

Charity's checking account and savings accounts cleaned out; thousands missing

# Helping Hands manager arrested; 2 others charged



HALI CARIN PHINNEY



SABRINA COOPER



JOSIE MARIA KILBY

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor  
BLOUNTSTOWN - The store manager, one employee and a volunteer have been arrested after the discovery that several thousand dollars have gone missing from the Helping Hands Thrift Store, according to a report from the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office.

• Hali Carin Phinney, 30, of Hosford, is charged with grand theft, solicitation and unlawful sale of prescription drugs. She has worked at the Blountstown shop for several years and took over as manager about two years ago.

• Sabrina Elaine Cooper, 39, of Blountstown, was arrested for sale of a prescription drug without a license and principal in the first degree to grand theft. She was a store employee.

• Josie Maria Kilby, 40, of Blountstown, is charged with sale of a prescription drug without a license. She was working as a volunteer at the shop in order to fulfill community service hours for a prior drug charge.

The investigation began after members of the all-volunteer board that oversees the shop got a call from the bank that their account was overdrawn.

"We got a phone call that there was no money in the account," said Kenneth Edwards, who serves as vice-president on the Helping Hands Board. When he was unable to reach Phinney to ask what was going on, he told the bank to transfer money from Helping Hands' savings account to continue operations.

"That's when I found out there was no money in savings," he said.

He said Phinney had been presenting regular reports and printouts from Quickbooks to the six-member all volunteer board and nothing seemed out of place. "We were getting falsified information," he said, explaining he soon discovered that "everything was past due."

The board was aware money was coming in and were considering moving to a bigger building. They had even started the process of setting up scholarships for students in Calhoun and Liberty County.

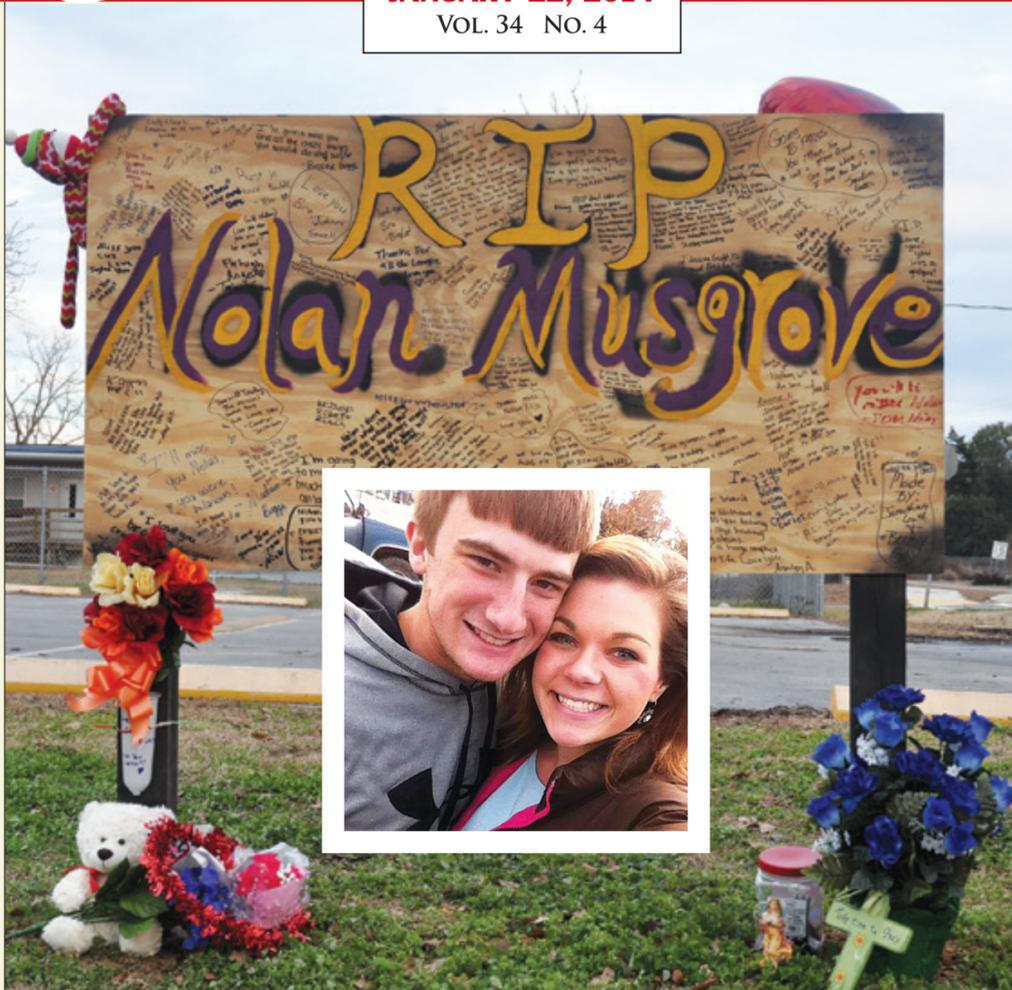
Instead, the shop is closed as they get reorganized. The discovery that their accounts had been cleaned out "was like a kick in the stomach," he said.

He, Helping Hands President Joanne O'Bryan and the rest of the board went to the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office to initiate the investigation as soon as they realized what had happened.

"There's a lot more money missing and so many receipts to go through," he said.

He said it appears that Phinney was directing employees to leave deposits in the cash register and later removing the cash. Despite a policy that any checks written on the store account have two signatures, checks were forged, he said. And, it seems, she was paying their volunteer. "At some point, she got bold enough to write Josie a check...that red-flagged it," he said.

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Nolan Musgrove is pictured above with Emily Sewell, who, along with another friend - Cole Miller - survived the wreck that took Nolan's life Saturday.

# Altha teen killed in Saturday a.m. crash

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

A week planned for celebration has taken on a somber tone as students at Altha School struggle to cope with the death of one of their own during Homecoming Week.

• "Not one day will ever be the same without you."  
• "You'll be missed."  
• "You had such a huge impact on everyone's life."  
• "Going to miss you, man."  
• "Thanks for all the laughter."

These are some of the messages written on a big sign put up in front of the school parking lot after the Saturday morning wreck that claimed the life of a 16-year-old student. The comments fill the space around two lines of gold and purple lettering proclaiming "RIP Nolan Musgrove."

By Monday afternoon, there were flowers at the bottom of the sign, a sock monkey perched on the top left corner and a heart-shaped balloon bobbing over the right corner.

He would have been a member of the Altha Class of 2015.

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Nolan, his girlfriend, Emily Sewell, and their friend, Cole Miller, all just 16 years old, were on their way home from Marianna early Saturday

morning.

Nolan was driving them home in his truck around 4 a.m. All three were in the front, with Emily sitting in the middle. She had fallen asleep; Cole had done the same. Then Nolan nodded off.

His 1999 Chevrolet Silverado was traveling south on S.R. 71, about a half mile south of Suncrest Road in Jackson County when it began to drift left. According to the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) report, the truck crossed the northbound lane and went onto the east shoulder of the road, where it collided with a wooden utility pole. The impact caused the truck to rotate clockwise and overturn.

The wreck was not alcohol-related, according to the Florida Highway Patrol report.

Emily and Cole managed to scramble out of the wreckage through the broken rear windshield. They were taken to Jackson Hospital by ambulance with minor injuries. Both were treated and released.

Nolan died at the scene.

Emily and Cole didn't realize how badly Nolan had been injured. They were at the hospital when their parents told them Nolan was gone.

See **NOLAN MUSGROVE**, continued on page 2

# Remembering Dr. King

Community members gathered for the 22nd annual march through downtown Blountstown to honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Monday morning.

DOMENICK ESGRO PHOTOS



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# NOLAN MUSGROVE

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Emily's mother, Carylee Sewell, said her daughter doesn't remember much about the accident but did recall that during the crash, Nolan put his arm over her. "She said he saved her."

Cole was the only one wearing a seatbelt.

All three were in Altha's 11th grade class, which has about 44 members. Nolan had been selected to take part in this week's festivities as the Junior Class Homecoming Attendant.

School was not in session Monday due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, but by that afternoon the Homecoming committee posted a notice on Facebook that most of the events planned - including Tuesday's coronation, a week of theme days and Friday's Homecoming Parade - would be rescheduled. The Homecoming queen will be crowned during halftime at the Junior Varsity game on Friday night, Jan. 24.

Before the tragedy, the students at Altha School were planning to enjoy their third dress-up theme of the week on Thursday with "College Day."

Instead, Nolan's family, friends and classmates will gather at the Altha Church of God at 2 p.m. to say their last goodbyes. Burial will follow at Schamens Family Cemetery near Altha.

The family will hold visitation at the church on Wednesday from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. His complete



obituary appears inside on page 15.

Tuesday was a tough day for everyone at the school but the staff tried to prepare by having several ministers and counselors on hand for any student who needed to talk, according to Principal Sue Price. "It's been hard for a lot of them," she said, "but we're doing OK."

Nolan was an all-around good guy. "He was a very good student. Teachers and kids loved him...he was always cracking jokes," according to Carylee Sewell. "He was big on family...he had a niece and nephew that really looked up to him," she said.

Sally Sims, one of his teachers, called Nolan "a

bright spot in my day."

She said he often helped her with her own computer issues and "sometimes I would even steal him out of another class" to help her.

"I also taught his sister, Nikki and his sweet Mother Dara has gone on numerous field trips with us. We all loved him for the happy things he added to our lives and he will be truly missed," she said.

English teacher Lindsay Boone said, "He definitely made an impact even in the short four months that I knew him. He was the class clown and loved to entertain. He was mischievous, but also witty and funny. It was hard to stay mad at him for long because he would flash a grin and make a joke to get himself out of trouble. He was extremely smart, and when he applied himself, he

could make A's with ease. In fact, he made a high B in my class the first nine weeks and a high A the second nine weeks."

Boone pointed out, "His death has affected students of all ages here; it is clear that he was a friend to many. I know he was excited about the upcoming baseball season because we talked about it just the other day. He was sore from practice, but he was ready to get the season started."

She added, "I will miss his energy, smile, and mostly, the opportunity to see him mature into the successful young man I'm sure he was meant to become."

## ARREST REPORTS

*compiled by Journal Editor Teresa Eubanks*

### Grocery store employee arrested for repeatedly taking beer & food

Grand theft charges have been filed against an employee at Harveys Supermarket in Blountstown who allegedly stole several cases of beer, meat and snacks on at least seven occasions.

Daniel Foster, 30, of Blountstown, was arrested Friday.

The store manager suspected items were being removed from the store by being placed in buggies and pushed out a back door. He contacted the company's loss prevention specialist, who began an investigation.

The loss prevention specialist was able to find seven instances of Foster on camera as he loaded a shopping buggy with merchandise, rolled it into the produce preparation area and out a back door.

The video documents incidents from Oct. 30, 2013 to Dec. 17, 2013 in which approximately \$400 worth of beer and food were stolen.

- The first documented incident involved the theft of a six-pack of beer.
- On Nov. 6, four 24-packs of Natural light and one 12-pack of Corona Beer was taken.
- Over \$85 in beer was stolen on

Nov. 12.

• On Nov. 26, surveillance video showed Foster removing four 12-packs of Corona and three 24-packs of Bud Light.

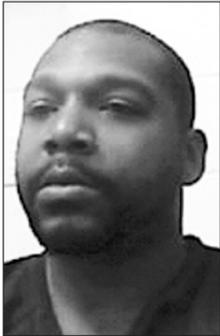
• The report states that along with a 12-pack of Corona and two 24-packs of Bud Light, Foster also helped himself to a 20-pack of Dr. Pepper, two packs of frozen shrimp, some potato chips and a jar of Peter Pan peanut butter on Dec. 4. This time, he pushed the cart out the front door of the store.

• A buggy filled with goods totaling \$254.76 went out the back door on Dec.

11. The take included four 24-packs of Bud Light, four 24-packs of Natural Light, two 12-packs of Corona and two packs of ribs.

• The final theft was for \$137.64 in beer, including four 24-packs of Bud light and four 12-packs of Corona.

The complaint to the Blountstown Police Department notes that those are all the thefts that can be documented, however, the investigator found other clips that appeared to be of a similar nature that included beer, cigarettes and food.



DANIEL FOSTER

### Driver in underwear charged with DUI & resisting arrest

A man who narrowly missed running into a patrol car and tow truck parked on the side of C.R. 287 Saturday night was arrested after a deputy caught up with him.

Charley Dean White, 48, of Blountstown pulled into a driveway around 11:30 p.m. after ignoring the deputy's emergency lights as he tried to have him pull over.

Deputy R. Mayo reported that the driver sped up to get away and then stopped at a residence on Baggett Road.

Mayo said White - who was wearing only a shirt and a pair of boxer shorts - stepped out of the car and then locked it.

As White explained that he did not see

the emergency vehicle with the signal lights activated, the deputy noted the strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his facial area.

The deputy, who felt White was acting erratically and could not get him to walk to the rear of the vehicle, called for a back-up deputy.

White was handcuffed after walking about 30 feet away from his car.

When the deputy asked why White had turned off the car and locked the doors, White stated that he didn't know what he was talking about and denied that he had been driving the car.

White refused a roadside sobriety test and was taken into custody for DUI.



CHARLEY DEAN WHITE

## SHERIFF'S LOG

### CALHOUN COUNTY

- Jan. 14**
- Charlie James Crenshaw, sexual battery on a person under 12 years, lewd and lascivious molestation, CCSO.
- Jan. 15**
- Robert William Davis, grand theft, CCSO.
  - Buck Jamar Jones, trespass after warning, BPD.
- Jan. 16**
- Brian Allen Beauchamp, VOP, CCSO.
- Jan. 17**
- Darryl Eugene Basford, trespass after warning, CCSO.
  - Labryan Dominic Peterson, criminal registrant, CCSO.
  - Bradley Allen Trickey, VOP, CCSO.
  - Darryl Eugene Basford, VOCR, CCSO.
  - Daniel Burroughs Foster, grand theft, CCSO.
  - Earnest Dale McCardle, VOVR, CCSO.
- Jan. 18**
- Sabrina Elaine Cooper, sale of a prescription drug without a license, principle in the first degree to grand theft, CCSO.
  - Charley Dean White, resisting arrest without violence, DUI refusal (third offense), CCSO.
- Jan. 19**
- Josie Maria Kilby, sale of a prescription drug without a license, CCSO.

### Jan. 20

- Hali Carin Phinney, grand theft, solicitation, unlawful sale of a prescription drug, CCSO.
- Earl Tory Stone, battery, CCSO.

### LIBERTY COUNTY

- Jan. 14**
- Donald Roberts, VOCP, LCSO.
  - Tracy Maloy, serving weekends, LCSO.
  - Amanda Holton, VOSP, LCSO.
- Jan. 16**
- Jonathon Shawn Gibson, holding for Wakulla County, WCSO.
- Jan. 17**
- Rex Kimbrough, domestic battery (touching or striking), LCSO.
  - Susan Oliver, domestic battery (touching or striking), LCSO.
  - Isaac Edwards, serving 11 months and 29 days, LCSO.
  - Thaddeus Alston, serving 60 days, LCSO.
  - William Pierce, serving weekends, LCSO.
  - Noemi Mann, serving weekends, LCSO.
- Jan. 18**
- Sabrina Elaine Cooper, holding for Calhoun County, CCSO.
  - Cody Tucker, holding for Gadsden County (warrant), GCSO.
- Jan. 19**
- Josie Maria Kilby, holding for Calhoun County, CCSO.

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

### Blountstown Police Dept.

Jan. 13, through Jan. 19, 2014



### CITATIONS ISSUED:

Accidents.....	1
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Complaints.....	45

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# Liberty County Chamber of Commerce annual banquet held Monday night



State Representative Halsey Beshears (right) was the guest speaker at Monday night's annual Liberty County Chamber of Commerce banquet in Bristol. He told the group gathered that night of the importance of plans going through to re-establish the port at Port St. Joe, which will be critical in revitalizing the area and its economy. Outgoing Chamber President Michael Wright turned over the gavel to the new Chamber President, Rachel Manspeaker (left).

JOHNNY EUBANKS PHOTOS



## Rep. Beshears: District 7 would benefit from Enterprise Zones

State Representative Halsey Beshears (R-Monticello) has filed HB 611, an act relating to Rural Areas of Opportunity. The bill renames the former Rural Areas of Critical Economic Concern (RACEC) to reflect a more current representation of the collaborative efforts to focus on the economic opportunities and potential in our rural counties.

In addition, the bill includes revisions for rural infrastructure awards and qualifications to be more competitive with other states and allows for the development of designated targeted industries for rural counties beginning in 2014 that would be specific to the region.

As Florida's economy continues to

improve and the state invests millions of dollars into economic development activity, rural Florida needs to be a part of the discussion and have the ability to capitalize on business growth and recruitment.

A key component in HB 611 is that any county in a RACEC region will automatically be designated an Enterprise Zone. Florida's Enterprise Zone program was created to encourage capital investment and job creation in distressed areas through tax credits and refunds. They are specific geographic areas targeted for economic revitalization.

Of the \$16,299,681 state dollars awarded to businesses located in En-

terprise Zones, only \$2.3 million of those dollars were awarded in Florida's thirty-two rural counties. In 2012, the state conducted a study to assess what economic development activities could be formulated to enhance business development in rural Florida.

Among the many proposals included in the report was a clear recommendation to expand the Enterprise Zone program in rural Florida. Rep. Beshears stated, "As part of the rural economic development legislation I have filed for the 2014 Session, a number of revisions to the rural Enterprise Zone program are included to boost rural counties' ability to recruit businesses into these zones."

Rather than limiting the scope of these zones, we need to expand and designate the entire rural county as an Enterprise Zone. By eliminating limits on where a business can locate, we will create true incentives to grow businesses in our rural regions.

As our rural counties continue to face difficult challenges in their efforts to improve their economies, it is imperative that we remain proactive in our efforts to compete with urban areas and gain parity for our rural counties in opportunities for growth and progression. The modifications in this legislation will help level the playing field to ensure rural Florida has a fighting chance to attract jobs.

## Trailer fire cause is undetermined

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

The Fire Marshal's Office is investigating the cause of a blaze that destroyed a singlewide mobile home on Watson Road in Blountstown Monday night.

Firefighters were dispatched at 6:24 p.m. Magnolia Fire Department Chief Kevin Parrish was the first on scene. "When I arrived, it was three-quarters involved," he said.

Volunteers from the Altha Fire Department joined the crew from Magnolia and were able to slow the blaze, saving a section of the trailer. "One end of the mobile home was left standing," Parrish said. "We were able to save one bedroom and a built-on addition to the trailer, but there was heavy smoke damage."

The home was occupied by two adult siblings, who were nearby at the mother's home early that evening. Parrish said they were alerted by a neighbor who saw smoke coming from the trailer.

The pair who had shared the trailer were assisted at the scene by the Red Cross.

## HELPING HANDS

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According to a news release from the sheriff's office, Phinney misappropriated the money for several months to get the prescription medication Tramadol and reportedly bought the pills from employees, customers and others.

Sabrina Cooper admitted to arranging pill purchases for Phinney, and said she had cashed Helping Hands checks to pay people who supplied the Tramadol.

One of those paid was volunteer Josie Kilby.

The Tramadol pills were being sold for \$1 each but Phinney had been paying as much as \$3 per pill to another customer, according to the news release.

"Helping Hands Thrift Store has been a thriving organization that has helped many families in the community for many years," according to CCSO

Lt. Jared Nichols. The thrift store receives funding from monetary donations as well as donated clothing and household items that are resold. "Throughout the investigation, it was learned that employees had been paid overtime in clothing or store items, and were paid cash out of the register on a regular basis. Employees alleged that Phinney was taking cash from the store on a regular basis."

He added, "Due to a lack of record keeping, there is no way to know an exact amount of cash that was taken from the store."

Edwards said the board is making changes. He said they are cleaning house and will reopen in the future with a new staff. He also said they will put in some new checks and balances to ensure the money goes where it's supposed to.

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## Pioneer Settlement welcomes new mother-daughter board members

Echoing its family-friendly reputation, the board of the Panhandle Pioneer Settlement elected a mother-daughter duo to its ranks in November — Virginia S. Baker, Ph.D., of Blountstown and Virginia N. Baker of Tallahassee.

"As a living-history museum, part of our focus is to teach the present generation about past generations, so it is fitting that two generations of one local family would take part in our leadership," said Settlement Co-founder Willard Smith.

Virginia (Ginny) S. Baker holds a doctorate in cellular and molecular biology. In addition, she is a violinist in the local musical group Crystal Waters. She was a Peace Corps volunteer in Thailand where she began her endeavors in malaria research. Later, she taught biology at Chipola College, worked briefly in an editorial capacity with McGraw-Hill publishers, and developed a saliva protocol for biomarkers at Florida State University. Networking is the foundation of resource development in molecular and systems biology, and Dr. Baker intends to implement this and other concepts in her latest efforts, The Wellness Initiative and Project Resurrection. Both projects share the foundational ideals of the Settlement. She is married to Dr. Murray Baker of Blountstown.

Virginia N. Baker, a hospitality major at Florida State, has traveled extensively through Europe and Central America on study abroad programs with Chipola College and Florida State. She plans to contribute a learned perspective—including international marketing, event planning, and development of bed and breakfasts in Calhoun County. In addition, she played in Crystal Waters for a number of years during the Settlement's annual Valentine's Day event, Classical Desserts.

## Settlement plans basket making class on Jan. 25

On Saturday, Jan. 25, starting at 9 a.m. (CT) at the Panhandle Pioneer Settlement's Clubhouse you can discover the joy of basket weaving an heirloom Gathering Basket. This sturdy basket is woven on a 1" square hoop and is perfect for taking to the farmer's market, gathering vegetables or flowers from your garden. Instruction will include basic basket weaving techniques and would be appropriate for both beginner and intermediate weavers. Weave the basket then use your creativity with natural materials to embellish and make it your very own!

All basketry materials will be supplied. Attendees should bring heavy shears and an old bath towel.

Fee: \$50 with a mandatory \$25 deposit. Please call Diane Watson at Panhandle Pioneer Settlement, (850) 674-2777 or email at ppsmuseum@yahoo.com for more information or to sign up for this wonderful class.



## Events schedule announced Legion Post #272 in Blountstown under new management

"My main goal for our post is to educate more people in the community that our establishment is not the local pub," says Erin Pierce, who is the new manager at American Legion Post #272 in Blountstown.

"We are a community service organization geared towards helping our veterans, community, and country. Linda Blair, Commander, and I have been working diligently to clean the building and grounds. If you haven't been out to the American Legion lately, I encourage you to give it another try."

Pierce points out the American Legion is always looking for opportunities to help the community. "We have donated our establishment often to help our local youth raise funds for opportunities earned by them or earning money for project graduations," she says. "There are yearly scholarships that are given out to our youth as well. We have an Honor Guard that does military funerals in local and surrounding counties. Our members visit the local rehabilitation centers and nursing homes to provide our veterans with refreshments and gifts. We are actively involved with and support the Liberty County R.O.T.C."

### Upcoming events (all open to the public) include:

- Live bands every Saturday night, \$5 entry, Doors open at 6 p.m. and band plays 8 p.m. to 12 a.m.
  - Every Thursday night starting Thursday, Jan 23: BINGO! 7 - 10 p.m.
  - Feb 8: Spaghetti Dinner Sale to raise funds for the Ladies Auxiliary. Cost is \$6 for spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, tea and dessert. Contact Phyllis Chapman, (850) 447-4222, Ladies Auxiliary President.
  - March 1: Mardi Gras celebration with live crawfish boil. Doors open at 6 p.m. and The Natalie Reynolds Band from Panama City plays 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. \$7 entry, \$2 Hurricanes, and \$6 plates of crawfish with corn and potatoes.
  - Host Your Own Event: The American Legion rents chairs for events and weddings. The American Legion building can be rented for \$25 per hour for showers, dances or birthday parties. The organization also has D.J.'s for hire for your event.
  - Join the American Legion: New members welcome! Membership fees are \$25/year. Meetings are the first Sunday of every month at 2 p.m.
- For more information, contact Erin Pierce, Manager; (850) 890-8918, or Linda Blair, Commander; (850) 447-3639.

## Calhoun Chamber offers scholarships to RiverWay South Agritourism seminar

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Registration fee is \$20 by Feb. 6, \$25 after and includes lunch. The workshop is set for Thursday, Feb. 13 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (CT) at the UF/IFAS North Florida Research & Education Center 155 Research Road, Quincy, FL 32351.

Get more information and access a registration form here: [www.rwsfl.org/our-partners/upcoming-events/item/13-cultivating-your-future-in-agritourism.html](http://www.rwsfl.org/our-partners/upcoming-events/item/13-cultivating-your-future-in-agritourism.html). For further questions, email [faith.clarke@famu.edu](mailto:faith.clarke@famu.edu) or [pportwood@embarqmail.com](mailto:pportwood@embarqmail.com).

\*The Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce is offering a limited number of scholarships to this one-day workshop. Scholarships will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. If you would like to attend on scholarship, please contact Kristy Terry at [kristy@calhounco.org](mailto:kristy@calhounco.org) or (850) 674-4519.

## Gulf Coast Electric honors board members, employees

WEWAHITCHKA – Several GCEC employees and trustees were recently recognized for celebrating service anniversaries. The 23 Board members and employees have a combined total of 243 years of service to the Cooperative.

Frank Bailey, Peyton Gleaton, Francis Hinson, Jeremy Horton, Ralph Jamerson, Lacy Pettis, Baylen Price and Matt Salvo received one-year service pins; Doug Birmingham, Jimmy Black, Mike Carlton, Will Coatney and Daisy Shewman received five-year service pins; Mary Cook, Tammie Newsome and Michael White received 15-year service pins; Randy Mayhann and Tony Morrell received 20-year service pins; and Andy Dick, Pat Floyd, Keith Pridgeon, Lester Sapp and Timmy Wade received 25-year service pins.

Also, for the first time, two employees received special awards named in memory and in honor of two former employees.

•Perry Flowers was the recipient of The Alfredia Owens Member Service Award.

•Bob Logan was the recipient of The Tony "T-Bone" Turner Hustle Award.

Additionally, Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative recently welcomed Cole Barfield and Chad Creamer to its staff. Cole and Chad both hold the title of Line Technician Apprentice I. Cole is a graduate of Deane Bozeman School, and Chad is a graduate of A. Crawford Mosley High School.

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# Chipola welding machines donated to LCHS



FROM LEFT: Byron Ward, Chipola Welding Career Coach; Alex Mercer, LCHS Assistant Principal; Aaron Day, LCHS Principal; and Patrick Kennedy, Chipola welding instructor.

MARIANNA - The Chipola College Welding program recently donated five welding machines to Liberty County High School.

LCHS has numerous students enrolled in a welding program at the high school but are awaiting federal grant funds to purchase equipment. The Chipola donation includes one multi-process machine, two MIG machines and two stick welding machines.

LCHS principal Aaron Day, says, "We are so thankful to Chipola for helping our students. We

will put this equipment to use immediately."

Byron Ward, Welding Career Coach at Chipola, says, "We are glad to help Liberty County with their program. We welcome all of their students to enroll at Chipola when they graduate."

LCHS officials are planning a field trip for the high school students to visit Chipola's state-of-the-art welding lab.

Chipola began a new welding class on Tuesday, Jan. 7 with 20 students. For more information, call 718-2303.

## Art and Musical Chairs Art night for adults at library on Feb. 4

Do you like to unwind and play with colors? The Blountstown Public Library presents an adult Art Night with Ann Layton on Tuesday, Feb. 4 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Heritage Room off the back parking lot. The multimedia class "Art and Musical Chairs" explores using your artistic imagination in free and spontaneous ways. No, it has nothing to do with musical talent but you must switch chairs when the music stops and go to the next media station. Sound a little haywire? Well, come and decide for yourselves as you let loose and bring out the child within! No experience necessary just a desire to relax and have fun.

Space is limited to 10 participants so please sign up right away at the front desk of the library or by calling 674-8773. There is no fee and all materials are provided. You need not bring a thing.

## MEETINGS

### Wednesday, Jan. 22

• **Boy Scout Troop 200**, 6:30 p.m., Mormon Church. Phone (850) 643-2373.

### Thursday, Jan. 23

• **VFW Post 12010**, 7:30 p.m., Veterans Civic Center. Phone (850) 643-5405.

• **Calhoun Co. Legislative Delegates meeting**, 6 p.m., Calhoun Extension Board Room.

### Monday, Jan. 27

• **Calhoun Children's Coalition**, 9 a.m., W.T. Neal Civic Center.

• **Blountstown Lions Club**, 6 p.m., Apalachee Restaurant.

• **Panhandle Creative Crafters "Bizzie Bees"**, 5-8 p.m. (CT), W.T. Neal Civic Center, Blountstown.

• **Rock Bluff Community Fire Dept.**, 6:30 p.m., Voting house in Rock Bluff. Phone (850) 643-2799.

• **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, Jan. 28

• **Sit-n-Sew meeting**, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church Youth Hall on Clinton St. Marianna (behind Marianna Post Office). Phone (850) 272-8980.

• **Bristol Lions Club**, 7 p.m., Apalachee Restaurant. Phone (850) 570-0222.

• **Blountstown Chapter #179 O.E.S.**, 7 p.m., Dixie Lodge in Blountstown. Phone (850) 574-8610.

• **AA Meeting**, 6-7 p.m., Grace United Methodist Church, Hosford. Phone (850) 544-0677.

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

## Community Calendar

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### Wednesday, Jan. 22

**BIRTHDAYS**  
Lavada Adkins,  
Troy Bishop,  
Sandra Jacobs and  
Miguelina Solano-Barber

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### Thursday, Jan. 23

**BIRTHDAY**  
Shirley Williams,  
LeeAnne Rogers

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### Friday, Jan. 24

**BIRTHDAYS**  
Jami Lynn Daniels,  
Don Robinson,  
Danny Henthorn

**Altha School**  
Homecoming Game  
and Coronation  
6 p.m. (CT)

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### Saturday, Jan. 25

**Basket Making Class**  
Pioneer Settlement,  
starting at 9 a.m. (CT)

**LIVE BAND**,  
8-12 p.m. at the Legion  
Hall in Blountstown

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### Sunday, Jan. 26

Attend the  
*Church of your  
choice this  
Sunday*

**BIRTHDAYS**  
Danny Brock,  
Laryus Brown and  
Jonathan Alford

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### Monday, Jan. 27

**BIRTHDAY**  
David Yoder,  
Chris Coleman,  
Matt Yancey &  
Aaron Kincaid

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### Tuesday, Jan. 28

**BIRTHDAYS**  
Betty Mayfield,  
Kyle Peddie,  
Alex Nowling,  
Chip Ward,  
Betty Orama-Simmons

## West Gadsden Historical Society to meet Jan. 26

The West Gadsden Historical Society will meet Sunday, Jan. 26, at 3 p.m. at the Patricia Fletcher Vice Meeting Facility at the Greensboro AN Depot complex, 115 Duffle Ave., Greensboro.

Barbara Hines, Outreach Coordinator for the North Central Region of the Florida Public Archaeology Network in Tallahassee, will be the guest speaker.

Hines will share information on how historic cemeteries can be used in research and what information they can provide. She will also touch on the basics of how to properly clean and maintain historic cemeteries. The presentation also provides resources for locating professional curators and conservators to assist with historic cemetery restoration.

We look forward to seeing you at this meeting. Contact WGHS at info@gadsdenhistory.org, (850) 442-6434, or P.O. Drawer D, Greensboro, FL 32330 for further information.

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

**TABERNACLE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH** - Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church will present a tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr. and Black History Month on Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 6:30 p.m. The topic will be "Thank God For My Black People Who Set The Way For Me And You".

This Tribute will be through praise and worship by TMBC Youth Choir and Divine Praise Dancers.

Special guest will be Samantha Crawford, Lincoln High School, Violinist Amos P. Godby High School Chorus.

The church is located at 615 Tuskegee St. in Tallahassee. For more information please call Sister Claudia Campbell at (904) 708-4776.

**DYNAMIC PRAYERS GOSPEL CONCERT** - Dynamic Prayers will present the 2014 Gospel Concert on Saturday, Feb. 1 at the W.T. Neal Civic Center in Blountstown.

Guest singers will include Joyce Igo of Hurricane, WV, Henry Miller of Woodville, the Sheila Smith Trio, Myrna Carnley of Bristol and Abigail Timmons of Pensacola.

Admission is free and all are invited to come and fellowship.

For more information call (850) 762-1958.

**ST. LUKE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST** - St. Luke Church of God in Christ, along with Pastor Delano Reed, will celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, Jan. 26 at 5 p.m. (ET) at Veterans Memorial Park in Bristol.

For more information contact Pastor Delano Reed at (850) 643-6400.

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Late Night Laughs

A RECAP OF RECENT OBSERVATIONS BY LATE NIGHT TV HOSTS.

The White House announced that President Obama will visit Pope Francis in the near future. Pope Francis thinks Obamacare can be a success. Sure, he's the Pope. He has to believe in miracles. — JAY LENO

Country music star Trace Adkins was on a cruise ship. He got in a brawl with a Trace Adkins impersonator. Nobody is exactly sure who won. — CONAN O'BRIEN

The Pope has chosen 19 new cardinals — and three new late-night talk-show hosts. — DAVID LETTERMAN

This week country singer Trace Adkins was on a country music-themed cruise when he got into a fight with a Trace Adkins impersonator. It was a nasty brawl. In fact, it took five Elvises to pull them apart. — JIMMY FALLON

The Vatican announced they're making some changes to the way they handle applications for sainthood. Did you know you have to apply for sainthood? The application process can take years and cost up to \$1 million along the way. But if you have five other friends who also want to be saints they give you a discount. — JIMMY KIMMEL

They say that most airline seats on planes today are meant for 170-pound passengers. The last time the average American weighed 170 pounds, the Wright Brothers were flying the plane. — JAY LENO

A new survey found that Peyton Manning is the most well-respected player in the NFL by his fellow players. In fact, yesterday the Patriots spent three hours moving out of his way. — JIMMY FALLON

Justin Bieber's egg-throwing scandal is rocking the judicial world. If Justin is convicted of a felony, he could be deported back to Canada. American officials are hopeful they can get "deported" changed to "catapulted." — CONAN O'BRIEN

Alex Rodriguez has a lot of trouble. He is suing everybody in baseball, and meanwhile he is terribly out of shape. He hasn't played ball in a long time. Gee, I wonder what a guy like that does to get back into top physical condition. — DAVID LETTERMAN

The Super Bowl is coming up very soon, and organizers for the big game say that security will be so tight this year, the only thing fans will have to worry about is if their team wins. Then they said, "And if you're from New York, not even that." — JIMMY FALLON

Award nominations and search warrants are the only things that wake celebrities up early nowadays. — JIMMY KIMMEL

On Friday, Russian President Vladimir Putin said gay people at the Olympics should not fear for their safety despite the country's anti-gay laws. He said they should fear for their safety because they're in Russia. — JIMMY FALLON

Health authorities say they're seeing a massive increase in antibiotic drug-resistant diseases and are predicting a worldwide epidemic of diseases we can no longer treat. That's great news, huh? We finally get healthcare and now we've got diseases you can't treat. — JAY LENO

The movie "Gravity" received 10 nominations. It's the film where Sandra Bullock achieves what every Hollywood actress dreams of — true weightlessness. — CONAN O'BRIEN

A new study found that more than 11 million people have quit Facebook in the last three years. And unfortunately, none of them were your parents. — JIMMY FALLON



Ghosts of Nixon

WASHINGTON

No scandal is exactly like another, but there is similarity between what is now dubbed "Bridgegate" and its famous antecedent, the scandal that gave rise to all the "gates," the break-in at the Watergate office complex that forced the resignation of President Nixon. It was a bungled attempt to burgle records about the Democratic opposition in the 1972 presidential race, and it was totally unnecessary to assure victory, just as the caper allegedly orchestrated by Governor Chris Christie's loyalists in New Jersey was an over-the-top expression of hubris.

Just as Nixon was clobbering Democrat George McGovern leading up to the '72 election, Christie had his re-election sewed up. In his mea culpa press conference last week, Christie said he wanted to "run up the score" with support from Democratic-leaning groups, and from Democratic mayors in cities and towns across the state. Christie won endorsements from more than 60 Democratic mayors after pursuing hundreds. His staff's failure to bring Fort Lee Mayor Mark Sokolich into the tent is apparently what triggered the payback scheme that clogged traffic for four days as residents found lanes closed without warning on the George Washington Bridge.

Christie says he was "blindsided" by the news of his staff's involvement in the lane closings and denies knowing anything about the act of political retribution that inconvenienced thousands of Fort Lee residents. If he's not telling the truth, we'll know soon enough as more information surfaces. Assuming he's truthful, the bone-headed scheme itself may not have been directly ordered by Christie any more than the Watergate break-in was set in motion by an explicit command from Nixon.

We do know that Nixon established in July of 1971, during his first term as president, a special investigations unit known as the White House "Plumbers." Their pur-

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

by Douglas Cohn and Eleanor Clift

pose was to track down and plug leaks of national security information, a legitimate goal that quickly morphed into illegal activity with a break-in at the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist in an attempt to find information that would discredit Ellsberg, who had leaked the Pentagon Papers to the media.

We don't know if Christie tasked any of his aides to go the extra mile to correct real or perceived political slights. He claims that he called his top staff together and gave them an hour to tell him the truth about what they knew. When none came forward he felt free to joke about the lane closings, saying he was out there moving the orange cones himself, the story was that ridiculous.

Since then, various tales of political retribution by the governor's office have surfaced, from canceled meetings to firings. It's in the eye of the beholder as to what goes over the line, and what is standard operating procedure in local government in New Jersey. "I am not a bully," Christie famously declared at his press conference when asked about his penchant for punishing those who defy him.

For those who remember Watergate, Nixon's insistence at a press conference when questioned by newsman Dan Rather is one for the history books. "I am not a crook," Nixon said. True, he didn't line his pockets. Watergate wasn't about money, it was about abuse of power, and that's another parallel with Bridgegate.

When the Washington Post was hot on the trail of the Watergate scandal, the saying among Nixon hands was "the first one into the prosecutor's office gets the best deal." All the principals in the unfolding New Jersey scandal are lawyered up, and it won't be long before someone starts talking, explaining the un-explainable. It looks like a dirty trick gone bad, and that's one of the oldest stories in politics.



# BIRTHDAYS



**SARA CATHERINE BROWN**

Sara Catherine Brown will celebrate her 10th birthday on Monday, Jan. 27. She is the daughter of Doyle and Beth Brown. Her grandparents are Bob and Ruth Pickron and Sonny and the late Pauline Brown. She is a fourth grader at Hosford Elementary and Jr. High. She enjoys reading and playing soccer for recreation. She loves being the baby of the family and catered to by all.



**MOLLY HOBBS**

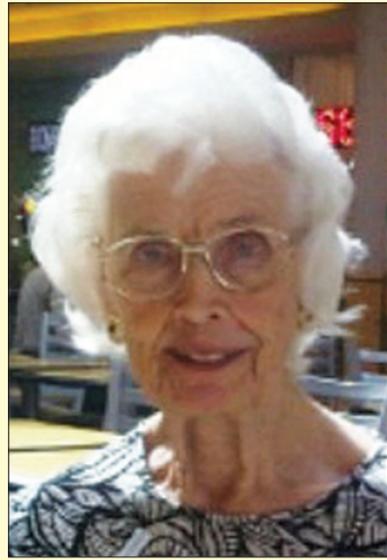
Molly Hobbs celebrated her ninth birthday on Tuesday, Jan. 21. She is the daughter of Mary and Randal Martina of Bristol and Bo and Haley Hobbs of Crawfordville. Her maternal grandparents are Nicky and Faye Phillips of Bristol, Derek and Shawna Martina and Alicia and Charles Odom, all of Eastpoint. Her paternal grandparents are Janie Hobbs of Altha, Otho and Clara Hobbs of Grand Ridge and Charlie and Jeanie Wood of Carrabelle. Her great-grandparents are Lillian Shepard of Bristol, Maxine Hand of Clarksville, Annette Martina of Apalachicola, Merle and C.L. Odom and Julia Smith, both of Eastpoint. She enjoys designing and sewing clothes, cheering and riding her horses.

# Kathlyn Haefner-Hare to celebrate 90th birthday

Kathlyn Haefner-Hare, formerly of Bristol, will celebrate her 90th birthday on Wednesday, Feb. 12. A reception is being held in her honor on Saturday, Feb. 8 in Springfield, KY, where she now resides.

She lived in Bristol from 1966-2005 and is a retired school teacher. She taught first and fifth grades at Bristol Elementary and is a former mayor of Bristol. Her husband, Wesley Haefner, pastored First Baptist Church from 1966-1983.

Her family is putting together a memory CD to present to her at her birthday reception and is asking that her friends participate. If you know



Kathlyn, please call 1-800-606-0697. The invitation number you'll be asked for is 13822. Record a favorite memory, story or simply say "Happy 90th birthday!" The deadline for calls is Wednesday, Jan. 29.

Birthday cards can be mailed to 218 E. Virginia Avenue, Springfield, KY 40069.

She misses Liberty County but enjoys being near her family and receiving visits from her grandsons in Fishers, IN and Lexington, as well as living next door to her three great-grandsons and seeing them frequently. She still drives to church every Sunday.

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# Adoptables

from Alaqua Animal Refuge

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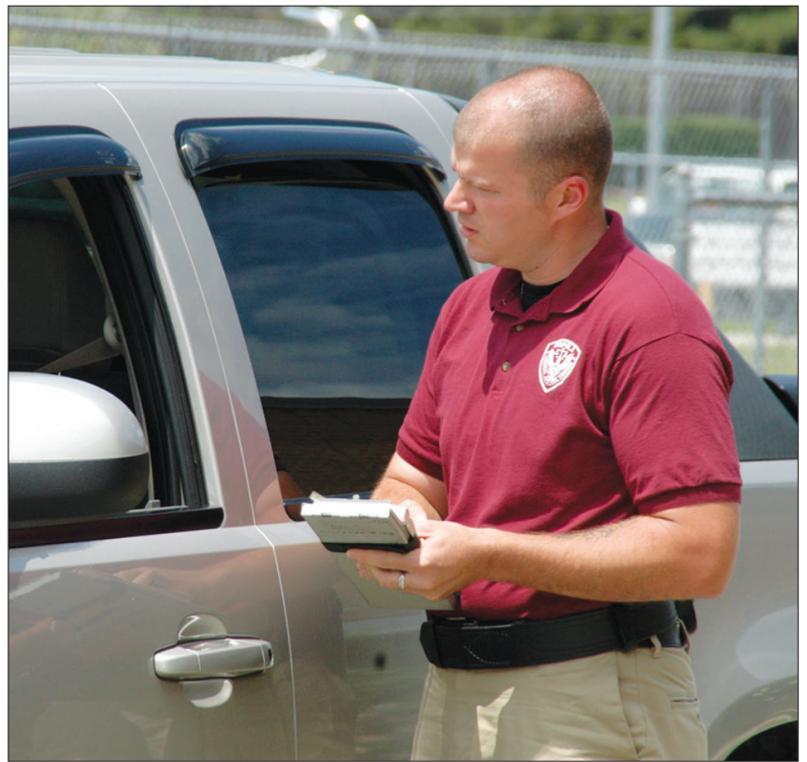
Jesse entered the program and immediately set about showing that she could learn just as quickly as the younger "whippersnappers". Even better, her patience gave her a longer attention span and her sweetness added a needed air of calm to the class. Jesse graduated on December 19th as an



AKC Certified Canine Good Citizen! Jesse's story doesn't end there, but she needs help to write the next chapter. She is a beautiful Australian Cattle dog mix who is between 5 and 6 years old. She seems to love people of all ages. Jesse is not a natural athlete, but would prefer to spend quiet time with her owner - and she LOVES to ride in the car. She is ready to find a home of her own, where she can serve her new family with hard-earned skills.

If you are interested in adopting Jesse or if you would like to make a donation to the Unconditional Love program, please visit our program page on our website at <https://www.alaquaanimalrefuge.org/program/unconditional-love/dogs>.

Alaqua Animal Refuge is a no-kill animal refuge located in Northwest Florida. The refuge has placed over 9,000 animals of all kinds since its inception in 2007, and has grown to become 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](http://www.AlaquaAnimalRefuge.org/HowToHelp)



# Chipola College to offer Basic Law Enforcement classes starting Feb. 3

MARIANNA - The Chipola College Criminal Justice Training Center will offer an evening Law Enforcement Academy beginning Monday, Feb. 3. The qualification deadline for this program is Friday, Jan. 24

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

Students who have completed the State of Florida, Law Enforcement Basic Recruit Training Program and have passed the state certification exam may petition to have clock hours converted as transfer credit toward the Associate in Science in Criminal Justice Technology Program offered at Chipola College.

Candidates must be at least 19-years-of-age and earn a passing score on the Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test (CJBAT). The Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test (CJBAT) is offered at the Public Service Building on Chipola Campus every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. Cost of the test is \$45.

Applicants must have a standard high school diploma or its equivalent and must undergo a medical physical examination, background check and drug screening. Financial Assistance is available based upon need and eligibility.

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

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# NOBLE LIFE OR SENSELESS DEATH: Respect for the wilderness makes a difference

Jon Krakauer's 1996 book, *Into the Wild*, tells the story of Christopher McCandless, a recent college graduate who gives away all his savings and drifts around the country for a couple of years. Eventually, he decides to retreat to the Alaskan wilderness and live off the land for a while. In 2007, the book was made into a critically acclaimed movie, but its subject never got to see either one come to fruition.

McCandless died of starvation in 1992 after roughly 100 days in the Alaska woods.

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A few years later, Timothy Treadwell, aka the "Grizzly Man," turned his love of attention and lack of formal training into a death sentence for himself and his girlfriend. The bears he became famous for "protecting" decided the two would make a nice pre-winter snack. His story received wide media attention and is the subject of a documentary and a mini-series.

Treadwell's bear experiences lasted about 13 summers.

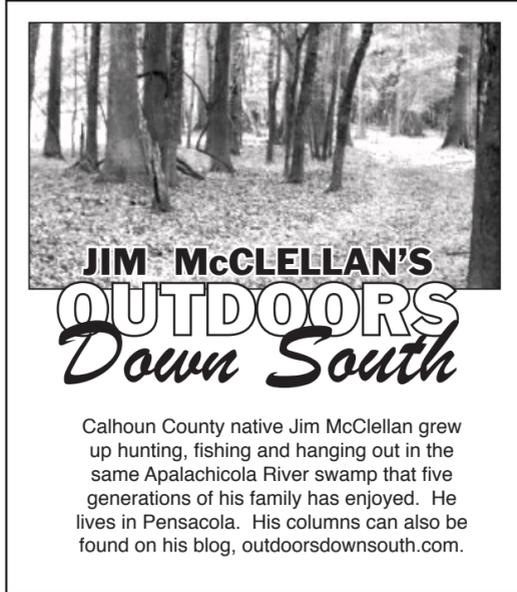
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These two men died of different causes: one lacked food, while the other became food. But both are dead for the same reason: they were idiots.

Now contrast their stories with that of Richard Louis "Dick" Proenneke, whose journals are the basis of the book *One Man's Wilderness*. In his 50s, Proenneke decided to pursue his dream of living alone in the Twin Lakes region of Southwest Alaska. The book details the intensive planning and effort that enabled this remarkable man to survive and thrive in an environment that is as hostile as it is beautiful.

*One Man's Wilderness* is also a portrait of a man just as passionate about the wilderness as McCandless or Treadwell. But for Proenneke, that passion translated into Job's patience and a powerful work ethic.

For example, he cut down trees and made his



Calhoun County native Jim McClellan grew up hunting, fishing and hanging out in the same Apalachicola River swamp that five generations of his family has enjoyed. He lives in Pensacola. His columns can also be found on his blog, outdoorsdownsouth.com.

boards by hand, and he fashioned door hinges from empty metal food tins. He hunted, gathered and grew his own food, meticulously detailing in his journals how it was processed and stored.

It's 40 miles by air to the nearest town, so the only supplies he had were those that could fit on small Cessna aircraft. It is incredible that he not only lived in these conditions, but also enjoyed and appreciated this life. That is especially true in an era when some people have anxiety attacks because their Internet is disrupted.

There's no doubt that maturity is responsible for some of Proenneke's success, as life experience was one of the major differences between him and the other men. Before his adventure, Proenneke had been a carpenter, a shepherd, a mechanic and a heavy equipment operator. During the years he spent in

those trades, he became well-known for his ingenuity, craftsmanship, strength and stamina.

On the other hand, McCandless had recently gotten a bachelor's degree in history and anthropology, while Treadwell was reportedly a recovering addict and aspiring actor. In my view, both sought the wilderness as simply a backdrop for their own personal dramas. For Proenneke, wilderness itself was the main attraction.

Another key difference between them was purpose. Proenneke wasn't running away from life like the spoiled college kid McCandless or indulging a dangerous hobby like the fame-whore-with-a-death-wish Treadwell. Instead, he was living a dream he had nurtured, planned and saved for all his life.

The payoff was that Proenneke got to enjoy the existence he created, staying by himself in his little remote Alaskan cabin for the better part of 30 years, only leaving at the age of 82. In 2003, he passed away from a stroke – 11 years after McCandless and just six months before Treadwell.

Dick Proenneke whittled life down to its barest essence and made his life a work of art all of us can appreciate and learn from. His story shows us the beauty of a simple life in the wilderness, lived well and with great respect for nature.

McCandless and Treadwell's examples teach us that the respect part is non-negotiable.

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Read this book. Seriously. Just read it.

If you love the outdoors, appreciate self-sufficiency and enjoy a good story, read *One Man's Wilderness* by Sam Keith. If you can find it at a local book store, terrific. If not, you can order it online.

Also, Filmmaker Bob Swerer produced three documentary videos about Dick Proenneke's life, which are adapted from the book and from actual 8 mm footage Proenneke shot. One of these, *Alone in the Wilderness*, still airs occasionally on PBS.

## PUBLIC AND LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

CASE # 2013-CA-000160

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, successor in interest to Bank of America, National Association as Trustee as successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association as trustee for WMALT 2005-10, Plaintiff,

-vs.-

Raymond E. Goodwin and Mary A. Goodwin, Husband and Wife; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for AMNET MORTGAGE, INC. d/b/a American Mortgage Network of Florida; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #2, If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants,

Defendant(s).

### NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order dated December 11, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 2013-CA-000160 of the Circuit Court of the 14th Judicial Circuit in and for Calhoun County, Florida, wherein U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, successor in interest to Bank of America, National Association as Trustee as successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association as trustee for WMALT 2005-10, Plaintiff and Raymond E. Goodwin and Mary A. Goodwin, Husband and Wife are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Carla A. Hand, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash ON THE FRONT STEPS OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY COURTHOUSE AT 20859 CENTRAL AVENUE EAST, BLOUNTSTOWN, FLORIDA 32424 AT 11:00 A.M. CENTRAL STANDARD TIME on January 30, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

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

CASE NO.: 13-155-CA

THE CITY OF BRISTOL, BRISTOL, FLORIDA, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, Plaintiff,

vs.

JOHN F. SHULER, Defendant.

### FINAL JUDGMENT

THIS CAUSE having come on to be heard this day on Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment of Foreclosure of Judgment Lien, and J. David House appearing as counsel for Plaintiff, and John F. Shuler appearing pro se, and the Court having heard arguments of counsel and the parties, and having been otherwise duly advised in the premises, it is hereby ORDERED AND ADJUDGED as follows:

1. Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment of Foreclosure of Judgment Lien as to Defendant John F. Shuler is hereby granted.

2. Plaintiff is due as follows: Exhibit F of the subject Complaint; By order dated September 24, 2009: Principle sum: \$10,506.62  
Statutory interest through of 12-19-13: \$2,442.04 (per diem \$1.36)

Exhibit G of the subject Complaint: By order dated January 8, 2010: Attorney's fees and costs: \$9,124.26  
Statutory interest through of 12-19-13: \$1,911.33 (per diem \$1.18)

Exhibit H of the subject Complaint: By order dated August 10, 2010: \$27,806.24  
Statutory interest through of 12-19-13: \$4,872.15 (per diem \$3.61)

Exhibit I of the subject Complaint: By order dated August 18, 2010: Brigham Shuler: \$500.00  
Statutory interest through of 12-19-13: \$81.97 (per diem \$0.06)

Total as of December 19, 2013 \$57,244.61

In addition to the foregoing, Plaintiff is hereby awarded \$1,000 in attorney's fees and \$440.00 in costs, to include the statutory interest rate, for having to bring this action.

3. Plaintiff holds a lien for the total sum superior to all claims or estates of all named Defendant, on the following described property in Liberty County, Florida:

Parcel No: 1 (Parcel Id #031-

1N-7W-01480-000)

Commence at the Southwest Corner of Section 31, Township 1 North, Range 7 West, Liberty County, Florida, thence run South 89 degrees 30 minutes 44 seconds East along the South line of said Section 31, a distance of 2584.07 feet, thence run South 89 degrees 22 minutes 25 seconds East along the South line of said Section 31, a distance of 675.01 feet, thence run North 00 degrees 07 minutes 12 seconds West, a distance of 83.97 feet, thence run North 89 degrees 06 minutes 38 seconds East, a distance of 50 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence run North 00 degrees 07 minutes 12 seconds West, a distance of 145.00 feet to the South right of way line of State Road 20, thence run North 89 degrees 06 minutes 38 seconds East along the South right of way line of State Road No. 20, a distance of 10.00 feet; thence run South 00 degrees 07 minutes 12 seconds East, a distance of 145.00 feet, thence run South 89 degrees 06 minutes 38 seconds West, a distance of 10.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Lying and being in Section 31, Township 1 North, Range 7 West.

Parcel No: 2 (Parcel Id #031-1N-7W-01480-000)

Commence at the Northwest Corner of a tract of land formerly owned by J.M. Revell in Deed Book W, at Page 252, and run South to the South edge of the State Road right of way to Point of Beginning, thence South 150 feet, thence East 50 feet, thence North 150 feet, thence West 50 feet, to the place of beginning is Section 31, Township 1 North, Range 7 West.

Less and Except; Easement dated December 22, 1062 from Jerry M. Shuler and wife, Ruby Shuler, to City of Bristol, a municipality, filed May 21, 1963, and recorded in O.R. Book 2, Page 409, conveying an Easement to lay a water pipe on the described land; a 2 foot strip lying immediately South of the beginning a right of way of State Road No 20, across the North 2 foot of the property described above.

\*This is not the homestead property of the Defendant.

4. If the total sum with interest and all costs accrued subsequent to this Judgment are not paid, the clerk of this court shall sell the property at public sale on January 28, 2014 to the highest bidder for cash, except as prescribed in paragraph 8, at the front steps of the Courthouse in Bristol, Liberty County, Florida, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes, using the following method: At the front steps of the Courthouse in Bristol, Liberty County, Florida, beginning at 11:00 a.m. ET on the pre-

scribed date.

5. Plaintiff shall advance all subsequent costs of this action and shall be reimbursed for them by the clerk if Plaintiff is not the purchaser of the property for sale, provided, however, that the purchaser of the property for sale shall be responsible for the documentary stamps payable on the certificate of title. If Plaintiff is the purchaser, the clerk shall credit Plaintiff's bid with the total sum with interest and costs accruing subsequent to this Judgment, or such part of it, as is necessary to pay the bid in full.

6. On filing the certificate of title the clerk shall distribute the proceeds of the sale, so far as they are sufficient, by paying: first, all of Plaintiff's costs; second, documentary stamps affixed to the certificate; third, Plaintiff's attorney's fees; fourth, the total sum due to Plaintiff, less the items paid, plus interest at the rate prescribed in paragraph 2 from this date to the date of the sale; and by retaining any remaining amount pending the further order of this court.

7. On filing the certificate of sale, Defendant and all persons claiming under or against Defendant since the filing of the notice of lis pendens shall be foreclosed of all estate or claim in the property, except as to claims or rights under Chapter 718 or Chapter 720, Florida Statutes, if any. Upon the filing of the certificate of title, the person named on the certificate of title shall be let into possession of the property. If any Defendant remains in possession of the property, the clerk shall without further order of the court issue forthwith a writ of possession upon request of the person named on the certificate of title.

8. Jurisdiction of this action is retained for such other and further orders as this Court deems necessary or just.

If this property is sold at public auction, there may be additional money from the sale after payment of persons who are entitled to be paid from the sale proceeds pursuant to the final judgment. If you are a subordinate lienholder claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the Clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim, you will not be entitled to any remaining funds.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, Bristol, Liberty County, Florida, this 19th day of December, 2013.

Honorable James Shelfer  
Circuit Court Judge  
COPIES FURNISHED TO:  
J. DAVID HOUSE, Counsel for Plaintiff

Defendant John F. Shuler, pro se

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### NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS

The Liberty County Board of County Commissioners will receive sealed bids from any qualified person, company or corporation interested in providing construction services for the following project:

#### LAKESIDE LANE

This project will include the widening and resurfacing of Lakeside Lane. Shoulder regrading, thermoplastic striping, reflective pavement markers, side drain replacement with mitered end sections, cross drain replacement and seeding and sodding are also included.

Plans and specifications can be obtained at Preble-Rish, Inc., 20684 Central Avenue East, Blountstown, Florida 32424, (850) 674-3300. (For questions, please call Kristin Brown at (850) 674-3300 or at brownk@preble-rish.com. The bid must conform to Section 287.133(3) Florida Statutes, on public entity crimes.

Completion date for this project will be 90 days from the date of the Notice to Proceed presented to the successful bidder.

All bidders shall be pre-qualified with the Florida Department of Transportation per Section 2-1 of the F.D.O.T. Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, 2013 edition for: Flexible Paving, Hot Plant Mixed Bituminous Courses, Grading, Drainage and Grassing, Seeding and Sodding.

Liquidated damages for failure to complete the project on the specified date will be set at \$200.00 per day.

Please indicate on the envelope that this is a sealed bid, for the "LAKESIDE LANE".

Bids will be received until 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time, on Thursday, February 6, 2014, at the Liberty County Clerk's Office, Liberty County Courthouse, 10818 NW S.R. 20, Bristol, Florida 32321, and will be opened and read aloud on Thursday, February 6, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Liberty County Board of Commissioners is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Handicapped Accessible/Fair Housing Jurisdiction.

Cost for Plans and Specifications will be \$50.00 per set and is non-refundable. Checks should be made payable to PREBLE-RISH, INC.

The Liberty County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids. All Bids shall remain firm for a period of sixty days after the opening. All bidders shall comply with all applicable State and local laws concerning licensing registration and regulation of contractors doing business to the State of Florida.

1-15, 1-22, 1-29

## Finding hunting success on small-acreage leases

Many people think you need a large tract of land for hunting to harvest a mature buck. But for a lot of us, leasing a large chunk of property is just not financially feasible. So I'm here to tell you that you don't need a large tract of land if your small hunting lease is in the right spot and you manage your herd correctly and let the young bucks walk.

My wife and I lease a little patch of woods less than 30 minutes from where we live and work. It's barely 20 acres but has provided us some nice hunting over the past couple seasons.

So we've made our little lease as good as we can make it. We've got corn and soybean feeders and mineral rocks out. We hire a good friend to bring over his tractor, and we plant cool-weather and warm-weather food plots twice a year.

There's a flock of turkeys on the property and a small deer herd. We're familiar with the deer that use the property because of the game cameras we have out and from what we see with our own eyes.

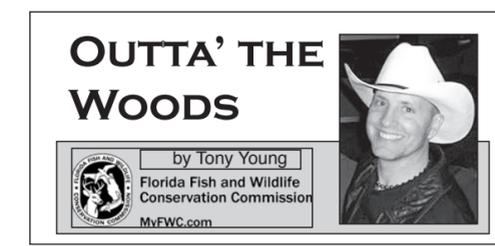
This season, we decided not to shoot any does during the archery and antlerless deer seasons because we want to increase our herd. There are a few young bucks, in-

cluding a 6-pointer, which we've seen and passed on because we want to give them the chance to grow another year or two, giving us something nice to go after in the future. But there were two nice, mature 8-points that we have seen on camera for the past two years, and those were the only two deer that we were going to target this season, unless some other mature bucks showed up.

The dominant buck in the herd, however, was a 4.5-year-old 8 point with a heavy and very symmetrical rack and a white patch of hair between his shoulders. That's the deer I set my sights on. We named him "Blaze" – a fine Florida buck.

During one short, afternoon sit, there was a steady, northeast wind, perfect for our favorite tree stand. I had only about 45 minutes to hunt before dark. Soon as I settled in, two does stepped out of the woods and into the food plot followed, by a spike. It was the pre-rut period, and we were seeing more deer activity, especially bucks, during daylight hours. Things looked promising.

I enjoyed watching the three deer graze on oats, wheat and rye, and I heard the turkeys fly up to roost at sunset. The does were still upwind but started



acting strange, and one of them put its tail up and started blowing. They all ended up running off.

I decided to give it a last-ditch effort by doing a multiple-note "tending" grunt call. There were about five minutes left of legal shooting hours, and I started gathering my things together when the flash of my old-school game camera went off.

Something had just walked in front of the camera: a deer, and a pretty good-sized one at that.

I slowly picked up my rifle and looked through the scope. It was a racked buck, but it was hard to tell if it was one of the younger bucks that we didn't want to shoot. The buck was looking right at me, and I knew I didn't have much time to make a decision. That's when he bent down to feed and I saw the white patch on his back! That's when I knew it was Blaze!

"Buck fever" immediately set in; my heart just went to poundin' and my hands a-shakin'. This was the deer I'd been hunting

for two seasons. This was the dominant buck of our little patch of woods, and I needed to pull myself together and make a good shot.

Time was running out, my hands and breathing were all over the place, and Blaze was facing me, not presenting me with the shot I wanted. All of a sudden he turned to his left and gave me his right shoulder. I managed to calm down and steadied the crosshairs on his right shoulder. I slowly squeezed the trigger.

After the recoil, I could see the buck's white belly,

laying on the ground right where he had stood. I immediately climbed down and walked over to my trophy buck. His 172-pound body and perfect rack were just as grand as they looked on all the game cam pictures.

And the shot placement was right on the money and humane. My .270-caliber bullet found its mark, killing the deer instantly.

So it just goes to show you that you don't need a large piece of land to find hunting success. All you have to do is put in a little time providing year-round, quality food sources, and if you want the chance to shoot a mature buck year after year, let the young bucks walk, and manage your deer according to the herd size.

And another thing – some hunters say they

don't like the game cams that use flash photography because that scares off big bucks. Well, not only did my old-school cam not scare away Blaze, but if it hadn't flashed, I may not have known he was even there.

I hope you enjoyed a great Christmas holiday, and I wish you a very happy new year. Remember, you can get big things from small packages, and deer season is not over yet in central and north Florida. And I still have that other big 8-point deer running around somewhere on our little piece of hunting paradise too.

Tony Young is the media relations coordinator for the FWC's Division of Hunting and Game Management. You can reach him with questions about hunting at [Tony.Young@MyFWC.com](mailto:Tony.Young@MyFWC.com).

## FWC names Lee Lawshe 2014 Officer of the Year

by Katie Purcell, "Protecting Paradise"

He has rescued a man missing for days in a swamp, apprehended a suspect during a manhunt, caught people illegally harvesting redfish, trespassing and harming gopher tortoises, and helped with a murder investigation. And all of that was just in 2013.

For his exceptional performance, Officer Lee Lawshe was named the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) Officer of the Year. Lawshe, who works in St. Johns County, will represent the FWC throughout 2014 at various events.

"The number of cases Officer Lawshe has been involved with is truly impressive," said Col. Calvin Adams, director of the FWC's Division of Law Enforcement. "But while his accomplishments are great, it is his attitude and humble demeanor that set him apart."

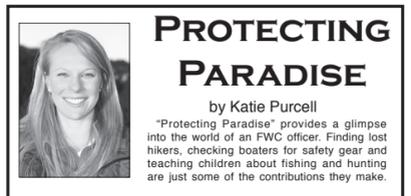
In addition to the cases mentioned above, and others, Lawshe reached nearly 3,000 different people in 2013 through hunter education classes, elementary school demonstrations, fairs, parades and other events.

"He uses outreach events to educate children and adults about conservation and to spread the message about what the FWC does," said Lt. Ben Allen, Lawshe's supervisor.

Lawshe doesn't limit his positive influence to official events, though. He uses countless interactions with the public each day to make a difference in his community and the state.

"His efforts lead to better protection of Florida's people and natural resources," Adams said.

Lawshe's hard work also helps make public lands a better place to hunt, fish and recreate. He has addressed complaints



### PROTECTING PARADISE

by Katie Purcell  
"Protecting Paradise" provides a glimpse into the world of an FWC officer. Finding lost hikers, checking boaters for safety gear and teaching children about fishing and hunting are just some of the contributions they make.

from the public about illegal fishing activity at Guana Wildlife Management Area (WMA) and deer poaching on Relay WMA. He has also caught people placing bait on public lands.

"Lawshe is also called upon frequently by other law enforcement agencies for his skills at working in the woods and his hard-working nature," Allen said.

In 2013, Lawshe assisted the Florida Highway Patrol in finding a driver who had fled a traffic accident and was hiding in the woods, helped the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office apprehend a suspect during a manhunt in a wooded area, searched for evidence in the woods regarding a burnt vehicle case and helped recover a body in a murder investigation. He has also instructed two local SWAT teams in man-tracking.



FWC Officer Lee Lawshe

"We're fortunate to have Officer Lawshe on our team," Adams said. "The whole state of Florida is fortunate to have him. He not only provides exceptional service on a daily basis, but he sets an example for others as well."

Lawshe comes from a long line of outdoorsmen. After serving in the U.S. Army, his passion for the outdoors led him to pursue a career with the FWC. He began work in Martin County in 2008 and now lives in St. Johns County with his wife and two sons.

To learn more about what Officer Lawshe does on a regular basis, follow his activities on Twitter @MyFWCLife at #FWC2014. To learn more about becoming an FWC officer, visit [MyFWC.com/Get-Involved](http://MyFWC.com/Get-Involved).

"Protecting Paradise" provides a glimpse into the world of an FWC officer. Finding lost hikers, checking boaters for safety gear and teaching children about fishing and hunting are just some of the contributions they make. This column is written by Katie Purcell, Division of Law Enforcement Community Relations Coordinator.

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**2006 CHEVROLET  
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**2010 HYUNDAI  
SANTA FE GLS**

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**2008 PONTIAC  
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**2012 HYUNDAI  
ACCENT GLS**

**LOW MILES!** 1 Owner, Clean AutoCheck History Report, 30,445 miles, 4-Cylinder, automatic. **STK #40849**



**2008 NISSAN  
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# Minutes for the Liberty School Board Dec. 3 meeting

Official minutes from the Dec. 10, 2013 regular meeting of the Liberty County School Board as recorded by the board secretary

Agenda Date: Dec. 3, 2013

**CALL TO ORDER/ OPENING COMMENTS**  
 Corrections to the Agenda:  
 •Remove 9. FC 3)  
 •Amend 12. PA 2) to read effective date Dec. 11, 2013  
 •Add 22. EI 1 and EI 2

**ROLL CALL**  
 The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kyle Peddie. Members present at the meeting were Chairman Peddie, Mr. Darrel Hayes, Mr. Roger Reddick, Mrs. Tina Tharpe, and Mr. Logan Kever; and Superintendent Tony Anderson.

**PRAYER AND PLEDGE**  
 The prayer was offered by Hayes and the Pledge was led by Reddick.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
 Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Tharpe, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda with the emergency items and the corrections to agenda as noted above.

**RECOGNITION AND PRESENTATION**  
 Will Hosford, a junior at Liberty County High School, was recognized for representing Liberty County as a top scholar in the disciplines of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) during the Sunshine State Scholars program in February 2014

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**  
 Mr. Michael Richter wished everyone a Merry Christmas and reminded the Board and the Superintendent he was available if he was needed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
 Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Hayes, and

carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the Oct. 4, 2013, Workshop, the Nov. 1, 2013, Special Meeting and the Nov. 12, 2013, Regular/Organizational Meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**  
 None

**FINANCE ACTION ITEMS**  
 Motion was made by Tharpe, seconded by Hayes, and carried unanimously to approve the following:

- FC 1)** Principals' Reports for November, 2013
- FC 2)** Financial Statements for November, 2013
- FC 3)** None
- FC 4)** Bills and Payroll for November, 2013

**FINANCE ACTION ITEMS**  
**FA 1)** Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Tharpe, and carried unanimously to approve the "Agreement for Contracted Services" with Vanesa Ford to provide services as needed in developing IEPs for Liberty Early Learning Students (Pre-K) for up to and not exceeding \$2,000.00.  
**FA 2)** Motion was made by Kever, seconded by Hayes, and carried unanimously to approve the Contract between Twin Oaks Juvenile Justice and the LCSB for Educational Services for SY 2013-2014.  
**FA 3)** Motion was made by Tharpe, seconded by Kever, and carried unanimously to approve a 5 year contract with Doyle Brown Septic Service for Hosford School.  
**FA 4)** Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Hayes, and carried unanimously to approve a 5 year contract with Mowrey Elevator Company of Florida, Inc. for the maintenance of the elevator at Hosford School. The LCSB will receive a 2% discount by extending the contract to 5 years.  
**FA 5)** Motion was made by Tharpe, seconded by Hayes, and carried unanimously to approve a 5 year contract with R

& R Safety for the maintenance of the kitchen hoods at Hosford School.

**FA 6)** Motion was made by Tharpe, seconded by Hayes, and carried unanimously to approve a 5 year contract with Paul's Pest control for the Termite Inspection at Hosford School.

**FA 7)** Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Tharpe, and carried unanimously to approve a 5 year contract with Regional Fire Protection Services for the maintenance of the sprinkler system at Hosford School.

**FA 8)** Motion was made by Tharpe, seconded by Reddick, and carried unanimously to approve a 5 year Contract with Trane U.S. for the maintenance of the HVAC on Hosford School.

**FA 9)** Motion was made by Hayes, seconded by Tharpe, and carried unanimously to approve amending the cooperative agreement between LCSB and the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) in order to comply with Federal Law requiring all educational personnel who work in DJJ state operated or contracted provider detention or residential facilities to complete the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) training within 30 days of the approval of this amendment for current personnel and within 30 days of a new hire. Refresher training is required every 2 years.

**FA 10)** Motion was made by Hayes, seconded by Kever, and carried unanimously to approve a 5 year contract with Edwards Fire Protection, Inc. at Hosford School.

**PERSONNEL CONSENT ITEMS**

**PC 1)** Motion was made by Hayes, seconded by Tharpe, and carried unanimously to approve transferring Stephanie Williams from BYA to LEAC (District Office) effective Jan. 1, 2014.

**PC 2)** Motion was made by

Reddick, seconded by Kever, and carried unanimously to approve transferring Connie Price from BYA to LEAC (Pre-K position) effective Jan. 1, 2014.

**PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS**

**PA 1)** Motion was made by Tharpe, seconded by Hayes, and carried unanimously to approve hiring Trey McDowell as a Mechanic II, effective Dec. 11, 2013.

**PA 2)** Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Kever, and carried unanimously to approve Melissa Muza to work an extended day, up to 12 hours per week, to provide flexible hours for adult education students at her regular rate of pay; effective Dec. 11, 2013. These funds will be paid from FESP funds from the state that can only be spent on Adult Education.

**PA 3)** Motion was made by Tharpe, seconded by Hayes, and carried unanimously to approve the recommendation to hire Derringer Edwards as the baseball coach at Tolar effective Dec. 16, 2013, and be paid the approved supplement amount.

**INSTRUCTION/ CURRICULUM CONSENT ITEMS**  
 None

**INSTRUCTION/ CURRICULUM ACTION ITEMS**

**IA 1)** Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Tharpe, and carried unanimously to approve permission for students, 1) \_\_\_\_\_, 2) \_\_\_\_\_ and 3) \_\_\_\_\_ to attend Liberty County Adult School and take the GED after a prescribed course of study.

**IA 2)** Motion was made by Tharpe, seconded by Kever, and carried unanimously to approve the recommendation to allow students, and to attend Hosford Elementary and Junior High School effective Dec. 11, 2013.

**IA 3)** Motion was made by Tharpe, seconded by Hayes, and carried unanimously to approve permission for students, 1) \_\_\_\_\_, 2) \_\_\_\_\_, to be expelled from LCHS effective Dec. 11, 2013. The request for hearings has been waived.

**IA 4)** Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Hayes, and carried unanimously to approve for 1) \_\_\_\_\_, to be placed in Horizons as an appropriate setting through the end of SY 2013-2014, in lieu of expulsion based on Section IV (p.12) of the Code of conduct. This student may return to Hosford School effective the beginning of the 2014-2015 SY.

**OPERATIONS/FACILITIES CONSENT ITEMS**  
 None

**OPERATIONS/FACILITIES ACTION ITEMS**  
 None

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CONSENT ITEMS**  
 None

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACTION ITEMS**  
 None

**SUPERINTENDENT ITEMS**

**SI 1)** Mr. Anderson requested that the Board begin to consider for next year if the District needs three School Resource Officers or could the District reduce the number to two for SY 2014-2015 due to budget restraints.

**SI 2)** Mr. Anderson reminded the Board of the upcoming Winter Break, Dec. 23, 2013, through Jan. 2, 2014

**SI 3)** Mr. Anderson reminded the Board of the visit by First Lady Ann Scott on Dec. 11 at

Tolar School.  
**SI 4)** Mr. Anderson gave an update on Bristol Youth Academy furniture and equipment.

**BOARD MEMBER ITEMS**

Tharpe brought up that NEOLA needs to meet with the Board 2 days in January 2014 to go over the drafted policies. Tharpe also brought up that she had received complaints from parents about students not getting breaks and the scheduling of lunches.

Reddick stated that he had received complaints from teachers about not having quality time in the classroom due to the amount of training they were expected to attend. Mr. Anderson stated that from now until FCAT he has instructed the principals to protect class instructional time.

**CLOSING COMMENTS**  
 None

**EMERGENCY ITEMS**  
**E1)** Motion was made by Hayes, seconded by Reddick, and carried unanimously to approve the transfer of Dawn Arrant from LEAC to Hosford School effective Jan. 2, 2014.

**E2)** Motion was made by Tharpe, seconded by Kever, and carried unanimously to approve the revised salary schedule effective Dec. 10, 2013.

**ADJOURN MEETING**  
 Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Hayes, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Approved Jan. 14, 2014  
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 Anthony L. Anderson,  
 Interim Superintendent  
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 Chairman Kyle Peddie  
 School Board Chairman

## Liberty School Board workshop meeting

Official minutes from the Dec. 10, 2013 workshop meeting of the Liberty County School Board as recorded by the board secretary

Agenda Date: Dec. 3, 2013

- 1. Field house for Liberty County High School**
  - a. Rex Lumber Company donated \$50,000
  - b. Plans have been completed (\$7,000)
  - c. Bulldog Club paid Yz and Yz paid out of Rex funds
  - d. Committee recommends construction being on the south end of the track
  - e. Material list has been developed
  - f. There is a possibility of additional donations from Rex
  - g. Inmate labor will not work

during school hours per mandate by the Liberty Corrections warden

- h. Liberty Corrections has committed to dedicate work during the summer months
- i. School Board needs to decide whether to proceed or not
- j. If the decision is to proceed, then pricing for materials will take place
- k. Estimated pricing for the project is \$150,000
- l. Football team could practice on the old FB practice field by the gym if the project is not completed by the end of summer break
- m. Once the actual price for the project is determined a plan for fund raising will be developed by the committee.

**2. New high school project**

- a. Kevin Williams, Facilities Director, has met with DOE facilities people
- b. Decision whether to proceed with securing funds for the project (levy 1.5 mil tax for two years)
- c. Committee has met to make a recommendation to build the new high school on the highway 12 site (by Football field area) It also must be determined whether or not it will be possible to relocate the Maxwell Harrell Public Library from its present site. Concerns were raised about the library is actually on LCSB property and persons who use the library are not screened according to the Jessica Lunsford Act when they are actually on school property
- d. When new school is built, move Pre-K, Day Care, and Ad-

ministrative offices to the present LCHS site

- e. Tear down old Vocational wing at the HS
- f. Lease old gym to an agency or organization to get it off of the FISH report so that a new gymnasium can be built
- g. Tear down old administration building (LEAC)

**ADJOURNMENT**  
 Motion was made by Reddick, seconded by Hayes, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Approved Jan. 14, 2014  
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 Anthony L. Anderson,  
 Interim Superintendent  
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 Chairman Kyle Peddie  
 School Board Chairman

## Spouses have a significant benefit

by Fancy Bannister, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Social Security can be an important financial asset for married couples when the time comes to apply for retirement benefits.

In many cases, one spouse may have earned significantly more than the other, or have worked for a longer span of years. Or it could be that one spouse stayed home to do the work of raising the children or caring for elderly family members while the other focused on a career.

Regardless of your situation, Social Security will look at all possibilities to make sure both spouses receive the maximum benefit possible.

Even if you have not paid Social Security taxes, it is likely you will be eligible to receive benefits on your spouse's record. If you did work and pay into Social Security, we will check eligibility based on your work record and your spouse to see which amount is higher.

You can apply for spouses benefits the same way that you apply for benefits on your own record. You can apply for reduced benefits as early as age 62, or for 100 percent of your full retirement benefits at your "full retirement age." You can find your full retirement age, based on your birth year, at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/ageincrease.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/ageincrease.htm).

The benefit amount you can receive as



a spouse, if you have reached your full retirement age, can be as much as one-half of your spouse's full benefit. If you opt for early retirement, your benefit may be as little as a third of your spouse's full benefit amount.

If your spouse has already reached full retirement age but continues to

work, your spouse can apply for retirement benefits and request to have the payments suspended until as late as age 70. This would allow the worker to earn delayed retirement credits that will mean higher payments later, but would allow you to receive your spouse's benefit.

You can also apply for spouse benefits based on the earnings record of an ex-spouse or deceased spouse if you were married for at least 10 years. Spouses can consider a number of options and variables. We make it easier to navigate them. A good place to start is by visiting our benefits planner at [www.socialsecurity.gov/planners](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/planners). Take note of the "Benefits As A Spouse" section.

If you are ready to apply for benefits, the fastest, easiest, and most convenient way is to apply online! You can do so at [www.socialsecurity.gov/applyonline](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/applyonline).

Whether you receive benefits on a spouse's record or your own, rest assured we will make sure you get the highest benefit we can pay you. Learn more at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

# NOTICE

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

If you purchased property in 2013 and wish to file for homestead exemption or greenbelt for 2014, it will be necessary for you to come into the office to apply before **March 1, 2014**.

*For Homestead Exemption on mobile homes: Applicants must own the mobile home and the land to which the mobile home is permanently attached.*

## Attention: Senior Citizens 65 & Older

The Senior Citizen Additional Homestead Exemption is **NOT** automatically renewed. An application **MUST** be signed each year before March 1. There is a household income limitation to qualify for this exemption. Please contact this office **before March 1, 2014**.

*If you have any questions, or if you have a problem with transportation, please feel free to contact the Property Appraiser's office at 643-2279.*

## SCHOOL NEWS

### BackPack Program is halted by lack of funds

Recently it was decided that our BackPack program would have to be halted. You might ask, how can a child focus on solving a math problem or memorizing a new word when she or he is trying to ignore the persistent pangs of hunger?

Across the country, teachers and school nurses have found that in some instances, Monday morning comes and they are forced to compete against hunger for the attention of their students. More than 18 million children qualify for free or reduced price meals through the National School Lunch Program, the fuel that they need to get them through the week. What happens to these children when they go home over the weekend? Locally we have 100% of our students that receive a free lunch while they are at school.

For more than 15 years, the Feeding America Backpack Program has been helping children get

the nutritious and easy-to-prepare food they need over the course of the weekend. Today, bags of food assembled at more than 150 local food banks are distributed at the end of the week to nearly 230,000 children every year. In Liberty County we have been able to provide these backpacks for 50 students per week until now. Lack of funding has caused the program to be curtailed. With your help, we can restart this program.

You can sponsor a child for the remainder of 2013-14 school year for \$100. This tax-deductible gift will once again allow us to distribute food to be taken home on the weekends. Please call Roger Phillips of First Baptist Church of Bristol, if you will help us get this needed project back in operation. We are diligently searching for funding to keep this program going. Please call (850) 643-5400 or (850) 228-3731, cell.



STANDING, from left: Chaille Eikeland, Donna Summers, Gay Lewis, Janna Hill, Johnette Wahlquist, Program Coordinator, Heather Clark, Beckie Black, Mary Helen Smith, Region Coordinator. SEATED: Scholarship recipients Megan Nichols and Demetria Peterson.

### Take Stock in Children scholarship awarded to two Liberty Co. students

TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN - Liberty County held the first contract signing on Tuesday, Jan. 14 to award Megan Nichols and Demetria Peterson with scholarship agreements to Chipola College. To be awarded their scholarships, students must stay in school, maintain good grades, exhibit good behavior, remain crime and drug free and meet with their mentors once a week. Students are held accountable; if they do not fulfill our program standards, they risk losing their valuable college scholarship.

This program provides a dollar for dollar match by the state so all the money raised in Liberty County goes to students in Liberty County. Your donation will provide a child with the promise of a 2 year college scholarship, guidance of a caring mentor and a sustainable outcome of success for the future.

To find out more about this program you can email Johnette.Wahlquist@lcsbonline.org or Mary Helen Smith, Program Manager at smithm@chipola.edu.

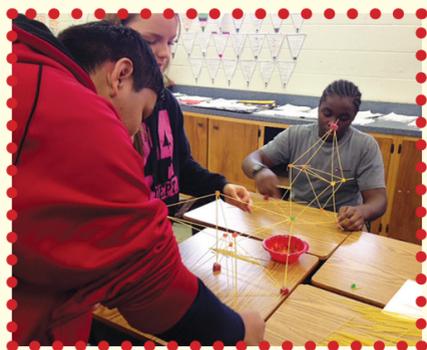


### Cindy Nichols receives December's 'Make Their Day Better' award

CALHOUN COUNTY - Calhoun County Superintendent of Schools Ralph Yoder announced that Cindy Nichols was recently recognized as the recipient of the "Make Their Day Better" award for the month of December. 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. Nichols was selected from ten nominations that were submitted by administrators and colleagues working in the Calhoun County School district.

Nichols has been working for the Calhoun County School Board since 1992. Currently, she is employed at the Special Programs Office in the Exceptional Student Education (ESE) department. Previously, she has worked as an ESE teacher at Blountstown Elementary School and was the guidance counselor at Altha School.

## LCHS BULLDOG BEAT



Pictured are LCHS AVID students Asiel Ramirez, Megan Nichols and Stanford Dawson.

Recently the LCHS AVID students took part in an activity where they had to build towers out of raw spaghetti and gummy candy.

The interesting requirement to this activity was that students were not allowed to talk to their group members while constructing the towers. The tallest tower was the winner.

The students enjoyed this activity and created some beautiful towers. AVID students will do several of these activities this year using different materials. Students are learning patience and how to work together to complete tasks.

On Thursday of last week, the LCHS AVID students took part in a symbolic activity. Each student had a small sticky note with something they considered negative in their life written on it. They put their notes on the lanterns and lifted the negativity away. They will now have to look at those things in a more positive light. The students enjoyed the activity.



FROM LEFT: Skyler Pate-Thompson, Kendall Vickers, Kevin Johnson and Junior Rangel are shown with some of the supplies donated.

### Tolar fourth grade students complete donation drive for Partners for Pets

Lynn Hobby's fourth grade class at W.R. Tolar recently completed their community service project with their 2nd annual donation drive to benefit Partners for Pets, Inc., a no-kill animal shelter located in Marianna.

Items such as blankets, towels and laundry and dish detergents were collected for the shelter.

The shelter is a non-profit organization that relies solely on donations and operates mostly by volunteers. They are always in need of supplies for dogs and cats of all ages and size. Anyone

wishing to donate to the shelter may do so by visiting their Facebook page. Payments are processed through PayPal.

For more information or if you would like to be a volunteer at the shelter, contact Debbie O'Quinn, Shelter Manager at (850) 482-4570.



### Forestry officers, Hosford students plant two new Oak trees in honor of Arbor Day

Two live oak trees were planted at Hosford with assistance from the Florida Forest Service in celebration of Arbor Day. Arbor Day is a nationally celebrated observance that promotes the benefits of trees in the urban environment and encourages tree planting and care.

National Arbor Day is celebrated each year on the last Friday in April.

Individual states conduct their own Arbor Day celebrations at various times of the year. Florida has celebrated Arbor Day since 1886 and has one of the first Arbor Day celebrations in the nation, on the third Friday in January.

### Have lunch at the Tiger's Table today

Blountstown High School's culinary program, The Tiger's Table, will be serving its fifth luncheon of the year on Wednesday, Jan. 22, with seating from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the BHS culinary dining room.

The menu will consist of your choice of appetizer, entree and dessert.

Cost is \$9 per person. For more information call (850) 674-5724, ext. 43 or email samantha.taylor@calhoun-flschools.org.

### Blountstown Elementary School participates in Celebrate Literacy Week

Florida's Celebrate Literacy Week was held the week of Jan. 13 - 17. Blountstown Elementary School celebrated by participating in the "Million Minute Marathon." On Monday, each classroom read for an extra 20 minutes, beyond their regular instructional time, racking up 8,500 minutes to add to the state-wide goal. There was also a poster contest for the third through fifth graders with the theme "Reading Accelerates Success!"

The winners of the Poster Contest were: Third Grade: 1st Place: Taylor Allen, 2nd Place: Avery Layne, 3rd Place: Brianna Reddick. Fourth Grade: 1st place: Matthew Hazelwood, 2nd Place: Leyanna Lomarquez, 3rd Place: Dylan McClellan. Fifth Grade: 1st Place: Trenton Lee, 2nd Place: Hans Jeppson, 3rd Place: Charlotte Brown.

On Wednesday, Jan. 15, Principal Bozeman read to our first graders to celebrate Literacy Week. She read one of her favorite books, "If you give a pig a pancake" by Laura Numeroff. The first graders completed a writing activity to go along with the story. To finish off Literacy Week, they enjoyed making



pancakes on Friday.

On Friday, students who had read One Million words were treated to a special lunch. Those students were Leyanna Lomarquez, Rylea Williams, Hope McCrary, Avery Layne, Wyatt Calam, Justin Salvador and Danny Richards. Congratulations to these students!

In addition, Superintendent Ralph Yoder donated the book "The Boy Who Changed The World" to the BES Media Center. Thank you, Mr. Yoder!

## The School Board of Liberty County OPEN POSITION

The School Board of Liberty County is accepting applications for the following position for the 2013-2014 school year. A complete **Classified Application** listing **Three (3) Professional References** and **Resume** is required. It will need to be submitted in the Vacancies section under Human Resources/Careers of the online application at the LCSB website, www.lcsbonline.org. On the Current Job Openings page, click on the "Link", under "How to Apply" beside the position you are interested in applying for. After completing the **Classified Application**, it must be attached to the position. **Resume** can be attached to the online application under the "Attachment" drop down menu, faxed into the District Office at 850-643-5131 or you can bring it to the District Office. Any computer with internet access can be used, i.e. (Library, One Stop Career Center, Adult School, etc.).

Those without computer access may come to the District Administration office and complete your application. Assistance will be provided, if needed. Reasonable accommodations for completing forms and interviews are available for people with disabilities when requested in advance. For a request for reasonable accommodations, please contact the Office of the Superintendent.

### SUMATRA ROUTE BUS MONITOR

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

- (1) High School Diploma or equivalent or currently enrolled in GED program.
- (2) GED requirements must be met within three (3) years of hiring date.
- (3) Must be trained in CPR and First Aid.
- (4) Must hold current CPI (Crisis Prevention Intervention)
- (5) Must provide written references upon the request of the Superintendent.

#### KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

Knowledge of highway and traffic safety. Ability to operate light and/or heavy-duty buses in a safe and economical way. Ability to understand and carry out both written and oral directions. Ability to exercise appropriate disciplinary techniques. Ability to follow a daily routing schedule. Assists children in getting on the bus and to assigned seats. Ensures all passengers are properly restrained while riding the bus. Maintains order and behavior of children on the bus so the driver will not be distracted from safe driving. Maintains a positive, calm attitude and a soft voice while on the job. Protects all children from physical punishment or verbal abuse by anyone in any program activity, and immediately reports any such incident to driver. Assists the children in getting off the bus safely. Releases children only to persons listed on the Child Release Form, and requires identification from any unknown or new person on the list. Notifies the driver of concerns regarding the children's health, behavior, or emotional state. Learns bus route and makes the substitute driver aware of it when necessary.

#### COMPENSATION:

- (1) Sumatra: \$5,200.00

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165 positions - Temporary/seasonal work, planting, cultivating and harvesting nursery stock in wholesale nursery, from 2/24/2014 to 11/28/2014 at Willoway Nurseries, Inc., Avon and Huron, OH. Three months of verifiable previous wholesale nursery experience required. Saturday worked required. Must be able to lift/carry 60 lbs. Employer is a U.S. Department of Agriculture-certified Drug Free Workplace employer. Employer-paid post-hire drug testing required. Prefer bilingual (English/Spanish) with ability to read work orders and manuals in English and write reports. \$11.74/hr or current applicable AEW. Workers are guaranteed ¾ of work hours of total period. Work tools, supplies, equipment supplied by employer without charge to worker. Housing with kitchen facilities provided at no cost to only those workers who are not reasonably able to return same day to their place of residence at time of recruitment. Transportation and subsistence expenses to work site will be paid to nonresident workers not later than upon completion of 50% of the job contract. Interviews required. Apply for this job at nearest State Workforce Agency in state in which this ad appears, or One-Stop Career Center, 16908 NE Pear St., Ste. 2, Blountstown, FL 32424. Provide copy of this ad. OH Job Order #2740703. PO SR078 1-22-14

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12 positions - Temporary/seasonal work planting, cultivating and harvesting nursery stock, field grown trees and shrubs, from 2/15/2014 to 12/15/2014 at Barton Nursery Enterprises, Inc. DBA Barton Nursery, Middlesex Co, NJ. Three months of previous verifiable experience required in the job described. Saturday work required. Must be able to lift/carry 75 lbs. \$10.87/hr or current applicable AEW. Workers are guaranteed ¾ of work hours of total period. Work tools, supplies, equipment supplied by employer without charge to worker. Housing with kitchen facilities provided at no cost to only those workers who are not reasonably able to return same day to their place of residence at time of recruitment. Transportation and subsistence expenses to work site will be paid to nonresident workers not later than upon completion of 50% of the job contract. Interviews required. Apply for this job at nearest State Workforce Agency in state in which this ad appears, or One-Stop Career Center, 16908 NE Pear St., Ste. 2, Blountstown, FL 32424. Provide copy of this ad. NJ Job Order #NJ0887609. PO SR055 1-22-14

105 positions - Temporary/seasonal work, planting, cultivating and harvesting nursery stock in wholesale nursery, from 2/24/2014 to 7/15/2014 at Willoway Nurseries, Inc., Avon and Huron, OH. Three months of verifiable previous wholesale nursery experience required. Saturday worked required. Must be able to lift/carry 60 lbs. Employer is a U.S. Department of Agriculture-certified Drug Free Workplace employer. Employer-paid post-hire drug testing required. Prefer bilingual (English/Spanish) with ability to read work orders and manuals in English and write reports. \$11.74/hr or current applicable AEW. Workers are guaranteed ¾ of work hours of total period. Work tools, supplies, equipment supplied by employer without charge to worker. Housing with kitchen facilities provided at no cost to only those workers who are not reasonably able to return same day to their place of residence at time of recruitment. Transportation and subsistence expenses to work site will be paid to nonresident workers not later than upon completion of 50% of the job contract. Interviews required. Apply for this job at nearest State Workforce Agency in state in which this ad appears, or One-Stop Career Center, 16908 NE Pear St., Ste. 2, Blountstown, FL 32424. Provide copy of this ad. OH Job Order #2740174. PO SR082 1-22-14

30 positions - Temporary/seasonal work planting, cultivating and harvesting nursery stock in wholesale nursery, from 2/17/2014 to 11/28/2014 at Willoway Nurseries, Inc., Avon and Huron, OH. Six months verifiable previous wholesale nursery experience required. Saturday worked required. Must be able to lift/carry 60 lbs. Employer is a U.S. Department of Agriculture-certified Drug Free Workplace employer. Employer-paid post-hire drug testing required. Prefer bilingual (English/Spanish) with ability to read work orders and manuals in English and write reports. \$12.24/hr or current applicable AEW. Workers are guaranteed ¾ of work hours of total period. Work tools, supplies, equipment supplied by employer without charge to worker. Housing with kitchen facilities provided at no cost to only those workers who are not reasonably able to return same day to their place of residence at time of recruitment. Transportation and subsistence expenses to work site will be paid to nonresident workers not later than upon completion of 50% of the job contract. Interviews required. Apply for this job at nearest State Workforce Agency in state in which this ad appears, or One-Stop Career Center, 16908 NE Pear St., Ste. 2, Blountstown, FL 32424. Provide copy of this ad. OH Job Order #2739125. PO SR059 1-22-14

6 positions - Temporary/seasonal work planting, cultivating and harvesting nursery stock, field grown trees and shrubs, from 2/22/2014 to 12/1/2014 at Westminster Wholesale Nurseries, LLC, Westminster, MD. Three months of previous experience required in the job described. Saturday work required. Must be able lift/carry 60 lbs. Employer-paid post-hire drug testing is required upon reasonable suspicion of use. \$10.87/hr or current applicable AEW. Workers are guaranteed ¾ of work hours of total period. Work tools, supplies, equipment supplied by employer without charge to worker. Housing with kitchen facilities provided at no cost to only those workers who are not reasonably able to return same day to their place of residence at time of recruitment. Transportation and subsistence expenses to work site will be paid to nonresident workers not later than upon completion of 50% of the job contract. Interviews required. Apply for this job at nearest State Workforce Agency in state in which this ad appears, or One-Stop Career Center, 16908 NE Pear St., Ste. 2, Blountstown, FL 32424. Provide copy of this ad. MD Job Order #309616. PO SR050 1-22-14

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4 positions - Temporary/seasonal work, planting, cultivating and harvesting nursery stock in wholesale nursery, from 2/24/2014 to 11/28/2014 at Willoway Nurseries, Inc., Hilliard, OH. Three months of verifiable previous wholesale nursery experience required. Saturday worked required. Must be able to lift/carry 60 lbs. Employer is a U.S. Department of Agriculture-certified Drug Free Workplace employer. Employer-paid post-hire drug testing required. Prefer bilingual (English/Spanish) with ability to read work orders and manuals in English and write reports. \$11.74/hr or current applicable AEW. Workers are guaranteed ¾ of work hours of total period. Work tools, supplies, equipment supplied by employer without charge to worker. Housing with kitchen facilities provided at no cost to only those workers who are not reasonably able to return same day to their place of residence at time of recruitment. Transportation and subsistence expenses to work site will be paid to nonresident workers not later than upon completion of 50% of the job contract. Interviews required. Apply for this job at nearest State Workforce Agency in state in which this ad appears, or One-Stop Career Center, 16908 NE Pear St., Ste. 2, Blountstown, FL 32424. Provide copy of this ad. OH Job Order #2740874. PO SR066 1-22-14

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# It's time to start on your new landscaping

by Carrie Stevenson,  
Coastal Sustainability Agent,  
Escambia County Extension

Most people associate yard work with the spring and summer, but if you're considering a major redesign of a home landscape, now is a great time to start. Without the vegetation on deciduous trees, it's easy to see the "bones" of your yard—the tree trunks and branches, sidewalks, and fences—which frame it.

One of the best ways to start with landscape design is a piece of paper and pencil. If you've got a paper copy of your survey, even better—you can sketch in trees, sidewalks, and fences with an aerial view and see where the open spots lie. Take some time to walk around your yard, considering how you use the space. Do you have children or pets that need room to run? A shady area for relaxing? Full sun for a garden? All of these uses can co-exist in a single yard, but the key to good landscape design is allowing for them to flow together in a logical, attractive way.

If you've never put together a comprehensive

landscape design before, there are several very helpful tools online provided by horticulture experts with UF IFAS Extension. The "pattern guide" is ideal for starting and completing small projects, such as side yards, shade areas, etc. and even suggests appropriate plants based on light conditions and region of the state. Using this guide is a great way to start from scratch and build up to a diverse, healthy landscape.

On the other hand, if you are essentially satisfied with your yard but just need a few accent plants or another tree somewhere, a great online resource is <http://floridayards.org/>. Here, you can enter a set of specific criteria based on the type of plants you're looking for, and the site will create a customized list of suggestions to use in your landscape.

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After deciding on additional needs for hardscape and plantings, the next step is to make room for them by removing sod or unwanted landscape plants. Now is also the time to look at irrigation needs—if you have an existing system, make sure it still works with your new landscape design. If it doesn't, it's much better to redirect water, piping, or add new sprinkler heads while you're digging into the soil than after you've finished installing new vegetation. If you aren't using an irrigation contractor, you'll need a solid understanding of how the system is set up before making changes. Inexpensive kits can also be purchased to add drip or micro-irrigation to an already-installed system.

Once irrigation and hardscape are complete, you can begin with plant installation. It makes the most sense to plant trees first, add mulch around the root zone, then put in shrubs and groundcov-



TOP LEFT: Taiwan cherry (*Prunus campanulata*) adds a bright spot to the yard. CENTER LEFT: *Cassia bicapsularis*. ABOVE: Fringe tree (*Chionanthus virginicus*). LEFT: The branching structure of crape myrtles makes an impact to landscapes even in winter time.

## These trees and shrubs will provide all-year interest

by Beth Bolles, Horticulture Agent, Escambia County

Trees and shrubs often serve a distinct purpose in landscapes, other than to provide color. They are planted to provide shade, screen a view or noise, or to soften the hardscapes of the home.

With a little planning, we can have both beauty and function from trees and shrubs. Add a few trees and shrubs that have color in different seasons and your landscape will always be interesting.

The added benefit of growing trees and shrubs is that they are low maintenance. Once the plants are established in the landscape, they will require very little water and only an occasional application of a slow release fertilizer. A good layer of an organic mulch around the plants will help conserve moisture, prevent weeds, and keep root temperatures regulated during our temperature extremes. You may have to do a little pruning every year to remove any diseased, damaged, or severely crossing branches.

Here is a list of plants to give you garden interest throughout all seasons:

### •WINTER COLOR

Taiwan cherry (*Prunus campanulata*) is an underutilized ornamental cherry for the coastal south. Clusters of dark pink flowers cover the plant which grows about 20 feet.

Camellia japonica is widely used in landscapes, but still an excellent choice for winter color. Careful selection of types will provide a garden with color from November through April.

Red maple (*Acer rubrum*) will provide color in both the late winter and fall. Flowers are brilliant red in late winter and leaves begin turning red in late October.

Other choices include Oakleaf hydrangea, Florida anise, Red buckeye, and Japanese magnolia

### •SPRING

Fringe tree (*Chionanthus virginicus*) can be in shrub or tree form and range in height from 10 – 20 feet. Forms white clusters of showy fringe-like flowers in late winter and early spring before the leaves emerge.

Chinese fringe (*Lorepetalum chinensis* 'Rubrum') is a very popular shrub. Pink blooms are heaviest in the spring. The plants can get up to 12 feet in height so plant it where it will not obstruct a view.

Virginia sweetspire (*Itea virginica*) forms clusters of white flowers. Plants offer purplish foliage in the fall.

Other choices include Banana shrub, native azaleas, Indian hawthorn, and Deutzia,

### •SUMMER

Chaste tree (*Vitex agnus castus*) is a large shrub with fragrant leaves and spikes of purple flowers. Tolerates drought and develops interesting shape.

Loblolly bay (*Gordonia lasianthus*) is an evergreen tree that grows to 25-35 ft in height. Large white flowers with yellow stamens resemble camellia blooms.

Abelia spp has white flowers that appear over the entire plant. It is attractive to butterflies.

Other choices include Crape myrtle, Althea, Confederate rose, and Oleander

### •FALL

Bald cypress (*Taxodium distichum*) will become a large tree over time. In the fall the feathery leaves will turn orange-brown. Good tree for both wet and dry areas.

Beautyberry (*Callicarpa americana*) a native that forms clusters of purple berries that line the stem. Leaves turn yellow and provide fall interest as well.

Cassia bicapsularis can reach 8-12 ft in height and will have bright yellow flowers that form in October and persist until a freeze.

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# OBITUARIES

## JUANITA L. LAWRENCE HARRELL

ALTHA - Juanita L. Lawrence Harrell, 81, of Altha, passed away Friday, Jan. 17, 2014 at her home after an extended illness. She was born to Lucious and Cecil Lawrence Jan. 7, 1933 in Geneva, AL. She married her husband, the love of her life, Jerry C. Harrell, on March 7, 1951 in Bainbridge, GA. They lived in numerous places over nearly 63 years of marriage, including 23 years when Jerry was in the Navy, returning to live in Altha in 2007.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lucious and Cecil Lawrence; one brother, Clarence Lawrence; and her twin sister, Armeta Miller.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry C. Harrell; one son, Wayne Harrell and his wife, Andrea; one daughter, Sheryl Marques and her husband, Edward; three sisters, Edna Ruth Shiver, Dorothy Prescott and her husband, James and Vicki Tonda and her husband, Jim; four grandchildren, Lia, Jessica, Nicole and Edward, Jr.; four great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at Peavy Funeral Home Chapel in Blountstown with Pastor Jim McIntosh of Altha First Baptist Church officiating. Interment followed in Mount Olive Cemetery in Altha.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to Emerald Coast Hospice in Marianna.

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

## DOROTHY P. SUMMERS

BRISTOL - Dorothy P. Summers, 87, of Bristol, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2014 in Blountstown. She was born in Geneva, AL and had lived in Bristol for over 40 years, coming from Blountstown. She retired from the Liberty County Sheriff's Office as a dispatcher. A 1944 graduate of Blountstown High School, she was of the Baptist Faith. She attended the Bristol Pentecostal Holiness Church in Bristol.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harvey and Susie Peak; her husband, Bobby Summers; one son, Phillip Nelson; and great-granddaughter, Rachael Phillips.

Survivors include one son, Bobbie Ray Summers and his wife, Debbie of Bristol; four daughters, Catherine Reather of Marianna, Susan Nelson Vinson and her husband, James of Blountstown, Robin Dougherty and Claudia Bennett and her husband, Cecil, all of Bristol; one sister, Catherine Parrish and her husband, James of Chattanooga, TN; seven grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held on Saturday, Jan. 18 Lake Mystic Cemetery with Reverend Coy Collins officiating. Interment followed.

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

## FANNIE LOU HUTCHISON

ALTHA - Fannie Lou Hutchison, 80, of Altha passed away Sunday, Jan. 12, 2014 at Bay Medical Center in Panama City. She enjoyed gardening, yard work, being outdoors and playing dominoes. She was proud of her children and grandchildren. One of her happiest accomplishments was seeing her years of fundraising efforts culminate in the dedication of the CCC Statue at Florida Caverns State Park. She would not take no for an answer from the local park system - she went to the top.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Thomas J. Hutchison; one sister, Bertie Whitus; and a special friend, J. Clegg Ivey.

Survivors include two daughters, Patricia Cahill and her husband, Dennis of Piscataway, NJ, Cheryl Robinson and her husband, Ricky of Marianna; one son, Thomas A. Hutchison and his wife, Lisa of Altha; four sisters, Annie Lee Johnson Carter, Margie Tatum, Ruby Mercer and Annette Hagans and her husband, Jimmy; four brothers, Lewis Brooks and his wife, Ouida, Leon Brooks and his wife, Carolyn, James Brooks and Richard Brooks and his wife, Mary Frank; seven grandchildren, Jonathan Cahill and his wife, Katie, Megan Cahill, Sarah Cahill, Tyler Hutchison and his wife, Lindsay, Lyan Hutchison, Garrison Hutchison, Necia Garcia and friend Mason Brock and Brandon Robinson; four great-grandchildren, Melissa Garcia, Landon Garcia, Elyse Cahill and Caroline Cahill.

Services were held Thursday, Jan. 16 at First Baptist Church in Altha with Rev. Jim McIntosh officiating. Interment followed in Old Shiloh Cemetery.

*James & Sikes Maddox Chapel of Marianna was in charge of the arrangements. Expressions of sympathy may be made online at [www.jamesandsikesfuneralhomes.com](http://www.jamesandsikesfuneralhomes.com).*

## BETTY JEAN PITTS MOUNT

SOUTHPORT - Betty Jean Pitts Mount, 78, of Southport, passed away Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014 in Panama City. She was born on June 25, 1935 in Frink, and had lived in Bay County for most of her life. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J.W. Mount; one daughter, Janet Lynn Mount; two brothers, Robert Lee and W.A. Pitts; four sisters, Mary W. Young, Mildred Chaffin, Elise Dawson and Ruth Zavalnak.

Survivors include two sons, Armand Kelly Mount, Sr. and his wife, Gail of Chipley and James Michael Mount and his wife, Deborah of Lynn Haven; one daughter, Beverly Ruth Mount Douds of Port St. Joe; one sister, Gail O'Bryan and her husband, Donnie of Blountstown; nine grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; and a longtime special friend, Euliss Scurlock of Southport.

Family will receive friends one hour prior to service time at the funeral home.

Services will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 2 p.m. (CT) at Peavy Funeral Home Chapel with Bud Guilford and Mike Mount officiating. Interment will follow in Pine Memorial Cemetery in Blountstown.

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

## NOLAN BAILEY MUSGROVE

ALTHA - Nolan Bailey Musgrove, 16, of Altha, passed away Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014 near Altha. He was born on Aug. 19, 1997 in Tallahassee and had lived in Altha all of his life. He was a junior at Altha High School and a member of FBLA and the Baseball Team.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Dara and Andy Schamens of Altha; his father, Kevin Musgrove of Altha; one brother, J.K. Musgrove of Altha; two sisters, Brook Schamens and Dustin and Nikki Schamens, all of Altha; maternal grandparents, Jerane and Jack Spain of Altha; paternal grandfather, Jimmy Musgrove of Altha; step-grandfather, Ross Schamens of Altha; one aunt, Melissa Murphy and her husband, Hudson of Pensacola; one niece, Khloe Schamens; two nephews, Kylan and Konner Schamens.

Family will receive friends on Wednesday, Jan. 22 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (CT) at Altha Church of God.

Services will be held on Thursday, Jan. 23 at 2 p.m. (CT) at Altha Church of God with Reverend Dwayne Tolbert and Reverend John Michael Hinson officiating. Interment will follow in the Schamens Family Cemetery near Altha.

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

## BARBARA MCDANIEL

BRISTOL - Barbara McDaniel, 68, of Bristol, passed away Friday, Jan. 17, 2014 in Blountstown. She was born May 31, 1945 to the late Albert and Hazel Tanton. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include one son, Todd Faught of Lynn Haven; one daughter, Pam Wilson of Bristol; two brothers, Charles Hill and his wife, Linda of Bristol and Dennis Tanton and his wife, Eva of Marianna; one sister, Debra Schwendeman and her husband, R.D. of Bristol; two grandchildren, Kevin Faught of Lynn Haven and Shane Wilson of Bristol; a special friend, Jim Bateman; along with several nieces, nephews and other extended family.

Family will receive friends on Saturday, Jan. 18 from 6 - 8 p.m. (CT) at Adams Funeral Home in Blountstown.

Services will be held on Sunday, Jan. 19 at 2 p.m. (CT) at Adams Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in Rock Bluff Cemetery in Bristol.

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

## CLIFFORD PORTER

BRISTOL - Clifford Porter, 83, of Bristol, passed away Sunday, Jan. 19, 2014 in Bristol. He was born Feb. 27, 1930 in Blountstown to the late Charlie and Mary Morris Porter.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances, and one brother, Odis Porter.

Survivors include one brother, Dutch Porter of Wewahitchka; one niece, Brenda Scudder and her husband, Steve, of High Springs; several nieces, nephews, and other extended family.

Family will receive friends one hour prior to service time at Roberts Cemetery in Wewahitchka.

Graveside services will be held Friday, Jan. 24 at 11 a.m. (CT). Interment will follow.

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## LOIS E. MERCER

LAMONT - Lois E. Mercer, 92, of Lamont, passed away Sunday, Jan. 19, 2014 in Lamont. She attended Florida State University where she earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. She was a beauty school instructor at Lively Technical School for 18 years and was of the Jehovah's Witness faith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Jay Mercer.

Survivors include one son, Charles "Buddy" Weston and his wife, Cee of Cairo, GA; one daughter, Carolyn Jean Colvin and her husband, Jerry of Lamont; 10 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday, Jan. 21 at Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Bristol. Interment followed in Hosford Cemetery.

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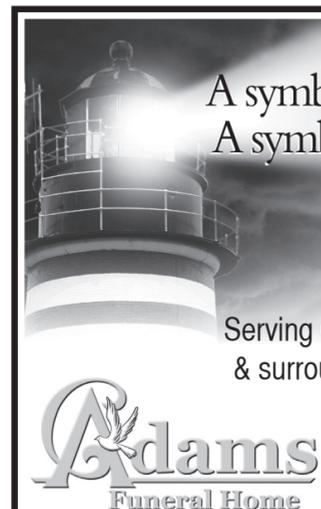
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# MLK Scholarship Fund celebration run



BLOUNTSTOWN - The weather was just above freezing at 8 a.m. as the runners signed in for the MLK Celebration Run Saturday.

A total of 13 runners registered for the event. All were poised and ready to run on this cold morning.

The male winners included Ben Hall in third place, Beaver Yoder in second place and Thomas Howell taking home first place.

The female winners are Heidi Stone in third place, Allison Howell in second place and Missy Newsome in first place.



TOP LEFT: Runners prepare to leave the starting line. ABOVE: One runner is fitted for his number. LEFT & RIGHT: Runners take off from the starting line.

DOMENICK ESGRO PHOTOS



# BHS pulls ahead after late fouls to win 52-51



A Wildcat lay-up attempt is on its way to the goal as Blountstown Tiger Nathan Dunham (#11) defends.

ALTHA - The Altha Wildcats hosted the Blountstown Tigers in a nail-biter that had fans on the edge of their seat until the final buzzer Friday night.

Altha came out strong with a lead of 10 by the end of the first period.

Blountstown, refusing to give up, managed a dazzling come back to be up by over 10 points in the second period.

It was neck and neck until the end of the third period when an Altha Wildcat was called for a foul.

Another one of Altha's players, Kent Rogers, decided to express his discontent for the call toward one of the referees. This landed him a technical foul to add to the previous offense.

Blountstown had their chance at four foul shots, three of which were added to the score board. This put Blountstown in the lead.

The Wildcats were unable to make up for the deficit.

The Tigers took home a hard earned victory in the end with a final score of 52-51.



Altha fans are seen screaming at a Tiger player in an attempt to throw him off as he shoots his foul shots.



P.J. Iler (#2) goes for a lay-up while surrounded by a pack of Tigers. DANIEL WILLIAMS PHOTOS

# 10th Annual Hog Butchering Day at The Settlement

BLOUNTSTOWN - Even though it was only 40 degrees at 9 a.m. at The Panhandle Pioneer Settlement, the hog was feeling the heat as volunteers finished scalding (a boiling bath used to make the fur come off the hide easier).

Just as the butchering commenced a voice was heard stating,

"My daddy used to say that the only thing he lost was the squeal!" That voice belonged to longtime Florida resident, John Stoffels of Grand Ridge.

Dinner was served around 11 a.m. in a cabin built in the 1800s.

On the menu were many things pork. Cracklin's, beans and pork,

ribs, sausage and livers with lites (lungs) also known as hashlett.

Volena Barfield, who is a nurse at Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare (TMH) in Blountstown, is one of the volunteers who helps out during the hog butchering. She prepares some of the dishes as well as teaching the children about the

anatomy of the heart.

Lawana McDonald, Volena's sister, is a frequent volunteer lending a hand to tell stories and demonstrate the old smoke house, as well as helping prepare some of the food.

DOMENICK ESGRO PHOTOS



A volunteer wields a hatchet to break the hind quarters apart.



No part of the hog goes unused. Volunteers are shown here with slightly over half of the work behind them.



Jade Barrentine spends his first hog butchering with Volena Barfield, touching the hog's heart.

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ANSWER:

## ★STARSCOPE★

Week of January 22 to January 28, 2014

**ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**  
 Aries, your tendency to say what you feel can come across as being impolite. Many, however, appreciate your honesty and unwillingness to mince words.

**TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21**  
 A loved one needs some help. Taurus. This week you will have to figure out a way to assist this person and still tend to your own pressing affairs.

**GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21**  
 Gemini, focus your energy on someone important. This may be a friend, family member or even a romantic partner. Brush up on your relationship skills in the meantime.

**CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22**  
 You have a natural charm that immediately puts others at ease. Cancer. If you are wooing a client, they will be putty in your hands. Just open your mouth, and you will win them over.

**LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23**  
 Leo, your stubbornness comes into play this week, and it could cause a rift with friends or colleagues. Try to see their point of view, and put off any serious disputes for another time.

**VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**  
 Virgo, spend a little time this week plotting your next getaway. You tend to be happiest when you're on the move and exploring. Everyone needs an escape now and then.

**LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23**  
 Enjoy some local culture this week, Libra. Take in a concert, an art show or a theater performance. Just enjoy anything that will educate and entertain at the same time.

**SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**  
 Scorpio, you may find that someone you thought was weak is much stronger than they appeared. This person may not need as much of your assistance as you initially thought.

**SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21**  
 Sagittarius, analyze any problems you may have by breaking them down into smaller tasks. Then you can tackle one thing at a time and come to a happy resolution.

**CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20**  
 Capricorn, your children or the youngsters in your life will be the center of your universe this week. Make the most of this time and enjoy kids' carefree natures.

**AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18**  
 This week may be a little boring, Aquarius. Make the most of your down time, as you could use a few slow days to recharge your batteries and plan your next move.

**PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20**  
 You are bubbling with energy, Pisces. Make the most of this energy by exercising, partying or taking a day trip.

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