

After meeting about youth baseball program Mears arrested for attack on Calhoun Commissioner

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor
 BLOUNTSTOWN - A man who had attended a meeting about Calhoun County's Little League program is facing a charge of felony battery on an elected official after he allegedly attacked a county commissioner Thursday night.

Two men who were leaving the meeting walked out to find Steve Mears Jr., 39, and County Commissioner Lee Lee Brown, 46, arguing in the foyer of the W.T. Neal Civic Center.

Earlier that evening, it was the commissioner who stepped in during the meeting to diffuse the tension between Mears and another man. "He and Steve got to saying something back and fourth," according to Brown. When the other man made a comment about there being "one bad apple in the barrel," Brown said Mears started toward him. Brown said he cautioned Mears, "Steve, you don't want to do this." The other man had already drawn his fist back to defend himself, according to Brown, but an altercation was averted.

Brown said after they came out of the meeting, Mears then accused him of telling "lies about the millage rate." The commissioner later said he didn't understand why that was being brought up since it was not an issue at the meeting.

Brown said he was aware that Mears had wanted to start a separate youth league in the past and said the purpose of that night's meeting was to clarify that kids' sports at Sam Atkins Park were conducted through the Dixie Youth League. He said about a year ago, the question came up and the county commission voted to keep youth sports a part of the Dixie Youth League.

In a report from the Blountstown Police Department, witnesses gave the following account of what they saw and heard shortly before the altercation:

While still inside the civic center, the witnesses heard Mears accuse Brown of "lying tonight" and then saw him lean in close to him. When Brown told him, "Don't touch me,"



STEVE GORDON MEARS

Mears purposely bumped him. Brown then said, "Stay away from me."

Mears then told Brown, "There's nothing between us but air and opportunity. Let's go outside." Once more, Brown told Mears to stay away from him.

Witnesses stepped forward to separate the two. One man walked outside with Mears; another went out with Brown.

As the four men walked through the parking lot, Mears continued to antagonize Brown, repeating, "There ain't nothing between us but air and opportunity."

One witness stopped at his vehicle, believing Mears would continue to his own as well. He didn't. Instead, Mears then walked "purposely" toward the opposite side of the south parking lot where Brown was.

Brown was going to his truck when Mears suddenly came up and was "in his face." Startled, Brown said he pushed Mears away with a plastic gallon jug of tea he was holding.

"Steve went from being 40 feet away to right on top of me," the commissioner told The Journal. "I thought he was going to do something to me and I defended myself. We both went to the ground. I think I fell on top of him. The next thing I knew, they were separating us."

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Officers from the Blountstown Police Department responded to a call about the fight in the parking

lot at 7:30 p.m.

Mears was taken into custody and booked into the Calhoun County Jail that night. His bond was set at \$5,000 the next morning and he was released.

The Board of County Commissioners issued a trespassing warning against Mears Friday, prohibiting him from being on any county-owned property, including the ball park.

Mears, who is a former Blountstown Police Officer and later worked as an investigator with the state attorney's office until being dismissed from that job, was arrested in January 2013 for felony domestic violence.

Mears went to the home of his ex-wife, where he allegedly grabbed her around the neck and threatened to kill her parents, "eliminate everyone on his list" and then commit "suicide by cop."

Following his arrest then, he was taken to Bay County for a mental health examination, where he was expected to remain for 72 hours. Instead, he returned to Blountstown the very next day.

He was later given a conditional release from the Calhoun County Jail but was returned to custody after violating an agreement not to contact his ex.

Because it was his first arrest, Mears received a deferred prosecution agreement in which the charges would be dropped if he followed a list of conditions which included requirements that he pay court costs and supervision fees totaling \$800, enter a VA residential program, have no contact with the victim and complete 40 hours of community service. The agreement allowed him to end his pre-trial intervention program within six months if he completed all conditions required. His case was closed in September, about nine months after his arrest.

He met his community service requirements by volunteering as a coach with the Dixie Youth AA Baseball Team. A time sheet in his court file shows he began his community service on April 6,



Helping Hands, shown above, is located on Pear Street in Blountstown. DOMENICK ESGRO PHOTO

Thrift store to reopen Feb. 1

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

Helping Hands, the Blountstown Thrift Shop that was closed when three employees were arrested after several thousand dollars went missing, will be back in business Saturday.

Kenneth Edwards, vice-president of the board that oversees the shop, said they will be adding some new board members soon and the store will reopen under the direction of volunteers.

"We have caught up many past due bills, have brought the bank accounts to positive status and have the store so overstocked that we have had to get a storage building to store some of the surplus," he said. "We have come a very, very long way in a very short time. Between the donations and the countless amount of people calling, texting, and Facebooking wanting to know when the store is reopening it is obvious that the community recognizes the store's importance and is still fully behind us."

He said they're making changes on how employees will handle the money. "We had good procedures previously but they weren't being followed," he said. "With what we have put in place now I am confident that we will not see another incident like the previous one."

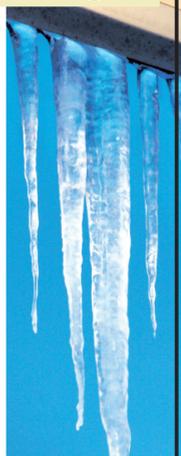
Saturday's grand opening will be held from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. CT with all items at half price.

School Closings

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 County Schools are
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 due to weather

Liberty Co. schools
RESUME THURSDAY

Calhoun County
 schools will remain
CLOSED
THURSDAY



Altha Homecoming Royalty crowned

Altha Homecoming Queen Brooke Coleman and Homecoming King P.J. Iler, upper right, and Homecoming Prince Coy Cook and Princess Josie Hall were crowned last week. The school continues its celebration with a parade and dance Friday.



Cruiser hits deer and catches fire on SR 20

A collision with a deer apparently set off a fire in a 2001 PT Cruiser that was headed east on S.R. 20 near Hoecake Road in Bristol around 10 p.m. Friday night. The impact with the animal pushed the radiator into the motor and the front of the vehicle caught fire. The driver, 17-year-old Cheyenne Miranda, was not hurt. The vehicle was totaled. Volunteers with the Bristol Fire Department responded to the accident and put out the fire.

DANIEL WILLIAMS PHOTO

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and continued through June 8, 2013, working 18 four-hour days and one eight-hour day. He received a performance rating of "excellent" for his efforts by his supervisor, Frank King, who was the league's vice-president at the time.

In the comments section of the evaluation form, King wrote that Mears was "a very valuable and great asset to our program."

Despite Mears' recent troubles, King said, "The ball field is one place Steve is a very productive citizen when it comes to volunteering with the children."

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King has since stepped down as the league's vice-

president. He resigned during a recent meeting that he said, "did not have a positive direction." He hopes to continue as a volunteer coach with the league.

He's proud of what the group of local volunteers have done with the league over the past year, noting that their bank account "went from nothing to \$9,000" in that time. To be clear about the money, he said financial statements are posted at the concession stand, which is operated to raise funds for the league.

He said the board had been exploring other options

for the little league program after having some issues with how the Dixie Youth League ran last year's state tournament.

"We really wanted to try something different but that topic was put to bed," he said about the County Commission's directive that they remain with the Dixie Youth program. He acknowledged that played a part in his resignation.

He added, "I don't agree with the direction we're going, but if you put the kids first and take everyone's personal agenda out of it, hopefully, things will work out. I have confidence that the current group has the kids' best interest at heart."

ARREST REPORTS

compiled by Journal Editor Teresa Eubanks

Fountain woman charged with burglary, grand theft for taking appliances

A 35-year-old Fountain woman was arrested Friday for allegedly stealing appliances from a neighbor's home.

Stephanie Diane Coker is charged with burglary of a dwelling, burglary of an unoccupied structure and grand theft.

According to the arrest report, a woman who has a home in Fountain but had gone to stay with relatives in Alabama due to an illness, learned that some things had been removed from her residence.

The homeowner said her nephew was hunting in the area and went to check on her property and found that the refrigerator and stove were gone.

She said this was not the first instance of something going missing from her home while she was out of town.

Deputies checked with neighbors and learned that one had seen Coker at the residence removing the appliances with a dolly.

The Calhoun County Sheriff's Office has received previous reports of Coker taking property she believed had been abandoned, according to the arrest report. It was noted that another neighbor declined to press charges after Coker returned their stolen property previously.

When contacted by deputies, Coker said she had permission to take the stove and refrigerator. The appliances were found in her barn.



STEPHANIE COKER

Two Liberty County men were arrested after they were caught digging up drainage culverts along the railroad track in Hosford last week.

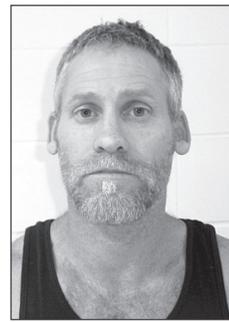
Johnny Williams, 35, of Bristol, and Gregory Pitts, 44, of Hosford, were both charged with interfering with railroad equipment, trespassing and grand theft.

When a Deputy Josh Shepard responded to a call about suspicious activity along NE SR 65 on Jan. 21, he found a pickup truck with a double-axle trailer backed in between a row of pine trees. A 12-foot steel culvert was on the trailer.

The deputy then found two men nearby and



JOHNNY WILLIAMS



GREGORY PITTS

asked what they were doing. They told him, "We thought this was St. Joe Land and we didn't think they would mind if we took these culverts. A call to the Apalachicola Northern Railroad Company confirmed that the property was theirs and they would press charges.

When a second deputy arrived on scene, the men said they had been digging up the culverts to sell as scrap metal.

They later admitted they had been digging up pipe for the past two or three days.

Behind the trailer, a section of steel pipe was sticking up out of the

ground and held up with railroad timbers. The culvert was under what appeared to be a railroad right-of-way and track area.

On the ground near the pipe was a two-ton floor jack, a shovel and hand winch, all tools that appeared to have been used to unearth the pipe.

Damages to the area and the track were estimated at approximately \$7,500.

The truck, which belonged to Pitts, was impounded.

Liberty EMS was called to the scene to check Williams, who had sustained injuries while digging up a pipe.

SHERIFF'S LOG

CALHOUN COUNTY

Jan. 22

•Earl Tory Stone, VOSP, CCSO.

Jan. 23

•James Timothy Sapp, criminal registrant, CCSO.

•Pamela Bowden Mayo, VOP, CCSO.

•Shane Adam Coburn, possession of a controlled substance (synthetic marijuana) CCSO.

•John Will Holland, possession of a controlled substance (synthetic marijuana), possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, CCSO.

•Steve Gordon Mears, felony battery on an elected official, BPD.

•Dave Peterson, felony battery, BPD.

Jan. 24

•Shane Adam Coburn, VOP, CCSO.

•Stephanie Diane Coker, burglary of a dwelling, burglary of an unoccupied structure, grand theft, CCSO.

Jan. 25

•Lavasyette Catherine Donaldson, assault or battery on a person 65 years or older, CCSO.

•Rex Alton Tucker, domestic battery, child abuse, CCSO.

Jan. 26

•Robert Lee Simmons, false reports of commission of crime, leaving scene of crash without rendering aid, reckless driving with damage, CCSO.

Jan. 27

•Bobby Young, non-support, CCSO.

•Tyrell Ashley Odom, sentenced from court, CCSO.

•Connie Carter, VOP, CCSO.

•Brandy Dunagan, discharging a firearm in public, CCSO.

•Gary Stanley Gazzier, VOP, CCSO.

•Anthony Scott Reddick, failure to appear, CCSO.

LIBERTY COUNTY

Jan. 19

•Tracy Maloy, serving weekends, LCSO.

•Hali Carin Phinney, holding for CCSO, CCSO.

Jan. 20

•Carla Causey, holding for court, LCSO.

Jan. 21

•Kristy Mitchell, VOSP, LCSO.

•Thomas Tierney, sentenced to three years, LCSO.

•Antonine Jackson, holding for Louisiana, LCSO.

•John Ammons, VOSP, LCSO.

•April Strickland, holding for Gadsden County, GCSO.

•Asia Whitley, holding for Gadsden County, GCSO.

•Johnny Williams, interfere with railroad equipment, trespassing, grand theft over \$300 but less than \$5,000, LCSO.

•Sandra Melvin, DUI, LCSO.

Jan. 22

•Ladora Nunnery, holding for CCSO, CCSO.

•Michael Alford, driving while license suspended or revoked with knowledge, LCSO.

Jan. 23

•Pamela Mayo, holding for CCSO, CCSO.

•April Holbert, VOP, LCSO.

Jan. 24

•William Pierce, serving weekends, LCSO.

•Noemi Mann, serving weekends, LCSO.

Jan. 25

•Stephanie Diane Coker, holding for Calhoun County, CCSO.

•Lavasyette Catherine Donaldson, holding for Calhoun County, CCSO.

Jan. 26

•Amy Nesmith, public affray, LCSO.

•Ricki Campbell, public affray, LCSO.

BLOUNTSTOWN Police Department

Jan. 20 through Jan. 26, 2014

CITATIONS ISSUED:

Accidents.....01 Traffic Citations.....03
Special details (business escorts, traffic details).....80
ALARMS: Business.....01 Residential.....00
Complaints.....45



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

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Pioneer Settlement plans 12th annual Classical Desserts

This Saturday, Feb. 1, starting at 6:30 p.m. (CT) the Panhandle Pioneer Settlement will celebrate its 12th Annual Classical Desserts.

The evening will present Virginia Baker, PhD and the group Crystal Waters, playing light classical music. Sue Bradley and Peggy Cox will follow with a selection of Golden Oldies.

There will be a buffet table filled with many different kinds of delectable desserts prepared by our many volunteers for your enjoyment while listening to some excellent, delightful live music.

The Blountstown Chapter of the General Federation of Women's Club will be holding a silent auction with all proceeds going to the Women's Club many community projects. Door prizes will be presented to some lucky guests.

The cost for this event is \$20 per couple and \$15 per person. Call Diane Watson at (850) 674-2777 or email at ppsmuseum@yahoo.com for ticket reservations.

The Panhandle Pioneer Settlement is a living museum documenting rural life in NW Florida from the early 1800's to the 1940's. It is located in Sam Atkins Park, about 1 mile west of the intersection of Hwy 71 and Hwy 20. Follow Hwy 20 West from Blountstown. Look for the sign for Sam Atkins Park (on the right side of the road). Turn right on Silas Green Street and then follow the signs.



An elegant dessert table from last year's Classical Desserts event.

Family Fun Night Relay for Life fundraiser set

Calhoun-Liberty Relay for Life is hosting a Family Fun Night on Saturday, Feb. 1 from 6 - 9 p.m. (ET) at Veterans Memorial Civic Center. All proceeds from the event will go to benefit the American Cancer Society.

Join us for a night out with the family to enjoy music by Easy Company. Also available will be games for the kids, dancing to include a dance competition, silent auction, cake walk, and much more.

Admission is \$5 adults, \$2 students, children 3 and under free. Snacks will be provided.

For more information please contact Lisa Sewell at (850) 509-5727 or Deanna Parrish at (850) 447-1366.

Legislative public hearings Feb. 21

The Calhoun County and Liberty County Legislative Delegations will be holding public hearings on Friday, Feb. 21.

The Calhoun County Legislative Delegation meeting has been rescheduled and will be held in Blountstown at 6:30 p.m. (CT) in the Calhoun County Board of the County Commissioners Chambers, Extension Office.

The Liberty County Legislative Delegation meeting will be held in Bristol at 5:30 p.m. (ET) in the Liberty County Courthouse.

All residents and elected officials are invited to attend. These hearings will allow the citizens the opportunity to meet their legislators, discuss concerns, ask questions and offer comments for upcoming 2014 Legislative Session.

For more information contact Melissa Durham at (850) 487-5003 or via email at durham.melissa@flsenate.gov.

Liberty County Dixie Youth registration begins this Saturday

The Liberty County Recreation Department will be holding a registration for Dixie Youth Baseball, Dixie Girls Softball, coach pitch, and T-ball on Saturday, Feb. 1 at 9 a.m. (ET) at Veterans Memorial Civic Center in Bristol. Registration will also be open during the week, Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the concession stand at Veterans Park in Bristol. Registration will close at 12 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22. Updates will be announced in the *Calhoun-Liberty Journal* and on the Liberty-County Recreation Facebook page.

The following dates and times will also be available:

- *Friday, Feb. 7 from 5 to 7 p.m. Veterans Park Recreation Office
- *Saturday, Feb. 15 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Hosford Gymnasium
- *Saturday, Feb. 22 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Veterans Memorial Civic Center

Registration is \$50 for baseball and softball and \$40 for t-ball and coach pitch and is open for children ages 3-12. A copy of each participant's birth certificate is required upon registration if they plan to play Dixie youth baseball or softball.

For more information, please call the Liberty County Recreation Department at (850) 643-2175.

Pancake breakfast at the Settlement

The Panhandle Pioneer Settlement is having a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 1. Serving will be from 7 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. (CT).

There will be delicious local made Norris sausage and light and fluffy pancakes for all to enjoy. There will also be coffee, milk and orange juice to drink. Join us for this delightful breakfast at the Settlement's log building clubhouse. The cost of the breakfast is \$5 donation per adult (12 and older), \$3 for children 5 to 11, children under 5 are free. Call (850) 674-2777, or email at ppsmuseum@yahoo.com for more information.

Community Calendar

Wednesday, Jan. 29

Calhoun & Liberty County SCHOOLS CLOSED TODAY due to weather

Thursday, Jan. 30

BIRTHDAYS
Patty Fant, Rita Maupin, Hannah Plazarin, MaeBelle Grantham, Melissa Leath Boggs, Robert McDonald, David Summerlin, Michelle Coombs and Brant Sewell

Calhoun Co. Schools CLOSED TODAY due to weather; Liberty County Schools open today

Friday, Jan. 31

Altha School Homecoming Parade 1 p.m. (CT)

BIRTHDAYS
Ben Smith, Koneyshia Clark & Kyle Potter

Saturday, Feb. 1

Alumni Basketball Game at Altha School 6 p.m. (CT)

CHILI COOKOFF at Altha School 5 p.m. (CT)

Candlelight Tour
 Torrey State Park 12 p.m. until sunset

BIRTHDAYS
Angie Hill and Jeff Whitfield

Sunday, Feb. 2

BIRTHDAYS
Joshua Yoder, Dresia Barfield, Ginna Tharpe & Nikki Johnson

Women's HEART WEEK February 1-7

Monday, Feb. 3

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BIRTHDAYS
Aimee Simpson, Anthony Reddick, Trish Terry McDonald, and Erik Johnson

Tuesday, Feb. 4

Adults Art Night with Ann Layton at the Blountstown Library 6:30 - 8 p.m. (CT)

BIRTHDAYS
Miles Rankin, Merrill Traylor, Jeannette Joiner and Brad Owens

MEETINGS

Wednesday, Jan. 29

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

Thursday, Jan. 30

• American Legion Hall Bingo night, 6-9 p.m. (CT).

Friday, Jan. 31

• Marianna's Gathering Place Foundation, Senior Single's Gathering Dinner & Dance, 5:30 p.m. (CT), Jim's Buffet, Marianna. Phone (850) 526-4561.

Saturday, Feb. 1

• American Legion Hall, 8-12 p.m. (CT) Billy Lipford in concert in Blountstown. Phone (850) 890-8918 or (850) 447-3639.

Sunday, Feb. 2

• American Legion Post 272, 2 p.m., Legion Hall in Blountstown. Phone (850) 237-2740.

Monday, Feb. 3

• Altha Girls Scout Troop #39, 6:15 p.m., Altha Church of God. Phone (850) 447-5405.

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

• 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, Feb. 4

• Calhoun Commission, 6 p.m., Ag. Bldg., Conference Room, across from Courthouse. Phone (850) 674-4545.

• Mossy Pond VFD Auxiliary, 6 p.m., Fire House. Phone (850) 762-1948.

• Dixie 109 Masonic Lodge, 7 p.m. (CT), Dixie Lodge Blountstown. Phone (850) 643-5742.

• Mayhaw Community Action Group, 6 p.m., St. Paul AME Church in Blountstown. Phone (850) 237-1484.

• Liberty Chamber of Commerce, 7 p.m., Apalachee Restaurant. Phone (850) 570-0222.

• Mossy Pond Community Crime Watch, 6:30 p.m., Mossy Pond Library.

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

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AREA EVENTS

Senior Citizens' Feb. events include music, games and shopping

The Liberty County Senior Citizens Association has scheduled the following events and activities for February:

Thursday, Feb. 6 - Shopping this week is in Bristol. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3 to reserve your Transit Ride.

Thursday, Feb. 6 - We have a trip scheduled to Tallahassee for lunch and the movies. Call Liberty Transit no later than 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3 for Transit to pick you up for this trip.

Monday, Feb. 10 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Maxwell Harrell Library - A representative of Liberty County Senior Citizens will be available to explain services provided by Senior Citizens and Liberty County Transit.

Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 10 a.m. - The Bristol Craft Class will meet. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7 for transportation to the Bristol Center.

Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 11 a.m. - Heidi from Gentivia will be at the Bristol Center for "Health" games. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7 to have Transit bring you to the center.

Thursday, Feb. 13 - Marianna Wal-Mart shopping and lunch. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10 for Transit reservations.

Monday, Feb. 17 - The Liberty County Senior Citizens Board of Directors will meet at the Bristol Senior Center at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 10 a.m. - The Liberty County Senior Citizens Advisory Council will meet at the Bristol Senior Center. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14 if you need transportation to the Bristol Center.

Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 11 a.m. - Bingo with Cindy Grantham at the Bristol Center. Call Liberty County Transit at 643-2524 no later than 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14 for Transit reservations.

Thursday, Feb. 20 - Shopping in Bristol. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17 for Transit reservations.

Saturday, Feb. 22 - We have another Sopchoppy Opry trip planned for you. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19 for your Transit reservation.

Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 10:30 a.m. - The Liberty County Hosford Advisory Council will meet at the Hosford Center. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25 for transportation to the Hosford Center.

Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 10 a.m. - The Hosford Craft class will meet at the Center. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24 for transportation to the Hosford Center.

Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 11 a.m. - Bingo with Cindy Grantham from Blountstown Health & Rehab at the Hosford Center. For transportation to the Hosford Center, call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21.

Thursday, Feb. 27 at 10:30 a.m. - Heidi from Gentivia will be at the Hosford Center to play "Health" games with you. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25 for transportation to the Hosford Center.

Thursday, Feb. 27 - This week's shopping trip is at the Tallahassee Wal-Mart. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24 to reserve your Transit ride.

The Bristol Senior Center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Hosford Center is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Seniors are welcome to come for a hot meal served at noon and to enjoy socialization with others. Call 643-5690 to make a meal reservation the day before you plan to attend. If you need transportation to either center, you will need to call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 three (3) working days before. AHCH Homemaking & Companion Services; Registered Certificate #12175/License #5945.

Florida Teacher of the Year to speak at Chipola Teacher Workshop Feb. 8

MARIANNA - Florida's Teacher of the Year Dorina Sackman will speak at the Chipola College Teacher Workshop set for Saturday, Feb. 8, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in Building Z.

Sackman is an ESOL Language Arts teacher at Westridge Middle School in Orange County. For the past 15 years, she has been educating English Language Learners from around the globe. She treats her classrooms as a stage for children to celebrate their diverse backgrounds while still learning English and the necessary skills to become lifelong learners. Sackman says, "I believe in a world where every child deserves a quality education. I create a safe environment where children, brought to a new land, are happy and free to be themselves as they flourish in school."

Sackman uses her world travels, proficiency in five languages and "kooky" teaching style to build relationships and touch the lives of students. With her engaging and optimistic outlook, Sackman inspires teachers, students and parents to come together and make education a first priority.

Teachers and students interested in a career in education are invited to attend the free workshop. Chi-



DORINA SACKMAN
Florida Teacher of the Year

pola education majors, education faculty, staff, and Chipola graduates will lead the workshops highlighting hands-on activities that can be used in the classroom.

Sessions will cover Math, Social Studies, Science, Reading, and English for elementary, middle, and high school teachers. Some topics include: Motivation and Feedback along with ELL Strategies - Grades K-2; Incorporating Art - Grades K-2; Using Graphic Novels - Grades 4-6; Coming Soon to a Theatre Near You - English

6-12; Using Math Manipulatives - Grades 3-5; Hands on with the Senses - Science 3-5; Constructive Movement and Music - Grades K-2; Integrating Social Studies - Grades 2-4; Dystopian Literature - Grades 6-12; Groundwater - Science 7-9 and IPAD Apps for Math - Math 9-12.

Special guest speakers will include: Deanna Golden - Teaching Math (K-1); Dee and Taura Brock - Higher Order Thinking with Cooperative Learning (K-12); Peggy Reihnhan - Social Studies Content w/ELA text (Common Core); Pam Bozeman - Getting Parents on Your Side - 4 A's of Parental Involvement (K-6); Lisa Hamilton - Florida Character Counts - (Character Education); Outstanding Math Guides (Math Foldables); Heather Bailey - Whole Brain Teaching (K-6); and Dr. Giang-Nguyen Nguyen - Evernote and Geogebra Apps (Math).

PAEC will not offer in-service points for participating teachers this year; instead there will be even more food, guests, door prizes, and freebies.

To ensure that sufficient materials are available, please RSVP to FEC Sponsor Casey Bush at bushc@chipola.edu or phone (850) 526-2761, ext. 2449.



FROM LEFT: George Warthen, FWC NW Regional Coordinator for Hunter Safety; Alton Ranew, Instructor; Steven Stewart, Chipola Law Enforcement Coordinator and Rangemaster; David Arnette, Instructor; Leah McAllister, Instructor; and Jamie McAllister, Chipola Corrections Coordinator.

Hunter Safety Course set Feb. 1 in Marianna

MARIANNA - Chipola College will host the range portion of the Florida Wildlife Commission's Hunter Safety Course Saturday, Feb. 1, at the Reddoch Firing Range.

Florida hunters 16 years of age or older must have a hunting license. Persons born on or after June 1, 1975, must pass a hunter safety course before purchasing a hunting license. Youth who will turn 16 before the end of next year's hunting season will need the course to obtain a license.

To take the Chipola range course, youth must pass the online portion of the course available at www.myfwc.com/hunting/safety-education/courses/. The Internet-based course allows the student to learn a majority of information online. The remainder of the course is covered in a 4-hour classroom setting, test and a 3-hour range portion.

The Chipola Firing Range is located at 3052 Calhoun Road in Marianna just off Blue Springs Road.

Volunteers from the Chipola Public Service program will teach the free course. Steve Anderson, Director of Chipola Public Service programs, says, "We are glad to offer this course as a community service to help young people learn basic firearm safety."

There is no charge for the Chipola course, but youth must register in advance.

For information about the course, contact Steven Stewart at (850) 718-2286 or email stewarts@chipola.edu.

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St. George Island will hold third Tour of Homes Feb. 8

The third St. George Island Tour of Homes will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8, with a kick-off event on Friday evening, Feb. 7.

The 2014 Tour will feature one home on the island's East End, three homes in the first-platted area of Gulf Beaches, and three homes in the gated community St. George Plantation. Also open for Tour participants will be the Lighthouse and the Lighthouse Keeper's House at the center of the island, and the St. George Plantation Clubhouse.

The Tour will kick-off with a reception and presentation on Friday, Feb. 7, from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Jay Abbott Fire House on East Pine Avenue.

Proceeds go toward maintenance and enhancement of the Cape St. George Lighthouse, the Keeper's House Museum, and St. George Lighthouse Park.

Artist's paintings go on display

The St. George Island Plantation will be hosting the artwork of local Apalachicola artist, Susan L. Richardson. The art show begins with participation in the St. George Island Annual Tour of Homes, Saturday, Feb. 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information call (850) 927-2312 or visit the plantation's web page at www.sgpoa.com.

St. George Plantation is a private gated community on the west end of St. George Island in the Florida Panhandle.

Chefs Sampler set for Feb. 9

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Myrl Rackley surprised with celebration for 90th birthday

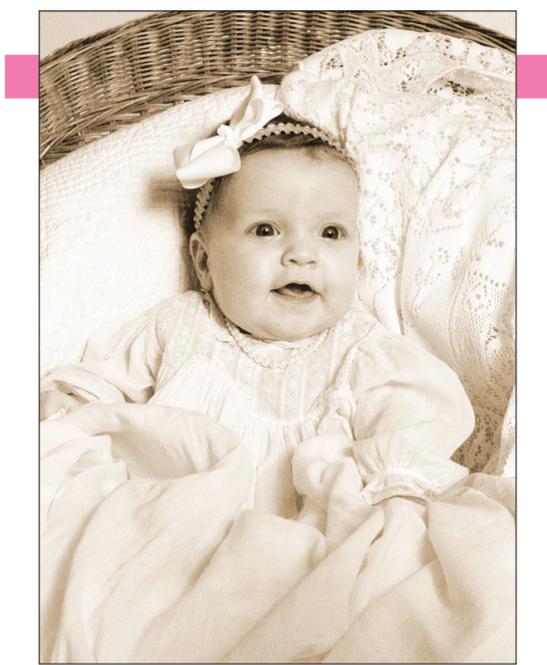
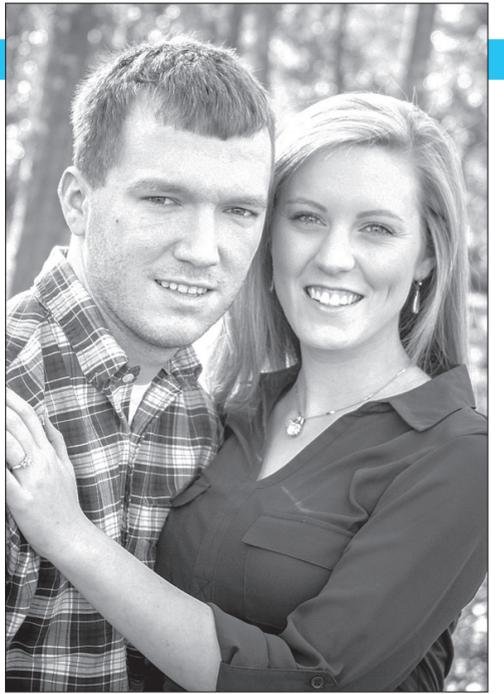


Mrs. Myrl Rackley was surprised by her family and friends with a 90th birthday celebration. Born on Jan. 30, 1924, in Woodland, AL, she moved to Altha to teach Home Economics in 1945, where she taught for 36 years. She enjoys spending time with her five children, 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

WEDDING

Collier, Barber will wed in ceremony on April 5

Mark and Barbara Collier of Blountstown are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Lindsey Collier to Jared Shelby Barber, son of Gerald and Debra Barber of Bristol. Jessica is the granddaughter of Carlton and Marilyn Van Lierop, the late B.A. "Doll" Collier, Bonnie Hand, and the late Billy E. Hand. She is a graduate of Blountstown High School and Florida State University. Jared is the grandson of the late Monroe and Dorothy Barber and Shelby and Peggy Shoemaker. He is a graduate of Liberty County High School and Florida State University. The wedding will take place on Saturday, April 5 in Blountstown.



BIRTH

ANNIE LYONS

Julie and Jonathan Lyons are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Annie Lyons. She was born on Sunday, Oct. 13, 2013 at the Women's Pavilion in Tallahassee. She weighed 8 lbs. 12 ozs. and measured 20 1/4 inches long. She has two brothers, Tanner and Tucker Lyons. Her grandparents include Jack and Cathy Revell of Bristol and Marcia and Tommy Lyons of Springfield, TN. Her great-grandparents are Horace and Joyce Cushing of Tallahassee, Nelle Brock of Havana, Ann Krisle of Springfield, TN and Thomas and Mary Lou Lyons of Hixson, TN. Annie is pictured in her namesakes dedication dress, which is 104 years old. She was named after her great-great-grandmother, Annie Start who would have been 105 on Jan. 25.

LCHS Senior Zach Kern honored with DAR award

Zachary Kern, a senior at Liberty County High School, has been recently named the 2013-14 recipient of the Fort San Luis Daughters of the American Revolution Award. The faculty of LCHS chose Zachary for this award because he demonstrates these qualities in an outstanding way. A DAR Good Citizen must have the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. Zachary will receive a pin and certificate during an awards ceremony of the Fort San Luis chapter meeting in Tallahassee on Saturday, Feb. 8.



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Late Night Laughs

A RECAP OF RECENT OBSERVATIONS BY LATE NIGHT TV HOSTS.

Even though he has been arrested and caused a lot of controversy, Adidas announced this week they are still standing by Justin Bieber as a sponsor. Did you know that Adidas even sponsored Justin Bieber? What sport does he play?

— JAY LENO

At the Grammys on CBS, 33 couples got married. Yeah, well, today the Supreme Court refused to uphold those Grammy marriages.

— DAVID LETTERMAN

The company making the food for this year's Super Bowl says it will offer healthy choices like kale sandwiches. So if you're hungry at the Super Bowl, now you know where the shortest line for food will be.

— JIMMY FALLON

In the middle of the Grammys, Yoko Ono came up on stage and broke up the remaining Beatles.

— DAVID LETTERMAN

We have Mitt Romney on the show tonight. We made him our first guest — you know, because he's still a little sensitive about coming in second.

— JIMMY FALLON

In his inaugural address, New Jersey Governor Chris Christie spoke of wanting to bring the people of New Jersey together. He wanted to bring them together by having them all try to merge into one lane.

— JAY LENO

There are reports that AOL and Yahoo are planning a huge merger. Which is pretty much the business equivalent of hearing Vanilla Ice is touring with MC Hammer.

— JIMMY FALLON

It is dry here in L.A. There has been no rain in 100 days. It's so dry that Snoop Dog changed his name to Snoop Camel.

— CRAIG FERGUSON

Just when the streets are finally safe from Lindsay Lohan, Justin Bieber comes out of nowhere. He was arrested in Miami Beach on charges of DUI, resisting arrest, driving with an expired license, and plus he's in trouble with his grandparents for not stopping by to visit while he was there.

— JIMMY KIMMEL

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio is facing criticism after this latest snowstorm because wealthy neighborhoods got their streets plowed after poor neighborhoods. Rich people called in to complain and said, "This is outrageous! If I weren't in Bermuda right now, I'd come down there."

— JIMMY FALLON

President Obama is giving the NSA new guidelines on gathering data on American citizens. He says the NSA can no longer violate anyone's constitutionally protected right to privacy. That, of course, will be Target's job.

— JAY LENO

The smog from factories in China is traveling across the Pacific and now is hitting the U.S. So now even our smog is made in China. We don't even have American smog anymore.

— CONAN O'BRIEN

Here's something I find hard to believe. Anthony Weiner makes between three and four hundred thousand dollars a year as a political consultant. Anthony Weiner! How bad are you doing in the polls when you start saying to yourself, "What would Anthony Weiner do now?"

— JAY LENO

A thousand private jets are planning to land in New York for the Super Bowl. New Yorkers said, "Well, at least SOME Jets are headed to the Super Bowl."

— JIMMY FALLON



Go-no-go lose-lose in Sochi

WASHINGTON — President Obama has ordered the U.S. military into position to evacuate the U.S. delegation and American athletes from Sochi if that should become necessary.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

by Douglas Cohn and Eleanor Clift

This could be seen as a slap at Russian President Putin, but given all the ominous signals relating to security in advance of the Winter Olympic Games, Obama is acting wisely in beefing up the American military presence.

With less than two weeks to build confidence in the security around the games, Obama could be facing a major decision. If U.S. intelligence agencies come to him and say there is a high probability of terrorist acts at Sochi, and Americans will be targeted and killed if they attend, what does he do? If he orders the athletes to stay home, there would be a huge outcry. It would be giving in to the terrorists. It would also further sour relations with Putin at a time when his help is needed to ease the humanitarian crisis in Syria and resolve the civil war there.

If Obama goes ahead with U.S. participation as everyone expects he will, and something dire happens, he'll get the blame. It's part of leadership.

Obama and Putin talked by phone last week, and Putin's initial reluctance to accept the president's offer of assistance appears to be melting away in the face of the terrorist threat to the games. Putin has a lot riding on the success of the Olympics, and might therefore be willing to set aside a bit of his pride to defend his country and his people.

Obama has a lot at stake in the upcoming games too. He wants them to go smoothly for the sake of the athletes, and he doesn't want to be put in the position of pulling out of the games to avoid a potential security risk. President Carter boycotted the 1980 Summer Olympic Games in Moscow to protest the 1979 Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Carter's decision had the effect of punishing U.S. athletes who had worked so hard to get to the games, while accom-

plishing nothing diplomatically.

Carter's situation was very different from the predicament that Obama

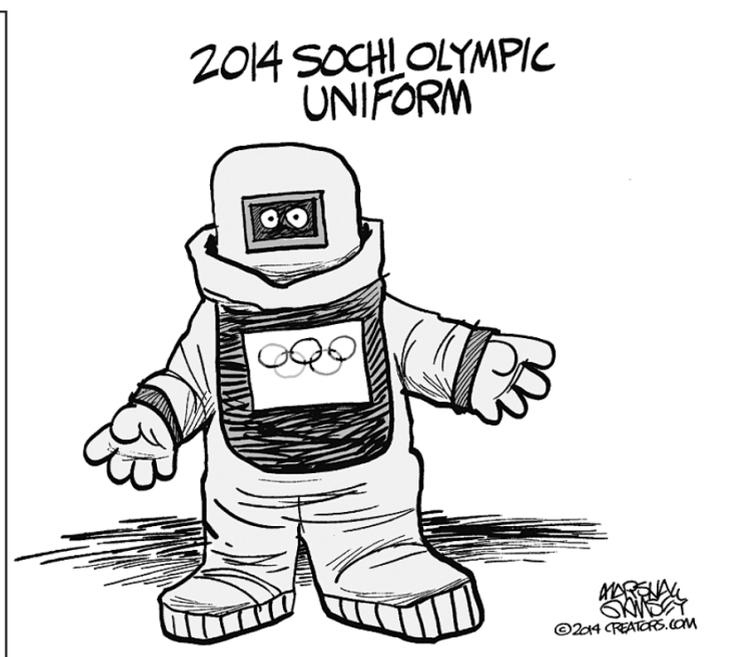
could face if the security picture doesn't improve before the games begin in February. Obama wants American athletes to fully participate, but he doesn't want another Munich. The "Black September" terrorist attack on the 1972 Summer Games in Munich resulted in the deaths of 11 members of the Israeli Olympic team. Forty years later, that event haunts every Olympics.

Two men claiming they were behind a recent pair of terror attacks on civilians in the Russian city of Volgograd released a 49-minute video in which they demonstrated their assembly of explosive devices. In Sochi, Russian police put up fliers with the pictures of three so-called "black widows," women whose husbands were killed in the ongoing separatist rebellion in Chechnya and Dagestan. Seeking vengeance, they are suspected of being suicide bombers.

All wear veils in the police photo, which partially conceals their identity. One of them, the 22-year-old wife of a dead Islamist militant, is thought to be in Sochi, possibly posing as a tourist. Women were first used as suicide bombers in this part of the world in 2000, and then in 2002, when a Moscow theater was under siege, and again in 2010 on Moscow subway trains. They've become almost commonplace in acts of terrorism against civilians, a particularly brutal form of warfare favored by militants in the two breakaway republics.

The State Department issued a carefully worded warning last week, saying the games in Sochi may be an "attractive target" for terrorists. U.S. citizens are urged to be "attentive" to their surroundings, avoid areas without "enhanced security measures," and exercise "good judgment and discretion when using any form of public transportation."

It's a yellow warning light, not a red stop sign. But for Obama, it is a potentially go-no-go lose-lose situation.



Sick and stuck Indoors Down South

For the past 10 days or so, I've had the flu. Or, more accurately, the flu has had me. There were chills, fever, headaches and body aches, but the worst part by far was being stuck inside, lying on the couch and watching hunting season slowly slip past.

Make no mistake, I did fight it.

In fact, on Day Three, I decided I was going to "power through" and will myself to be better. So I got up at four in the morning, dosed myself up with Dayquil and went duck hunting.

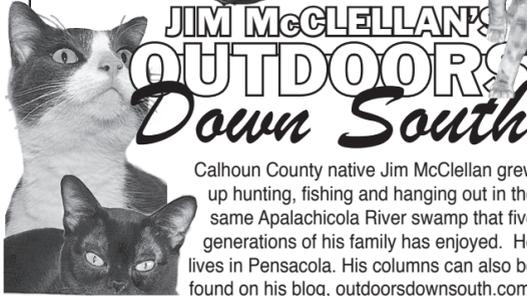
The hunt was good, but the aftermath was horrible.

Four hours later, I was "powered down" on the couch, shivering and promising God and Mary that I wouldn't be stupid again.

So, for the next several days, I got to enjoy being cramped inside our post-kids-downsized house. Here's what I learned during that time:

As bad as nighttime television is, daytime is worse. The outdoors channels are about the only things I can watch that don't make me want to shoot the set. But even that gets old after a while though. Especially the hunting shows where they pass up a monster buck because "he doesn't have the mass we like to see." A statement like that is a sign you need to stop hunting and start ranching.

Fishing shows are just as bad. I watched one guy reel in a nice snapper. The guide took the fish off, showed it to the camera and tossed it back in



the water. My only thought was that Gene McClellan would have tossed the guide in right behind him. (Daddy wasn't a big believer in catch-and-release.)

R. Lee Ermey has way too much face time on the Military Channel. I love him in the movies, but if I hear him tell me how a tank works one more time, I may go Private Pyle on him. The same goes for Hunter Ellis and the special tape they put on stealth aircraft.

I hate my cats. I'm barely cat-tolerant to begin with, but after a week of letting them in and out and having them use me as a scratching post, I started to wonder why we ever domesticated them in the first place. Oh, wait. We didn't. Cats domesticated themselves. Freeloaders.

The movie Captain Phillips could have been much shorter if the crew of the Maersk Alabama had a good shotgun. Seriously, I don't care how many guys with guns are in the skiff, if the only way aboard is one at a time on a ladder, a 12 gauge could end their pirating gig in a matter of seconds.

I'm not nearly as patient as my wife Mary. I can't say enough about how well my wife treated me while I was sick. She got me medicine and water, cooked me chicken soup, brought me blankets and a heating pad, and generally tried to make me as comfortable as possible. I would have done the same for her, just with a lot more complaining and of course I would have taken much more credit.

The most important thing I learned is that, if you write a column about the outdoors, the last place you want to be stuck is inside a house. Otherwise, you run out of fun things to do and end up writing a column about television shows, cats, movies and the inevitable insanity that comes from being cooped up for extended periods of time.

FWC TrophyCatch program awards nearly \$60,000 in prizes to anglers

Thanks to the generosity of its partners, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's TrophyCatch program awarded nearly \$60,000 in prizes to anglers during the first year of competition. The exciting news is that for the second year we've been able to raise the stakes for anglers who catch and release a trophy bass in Florida--so Register now. Anyone that provides a documented submission at TrophyCatch-Florida.com of their released largemouth bass 8 pounds or heavier receives a variety of great prizes! Of course, the bigger the fish, the bigger the rewards and TrophyCatch has just added an additional \$50 gift card for Lunker Club members raising the "take" by lucky anglers to the following prize levels:

•**Lunker Club** (8-9.9 lbs.): \$100 worth of gift cards (Bass Pro Shops, Dick's Sporting Goods, and/or Rapala),

a customized Bass King T-shirt, and discounts for Sportsman on Canvas.

•**Trophy Club** (10-12.9 lbs.): \$150 worth of gift cards (Bass Pro Shops, Dick's Sporting Goods, and/or Rapala), long-sleeved Bass King shirt, and discounts for Sportsman on Canvas.

•**Hall of Fame Club** (13+ lbs.), over \$1,000 value: \$200 worth of gift cards (Bass Pro Shops, Dick's Sporting Goods, and/or Rapala), free fiberglass replica mount from New Wave Taxidermy (\$500 value), Bass King duffel bag with customized hoody, shirt and hat, Glen Lau DVD, name entered into Florida Bass Hall of Fame at Florida Bass Conservation Center, and entered into



drawing for fishing trip with Peter Miller (Bass2Billfish).

All prize packages also include a TrophyCatch certificate and exclusive TrophyCatch Club-specific window decal. If you've already submitted a Lunker Club bass after Oct. 1, 2013 (the start of the current TrophyCatch year, which runs through Sep. 30, 2014), don't worry—you'll be sent an additional \$50 gift card to bring you up to the enhanced prizing level.

In addition to these great prizes, everyone who registers for TrophyCatch is automatically entered into the random drawing for a \$40,000 Phoenix bass boat

powered by Mercury and anchored by Power-Pole. But the best news is that each time a bass is approved, the angler's name is entered 10 more times into the random drawing. That's right—10 more entries for every bass accepted into the program!

Finally, if the heaviest bass successfully entered during the current TrophyCatch year comes from one of five specified Kissimmee-area lakes, Experience Kissimmee will award that angler \$10,000. The prizes just keep on coming!

A major goal of this free FWC program is to decrease fishing mortality of trophy-sized fish through promotion of catch-and-release. Data collected from TrophyCatch submissions will also help inform FWC biologists' decisions about trophy bass habitat management, regulations, bass and forage stocking, and vegetation control.

Anglers now have more options to maximize survival of released fish

Effective Jan. 24, Florida anglers will no longer be required to have and use a venting tool when fishing for reef fish such as snapper and grouper in Gulf of Mexico state waters. Removal of this rule means anglers will have the freedom to determine how to best maximize survival of released reef fish using devices they feel are appropriate, depending on the circumstances.

Maximizing post-release survival of fish is important in marine fisheries management, because it means more fish survive to potentially reproduce and be harvested in the future.

Venting tools are hollow, sharpened instruments (see picture) that provide one way to treat barotrauma, a con-

dition that occurs when fish are brought quickly to the surface from deep water. The change in pressure from depth to surface can cause gases within the fish's swim bladder to expand, which can damage internal organs and reduce the likelihood a fish will survive when returned to the water. Venting tools allow gases to escape from a fish's body cavity so the fish can swim back down to depth. While venting tools are still a useful way to increase chances of fish survival after release, fish do not always need to be vented to survive upon release.

Descending devices, which send fish back down to deeper waters, are another, more recently developed alternative to venting that also can be used now to

increase survival rates among fish with barotrauma.

The requirement to have a venting tool was removed during the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) Nov. 21 meeting, making state regulations consistent with rules in federal waters.

Venting tools are not required in Atlantic state or federal waters.

The use of non-stainless steel, non-offset circle hooks and dehooking devices are still required in state and federal Gulf waters when fishing for reef fish. These tools minimize handling time for reef fish, which aids in survival of the fish upon release.

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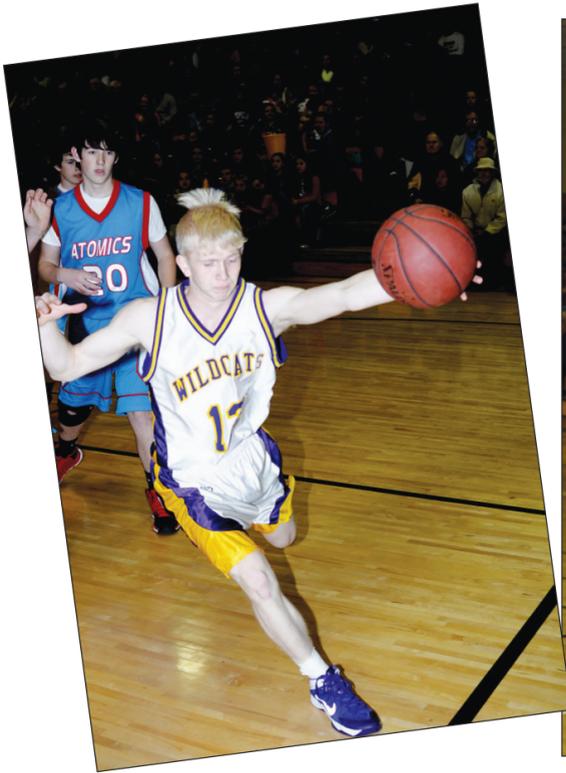
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After a trying week, Altha pulls off three wins for a 17-4 overall record

from Matthew Nichols, Altha Wildcats Basketball Coach

After an emotional week for the school and community, the Wildcat faithful have plenty to smile about. The Wildcats had a productive week winning all three of their games to bring their overall record to 17-4. They also defeated the Cottondale Hornets Saturday night to clinch the #2 seed in the district and bring their district record to 9-3.

The first team the Wildcats faced this week was Robert F. Munroe. They played the Bobcats Wednesday during school, in front of the Wildcat student body. At the end of the first quarter the score was 20-4. By halftime the Bobcats had cut the lead to 29-17. With the Altha students cheering them on, the Wildcats were able to pull away in the second half to win by a score of 60-37.

P.J. Iler, Art Platts and Nick Young led the Wildcats with 12 points apiece. Art also grabbed 10 rebounds, Nick Young pulled down 5 rebounds, and P.J. Iler had 4 steals. Kyler Dew, Jaylon Hall, and Zac Morris each contributed 5 points. Zac also recorded 8 rebounds. Kent Rogers had 4 points, 4 rebs, 7 assists, and 3 steals. Jerry Brown added 3 points and 4 rebounds. Sawyer O'Bryan had 2 points and 5 rebounds.

The Wildcats celebrated Homecoming on Friday by facing the Poplar Springs Atomics. At halftime of the JV game the Cats crowned their Homecoming royalty. Brooke Coleman was crowned Homecoming Queen and Senior Captain, P.J. Iler was crowned Homecoming King. P.J. made his night even more memorable by going off for 21 first quarter points! Iler knocked down 5 threes in the first quarter. At the end of the first quarter the Wildcats led the Atomics 40-3. The Cats dominated the entire game and won by a score of 70-27.

P.J. Iler finished with 29 points to lead all scorers. Zac Morris had 14 points and 8 rebounds. Kent Rogers recorded 10 points, 11 assists, and 3 steals. Sawyer O'Bryan had 6 points and 6 rebounds. Nick Young added 5 points and 7 rebounds. Dylan Hill, Art Platts, and Kyler Dew had 2 points apiece.

On Saturday night the Wildcats hosted the Cottondale Hornets in a tough district match up that would decide what seed the Cats would get for the district tournament. It turned out to be a slow-paced defensive game. By the end of the first quarter, the score was gridlocked at 5-5. The scoring picked up some in the second quarter as

Art Platts poured in 12 points in this period. At halftime, the score was 18-15 in favor of the Wildcats. In the second half, the Wildcats were able to feed it into the post and extend the lead. The Hornets turned up the pressure got it as close as 6 points in the fourth quarter, but P.J. Iler answered with a huge three to kill the Hornets' momentum. In the end the Wildcats were able to control the clock and knock down free throws to preserve their lead. The Wildcats gained the 48-36 victory and earned the #2 seed for the tournament.

The Cats were under control, executed offensive plays, and played great defense. Art Platts played huge. He was our leading scorer and him and Nick Young were beasts on the glass combining for 29 rebounds between the both of them! Zac Morris also played one of his better games of the season. He really helped the team by changing the other teams shots all night, taking a huge charge, and consistently scoring in the paint in the second half. His scoring really opened things up for his teammates.

Art Platts led all Wildcat scorers with 16 points and pulled down 17 rebounds. Zac Morris had 9 points and 6 rebounds. P.J. Iler had 9 points. Nick Young had 7 points and grabbed 12 rebounds. Kent Rogers contributed 7 points and 7 assists.

The JV Cats took 2 losses this week, but are playing many young guys due to losing some of theirs to the Varsity. These young guys are still competing and getting a lot of valuable playing time.

A couple of bright spots were seventh grader Trace Newman scoring 11 points against the Atomics Friday and Jay Yon scoring 18 points against the Hornets despite being hampered by an ankle injury.

The Wildcat players are looking forward to finishing out the regular season on a positive note this week and getting ready for the District Tournament. Come support the boys in Liberty County on Thursday, Jan. 30 at 5/6:30 p.m. as they take on the Bulldogs.



TOP LEFT: Jay Yon (#12) does his best to stay in bounds. TOP CENTER: P.J. Iler (#2) travels through the air to add to the score board. TOP RIGHT: Zac Morris (#1) drives in for an easy jump shot. ABOVE: Kent Rogers (#23) leaves the ground in an attempt to make a lay-up. LEFT: Zac Morris (#1) leaps over the back of his opponent to block the shot. RIGHT: P.J. Iler (#2) takes to the sky with a lay-up attempt.

PHOTOS ABOVE BY DANIEL WILLIAMS. PHOTOS AT LEFT AND RIGHT COURTESY OF THE ALTHA TV PRODUCTION STUDENTS.



Altha alumni game & chili cook-off is rescheduled for this Saturday

by Katie Cox

Calling all Wildcats! -- It's time for the Annual Homecoming Chili Cook-Off and Alumni Game. Mark your calendars for Saturday, Feb. 1 -- and the fun isn't just for Altha School Alumni -- Everyone is invited!

The festivities start with the Chili Cook-Off. Anyone can enter -- just have your crockpot with your favorite recipe at the gym by 4 p.m. Prizes are awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place as well as a "Crowd Favorite". The concession stand will open at 5 p.m. It's \$2 for samples of 5 Chili recipes or \$5 to sample them all.

Want to relive your "Glory Days"? Alumni

basketball players and cheerleaders can sign up to participate. Please contact Russell Baggett, Meagan Henson or Matthew Nichols. The game will start at 6 p.m.

Alumni, bring your memorabilia to share. There will be old yearbooks and other items on display as well as some yearbooks for sell. We'll also have the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce ornament featuring Altha School available for \$15 and Wildcat T-shirts and caps.

The event is sponsored by the Altha PTO and is a fund raiser for the students at Altha School. Admission is \$2. We appreciate everyone's support and promise a great evening for the entire family.

Altha Dixie League meets Monday; sign-up dates announced for youth 4-12

The Altha Dixie League Committee meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 3 at 6 p.m. (CT) at the Altha Recreational Complex concession stand. Anyone wishing to help out with this year's league, please make plans to attend. We will be electing new officers at this meeting.

Baseball, softball and t-ball sign-ups for ages 4-12 will be held on:

- Thursday, Feb. 6 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. (CT)
- Saturday, Feb. 8 from 12 - 2 p.m. (CT);
- Tuesday, Feb. 11 and Thursday, Feb. 13 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. (CT)
- Final sign-up day will be Saturday, Feb. 15 from 12 - 2 p.m. (CT).

Registration fee will be \$60. Parents will need to bring a copy of your child's birth certificate.

Liberty Co. Nutrition one of first to launch app for school menus

Yes, even for school lunch, there is an app for that!

In today's technology driven world, the Liberty County School Nutrition Service is both keeping pace and leading the charge. Liberty County is one of the first nutrition programs in the nation to launch their very own mobile app for their school menus!

The free app, called School Lunch by Nutrislice, is available in the Apple App Store for iPhones and in Google Play for Android phones. The district's app also connects to an interactive website and to digital televisions in the cafeteria. The menu may also be accessed

at www.lcsbonline.nutrislice.com/

"Many of our Florida parents and students are using smartphones and we want them to know how healthy our school meals are becoming. Our new menus are aligned with local Florida agriculture and the app is the perfect communication tool for this new generation of parents and students." said Rita Lewis, director of the nutrition program.

The smartphone app shows each day's menu, including pictures and descriptions of the foods. Another great feature of the program is the ability for students to provide a rating for each menu item. The district will use the feedback

provided by the students as a means of determining menu items on an ongoing basis. Tony Anderson, Superintendent of Schools, said "This is a great opportunity for our students and parents to participate in our school lunch program. We strive to make our school meals healthy and delicious! We encourage our students to take advantage of this app along with continuing to enjoy our meals at little or no cost to the parent."

If you'd like more information about this topic or to speak with Rita Lewis, please call (850) 643-1016, ext. 208 or email rita.lewis@lcsbonline.org.



school lunch menu
Jan. 29 - Feb. 4



CALHOUN

<p>WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST: Grits with ham cubes, sweet potato muffin and assorted juice. LUNCH: Corn dog nuggets* or Chicken sandwich on whole grain bun or Chef salad with whole grain bread stick with french fries, garden peas and fruit.</p> <p>THURSDAY BREAKFAST: Waffles with syrup, turkey sausage and assorted juice. LUNCH: Beef vegetable soup with grilled cheese sandwich* or Buffalo chicken wrap or Chicken caesar salad with whole grain bread stick with steamed broccoli, carrot sticks with ranch and fruit.</p> <p>FRIDAY BREAKFAST: Sausage biscuit, potato rounds and assorted juice. LUNCH: Cheese burger on</p>	<p>whole grain bun* or HM cheese pizza or Taco salad with whole grain chips with baked potato wedges, green beans, sliced tomatoes, lettuce and fresh fruit.</p> <p>MONDAY BREAKFAST: Egg and cheese biscuit, potato rounds and assorted juice. LUNCH: Chicken nuggets* or Cheese burger on whole grain bun or Caesar chicken salad with whole grain bread stick with sweet potatoes, green beans and fruit.</p> <p>TUESDAY BREAKFAST: Scrambled eggs with grits, buttered toast and assorted juice. LUNCH: Hamburger steak with gravy and whole grain roll* or Ranch chicken wrap or Chef salad with whole grain bread stick with whole grain rice, black eyes peas, carrot sticks and fruit.</p>
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LIBERTY

<p>WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST: French toast sticks, sausage and kiwi. LUNCH: Taco salad or Baked spaghetti with romaine salad, green beans, peaches and whole grain garlic bread.</p> <p>THURSDAY BREAKFAST: Cinnamon roll, ham and grape juice. LUNCH: Chef salad or BBQ chicken with sweet potato wedges, California mixed vegetables, whole grain roll and pears.</p> <p>FRIDAY BREAKFAST: Pancake puffs, mozzarella stick and strawberries.</p> <p><small>* Each breakfast includes a choice of assorted cereal, whole grain buttered toast and juice or choice of milk.</small></p>	<p>LUNCH: Big daddy pizza (cheese or pepperoni) with romaine salad, corn and banana.</p> <p>MONDAY BREAKFAST: Ham and cheese croissant and peaches. LUNCH: Chef salad or Grilled chicken sandwich with oven baked fries, green beans and kiwi.</p> <p>TUESDAY BREAKFAST: Cheese omelet, cinnamon toast and apple juice. LUNCH: Cobb salad or Chili with grilled cheese, chef salad and pink applesauce.</p>
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Literacy Week at Carr and W.R. Tolar Schools

Carr School celebrated Literacy Week with a variety of activities. Students picked their favorite books to recommend to other readers, classrooms decorated their doors, students came to school dressed as their favorite book character, middle school students who reached their AR goals were treated to an ice cream sundae party, and on Friday, the AR mid-year celebration ended our week of festivities.

The AR celebration includes games with three teams, made up of students who have met their AR goals. These games include push the pig, hoola



Mrs. Duckworth's hoola hoop team at Carr School celebrates achieving their AR goal.

hoop race, basketball dribbling, over and under and the always exciting tricycle race.

W.R. Tolar staff and students participated in the state wide "Celebrate Literacy" week Jan. 13-17. To start the week off, the first grade teachers sponsored Family Reading Night and during the event encouraged students to relax and enjoy a good book. Around 30 students attended the event with their parents, grandparents or guardian. The adults in attendance were provided several "literacy" resources to use at home with their children while students participated in "Penguin" themed activities and reading.

To continue the week kindergarten through second grade teachers reinforced literacy by providing students with many opportunities to read and enjoy literacy ac-

tivities. Kindergarten teachers helped students to realize literacy is everywhere by incorporating literature books into their daily math lessons and by having their K-2 Dean, Mrs. Lara Deason, visit the classrooms to read to students. First grade participated in the literacy week emphasis by having guest readers come in to read to the students each day. The guest readers captivated the stu-



Interim Superintendent Tony Anderson reads to students at W.R. Tolar during Literacy Week.

dent's attention by sharing their favorite stories. Guest readers included: Superintendent Tony Anderson, Mrs. Jill Davis, Dean Lara Deason, Mrs. Kathy Nobles, School Board Member Mrs. Tina Tharpe, SRO

Darryl Johnson. W.R. Tolar's second grade students were treated to daily "read alouds" by W.R. Tolar's Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Bess Revell.

The third through fifth grade students celebrated Literacy Week by having student read-alouds, author studies, extended reading time and showcasing their favorite books. Rachael Manspeaker, Administrator at the Health Department and Healthy Start Coordinator Marissa Barfield, came and read *Iron Man* and *Habit Heroes*, which is a comic adventure that conveys a positive message about healthy lifestyles in a fun and empowering way. Third through fifth grade students ended literacy week with a "buddy reading" event where the Tolar Bulldog mascot made an appearance to encourage the students.

PTO donation gives Hosford students a new tiller



Thanks to Hosford PTO, students are breaking ground! A donation from Hosford PTO made it possible for students to purchase a Troy-bilt tiller.

The students used their skills in reading expository text to assemble the tiller. They learned about how to use the tiller safely. Even the Dean and Mrs. Robin & Mrs. Sandra got in on the action.

This was a great addition to their garden that already has container beds and raised beds. Now the row crops will be much easier to manage.

The students learned about writing a personal thank you note for the tiller to the PTO president, Michelle Singletary.

They are looking forward to the spring harvest. Thanks again Hosford PTO!

Tolar students tour Governor's Mansion

On Friday, Dec. 13, Tolar's third grade was greeted with open arms by First Lady Ann Scott at the Governor's Mansion in Tallahassee. The class had been invited to attend for a tour of the Governor's Mansion.

Students got to enjoy a special visit with the First Lady and toured rooms like the library and dining hall.

After our tour, we went to Chick-fil-a on North Monroe for lunch and would like to send a special thanks to Manager Allie and her staff for making our visit so easy and fun!



BES honors students at assembly Jan. 17



The Honor Roll 4th grade chorus sang two songs: "Free At Last", honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, and "Onomatopoeia". Congratulations to all of these students for making the Honor Roll!

Calhoun County Dixie Youth Baseball & Softball SIGN UPS



✓ **Saturdays, Feb. 1, 8 & 15**
from 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. at the BMS Gymnasium

\$60 PER CHILD
& \$50 additional siblings

*A copy of you child's birth certificate is required

Sign ups also require parent and player consent to Calhoun County Dixie Youth Code of Conduct and signing up to work concession stand (or alternative option).

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Uniform fittings available at sign up

Additional sign ups will be held Tues., Feb. 11 and Thurs., Feb. 13 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Sam Atkins concession stand.

Opening Day will be March 15

For more information please call or text:
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Carr School held its Honor Assembly for the second grading period on Tuesday, Jan. 21. Many students were recognized for their academic achievements. Pictured is Mr. Taylor presenting the Most Improved Middle School Student Award to Sydnee Pass.

BES Calendar

- *Friday, Feb. 7 - Family breakfast; Group class pictures by Lifetouch
- *Friday, Feb. 14 - Early Release Day
- *Monday, Feb. 17 - NO SCHOOL - Holiday for students and employees
- *Feb. 25-26 - FCAT Writes for 4th Grade

Crafting an HEIRLOOM

Rose Parramore of Greenwood enjoyed her first experience making a basket and says she would like to do it again.



It may just be a hobby for those who try to master it today, but basket making was once an important skill just a few generations ago. The Panhandle Pioneer Settlement hosted a basket weaving class Saturday morning to pass what has become a lost art. Eleven people gathered to learn how to handcraft their own "gathering basket" by soaking the reeds in water and then weaving the strips together, securing them to a hand carved handle made of oak. BELOW RIGHT: Susan Anderson of Lamont is a frequent visitor to the Settlement. She brought a handmade basket (bottom right) that has been in her family for generations to share with the class.

DOMENICK ESGRO PHOTOS



Florida Peanut Producers Asso. seeks nominees for Peanut Board

The Florida Peanut Producers Association is seeking eligible peanut producers who are interested in serving on the National Peanut Board. Florida Peanut Producers will hold a nominations election to select a member and alternate to the National Peanut Board (NPB) during the Florida Peanut Producers Association Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, March 13 at 6 p.m. (CT) at the Jackson County Agricultural Complex on Penn Avenue in Marianna. All eligible producers are encouraged to participate.

Michael Davis of Graceville, is the current Florida National Peanut Board Member and Jeffery Pittman of Bascom serves as the alternate. The term for the current Florida board member and alternate expires Dec. 31, 2014.

USDA requires two nominees from each state for each position of member and alternate. The National Peanut Board will submit Florida's slate of nominees to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, who makes the appointments.

The National Peanut Board encourages all persons who qualify as peanut producers to attend the meeting and run for nomination.

It is USDA's policy that membership on industry-government boards and committees accurately reflect the diversity of individuals served by the programs.

The Florida Peanut Producers Association is the state certified check-off organization for peanuts and represents Florida's peanut producers in the areas of promotion, research and education.

The mission of the Board is to provide USA peanut growers with a receptive and growing market for their peanuts and the information and tools for improved efficiencies. Through research and marketing initiatives the Board is finding new ways to enhance production and increase consumer demand by promoting the great taste, nutrition and culinary versatility of USA grown peanuts.

For more information please contact the Florida Peanut Producers Association office at (850) 526-2590.

RIGHT: Michael Barach of Tallahassee soaks some reeds in a plastic tub to soften them up before weaving them together. BELOW: Yvette Learner is shown below as she helps Brandi George, also of Tallahassee, start her basket.



Upcoming CalCo Travel trips include visits to Wauchula's 'Holy Land', Scotland and a 14-day adventure out west

CalCo Travel/Calhoun County Senior Citizens announce the following upcoming trips:

The Story of Noah and the Holy Land Experience - April 11-13

Come join CalCo Travel as we head to Wauchula to see "The Story of Noah." The next day the tour will take us to the Holy Land Experience for the entire day. This is a must see before Easter because this enactment depicts the life and death of Jesus.

Cost of the Trip: \$449 / single, \$339 / double, \$309 / triple.

Trip Includes: motorcoach transportation, 2 nights deluxe accommodations, 2 full breakfasts, 2 dinners, admission to the Story of Noah, and the Holy Land

Experience, and a good time with your fellow Christians!

\$100 deposit due upon sign-up. Full payment due by March 15.

Scotland - May 1-8

Breathtaking scenery awaits you on this beautiful Scotland itinerary. Start with two overnights in Glasgow and a welcome dinner at your hotel. Then visit Stirling Castle, follow the "Bonnie Banks" of Loch Lomond, the "Road to the Isles," visit Isle of Syke, and many other points of interest and also stay two nights in Edinburgh!

Included in the Tour: motorcoach transportation to/from Atlanta, six nights hotel accommodations, airfare from Atlanta, GA to Glasgow, Scotland (over-

night flights), full Scottish breakfast daily except for day of arrival, five three-course dinners, private luxury motorcoach in Scotland with services of a professional driver/guide.

Cost of the Trip: \$2,979 single, \$2,749 double pp, \$2,729 triple pp. * MUST HAVE A VALID PASSPORT! * \$400.00 deposit due upon sign-up. * Final payment due March 15.

"How the West Was Fun!" - June 19 - July 2

Load 'em up guys and gals for a fun-filled 14-day adventure out west to New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, South Dakota, and beyond. Visit South Fork Ranch in Dallas — see where and who shot J.R.! Also visit many national

parks including — Carlsbad Caverns, Arches, Teton's, Yellowstone, Mt. Rushmore, and many other attractions.

Included in your trip: 13 nights lodging at 3 star hotels, 13 breakfast, 1 lunch, 13 dinners, admission to all attractions and parks listed, keepsake book, goody bags and a treasure full of lifetime memories!

Cost of the trip: \$2,849/single, \$2,049/double pp, \$1,749/triple or quad pp. \$400. deposit due upon sign-up. Final payment is due May 1!

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ARTHUR PEDEN

BLOUNTSTOWN - Arthur Peden, 56, of Blountstown, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2014 in Blountstown.

He was a painter and served in the Air National Guard for six years. His favorite pastime was fishing.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Thomas Argo.



Survivors include two sons, Richard Millender and his wife, Crystal of Bristol and Travis Millender of Carrabelle; one brother, Jeff Argo; five grandchildren, Autumn Millender, Deanna Millender, Lil Richard Millender, Winter Millender and Dixie Back; one great-grandchild, William Cody Massey, Jr.

Memorialization was by cremation.

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

EVELYN CLIFTON BAKER

MARIANNA - Evelyn Clifton Baker, 89, of Marianna, passed away Friday, Jan. 17, 2014 in Panama City. She was born Feb. 20, 1924 in Fordwick, VA to the late Silas and Grace Hicks Clifton. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include two daughters, Elizabeth Dalton Paronett of Loxahatchee and Robin Dalton of Marianna.

Memorialization was by cremation.

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

OBITUARIES

SANDRA LEMAR GREEN

BRISTOL - Sandra Lemar Green, 57, of Bristol, passed away on Friday, Jan. 24, 2014 in Tallahassee. She was a member of the St. James MB Church.

Survivors include her husband, Willie Henry Green of Bristol; four daughters, Candace D. Green of Tallahassee, Cassandra L. Green, Brittany A. Green and Tiffany D. Green, all of Bristol; her mother, Pearl Mae Hardy of Bristol; five siblings, Jane Hardy and Donnie Hardy and his wife, Marilyn, all of Bristol, Brenedette Hardy-Holt and her husband, Earl of Apopka, Shelia Hardy of St. Petersburg and Louise Fletcher-Johnson of Greta; six grandchildren.

Family will receive friends on Friday, Jan. 31 from 4 - 7 p.m. (ET) at the St. James MB Church in the St. James Community.

Services will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1 at 1 p.m. (ET) at the First Baptist Church of Bristol. Interment will follow in the Rockyville MB Church Cemetery.

Bradwell Mortuary of Quincy is in charge of the arrangements.

MARY LAURA MACFARLAND

BRISTOL - Mary Laura MacFarland, 87, of Bristol, passed away Thursday, Jan. 23, 2014 in Blountstown. She was born in Lakeland June 29, 1926 to the late Lou and Mary Laura Boone Mathers. She was a homemaker and a member of Lake Mystic Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lou and Mary Laura Boone Mathers; her husband, Frank A. MacFarland; three brothers, Tommy, Bill and Bob Mathers; two sisters, Martha Wyler and Catherine Wright; a step-son, Gary MacFarland.

Survivors include one brother, Lamar Mathers of Lakeland; two sisters, Virginia Grode of Auburndale and Frances Lightfoot of Lakeland; two stepsons, Carl McFarland of Williamsburg, PA and David MacFarland of Cushing, ME.

Graveside services were held on Monday, Jan. 27 at Lake Mystic Cemetery will Reverend Jerry R. Chumley officiating. Interment followed.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Lake Mystic Baptist Church, P.O. Box 486, Bristol, FL 32321 or Florida Baptist Children's Home, P.O. Box 8190, Lakeland, FL 33802-9963.

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

Adoptables
from Alaqu Animal Refuge

Lizzie first came to Alaqu Animal Refuge in August of this year as part of a large-scale hoarding rescue in Walton County; she lived with over 100 other dogs without proper care. A natural show-stopper, Lizzie set about showing her natural leadership skills as soon as she arrived. Her peppy personality made her a constant source of entertainment for staff and volunteers during her recovery, brightening the day of everyone she met. Since she had lived with so many other animals, she was naturally comfortable with all of her canine companions as well; her brave nature and outgoing attitude helped some of the more shy members of her "pack" come to realize that they were finally safe. She was terribly undernourished and ill, but with time and patience she slowly regained her health and vitality.



Little Lizzie had already had a lifetime of negative experiences in her short one and one-half years, but you would never know it. She had such potential that the staff at the refuge did not want her to be held back by her lack of education - so they recommended her for the Unconditional Love training program at Calhoun Correctional Institution Work Camp. She entered the program in November of 2013 and immediately set about proving she could do it all. Not only did she learn the required commands, she enjoyed learning fun and entertaining tricks too. Lizzie will be graduating at the end of January and is ready to find a home of her own - she would be a wonderful addition to an active family who needs a little comedy in their routine!

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

Alaqu 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.AlaquaAnimal-Refuge.org/HowToHelp

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12444 NW Virginia G. Weaver St.
Bristol, FL 32321

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, persons needing special accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact Robin Hatcher, City Clerk at (850) 643-2261 or at 12444 NW Virginia Weaver St., Bristol, FL 32321 at least 5 days prior to the workshop.

All persons are invited to attend. (Any person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Commission with respect to any matter considered at said meeting will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. The City Council of the City of Bristol, Florida will not provide a verbatim record of this meeting.)

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Altha School 2014 Homecoming Court



Altha Homecoming Queen Brooke Coleman and Homecoming King P.J. Iler are shown with Homecoming Prince Coy Cook and Princess Josie Hall, along with the rest of the court after Friday night's coronation. Homecoming activities will continue this week with a parade and dance Friday.

DANIEL WILLIAMS PHOTO

This week at Altha School

- **Wednesday, Jan. 29** – FCA Concert of Prayer 6 p.m.
- **Thursday, Jan. 30** – Cats' Cuisine; JV BB at LCHS 5/6:30 p.m.
- **Friday, Jan. 31** – Altha Homecoming Parade 1 p.m.; Homecoming Dance 7-9 p.m. Altha School Gym
- **Saturday, Feb. 1** – MS SB & BB Preseason Classic at Hosford; PTO chili Cook-Off, 5 p.m.; Alumni Showcase, 6 p.m.
- **Monday, Feb. 3** – MS BB at PJS 3:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Feb. 4** – MS BB/SB vs. Hosford 3 p.m.



Altha's Kids of Character

Principal Sue Price proudly announces Altha School's Kids of Character for the month of December demonstrating the character trait of Generosity:

SHOWN AT LEFT, front row: Evan Preston, Maggie Bidwell and Jackie Johnson. SECOND ROW: Jake Lytle, Zachary Taylor, Sydney Helms, Alexx Miles and Ben Glover. THIRD ROW: Christy Jones, Megan McClain, Ashley Feldman and Rhyanna Creamer. NOT PICTURED: Rodney Caruthers, Hollie Baggett and Breanna Clemons.

PUBLIC AND LEGAL NOTICES

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:

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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

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE 2nd Public Hearing Notice

The Liberty County Board of County Commissioners is applying to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

(DEO) for a grant under the Neighborhood Revitalization category in the amount of \$700,000 under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program in the FFY 2013 funding cycle. For each activity that is proposed, at least 70% of the funds must benefit low and moderate income persons.

The primary project will consist of the drainage improvements on First Street, Second Street, Third Street and Fourth Street in County owned portion of Neal Subdivision. The unaddressed need portion of this project (pending available funds) will include the paving of First Street, Second Street, Third Street and Fourth Street. Costs for the project and estimated percentage benefit to low and moderate income (LMI) persons are expected to be:

- Flood and Drainage Improvements, \$610,000.00, Min. of 75%
- Engineering, \$38,000.00
- Administration, \$52,000.00

The displacement of persons within these areas (as a result of CDBG funded activities) is not anticipated. All residents will be allowed access to their homes during construction.

A public hearing to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the application will be held at Liberty County Courtroom, 10818 NW S.R. 20, Bristol, FL 32321 on February 6, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. ET. A proposed copy of the application will be available for review at that time. A final copy of the application

will be made available at the Liberty County Clerks Office, 10818 NW S.R. 20, Bristol, FL 32321 on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. no later than February 24, 2014. The application will be submitted to DEO on or before March 12, 2014. To obtain additional information concerning the application and the public hearing contact Kathy Brown, Clerk of Court at (850) 643-2215.

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any handicapped person requiring an interpreter for the hearing impaired or the visually impaired should call (850) 643-2215 at least 5 calendar days prior to the meeting and an interpreter will be provided. Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact (850) 643-2215 at least 5 calendar days prior to the meeting and a language interpreter will be provided. To access a Telecommunication Device for Deaf Persons (TDD) please call (850) 643-2215. Any handicapped person requiring special accommodation at this meeting should contact (850) 643-2215 at least 5 calendar days prior to the meeting.

Pursuant to Section 102 of the HUD Reform Act of 1989, the following disclosures will be submitted to DEO with the application. The disclosures will be made available by Liberty County Board of County Commissioners and DEO for public inspection upon request. These disclosures will be available on and after the date of

submission of the application and shall continue to be available for a minimum period of five years.

1. Other government (federal, state and local) assistance to the project in the form of a gift, grant, loan, guarantee, insurance payment, rebate, subsidy, credit, tax benefit, or any other form of direct or indirect benefit by source and amount;
2. The identities and pecuniary interests of all developers, contractors, or consultants involved in the application for assistance or in the planning or development of the project or activity;
3. The identities and pecuniary interests of any other persons with a pecuniary interest in the project that can reasonably be expected to exceed \$50,000 or 10% of the grant request (whichever is lower);
4. For those developers, contractors, consultants, property owners, or others listed in two (2) or three (3) above which are corporations, or other entities, the identification and pecuniary interests by corporation or entity of each officer, director, principal stockholder, or other official of the entity;
5. The expected sources of all funds to be provided to the project by each of the providers of those funds and the amount provided; and
6. The expected uses of all funds by activity and amount.

1-29-14

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

A FAIR HOUSING WORKSHOP MEETING WILL BE HELD:

Thursday, February 6, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. (ET) in the Liberty County Courtroom, 10818 NW S.R. 20, Bristol, FL 32321

All persons are invited to attend.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, Persons needing special accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerks Office, 10818 NW S.R. 20, Bristol, FL 32321, (850) 643-2215.

1-29-14

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE MALLORY TOWING & RECOVERY, INC.

MALLORY TOWING & RECOVERY INC gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 2/11/2014, 2:00 p.m. at 1814 S.R. 20 W BLOUNTSTOWN, FL 32424-4834, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes.

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MALLORY TOWING & RECOVERY, INC. reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

1-29-14

JOBS

4 positions - Temporary/seasonal work on a honeybee farm handling both manual and machine tasks associated with beekeeping, from 2/1/2014 to 11/15/2014 at Stiles Apiaries, LLC, Fords, NJ; Curie, NC & Redwood, NY. Three months of previous experience required in the job described. Saturday work required. Must be able to lift/carry 60 lbs. Workers must have no fear of bees and be non-allergic to bee stings, pollen, honey or other products of the hive. Clean driving record required. Must have or be able to obtain driver's license within 30 days following hire; pay rate at least \$11.06/hr -NJ; \$9.87/hr - NC; \$11.22/hr - NY or current applicable AEWR. Rate may be adjusted up to \$12.50/hr at employer's discretion based on experience/other relevant factors. Workers are guaranteed ¾ of work hours of total period. Work tools, supplies, equipment supplied by employer without charge to worker. Housing and 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 #NJ0887733. PO SR070 1-29-14

10 positions - Temporary/seasonal work planting, cultivating, harvesting nursery stock, trees, vegetables, fruit, from 3/1/2014 to 12/1/2014 at Lawrence J. Secor DBA Secor's Nursery, Perry, OH. Three months of previous experience required in the job described. Saturday work required. Must be able to lift/carry 100 lbs. Employer-paid post-hire random, upon suspicion and post-accident drug testing required. \$11.63/hr or current applicable AEWR. 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 #2741759. PO SR086 1-29-14

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Women's casual dress clothes, large selection in size 18/20 or 2XL and dress shoes size 8 1/2, excellent condition, prices vary. Call (850) 643-3370. 1-29, 2-5

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4 Dunlop tires, P265 X 65 R17 with good tread, \$100. Call (850) 643-5372. 1-29, 2-5

Wedding gown, size 12, white, strapless, beaded & beaded bodice with a long veil in excellent condition, \$150. Call (850) 510-1714. 1-29, 2-5

7 drawer wooden dresser, \$40. Call (850) 510-1714. 1-29, 2-5

Bowflex sport home gym, includes manual and mat, \$275 OBO. Call (850) 209-3975. 1-29, 2-5

Draw-tite frame receiver hitch, \$150. Call (850) 209-3975. 1-29, 2-5

Misc. motorcycle parts: Windshield with quick release hardware, \$110. Gas cap with "Live to Ride" emblem for 1 1/2, \$15. 5 1/2" over the light visors, \$15. Call (850) 363-3901. 1-29, 2-5

Cedar chest, \$50. Call (850) 643-5011. 1-29, 2-5

Porcelain Indian doll, 30" tall dressed in blue with head dress, \$40. Call (850) 643-5011. 1-29, 2-5

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1997 Mercury, \$1,200. Call (850) 674-3264. 1-29, 2-5

2000 Chevy Cavalier, black with Sony stereo, rear spoiler, runs good, \$3,000 OBO. Call (850) 510-1714. 1-29, 2-5

1998 Chevrolet Z71, needs transmission, \$1,000 OBO. Call (850) 566-7986 or (850) 566-7937. 1-29, 2-5

1999 Dodge Dakota, extended cab, 318 V8 automatic, like new tires, runs good, \$2,500 OBO or possible trade. Call (850) 447-1760. 1-22, 1-29

1998 Harley Davidson motorcycle, 12,000 miles, black, in showroom condition. Appraised at \$5,200, asking \$4,500. Call (850) 762-8189. 1-22, 1-29

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Approx. 10 acres with power pole, septic and well. Private drive. Borders the National Forest in Liberty County, \$45,000. Call (850) 381-8135. 12-18 T UFN

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Micro-mini male pigs, parents are less than 30 lbs. \$100 each. (850) 209-0910. 1-22, 1-29

Dwarf rabbits, five in all, different colors, \$10 each. (850) 209-0910. 1-22, 1-29

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Person interested in carpooling from Hosford to Tallahassee. Call (850) 643-7477. 1-22, 1-29

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ANSWER:

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New kitchen cabinets, 4 piece set includes lazy susan and lower cabinets, \$800. Call (850) 762-4727. 1-29, 2-5

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Oak oval dining table, \$25. Call (850) 643-5011. 1-29, 2-5

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Six piece bedding set, full size bed, reversible comforter, bed skirt and 2 shams with pillows. Made from cotton, rose and beige in color, in excellent condition, \$40. Call (850) 674-5213. 1-22, 1-29

Lots of good used furniture for sale at the Calhoun-Liberty Ministry Center thrift store. Come check us out. Located on SR 20 East of Blountstown. Call (850) 674-1818. 1-29, 2-5

ELECTRONICS

★ STARSCOPE ★ Week of January 29 to February 4, 2014

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
 Aries, you are inspired to take on the world, but you may want to focus on smaller goals this week. Finishing a long-lingering work project is a viable option.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
 Taurus, something does not seem to be falling into place. Take stock of things at home and at work to see if you can crack this nut. A little more investigation may be necessary.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21
 You may be offered a professional opportunity this week that is too good to pass up, Gemini. Despite this great offer, do your best to stay focused on work for the next several days.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
 Exercise caution and do not jump to any conclusions at work, Cancer. While you may know what your boss expects from you, it is better to wait to hear what he or she has to say.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
 Leo, you can envision exciting adventures ahead, and those times will be here before you know it. Channel your enthusiasm so you can get a head start on planning your adventure.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
 Virgo, you have a desire to be different from everyone else this week. It's good to be original, but don't stray too far off the beaten path or you may find yourself lost.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
 Libra, a friend may shock you by doing something really outrageous. You do not know what to make of this change in personality, but do your best to take it in stride.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
 Scorpio, work figures to put a lot on your plate in the coming week. You can handle everything that comes your way, so long as you keep your cool and continue to work hard.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
 You may be tempted to sneak off and play hooky from work, Sagittarius. Just make sure you handle all of your obligations first. Now is not the best time to kick up your heels.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
 Capricorn, you have so much to do now that your mind may be in a complete jumble. Others will come at you with questions, but take a deep breath and answer them one at a time.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
 Change is not the best idea right now, Aquarius. It is much better to stick with the status quo for a little while longer. Then you will have enough stability to make a change.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
 Pisces, you have many new ideas about how to get rich quick, but you will probably want to find more sensible ways to earn a living.

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LOST & FOUND

LOST: Weimaraner dog, light chocolate in color with beautiful yellow/green eyes. She is short haired with a bobbed tail weighing approximately 25 - 30 lbs. Last seen on Tuesday, Jan. 22 near W.R. Tolar school. Her name is Tinkerbell and she needs her medicine. Please call ASAP. Call (850) 643-8320. 1-29, 2-5

FOUND: Green tote along S.R. 12 S near Lake Mystic, call to identify contents. Call (850) 545-5544. 1-29, 2-5

APPLIANCES

Water heater, gas, \$75. Call (850) 526-1753. 1-29, 2-5

Dryer, electric, \$75. Call (850) 526-1753. 1-29, 2-5

Chest deep freezer, \$100 OBO. Call (850) 643-8035. 1-22, 1-29

YARD SALES

BLOUNTSTOWN Saturday, Feb. 1 at 7 a.m. (CT), 19044 NE Elijah Morris Rd. 1/4 mile past BHS turn left off of C.R. 69 onto John G. Bryant and travel 1 block and look for signs. Clothing for toddlers, juniors and men. Adult/children's shoes, housewares and small appliances. Phone (850) 643-6009.

Saturday, Feb. 1 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (CT), next to Quick Pic.

Saturday, Feb. 1 at 8 a.m. (CT), 16889 NW 13th Street, everything must go!

BRISTOL Saturday, Feb. 1 at 8 a.m. and Sunday, Feb. 2 at 10 a.m. (ET), SR 12 S to C.R. 379 by Rex Lumber, then look for signs. Cancel with cold weather or rain. (850) 643-5011.

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Keep politics out of Little League & give the game back to the kids

To the editor:

Little League baseball has become political between Coaches and Parents. All you see is fighting among adults and officials. This is making the sport no longer fun for the kids anymore. It has become more about who has the best players or whose child is in what position. By doing this it is teaching our children that this sport is no longer win or loose, you still tried your best.

It's all about who has potential talent, at the age of 9 and above, to be playing in the pro's by age 18. Don't get me wrong, there is nothing wrong with encouraging your children to be great at their talent. But, there is something wrong with priming your child to be the best and only the best. To the point that this sport, which once was fun for all, is now so competitive that the ones that aren't so great are left behind to ride the bench, no encouragement and less worked with because the coaches favorites are getting all the attention.

Some kids that come out and sign up for little league do not have some-

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one to work with them at home or worse yet a support system to make them the next Derrick Jeter. What happened to the basics of teaching these kids teamwork, leadership and friendship among team mates? Instead these adults fighting, arguing and choosing favorites are teaching children that this sport is only for the good and there is no room for the bad.

For example, last week was an unscheduled Little League meeting that turned into chaos over politics that ultimately caused coaches to resign. In my opinion politics should not be in sports or better yet City/County Officials should be held to the highest standards and be reprimanded for showing their butts in public. If they are going to be involved in city/county wide sports, they should be treated as individuals

and not officials. They should not be treated like an Official during the time of a public sporting event that their children are participating in.

Politics shouldn't be in sports unless you are teaching your children to lie, steal and overall poor sportsmanship. For instance, a politician busted a jug of tea over a man's head when he wasn't looking and then proceeded to choke him. And then had his friends lie about what happened when questioned. All over arguing about who was going to be in charge of this year's Little League Baseball season.

This is becoming a problem in our community and needs to be addressed before the love of this sport disappears from our children, or worse yet, parents take their children to another city/town to have their children play where the game is played like it's supposed to be.

Again this sport has become all about the adults and not our children.

*Thank you,
 Steve Mears, Sr.,
 Blountstown*

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

MT. ZION UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH REVIVAL - Mt. Zion United Pentecostal Church revival services that began on Friday, Jan. 24 will continue through Sunday, Feb. 2. with Rev. Steve Grimsley as guest pastor.

Services on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday morning services begin at 10 a.m. followed by the evening service at 6:30 p.m.

The church is located on Highway 65 South in Hosford. For more information call (850) 379-8743.

NOTE OF THANKS

The Family of David Finkley would like to thank everyone for the show of love displayed to us at his passing. The visits, the prayers, the deeds, and yes, even the unspoken actions were so much appreciated we can't express it all in words.

David, or "Big Hurt" as he was known to his team mates, was with all of us for 30 wonderful years; not long enough for us, but rest assured, he will be in our hearts for an eternity and the deeds shown by all

during his transition from mortal to immortality will only strengthen our bond to each other.

A special thank you is awarded to Travis Allen and Liberty County Sheriff Nick Finch and his staff of employees for their devoted time and effort in helping to prepare for David's arrangements.

I thank you all from the bottom of my heart and I will love you and pray for you continually.

Lula Finkley and family

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Bristol, Liberty County, FL, proposes to enact the following Ordinance numbered 2014-01:

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRISTOL, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF BRISTOL CODE OF ORDINANCES; TO ADOPT NEW ORDINANCE NO. 2014-01; TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS, TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR, TO ADOPT PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR DEVELOPMENT IN FLOOD HAZARD AREAS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; TO ADOPT LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; REPEALER; SEVERABILITY; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

On February 10, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. (ET), at City Hall, 12444 NW Virginia G. Weaver Street, Bristol, FL. A copy of the proposed ordinance may be inspected at City Hall. Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. Those requiring special accommodations or an interpreter in order to participate should notify the City Clerk's office no later than 5 days prior to the meeting date.

This notice is dated in Bristol, Liberty County, FL, this 29th day of January, 2014.

• *Brigham S. Shuler, Chairman*

• *Robin M. Hatcher, City Clerk*

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