

# Three arrested for tractor theft, trespassing and other charges

A search by the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office and K-9 units from Gulf and Calhoun Correctional ended Friday morning with the arrest of a third person allegedly involved in the theft of a tractor Thursday. The suspect was apprehended near Clarksville General store.

One suspect was arrested Thursday after a pine straw contractor and a property owner discovered that a tractor had been stolen from Shelton Road, west of Clarksville. Deputies learned that one of the suspects had a hand gun. A truck had been left behind.



JACOB WALLEN

The sheriff's office, K-9 units and FWC officers pursued a second suspect but called off the search around 11 p.m. Thursday when the track was lost.

The second suspect was found and taken into custody after the sheriff's office got a call at 4:30 a.m. Friday from a citizen saying he had run someone away from a vehicle on his property. A deputy arrived on the scene and apprehended the subject.

On the way to the jail, the subject told the deputy that there was another subject involved and told the deputy where his friend could be located.



CODY RAFFIELD

The stolen tractor was discovered in a wooded area about 600 yards north of when it had been taken.

•Jacob Wallen, 18, of Southport was charged with burglary of a structure, grand theft and trespass of a conveyance. His bond was set at \$5,500.



JAMES GOLDEN III

•Cody Raffield, 23, of Panama City was charged with armed trespass, possession of meth and possession of drug paraphernalia. His bond was set at \$4,500.

•James Golden III, 35, of Panama City, was charged with grand theft, burglary of a structure, armed trespass and carrying a concealed weapon. His bond was set at \$7,000.



Ashley Everette is a 2001 graduate of Liberty County High School who went on to get her master's in elementary education at FSU, has taught at Blountstown Elementary for nine years. She has been named Calhoun County's Teacher of the Year.

## Calhoun Co. Teacher of the Year keeps students busy & learning

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

Her learning tools are varied. "I teach in any way that I can to achieve learning gains in my students," says Ashley Everette, who was named Calhoun County Teacher of the Year Friday.

She's selected rap videos on YouTube to help her fifth grade Language Arts Class learn prefixes and test their vocabulary. She has students search newspapers and magazines to identify different writing examples. The kids in her classes have made their own commercials as a fun way to learn the differences between informing, entertaining and persuading. Silly poems and hand motions help them retain information while they're getting ready for a test.

The 30-year-old teacher has discovered that

keeping students busy with a variety of projects gets them interested in learning and minimizes behavior problems.

Youngsters are awarded for their learning accomplishments with recognition on a Brag Board at school. Ashley bases their progress on how far they have come and not by comparing their grades with their classmates.

Test scores at the end of last year show it's working.

Her efforts as a teacher brought her "45 babies" from 33% to 75% in reading. FCAT scores showed 79% of her students made learning gains. The previous year, only 48% of her students scored at Level 3 or above. That number increased to 62%. "They gave it everything they had," she said of her students. "I was so impressed with them."

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## Love for children guides the life of Calhoun County School District Employee of the Year

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

To say Sue Willis loves children is an understatement.

Unable to have children of their own, she and her husband, John, adopted. Eight times.

And they didn't just adopt, they took on children born with health issues due

to substance abuse by their birth mothers.

The couple raised their family in Orlando. In 2005, they came to Altha so Sue could be with her parents, Melvin and Lillian Hall. Her mother died three weeks after her return. Her father, who was terminally ill at the time, passed away five months later.

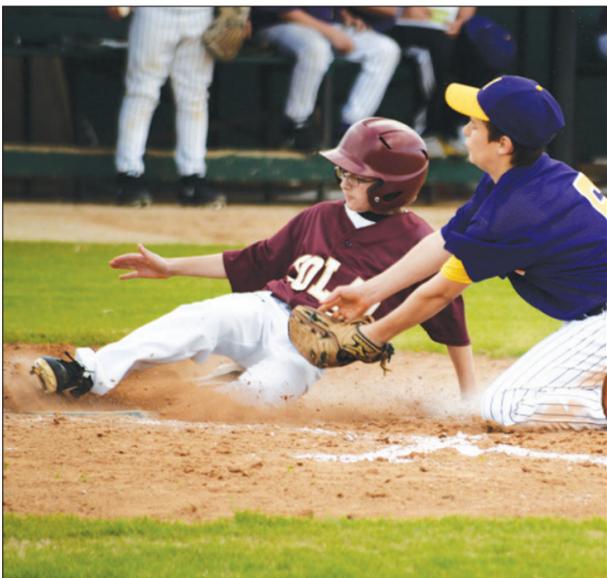
Now, their children are grown and have families of their own. The Willis' have six grandchildren and five step-grandchildren.

"I have a big family. I love my kids, I love my grandbabies, I love God and I'm thankful every day for the kids he gave me," she says. "For someone who could

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Sue Willis

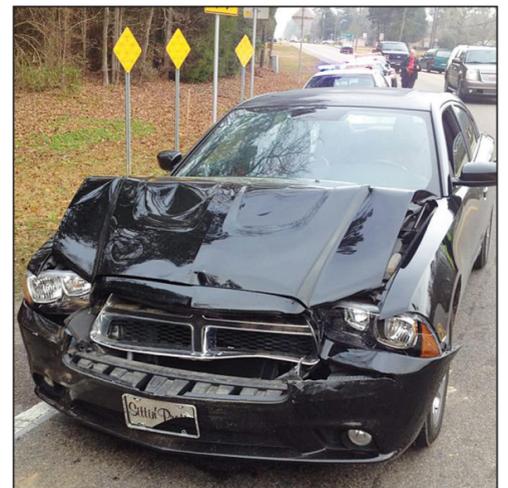


Bradley Edwards slides under the toss to score for Tolar during a game with the Altha Wildcats Monday. For more, see page 6.

DANIEL WILLIAMS PHOTO



BLACK HISTORY MONTH FASHION SHOW PAGE 18



The front plate of this 2013 Dodge Charger may have a front tag that reads "Sitting Pretty" but that wasn't the case for the car after a run-in with the law Tuesday morning. The driver, Nedra L. Peterson, 34, of Blountstown rear-ended an unmarked BPD patrol vehicle around 7:40 a.m. at SR 69 and North Pear. Peterson and Officer Adam Terry, who was waiting to turn in the 2009 Chevy Tahoe, both had minor injuries.



~Free service provides victims with information and notification any time an offender's status changes~

# New mobile app offered by Dept. of Corrections will give victims access to offender information

TALLAHASSEE - Florida Department of Corrections Secretary Michael Crews announced today a new Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) mobile app which provides information and notification of an offender's status to victims of crimes committed by inmates in the Department's custody or under its supervision.

"Ensuring that Florida families are safe is the Department of Corrections' priority," said Secretary Crews. "The information accessible through VINE allows victims to stay informed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year and helps prevent revictimization."

The new VINEmobile app, which is available in the Google Play Store and iTunes, is an additional tool in the VINE service system and is available in English, Spanish and Haitian Creole. Those who don't have a mobile device or who prefer to speak to an operator can call a toll-free number at 1-877-VINE-4-FL (1-877-846-3435).

Through VINE, victims can

register to receive an automated notification when an inmate is released, transferred, escapes, is placed in a work release facility, transfers to another jurisdiction, returns to the Department's custody, or dies while in custody. The VINE Service is anonymous and confidential.

VINE is part of the Department's commitment to public safety and is facilitated through the Victim Services office whose primary function is to assist victims of crimes committed by inmates in the Department's custody or under our supervision, and to notify victims prior to an inmate's release. Victim Services also provides referral services to victims with specific needs, such as counseling, support groups, crimes compensation, and crisis intervention.

Currently there are 216,770 VINE registrants statewide, with an average of 18,992 new registrants per month in 2013. In 2013 VINE made 4,510,016 phone calls and sent 273,562 emails to victims for status changes involving offenders. With the

implementation of the VINEMobile app, the Department hopes to increase awareness and registrations for victims of crimes committed by offenders on community supervision and inmates in all 67 county jails and the Department of Corrections.

Anyone with questions about VINE or other available resources can contact the Department's Victim Services office at (850) 488-9166,

toll-free at 1-877-8-VICTIM (1-877-884-2846) or the Office of Citizen Services at (850) 488-7052 or toll-free at 1-888-558-6488.

*As Florida's largest state agency, the Department of Corrections employs more than 22,000 members statewide, oversees more than 100,000 inmates and supervises nearly 146,000 offenders in the community.*

## Cottondale man charged with molesting 15-yr-old at Blountstown residence

A 24-year-old Cottondale man was arrested on one count of lewd and lascivious molestation on a child over the age of 12/under the age of 16 stemming from an incident that allegedly happened in Blountstown last year.

David Caleb Riley was arrested following an investigation that began on Sept. 29, 2013 after the victim, then 15, alleged that a family member's boyfriend had sexually assaulted her.

The victim stated that while visiting a family member's residence in Blountstown, she woke up to Riley molesting her.



DAVID CALEB RILEY

The victim's clothing was sent to FDLE for testing. A male DNA profile was located in the victim's clothing. Investigators of the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office CID and Jackson County Sheriff's Office CID made contact with Riley at his home on Jan. 27 following the FDLE results.

Riley gave a statement admitting to molesting the victim and a warrant was obtained for his arrest.

Riley is currently being held without bond. A danger to society hearing is scheduled for Feb. 14.

### SHERIFF'S LOG

#### CALHOUN COUNTY

##### Feb. 4

•James William George, driving while license suspended or revoked, *CCSO*.

•Jayla Lyn Long, fraudulent use of personal identification, *CCSO*.

•Ivorice Dewayne Peterson, felony battery, felony domestic battery, *CCSO*.

##### Feb. 5

•Dashawn Demetrious Holmes, *VOCR, CCSO*.

•Brad Curtis Phillips, *VOCC, CCSO*.

•Carol Martin, attempt to manufacture meth, possession of listed chemicals, *VOP, CCSO*.

•Andrew Laton, attempt to manufacture meth, possession of listed chemicals, *CCSO*.

•Buddy Joel Kriegbaum, attempt to manufacture meth, possession of listed chemicals, *CCSO*.

##### Feb. 6

•Timothy Eugene Bontrager, *VOCC, CCSO*.

•Christopher Ivey, non-support, *CCSO*.

•Timothy Eugene Bontrager, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, *CCSO*.

•Deanna L. Neely, out of county warrant, *CCSO*.

•Cody Wayne Raffield, armed trespass, possession of meth, possession of drug paraphernalia, *CCSO*.

##### Feb. 7

•Jacob Christopher Wallen, burglary of a structure, grand theft, trespass of a conveyance, *CCSO*.

•James Keith Golden III, grand

theft, burglary of a structure, armed trespass, carrying a concealed weapon, *CCSO*.

##### Feb. 10

•Eric Antonio Brown, driving while license suspended or revoked, *FHP*.

•Louis Cameron Rogers, criminal registrant, *CCSO*.

•David Caleb Riley, lewd and lascivious molestation (warrant), *CCSO*.

#### LIBERTY COUNTY

##### Feb. 4

•Andre Fountain, *VOCP, LCSO*.

•Eddie Carter, writ of attachment, *LCSO*.

•Anista Bernaroz, holding for Gulf County, *GCSO*.

•David Hartsfield, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, principal in the first degree, possession of weapon by a convicted felon, *LCSO*.

•William Spears, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, traffic 4 grams or more oxycodone, possession of weapon by a convicted felon, *LCSO*.

•Jayla Long, holding for Calhoun County, *CCSO*.

##### Feb. 6

•Carol Martin, holding for Calhoun County, *CCSO*.

•Deanna L. Neely, holding for Calhoun County, *CCSO*.

##### Feb. 7

•James Brown, *VOCP, LCSO*.

•Cody Tucker, *VOCP, LCSO*.

##### Feb. 9

•Dylan Rogers, *VOCP, LCSO*.

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

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Feb. 3, through Feb. 9, 2014



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Calhoun County Teacher of the Year Ashley Everett is shown with some of her students at Blountstown Elementary School.

## CALHOUN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

*continued from the front page*

This is her second year as a Language Arts teacher. Ashley has taught at Blountstown Middle School for nine years, starting out as a first-grade teacher until a couple of years ago when Principal Pam Bozeman realized what a difference her skills could make for students who needed a little extra help.

“She and her students have flourished,” according to the principal, who adds, “This was the best administrative move I’ve ever made for B.E.S.”

She credits Ashley with not only motivating students academically but helping them develop socially as well. “She has a reputation for being able to take the most challenging students and by building their confidence and self esteem, she sets them on the right track.”

Ashley is “an administrator’s dream,” according to her former principal, Dr. Debbie Williams, who is now principal at Blountstown High School.

The atmosphere in Ashley’s class is “inviting,” Williams says. “She develops a personal relationship with her students and she has a way of making every student feel like they are her

*Ashley Everett is a 2001 graduate of Liberty County High School who went on to get her master’s in elementary education at FSU. She is the daughter of Henry and Brenda Green of Bristol. She and her best friend, Anna Parish Martin of Sneads, have both been recognized for their skills in the classroom. Ashley was named Calhoun County Teacher of the Year on Thursday. A few days earlier, Anna was named Jackson County Teacher of the Year.*

special student,” she says. She should know. Her son was one of Ashley’s students when she taught first grade.

In a letter recommending her as Teacher of the Year, one parent wrote that in her son’s case, Ashley is not just Teacher of the Year but Teacher of a Lifetime who instilled in him a love for school and learning. “She has the ability, without showing favoritism, to make each student feel as though they are her favorite,” she wrote.

She said she was stunned to learn she had been selected as Calhoun County Teacher of the Year.

She was in the front office at the school when the announcement was made Thursday afternoon. Her kids reacted immediately. “I could hear them screaming from the room,” she said. “They felt like they had won, too.”

Why did she decide to become a teacher? “My mom was a teacher and I had such great teachers at Bristol Elementary School,” she said. Her fourth grade teacher, Kathy Nobles, was one of her favorites. “She always made learning so much fun. Every day was special. I wanted to be a teacher like that, to make it fun and make a difference.”

She admits she was scared when she first took the challenge of teaching fifth-graders. “Through my experience last year, as a new teacher in an FCAT grade, I have learned that it doesn’t matter what you start with. It is the outcome that is important.”

She knows some of her students come from difficult circumstances. “I tried to show them that no matter what, they could improve and they should strive for improvement. I know they still carry this lesson with them as I carry everything they taught me.”

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### Credit Union staff holds retirement party for manager

BLOUNTSTOWN - After 40 years of dedicated service, Manager Diane Marchant Long is retiring from Calhoun-Liberty Employees Credit Union.

A retirement party was held in her honor on Thursday, Feb. 6. She was presented with a MacBook Air as a gift from her co-workers.

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Players are cast in the following roles: Lindsey Wheatley as Maria, Colton Day as Captain von Trapp, Keith Watford as Max, Seth Alderman as Rolf, Kate Burke as Liesl, Evan Barber as Friedrich, Meredith Saunders as Louisa, Chandler King as Kurt, Gracie Wallace as Brigitta, Clara McCallister as Marta, Catherine Lewis as Gretl, Elaine Barfield as Mother Abbess, Cherie White as Berthe, Amy Cloud as Margareta, Jamie Gibson as Sophie Gibson, Kayla Todd as Elsa Schraeder, Cody Ball as Franz and Odra Chapman as Frau Schmidt. Nuns are Victoria Taylor, Kayla Pickron, Olivia Black, Audrey Earnest, Baylee Earnest, Mary Ann Earnest, Patria Clark, Dianna Glaze, Deanna Baily, Mandy Deese, Odra Chapman, Kelli Todd, Gayle DiBenedetto and Chris Lauen. Neighbors of Von Trapp, Nazis, contestants and guests include: Clyde DeClouet, Will Spencer, Joesph Concovan, Veronica Taylor, Deanna Bailey, Lee Shook, Victoria Taylor, Baylee Earnest, Hugh Black and Diana Glaze.

## Tickets on sale for Chipola Sound of Music opening night of Feb. 26

MARIANNA - Chipola College theatre-goers are invited to enjoy dinner-and-a-show for opening night of the college production of "The Sound of Music," Wednesday, Feb. 26.

Tickets for the Opening Night Gala are on sale now in the Center for the Arts Box Office. Gala dinner tickets are \$30. Play tickets—\$8—must be purchased separately and can be purchased at the same time as the Gala ticket. Deadline for dinner reservations is Feb. 19. No additional dinner seating will be available the night of the event. The

Opening Night Gala will include dinner in the Center for the Arts Experimental Theatre and a pre-performance chat with Director Charles Sirmon before the show.

Show tickets without the dinner go on sale to the public, Wednesday, Feb. 12. The Center for the Arts Box Office is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Friday, from 9 a.m. to noon. All proceeds will go to the Chipola ACT Fund.

For ticket information, call (850) 718-2420.

## CRAA meeting to feature highlights of upcoming Sound of Music production

MARIANNA - Chipola Theatre will present highlights from the upcoming musical "The Sound of Music" at the Chipola Regional Arts Association (CRAA) meeting Tuesday, Feb. 18, at Jim's Buffet in Marianna.

The public is invited to attend the Dutch-treat buffet luncheon which begins at 11:30 a.m. and the program at noon.

During the program, there will be a drawing for free tickets to this historically sold-out musical series which opens Feb. 26.

CRAA's annual mini-grant program recently awarded a new record

of 24 grants this season for applications from art, music, and theatre teachers across Chipola's five counties.

CRAA is now seeking talented music, art, and theatre students from Calhoun County to apply for their rotating scholarship program. Information and applications are available on the Fine Arts - Scholarships link at [www.chipola.edu](http://www.chipola.edu). Application deadline is March 7.

The Partner in the Arts campaign has just been launched to support next year's CRAA programs. Contributors to this campaign not only help support the arts in the community, but also are recognized as contributors on the Artist Series programs.

For information on the CRAA meeting, call (850) 718-2277.

## Historical events of Feb. 14

Certain dates in history become associated with a particular holiday or a special event, which outshines other occurrences that may have happened on the same day. February 14 is widely known as Valentine's Day around the world. However, there are many other events that took place on this day throughout history that may make the fourteenth of February memorable for other reasons. Here is a number of events that occurred around the world on February 14 in various years.

**1014:** Henry of Bavaria, the German king, recognizes Benedict VIII as the rightful pope.

**1630:** A Dutch fleet of 69 ships reaches Pernambuco, Brazil.

**1711:** The opera "Rinaldo" by Handel premieres.

**1794:** The first textile machinery patent in the United States is granted to James Davenport of Philadelphia.

**1803:** Chief Justice John Marshall declares that any act of U.S. Congress that conflicts with the Constitution is void.

**1849:** James Polk becomes the first U.S. president to have his photo taken.

**1896:** The Winnipeg Victorias beat Montreal Victorias to win the Stanley Cup.

**1912:** Arizona becomes the 48th state.

**1919:** The Polish-Soviet War begins.

**1945:** Mostar is liberated by Yugoslav partisans during World War II.

**1951:** Sugar Ray Robinson defeats Jake LaMotta for the middleweight title.

**1968:** The Pennsylvania Railroad and the NYC Central merge to form Penn Central.

**1992:** A ceasefire begins in Somalia.

**2000:** The spacecraft NEAR Shoemaker becomes the first spacecraft to orbit an asteroid.

## Florida Parks commemorate Black History Month with series of living history events & tours

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Park Service joins Governor Rick Scott in commemorating Black History Month and recognizing the many ways African Americans have enriched Florida's communities, culture and history.

The month of February brings the celebration of Black History Month. As an expansion from Black History Week, which started in 1926, Black History Month was proposed by leaders of the Black United

Students at Kent State University in 1969 and first celebrated a year later in February 1970. President Gerald R. Ford urged Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history." Forty-five years later, Black History Month is being recognized nationwide.

"Florida's state parks are proud to offer interpretative programs that highlight's Florida history," said Florida Park Service Director Donald Forgione. "From art exhibits and to living history reenactments to tours of the Cape Florida lighthouse, visitors are invited to learn more at Florida's state parks."

Join us at Ravine Gardens State Park to celebrate African American artists from 5 to 8 p.m. Feb. 15. "The Heart of Art" event will showcase visual and musical art along with historical displays, live jazz, poetry readings and delectable desserts.

Florida is full of tradition and history and Florida State Parks stay true to commemorating these traditions. Fort Mose Historic State Park was the first legally sanctioned free African settlement site in the United States. In 1738, the governor chartered the

settlement as Fort Mose for those fleeing slavery from the English colonies. For 25 years Fort Mose began a sanctuary for Africans seeking liberation and freedom.

Join us from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 8 for 15-minute walks with living historians who will tell the story

of the journey to escape slavery. At 2 p.m., Dr. James G. Cusick, curator of the P.K. Yonge Library of Florida History at the University of

Florida, will present a lecture.

Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic State Park once housed African Americans in small tenant houses. Rawlings and friend Zora Neale Hurston would exchange letters highlighting the changing racial relationships during Reconstruction in the rural south. The park is open for tours of the homestead Thursdays through Sundays.

Also, Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park stands as one of the earliest locations for the Underground Railroad. The island served as a secret meeting place and port for runaway slaves and Black Seminoles waiting to rendezvous with sea captains or board dugouts for a passage to safety in the British Bahamas. Although the lighthouse was built to save lives and ships, its unflinching light brought an end to this avenue of escape. In September 2004, Cape Florida was designated a National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Site. Tours of the lighthouse are available twice daily, Thursdays through Mondays.

For a complete list of events being held at Florida's state parks, visit [www.floridastateparks.org/thingstodo/events.cfm](http://www.floridastateparks.org/thingstodo/events.cfm).

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# Valentine's Day facts and superstitions

Every February 14th people around the world exchange gifts, chocolates and romantic greetings for a day set aside for lovers. Many traditions are followed, all in the name of St. Valentine. Still, people may not understand why such customs are upheld. Much of the history of Valentine's Day and St. Valentine himself is shrouded in mystery, and much of what's widely accepted is inaccurate. To set the record straight, here are some facts about the holiday.

- Valentine's Day is believed to have originated from a celebration in Rome during the fifth century. This celebration paid tribute to St. Valentine, a Catholic priest.

Other historians surmise it was a way to "Christianize" the pagan holiday of Lupercalia, which was a fertility festival. Included in the traditions were boys and girls drawing names from a box and exchanging gifts.

- The Catholic Church acknowledges at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus.

- All of the stories surrounding St. Valentine -- whether they are disputed or not -- paint him as a sympathetic and heroic individual.

- Valentine's Day greetings have been popular from the Middle Ages onward, though they have been usually verbal in nature.

- The oldest known written valentine still in existence today was a poem written in 1415 by Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was imprisoned in the Tower of London following his capture at the Battle of Agincourt.

- Valentine's Day is celebrated in the United States, Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France, and Australia.

- Valentine's Day and Mother's Day are the most popular holidays to give flowers.

- According to Hallmark, women purchase 85 percent of all valentines.

- According to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated

one billion Valentine's Day cards are sent each year, making Valentine's Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year behind Christmas.

- Candy was among the earliest Valentine's Day gifts and remains a popular gift today.

- Some tales suggest that the type of bird a girl watches on Valentine's Day predicts her future husband. A bluebird indicates a happy man, while a sparrow indicates a poor man.

- In Medieval times, girls consumed unusual foods on Valentine's Day in the belief it would make them dream of their future husbands.

## MEETINGS

### Wednesday, Feb. 12

- **Liberty County Tobacco Free Partnership**, 4 p.m. (ET) at Veterans Memorial Civic Center.
- **Boy Scout Troop 200**, 6:30 p.m. (ET) at the Mormon Church in Bristol. Phone (850) 643-2373.

### Thursday, Feb. 13

- **Liberty Comm. Coalition** (re-schedule) at 10 a.m. (ET), Emergency Management Building. Phone (850) 526-2412.
- **Liberty Women's Club**, 11 a.m. (ET), Apalachee Rest. Phone (850) 643-4617.
- **Calhoun School Board**, 5 p.m.(CT) Calhoun Extension Office in Commission Board Room. Phone (850) 674-5927.
- **American Legion Hall Bingo night**, 6-9 p.m. (CT)

### Monday, Feb. 17

- **Panhandle Creative Crafters "Bizzie Bees"**, 5-8 p.m. (CT), W.T. Neal Civic Center, Blountstown.
- **AA**, 6 p.m.(CT), Altha Community Center. Phone (850) 674-1363.
- **Altha Girls Scout Troop #39**, 6:15 p.m. (CT), Altha Church of God. Phone (850) 447-5405.
- **Altha Boy Scouts**, 7 p.m. (CT), Altha Fire Department. Phone (850) 762-3718.

### Tuesday, Feb. 18

- **Calhoun Children's Coalition**, 9 a.m. (CT), W.T. Neal Civic Center.
- **Chipola Chapter, NSDAR**, 11 a.m. (CT), The Oaks Restaurant, Marianna. Phone (850) 638-1947.
- **Calhoun Chamber of Commerce**, 12 p.m. (CT), Senior Citizens Center. Phone (850) 674-4519.
- **Calhoun Commission**, 6 p.m. (CT), Ag. Bldg., Conference Room across from Courthouse. Phone (850) 674-4545.
- **Mossy Pond VFD Auxiliary**, 6 p.m. (CT), Fire House. Phone (850) 762-1948.
- **AA Meeting**, 6 p.m. (CT), Grace United Methodist Church, Hosford. Phone (850) 544-0677.
- **Dixie 109 Masonic Lodge**, 7 p.m. (CT), Dixie Lodge in Blountstown. Phone (850) 643-5742.
- **Hosford-Telogia VFD**, 7:30 p.m.(ET), fire house. Phone (850) 566-0812.

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## Community Calendar



**Wednesday, Feb. 12**



**BIRTHDAYS**  
*Kathlyn Haefner-Hare, Gailand Bay, John Grande, Kathy Ridley and Keith Parrish*

**Thursday, Feb. 13**



**BIRTHDAYS**  
*Cindy Parrish, Eddie Dalton,*

**Friday, Feb. 14**

**BIRTHDAYS**  
*Jessica Thomas, Tot Butler, Timmy Cardinale, Julie Faircloth, Jamie Willis and Robert Fleck*



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**  
*Sonny & Karen Sykes*

**Saturday, Feb. 15**



**Blacksmithing Class**  
 Pioneer Settlement at 8 a.m. (CT)



**Black History Parade**  
 9 a.m. (CT) at BMS

**BIRTHDAYS**  
*Ruth Attaway, Daisy Holliday, Aaron Carter, Lisa Britt, Neil Howel and Sonyl Lindell McClain*

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
*Sonya & Lindell McClain, Broward & Olivia Vickery*



**Sacred Harp Sing**  
 9:30 a.m. (CT) at the Pioneer Settlement

**Pair-A-Dice**  
 in concert at the Legion Hall, 8-12 p.m. (CT)

**Sunday, Feb. 16**

**BIRTHDAYS**  
*Stormy Wise, Wayne Sutton, Scott Holcomb, Justin Faircloth, Clare Bilbo & Jamy Bunkley*

*Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday*



**Monday, Feb. 17**

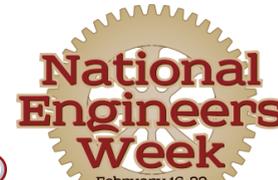


**BIRTHDAYS**  
*Renee Moore & Nick Keller*



**February 17, 2014 Presidents' Day**

**Tuesday, Feb. 18**



**BIRTHDAYS**  
*Mary Sue Stephens, Tom Aycock, Cindy Capps, Shane Eagleston*

## Man of Mysteries Magic Show and Workshop Feb. 28

The Paul Esterline - Man of Mysteries Magic Extravaganza is almost here. Doors open Friday, Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Blountstown Middle School Auditorium.

This will be a great way to spend a family night. Ticket price is \$15, adults; \$10, children 10 years and under. For a ticket price of \$30, you gain entrance Friday's show as well as a one hour workshop held by Paul on Friday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. in the school's auditorium.

Contact Wendy Byrne at (850) 209-4695 to purchase tickets. Tickets are also available at Blountstown Drugs and Big River Sports. Get your tickets soon, they are selling fast.

All proceeds from this event will benefit the Chaz Fain Memorial Scholarship Fund. We hope to see you there!

## Must-see musical at Marina Civic center

Come join Calco Travel for the first time ever as we travel to go see "Menopause" The Musical on Tuesday, March 11, at the Marina Civic Center in Panama City. The van will leave the Senior Center at 4 p.m. (CT) and stop at Golden Corral for dinner then onto the show.

This hilarious celebration of women and the change is the closet the show has come to us in the last five years. Set to classic tunes from the 60s, 70s and 80s - this musical will have you cheering and dancing in the aisles!

Cost of the Trip: \$53 pp. Trip Includes: Transportation, Dinner, Admission to the show & non-stop laughter!

Space is limited to 20 people on a first pay basis. Payment due upon sign-up no later than Tuesday, Feb. 25. Please see our cancellation guidelines.

## Power Line Safety Class offered by TEC for volunteers

Attention all Liberty County Volunteer Fire Dept., Search and Rescue, 1st Responders, EMS, Deputies, and anyone that may be interested in becoming a volunteer with the county.

Talquin Electric will be hosting a Power Line Safety Class at the Liberty County Emergency Management Office. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. (ET) on the Wednesday, Feb. 19.

If you need any further information, please contact Rhonda Lewis at (850) 643-2339.

## Chipola Healthy Start Board of Directors will meet on Feb. 20

The next regular meeting of the Chipola Healthy Start Coalition Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, Feb. 20 at 3 p.m. (ET).

The meeting will be held in Bristol at the Veterans Memorial Center, located at 10405 NW Theo Jacobs Lane.

Please call (850) 482-1384, ext. 300 if you have any questions.

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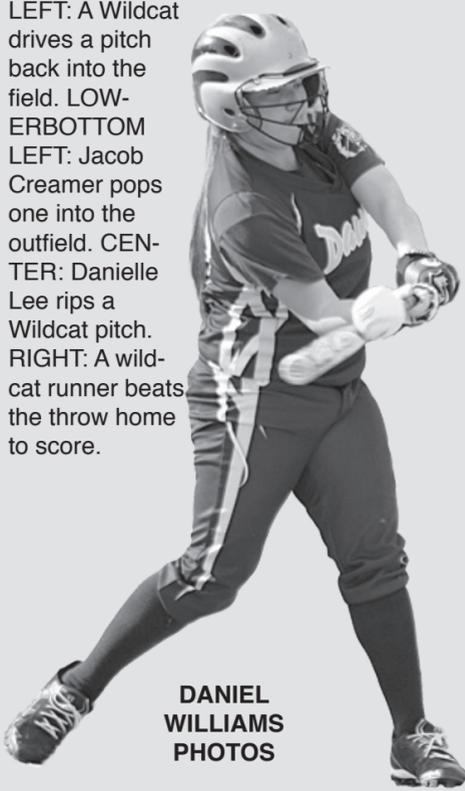
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LEFT: A Wildcat drives a pitch back into the field. LOW-ERBOTTOM LEFT: Jacob Creamer pops one into the outfield. CENTER: Danielle Lee rips a Wildcat pitch. RIGHT: A wildcat runner beats the throw home to score.



DANIEL WILLIAMS PHOTOS



## Tolar and Altha face off in Baseball & Softball

The Altha Wildcats baseball and softball teams faced off against W.R. Tolar this past week. Altha's softball team walked away with a 13 - 3 victory over Tolar. Altha's baseball team didn't fare quite as well. The final score was Tolar victorious with 13 and Altha scoring only one point.

*School is now eligible for \$1 million Aspen Institute Prize*

## Chipola ranked in top 150 U.S. Community Colleges

WASHINGTON, DC - For the third straight year, Chipola College has been named one of the nation's top 150 community colleges by the Aspen Institute based on exceptional levels of student success.

Chipola is among 15 Florida College System institutions eligible to compete for the prestigious Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence and \$1 million in prize money. Florida colleges named to the list, are: Broward, Chipola, Eastern Florida State, Edison, Indian River, Lake-Sumter, Miami Dade, Northwest Florida State, Palm Beach State, Pasco-Hernando State, Santa Fe, South Florida State, State College of Florida, Tallahassee and Valencia.

Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough, says, "I am proud that Chipola has once again been recognized by the Aspen Institute. This nomination affirms the work being done by our faculty to ensure that our students receive a quality education."

Highlighting the critical importance of improving student success in America's community colleges, the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program named the nation's top 150 community colleges eligible to compete for the 2015 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence and \$1 million dollars in prize funds.

The Prize, awarded every two years, is the nation's

signature recognition of high achievement and performance among America's community colleges and recognizes institutions for exceptional student outcomes in four areas: student learning, certificate and degree completion, employment and earnings, and high levels of access and success for minority and low-income students.

The Aspen Institute identified the top community colleges through an assessment of institutional performance, improvement, and equity on student retention and completion measures. A full list of the colleges is available at [www.AspenPrize.org](http://www.AspenPrize.org).

Chipola was named to the the top 150 list from a national pool of over 1,000 public two-year colleges using publicly available data on student outcomes. Chipola had a first-year retention rate of 62.2 percent compared to the national average of 52 percent. Chipola's three-year graduation/transfer rate was 61.2 percent compared to the 39.8 percent national average. Chipola awards 38.3 credentials per 100 Full Time Equivalent students compared to the national average of 17.9.

The 150 eligible community colleges have been invited to submit applications containing detailed data on degree/certificate completion (including progress and transfer rates), labor market outcomes (employ-

ment and earnings), and student learning outcomes. They must demonstrate that they deliver exceptional student results for all students – including those from racial minority and/or low-income backgrounds – and also use data to inform decisions and continually improve over time.

Ten finalists will be named in fall 2014. The Aspen Institute will then conduct site visits to each of the finalists and collect additional quantitative data, including employment and earnings data from states and transfer data from the National Student Clearinghouse. A distinguished Prize Jury will select a grand prize winner and a few finalists with distinction in early 2015.

Nearly half of America's college students attend community colleges, with more than seven million students – youth and adult learners – working towards certificates and degrees in these institutions across the country.

Chipola is designated as a state college in the Florida College System. Established in 1947, Chipola offers the Bachelor of Science Degree, Associate in Arts Degree, the Associate in Science Degree and Workforce Development programs.

For information about Chipola College, visit [www.chipola.edu](http://www.chipola.edu) or phone (850) 526-2761.

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## Valentine's Day by the numbers

**190 million:** The number of greeting cards exchanged for the holiday. Valentine's Day comes in second to Christmas for the most number of greeting cards sent.

**73:** The percentage of men who give bouquet gifts.

**119:** The number of single men in their 20s per 100 single women of the same age.

**6,000:** The number of weddings that take place every day in the United States.

**144:** The number of years the chocolate box has been around. The first Valentine's Day box of chocolates was created and introduced by Richard Cadbury in 1868.

**1415:** The year in which the first Valentine's Day card was sent.

**1,000:** The approximate number of letters mailed to Verona, Italy and addressed to Juliet every February 14.

**3:** The percentage of pet owners who will buy a gift for their pet.

**2.5 billion:** The dollar amount spent on jewelry for Valentine's Day.

**5:** The number of years of shelf life for dark chocolate. Discard milk or white chocolate after a year.



## Schaffer, Keith to exchange vows on Valentine's Day

Destiny Schaffer and Jason Keith are pleased to announce the exchanging of their vows on Friday, Feb. 14 at the Calhoun County Courthouse.

Destiny is the daughter of Daniel Goff of Bristol and Shawn Goff of Greenwood, IN. Her grandparents are Carolyn Gomillion, Sherry Schaffer and Garry Schaffer. She is currently a high school

senior and a CNA student.

Jason is the son of Mike and Susan Keith. His grandparents are Albert and Elsie Osborne of Atlanta, GA. He is employed as a Spray Foam Technician.

A wedding is planned at a later date after the birth of their son, Bently Ryan Keith, so that he and his sister, Kaylee Rose-marry Keith can both attend.

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

**HILLCREST BAPTIST CHURCH** - On Saturday, Feb. 15, treat your Valentine to a spaghetti dinner, at \$5 per meal, beginning at 5 p.m. at Hillcrest Baptist Church. Each spaghetti meal will include a salad, garlic bread, and a dessert. You may have the choice of dining in or taking it out.

Take a drive out on C.R. 274 and enjoy a delicious meal with others. Your contribution will help towards our 25th celebration in September.

We are located 5 miles W. of Shelton's Corner. Hope to see you on Saturday and join us for worship at 11 a.m. on Sunday, too!

**GLORY HILL HOLINESS CHURCH** - Glory Hill Holiness will be having their Valentine Sweetheart Banquet Sunday, Feb. 16.

Sunday school will begin at 10 a.m. (CT); morning worship will follow at 11 a.m., with the Valentine Banquet luncheon immediately following the morning worship in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited!

Bro. Billy Dickerson will be ministering in song at the evening service beginning at 5 p.m. (CT). Everyone is invited to come and worship the Lord with us.

For more information please contact Pastor William R. Adams at (850) 762-8301.

## NOTE OF THANKS

We, the family of Sandra Lemar Hardy Green, would like to say how much we appreciated your support during our time of bereavement. We thank you for the number of cards that so beautifully expressed your words of sympathy. Thank you to those of you that prepared a variety of food, expressing your love for our family. Thank you to those of you who expressed your condolences to us in beautiful floral arrangements.

The Green family would like to extend a very special appreciation to the pastor and congregation of First Baptist

Church of Bristol for the use of their beautiful church facility. We would also like to extend a special appreciation to the superintendent and principal of Liberty County Schools and Liberty County High School for the use of the cafeteria for Sandra's homegoing repast.

To the Saint James Church and Community, thank you for always bringing your beautiful voices of song and thanksgiving. Evangelist Richardson, you are an anchor in our family and we are thankful for your love and leadership.

*Sincerely, The Green Family*

## BIRTHDAY

### GRACE "GRACIE" ELIZABETH COLEMAN

Grace "Gracie" Elizabeth Coleman celebrated her first birthday on Tuesday, Jan. 14. She is the daughter of Chris and Sandy Coleman of Bristol. Her grandparents are Taff and Gerry Carr of Grand Ridge, David and Faye Duncan of Bristol and Gene and Vicky Coleman of Hosford. Gracie enjoys walking, getting into everything and giving her daddy a run for his money. She had a small party with cupcakes on the day of her birthday to celebrate her big day but a bigger party is being planned to celebrate with friends and family.



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Thank you to everyone who made Kathlyn Haefner Hare's birthday so special. She was so surprised that so many of her friends from Bristol would call and share a memory and a birthday wish. So many of you were a part of her special day, even though you could not be there in person. Thank you!!

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It's our last episode of Late Night. You know, I'm really going to miss being on TV at 12:37. I'll especially miss the battle for late-night ratings with my fierce rivals — Craig Ferguson and a Veggie Chopper infomercial. — JIMMY FALLON

We are at the midpoint of winter. It's just flying by, isn't it? I know what you're thinking. You're thinking, "Geez, I wish we were at the midpoint of this show!" — DAVID LETTERMAN

Organizers for the Sochi Olympics have had trouble filling seats for the biathlon. This is because Vladimir Putin is warning people away from any event containing "bi." — CONAN O'BRIEN

"The Lego Movie" is No. 1 at the box office. I saw it. I'm a little disappointed. I liked the first half of "The Lego Movie" but it sort of came apart at the end. — CRAIG FERGUSON

I'm glad you were able to tear yourselves away from the Winter Olympics. The sporting event that answers the question, How many different ways can white people injure themselves on ice? — JIMMY KIMMEL

Yep, tonight is the 969th and final episode of "Late Night." Or as my dad put it, "Couldn't make it to a thousand, huh? Quitter." — JIMMY FALLON

It's Fashion Week in New York City. I was walking to work today and I thought oh, my God, there's a giant icicle. But it was a frozen supermodel. — DAVID LETTERMAN

There are rumors that the Russian government placed cameras in the hotel bathrooms in Sochi. Russia said, "Don't worry, our cameras don't work either." — CONAN O'BRIEN

The Olympics opening ceremonies were amazing. There was a trippy ride through Russian history, like if Yakov Smirnoff was flying through Narnia. — CRAIG FERGUSON

There's a pillow shortage in Sochi too. They don't have enough pillows for the beds. How do you not foresee a demand for pillows? Although in their defense it is Russia. When you sleep wherever you happen to pass out, pillows aren't so important. — JIMMY KIMMEL

We've done over 10,000 monologue jokes over the last five years. And in case you missed any of them, the best way I could summarize those jokes is that Joe Biden needed Obamacare after Anthony Weiner texted Justin Bieber a picture of Chris Christie dating a Kardashian on the Jersey Shore — with Rob Ford. — JIMMY FALLON

New York City has this program, stop and frisk. If the cops see anything that they don't care for, they'll frisk you. Now, during Fashion Week, they changed that program to "stop and embroider." — DAVID LETTERMAN

A top NFL prospect has announced that he is gay. Then someone explained to him that having a crush on Tom Brady doesn't make you gay. — CONAN O'BRIEN

Before the games, a lot of people were worried that hotels in Sochi wouldn't be ready. For the most part, things seem to be working well. The only problems occur when people try to do something crazy like, you know, open a door. — CRAIG FERGUSON

A shipment containing 5,000 containers of Greek yogurt was supposed to be delivered to the U.S. Olympic team, but the Russian government blocked it because they said they didn't fill out the required paperwork. Once again, the Russian government is doing everything they can to repress live and active cultures. — JIMMY KIMMEL



Farewell Afghanistan

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

by Douglas Cohn and Eleanor Clift

WASHINGTON — President Obama summoned his top commanders to the White House after reports surfaced that Afghan President Karzai had been meeting secretly with the Taliban, jeopardizing the future of the U.S. mission once combat troops are withdrawn at the end of this year. Seeking to hold onto power, Karzai has turned on the U.S., refusing to sign the long-term security agreement he brokered and accusing American commanders of staging insurgent attacks in Afghanistan.

Former Defense Secretary Robert Gates wrote in his recent memoir, "Duty," that President Obama detests Karzai, a sentiment widely shared in Washington by those who have dealt with him over the years and found him an inconsistent partner in what is now America's longest war. As active U.S. military engagement in Afghanistan nears an end, it's appropriate to ask what was accomplished, and whether goals set by two successive presidents, George W. Bush and Barack Obama, were achieved.

One sobering data point, reported by The Washington Post, is the poor maintenance of the 10,000 miles of paved roads constructed by the U.S. and other Western allies. At the start of the war, there were only a limited number of roads, so adding thousands more should be a boon to the economy. However, the Post found that the shoddy or nonexistent maintenance of these symbols of Western intervention have turned them into death traps. There's fault on both sides but it's hard to resist the conclusion that Western money and more tragically, lives, were wasted in pursuit of what proved an impossible dream.

There were two phases to this war. The first and most successful part came when a small number of U.S. covert troops banded with the Northern Alliance, an indigenous Afghan force, to oust the Taliban. President Bush, perhaps overly confident that Afghanistan had been freed of the Taliban, then turned his attention to

Iraq and a needless invasion that would almost destroy his presidency. That gave time to the Taliban to retrench, and

that's when Bush and his commanders made the Soviet mistake. He went in with ground troops without a clear, achievable objective, and like the Soviets a generation before, U.S. troops have paid a terrible price.

Bush wanted to rescue Afghanistan from being a failed state, boost its government and its economy to prevent it from harboring another Osama bin Laden. Good intentions but how to deliver on them? Bush's answer was to bet on Karzai, who had been active in the anti-Taliban movement and whose family was known in the U.S. as the proprietors of Afghan restaurants in several cities, including Baltimore and San Francisco. Bush was taken with the colorful leader, though it wouldn't be long before Karzai would betray the president's confidence.

First Lady Laura Bush remains active in promoting the rights of girls and women in Afghanistan, and the number of girls attending school is significant. Whether that will last once U.S. troops pull out and the Taliban reasserts itself is an open question.

Policymakers in Washington may comfort themselves believing the U.S. is not leaving Afghanistan in worse shape than when U.S. troops went in, but the cost benefit ratio of billions of dollars spent and thousands of lives lost is challenging enough that Gates said any future U.S. president who enters another land war in Asia, the Middle East or Africa should "have his head examined."

In this longest American war, the U.S. tried to do what it thought would help the Afghan people, including the eradication of poppy fields that were their livelihood. The Taliban tried that too, objecting to the crops on moral grounds. That's how they lost the support of the people. Now the Taliban embraces the poppies, and the U.S. is on its way home.



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**BRING BACK THE SLAT TRAP:**

**What I learned while building a catfish basket**

It was my Aunt Ann who first stirred my interest in wooden catfish baskets. Her father was a commercial fisherman on the Apalachicola River and his livelihood depended on them. When I was younger, she actually had one in her living room as a decoration.

I grew up fishing trotlines and bush hooks, but recently I got to thinking that building a catfish trap would be a fun project. If it worked, it might even be more productive than setting lines. What's more, I feel like it's one of those pioneer skills that are gradually being lost to time.

With that in mind, I

*It was obvious before the launch that Catfish Trap 1.0 (shown above) has some issues that are going to have to be addressed in the next release.*

got busy building.

I realize, of course, that you can buy slat baskets from a few manufacturers online, but I'd consider that cheating. Also, I'm cheap. As a result, I didn't have a set of plans or a guide, so I've spent the past several weeks working by trial and error – with an emphasis on the on the error.

In our tiny post-kids house, I also don't have a garage, so a lot of the planning and construction work happened in my dining room or on the tailgate of my truck. That alone should tell you that this wasn't going to be a Bob Vila quality effort. Ultimately, with help from my brothers Bill and Steve (and, without his knowledge, Hentz), I ended up with a workable model that we tested in Blountstown last weekend.

It was obvious before the launch that Catfish Trap 1.0 has some issues that are

going to have to be addressed in the next release. Here's what our testing revealed:

- Steve's table saw worked great for ripping 2x6s for the slats. However, his nail gun probably needs to be set to "stun" rather than "kill" as some of the brads went all the way through the wood.

- I used a jigsaw to cut the wooden rings for the upstream ends. That didn't work out very well. Hentz suggested using a band saw and a pivot board instead. But since I don't have either, Version 2.0 may end up being a square model.

- Version 2.0 also is going to be four feet rather than five so it will be less flimsy and take up less room in the boat.

By far, the most surprising issue turned out to be the buoyancy of the trap. The wood was completely dry and I put the slats a little too close together. As a result, even with the 10 pounds of weight

we added, I could have jumped on top of the trap and paddled it back to the Clubhouse. I've owned boats that didn't float that well.

Fortunately, my nephew Ben and I were using Hentz's boat so we had a couple of anchors at our disposal. Once we attached them to the trap, we finally got it down on bottom. (By now, Hentz has probably realized that his anchor lines are each a foot shorter.)

The trap didn't catch any fish on its inaugural trip. I blame the wrong placement and a poor choice of bait. But, as I suspected, it was a lot of fun to build and it was a great learning experience.

For example, I learned that there may be a good reason why building wooden catfish traps is a dying art. And there's definitely a good reason why people charge so much to build them for you.

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

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**Swordfish management pays off in expanded fishing opportunities**

Swordfish management is a success story. Overfished in the 1980s and '90s, the swordfish stock has since been fully rebuilt, thanks to domestic and international conservation measures.

Recently, NOAA Fisheries Highly Migratory Species Division created a new open-access commercial swordfish fishery in federal waters to provide additional commercial swordfish harvest opportunities using gears that minimize bycatch.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) approved several changes to state rules recently, many of which will allow fishermen who participate in this new commercial fishery to land and sell their catch in Florida. Recently adopted changes will go into effect Feb. 13.

Changes affecting commercial harvest include:

- Designating swordfish as a restricted species.
- Exempting commercial harvesters who possess a Swordfish General Commercial permit or a Highly Migratory Species Charter/Headboat permit (when not on a for-hire trip) from the recreational bag and vessel limits. Permit

holders must abide by HMS regional vessel limits.

- Allowing the sale of commercially caught swordfish under these permits.

- Closing state waters to commercial harvest if adjacent federal waters are closed.

- Requiring wholesale dealers purchasing swordfish to possess a valid federal Atlantic Swordfish Dealer permit. This change affects wholesale dealers in both the Atlantic and Gulf.

- Allowing transit of swordfish through state waters when harvested in federal waters with gear that is legal to use in federal waters.

Changes that affect commercial and recreational harvest:

- Modifying the minimum cleithrum-to-keel (CK) limit from 29 to 25 inches for all harvesters. The cleithrum is the bony area right behind the gill slit, and the keel is the horizontal ridge right before the tail fin (see photo). There is no change to the lower jaw fork length measurement also used when measuring swordfish.

- Restricting gear to hook and line in state waters.

- Clarifying federal rule references.

# SCHOOL EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

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never have kids to get eight, well... that's unbelievable."

And, today at the age of 60, she'd like to become a foster mom again. But her husband already knows how that would work out. "We're not doing that 'cos you keep them all," he tells her.

But she still reaches out to children in need, volunteering as a Guardian ad litem for the state for the past two years.

"I'm on my seventh child now," she says, explaining that her role is to oversee each youngster's well being. She makes official visits to the child's home after which she writes reports to the state each month, as well as spending one-on-one time with the children. "I can take them shopping or go out to eat," she said. Some of those children attend Altha School, where she works, so she gets to see them on a daily basis.

The efforts of Guardian ad litem give families a chance to come together. "Instead of removing the kids, they (the state) work with the families," she explains. The last option is foster care. For now, local foster

children are usually sent to Panama City or Tallahassee. "There's a big need for foster parents in Calhoun County," she says.

Her job allows her to get paid to do what always came naturally: Care, nurture and teach children as a paraprofessional at Altha School where she works with the 13-member ESE class.

Her primary job is to work one-on-one with a single student, but she also instructs others in the class in reading and math under the supervision of the teacher.

"When I first got this child, she couldn't recognize the number five," Sue says of her current student. "Now, she can recognize most of her numbers up to 20."

It may not be the rate of progress teachers in other classes enjoy, but she celebrates their accomplishments.

"It's amazing for me to see how her mind works," she says. "I enjoy trying to figure out how each child learns."

Teaching basic reading, writing and math skills to developmentally disabled children requires "lots of

flash card games and repetition," she says. And, of course, patience and understanding.

She reminds the children to do their best and not compare themselves with others. "The neat thing in this classroom is that they're all different and working at different levels," she says. "Learning is hard for these kids and they get frustrated." When they're good and do their work, the students are rewarded by playing math and reading games on the computer.

"The challenge is to make sure they get everything that they're capable of getting," she says. "They're already behind. We can't let any more time slip by."

Her days begin early. Because she also serves as a bus monitor, she leaves home at 5:30 a.m. to make the trip to school with a bus full of kids. When she leaves for the day, sometimes she has a grandchild or two accompany her home.

In her rare quiet hours, she enjoys walking through the woods on the 40 acres she and her husband share in the Camphead Community. Before

bed, she tries to do a little reading and maybe get in some Bible study to prepare her to teach her Sunday School class.

Her dedication to working with children was recognized last week when she was named Calhoun County School-related Employee of the Year.

All of the children love "Miss Sue," says Altha Principal Sue Price. "She is genuinely caring and interested in each of the students. Mrs. Willis can be found in the lunchroom every morning making sure that students are eating their breakfast while tying shoes, braiding hair, and fixing bows," the principal wrote in a letter nominating her as Employee of the Year. "Serving children is a true passion of hers," she added.

Donna Scott, who works in the front office at Altha School, said that while Sue is primarily assigned to work with one child, "she keeps an eye on everybody." How does she manage to do so much for so many? It's simple, according to Donna: "Miss Sue has a big heart."

## Calhoun County Schools name their top educators and school-related personnel



**Sybil Plazarin**  
CARR SCHOOL  
4th Grade math and science  
8 yrs. exp, 8 yrs. at current position



**Mandy Pickron**  
CARR SCHOOL  
Custodian  
8 yrs. exp, 8 yrs. at current position



**Sheila Blackburn**  
BLOUNTSTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL  
Secretary  
30 yrs. exp., 6 months at current position



**Carla Daniels**  
BLOUNTSTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL  
7 & 8 grade math and Algebra I  
3 yrs. exp., 3 yrs. at current position



**Renee Sims**  
BLOUNTSTOWN ELEMENTARY  
Media Clerk  
14 yrs. exp., 12 yrs. at current position

**school lunch menu**  
Feb. 12 - 18

**CALHOUN**

**WEDNESDAY**  
**BREAKFAST:** Grits with ham cubes, sweet potato muffin and assorted juice.  
**LUNCH:** Corn dog nuggets\* or Buffalo chicken wrap or Chef salad with whole grain bread stick with french fries, easy baked carrots and fruit.

**THURSDAY**  
**BREAKFAST:** Waffles with syrup, turkey sausage and assorted juice.  
**LUNCH:** Chili with beans and grilled cheese sandwich or Chicken sandwich with whole grain roll or Chicken caesar salad with whole grain bread stick with whole kernel corn, carrot sticks with ranch and fruit.

**FRIDAY**  
**BREAKFAST:** Sausage biscuit, potato rounds and assorted

juice.  
**LUNCH:** Cheese burger on 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.

**MONDAY**  
**PRESIDENTS DAY**  
**NO SCHOOL**

**TUESDAY**  
**BREAKFAST:** Egg and cheese biscuit, potato rounds and assorted juice.  
**LUNCH:** Chicken nuggets\* with whole grain roll or Cheese burger on whole grain bun or Caesar chicken salad with whole grain bread stick with sweet potatoes, green beans and fruit.

**LIBERTY**

**WEDNESDAY**  
**BREAKFAST:** Chicken biscuit, hash browns and orange.  
**LUNCH:** Chef salad or Shrimp poppers with cheese grits, baked beans, cole slaw, hush puppies and fresh fruit.

**THURSDAY**  
**BREAKFAST:** Cheese grits, sausage patty and banana.  
**LUNCH:** Chef salad or Roasted turkey with gravy, fresh mashed potatoes, broccoli, whole grain roll and orange.

**FRIDAY**  
**BREAKFAST:** Biscuit with sausage and gravy, hash brown

and apple.  
**LUNCH:** Big daddy pizza (cheese or pepperoni) with romaine salad, corn and apple.

**MONDAY**  
**PRESIDENTS DAY**  
**NO SCHOOL**

**TUESDAY**  
**BREAKFAST:** Scrambled eggs with grits and peaches.  
**LUNCH:** Cobb salad or Cherry blossom chicken with fried rice, Chinese vegetables, glazed carrots and mandarin oranges.

\* Each breakfast includes a choice of assorted cereal, whole grain buttered toast and juice or choice of milk.

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ESE Inclusion  
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**Carmon Overholt**  
BLOUNTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL  
Guidance Aide  
13 yrs. exp., 10 yrs. at current position



**Missy McGill**  
ALTHA SCHOOL  
ESE Inclusion  
12 yrs. exp., 2 yrs. at current position



**Alvin Webb**  
CARE  
Career Specialist  
8 yrs. exp., 8 yrs. at current position



**Laura Sullivan**  
CARE/ADULT  
Reading and Language Arts  
18 yrs. exp., 2 yrs. at current position



**Jackie House**  
SPECIAL PROGRAMS OFFICE  
Food Service Assistant  
24 yrs. exp., 21 years at current position



**Janice Bulzer**  
DISTRICT  
Bus Driver  
22 yrs. exp., 22 yrs. at current position

# OBITUARIES

## MARILYN SMITH

CLARKSVILLE - Marilyn Smith, 59, of Clarksville, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2014 at her home in Clarksville. She was born Dec. 29, 1954 in Calhoun County and had lived here most of her life. She was a homemaker and a member of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include her husband, David Smith of Clarksville; her mother and father, Margaret and Broward Davis of Clarksville; one son, Phillip Hatcher of Blountstown; two daughters, Melody Bontrager and her husband, Dan of Calhoun County and Jennifer Davis of Panama City; two brothers, Eddie Davis and his wife, Vicki of Blountstown and Tony Davis and his wife, Lisa of Clarksville; one sister, Annette Allen and her husband, Wally of Crawfordville; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were held Sunday, Feb. 9 at 2 p.m. (CT) at Peavy Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Francis Carlisle officiating. Interment followed in Pippin Cemetery in Clarksville.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Emerald Coast Hospice, 4374 Lafayette Street, Marianna, FL 32446.

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

## GERALDINE "JERI" CUMBIE

ALTHA - Geraldine "Jeri" Cumbie, 87, of Altha, passed away Monday, Feb. 10, 2014 in Altha. She was born on July 17, 1926 in Marfa, TX and had lived in our surrounding counties for most of her life. During her working life she was a farmer's wife and homemaker, a waitress and a school bus driver for a number of years. She was a member of Gateway Baptist Church in Blountstown.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Milton Cumbie and one daughter, Glenda Nichols.

Survivors include one son, Milton Cumbie and his wife, Chris of Altha; five grandchildren, Bryan, Bruce, Heather, Stephanie and Anna; nine great-grandchildren, Johnathan, Britney, Zachary, Cheyanne, Mora, Logan, Zachary, Hanna and Nate.

Family will receive friends on Friday, Feb. 14 from 6 - 8 p.m. (CT) at Peavy Funeral Home Chapel.

Services will be held Saturday, Feb. 15 at 11 a.m. (CT) at Peavy Funeral Home Chapel with Chaplain Jack Howell officiating. Interment will follow in Shady Grove Cemetery in Grand Ridge.

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

## CHARLIE D. YOUNG

MARIANNA - Charlie D. Young, 73, of Marianna, passed away Friday, Feb. 7, 2014 in Marianna. He was born on Dec. 26, 1940 in Marianna and was a lifelong resident of Jackson County. He was a businessman and along with his wife, Etta, owned and operated Young's Mobile Homes. He was a member of Hasty Pond Baptist Church and had served as a former Deacon. He was a former member of the Marianna Lions Club.

Survivors include his wife, Etta D. Young of Marianna; three sons, Charles Young and his wife, Marjorie and Sean Young and his wife, Stare, all of Marianna and Chris Young and his wife, Ashley of Panama City; two brothers, Jimmy Young and his wife, Nell and Reason Young, all of Marianna; five sisters, Frankie Edenfield and her husband, James, Betty Sue Thames, Mary Lou Young and Linda Keegans, all of Marianna and Ann Young of Jacksonville; five grandchildren, Nicholas, Hunter, Mason, Taylor and Asher.

Family will receive friends at their home located at 731 Highway 71 South in Marianna.

No services are planned at this time. Memorialization will be by cremation.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Hasty Pond Baptist Church, 4895 Hasty Pond Road, Marianna, FL 32448.

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

## BOBBIE JEAN BRAXTON

EASTPOINT - Bobbie Jean Braxton, 75, of Eastpoint, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2014 at St. James Health and Rehab in Carrabelle. She was born in Clarksville and had lived in Eastpoint since 1983, coming from Clarksville. She was a retired CNA and was a member of the Eastpoint Church of God.

Survivors include one son, Ricky Moseley and his wife, Beth of Eastpoint; two stepdaughters, Patricia Ederton and her husband, John of Utah and Michelle Fleming and her husband, Rick of Montana; one sister, Pauline Stokes and her husband, Durwood of Blountstown; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Friday, Feb. 7 at 11 a.m. (ET) at Eastpoint Church of God with Reverend Scotty Lolley and Reverend Ronnie Luke officiating. Interment followed in Pippin Cemetery in Clarksville.

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

## DAVID FINKLEY

BRISTOL - David Finkley, 30, of Bristol, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 8 2014.

Survivors include his wife, Renell V. Finkley; five children, Cephus, Levontae, Darnell, Jeremiah and Adorah, all of Tallahassee; his mother, Lula M. Finkley; six brothers, Dennis Diggs and Julius Maxwell, both of Bristol, Randall Bass and his wife, Sabrina of Hardaway, Keith Maxwell of Orlando and Allen Finkley and George Finkley, Jr., both of Fort Pierce; two sisters, Ericka Andrews of Blountstown and Andrea Finkley of Fort Pierce; mother-in-law, Mary A. Trueblood of Midway; father-in-law DeCarlos Camiel and his wife, Lavonda of Lake City, along with a host of other relatives and friends.

Services were held on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 11 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Civic Center.

Crawford and Moultry Funeral Home in Chattahoochee was in charge of the arrangements.

## ETHAN COOGLER

SNEADS - Ethan Coogler, 93, of Sneads, passed away Saturday, Jan. 25, 2014.

Survivors include his wife, Rezillion Coogler and a host of other relatives and friends.

Services were held on Saturday, Feb. 1 at 10 a.m. at Friendship A.M.E. Church in Chattahoochee.

Crawford and Moultry Funeral Home in Chattahoochee was in charge of the arrangements.

## RUBY PRESTON GREEN

DELL, GA - Ruby Preston Green, 95, of Dell, GA, passed away Friday, Jan. 17, 2014.

Survivors include one sister, Constawilla Durisseau of Cincinnati, OH; one son, Phelps H. Preston; two daughters, Pennell Reynolds and her husband, Tommie and Arounia Preston Frederick; a host of other relatives and friends.

Services were held on Friday, Jan. 24 at 11 a.m. at Friendship A.M.E. Church in Chattahoochee.

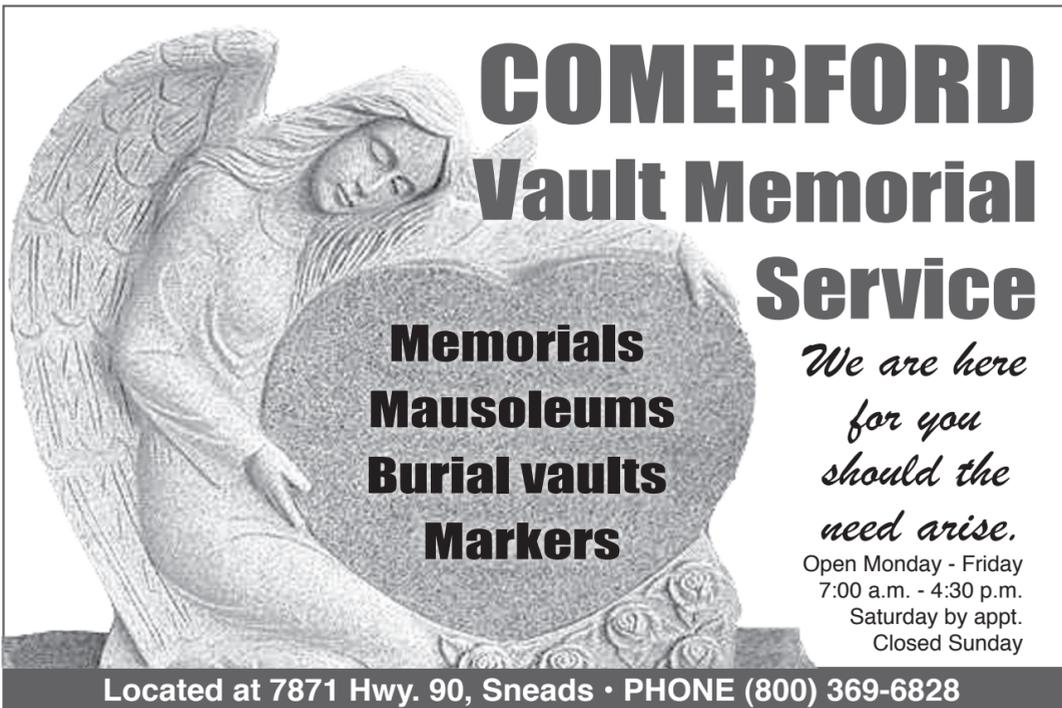
Crawford and Moultry Funeral Home in Chattahoochee was in charge of the arrangements.

## FRANCES BRINKLEY

CARRABELLE - Frances Brinkley, 81, of Carrabelle, passed away Friday, Jan. 24, 2014. Survivors include two sons, Pate Reynolds, Sr. of Sopchoppy and Frederick Reynolds and his wife, Wanda of Carrabelle; one daughter-in-law, Patricia A. Brinkley; a host of other relatives and friends.

Services were held on Saturday, Feb. 1 at 12 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church in Carrabelle.

Crawford and Moultry Funeral Home in Chattahoochee was in charge of the arrangements.



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VICA members Anthony Wyrick, Zack Bryant and Jordan Willis are shown with the countertop/cabinet made for the Supervisor of Elections Office.

## Elections Office gets a new counter thanks to VICA students

by Carli Richards

During the month of January, the VICA students have completed several projects for the community. We worked on these projects during school hours in our Cabinet Making Classes. The projects constructed by VICA students were: a combination countertop/storage cabinet for the Supervisor of Elections Office in the courthouse, a sign for the Special Programs Offices, a Test In Progress Sign for BHS, and a bookcase for a teacher at BHS.

These projects were constructed, delivered and installed by the VICA students under the supervision of Sidney Granger, VICA Sponsor and Cabinet Making Teacher at BHS. VICA members have learned many skills by planning and constructing these projects. We all look forward to more projects during the remainder of the school year.

## Take Stock in Children available for Calhoun County middle school students

On Monday, Feb. 10, flyers were sent home with all 8th and 9th grade students encouraging those who meet the eligibility requirements to pick up a Take Stock in Children Scholarship application.

There will be several two year scholarships to Chipola College awarded to selected students. The requirements

are (1) students must be on free or reduced lunch or meet federal income requirements (2) must have scored at least a 2 on both reading and math on the previous year's FCAT (3) must have at least a 2.25 GPA for the first semester of this school year and (4) must have good attendance and behavior.

Parents should assist their child in completing the application and to make sure the application is legible and complete. All applications must be turned in to their school's guidance counselor no later than 3:15 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28. For more information, please contact your child's guidance counselor.



Justin Cessna dresses up for tacky sock day.

Altha School students participated in the 2014 Celebrate Literacy Week. Students read to help reach a state-wide goal of 33 million minutes. The grand total of minutes read throughout the 59 school districts that participated was 35,350,767 minutes! Guest Readers visited classes. One special guest was our Wildcat mascot "Claw'd." Students also dressed as their favorite book character and also participated in "Kick up your heels and read" by wearing bright, colorful, or silly socks to show their support for literacy.

## Carr School Students of the Month



Carr School is proud to announce the January students of the month:

KA Mason Jordan, KB Amber Chambers, 1A Kaitlyn Vila, 1B Dan McDougald, 2A Angelina Hazelwood, 2B Alyssa Carey, 3A Kristen Hollaway, 3B Kyler Kirkland, 4A Hunter Morse, 4B Quaid Segers, 5A Destiny Tucker, 5B Jaden Ross (Absent), 6th Caylee Ratliff, 7th Kellen Beck, 8A Mellissa Yeatman and 8B Taylor McDougald.

## BES students, parents enjoy family breakfast



B.E.S. hosted Family Breakfast on Friday, Feb. 7.

Parents and students enjoyed a delicious breakfast prepared by the cafeteria staff.

Thank you for coming and participating in this monthly event.

Remember we have our family breakfast the first Friday of each month.

## BES Calendar

\*Friday, Feb. 14 - Early release day  
\*Monday, Feb. 17 - President's Day Holiday, NO SCHOOL for students and employees  
\*Tuesday, Feb. 25 and Wednesday, Feb. 26 - FCAT Writes for 4th grade

## Liberty Education Foundation to award two scholarships; application deadline April 1

The Liberty County Education Foundation proudly announces they will be awarding two scholarships during the Liberty County High School 2013-2014 graduation.

The deadline for applying will be Tuesday, April 1. Please see

your guidance office for applications. Liberty County Education Foundation is "Bridging the Gap to Make a Difference". Feel free to contact Steve Cutshaw, Donnie Read, Becky Brown or Hugh Black for more information.

## Liberty Co. band students perform solo recitals next week

Kim Everett and the band students of Liberty County High School and W.R. Tolar School invite everyone to the LCHS auditorium on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m. for a solo recital.

The soloists will consist of 10 students from Liberty High and Tolar School that competed

this past weekend and did an awesome job. Nine of them received a superior rating.

The performance is expected to last approximately 50 minutes and there is no charge for admission.

Please come out and support Liberty County Band students.

## Altha School's Cupid Shuffle to benefit Project Graduation planned for Feb. 22

On Saturday, Feb. 22 Altha project graduation will present *The Cupid Shuffle*, a 5K and 1 mile Fun Run. The location of the start/finish is the Train Depot on Pear Street in Blountstown, next to El Jalisco.

There will be a table for registration before the race. Registration will begin at 7 a.m. The 5K run begins at 8 a.m. (CT) and the 1 mile fun run is immediately

following the 5K run. The entry fee for 5K run is \$25. The 1 mile fun run is \$15.

Come and support Project Graduation. Those that pre-register by Wednesday, Feb. 5 will get a t-shirt. Awards will be given to Overall Female and Male Winners in each age group 12 and under, and ages 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and 70 and over.



## Valentine's Day at Altha School

Any Valentine's Day deliveries made to Altha school must be made by 9 a.m. on Feb. 14.

This day is an Early Release Day and in order to get everything to the students before school is dismissed, items must be here by 9 a.m.

Items will also be accepted the day before, if you would like to go ahead and bring them early.

Also please remember, according to Calhoun County School Board Policy -BALLOONS and GLASS containers are **NOT** allowed on the bus.



## Altha Dixie League sign-ups continue to Saturday

The Altha baseball/softball/t-ball sign-ups for boys ages 4-12 and girls ages 4-15 continue this week. Registration dates will be held on:

\*Thursday, Feb. 13 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. and  
\*Saturday, Feb. 15 from 12 - 2 p.m. (FINAL SIGN UP DAY)

Parents will need to bring a copy of the child's birth certificate. If you have any questions, contact Nicole at (850) 718-8003.

## THIS WEEK AT BLOUNTSTOWN HIGH

\*Wednesday, Feb. 12 - FCA Huddle during both lunches

4 p.m.

\*Friday, Feb. 14 - Softball vs. PSJ- at home, 4/6 p.m.; Chipola College's Literature/Language Arts Festival; Early Release at 1 p.m.

\*Monday, Feb. 17 - Presidents' Day (No School)

\*Tuesday, Feb. 18 - FCAT Reading Tutoring 3 - 4 p.m.; Baseball vs. Cottontdale, away at 4/6 p.m.; Softball vs. Cottontdae, home at 4/6 p.m.; Weightlifting at Sneads, 2 p.m.

\*Saturday, Feb. 15 - Baseball vs. John Paul II, away at

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34 positions - Temporary/seasonal work planting, cultivating and harvesting nursery stock - field grown balled and burlap (B&B) trees, tree-size shrubs, perennials, operation of 50+ HP nursery equipment, from 2/24/2014 to 11/26/2014 at Studebaker Nurseries, Inc., New Carlisle, OH. This job requires a minimum of three months (or 420 hours) of verifiable prior experience working in a diverse production wholesale nursery, handling both manual and machine tasks associated with nursery production and harvest activities, including experience with balled and burlap ("B&B") tree production and the operation of 50+ HP nursery equipment. Must be able to operate 50+ HP nursery equipment. Employer-paid drug testing required. Saturday work required. Must be able to lift/carry 100 pounds. \$11.63/hr or current applicable AEW. Workers are guaranteed ¾ of work hours of total period. Work tools, supplies, equipment supplied by employer without charge to worker. Housing with kitchen facilities provided at no cost to only those workers who are not reasonably able to return same day to their place of residence at time of recruitment. Transportation and subsistence expenses to work site will be paid to nonresident workers not later than upon completion of 50% of the job contract. Interviews required. Apply for this job at nearest State Workforce Agency in state in which this ad appears, or One Stop Career Center, 16908 Northeast Pear St., Ste. 2, Blountstown, FL 32424. Provide copy of this ad. OH Job Order #2740878. PO KT067 2-12-14

2 positions - Temporary/seasonal work as stable assistant in a standard bred horse breeding operation. Work includes tasks associated with the breeding, handling and preparation for sale of standard bred equine stock, from 3/1/2014 to 12/1/2014 at Walnridge Farm, Inc., Cream Ridge, NJ. Three months of previous verifiable experience required in the job described. Saturday work required. Must be able to lift/carry 60 lbs. \$11.06/hr or current applicable AEW. Workers are guaranteed ¾ of work hours of total period. Work tools, supplies, equipment supplied by employer without charge to worker. Housing with kitchen facilities provided at no cost to only those workers who are not reasonably able to return same day to their place of residence at time of recruitment. Transportation and subsistence expenses to work site will be paid to nonresident workers not later than upon completion of 50% of the job contract. Interviews required. Apply for this job at nearest State Workforce Agency in state in which this ad appears, or One-Stop Career Center, 16908 NE Pear St., Ste. 2, Blountstown, FL 32424. Provide copy of this ad. NJ Job Order #NJ0890547. PO SR121 2-12-14

2 positions - Temporary/seasonal work planting, cultivating and harvesting nursery stock, trees, evergreens, shrubs, including balled and burlap ("B&B") tree production, from 3/3/2014 to 12/10/2014 at Hidden Acres Nursery, LLC, Flemington & Hillsborough, NJ. Three months of previous experience required in the job described. Saturday work required. Must be able lift/carry 75 lbs. \$11.06/hr or current applicable AEW. Workers are guaranteed ¾ of work hours of total period. Work tools, supplies, equipment supplied by employer without charge to worker. Housing with kitchen facilities provided at no cost to only those workers who are not reasonably able to return same day to their place of residence at time of recruitment. Transportation and subsistence expenses to work site will be paid to nonresident workers not later than upon completion of 50% of the job contract. Interviews required. Apply for this job at nearest State Workforce Agency in state in which this ad appears, or One Stop Career Center, 16908 Northeast Pear St., Ste. 2, Blountstown, FL 32424. Provide copy of this ad. NJ Job Order #NJ0890546. PO KT089 2-12-14

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**ShirleyR@clinicaremed.com**

Please include a work reference with contact information.

15 positions - Temporary/seasonal work planting, cultivating and harvesting nursery stock, from 3/8/2014 to 12/24/2014 at Robert Jenkinson Nurseries, Long Valley & Lebanon Township, NJ. Saturday work required. Must be able to lift/carry 60 lbs. \$11.06/hr or current applicable AEW. Workers are guaranteed ¾ of work hours of total period. Work tools, supplies, equipment supplied by employer without charge to worker. Housing with kitchen facilities provided at no cost to only those workers who are not reasonably able to return same day to their place of residence at time of recruitment. Transportation and subsistence expenses to work site will be paid to nonresident workers not later than upon completion of 50% of the job contract. Interviews required. Apply for this job at nearest State Workforce Agency in state in which this ad appears, or One-Stop Career Center, 16908 NE Pear St., Ste. 2, Blountstown, FL 32424. Provide copy of this ad. NJ Job Order #NJ0892295. PO BA2987 2-12-14

12 positions - Temporary/Seasonal work planting, cultivating and harvesting nursery stock, from 3/1/2014 to 12/15/2014 at Stadler Garden Center, Inc., Frederick & Laytonsville, MD. 3 months experience required in the job described. Saturday work required. Must be able to lift/carry 60 lbs. Post-hire random, upon suspicion and post-accident drug testing is required for any employee, foreign or domestic, who drives company vehicles. \$11.06/hr or current applicable AEW. Workers are guaranteed ¾ of work hours of total period. Work tools, supplies, equipment supplied by employer without charge to worker. Housing with kitchen facilities provided at no cost to only those workers who are not reasonably able to return same day to their place of residence at time of recruitment. Transportation and subsistence expenses to work site will be paid to nonresident workers not later than upon completion of 50% of the job contract. Interviews required. Apply for this job at nearest State Workforce Agency in state in which this ad appears, or One Stop Career Center, 16908 Northeast Pear St., Ste. 2, Blountstown, FL 32424. Provide copy of this ad. MD Job Order #311056. PO KT105 2-12-14

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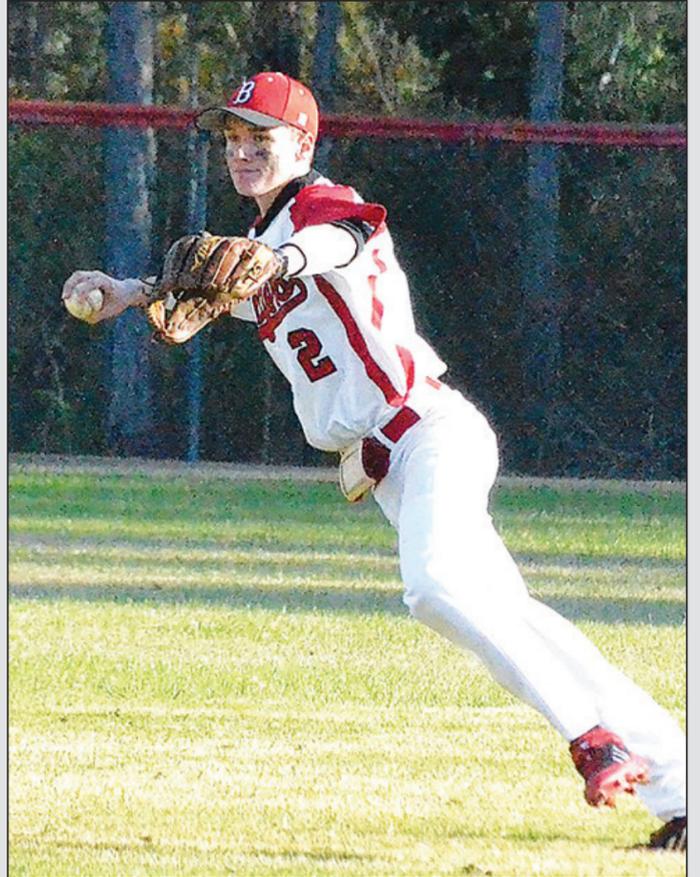
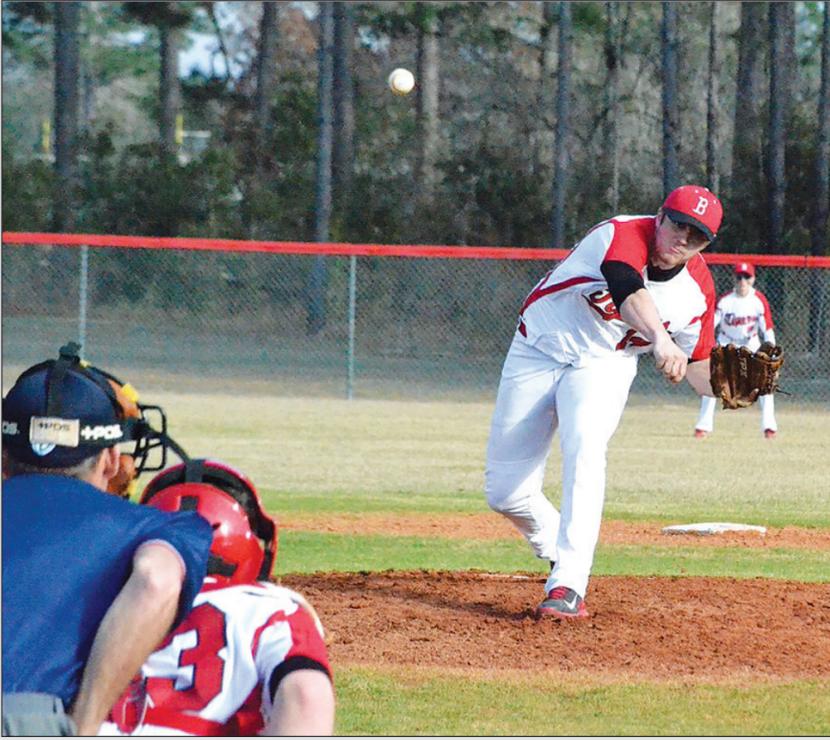
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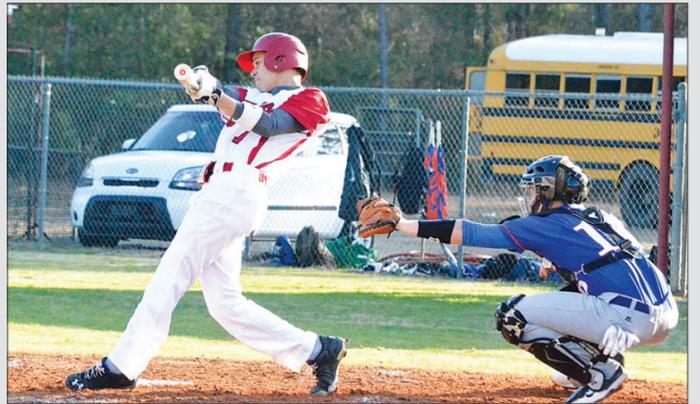
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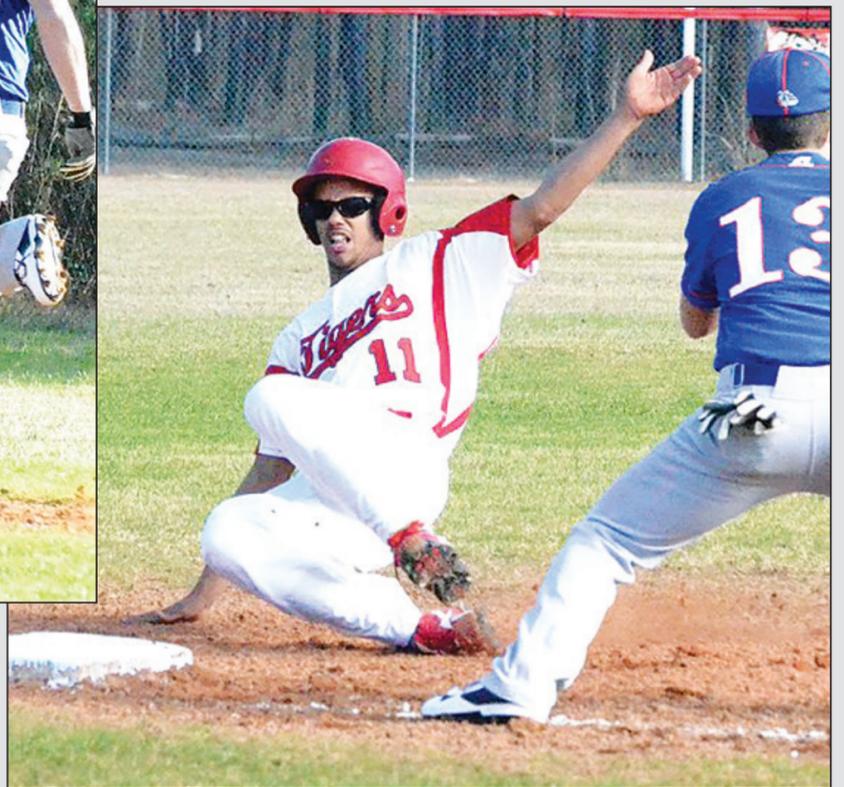




ABOVE: Blountstown Tiger Hunter Jordan on the mound. RIGHT: Derek Eberly defies gravity as he gets ready to hurl the ball. BELOW: Ethan Hires makes the catch. PHOTOS COURTESY KATHY JOHNSON



ABOVE: Chi-Chi Roulhac at bat. BELOW: Nathan Dunham slides into third.



## Tigers tame Taylor County and Godby

*The Blountstown High School Tigers hosted a pre-season classic on Thursday and Friday, which featured the Tigers, the Sneads Pirates, Godby and Taylor County. The Tigers won 8-5 over Taylor County and 2-1 over Godby.*

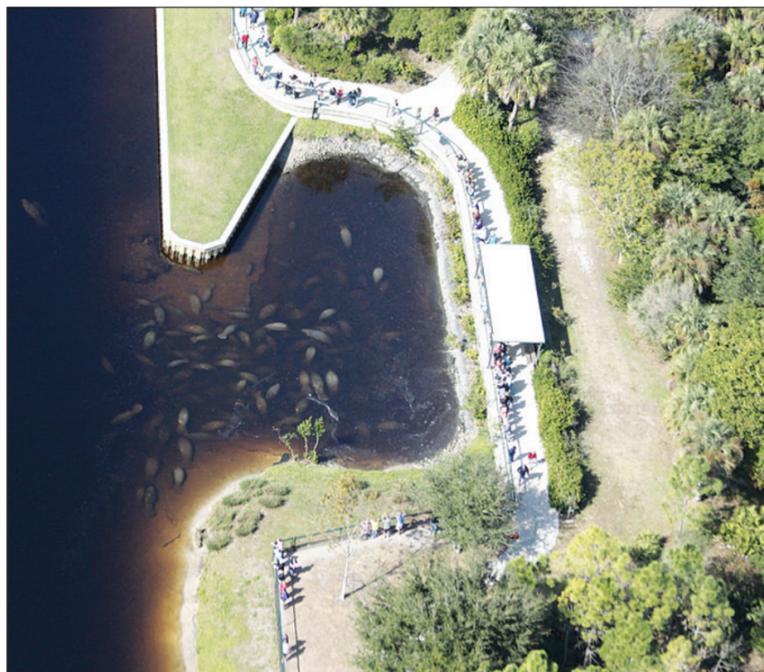
# Cold weather aids 2014 manatee count

Biologists with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) reported a preliminary count of 4,831 manatees in Florida during this year's statewide aerial survey, conducted in late January.

Over two days (Jan. 24 and 27), a team of 20 observers from nine organizations counted 2,317 manatees on Florida's east coast and 2,514 on the west coast of the state. The final numbers will be available following verification of survey data.

"This year's manatee count is the third highest we have recorded since the first statewide aerial survey in 1991," said Gil McRae, director of the FWC's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute. "We are encouraged by the relatively high count, especially given the high number of manatee deaths documented recently. Information on warm-water habitat use from this year's survey will be integrated with manatee survival and reproductive rates to update future population projections."

The goal of the aerial manatee survey is to count as many manatees as possible, providing researchers with a minimum number for manatees in Florida waters and a snapshot of where



they are at the time of the survey. Weather conditions and manatee behavior during the survey have a large effect on survey counts. Because these factors vary from year to year, this count cannot be used to determine long-term population trends.

"After two winters of above-average

temperatures, this year we received several consecutive, strong cold fronts that helped to gather manatees at warm-water sites where they could be more easily counted," said FWC manatee biologist Holly Edwards.

The surveys highlight the importance of warm-water habitat to manatees in

the winter, increasing researchers' understanding of manatee distribution and relative use of these areas that are essential to manatee health and survival. The survey information helps managers better protect this endangered species.

Researchers have been conducting statewide aerial surveys since 1991, weather permitting, to meet the state's requirement for an annual count of manatees in Florida waters. Statewide aerial surveys were not conducted during the winters of 2012 and 2013 due to warm-weather conditions.

Florida residents can help manatees by purchasing a manatee specialty license plate and a manatee decal. Funds from the license plate and decal support manatee research and conservation. Go to [BuyaPlate.com](http://BuyaPlate.com) to learn more about the license plate and [MyFWC.com/ManateeSeaTurtleDecals](http://MyFWC.com/ManateeSeaTurtleDecals) to purchase a decal. Both items are available at county tax collectors' offices.

*To learn more about statewide aerial surveys, visit [MyFWC.com/Research/Manatee](http://MyFWC.com/Research/Manatee) and click on "Population Monitoring and Aerial Surveys." To learn more about manatee conservation, go to [MyFWC.com/Manatee](http://MyFWC.com/Manatee).*

# Jan. 9 Liberty County Commission meeting minutes

Official minutes from the Jan. 9, 2014 regular meeting of the Liberty Co. Commission as recorded by the board secretary

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

Prayer was led by Dick Stanley.

Pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Scott Phillips.

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held Dec. 5, 2013 was made by Stoutamire, seconded by Branch and carried.

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

Motion to add Chairman Jim Johnson to the agenda to talk about a water bill was made by Branch, seconded by Phillips and carried.

Attorney Grover instructed the Chairman than when a motion was made to ask for public comment before the finished vote.

Melissa Peddie presented Resolution # 2014-02 to apply for a rural EMS non matching grant in the amount of \$884.00. Motion to approve was made by Phillips, seconded by Stoutamire and carried.

Gloria Keenan discussed the Veterans Memorial Railroad. Motion to approve the county taking over the liability insurance and adding three more train's was made by Barber, seconded by Branch and carried.

Warden Jacob Sorey and Colonel Brown, Chief of Security at Liberty Corrections came before the Board to introduce themselves.

Susan Pourcian with Big Bend Homeless Coalition came before the Board requesting a Commissioner or someone they appoint to serve on their Board. Sheriff Nick Finch suggested that Under Sheriff Bryan Langston would be a good one to serve. Sheriff Finch will talk with Langston and see if he would serve.

Kevin Brown discussed his Weatherization Contract with the Board. He would be paid \$350.00 per client out of the grant funds. Motion to approve the contract was made by Phillips, seconded by Branch and carried.

There was only one bid received on the septic repair at Bentley Bluff. 1. Yoder Septic Service, Inc., Blountstown, FL bid \$1,900.00 for permit, 250 sq ft drain and pump and certify septic tank. If a new septic tank is needed it will be an additional \$1,100.00. Motion to award the bid to Yoder Septic Service was made by Barber, second by Stoutamire and carried.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2014-01 urging Congress to fund the 2014 Payment in Lieu

of Taxes and to send a copy of the Resolution to all State of Florida Congressmen and the National Association of Counties was made by Stoutamire, second by Branch and carried.

Rachel Manspeaker gave an update on the Health Department. Dr. Virginia Baker in Calhoun County is doing a wellness initiative. Motion to approve someone from the Board to participate in the wellness initiative and move forward was made by Phillips, seconded by Branch and carried.

The Hosford Clinic has had 1 patient in the last 2 1/2 months. The Board requested that Manspeaker talk with Pancare and see if they are interested in the Hosford building.

Monica Welles with Liberty Transit presented Resolution # 2014-03, DOT Grant 5311 application in the amount of \$180,152.00. Motion to approve was made by Branch, seconded by Stoutamire and carried.

Motion to approve the Chairman and the County Attorney to sign the federal assurance for Transit was made by Phillips, second by Barber and carried.

Sheriff Nick Finch asked the Board where we were on the payment of his attorney fees.

The County Attorney said that she has not heard back yet. Motion to table until we hear back from the Legislature was made by Stoutamire, seconded by Branch and carried.

Brett Phillips presented the FDLE Drug Task Force Grant in the amount of \$28,498.00. Motion to approve was made by Barber, seconded by Phillips and carried.

Motion to approve a satisfaction for North Florida Lumber Company Bond was made by Barber, seconded by Branch and carried. Attorney Grover said that our Bond Council Mark Mustian has reviewed this and approved this.

Clerk Kathleen Brown discussed the Appropriations Committee. She said that we had until the end of this month to get our request in. The Board discussed the following items to be placed on the request: Hosford water tank, extension of the Lake Mystic Water System, vault or building with vault to store county and court records. Motion to approve request was made by Phillips, seconded by Branch and carried.

Motion to approve a \$28.00 deposit on all garbage cans was made by Stoutamire, seconded

by Phillips and carried.

Voting house buildings were discussed. Motion to approve roof repair on all voting houses and to put a tin roof on the Sumatra house and shingles on the others was made by Phillips, seconded by Stoutamire and carried.

Motion to advertise for bids for someone to buff the floors at the Civic Center with an annual contract was made by Branch, seconded by Barber and carried.

Motion to send a letter to the City of Bristol requesting that they pay their share of a \$5,000.00 annual fee to the Apalachee Regional Planning Council was made by Stoutamire, seconded by Branch and carried.

Chairman Johnson discussed a person in the county that the water has been cut

off due to non payment. The person is sick and her mother is also sick. Hospice is also at the home. The Board said that they could not cut her water on with non-payment when they do not do this for all.

Motion to pay the bills was made by Branch, seconded by Phillips and carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Phillips, seconded by Barber and carried.

**Warrant List & Numbers**  
Payroll Fund 34449 - 34477  
Operating Fund 8675 - 8834  
SHIP Grant 4105 - 4112  
Weatherization Grant  
4736 - 4739

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Kathleen E. Brown,  
Clerk of Court  
Jim Johnson, Chairman

## Liberty Co. Commission Jan. 30 emerg. meeting

Official minutes from the Jan. 30, 2014 emergency meeting of the Liberty Co. Commission as recorded by the board secretary

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

Motion to add to the agenda to discuss the county jail was made by Stoutamire, seconded by Phillips and carried.

Motion to approve closing the courthouse and other county facilities on January 29, 2014 due to the hazardous conditions of the weather was made by Stoutamire, seconded by Phillips

and carried.

Motion to give anyone who worked on Jan. 29, 2014 a comp day was made by Barber, seconded by Stoutamire and carried.

There was discussion of the county taking over the county jail. The Board requested that the county attorney be contacted to research what it would take for the county to take over and give them some information at the next regular meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Stoutamire, seconded by Barber and carried.

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Charla Kearce, Deputy Clerk  
Jim Johnson, Chairman

## Liberty Commission emergency meeting

Official minutes from the Jan. 16, 2014 emergency meeting of the Liberty Co. Commission as recorded by the board secretary

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

The purpose of the meeting is to approve repair to the septic pump at the Veterans Memorial Park.

No public comment.

Motion to approve emergency item to purchase and repair septic pump at the Veterans Memorial Park was made by Phillips, seconded by Stoutamire and carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Stoutamire, seconded by Phillips and carried.

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Kathleen E. Brown, Clerk of Court  
Jim Johnson, Chairman

# PUBLIC AND LEGAL NOTICES

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
Bristol 66 Towing and Recovery will hold a Public Auction on Friday, Feb. 28, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. (ET) for the following vehicle:  
1991 NISSAN MAXIMA, WHITE  
VIN# JN1HJ01P3MT581836  
Auction will be held at Bristol 66 Storage on Hoecake Road off Hwy. 20 East, one mile on left. Bristol 66 Towing reserves the right to reject any and all bids.  
If you need additional information on the above vehicle, please call (850) 228-9555.

This project will include widening and resurfacing of Aspalaga Road from C.R. 270 to Liberty/Gadsden County line. Shoulder re-grading, thermoplastic striping, reflective pavement markers, signage, side drain replacement with mitered end sections and concrete ditch replacement 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 180 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, 2014 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 "ASPALAGA ROAD".

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time, on March 5, 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 March 5, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time. Liberty County Board of Commissioners is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Handi-

capped Accessible/Fair Housing Jurisdiction.

Cost for Plans and Specifications will be \$100.00 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.

### INVITATION TO BID LIBERTY COUNTY

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons or firms that sealed

bids will be accepted at the Liberty County Clerk of Court Office located at the **Liberty County Courthouse, P.O. Box 399, Bristol, Florida 32321 (Clerks Office) NO LATER THAN March 5, 2014 at 3:00 P.M.**, for the following project:

**BID NAME:** Request for Bid for the annual supply of Gasoline & Diesel

**DESCRIPTION:** The Liberty County Board of Commissioners is seeking qualified vendors to respond to this Request for Bid for the annual supply of various types of fuel.

**Bid packet may be picked up at Liberty County Road and Bridge Department 15159 NW STATE ROAD 20, Bristol, Florida, or please call for a bid packet to be mailed to you at (850) 643-4040.**

**BID OPENING:** Bids will be opened and recorded by the Liberty County Board of County Commissioners on **March 6, 2014** at the regular Com-

mission Meeting at 6:00 P.M. (ET).

Bids SHALL be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked what the bid is for. Bids will generally be accepted based on the lowest overall price.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** **March 5, 2014 by 3:00 P.M. (ET)**

The Liberty County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to waive informalities in any bid, to accept and/or reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid in their judgment will be in the best interest of Liberty County.

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## Tips for proper soil temperature for vegetable seed germination

by Eddie Powell,  
University of Florida  
IFAS Extension

Every winter, many Florida homeowners enjoy growing their own vegetable plants. It is definitely cheaper to buy vegetable seeds than vegetable transplants, and some vegetables grow better when direct seeded.

One factor to take into consideration when planning a vegetable garden is that each vegetable has a different germination response to temperature. Some seeds germinate best under low soil temperature while other respond best under high soil temperatures.

When planting vegetable seeds, remember that cool season crops, such as cabbage, turnips, and cauliflower, will perform best under cooler soil conditions.

The key to getting the highest seed germination rate is to match the correct soil temperature to the vegetable seed of choice.

Below is a listing of correct soil temperatures needed for



vegetable seed germination.

**MINIMUM** Soil Temperature for Germination in Degrees Fahrenheit

•32- Endive, Lettuce, Onion, Parsnip, and Spinach

•40 -Beet, Broccoli, Cabbage, Carrot, Cauliflower, Parsley, Pea, Radish, Swiss Chard, and Celery

•50-Asparagus, Sweet Corn, Tomato, and Turnip

•60-Lima bean, Snap Bean, Cucumber, Okra, and Pepper

•65-Eggplant, Muskmelon, Pumpkin, Squash, and Watermelon

**OPTIMUM** Soil Temperature for Germination in Degrees

Fahrenheit

•70-Celery, Parsnip, and Spinach

•75-Asparagus, Endive, Lettuce, and Pea

•80-Lima Bean, Carrot, Cauliflower, Onion, Radish, Tomato, Turnip

•85-Snap Bean, Beet, Broccoli, Cabbage, Eggplant, Parsley, Pepper, Sweet Corn, and Swiss Chard

•95-Cucumber, Muskmelon, Okra, Pumpkin, Squash, and Watermelon.

**MAXIMUM** Soil Temperature for Germination in Degrees Fahrenheit

•75-Celery, Endive, Lettuce, and Spinach

•85-Lima Beans, Parsnip, and Pea

•95-Asparagus, Snap Bean, Beet, Broccoli, Cabbage, Carrot, Cauliflower, Eggplant, Onion, Parsley, Pepper, Radish, Swiss Chard, and Tomato

•106-Cucumber, Muskmelon, Okra, Pumpkin, Squash, Sweet Corn, Turnip, and Watermelon



A Citrus is show in freezing weather, under protective microsprinkler irrigation.

DOUG MAYO, UF IFAS PHOTO

## Care of freeze-injured citrus trees includes holding off on pruning

by Larry Williams, County Extension Director, Okaloosa County

This week, Northwest Florida is once again receiving some bitter cold temperatures. The freezing weather two weeks ago resulted in some cold damage to some local citrus trees. Cold injured citrus trees can take a while to become evident.

What appears to be damage will not always be permanent. Never be in a hurry to remove cold injured tissue from a citrus tree. Citrus, especially Satsuma, can be very resilient and will often re-sprout on injured tissue. Pruning before this can happen can remove fruit producing branches. Leaves on a freeze-damaged citrus tree will be hard and brittle.

If freeze damage is severe, the leaves will collapse, dry out and fall from the tree. It's normal for leaves to take on a wilted or drooping appearance during periods of low temperatures. Don't confuse this with freeze damage. Frozen leaves will not be wilted – they will be hard and brittle. Freeze damage can also cause the trunk and larger branches to split and the bark to become loose. Twigs and branches may continue to die for up to two years following a severe freeze.

Unless the soil becomes dry, be careful to not water cold injured citrus trees during warm periods that often follow freezes. This will delay the tree's growth and keep the tree in a more dormant state. However, it is important to not let citrus trees go totally dry, because this will increase freeze damage. Later on, if you see that the damaged tree is putting on new growth, it's okay to give it a little water.

It is best to not prune or fertilize citrus trees during fall and winter. Delay pruning of damaged limbs until late spring or summer because it's difficult to determine the extent of damage until spring growth takes place. Pruning also may encourage new tender growth during the cold season.

If it appears that you've lost half the tree in a freeze, you'll only need to apply about half as much fertilizer. If you have the situation where many leaves were lost but twigs and branches were not injured, you'll need to slightly increase the amount of fertilizer. Fertilization should begin after new growth has occurred come spring. It's a good idea to make frequent light applications rather than one heavy application.

Fertilizing your lawn during fall and winter may not only be damaging to your lawn but it can potentially cause cold injury to your citrus trees, as well. The roots on trees (including citrus) extend two to three times beyond the tree's branches. As a result, citrus tree roots grow out into the lawn. Tree roots in the lawn are shallow. So, late applications of lawn fertilizer will impact your citrus trees as well. Your lawn and citrus needs ample time to use the fertilizer but yet still have time to go dormant before cold weather arrives.

## American Snowbell: native flowering shrub-like small tree for wet areas in the landscape

by Alex Bolques, Gadsden County Extension

Found throughout the North Florida Panhandle, the American snowbell, *Styrax americanus*, is a native small flowering tree. In his book, *The Trees of Florida*, Gil Nelson describes the blossoms as charming with "the thin, reflexed (flower) petals curve back over the flower base, leaving an attractive mass of yellowish stamens protruding from the star-shaped corolla". It has dark green deciduous foliage, with the tree reaching up to 16 feet in height. The attractive blooms appear April – July.

Considered as an understory tree, American snowbell grows best in wet partially shaded areas and is somewhat tolerant of full sun. It prefers wet places such as swamps, wet woods, edges of cypress ponds and moist to wet, cool, acid sandy to sandy loam soils. Wet areas of the home landscape where water puddles occur provide adequate growing conditions for the American snowbell.

Wildlife benefits include nectar for bees and butterflies and edible fruit for birds. To try American snowbell in the landscape, check with local native plant nursery or search online. *Note: other Styrax species can be found online that are non-native.*



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**LOST & FOUND**

**FOUND: Dachshund**, near Hoe Cake Rd. in Bristol, call (850) 643-3819 to identify. 2-12, 2-19

**EQUIPMENT**

**Misc. Farm equipment**: Vanguard 18 hp motor for lawn mower or small garden tractor, \$600. 8 disc harrow, \$300. 8 prong cultivator, \$250. 4 ft. scraper, \$300. Call (850) 762-9162. 2-5, 2-12

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**★STARSCOPE★** Week of February 12 to February 18, 2014

**ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**  
 Aries, there is more to you than meets the eye. You enjoy letting others get small glimpses of your true self, but this week they will get a lot of information all at once.

**TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21**  
 Feeling restless, Taurus? Spend some time with a hobby that you enjoy, whether that is cooking in the kitchen or building something out in the garage.

**GEMINI - May 22/June 21**  
 Others may have trouble reading you this week, Gemini. That's because you are putting forth a few different faces. It is better for all involved if you remain consistent.

**CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22**  
 Cancer, now is the time to introduce your family to a special friend of yours. This person will be received graciously, so there is no need to fret about the meeting.

**LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23**  
 Leo, when you want to get something done, it is probably best if you do it yourself this week. This way you can bring your own unique approach to the task at hand.

**VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**  
 Cash seems to be flowing out of your pockets this week, Virgo. You may want to sit down and make some adjustments to your spending habits so you can get your finances in order.

**LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23**  
 Libra, your patience is wearing thin, but you need to keep your cool or you could end up in a sticky situation at work. Ride things out until the weekend arrives.

**SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**  
 It isn't in your makeup to be meek, Scorpio. If something needs to be discussed, speak up and let others know your perspective on the situation.

**SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21**  
 Sagittarius, a lucky streak has you excited to test your good fortune. Ride this wave, but do not go through all of your money in one fell swoop. That can spell trouble.

**CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20**  
 Capricorn, you have been doing a lot of waiting around, but now your patience is bound to pay off. You just need to wait a little while longer to bear the fruits of your labors.

**AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18**  
 Aquarius, a big adventure is on the horizon. The trouble is, you do not know what to expect and what to bring along for the ride. Things will come into focus soon.

**PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20**  
 You need to take a rest, Pisces. Otherwise, you will burn out very quickly. Friends are urging you to slow down this week.

**SUDOKU**

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Level: Intermediate

**Here's How It Works:**  
 Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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7	6	3	5	9	4	2	1	8
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6	8	5	3	8	6	4	7	4
3	8	4	8	1	2	5	4	6
9	6	7	1	6	5	4	3	8

**ANSWER:**

# FASHION SHOW AND PAGEANT CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH



An array of elegant lads and ladies showcased a selection of outfits during Saturday's fashion show at Veterans Memorial Park Civic Center in Bristol. Before the show, several young ladies took part in a scholarship pageant. The winners, shown below at left, included: Brittany Jones, Christian Hogue, Jherico Jones, India Battle and Ebony Atkins.



Ladies of all ages took a turn across the stage to show some African inspired outfits as well as contemporary ensembles.

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