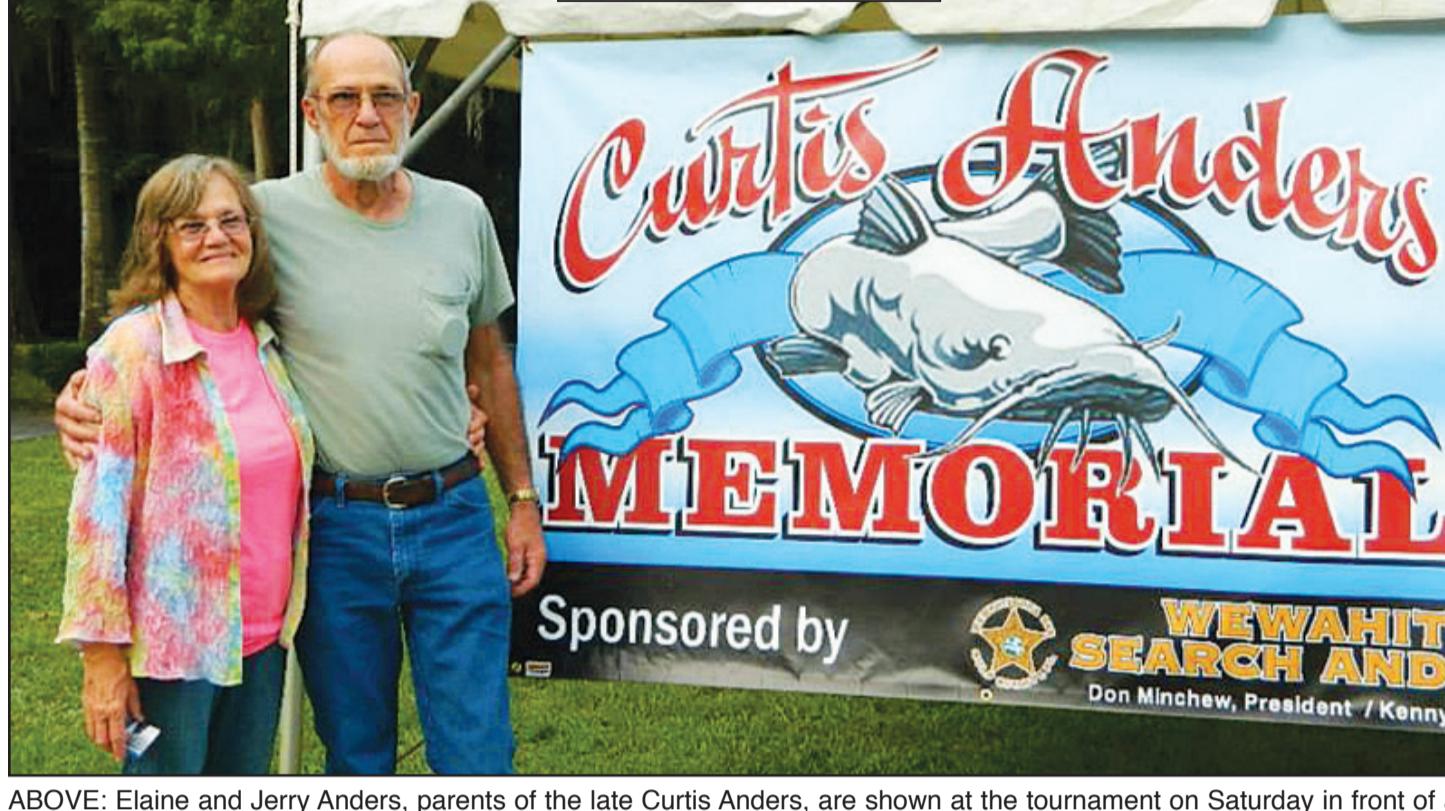


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ABOVE: Elaine and Jerry Anders, parents of the late Curtis Anders, are shown at the tournament on Saturday in front of a banner bearing the event's new logo featuring their son's name. BELOW: Anders' widow, Donifan Anders, signals the beginning of the tournament Friday afternoon.

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## Wewahitchka flathead tournament renamed in honor of Curtis Anders

by Teresa Eubanks, *Journal Editor*

When the organizers of the annual Florida Catfish Tournament in Wewahitchka approached one of their longtime sponsors with the suggestion that they incorporate their name into the tournament in exchange for more help promoting the event, they were surprised at the response.

"We suggested naming it the Roberts & Roberts Florida Catfish Tournament," said this year's tournament director Kenny Price. But Liberty County native George Roberts, who now lives in Bay County where the business is located, had another idea. Name it after Curtis Anders.

Price said they were already thinking of adding "In memory of Curtis Anders" at the end of the event's name, but "George wanted to put Curtis first," said Price. "He wanted to pay tribute to his friend."

Anders, an avid fisherman who enjoyed sharing his catch with friends and family, died after falling from his boat on the Apalachicola River in March.

Roberts was one of many who joined members of the Wewahitchka Search and Rescue Team at the site throughout the 13-day search.

Roberts, along with Andy Bailey and Jinker Potter, both of Bristol, were on the river every day of the search.

That experience, he said, gave him some perspective of just how much work search and rescue groups do. "We kind of got



to know these guys and saw what it all entailed," he said. He was so impressed that afterwards, he purchased a new sonar for one of their search boats.

George and Curtis knew each other for many years, attending school together, fishing and hunting together and even working together.

"Curtis worked for me for 30 years," Roberts said. "I hired him when I was 19 and he was 20."

He said they were very close and described him as a "very good employee," although he recalls that Curtis had a rocky start with them.

"The first day he came to work, he wrecked a dump

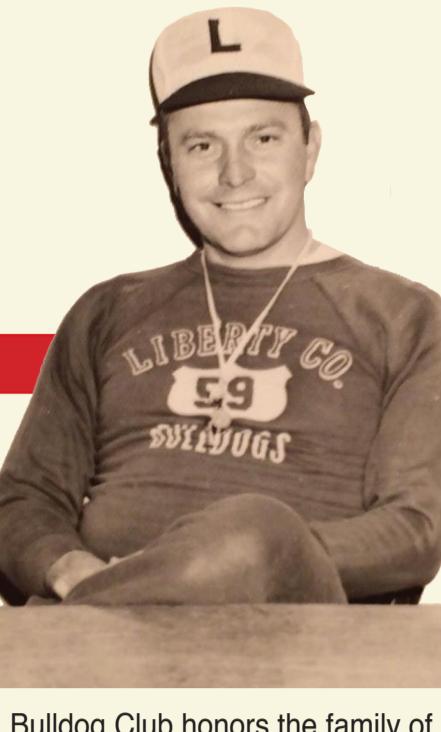
truck," Roberts said. After it overturned and all the dirt spilled out, he asked Roberts what he should do. Roberts said the dirt needed to be shoveled out. "He shoveled a whole dump truck full of dirt out by himself and didn't even complain about it," Roberts said. Afterwards, he came back to the office and said,

"I guess I'm fired." He wasn't.

That display of patience paved the way for a long career, first at C.W. Roberts Construction Inc. in Hosford, and later at the newer business, Roberts & Roberts in Bay County.

Curtis became the "go to" guy for training employees on equipment and in fact, trained "all our children" when they did work with the company operated by Roberts and his brother, Chuck Roberts, he said.

"He was just a good guy," Roberts said. "I miss him every day."



Bulldog Club honors the family of the late Coach, Teacher & School Superintendent Jerry Johnson during Friday's game in Bristol.

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## Altha branch of Cadence Bank closing Oct. 23

by Teresa Eubanks, *Journal Editor*

Cadence Bank's Altha branch will close on Oct. 23. It is one of 17 branches that are closing in Florida, Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi. The bank's Bristol location closed last November.

The Altha branch has three full time employees and one part-time employee.

Cadence Bank began operations in this area in 2011 after the FDIC shut down Superior Bank. Cadence bought Superior Bank in April 2011.

"Banking is an evolving industry, and the decision to close a branch is never an easy one," said Debbie Innes, an executive with Cadence. "At Cadence, our branch network is an essential part of our customer experience. We understand there will always be transactions that customers prefer to conduct face-to-face, and we are intent on providing a strategic blend of digital and in-person banking experiences to best serve our clients."

She said bank customers have many options, explaining that they increasingly rely on mobile and online banking to conduct their transactions. "Cadence has invested considerable resources to provide alternate opportunities for our customers to do their banking whenever and wherever they choose," she said.

"Our customers and associates are important to us. The majority of the branches scheduled to close have Cadence Bank offices nearby where customers can conduct their banking business. With these closures, some associates were given the unfortunate news that their positions will be eliminated. We are dedicated to helping these individuals transition either within Cadence or to positions outside the bank."

## Deputy reunites mother, son on the phone after 20 years apart

by Teresa Eubanks, *Journal Editor*

Monday may have been Calhoun County Deputy John Scheetz's birthday, but he was the one who gave a special gift to someone else.

The deputy was called out to Four Mile Creek Park Monday morning after a work crew doing maintenance at the site found someone sleeping on a picnic table.

The 56-year-old man, whose name was Michael, arrived in Florida earlier this year with some other homeless people to escape the cold. At one point, he was staying in a homeless shelter in Panama City, and since that time, wound up in Calhoun County, where he had been getting some help from the folks at Hillcrest Baptist Church.

He told the deputy he was staying at the park while waiting on a check to arrive that had been forwarded to him in care of the church.

The two men talked for a few minutes. Then

the deputy asked about Michael's family.

Michael, who is from Colorado, told him he hadn't seen his family in 20 years and didn't even know if his mother was still living. He explained that he understood she had moved some years ago but wasn't sure about the name of the town.

Even if he had known where she lived, he said he didn't have a cell phone to contact her and didn't know how to use a computer to attempt to search for her.

"What's her name?" Scheetz asked. Once he got her full name, he contacted directory assistance and asked for any listings under her name. He found one in Colorado Springs.

He called the number and when it began ringing, he handed the phone over to Michael.

After a moment, he heard Michael ask,

"Mom?" Then there were tears.

The two talked and made plans to reunite.

Michael said that as soon as his check arrived, he would get a bus ticket and head out to see her.

Before the call ended, Michael handed the phone back to the deputy so that his 85-year-old mother could thank him.

"I've been praying for years that one day he would pick up the phone and call me or show up on my doorstep," she told Scheetz. "I knew this day would come."

"When I broke the news to her that he was homeless, she began crying," the deputy said. She said she told Michael, "You could have always come home."

Now he will.

Amid the thanks from the long-estranged pair, Michael told the deputy, "This is the best day of my life."

It was a pretty good one for John Scheetz, too.



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# Sidewalks, road resurfacing, Lift station grant and new BES parking lot among items discussed at Super Council meeting

The Calhoun County Commission, school board, Altha Town Council, Blountstown City Council and the City of Blountstown gathered Thursday evening to do something every county should do: get updates on ongoing projects, discuss problems and exchange ideas.

Chamber Director Kristy Terry has spearheaded the meetings, which are held each September and March, and allow the boards to work together and learn more about each other's projects.

Terry gave an update on Chamber of Commerce projects and initiatives, discussing the success of the annual Swamp & Stomp Mud Run fundraiser and distributing information on the Economic Development Ad Valorem Abatement Referendum that will be on the 2014 Calhoun County general ballot.

The group heard a presentation on the need to establish a local Boys & Girls Club from Rita Prueett and Clifford Jackson. Both outlined the numerous benefits to the community and noted that once the club was established, there are numerous grants to keep it in operation. First, however, they need to get letters of support and do some fund-raising to handle the start-up costs. (For more about this presentation, please see Page 3.)

## CALHOUN COMMISSION

Joe Wood gave an update on current and upcoming improvement projects around the county:

- Hwy. 69 South – widening and resurfacing underway

- CR 392 – widening and resurfacing underway

- Silas Greet Street – widening and resurfacing should begin soon

- Entrance to Calhoun County airport – resurfacing should begin any day

- New restrooms constructed and playground upgraded at Neal Landing

- Walking trail and tennis courts upgraded at Sam Atkins Park

- Received a \$50K grant to refurbish exterior of historic courthouse

- North portion of 69 S – scheduled widening and resurfacing after south portion

- Pine Island water system – groundbreaking recently held; construction will begin soon

- Finishing up drainage projects on John F. Bailey Road and Roy Golden Road

- Working with FEMA on heavy rainfall events – hope some damage can qualify for repairs

## SCHOOL BOARD

- Assistant Superintendent Vicki Da-

vis stated that the first portion of funding for a new Altha School had been approved in May. The school board is currently in the process of selecting a construction management firm.

- She reiterated the need for a force main to complete the sewer system connection to Blountstown, and asked for the continued support of the project from the other boards.

- Blountstown Elementary School will soon get a new parking lot, as well as new fencing and playground equipment.

- She concluded by noting the valuable contributions and assistance received from the Florida Dept. of Corrections/Calhoun Correctional Institute.

## CITY OF BLOUNTSTOWN

But before they could get into the details of their various projects, the City of Blountstown got a big thank you from one of the few audience members.

"Thank you for all the improvements in our town," said James Williford, who is blind and says he especially enjoys the freedom the new sidewalks have allowed him. "It's just made a total difference for me," he said, explaining that he enjoys walking at night with his dog.

Interim City Manager Traci Hall presented the following updates:

- Completing Budget Process and proud to say that the City did not have to increase any rates for this budget year.

## • Blountstown Middle School Side-

walk Project has been completed and that is the last of the funded sidewalk projects.

- The City has received a \$37,500 FRDAP Grant from FDEP for a park/picnic pavilion at Lake Hilda. (Chicken Corner).

## • The City has been awarded a \$900,000 LAP

Grant from FDEP for Blountstown Wastewater Improvement and Expansion.

They plan on using a portion of the money to build a new Lift Station to service the Angle Street/

Charlie John Street area.

- The City has been awarded an additional \$235,000 from the Northwest Florida Water Management District (NFWFMD) to help with the cost of replacing all the old waterlines under SR20 within the City limits in conjunction with the FDOT paving project.

The City was almost done with the nightly work in conjunction with this project and hopefully, the Boil Water Notice would be canceled on Saturday.

- Paving of Highway 20 through Blountstown will begin Oct. 12.

- The City has hired Jeremy Norris as our Public Works Director. He has been in this position since the end of June and is doing a fantastic job.

## ALTHA TOWN COUNCIL

New council chair Michael Papas introduced himself, and stated the council is ready to move forward and continue progress.

- He noted that Altha would soon install new auto-reading water meters, which would assist staff in working more efficiently.

## SHERIFF'S LOG

### CALHOUN COUNTY

#### SEPT. 23

- Jennifer Miranda Daughtry, manufacture/ meth in presence of child, BPD.

- Dortha Catalano, VOCC, BPD.

- Mason Edward Guthrie, manufacture of meth in presence of child, BPD.

- Labyan Dominic Peterson, VOP, CCSO.

- Christopher Scott McCoy, VOCC, CCSO.

#### SEPT. 24

- Harold Dana McKenzie, non-support, CCSO.

- Jack Lee Barton, VOP, Bay County.

- Tyler Scott Elliott, criminal registration, CCSO.

- Michael Wayne Harmon, criminal registration, CCSO.

- Eric Shane Daniels, Criminal registration, CCSO.

#### SEPT. 26

- Cheri Ann Nalini Morris, FTA, CCSO.

- Russell Allen Cannon, felon in possession of a firearm, violation of injunction, CCSO.

#### SEPT. 28

- Demetruis Lamar Cox, DUI, CCSO.

#### SEPT. 29

- Jeffery Charles Tipton, contempt of court, BPD.

- Lakendruck Markail Gibbs, criminal registration, CCSO.

### LIBERTY COUNTY

#### SEPT. 23

- George Todd, domestic battery, LCSO.

#### SEPT. 26

- Demetrio Ortega-Cruz, Serving weekends, LCSO.

- Gerardo Perdomo-Reyes, serving weekends, LCSO.

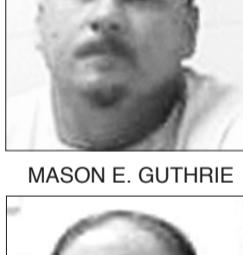
- Benjamin Ward, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, LCSO.

- Ernesto Garcia, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, LCSO.

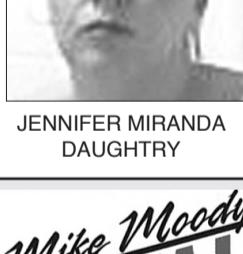
#### SEPT. 29

- Mitchell Dinisman, possession of controlled substance, 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.*



MASON E. GUTHRIE



JENNIFER MIRANDA DAUGHTRY

## Pair charged with making meth while infant is inside residence

A Blountstown couple are charged with manufacturing methamphetamine in the presence of a child after officers from the Blountstown Police Department arrived at their door and noticed the odor of an active meth lab.

Capt. Adam Terry and Office William Dalton went to the SR 71 South residence around 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23 after receiving a report of possible drug activity.

A woman who answered the door acknowledged that her six-month-old child was in the home. She was ordered to take

the child out. When officers searched the residence, they found a vessel in the living room which had a reaction in progress to create the drug.

The home's residents, Jennifer Miranda Daughtry, 30, and Mason Guthrie, 36, returned a short time later. Daughtry denied knowing about the reaction vessel. Guthrie said it was his.

A records check showed that both had purchased pseudoephedrine and that Daughtry had bought cold pills at 10:02 a.m. that day.

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# Nurse, former city council member hope to start Boys & Girls Club in Blountstown

by Teresa Eubanks, *Journal Editor*

Barely a month ago, Rita Pruette and Clifford Jackson discovered they had the same idea: Blountstown needs a Boys & Girls Club.

For Jackson, his first introduction to the program was when he took local kids to Tyndall Air Force Base to participate in basket games that were sponsored by the organization.

He found out there was a lot more to the Boys & Girls Club. "I started looking into what they offered," he said. "They mentor kids, teach life skills and stress education." They also offer programs in the arts, sports, fitness and careers.

"There's really nothing to do for our kids in our communities," he said. The Club's after school program would give them a place to go, something to do and an opportunity to learn and develop skills they might not learn about in their day-to-day lives.

Pruette's realization stemmed from a much more serious situation. A few years ago, a 13-year-old girl came to the doctor's office where Pruette, a nurse practitioner, was working and asked for a pregnancy test. The test showed she was not pregnant. The girl was disappointed and explained that her boyfriend wanted her to have his baby. Pruette urged her to begin using birth control pills and supplied her with three months' worth. The girl said she would use them.

The same youngster showed up a few weeks later for another pregnancy test. This time it was positive. She was



Rita Pruette explains the many benefits to the community a Boys & Girls Club would offer at last week's Super Council meeting in Blountstown.

TERESA EUBANKS PHOTO

happy but Pruette was worried. How could a 13-year-old mother raise a child who wouldn't repeat those poor choices? How could this young girl, and one day, her child, learn about personal responsibility and the many options the future offers?

She started to do a little research.

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At Thursday's Super Council meeting at the library in Blountstown, Pruette gave a presentation on the changes being made in young lives through the Boys & Girls Club.

One of the most remarkable statistics she presented was a 50 percent drop in teen birthrates over a seven year period

in Milwaukee, WI. The city went from 52 births per 1,000 in 2005 to just over 25 births per 1,000 in 2012.

She cited local statistics that showed Calhoun County's 2013 teen birthrate at just over 56 per 1,000, with much the same number in Liberty County. Just the previous year, in 2012, Liberty County's teen birthrate soared at 78 per 1,000. She would like to see those numbers drop to fall in line with the success Milwaukee has established.

How did they do it? She says a program like Boys & Girls Club of America had a big role in bringing that rate down by encouraging kids to stay in school, take care of their health and

avoid risky behavior while developing a strong character.

Her presentation included a checklist of some significant findings about the Club from the Florida Tax Watch group, which points out that kids taking part in the after school programs have higher reading scores, less school absences and lower dropout rates.

She and Jackson are gathering a list of endorsements from local organizations and community leaders as they work toward establishing a club.

While it will cost about \$50,000 to get started, once in place, the club will be mostly funded by grants, Pruette explained.

They're looking into ways to find a location and raise the start-up money. They will be working under the umbrella of the Mayhaw Community Action Group, using their 501 C3 status as a non-profit organization.

They're already aware of a \$20,000 grant that's provided to newly-formed clubs to purchase computer equipment, and there are many other grant sources they can work with after getting on their feet.

What they need right now is community support. If you would like to help, you can do so by adding your name to their endorsement list and writing a letter supporting their efforts. For more information, contact Rita Pruette at [ritasmithpruette@yahoo.com](mailto:ritasmithpruette@yahoo.com), or Clifford Jackson at [cjackson1963@live.com](mailto:cjackson1963@live.com) or (850) 209-1684.

To learn more about the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, visit [www.bgca.org](http://www.bgca.org).



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# Apalachee Baptist Association annual meeting Oct. 9 in Bristol

The 59<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Apalachee Baptist Association will be held Sunday, Oct. 19 beginning at 5 p.m. (CT) at the Veterans Memorial Civic Center in Bristol. This association is comprised of sixteen Southern Baptist churches in Liberty, Calhoun and Franklin counties. It is our mission to support each one and come alongside their pastors and leaders to impact their congregations and their communities.

The association provides church leaders with valuable resources and information to assist with the everyday work of ministry. From programs and events to training and cooperation, the Apalachee Baptist Association is here to partner with those who are committed to making a difference. It is our joy to work together with other churches in

partnering in the effort to accomplish the Great commission (Matthew 28:18-20).

Our Director of Missions, Clyde Roberts is retiring and finishing 10 years of service in our association and has been in ministry for more than sixty years. We are sad to see him go but grateful for his many years of dedicated service. We feel that we have accomplished much under his leadership.

We will celebrate with a business session at 5 p.m., a fellowship meal at 6 p.m. and a wonderful worship service at 7 p.m. Our worship will be led by Hugh Black of Hosford leading our joint-associational choir and enjoy a message from Dr. Craig Culbreath of the Florida Baptist convention staff. Please plan to join the celebration.

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

**BRISTOL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH** - It is with grateful hearts that the congregation of Bristol Pentecostal Holiness Church honor Pastors Coy and Linda Collins for their years of dedicated service to the Lord, our church and our community.

The Collins have served 47 years in ministry, with 22 of those years at Bristol PH Church. We would like to extend an invitation to the community to join us as we honor our Pastors on Sunday, Oct. 5 at 11 a.m. during our morning worship service. If you have any questions feel free to call the church.

*The church is located at 12413 NW Solomon Street in Bristol. For more information call (850) 643-5733.*

**TELOGIA BAPTIST CHURCH** - Telogia Baptist Church Youth Ministry, "The Master's Puppets", will be performing a musical entitled "Stand Firm", Sunday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. at Telogia Baptist Church.

We invite everyone to join Cameron Camel and the Camel News Network Team as they provide round-the-clock coverage through an approaching hurricane. The residents of Generic City learn about building on a firm foundation, trusting God, and resisting peer pressure as they discover how to stand firm through life's storms.

You may contact Claudie Black with any questions at (850) 643-6242.

*The church is located at 19800 N.E. SR 65 in Telogia.*

### 2014 GENERAL ELECTION DATES

**ELECTION DATE**  
**General Election: Nov. 4, 2014**

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The Logic and Accuracy Testing of the voting equipment will be held in the Supervisor of Election's office on:

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**General Election: Oct. 6, 2014**

If you have not already done so, you can register to vote, update your address, update your signature by filling out a voter's registration application. You can find an application at our office located in the courthouse, your local post office, library, Thompson's Store or Sumatra Grocery. You can also go to our website at [libertyelections.com](http://libertyelections.com) and complete, print, sign and mail an application to: Supervisor of Elections, P.O. Box 597, Bristol, FL 32321.

Absentee ballots are now available. Contact our office to make a request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at 643-5226.

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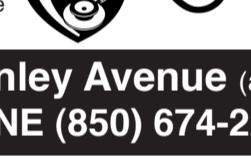
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## Calhoun, Liberty girls are invited to compete Jackson County Cotton Pageant set for Oct. 25

The third annual Miss Jackson County Cotton Pageant will be held Saturday, Oct. 25 at Graceville Civic Center.

This pageant is open to girls ages 3-21 in Calhoun, Liberty, Jackson, Washington, Gadsden and Holmes Counties. Age groups are: Tiny Miss, 3-4; Little Miss, 5-7; Young Miss, 8-11; Junior, 12-14; Teen Miss, 15-17; and Miss, 18-21.

Entry fee is \$30 with an optional additional \$10 fee for photogenic. Evening gown competition with on stage question. On stage questions are excluded for ages 3 and 4.

Attire for Tiny Miss and Little Miss is Heirloom or short pageant dress and Evening gown for Young Miss through Miss.

Deadline to enter the pageant competition is Friday, Oct. 17. For more information contact Janice Cloud at (850) 663-4529 (day) or (850) 557-2725 (evening).

All proceeds after expenses will benefit the Special Olympics of Jackson County.

## MEETINGS

### Wednesday, Oct. 1

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

### Thursday, Oct. 2

- 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.

- Blountstown Main Street, 5:30 p.m. (CT) at Rivertown Mercantile.

### Friday, Oct. 3

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

### Saturday, Oct. 4

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

- Altha Flea Market, 8 a.m. (CT) on corner of State Road 71 and Broad Street. Phone (850) 762-3280.

### Sunday, Oct. 5

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

### Monday, Oct. 6

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

- 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.

- Bulldog Club, 7 p.m., LCHS field house. Phone (850) 643-4068.

### Tuesday, Oct. 7

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

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

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

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

- Mossy Pond Community Crime Watch, 6:30 p.m. (CT), Mossy Pond Library.

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

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

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# Hairy Chaffhead Wildflower alert

by Eleanor Dietrich, Florida Wildflower Foundation

This is a common flower along moist open savannas, pinewoods, and roadsides in the fall. It has clusters of small pinkish purple flowers densely packed along a single stem that is usually around 3' tall, although in the right circumstances it can be even taller.

It usually grows in large colonies. It is in the Composite family of flowers. What looks like a single flower is really multiple small tubular disk flowers grouped tightly together. Find this flower and look at it closely and you'll see what I mean.

There are a couple of other fall-blooming flowers that have some similarities

to this one – Vanilla Plant and Bristly Chaffhead – but they each have different structures for their blooms on the flower stalk.

On this particular plant, an identifying characteristic is that all of its parts are hairy, which is not true for the other two, and it is how it gets its common name of Hairy Chaffhead.

The other common name, Deer-tongue, comes from the shape of the large strap-like leaves at the base of the plant. This flower responds rapidly to fire, so you may see larger groups of them where the forest has been recently burned.



The Florida Wildflower Foundation ([www.flawildflowers.org](http://www.flawildflowers.org)) supports wildflower planting, education & research in Florida. Visit its new Panhandle Wildflower website ([www.flawildflowertrips.org](http://www.flawildflowertrips.org)) to see more of what is in bloom in this area.

## Community Calendar

# October 2014

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**Wednesday, Oct. 1**

**OCTOBER IS National Breast Cancer AWARENESS MONTH**

**LCHS J.V. Dawgs vs. Chipely Away at 7 p.m. (ET)**

**BIRTHDAYS**  
Stewart Hobbie,  
Kristi Barber Mathews,  
Mary Ann Brown  
and Linda Potter

**Thursday, Oct. 2**

**BHS Class of '71**  
meets at El Jalisco 5:30 p.m. (CT)

**BIRTHDAYS**  
Brandon Vickers, Marti Vickery, Janice Branch, Aubrynn Joy McLemore and Jimmy Chester

**Friday, Oct. 3**

**Cecil Brunson Benefit**  
Lunch at LCSO

**LCHS Dawgs vs. W Gadsden**  
Away at 7:30 p.m. (ET)

**B-town Tigers vs. Bozeman**  
Away at 7 p.m. (CT)

**Saturday, Oct. 4**

**Barfield Family Reunion**  
First Baptist Church, Blountstown 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (CT)

**BIRTHDAYS**  
Carrie Flowers, Alissa Deason and Mildred Goodson

**Altha Senior Car Wash at Altha Town Hall 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (CT)**

**Sunday, Oct. 5**

**World Space Week**  
October 4-10

**BIRTHDAYS**  
Kim Milligan,  
Margie Woodham,  
Jess Doyal &  
Chris Willis

**Monday, Oct. 6**

**BIRTHDAYS**  
Jeanine Revell, Janna Hill, Charles Golden, Lisa Phillips, Edward Russell, Tessa Shuler, Faye Bailey, Eugene Cook and Chuck Johnson

**Tuesday, Oct. 7**

**National NEWSPAPER WEEK**  
October 5-11 2014

**BIRTHDAYS**  
Jared Hiers,  
Robyn Parrish-Hill,  
Sandra Pennington and David O'Neal

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**ON THE RIVER****JetSki Junkies U.S.A. plan 'Finding Bigfoot Ride' on Apalachicola River Oct. 10 thru 12**

from Kev Hemingway,  
JetSki Junkies USA

Florida panhandle residents are invited to join a band of jet ski enthusiasts that will be coming to the area Oct. 10 - 12 to ride the Apalachicola River.

Amusingly dubbed the "Finding Bigfoot Ride," that will be the theme for this weekend tour. We will have Jet Ski Junkie members from all over the country coming in as well as members from other local jet ski clubs.

On Saturday, Oct. 11, we will leave the Blountstown Ramp at 10 a.m., riding south to Apalachicola, refuel and ride back to Blountstown with an estimated 160 miles in one day while also visiting some of the historical stops along the way such as Ft. Gadsden.

We will then meet for dinner in Bristol at the Apalachee Restaurant. On Sunday, we will meet back at the Blountstown Ramp and ride north to Lake Seminole and back, totaling approximately 50 - 60 miles. Below is



the itinerary for the weekend:

**RAMP:**

Neal River Landing  
SE River St, Blountstown

**INFO:**

Much history and folklore abounds the Apalachicola National Forest and Apalachicola River. It is believed to be the true location of the Garden of Eden. In addition, the river is indigenous for the Florida Torreya and the Yew tree, otherwise known as the "Stinking Cedar." They also believe it is the famed gopher wood with which Noah built his Ark. The Apalachicola River is also home to Fort Gadsden, known for the 1816 "Deadliest Shot"

from a cannon. During the Steamboat era, Apalachicola was a major port with steamboats running supplies up to Columbia. The area is most recently known now as a possible home to Bigfoot. It has been believed that Sasquatch, aka Bigfoot, resides in the woods that surround the Apalachicola River. Many sightings and encounters have been reported, so much that the Animal Planet's BFRO (Bigfoot Research Organization) has visited the Apalachicola River area numerous times to investigate such tales for their TV series, Finding Bigfoot. We invite you to join us to ride the Apalachicola River in search of the famed Bigfoot.

**RIDE PLAN:**

**SATURDAY 10/11/14:**

Ramp Saturday at 9 a.m. Ride South to Apalachicola Bay, refuel & ride back. Picnic lunch so bring food and drinks. You will need extra fuel. It is approximately 80 miles one way making it 160 miles round trip.

**FUEL STOP:**

<http://www.scipiocreekmarina.com/>

**DINNER:**

Apalachee Restaurant, Bristol

**SUNDAY 10/12/14:**

Ramp 10 a.m. Ride north to Lake Seminole and back, approx. 50 miles round trip.

**HISTORICAL DETAILS:**

Fort Gadsden

<http://www.exploresouthernhistory.com/fortgadsden.html>

Apalachicola River:

<http://www.exploresouthernhistory.com/apalachicola1.html>

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~ *RiverTrek raises funds to restore, protect and preserve the river* ~

**Five-day paddling trip to support the Apalachicola River**

TALLAHASSEE – In celebration of Florida Greenways and Trails Month, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection is participating in RiverTrek – a five-day paddling trip down the length of the Apalachicola River.

The trip will take place Oct. 7-11, beginning at Clyde Hopkins Park in Chattahoochee and ending at Apalachicola Riverfront Park.

**Five day RiverTrek schedule:**

•Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 9 a.m. - Clyde Hopkins Park, 400 River Landing Road, Chattahoochee, FL 32324

•Wednesday, Oct. 8 at 11:30 a.m. - Neal River

Landing, SE River Street, Blountstown, FL 32424

•Friday, Oct. 10 at 9:15 a.m. - Gaskin Park, We-wahitchka, FL 32465

•Saturday, Oct. 11 at 4 p.m. - Apalachicola Riverfront Park, 90 Water Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320

This is the seventh year for the event, which celebrates the river and raises funds for conservation. The participants will be greeted along the way by elected officials who will speak about the river's importance and the recent National Recreation Trail designation. Florida Paddling Trails Association President Tom McLaulin will also be

presenting Blueway community signs to the river towns of Chattahoochee, Blountstown, Wewahitchka and Apalachicola at RiverTrek events.

For information on how to support, donate or volunteer for the event, visit [www.apalachicolariverkeeper.org/rivertrek/](http://www.apalachicolariverkeeper.org/rivertrek/).

*The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is the state's principal environmental agency, created to protect, conserve and manage Florida's environment and natural resources. The department enforces federal and state environmental laws, protects Florida's air and water quality, cleans up pollution, regulates solid waste management, promotes pollution prevention, and acquires environmentally sensitive lands for preservation. The agency also maintains a statewide system of parks, trails and aquatic preserves. To view the department's website log on to [www.dep.state.fl.us](http://www.dep.state.fl.us).*

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**36th annual Sunland Fall Festival Oct. 25**

Sunland Center celebrates their 36th annual Fall Festival, Saturday, Oct. 25.

This event is held on the grounds of Sunland Center in Marianna, at the Center's beautiful Environmental Park. Sunland is located on Hwy. 71 north of Marianna.

The festival begins at 9 a.m. (CT) with a huge parade through the Sunland grounds and Environmental Park. Entertainment provided by local artists and musicians, continues throughout the day on three stages located throughout the park: Main Pavilion stage, Center Stage and the Pavilion by the Pond, a new stage located near the log cabin and cane grinding exhibit. Featured are more than 100 arts and crafts booths, a wide variety



of food vendors offering delectable choices ranging from BBQ, smoked turkey legs, grilled burgers, chicken fingers, fried fish and even "gator on a stick."

Children will especially enjoy the carnival-like atmosphere of "Funland," a new area within the park designated for thrill seekers, young and old alike! Exciting attractions such as the ever popular "Haunted House," train ride, zip line, mechanical bull, Spider Mountain, Wipe Out, Wrecking Ball and several inflatable bounce houses will provide lots

of fun for all ages.

Special events are available for those who enjoy watching the old-time art of cane grinding and syrup making, taking a leisurely horse and wagon ride through the park, cheering for the Sunland Swingers square dance team and many other exciting entertainers.

Sunland residents and staff enjoy sharing this day with families and friends from local and surrounding communities. The Sunland Fall Festival is always held on the last Saturday of October, and is one of the

largest festivals in Jackson County. After the long hot days of summer, this is the perfect occasion to enjoy the cool, crisp country air. Sunland invites you to join us for the 2014 Fall Festival as we celebrate Fall in the scenic Sunland Environmental Park. You don't want to miss it!

*Applications are now being accepted for food and craft vendors, and parade entries until Friday, Oct. 17. To register as a food or craft vendor call Karen Free at (850) 482-9373; for parade entries call Clint Cox at (850) 482-9387.*

**Sandin-Myers to wed Oct. 4**

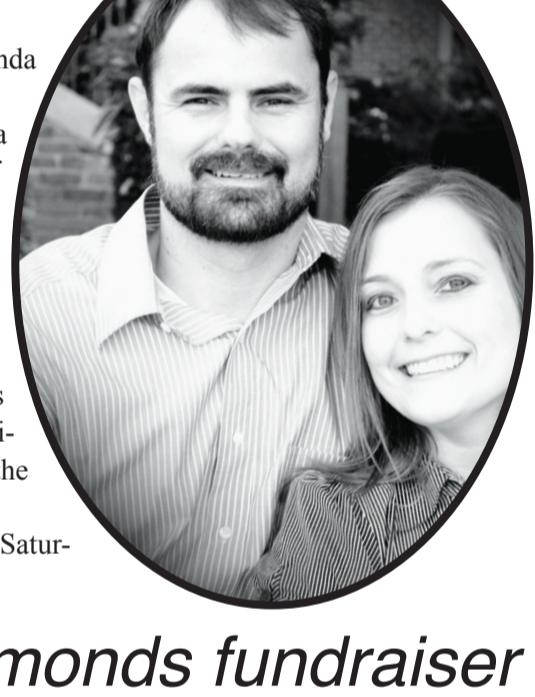
Dale and Carole Sandin of Miami are pleased to announce the upcoming wedding of their daughter, Kibbe Amelia Sandin to Robin "Jack" Myers.

Jack is the son of Albert and Wanda McCallister of Hosford.

Kibbe is a graduate of Florida State University with a Master's of Science and Education specialist degree in mental health counseling. She is employed as a behavior analyst at Florida State Hospital.

Jack is also a graduate of Florida State University with a Juris Doctorate. He is employed as a private attorney in Liberty as well as the surrounding Counties.

The wedding will take place on Saturday, Oct. 4, in Hartsfield, GA.

**Denim & Diamonds fundraiser set for Nov. 15 in Blountstown**

The Gulf Coast Children's Advocacy Center is hosting its first big fundraiser, Denim and Diamonds, for Jackson and Calhoun County. It will be a personal concert by Darryl Singletary and Ashton Sheppard with a sit down dinner and a silent auction.

This event will be at the Tri-County Agriculture Complex in Blountstown on Saturday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. (CT). All proceeds will go towards the children and their

families that are victims of child abuse in Jackson and Calhoun County.

We are still looking for sponsors as well for this

**Eastern Star hosting Prime Rib dinner at Masonic Lodge**

Jim's Diamonds of the Order of The Eastern Star is having a Prime Rib dinner on Saturday, Oct. 11 at 5 p.m. (CT) at the Masonic Lodge, located on N 16th Street in Blountstown.

Cost for the dinner is \$20. You may eat in or take out. John Davis of Bristol is the chef of the day. For tickets or more information, call Margie Mason at (850) 674-8610; Ruth Lee Weidner at (850) 237-2740; or Eileen Bramblett at (850) 899-0793.

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My name is Rob Wheetley and I am running for office to be your next Liberty County School Superintendent. During my campaign, I have received several questions about my background, education and family ties to Liberty County. I would like to take a moment to answer those questions and ask for your VOTE on November 4th.

I have been married to my wife PJ for nearly 25 years and we reside in Bristol. We have one son, Dylan, who is a 2014 graduate of LCHS and just recently graduated from the Air Force Basic Training, where he will be pursuing a career in the military. We also have a 14-year-old daughter, Kaylee, who is currently a freshman at LCHS.

I attended and graduated from Liberty County High School in 1989, where I played basketball and baseball for the Liberty County Bulldogs. After graduation, I joined the United States Air Force and proudly served my country for 20 years. During my time in the Air Force I have served in several leadership positions from Elite Gate Guard

Flight Chief through Superintendent of Standardization and Evaluations. I was also deployed to Cuba, Oman and Kuwait. Over the course of my career, I received several awards from flight level to Major Command. Upon retirement from the military in 2010, I returned to Liberty County where I have been teaching and coaching children ever since. I spend my spare time as a Youth Minister, having served in Hosford and currently in Bristol, where I try to mentor kids in a positive manner.

My educational background is broad in nature, spanning from my career in the U.S. Air Force to education. I have a Bachelor's degree in Public Safety and Human Justice, a Master's degree in Education, and I am currently in my second year of pursuing a Doctorate in Educational Leadership.

I want to make a difference and continue being a mentor and leader that our county and children can be proud of. I can only do that with your support, and I humbly ask for your vote on November 4th.

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## Late Night Laughs

A RECAP OF RECENT OBSERVATIONS BY LATE NIGHT TV HOSTS.

This weekend the world said goodbye to one of the greatest players of all time. That's right, George Clooney finally got married.

— JIMMY FALLON

It's already autumn. Can you feel the difference in the seasonal change? Let me give you one sure example that it's autumn today. President Obama got off of a helicopter, and saluted a Marine with a cup of hot cider. — DAVID LETTERMAN

George Clooney is off the market. Clooney and his bride got married in Italy on Saturday, and two days later they are still married! The wedding was so beautiful, it already won six Oscars. — CRAIG FERGUSON

George Clooney got married in Italy. His bachelor party was held over the course of the last 30 years. — CONAN O'BRIEN

The new iPhones are out and some are complaining that their phones are bending. They say if you squeeze the ends hard enough, the phone will bend. And if you hit it with a hammer, the phone will break. Here's an idea. Don't bend the phone. If you do bend the phone, wrap it around your wrist and tell people it's the Apple Watch. You'll be the first one to have it. — JIMMY KIMMEL

What a weekend it was. Derek Jeter and George Clooney both quit playing. — SETH MYERS

Congratulations to Chelsea Clinton, who gave birth to a baby girl named Charlotte on Friday. Or as Hillary described the baby, "Third in line to the throne." — JIMMY FALLON

Evil dictator Kim Jong Un has not been seen in three weeks. I hate it when a recluse disappears, don't you? — DAVID LETTERMAN

Matt Damon was at the wedding, but Ben Affleck was not. That's because the Italian church has a very strict "One Batman" rule. — CRAIG FERGUSON

Microsoft has announced it's going to open its first flagship store in Manhattan. The Microsoft Store is expected to be just like the Apple Store, but without all of those pesky lines in front. — CONAN O'BRIEN

At one point or another, most everyone that drinks coffee has had his name spelled wrong on a coffee cup. I have a friend named Joe, and even his name has been spelled wrong. Not only is his name Joe, but they call coffee Joe, so it's the one name they should know how to spell. — JIMMY KIMMEL

George Clooney finally got married this weekend in Venice, breaking the hearts of delusional aunts everywhere. — SETH MYERS

Kenyan runner Dennis Kimetto ran the world's fastest marathon by finishing the Berlin Marathon in 2 hours, 2 minutes, and 57 seconds. He also set another record by being the first guy from Kenya to be named Dennis. — JIMMY FALLON

Kim Jong Un didn't even show up at Clooney's wedding. — DAVID LETTERMAN

It will be strange seeing George Clooney with a wedding ring. Seeing Clooney with a wedding ring is like seeing Mel Gibson with a yarmulke. Or like seeing Matthew McConaughey with a shirt on. Or like seeing Honey Boo Boo with shoes. Or like seeing the Lakers with a victory. Or like seeing Bruce Jenner with a wrinkle. — CRAIG FERGUSON



## Twist on the global warming war

WASHINGTON — Fast forward 100 years or even 50 years and look back on today from that vantage point. The threat posed by ISIS will be greatly diminished when compared to the damage done by climate change if steps are not taken to reduce the amount of pollution released into the atmosphere.

Some people will never believe that the warming of the planet is something man has accelerated. They cite climate swings in the past, and are willing to place the future of the planet in the hands of hope. What will be will be, they say.

Others point to evidence that the first decade of this century is the warmest on record, and people who live in coastal areas can see with their own eyes that sea levels are rising. In New York this week, where the United Nations hosted a summit on climate change, representatives from Pacific Island nations pleaded for help as they watch their land masses disappearing.

The scientific data is there, and when 300,000 ordinary people took to the streets in New York on Sunday to call on world leaders to take action on climate change, there was a sense we might have turned a corner on this emotional issue.

Advocates for addressing warming that is already underway no longer feel as great a need to convince the opposition that climate change is real, and that man's endeavors contribute to the warming. Instead of pointing fingers and labeling people climate deniers, the new approach simply asks if we can agree that polluting the planet's atmosphere is a bad thing.

Environmentalists can stop trying to convince people to believe in global warming, and switch instead to a more positive approach of combating pollution. Who can be opposed to that? In the sixties, during the "Mad Men" era, people used to litter in public parks without thinking twice about it. There is a scene in one of the

early seasons of "Mad Men" where Don Draper and his family are picnicking in Central Park. When they're done, they leave paper napkins and plates behind. Nobody got fined for littering in those days. Attitudes have changed.

Attitudes are changing as well about whether and how we combat climate change. There was a seriousness of

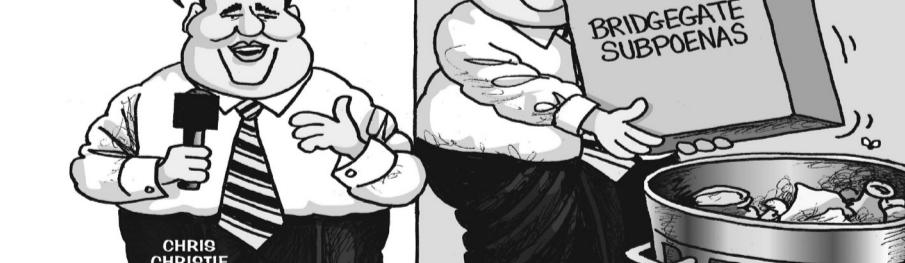
purpose to the marchers in New York, described by The New York Times as a cross-section of "concerned ordinary people," some veterans of the climate change movement, others newcomers. The world leaders who gathered Monday in New York to lay the groundwork for a potential 2015 agreement did so amid reports that the summer months of 2014 were the hottest on record for the globe, and that 2014 is on track to surpass the previous record-holder, 2010, as the hottest year in recorded history.

Even so, the reports that emerged from the New York meeting were not the dire warnings that we've become accustomed to hearing. Instead, there were the sounds of optimism born of acceptance that global warming is upon us, and that there is opportunity in combating it. It's probably too much to dream that someone will come up with technology to extract carbon dioxide from the air, but short of that, renewable fuels are coming into their own and displacing old fossil fuels that have done so much to poison and pollute the atmosphere.

In a nice touch on the eve of the summit the Rockefeller Brothers Fund announced it would be selling its investments in the fossil fuel industry, and would be joining other institutions and individuals in spurning companies that rely on coal and tar sands. The Rockefeller money came from their great-grandfather's Standard Oil Company, a fact that makes their decision all the more poignant.

### WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

by Douglas Cohn and Eleanor Clift



### SECURITY BREACH ON THE NORTH LAWN!



# \$4.5 million investment to enlist oyster fishermen to restore Apalachicola oyster fishery announced

TALLAHASSEE—The Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) announced an investment of \$4.5 million to expand

oyster fishermen to aggressively continue oyster bed restoration efforts.

Governor Scott said, "This funding will help to further restore the Apalachicola area, and will put Florida families in this region back to work. We must support the

## Oyster beds to remain open as winter harvest season continues

and those affected by the oyster fishery disaster."

Hand shelling is the practice where oyster fishermen improve habitat conditions for oysters by using their boats and labor to place oyster shells or other materials on the oyster reefs providing a good place for a new crop of oysters to settle and grow. This targeted shelling will last through the end of the year and represents one of the largest shelling programs in the history of the fishery. Key investments like this are critical to the long-term health of oyster habitats that will be needed for a renewed and healthy oyster fishery. The funding for this program comes from a Federal Fishery Disaster grant that was granted in 2013 at the request of Gov. Scott.

As the winter harvest season for Apalachicola Bay oysters enters its second month, the FWC

also announced the area's oyster beds will remain open while agencies continue monitoring and assessments to determine additional measures needed to support recovery of the Apalachicola Bay ecosystem and oyster resources. Current information indicates continuation of limited harvesting of legal-sized oysters will not reduce the potential for longer-term recovery of oyster crops. The viability of keeping the oyster beds open, however, will continue to be examined throughout the winter harvest season.

The FWC and FDACS are continuing a close partnership with the DEO to jump-start a major \$4.5 million hand-shelling program in October. This is in addition to FDACS's efforts over the past two years to improve oyster habitat in Apalachicola Bay.

"The continued decline

of oysters in Apalachicola Bay is a threat not only to the economy of north Florida but the entire state," said Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam. "We are committed to helping this community and working together to assist those families who are suffering from the decline in the oyster population."

Agencies are working in close partnership and listening to the Apalachicola community to help determine the best ways to provide assistance through these difficult and challenging times for the oyster industry.

In addition to the shelling program, the FWC has already put in place conservation measures for Apalachicola's oyster fishery, including modified harvest limits and limited closures of the winter bars. As the shelling program proceeds and the restrictions are implemented, the FWC and FDACS will continue to closely monitor the health of the oyster fishery, the status of oyster harvesting and work hand-in-hand with the local community and oyster industry to determine if any additional actions are needed.

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Executive Director Jesse Panuccio said, "The investment into the recovery of the Apalachicola Bay Oyster Fishery and into the local experienced workforce is a win for this community. This habitat-restoration

## 'Glamping' misses the point



If you've never heard about this abomination before, it's technically called "luxury camping" and it's exactly what it sounds like. Someone figured out a way to offer all the amenities of a five-star hotel – and charge tourists even more – without having to build said hotel.

camping. Where I come from, those are words that should never be used together under any circumstances. (Except for this column, of course.)

If you've never heard about this abomination before, it's technically called "luxury camping" and it's exactly what it sounds like. Someone figured out a way to offer all the amenities of a five-star hotel – and charge tourists even more – without having to build said hotel. The idea, I guess, is that you get to tell folks back home that you spent your vacation "camping" in the wilderness, while never actually having to do any of the things normally associated with camping.

I've only seen the pictures online, but the "tents" are really canvas cabins with electricity, running water and wooden floors. Your days as a glamer are filled with scenic hikes, horseback rides or other sanitized activities. Your nights feature gourmet meals and (presumably) sing-alongs by the campfire, and you even sleep on down-filled duvets and

goose-feather mattress covers.

Mary and Leslie figured this was the secret world of camping that my brother-in-law Freddy and I had been hiding from them. For the record, Freddy is an Eagle Scout who has logged as many misery-filled nights in the woods as I have. To us, this experience looked like Disney might as well have invented "Camping Land."

Glamping just seems wrong on a number of levels, but one big problem is that you miss out on all the great lessons that real camping has to offer – like the fact that "waterproof tent" is an oxymoron and that it's best to drink your coffee without worrying about what's floating on top.

Glamping also takes away the challenges of sleeping with a tree root in the middle of your back while you're shivering and trying to convince yourself you really don't need to go to the bathroom. The wooden floors mean glampers don't ever have to slip their feet into wet, frozen boots. Gas heaters cause you to miss out on

the experience of trying to start a fire from one barely glowing ember because your hands are shaking too badly to hold a match.

Another thing you lose with glamping is the joy of cooking a meal over an open fire or a single burner stove. I don't think I've ever been camping when at least one item didn't fall on the ground at some point in the preparation. The five-second rule turns into a 15-minute rule in the woods, even longer if you're hungry enough.

The biggest problem is this: When I come back from camping trip, I tend to appreciate the comforts of home even as I miss the hardship of staying in the woods. I'm afraid that if I went glamping, coming home would start to feel like roughing it and I'd miss the five-star luxuries I left in the great "outdoors."

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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# FOOTBALL



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TOP: Shad Johnson (#15) finds a hole up the gut. ABOVE FROM LEFT: Nathan Dunham (#11) delivers a stiff-arm to Dee Fitzgerald (#6). Micah McCaskill (#14) draws back to pass. Dylan Lee (#9) gets the punt off just in time. ABOVE RIGHT: Nathan Dunham (#11) narrowly escapes a shoelace tackle by William Hayes (#3). ABOVE: Jordan Chaney (#5) looks for room as a pride of Tigers close in. RIGHT: Seth Brown (#4) celebrates with teammates.

## Blountstown stuns Liberty Co. with 24-7 victory

by Michael DeVuyst,  
*Journal sports writer*

**BRISTOL** -The Blountstown Tigers had to play a near perfect game to have any chance of hanging around with the high-powered Liberty County Bulldogs last Friday night in Bristol. They did. With no turnovers, sustained offensive drives and a stingy defense, the Tigers were able to steal a victory from their cross-river rivals. Tiger Head Coach Greg Jordan finally saw the team on the field he's been waiting for. "I thought we played as well as we possibly could. No turnovers were key for us to have a chance. We got some players back from injury and were able to stretch the field a little bit. Defensively, we were physical from the start, unlike last week, and did not allow them to cross midfield in the second half."

"They beat us in every phase of the game, on offense, defense and special teams," said LCHS Head Coach Grant Grantham. "Blountstown had a really good game plan and they executed it well. I thought we had a very good game plan, but we didn't execute it well at all."

Liberty County received the opening kickoff and was able to move into Blountstown territory after a Micah McCaskill 21 yard QB draw bringing the ball down to the 36. A big tackle for a loss by Blake Prescott, two incomplete passes and the Bulldog drive ended with a punt that rolled down

to the Tiger 10 yard line. The Tigers moved backwards in three plays and were forced to punt from their end zone. Liberty County got a big rush on the punt and got a hand on it but the ball ricocheted forward to the 31. Liberty County was set up in great field position on the Tiger 31 but was not able to move the ball and the Tigers got the ball back on downs after an incomplete 4th down pass. Taking possession on their own 25 yard line, the Tigers executed an 8 play 75 yard scoring drive.

Two big plays were key on the drive. QB Chasen Roulhac found Dylan Lee for a 35 yard catch on a 3rd and 8 and Roulhac found Nathan Dunham down the right side line for a 23 yard catch to the Bulldog 11 yard line. Roulhac then found Tristen Burke in the back corner of the end zone for the 11 yard Tiger TD catch.

Derek Eberly tacked on the extra point for the 7-0 lead with 1:35 left in the first quarter.

After consecutive punts, Liberty County took pos-

session on their 21 yard line. On the first play, William Hayes broke a few tackles and raced down the far sideline for 79 yards and a Bulldog score. The extra point by Marco Espinoza-solis tied the score at 7 with 9:22 left in the half. Liberty County would force a Tiger punt on their next possession and catch a break. A low punt snap forced the Tiger punter for field the ball on his knee and the Bulldogs took over in Tiger territory on the 36. Liberty Co. QB McCaskill ripped off another big 25 yard run bring the ball down to the Tiger 11 on a 3rd and 10 play. The drive stalled and Liberty County set up for a 33 yard field goal attempt. The long snap sailed over the head of the holder and rolled all the way to the

Tiger 44 yard line where Blountstown took over. Blountstown would take advantage of the miscue. After a penalty moved the ball back to the 39, Roulhac threw a perfect pass to a streaking Lee right down the middle of the field for a 61 yard touchdown catch. Eberly added the extra point and the Tigers took the 14-7 lead into the half.

Blountstown would strike again on another Liberty County mistake midway through the third quarter. The Bulldogs found themselves deep in their own territory, when Tiger Ayers Hassig recovered a fumble on the Bulldog 12. A Roulhac to Dunham pass moved the ball to the 1 and Roulhac took the ball in the paint on the next play with a QB sneak. Eberly rocketed the extra point through the uprights and the Tigers pushed their lead to 21-7 with 6:41 left in the 3rd quarter.

Liberty County would lose the ball on downs on their first possession of the fourth quarter. Faced with a 4th and 8 on their own 41, the Bulldogs were forced to go for it down by 14 points. The Bulldog pass fell incomplete and the Tigers took over in Bulldog territory on the 41. Blountstown would go on a 9 play drive and eat up 4:42 of time off the clock. Eberly would split the uprights with a 26 yard field goal to finish the drive with 3:25 left in the game and put the Tigers up 24-7. The Bulldogs would have the ball two more times but lose the ball on downs the first time and then Tiger Malac Johnson would end the game with an interception.

Tiger QB Chasen Roulhac was an efficient 8-11 passing for 165 yards and 2 TD's. Dylan Lee led all receivers with 3 catches for 100 yards. Nathan Dunham and D'Anta Williams had two receptions each.

*See BHS vs LCHS continued on page 16*



# Remembering Jerry Johnson



Superintendent: Jerry Johnson

ABOVE: Nancy Johnson, Shelby Johnson, Jeff Johnson, Jay Taylor, Peggy Johnson (Jerry's wife), Donnie Read, Gloria Uzzell, Camden Brock, Christy Brock and Lucas Uzzell. LEFT: Jerry Johnson is shown at left during his time as Liberty County School Superintendent.

DANIEL WILLIAMS PHOTO

*Friends and family gathered at Friday's football game in Bristol to honor the late Jerry Johnson, who served Liberty County as a School Superintendent, teacher and coach for many years. The Bulldog Club presented the family with a plaque that read, "In Memory Of Coach Jerry Johnson, For 32 years of dedicated service, leadership, and loyal devotion to the students, parents, and citizens of Liberty County Thank you for leaving a legacy that continues through athletic and educational excellence." He served as a coach*

*and teacher from 1961 - 1973, was principal at Liberty County High School from 1974-1980 and 1992-1996. Current School Superintendent Tony Anderson said, "Coach Johnson passed away recently but his legacy will live on in this community for years to come due to his positive influence in our county, especially the education system. Through his dedicated service and leadership he helped chart the path of excellence in education and establish many of the Bulldog athletic traditions that we still enjoy today."*

## Former Liberty County player, student shares some of the life lessons he learned from coach and principal, Jerry Johnson

To the editor:

I would dare not let this time past without paying homage to a man who made a tremendous impact on my life. Coach Johnson did make a difference in my life.

As a teenager, a sexual assault attempt was made on me. I confided this encounter to Coach Johnson, and I never saw or had to encounter that individual again.

When I decided to go out for football in the spring of the year, in his own encrypted way he warned me that it was going to be tough and that many would try and make me quit, then he made me promise that I would not quit football. My first practice was like hell and I wanted to quit, but my promise to him kept ringing in my head.

As I progressed through my high school years Coach Johnson's discipline stayed present in my life. As I participated in the different sports, he would demand the best out of all of the players he coached, on the field and off.

I recall during my sophomore year trying to qualify for the state track meet in the 440 yard dash. As I and two other runners were headed towards the finish line, my legs buckled and I fell to the ground. I got up, dusted myself off to finish the race. I did not qualify for the state meet but Coach Johnson made me an honorary trainer, because I did not quit on the race, instead I finished sixth. By making me

a trainer, this allowed me to be able to attend the state meet with the team. At the state meet I was called upon to replace an injured runner and won my first gold medal.

I also recall when one season we lost two games back-to-back. Coach Johnson never had back-to-back losses. As a team we knew that practice was going to be brutal. Instead that Monday, Coach Johnson had us form a circle and spoke to us for two hours on life, winning and

losing, character, and the challenges which lie ahead of us as a team. The following week before we played North Florida, Coach Johnson had each player shake his hand and look him in the eye and say "Coach, I am ready!" We won the game 13-0 and went on to win our final games of the season.

I was a member of the last team Coach Johnson coached. I recall when he made the announcement that he was accepting the position of Principal. He told us that it is everybody's goal to move up in life, and that he felt had gone as far as he could go at the coaching level. I felt blessed to have been a member of the last

of a coaching legend.

Coach Johnson knew affirmative action before it came to the forefront of society. As Principal, he made it possible for all students to be on an equal level by implementing strategic ways of voting to allow minority students to become part of student council, cheerleading, and homecoming. I will miss Coach Johnson dearly, but I did not want his contribution to my life to go unsaid. He pioneered many programs to help the students, black or white, rich or poor, to enjoy and take advantage of the opportunities that would later in life be tied back to his administration .... and what a great administration it was and never will be again.

Irvin Brunson, Bristol

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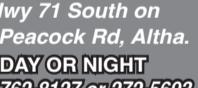
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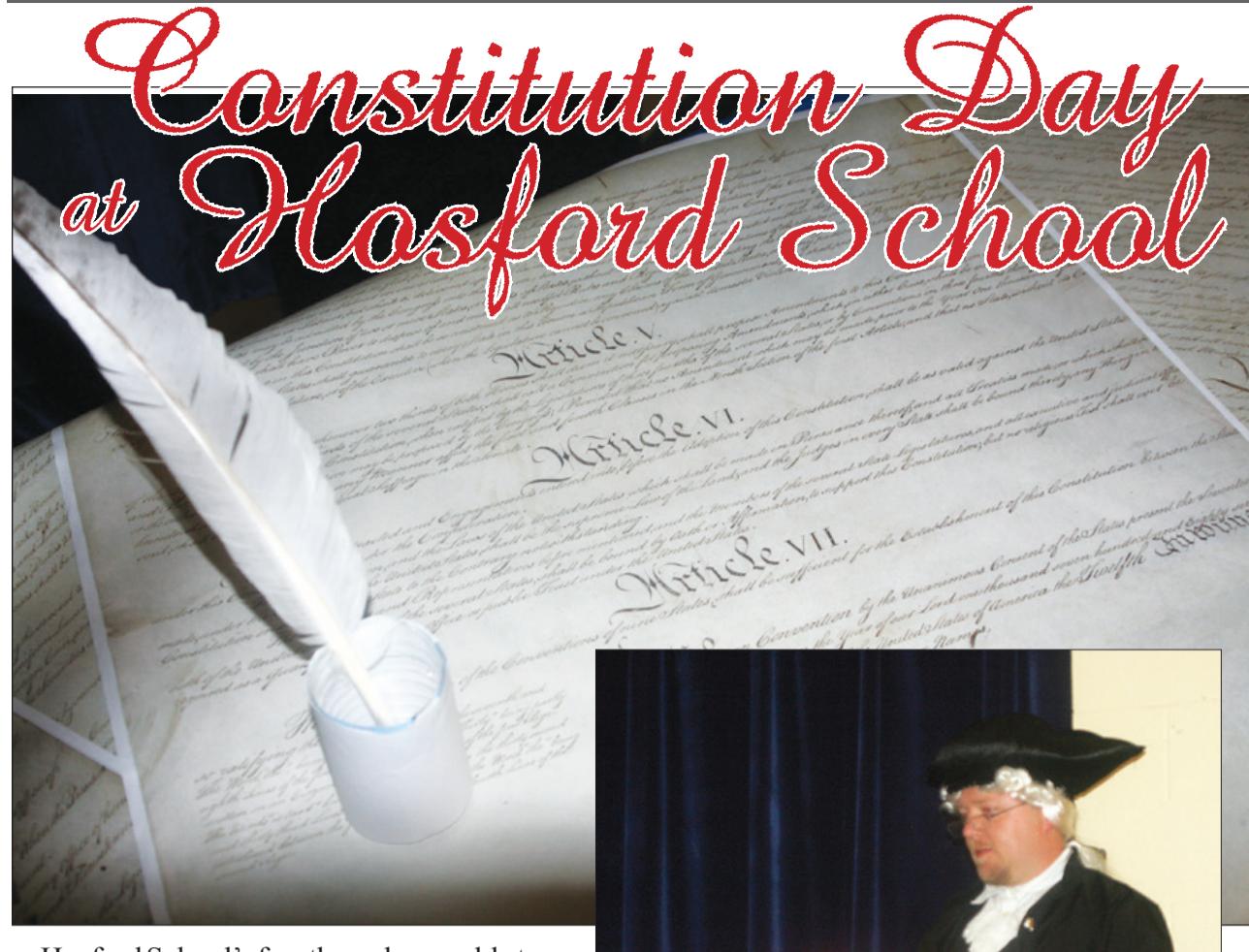
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Hosford School's fourth grade was able to take part in a live stream from the National Archives learning about important records our government keeps to showcase American culture for Constitution Day.

They then had a surprise visit from the acclaimed Benjamin Franklin who gave a moving speech to convince them to sign the Constitution. A ceremony was then held where each student signed the Constitution.



Kenneth Edwards, as the acclaimed Benjamin Franklin, compels Hosford students to sign the Constitution.

## Blountstown High's Academic Competition Club (ACC) wins Shaddai Shriner's Great Cardboard Boat Regatta

Blountstown High School's new club, the Academic Competition Club (ACC), won their first competition this weekend in Lynn Haven at the Shaddai Shriner's Great Cardboard Boat Regatta. The engineering members of the club designed and constructed a boat made of duct tape, donated corrugated cardboard, and paint. The duct tape was only used on the joints of the cardboard, and could not be used to wrap, or otherwise seal the boat in anyway. Head boat engineer and team captain for the regatta, Anthony Wyrick, was responsible for the design. He was greatly assisted during construction by Walker Strawn, Zach Bryant, Logan Weiler, and Mark Wilson. Logan and Mark paddled the boat to victory, winning the race. The team's boat, the Titanic II, was the only boat still afloat after two 200-yard heats.

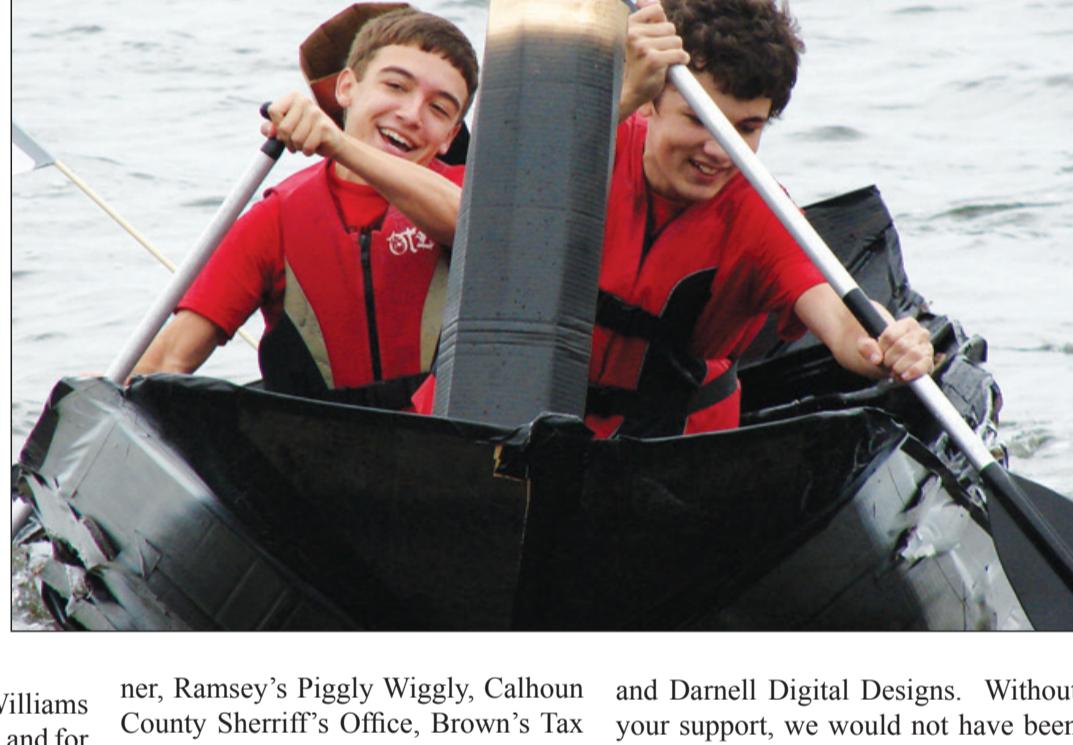
The team demonstrated intelligence, athleticism, creativity, sportsmanship, and wit throughout the construction process and while at the event. The team name, The Unsinkables, and the boat name, the Titanic II, reflects the team's humor and knowledge of history. They

were prepared to take home at least one of the awards, and had a plan in place just in case the unsinkable ship were to go down. They wowed the crowd at the beginning of the 2nd heat when they produced real smoke from the cardboard smokestacks. Pictures and video of the race can be viewed at [www.mcghees.weebly.com](http://www.mcghees.weebly.com).

The team brought home three awards:

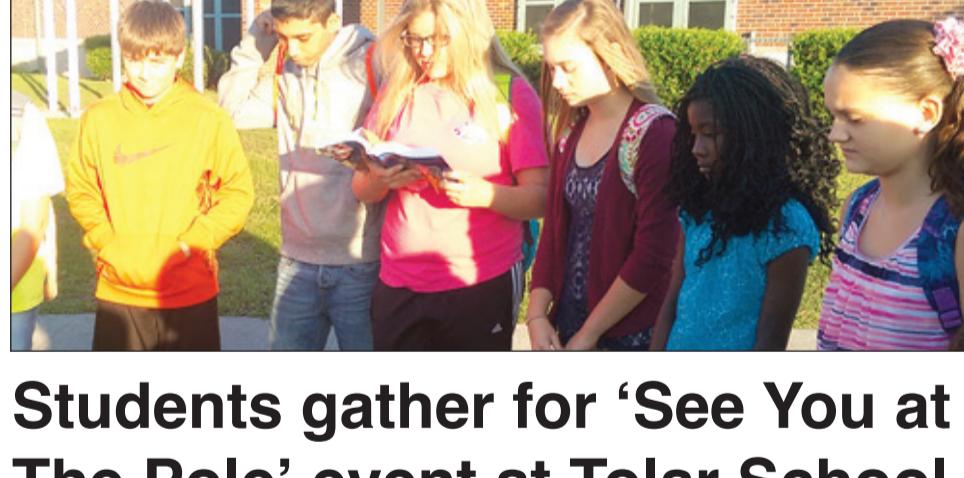
- 1st place medals for winning the race
- Pride of the Regatta – a trophy for the most creative design
- People's Choice Award – a rotating trophy that will stay at BHS until the next competition next year.

The members of the ACC would like to thank Dr. Debbie Williams for alerting us to the competition and for allowing us to turn one of the science labs into a workshop for several weeks. We would also like to thank our sponsors – Blountstown Drugs, The Diamond Cor-



ner, Ramsey's Piggly Wiggly, Calhoun County Sheriff's Office, Brown's Tax and Accounting, Golden's Healthmart, Harvey's Supermarket, Harthill, Dr. Henderson, Mr. Laddie Williams, Jeff Pippin, Donna Franklin, Andrew Goff,

and Darnell Digital Designs. Without your support, we would not have been able to afford the duct tape and gas money to compete. Our next club event will take place in on Saturday, Oct. 18 at a Brain Bowl Competition in Niceville.



## Students gather for 'See You at The Pole' event at Tolar School

On Wednesday, Sept. 24 students at

W.R. Tolar School took part in "See you at the Pole".

"See you at the pole" is an FCA sponsored event that is held at the school's flag pole each year. This event

allows students to come together in reading of scripture and prayer time for our

FCA meets every Friday morning in Mrs. Erica's room. All students in grades 4-8 are welcome to join. "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there among them" Matthew 18:20.

## Tolar's third grade attends Ag Adventures Day at Quincy Extension Center Tuesday

W.R. Tolar's third grade had the privilege to attend the annual Agricultural Adventures Day on Monday, Sept. 23 at the University of Florida's IFAS Extension Center in Quincy.

Students learned about corn, peanut and pumpkin crops. They also learned the importance of soil and pollination. Each student received a pumpkin at the end of the day to enjoy at home!

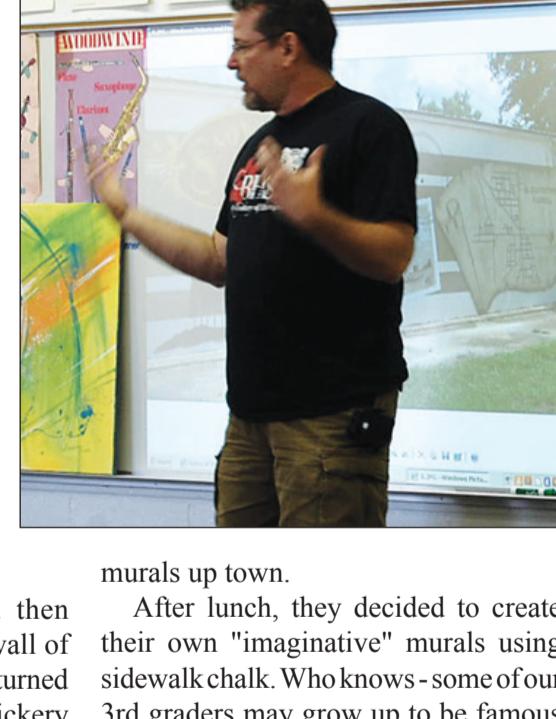
We would like to thank Monica Brinkley and our Liberty County 4-H extension office for inviting us to be a part of this wonderful learning experience.



## Artist Jeff Vickery visits third grade at Blountstown Elementary

The 3rd graders at BES have been studying murals in reading, so they decided to take a field trip downtown to see a couple of local murals which were painted by Mr. Jeff Vickery, a local artist. With the assistance of Blountstown's Police Department to keep them safe, they walked to Mr. Frank

Snowden's Survey Office, and then across to view the mural on the wall of the Diamond Corner. When they returned to school, they listened to Mr. Vickery explain how he created the beautiful



murals up town.

After lunch, they decided to create their own "imaginative" murals using sidewalk chalk. Who knows - some of our 3rd graders may grow up to be famous artists one day!

## Tomorrow at Blountstown Schools

Blountstown Elementary has scheduled re-takes for individual school pictures will be Thursday, Oct. 2.

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• Blountstown High School Volleyball vs. Altha - Home at 5 and 6 p.m. (CT).

• Blountstown High School will be

hosting the contract signing for the 2013-2014 Take Stock In Children scholarship recipients. The originally planned date of Sept. 30 has been rescheduled for Thursday, Oct. 2 in the culinary portion of the lunchroom.

• Blountstown High School will have a School Advisory Council meeting on Thursday, Oct. 2 at 4 p.m. (CT). The meeting will be held in the administration building in the conference room. If you are a council member, please make plans to attend.

## Selection of construction management firm is now under way

# Calhoun School Board prepares for new Altha School

CALHOUN COUNTY – Calhoun County Superintendent of Schools Ralph Yoder announced on Monday the preparation for the selection of a construction firm to build the new Altha School. Funding for the construction received the nod of approval from Governor Rick Scott and the 2014 Florida Legislature and was

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BREAKFAST: Breakfast pizza, potato tots, assorted juice and fruit

LUNCH: Chicken sandwich on WG bun, buffalo chick wrap, chef salad with WG bread stick with Caesar salad, baked potato wedges and fruit

TUESDAY

BREAKFAST: Egg and cheese biscuit, potato rounds assorted juice and fruit

LUNCH: Beef taco with cheese, WG shell & salsa, Turkey & cheese wrap, chicken salad with fruit with WG bread stick with lettuce/tomato, black beans salsa and fruit

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The Calhoun County School Board (CCSB) recently advertised for a construction management firm. The CCSB has received proposals from interested firms. Superintendent Yoder recommended a committee to review the proposals and select at least three firms to be "short-listed". The CCSB approved the committee and will receive their recommendation in mid-October.

Once the short list has been determined by the committee, the short-listed firms will be invited to present to the committee and members of the public. The committee will then make a recommendation to the CCSB for the construction management firm to contract with to build the new school.

Construction is projected to begin in early 2015, with a ground breaking ceremony scheduled before the end of 2014.

Superintendent Yoder stated, "I am thankful for the relationship we have built with architectural firm Clemmons, Rutherford, & Associates, Inc. Their partnership

clearly demonstrates their commitment to helping the CCSB develop construction phasing plans to complete the project within budget and on time."

Kelly King, whose district includes Altha School stated, "As designed, the facility is large enough to house the entire student body and faculty that are currently housed at Altha School. We look forward to getting this process underway and seeing the new buildings come to life."

Danny Ryals, a graduate of Altha School shared these thoughts. "I look forward to the groundbreaking and ribbon cutting ceremonies at Altha School. A safe and productive learning environment for our students and staff is the goal of the CCSB. We are very thankful for the opportunity to see this much-needed improvement to our school system come to fruition."

Sue Price, Altha School principal stated, "I am looking forward to hosting the community for an open house once construction is complete. We are grateful for the opportunity to occupy a new school facility as we work towards building a brighter future for our students."

## Altha FFA holding pilau fundraiser Oct. 10

# Altha FFA Chapter recognized as one of Top 5 in the nation; team to travel to Kentucky to compete for title

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The Altha Middle School FFA Chapter has been recognized as one of the Top Five Middle School programs in the Nation, and a finalist for the National Outstanding Middle School FFA Chapter Award. Five finalists from across the nation were chosen, and our FFA Chapter was one of them! Our chapter will now travel to the National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY to compete for the title of National Outstanding Middle School.

Our high school chapter was also recognized as a Three-Star Chapter, the highest ranking that the National FFA Organization bestows on an FFA Chapter. The middle school was also a Three-Star Chapter. There are 7,570 FFA Chapters in the country



FROM LEFT: Johnny Aaron, Carlee Barfield, Johnny Sewell, Aubree Bay, Graham Bruner, Abbie Edenfield, Anna Alday, Brooke Rackley, Carly Young, Morgan Raper, Braeden Raper, Winnie Mayfield and Kelsie Edenfield.

and only 359 were recognized as Three-Star Chapters.

As we look back on our history of success, we also look to the future and our constant commitment to our chapter, school and community. We are grateful for the support of our school, community and advisors who have helped us reach this amazing level. Advisors are Erin Stoutamire Walker and Tyler Stoutamire.

In order to attend the National FFA Convention to compete and receive our awards, it will require us to raise nearly \$6,000. In order to help raise this money, we will be holding a Chicken Pilau Lunch Fundraiser on Friday, Oct. 10. The

lunch will be held in Blountstown at the corner of Hwy. 20 and Hwy. 71. Dinners will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (CT). Plates are \$6 and can be ordered by calling or stopping by Altha School. We will deliver lunches to Bristol and Calhoun County, to businesses who purchase 6 or more plates. We are grateful to Liberty County School Board member, Doobie Hayes who has volunteered his time to cook the chicken pilau-thank you Mr. Hayes!

With the support and commitment of people like you, we can ensure our community will continue to hold true to American ideals and our future leaders will continue to strive for excellence.

## GED Ready Test offered in Calhoun Co. through Friday

The GED testing service is giving free official GED practice tests in Calhoun County until Friday, Oct. 3 at the Blountstown and Altha Public Libraries and Adult School locations.

With the GED Ready test students will be able to see if they are ready to pass the GED test, get an idea of areas they need to work on to score higher and get a

personalized study plan that gives them the exact pages and chapters to study in your favorite study books.

For more information or to schedule testing, students can call the Calhoun County Adult School at (850) 674-8734, ext. 238 or 239; Rachel at the Blountstown Public Library at (850) 674-8773 or Lavaine or Boggs at the Altha Public Library at (850) 762-8280.

## Fields of Faith event at Bowles Field features Beacon Light

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes of BHS had a busy week with hosting "See you at the Pole" on Wednesday and Leadership Training at Wild Adventure Theme Park on Saturday.

Donavan Ebersole one of the student leaders of FCA put together the See You at the Pole event. Students got into small groups and prayed for our state, community, school and students.

On Saturday, some of the leaders and members of FCA attended training at Wild Adventure Theme Park.

FCA's next event is Fields of Faith on Wednesday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. at the BHS Football field. Christian Rapper Beacon Light is scheduled to perform along with student testimonies. It is an event any youth group would not want to miss! We hope to see you at our Fields of Faith.

## NOTES OF APPRECIATION

We would like to express our sincerest gratitude for the thoughtful gifts, flowers, plants, food and condolences that each of you sent with the passing of our husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Earn Jimmy Flowers. The thoughts shared by each of you, truly brightened the room and lifted our spirits.

We know he would have appreciated your kind words and thoughts. He spoke often of his friendships with his many co-workers, friends, family and acquaintances. I know all of you meant a great deal to him. Many of you expressed such beautiful sentiments that we have no trouble seeing why he enjoyed his time with each of you so much. Being surrounded by people like you was a large part of why he was who he was.

We appreciate Bristol Christian Church for supplying and coordinating the meal following the funeral and the Apalachee Restaurant for the meal provided by them on the following day.

We would also like to give special thanks and appreciation to all who participated in the ceremony for Earn Jimmy Flowers; The VFW Honor Guard, Reverend Gary Cotney, NHC; Jenny Conyers and Valli Jackson,

Covenant Hospice: Lisa Deese and Heather, and Adams Funeral Home. We will never forget the services and love shown to us and our loved one.

Our family would like to thank you all so much for your kind words, your support and most of all, for your visits with him. Knowing you will miss him too makes our burden a bit easier to bear.

*Sincerest Regards,  
The Family of Earn Jimmy Flowers*

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We want to thank all of our family and friends for all the food, prayers, love and support during our loss. Jimmy was always grateful for having such wonderful people in his life and spoke often about how much he loved each and every one of you. He will be missed so much, but has left us all with so many fond memories that we will cherish and carry with us forever.

Thank you all so much from the bottom of our hearts for all the love and support you all have shown. We will always carry you all in our hearts.

*Sincerely,  
Diane Godwin and the Godwin Family*



## PANHANDLE PIONEER SETTLEMENT ANNUAL

# PEANUT BOIL



Folks gathered to enjoy music, catch up with friends and munch on bags of tasty legumes at Saturday's annual peanut boil held at the Panhandle Pioneer Settlement in Blountstown. TOP, FROM LEFT: 2014 Teen Miss Blountstown, Aliyah Everett, maintains a regal pose as she bites into a peanut. One attendee enjoys jostling a baby on her knee as they listen to music of the Easy Company band. Visitors got comfy in rocking chairs as they settled in to fill up on peanuts. ABOVE: Three boys work together to keep the bags filled as folks made trips back and forth to the peanut table.

DOMENICK ESGRO PHOTOS

## CARR SCHOOL



*Carr School is pleased to announce the Students of the Month for September:*  
FROM BOTTOM LEFT TO RIGHT: KA Kalee Beiler, KB Natasha Adkins, 1A Starla Whiddon, 1B Logan Andrews, 2A Miryuh Todd, 2B Jaxon Williams, 3A Brianna Attaway, 3B Alyssa Carey, 4A Heather Miller, 4B Alexis Sims, 5A Jordan Granger, 5B Ethan LaWarre, 6A Summer Stone, 6B Daisy Burns, 7A Autumn Raisbeck, 7B Brittley Sangster and 8th Caitlyn Hurst.

## 'Take Stock' contract signing

Blountstown High School will be hosting the contract signing for the 2013-2014 Take Stock In Children scholarship recipients. The originally planned date of Sept. 30 has been rescheduled for Thursday, Oct. 2 in the culinary portion of the lunchroom.

## BHS NEWS

### BHS School Advisory Council meets tomorrow

Blountstown High School will have a School Advisory Council meeting on Thursday, Oct. 2 at 4 p.m. (CT).

The meeting will be held in the administration building in the conference room. If you are a council member, please make plans to attend.

## ALTHA SCHOOL



Clifford celebrates his birthday with first graders at Altha School

All last week 1st grade celebrated Clifford's birthday. Guest Readers came and read to the first grade classes throughout the week.

The Readers were Superintendent of Schools Ralph Yoder, Assistant Superintendent Vicki Davis, Mrs. Kay Tipton, Mrs. Robin Richards from the county office, school personnel Sue Price, Link Barber, Sara Waldorff, April Adkins, Zoe Tatum and Andy Waldorff with Calhoun EMS.

The week's festivities culminated with a birthday party on Friday; complete with a giant cake, punch, and Clifford ears to wear.

Special thanks to all our Guest Readers who helped make the week so special!



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My dear wife and my dear friend.

Carl Neel

## Florida's court clerks bring attention to Domestic Violence Awareness Month

from Kathleen E. Brown, *Liberty County Clerk of Court*

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. During this time, we encourage members of our local community to become familiar with how the local office of the Clerks of the Court can help you or someone you know.

Unfortunately, one in four women and one in seven men in the United States suffer physical violence at the hands of their spouses, intimate partners or even family members. Additionally, three out of four Americans personally know someone who is or has been a victim of domestic violence. When applied to the State of Florida alone, these statistics are staggering and show what a tremendous impact domestic violence has on our local communities.

However, it is vital that we recognize that this violence is not inevitable, nor is it "somebody else's problem." In order to effectively make strides against this issue and improve these statistics within Liberty County, we must not remain silent upon experiencing, witnessing or hearing about incidents of domestic violence.

With this in mind, it is important to focus on what we can do to help victims and, ultimately, how we can put an end to domestic violence in Liberty County. Florida's Court Clerks are keenly sensitive to the needs of domestic violence survivors and take these matters very seriously. We are committed to assisting victims, with complete confidentiality and discretion, throughout the entire process of filing reports and connecting victims with advocate programs.

If you or someone you know is suffering from domestic violence, please contact the Liberty County Clerk's Office and/or the Liberty County Sheriff's Office.

Domestic violence is a prominent issue and the Florida Court Clerks stand ready to protect community members and lend a helping hand for those in need of domestic violence assistance. We work very closely with the local sheriff's office, ensuring that both safety and justice are achieved for victims and their families in the event that a domestic violence incident occurs.

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## LCSO gets donated uniforms and supplies



from the Liberty Co. Sheriff's Office

After receiving word from the county commissioners of impending budget cuts to the Sheriff's office, Sheriff Nick Finch reached out to neighboring counties in an attempt to keep his department at a functioning level.

Sheriff Charlie Creel of Wakulla County graciously donated to Liberty County 20 sets of uniforms, holsters, winter jackets, and six bulletproof

vests.

Sheriff Finch submitted a budget to the county commissioners that would allow for updated equipment, new cars, and ammunition, safety gear and other operational needs, but was denied the requested amount and instead, was told he would be cut to below the previous year funding. Sheriff Finch went right to work seeking out resources to ensure the safe and continued operation of the Sheriff's Office.

## Tour the 'Arts in Medicine' hospital display

The Calhoun Liberty Hospital invites you to take a tour of the 'Wall Art' that appears up and down the halls of the hospital. Visiting artist in residence, Anna Layton, has been onboard working with "Arts in Medicine" for a few years and is now taking her paints and brushes creating images on the walls to brighten the corridors. The program is focused on improving individual and community wellness through the arts. Anna is busy part of the day with patients at their bedsides playing music or making a picture for them. After she produced a mural in a new office the CEO of the hospital, Phillip Hill, decided she should move on out into the halls. "I really like the smiles my art brings to those that pass by...I like to think it gives their day a lift," Anna says.

Come enjoy your county hospital! It is open 24/7!



Anna Layton is shown with her artwork on display and her flute in hand.

## OBITUARIES

### THERESA RYALL JONES

BLOUNTSTOWN - Theresa Ryall Jones, 83, of Blountstown, passed away Friday, Sept. 26, 2014 in Blountstown. She was born in Memphis, TN on Jan. 2, 1931 to the late Frank Leon and Marion Elizabeth Barrow Ferrell. She was a bookkeeper for Weaver Oil and other businesses in Calhoun County for many years.

Survivors include two sons, Ronald "Ronnie" Ryall of Havana and Terry Jones of Clarksville; one sister, Helen Whitehead of Jacksonville; one grandson, Parker James Ryall.

Memorialization will be by cremation.

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

### JOHN THOMAS DUKES

ALTHA - John Thomas Dukes, 81, of Altha, passed away Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014 at his home. He was born in Jessup, GA but lived most of his life in Altha. He was an electrician and served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marshall and Chlea Braswell Dukes; one brother, Arnold Dukes.

Survivors include his companion of 14 years, Lynell Tucker of Altha; three sons, Charles Cauley, Wade Tucker, and James Tucker and his wife, Rhonda, all of Altha; two daughters, Helen Whitehurst and Linda Tew and her husband, Allen, all of Altha; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and other extended family.

Services were held Monday, Sept. 29 at 11 a.m. (CT) at Adams Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed in Pine Memorial Cemetery with military honors.

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

### HENRY B. "HANK" GLASS

SOUTHPORT - Henry "Hank" Glass, 69, of Southport, passed away Saturday, Sept. 13, 2014. He was born Dec. 16, 1944 in Southport and was a retired Army Veteran, with over 20 years of service for this country that he truly loved and believed in. He was also a retired Correctional Officer from Liberty CI.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joy and Madge Glass; his wife, Gail Glass; two brothers, Richard and J.D. Glass.

Survivors include one daughter, Cindy Koopman and her husband, Chris of Virginia; two sons, Jeff Glass of Lakeland and Corey Glass of Huntsville, AL; three sisters, Ethel Shiver and Joyce Watkins, both of Eastpoint and Virginia Rabon of Sneads; three brothers, Thomas Glass and his wife, Linda, John L. Glass and his wife, Rachel, all of Eastpoint and Robert Glass and his wife, Karen of Quincy; four grandchildren, Laci Martin (Chris), Jordan Glass, Will Glass and Kathy Koopman; two great grandchildren, Zoe and Jade Martin; a host of nieces, nephews and other loving relatives and friends.

Memorial services were held Wednesday, Sept. 17 at Living Waters Assembly of God in Apalachicola.

If you would like to remember Hank, a donation in his name to the American Cancer Society would be greatly appreciated.

### RALPH COOK

BLOUNTSTOWN - Ralph Cook, 65, of Blountstown, passed away Monday, Sept. 22, 2014 in Panama City. He was born on March 17, 1949 in Jacksonville, and had lived in Blountstown for most of his life. Over the years he had worked at a number of funeral homes in this area and surrounding counties. He was of the Methodist Faith.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Ruby Spencer Cook.

Survivors include several aunts and cousins. Graveside services were held Sunday, Sept. 28 at 10 a.m. (CT) Pine Memorial Cemetery in Blountstown with Dr. Walter Ellisor officiating. Interment followed.

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

PHOTOS BY  
TONY SHOEMAKE  
& DANIEL WILLIAMS

LEFT: A pair of Tigers sink their claws into J.J. House (#7) in Friday's BHS vs LCHS matchup. ABOVE: Ayers Hassig (#35) jumps to block (#14) Micah McCaskill's pass. RIGHT: Nathan Dunham (#11) puts pressure on Micah McCaskill (#14).



## Liberty County travels to Greensboro Friday to face West Gadsden

The Liberty County Bulldogs (3-1 overall, 1-0 district) travel to Greensboro to play West Gadsden in a game with major playoff implications.

West Gadsden has yet to play a district game and is coming off a 23-20 win over Sneads High School.

LCHS Head Coach Grant Grantham said that after the defeat to Blountstown he is looking for his team to show their

true character.

"We really haven't had to face adversity until last week," Grantham said. "If we are a team filled with guys of character we will work hard, and we will play well, but if we don't have a bunch of guys with character, leaders, then this is going to be a long week for us."

Grantham said West Gadsden has a

### BHS vs LCHS

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Dunham contributed 35 yards and Williams added 19 yards. Roulhac led the ground attack with 43 yards on 13 carries. Tristen Burke added 27 yards on 6 carries. Javas Davis and Shad Johnson had some big, chain moving runs late in the game. Defensively, Tiger Anthony Wyrick led the team with 9 tackles. Trevon Matthews, Nathan Dunham and Stephen Matthews finished with 8 tackles each. S. Matthews recorded a sack and 2 QB hurries. Ayers Hassig and Tracy Carillo also had some big stops on defense.

Bulldog QB Micah McCaskill finished the night 9-27 for 50 yards and 1 INT. Jarrod Beckwith caught 5 passes for 35 yards and Jordan Chaney caught

3 passes for 33 yards. William Hayes led the rushing attack for the Bulldogs with 115 yards on 5 carries. McCaskill and Beckwith chipped in 27 yards each. Hayes recorded a game high 11 tackles for Liberty Co. McCaskill, Beckwith and Keith Burns each finished with 8 tackles.

Blountstown (2-3, 0-1) will move on to play a district game at

Bozeman (0-5, 0-1) next Friday night October 4th. Game time will be 7:00 CDT. Make plans now to take the short drive on SR 20 West to Bozeman.

Liberty Co. (3-1, 1-0) will travel to West Gadsden for a district contest. Game time in Greensboro will be 7:30 EDT.

very talented backfield, fast receivers with good hands, a fast defense and a great kicker. He added his squad has their hands full.

"We've got to work hard this week

and let it carry over into the game, and we've got to show everyone who we are as a team," Grantham said.

The district contest starts at 7:30 p.m. Friday, October 3.

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# PUBLIC AND LEGAL NOTICES

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

CASE NO.: 2014-CP-00002

IN RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT LEE THOMPSON, Deceased.

## NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE AND ALL OTHER PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE:

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that the administration of the Estate of ROBERT LEE THOMPSON, Case Number 2014-CP-00002 is pending in the Circuit Court for Liberty County, Florida, Probate Division, Bristol, Florida, the address of which is the Liberty County Courthouse. The Personal Representative of the Estate is Wanda Sue Campbell. The name and address of the Personal Representative's attorney is set forth below.

All persons having claims or demands against the Estate are required, WITHIN THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE, to file with the Clerk of the above Court a written statement of any claim or demand they may have. Each claim must be in writing and must indicate the basis for the claim, the name and address of the creditor or his agent or attorney and the amount the claim is contingent or unliquidated, the nature of the uncertainty shall be stated. If the claim is secured, the security shall be described. The claimant shall deliver sufficient copies of the claim to the Clerk to enable the Clerk to mail one copy to the Personal Representative. All persons interested in the Estate to whom a copy of this Notice of Administration has been mailed are required, WITHIN THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE, to file any objection they may have, the valid-

ity of the Will, or the qualifications of the Personal Representative, or the venue or jurisdiction of the Court.

DATED THIS 3rd day of July, 2014.

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9-24, 10-1

## LEGAL NOTICE

American Towers LLC is proposing to construct a 235-foot (Overall Height) self-supporting lattice telecommunications tower at 11551 North West Robertson Mill Road, Bristol, Liberty County, Florida, Tax Parcel ID R0061N6W00330000. The new tower structure would be lighted with dual red/white, medium intensity flashing strobes with steady burning red side markers. The tower facility would include a 100-foot by 100-foot lease area and associated easements, along with a 30-foot buffer surrounding the lease area. American Towers LLC seeks comments from all interested persons on any potential significant impact the proposed action could have on the quality of the human environment pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Section 1.1307, including potential impacts to historic or cultural resources that are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Interested persons may review the project application pending with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) at [www.fcc.gov/asr/applications](http://www.fcc.gov/asr/applications) by entering Form 854 File No. A0922058. Interested persons may comment or raise environmental impact concerns about the proposed action by filing a Request for Environmental Review with the FCC. The FCC strongly encourages all interested parties to make such filings online, following the instructions found at [www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest](http://www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest).

Paper filings can be sent to: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. The Request must also be sent to American Towers LLC, by e-mailing a copy to [enviro.services@americantower.com](mailto:enviro.services@americantower.com) or mailing a copy to: American Tower, 10 Presidential Way, Woburn, MA 01801 ATTN: Environmental Compliance. Requests or comments may only raise environmental and historic/cultural resource impact concerns and must be received on or before October 24, 2014. Any local planning/zoning process that may apply to this project is separate from this comment process.

9-24, 10-1

## NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Writ of Execution issued in Circuit Court, of Leon County Florida, on the 28th day of August, 2014, in the cause wherein A Truck Line, LLC (Case No. 20 130-CA-002440 and A Mining Group, LLC (Case No. 20 13-CA-002441) was plaintiffs and Southern Leasing & Management, LLC, d/b/a Superior Redi-Mix, and Danny J. Collins, individually, was defendant, being Case Numbers 2013-CA-002440 and 2013-CA-002441, in said Court, I, Nick Finch of Liberty County, Florida, have levied upon all the right, title, and interest of defendant, Danny J. Collins and Southern Leasing & Management, LLC, d/b/a Superior Redi-Mix and to the following described (real or Personal), to-wit:

Location: 25303 SW Bear St.  
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Deed Information: Book 173, Page 642  
Recorded Owner: Danny J. Collins

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NW Pogo Street, Bristol, County of Liberty, State of Florida, on October 27, 2014 at the hour of 1:00 p.m. at public auction and will sell the same, subject to taxes, all prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND. The proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above described execution.

Dated at Bristol, Liberty County, Florida, this 18th, day of September 2014.

Nick Finch, As Sheriff  
Of Liberty County, Florida  
By: Brian P. Langston

9-24 to 10-15

## NOTICE OF VOTE IN QUESTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: Deborah A. Chambers

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Week of Oct. 1 -  
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**ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**

An issue at work requires your immediate attention, Aries. This situation must be approached delicately, but don't be afraid to speak your mind and accept the results.

**TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21**

Taurus, a busy week awaits but just take things one project at a time. Keep to yourself for a little bit in an attempt to stay focused on the numerous tasks at hand.

**GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21**

Gemini, your positive attitude is why people have grown to rely on you in tight spots. Plant a smile on your face and others will benefit from your positive influence.

**CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22**

Cancer, it's hard to know when to be assertive at work. You want to appear competent and in control, but you also want to build a good rapport with coworkers. Experiment a little.

**LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23**

Leo, give plans time to develop, but don't feel the need to hide your enthusiasm about the prospects. Trust your instincts as to when is a good time to get moving.

**VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**

Virgo, you cannot control the behavior of others, but you can change your own direction to counteract some unexpected developments. Keep an open mind.

**LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23**

Don't be surprised if your schedule gets turned upside down this week, Libra. It's important to roll with the punches so others can see how flexible you can be.

**SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**

Scorpio, an unconventional approach is your key to success this week. While others are following Plan A, go with Plan B and you may meet with great results.

**SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21**

Fantasy can overtake reality if you let it, Sagittarius. You may need to rein in your hopes and dreams for a bit and focus on some more practical matters.

**CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20**

Friends may distract you from work this week, Capricorn. Although it's not wise to let responsibilities slide completely, you can probably get away with a day of slacking off.

**AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Febr 18**

Aquarius, the physical rewards for all your hard work will become apparent soon. You'll find that all of your efforts thus far have been well worth the sacrifices.

**PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20**

Pisces, although you may dream of escaping the daily grind, you may need to persevere for just a little while longer. Your respite is coming.

**SUDOKU**

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

**Here's How It Works:**

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

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

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Tournament winners are pictured above. At right, the winners in the kids' division. Below, members of the Anders family.



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Crystal Hamlin is presented with her first place check for \$2,500.

## Wilma woman hauls in top fish at tournament this weekend in Wewa

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

A Liberty County woman took top honors in this weekend's Curtis Anders Florida Catfish Tournament, hauling in the 40.99-lb. winner around 11 p.m. Friday night.

"That's the only bite I got," said Crystal Hamlin of Wilma, but apparently, it was all she needed to snag the \$2,500 first place check and trophy. She and her husband, John Hamlin, spent most of the tournament on the river. They put in at Hickory Landing around 5 p.m. ET. "We stayed out all night," she said. The pair came off the river about 15 minutes before the tournament ended at noon Saturday.

She said she's been fishing for about eight years and this is her second win in the Wewahitchka tournament. In 2009, she won with a 34.50-lb. flathead.

Her husband "taught me how to flathead," she said. She added that he was, "Just as tickled as I was" about her win.

The runners-up in the tournament included:

- Bob McDonald, who took second place and won \$1,500 for his 38.25-lb. catch

- Robert Rushing, who went home with \$1,000 and third place honors after pulling in a 33.92 flathead

- Dennis Curry's 33.19-lb. fish earned him \$750 along with fourth-place honors

- Chipper Gainie took fifth place, and \$500, for his catch that weighed in at 32.39 lbs.

In the kids' division for freshwater catfish, the winners are as follows:

- Jordan Sumner won \$300 for a 5.46-lb. fish to take first place; he also picked up an extra \$100 when his 1.71-lb. fish took fifth place.

- Daniel Bozeman's 2.24-lb. catch earned him \$225

- Jocelyn Minchew went home with \$150 after catching a 1.73-lb. fish

- Savannah Mayhann's 1.72-lb. catch gave her fourth place and \$125

- Guy Nichols won \$250 for bringing in the most poundage of flatheads with 128.17 lbs.

Tiff Thompson received \$800 for catching the most poundage from three of this season's tournaments with a total of 335.89 lbs.

Ninety-six anglers registered for the tournament. Profits from the annual event will help buy equipment and supplies for the Wewahitchka Search and Rescue volunteer organization.

Members of Curtis Anders' family were there to launch the tournament. Anders' wife, Donifan, fired a gun from the dock to start the event Friday afternoon. She said having the event renamed in memory of her husband was an honor, although she admitted it was a sad day for her. "It just brings back a lot of good memories and bad memories. Me and Curtis used to do this tournament, and so did our kids," she said.



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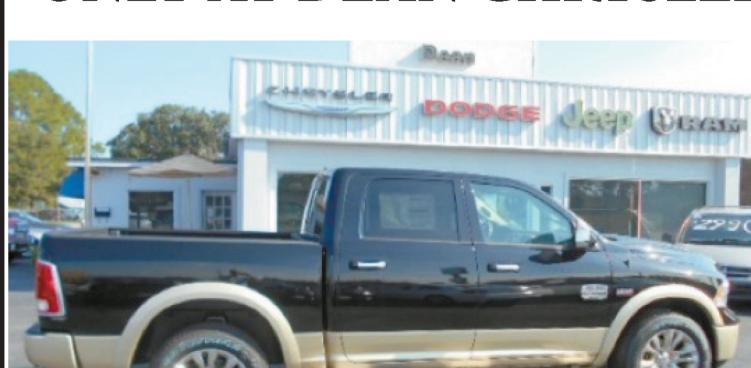
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