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Gov. OKs funding for new school in Altha

CALHOUN COUNTY – Calhoun County Superintendent of Schools Ralph Yoder announced that the funding for the construction of a new Altha School received the nod of approval from Governor Rick Scott and the 2014 Florida Legislature. The funding was included in the budget passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Scott on June 2, 2014.

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) administers the Special Facilities Construction Account program, which is intended to assist small school districts construct educational facilities. The Special facility Construction Account program is governed by Florida Statutes and Rules of the State Board of Education, consequently, the process is very prescriptive.

The initial request for funding from the State of Florida began in early 2013 when FDOE approved the application for funding the Altha School construction project. In August 2013, Superintendent Yoder was accompanied by school board members and district staff in presenting the nearly $24 million request.

Governor Rick Scott's budget recommendation to the Legislature included full funding for the first of a three-year funding cycle. The project also received funding allocations when the Florida House of Representatives and Florida Senate passed their respective budget proposals during the 2014 legislative session.

Superintendent Yoder stated, "We are grateful that Governor Scott and the Florida Legislature recognized the importance of the Special Facility Construction Account program for small rural school districts. The Calhoun County School Board and Administrative Staff have worked tirelessly over the past several years to get to this point. We will continue to work closely with our legislative delegation to ensure subsequent year's funding is secured to fully fund and construct the new facility."

Kelly King, whose district includes Altha School stated, "I am thankful that the Florida Legislature saw fit to appropriate funds for Altha School. Once completed, the new facility will be a testament to the commitment we have to our students and providing every opportunity to ensure their success."

Danny Ryals, a graduate of Altha School shared these thoughts. "I look forward to the groundbreaking and ribbon cutting ceremonies at Altha

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CELEBRATING GRADUATION 2014

TOP LEFT: Dusty Young lets his buddy, Finn Prosser, wear his mortarboard and take a ride on his shoulders during the celebration outside the gym after Friday's graduation ceremony at Liberty County High School. TOP RIGHT: A spirited Altha graduate sinks a basket with his graduation cap after Thursday's ceremony. ABOVE: Blountstown High School classmates sing their alma mater after picking up their diplomas Friday night.

PHOTOS BY SHARON AUSTIN, DOMENICK ESGRO & DANIEL WILLIAMS

Mom, son & others facing charges in alleged insurance fraud scheme

by Teresa Eubanks,
Journal Editor

An Altha man, his mother and others are being charged with insurance fraud after they allegedly staged an accident between two vehicles in hopes of collecting insurance money, according to information from the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office.

Charges have been filed against Rodney Allan Bottoms, 45, and his mother, Donna Jean Bottoms, 70, for burning to defraud an insurer, insurance fraud and organized scheme to defraud. The son is also charged with arson and grand theft.

Others facing charges of burning to defraud an insurer include Talisha D. Gonzalez, 26; Pamala M. Mayo, 45; Anthony A. Polly, 32 and Amber L. Sirmans, 28.

According to the investigation by the Florida Division of Fraud, a 2000 Mitsubishi Eclipse owned by Rodney Bottoms and a 2003 Ford Focus belonging to Talisha Gonzalez were used to stage a crash near Clarksville on Melvin New Grade Road on Sept. 23, 2013.

RODNEY A. BOTTOMS

DONNA JEAN BOTTOMS

ANTHONY POLLY

PAM MAYO

Anthony Polly told the investigator that Rodney Bottoms paid him $2,500 in cash to run one of the cars into the other. He also admitted that he helped tow Bottoms' vehicle to the site because it was not operable.

Polly said he rammed the Ford into the Mitsubishi at a speed of 43 mph with his eyes closed, according to the investigator.

The impact left the Mitsubishi immobile and knocked the Ford into the ditch. Polly said he and Bottoms borrowed a truck and tried unsuccessfully to pull the Ford out of the ditch. He said they had planned to put the two vehicles together and set them on fire.

He said he later saw Bottoms pour gas into the Mitsubishi. He said he then set fire to a roll of toilet paper and tossed it in the car.

Witnesses who had been walking along the road that day told the investigator they saw Bottoms' Mitsubishi being towed to the scene before the staged accident. They also said they were aware his vehicle was not drivable for at least a month.

Gonzalez told FHP at the time

See **INSURANCE FRAUD** *continued on page 15*

Davis withdraws from race for superintendent

The number of candidates hoping to take on the job of Liberty County School Superintendent has dropped by one. Jill Davis - who was one of five vying for the position - has withdrawn her name.

Now narrowed down to four, the list includes Kathy Nobles, Greg "Coach" Solomon, David Summers and Rob Wheetley.

The current superintendent Tony Anderson had filed earlier to run for the two-year term in this special election but later withdrew his name.

Candidates who still want to get into that race can do so by paying the $5,380.68 fee during qualifying week, which runs from June 16 to noon on June 20.

The current candidates avoided paying the fee by filing by petition.

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ARREST REPORTS

Scuffle with deputy leads to man being tased, charged with assault

A man who made it clear he didn't want to go to jail is facing several charges after he refused a deputy's efforts to take him into custody Friday night.

Liberty County Deputy Corry Fletcher was dispatched to Duggar's Trailer Park on Rock Bluff Road shortly after 9 p.m. in response to a report of a man striking his neighbor in the face.

The deputy arrived and spoke with the victim, who said he was hit in the face by Leroy Williams III. Two witnesses stated they saw Williams walk into the victim's front yard and hit him two times.

The deputy found Williams, 30, sitting on the front steps of his trailer nearby and told him he was being charged with battery. Williams stood up as though he was going to allow the deputy to place him in handcuffs but then suddenly pushed him in the chest and told him, "you ain't ******* taking me."

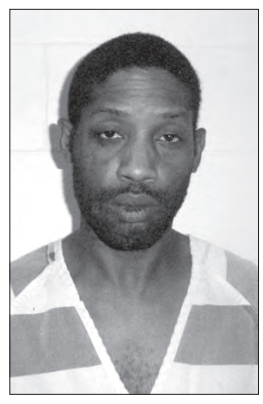
The deputy stepped over to his patrol car, grabbed his taser and called for backup. When Williams realized what he was doing, he ran inside his trailer.

Williams slammed the door on him when the deputy started to follow him inside. The deputy opened the door and entered the home, chasing after Williams who was running through the house.

The arrest report stated that Williams suddenly turned around and was holding something in his hand as he tried to kick and punch the deputy. Fletcher said Williams stated, "I have a knife."

The deputy then drew his gun, pointed it at Williams and ordered him to the drop the knife. Williams dropped the weapon. The deputy holstered his gun and took out his taser. As he started to handcuff him, Williams yelled that he wasn't going to jail.

The deputy fired the taser, causing Williams to drop to the ground. As Fletcher moved forward to handcuff him, Williams rolled over and kicked him in the shin.


LEROY WILLIAMS III

The taser was fired a second time but Williams remained combative. When Williams jumped to his feet and screamed that he wasn't going to jail, the deputy fired the taser a third time.

Williams was then handcuffed and taken into custody. A knife with an 8-inch blade was found in Williams' pocket.

As he was being placed in the back of a patrol car, Williams kicked the vehicle and managed to break free of his hand restraints and turned toward Fletcher.

The deputy backed away and drew his taser. Williams complied with an order to lay down across the back seat of the car.

Another pair of restraints were put on and he was taken to the emergency room, where it was found that he had broken his foot.

Fletcher was also treated and released for minor injuries.

Williams was charged with aggravated assault on a police officer, resisting arrest with violence and battery.

SHERIFF'S LOG

CALHOUN COUNTY

May 27

•James R. Conway, armed burglary, grand theft, criminal mischief, *CCSO*.

May 28

•Brion Alexander Hall, criminal registrant, *CCSO*.

•John Michael West, VOCR, *CCSO*.

May 29

•Zachery Tyler Carpenter, VOP, *CCSO*.

•Brenda Kay Moore, VOP, *CCSO*.

•Tyler Scott Elliott, possession of crystal meth, possession of synthetic marijuana, *CCSO*.

•Stewart, Diane Ammons, VOP, *CCSO*.

•James Phillip Mayo, criminal registrant, *CCSO*.

May 30

•Abraham Doyle Peacock, assault (domestic), resisting arrest without violence, *CCSO*.

May 31

•Daniel Taylor Stone, driving while license suspended or revoked, *CCSO*.

June 1

•Rodney Leon Broxton, out of county warrant, VOP, *CCSO*.

June 2

•Matthew Ryan Sourbeck, VOP, *CCSO*.

•Donna Jean Bottoms, burning to defraud the insurer, insurance fraud, organized scheme to defraud, *CCSO*.

•Rodney Allan Bottoms, arson, burning to defraud, insurance fraud, organized scheme to defraud, grand theft, *CCSO*.

LIBERTY COUNTY

May 28

•Gary Chapman, worthless checks, warrant, *LCSO*.

•Daryl Walker, grand theft, *LCSO*.

•Leroy Williams III, aggravated assault on a police officer, resisting arrest with violence, battery (touch or strike), *LCSO*.

May 29

•Sarah Johnson, holding for Gulf County, *GCSO*.

•Renell Thomas, holding for Gulf County, *GCSO*.

May 30

•Vinson Washington, holding for court, *DOC*.

•Michael Philpot, holding for court, *DOC*.

•Alvardo Obdulio, serving weekends, *LCSO*.

•Sandra Melvin, driving while license suspended or revoked, resisting arrest, *LCSO*.

May 31

•April Homes, holding for Gulf County, *GCSO*.

•Melissa Sims, holding for Gulf County, *GCSO*.

•Veronica Pickron, holding for Gulf County, *GCSO*.

•Shelby Schaffer, holding for Gulf County, *GCSO*.

•Rebecca Smith, holding for Gulf County, *GCSO*.

•Brenda Neel, holding for Gulf County, *GCSO*.

•Steven Ritcher, VOP, *LCSO*.

June 1

•Julio Nunez, VOP, serving 60 days, *LCSO*.

June 2

•Jay Jacobs, returned from Gulf County on prior charges, *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.

CORRECTION: In the May 21 issue of The Journal, the charge listed for Keri Hackel should have been tresspassing. The log mistakenly indicated she was arrested for delivery of methamphetamine. Please note that she was not.

Traffic stop results in arrest for meth and synthetic marijuana

A driver pulled over for not wearing his seat belt soon had bigger problems when a partially smoked marijuana cigarette fell out as an officer unfolded his vehicle registration papers.

Tyler Scott Elliott, 20, was stopped at Hayes Subdivision Road at SR 71 Thursday by Lt. Todd Wheetley, who then asked for his driver's license. Elliott handed over his license, along with his vehicle registration.

TYLER SCOTT ELLIOTT

The discovery of the marijuana gave the officer cause to search Elliott's truck.

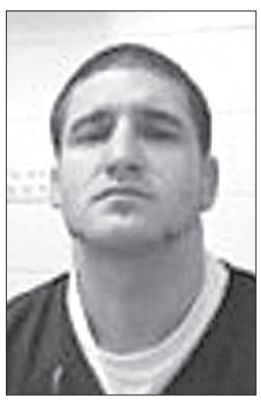
After having the driver step out, Wheetley took a look inside the vehicle. He reported finding a glass methamphetamine pipe with residue in the center console, along with a contact lens case that held a clear plastic bag with crystal meth inside and a square piece of clear plastic with suspected meth residue. A bag that held suspected synthetic marijuana was discovered in the ashtray.

The driver claimed the items belonged to him alone. His passenger was not charged.

Fountain man charged with stealing guns, coins and jewelry

A Fountain man is charged with armed burglary, grand theft and criminal mischief after several items, including two guns, were stolen during a break-in at an Altha residence on Dec. 11, 2013.

James R. Conway, 28, was taken into custody on May 27 after his girlfriend confirmed that Conway had been in possession of two semi-automatic handguns, some gold coins and several pieces of jewelry taken from the victim's home.


JAMES R CONWAY

On Dec. 15, 2013, Conway's girlfriend was contacted by the victim and her son, who came to the home she shared with Conway to claim the property. The meeting led to an altercation between Conway, the victim's son and a third person.

Calhoun County Sheriff's Office Investigator Lt. Jared Nichols later learned that on the date of the break-in, Conway had gotten a ride from an older man in his neighborhood to the victim's home.

Conway's girlfriend told the investigator that he admitted to her he had broken into the home and stolen several things.

Two arrested on drug charges when deputies arrive to serve warrant

An Altha man facing several charges in an insurance fraud case now has some drug charges to deal with after he and a friend were caught making methamphetamine in a shed behind his mother's home early this week.

RODNEY A. BOTTOMS

CASEY WILSON

Rodney Bottoms, 45, and a second man, identified as 32-year-old Casey Wilson of Fountain were on the property when deputies arrived to serve an arrest warrant Tuesday.

When deputies, along with an investigator with the Florida Division of Fraud, arrived, Wilson ran to the rear of the property and was apprehended after he jumped a fence.

Deptuies found a one-pot methamphetamine reaction vessel near the fence Wilson went over.

Bottoms was taken into custody after he was found in the shed, where investigators saw drug paraphernalia in plain view. The arrest report noted deputies collected two glass vials with methamphetamine, two syringes and a one-pot methamphetamine reaction vessel.

All items were photographed and seized as evidence, along with the reaction vessel found near a fence.

Before being transported to the county jail, the men were searched. Empty blister packs which once held pseudoephedrine - the essential ingredient in making meth - were found in Wilson's clothing.

Both men are charged with manufacture of methamphetamine and possession of methamphetamine.

Wilson, who is on state probation, is being held without bond. Bottoms was released on bond.

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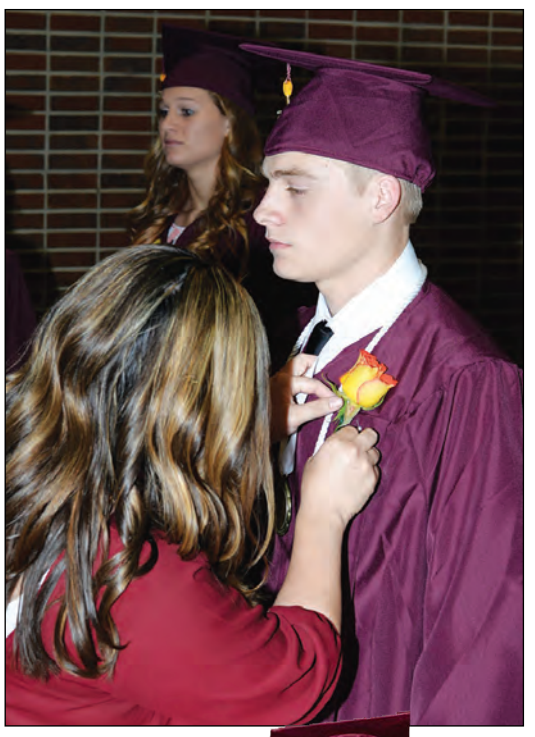
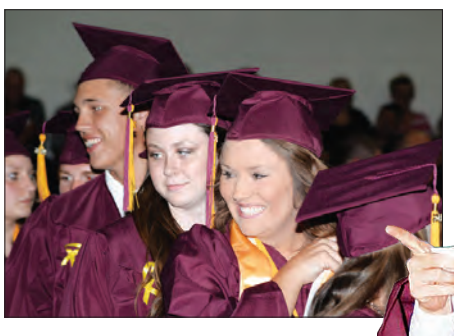
LCHS seniors become graduates

Years of classes, tests and endless school assignments finally paid off for another group of Liberty County High School seniors. The Class of 2014 said their goodbyes to high school as they collected their diplomas Friday night in Bristol. Family and friends gathered outside the school gym following the ceremony to celebrate this milestone and take photos for the group's last night together as a class.





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Hurricane preparedness meetings, crafts classes and bingo included in June's activities for Liberty Seniors

The Liberty County Senior Citizens announces the following activities for the month of June:

Thursday, June 5 - This week's shopping trip is at the Marianna Wal-Mart.

Tuesday, June 10 at 10:30 a.m. - Heide from Gentivia will be at the Hosford Center for some fun Activities. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than Thursday, June 5 at 3 p.m. to schedule your ride to the Hosford Center.

Thursday, June 12 - The shopping trip this week is in Bristol. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than Monday, June 9 at 3 p.m. to schedule your Transit Ride.

Thursday, June 12 at 10 a.m. - Cindy from Blountstown Health & Rehab will be at the Bristol Senior Center providing another fun time of Bingo and prizes. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than Monday, June 9 at 3 p.m. for your Transit ride to the Bristol Center.

Thursday, June 12 at 11 a.m. - Rhonda Lewis with Emergency Management will be at the Bristol Center to discuss Hurricane Season and how to prepare for it and to answer any questions you may have. For transportation to the Bristol Center, call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than Monday, June 9 at 3 p.m.

Tuesday, June 17 at 10 a.m. - Monthly Craft Class will be held at the Bristol Senior Center. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than Thursday, June 12 at 3 p.m. to schedule your Transit ride to the Bristol Center.

Tuesday, June 17 at 11 a.m. - Nina from River Valley Rehab in Blountstown will be at the Bristol Senior Center for Bingo, prizes and more fun. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than Thursday, June 12 at 3 p.m. for transportation to the Bristol Center.

Thursday, June 19 - We have scheduled a day in Tallahassee for the movies and lunch. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than Monday, June 16 at 3 p.m. to reserve your Transit Ride.

Thursday, June 19 – Tallahassee Wal-Mart is the shopping place this week. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than Monday, June 16 at 3 p.m. to reserve your Transit Ride.

Thursday, June 19 at 11 a.m. - Rhonda Lewis with Emergency Management will be at the Hosford Senior Center to discuss with the Hosford folks the Hurricane Season and how to prepare for it and to answer questions. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than Monday, June 16 at 3 p.m. if you need transportation to the Hosford Center.

Tuesday, June 24 at 11 a.m. - Cindy from Blountstown Rehab will be at the Hosford Center for Bingo, fun and prizes with the Hosford folks. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than Thursday, June 19 at 3 p.m. to schedule your Transit Ride.

Tuesday, June 24 at 10 a.m. - Monica with the Extension Office will be at the Bristol Senior Center to demonstrate Water Bathe Canning. We look forward to having you join us for this. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than Thursday, June 19 at 3 p.m. if you need transportation to the Bristol Center.

Thursday, June 26 – Shopping this week is in Bristol. Call Liberty Transit at 643-2524 no later than Monday, June 23 at 3 p.m. to schedule your Transit Ride.

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

Hurricane preparedness sales tax holiday runs thru June 8

The tax cut legislation the Legislature championed and Governor Scott signed into law earlier last month will reduce the costs of hurricane preparation and protection for every Florida family and business through a nine-day Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday that began May 31.

As Floridians, we have a responsibility to get a plan and prepare our homes and families for Hurricane Season. Through this year's nine-day Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday (May 31 through June 8) Floridians can prepare for the severe weather that threatens our state, so that when the storms strike, limited government resources can be used to help those most vulnerable.

Included here is a list of exempt items. You may visit www.gallery.mailchimp.com/9744bb4b520d67976590bee0e/files/ecbe9089-e20b-4527-979c-c8493d8de74f.pdf, supplied by Florida's Department of Revenue, which further explains the options available during the sales tax holiday.

Qualifying Items

- Reusable ice (reusable ice packs)
- Any portable self-powered light source
- Battery-powered flashlights
- Battery-powered lanterns
- Gas-powered lanterns (including propane, kerosene, lamp oil, or similar fuel)
- Tiki-type torches • Candles
- Any gas or diesel fuel container (including LP gas and kerosene containers)
- Batteries, including rechargeable batteries and excluding automobile and boat batteries(listed sizes only)
- AA-cell • C-cell
- D-cell
- 6-volt
- 9-volt
- Coolers (food-storage; nonelectrical)
- Ice chests (food-storage; nonelectrical)
- Self-contained first-aid kit (already tax exempt)
- Tarpaulins (tarps)
- Visqueen, plastic sheeting, plastic drop cloths, and other flexible waterproof sheeting
- Ground anchor systems
- Tie-down kits • Bungee cords
- Ratchet straps
- Radios (self-powered or battery-powered)
- Two-way radios (self-powered or battery-powered)
- Weather band radios (self-powered or battery-powered)
- Portable generators that will be used to provide light, communications, or to preserve food in the event of a power outage

Note: Eligible battery-powered or gas-powered light sources and portable self-powered radios qualify for the exemption even though they may have electrical cords.

For more information about this or any other issue, please contact Senator Don Gaetz, by e-mail at gaetz.don.web@flsenate.gov, by letter, 4300 Legendary Drive, Suite 230, Destin, FL 32541 or call 1-866-450-4DON toll free from anywhere in Florida.

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12'x20'4"-Black Textured Plush Sale $235.00-Compare at $285.00
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Transportation Board to meets June 10 at civic center in Bristol

The Apalachee Regional Planning Council announces a meeting to which all persons are invited. The Liberty County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board will meet on Tuesday, June 10 at 2 p.m. (ET), at the Veterans Memorial Park Civic Center, 10405 NW Theo Jacobs Way, in Bristol. In addition to its regular business, the agenda will include the adoption of the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan update.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For additional information, a copy of the agenda, or if you require special accommodations at the meeting because of a disability or physical impairment, contact Vanita Anderson at the Apalachee Regional Planning Council, 2507 Callaway Road, Suite 200, Tallahassee, FL 32303 or by email at vanderson@thearpc.com at least five working days prior to the meeting date.

Florida Law and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibit discrimination in public accommodation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap or of marital status. Persons believing they have been discriminated against on these conditions may file a complaint with the Florida Commission on Human Relations at (850) 488-7082 or (800) 342-8170 (voice messaging).

MEETINGS

Wednesday, June 4

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

Thursday, June 5

- **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., Emergency Management Building. Phone (850) 526-2412.
- **Liberty Commission,** 6 p.m. in Court room. Phone (850) 643-2215.
- **Nettle Ridge VFD,** 7 p.m. at Fire House.

Friday, June 6

- **Autism Support Group,** 6 p.m., W.T. Neal Civic Center.

Saturday, June 7

- **Altha Flea Market,** 8 a.m. (CT) on corner of State Road 71 and Broad Street. Phone (850) 762-3280.
- **American Legion Hall Live Band,** 8-12 p.m. (CT) in Blountstown. Phone (850) 890-8918 or (850) 447-3639.

Monday, June 9

- **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, June 10

- **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.
- **Bristol VFD,** 7:30 p.m., Bristol City Hall. Phone (850) 228-9555.
- **AA Meeting, 6-7** p.m., Grace United Methodist Church, Hosford. Phone (850) 544-0677.

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

Wildflower alert

Yellow Meadowbeauty

by Eleanor Dietrich, *Florida Wildflower Foundation*

There are eight different kinds of meadowbeauty wildflowers that grow in Liberty County and three of them are very common and easy to find. Meadowbeauty flowers all have similar shapes so you can tell they are related – 4 large petals, long yellow stamens, and urn-shaped seed pods. The first one to bloom is the Yellow Meadowbeauty (Rhexia lutea), the only one that is yellow, and it begins blooming in mid-May. This plant needs sun and moist soil to grow, so you can see it along the damp roadsides. It can grow to about a foot tall and looks like a miniature shrub, full of deep yellow flowers. When it opens the stamens are yellow, and by the next day they have turned darker in color. If you drive down to Forest Road 117 off of SR 65, about 4.7 miles from the northern entrance to the Apalachicola National Forest, you will see a number of them on the roadsides there.

Community Calendar June 2014

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Wednesday, June 4

BIRTHDAYS

Roger Phillips, Jeff McSpaddin, Mitchell Fine and Marsha Alford

Hug Your Cat Day!

Thursday, June 5

BIRTHDAYS

Margie Laramore, Jeff Kimbrel, Carla Hand, Melissa Whittington and Eleanor Dietrich

Friday, June 6

BIRTHDAYS

Rachel Manspeaker, Olivia Whitfield, Macy Bodiford & Scotty Norris

Saturday, June 7

BIRTHDAY

Janessa Edwards

Emergency Preparedness Expo

8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. CT

at Sam Atkins Park

Blacksmithing Class

Pioneer Settlement, 8 a.m.

Sunday, June 8

best friend's day

BIRTHDAYS

Anna Chason and Kelli Flournoy

Monday, June 9

national icedtea MONTH

BIRTHDAYS

Dot Strong, Erin Mitchell, Whitney Edwards & Karen Tucker

Tuesday, June 10

BIRTHDAYS

Donna Dawsey & Nic Cain

Day Camp begins

at Hosford School 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. ET

View digital magazines free at your local library

As of Monday, June 2, the Northwest Regional Library System now offers more than 70 digital magazine titles through Zinio for Libraries, including Good Housekeeping, US Weekly, Newsweek, Rolling Stone, The Economist, and O, The Oprah Magazine. The library system has branches in Bay, Gulf and Liberty Counties.

With this subscription, anyone with a Northwest Regional Library System card can gain free access to complete digital magazines, including full-color pictures, keyword searching, intuitive navigation, print capability, and interactive elements such as audio and video. The magazines can be read on your computer and a variety of mobile devices.

Zinio is funded by a generous donation of $20,000 from the Bay County Public Library Foundation, which will fund Zinio for at least two years. The Foundation has been very supportive of the system's efforts to provide digital content for people with tablets and smartphones, and people who like the convenience of downloading books and other materials from anywhere, 24/7.

Zinio allows multi-user access to magazines, which means that, for most publications, an unlimited number of patrons can access the magazine at one time.

Instructions for using the service are available on our website at www.nwrls.com.

You may also come into your local library, and a staff member will provide more information on how to access free digital magazines.

Calhoun Emergency Preparedness Expo at Sam Atkins Park

Join us at the FREE Emergency Preparedness Expo on Saturday, June 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. (CT) at Calhoun County 4-H Youth Camp in Sam Atkins Park.

At this EXPO you will learn about:

•Drinking Water Collection and Safety; •Food Preservation and Storage; •Building Outdoor Cooking Fires; •Alternative Cooking Methods; •Preparing 72 Hour Emergency Kits.

We will have free demonstrations, publications and refreshments.

This information will be helpful no matter the type of disaster we may face. For more information or directions, please call Calhoun County Extension Office (850) 674-8323.

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Chipola studies the impact of offering Bachelor's Degrees

MARIANNA - Chipola College officials are evaluating the impact of the decision a decade ago to offer Bachelor's degrees.

Findings are published in an issue of Chipola Facts: A Decade Later—College Studies the Impact of the Decision to Offer Bachelor's Degrees. In that decade, total bachelor's degree enrollment has grown from only 13 students in 2003-04 to a high of 275 in 2011-12. Last year's enrollment was 221 in all BS degree programs.

"Those first 13 students in 2003-04 were all Secondary Education majors who wanted to become high school math or science teachers," recalls Vice President of Instruction Dr. Sarah Clemmons. "That's the same year Chipola Junior College dropped the word Junior from its name and became a Level II institution with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)."

Five years later in 2008 Chipola was made a State College as part of the new Florida College System which consists of community colleges where both 2-year and 4-year degrees are granted.

"The decision to initiate Bachelor's degrees has clearly proven to be one of the most important decisions in Chipola's history," said Clemmons. "Many of our students cannot move away to a state university for two or more years. Many have families and full-time jobs. The decision further confirms that, after over 65 years, Chipola continues to respond to the postsecondary educational needs of citizens in its five-county district."

Chipola's first four-year degree was a BS in Secondary Education with concentrations in math or science. This degree is designed to prepare math and science teachers for secondary schools in the college district. The secondary education degree was later expanded to include English Education.

"We've come a long way in the last 10 years," said Clemmons. "Our Teacher Education Program now offers seven upper-division degrees, including BS degrees in Middle School Science and Mathematics, Elementary Education and Exceptional Student Education." Over the last decade, annual enrollment of students seeking BS in Education degrees has grown from 12 in 2004-05 to 98 in 2012-13. In all, Teacher Education programs have trained over 200 graduates who are now certified to teach in Florida.

In addition, 10 students have completed the Teacher Preparation Institute (EPI), which helps persons who already hold Bachelor's degrees to become certified as teachers. Annual enrollment in the EPI has ranged from 10 to 38 over the last ten years.

The college was approved to offer a Bachelor of Applied Science in Business Management (BAS) in 2007. In 2011, a BS in Business Administration (BSBA) with concentrations in Accounting and Management was approved. So far, 81 graduates have earned Bachelor's degrees in business at Chipola.

In 2008, a BS in Nursing (BSN) degree was added. To be admitted to the program, a student must be a Registered Nurse (RN). Much of the upper-division coursework is offered online to accommodate BSN students who work full-time as practicing RN's. This program has been granted Candidacy Status for national accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). So far, Chipola has awarded 72 BSN degrees.

Chipola Facts is a monthly accountability and institutional effectiveness factsheet published jointly by the Chipola Planning Office and Information Systems/Technology. The purpose is to facilitate good decision-making by publishing college-related data at regular intervals throughout the school year.

For more information, contact Gail Hartzog at (850)718-2342 or email hartzogg@chipola.edu.

Chipola Theatre students take in Broadway shows during New York visit

MARIANNA - Chipola College Theatre students recently visited New York City with Educational Travel Adventures and group leaders Charles Sirmon, Director of Theatre and Connie Smith, Theatre Technical Director at Chipola.

Students attended Broadway shows, including Tony award-winners "Matilda" and "Pippen." Students also attended the new Tony hit "Kinky Boots" and participated in an after-performance talk back with the cast and Tony award-winning director and choreographer, Jerry Mitchell.

Students also participated in an after-performance talk back with the entire cast of the off-Broadway hit "STOMP", including actor and percussionist Brad Holland, a former student of Sirmon's at Dothan High School. Students were invited to ask questions and receive feedback from actors and musicians about training, auditions, and the day-to-day work of the Broadway theatre. STOMP uses matchboxes, brooms, garbage cans, Zippo lighters and more to create an inventive and invigorating stage show that blends dance, music and theatrical performance together in one electrifying rhythm.

The Chipola theatre department travels to the Big Apple every other year. Chipola director Charles Sirmon says, "It is great to share the city and its rich theatrical culture with my students. It's a trip of a lifetime!"

For more information regarding Chipola Theatre, contact Charles Sirmon at sirmonc@chipola.edu.

ABOVE: Chipola theatre students participating in an after-performance talk back with the entire cast of the off-Broadway hit "STOMP," including actor and percussionist Brad Holland, a former student of Sirmon's at Dothan High School.

Chipola retirees honored

MARIANNA - Chipola College honored four of its retirees at the recent end-of-year luncheon.

Former president Dr. Gene Prough was honored for 20 years of service. Nancy Burns, Professor of Computer Science, was honored for 28 years of service. Joyce Traynom, Executive Assistant in the President's Office, was honored for 32 years of service. Betty Broome, Department Associate in Student Affairs, was honored for 26 years of service.

Retirees were roasted and toasted by their colleagues with lighthearted songs, stories and presentations. All were presented resolutions from the college board of trustees citing their accomplishments.

Each retiree received a Chipola Gold Card which provides lifetime admission to college events. All were awarded lifetime memberships in the Association of Florida Colleges (AFC).

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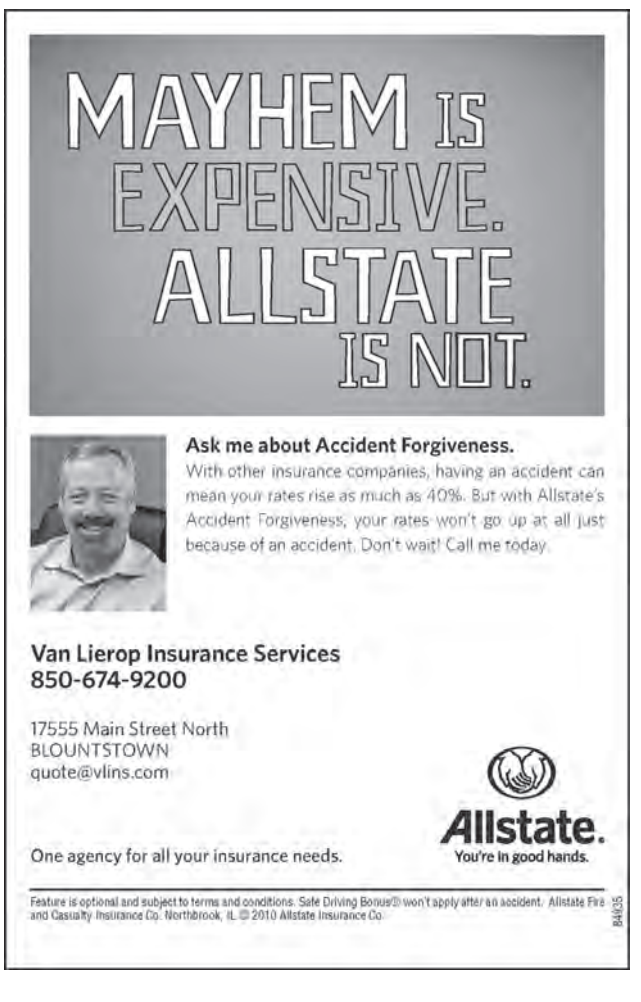
Pursuant to FS 287.005, the School Board of Liberty County, Florida invites qualified firms to submit a letter of interest and supporting documentation relating to professional services for:

Architectural Consultant Services for a New High School

Mandatory documents shall include the following:
- Letter of interest
- Examples of similar projects completed by the firm
- Resumes of proposed staff
- Copy of license
- Proof of insurance and references

Four packets clearly marked, ***"New High School"*** must be submitted before **5 p.m. on Thursday, July 3, 2014** to Kevin Williams, Facilities Directory, Liberty County Schools, 12926 NW County Road 12, Bristol, FL 32321. *All documents submitted shall become property of the Liberty County School District.*



Ty Peel, Vice President, Engineering speaks to EOC & city personnel, law enforcement and fire department personnel about the importance of being aware of your surroundings and downed power lines when responding to emergencies.

Calhoun Co. emergency workers participate in Hurricane Preparedness Workshop in Graceville

GRACEVILLE – West Florida Electric Cooperative held a meeting for emergency operations center personnel, city personnel, fire departments and law enforcement agencies in Calhoun, Holmes, Jackson and Washington Counties on Wednesday, May 21. During the meeting, attendees toured the cooperative's service center and saw a first-hand demonstration of how cooperative members can report outages. They also learned about how crews are dispatched and the various ways WFEC personnel communicates with members using Facebook, Twitter and media outlets. Electrical safety information was also shared with all those in attendance, which is especially important for first-responders. This annual gathering allows electric cooperative personnel, EOC and city personnel, fire departments and law enforcement to collaborate and share ideas about how to best handle power outages and emergency situations caused by storm damage to the area.

"This workshop is vital to the success of restoration efforts when our distribution system sustains catastrophic damage caused by hurricanes, tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, or other acts of nature. It allows us to discuss problems that we've encountered in the past and brainstorm about how we can best communicate with emergency personnel throughout the four counties we serve," said Gary Clark, Vice President, Member Services.

Mother Nature is unpredictable, so the proper precautions should always be taken by coastal residents and others near the coast. With that thought in mind, WFEC encourages all its members to be weather aware and begin making their annual hurricane season preparations before it's too late. The Atlantic Hurricane Season begins on June 1 and will last until November 30. The peak storm threat usually occurs from mid-August to late October.

BIRTHDAYS

CAYSON ADAM BROXTON

Cayson Adam Broxton will celebrate his fourth birthday on Saturday, June 7. He is the son of Kristina and Tyler Scarborough of Altha and Christopher and Ashley Broxton of Hosford. His grandparents are Jr. and Laura Bailey of Altha and Terry and Joann Broxton of Hosford. He enjoys fishing, riding his four wheeler, watching Paw Patrol and spending time with his family. He will celebrate with a Paw Patrol themed party.

TATE GRIFFIN BROCK

Tate Griffin Brock will celebrate his second birthday on Saturday, June 7. He is the son of Jason and Amanda Brock of Bristol. His grandparents are Jack and Cathy Revell of Bristol and Lou and Deborah Comer of Tallahassee. He loves playing outside with trucks, tractors and his dogs.

Liberty Co. 4-H Day Camps to include cooking, archery, fun day & robotics

BRISTOL - Summer officially has begun! Parents are you looking for fun activities for your children? 4-H has the solution. We are offering four day camps this summer. Youth need to be between the ages of 8 and 13 as of Sept. 1, 2013 to participate in the camps. Each camp will be held at the Veteran's Memorial Civic Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cooking in the Kitchen with Veggies from the Garden, June 10 - 11. Youth will experience the hands on aspects of cooking with fresh fruits and veggies that have been grown in the garden.

Get on Target with 4-H Archery, July 8 - 9 . Youth will have hands on experience in bow shooting and how to care for their archery equipment. Youth will also conduct a variety of experiments to teach the science behind archery.

Girls Wanna Have Fun!, July 15 - 16. Girls will have fun being together doing activities to enhance a healthy lifestyle. Come to this day camp, paper yourself and relax!

Having Fun with Junk-Drawer Robotics, July 22 - 24. Youth will learn about a different aspect of robotics as they take the challenge to design and build a robot from using everyday household items. They will travel on the last day to the North Florida Fair Grounds where they will compete with their robots with different youth in the district.

There is a $20 registration fee and all forms can be found on our website at liberty.ifas.ufl.edu. Please call (850) 643-2229 or email schmarje@ufl.edu for further information. Spaces are limited, so call today!

Sheriff's Youth Ranch Camp scheduled for July 20-23

Calhoun Sheriff's Office Summer Day Camp June 26 - 27

BLOUNTSTOWN - The Calhoun County Sheriff's Office and Sheriff Glenn Kimbrel invite you to a FREE Summer Day Camp at Neal Land and Timber camp Thursday June 26 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. (CT) and Friday, June 27 from 12 - 5 p.m. (CT).

There will be a cookout for the participants and their parents at 5 p.m. on Friday, June 27.

We will teach survival skills and have a lot of fun! Please contact Kim Tanner at (850) 674-5049 to sign up for the camp.

Also, the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office would like to remind you that the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch Summer Camp will be held the week of July 20 -23.

Spots are filling up fast! You may register online at www.youthranches.org or by contacting Kim Tanner at (850) 674-5049.

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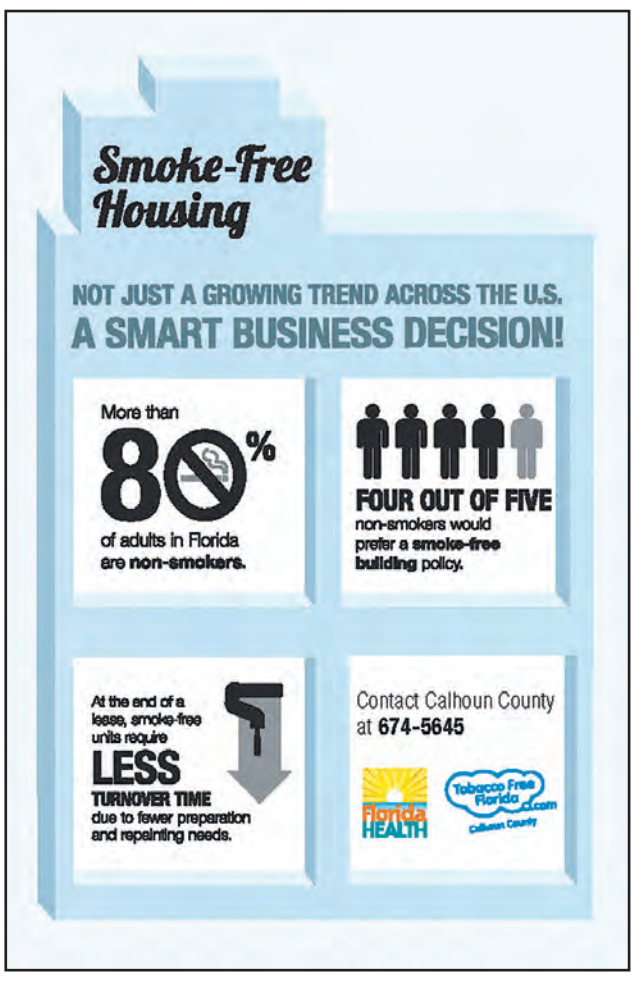

Need extra copies of this year's GRADUATION KEEPSAKES?

Additional copies of the special graduation sections for Liberty County High School and Blountstown High School are available free of charge at The Journal office on Summers Road in Bristol. Stop by between 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. ET to pick up your copy!

Late Night Laughs

A RECAP OF RECENT OBSERVATIONS BY LATE NIGHT TV HOSTS.

Newly leaked documents show the NSA has been collecting millions of pictures of people online for its sophisticated facial recognition program. Americans said it's a huge violation of their privacy — then they went back to posting selfies every 30 minutes. — JIMMY FALLON

Now Donald Sterling is backpedaling and he's trying to prove to the world that he's not a racist, so on Sunday he attended services at a black church in California. He enjoyed himself so much that he bought it. — DAVID LETTERMAN

Clippers fans are celebrating their new owner, billionaire Steve Ballmer. Even though Ballmer is from Seattle, he promises to keep the Clippers in L.A. That's a relief. Otherwise L.A. wouldn't have a professional basketball team. I mean, well, I suppose there are the Lakers. — CRAIG FERGUSON

In Texas a family was attacked by a swarm of bees in a town called Beeville. That's true. The family said they're fed up with Beeville and they're moving to Wolftown. — CONAN O'BRIEN

President Obama announced a new 600-page proposal to lower carbon emissions and help stop global warming. Step one: Stop printing 600-page proposals. — SETH MYERS

Marijuana dispensaries in San Jose, California, will give out free weed to people who vote in tomorrow's municipal election. Which should backfire when the winner of the election is "Pizza."

— JIMMY FALLON

In New York City it's now legal to own a ferret, ladies and gentlemen. I'm telling you, it's just a matter of time before ferrets are pulling carriages through Central Park. — DAVID LETTERMAN

We're learning more about the sale of the L.A. Clippers. Insiders say it came down to a bidding war between Steve Ballmer and Oprah. I'll let you guess who Donald Sterling rooted for.

— CRAIG FERGUSON

Apple announced a new feature that will let your iPhone monitor your diet and track your calorie intake. Or you can pay extra for an iPhone that minds its own business. Can you imagine Siri talking to you like, "Hey, Chunky."

— CONAN O'BRIEN

This week it was announced that golfer Phil Mickelson is under investigation by the FBI for insider trading of Clorox stock. By the way, insider trading of Clorox stock by a professional golfer is the whitest collar crime possible.

— SETH MEYERS

In a new interview, President Obama revealed that his daughter Malia recently went to her first prom. She wore a corsage on her wrist while her date wore a red laser dot on his head.

— JIMMY FALLON

Last weekend Donald Sterling attended an African-American church. This was like seeking Mel Gibson at a Hanukkah party, like seeing Arnold Schwarzenegger at an acting class, like seeing the "Duck Dynasty" guys in a gay pride parade.

— CRAIG FERGUSON

There was some confusion when Donald Sterling arrived at the church. He couldn't find the skybox. — DAVID LETTERMAN

Spain's king, Juan Carlos, has stepped down from the throne to make way for his son, who is more popular. Which, by the way, would be the worst "Game of Thrones" episode ever.

— CONAN O'BRIEN

The Clippers are gonna be bought by the former CEO of Microsoft. Apparently he's looking for something to occupy himself while Windows is installing "critical updates." — SETH MYERS

President Obama said Hillary Clinton would be very effective if she ran for president. And Joe Biden said, "Thank you very — wait, what?"

— JIMMY FALLON

Winning the peace

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

by Douglas Cohn and Eleanor Clift

WASHINGTON – Under fire for a foreign policy that critics say lacks muscle, President Obama chose the commencement ceremony at West Point to lay down military markers. Succinctly stated, he addressed three types of military actions the nation faces: conventional wars, covert warfare, and humanitarian operations.

The implied conventional threat is being confronted by the president's "Pivot to Asia," a phrase he did not employ in his speech, but which was addressed nonetheless: "China's economic rise and military reach worries its neighbors. . . . Regional aggression that goes unchecked, whether in the South China Sea or anywhere else in the world, will ultimately impact our allies, and could draw in our military." China may be a major trading partner, but the president left no doubt that China may also pose the greatest threat to world peace. At the same time, he downplayed Russia's recent aggressive moves against Ukraine. Clearly "The Pivot" will continue.

His primary concentration was on covert wars. Obama wants to shift America's attention to fighting terrorist threats, and to do it in partnership with other countries, and without putting American boots on the ground. The centerpiece of his speech at West Point is the creation of a counterterrorism partnerships fund, which he said would "allow us to train, build capacity, and facilitate partner countries on the front lines."

He put the price tag for the fund at $5 billion. He would need congressional approval, which may doom the proposal. With or without the fund, the administration has begun shifting away from traditional warfare as we knew it to a much greater emphasis on covert forces in league with drones. No one calls what's happening in Yemen a war, but the approach there is to work with the local government, have the CIA pinpoint where terrorist leaders and networks are, and take them out with drone attacks.

The strategy has been successful, and it's modeled after the initial stages of the war in Afghanistan when a small number of U.S. covert forces joined with the Afghan Northern Alliance to oust the Taliban.

Finally, the president said we cannot shy away from humanitarian operations: "I believe we have a real stake –abiding self-interest – in making sure our children and our grandchildren grow up in a world where schoolgirls are not kidnapped; where individuals aren't slaughtered because of tribe or faith or political belief." This category of intervention is most problematic when genocide is threatened by those in power, or those seeking power. President Clinton said the biggest mistake of his presidency was his failure to intervene in Rwanda. Even so, while the Syrian civil war has displaced much of the population, created hundreds of thousands of refugees, and caused so much heartache, Obama stands firm in his refusal to intervene militarily, saying only that he would look for ways to increase humanitarian aid.

"Americans have learned that it's harder to end wars than it is to begin them," Obama said in a Rose Garden statement ahead of his speech. We disagree. It's easy to start a war and easy to end a war. The hard part is doing either one in a way that makes the future better than the past.

World War II clearly met the test, vanquishing the Fascists, and rebuilding Germany and Japan. In contrast, the First World War failed to secure the future. All the treaty of Versailles did was lay the groundwork for World War II. Lessons were learned between those wars. The harsh peace demanded by the allies after World War I with reparations against Germany did not endure, and at the conclusion of the Second World War, America not only won the war, but knew how to win the peace.

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First Elly Paulin Scholarships awarded at LCHS graduation

Twin sisters Megan and Morgan Hiers were the first recipients of the Elly Paulin Scholarship, presented by Paulin's daughter, Deborah Paulin of Gainesville, during graduation ceremonies Friday night in Bristol.

The Paulin Family donated funds to the Women's Club to provide two $750 scholarships to qualified Liberty County students in memory of their mother and grandmother.

The Women's Club is dedicated to continuing this scholarship program for Liberty County students. All donations to this project would be welcome and may be forwarded to: Liberty County Women's Club Scholarship Fund, C/o Centennial Bank, Bristol, Fl. 32321.

Megan and Morgan are the daughters of Jed and Donna Hiers of Bristol.

Carr School wins 'Get Piggy With Education' contest

Our seventh annual "Get Piggy With Education" Contest with all Calhoun and Liberty County Elementary Schools has declared a winner.

Carr School Elementary is our first place winner of the $2,000 for 2014.

Our 2nd place winner of $1,000 is Blountstown Elementary.

Third place winner of $500 is W.R. Tolar Elementary.

Fourth and 5th place winners of $250 goes to Altha Elementary and Hosford Elementary.

Congratulations to all the schools and thank you for your participation. Everyone wins with the "PIG."

Chipola business majors win International Business Simulation Game

LEFT, front: Holley Hinson, Ashley Whitfield, Erica Palmer and Kaitlyn Pope. BACK: Jeremy Barber, Leigh Stone, Justin Terry, Tabatha Melzer and Mark Shuler.

MARIANNA - Chipola College business majors in a Strategic Management class recently held the top position for four weeks in an international Business Simulation Game.

The Chipola team of Mark Shuler, Justin Terry and Kaitlyn Pope were required to take over a shoe manufacturing corporation during its eleventh year, and manage it through its twentieth year.

Each week in the contest represented one year of decisions within the corporation. Teams are scored on the quality and results of their decisions.

The Chipola teams in instructor Dorothy Day's Strategic Management class competed against 5,000 teams from 500 universities and colleges.

Three of Chipola's four teams were ranked in the top 100 for at least one week during the competition.

All four teams from Chipola received some form of ranking or recognition.

Team B, Erica Palmer and Ashley Whitfield, placed 13th in the world in Return on Equity.

Team D, Jeremy Barber and Tabatha Melzer, were 51st place in Earnings Per Share, 33rd place in Return on Equity and 83rd in stock price.

For more on the BSG visit www.bsg-online.com.

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OUTDOORS

Input sought on proposed bass management changes

It is time to speak out about Florida's proposed change to largemouth bass management by filling out an online survey or attending a local meeting (see MyFWC.com/Calendar). The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) wants to be sure management strategies optimize use and enjoyment of these fish in a sustainable manner.

Black bass -- among which the Florida largemouth reigns supreme -- are the most popular sportfish in North America.

A change is being considered to provide a five-bass daily bag limit, only one of which may be 16 inches in total length or longer. This means that each person would be allowed to keep up to five largemouth bass less than 16 inches, or four largemouth bass less than 16 inches and one largemouth bass 16 inches or longer each day.

This change would replace current length limits, but not the statewide bag limit of five bass. For the most part, this would become a statewide regulation, but limited exceptions for fisheries with special needs or opportunities would be possible and generally associated with fish management areas.

To take the survey, and learn more about largemouth bass as well as current and possible future management changes, go to MyFWC.com/Fishing and click on "Speak out on bass rules!" under the bass image near the middle of the page.

"The FWC takes public opinions very seriously," said Tom Champeau, director of the agency's Division of Freshwater Fisheries Management. "Combined with the best science and case studies that we have, public input helps us strive for optimal sustained use of these popular and valuable fish."

In 2011 the Black Bass Management Plan (BBMP) was approved, based on comments from more than 7,500 anglers. In addition to that, input from typical fishermen, Technical Advisory Group meetings involving guides, tournament anglers, marina owners, trophy bass fishermen, outdoor writers and tourism representatives were conducted to ensure a wide range of opinions.

The BBMP encouraged using the least restrictive regulations feasible to enhance trophy bass fisheries, maintain healthy bass populations statewide and provide diverse angling opportunities. Therefore, FWC staff reviewed biological data to evaluate effectiveness of various regulation strategies. In additon, public opinion came from almost 6,000 responses to a preliminary survey and open-house events around Florida in 2013. The resulting proposal would simplify regulations, allow more harvest of abundant smaller bass and further protect older fish, including spawning female bass. The FWC is seeking feedback on this proposed change and will continue to evaluate options for several months before submitting a final proposal. If the public supports the proposal, and FWC Commissioners accept it, it could be implemented in July 2016.

The FWC promotes TrophyCatch as a volunteer citizen-science program that rewards anglers for catching, documenting and releasing bass heavier than 8 pounds, thus further encouraging voluntary release of the biggest, oldest bass.

Initial surveys in 2013 were completed primarily by non-tournament anglers (52 percent) and casual tournament fishermen who normally fish local club tournaments, with 9 percent fishing more than 20 tournaments a year. Most respondents primarily targeted bass and fished frequently. So FWC incorporated input from those most affected by any changes.

A few takeaways were that only 16 percent normally eat the bass they catch, and 57 percent are happy if they don't keep any bass. When asked about current regulations, 57 percent did not want to increase the bag limit and 21 percent wanted to reduce it. Since a five-bass daily bag limit is sustainable, there is not a recommendation to change it.

Currently, south and east of the Suwannee River there is a 14-inch minimum length limit, and in the Suwannee River and north and west of it there is a 12-inch minimum length limit for bass. Biological data show that protecting these smaller fish is not necessary. Furthermore, different size limits complicate regulations. What is advantageous is protecting bigger fish, which are rarer and take longer to produce – hence the proposed harvest limit of only one bass 16 inches or longer per day. This regulation would be more lenient in the south fishing zone (east of Highway 441 and south of State Road 80), which currently allows only one bass over 14 inches.

There is no plan to alter the Bass Tournament Exemption Permit process.

Organizations holding bass tournaments may apply online for a temporary exemption to bass size limits. This helps ensure the health of Florida freshwater resources while encouraging fishing participation from small clubs to major tournaments. In return for a temporary exemption to allow weigh-in prior to live-release of the bass, tournament participants must forego any harvest, including what would otherwise be their five-fish bag limit. Any fish that die must be donated to charity or for research. Tournaments are not required to have a permit if they abide by existing regulations and don't seek an exemption.

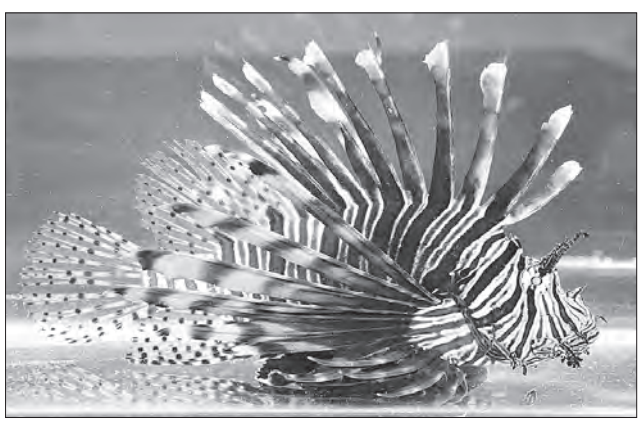
Every opinion is important, pro or con. So please review the background materials and complete a survey yourself (see www.bit.ly/BassRules).

'Report Florida Lionfish' app unveiled; free t-shirt for first 250 users

See a lionfish in the wild? Report it using the new Report Florida Lionfish app. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) unveiled the new smart device app May 28. The first 250 people who successfully complete the Report Florida Lionfish app reporting form will receive a free, interactive and newly redesigned "Lionfish Control Team" T-shirt. The logo on these shirts is designed to come to life. Learn more about the new app, T-shirt and interactive logo by watching a video online.

Lionfish are an invasive species that are negatively impacting Florida's reefs and wildlife.

The new Report Florida Lionfish app includes educational information on lionfish and safe handling guidelines, as well as an easy-to-use data-reporting form so divers and anglers can share information about their sighting or harvest with the FWC. App users also can take and share a photo of their catch. These photos may be used in future publications or social media efforts.



Don't have a smart device? Submit your data to us online at MyFWC.com/Fishing by clicking on "Saltwater," "Recreational Regulations" and "Lionfish."

Interactive "Lionfish Control Team" T-shirts will be awarded one per household, and participants must provide a valid email to win. Staff will send all winners an email from Saltwater@MyFWC.com to the address provided, and participants must reply with their complete mailing address and selected shirt size (small through extra large) within 30 days of receiving the email. Entries must be recent. Photos of lionfish in tanks or aquariums and pictures of photos are not eligible. Twitter chat participants also received "Lionfish Control Team" T-shirts for answering trivia questions correctly. Make sure to follow us @MyFWClife or use the #FWCLionfish on Twitter to learn about other upcoming FWC events.

To make your shirt interactive, download and open the free Aurasma app. Once you complete the introduction, you will come to a screen that looks like the one your camera displays before you take a photo.

Tap on the Aurasma symbol (looks like an A) at the bottom of the screen, then click the magnifying glass so you can search for the MyFWCMarine channel. Once you've found our channel, hit the "Follow" button.

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Monofilament fishing perilous for pelicans

Fishing is an important part of the Florida lifestyle as well as its economy. In spite of the obvious benefits, this leisure-time activity, on occasion, can lead to problems for birds and other wildlife such as sea turtles and manatees. According to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) biologists, monofilament fishing line and fishing hooks can entangle these animals, leading to injury and even death.

The brown pelican is one species that is especially impacted by monofilament line. These birds frequently spend time looking for an easy meal at piers and other fishing hotspots, where they are often hooked accidently when trying to grab bait off an angler's line. Additionally, discarded monofilament line hanging from trees, piers and other structures can ensnare these birds. Once entangled, pelicans can have a difficult time flying and feeding.

"It is not uncommon to find dead pelicans entangled with fishing line and hooks," said FWC biologist Ricardo Zambrano. "If they are not rescued, these birds may suffer for days before succumbing to injury or starvation."

Here are some simple things people can do to help protect brown pelicans and other wildlife:

•Properly dispose of monofilament line. Store unwanted line safely and securely until it can be placed in a recycling bin.

•Don't leave fishing line unattended, as pelicans may be tempted to steal the bait on the end of the line.

•Avoid casting near trees, utility lines and other areas where line may get caught.

•Check tackle frequently for frayed line that may easily break.

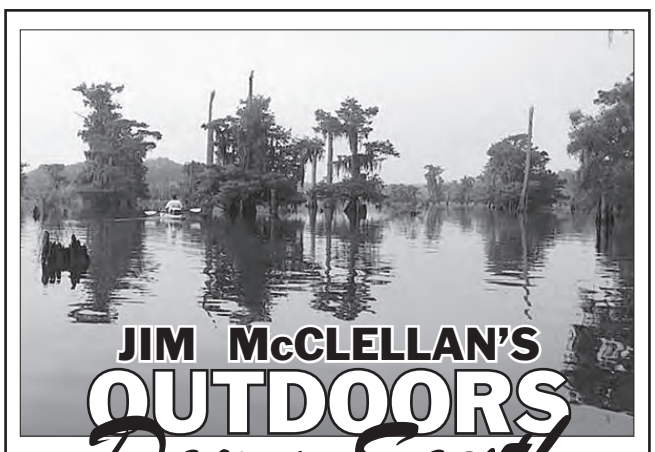
•Do not feed pelicans or other wildlife, since it encourages them to approach fishing boats, piers and anglers. If available, use fish-scrap repositories. If they are not available, discard fish scraps in a garbage can or at home.

If you do accidentally hook a pelican, you should avoid cutting the line. Gently remove the hook if you feel confident you can do so without causing harm to yourself or the bird. If you cannot safely remove the hook and line from the pelican, contact a local wildlife rehabilitator. For a list of wildlife rehabilitators in your area, contact any of the FWC's five regional offices or visit MyFWC.com/Conservation and select "How You Can Conserve" then "Wildlife Assistance."

For more information on the statewide Monofilament Recovery & Recycling Program, visit mrrp.MyFWC.com/.

ABOVE: Matthew Godwin is shown holding a tupelo branch.

A TOURIST AT HOME:
Rediscovering the Dead Lakes



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.

About the last place I ever expected to be a tourist is Gulf County, Florida. After all, one of my earliest memories in life is of fishing with my grandfather and grandmother on the Dead Lakes sometime about age four.

I'm sure it was one of the first times I ever held a fishing pole, but what made the day memorable was a small gator that Daddy Mac managed to hook under its chin. He would pull the gator toward the boat and laugh as Mother Mac pitched a fit.

She scolded, "Harry, don't you put that thing in this boat!"

"I'm gonna put him in your lap," he teased.

"Don't you do it."

"I'm gonna do it."

It went on like that for a while. I don't really remember much else about that day, but I know for a fact we didn't come home with a gator. (You only pushed Mother Mac so far.)

In the years since, I've fished the Dead Lakes a few times, but mostly I've just taken the area for granted -- as an interesting landmark on the way to Mexico Beach or Port St. Joe. It wasn't until recently that I've begun to realize just how unique the stump-strewn lakes truly are.

What piqued my interest was learning about Off the Map Expeditions, a kayak tour operation run by Matthew Godwin of Wewahitchka. When I first heard about Off the Map, it occurred to me that my kids had never really seen this natural treasure nor heard the story of how it was formed.

I threw out the idea of doing the kayak tour as part of our family reunion/beach week and to my surprise they and Mary were all excited about it. For them it was an adventure. For me it was a paddle down memory lane. And for all of us, it was a learning experience.

I credit Matthew for making the trip interesting and fun. He sets a leisurely pace, has a great sense of humor and points out the interesting features without inundating you with mindless, Disney-esque banter. Not only does he know the lakes, he's also familiar with the rivers and creeks and with the tupelo honey industry that put Wewa on the map.

By the end of the trip, we had learned how the lakes were formed as the Apalachicola River shifted westward, and when the old maps first referenced the name. We saw a gator or two. We watched ospreys fish and found out that some of their nesting sites had remained unchanged for decades. We saw tupelo trees and cypress stumps that had been "girdled" by loggers from long ago so that they would die, dry out and float downstream more easily.

We got a wealth of information and still had time to enjoy the serene, haunting beauty of the place -- interrupted only by the general silliness of three college-aged kids occasionally reliving their elementary school years. (Fortunately, Matthew is also a patient guy.)

When the trip was over, we visited one of the local honey operations to stock up. While Mary and the kids were learning about the bees, I was remembering the time I spent in the woods and in the honey house with Charlie Cook Bridges.

To my surprise, I came away feeling as much like a prodigal son as a tourist. It's been almost half a century since that day on the Dead Lakes with my grandparents and at least 25 years since the last time I fished there. Being back, however, made it feel like I was home once again.

I guess the most important lesson for me is that home is pretty good place to be a tourist.

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If you're interested in touring the Dead Lakes, I highly recommend a kayak trip with Matthew Godwin and Off the Map Expeditions. Check out his website at www.offthemapexpeditions.com. You might also want to watch this WFSU segment about the Dead Lakes and the honey industry: www.youtube.com/watch?v=E7WsF7vXyQc.

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The staff at Calhoun Correctional Institution gathered to reflect on the sacrifices of the many men and woman who have served, and continue to serve our country in the armed forces. The group gathered around the flagpole Friday to observe a moment of silence in recognition of Military Appreciation Month.

DOMENICK ESGRO PHOTOS

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

GLORY HILL HOLINESS CHURCH - Glory Hill Holiness Church celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, June 8.

The morning service will start at 11 a.m. with special guest speaker Rev. Daniel McGouirk. Lunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Evening services will start at 5 p.m. with special singing by Sister Elizabeth McCormick.

Following Homecoming, the church will begin celebrating its 38th annual Camp Meeting the week of June 9 -13.

Morning services will start at 10:30 a.m. with various ministers and local singers. Evening services will start at 6 p.m. each day with special singing as follows and various ministers following the singing each night.

•Monday and Tuesday, June 9-10- Shelia Smith Trio

•Wednesday, June 11- Bro. Billy Dickerson

•Thursday and Friday, June 12 - 13 - The Drummond Family

Everyone is invited to attend this special week of services.

The church is located five miles north of Clarksville on Hwy 73. For more information on either event please contact Rev. Riley Adams and Sister Erlene Adams at (850) 762-8301.

BRISTOL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH - Bristol Assembly of God Church will be having an indoor yard sale in the Fellowship Hall of our church, Saturday, June 7 beginning at 8 a.m. There will be lots of items, something for everyone.

We will also be selling sack lunches with BBQ pork sandwiches, chips, and drinks. This event is to help raise money for our Children's Ministry. Don't miss out!

If you would like more information, or if you are interested in pre-ordering lunches call (850) 447-4204. We look forward to seeing you there.

We are located on Spring Branch Road in Bristol.

THE BODY OF CHRIST, INC. - The Body of Christ, Inc. of Blountstown will host a revival from June 4 - 5 at 7 p.m. (CT). The event will feature Revivalist and Chief Apostle H.C. Gunn. The community is welcome to attend this life-changing event.

The church is located at 21192 SE Rose Place in Blountstown.

ABE SPRINGS PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH - Abe Springs Pentecostal Holiness Church is having a Car Wash, Saturday, June 7 from 7 a.m. until at Advanced Auto Parts in Blountstown on Hwy 71 North.

This fundraiser is to go toward a new Fellowship Hall/Educational Building.

All charitable contributions will be accepted and are tax deductible.

NOTES OF THANKS

The staff of the Altha Post Office would like to thank our local community for their overwhelming response to our annual food drive. We greatly appreciated the community's generosity. The food donated was given to a local food bank to benefit the residents of our area.

Thank you, Altha Post Office

On behalf of the Pennywell family, we would like to give everyone our sincere appreciation for the words of comfort, encouragement and prayers, along with the many gestures of love, condolences, visitations, flowers, food and much more.

We, the Pennywell family, would also like to give a special thanks to Mr. Christopher Moultry at Crawford & Moultry Funeral Home in Chattahoochee and all his staff for a job well done.

Sincerely, The Pennywell Family

Fifth grade awards day at Blountstown Elem.

The fifth grade class of BES had their final awards day at Blountstown Elementary School on May 28. Many awards were given to this great group of 5th grade students.

Students were recognized for their accomplishments in Perfect Attendance, Physical Education, Accelerated Reading, all A's, all A's and B's, all A's for grades 3 - 5.

Mrs. Rita Maupin presented the Daughters of the American Revolution Award to Maddie Willis, the Celeste Eubanks Memorial Award went to Layla Bailey, and the Jimmy C. Suggs Award went to Wyatt Calam.

Brothers take part in district speaking contest

Jacob Day and Justin Day both students from Hosford School participated in the 4-H District Tropicana Public Speaking Contest in Tallahassee, Thursday, May 9. The Day brothers won the county contest which made them eligible for the district competition. Both represented Liberty County very well and brought home honorable mention awards.

Hosford School 3rd graders enjoy an Ag Day in their Victory Garden

Third graders in Ms. Jennifer Hayes' class at Hosford School were able to experience a little Ag Day right here at home in our own Victory Garden recently.

Students dug potatoes and learned about the different types of gardening types: row, raised beds, container and trellis gardens. Middle School students guided the third graders with a question and answer session.

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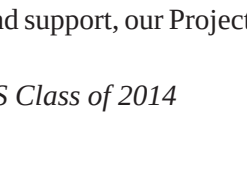
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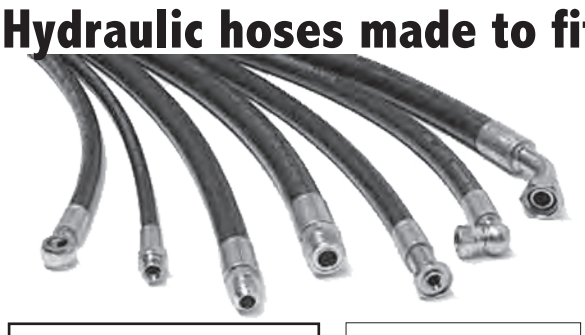

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WILLIAM H. "UNCLE BILLY" PIERCE

BLOUNTSTOWN - William H. "Uncle Billy" Pierce, 77, of Blountstown, passed away Monday, May 19, 2014 in Bristol. He was born on April 6, 1936 in Camden, NJ and had lived in Blountstown for over 20 years, coming from New Jersey. He was a retired cook.

Survivors include several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews; good friends including, Rosie and Phillip Hall.

Memorialization will be by cremation.

Memorial services were held Saturday, May 24 at 11 a.m. (CT) at Peavy Funeral Home Chapel.

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

JAMES FRANKLIN "JIMMY" AULTMAN

BLOUNTSTOWN - James Franklin "Jimmy" Aultman, 68, of Blountstown, passed away Thursday, May, 29, 2014 in Panama City. He was born on Aug. 24, 1945 in Marianna, and had lived in Blountstown all of his life. He retired from the Florida Department of Corrections with 24 years of service.

He was a member of Dixie Masonic Lodge #109 F&AM in Blountstown, a member of the York Rite Bodies in Tallahassee, and a member of the Shaddai Shrine Temple in Panama City. He enjoyed doing carpentry and electrical work and was an avid fisherman. He was a member of the Florida Peace Officers Association. He was an excellent pistol shooter and a member of the Single Action Pistol Society, where he participated in shooting cowboy action matches. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Blountstown.

Survivors include his wife, Cynthia Aultman of Blountstown; one daughter, Cindy Golden and her husband, Grant of Blountstown; one son, Derek Aultman of Live Oak; one sister, Margaret Aultman Davis of Easley, SC; seven grandchildren, Brit Golden, Lane Golden, Kaylin Bontrager, Kelsey Bontrager, Alex Aultman, Kaydan Aultman and Alicia Aultman; and three great-grandchildren, Mason Wiehl, Konnor Parish and Karter Parish.

Services were held Sunday, June 1 at 3 p.m. (CT) at the First Baptist Church in Blountstown with Reverend Tim Rhoads officiating. Interment followed in Nettle Ridge Cemetery in Blountstown with Masonic Rites.

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

JOHN MILTON STOKES

GULF PORT, MS - John Milton Stokes, 54, of Gulfport, MS and a former resident of Blountstown, passed away Wednesday, May 28, 2014 in Gulfport. He was born on July 15, 1959 in Marianna and had lived in Gulfport for the past 32 years, coming from Blountstown. He was an electrician by trade and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Blountstown.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Bonnie Stokes.

Survivors include his father, Buzz Stokes of Gulfport, MS; one son, Cameron Stokes of Vancleave, MS; one daughter, Bridget Stokes of Vancleave, MS; one brother, Kevin Stokes and his wife, Katrina of Gulfport, MS; two sisters, Sandra McNew and her husband, George of Gulfport, MS and Jenny Hill and her husband, Jimmy of Altha; five grandchildren, Sean Lee, Loren Lee, Rylee Stokes, Jamie Stokes and Micah White.

Graveside services were held Saturday, May 31 at Cypress Creek Cemetery in Kinard with Reverend Allan Nichols officiating. Interment followed.

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

EVELENA HENRY

ALTHA - Evelena Henry, 87, of Altha, passed away Wednesday, May 28, 2014. She was born in Watson, AR on April 14, 1927 to the late Jack and Bessie Matthews Gaines. She was a nurse assistant for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Callop Henry; one brother, James Gaines and one sister, Roberta Gaines.

Survivors include two brothers, Alfred Gaines and Jess Brown, both of Altha; several nieces, nephews and other extended family.

Memorialization will be by cremation.

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

AUDREY LOUISE MARSHALL WILLIAMS

BLOUNTSTOWN - Audrey Louise Marshall Williams, 73, of Blountstown, passed away Friday, May 30, 2014 in Blountstown. She was born on April 19, 1941 and had lived in Calhoun County all of her life. She worked at the sewing factory for several years and was employed with Mowrey Elevator Company until she retired. She was a 1959 graduate of Blountstown High School. She was a huge animal lover, especially cats and dogs and was a supporter of many charities. She was a member of Macedonia First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jessie and Thelma Marshall; one brother, Garland Marshall; one sister, Dyann Marshall Pitts and a great-nephew, Matthew Jesse Pitts.

Survivors include her husband, Charlie L. Williams of Blountstown; one brother, George Marshall and his wife, Juanita of Dade City; one sister, Elizabeth Marshall McClellan of Blountstown; a sister-in-law, Neva Marshall of St. Augustine; a brother-in-law, David E. Pitts and his wife, Linda of Blountstown; nephews, George Marshall II of Bristol, David Matt Pitts and his wife, Angela, of Lynn Haven, John Samuel McClellan and his wife, Mary, of Blountstown and Jeffrey Adam Marshall of St. Augustine; nieces, Rhonda Deanne Pitts Marshall and her husband, Dale of Blountstown, Danita Ann Marshall Balderstone and her husband, Chuck of Dade City, Andria Marshall Heintz and her husband, Robert of Webster, Jennifer Lynn McClellan Okwabi and her husband, Ishmael of Tallahassee, Angela Michelle Marshall Hosford and her husband, Mike, of St. Augustine; several great-nieces and nephews; and her aunt, Katherine Lindsey of Clarksville.

Services were held Tuesday, June 3 at Rivertown Community Church in Blountstown with Kevin Yoder and David Wood officiating. Interment followed in Pine Memorial Cemetery in Blountstown.

The family request in lieu of flowers that contributions may be made to the Calhoun-Liberty Ministry Center, 21754 State Road 20 E, Blountstown, FL 32424.

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

RONALD SYKES

BRISTOL - Ronald Sykes, 74, of Bristol, passed away Monday, May 19, 2014 in Blountstown. He was born on Dec. 23, 1939 in Liberty County and had lived here most of his life. He was a retired logger. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Buck Sykes and Inez Duggar Sykes.

Survivors include two sisters, Marie Covington of Bristol and Grace Ward of Draper, UT.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, May 21 at Blue Creek Cemetery in Hosford with Steve Cherry officiating. Interment followed.

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ALTHA SCHOOL

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School. The children who attend the new Altha School will have a safe and productive learning environment. We are very thankful for the funds that we were awarded to make this much needed improvement to our school system. Our thanks go to Governor Scott and our local elected officials for their support for this project."

Sue Price, Altha School principal stated, "This is a great day for our students, faculty and community. Wildcat Nation celebrates this first step towards a new school facility."

Over the next several months, Superintendent Yoder, the Calhoun County School Board and district staff will work with architectural firm Clemons, Rutherford, & Associates, Inc to finalize the design and construction phasing plan to complete the project within budget and on time.

INSURANCE FRAUD SCHEME

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that she had been driving into the southbound lane while rounding a curve and collided with Bottoms' car.

Her mother, Pamela Mayor, was listed as an injured passenger in her vehicle.

Donna J. Bottoms was listed as the driver of the Mitsubishi, and reported that she had been injured. Amber Sirmans was listed as a passenger in the Bottoms' vehicle and also reported that she was hurt.

Before receiving any insurance benefits, all four were required to take examinations under oath. All failed to take part in the statement process and their claims were denied.

FROM LEFT: Dr. Mitchell Whitehead of Cottondale, Dr. Glen Thompson of Malone, Dr. Rick Sims of Marianna and Dr. J.D. Byrd of Graceville.

Chipola alumni graduate from FSU Med School

TALLAHASSEE - Four Chipola College alumni graduated from the Florida State University College of Medicine on Saturday, May 17. They include Dr. Mitchell E. Whitehead of Cottondale, Dr. Tommy "Glen" Thompson, II, of Malone, Dr. Richard "Rick" Sims of Marianna and Dr. John "J.D." Byrd of Graceville.

This was the FSU College of Medicine's 10th graduating class. Commencement speaker Lynn Romrell, associate dean for medical education, offered the graduates three numbers to ponder: 1,443 — the number of days they were in medical school; 133 — the number of exams, quizzes and other tests they endured; and 1,003 — the average number of patient encounters.

Dr. Whitehead will specialize in Family Medicine. His residency will be at Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare.

Dr. Thompson will specialize in Family Medicine. His residency will be in Orlando at Florida Hospital.

Dr. Sims will specialize in Anesthesiology. His residency will be in Gainesville at UF-Shands Hospital. He was inducted into the Gold Humanism Honor Society.

Dr. Byrd will specialize in Internal Medicine. His residency will be at the University of South Alabama Health System in Mobile. He received the Mission Award, Internal Medicine Award and also was inducted into the Gold Humanism Honor Society.

Bonnie Smith, faculty adviser to the Chipola Honors program and Pre-Med Society says, "We are so proud of these four young doctors. Chipola has an excellent record of preparing students to gain acceptance to limited-access programs at universities across the Southeast, including medicine, pharmacy, dentistry and engineering.

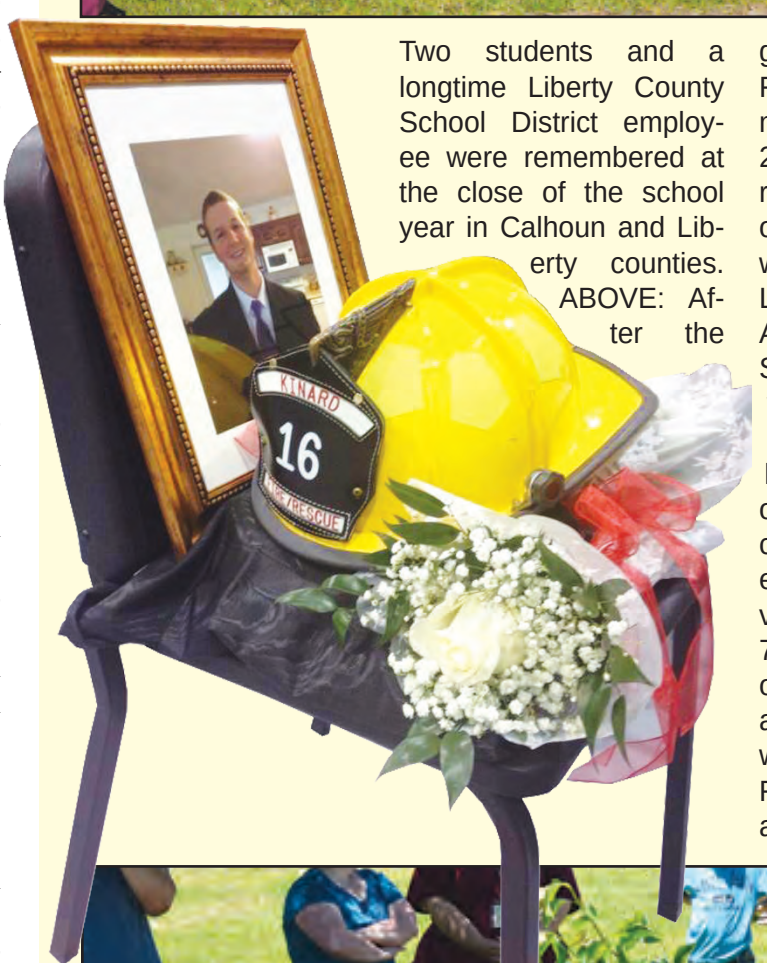
Chipola's Miller signs to run at Montevallo

MARIANNA - Chipola College cross country runner Natalya Miller of Wewahitchka has signed to run for the University of Montevallo in Alabama.

Miller will run cross country at Montevallo and also will join the track team to compete in middle and long distance events.

Miller holds the Chipola school record of 19:52 at the 5K distance. She also has a personal best of 19:40 in an open race. She finished second overall in a field of 30 at the Darton College meet in 2012 and finished third in 2013.

Miller is planning to major in Exercise Science. She is the daughter of Karen and John Curry of Wewahitchka.



Two students and a longtime Liberty County School District employee were remembered at the close of the school year in Calhoun and Liberty counties. ABOVE: After the graduation ceremony Friday night in Bristol, members of the Class of 2014 gathered outside to release a dove in memory of Alexis Patty. Alexis, who played softball for Liberty County, was killed April 13, 2011 when her SUV overturned as she was heading home to Hosford. She would have been a member of this year's graduating class. LEFT: Ryan Flowers, who died in a single vehicle accident on May 7, 2013 was just 17 years old but had already made an impact as a volunteer with the Kinard Volunteer Fire Department. A scholarship has been established in his name to aid future young firefighters with their training. This year's recipient was Justin Terry. A chair was set aside for Ryan, who would have been a member of the Blountstown High School Class of 2014. A framed photo of Ryan and his firefighter's helmet with his number - Kinard 16 - was displayed on the seat with a rose. BELOW: The staff and students at Tolar School gathered recently to plant a tree in honor of Larry Dawson, a longtime school janitor whose smile greeted everyone each day. He died May 6, just six days before his 56th birthday.

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vs.

BRANDI M. DUREN A/K/A BRANDI M. GODWIN A/K/A BRANDI MICHELLE GODWIN, et al.,
Defendants.
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NOTICE IS GIVEN that in accordance with the Plaintiff's Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 20, 2014 in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on July 3, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. CST, at the front steps of the Calhoun County Courthouse, 20859 Central Ave, Blountstown, FL 32424.

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the Calhoun County School Board until 3:00 p.m. CT, Tuesday, June 10, 2014, for the purchase of the following:

Gasoline and Diesel for use in the operation of public vehicles, school buses and school plants.

LP Gas for use in lunchrooms and schools of Calhoun County.

Any additional information or bid forms required may be obtained at the Office of the School Superintendent, 20859 Central Ave. E., Rm. G-20, Blountstown, Florida. Bid forms must be used by each bidder submitting a bid. Otherwise bids will not be considered.

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The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. The decision of the Board will be final. No bid may be withdrawn by any bidder for a period of thirty (30) days after bids are opened.

Ken Speights, Chairman
Calhoun County School Board

ATTEST:
Ralph Yoder, Superintendent
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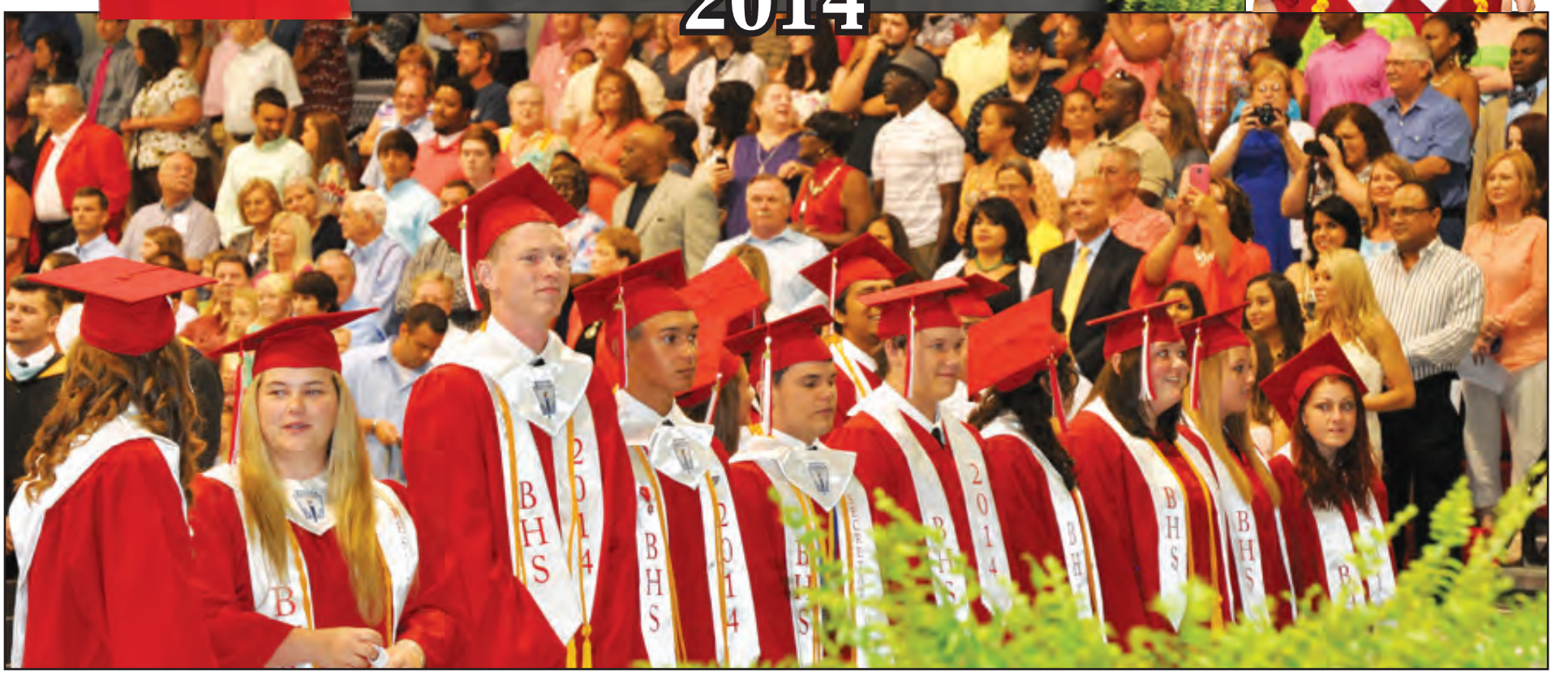
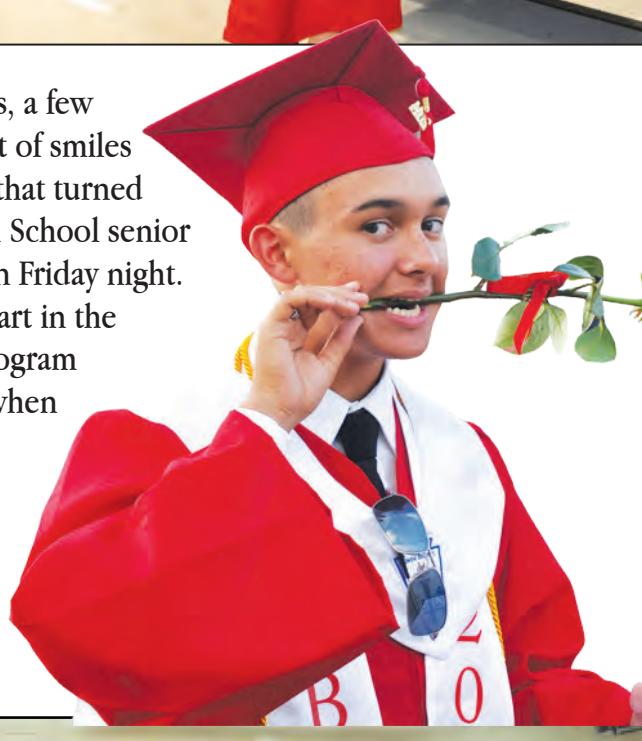
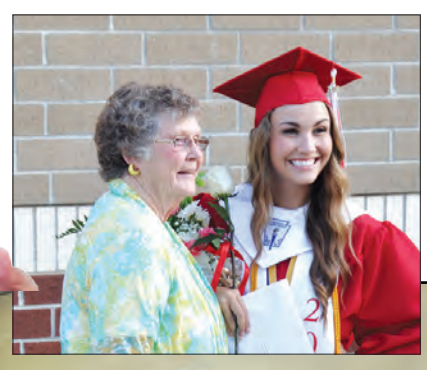


There were a few tears, a few laughs and a whole lot of smiles during the ceremony that turned the Blountstown High School senior class into graduates on Friday night. The new grads took part in the sometimes solemn program but didn't hold back when it was time to gather outside and take lots of photos with friends and family to commemorate the occasion.





✶STARSCOPE✶

Week of June 4 - June 10, 2014

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
People seem to be going out of their way to be nice to you, Aries. While you may suspect they have ulterior motives, their kindness really is nothing more than good will.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, approach your workload with an optimistic attitude this week. You can expect your efforts to produce positive results that don't go unnoticed.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
It is an uphill battle to focus on chores this week, Gemini. You would rather be out having fun, but putting off chores now will only lead to more work down the road.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, although you are capable of keeping up appearances this week, you will be lost in your own thoughts. Personal issues prove to be a distraction.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, serve as a diplomat this week, placing yourself in the middle of conflict because you want to help. Keep a level head and don't get swept into the argument.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, your ability to focus is very strong, but this week you cannot seem to get your mind to cooperate. You may have a million things to think about.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
You are tempted to join the party this week, even though you know it is probably a better idea to decline. But the prospect of socializing and having a good time is too tempting.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, you often feel uncomfortable when you have too many loose ends. It may take quite a while this week to wrap up all of your obligations before you can relax.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, the more you ponder the decisions you have to make, the more you struggle to determine a positive outcome. Give yourself some breathing room.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Career issues must be dealt with, Capricorn. You may have been running through various options, and if you have reached a decision, then go with your gut instincts.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, although everyone around you seems to be stressing out, for some reason you are able to breeze through your days without a worry in the world.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Your intuition is telling you to proceed with caution, Pisces. Watch where you step, but don't let caution take over your life.

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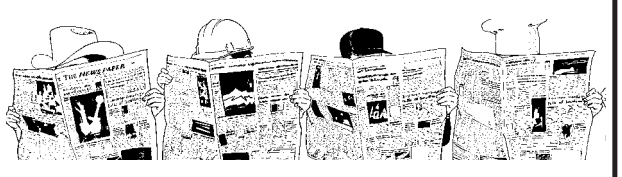

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	1				2		8	
		8		1	7		6	
	6	1		7	9			
	8			5				
		4				8	5	9
				2	5			
		9	4					7

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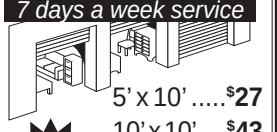

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