



Major Junior Lolley is shown on his last day at his communications desk at the Liberty County Sheriff's Office in Bristol. DOMENICK ESGRO PHOTO

*Retirement reception
 at civic center Friday*

**Blind dispatcher
 retiring after 35
 years of service**

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

The future couldn't have seemed very promising for a boy in Hosford who was blinded just two weeks before his 12th birthday.

But Junior Lolley managed to navigate around what he accepts as a minor inconvenience to make himself indispensable to the community as a dispatcher with The Liberty County Sheriff's Office.

Known for his calm demeanor in a crisis and his ability to direct deputies along roads he's never even seen, for 35 years he's been the first contact for anyone in an emergency situation.

When he calls out fire trucks he warns volunteers how close the blaze may be to other homes. He directs ambulances through a network of bumpy dirt roads leading to fish camps 20 miles out of town. He cautiously questions a frightened child who doesn't know her own address but does know to call 911 when her mother suddenly falls ill.

And, more times than even he can count, he has politely explained to callers that 911 is not the number for directory assistance.

Just a few days ago, he stepped away from the dispatcher's desk to start his retirement with his wife, Linda, and their pets - a German Shepherd and three Chihuahuas.

Next week, Journal readers will learn more about this unique man as we will share some of his experiences on the job. He'll tell us about the 911 calls that broke his heart and those that tested his temper.

And we'll find out a few things about his early life, when he left Hosford to attend the Florida School for the Blind in St. Augustine and traveled with the school orchestra as a guitar player.

His first job after graduation turned out to be in an Eckards photo lab in Orlando, not the typical position you would expect for a non-sighted person.

When he returned home and decided he wanted to work with the sheriff's office, he wasn't discouraged when Sheriff Harrell Wood Revell responded to his job request by asking, "What the hell am I going to do with a blind dispatcher?"

Junior showed him. And after his first year on the job, when his performance was being reviewed by the Agency for Blind Services out of Tallahassee the sheriff made it clear Junior wasn't going anywhere. "I found out I can't do without him," the sheriff said.

Read how Junior Lolley made himself an invaluable member of the Liberty County Sheriff's Office in next week's Calhoun-Liberty Journal.

The Liberty County Sheriff's Office invites everyone to join them this Friday, April 4, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Civic Center to honor Junior Lolley, who is the longest serving employee of the Liberty County Sheriff's Office.

**Calhoun Jail C.O. charged
 with battery on an inmate**

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

A correctional officer with the Calhoun County Jail has been charged with battery after an investigator with the state attorney's office concluded he used excessive force on an inmate.

Officer Aaron Doyal resigned before the misdemeanor charge of simple battery was filed Monday. He will be issued a notice to appear in court.

The 25-year-old officer began working at the jail in July of 2013.

Investigator Jimmy Nolan's report indicated that the jail video did not back up statements from inmates who said they witnessed what happened between the officer and inmate Ventura Brown on the evening of Feb. 20.

Inmates said the officer put his hands on Brown's shoulders and told him to calm down but did not hit him. "The video clearly shows Doyal swinging at Inmate Brown," Nolan said in his report.

"The hall video clearly shows

the inmates looking into the cell at various times watching the incident, even though a few handwritten statements say they saw nothing," according to Nolan.

Brown told the investigator he slipped on a wet floor and hit his head the previous day. After receiving medical attention, he was given prescription medication for head pain.

He said his head continued to hurt the next day and he began yelling and pulling on the cell door in an effort to get the officer to bring him his medication. Brown said he was on the phone with his wife when Doyal appeared at his cell door.

Brown stated that when he saw the officer, he put the phone down, stepped away and put his hands behind his back. He said the door flew open and the officer threw a punch at him.

Brown said after he side-stepped the punch, Doyal grabbed him and pushed him up against the wall.

Brown stated that he was choked and pushed onto his bunk and "eventually choked out by Deputy Doyal."

He said Doyal, who was holding keys in his right hand, began punching him in the face. The blows chipped his front tooth, he said.

The inmate said a trustee entered the cell and pulled Doyal off of him.

Brown was taken to the hospital and then transferred to the Jackson County Jail.

According to statements by other inmates, Doyal responded to the noise made by Brown and walked in asking, "What's going on?"

One inmate said a group looked on as Doyal detained Brown by holding him down on his bunk. He said there was a "lot of commotion" in the corner of the bunk but stated that he did not see either man throw a punch. He added that Brown was "loud and hysterical" and said Doyal twice asked Brown, "What have I done to you?"

**Bake sales, walk-a-thon raise money
 for Madison; more
 events scheduled**

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

A bake sale, walk-a-thon and a t-shirt sale raised nearly \$3,000 to help the family of seven-year-old Madison Anderson of Altha, who is facing weekly chemotherapy treatments following her recent diagnosis of Stage 4 kidney cancer.

Jennifer Branning, a close friend and neighbor of Madison's mother, Angela Van Wagner, says the little girl was doing well after her second chemo treatment on Monday.

She said they were concerned when Madison became nauseated a few hours after her first treatment March 24, but this week, things were better and after leaving the hospital in Pensacola, the family went out for a barbecue lunch.

Madison was well enough to take part in Saturday's walk-a-thon at Sam Atkins Park in Blountstown, arranged by Mary Nichols and her daughters.

Earlier that day, a bake sale held at Smith's Grocery raised just over \$1,300, according to Branning. "One man just came up and wrote out a \$500 check right there," Branning said.

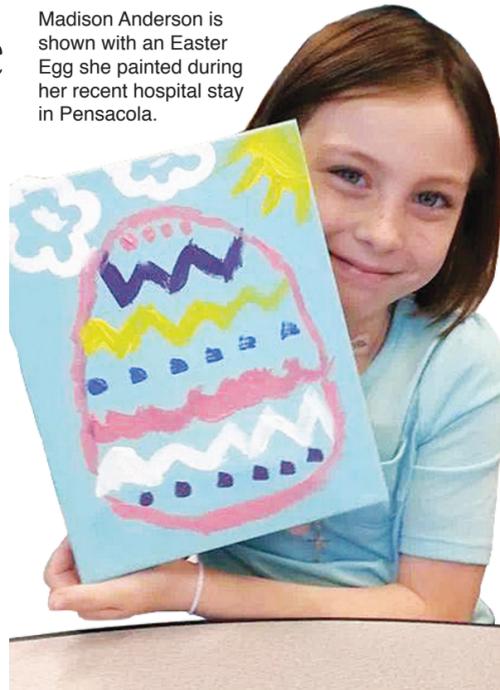
That afternoon's walk-a-thon generated about \$730. The Pink Heals Society brought their big pink fire truck to the park and sold "Team Madison" t-shirts, raising approximately \$740.

More benefits are being organized to help the family, which includes Madison, her five-year-old sister, Mia, their mother and her fiance' along with their month-old twins.

Two scheduled events include:

•This Friday, April 4 in Blountstown, Panhandle Machine & Supply at 16450 SE Main Street will sell chicken plates from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. CT. The meal will include chicken, potato salad, baked

Madison Anderson is shown with an Easter Egg she painted during her recent hospital stay in Pensacola.



beans and bread. Local cooks are asked to donate desserts for the day. Large orders can be delivered.

•On Saturday, April 12 in Altha, The Wildcat Den will be selling plates of Boston Butt or grilled chicken quarters, along with two sides, dessert and a drink, for \$7. There will also be live music.

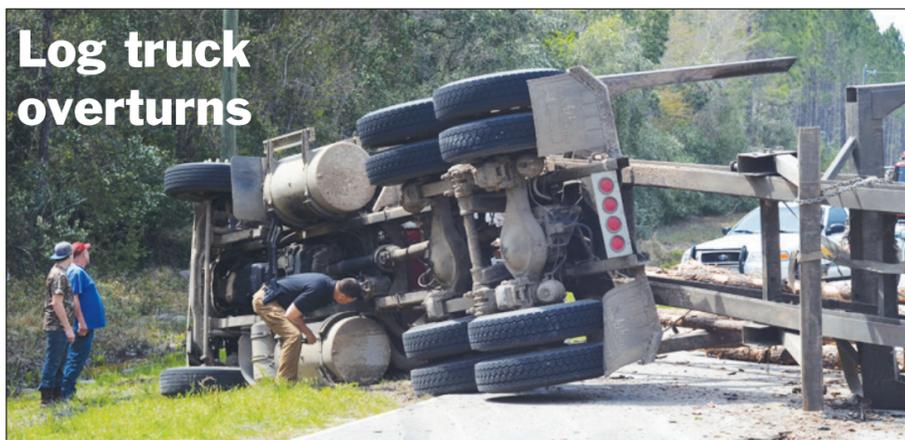
Although an online fund was originally set up, the family is now requesting that anyone who would like to donate do so by sending a check or money order made out to "Anita Shelton for Madison Anderson" to Cadence Bank at 25463 Main Street, Altha, FL 32421.

To keep up with new events to help support Madison's battle with cancer, visit page A Miracle for Madison on Facebook. You can read more about Madison's illness and the support she has received from the staff and students at Altha School at CLJNews.com.

Traffic came to a standstill for awhile on CR 67, south of Telogia, March 26 when a log truck driver took a turn too quickly & overturned, spilling logs across the road and into the ditch.

JOHNNY EUBANKS PHOTO

**Log truck
 overturns**



**New dog training
 class to graduate
 next
 week
 at
 CCI
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ARREST REPORTS

compiled by Journal Editor Teresa Eubanks

Sixth person charged in Rock Bluff Road brawl

A 38-year-old Bristol woman is the latest to be charged with public affray after a Jan. 8 altercation on Rock Bluff Road that involved several people.

Leslie Sue Nesmith was arrested March 25.

According to a deputy's report, Nesmith reported that she went to take her garbage outside when her neighbors began yelling at her. She said that when she walked up to Ricki Campbell, Campbell grabbed her by the hair and started punching her in the head.

Nesmith said several people jumped on her when she fell to the ground, including Devon Sherrod, who



LESLIE S. NESMITH

she said kicked her.

She said a brawl started after Preston Mills and her daughter, Amy Nesmith, came outside to help separate her from Sharone McMillian, Campbell and Sherrod.

Mills stated that he saw Nesmith laying in the road "getting jumped" by Sherrod, Campbell and

McMillian. He said they attacked him when he came to her aid.

Nesmith said when she ran outside to help her mother, someone punched her in the jaw several times.

According to the deputy's report, the altercation was apparently provoked by a comment on Facebook that one woman was going to see that another one "got jumped."

Mills was charged with public affray on Feb. 25. Arrests on the same charge were filed Jan. 26 for Campbell and Amy Nesmith. Identical charges were filed against Sherrod Jan. 30 and Sharone D. McMillian Feb. 2.

Husband, wife both charged following altercation at home

A Bristol man was arrested for domestic violence, possession of methamphetamine and paraphernalia and also charged with tampering with a witness following an altercation with his wife at their Mulberry Lane residence. She was also charged with domestic violence.

Shawn Reddick, 34, was arrested March 25 after deputies brought at tracking dog to the home to find him after he fled. He was discovered hiding in the brush along the edge of the yard.

Nearby, deputies found a camouflage bag that held suspected



SHAWN REDDICK

methamphetamine and a straw with methamphetamine residue. They also discovered he had his wife's car keys, the distributor cable from her vehicle and four relay switches he had removed to prevent her from leaving.

Both said they had started arguing that morning. Reddick said he got mad when his wife, Jessica, took the tag from his vehicle. She later stated she was upset with him because he wouldn't allow her to delete some personal photos from a memory card.

She said Reddick threw the card in her face. She said she was also hit when he threw a flat-iron hair styling tool on a table.

Blountstown man charged with felony battery on relative

A 34-year-old Blountstown man was arrested March 29 following an earlier incident in which he allegedly threatened to attack a younger relative and, when told by his grandmother not to do it, instead attacked her, according to the arrest report from the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office.



GARY B. JORDAN

Gary B. Jordan, who was on state probation, reportedly threatened to kill his grandmother, grabbed her by the neck and pushed her down on a couch and then pushed her head into a window, causing it to break.

The victim filed a complaint the next day after he again pushed her down, this time leaving red marks on her chest and face, according to the affidavit from the sheriff's office.

Jordan was charged with felony battery.

Two incumbents qualify for upcoming Calhoun election

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

Calhoun County Commissioner Willie T. Grant has filed his intent to seek another term representing District 4 and incumbent school board member Tim Smith has filed the paperwork to run again for his District 3 seat.

Both men already have challengers. Dennis L. Jones and Clifford Jackson are both running for Grant's District 4 spot and Robert Pickron will seek Smith's school board seat.

Incumbent Danny Hassig was the first to file, turning in his paperwork on Jan. 24 to seek another term as Calhoun County District 5 School Board member.

Clifford Edenfield is running for the District 2 seat on the Calhoun County Commission currently held by Darrell McDougald.

No new candidates have come

forward this past week to file their intent to seek office in Liberty County.

The current pool of officer seekers include incumbent Liberty County Commissioner Davis Stoutamire, who already has two challengers for his District 4 seat: Jason Singletary and Bo Sanders. Kyle Peddie will seek re-election to the District 4 spot on the Liberty County School Board. Tony Anderson, who was appointed by the governor to fill the remaining term of Liberty County School Superintendent, will run for that office in the upcoming election.

Qualifying week will be held from noon June 16 through noon June 20.

The primary will be held Aug. 26, with an early voting period set Aug. 11 - 23. The general election is scheduled Nov. 4, with early voting from Oct. 20 - Nov. 1.

SHERIFF'S LOG

CALHOUN COUNTY

March 26

- Henry Eugene Armstrong, VOICR, CCSO.
- Jessica Simmons, VOP (Jackson County), BPD.

March 27

- James Steven Crumbley, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, possession of drug equipment, BPD.

March 28

- Scott Oliver Howell, criminal registrant CCSO.

March 29

- Earnest Dale McCardle, battery (spouse), CCSO.

March 31

- Brion Alexander Hall, VOICR, CCSO.
- Tommy Joe Thurman, possession of firearm by felon, removal of serial number from firearm, possession of listed chemicals, CCSO.

LIBERTY COUNTY

March 25

- Shawn Reddick, domestic violence, possession of meth, pos-

session of paraphernalia, tampering, LCSO.

- Jessica Reddick, domestic violence, LCSO.

- Chester Walker, VOICP, LCSO.
- Chet Geiger, VOICP, LCSO.

- Valerie Loranger, holding for Gadsden County, GCSO.

March 26

- Antonio Giddens, passing worthless bank checks, LCSO.

March 27

- Jessica Simmons, holding for Calhoun County, CCSO.

March 28

- Alvarado Obdulio, serving weekends, LCSO.

March 29

- Anita Bernardez, VOP (petty theft 2 counts), GCSO.

- Brandi Brogdon, possession of meth, attempt to manufacture meth, possession of listed chemicals, possession of paraphernalia, holding for Gulf County, GCSO.

- Leslie Sue Nesmith, public affray, LCSO.

March 30

- Bobbi Jo Duke, holding for Gulf County, GCSO.

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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Liberty County Landfill will be hosting FREE drop off of household hazardous waste including paint, pesticides, pool chemicals, car batteries, computers, used oil, gasoline, etc., from local residents.

Small businesses including schools and farmers can drop off hazardous waste at a reduced charge.

For business waste please call Liberty County Landfill for details at (850) 643-3777 or (850) 643-2773.

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Art Series to feature *From Parisian Artisan to Cabaret Soiree*



Charles Carman Pierce is shown above painting on location in Paris, France. Singer Peggy June Coc is pictured above at upper right.

The community is cordially invited to the next Arts Series Event at the Blountstown Public Library on Saturday, April 26 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The program *From Parisian Artisan to Cabaret Soiree* takes on a french twist and will turn the library into an evening to remember! It is free to all and family friendly. Parking is in the back lot of the Library.

First up in the Heritage Room will be Charles Carman Pierce, whose main interest is producing portraits in charcoal, pastels and oil. Plein Air study in landscapes, still life and animals in acrylic and watercolor have also proved rewarding. After college he studied in Chicago at the American Academy of Art and later at the Chicago Art Institute. He and his wife, Peach, recently took a wonderful trip to Paris, France and Charles was in his element. "Everywhere you look there are centuries of art," he says enthusiastically. For the event he'll talk about his observations

and a power point with photos of the journey will be shown. Pierce is excited to do a demonstration of his painting techniques using water soluble oils. A portrait will appear before our very eyes. His mastery is almost magical. A collection of his original art will be displayed like that of the street artists in Paris.

After a break for refreshments we will move into the courtyard...our very own french cafe. Under the stars we will listen to the beautiful voice of Peggy June Cox and her choice of romantic songs from the past. The audience is urged to enjoy the dance floor. Growing up she sang in a trio with her sisters and their mom taught them how to harmonize encouraging them to practice.

In school she appeared in talent shows and later in college she joined a choral group then held the lead part in many musicals.

Singing in a bluegrass band after 34 years of teaching was "a wonderful experience", she recalls. Now she is part of a duet with Sue Bradley called Heritage Harmony. Her selections for our 'Soiree' will leave us relaxed and dreamy!

To make this get together extra fun you are asked to dress up party style to celebrate 'April in Paris.' Come help create a memorable Parisian Night right here in Blountstown.

Buckets, Birds and Butterflies with 4-H Classes to make the most of spring

Celebrate Spring with the Calhoun County 4-H and learn how to enjoy the outdoors in your own backyard! Individuals and families are invited to attend this three class series at the Calhoun County Extension Office:

- Container Gardening:** April 3, 2014 from 5 to 7 pm (CDT)
- Cavity-Nesting Birds:** April 10, 2014 from 5 to 7 pm (CDT)
- Butterfly Gardening:** April 17, 2014 from 5 to 7 pm (CDT)

Each class will have both adult and kid-friendly activities. The cost is \$30 for the series or \$10 per class which covers all materials and instructions for one person. If families wish to attend, they may pay for each member to have their own supplies, or pay for one set of project supplies which they will work on together as a family unit. All youth under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a participating adult.

Please call Calhoun County Extension Office at (850) 674-8323 to register.

4-H is open to ALL youth, ages of 5-18, regardless of race, color, creed, nationality, ethnicity, gender, or disability. Persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations need to contact the 4-H office at least 10 working days prior to the program so that proper consideration may be given to the request (850) 674-8323.

Camp Timpooshee deadline is May 30

Liberty County 4-H is gearing up for a great summer of camping fun. It is time to be making plans for attending 4-H Camp Timpooshee in Niceville, June 16-20.

Youth between the ages of 8 and 12 as of Sept. 1, 2013 are eligible to attend the overnight week long camp. The cost is \$220 for 4-H members and \$230 for non-members. Camp includes kayaking, snorkeling, arts and crafts, recreational sports, shooting sports, and much more. The deadline to submit all forms and camp fee is Friday, May 30.

If you would like to raise money to offset the cost, please let the Liberty County 4-H office know. Email schmarje@ufl.edu, or call (850) 643-2229 for more information. Come pick up your camp packet today from the UF/IFAS Extension Liberty County office, slots will fill up fast.

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

Community Calendar

April

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Wednesday, April 2

BIRTHDAY
*Betty J. Smith,
Merle Headings
& Cindy Revell*

Thursday, April 3

BIRTHDAYS
*Wendy Lampkin
Millette and
Greg Reese*

Friday, April 4

Madison Anderson Fundraiser
at Panhandle Machine & Supply
10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (CT)

at Sam Atkins Park, Friday 6 p.m. to Saturday 6 a.m. (CT)

Junior Colley's Retirement Celebration
12 - 2 p.m. (ET)
at Veterans Memorial Pavilion

Saturday, April 5

BIRTHDAYS
*Mark Mallory,
Travis Allen,
Scott Bontrager
& Gail Napoli Sosa*

Sunday, April 6

BIRTHDAYS ~
Mitchell Manning, Leta Knight & Scott Yancey

Women of Higher Vision Banquet
5 p.m. (ET) at Veterans Memorial

Monday, April 7

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY ~ *Rob & P.J. Wheatley*

WORLD HEALTH DAY
APRIL 7

BIRTHDAY
*Marie Detweiler
and Shelia Harris*

Tuesday, April 8

BIRTHDAYS
*Catherine Proper,
Keith Daniels
& Joe Brinkley*

Learn to make beaded jewelry,
10 a.m. at **Harrell Memorial Library**

Learn how to make your own jelly on April 26

Ever wanted to make your own jelly? Linda Smith, co-founder of the Pioneer Settlement, is an expert at making jellies, jams and preserves.



She is holding a class on Saturday, April 26 starting at 9 a.m. CT, held at the Settlement's Clubhouse.

The cost of the class is \$15 for a skill that will give you a lifetime of pleasure.

Making your own jellies gives you really fresh taste as well as lower sugar. Homemade jellies are also a wonderful gift. There are many recipes out there for jelly, jam and preserves.

Do you know of someone who's always wanted to learn? Consider treating them to this class.

Call Diane Watson today at (850) 674-2777 or email her at ppsmuseum@yahoo.com.

Introduction to Machine Sewing class Thursday

The Panhandle Pioneer Settlement will hold an afternoon and an evening *Introduction to Machine Sewing* class on Thursday, April 10.

The first class is scheduled from 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm CDT. The second class will start at 5:30 p.m. and continue until 9:00 p.m. CDT.

The class will be held at the beautifully restored log Clubhouse. The instructor will be our renowned Sandy Voss who is an expert in sewing and quilting. The cost of this class is \$30.

Students will learn all about their machine, including how to clean and maintain it, the presser feet, using the proper needles and thread before then completing a simple project. All students must have their own machine and sewing notions. For more information and to register call Diane Watson at (850) 674-2777 or email at ppsmuseum@yahoo.com.

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Flathead Tournament, Easter dinner & shopping included in April's Senior Citizens events

The Liberty County Senior Citizens Association has scheduled the following activities for the month of April:

Thursday, April 3 - This week's shopping trip is in Bristol.

Tuesday, April 8 at 10 a.m. - Come join us for a Senior Craft Day at the Bristol Senior Center. Please call 643-5690 by Friday, April 4 if you plan to attend; also call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than 3 p.m. Friday, April 4 if you need transportation to the Bristol center.

Thursday, April 10 - Marianna Wal-Mart is the place for shopping this week. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than 3 p.m. Monday, April 7 to reserve your transit ride.

Thursday, April 10 - A trip to Graceville Outlets has been scheduled. This will be a day of fun with friends. Everyone will enjoy a good lunch before returning home. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than 3 p.m. Monday, April 7 to reserve your transit ride.

Monday, April 14 - The Liberty County Senior Citizens Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. at the Bristol Senior Center. The public is welcome to attend.

Tuesday, April 15 at 10 a.m. - Bingo with Nina from Blountstown's River Valley Nursing Home will be at the Bristol Senior

Center for another fun day. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than 3 p.m. Thursday, April 10 to reserve your transit ride.

Wednesday, April 16 at 10 a.m. - Come join us for a Senior Craft Day at the Hosford Senior Center. Please call 643-5690 by Friday, April 11 if you plan to attend. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than 3 p.m. Friday, April 11 if you need transportation to the Hosford center.

Thursday, April 17 at 11 a.m. - Here comes Peter Cotton Tail to the Bristol Senior Center. A delicious meal and some Easter fun awaits for seniors of Liberty County. Please call 643-5690 by Monday, April 14 if you plan to attend. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than 3 p.m. Monday, April 14 if you need transportation to the Bristol Senior Center.

Thursday, April 17 - This week's shopping trip is in Bristol. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than 3 p.m. Monday, April 14 to reserve your transit ride.

Friday, April 18 - The Hosford and Liberty County Senior Centers and Liberty County Transit will be closed. There will be no meal deliveries on this date.

Tuesday, April 22 at 11 a.m. - A representative of Big Bend Hospice will be at the Bristol Senior

Center to discuss services provided by Big Bend Hospice. Beneficial and important information can be learned from this presentation. Come join us and bring a friend. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than 3 p.m. Thursday, April 17 if you need transportation to the Bristol center.

Wednesday, April 23 from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. - A Senior Citizens Representative will be available at the Maxwell Harrell Library in Bristol to provide information about services that are provided by and through Liberty County Senior Citizens.

Thursday, April 24 - This is the day for Shopping at the Tallahassee Wal-Mart and then have lunch. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than 3 p.m. Monday, April 21 to reserve your transit ride.

Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26 - The Liberty County Senior Citizens 13th annual Flathead Tournament, sponsored in part by Liberty County Tobacco Free partnership.

The fishing begins at 5 p.m. on Friday and ends at 1 p.m. on Saturday. There will be someone from Senior Citizens from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Friday, April 25 to register people for the Tournament and for checking boats. Hamburgers, hot dogs, fries, pop corn, chips and drinks will be available for purchase

for lunch on Friday and Saturday.

The raffle ticket for the \$500 cash prize will be drawn shortly after 1 p.m. on Saturday. The winner does not have to be present. The winner of Split the Pot money does have to be present. Call 643-5690 for further information, for entry forms or to purchase raffle tickets for the \$500 drawing.

Tuesday, April 29 at 10 a.m. - Cindy from Blountstown Rehab will host the Bingo game at the Bristol Senior Center. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than 3 p.m. Thursday, April 24 to reserve your transit ride to the Bristol Senior Center.

Wednesday, April 30 at 10 a.m. - Bingo fun, prizes and a good time to be had at the Hosford Senior Center. Cindy from Blountstown Rehab will be our host. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than 3 p.m. Monday, April 21 if you need transportation to the Hosford center.

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

Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative members' meeting is Saturday

WEWAHITCHKA - Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative will hold its 66th annual Members' Meeting Saturday, April 5 at its headquarter office, located at 722 West Highway 22 in Wewahitchka. The purpose of the meeting is to communicate information about the Cooperative, including the financial reports and overall business status, as well as serve as a social event for the entire membership.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. (CT) with each registered member

receiving a \$10 credit on his or her electric bill. Members will be given the opportunity to win prizes throughout the day, including the grand prizes, which are 10 \$100 credits to an electric bill. There will also be plenty of refreshments provided by GCEC and booths offering valuable information for the duration of the meeting.

Beginning at 9:15 a.m., entertainment will be provided by The Gann Family. There will also be a bounce house and a petting zoo for

the children. The business portion of the Annual Meeting will begin at 11 a.m.

"I invite all of our members to come and take part in our Annual Meeting, not only to be present for the business portion of the meeting, but also to enjoy food, prizes and entertainment," Gulf Coast Electric CEO/General Manager Michael White said.

MEETINGS

Wednesday, April 2

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

Thursday, April 3

- **Altha Area Recreation Committee**, 6 p.m., Altha Town Hall
- **American Legion Hall Bingo night**, 6-9 p.m. (CT)
- **Mossy Pond VFD**, 7 p.m., Fire House
- **Mayhaw Community Action Group**, 6 p.m., St. Paul AME Church in Blountstown
- **Liberty Comm. Coalition** at 10 a.m., Liberty Emergency Management Building. Phone (850) 526-2412.

Friday, April 4

• **Autism Support Group**, 6 p.m., W.T. Neal Civic Center. Phone (850) 674-9131.

Saturday, April 5

• **American Legion Hall Live Band**, 8-12 p.m. (CT) in Blountstown. Phone (850) 890-8918 or (850) 447-3639.

Sunday, April 6

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

Monday, April 7

• **Altha Girls Scout Troop #39**, 6:15

p.m., Altha Church of God. Phone (850) 447-5405.

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

• **AA**, 6 p.m., Altha Community Center. Phone (850) 674-1363.

• **Altha Boy Scouts**, 7 p.m., Altha Fire Department. Phone (850) 762-3718.

• **Bristol City Council**, 6:30 p.m., City Hall. Phone (850) 643-2261.

Tuesday, April 8

• **Altha Town Council**, 6 p.m., City Hall. Phone (850) 762-3280.

• **Blountstown City Council**, 6 p.m., City Council Room on Angle St. Phone (850) 674-5488.

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

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

• **Liberty School Board**, 6:30 p.m., LC School Board Meeting Room. Phone (850) 643-2275.

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WEDDINGS



Varnum, Smith to exchange vows May 3 in Hosford

Carol Varnum of Bristol and Hank and Karla Nichols of Clarksville would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather LeAnn Varnum to Timothy Travis Smith.

Heather's grandparents are Maxine Mercer of Panama City Beach, the late Tommy Varnum of Bristol and the late Henry and Linda Nichols of Clarksville.

Travis is the son of Timmy and Becky Smith of Clarksville and Milinda and Dennis Pierce of Dothan, AL.

His grandparents are the late George Dewey and Hazel Smith of Clarksville and the late Big Jim and Lucille Godwin of Blountstown.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, May 3 at 6 p.m. (CT) at Woodmen of the World in Hosford.

No invitations will be sent out. All friends and family are invited to attend.

Jessica Collier, Jared Barber will wed at First Baptist Church in Blountstown this Saturday

Mark and Barbara Collier of Blountstown are pleased to announce the forthcoming wedding of their daughter, Jessica Lindsey Collier to Jared Shelby Barber, son of Gerald and Debra Barber of Bristol.

Jessica is the granddaughter of Carlton and Marilyn Van Lierop, the late B.A. "Doll" Collier, Bonnie Hand, and the late Billy E. Hand.

She is a graduate of Blountstown High School and Florida State University.

Jared is the grandson of the late Monroe and Dorothy Barber and Shelby and Peggy Shoemaker.

He is a graduate of Liberty County High School and Florida State University.

The wedding will be held this Saturday, April 5 at 4 p.m. (CT) at First Baptist Church of Blountstown. A reception will immediately follow in the Panhandle Pioneer Settlement Gym.

Please note that due to inclement weather, the couple has changed the location of the ceremony.



Ride the train at the park in Bristol April 12

Bring your family and friends for a free train ride on the Veterans Memorial Railroad on Saturday, April 12 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. (ET).

The park has a Railroad Caboose you can walk in, two pavilions for picnics, a walking trail, a playground, an air-conditioned depot with a train table with lots of trains for children's play.

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BIRTHDAYS



CHARISMA SHAYE GOFF
Charisma Shaye Goff will celebrate her ninth birthday on Monday, April 7. She is the daughter of Billy Goff of Blountstown and Jessica Goff of Quincy. Her grandparents are Carolyn Cook of Bristol and Mike and Susan Keith of Altha. Her great-grandparents are Albert and Elsie Osbourne of Georgia. She enjoys FSU football, hiking and camping, especially at the beach, reading Spiderwick and Diary of a Wimpy Kid books and spending time with her family. When she grows up she wants to be an anthropologist.

ALLIE ROBERTS
Allie Roberts will celebrate her fourth birthday on Wednesday, April 2. She is the daughter of Jared and Stephenie Roberts of Bristol. Her grandparents are Stephen and Vanesa Ford of Bristol, George and Stephanie Roberts of Panama City and Durwood and Mary Katherine McElvy of Wigham, GA. Her great-grandparents are Erika Ford of Bristol, Betty Roberts of Hosford and Laverne Whiddon of Climax, GA. She loves playing dress-up and wears a costume day and night.



Late Night Laughs

A RECAP OF RECENT OBSERVATIONS BY LATE NIGHT TV HOSTS.

The movie "Noah" comes out this weekend. It follows the story of a family trying to survive God's wrath on a giant boat for months. Or as that's more commonly known, a Carnival Cruise.

— JIMMY FALLON

It's baseball's opening day. This will be the first time the New York Yankees will be playing without the services of their relief ace Mariano Rivera since World War II.

— DAVID LETTERMAN

It's great to be here in Dallas for the Final Four. Of course, in Texas the Final Four refers to the number of Democrats in the Legislature.

— CONAN O'BRIEN

President Obama was at the Vatican today. He had his first meeting with Pope Francis. It was a casual meeting. They spoke privately for about an hour and grabbed lunch at the Cheesecake Factory.

— JIMMY KIMMEL

Pope Francis and President Obama met for the first time today and prayed together. Said Obama: "Lord, please help me accept the things I cannot change, which is everything."

— SETH MYERS

"Noah" tells the story of a man who takes on a massive project that no one believes in. Or as Obama put it, "Been there."

— JIMMY FALLON

I will try my hardest ever to give you people a great show. You know why? Because I know you're all armed.

— CONAN O'BRIEN

It's traditional for world leaders to exchange gifts when they meet for the first time. The Pope gave Obama his book and two medallions. The president gave him seeds from the vegetable garden. The Pope said, "Great, my favorite."

— JIMMY KIMMEL

Today the U.N. approved a resolution calling Russia's annexation of Crimea illegal. For those of you who don't know what a U.N. resolution is, it's about as powerful as a negative Yelp review.

— SETH MEYERS

At March Madness, Dayton beat Stanford to advance to the Elite Eight. Stanford students haven't been this disappointed since they didn't get into Harvard.

— JIMMY FALLON

The Philadelphia 76ers lost their 26th straight game last night to tie an NBA record. Yeah, they only TIED the record. Man, those guys can't win anything.

— JIMMY FALLON

The new movie "Noah" is a blockbuster but a lot of people say it's not accurate. I thought it was accurate, especially the part when the ark hits the iceberg.

— DAVID LETTERMAN

Lululemon is the company that makes yoga pants that are so tight they cut off circulation to the part of your brain that decides how much money is OK to spend on yoga pants.

— JIMMY KIMMEL

A British tech company has debuted new technology that lets clothing store mannequins talk about the outfit they are displaying. Said the inventor, "The idea came to me in a nightmare."

— SETH MYERS

You know the 76ers don't even have cheerleaders? They have "grief counselors."

— JIMMY FALLON

A lot of schools are banning the yoga pants because they're causing male students to go through puberty prematurely.

— JIMMY KIMMEL

After discovering a new dwarf planet orbiting the sun beyond Pluto, scientists have named it "2012 VP113" or "Biden" for short. Scientists say they chose the name because the planet, like Biden, is pretty far out there.

— SETH MEYERS



Presidents as permanent senators

WASHINGTON — Ex-presidents are an untapped natural resource. It should not be so.

Former President Jimmy Carter is making the rounds of the talk shows promoting his latest book, which focuses on human-rights abuses against women worldwide, which are often conducted in the name of religion. Carter at age 89 spends every day defying the voters who swept him out of office after one term. He sets a standard for public service that makes his years since leaving the White House his enduring legacy.

He also reminds us of the unique experience and knowledge that ex-presidents have, and how they could be put to greater use once their term is over. Carter's biggest foreign policy achievement as president was the Camp David peace accords that he personally hammered out between Israeli Prime Minister Begin and Egyptian President Sadat. For all the turmoil in the Middle East, that peace treaty endures today, a testament to Carter's determination and willingness to take political risks.

Subsequent presidents have occasionally called upon Carter to undertake diplomatic missions that he was uniquely suited for, but none tapped Carter for a continuing role in the Middle East as perhaps a special envoy. As Carter himself acknowledged in interviews this week, his outspokenness on sensitive matters has made him too much of a lightning rod for presidents of either political party.

But what if Carter were in the U.S. Senate, a permanent member with voting privileges who could speak his mind without fear of losing an election, who could cross the political aisle at will, and who could bring his considerable expertise to any debate. What if every president upon leaving the White House could then enter the Senate; it would help ease the gridlock, bringing an independence of mind and party, Republicans and Democrats alike, men and someday women tempered by the experience of having held the highest office in the land.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

by Douglas Cohn and Eleanor Clift

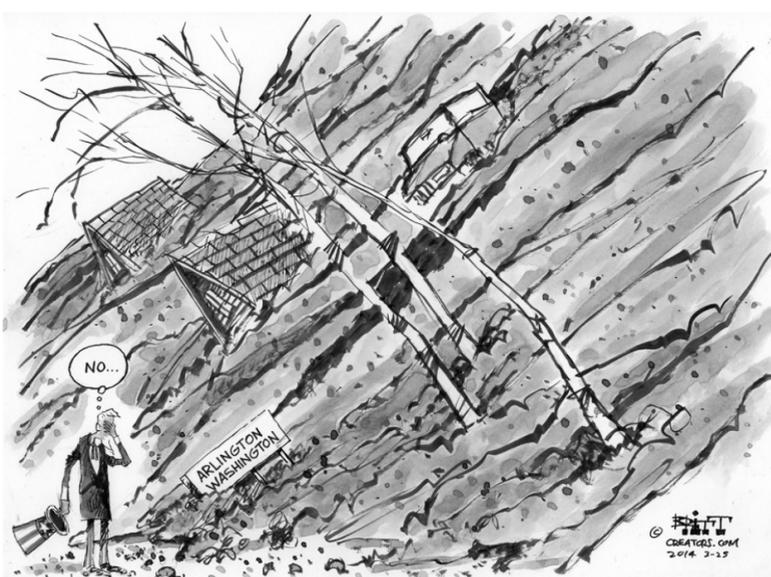
It would take a constitutional amendment, and some spoilsport would say, what about President Nixon? It was hard

enough for much of the country to accept Richard Nixon's forced resignation and President Ford's pardoning his predecessor. Imagine if a Senate seat had been Nixon's consolation prize. Yet Nixon's policies were never the problem; he was a moderate Republican. Even though he had been disgraced, politicians in both parties thereafter sought his advice and counsel.

So set aside Nixon, and think of the contributions to the current debate that our ex-presidents could make, Carter, Bill Clinton, and the two Bushes, father and son. The younger Bush, whose antipathy to Washington is well known, could bring something valuable based on his eight years as president in a time of two wars, wars of his own making.

Even Republican Herbert Hoover, whose failure to grasp the magnitude of the Great Depression still marks him as a failed president, was called back into service by President Truman, a Democrat, to give advice on aid to Europe at the end of World War II. Hoover had been dubbed the "Napoleon of Mercy" for his successful effort to provide food to war-torn Belgium during World War I. John Quincy Adams, after losing reelection to Andrew Jackson in 1828, ran for Congress and served nine terms in the House after exiting the White House.

President Obama often says he has waged his last election, and it's unlikely any modern president would leave the White House and run for another office. An automatic stepping stone to the Senate might not even be that appealing. Obama in particular wasn't that happy there, serving only part of one term. Like his predecessors, Obama is expected to carve out a cause or an area of public service where he can make an impact. As for Carter, who invented the idea of the post-presidency, asked this week by humorist Stephan Colbert what inspired him, Carter said simply, "I didn't have anything else to do."



OUTDOORS

Why the turkeys usually win

Ladies and gentlemen, turkey season is here. The target species is a large, amorous bird that flies awkwardly and has a brain the size of a walnut. He can't smell very well, doesn't have thumbs and speaks very little English. He hasn't mastered fire, isn't on Facebook and lacks the technical capabilities to enrich uranium.

Given these natural advantages, you'd think our hunting success rate would be much higher. Yet more times than not, most of us come home empty handed.

That's right, sometimes we're outwitted by poultry.

It's the kind of thing that makes non-hunters wonder if we're really going

to the woods or just a bad pre-dawn fashion show. So in the interest of helping us all save face, I want to offer a few points you can use to explain why turkeys keep making us look like chumps, despite being as dumb as they are delicious.

The first reason is the nature of nature. Gobblers don't like to put a lot of effort into dating and mating. Strutting and gobbling usually bring females to them. Calling is an attempt to either lure one away from a sure thing, or attract one of his less popular buddies.

Assuming our calling is good enough, we still have to contend with their eyesight. God may have given turkeys a permanent seat on

nature's short bus, but he also gave them the ability to see it coming from a mile away. One false move and they'll run away without so much as a wave goodbye.

Turkeys are also temperamental. Some mornings, they won't shut up. On others, they won't make a sound. Occasionally they come running straight to you and sometimes they don't move at all. And forget about sneaking up on one. They'll be gone before you finish the thought.

When you do manage to get one in range, they can still be hard to actually kill. This past weekend, a friend of mine tried to make a headshot so he wouldn't damage the breast. Just as he pulled the trigger, the

turkey moved his head and he came home with nothing.

Those are all very legitimate reasons why turkey hunting is literally a hit or miss proposition.

It also helps explain to the non-hunters in your life why things like full-body camouflage, a dozen different calls, a head net, decoys, Thermacell and special "turkey load" shotgun shells are absolute necessities.

What it doesn't explain is how our great-grandparents managed to kill so many turkeys before most of those things existed.

Here's a helpful tip: Try to steer the conversation away from that topic.

JIM McCLELLAN'S OUTDOORS Down South

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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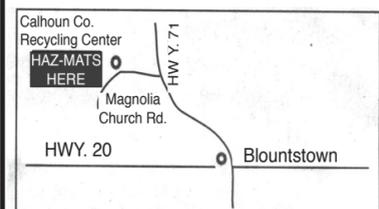
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Ashley Everette receives Shine Award from Gov. Scott

On March 18, during a meeting of the Florida Cabinet, Governor Rick Scott recognized three outstanding North Florida educators for their contributions to learning with the Governor's Shine Awards.

The teachers were recently named District Teachers of the Year for their respective counties. The Shine Award is presented to Floridians who have positively helped children through education.

Governor Scott said, "I am honored to present these educators from North Florida with the Shine Award for their commitment to education in Florida. Teachers provide our students with the foundation for success and a quality education. With this training ground, Florida's students are among the best and the brightest in the nation."

Shine Award Recipients:

Ashley Everett, Calhoun County, Blountstown Elementary School – Ashley Everett has been teaching at Blountstown Elementary School for nine years. She has served in her current position as a 5th grade teacher for the past two years. Everett not only motivates her students academically, she also helps them to develop socially. She works hard to build their confidence by displaying their progress via a "Brag Board," where she highlights students who made the "Top 5" largest growths on tests or activities. Everett believes it is important to base successes on "how far we have come not how high we are."

Jennifer Amman, Taylor County, Perry Primary School – Jennifer Amman works hard to enable every child to begin their educational journey in a positive and caring classroom. She has been teaching in kindergarten at Perry Primary



Gov. Rick Scott presents Blountstown Elementary School teacher Ashley Everette - one of three honored on March 18 during a meeting of the Florida Cabinet - with the Shine Award.

School since 2008. She has been described by her colleagues as a "problem solver, an innovator and a dynamic member of the Perry Primary School team." Amman's enthusiasm, love and passion for teaching are evident not only in her classroom, but also in the many roles she fills.

John Kane, Wakulla County, Riversprings Middle School – John Kane is an 8th grade teacher at Riversprings Middle School. He has been teaching for eight years. He is a hardworking, dedicated teacher with a relentless determination to prepare students for success in the classroom, in the workplace and in life. To provide assistance for students who may be struggling in math, Kane hosts a daily after-school mathematics tutoring program that is open to all middle school and high school students in Wakulla County School District.

Each of Florida's 67 school districts selects a Teacher of the Year who is then considered for statewide recognition. The Florida Teacher of the Year is chosen from 192,000 public school teachers throughout the state by a selection committee representing teachers, principals, parents and the business community. Florida's top educator is selected on the basis of the superior ability to teach and communicate knowledge of the subject taught, professional development, philosophy of teaching and outstanding school and community service. The most important qualification is the teacher's ability to inspire a love of learning in students of all backgrounds and abilities.



Jimmy Rogers presented with 'Make Their Day Better' award

CALHOUN COUNTY – Calhoun County Superintendent of Schools Ralph Yoder, announced that Jimmy Rogers was recently recognized as the recipient of the "Make Their Day Better" award for the month of February.

This monthly award was instituted by Superintendent Yoder to recognize individuals that make a difference in the day of fellow staff members, students and/or parents.

Rogers was selected from twelve nominations that were submitted by administrators and colleagues working in the Calhoun County School district.

He has been working for the Calhoun County School Board for 14 years, but has been teaching for a total of 25 years. Currently, he is employed at Blountstown Middle School as the P.E. teacher and coaches several sports. When asked what he enjoys most about coaching and

teaching, Rogers stated, "I enjoy teaching the kids the value of hard work and seeing them develop as students and athletes as they master the fundamentals of whatever they are learning."

Jimmy was nominated for how he handled an emergency situation with a recent student injury. He, along with BMS principal Neva Miller, provided calm assurance to the injured student, siblings and parents. Together, they made a difference during this emergency situation, as well as the days following the incident.

Neva Miller, Principal of Blountstown Middle School stated, "Jimmy is an asset to BMS. He has stepped up to the plate and is making a difference in the gym and on the ball fields. I'm thankful that he is part of the BMS team."

Congratulations to Jimmy Rogers as he works daily to make other's days better.



STEM event students compete in Rube Goldberg Challenge at Chipola College

A FloridaLearns STEM Scholars event took place on the campus of Chipola College Tuesday, March 18 for students in Holmes, Liberty and Washington Counties.

The event involved high school students enrolled in the FloridaLearns STEM Scholars Initiative

for Gifted and Talented Students in Florida's Rural School Districts.

Students in grades 9-12, worked in teams, competed in a Rube Goldberg Challenge using only the materials provided by the instructors.

The challenge is designed to stimulate ingenuity and imagination

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Such activities are an important component of the curriculum to help foster team building skills as well as inspire and motivate students toward higher education and ultimately a career in a STEM related field.

State Farm makes donation to support Florida Standards

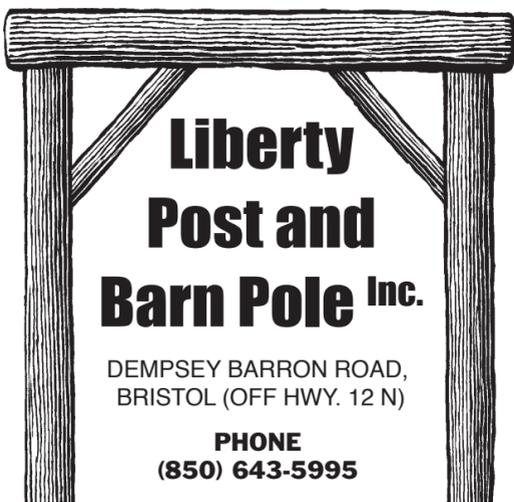
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., March 27, 2014 – Videos starring the Florida Standards are in the works to spread the word about how best to teach the concepts to students. State Farm is partnering with the Florida Education Foundation and the Florida Department of Education to help bring the project to life. State Farm contributed \$100,000 to make the project possible.

The video series is titled, "We Can Do This, Florida!" and will focus on kindergarten through 5th grade mathematics standards.

"Great teachers make great schools," said State Farm Senior Vice President Jim Thompson. "This commitment will help provide vivid examples of the Florida Standards to teachers across the state, allowing them to push students to achieve more."

The video series is titled, "We Can Do This, Florida!" and will focus on kindergarten through fifth grade mathematics standards. They are being created as a resource for teachers, parents and postsecondary students in teacher education programs. The short videos will feature top teachers across the state in a classroom setting giving tips on teaching the Florida Standards.

"These more rigorous Florida Standards are already pushing our students to reach their full potentials today by helping prepare them for the colleges and workplaces of tomorrow," said Commissioner of Education Pam Stewart. "I want to thank State Farm for this contribution that I know will be a great asset to Florida teachers and students. The series is expected to be released in the fall of 2014."



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SCHOOL NEWS



Pictured are students of Altha School's Team Titanium and Team Ain't Care who participated in the Robotics Contest held March 20. Team Titanium set a course record, beating Team Ain't Care by eight seconds.

Altha School sets course record in Robotics Contest

Fifteen teams of students from across five counties competed against each other using student designed and built robots in the seventh annual robotics contest sponsored by CareerSource Chipola and Opportunity Florida on March 20.

The contest challenged the students to create robots that could race down an obstacle course in the fastest time as well as create log books designed to document the design and build of their robots.

Team Titanium from Altha High School set a course record in the finals to defeat Team Ain't Care, also from Altha, by eight seconds. Gearheads from Marianna High School came in third and Insane in the Membrane from Holmes County High School came in fourth.

Bethlehem's Team Wildcat won the Log Book portion of the contest with Vernon's Team Kloutz placing second and Insane in the Membrane taking third.

Team Kolutz also took home the prize for Most Unique Design and the Sportsmanship award.

The contest was started by CareerSource Chipola to give area educators an extra tool to use as they help youth learn how to think critically, problem solve and

work as a team.

Richard Williams, Executive Director of CareerSource Chipola, said the contest is a fun way for students to expand their classroom knowledge. "Each year we are amazed by the creative designs the students develop and the way they bring those designs to life," Williams said. "These students are getting hands on experience in science, technology, engineering and math in a way that allows them to do more than just read about it in a book."

He added, "Anyone that thinks the youth of today don't have the tools to excel in the future needs to come to this contest next year and watch these students because they are amazing."

Byron Ward, Chair of Opportunity Florida, said he was impressed by the level of technical skill on display. "These students have obtained the fundamental elements that it will take to be successful in whatever life brings their way. Simply put, they are winners," Ward said.

We would like to congratulate all the winners and also thank the teachers, students and parents that participated.

Lady Wildcats end season with 10-0 record; captures first Conference title

The Altha Lady Wildcat middle school softball team recorded an undefeated 10-0 record this season, as well as captured their first Panhandle Conference Championship - a first for the school in any sport. They outscored their opponents 141-56 on the field this year.

"Many of these girls have been playing Dixie ball together since they were 6 years old," said Head coach LeAnn Hall. "It was exciting to watch them perform on the field and at the plate to get the win. Many times they fought back from a deficit to still record the win."

The team was comprised of three eighth graders: Megan Mantecon, Lauren Martin and Sheryl Smith; four seventh



graders: Paityn Parker, Madison Hathaway, Makayla Braxton, Anna Alday; seven sixth graders: Mallory Dalton, Hadley Barfield, Abby Ham, Allyson Mears, Delaney Lister, Morgan Raper and Bobbi Finuff.

This group has a great softball future ahead of them. Much appreciation goes to the parents and supporters of these athletes. We are thankful for your commitment to the success of this program.

BHS Softball team praised for outstanding spirit shown to injured Vernon High player

Brian Riviere, Vernon High School Principal, requested that Ralph Yoder, Superintendent of Calhoun County Schools, extend his appreciation to the Blountstown Softball Team and their coaches for the spirit in which they greeted the Vernon High Softball Team as they arrived to the BHS softball field on Tuesday, March 18.

The Vernon Team arrived to the field and found a large banner, planned and created by the BHS softball players, displayed on the dugout. The banner was decorated in the VHS colors and embellished with the Vernon mascot. It read, "Team Andrea." The girls also wore blue ribbons in their hair to show support for the Vernon player. Andrea recently suffered a heartbreaking injury in which she lost the lower half of her leg.

When asked about the banner, the girls said that they just wanted to express their concern for Andrea, her teammates and her family. The girls acted on their own in this very



moving show of compassion. Coach Johnson is very proud of his team and told them that this gesture showed what great people they are.

Mr. Yoder requested that BHS Principal, Dr. Debbie Williams, pass his thanks to whoever was responsible for this gesture of kindness and sportsmanship. Dr. Williams is very pleased to acknowledge the BHS softball team members for their great expression of compassion and character.

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THE CITY OF BRISTOL HAS ADOPTED A NEW POLICY RELATED TO BEGGING AND SOLICITING DONATIONS ON PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY WITHIN THE INCORPORATED CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BRISTOL. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES WISHING TO BEG OR SOLICIT DONATIONS ON PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY IN THE CITY OF BRISTOL SHALL BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A PERMIT, AND SHALL AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE ADOPTED POLICY SET FORTH BELOW:

City of Bristol Begging and Soliciting Policy

Henceforth, individuals or entities wishing to Beg or Solicit donations on public rights-of-way within the City of Bristol shall:

1. Be required to obtain a permit from the City of Bristol that will be valid for one day. Such permit will state the purpose, date, and location of the activity and must be agreed to and signed by the person assuming responsibility.
2. The activity will be for a legitimate purpose and not for individual gain.
3. Activity will be conducted during daylight hours and during good visibility.
4. Activity will not impede traffic flow.
5. Persons entering the roadway must be at least 18 years of age.
6. The City Clerk shall notify the Liberty County Sheriff's Office of the planned activity and request monitoring of said activity as workloads allow.
7. The City of Bristol reserves the right to deny any and all Permit requests.

Adopted in open session of the
Bristol City Council on March 10, 2014.

BHS calendar of events

- *Wednesday, April 2 - FCA Huddle during lunch
- *Thursday, April 3 - Softball vs. East Gadsden, away at 4 p.m.
- *Friday, April 4 - Chipola Math Competition; Baseball vs. Sneads, home at 6 p.m.; Softball vs. Altha, home at 6 p.m.; Honor Roll Assembly
- *Saturday, April 5 - Brain Bowl Competition in Marianna; Baseball vs. Marianna, away at 12/2:30 p.m.; Softball vs. Wewa, home at 10 a.m.
- *Monday, April 7 - FCAT Reading Retakes
- *Tuesday, April 8 - FCAT Reading Retakes; District Track Meet at Wewa, 8:30 a.m.; Baseball vs. McClay, home at 4:30 p.m.; Softball vs. Liberty, away at 6 p.m.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

On behalf of Liberty County Search and Rescue, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for all that this community and our neighboring communities contributed to our team as well as the Anders family during our recent recovery efforts of one of our fellow residents, classmate, husband, father and friend, Curtis Anders.

Liberty County truly lost a great man, but as always, God will make something good happen even through bad situations. He did this by allowing families to come closer, friends to show compassion and neighbors to become more acquainted and work together. People gave their time, money, food, equipment, fuel and many other resources to help in our search and recovery. This is the very reason that makes our small towns so special. We are there for each other in times of crisis.

Once again, thank you Liberty, Gulf, Calhoun, Franklin, Leon, Wakulla, Gadsden, Bay, all the local churches and all those who contributed to the success of bringing Curtis home to his family. We appreciate you!

Sincerely, Rhonda Lewis, Director Liberty County Emergency Mgt.; Liberty County Search and Rescue; Washington County Search and Rescue; FSU Dive Team (Panama City Branch); 1st Response (Monticello); Houston County Rescue (Dothan) and R & R Construction (Panama City)



We would like to give a huge thanks to the entire community for supporting Madison Anderson. The Bake Sale at Smith's Supermarket in Altha this past Saturday and Sunday raised between \$1,400 and \$1,500!

We would like to thank Bill and Christine Smith for allowing us to set up the Bake Sale outside their store. Along with Jackie Taylor, Jennifer Branning, Wanda Allen, Jean Adkins, Weleska Shelton, Jackie Berens, Melba Hall, Merle Rackley, Diane Bramblett, Amy Bates, Volena Barfield, Courtney Sessions, Jennifer Bates, Bonnie Miller, Edwina Johnston, Brittany Wooten, all the anonymous donors, and anyone else that may have been left out who baked goods, donated money or gave gift cards.

A huge thanks to Susanne Bramblett, Wanda

Allen, Tyler Hill and Heidi Scharlach for taking the time to work the booths.

The community support has been overwhelming and will help the family focus on the needs of Madison. Thank you and God bless to everyone that has helped this family.

*Thank you again,
Madison Anderson and family*



The family of the late Deacon Lawrence Baker would like to say thank you to the staff of Crawford and Moultry Funeral Home, Elder E. Brigham and members of True Holiness Church of Christ Written in Heaven, Pastor Larry Brown and members of St. Paul AME Church, Bishop Walter Williams and members of Faison Temple Church of Christ Written in Heaven, Pastor Mark Dudley and to Bishop Almando Mullings.

We thank our many friends and family members who called, visited, sent cards, food, and flowers or just spoke words of comfort. We know you are with us in our time of sorrow, sharing our prayers, today and tomorrow.

God gives us comfort in the form of family and friends, may his peace be with you, and his love never ends.

*Sincerely,
The family of Deacon Lawrence Baker*



The Anders family would like to thank everyone for their support during their recent loss of Curtis, who was a loving husband, father, son, brother, uncle and friend to many. Curtis meant so much to so many people across our community and it showed at the river and at his memorial service.

We would love to thank everyone personally, but that would probably be impossible to list everyone that had prayed, cried, hugged, gave shelter, searched and talked with us over the last several weeks.

We, as the Anders family, would like to say thank you and we wouldn't have made it through the weeks of searching and the memorial service without the love you showed us during our time of need.

Sincerely, The family of Curtis Anders

OBITUARY

ROBERT LEE THOMPSON

BRISTOL - Robert Lee Thompson, 88, of Bristol, passed away Monday, March 31, 2014 in Tallahassee. He was a member of Bristol First Baptist Church. He served in the United States Army during World War II and is considered a hero in the Battle of the Bulge. He staked his life to save fellow Americans who were pinned down by a German battle tank. He was a member of the American Legion, Masonic Dixie Lodge #109, and Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 12010. In a formal ceremony in Tallahassee he was awarded the prestigious French Legion of Honor medal.



He was preceded in death by his foster parents, Lettie and Earl Brown; his wife, Bruce; two sons, Bobby Lee Thompson and William Allen Thompson; a stepson, Everett Perkins.

Survivors include a stepson, Daniel Perkins of Daytona; two daughters, Wanda Campbell and her husband, Billy of Chattahoochee and Deborah Peddie and her husband, Wayne of Bristol; a stepdaughter, Judy Locke and her husband, Dale of Tallahassee; one sister, Helen King of Turlock, CA; 12 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

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

Services will be held Thursday, April 3 at 11 a.m. (ET) at Bristol First Baptist Church with Reverend Roger Phillips officiating. Interment will follow in Bristol Cemetery with military honors.

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

NEWS from the PEWS

JEHOVAH'S WITNESS ASSEMBLY - The Blountstown Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses will be attending a Special Assembly Day on Saturday, April 5 at the Marina Civic Center in Panama City. The theme of the assembly is, "God's Word Exerts Power," drawn from Hebrews 4:12.

Speakers at the assembly will bring out how the Bible has the power to transform us, bringing our thoughts and ways into harmony with God's will. They will show just how powerful God's word is, and how we individually can fully utilize its power in our lives.

Those in attendance can listen to the answer for questions like: Why we can have confidence in God's word? How can we avoid falling prey to the deceptive power of Satan's world? What is the key to changing our lives even if we have strongly entrenched bad habits and attitudes?

All can benefit from this fine program. All in the community are invited to attend. The program will begin at 9:40 a.m. There is no admission charge and no collections will be taken.



ABE SPRINGS PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH - We would like to invite everyone to join us as we celebrate 74 years of service to the Lord Sunday, April 6. Service will begin at 9:45 a.m. (CT) for Sunday School and praise and worship to the Lord will begin at 10:45 a.m. (CT). If you are a former member, current member or just a visitor, we invite you to come. After services we will be having lunch in the fellowship hall. Come bring a cover dish and let us fellowship together. Pray that you will make plans to come.



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BRISTOL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH - We would like to invite you to an Easter Eggstravaganza Saturday, April 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (ET).

Join us for this fun and free event for the whole family. Hear the real Easter story, play fun games, bounce

houses, pony rides, lunch and more.

We are located at 12413 NW Solomon Street, Bristol. (850) 643-5733.



CORINTHBAPTIST CHURCH - Corinth Baptist Church invites everyone to join them at their annual Gospel Jubilee Saturday, April 5.

The day will include a chicken pilau, which will run from 12 - 5:30 p.m. for a suggested donation of \$6 per plate. The day will progress to a concert beginning at 6 p.m. featuring The Parish Family and Undivided.

For more information feel free to call Pastor Kyle Peddie at (850) 556-1881 or James Thorpe at (850) 379-8455.

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Representative in Congress: District 2
Florida Cabinet - Governor
Florida Cabinet - Lieutenant Governor
Florida Cabinet - Attorney General
Florida Cabinet - Chief Financial Officer
Florida Cabinet - Commissioner of Agriculture
State Representative: District 7
First District Court of Appeal: Retention of Six Judges
Circuit Judge, Second Judicial Circuit: Groups 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13 and 16
Chipola River Soil and Water Conservation District: Groups

1, 2, 4 and 5
Superintendent of Schools
School Board: Districts 3, 4 and 5
County Commissioner: Districts 2 and 4

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AVISO DE ELECCIONES
GENERALES**

Yo, Ken Detzner, Secretario de Estado del Estado de la Florida, por el presente notifico que se llevarán a cabo ELECCIONES GENERALES en el Condado de LIBERTY, Estado de la Florida, el día CUATRO de NOVIEMBRE de 2014 d. C., para determinar la ocupación o la retención de los siguientes cargos:

Representante ante el Congreso: distrito 2
Gabinete de la Florida - Gobernador

Gabinete de la Florida - Vice-gobernador
Gabinete de la Florida - Funcionario Principal de Finanzas
Gabinete de la Florida - Director Financiero
Gabinete de la Florida - Comisionado de Agricultura
Representante Estatal: distrito 7
Tribunal de Apelaciones del 1.er Distrito: retención de 6 jueces
Juez del Circuito, 2.º Circuito Judicial: grupos 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13 y 16
Distrito de Conservación de Tierra y Agua de Chipola River: grupos 1, 2, 4 y 5
Superintendente Escolar
Junta Escolar: distritos 3, 4 y 5
Comisionado del Condado: distritos 2 y 4

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**NOTICE TO RECEIVE
SEALED BIDS**

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

CHATTAHOOCHEE CIRCLE

This project will include the resurfacing of Chattahoochee Circle and Flint Avenue.

Shoulder re-grading, thermoplastic striping, reflective pavement markers, side drain replacement with mitered end sections and seeding and sodding are also included.

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

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

All bidders shall be pre-qualified with the Florida Department of Transportation per Section 2-1 of the F.D.O.T. Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, 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 "CHATTAHOOCHEE CIRCLE".

Bids will be received until **2:00 p.m. Eastern Time, on Wednesday, April 9, 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 Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time. Liberty County Board of Commissioners is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Handicapped Accessible/Fair Housing Jurisdiction.

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

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

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8 positions - Temporary/seasonal work. Stable Attendants needed to handle horses. Work includes feeding, watering, turning out horses and general farmwork, from 5/9/2014 to 11/30/2014 at Country Life Farm LLP, Fallston, MD. 12 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. Raise/bonus at employer discretion. Workers are guaranteed ¾ of work hours of total period. Work tools, supplies, equipment supplied by employer without charge to worker. Housing with kitchen facilities provided at no cost to only those workers who are not reasonably able to return same day to their place of residence at time of recruitment. Transportation and subsistence expenses to work site will be paid to nonresident workers not later than upon completion of 50% of the job contract. Interviews required. Apply for this job at nearest State Workforce Agency in state in which this ad appears, or One-Stop Career Center, 16908 NE Pear St., Ste. 2, Blountstown, FL 32424. Provide copy of this ad. MD Job Order #320229. PO BA3072 4-2-14

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North Florida Child Development, Inc. is seeking a Family and Community Partnership Specialist for its 0-5 year programs. Preferred a minimum of BS in Social Work or related field, 2 or more years' experience in the social work field. Knowledge of community social services agencies, family involvement programs, and must have a background in delivering relationship skills training to low-income community.

**Early Child Development
and Disability Specialist**

North Florida Child Development is seeking an Early Child Development and Disability Specialist for our 0-5 year programs. Must have a Bachelor's degree or advance degree in early childhood education; or a

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Lichen is shown on the trunk of an oak tree. Spanish Moss is pictured below.



Common myths about Spanish Moss & Lichen

by Julie McConnell, UF/IFAS Bay County Horticulture Extension Agent I

Spanish moss and lichen have earned an inaccurate reputation for damaging trees and shrubs in the Florida landscape. Although they may be found in plants that are in decline or showing stress symptoms, they are simply taking advantage of space available to survive. Both plants are epiphytes and are obtaining moisture and nutrients from the atmosphere rather than from the plants they rest upon.

Lichen are more commonly found on plants that are in poor health because they need a plant that is growing slowly and access to sunlight. These conditions can typically be found in thin canopies of trees and shrubs under stress. Although they are firmly attached to the surface of the plant, they are not taking nutrients from the tree or shrub, but rather from the air and other sources such as organic debris and bird excrement. If you find lichen on your landscape plants, look further into what stress factors might be causing the plant to grow slowly such as compacted soil, extreme weather conditions, drought stress, disease or insect pressure.

Spanish moss does not harm trees and many people find it an appealing asset to their landscapes. Common misconceptions about Spanish moss include that the weight causes branches to break and that it is a host site for chiggers. Spanish moss is very light and any additional weight is typically insignificant. Although it may harbor some insects and provide nesting material for birds and other wildlife, Spanish moss in trees is not a site conducive to chiggers because they favor low-lying moist environments.

To read more about Spanish moss, lichens, and other common epiphytes please read the EDIS publication "Spanish Moss, Ball Moss, and Lichens – Harmless Epiphytes."

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For more information about Sophie or any of our other adoptable animals please visit our website, www.alaqua-animalrefuge.org/FindAPet or visit us at 914 Whitfield Road, Freeport, FL 32439, or call us at (850) 880-6399.

Alaqua Animal Refuge is a no-kill animal refuge located in Northwest Florida. The refuge has placed over 9,000 animals of all kinds since its inception in 2007, and has grown to become a recognized leader in animal welfare and animal cruelty prevention. To learn more about how you can help, visit our website at: www.AlaquaAnimalRefuge.org/HowToHelp.

school lunch menu

April 2 - April 8

CALHOUN

WEDNESDAY
BREAKFAST: Grits w/ ham cubes, sweet potato muffin, assorted juice.
LUNCH: Corn dog nuggets*, buffalo chicken wrap, chef salad w/ WG bread stick, french fries, easy baked carrots, fruit.

THURSDAY
BREAKFAST: Waffles w/ syrup, turkey sausage, assorted juice.
LUNCH: Parmesean chicken w/ W/G pasta, chicken sandwich w/ WG roll, chicken caesar salad w/ WG bread stick, steamed broccoli, carrot sticks w/ ranch, fruit.

FRIDAY
BREAKFAST: Sausage biscuit, potato rounds, assorted juice.
LUNCH: Cheeseburger on WG bun*, HM cheese pizza, taco

salad w/ WG chips, baked potato wedges, sliced tomatoes/lettuce, fresh fruit.

MONDAY
BREAKFAST: Egg and cheese biscuit, potato rounds, assorted juice.
LUNCH: Chicken nuggets*, cheeseburger on WG bun, caesar salad w/ WG breadstick, sweet potatoes, green beans, fruit.

TUESDAY
BREAKFAST: Scrambled eggs w/ grits, buttered toast, assorted juice.
LUNCH: Hamburger steak w/ gravy w/ WG roll*, ranch chicken wrap, chef salad w/ WG bread stick, W/G rice, black eyed peas, carrot sticks, fruit.

LIBERTY

WEDNESDAY
BREAKFAST: French toast sticks, sausage patty, banana
LUNCH: BBQ Chicken, glazed carrots, collard greens, frozen peach cup, cornbread.

THURSDAY
BREAKFAST: Biscuit w/ sausage and gravy, grape juice
LUNCH: Grilled chicken sandwich, sweet potato wedges, green peas, pears.

FRIDAY
BREAKFAST: Manager's choice.

LUNCH: Cheese or pepperoni pizza, romaine salad, corn, banana.

MONDAY
BREAKFAST: Sausage patty, WGR biscuit, frozen peach cups.
LUNCH: Chicken tenders, hamburger steak, sweet potato wedges, green peas, applesauce, whole grain roll.

TUESDAY
BREAKFAST: Pancake puffs and frozen strawberry cup.
LUNCH: Sloppy Joe's, baked potato wedges, broccoli, banana.

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LOST: Blue pit bull terrier about 4 months old and 25 - 30 lbs. last seen on Sunday around 10 a.m. behind Lake Mystic Church. He has no collar but there is a distinctive white spot on his head. His name is Smoke. If you find him please call (850) 643-5559 or (850) 447-3475. 3-26, 4-2

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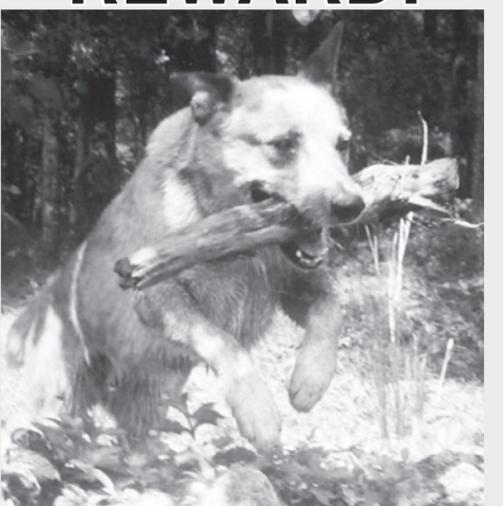
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 Week of April 2 - April 8, 2014

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
 Aries, you have a great deal of energy but have no idea where to focus all of it. This could be a good week to visit with friends and family and spend time together.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
 Don't get swept away by old habits, Taurus. It is time to try something new and get a new perspective. Accept a new challenge and you will be glad for having done so.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
 Gemini, you may be tempted to question the actions of others this week. But try to focus instead on what you are doing and do not be concerned with the motivations of other people.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
 Cancer, you have to go to great lengths to get your point across this week. Approach such situations with tact and patience and do your best to simplify your point of view.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
 Leo, all you need is a little spark to motivate you this week. You may be able to tackle projects around the house or assignments at work with ease and a little inspiration.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
 Virgo, your romantic life is full of complicated patterns and obstacles, which could be taking their toll on your relationship. Some subtle changes might get things back on track.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
 Unfortunately, sitting back and doing nothing this week will move you nowhere fast, Libra. The vacation is over; you need to find the motivation to increase the pace.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
 Things move along quite smoothly for you this week, Scorpio. There are plenty of distractions heading your way, but do your best to stay focused.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
 Get outdoors and enjoy some fresh air, Sagittarius. Fresh air is just what you need after a bout of cabin fever. The weather is breaking and outside projects beckon.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
 Capricorn, start planning a much-needed vacation for you and your significant other. Some time away from the hustle and bustle is just what the both of you need.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
 Trust your instincts, Aquarius. When something seems off-kilter, you owe it to yourself to trust your gut and speak up, even if others aren't ready to believe you.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
 Express your passion for a special project to a loved one, Pisces. Don't be afraid to share your feelings with those closest to you.



ABOVE: Officer Christiane Blackwood with Warden Scott Payne. RIGHT: Dogs sleep in kennels next to their trainer's bunks.



DOMENICK ESGRO PHOTOS

Men training dogs, dogs teaching men

Third group of CCI dogs will graduate soon from Unconditional Love program

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor
 BLOUNTSTOWN - Dogs with no where to go and men confined to a prison work camp are forging relationships that are helping both move forward.

The Unconditional Love Program, conducted through Alaqua Animal Refuge in Freeport, started last fall at Calhoun Correctional Institution. Inmates care for animals that may have been abused as well as abandoned, helping them learn some basic commands as well as teaching them to interact with people.

The third class of canines will graduate April 9. Another group of dogs will be brought in immediately afterwards and a new training cycle will begin. All graduates will be AKC Canine Good Citizen certified in basic obedience.

Once they complete the 10-week program, the dogs' chances of finding a new home improve dramatically. They've been crate-trained and learned to walk on a leash.

At the same time, their incarcerated caretakers find they enjoy taking care of the animals and creating a bond with them — even though it's a temporary one.

Two men are assigned to each dog; there are nine dogs in the current class.

The dogs sleep in kennels next to their caretakers' bunks in a dorm that houses 71 men. Even inmates not signed up for the program get some time with the dogs. Others in the dorm have painted murals featuring quotes like, "Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole" and "Men training dogs, dogs teaching men."

The opportunity to work with the dogs gives inmates something to look forward to as well as an incentive to stay out of trouble.

One man who has 16 months left on his sentence told a staff member that caring for a dog was "relaxing." He said, "I can't imagine doing my time without this."

It doesn't take long to notice the change in an inmate after they are assigned a dog, according to Officer Christiane Blackwood, who oversees the program at the Blountstown facility. "The men care about the dogs so much that they don't want to get in trouble and lose that privilege," she said. When an inmate starts taking care of a dog, he takes better care of himself as well. "We don't have to get on to them about shaving, keeping their hair cut or wearing their uniforms," Blackwood explained.

Inmates keep journals about their experiences working with the animals. A quick glance through a few excerpts show that the men are learning as much about themselves as the animals:

- "This program is way more important than just training and playing with dogs. It's about friendship and fellowship with our brothers in hard times away from our loved ones."

- "It teaches us leadership, confidence and gives us a chance to prove ourselves..."

- "I came from a broken home and just like these dogs, all we (the inmates) need is a second chance."

- "Lincoln (the dog) is still a little shy around officers but he's coming around...he's getting there."

- "My new pal, Lizzy, is slender and petite, elegant in demeanor and

Inmate Robbie Butler is proud of the work he's done with a tiny pooch called Andre. They are shown during the Jan. 21 graduation.



she has eyes the same color as mine. She has a grey mohawk that sets her apart from the other dogs...she's kind of wary. I have to build up her trust for me."

- "This program has given me hope after 16 years of incarceration and four years to go that upon my re-entry into the free world, I have a new skill and passion to look forward to. Not only do these dogs get a second chance at a new life, so do we."

The program is funded through donations to Alaqua Animal Refuge. They provide nine to 12 dogs each time, according to Blackwood, who said there is a long waiting list of inmates who want to take part in the program.

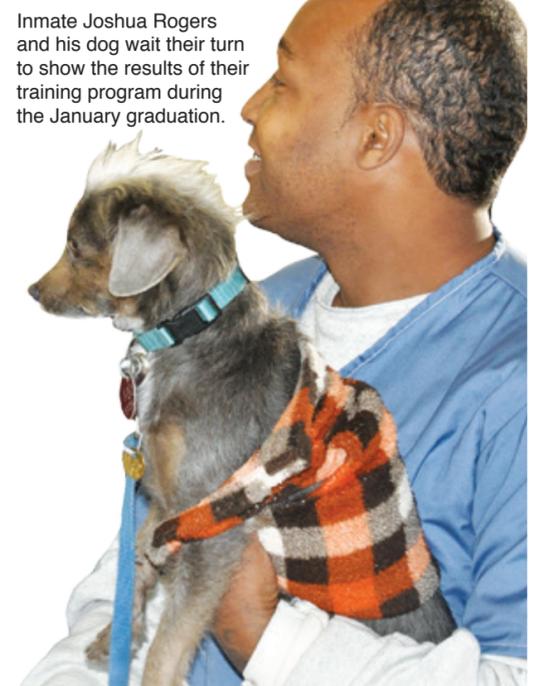
She said they are building a library for inmates interested in learning more about carrying for animals and would welcome any donations of books or videos on the topic.

They would also welcome any kind of dog toys and supplies for the program. She added, "We'd love to have some volunteers from the community with any knowledge of dogs who could assist us in socializing the animals and perhaps even help plan the graduation programs."

The animal refuge plans to expand the program to other area prisons. If you would like to learn more about the refuge, donate to the Unconditional Love Program or adopt a pet of your own, visit their website at www.alaquaanimalrefuge.org. Officer Blackwood can be reached at Blackwood.Christiane@mail.dc.state.fl.us. Many of the dogs taking part in the program are among those featured in our weekly "Adoptables" column in The Journal.



ABOVE: K-9 coordinator Nancy Bown walks Farley. BELOW: Inmates paint inspirational sayings on the walls of their dorm where they live with the dogs.



Inmate Joshua Rogers and his dog wait their turn to show the results of their training program during the January graduation.

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