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Office in Bristol, FL

Injured boy recovering after being burned in attempt to start campfire

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

A 12-year-old Blountstown boy is home recovering after 35 days at the J.M.S. Burn Center at Doctor's Hospital in Augusta, GA where he underwent skin grafts over 25 percent of his body after being injured while trying to start a campfire.

Wesley McDougald is doing well. His 10-year-old brother, Luke, is being called a hero for his quick response. Their parents, Ryan and Marie McDougald, are grateful the family is back home together after a heart-wrenching month of worry over their son's condition.

The family was apart during Wesley's hospitalization but never alone. Members of Gateway Baptist Church where his father took over as pastor a year ago supported them both financially as well as emotionally with visits along with frequent care packages.

Mom stayed in the room with Wesley, his father made weekly trips between Augusta and Blountstown each weekend where he continued to conduct Sunday services and spend time with Luke, who was staying with his grandmother while his brother was undergoing a painful recuperation.

GAS BURNS THROUGH CUP

The evening of June 18, the boys got their parents permission before going outside to start a small fire to roast hot dogs behind their Mimosa Street home in Blountstown.

They had done it many times before at a sandy spot set up in the back yard. Both had fire safety training at

See **BOY BURNED STARTING CAMPFIRE** continued inside on page 6



Wesley McDougald is home and practicing his guitar while recovering from burns to both legs, his midsection and arm.

Tallahassee man dies in SR 20 crash

LOCAL MEN ESCAPE WITH MINOR INJURIES

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

A Tallahassee man was killed Friday afternoon in a head-on collision with a labor truck on SR 20 in Calhoun County.

The fatality was identified as Lowery Manley Croom Jr., 44, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

Croom's 2017 Nissan Versa was traveling westbound about two miles from the Bay County line when he pulled out to pass another vehicle and drove into the path of an eastbound 2017 Chevrolet 3500 truck just after 4 p.m. Friday.

The driver of the small car was ejected onto the north shoulder of the road. The labor truck overturned onto its roof. "It was a miracle no one in the truck was badly hurt," said Calhoun County Sheriff Glenn Kimbrel.

The truck's driver, Emmanuel Lee McGhee, 47, of Bristol - along with his two passengers, Gregory Scott Moore, 27, and Arthur Christopher Jackson, 43, both of Blountstown - had minor injuries. All were wearing seatbelts.

FHP was assisted on scene by the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office, Calhoun County EMS and the Carr-Clarksville Volunteer Fire Department.

The sheriff pointed out that the fatality was the fifth in just two months for Calhoun County. "People have become more aggressive on the highway. They're passing on yellow lines and passing more cars at a time. It's very unsafe," he said, and added, "Unfortunately, it's costing lives."



The collision sent a labor truck (top right) into a ditch, where it landed upside-down Friday afternoon. Croom's car left a trail of debris down SR 20 in the Clarksville community.

On June 15, Correctional Officer Brandon M. Hall, 31, of Clarksville was killed in a collision when an oncoming car crossed the center of the road and struck his vehicle.

Three people were killed June 24 on SR 71 after the driver of a BMW sedan pulled out to pass a line of cars

and collided with an oncoming SUV.

The fatalities included the driver of the car, Katana Fisher, 26, of Port St. Joe, her passenger, 24-year-old Tamara Fenn of Panama City, and the driver of the SUV, Robert M. Downing, 68, of Donalsonville, GA.



Blountstown Firefighter Greg Holliday helps his cousin Manuel Holliday into full gear as he suits up for a demonstration during National Night Out held Tuesday evening in Blountstown.



CCSO Lt. John Scheetz deputizes five-year-old John Franklin Daniels at Tuesday's event. See more inside on Page 12.

Bristol couple share their adoption struggle PAGE 3





West Side VFD recruitment cook-out



The West Side VFD held a recruitment cook-out Saturday to get the community involved and network with other local first responders. Entertainment was provided by 'Swiftwater' who treated those gathered to some good bluegrass music. ABOVE: Members of West Side VFD, Magnolia VFD, Nettle Ridge VFD, Scotts Ferry VFD, Mossy Pond VFD and Blountstown FD were in attendance. LEFT: Gene Jordan tends to the grill. BELOW LEFT: Patti Harrell and Randy Girardot smile for the camera as they serve food.

PHOTOS BY DANIEL WILLIAMS & JOHNNY EUBANKS



SHERIFF'S LOG

CALHOUN COUNTY

AUGUST 7

•Randy Dale Kent, VOP, CCSO.

AUGUST 6

•Matthew Woods, burglary of a dwelling, CCSO.

•Cassie Janel Taylor, VOP, CCSO.

•Matthew Dylan Purvis, sale of marijuana within 1,000 ft. of business or worship, CCSO.

•Ashley Dianne Burns, convicted felon registration, CCSO.

AUGUST 5

•Kaleb Price, convicted felon registration, CCSO.

•Rodney Wayne Caruthers, two counts of out of county warrant, CCSO.

AUGUST 4

•Eduardo Gomez, battery, BPD.

•Anthony Brown, convicted felon registration, CCSO.

•Stephen Spencer Ayers, battery, CCSO.

AUGUST 3

•Brendan Dale McCardle, VOP, CCSO.

•Gary B. Jordan, sale of Schedule I drugs within 200 ft. of public housing, BPD.

•Patrick Todd Lee, possession of methamphetamine, CCSO.

•Starla Lynn Bruner, three counts of fraudulent use of another persons ID without their consent, CCSO.

AUGUST 2

•Lori Williams Sansom, two counts of selling methamphetamine, use of two-way communication device to facilitate a felony, BPD.

•Lawrence MacTavish, contempt of court, CCSO.

•Christopher Luke Lucas, non-support of children or spouse, CCSO.

•Damien Houston, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug equipment, CCSO.

•Donna Marie Dawsey, selling methamphetamine within 1,000 ft. of place of business or worship, BPD.

AUGUST 1

•Cheyenne Renee Williams, possession of a listed chemical for manufacturing a controlled substance, BPD.

•James Cleveland Davidson, convicted felon registration, CCSO.

•Deana Kay Chastain, distribution of Schedule I or II drug, use of a two-way communication device to facilitate a felony, BPD.

JULY 31

•Josie Jade Miller, VOP, CCSO.

•Lori Williams Sansom, holding for Calhoun, CCSO.

•Christopher L. Graddy, failure to appear, LCSO.

•Kimberly A. Clarkson, warrant violation of injunction for protection from domestic violence, LCSO.

•Deana Kay Chastain, holding for Calhoun, CCSO.

•Josie Jade Miller, holding for Calhoun, CCSO.

AUGUST 4

•William Webb, battery on a person 65 years of age or older, LCSO.

AUGUST 3

•Karen Helene Summerlin, serving weekends, LCSO.

•Cresta Denise Morrison, holding for Gulf, GCSO.

•Curtis Lee Harris, serving weekends, LCSO.

•Donna Marie Dawsey, holding for Calhoun, CCSO.

•Starla Lynn Bruner, holding for Calhoun, CCSO.

•Chris Lee Brown, failure to appear, LCSO.

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LIBERTY COUNTY

AUGUST 6

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Caring relatives, an 'angel' of an attorney and a serious talk with God help create a family

Bristol couple share the challenges they faced and heartbreaks they overcame on the path to adoption

by Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

They wanted a family. But it wasn't as easy for them as it is for many young couples.

Benny and Gracy Jacobs married in April of 1998. He was 29; she was 23. They were looking forward to one day bringing a child into their lives.

"Young and not having many responsibilities, we started a journey of heartbreak and financial struggles due to fertility issues, which brought on depression and marital problems," Benny said.

From 2004 thru 2009, Gracy endured three miscarriages after many fertility procedures.

"These pregnancy attempts depleted our relationship, finances and faith in humanity," he said. "May of 2009 was the last straw when we lost what were to be twins with Gracy's final miscarriage at the age of 34."

It was devastating.

"We were mad at the world and, more importantly, we started to doubt God," Benny said. "We were headed in the path of destruction but we seemed to hide it all too well from friends and family. Many in our small community knew of the miscarriages, but few knew of the strain it had on our relationship," he said.

"After losing the twins, Gracy - still clinging to her faith but doubting God's existence - fell to her knees and laid it at God's feet, asking Him to take control before it was too late," explained Benny.

Gracy went in the backyard of their Bristol home and had what she described as "a knock-down, drag-out fight with God."

"After praying to God and leaving everything in his hands, asking him to take control because we no longer had the strength to fight the battle of not being able to conceive, Gracy shared with me later that almost instant peace enveloped her," he said.

And just days after their lowest moment, things suddenly changed when a friend called Gracy and urged the couple to talk to a 17-year-old girl in



Attorney Christine Thurman, center, is shown with McKenzie and her adoptive parents, Gracy and Benny Jacobs of Bristol.

included background checks, fingerprinting and three unannounced home visits. Similar home studies had been done previous years when they were foster parents.

A LIFE CHANGING MEETING

"We sent our Florida Baptist Association Adoption home study to the birth mother. On Sept. 26, the sweet young Christian teenager that had chosen to give birth instead of alternate means, traveled over two hours and was sitting in our living room with her father discussing our families, our fertility issues, and our beliefs and upbringings, and I was amazed at the likeness of our two families," Benny said.

"The visit lasted for several hours and she stated she would be in touch soon with her decision. Within an hour of leaving our home and before reaching the Georgia line, she called and said that she felt led to choose us to be the parents of our God Sent!" he said.

The baby was thought to be arriving in December but they soon learned their little girl would be arriving in November. Weeks of chaos began.

"Gracy and I panicked," he said. They did not realize they would have to have a Florida lawyer as well as a Georgia lawyer since the child's birth mother was from out of state.

Despite being flat broke and unsure where to turn next, they drove to Tallahassee to search for an attorney.

"Scared to death and blind to what we needed, we felt as if we were directed to the first lawyer's office we came across," Benny explained. That lawyer was Christine Thurman, who happened to practice Family Law. Remarkably, they later learned that she worked closely with the Florida Baptist Association Adoption program.

See **WAITING TO BE PARENTS**

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their church who was pregnant.

They spoke with her that night, Sept. 17, 2009.

READY TO BE PARENTS

The couple had been preparing to welcome a child for years and they were more than ready. They had already served as foster parents for four other children - some who stayed only briefly and one who was back and forth in their lives before being returned to her mother. They also created a temporary family of their own by taking in several foreign exchange students with whom they remain close even after they returned to their home countries.

The Jacobs were already on an adoption waiting list with the Florida Baptist Association and had completed a home study through them which

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PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Member of The Florida Bar: 1983 to present
- Practicing Attorney 1983 - 1997
- Federal Court Memberships: United States Supreme Court; Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals; Northern District Court of Florida
- Attorney for the Liberty County School District: 1985 - 1997
- Have litigated in every court from the US Supreme Court to the county court
- Treasurer, Florida Law Related Education Association: 1986 -1997
- Liberty County Judge: 1997 to present
- Acting Circuit Judge, Liberty County: 1997 to present
- Acting Circuit Judge, Florida State Hospital: 1997 to present
- Volunteer Truancy Judge, Liberty County School District: 2006 to present
- Distinguished Service Awards, Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency: 2001, 2002 and 2004

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Graduated from Liberty County High School: 1975
- Bachelor's degree, Florida State University: 1979
- Master's degree, Florida State University: 1980
- Juris Doctor degree, University of Florida: 1982
- Adjunct Professor, Florida State University: 1979-1980
- Certified Public Accountant: 1980 to present
- Editor, University of Florida Law Review: 1981 - 1982

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Lifelong resident of Liberty County
- Married to Georgia Anne Sanders of Bristol in 1991
- Children: Will, Duncan, Mary Emma, and Kent
- Son of the late Ike and the late Mary Frances Langston Hosford
- Active member of Telogia Baptist Church
- Ordained/Licensed Minister
- Member of Fortress Ministries, Inc.
- Member of Liberty County Bulldog Club
- Liberty County Baseball Booster
- Liberty County Board Member for the Apalachee Center: 2008 to present.
- Chairman of the Board for the Apalachee Center: 2010 - 2012

Early voting is Aug. 13-25, General Election will be Aug. 28.

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NEWS FROM THE PEWS

WORD OF TRUTH-UNITED - We will be having a revival beginning Wednesday, Aug. 8 at 7 p.m. ^{CT} The first week of revival will continue Thursday, Aug. 9, Saturday, Aug. 11 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 12 at 3 p.m. ^{CT}

The second week will be Wednesday, Aug. 15, Thursday, Aug. 16, Saturday, Aug. 18 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 19 at 3 p.m. ^{CT} There will be no Friday night services. Guest speakers are Rev. Steve Grimsley and Rev. J.B. Sims.

The Lord knows your struggles. Whether you feel like you're at the end of the rope and can't take anymore or if you simply want to hear from God and draw closer to Him, this revival is for you!

We, the members of Word of Truth, have been praying for you. We pray you do not let this opportunity pass you by.

The church is located at 19397 SW South Street in Blountstown. For more information call (850) 674-4605 or visit our website at www.wordoftruthupc.com.

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - We will be hosting Camp Kaleo Vacation Bible School at Grace United Methodist Church in Hosford on Wednesday, Aug. 8 thru Saturday, Aug. 11 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. ^{ET} Children of all ages are invited to come!

Through this exciting and innovative VBS experience, children will be invited on an adventure to explore God's calling in their lives. This will be the perfect way to wrap up summer break before school starts! There will be a meal provided starting at 5:30 p.m. ^{ET}

Parents are invited to join their children on Saturday, Aug. 11 at 10 a.m. ^{ET} to learn about the great adventure we've had at Camp Kaleo! This will be followed by a meal and water games for the kids. Come on down to Grace for a VBS experience your children won't soon forget.

The church is located at 18633 NE State Road 65 in Hosford. For more information or if you need a ride, call (850) 379-8595.

ST. MARY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH - We're celebrating our Pastor Reverend Dr. C. L. and First Lady Betty Wilson's 17th Pastoral Anniversary with love on Friday, Aug. 10 beginning at 6 p.m. ^{CT}

Our guest churches will be Bishop Lonnie Mitchell and New Beginning Assembly of the Saint Church of Panama City, Superintendent Delano Reed and St. Luke Church of God in Christ of Bristol and Rev. James Williams and Friendship Missionary Baptist Church of Apalachicola.

On Sunday, Aug. 12 at 3 p.m. ^{CT} our guest churches will be Rev. Stanley Walker and Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church of Tallahassee, Elder James Russ and Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church of Panama City and Pastor Marshall Gonzales and First Born Church of Blountstown.

For more information, contact Deaconess Althamease Blue at (850) 447-4880 or Minister Patricia Mathis at (850) 718-3710. The church is located at 16345 SE River Street in Blountstown.

CHRISTIAN HOME CHURCH - We will be hosting Youth and Young Adult Encounter Night on Aug. 11 beginning at 6:30 p.m., ^{CT} kicking off a new school year with pizza, games, music and the Word! Come, let's join together, bring a friend and be encouraged.

The church is located at 19244 NE State Road 69 in Blountstown. For more information call (850) 674-5194.

TRAVELERS' REST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH - We are having a one-day Bible school on Saturday, Aug. 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ^{CT} for ages 4 years through 5th grade. The theme of the day will be "Operation Artic."

After Bible school we will have a family cook-out starting at 4 p.m. Come out and enjoy an end of summer gathering.

The church is located at 19573 NW SR 73 in Clarksville. For more information call (843)731-4986 or (850) 674-8375.

TRUE HOLINESS COMMUNITY CHURCH WRITTEN IN HEAVEN - We will be having our Annual Family and Friend Day on Sunday, Aug. 12 beginning at 3 p.m. ^{CT}

We would like to invite you and your family to come and join us in this celebration with Pastor presiding Dr. Elder Brigham.

The church is located at 15965 SE River Street in Blountstown. For more information call (850) 674-8414.

BLOUNTSTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - GriefShare grief recovery seminar and support group meets each Monday, starting Aug. 20 at 5 p.m. ^{CT} at our church. Child care will be provided for children up to age four.

GriefShare features nationally recognized experts on grief recovery topics. Seminar sessions include "Is This Normal?" "The Challenges of Grief," "Grief and Your Relationships," "Why?" and "Guilt and Anger."

The church is located at 20500 Central Avenue W in Blountstown. For more information call (850) 674-8254 or visit us online at www.blountstownumc.com

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018 FROM 7 A.M. TO 7 P.M.

The following city officials will be elected:

TWO COUNCIL MEMBERS TWO-YEAR TERMS

All candidates for the above named offices shall qualify with Robin M. Hatcher, City Clerk, at **City Hall, 12444 NW Virginia G. Weaver St., Bristol, Florida**, beginning Monday, August 20 and ending Thursday, August 23, 2018 during regular business hours. Those wishing to vote, please register with the Supervisor of Elections in the Liberty County Courthouse, Bristol, FL.

The books will close on October 15, 2018 for registering to vote in the November 13 City of Bristol Election.

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NOTE OF THANKS

Marie, Wesley, Luke and I would like to extend the deepest, heartfelt gratitude to the people in our community. We have been overwhelmed by the love, prayers, support and generosity poured out upon us since Wesley's accident. Thank you all for being channels of God's blessing. We do not know how we could have made it without our faith in God and our Christian brothers and sisters in this community.

Marie and I have tried to acknowledge everyone's gifts, but so many of you gave anonymously and we have no way of thanking you personally. Please know that your cards, gifts, phone calls, Facebook messages and visits have not gone unnoticed. It is so good to live in such a wonderful place. May God reward you richly for your faithfulness to minister to and pray for us in our darkest hour of need.

In the love of Christ,
Ryan, Marie, Wesley,
and Luke McDougald

Invitation to Back-to-School Sunday

& Family Picnic Aug. 12, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. ^{ET}

- Picnic Lunch
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Start Time for Teachers		8:10	8:10	7:55	7:55	7:55
Start Time for Students		8:15	8:15	8:00	8:00	8:00
End Time for Students		3:05	11:30	2:50	11:15	2:55
End Time for Teachers		3:40	3:40	3:25	3:25	3:25

Due to time changes in school hours, please have your child or children at their regular Bus Stop 20 minutes earlier than last year.

Wildflower alert

Saltmarsh Mallow

by Eleanor Dietrich,
Florida Panhandle
Wildflower Alliance

This plant (*Kosteletzkya virginica* or *pentacarpus*) is in the Mallow family, which also includes Hibiscus, so you will see some similarity between the flowers. This plant may be found along the edges of fresh and saltwater marshes and grows throughout most of Florida. The plant can reach heights of up to eight feet. The attractive large (2 to 3 inches wide) pink flowers just open for a day. You can see them blooming now at the end of Sand Beach road in the Apalachicola River Wildlife and Environmental Area (ARWEA) off of SR 65 in Franklin County.



Florida Panhandle Wildflower Alliance

(www.facebook.com/groups/panhandlewildflowers/)

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

GriefShare support group will start meeting in Blountstown

BLOUNTSTOWN - Blountstown United Methodist Church will sponsor a new GriefShare Support Group on Monday, Aug. 20 at 5 p.m.,^{CT} in the Blountstown United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone.

GriefShare is for people grieving the death of a family member or friend. There are other losses in life that create real feelings of grief; this is not the kind of grief discussed in Grief Share sessions.

During each weekly sessions participants will watch a video seminar featuring top experts on grief and recovery subjects, participate in group discussions about what was presented in that week's video and what is going on in your lives, during the week using your workbook for further personal study of the grieving process and journaling.

Each thirteen-week session is "self-contained," meaning you don't have to attend every session to stay on track with the group. You will find encouragement and help whenever you begin.



Grief is a very personal and emotional process, and everyone handles it differently, but you don't have to handle it alone. There are others who understand what you are going through. With a GriefShare Support Group you'll learn how to go through a healthy season of grieving, then begin transitioning to emotional and spiritual wholeness.

It is the goal of GriefShare that you'll discover hope for the future. While things may look bleak now, you'll learn ways to restore your hope and rebuild your life. Many GriefShare alumni have said that the program helped them move from deep grief to peace and a sense of joy again.

GriefShare group will meet in the Blountstown UMC fellowship hall, at 5 p.m. ^{CT} beginning on Monday, Aug. 20, and concluded on Nov. 12.

For more information contact the Blountstown United Methodist Church office at (850) 674-8254.

Apalachicola Riverkeeper Meet and Greet set Aug. 17

BLOUNTSTOWN - Apalachicola Riverkeeper invites you to our Meet and Greet event on Friday, Aug. 17 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. ^{CT} at the W. T. Neal Civic Center.

Enjoy wine and beer, tea and soda along with light snacks. There will be door prizes!

Learn more about Apalachicola Riverkeeper's current and upcoming projects, including this year's River-Trek launch. Get the latest update on the recent Supreme Court decision in FL v. GA. and future implications for your Apalachicola River.

Hosted by the Board of Directors and Staff of Apalachicola Riverkeeper. We hope to see you there!

For more information, visit our website at www.apalachicolariverkeeper.org or call (850) 653-8936.

Southern Gospel show

CHIPLEY - The Spanish Trail Playhouse will present "An Evening of Southern Gospel" Saturday Aug. 11 at 7 p.m. ^{CT} at the Spanish Trail Playhouse Theatre at 680 2nd Street in Chipley. This performance is part of the Artist Series featured by Spanish Trail Playhouse each season.

Tickets are on sale now for just \$15 at the Playhouse Box Office, located at 680 2nd Street in Chipley or online www.spanishtrailplayhouse.com. You may purchase tickets by calling (850) 638-9113.

Michael Guilford Football Camp

BLOUNTSTOWN - The 2018 Michael Guilford Future Tigers Football Camp will be held Saturday, Aug. 18 at 9 a.m. to noon ^{CT} at Bowles Field. Registration will be held from 8 to 9 a.m.

The BHS football coaches and players will host the camp for students in first - 8th grade. There is no cost for the camp and t-shirts and lunch will be provided. Campers are encouraged to wear shorts, football cleats and sunscreen.

Open auditions set for Grease: The Musical at Spanish Trail Playhouse

CHIPLEY - The Spanish Trail Playhouse will hold open auditions for *Grease: The Musical* on Monday, Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. ^{CT} and Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 6 p.m. ^{CT} Auditions will be held at The Spanish Trail Playhouse (Historic Chipley High School) located at 680 Second Street in Chipley. *Grease: The Musical* will take the stage Nov. 8 thru 12.

Grease: The Musical will be directed by Kevin Russell. Book, music and lyrics by Jim Jacobs & Warren Casey.

This musical follows Sandy Dumbrowski, the new girl in town, and Danny Zuko, the school's coolest greaser, while they have a secret summertime romance. But, when they get back to school, everything is different. Sandy attempts to navigate the tricky Rydell High School social waters and catch Danny's attention again, but Danny is chiefly concerned with maintaining his tough-guy reputation. In the end, the Pink Ladies help Sandy figure out how to win back the leader of the Burger Palace Boys. Presented by special arrangement with Samuel French.

Audition packets will be available two weeks prior to auditions on the Spanish Trail Playhouse website: www.spanishtrailplayhouse.com, the Spanish Trail Playhouse office and at the Washington County Public Library. To inquire about a certain role or about volunteering or with other questions pertaining to production, please email spanishtrailplayhouse@gmail.com.

Car wash & bake sale for band set Aug. 11

The Sound of Liberty will host a car wash and bake sale fundraiser on Saturday, Aug. 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. ^{ET} in the Liberty County High School parking lot.

All proceeds benefit the Sound of Liberty. For more information call (850) 510-6929.

Masonic Lodge plans appreciation luncheon

Dixie Masonic Lodge #109 invites all widows of our members and our current past masters to an appreciation luncheon at the lodge on Saturday, Aug. 25 at 12 p.m.

Please call (850) 631-9958 or (850) 643-8722 to RSVP. Transportation is provided if needed. We look forward to seeing you.



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Community CALENDAR August

Wednesday, Aug. 8

- Blountstown Rotary Club, 12 p.m., ^{CT} Calhoun County Senior Citizens Center
- BIRTHDAYS: *Terri Pitts & Jason Weiler*

Thursday, Aug. 9

OPEN HOUSE

LIBERTY COUNTY School Open House

- Tolar School, 4 to 5:30 p.m. ^{ET}
- Hosford School, 5 to 6:30 p.m. ^{ET}
- LCHS, 6 to 7:30 p.m. ^{ET}

- Carr School Open House**, 8 a.m. to 12 noon ^{CT}
- Calhoun County School Board, 5 p.m., ^{CT} Calhoun Ag. Extension office
- Liberty County Commission, 6 p.m., ^{ET} Courtroom
- AA Meeting, 6 to 7 p.m., ^{ET} Grace United Methodist Church in Hosford
- BIRTHDAYS: *Jim McClellan, Kevin Russ, Vicki Montford & Kip Davis*

Friday, Aug. 10

- Calhoun County Schools resume**
- Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social, 6 to 8 p.m., ^{CT} Panhandle Pioneer Settlement
- BIRTHDAYS: *Phillip Page, Odra Chapman, Violet Deese, Leslie Messer & Dudley Parker*
- ANNIVERSARY: *Doyle & Ruth Ann Eberly*

Saturday, Aug. 11

- Storytime, 10:30 a.m., ^{ET} Hosford Library
- Train Day, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., ^{ET} Veterans Memorial Park in Bristol
- BIRTHDAYS: *Wayne Wiggins, Vicki Bennett, Joni Bodiford, James Lolley & Savannah Stephens*

Sunday, Aug. 12

Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday

•BIRTHDAY: *Jean Weeks*

Monday, Aug. 13

- Liberty County schools resume**
- Early Voting**, Aug. 13 - Aug. 25, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., ^{CT}
- Altha Girl Scout Troop #39, 6:15 p.m., ^{CT} Altha Church of God
- Bristol City Council, 6:30 p.m., ^{ET} City Hall
- LC Bulldog Club, 7 p.m., ^{ET} LCHS fieldhouse

Tuesday, Aug. 14

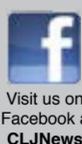
- Pre-Season Volleyball Classic, begins at 4 p.m., ^{CT} Blountstown High School
- AA Meeting, 6 p.m., ^{ET} Grace United Methodist Church in Hosford
- Dixie 109 Masonic Lodge, 7 p.m., ^{CT} Dixie Lodge
- BIRTHDAYS: *Nicole Purvis, LaBarron Smith, Melissa Muza, Haley Arnold & Rhyanna Creamer*

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eye health and safety month

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BOY BURNED STARTING CAMPFIRE

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school and at home. "Ryan has worked with the boys to teach them how to be safe around fire," explained Wesley's mom. Wesley had also safely handled gasoline while fueling up the lawn mower and helping with other chores at home. "We were pretty confident that this would never happen," she said about the accident.

Mom and dad were in the house. The boys went outside to start a small fire but discovered the logs were wet. They used their last bit of lighter fluid but that didn't help. Wesley then picked up a Solo cup, went to the garage and poured some gas in it.

It all happened in just a few seconds. He later said he did not see any sparks or flames as he approached the logs with the cup in hand. When he got closer, the bottom of the plastic cup holding the gas gave way and splattered all over his abdomen, left leg and foot as well as the inside of his right leg. He looked down, said "Oh, shoot" as the gas ignited and he was instantly engulfed in flames.

His little brother reacted quickly, running for a water hose, turned it on and raced back to spray Wesley. Even in his panic, Wesley said he remembered what he had learned from Fireman Ben at a school program: Stop, drop and roll. He did. He couldn't get the fire out on his own but his mother said that action helped him preserve some skin on his back that was crucial in providing grafting material.

His parents were comfortably settled into their recliners in the living room when they heard Wesley scream. They ran out to see that Luke had drenched his brother and extinguished the fire.

"By the time I got out back - maybe 10 seconds - Luke already had Wesley put out," their father said. "The camp fire was now burning with a pretty good blaze."

"I looked at Wesley one time. Then I couldn't look at his body again...if you touched him, his skin came off," his mother said.

"Ryan wanted to help him but there was no way to touch him," she said. "Son, come get in the car," his father said, and Wesley walked on his own through the porch area to the front of the house to reach the car.

"I had to send Marie and Wesley to the ER in the car. Luke and I stayed behind to put out the fire," the boys' father said.

When he went to look for Luke to take him to his grandmothers to stay before he left to meet his wife and son at the ER, he found him crying in his room. "He thought Wesley was going to die," his mother said.

All the way to the hospital, Wesley kept apologizing, saying, "Mama, I'm so sorry. That was so stupid. I know you're not supposed to put gas on a fire. I'm so sorry."

MEDICAL HELP

When the family drove up to the emergency room at Calhoun Liberty Hospital the ambulance was there and had just dropped someone off. "The admissions lady was outside, saw us and said, 'Wait right there! I'm getting a wheelchair.'"

As they got the injured boy out of the car, the feeling came back in his limbs and he began screaming.

Wesley was wheeled inside, crying out in pain. "I don't know how they got him on that bed in the exam room," his mother said.

"They were amazing," she said of the hospital staff. "They stabilized him, treated his pain and shock and then immediately began trying to get him into the burn center in Augusta."

Within a couple of hours, they were headed to Tallahassee. There, Wesley and his mom took a small airplane to Augusta followed by an ambulance ride to the burn center.

PAINFUL TREATMENT

Wesley had burns over 35 percent of his body and required skin grafts over a quarter of his body.

Both arms were burned. He had deep burns from the middle of his stomach to his left side. Most of his left leg was burned, including his foot. "The bottom of his foot seems



Ryan McDougald and Luke take Wesley for a spin around the hospital corridors on July 9. Mom is shown with the boys on July 11.

to be OK...he has been able to walk," his mother said. "His toes and the top of his foot were burned pretty badly."

She said, "His face wasn't touched at all but oddly enough, the back of his hair was singed yet there were no burns on his back."

He had to be put to sleep for doctors to clear out the debris in his wounds. Cadaver skin was used to protect his open wounds until he could recover enough to have his own skin grafted over the burns, she explained.

She remained at his side the entire time, sleeping in a recliner in his room at the burn center. She helped him do arm and leg exercises before he could get out of bed. She accompanied him on painful walks through the hospital halls to maintain his range of motion as the skin healed. "I had to be tough and strong-willed and make him do things he didn't want to do," his mother said.

When his father came he found a place at Chavis House, a dorm-style facility for patient's family members. Dad handled the laundry duties, ran errands and picked up Wesley's favorite foods to supplement the hospital fare. "He lost quite a bit of weight," his mother said, "and needed protein and calories." His father brought in some of his favorites, including Sonic cheeseburgers and milkshakes.

SUPPORT FROM FRIENDS

Despite the long distance from home, Wesley had plenty of cards, special gifts and even a few visitors.

Many times during his stay his mother would sing his favorite hymns to him. When he was in pain, he was comforted as his father read scripture to him. They often prayed together.

Wesley was delighted when their church pianist, Dr. Tamar Joyner, sang his favorite song "Because He Lives" at church following his injury so that it could be recorded and put on his MP3 player.

In addition to gifts to cheer up Wesley, friends didn't forget what his mother was going through and sent her some special surprises. "There were chocolates for my nerves, lotion, a thermal cup and other things," she said. She added it wouldn't have mattered what it

was but just the fact that someone cared to make things easier for her was comforting.

More importantly, "I know that people were praying for us constantly," his

mom said. "We didn't have to go through it all alone."

She credited their church and community's support with easing their worries. "We are so blessed to live in this community," she said, and added, "We know this would not happen in every community. We're so thankful we live here."

Her husband added, "People kept Leann Shoemaker busy at Gateway Baptist Child Care dropping off donations and gifts. Niki Peavy at Shiver's Florist was busy receiving donations on our behalf. Laura Pope with Wesley's base-

ball team established a Go Fund Me account on Facebook. Local churches were extremely generous in their giving. Our church, Gateway Baptist, was generous. Lake Mystic Baptist went above and beyond with their giving. Bethlehem Baptist, Open Arms Assembly, and the Florida Baptist Convention were all very generous. I did not have to worry at all about food, lodging, or travel expenses. We will have some extra to go towards doctor bills."

One more thing they are thankful for is Luke, who later explained his actions that frightening evening when flames shot up and he couldn't see his brother:

"I remember daddy telling us to use the fire hose to put things out that caught fire. So, when Wesley caught fire, I put him out."

Mom was quick to respond, "We could not be prouder of how he handled this."

LOWER OCHLOCKONEE RIVER WATERSHED DIGITAL PRELIMINARY FLOOD MAPS READY FOR PUBLIC VIEWING

Attend Open House and learn about FLOOD RISKS in your community

BRISTOL/HAVANA – Newly revised preliminary digital flood insurance rate maps for the Lower Ochlockonee River watershed will be available for residents to review at a public open house meeting in Bristol and Havana. The Bristol open house will take place August 21, 2018, at the Liberty County Emergency Management Office located at 10979 NW Spring Street; Bristol, Florida 32321 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. EST. Another open house will take place on August 23, 2018, at the Northwest Florida Water Management District Headquarters located at 81 Water Management Drive; Havana, Florida 32333 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. EST. Flood maps show the extent to which areas are at risk for flooding, and when updated maps become effective they are used to help determine flood insurance and building requirements.

The open house provides residents within the Lower Ochlockonee River Watershed and its municipalities the opportunity to see the preliminary maps, learn about their risk of flooding, and ask questions about what the new maps will mean for their property. Residents can meet one-on-one with a variety of specialists who will be available to talk about flood insurance, engineering, building permits, and more. Home and business owners, renters, realtors, mortgage lenders, surveyors, and insurance agents are encouraged to attend the open house.

THE OPEN HOUSES WILL BE HELD BETWEEN 4 P.M. TO 7 P.M.

THE OPEN HOUSE DATES AND LOCATIONS ARE:

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AUGUST 23, 2018
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 81 Water Management Drive, HAVANA, FL 32333

The new preliminary maps were developed through a partnership among Gadsden, Leon, Liberty, and Wakulla counties, watershed municipalities, the Northwest Florida Water Management District, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. They are based on updated available modeling and data and show improved flood hazard risk better than older maps. The goal is to protect property owners and the community from the risks associated with flooding. Over time, flood risks change due to construction and development, environmental changes, widening or shifting of floodplains, and other factors. Flood maps are updated periodically to reflect these changes.

By law, federally regulated or insured mortgage lenders require flood insurance on buildings that are located in areas at high risk of flooding. Standard homeowners', business owners', and renters' insurance policies typically do not cover flood damage, so flood insurance is an important consideration for everyone. Flood insurance policies can be purchased from any state licensed property and casualty insurance agent. Visit www.floodsmart.gov or call 888-379-9531 for more information about flood insurance and to locate a local agent.

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BIRTHDAY



LISA WOMBLE

Lisa Womble will celebrate her 52nd birthday on Saturday, Aug. 11. She is the wife of Willard Ray Womble. Her children are Tyler Womble, Cody Schaffer and Destiny Keith, all of Bristol and Wesley Clenney and Colden Summerlin, both of Geneva, AL. Lisa is retired and she enjoys fishing and hunting.

WAITING TO BE PARENTS

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“Christine Thurman never knew what she restored into our life that day,” according to the couple. “Her Christian faith, beliefs and compassion showed to complete strangers sitting in front of her will be etched in our lives forever. For those of you that are Christians and believe in miracles, there is no doubt we were led to her little office in Tallahassee by direction of the Good Lord.”

She took them through the process and secured the child they’ve waited years for with the birth of little McKenzie.

“We never really had to worry about what was next,” Gracy said. She kept them apprised of

each step. When they struggled to get the money together, she worked out a payment plan for them. She located a Georgia attorney, who happened to know the birth mother’s family and expedited the paperwork.

The couple call Thurman “our angel” for her determination in clearing the obstacles along the path to the adoption. When they attended a 40th birthday party for the Tallahassee attorney last year, they were stunned to meet many other adoptive families whose lives she had greatly impacted with her work through the Florida Baptist Association.

“It was evident with the families we met at that gathering that she held no prejudice, and it was evident these families shared simi-

lar misfortunes in life as us,” he said, adding that Thurman’s compassion and caring enabled them to become a family. “She is an angel sent to protect and place our precious child with us,” Benny said.

“I know she was sent to save Gracy and me.”

When McKenzie was born, her adoptive mother was in the delivery room to share the experience with her biological mother and grandmother.

Today, McKenzie is a happy, outgoing eight-year-old (turning nine in November) who is starting third grade this year at Tolar School.

She knows she was adopted and is in contact with her maternal grandparents, an aunt and an uncle. All have visited in person and often communicate with her online, with Snapchat being her favorite point of contact.

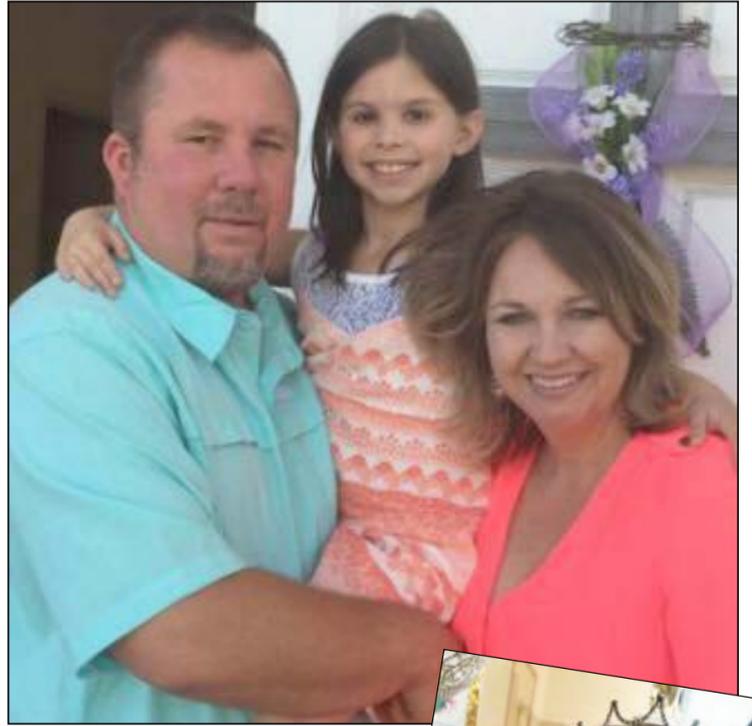
“We’ve always been open with her about the adoption,” her father explained. “When she asked why her ‘real mom’ didn’t keep her we explained it wasn’t that she didn’t want her but that she was just too young to take care of her.”

After years of struggle, they finally had a little luck. They hold out hope for others pursuing a child of their own to love. “We know of two or three families here trying to go through adoptions with the state and their stories are a lot harder than ours,” Gracy said. “We’re just lucky that the mom made the grown-up decision she did at the age of 17.”

Benny said his little girl is “very understanding” of the situation and adds, “She’s pretty sharp!”

As she gets older, he knows she will be asking more and more questions. But with two loving parents, three sets of grandparents and an extended network of relatives, friends and community members, she won’t have to look far for answers.

EDITOR’S NOTE: National Adoption Day is Nov. 17. If you have a special adoption story you would like to share with Journal readers, please send it to Teresa Eubanks at thejournal@fairpoint.net for possible use in an oncoming issue.



Benny, McKenzie and Gracy Jacobs.



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It has been mentioned to me by several people of this district and throughout the County about the possibility of having vocational education back in our schools. I cannot agree more. I think that’s a real possibility in the near future. I spoke with Governor Scott at lengths about funding to put vocational education back in our school systems when I interviewed with him last year, before I was appointed to the school board. He agreed it is necessary, because not every student is going to college and they will need skills when they graduate high school. However, after the Parkland shooting, the state turned all attention and hundreds of millions of dollars to school safety, which was absolutely necessary to keep our students as safe as possible. The school board has also discussed vocational education on several occasions and actively seeks funds to make this happen. You can help by reaching out to Governor Scott and our state representatives in Tallahassee.

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Late Night Laughs

A RECAP OF RECENT OBSERVATIONS BY LATE NIGHT TV HOSTS.

Apple is close to becoming the first U.S. company worth over \$1 trillion. Then Americans looked at their drawers filled with old iPods, and said, "Yep. Seems about right." — JIMMY FALLON

The New York Mets suffered their worst loss in franchise history losing to the Washington Nationals 25-4. It was so bad that even the ceremonial first pitch was hit for a triple. — SETH MEYERS

HBO recently announced that LeBron James will be hosting a new talk show set in a barbershop here in Los Angeles and it's called "The Shop." Yeah, LeBron James is getting a talk show. Well, I guess this is war. I have no choice now but to start up a side gig ... and become the greatest basketball player in the world. — JAMES CORDEN

A guy here in New York swims in the Hudson River every week to prove that it's clean. If you want to meet him in person, services are being held on 43rd Street at the Sherwood Funeral Home. — JIMMY FALLON

The New York Mets lost to the Washington Nationals 25-4. It was so embarrassing Mr. Met switched jerseys in the third inning. — SETH MEYERS

Apparently, LeBron's talk show is going to be him and four random guests you may or may not have heard of. You know, like when he plays basketball. — JAMES CORDEN

Facebook is working on a "talent show" feature that would let users record themselves singing and then upload their videos for comments. Facebook even has a catchy name for it: "YouTube." — JIMMY FALLON

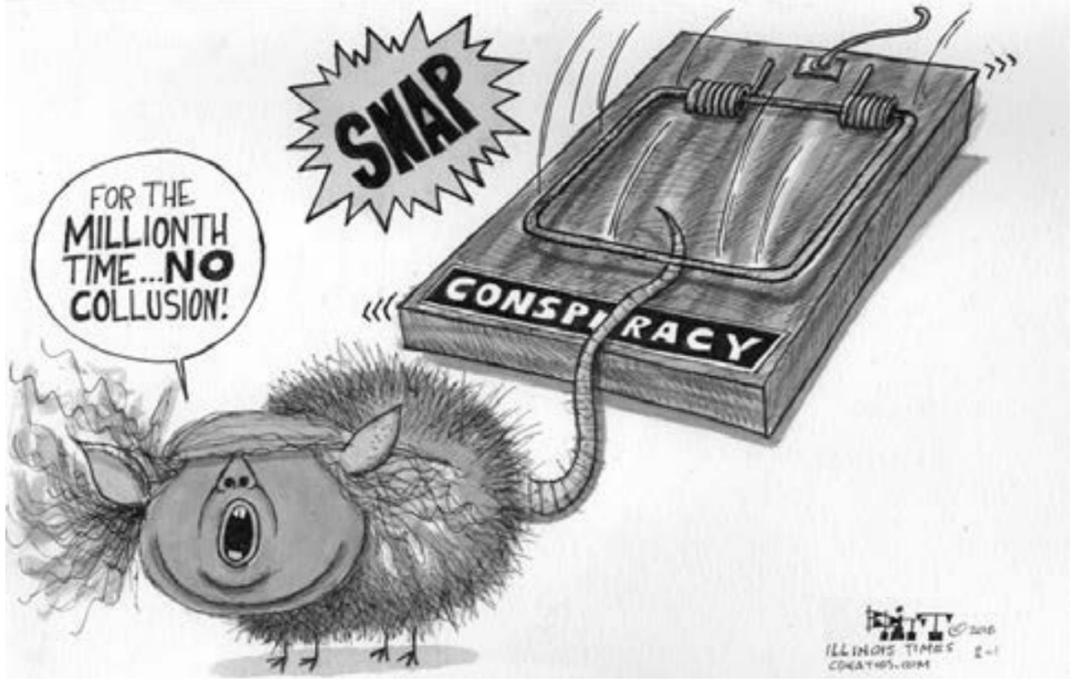
Alaska Airlines apologized to a gay couple after asking one of them to move so that a straight couple could sit together. Meanwhile Spirit Airlines apologized for quote, "All of it." — SETH MEYERS

Amazon has introduced a new facial recognition technology, and it seems like there might be a few bugs because when they recently tested the software on the faces of members of Congress, the program identified 28 of them as convicted criminals. So, it works. — JAMES CORDEN

Police in Maine pulled over a man who drove a scooter all the way from Massachusetts using his cell phone as a headlight. Police had a lot of questions, mainly, "How'd you get your battery to last that long?!" — JIMMY FALLON

50 years ago, Charles Schulz, the creator of the comic strip "Peanuts" introduced the comic's first black character named Franklin. Which Marcie immediately reported to the police. — SETH MEYERS

Facial recognition? Is it just me or is Amazon getting a long way away from just delivering books? You know? And why are they identifying criminals? Amazon Prime... More like Amazon Prime Suspect. — JAMES CORDEN



President Mike Pence?

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

by Douglas Cohn and Eleanor Clift

WASHINGTON — President Trump is in self-destructive mode, and he is succeeding, tweeting comments that can be used against him and raging against the media for what he sees as unfair coverage. He's not helping himself with his increasingly unhinged and erratic behavior.

With Vice President Pence waiting in the wings, and Republicans likely to take significant losses in the November midterms, a Pence presidency sometime in the coming year is looking more likely than not. What that means for the nation is both positive and negative, depending on one's political perspective.

Like Gerald Ford who was sworn in as president after Richard Nixon resigned, the low-key Pence would end Trump's imperial presidency and restore small-d democracy. He would halt the tariff wars roiling farmers in the Midwest and return to the GOP's free trade policies. He would support America's traditional allies and uphold existing international alliances.

The Republic would be safe, just as it was with Ford, and the country could return to pre-Trump normalcy.

The difference is that Ford was not an ideologue. He was an establishment Republican from Grand Rapids, Michigan, a 20-year member of Congress before assuming the presidency, someone who took his cues from the mainstream of the party.

Pence served seven terms in the House, where he was a member of the Tea Party Caucus, before stepping down to run for governor of Indiana in 2012. He describes himself as a Christian, a conservative and a Republican in that order. A traditional Republican when it comes to a strong defense and support for NATO, his politics are shaped by his religious fervor and his strong opposition to abortion.

Eighteen years ago, when he and his wife, Karen, explained to their two young daughters why they were moving to Washington, they used a Life

magazine cover of a human fetus to explain their goal to end abortion.

Pence was raised Roman Catholic in a Democratic household. He voted for Jimmy Carter in 1976, but his politics changed in college when he became an evangelical born again Christian.

If Pence becomes president, we can expect more judicial nominees with a strong religious bent, like Justice Neil Gorsuch, and more Supreme Court rulings that blur the line between church and state.

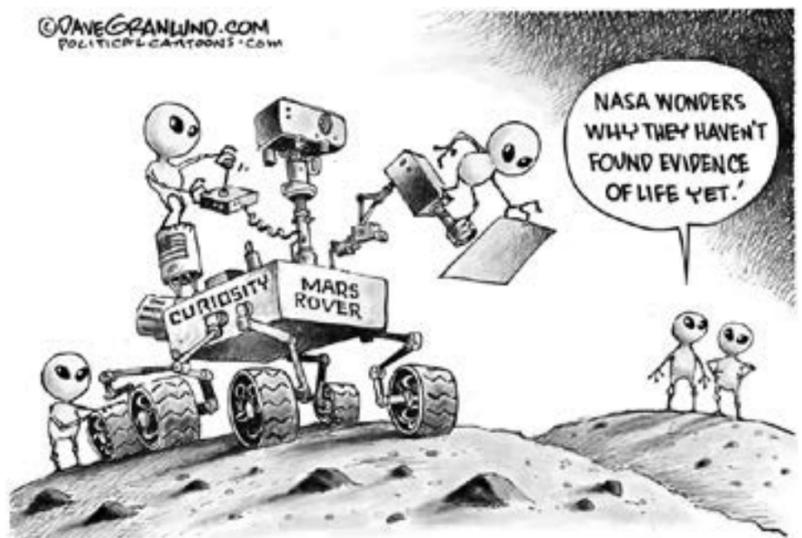
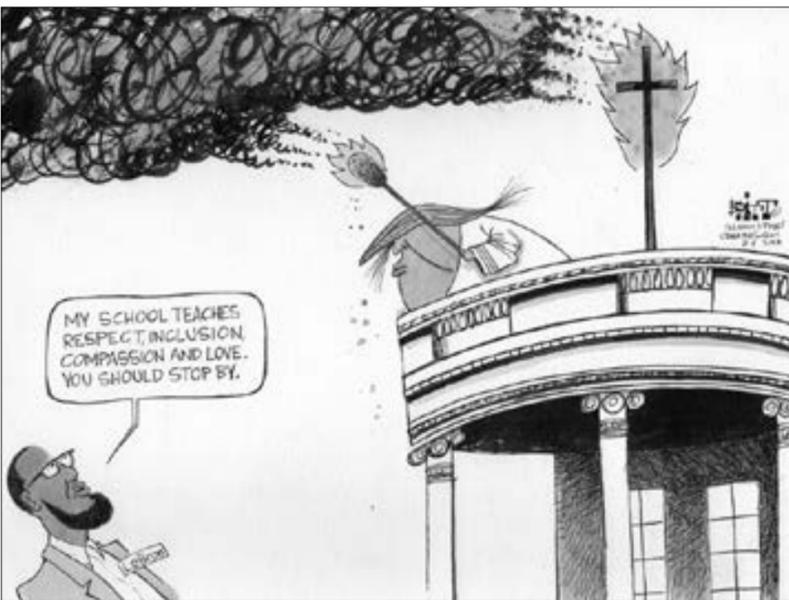
Democrats would prefer a weakened Trump to an effectively organized Pence who would be able to get through more of the conservative agenda. But if Trump's fortunes continue to spiral down, there may be no luxury of choice.

The president's tweet that Attorney General Sessions should fire special counsel Mueller comes close to obstruction of justice. The White House characterized the tweet as an opinion, not an order, but it's clear that's what Trump wants to do. He wants to end the Mueller probe, and he's tossing lots of rhetoric out there to gage the reaction.

If he finds a way to fire Mueller before the midterm election, Republicans will take an even bigger beating, potentially losing the Senate in addition to the House. If he doesn't fire Mueller, Trump knows better than anyone except maybe Mueller, what he might be facing in a court of law, and in the court of public opinion.

That's where Pence comes in. Firing Mueller would create a firestorm, and Pence could face pressure to invoke the 25th Amendment to remove Trump. Pence would never do it on his own but if key figures came to him from the Cabinet, and from the Senate, imploring him to put the constitutional process in place, Pence could say the president's ability to function has been impaired by the strain of the office, and that he must step down.

Firing Mueller is the tripwire. Pence is waiting.



COMMENTARY



RETURNING HOME

SEAN OF THE SOUTH

HANK • BY SEAN DIETRICH



MONTGOMERY, AL - I am standing only feet from Hank Williams' gravestone in Oakwood Cemetery. Hank is joining me for lunch.

On my lunch menu: a SPAM and mustard sandwich.

Long ago, my cousin and I spent a few weeks in Montgomery when he was visiting his girlfriend in Hope Hull. We were eighteen. We couldn't afford a motel, so we slept in the back of his truck. We cooked suppers on a propane burner. We bathed in truckstop bathrooms.

The things a lovesick teenager will do. On that trip, I visited Hank Williams' grave for the first time. It was night. I stood before his tombstone and my cousin asked me to sing a few bars.

I sang "Mansion on a Hill." We removed our caps.

High-school-age kids came upon us. We could see their headlights and hear them snickering.

"Have some respect!" shouted my cousin. "Audrey Williams was kin to my mother!"

I made the Sign of the Cross and took a knee, even though Audrey Williams was about as kin as Forty-Mule-Team Borax.

The high-schoolers apologized and left; we laughed until we turned purple. And we ate SPAM and mustard sandwiches for supper.

We did that for my father's sake, he loved SPAM almost as much as he loved Hank. My father used to cut little chunks of pink meat with his pocket knife, drown it in mustard, and place it on white bread. I never cared for it.

Anyway, Hank's music was my father's music. And it ties me to him, somehow. I can see Daddy sitting on a porch, singing "Hey Good Lookin'" and whittling, while I sit in the yard, eating mud.

After my father passed, I listened to one particular Hank album until I wore it out. Because back then, Hank Senior gave me the same feeling I missed. A good feeling.

The same feeling once gotten from a man who came home from his job, smelling like hard work and body odor.

For years, I kept some of Daddy's shirts around. I wouldn't touch them unless I needed to. These ratty things weren't for touching, they were for smelling. I would press the fabric into my face and breathe.

So that's what Hank Williams is to

me. He is sweat, pomade, and soot.

Yeah, I know a lot of people prefer Elvis, or the Beatles, or the Grateful Dead. Not me. Give me Hank, Babe Ruth, a can of SPAM, and I'm liable to sing the "Star Spangled Banner."

I hear a car engine idling beside me.

I am about eat my sandwich when I see a Chrysler approaching. An old woman rolls her window down and pokes her head out.

"Do you work here?" she asks.

"Me? No, ma'am."

"Oh, I saw you eating and I thought maybe you worked here."

Her name is Helen. She's elderly. White hair and pearls. She sits in the passenger seat, her sister, Mary Rae, is driving.

She's looking for her husband's grave, but can't find it in this tall grass.

I learn that Helen was a lifelong Montgomery native until her husband died of a massive heart attack. She was sixty-six when that happened. She's a lot older now.

After he passed, she moved to Birmingham and hasn't visited her husband's grave in a decade.

She points beneath a grove of oaks. "I think Harrison's over there somewhere. Would you help us look?"

Why not.

I wrap my sandwich in foil. I step through the high grass, scanning headstones for the name "Harrison." The car follows behind me, idling. It doesn't take long to find her husband. Helen is overjoyed.

"Thank you," she says. "Coulda never found him in this long grass."

We bid each other farewell. I watch them from a distance. They place a bouquet on a headstone. They fold hands. They bow heads. Maybe they're crying. I can't be sure.

I bow my head, too.

After all, Helen and I aren't that different. Not really. We're both here for the same reasons, sort of.

People like us come to these places to feel things. We come to remember. Because remembering is all you can do once the ratty shirts have lost their smell. And because remembering just feels so good.

Rest in Peace, Harrison.

And Hank.

The SPAM sandwich wasn't half bad, Daddy.

Sean Dietrich writes about life in the American South. His columns have appeared in South Magazine, the Bitter Southerner, Thom Magazine and the Tallahassee Democrat.

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Blountstown Elementary OPEN HOUSE



ABOVE: Brothers Liam, Benji and Brennan Corlett commemorate their start of a new school year with a photo at Tuesday's open house. LEFT: Ryder McDaniel gets settled into his desk in Tammy Evans' Kindergarten class. FAR LEFT: First Grade Teacher Haley Brady visits with Dottie Deese.

Calhoun school safety measures need support from 1/2 ¢ sales tax

from Ralph Yoder,
Calhoun County
School Superintendent

The Calhoun County School Board has made a commitment to funding campus safety enhancements as a priority in the 2018-2019 budget.

One of the ways that you can assist the CCSD in improving the safety and security of each school campus in Calhoun County is by supporting the renewal of the "half cent sales tax" referendum that is on the August 28 primary election ballot.

The funds generated from the renewal of this sales tax will be used for capital improvements, which include safety enhancements at each cam-

pus. Although the legislature has increased the safe schools allocations for each of the 67 school districts in Florida, it simply isn't enough to cover the safety and security measures necessary to better secure all of our campuses. Your support of the renewal of this sales tax will help enhance safety measures for our students and staff.

Safety Measures, School Safety Specialist - As we look forward to welcoming students back to school on August 10th, our district staff has worked tirelessly this summer to prepare our facilities for the new school year. The safety and security of our stu-

dents and staff has been, and will always be a top priority to everyone employed by the CCSD. Following the tragedy in Parkland in February, the Calhoun County School Board (CCSB), the members of our staff, and I, immediately began implementing additional safety measures to enhance the safety and security of our campuses.

Shots required for 7th graders

The parents of all W.R. Tolar and Hosford School 7th grade students are required to have the Tdap immunization prior to attending schools.

If you have not already submitted an updated shot record with the guidance office, your child can not attend school.

Seventh grade students who are missing the required immunization will not receive a schedule until this is taken care of.

In compliance with new legislative mandates, the CCSD named Neva Miller as the District School Safety Specialist. The responsibilities as the School Safety Specialist is critical to ensuring that the CCSD continues to implement safety protocols to make certain the safety and security of our students and staff is of paramount priority.

SCHOOL MENUS

Aug. 8 - Aug. 15

CALHOUN

FRIDAY, AUG. 10
BREAKFAST: French toast sticks, turkey sausage or sliced ham, fruit
LUNCH: Pizza or hamburger
SIDES: Baked potato wedges, Lettuce and tomato, fruit

MONDAY, AUG. 13
BREAKFAST: Pancake on a stick, GoGurt, fruit
LUNCH: Chicken nuggets, Buffalo chicken wrap or chef salad
SIDES: Mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, fruit

TUESDAY, AUG. 14
BREAKFAST: Egg and cheese biscuit, potato nuggets, fruit
LUNCH: Spaghetti with meat sauce, beef quesadilla or chicken Caesar salad
SIDES: Lettuce and tomato, Black beans, Fruit

LIBERTY

MONDAY, AUG. 13
BREAKFAST: Ham and cheese breakfast taco, hash browns, choice of cereal, fresh cup of fruit
LUNCH: Chicken strip basket, hamburger, mozzarella breadstick, pizza (buffalo chicken or four-meat) or boneless hot wings
SIDES: French fries, tater tots or vegetable of the day, fruit of the day

TUESDAY, AUG. 14
BREAKFAST: French toast sticks, sausage links, choice of cereal, fresh cup of fruit
LUNCH: Salisbury steak, chicken strip basket, hamburger, mozzarella breadstick, pizza (buffalo chicken or four-meat) or boneless hot wings
SIDES: Mashed potatoes with gravy, green peas, roll or vegetable of the day, fruit of the day

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21ST CCLC registration set for Aug. 9 at school Open House

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- W.R. Tolar School from 4 to 5:30 p.m. ET at Open House. Site Coordinator Jessica Clark will have a registration booth set up in the main hallway. This site will run Monday thru Friday from 2:50 to 5:20 p.m. ET
- Hosford Elementary and Jr. High School from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Open

House. Site Coordinator Stephanie Davis will have a registration booth set up in the Media Center. This site will run Monday thru Friday from 3:10 to 5:40 p.m. ET

Registration forms may also be found on www.lcsb.org. Applications can be printed out and turned in at Open House. Register your student at Open House and your child will be able to attend the first day of school. Students with applications turned in later will need to wait to receive a letter from the site coordinator.

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50 positions - Temporary/seasonal work picking, packing fruit, pruning trees, operating agricultural machinery/equipment in a tree fruit orchard, from 9/4/2018 to 12/1/2018 at Mt. Clifton Fruit Company, LLC, Timberville, VA and multiple worksites within Rockingham and Shenandoah counties. This job requires a minimum of three months of verifiable prior agricultural employment experience working in a tree fruit orchard performing manual tasks associated with production and harvest or packing house activities. Workers must be able to perform manual as well as mechanized activities with accuracy and efficiency. Saturday work required. Must be able to lift/carry 60 lbs. Employer-paid post-hire drug testing is required upon reasonable suspicion of use. \$11.46/hr or current applicable AEW or applicable piece rate depending on crop activity. Raise/bonus at employer discretion. Workers are guaranteed ¾ of work hours of total period. Work tools, supplies, equipment supplied by employer without charge to worker. Housing with kitchen facilities provided at no cost to only those workers who are not reasonably able to return same day to their place of residence at time of recruitment. Transportation and subsistence expenses to work site will be paid to nonresident workers not later than upon completion of 50% of the job contract. Interviews required. Apply for this job at nearest State Workforce Agency in state in which this ad appears, or One-Stop Career Center, 16908 NE Pear St., Ste. 2, Blountstown, FL 32424. Provide copy of this ad. VA Job Order #1380854. PO KS435 8-8-18

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR WATER USE PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application(s) for water use permit(s) has (have) been received by the Northwest Florida Water Management District:

Application Number 2E-077-5536-4 filed July 31, 2018. Liberty County Board of Commissioners, Lake Mystic Water System, Post Office Box 399, Bristol, FL 32321. Requesting an average withdrawal of 73,000 gallons per day from the Floridan Aquifer (Undiff) for Public Supply use by existing facilities. General withdrawal location(s) in Liberty County Section: 30, Township: 1S, Range: 7W.

Interested persons may submit written comments/objection or submit a written request for the notice of proposed agency action (NOPAA) regarding the application by writing to: Division of Regulatory Services, Northwest Florida Water Management District, Attn: Lyn Shiver, 152 Water Management Drive, Havana, Florida 32333. A NOPAA will be mailed only to persons who have filed such requests. A NOPAA must be requested in order to be advised of further proceedings and any public hearing date. Written comments/objection or NOPAA requests must be received by 5:00 p.m. ET, within 14 days of publication of this notice of application.

No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. Publication of this notice constitutes constructive notice of the permit application to all substantially affected persons. 8-8-18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
 LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA
 PROBATE DIVISION

Case No.: 2017-24-CP

IN RE: HAZEL JANE WHITEHEAD WEST, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Hazel Jane Whitehead West, deceased, whose date of death was May 6, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Liberty County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 10818 NW SR 20, Bristol, FL 32321. The names and addresses of the co-personal representatives and the co-personal representatives' attorney's are set forth below.

All creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served, must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLA. STAT. § 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is: **Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2018.**

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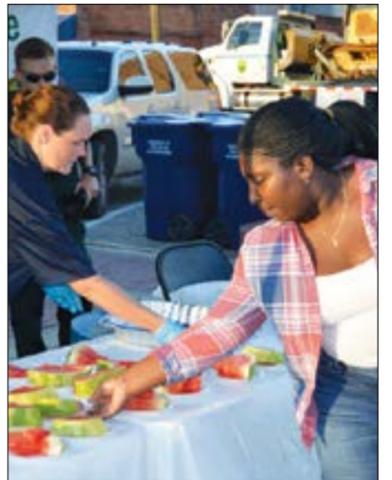




The community and law enforcement members gathered Tuesday night to enjoy fun, games and plenty of good food off the grill at the annual National Night Out in Blountstown. ABOVE: Patrick Coleman, 7, of Blountstown participates in the rescue drill. RIGHT: The men of the Mayhaw Community Association grill hotdogs by the case. BELOW: Blountstown Firefighter Jim Hall instructs Amber Chambers on how to perform the rescue drill. The idea is if you can pull the doll, you can rescue a family member.



Kenneth Hopkins of Blountstown holding Waddles, the goat.



The Liberty County Sheriff's Office attended the National Night Out event this year in Blountstown and brought plenty of watermelon to share with visitors.



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The boy I was

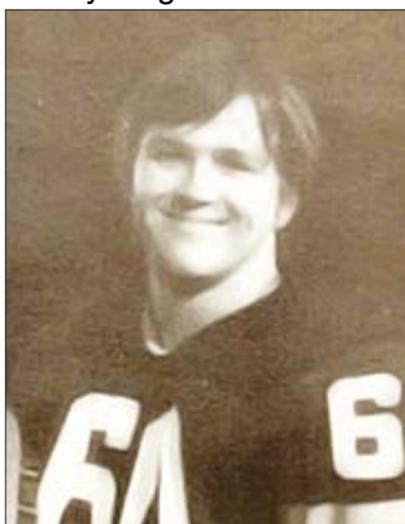


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The young man I became

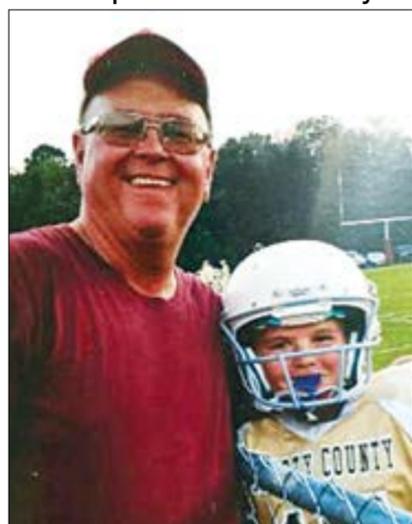


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Bo and Alaric, one of nine Grandchildren

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Please vote for and re-elect JAMES "BO" SANDERS for County Commissioner, District 4.
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OBITUARIES

RHETT WAYNE SHULER

HOSFORD - Rhett Wayne Shuler, 47, of Hosford, beloved husband, father, brother and friend passed away Sunday, Aug. 5, 2018.

He was born on Jan. 2, 1971 in Tallahassee. He graduated from Liberty County High School in 1989 and then served a two year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Concepcion, Chile. He later graduated from Florida State University with a degree in international business and was currently employed with the Florida Department of Corrections. He also worked with the Liberty County Sheriff's Department, where he was proud to serve alongside his law enforcement family.

He married Leena Abramo in the Atlanta LDS Temple and they are the proud parents of Helaman, 16, Cannon, 14 and Olivia, 10. His greatest treasure was his family and he loved spending time with them, especially following the children's activities and watching movies, superhero ones were his favorite! He also had a firm testimony of Jesus Christ as his Savior and enjoyed sharing his testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with anyone who would listen. He was a gifted piano player and served in many church callings throughout his life. He was also an active member of the Liberty County community, his beloved home.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jerry Wayne and Gail Barber Shuler and his grandparents, Sam and Ruth Shuler and Johnnie and Delcie Barber.

Survivors include his wife, Leena and their children, Helaman Wayne, Cannon Wayne and Olivia Gail; his siblings, Kiera, Terah and her husband, Duncan, Kyla and her husband, Brian, Meris and her husband, Joe, Garet and his wife, Jessie and Jaren and her husband, Drew and their families; and beloved aunts, uncles and cousins and many friends.

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

Services will be held Wednesday, Aug. 8 at 3 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 12605 NW Myers Ann St. in Bristol. Interment will follow at the Evans Family Cemetery in Telogia.

Bevis Funeral Home in Bristol is in charge of the arrangements.

DELORES RAMOS

BRISTOL - Dolores Ramos, 49, of Bristol, passed away Monday, July 30, 2018 in Tallahassee. She was born on Sept. 24, 1968 Progreso Hidalgo, Mexico to Cecilio Ramos and Victoria Martinez. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Blountstown.

Survivors include her husband, Elfego Barragan; three sons, Gerardo, Abel and Alfredo Barragan; two sisters, Maria Guadalupe and Teresa Ramos; one brother, Pedro Ramos; nieces, Elizabeth, Ariana, Berenice and Ruby Barragan and Abigail and Victoria Ramos; grandchildren, Dalia, Gael and Diana Barragan; and a cousin, Fernando Martinez.

Services were held Saturday, Aug. 4 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Blountstown with Father Richard Chamber officiating. Interment followed in Bristol Cemetery in Bristol.

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

BETTY LEE BAILEY

ALTHA - Betty Lee Bailey, 74, of Altha, went to her heavenly home on Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2018 in Blountstown. Born on Aug. 22, 1943 in Altha, she was the daughter of the late John Tinsley Bailey and Edna Bauldree Bailey.



She grew up in Altha and graduated from Altha School in 1961. She loved her classmates and stayed in touch with them until her passing. She had a love for traveling and lived all over the United States with her family.

After traveling, she settled in Gainesville working for the University of Florida in the administrative office and retiring after 30 years. She enjoyed her work but enjoyed cheering on the Florida Gators even more.

When she wasn't working or attending games you could find her at her river house in Wilson Springs on the Santa Fe River tending to her beautiful flowers, bird watching on the porch overlooking the river, coffee in hand. She was a member of a traveling square dancing team and also loved playing canasta with friends. Though she livened every room she entered and had a playful spirit - she helped everyone appreciate the simple pleasures in life - something that will always be instilled in her children and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her daughter, Tammy Lynn Clemons; her brother, Michael Bailey; and her sister, Verna Ruth Melvin.

Survivors include two daughters, Vicki Whittington and her husband, Archie and Ladona Kelley and her husband, Richard; one son, Charles Rocky Clemons; grandchildren, Anna, Tyler, Trent, Cecilia, Clark, Zeb, Charlie and Ollyanna; one sister, Barbara Clemons; her brother, John Charles "Bud" Bailey and his wife, Jean; and her brother-in-law, Autry Melvin.

Services were held Monday, Aug. 6 at Peavy Funeral Home with Jimmy Baggett and Rev. Clint Clemons officiating. Interment followed at Edenfield Cemetery in Altha.

Betty's final request is that you spend time with your children and grandchildren, take a dip in the river with your loved ones, laugh harder and spread love and kindness to everyone you meet.

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

ALBERTA EUJEAN "JEAN" PULLAM

HOSFORD - Alberta Eujan "Jean" Pullam, 85, of Hosford, passed away Friday, Aug. 3, 2018 in Blountstown. She was a native and lifelong resident of Hosford and a member of the Telogia Assembly of God Church. She was the owner/operator of Pullam Grocery in Telogia but most of all, she was a devoted wife, loving mother and grandmother.

She was preceded in death in 2010 by her husband of more 60 years, Julius Guy Pullam; a son, Julius Michael Pullam; her daughter, Lola Jeanette Burch; a brother, Ray Ellis; a sister, Nima Lou; and two great-granddaughters, Destinee Craig and Melaynee Craig.

Survivors include her son, William "Smokey" Pullam; and a daughter, Terry Lou Lewis and her husband, Richard; two sisters, Myrtice Beck and Janice Eagan; and one brother, Lloyd Ellis; her grandchildren, Phillip Pullam and his wife, Joni, Tracy Pullam, Stacie Fant and her husband, Berry, Patrick Burch and his wife, Shayna, Christy Hackel and her husband, Jason, April Craig and her husband, Michael and Rosie Lewis; 17 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday, Aug. 8 at 11 a.m. ^{ET} at the Telogia Assembly of God Church. Interment will follow at Divers Cemetery.

Bevis Funeral Home in Bristol is in charge of the arrangements.

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JOHN MARVIN NICHOLS, TH.D

CRAWFORDVILLE- John Marvin Nichols, Th.D., 94, of Crawfordville, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Monday, Aug. 6, 2018 surrounded by his family.



He was born to Arthur and Idell Nichols on Jan. 13, 1924. He was a long-time resident of Clarksville and had enjoyed sharing a home with his loving wife, Mary, in Crawfordville for the last 15 years.

He graduated from Frink High School in 1941. In 1943, he joined the United States Navy to serve his country during World War II. After his military service, he graduated from the first co-ed class of Florida State University in 1950 with a bachelor's degree in education. He later became the terminal manager for M R & R Trucking Company in Jacksonville and Tallahassee.

While living in Jacksonville, Marvin accepted Jesus at the age of 40 and was devoted to Him for the remainder of his life as he shared the love of Jesus as a minister, pastor and Chaplain. After accepting Christ, he desired to move back to Calhoun County Florida to establish a church in his hometown. He established Calvary Baptist Church in 1968 and served as a bi-vocational Pastor until 1983. These vocations included selling insurance, working at Wade Martin's Funeral Home and teaching DCT at Blountstown High School.

In 1973 he became the manager of the Calhoun-Liberty Employees Credit Union, where he retired the first time in 1986.

In 1983, he resigned from pastoring Calvary Baptist Church and received his Doctor of Theology from Gulf Coast Seminary. He then pastored a year at a small church near Brunswick, GA before moving back to Clarksville.

At the age of 65, he was hired by the Department of Corrections and served as a Chaplain from 1989 to 1996 and retired again. After this retirement, he pastored for several years at Clarksville Baptist Church and continued to minister to the inmates of north Florida state prisons through Homebound Prison Ministries until 2016. He has performed countless weddings and funerals in this region and was known to most as Preacher Nichols.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife and mother of his children, Dorothy Lord Nichols; his second wife, Rhoda Kelly Nichols; his son, Gary Marvin Nichols; and a sister, Nellie Sewell.

Survivors include his loving and caring wife of 15 years, Mary Stokley Nichols of Crawfordville; one daughter, Karen Columbus and her husband, Dave of Pace; one son, Allan Nichols and his wife, Cindy of Clarksville; Bonnie Deering and her husband, Billy of Tallahassee; Jimmy Stokley and his wife, Carol of Sopchoppy; and David Stokley of Georgia; grandchildren, Gary Nichols and his wife, Angela, Jared Nichols and his wife, Shelly, Matthew Nichols, Krista McGraw and her husband, Andy, Megan Foster, Casey Taylor and her husband, Nathan, Amy Pitts and her husband, Dennis, Averi Albritton and her husband, Joel, Tyler Deering and Jonathan, William, and Matthew Stokely; great-grandchildren, Kara Nichols, Annalyn Nichols, Quinn and Naomi McGraw, Savannah, Gabe, and Ben Pitts, Levi and Callen Taylor; and his sister, Lucille McCoy and her husband, Robert McCoy.

Family will receive friends Wednesday, Aug. 8 from 3 p.m. until service time at 4 p.m. ^{CT} at Altha Church of God.

Services will be held Wednesday, Aug. 8 at 4 p.m. ^{CT} at Altha Church of God with Rev. James Bridwell officiating. Interment will follow at Poplar Head Baptist Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Covenant Care Hospice of Marianna and the Calhoun County Senior Citizens Association, Inc.

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

BECKY HAND DUGAN

BLOUNTSTOWN - Becky Hand Dugan, 57, of Blountstown, passed away Wednesday, July 18, 2018.

She was born March 5, 1961 in Altha to Sebron C. Hand and Erma Maxine Bodiford Hand and had lived in Calhoun County for over half of her life.

She was stubborn right down till the last breath. Anyone who met her was better for the experience. She worked in customer service and was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include her mother, Erma Maxine Hand; two brothers, Frank and Joseph Hand; four sisters, Susan Hand, Jessie Ehrich, Janie Hobbs and Sara Simmons; two daughters, Ashley Dugan and Brandy Dugan; and many nieces, nephews and loved ones.

Memorial services were held Monday, July 23, at Peavy Funeral Home with Sister Martha Hyles officiating. Memorialization was by cremation.

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VOLLEYBALL

**Altha tryouts
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Altha volleyball tryouts will be on Thursday, Aug. 9 and Friday, Aug. 10. Grades 6 thru 8 need to be there at 3 p.m. CT on Thursday. A parent must be present. Grades 9 thru 12 will need to arrive at 4 p.m., CT also with a parent. Students from Carr School may also try out.

Forms will need to be signed before your child can participate. They also must have a current physical. Tryouts will be closed, no spectators will be allowed in the gym, including parents. This is not negotiable.

Grades 6 thru 8 will be done at 5 p.m. CT and 9 thru 12 will be done at 6:30 p.m. CT

Forms can also be found on the FHSAA website. If your physical is up to date, you do not need the EL02 form, but we must have a copy. You will also need the EL03 form. Some will be available at tryouts.

Friday, all girls should be in the gym right after school. We will begin at 3 p.m. CT The gym will be closed to spectators. Parents may pick their child up at 5 p.m. CT

Tigers host Pre-Season Classic

You can catch the Blountstown Lady Tigers Volleyball team in action as we host our annual Pre-Season Classic on Tuesday, Aug. 14 at Blountstown High School.

- Schedule of games:
- 4 p.m. CT Blountstown vs North Bay Haven
 - 5 p.m. CT Chipley vs North Bay Haven
 - 6 p.m. CT Chipley vs Walton
 - 7 p.m. CT Blountstown vs Walton

FAMILY AFFAIR



Families gathered at the W.T. Neal Civic Center Saturday to collect school supplies and learn about community resources at the annual Family Affair event. LEFT: Ginnie Bequette has her pick of colorful pencils and erasers. BELOW: Carol Watts gets some help from Fred Tanner as she has her fingerprints taken. BOTTOM: Visitors received bags of supplies from the Health Department.



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2018 Varsity Schedule

Aug. 17 Preseason vs Franklin Co.	7:00
Aug. 24 Bozeman	7:30
Aug. 31 Florida A&M High School	7:30
Sept. 7 Cottondale High School	8:00
Sept. 14 Franklin Co.	7:30
Sept. 21 Blountstown	8:00
Sept. 28	OPEN
Oct. 5 Wewahitchka	7:30
Oct. 12 North Bay Haven	7:30
Oct. 19 Light House—Homecoming	7:30
Oct. 26 Chipley	7:30
Nov. 2 Sneads—Senior Night	8:00

2018 JV Schedule

Aug. 23 Blountstown	7:00
Sept. 6 Sneads	7:00
Sept. 20 Wewa	7:00
Sept. 27 Franklin Co.	7:00

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2018 Varsity Schedule

Aug. 16 Chipley (Preseason Classic)	7:00
Aug. 24 Graceville	7:00
Aug. 31 Florida High	6:30
Sept. 7 Marianna	7:00
Sept. 14 Northview	7:00
Sept. 21 Liberty Co.	6:30
Sept. 28 Holmes Co.	7:00
Oct. 5 Bozeman	7:00
Oct. 12	Open
Oct. 19 Port St Joe	7:00
Oct. 26 Walton Co. (HC/Sr Night)	7:00
Nov. 2 Vernon	7:00

2018 JV Schedule

Aug. 23 Liberty	6:00
Aug. 30 Bozeman	6:00
Sept. 6 Holmes Co.	6:00
Sept. 13 Vernon	6:00
Sept. 20 Port St. Joe	6:00
Sept. 27 Seminole Co (GA.)	TBA
Oct. 4 Bozeman/Freeport (Bozeman)	6:00

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Woman injured after rear-ending stopped pickup

An unidentified Georgia woman was taken by ambulance to the hospital following a rear-end collision on SR 12 N around 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in Liberty County. Jackson Summers of Bristol had stopped to wait for oncoming traffic to pass before making a turn onto Meredith Road when he was struck from behind. He was not hurt. The woman in the car reportedly suffered leg injuries. The accident happened near the Gadsden County line.

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