend

Christopher Justin Abad Salvador

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How are you doing today? How are the reindeer? Is the Northpole cold? Can you say hey to Mrs. Claus for me? How are the elves? How are the reindeer? Is the Northpole cold? Can you say hey to Mrs. Claus for me? How are the elves? How are the reindeer? Is the Northpole cold? Can you say hey to Mrs. Claus for me? How are the elves? How are the reindeer? Is the Northpole cold? Can you say hey to Mrs. Claus for me? How are the elves? How are the reindeer? Is the Northpole cold? Can you say hey to Mrs. Claus for me? How are the elves? How are the reindeer? Is the Northpole cold? Can you say hey to Mrs. Claus for me? How are the elves? How are the reindeer? Is the Northpole cold? Can you say hey to Mrs. Claus for me? How are the elves? How are the reindeer? Is the Northpole cold? Can you say hey to Mrs. Claus for me? How are the elves? How are the reindeer? Is the Northpole cold? Can you say hey to Mrs. Claus for me? How are the elves? How are the reindeer? Is the Northpole cold? 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The Liberty County Bulldogs lost a close one last week when they hosted North Bay Haven Academy, falling behind by just three points to take a 55-52 loss from the visiting team.

**Family reading night with Santa**

Monday Night Hosford held its quarterly Family Reading. It is a time for families to come and enjoy reading with their child and gives them the opportunity to work on their AR goal.

Santa came and visited with students about marine life and habitats. Its quarterly Family Reading. Afterwards they enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies. Everyone had a great time!

**Sea to See**

Florida State University’s Marine Biology Laboratory, called “Sea to See”, made a visit to BES.

This is a teaching program that comes into schools and teaches students about marine life and habitats. All 4th and 5th grade students got to experience animals from the sea. The got to hold and touch marine animals while learning about each of them and their habitats.

**Important dates at Blountstown Elementary**

*Thursday, Dec. 19 - Make A Mess
*Friday, Dec. 20 - Early Release Day - Christmas Holidays begin

**BES 5th grade chorus performs at KISS Banquet**

The 5th Grade Chorus sang at the Civic Center for the Sheriff’s Office KISS Banquet. They performed a medley of Christmas songs for Calhoun County’s Senior Citizens.

**Dawgs fall to North Bay**

55-52

**Health**

by Karen Collins, MS, RD, CDN

American Institute for Cancer Research

Q: ‘Epsom salt is listed on the Nutrition Facts panel of a food, does that mean it doesn’t contain much?

A: No, the Nutrition Facts panel may be required to list content of nutrients, including Epsom salt, on a food product. A listing of Epsom salt is required on foods that are marketed specifically for their ability to dissolve in water. So, if you see Epsom salt listed, look for it at least 5 percent of Daily Value. Daily Value is based on a 2,000 calorie diet per day. Note that the latest recommendations are for everyone age 14 and older to aim for 440 mg daily. One cup of cooked asparagus or broccoli contains over 800 mg, one medium baked potato has 800 mg and one medium banana provides 450 mg. Without or with label information to guide us, increased potassium consumption is just one of many nutritional benefits that we get from eating a variety of fruits, vegetables, whole grains and legumes.

Q: I’ve heard that regular (sugar sweetened) soda drinks cause erosion of tooth enamel. As long as I limit soft drinks to sports drinks and diet sodas, do I have to worry?

A: Yes, all these drinks can erode the enamel layer that protects teeth. Research shows it is the acidity of these drinks that causes erosion of tooth enamel. The drinks’ acidity comes mainly from the citric acid, sodium citrate and phosphoric acid added to both cola and non-cola soft drinks, sports drinks and energy drinks. Regular colas tend to be the most acidic, but the others are all significantly more acidic than plain water. And studies generally show no differences in tooth enamel erosion between sugar-sweetened and sugar-free soft drinks. Even lemonade, wine and nutrient-rich fruit juices (orange, apple, grape) are more acidic than water. When the enamel protecting teeth is eroded, it leaves teeth more vulnerable to tooth decay and cavities and can lead to irreversible loss of tooth enamel structure. To protect your teeth, limit all of these acidic drinks. Even moderate amounts can erode the total amount you drink is the total time teeth are exposed to these acids. Extended sipping over long periods leaves teeth exposed to more acid than when such drinks are consumed in a short period. You might drink some water to rinse your mouth after any of these acid-containing drinks, but wait at least 30 minutes to brush your teeth. Otherwise, you worsen damage by brushing before teeth have recovered from the enamel acids. Although brushing may seem tricky without a toothbrush and paste, the most concentrated sources of phosphorus include many foods without nutrition labels: vegetables and fruits (with some much higher than others) and fish, poultry and meat. For foods with substantial amounts of phosphorus, the Nutrition Facts panel may note the phosphorus content, this includes dried beans, nuts, seeds, milk, yogurt and cottage cheese. Coffee and tea contain lesser amounts, but for people who drink several cups a day, these beverages can add important amounts of phosphorus. So, are you really not labeling with potassium content. When you see potassium listed, look for it at least 10 percent of Daily Value. Daily Value is based on a 2,000 calorie diet per day per day. Note that the latest recommendations are for everyone age 14 and older to aim for 440 mg daily. One cup of cooked asparagus or broccoli contains over 800 mg, one medium baked potato has 800 mg and one medium banana provides 450 mg. Without or with label information to guide us, increased potassium consumption is just one of many nutritional benefits that we get from eating a variety of fruits, vegetables, whole grains and legumes.

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WILLIE MAE CLARK
BLOUNTSTOWN - Willie Mae Clark, 74, of Blountstown, passed away Thursday, Dec. 12, 2013. She was born in Blountstown on Sept. 8, 1939 to the late Willie and Eula Mae Dawson Wood. She was preceded in death by her son, Robert L. “Bobby” Clark and a son-in-law, David Coker.
Survivors include her husband of 59 years, Robert E. Clark of Blountstown; two sons, Glenn Clark and his wife, Renee and John Paul Clark and his wife, Bita, all of Blountstown; Texas; a daughter-in-law, Ann Clark of Blountstown; two sons, Glenn Clark and his wife, Renee and John Paul Clark and his wife, Bita, all of Blountstown; Victoria, TX; three daughters, Deborah Coker, Sandra Clark and her husband, Larry, all of Blountstown; Victoria, TX; a daughter-in-law, Ann Clark of Blountstown; 13 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.
Graveside services were held on Sunday, Dec. 15 at Wood Cemetery in Blountstown. Interment followed.

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

OBITUARIES

HELEN MARTIN MARLOWE
BREST - Helen Martin Marlowe, 81, of Brest, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2013 at the Calhoun-Liberty Hospital. She leaves a loving and devoted family to cherish her memories and lessons.
Survivors include her husband, Joseph Marlowe of Brest, and two sons, Glenn Marlowe and Sonny Marlowe, both of Brest.
Graveside services will be held on Friday, Dec. 20, from 5 - 7 p.m. (CT) at Rivercrest Community Church. She will lie in repose at the chapel from 11 a.m. (CT) until service time.

Celebration of Life services will be held on Sat- urday, Dec. 21, 2013 at Rivercrest Community Church. The family will receive friends at the church from 10 a.m. (CT) until service time.

BARBARA ELNA NOVAK
CLARKSVILLE - Barbara Elna Novak, 82, of Clarksville, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2013 in Martin County Hospital. She was born in Blountstown on Sept. 8, 1939 to the late Willie and Eula Mae Dawson Wood.
Survivors include his wife, Barbara, of Blountstown; a daughter and a sister.
Memorialization will be by cremation.
Adams Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences may be made at adamsfh.com.

JAMES MONROE HUGGINS
LIVE OAK - James Monroe Huggins, 88, of Live Oak, passed away Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013 in Lake City.
He was born in Westville to the late Curtis Theodore and Edelle Betty Arrant Huggins. He lived many years in Blountstown before moving to Stuart while there, he retired from the maintenance department of the Martin County School System. After his retirement, he moved to Live Oak.
He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.
Survivors include his wife, Charlsie, of Live Oak, one daughter, Polly Williams of St. Augustine; two sisters, Virginia Dudley and Elna Mollins, both of Blountstown; one brother, Horace Huggins of Brest, four grandchildren, Carol Kanost, Darlene Delaney, Bobby Lindgol and Trell Williams; and eight great- grandchildren.
Family will receive friends on Thursday, Dec. 19 from 6-8 p.m. (CT) at Adams Funeral Home.
Graveside services will be held on Saturday, Dec. 21 at 11 a.m. (CT) at Pine Memorial Cemetery. Inter- ment will follow.

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JAMES WILLIAM MELTON
ALTHA - James William Melton, 72, of Altha, was born on April 1, 1941 to the late John and Ethel Barber of Altha; two daughters, Julie O’Bryan and Eula Mae Dawson Wood. She was preceded in death by her son, Robert L. “Bobby” Clark; two sons, Glenn Coker of Blountstown and Jimmy Barber; three daughters, Deborah Coker, Sandra Coker and John Paul Clark and his wife, Rita, all of Blountstown; Victoria, TX; a daughter-in-law, Ann Clark of Blountstown; 13 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.
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OBITUARIES
Clever ways to give gift cards

Gift cards are a staple of the holiday season. Often a go-to gift when other options just don’t seem to suffice, gift cards remove the worry about whether or not the item will suit or if it’s the right color or model. Gift cards can make ideal gifts because they are chosen with the recipients’ likes and tastes in mind while allowing recipients to shop without spending their own money.

Giving a gift card can remove some of the excitement of unwrapping a mystery gift. By employing a few creative tips, gift cards can be fun and unique.

Scavenger hunt — Have the gift recipient work a little in a clever way for the gift. Plant clues around the house that will gradually lead to the hiding spot where the gift card is stashed. Clues can include witty poetic verses or tie into recipients’ personal interests.

Nesting boxes — Another way to present a gift card is to hide it inside of a box that looks like any other gift. However, once the person unwraps the gift, he or she will discover another smaller box inside. This prank can be repeated over and over as many times as desired until the gift card is unearthed.

Gift basket — A gift card can be ensconced with other trinkets and tied into a theme. For example, a gift card for a spa massage may be complemented by lotions, massage oil and a terry-cloth robe. These items can all be packaged together in a decorative basket to make the entire gift eye-catching and appealing.

Themed wrapping — Place the gift card inside of an item that epitomizes the gift. A card for a bookstore can be nestled inside of the pages of a classic book. A gift card to a hair salon can be attached to the end of a hairbrush. For those gifting to a favorite coffee shop, place the gift card inside of an empty coffee mug.

Shopping savvy — Offering a gift card as a present is entitling the recipient to a day of shopping. Wrap the card with a reusable shopping tote so that he or she can carry purchases inside. You can monogram the bag with initials or even decorate it.

The weather may have shortened Saturday night’s boat parade on the Apalachicola River but onlookers enjoyed watching the colorful procession ease through the fog-draped water. The weather forced organizers to cancel plans to travel from the Blountstown Boat Landing to the Bristol Boat Landing, but the eight vessels — ranging from a small fishing boat to a couple of pontoons — left the landing and went downstream before returning to the landing.

Three people won gift certificates to Parramores after their entries won honors in this first-time event. First place went to Lawana McDonald, who set up a lighted nativity scene in the bow of her pontoon. Caryolyn Copeland took second place with a boat decorated with hanging snowflakes and lots of lights. Third place went to Tony and Sheryl Norris whose pontoon was festooned with holiday lights.

BOAT PARADE

The weather may have shortened Saturday night’s boat parade on the Apalachicola River but onlookers enjoyed watching the colorful procession ease through the fog-draped water. The weather forced organizers to cancel plans to travel from the Blountstown Boat Landing to the Bristol Boat Landing, but the eight vessels — ranging from a small fishing boat to a couple of pontoons — left the landing and went downstream before returning to the landing. Three people won gift certificates to Parramores after their entries won honors in this first-time event. First place went to Lawana McDonald, who set up a lighted nativity scene in the bow of her pontoon. Caryolyn Copeland took second place with a boat decorated with hanging snowflakes and lots of lights. Third place went to Tony and Sheryl Norris whose pontoon was festooned with holiday lights.

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The event was coordinated by Altha's local Rehabilitation Center. The event and students look forward to it each December. Altha School would like to thank the PTO and every resident at Altha's local Rehabilitation Center for their time helping to prepare Christmas cards for some special students at Carr School spent a little time helping to provide for Christmas cards for some special students at Carr School.

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Registration for Spring classes starts Jan. 3 at Chipola College

MARIANNA - Registration for Spring classes at Chipola College begins Thursday, Jan. 3, for returning students. New and returning student registration is Monday, Jan. 6. Classes begin Tuesday, Jan. 7.

There are several steps to completing the application process: (1) complete the college Admission Application, call 718-2311 for assistance; (2) request a final high school transcript be sent to Chipola Admission and Records Office; and (3) take the College Placement Test, call 718-2384 for assistance.

Chipola offers the Bachelor of Science Degree, the Associate in Arts Degree, the Associate in Science Mission and Records Office; and (3) take the College - final high school transcript be sent to Chipola Application; call 718-2311 for assistance; (2) request a Monday, Jan. 6. Classes begin Tuesday, Jan. 7. administration and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN).

Additionally, the college offers the Educator Preparatory Institute, a Teacher Certification program for those with a B.S. in a non-teaching field. The Associate in Arts (A.A.) Degree is designed for students who plan to complete their first two years of college work and then transfer to a four-year program of Chipola or another college or university. Credits earned are transferable and are applicable toward a bachelor’s degree. Academic advising guides that outline requirements for specific majors are available from Student Affairs and are located on the college website at www.chipola.edu.

Several Associate in Science (AS) and Workforce programs are offered which provide training for high wage jobs. Workforce programs include: Automotive Service Technology, Firefighter, Law Enforcement Administration with concentrations in Management and Accounting; and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN).

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Paramedic Technology, Criminal Justice Technology (Crime Scene Track), Networking Services Technology, Curricular Management, Nursing (RN and LPN), Nursing LPN to RN, Paramedic to RN, and Recreation Technology. Additional programs include: Automotive Service Technology, Firefighter, Law Enforcement Officer, Correctional Officer, Cosmetology, Cross-Over Corrections to Law Enforcement, Cross-Over Law Enforcement to Corrections, Nursing Assistant and Welding.

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College Credit Certificate programs include: Child Care Center Management, Information Technology Management, CCHS Certified Network Associate, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Paramedic.

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Letter from Jesus about Christmas

From Our Family To Yours

Have a Safe & Blessed Christmas

It has come to my attention that many of you are upset that folks are taking My name out of the season.

How I personally feel about this celebration can probably be most easily understood by those of you who have been blessed with children of your own. I don’t care what you call the day. If you want to celebrate My birth, just GET ALONG AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

Now, having said that let Me go on. If it bothers you that the town in which you live doesn’t allow a scene depicting My birth, then just get rid of a couple of Santas and snowmen and put in a small Nativity scene on your own front lawn. If all My followers did that there wouldn’t be any need for such a scene on the town square because there would be many of them all around town.

Stop worrying about the fact that people are calling the tree a holiday tree, instead of a Christmas tree. It was I who made all trees. You can remember Me anytime you see any tree. Decorate a grape vine if you wish. I actually spoke of that one in a teaching, explaining who I am in relation to you and what each of our tasks were. If you have forgotten that one, look up John 15: 1 - 9.

If you want to give Me a present in remembrance of My birth here is My wish list. Choose something from it:

1. Instead of writing protest letters objecting to the way My birthday is being celebrated, write letters of love and hope to soldiers away from home. They are terribly afraid and lonely this time of year. I know, they tell Me all the time.

2. Visit someone in a nursing home. You don’t have to know them personally. They just need to know that someone cares about them.

3. Instead of writing the President complaining about the wording on the cards his staff sent out this year, why don’t you write and tell him that you’ll be praying for him and his family this year. Then follow up... It will be nice hearing from you again.

4. Instead of giving your children a lot of gifts you can’t afford and they don’t need, spend time with them. Tell them the story of My birth, and why I came to live with you down here. Hold them in your arms and remind them that I love them.

5 Pick someone that has hurt you in the past and forgive him or her.

6. Did you know that someone in your town will attempt to take their own life this season because they feel so alone and hopeless? Since you don’t know who that person is, try giving everyone you meet a warm smile; it could make the difference.

7. Instead of nit picking about what the retailer in your town calls the holiday, be patient with the people who work there. Give them a warm smile and a kind word. Even if they aren’t allowed to wish you a “Merry Christmas” that doesn’t keep you from wishing them one. Then stop shopping there on Sunday. If the store didn’t make so much money on that day they’d close and let their employees spend the day at home with their families.

8. If you really want to make a difference, support a missionary—especially one who takes My love and Good News to those who have never heard My name.

9. Here’s a good one. There are individuals and whole families in your town who not only will have no “Christmas” tree, but neither will they have any presents to give or receive. If you don’t know them, buy some food and a few gifts and give them to the Salvation Army or some other charity which believes in Me and they will make the delivery for you.

10. Finally, if you want to make a statement about your belief in and loyalty to Me, then behave like a Christian. Don’t do things in secret that you wouldn’t do in My presence. Let people know by your actions that you are one of Mine.

Don’t forget; I am God and can take care of Myself. Just love Me and do whatever I have told you to do. I’ll take care of all the rest. Check out the list above and get to work; time is short. I’ll help you, but the ball is now in your court. And do have a most blessed Christmas with all those whom you love and remember.

I LOVE YOU.
JESUS

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