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## Man charged with battery on officer after struggle

BY DEBORAH BUCKHALTER  
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A Jackson County deputy had a fight on his hands when he arrived to investigate a report that someone was threatening another person with a machete Thursday afternoon.

The officer arrived at the call on Merritt's Mill Road shortly after 3 p.m. and found Tommie Stephens at the home, a location he had been banned



Stephens

from by way of a trespass warning issued in March of last year.

The owner of the property told the officer that Stephens had entered the home uninvited and had at some point threatened him with a machete.

When the deputy told Stephens to leave, officials said in a press

release about the incident, he refused to go and became hostile.

According to the release, Stephens tried to hit the officer in the face, but the punch landed on the officer's upper chest instead because the deputy took evasive action.

Stephens then tried to grab the officer, but the deputy shoved him backward over a couch, the release stated.

Stephens quickly regained his footing "and told the officer that he was going to kill him," the release stated.

The deputy warned Stephens that he would be shocked with a stun gun if he didn't get on the floor, but Stephen advanced toward the deputy in an aggressive manner instead of complying, officials reported.

He was then tased, but wasn't through struggling.

As soon as the stun pulse stopped, Stephens pulled the wires loose and a short struggle ensued, officials wrote.

He was ultimately taken to the floor and handcuffed.

Stephens was booked into the Jackson County jail on charges of trespass in a structure, battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting an officer with violence.

## Skinner now in recovery mode



DEBORAH BUCKHALTER/FLORIDAN

Mark Skinner pours some of the change out of a homemade piggy bank created by children from Collins Chapel Baptist Church in Malone. During Vacation Bible School there every year, the youngsters traditionally gather up change in a boys vs. girls fundraiser and then give the money to help someone. This year, Skinner was the recipient.

## With cancer declared in remission, he's home and gathering strength

BY DEBORAH BUCKHALTER  
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Longtime *Jackson County Floridan* photographer Mark Skinner came to the newspaper office for a visit recently and found a big surprise when he arrived.

A group of children from Collins Chapel Baptist Church of Malone had left two plastic pigs filled with pennies and other assorted change for him. Each year, the girls and boys there compete to see which gender can raise the most coins in a summer fundraiser to help others. This year, they chose to give the money to Skinner. He was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, a form of cancer, late last year.

Skinner is supposed to count the money in each pig and let the church know whether the boys or



KRISTIE CLOUD / FLORIDAN

From left: Five-year-old James Barnes III, Adrianna Barnes, 7; Ronda Lawson, 9; and Angelo Lawson, 10, visited the *Floridan* office last month to show the money and get-well cards they collected for Mark Skinner. The money was collected during their Vacation Bible School this year in a traditional summer fundraiser in which the children participated.

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## Social Security office evacuated after bomb threat

Panama City suspect charged

BY ANGIE COOK  
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The Marianna Social Security Administration office was one of a

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KRISTIE CLOUD / FLORIDAN

Along with offices in Panama City, the Social Security Administration building on Jireh Court in Marianna was evacuated and cleared by law enforcement Wednesday morning after a Panama City man allegedly phoned in a bomb threat.



KRISTIE CLOUD / FLORIDAN

Randy Ward, transportation director for Jackson County public schools, helps a student exit the back of a bus that slid into a ditch Friday afternoon on Gilley Road in Grand Ridge.

## Ride delayed as school bus gets stuck in ditch

No injuries are reported by FHP

BY ANGIE COOK  
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It was a wet, messy ride home for some Jackson County students Friday afternoon, when their school bus slid on a muddy dirt road and got stuck into a ditch.

School officials reported that one student

suffered a minor injury in the single-vehicle accident on Gilley Road, just west of Sandridge Church Road in Grand Ridge. The incident followed a brief period of intense rain that moved through the county in the early afternoon.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, troopers were dispatched to the scene of the accident at

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## YOUNG PATRIOT POETS

I Am an American

We have a flag to show our pride.  
We honor those who have died.  
We eat all things fried.  
We have roller coasters to ride.  
We have the right to bear arms, against those who bring us harm.  
We also have the freedom of press even when they cause us stress.  
Our teachers teach and, our preachers preach!  
We have American faces from all nationalities and races!  
We have holidays to celebrate.  
Brilliant medical minds to collaborate.  
Needless to say we are a great nation and, will be for all of creation!

By: McKenna Morrison

SUBMITTED ARTWORK

The author of this poem is a seventh-grader in the Jackson County school system. She wrote it in a Labor Day holiday assignment given by Cottondale High School civics teacher Demeetris Beauchum. We present it here in celebration of the holiday, which originated in the U.S. more than 100 years ago. See Page 9A for more students' work from the Beauchum project. All of the authors are seventh-graders.

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# Weather Outlook

**Today** Partly Cloudy. Hot & Humid. Isolated Storms.  
 Justin Kiefer / WMBB  
 High - 94°  
 Low - 74°



High - 94°  
 Low - 74°

**Monday**  
 Hot & Humid. Scattered Storms.

High - 95°  
 Low - 73°

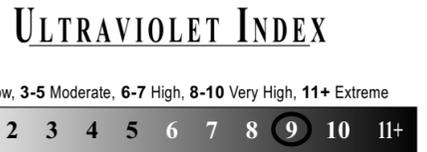
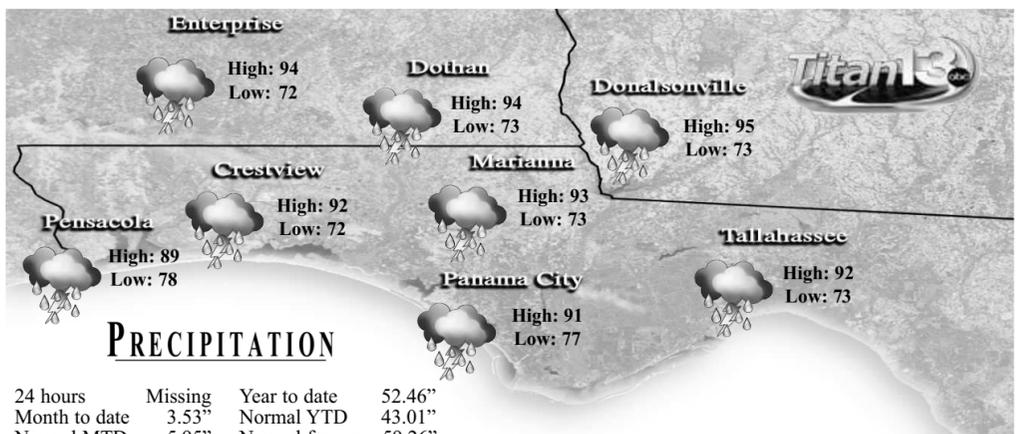
**Tuesday**  
 Mostly Sunny. Hot & Humid. Isolated Storms.

High - 94°  
 Low - 73°

**Wednesday**  
 Hot & Humid. Isolated Storms.

High - 93°  
 Low - 72°

**Thursday**  
 Mostly Sunny. A few storms.



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|-------------|--------------------|
| Woodruff    | 40.04 ft. 66.0 ft. |
| Blountstown | 2.39 ft. 15.0 ft.  |
| Marianna    | 5.48 ft. 19.0 ft.  |
| Caryville   | 2.66 ft. 12.0 ft.  |

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|----------|----------|---------|----------|
| Sunrise  | 6:16 AM  | Sunset  | 7:06 PM  |
| Moonrise | 10:41 AM | Moonset | 10:03 PM |

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### GETTING IT RIGHT

The Jackson County Floridan's policy is to correct mistakes promptly. To report an error, please call 526-3614 Monday-Friday.



## Community Calendar

### TODAY

- » **OneBlood** — 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wal-Mart, Marianna. Donate blood and receive a \$10 Wal-Mart card.
- » **Alcoholics Anonymous Closed Discussion** — 6:30 p.m. in AA room of First United Methodist Church, 2901 Caledonia St. in Marianna. Attendance limited to persons with a desire to stop drinking.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- » **Grand Ridge Garbage Pickup** — Residential garbage pickup will not be interrupted due to the holiday.
- » **Donate Blood** — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. OneBlood, 2503 Commercial Park Dr., Marianna. Come donate blood and receive \$10 ecard and limited-edition Labor Day "Hero" T-shirt.
- » **Jackson County Quilters Guild Meeting** — 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Jackson County Extension Service, Penn Ave., Marianna. Business meetings are fourth Mondays; other Mondays are for projects, lessons and help. All quilters welcome. Call 573-5434.
- » **Breaking Free** — 7-8 p.m. A closed SAA group is a 12-step fellowship of men and women recovering from addictive sexual behavior. For more info and location, call Shawn at 693-1621 or email BreakingFreeSAA@yahoo.com
- » **Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting** — 8-9 p.m. in the AA room of First United Methodist Church, 2901 Caledonia St., Marianna.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

- » **Marianna City Farmers Market Open** — 7 a.m. to noon at Madison St. Park. Now featuring panhandle arts and crafts every Saturday.
- » **St. Anne Thrift Store Brown Bag Sale** — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Anne's Catholic Church, 3009 Fifth St., Marianna. Welcome donations: household items, clothing and jewelry. Proceeds go to help the less fortunate in our community. Call 482-3734.
- » **Beginner/Players Pinochle** — 10 a.m. at McCormick Lake Clubhouse. Everyone welcome to come and play. For more info call 272-6611.
- » **Optimist Club of Jackson County Meeting** — Noon at Jim's Buffet & Grill, 4329 Lafayette St., Marianna.
- » **Sewing Circle** — 1 p.m. at Jackson County Senior Citizens, 2931 Optimist Drive in Marianna. Call 482-5028.
- » **City of Jacob Budget Workshop** — 4:30 p.m. Jacob City Hall. Public welcome.
- » **4H Meet and Greet** — 5-7 p.m. at the UF/IFAS Jackson County Extension Office in Marianna. Open to all current 4-Hers and those who would like to enroll. Come meet the 4-H agent and club leaders. Refreshments will be served. Call 482-9620.
- » **Jackson County Public Library Writing Center Group to Host Book Launch** — 5:30 p.m. Jackson County Public Library, 2929 Green St. Marianna. Meet E. Brocke Bradley author of "River of Dissent." Refreshments served. Call 482-9631.
- » **Marianna City Commission Meeting** — 6 p.m. in City Hall, 2898 Green St., Marianna. Public welcome. Call 718-1001.

- » **Alcoholics Anonymous Closed Meeting** — 8-9 p.m. in the AA room of First United Methodist Church, 2901 Caledonia St. in Marianna. Closed discussion with 12 & 12 study. Everyone with a desire to stop drinking is welcome.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- » **Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting** — Noon to 1 p.m. in the AA room of First United Methodist Church, 2901 Caledonia St. in Marianna.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- » **Marianna City Farmer's Market Open** — 7 a.m. to noon at Madison St. Park. Now featuring panhandle arts and crafts every Saturday.
- » **International Chat 'n' Sip** — 8:30-10 a.m. at the Jackson County Public Library, 2929 Green St. in Marianna. Learning Center staff and their international English learners invite the public for the exchange of language, culture and ideas in a relaxed environment. Light refreshments served. No charge. Call 482-9124.
- » **St. Anne Thrift Store Brown Bag Sale** — 9 a.m. -1 p.m. St. Anne's Catholic Church, 3009 5th St., Marianna. Call 482-3734
- » **Free Caregiver Support Group** — 10:30 a.m. to noon at First Presbyterian Church, Marianna in Social Hall. All caregivers welcome. Support group empowers caregivers with knowledge and information through fellowship and sharing with likeminded individuals who are caring for loved ones. For more info, call Recie Culpepper 566-2553.
- » **Chipola Civic Club Meeting** — Noon at The Oaks Restaurant, U.S. 90 in Marianna. The CCC's focus is the local community, "Community, Children & Character." Call 526-3142.
- » **Marianna Kiwanis Club Meeting** — Noon at Jim's Buffet & Grill, 4329 Lafayette St., Marianna. Call 482-2290.
- » **East Jackson County Economic Development Council to Recognize Business of month** — 1 p.m. Dr. James Melzer's office, 321 W. Washington St. Chattahoochee. Public encouraged to attend.
- » **VFW & Ladies Auxiliary Meeting** — 6 p.m. at 2830 Wynn St., Marianna. Covered-dish supper followed by a 7 p.m. business meeting. Call 209-1797.
- » **Alcoholics Anonymous** — Closed discussion, 8-9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 2901 Caledonia St., Marianna, in the AA room. Attendance limited to persons with a desire to stop drinking.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

- » **Hooks and Needles** — 10 a.m. at the Jackson County Public Library, Marianna Branch. New and experienced hand crafters welcome to create, share, learn or teach favorite projects. Call 482-9631.
- » **Jackson Hospital Board of Trustees meeting** — 11 a.m. in the hospital classroom, Marianna. Call 718-2629.
- » **Madison Street Park Farmers Market** — 4-7 p.m. at Madison Street park. Will be open each Friday evening. FMNP and Sr. FMNP vouchers are accepted.

For more info call 693-4078.

- » **Chess Club** — 6-8 p.m. First United Methodist Church on Clinton St. in Marianna. Sponsored by Marianna Optimist Club for students for students 8 - 18 years of age in Jackson County. All students and their parents are welcome. Players of all skill levels, including beginners, are welcome. Call 693-0473.
- » **Give Me Liberty Tour** — 6:30 p.m. Eastside Baptist Church, Marianna. Christian leaders and business owners will be speaking about the state of the nation. No admission charge. Everyone invited.
- » **Celebrate Recovery** — 7 p.m. at Evangel Worship Center, 2645 Pebble Hill Road in Marianna. Adult and teen meetings to "overcome hurts, habits and hang-ups." Dinner: 6 p.m. Child care available. Call 209-7856, 573-1131.
- » **Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting** — 8-9 p.m. in the AA room of First United Methodist Church, 2901 Caledonia St. in Marianna.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- » **Marianna City Farmers Market Open** — 7 a.m. to noon at Madison St. Park. Now featuring panhandle arts and crafts every Saturday.
- » **Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting** — 8 a.m. in the AA room of First United Methodist Church, 2901 Caledonia St. in Marianna.
- » **Family Preparedness and Health Expo** — 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3141 College St. Marianna. Jackson Hospital in charge of free eye and ear screenings, blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol screenings. There will be exhibits and demonstrations. Free lunch provided. Door prizes presented.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- » **Alcoholics Anonymous Closed Discussion** — 6:30 p.m. in AA room of First United Methodist Church, 2901 Caledonia St. in Marianna. Attendance limited to persons with a desire to stop drinking.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- » **Movie Madness Monday** — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. OneBlood, 2503 Commercial Park Dr., Marianna. Come donate blood and receive a ticket to Marianna Cinemas.
- » **Marianna Lions Club Meeting** — Noon at Jim's Buffet & Grill, 4329 Lafayette St., Marianna. Call 482-2005.
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## Police Roundup

### MARIANNA POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Marianna Police Department reported the following incidents for Aug. 28, the latest available report: Eight traffic stops, one suspicious vehicle, one suspicious incident, four suspicious persons, one highway obstruction, one verbal disturbance, three burglar alarms, one report of shooting in the area, one larceny complaint, one civil dispute, two trespass complaints, one assault, one noise disturbance, one sex offense, one property check, one assist of another agency, four public service calls, one welfare check, one threat/harassment complaint, and 13 home security checks.

### JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office and county fire/rescue reported the following incidents for Aug. 28, the latest available report: Three accidents, two dead persons (natural causes), two stolen tags, three abandoned vehicle reports, one suspicious vehicle, four suspicious persons, one escort, two burglaries, one brush fire, 13 medical calls, two traffic crashes, one medical transport, eight burglar alarms, four fire alarms, seven traffic stops, one larceny complaint, one civil dispute, four trespass complaints,

two follow-up investigations, two juvenile complaints, one assault, one animal complaint, 11 property checks, two assists of motorist or pedestrians, one assist of another agency, two public service calls, one routine transport, one Baker Act transport, one open door or window discovered, four threat/harassment complaints and one violation of injunction.

### JACKSON COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

The following persons were booked into the county jail during the latest reporting periods:  
 » **Benjamin Bowling**, 33, 2531 Douglas Pond Road, Marianna, driving under the influence with property damage.

- » **Temaka Brunson**, 29, 4129 North St., Marianna, trespass of occupied structure or conveyance, failure to appear, violation of conditional release.
- » **Erica Speights**, 34, 3668 Flat Road, Greenwood, possession of marijuana-less than 20 grams.
- » **Tommie Stephens**, 61, 4904 Pope Chapel Road, Marianna, trespass after warning, battery on a law enforcement officer, resisting with violence.
- » **Sylvia Hicks**, 46, 5642 Puddles Lane, Bascom, violation of county probation.

### Jail Population: 210

To report a crime, call CrimeStoppers at 526-5000 or a local law enforcement agency. To report a wildlife violation, call 1-888-404-FWCC (3922).

## Unwise Decisions

There are times in life when most of us decide to make decisions that later we discover weren't wise decisions.



**Thomas Vincent Murphy**

During our teenage years, many of us would stick by our decisions, no matter how they turned out. The statement "some people are too smart for their own good," is one that usually means something turned out pretty bad. There are people who excel scholastically, and have the credentials to prove it, yet they make mistakes when it comes to some of the decisions one of a much less educational background handles with confidence. It's not hard to understand how an individual born into a wealthy family doesn't understand the pitfalls that a person born in poverty has to deal with daily. One of the reasons a person living in an adverse situation, who is suddenly able to come into a large sum of money can end up returning to that situation, is that they aren't versed on how to manage their money; so they make the wrong decisions, go full circle, and end up broke. No matter what our status, when put into an unfamiliar atmosphere, we are vulnerable when it comes down to the decisions we make. In most circumstances, if we haven't lived a lifestyle similar to another human being, it's hard to

comprehend what their life is "really all about." Some people make unwise decisions early in their lives, and don't feel they will ever be able to recover and live what is considered a normal life by society. We all make mistakes, and one of the biggest accomplishments we can make, is to rise from a devastating experience in life, caused by a bad decision we've made, and live an enjoyable life! It can definitely be done. A fresh, honest look at life is a great way to start. There will always be doubters, and people giving us advice on how to live our lives, but each of us is different. We must be determined, strong and confident in ourselves; but remember, we can always call on God when we need assistance. Please consider this: A. Changing the company we keep, B. changing our attitude, C. giving thanks to God for what we have, D. sticking to our uplifting plans until they become a natural way of life. Life is a continuous journey filled with decisions that affect us. Weighing things within our minds, before choosing or committing, can help us make wiser decisions.

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## Wrigley Field, Saban and Big and Rich

"Time to get on down to Florida ... for the game!"  
"Comin' to Your City"  
as performed by Big and Rich

As a fair-weather Cubs fan who attended games at Wrigley Field quite sparingly, the extent of my sports allegiance is shallow and casual.

**Margaret McDowell**

So when I moved south 33 years ago, I was completely unprepared for the passion which accompanies college football in "y'all" country.

I never watch an entire game, though I will admit to an affinity for the song "We're Comin' to Your City," played at top volume on televisions throughout my neighborhood each Saturday morning. Something about a "College Game Day Show"? All I know is that the noise drowns out the Cooking Channel.

But a recent article in The Economist piqued my interest about college athletics. The magazine estimates NCAA annual revenues at \$10 billion. The argument that coffers will be depleted if student-athletes are given a living wage in addition to a scholarship seems laughable in this context.

In 41 of 50 American states, a college coach is the highest paid public employee. Urban Meyer's net worth is said to be approaching \$18 million. Nick Saban's net worth is estimated at \$15 million; his annual salary is \$5.6 million. My son, a Florida grad, says this demonstrates Meyer's superior financial acumen.

At \$3.7 million annually, Gator hoops coach Billy Donovan is Florida's highest paid public employee. Saban is Alabama's highest paid public employee. Bulldogs' Head Coach Mark Richt is the highest

paid Georgia public employee, at \$3.2 million.

The economic impact of college football on local communities is not insignificant. For the players, though, it would be fascinating to analyze their participation in "return on investment" terms. What is the actual risk and reward for them?

It certainly appears to be a one-sided affair, like buying a penny stock and hoping the company will take off. The odds that a college player will advance to the professional level, simultaneously gaining employable skill while avoiding serious injury, are stacked heavily against him.

And as The Economist observes, he gets nothing financially for his considerable efforts. Except his scholarship. "Most student-athletes technically live in poverty," notes the magazine, "because their scholarships do not cover the cost of living beyond room and board and the NCAA bars them from signing independent endorsement or licensing deals ... For decades, college sports fans cheered for their alma maters without worrying that the best coaches earn millions ... while the best players live hand to mouth."

One wonders about the long-term financial prospects for collegians who don't turn pro. Some actually pursue serious academic careers, but a large number fail to graduate with marketable skills. And many major in pigskin, while the mentors around them major in money.

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## Engagements

### Grice, Rawson



Mr. and Mrs. Doug Grice of Altha, FL and Ms. Marjorie Grice of Panama City Beach, FL are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon Lee Grice to Joshua Charles Rawson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tony Rawson of Pineville, LA.

Shannon is a 2005 honor graduate of Altha High School, and a 2007 graduate of Chipola College where she enjoyed being a member of the Theatre and Show Choir programs. She is a 2009 graduate of the University of West Florida earning her B.A. in Elementary Education. She is currently employed as an Instructor with ACT Mastery in Baton Rouge, LA.

She is the granddaughter of Ms. Shannon Grice of Panama City, FL and the late Mr. Lon Grice of Boca Raton, FL, Mrs. Cathy Schmitz and the late Mr. Al Schmitz of Jacksonville, FL, the late Ms. Lee Schmitz of Santa Clara, CA, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Mathis of Panama City Beach, FL.

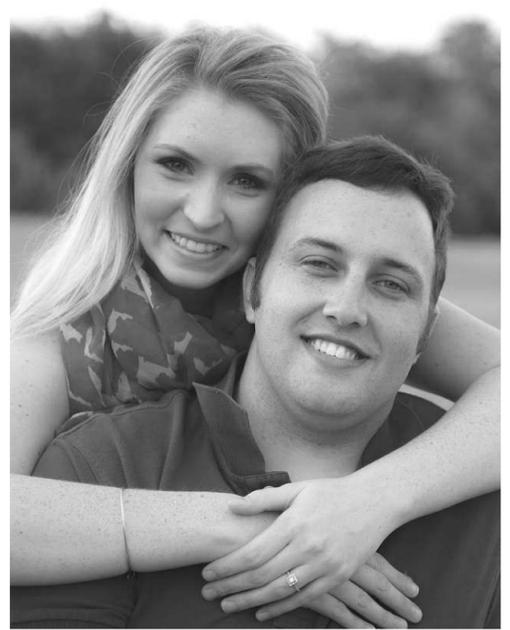
Joshua is a 2005 honor graduate of Pineville High School in Pineville, LA, a

2009 graduate of Louisiana State University earning his B.S. in Psychology, and a 2010 graduate of Louisiana Tech University earning his Master's in Industrial/Organizational Psychology. While attending LSU he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, Psi Chi Honor Fraternity, where he served as vice president, and the LSU Baptist Collegiate Ministry where he participated in 2 mission trips to Mexico. He also served as a member of the Louisiana Tech University chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honor society. Josh is currently employed as a Regional Staffing Manager with RaceTrac Petroleum in Baton Rouge, LA.

He is the grandson of Mr. Charles E. Rawson and the late Fran Rawson of Pineville, LA and the late Mr. and Mrs. James F. Cook of Ferriday, LA.

The couple will exchange vows on Saturday, September 6, 2014, on the beautiful beaches of Panama City Beach, FL with a reception to follow.

### Pettis, Passaro



Rick and Mary Pettis of Marianna are proud to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Stephanie Pettis, to Sean Passaro, son of Robert and Catherine Passaro of Longwood, Florida.

Stephanie is the granddaughter of Ruth Ervin Davis and the late Charles W. Davis of Marianna, and Betty Pettis and the late Kenneth Pettis of Marianna.

Stephanie is a 2007 graduate of Marianna High School, a 2009 graduate of Chipola College, and a 2012 graduate of Florida State University with Bachelors' degrees in Business Management and Retail Merchandising & Product Development. She is currently employed as an assistant

manager at Kohl's in Dothan, Alabama. Sean is the grandson of the late Catherine and Donato Passaro of New York and the late Cecil Guess of Michigan.

Sean is a 2008 graduate of Lyman High School and a 2012 graduate of Florida State University with a Bachelor's degree in Sociology, a minor in Business, and a certificate in Emergency Management. He is currently employed as an agency director with Liberty National Insurance in Dothan, Alabama.

The wedding will take place on Saturday, October 4, 2014, in Sorrento, Italy. A reception will follow on Friday, October 17, 2014, at Goodwood Museum & Carriage House in Tallahassee, Florida.

## 91 YEARS YOUNG



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Mr. William Calhoun Jr. of Marianna, Florida, celebrated his 91st birthday on Friday, Aug. 22. Approximately 30 close family and friends attended the birthday party, which was held at the Herald Wynn Fellowship Hall in Marianna. Mr. Calhoun is a retired veteran of the United States Army. He faithfully served 26 years to his country and fought in the Korean War and WWII. Mr. Calhoun also retired from Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys after serving 11 years. In his free time, he enjoys repairing electrical appliances, air conditioners and refrigerators. His family and friends wish him continued success, longevity, health and strength for many years to come. He is supported in his activities by his wife, Erma, and children, Katrina of Alabama, Rev. Felton of Palatka, Angela and Neva of Marianna, and Shlonda of Texas.

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| Tue.   | (M) |      | 6-8-9  | 0-8-5-4 |               |
| Wed.   | (E) | 8/27 | 6-2-6  | 5-6-6-4 | 3-5-20-24-28  |
| Wed.   | (M) |      | 0-6-0  | 6-7-9-8 |               |
| Thurs. | (E) | 8/28 | 3-0-1  | 9-2-6-6 | 9-11-17-18-28 |
| Thurs. | (M) |      | 7-9-8  | 9-0-8-3 |               |
| Fri.   | (E) | 8/29 | 9-8-5  | 5-9-1-4 | 6-19-21-29-33 |
| Fri.   | (M) |      | 9-7-1  | 3-0-4-2 |               |
| Sat.   | (E) | 8/30 | 6-1-3  | 0-0-7-4 | Not available |
| Sat.   | (M) |      | 7-7-4  | 5-4-1-2 |               |
| Sun.   | (E) | 8/24 | 2-3-6  | 6-4-4-0 | 7-13-14-15-16 |
| Sun.   | (M) |      | 8-6-2  | 1-1-6-8 |               |

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| Wednesday | 8/27 | 17-24-26-45-46 | PB 19 | xtra 3 |
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Dr. Jerry Kandzer sets out an American flag at Merle Norman Day Spa for Labor Day in Marianna. He has been putting out flags for the Kiwanis Club for years. The flags are rented to businesses by the year by Kiwanis members. The flags will remain on display through Monday after which the Boy Scouts will gather and store them in exchange for payment. Funds from this project will pay for scholarships for local students.

## SCHOOL STARTS BACK SMOOTHLY



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Marianna High School reports smooth sailing on the first day of school. Filled with smiles and excitement, MHS students report back to school.

## Man injured in crash

BY DEBORAH BUCKHALTER  
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A Blountstown man was critically injured in a Calhoun County crash on Thursday as he sped from police who were pursuing him because of a traffic violation, according to Florida Highway Patrol reports.

Officials say that George Huie, 48, was speeding south on Pear Street with a Blountstown Police Department officer in pursuit when he lost control of the 2005 Mitsubishi Galant he was driving.

The car left the road, entered the shoulder, and then collided with a utility pole and water main.

Authorities say Huie got out of the car and tried to run away initially, but stopped at the back of his car.

He was airlifted to Bay Medical Center in Panama City for treatment.

Officials indicated charges may be pending in the open investigation. The FHP report did not specify the alleged traffic infraction that led to the chase.

## MHS class of '69 plans reunion

The Marianna High School class of 1969 45th year class reunion is planned for Oct. 18 at Citizen's Lodge in Marianna from 11 a.m. to

4 p.m. If you are interested in attending, contact Dave Brandon at 770-317-2369 or wdbra5140@yahoo.com.

## LITTLE MISS GILLEY TURNS 1



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Little Miss Ann Marie Gilley, along with 40 guests, celebrated her first birthday with a party held at the Grand Ridge Community Center on Aug. 16. Her actual birthday is Aug. 20. Ann Marie is the daughter of Jesse and Kayla Gilley of Grand Ridge. Her grandparents are Jay and Donna Gilley of Grand Ridge, Jewel and Amanda Albright, and Glynn and Angie Harris, all of Marianna. She is the great-granddaughter of Herbert and Gracie Harrison of Sneads, Betty and the late Jesse Gilley Sr. of Grand Ridge, the late Joel and Ann Harris, and the late Ben and Jaen Shields, all of Marianna.



Picture Grandma and Grandpa thumbing through their morning paper to find a Grandparents' Day greeting from their loving grandkids... you'll make their day! Simply send your favorite family photo, entry form and \$20 to the Jackson County Floridan by September 3, 2014.

### Submission Guidelines:

1. Send a family photo, this entry form and \$20 check or money order to **Jackson County Floridan** 4403 Constitution Lane, Marianna, FL 32448 or email submissions to sales@jcfloridan.com.
2. All submissions must be received by 5 PM on September 3, 2014.
3. Photos can be picked up from the Jackson County Floridan office.
4. All greetings will be published in the Jackson County Floridan on **National Grandparents' Day, September 7, 2014.**
5. The Jackson County Floridan office will be closed Monday, Sept. 1, 2014 in observance of Labor Day.

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## Our View

### This Labor Day, prepare yourselves

Tomorrow is Labor Day, a holiday for many people across the country created more than 130 years ago to recognize the contributions of American workers to the “strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country,” according to the Department of Labor.

For Jackson County Emergency Management Director Rodney Andreasen, its more important designation is the kickoff of National Preparedness Month, a time set aside for families, businesses and neighborhoods to focus on disaster preparation.

It's fitting that Preparedness Month comes in September, particularly in Jackson County, where residents remember the tornadoes that struck a decade ago during Hurricane Ivan. And with the millions of dollars in damages cause by flooding this spring still fresh on people's minds, there's a good chance that residents are ready to get ready.

In today's edition, Andreasen outlines many actions residents can take to prepare themselves for unexpected events. We urge readers to consider these suggestions and take the time to do what they feel is necessary to fortify their property for bad weather.

For more information, contact the Jackson County Emergency Management Agency at (850) 482- 9678.

## Another View

### Marshals must end silence on shooting

It has been a week since a Bunnell man was shot and killed by federal law enforcement officers serving a warrant at his home. The U.S. Marshals Service so far has not released any details about how the shooting occurred.

That silence is deafening. It creates an information void that often is filled by speculation and accusation.

The authorities need to fill in some blanks.

On Aug. 13, members of the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force descended on a house in the rural Flagler County community of Espanola to serve a fugitive warrant against 24-year-old Corey Levert Tanner. He was wanted on charges of attempted first-degree murder, aggravated assault and aggravated battery in connection with a July 23 incident in South Bunnell, a shooting that sent what police described as a bystander to the hospital.

U.S. marshals tracked Tanner to his sister-in-law's house in Espanola. On the morning of Aug. 13, Tanner's brother, John Johnson, told The News-Journal's Julie Murphy that he left the house and was apprehended by marshals a short time later on County Road 13 near U.S. 1. He said he was handcuffed, placed in the back seat of a marshal's car and driven back to the house.

There, Johnson said he asked marshals for the opportunity to speak with his brother to persuade him to leave the house and surrender. He said a bullhorn was put to his mouth and he implored Tanner “to come out, but don't run.” He said he also told the marshals there were no guns in the house.

Johnson said he then heard shots.

Tanner died on the concrete stoop behind the residence.

This isn't a plane crash investigation in which the pieces of the aircraft must be reassembled and examined to unravel a mystery and determine a cause. Officials know quickly if a suspect was armed. They can explain why they believe a shooting is justifiable. It's up to an investigation to decide whether those reasons are valid.

U.S. marshals or the FDLE need to be more forthcoming about what happened with Corey Tanner to avoid unwarranted speculation and to maintain public confidence in law enforcement.

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## Letters to the Editor

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### Back to pen, paper and the personal?

One of my favorite news stories lately concerns the Cleveland Browns' radical experiment: They're writing stuff down. By hand.

The football players got tablet computers — like everyone else in the NFL this year — but the team's new coach also gave each player his own pad of paper. Coach Mike Pettine wants his players to learn plays by taking longhand notes.

Pettine is drawing on his experience as a former high school coach and his dad's as a high school teacher and coach to help players remember their moves, The Wall Street Journal's Kevin Clark reported Aug. 12 in a lengthy story about the revolutionary strategy.

“I would talk to teachers all the time, and they would say, ‘To write is to learn,’” Pettine told Clark. “When you write stuff down, you have a much higher chance of it getting imprinted on your brain.”

Pettine deserves points for bucking the digital tide, however his team fares on the field.

The Browns' experiment reminds us that, all too often, once we've raced to the latest new thing — be it device or diet — it turns out to be not nearly as cool and shiny as it first seemed.

Schools have rushed to put tablets — the electronic variety — and laptops in students' hands, and rightly so. It's important that all students learn the technology that dominates our lives. At the same time, though, research increasingly suggests that the old reliable skills of writing by hand and reading traditional books may be better for learning and comprehension.

Students who took lecture notes



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longhand learned more concepts than those who took notes on a keyboard, Pam A. Mueller of Princeton University and Daniel M. Oppenheimer of University of California, Los Angeles reported in April in the journal “Psychological Science.”

Why the difference? Students who took notes on laptops tended to transcribe lectures verbatim while those who took notes by hand summarized and reframed the material in their own words. The second approach was more effective for learning.

“Laptop use can negatively affect performance on educational assessments, even — or perhaps especially — when the computer is used for its intended function of easier note taking,” Mueller and Oppenheimer wrote in “The Pen is Mightier than the Keyboard: Advantages of Longhand Over Laptop Note Taking.”

The researchers concluded that “laptop use in classrooms should be viewed with a healthy dose of caution; despite their growing popularity, laptops may be doing more harm in classrooms than good.”

Students love e-reading, and enthusiasm goes a long way to spur learning. But several studies here and in Europe suggest that people who use e-readers comprehend less

than readers of traditional books.

A new study in Norway found that Kindle readers could not reconstruct the plot of a mystery story by Elizabeth George as well as those who read the short story in a paperback. Researcher Anne Mangen of Stavanger University said that seeing pages that have been read pile up on the left may help a reader's sense of a story unfolding, reported *The Guardian*, a British newspaper.

Researchers at West Chester University in Pennsylvania found that students comprehend at “a much higher level” when they read a traditional book than when they read the same material on an iPad. Heather Schugar and Jordan Schugar also warned that interactive e-books may be gimmicky and distracting to students, who “often skipped over text, where the meat of the information was.”

Educators aren't the only ones who need to be wary of digital gimmicks and distractions.

“I spend so much time on my iPad, I forget how much I like talking to people,” I overheard a young woman say as she and a friend took a morning walk. It sounded like the caption on a *New Yorker* cartoon, but she was not joking.

September gives us a new start, a time to reassess our “e-relationships.” If we choose, we can set aside our devices from time to time to handwrite notes or letters, curl up with books with paper pages, and talk with friends in person. How revolutionary — and modern!

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### When looking is not an option

News out of Iraq alone is enough to tempt most Americans to never read the paper again. Though if you go to the celebrity pages for some kind of escape, you've been out of luck there, as well, as they've been dominated by suicide and divorce.

But then I see a woman taking to lunch a homeless man she saw in the back of an urban church. You read the stories of courage and faith under fire. To Westerners living fairly free and comfortable lives, the story of elderly Iraqi Christians refusing to convert to Islam under threat of death should keep us from looking away.

And then of course, there is the news here at home. Marriage, the bedrock of a healthy society, is a lightning rod of an issue, to say the very least. A recent report from the Heritage Foundation indicates that, since the 1960s, the marriage rate in America has dropped by about 50 percent. As W. Bradford Wilcox notes in the report, “The nation's retreat from marriage means ... that about half of the nation's children will spend some time outside an intact, married home.”

Still, as everywhere, it isn't entirely bad news. The Heritage report also notes that, from 2002 to 2012, “the violent crime rate declined by 107.5 crimes per 100,000 people, or 21.7 percent.” Among the explanations Heather Mac Donald points to is the system that New York implemented in 1994: “rigorous data analysis, strict accountability for local commanders, the enforce-



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ment of quality of life offenses and proactive pedestrians stops intended to avert crime before it happens.”

At the same time, charities, ministries and legislative prison reform must increase the accountability and humanity of our dysfunctional penal system. When we pay for an environment where a man or woman has no sense of his own dignity — whatever he's done — and becomes hardened to survive, we're asking for trouble, as individuals and especially as a society.

The Heritage report also points to the drop in the abortion rate over the last decade. The year 2011 saw the lowest number of abortions since 1973, when abortion became legal. Most of us, whatever we think of the legality of abortion, know it is not a positive thing — or Bill Clinton wouldn't have famously talked about it being “safe, legal and rare.” The former president could even celebrate that despite having among the most permissive abortion laws in the world, abortion is on the decline in this country.

Here, too, we could afford to step away from the same old debates and come together to support the work of maternity homes. About

a year ago, I was speaking at a fundraiser for Good Counsel homes in New York; seeing an ad on National Review Online for the event, a pro-choice writer made a donation — because the likes of Good Counsel help scared and struggling mothers.

There's confusion over the death of James Foley, the journalist beheaded in Syria by ISIL. But we do know this: He wrote for his alumni magazine about the power of prayer. Writing about time he spent being held in prison in Libya: “I began to pray the rosary. It was what my mother and grandmother would have prayed. I said 10 Hail Marys between each Our Father. It took a long time, almost an hour to count 100 Hail Marys off on my knuckles. And it helped to keep my mind focused.” He was given a treasure by his family, and he kept some faith.

A Rosary or the Lord's Prayer — in times of trouble and in thanksgiving — are links to higher things, destinations and ambitions beyond ourselves that have the power to make us better together. Even in the midst of terror, if we keep watering the seeds of faith, hope and love, grace abides and light can be seen. As long as we keep looking, and keep from looking away.

Kathryn Jean Lopez is senior fellow at the National Review Institute, editor-at-large of National Review Online and founding director of Catholic Voices USA. She is a contributor to the Heritage Foundation's “2014 Index of Culture and Opportunity: The Social and Economic Trends that Shape America.” She can be contacted at klopez@nationalreview.com.

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**Donald Higgins Caughran**

Donald Higgins Caughran, 81, of Malone, Florida, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, August 29, 2014 after a courageous battle with interstitial lung disease.

Mr. Caughran was born in Johnson City, Tennessee, but he had been a resident of Malone, Florida for the last 44 years. He was a very active member of the First Baptist Church of Malone. He was a retired educator with the Jackson County School System. He taught band in schools for 42 years and in the service for 4 years.

Mr. Caughran started playing the trumpet at ten years of age, playing the saxophone at the age of thirteen, and by fourteen he was playing in dance bands all over Tennessee. He graduated from Central High School in Fayetteville, Tennessee and later attended George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville, Tennessee where he received a bachelor's degree in fine arts. He later received a Master's of Music degree from the University of Georgia.

Mr. Caughran was preceded in death by his biological father Carl Whitson, biological mother Hazel Curtis Whitson, adoptive father Elmer Ross Caughran, adoptive mother Rose Anna Higgins Caughran, and grandson Thomas Kendall Hamm. He is survived by his beloved wife of 44 years Helen Caughran; daughter Rosanne Caughran with children Shawn Gause and wife Minnie and their 2 children, Dekle Willis and wife Cassie and their 3 children; son Ross Caughran and wife Sissy with children, Austin, Aaron, along with Lyle Caughran and Michael Caughran and wife Jessie and their child; daughter Cathy Hamm and husband Kenny with their child Stephanie Ward and husband Keith; step-daughter Angie Tyler and husband Jim and their children Mary Helen Smith and husband Vince, JD Tyler and wife Megan, along with Julie Smith and hus-

band Steve and their two children; sister Wilma Jones and husband Henry of Hendersonville, NC; and sister Margaret Thomason of Dalton, GA. Mr. Caughran also leaves 8 great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews and many, many friends.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m., Sunday, August 31, 2014 at First Baptist Church Malone, Florida with Rev. John Smith and Pastor Vince Smith officiating. Interment will follow in Lovedale Baptist Church Cemetery with James & Sikes Funeral Home Maddox Chapel directing.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to services at the church.

Flowers will be accepted or donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Covenant Hospice of Marianna (4215 Kelson Ave Suite E, Marianna, FL 32446) or First Baptist Church Malone (P.O. Box 98 Malone, FL 32445).

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**John Macintyre**

John Macintyre, 85, of Marianna died Friday, August 29, 2014 at Jackson Hospital.

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**Lela Mae Wright Sims**

Lela Mae Wright Sims, 103, of the Rocky Creek Community passed away peacefully Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at the Courtyard by the Millpond.

Born July 10, 1911 to Jessie and Joanna Wright of Chipley, she had 11 brothers and sisters. She grew

up in Chipley until 1930 when she married the love of her life, Alton Sims of Marianna. Mrs. Sims was a homemaker and longtime Sunday School Teacher at Rocky Creek Baptist Church, where she enjoyed teaching children the lessons and love of the Bible. She was the oldest member of Rocky Creek Baptist Church where she loved to attend services and worship her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In addition to attending church, Mrs. Sims enjoyed fishing, quilting, making pillows for her grandchildren, putting jigsaw puzzles together, and she was accomplished at word search and cross word puzzles. Known by many names - Mama, Granny, Little Granny, and Mae Mae, there was very few things Mrs. Sims did not like, but at the top of the list was bad weather. The storms have now all past in her life, and only the rays of God's light shine upon her now.

Mae was preceded in death by her husband of almost 65 years, Alton Sims, her parents and 11 siblings, one son-in-law, Odell Folsom, and one daughter-in-law Regina Sims.

She is survived by her 5 children, Burdette Sims and wife Sara, Dolores Folsom, Helen Mercer and husband Jack, Thelma White and husband Tommy and Billy Sims. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren, whom she loved dearly, Janice Wood, Danny Sims, Pam Cvitkovich, Sandra Mooneyham, Larry Folsom, Kenny Folsom, Steven Mercer, David Mercer, Sabrina Berentsen, Thomas White, Terry Poole, Tina Smelley, Tasha Henderson, Stacey Russell, and Darren Sims. Mrs. Sims also had 33 great grandchildren and 18 great-great grandchildren and a dear special friend, Lawanda Hart.

Funeral services will be at 11am, Wednesday, September 3, 2014 at Rocky Creek Baptist Church with Reverend Luther Pumphrey officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery with James & Sikes Funeral Home Maddox Chapel directing.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to services at the church.

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**Patsy Smith**

Patsy Smith, 70, of Marianna died Friday, August 29, 2014 at Jackson hospital.

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**Charles Fletcher Tatom**



Charles Fletcher Tatom, 86, of Greenwood, died Thursday, August 28, 2014 at his residence after a brief battle with cancer.

Mr. Tatom was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, where he served in the Korean War. He was the oldest living Chipola College athlete, having played basketball, football and baseball for the school. Mr. Tatom was an avid fisherman, a member of the Masonic Harmony Lodge # 3 of Marianna and the Hadji Shrine Temple.

He was preceded in death by his wife Marie Tatom; parents, E. Marx Tatom and Dora King Tatom; brother Marx Tatom.

He is survived by one son, Charles Fletcher Tatom, II and wife, Jaime of Wetumpka, AL, one daughter, Charlotte Tatom Gormley and husband, John; one brother, George Tatom all of Dothan, AL.; sisters, Aida Wright of Auburndale, FL, Geraldine DuMars of Summerville, SC; four grandchildren, Laura Tatom, Zachary Tatom, Kimberly Jenkins and Cody Jenkins; three step-daughters, Patricia Mathews, Lisa Fowler, Teresa Jordan and their husbands and children; a special friend, Pamela Hamilton of Greenwood, FL.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, September 6, 2014 at James & Sikes Funeral Home Maddox Chapel with John Gormley officiating. Interment will be in Greenwood United Methodist Church Cemetery with James & Sikes Funeral Home Maddox Chapel directing.

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**Skinner**

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the girls raised the most, but the world may never know: He said he plans to add some change of his own to whichever pig is short, so that there's a tie.

"I don't know who raised the most, but I appreciate all of it," he said.

They were delivered to the Floridan office a few days before his visit by Angelo Lawson, 10; James Barnes III, 5; Ronda Lawson, 9; and Adrianna Barnes, 7, accompanied by their mothers and Collins Chapel representative Flora Beard.

While he was at the office, Skinner also looked through some of the messages that people have been writing in two greeting books for him that are stationed at the Floridan's front desk. He declined to take those home just yet, saying he enjoyed the messages and wanted to leave them a little longer so others might stop by and jot down a note. He said those good wishes, as well as those sent to him

in Christmas cards and other correspondence, have meant a great deal to him in a difficult time.

And he said that the money collected in a couple of fundraisers helped in many ways. It helped him meet his daily expenses in his extended stay at UAB, and in one situation it was literally lifesaving; the cash helped pay for an aspect of his treatment that wasn't fully covered by insurance.

After several weeks of chemotherapy, radiation and other treatment in Birmingham, Ala., the news is good. Skinner has been declared cancer-free and came home a little more than a month ago to start his recovery process. He still has additional chemotherapy to come and tires easily, but is working his way back to health.

One thing he dreads a little in that process is the series of vaccinations he'll have to get. Because his cancer treatment canceled out all his childhood immunizations, he's going to have to get his basics all over again.

**Bus**

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3:41 p.m. The FHP incident report says the bus, driven by Viola Smith of Grand Ridge, began to slide in the wet, clay road and ended up in a ditch on the south side of Gilley Road.

The right side of bus hit the dirt embankment and the vehicle became stuck in the muddy ditch, facing east.

At the time, 25 passengers were on board, according to the FHP. The agency's report also stated that no children were transported for injuries, but one student was treated at the scene.

Initially, Randy Ward, transportation director for Jackson County public schools, said a student

was "slightly" injured, while an FHP trooper with the Florida Highway Patrol told a Floridan staff member who was on the scene that the incident resulted in no injuries.

Ward later confirmed that one student had bumped her leg, but was soon picked up from the Gilley Road scene by her parent. Ward said he was told by her parent that the girl was "fine."

Shortly before 5 p.m., school officials had secured another bus for the students who remained at the scene.

Some had been picked up by their parents during the wait time for another vehicle.

Ward said the bus sustained minimal damage, which was estimated by the FHP at \$300, and is expected to be back in service by Wednesday.

**Threat**

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number of SSA facilities in the area that were evacuated and cleared by emergency responders Wednesday morning, after someone called in a bomb threat to an agency telephone number.

On Friday, it was announced that an arrest had been made in connection with the case.

According to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Tallahassee, Johnathon Mathew Garrett, 38, of Panama City, was charged by a federal criminal complaint with giving false information to the SSA, claiming he planned to blow up the Oak Avenue SSA office in Panama City.

In the complaint United States Magistrate Judge Larry A. Bodiford signed Thursday, Garrett allegedly called the SSA several times Wednesday, the first around 9 a.m.

The caller was angry and using profanity, at one point saying he was going to "come down there and blow the (expletive) building up."

The bomb threat, which was described as a "terrorist hoax" in a U.S. Department of Justice press release, reportedly

triggered a heavy response from law enforcement, with Marianna police and fire departments responding to the Jireh Court SSA office and officers in Panama city evacuating the SSA Office and surrounding area and sending in a team that specializes in bomb detection and disposal to clear the area.

The DOJ says Garrett struggled with law enforcement before being arrested at his home and subsequently taken to the Bay County Jail.

If convicted, Garrett faces a maximum of five years' imprisonment, up to a \$250,000 fine, three years' supervised release, and reimbursement for costs associated with the investigative response.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is investigating the case, with the assistance of the Panama City Police Department and Bay County Sheriff's Office. Assistant U.S. Attorney Gayle Littleton is prosecuting.

Garrett's initial appearance in the case is set for 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the federal courthouse in Panama City.

**Club's annual kickoff meeting and awards dinner**

The Panhandle Seminole Club held its annual Kick-off Awards Dinner at First United Methodist's Wesley Center on Lafayette Street in Marianna on Aug. 21.

The guest speaker was FSU's new athletic director, Stan Wilcox. Other guests included his wife, Ramona; executive assistant Vicki Cupps; and Michael McFadden of the FSU Alumni Association. Local guests included third-year med students from FSU's College of Medicine, who are interning at Jackson Hospital. Those students (Alex Schrodt, Shaun Hoenstine, Megan Walley, and Amanda Gilbertsen) were escorted by Dr. and

Mrs. Joe Gay.

The club also introduced and presented scholarships to four local students who will be attending FSU for the first time this fall semester. Each student was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship coming from monies that were raised through several fundraisers supported by our local community. These scholarships bring the club's awards to \$50,000 in support of local FSU students since 2002. This year's recipients are Sarea Davis, Chris Godwin, Kyle Griffin, and Taylor Reed.

Information about the club's activities can be found on its website at



Scholarship winners are (left to right) Chris Godwin, Sarea Davis, Kyle Griffin and Taylor Reed.

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# Chipola College summer dean's list announced

Dr. Sarah Clemmons, senior vice president of instruction at Chipola College, commends some 181 students who made the dean's list for academic achievement during the summer I and II terms 2014.

To be placed on the dean's list, a student must take six or more semester hours of courses and make an average of 3.25 (B+) to 4.0 (A) in all courses.

Students who made perfect averages of 4.0 — straight A's — and their hometowns are:

**Alford** — Ashley Barrentine; **Altha** — Autumn Coleman, Jennifer Harclerod, Jacob Tolbert and Christina Watson; **Blountstown** — Donavan Ebersole, Kristy Eldridge, Chessa Goodman, Geraldine Gutierrez and Colby Tanner; **Bonifay** — Michelle Dampier, Jordan Dixon, Herndon Gavin, Chelsea Herndon, Hannah Peters, Brandi Rotello, Jarrett Segers, Anna Smith and Katelyn Strickland; **Bristol** — Jeri Anderson, Janna Martin, Robert Miles, Eliza Nobles and Emily Whittaker; **Campbellton** — Scheneka Johnson; **Chipley** — Lisa Glass, Loretta Latham, Brittany Marsceill, Noah Smothers and Emily Stewart; **Clarksville** — Kayla Phillips; **Cottontdale** — Kaitlyn Baxley, Maggie Braxton, Joyelle Saun and Brooke Vickery; **Graceville** — Joley Dixon, Mary-Roselyn Jernigan, Frances Martin, Meagan Sanders, Lindsey Wheatley and Teresa Willis; **Grand Ridge** — Shareem Goodlet and Shelby Lawrence; **Greenwood** — Drew Bennett, Nicole Bradley, Mary Culpepper, Christen Ferguson, Katherine May and Tracy Swint; **Malone** — Dennis Pratt.

**Marianna** — Emily Anderson, Kristie Bard, Clifford Blighton, Tensia Clark, Kiandra Decree, Benjamin Durham, Jordan Exum, Christina Fulford, Sherri Johnson, Faith Kpandee, Johnie Lawson, Tina Mathena, Rachel Redfern, Michaela Sanchez, Taylor Shelton, Gerald Speights, Shavell Wallace and Christin Wiggins; **Sneads** — Kilee Everett, David Hamilton, Christopher Pavuk and Jenna Sneads; **Vernon** — Lindsay Boone.

**Out of district** — Barbara Fellows of **Alachua**, Carrie Flowers of **Fountain**, Noelle Webster of **Miami**, James Debow, III of **Orlando**, Angila Dean of **Southport**, Cora Fageaux of **Tallahassee**, Thompson Geron of **Ann Arbor, Mich.**, Chelsea Adams, Alissa Commerford and Anna Marshall of **Ashford, AL**, Legend Cliffordrobert of **Barking Essex, U.K.**, Austin Hutchison of **Dandridge, Tenn.**, Coleton Barberree of **Dothan, Ala.**, Madison Dillard and Payton Dillard of **Gordon, Ala.**, Junior Sainel Mays of **Landing, N.J.**, and Khadijah Ellison of **Roxbury, Mass.**

Students who earned grade point averages ranging from 3.25(B+) to 3.99 (A) and their hometowns are:

**Altha** — Candy Crenshaw, Aleena Tew and Emily Williams; **Bascom** — Patrick Collins and Tawanna Dunaway; **Blountstown** — Cayla Davis, George Glass, Caroline Johnson, Lora Riley, Kenneth Rollins and Jose Verduzco; **Bonifay** — Chesney Ard, Anna Bailey, Bailey Burch, Ashlee Corbin, Ashley Hardy, Lauren Johnson, Cameron Mayo, Leo McCann, Hira Mushtaq, Ashleigh

Pippins and Taylor Smith; **Chipley** — Lydia Alderman, Alicia Bednar, Victoria Crawford, Mattea Harbour, Austin Lee, Shane Sapp, Mysti Sasser and Paula Stanley; **Clarksville** — Erin Pierce; **Cottontdale** — Cassie Lentzsch and Anna Perkins; **Graceville** — Arianna Deneau, William Forehand, Alan Wakefield and Lindsey Wheatley; **Grand Ridge** — Carlos Edenfield, Victoria Harrell and Melanie Hobbs; **Greenwood** — April Linton, Katherine May and Tracy Swint; **Malone** — Tykajah Jackson and Kayla Oliver-Lewis; **Marianna** — Shayn Baggett, Patricia Bellamy, Clifford Blighton, Kelsey Davis, Shelana Hazelton, Franklin Holt, Nicholas Hussey, Amber Jackson, Jonathan Jansenius, Sharonne Jemison, Wendy Joiner, Matthew McFarland, Angelanell Shaw, Jared Standiford, Jacqueline Young and Tawana Young; **Sneads** — Jack Glover, David Hamilton, Christopher Johnson, Christopher Pavuk, Denise Potter, Ryan Smith, Jenna Sneads and Mary White; **Westville** — Candice Brown.

**Out of district** — Chase Walker of **Panama City**, Lindsey Russell of **Panama City Beach**, Anietie Ekon and Amy Piland of **Tallahassee**, Danielle Rich of **Wewahitchka**, Sydney Borener of **Black, Ala.**, Mehdy Nguama of **LeBlanc-Mesnil, France**, Shakirah Ellison of **Boston, Mass.**, Ali Sinera **Dippakunda, Del.**, Torian Graham of **Durham, N.C.**, Brianna Wright of **Greenville, Miss.**, Stephanie Howell of **Headland, Ala.** and Tra-Deon Hollins of **Omaha, Neb.**



BCF students pose with Izzy the Eagle during the BCM Amazing Race competition.

## Baptist College kicks off new semester

Excitement for the new semester swept across the campus as new students joined by returning students arrived in Graceville to attend The Baptist College of Florida.

As students successfully moved into their dorm rooms, they were invited to attend a game night activity in the BCF Wellness Center where they could fellowship with one another and begin developing friendships.

Basketball, volleyball and an assortment of board games were just a few of the icebreaker activities as students prepared for orientation and the first day of class.

After the formal portion of orientation was over Thursday afternoon, students were able to unwind and greet representatives from local churches who gathered to welcome them.

Gift bags filled with various goodies and dorm room necessities, delicious ice cream and informational fliers on worship times were provided to the students with the purpose of helping them find a place of worship and service in the area.

Several churches had students submit their

names for drawings held during the festivities which enabled students to leave the wellness center with a myriad of treasures.

New business leadership major Hollis Prange stated that she thoroughly enjoyed the church meet and greet activity because she was able to gain tremendous knowledge about the surrounding community.

New students as well as returning students were invited to participate in all of the welcome events that included the Amazing Race (around the campus) and the BCF Pool Hop.

For the Amazing Race event, students came together for friendly competition against other members of the student body.

According to Baptist Collegiate Ministries Director Jonah Powers, the goal of the event was to help familiarize students with the campus as well as to get to know each other a little better.

In the same aspect, the BCF Pool Hop brought many students together by visiting several professors' homes to take a dive into their

swimming pools.

Not only was this event a great opportunity to become acquainted with their dorm/classmates, but it was also an opportunity to meet several of the BCF professors.

The Napier (one of the new student dorms) girls Tori Hebron, Hannah VanLandingham, and Christy Lema agreed that The Baptist College of Florida has a wonderful Christian atmosphere where everyone can be an example to each other.

They also enjoyed the chapel services and have enjoyed bonding with their fellow dorm mates as the semester has begun.

"It feels a lot like home. It just feels like I am where I am supposed to be," stated Tori Hebron, English secondary education major from Thomasville, Georgia.

Students began their courses for the fall semester Aug. 18.

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by Jordan Braxton

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**Optimist Club Student of the Year**

The Optimist Club of Jackson County is pleased to announce the 2013-14 Student of the Year, Noah McArthur. Noah is the son of David and Jacquelyn McArthur of Grand Ridge. He is in the ninth grade in the home-school program. Noah was the 2014 June student of the month and was nominated by Tamara Tanner, who said, "He has always had such a kind and giving heart, even as a small child".

Noah started the "CAN-paign for Kids" 10 years ago and has collected aluminum cans for recycling to raise funds for families in need at Christmas. He has been a team captain for Relay for Life for two years, a bell ringer for the Salvation Army for three years, and volunteers at McLane Community Center, the King's Table and community beautification projects. Noah is also an active Boy Scout. He was recognized at the Optimist Club monthly luncheon Aug. 19, where he was presented a plaque and a check.

Special guests, in addition to his parents, were his grandmother Nell Wester, Boy Scout Troop 3 leader Bill Kleinhans and committee member Estelle Whiddon.



Submitted photo. Pictured are Noah and Optimist student of the month Chairman Mary Pettis.



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# For 30 years, she beautified the deceased

The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE — Her mother was the hardest one to do.

Connie Jones went through a box of tissues as she styled her silver hair and deftly applied makeup. What normally would have taken her 20 minutes took two hours.

She cried, reached for a tissue, cried some more, reached for another tissue and talked to her as she worked. It was her final gift to her 83-year-old mother.

"She had been very ill, but she looked absolutely stunning," Jones said.

Jones has made thousands of others look their best before being laid to rest.

For almost 30 years, she worked in a profession that required skill, sensitivity and steely nerves. She was a hairdresser and makeup artist for many of Jacksonville's funeral homes until her recent retirement. The 66-year-old saw it as a calling.

"God gave me this gift, and the last thing you can do for people who've passed is to make them beautiful," Jones said.

At first, the funeral director went into the preparation room with her. Eventually, she was comfortable enough to go in alone.

"I got to the point that I could probably sleep in the funeral home," Jones said. "The person is not going to scare you. You are going to scare yourself. I got through it, and the good Lord was right there with me."

The Jacksonville native has been a hairdresser since 1968 when she went to work for Gino's

Hair Fashion in the Gateway Shopping Center. Her husband, John Thornton, a Marine, was killed in Vietnam in 1970. At the time, their daughter Shelly was 18 months old, and she decided to open her own salon, Styles by Shell, at 63rd and Main streets in 1971.

George H. Hewell Sr. handled the arrangements for her husband's funeral and occasionally asked if she would do someone's hair. Friends frequently asked her to work on their relatives. Meanwhile, she still had her shop and put in long hours doing both. Around 1985, Hewell asked her to become full time.

"George Hewell Sr. taught me so much," she said. "Then I got into doing not only hair but funerals and visitations. I learned how to fold flags. I drove the hearse. I really enjoyed all aspects of the business."

Her reputation spread among funeral directors, and she was traveling to 17 funeral homes from Orange Park to Arlington to the Northside.

Jones, who stopped doing live clients in 1995, was on call seven days a week and never knew from day to day which funeral home would need her. Before she began, the bodies were embalmed and the hair washed. If still wet, she blew it dry. She used a curling iron, gels and spray to style the hair. If need be, she touched up the color or dyed it all over. Some family members gave her recent pictures to work from, some 50-year-old ones and some a verbal description of what they wanted. Since they're lying down, the back of the hair isn't styled.



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Connie Jones is seen with the tools of her trade in Jacksonville, Fla. For almost thirty years, she worked in a profession that required skill, sensitivity and steely nerves. She was a hairdresser and makeup artist for many of Jacksonville's funeral homes. She recently retired.

"When I get to heaven, I hope all these people aren't going to be mad at me because I couldn't do the back of the head," she said in jest.

Jones said elderly women were her specialty and the easiest to do, usually wanting a side bang curled toward the face and only light makeup.

"I'll never forget one of the first little ladies that I did," she said. "She had a box that she wanted buried with her containing letters from her son in Vietnam, and that touched my heart. I just cried."

Linda Gail "Bubbles" Stewart has known Jones for years and admired the work she did on her mother, two sisters and a nephew. Both of Stewart's sisters died of cancer, and with artful application of makeup, Jones lessened the visual impact of the disease.

"She truly cares about people, and she's very talented," Stewart said. "She's got a good sense of humor about everything that makes it comfortable. It helps ease the pain when families see

their loved ones looking so wonderful, especially when they have suffered a long illness."

Even men and children need a little makeup and lip color, she said. Though Jones never had a deceased person that she couldn't work on, children were the most poignant.

"Children got to my heart," she said. "It was just heartbreaking because you don't bury your children."

The reward came when family members saw their loved ones looking as good as they did in life, some even younger. Each one was special, she said, from friends she went to school with to Jacksonville pioneers to former Mayor Jake Godbold's wife, Jean, whose hair she styled in life and death.

Dennis Johnston, a funeral director at Corey-Kerlin, said it takes a special type of person to do what Jones does. And she had the talent, vibrant personality and energetic, upbeat attitude to do the work. Even if she didn't have instructions from the fam-

ily, she could walk into the prep room, look at the body a few seconds and know what she was going to do, he said. And she was so good that it didn't take her a lot of time.

"Probably the most important thing is she was always following up behind herself," said Johnston, who worked with Jones for 20 years. "After the family had the opportunity to see their loved one, she would call me to see how they felt and if she needed to come in and make any adjustments."

He recalled how impressed he was when Jones worked on his wife's sister, who died of leukemia in 2006 and had a lost a lot of hair to chemotherapy. Family members discussed getting a hairpiece or wig. Jones, a lifelong friend of his sister-in-law's, asked to try her hand first.

"She took a little bit of hair and made it look like she had a wonderful hairdo," he said. "At the service, everyone said 'look at her hair,' and Connie took pride in that."

# Radio Ponzi scheme targeted Haitian Americans

The Associated Press

MIAMI — In the world of Florida's Creole-language talk radio, where hard-working Haitian Americans tune in by the thousands, Philippe Bourciquot pitched the lure of easy money.

He boasted that money "loaned" to him would be plunged into foreign trade markets, 18 countries in all, for massive returns. "You give me \$20,000, it is guaranteed that for the year you will receive 60 percent," Bourciquot told listeners in one July 2013 broadcast.

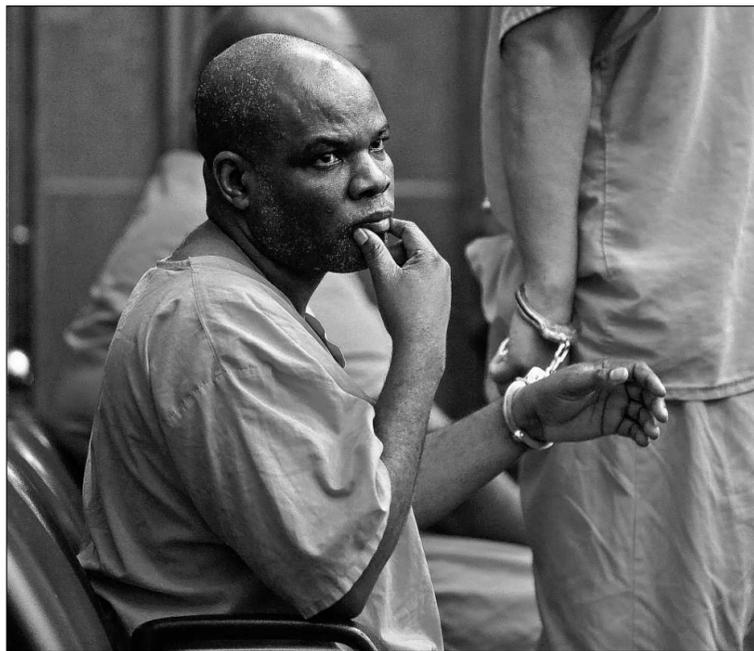
On another show, Bourciquot invoked civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks, then asked listeners to dip into their retirement funds: "You bring that money, I will make it work."

And in all of his broadcasts, Bourciquot appealed to a deep national pride, invoking the names of Haitian revolutionary heroes, promising profits that could rebuild a nation battered time and again by tragedy.

"Apple, that's worth several billion dollars, we can do that too," Bourciquot said in one October 2013 broadcast. "If every Haitian embraces what I'm doing, other nations will say Haitians have a business that's worth several billion dollars."

The grand plan, authorities say, was nothing but a sham — a Ponzi scheme that sucked \$3.1 million from the wallets of his countrymen and women. For two years, the Lake Worth businessman paid investors with money from new investors, all while using a huge chunk of the money to pay for a house, luxury cars, hotel stays, airplane tickets, car repairs and restaurant meals.

Newly released evidence in the criminal case against him offers a detailed look at the alleged scam while offering a window into how con men use the pay-to-air system of Creole-language radio broadcasts to prey on



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Philippe Bourciquot waits in court in Miami. Bourciquot is accused of running a Ponzi scheme targeting his listeners on Haitian radio.

poor Haitian Americans in Florida.

Simone Passe, a mother of six from West Palm Beach, told the Miami Herald she invested \$20,000 with Bourciquot after hearing him on the radio. He was paying her 4 percent interest monthly. Indeed, financial records show, he paid her back — but only \$2,700.

"Bourciquot helped me!" Passe wailed. "He is now in the jail. I can't pay my rent for my children."

In Florida and on the island nation, talk radio has long been a powerful medium, with on-air buzz deciding elections, spreading political intrigue and serving as an invaluable source of news.

Like Bourciquot, many of the radio hosts pay for the airtime, giving some crooks a platform to lure in victims. His case follows an all-too-familiar pattern.

In 2010, federal authorities arrested four people in a Ponzi scheme that bilked about \$8 million from 600 investors. Pitching through Haitian churches and radio spots, the Miami group of-

ferred 15 percent returns on one-year investments in a company known as Focus Financial. The group is now in prison.

"Radio has been ingrained in our culture, and these rogues prey on that," said Miami lawyer Phillip Brutus, a former state legislator and weekly news host on WLQY 1320 AM. "They're targeting the poor, downtrodden people."

In another high-profile case, North Miami Mayor Lucie Tondreau was arrested in May, accused of using her radio program to recruit "straw" borrowers to purchase 20 homes while defrauding \$8 million from various mortgage lenders. She is awaiting trial.

State agents arrested Bourciquot, 46, in June. Prosecutors in Miami-Dade have charged him with a host of felonies, including racketeering, grand theft, money laundering and fraudulent transactions. He intends to fight the charges, said defense lawyer Bernard Cassidy.

"We're gathering all of the facts so we can present our case to the court," Cassidy said.

The latest probe began in November 2013, when an anonymous person lodged a complaint about radio spots in which Bourciquot claimed to be a "leader and benefactor in the Haitian-American community," according to an

arrest warrant.

The tips came into Dimitri Bernadotte and Neptune Dieujuste, both Creole-speaking investigators from Florida's Office of Financial Regulation. They teamed up with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Office of Statewide Prosecution.

They soon found that Bourciquot had no license to work in securities trading, and his financial background was littered with irregularities.

Bourciquot pitched his investments as "personal loans," backed by an insurance policy and a thriving business and investment portfolio.

But a detailed look at his financial records showed the radio host "did not have any assets to secure any of the investors' loans," according to an arrest warrant prepared by prosecutor Stephen ImMasche.

Some of the money was indeed wired to trading firms, domestic and overseas. But in opening his accounts, Bourciquot lied about his net worth — claiming between \$1 million to \$5 million, according to the arrest warrant.

To help build their case, investigators devised an

undercover plan. In February, investigator Bernadotte called Bourciquot posing as an investor with \$30,000. In secretly recorded calls, they agreed to meet the following day at a parking lot in Lantana.

Outfitted with hidden audio and video recording devices, Bernadotte insisted that he was concerned about the security of Bourciquot's investment opportunity. The radio host agreed to show him his nearby house.

At the house, the undercover agent noted commercial radio equipment in a home office, believed to be used for illegal broadcasting.

Bourciquot insisted he could provide a 50 percent return, provided he get the money for at least two to three years.

The two then drove to a strip mall, where Bourciquot showed off an office he claimed was going to be his business hub. No deal was made — Bourciquot refused to allow the agent to take a "promissory note" document with him because it belonged to his business.

"This is the Haitian system," he told the agent. "I don't know you."



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Workers feed the manatees at the Miami Seaquarium in Key Biscayne. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is reviewing whether the manatee should be reclassified as a "threatened" species, which would allow some flexibility for federal officials as the species recovers while maintaining most of the protections afforded to animals listed as endangered.

## Manatees may lose status as endangered species

The Associated Press

MIAMI — As they do whenever they visit Florida, Greg Groff and his young daughter stopped by the manatee pool at Miami Seaquarium, where the speed bump-shaped marine mammals placidly swim in circles.

They noted the pink scars and disfigured tail on one manatee, damage from a boat propeller that left it unable to survive in the wild.

Florida's manatees need even more stringent protections than their listing on the federal endangered species list, Groff said, adding that boaters should go elsewhere if they don't like speed limits in waters where manatees swim. "There's plenty of places they can go faster," the Chicago man said. "They can go out in the middle of the ocean if they want to go much, much, much quicker, and you won't have to worry about them running the manatees over."

Groff's comments are representative of the environmentalist and general public side of an ongoing fight with a group of boaters, businesses and conservatives over whether the manatee should retain its 1967 federal listing as an endangered species, the most protective classification.

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As part of the lengthy review process, the agency is seeking public comment on its finding that a petition to reclassify the manatee has merits. The deadline is Tuesday. A decision on whether a change is warranted won't be made until the agency completes its review, which could take a year.

Manatees, also known as sea cows, are vegetarian giants that average nearly 10 feet long and 2,200 pounds and live near the shore and in coastal waterways around much of Florida. The animal's biggest threats are boats, cold water, toxic algae blooms and fishing debris like discarded lines and ropes.

"If we come to the end of this and decide reclassification is warranted, it's good news because it means the manatee is recovering and no longer on the brink of extinction," agency spokesman Chuck Underwood said.

Critics of the manatee's



Greg Groff and his daughter Olivia, of Chicago, walk during a visit at the Miami Seaquarium.

current endangered listing say manatees are important to the state's tourism industry and environment, so everyone wants them to thrive, but the species has recovered sufficiently over the last 47 years to be reclassified. Florida's manatee population has grown from several hundred in 1967 to over 4,800 in this year. Under current regulations, boaters must avoid manatee areas or obey tight speed limits and fishermen can't use some equipment.

Save Crystal River Inc. and the conservative Pacific Legal Foundation petitioned the government in 2012 to reclassify the manatee, citing a 2007 federal review that recommended listing the species as threatened since the population is recovering. They say if the federal government followed its own rules, the reclassification should be automatic.

"The truth is the manatee is protected the same as threatened as endangered, but they no longer can use the species to take over sovereign lands and sovereign waters with arbitrary rules," said Steve Lamb, vice president of Save Crystal River, a group that represents about 100 members that include recreational boaters, tour operators, dive shops and hotels. The river, about 80 miles north of Tampa on Florida's Gulf Coast, is warmed by natural springs and is a favorite winter congregating spot for manatees.

According to the wildlife service, officials began working on the reclassification proposal in 2013, but those efforts were suspended amid funding constraints, the U.S. government shutdown and concerns over recent spikes in manatee deaths, particularly during cold snaps. A record 829 manatees died last year, breaking the 2010 record of 766, according to state records.

The most worrisome deaths last year were not collisions with boats. A re-

cord 276 manatee deaths were caused by a toxic red tide bloom in the Gulf of Mexico. There were also the unexplained deaths of more than 100 manatees on Florida's east coast, where pollution and algae blooms have plagued a vital lagoon ecosystem.

Save the Manatees Club Executive Director Pat Rose said that while the species has certainly rebounded, the jump in deaths, particularly during cold snaps, means more work is needed before they lose endangered status.

"The most compelling reason not to down-list them is the status of their ecosystems," Rose said. "If you maintain good quality habitat, you can overcome catastrophic mortality events. If you are dealing with both catastrophic mortality events and unrelenting compromises to their aquatic ecosystems at the same time, that's when you need to be acting very conservatively."

But Lamb says the government is bowing to political pressure and emotion, highlighting conservation efforts at the expense of the law and business.

"Does anyone ever want to talk about how last year 1,000 manatees were born? Heck, no. All they want to talk about is how many died," Lamb said.

The vast majority of comments submitted to the wildlife service plead with officials to continue listing the manatee as endangered. Florida residents cite the manatees they've seen with scars from run-ins with boats or fishing debris, while out-of-state commenters describe the thrill of spotting the unique marine mammals in the water.

Some say the manatee should be protected as a symbol, not just as an animal.

"In a world filled with war, deadly viruses, and everyday violence ... the gentle manatee offers a vision of peaceful existence all would like to possess," wrote one commenter.

## Tax forms: New challenge for HealthCare.gov site

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The federal agency that had trouble launching a health insurance website last fall has a massive new project. Any glitches on this one could delay tax refunds for many Americans.

Because of complicated connections between the new health care law and income taxes, the Department of Health and Human Services must send out millions of new tax forms next year. They're like W-2s for people getting health insurance tax credits under President Barack Obama's law.

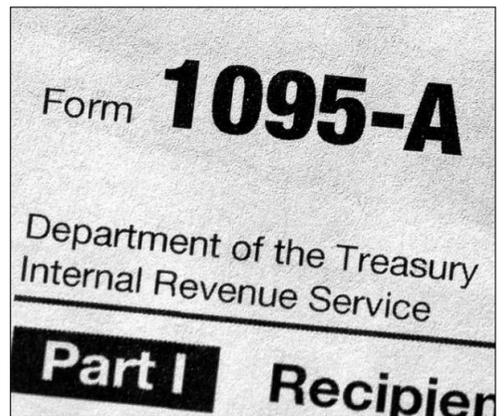
The forms are called 1095-As, and list who in each household has health coverage, and how much the government paid each month to subsidize those insurance premiums. Nearly 5 million people have gotten subsidies through HealthCare.gov.

If the forms are delayed past their Jan. 31 deadline, some people may have to wait to file tax returns — and collect their refunds.

A delay of a week or two may not sound like much, but many people depend on their tax refunds to plug holes in family finances.

The uncertainty is unnerving to some tax preparation companies, which try to run their filing season operations like a military drill. The Obama administration says it's on task, but won't provide much detail.

States operating their own health insurance marketplaces will also have to send out the new forms, even if they had website problems. But the biggest job belongs to the federal exchange serving 36 states. HHS will have to manage that while in the midst of running the 2015 health insurance sign-up season, when millions



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To facilitate complicated connections between the new health care law and income taxes, HHS will have to send some 5 million households new tax forms that are like W-2s for health care. Those forms are called 1095-As, and they're being introduced next year.

more are expected to try to get coverage.

"It's very unrealistic to expect that they would be able to implement a process that distributed these forms in the middle of open enrollment, and on time," said George Brandes, vice president at Jackson Hewitt Tax Service.

The average tax refund is about \$2,690, and people who count on getting money back often file early.

Liberty Tax Service vice president Chuck Lovelace said his company is giving the feds the benefit of the doubt but the possibility of delays "is not something we can turn a blind eye to."

"It could have a dramatic impact on our customers," Lovelace said. "The tax refund is the largest check many consumers get."

Administration spokesman Aaron Albright said officials are "working to develop the technical processes to ensure the forms are generated accurately and timely." Part of the plan will include "robust outreach" to educate

consumers about the importance of the forms, so 1095-As don't accidentally wind up in the recycling bin.

Some states running their own exchanges are providing more details about their plans.

California says it will include a cover letter with each form to help consumers understand what they need to do. The state is looking at using email blasts, public events and other educational efforts.

"We do not foresee any problems in meeting our responsibility," said James Scullary, a spokesman for the state marketplace.

The new health care law offers tax credits to help people without workplace coverage buy private health insurance. Next year is when the connections between the law's coverage expansion and the tax system will start to surface for consumers.

The nearly 7 million people who got insurance tax credits through federal and state exchanges will have to tally up accounts with the Internal Revenue Service to ensure that they got the amount they were legally entitled to.

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# Sandy recovery, sun boost Jersey shore business

The Associated Press

BELMAR, N.J. — Good weather and greater awareness that the Jersey shore has made huge strides in recovering from Superstorm Sandy helped make the second summer after the storm better than the first, many merchants and elected officials say.

Some business owners report profits up 20 to 30 percent this summer compared with last year's, when the shore was still in the early stages of recovering from the devastating October 2012 storm.

"This summer was great," said Matt Riccelli, who manages Gee Gee's restaurants on the Manasquan beachfront. "We're all sad to see it end."

Riccelli said his business was up 20 percent this summer from last, when it was still rebuilding and the beach was much narrower before an offseason replenishment project. Weekend weather was mostly sunny. But he and many others said the biggest factor was getting past the images of Sandy's destruction.

"Sandy is a memory at this point," Riccelli said. "A lot of the construction is done, and more locals who were displaced last year are back in town this year."

Annie's Ocean Grill has operated from a truck on the Belmar beachfront the



People relax and play in the ocean on July 23, in Atlantic City, N.J. This second summer after Superstorm Sandy has seen improved profits and more visitors for the Jersey shore.

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past two summers. This year was definitely better, said cook David Gelman.

"People see that the beach is back, the boardwalk is here, and that Sandy is gone," he said. "There's a sense that the shore is getting back to normal."

To be sure, there is still work to do. The whine of power saws and the thwack of hammers still resonate on summer afternoons in places like Manasquan, the Ortley Beach section of Toms River, and Mantoloking, where work continues on homes wrecked by the

storm. But even those places have made sure the beach is ready for visitors.

Summer rentals bounced back strongly. Jerry Bennett, a real estate agent with Seashore Agency in Ship Bottom, said his business increased by 30 percent on Long Beach Island.

"If you're driving around LBI, you wouldn't even realize there was a superstorm here less than two years ago," he said. "The island is back to normal now and better than ever, because a lot of places got

newly renovated. People have gotten the word that there's not total devastation here."

Dan MacElrevey said rentals at the six motels he manages in the Wildwoods, three beach communities at the southern tip of the state, were up by 8 percent in July and August. At Maui's Dog House, a hot dog restaurant that serves its food in dog bowls, saw its sales increase this season, partly because it was still rebuilding in early summer 2013.

Jenkinson's Boardwalk

in Point Pleasant Beach also said business was noticeably better this year, although it could not give a percentage increase. Spokeswoman Toby Wolf attributed the improvement to good weather, more available rentals and more out-of-state visitors.

"I've always seen some New England license plates here, but this year there seemed to be an abundance of them in the parking lots and driving around the area," she said.

New Jersey charges people for the privilege of

walking onto a beach, and beach badge sales were up in many shore towns this summer.

Sea Bright Mayor Dina Long said her town, which was pummeled by Sandy, had taken in 50 percent more beach revenue as of Aug. 22 compared with all of summer 2013. Belmar had sold 9,000 more beach badges as of Aug. 24 than it did in the same period last summer, and its beach parking revenue nearly tripled this summer. Ocean City was up by \$125,000 at the beginning of August.

Tom Rogers said business at his TR's Food Court in Belmar was about the same this summer as last year — despite raising prices by 3 percent. He said an increase in New Jersey's minimum wage held down profits and also customers bought fewer soft drinks, which are a big profit-maker for his business.

And despite the imminent closing of the casinos, Atlantic City has been having a good summer, with restaurants and nightclubs doing brisk business, said Liza Cartmell, president of the Atlantic City Alliance, the casino-funded agency that promotes the city to other parts of the country.

"Contrary as it appears in the face of the closings, Atlantic City is actually experiencing a very strong summer," she said.

## Nation Briefs

### Man is guilty of murder after his dogs kill woman

LANCASTER, Calif. — A jury on Friday found a man guilty of murder after his pit bulls mauled a woman to death in a high desert town in California where residents said they carried rocks and guns for protection against packs of dogs.

Alex Donald Jackson, 31, was convicted of second-degree murder and could get 24 years

to life in prison at his sentencing scheduled for Oct. 3.

Jackson owned four pit bulls that mauled 63-year-old Pamela Devitt during her morning walk in Littlerock on May 9, 2013.

### Federal judge halts key part of Texas abortion law

AUSTIN, Texas — A federal judge Friday threw out new Texas abortion restrictions that would have effectively closed

more than a dozen clinics statewide in a victory for opponents of tough new anti-abortion laws sweeping across the U.S.

U.S. District Judge Lee Yeakel sided with clinics that sued over one of the most disputed measures of an anti-abortion bill signed by Gov. Rick Perry in 2013. The ruling stops new clinic requirements that would have left seven abortion facilities closed on Monday, when the law was set to take effect.

Texas has 19 abortion providers, according to groups that sued the state over the law known as HB2.

### Pilot in F-15 crash was decorated combat veteran

BOSTON) — The pilot killed in the crash of an F-15 jet this week in the remote Virginia mountains was a decorated combat veteran with 17 years of experience flying the planes, military

officials in Massachusetts said.

The pilot, Lt. Col. Morris "Moose" Fontenot Jr., joined the Massachusetts Air National Guard in February and had been serving with the 104th Fighter Wing as the inspector general and an F-15 instructor pilot.

Col. James Keefe, commander of the Westfield-based fighter wing, said the death was announced "with a sense of profound sadness."

From wire reports

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## GRACVILLE FOOTBALL

# Late charge falls short



Graceville defensive back D'Angelo Bell tackles a Baker player Friday night.

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## Gators turn away Tigers for 30-27 victory

BY DUSTIN KENT  
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GRACEVILLE — The Baker Gators used a big goal line stand in the fourth quarter and withstood a last-second charge by the Graceville Tigers to earn a hard-fought 30-27 road victory Friday night.

Baker never trailed and led by 10 points on two separate occasions in the second half, but Graceville stormed back with touchdown runs of 28 yards from Jared Padgett and 1 yard from Preston Nichols to cut the margin to three early in the fourth quarter.

The Tigers had a golden opportunity to go in front midway through the final period when they marched inside the Baker 5-yard line for a third-and-goal from the 3.

But Nichols was stopped for a yard gain to set up a fourth down from the 2-yard line, with the Gators stuffing a run by Padgett for a 2-yard loss to take over on downs.

Graceville got one last chance its final possession after completions of 11 yards to Padgett and 14 yards to Tyree Myrick moved the ball to the 15-yard line with 16.1 seconds to play.

After a Nichols pass to Derrick White

sailed out of the end zone with 4.4 seconds remaining, Tigers coach Ty Wise opted for a tying field goal attempt, but Bryce Jowers' 32-yard attempt was pushed wide right and the Gators escaped with the win.

"I really felt like we could've put more points on the board," Wise said after the game. "It was just a lot of missed opportunities that prevented us from winning the game."

Austin Davis led the Gators in rushing with 119 yards and a touchdown on 17 carries, while Austin Martin added 83

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## Sneads Football

# Pirates overcome turnovers, pound Panthers

BY DUSTIN KENT  
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The Sneads Pirates overcame a flurry of early turnovers to ease by the John Paul II Catholic Panthers 42-0 Friday night in the regular season opener in Sneads.

It was a scoreless game after one quarter thanks largely to four Sneads fumbles in the red zone, as the Pirates moved the ball at will but couldn't finish drives off with scores.



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Bill Thomas,  
Sneads head coach

Javarris Goodson finally got the Pirates into the end zone on a 25-yard run in the second period, with Colton McIntosh scoring on a 25-yard run of his own to make it a 14-0 game at halftime.

An interception return for a touchdown by Grey Basford to open the third period put the Pirates up 21-0, with Bacarius Boykin finding the end zone from 9 yards out to make it a 28-0 edge.

Goodson followed by scoring for the second time of the night from 27 yards out to make it 35-0 with 1:37 left in the third quarter, with freshman Allen Johnson adding his first career TD run in the fourth quarter to round out the scoring.

The final margin ended up being very comfortable, Sneads coach Bill Thomas said he didn't come away impressed, at least with his offensive group that squandered several scoring chances despite moving the ball at will all game.

"We didn't play good. We should've had the game over in the first quarter," he said. "If we had been playing Baker (next week's opponent), we would've been in trouble."

The Pirates were significantly sharper on the other side of the ball, with the defense holding the Panthers to just four first downs and picking off two passes, with Jacore Irving adding an interception to Basford's pick-six.

"I was impressed with our defense. They played real well," Thomas said. "I was impressed with the secondary. They played so much better than they did (in last week's jamboree)."

Sneads will next travel to Baker to take on the Gators, who defeated Graceville 30-27 Friday night and beat the Pirates 35-21 in last year's matchup.

## HORNETS FALL TO FREEPORT

Cottondale's Justin Lipford (3) throws an incomplete pass Friday night in the game against Freeport. Freeport beat Cottondale 24-6.



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## Sneads Volleyball

# Lady Pirates score huge home win

BY DUSTIN KENT  
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It wasn't a state title or even a district title. It wasn't a championship of any kind, but Thursday's victory over Florida High was extra special all the same for the Sneads Lady Pirates and long-time coach Sheila Roberts.

After failing to beat Florida High even once during her decade-long reign as leader of the Lady Pirates, Roberts finally got to watch her team knock off the Lady Seminoles in five sets in

front of a raucous home crowd. Sneads lost the first set 25-16, then came back to win the next two by scores of 25-21 and 25-23 before Florida High evened the match back up with a 25-14 win in the fourth.

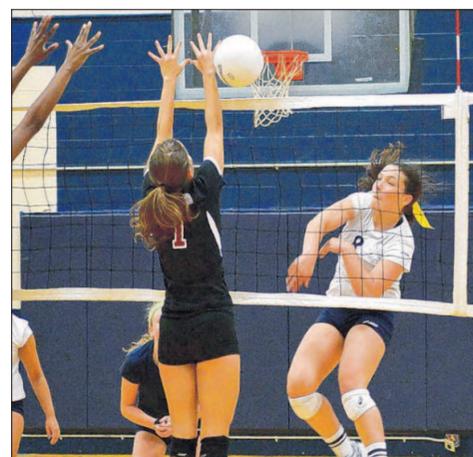
The Lady Pirates closed it out strong with a dominant 15-6 fifth set to earn one of their most impressive regular season wins in recent memory.

"It was awesome. It was just a very exciting atmosphere," Roberts said. "There was a lot of energy in the gym and we had a lot of fans come out. It was a great

match, point for point, set for set, and back and forth. I had some girls making some incredible plays, some clutch saves and clutch blocks. It was a really fun game to watch and a very satisfying win.

"It was so fun and so exciting. I told the girls, 'this is how volleyball is supposed to be. It's not supposed to be three easy sets. It's a battle and you have to persevere to the end.' I'm proud of the way they fought and battled."

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Sneads' Emily Glover tries to kill the ball over a Florida High blocker during a match Thursday night at Sneads High School.

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## Graceville Volleyball

## GHS girls suffer 2nd straight loss to Altha

BY DUSTIN KENT  
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The Graceville Lady Tigers dropped their second straight match since a season-opening victory over Holmes County, falling to Altha in three sets Thursday night at home.

Altha took the match by wins of 25-10, 25-15 and 25-21, with GHS coach Josh Graham saying afterwards that he knows that following a pair of seasons in which they won just once that the Lady Tigers are still a work in progress.

"Altha has a really good team and they're usually ranked very high in

the district and we know that," he said. "I think some of it is we're still trying to find our place and gel as this new team unit and get our communication down. We're really still working out some of the kinks."

The coach said he was happy with the way his players fought to the end, as well as with their attitude following the loss.

"They were hard on themselves, saying 'we let ourselves down and didn't play to our potential,' and 'we waited until the third set to wake up and start playing like we can,'" Graham said. "They under-

stand the mistakes they made and where the corrections need to be made.

"They know this won't happen overnight, so they really have to work towards it to get to that level. They know it will be a struggle and they have to keep fighting for it."

Graceville will play two more district games next week, both at home, starting Tuesday with a 6 p.m. start against Blountstown, followed by an in-school match Thursday against Wewahitchka.

While Blountstown looks on paper to be another district opponent that could prove too difficult

to defeat, Graham said he believes that if his Lady Tigers stay on their path they're on, they will find a way to compete against such squads down the road.

"It may seem a little rough in the first part of the season, but we know that if we keep doing what we're doing, then we'll have a chance," he said. "We have the confidence that we're going to pull a few upsets in the second part of the season with how we're playing. We're starting to communicate more and doing the things we need to have done. It's all going to fall in place."



Graceville's Hunter McDaniel (12) hits the ball over the net in the last set Thursday night against Altha.

## Middle School Football

## Bullpups fall against Taylor County

BY DUSTIN KENT  
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For the second straight year, the Marianna Middle School Bullpups will have to bounce back from a season-opening loss to Taylor County.

After falling 34-30 to start last season in Marianna, the Bullpups went to Perry on Thursday and suffered a 30-22 defeat, as a second-half rally ultimately fell short.

Taylor County scored the first 16 points of the game and led by as much as 30-8 midway through the third quarter before Robert Davis scored on a pair of 50-yard touchdown runs to bring the Bullpups back to within eight.

Marianna had an opportunity to tie late in the fourth quarter driving deep into Taylor County territory, but a lost fumble with three minutes to play cost the Bullpups their last

chance. Bullpups coach Brad Cross said it was a jittery start — and just in like last year, a dominant Taylor County passing attack — that cost his team the game.

"Nerves got us in the first half. We came out shaky and had a bad first half," he said. "The kids found their footing in the third quarter and we got right back in the game. But we couldn't finish it off in the fourth. I'll still say I was proud of

my guys. Down 30-8, they easily could've hung their heads and given up, but they didn't. We played bad for two-and-a-half quarters and easily could've won. We know we have the talent; we just have to put it together."

Davis finished with 150 yards rushing for the game, scoring on consecutive carries following an onside kick recovery for Marianna.

The only other touch-

down of the night for MMS came from Jason Pollock on a kickoff return, with Lamonte Baker converting the two-point play to make it 16-8.

Following Davis' second TD, quarterback Jaxson Beach completed a pass to Jashon Rhynes for the two to make it a one-possession game.

Marianna will next go to Wakulla to take on Riversprings on Thursday at 6 p.m.

## Sports Briefs

## High School football

**Friday** — Bozeman at Graceville, 7 p.m.; Cottondale at Wewahitchka, 7 p.m.; Sneads at Baker, 7 p.m.; Marianna at Northview, 7 p.m.

## Junior Varsity football

**Tuesday** — Cottondale at Graceville, 5:30 p.m.

**Thursday** — Vernon at Sneads, 6 p.m.; Marianna at Walton, 6 p.m.

## Middle School football

**Thursday** — Marianna at Riversprings, 6 p.m.; Grand Ridge at Vernon, 6 p.m.

## High School volleyball

**Tuesday** — Vernon at Sneads, 5 and 6 p.m.; Munroe at Marianna, 4 and 5 p.m.; Blountstown at Graceville, 5 and 6 p.m.

**Thursday** — Walton at Marianna, 5 and 6 p.m.; Sneads at Altha, 5 and 6 p.m.; Cottondale at Blountstown, 5 and 6 p.m.; Wewahitchka at Graceville, TBA

## Basketball camp

The Panama City Perfect Star Pre-season Shooting and Dynamic Scoring Camp will be held Sept. 3 at Rutherford High School from 5-7:30 p.m.

The camp is for boys and girls, who will be broken up by age and talent level, and costs \$50 per player if registered before Aug. 28, \$60 after and \$70 on the day of the camp.

To register, contact Rutherford girls basketball coach Janna Mount at coachjmount@gmail.com.

## Sports items

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## Not all cuckoos are in the mangroves

Early this week I traveled farther south into Florida than I'd ever been before. In fact, it's the farthest south I've ever been, period. For whatever reason, my long-distance road trips normally take me west or north.

Interstate 75 from Lake City down to Fort Myers was the usual ordeal. Interstate driving is excruciating at best and 75 South just might be the worst of the lot, especially since this time I wasn't exiting in Ocala and heading inland. I never drive an interstate anywhere without thinking of the legendary Charles Kurault's comment that the U. S. interstate system has made it possible to drive from border to border in any direction and not see a damn thing. No truer words were ever uttered.

But such is life. Time was limited and the interstate is expedient.

I happily left the expressway near Fort Myers



Bob Kornegay  
Outdoors Columnist

and found my way to Cape Coral. There were burrowing owls to see and nearby Sanibel Island held the beautiful Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge, a well-managed 7000-acre mangrove habitat famous for birds, beauty, and some prime snook fishing. I'd wanted to ramble around on Ding Darling for as long as I could remember.

Naturally, I'd heard all the stories about the "other world" of south Florida. "It ain't like the Panhandle," they said. "And it forevermore sure ain't like southwest Georgia or southeast Alabama."

They're right. It ain't. Not by a long shot.

My nature-loving cohorts decry the region's exotic, invasive plants and animals. Australian pine trees, Brazilian pepper bushes, and weirdly attractive baobab trees were a definite culture shock. Likewise, it was extremely odd to witness monk parakeets nesting on utility poles and pet-shop lizards darting about the suburban landscapes as if they had been there since the dawn of time.

There are "exotic" varieties of Homo sapiens as well. Most of them were very kind and courteous, despite the tattoos and funky accents. There were, however, exceptions.

I was fascinated by the behavior of one "specimen" who drove behind me as I made a left turn into a shopping center parking lot. She obviously disapproved of my driving and apparent misunderstanding of what must be special south Florida roads of the road. Either that or she had only recently

discovered her car has a horn, which she honked loudly and incessantly. I've been "given the finger" by countless belligerents in my day but to that point never by a 160-year-old woman with a chronic case of road rage. All I could figure was she must have been hurrying to get to the beauty supply shop before the last bottle of orange hair dye was sold.

A guy on a bicycle who looked amazingly like the old comic actor Wally Cox was just as aggressively vociferous. Meek appearance notwithstanding, he had the vocabulary of a New York cab driver and a long stick with which he challenged my equal right to the road. My one consolation was his non-discriminatory attitude. He bowed up at everybody unfortunate enough to be operating a vehicle with more than two wheels.

The young man behind the desk at my motel looked very much like the tattooed and bejew-

eled oddities I once paid a dime to see at county fairs. He was quite put out and inconvenienced by my asking where I might find a good nearby seafood restaurant. I rudely interrupted his television program and the game he was playing on his phone. To top it off, he seemed completely confused by my seafood query and acted as if I'd asked for directions to the nearest Swedish smorgasbord. You'd think "Cape" and "Coral" would have been pretty good clues as to regional culinary geography. The pelicans on the dock just outside the window were good indicators as well.

All in all, though, I had a quite enjoyable trip. The flora and fauna of Ding Darling were wonderful. The birding and fishing were fabulous. My one disappointment was that I didn't see the mangrove cuckoo I'd so hoped to find.

Wait a second. Not so fast. Maybe I did!

## Fishing Report

## Lake Seminole

Bass fishing has gone from fair to poor over the course of the week. Activity is very slow. Frog-type baits and other topwater offerings fished in the grass early in the morning may pay off sporadically. Deep-diving crankbaits fished along deep river ledges in the main lake are another possibility, as are Carolina-rigs with six-inch worms.

Hybrids are still fair early and late on the flats. Use topwater plugs or crankbaits when they surface. Crappies are slow. Look

for them on channel ledges at 10 to 15 feet and fish minnows.

Bream are biting from time to time on shallow-water sandbars early and late.

Catfish are slow, but some channel cats have been taken on stinkbaits along the river channels.

## Lake Eufaula

Bass fishing is fair and the fish are still adhering to last week's patterns. Fish structure such as points and humps or any similar current-breaking cover. The presence

of baitfish and wood structure in these areas is a plus. Best baits are deep-running crankbaits and Carolina or Texas-rigged worms. Fish worm rigs directly in any brushy or woody structure you can find and fish them slowly.

Hybrids continue to school early and late over the ledges. There is a lot of surface activity from multiple fish schools. Catch these fish with a shad-imitating crankbait.

Crappies are fair. Ledges in 15 to 20 feet of water have been giving up some pretty good fish in

moderate numbers.

Bream are good, but individual fish are small as a rule.

## Lake Andrews/Chattahoochee River

Catfish are still pretty good. Good catches continue to be reported by night fishermen, primarily anglers fishing the banks near the tailwaters of both dams. Good numbers of pan-size fish are reported. Larger individual cats may be caught while anchored downstream from the tailwaters. Use shad, cut bait, worms, or frozen shrimp.

Bass are slow. The best largemouth bite comes on topwater baits very early in the morning. Work the banks and slow-water areas with something very noisy, such as a Torpedo or Devils Horse.

Bream are fair on crickets and worms. Drop-fish deep water along steep banks for the best results. Bluegills will make up most of the catch.

Generation schedules, pool levels, and other such information for area waterways may be obtained by calling toll-free 1-888-771-4601. Follow the recorded instructions and access the touch-tone for the Apalachicola River System.

## Tigers

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yards on 24 attempts, and Montae Barto carried 10 times for 47 yards and two scores.

Junior quarterback Jon Beck completed 12 of 20 passes for 84 yards and a TD, with the Gators finishing with 369 yards of offense on 84 plays, nearly twice the Tigers' total of 44.

A 4-yard TD run by Barto capping an 80-yard drive put the Gators up 7-0 late

in the first quarter, but the Tigers tied the game just one play later when Nichols hit Myrick on a short pass that he turned up the left sideline and carried 58 yards to the end zone.

A 70-yard Baker drive was finished off with a 2-yard run by Davis early in the second quarter and Beck hit Jacob Nixon with a beautiful pass down the left side for a 28-yard TD to make it 21-7 Gators with 7:15 to half.

Graceville cut back into the lead when Nichols

found Eddy Myrick for a 38-yard touchdown connection on a third-and-15 play to make it 21-13 where the game stayed until halftime.

A safety on a mishandled snap by Nichols that ended up going through the back of the end zone put Baker up 23-13 with 7:45 left in the third quarter, but Padgett's TD run on a nicely-designed reverse play brought GHS back to within three at 23-20.

Baker seemed to regain the momentum with a

16-play, 80-yard drive that consumed nearly six minutes off the clock culminating in a short TD run by Barto to make it 30-20 with 11:11 remaining.

However, Graceville responded with a scoring series driven by Nichols displaying his dual-threat abilities, breaking off runs of 15 and 18 yards, hitting Jacob Daniels on a 16-yard completion, and eventually scoring on a 1-yard run with 9:36 to play.

The Gators improbably attempted a fake punt from

their own 22-yard line on the ensuing series to give Graceville the ball in prime scoring position, but the Baker defense came up with the biggest defensive stand of the game to save the day.

Despite failing to complete the comeback, Wise said he was encouraged by the fight that his players showed in the second half after struggling so mightily late in games last season.

"That's something we didn't do last year, which shows me that we've improved in that area," the

coach said. "We just have to stay positive and if we continue to bring the right attitude to practice and come to work every day, it's going to pay off for us this season."

Nichols finished 9 of 15 passing for 147 yards and two touchdowns to go with 33 yards and a TD on the ground, while Padgett led GHS in rushing with 66 yards and a TD on nine attempts.

Graceville will host the Bozeman Bucks next week for Homecoming.

## College Football Roundup

## Sims starts, Alabama beats West Virginia

ATLANTA — Blake Sims was good enough to finish his first start at quarterback for Alabama, getting plenty of help from Amari Cooper, T.J. Yeldon and Derrick Henry, and the second-ranked Crimson Tide held off West Virginia 33-23 Saturday.

Sims was 24-for-33 for 250 yards and added 42 running, playing the entire opener at the Georgia Dome. The fifth-year senior beat out Florida State transfer Jake Coker for the start. Tide coach Nick Saban had suggested both quarterbacks would play, but Sims never came out.

Yeldon (126 yards rushing and two touchdowns), Henry (113 yards rushing and a score) and Cooper (12 catches for 130 yards) provided plenty of support. Alabama needed all the offense it could get because West Virginia found plenty of soft spots in the Tide's D.

The Mountaineers' up-tempo spread gave Clint Trickett his pick of open receivers, and he took advantage with 365 yards passing.

But West Virginia didn't take full advantage, dropping more than a half-dozen catchable passes, including one off the hands of Elijah Wellman near the goal line that would have been a sure TD early in the fourth quarter.

Coming off a 4-8 season, West Virginia was a 26½-point underdog. The Mountaineers seemed like nothing more than the backdrop to Alabama's continued quarterback competition. They didn't play that way. Mario Alford returned a kickoff 100 yards for a score with 1:43 left in the first half to tie the game at 17-17.

Henry scored the only touchdown of the second half on a 19-yard run midway through the third quarter to put Alabama up 27-17. It was all field goals from there.

Coker warmed up briefly on the sideline in the first half, but that was it. Jameis Winston's backup last season spent a good amount of time sitting on the bench next to Sims, talking to the starter.

### No. 6 Auburn 45 Arkansas 21

AUBURN, Ala. — Jeremy Johnson passed for 243 yards and two touchdowns in the first half and Nick Marshall returned from suspension with a 19-yard scoring run to lift No. 6 Auburn to a 45-21 opening victory over Arkansas on Saturday.

The Tigers scored the final 24 points after the Razorbacks managed to force a halftime deadlock. The game was delayed 1 hour, 28 minutes due to lightning in the area during the fourth quarter.

Marshall, who led Auburn to the SEC title last season and the national championship game, started the second half after serving his punishment for getting ticketed in July for possession of a small amount of marijuana. Junior college transfer D'haquille Williams supplied the most electrifying performance with nine catches for 154 yards in his debut, including a 62-yard bomb and an 18-yard touchdown from Johnson.

Cameron Artis-Payne rushed for a career-high 177 yards and a touchdown on 26 carries after replacing Heisman Trophy finalist Tre Mason. Jermaine Whitehead returned an interception off Brandon Allen 33 yards for a touchdown.

Allen completed 18 of 31 passes for 175 yards and two touchdowns, five days after his truck was burned early Monday morning. Alex Collins ran for 68



Alabama running back Derrick Henry (27) tries to escape from West Virginia defensive lineman Noble Nwachukwu (97) during the game Saturday in Atlanta.



Auburn defensive back Jermaine Whitehead (9) intercepts a pass and returns it for a touchdown as Arkansas tight end AJ Derby (11) tries to tackle him during the game Saturday in Auburn, Ala. Auburn won 45-21.

yards on 10 carries.

Auburn outgained the Razorbacks 595-328, allowing just 61 yards in the second half after a shaky start defensively.

### No. 12 Georgia 45 No. 16 Clemson 21

ATHENS, Ga. — Todd Gurley ran for 198 yards and three touchdowns, returned a kickoff 100 yards for another score, and No. 12 Georgia gained some early style points in the national race with a victory over No. 16 Clemson on Saturday night.

If rating Heisman Trophy favorites after Week 1, Gurley would surely be among the favorites. He made the most of his limited touches on a sweltering night, averaging 17.2 yards every time he got his hands on the ball. He set a school record for all-purpose yards with 293, breaking the record of 290 set by Rodney Hampton in 1987.

Georgia (1-0) broke open a game that was 21-21 at the half, shutting down Clemson (0-1) and a fast-break offense that didn't look nearly as effective without Tajh Boyd and Sammy Watkins.

Gurley pretty much finished off Clemson by himself, scoring on runs of 23, 18 and 51 yards.

### Penn State 26, UCF 24

DUBLIN — Penn State won a thrilling season opener with a 36-yard field goal as time expired to defeat the University of Central Florida 26-24 in

front of a raucous 55,000-strong crowd in Ireland.

Behind second-half replacement quarterback Justin Holman, the Knights appeared to have scored their own unlikely come-from-behind victory when Holman scored on a 6-yard touchdown run to put UCF up 24-23 with 1:13 left.

But Christian Hackenberg — capping a 32-for-47, 454-yard performance — coolly directed a seven-play drive to set up Sam Ficken's fourth successful field goal as the Penn State bench swarmed the field. Hackenberg ran 8 yards for a first down on a 4th-down play in Penn State's own half of the field during the final drive.

Saturday's win was the first for new Penn State coach James Franklin, who declared his pride in a team that wasn't rattled by UCF's go-ahead TD.

"There was only a minute or so left in the game, and I looked across the sideline and there wasn't doubt in anybody's eye. Everybody believed. They believed in Hack. They believed in Ficken," Franklin said.

On the field, Penn State players received the Dan Rooney Trophy, a football made of ancient Irish bog wood that was specially commissioned for the game. Cannons blasted blue-and-white streamers and confetti into the air at Dublin's Croke Park, a stadium that normally hosts Gaelic football matches, not American football games.

Hackenberg spoiled a stunning performance

by Holman, who came on for the second drive of the second half after coach George O'Leary benched the ineffective Pete DiNovo. The redshirt freshman had been 3 of 8 for just 18 yards and gave up a drive-killing sack on his final play.

O'Leary praised both Holman and Hackenberg, describing the Penn State QB as a player that "everybody in the country would like to have." He expressed bewilderment at DiNovo's poor play.

"I said at halftime that he's not moving the chains, I didn't like the way he was handling things out there. He just seemed to be all over the place," O'Leary said of DiNovo.

He said the UCF receivers were consistently open in both halves, but DiNovo too often misfired or hesitated.

### NC State 24 Georgia Southern 23

RALEIGH — Jacoby Brissett threw for 291 yards and three second-half touchdowns to help North Carolina State beat Georgia Southern on Saturday in the season opener for both teams.

Brissett connected with Matt Dayes on a 35-yard touchdown pass down the right sideline for the go-ahead score with 1:37 left.

Georgia Southern had one last chance, but Kevin Ellison's fourth-down pass from his own 28 fell incomplete with 1:02 left.

Bra'Lon Cherry caught two touchdown passes for



Georgia's Reggie Carter, left, breaks up a pass intended for Clemson's Charone Peake during the game Saturday in Athens, Ga.

N.C. State, which trailed 17-3 at halftime and 20-10 in the fourth quarter.

Ellison passed for 184 yards and rushed for 116 more to lead the Eagles. Matt Breida had a 61-yard touchdown run for Georgia Southern.

It was the first game as a member of the Football Bowl Subdivision for the Eagles, who won six national championships in the Football Championship Subdivision before joining the Sun Belt Conference.

### No. 7 UCLA 28 Virginia 20

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — UCLA scored three defensive touchdowns before Brett Hundley led them on a critical second-half scoring drive and the No. 7 Bruins escaped Virginia in the opener for both teams Saturday.

Hundley, widely regarded as one of the nation's top quarterbacks, was harassed all day by Virginia's pressure defense, and made the biggest play of the day for UCLA with his feet. It came on a 6-yard touchdown run late in the third quarter when he overpowered safety Quin Blanding on a 6-yard TD run.

### Georgia Tech 38 Wofford 19

ATLANTA — Justin Thomas had 353 yards of total offense and DeAndre Smelter caught two third-quarter touchdown passes in Georgia Tech's victory over Wofford in both teams' season openers on Saturday.

Making his first career start, Thomas went 11 of 15 for 282 yards and completed his last eight passes for 250 yards to help the Yellow Jackets hold off the pesky FCS Terriers.

Zach Laskey's 11-yard touchdown run midway through the fourth quarter gave the Jackets a 31-19 lead, and the defense forced a three-out after giving up a 16-play, 75-yard drive on Wofford's previous possession.

That drive took over 9

minutes and ended with Octavius Harden's 4-yard touchdown run, cutting the lead to 24-19. But Broderick Snoddy followed with a 65-yard pass reception from Thomas that set up Laskey's score.

Thomas led Georgia Tech with 71 yards on 13 carries. Laskey had 15 carries for 70 yards.

### No. 5 Ohio State 34 Navy 17

BALTIMORE — Red-shirt freshman J.T. Barrett threw for 226 yards and two touchdowns in his college debut, and No. 5 Ohio State beat Navy on Saturday for its 25th consecutive regular-season victory.

Elevated into a starting role after senior Braxton Miller injured his right shoulder on Aug. 18, Barrett went 12 for 15 — including an 80-yard TD pass to Devin Smith that put the Buckeyes up 20-14 with 4:10 left in the third quarter.

Ohio State (1-0) won despite allowing Navy (0-1) to gain 370 yards on the ground, including 118 by Ryan Williams-Jenkins.

### No. 17 Notre Dame 48 Rice 17

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Everett Golson threw touchdown passes of 75 and 53 yards and ran for three more scores in his return after missing the 2013 season for academic impropriety, leading No. 17 Notre Dame to a victory over Rice on Saturday.

Golson was 14-of-22 passing for 295 yards and ran for 41 yards on 12 carries. He also had two near-misses on long pass attempts. He scored on an 11-yard run on a planned keeper, a 14-yard scramble and a 4-yard run on a blown handoff.

The Irish (1-0) were without five players who are scheduled to appear before the school's honor code committee after being investigated for possible cheating.

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NASCAR

# Stewart says Ward's death will affect him forever

The Associated Press

HAMPTON, Ga. — Speaking quietly and his voice trembling, NASCAR superstar Tony Stewart said Friday that the death of Kevin Ward Jr. will "affect my life forever" as he returned to the track for the first time since his car struck and killed the fellow driver during a sprint-car race in New York three weeks ago.

teammates and I miss being back in the race car and I think being back in the car this week with my racing family will help me get through this difficult time."

Stewart said he could not answer questions about the incident — it remains under police investigation — and he left the news conference after reading a short statement. Stewart-Haas Racing executive vice president Brett Frood said it was "100 percent" Stewart's decision to race and that his 43-year-old driver was "emotional" but ready to go on Sunday night in Atlanta.

The three-time NASCAR champion has not raced since

his car hit Ward at an Aug. 9 sprint car event in upstate New York. Stewart pulled out of the race at Watkins Glen the next morning, then skipped races at Michigan and Bristol Motor Speedway.

Stewart, who was described by police as "visibly shaken" the night of Ward's death, has been in seclusion ever since. Stewart's only comment since the crash was a statement the day after the crash in which he said "there aren't words to describe the sadness I feel about the accident that took the life of Kevin Ward Jr."

"Tony has sent the family flowers and a card around the servic-

es, aside from that, he has been very respectful of their time to grieve," Frood said. "It is very important to Tony to spend time with the family ... but is being respectful."

Ward had climbed from his car after it had spun while racing for position with Stewart. The 20-year-old walked down onto the racing surface waving his arms in an apparent attempt to confront Stewart.

Authorities said the first car to pass Ward had to swerve to miss hitting him. The front of Stewart's car then appeared to clear Ward, but Ward was struck by the right rear tire and hurled through the air. He died of blunt

force trauma. Ontario County Sheriff Philip Povero has said investigators did not have any evidence to support criminal intent by Stewart. Povero said Thursday the investigation is still ongoing.

Meanwhile, the NASCAR superstar will move forward with his career and attempt to salvage his season.

NASCAR released a statement saying that Stewart was eligible to return because he "has received all necessary clearances required to return to all racing activities." NASCAR said it would have no further comment until President Mike Helton speaks Friday afternoon.

NASCAR

# Stewart can get in Chase with win

The Associated Press

HAMPTON, Ga. — NASCAR says Tony Stewart will be allowed to compete in the Chase for the Sprint Cup Championship if he qualifies despite missing three races following the death of a sprint car driver at a New York track.

NASCAR President Mike Helton said Friday that Stewart would need to win at Atlanta on Sunday night or at the regular-season finale next week in Richmond to lock up a spot in the championship.

Stewart will race this weekend for the first time since the Aug. 9 death of Kevin Ward Jr. at an upstate New York dirt track. He was struck and killed by Stewart's car as he walked on the track during the race to confront the NASCAR veteran over being spun one lap earlier.

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ris, guard Drew Nowak, kicker Kasper Redfern, defensive end Gerald Rivers, guard Tyler Shatley, tight end D.J. Tialavea and linebacker LB Marcus Whitfield also were waived.

Tight end Brandon Barden



(groin) was waived/injured.

### Meredith released as Buccaneers begin final cuts

TAMPA — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers have released veteran offensive lineman Jamon Meredith and waived 11 other players to

begin the task of trimming the roster to the 53-man regular season limit.

The moves Friday have the squad at 63. Coach Lovie Smith has to cut 10 more by 4 p.m. Saturday. Meredith is a fifth-year pro who entered training camp as the starting right guard.

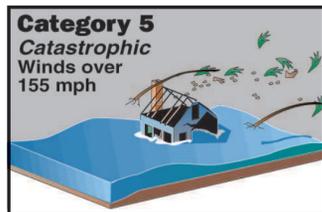
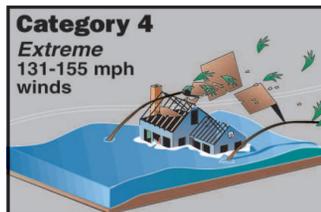
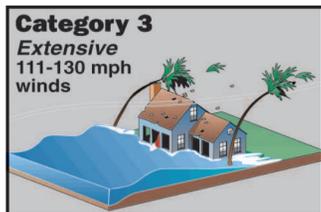
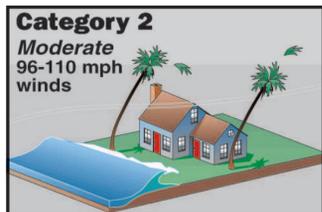
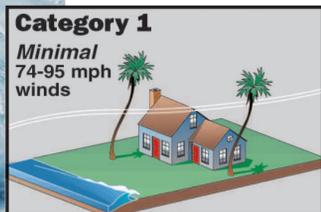
He lost the job with a poor performance in the first pre-season game and was shifted to tackle.

The Bucs waived linebackers Nate Askev and Ka'Lial Glaud, tackle Edawn Coughman, cornerbacks Anthony Gaitor, Keith Lewis and Kip Edwards, fullback Lonnie Pryor, defensive end T.J. Fatinkin, defensive back Marc Anthony and offensive linemen Andrew Miller and Jeremiah Warren.

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You should store at least one gallon of water per person for three days. A normally active person needs about three quarters of a gallon of fluid daily, from water and other beverages. However, individual needs vary, depending on age, health, physical condition, activity, diet and climate.

To determine your water needs, take the following into account:

- One gallon of water per person per day, for drinking and sanitation.
- Children, nursing mothers and sick people may need more water.
- A medical emergency might require additional water.
- If you live in a warm weather climate more water may be necessary. In very hot temperatures, water needs can double.
- Keep at least a three-day supply of water per person.

### HOW SHOULD I STORE WATER?

It is recommended you purchase commercially bottled water, in order to prepare the safest and most reliable emergency water supply. Keep bottled water in its original container and do not open until you need to use it. Observe the expiration or "use by" date. Store in cool, dark place.

### PREPARING YOUR OWN CONTAINERS OF WATER

It is recommended you purchase food grade water storage containers from surplus or camping supplies stores to use for water storage.

Before filling with water, thoroughly clean the containers with dishwashing soap and water and rinse completely so there is no residual soap.

If you chose to use your own storage containers, choose two-liter plastic soft drink bottles – not plastic jugs or cardboard containers that have had milk or fruit juice in them. Milk protein and fruit sugars cannot be adequately removed from these containers and provide an environment for bacterial growth when water is stored in them.

Cardboard containers also leak easily and are not designed for long-term storage of liquids. Also, do not use glass containers, because they can break and are heavy.

### STORING WATER IN PLASTIC SODA BOTTLES

Follow these steps for storing water in plastic soda bottles.

Thoroughly clean the bottles with dishwashing soap and water, and rinse completely so there is no residual soap.

Sanitize the bottles by adding a solution of 1 teaspoon of non-scented liquid household chlorine bleach to a quart of water. Mix the sanitizing solution in the bottle so that it touches all surfaces. After sanitizing the bottle, thoroughly rinse out the sanitizing solution with clean water.

Fill the bottle to the top with regular tap water. If the tap water has been commercially treated from a water utility with chlorine, you do not need to add anything else to the water to keep it clean. If the water you are using comes from a well or water source that is not treated with chlorine, add two drops of non-scented liquid household chlorine bleach to the water. Let the water stand for 30 minutes before using. A slight chlorine odor should be noticeable in the water, if not, add another dose of bleach and allow the water to stand another 15 minutes.

Tightly close the container using the original cap. Be careful not to contaminate the cap by touching the inside of it with your finger. Place a date on the outside of the container so you can know when you filled it. Store in cool, dark place.

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**Level: 1 2 3**

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk).

Solution to last Sunday's puzzle

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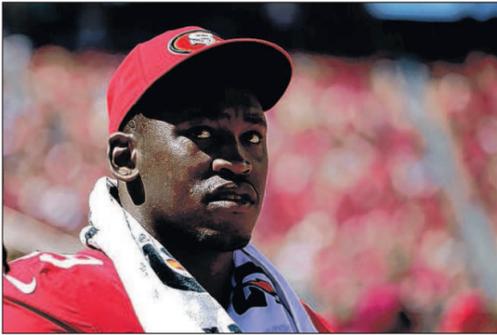
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# 49ers linebacker Aldon Smith suspended by NFL



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE  
**San Francisco 49ers linebacker Aldon Smith (99) watches during the preseason game against the Denver Broncos in Santa Clara, Calif., on Aug. 17.**

The Associated Press  
 SANTA CLARA, Calif. — San Francisco 49ers linebacker Aldon Smith has been suspended for nine games by the NFL after a series of off-field legal issues.  
 A statement Friday from the league said Smith had violated the NFL's substance abuse and personal conduct policies.  
 Smith won't be eligible to return until Nov. 10, the day after the 49ers' game against the New

Orleans Saints.  
 "Our organization has known this decision would come and we have prepared for it as a team," 49ers general manager Trent Baalke said in a statement. "Aldon has taken responsibility for his actions and has continued to show growth personally and professionally. We will continue to support him, but it is time to put this matter behind us and focus on the season ahead."  
 The 24-year-old Smith, one of the NFL's top pass

rushers, missed five games last season to undergo treatment at an in-patient facility following his DUI arrest Sept. 20.  
 Just before training camp began last month, the 24-year-old Smith was sentenced to serve three years of probation and to spend 11 days with a work crew after he pleaded no contest to drunken driving and weapons charges.  
 He has repeatedly said he has been sober since his DUI arrest last Septem-

ber. Smith played in a 27-7 home loss to the Colts on Sept. 22, two days after he was arrested and jailed on suspicion of DUI and marijuana possession. After the game, he publicly apologized for his behavior and later announced he would leave for treatment.  
 While the Niners went on a five-game winning streak without him, Smith's menacing presence was sorely missed. The team still picked up his 2015 contract option this spring.

## US Open

# Kvitova upset in women's third round

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova was stunned in the third round of the U.S. Open by a scrambling, moon-balling qualifier ranked No. 145.  
 Aleksandra Krunic, a 21-year-old Serb who until this week had not taken even a set from a player in the top 30, crumpled to

the court in celebration and shock Saturday when she pulled off the 6-4, 6-4 upset of the third-seeded Czech.  
 "Of course, I didn't expect to win," said Krunic, the second qualifier to pull off such a shocker after 121st-ranked Mirjana Lucic-Baroni beat No. 2-seeded Simona Halep on Friday.  
 After a week of upsets

on the women's side, only three of the top eight seeds remain, No. 1 Serena Williams, No. 5 Maria Sharapova and No. 7 Eugenie Bouchard.  
 Kvitova, who would have ascended to the No. 1 ranking if she won the U.S. Open and Williams had lost before the quarterfinal, committed 34 unforced errors against the fast-moving Krunic, who

slid and sometimes went into a gymnastics split to chase down every ball and make her opponent hit one more shot.  
 Kvitova too often failed to do so, including what should have been an easy putaway of a drop shot. But that went in the net and gave Krunic a point to win the first set. Kvitova sprayed a backhand long on the next point to lose it.

# Volleyball

From Page 1B

Ashlyn Roberts and Emily Glover led Sneads in kills with 11 each, followed by Krissi Satterfield's eight, while Ashlyn Roberts also led the team with six ace serves and nine digs.  
 Aaliyah Williams added five ace serves, with Glover contributing eight digs, followed by Mallory Beauchamp with seven, and Taylor Roberts with five.  
 Logan McCord was tops for Sneads with 18 assists, and Glover had 39 serve receives as well.  
 While the win won't count in the district standings or help Sneads make

the postseason once again, victories such as Thursday's represent an important next step for a program coming off of its first-ever state championship, according to the coach.  
 "Because we're a 1A program, we're not really expected to win those big games against bigger schools and volleyball powerhouses like Arnold and Florida High and Maclay. We can compete with them, but we're not expected to win," Roberts said. "I think that has worked against us in the past because we've had some teams that maybe could've pulled it off, but it was almost like they were not quite sure if they really

believed they could.  
 "I think this was a major hurdle for us. I want us to be taken seriously by the best volleyball schools no matter what size they are. I think this will definitely go a long way towards that because that's a very good program we beat."  
 It was also an impressive display of mental toughness and resiliency following a dreadful fourth set when the team was on the cusp of closing out the match.  
 In between sets, however, Roberts said she sensed the confidence in her players that they would be able to get to the finish line.  
 "They looked so confident going into the fifth,

which is something any coach loves to see. I had a very good feeling after that," the coach said. "You never want to go to the fifth, but when I saw the look on their faces when I got them together and got on them a little bit, they looked totally confident.  
 "We looked terrible in the fourth set. We had low energy and probably committed more errors in that set than in all the other sets combined. But we came out in the fifth and just jumped on them and took care of business quickly."  
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**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP TOWN OF BASCOM**

The Town of Bascom has received a grant to update its Comprehensive Plan to include an Economic Development Element. A public workshop to discuss the update and answer questions regarding potential annexation of property will be held on September 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. (CDST), or as soon as can be heard in the Meeting Hall, 4969 Basswood Road, Bascom, FL.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodation to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the city at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting Town staff at 850-569-2007.

George Hall, Mayor  
Attest: Crystal Bryan City Clerk  
August 31, 2014

**Florida Showcase Realty**

**Ann Jones**  
Owner/Broker,  
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**MCCORMICK LAKE FRONTAGE**  
Beautiful home on the Lake with lots of room for entertaining or relaxing! This 2 story home has a screened porch on each level that goes the length of the home. Enclosed pool and Hot Tub. Master Bedroom that is 27.5 x 23 feet with a walk-in closet, a large walk-in closet. Upstairs includes an extra large living room, large bedroom, dining room, and beautiful kitchen with everything you need! Outside there is a dock on the lake - one of only 2 that are allowed on this beautiful lake! You also get all of the amenities that come with living in Compass Lake in the hills. This home is spectacular! MLS# 249998

**ENCLOSED POOL**  
4 1/2 baths and enclosed pool! Everything you need for your comfortable home! 2 Car garage, utility building and RV pull barn.

Very Affordable and updated with a large Master Bedroom with Baster bath with marble floors and counter tops. Pantry/Storage room that is also used as an office. Large Kitchen with lots of cabinets and Island for extra counter space. Make an appointment to see this home today! MLS# 249955

**4/3 HOME**  
Beautiful Executive Home in Camellia Acres Subdivision, a beautiful Adult Community. This home has a beautiful landscaped yard with a deck and porch on the back to enjoy the quiet neighborhood. There are 2 Air Units on the split plan home. The Master Bedroom includes access to the porch and deck, a large bathroom with a separate shower and whirlpool bath. The walk-in closet is a large room for the most storage possible. Three large bedrooms are on the other side of the home with two full baths. Perfect for a mother-in-law suite or overnight guests. MLS# 247640

**PAYMENTS LESS THAN RENT**  
3/2 Brick home close to town in Marianna. Fenced backyard with a screened back porch just the right size for relaxing or entertaining. Home is located on Meadowview Road, close to schools, College, shopping, and hospital. This updated home is just the right size and ready for you to move in. Call today for an appointment to see this home. Seller will help with closing costs. Only 95,900! MLS# 249224

**LAKEFRONT INDIAN SPRINGS**  
Beautiful 3/2 Home in Indian Springs Subdivision. Landscaped 1.5 acre lot on the lake with dock. Dead end street with nice homes. Each bedroom has its own large walk-in closet for lots of storage. 2 Car Garage with paved driveway. Call today to see this home. It won't last long at this price! MLS# 249729

**PERFECT LOCATION**  
This home will be just right for any family. 4 Bedrooms 2 Baths and a large family room give plenty of space. Seller is ready to look at all offers and help a buyer fulfill their dream of owning a home! Newer dishwasher and refrigerator. Allowance for a new stove - pick it out yourself! Beautiful patio with a gardening shed for all your tools. Small fenced area for children or pets. Don't miss out on the fantastic price for this beautiful home! MLS# 248529

**REDUCED TO \$139,900**  
Beautiful 3/2 with a large family room! Lots of space and move-in ready. New roof in 2014. New Heat Pump 12/12, kitchen and both baths renovated approx. 2004, deep lot with woods on back (concrete markers can be seen), backs up to 120+ acre tract with planted pine, so no neighbors behind and quiet ones all around! This home won't be on the market long! MLS# 249608

**PRIME COMMERCIAL**  
HWY 71 Near Walmart and Interstate 10. Building currently used as residential but can be converted or used as home and office. Close to other prominent businesses with a lot of traffic exposure. Currently divided into 6 rooms with 2 baths. Plenty of space to add parking. REDUCED TO \$147,900. MLS# 249684

**REDUCED FOR QUICK SALE - \$49,900**  
This once was a very busy Daycare Center. Some playground equipment still remains. Own your own small daycare business in Marianna. Licensing will be required. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 90 at Jackson County Courthouse, go south on Hwy 73 approx. 1 mile, turn right on South Street. Property about 2 miles on left. Priced at only \$49,900. MLS# 249678

**MARIANNA COMMERCIAL**  
Commercial building in the heart of downtown Marianna, just a block from the court house or McCoy's. This building includes space for offices on either corner of structure. Work shop space, storage/warehouse space ready for your designs. Largest open space on the North side of building is accessible through a roll up door. Metal roof was added in 2008 and two signs are ready for your design. This sale price includes the vacant lot next to the building on the North side. MLS# 240584

**PRIME COMMERCIAL**  
Fuel station/convenience store in excellent location in capital on Highway 77 beach access traffic. 2000 square foot of retail space and two fuel islands are ready for an enterprising operator. Property is in the county where alcohol sales are possible seven days a week. Over 6000 sq ft gas station reported by FDOT. DIRECTIONS: From interstate 10, exit 120 turn south on highway 77 proceed approximately 1200 feet and turn east (left) on Blue Lake Road, property is on the north (left) side of Blue Lake Road. Great Opportunity and PRICED TO SELL! MLS# 248836

**INCOME PRODUCING PROPERTY**  
Mobile Home Park has 4 Mobile Homes rented out for \$360 each a month (\$1440 per month). Located on 5 acres with woods in back for hunting. One more Mobile Home can be added, will need a septic tank put down. Also, OWNER FINANCING: \$15,000 down with remaining balance at 6 1/2% interest for 15 years. Located in Greenwood but close to town! Only \$55,000 for the whole park! MLS# 249956

**CHARMING HOME IN CHIPLEY**  
Home with Lots of Character. Cornered lot, convenient to Historic downtown ChIPLEY, Family-oriented neighborhood, great for walking and biking. Three Bedrooms with two full baths. One Bath has tiled shower that is handi-cap/wheel chair accessibility. Hallways are 4 ft. wide. Living Room has working fireplace, built-in bookcases, and shelving. Crowned molding thru out. Hardwood and Tiled floors throughout. Breakfast nook, stainless steel appliances & new gas stove. Master suite includes laundry room/walk-in closet with handi-cap bath. 1 year old A/C system. 2 ton 13 SEER Rheem. Terrain: Back with Brock Pest Control. Lots of trees for shade. Built-in storage room at back door. MLS# 249783

**2.67 ACRES • \$17,000**  
2.67 Acres land with Hwy 90 frontage. Will make a nice home site. Wooded, high, and dry. Apx. 5 miles west of Marianna. Easy access schools, shopping and hospital. MLS# 249742. Call Clarice for more details.

**10 OR 20 ACRE TRACTS**  
GREAT BUILDING SITE!! Secluded 20.06 acres that would make a wonderful home site. Bring horses. Enjoy peaceful nights in the midst of approx. 12 acres of rolling pastures and app. 8 acres of beautiful pine trees on the back of property. Only 2 miles from Hwy 231 and 4 miles from I-10. Survey required for true boundaries. MLS# 249922

**LAND FOR SALE**  
Lot in Greenfield Subdivision • \$28,500  
4 Lots in Blue Spring Plantation starting at • \$19,500  
Lot in Country Club Hills on Sheffield • \$27,000  
Lot in Compass Lake • \$4,500  
Lot in Indian Springs Andrew Jackson • \$7,900  
Lot on Old US • \$10,000  
2.67 Acres on Hwy 90 West • \$17,000

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**Still in like new condition.** 3/2 Homes of Merril. Original owner. Bought new and placed one time to this property of over 1 acre. House up front is also available for sale as a package, live in one and lease the other or use for family or caretaker. 2/2 Nice country home that has been kept up thru the years. House Only \$49,900. MLS# 250159 • MLS# 250158 \$69,900.

**MH only. See MLS# 250160 • \$109,000.** for both on 1.5 ACRES

**6.5 ACRES Grand Ridge.** Wooded acreage with planted pines & volunteers. Plenty of building sites. Deeded easement to the property. Plenty of wildlife & privacy. Build your residential home or no restriction for placement of mobile home.

**NEW LISTING in Calhoun County.** Fenced Building Lot with Well, Septic and Power pole. Close drive to Lake McKenzie & Public Library. MLS# 250237 • \$16,500.

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**BEAUTIFUL MOVE IN READY, WELL MAINTAINED HOME ON TWO ACRES JUST ON SOUTH SIDE OF CHIPLEY.** This three bedroom, two bath, brick home features three bedrooms, screened in porch across the back of the home, carport, utility room, and outside 12 x 16 storage building. The back of the property has been left wooded and has a real country feel. Home has been under contract and would require a 10% down payment for 10 years. Make an appointment today!  
MLS# 249589 • \$149,900 • ChIPLEY

**WELL MAINTAINED MOBILE HOME JUST OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS OF MARIANNA ON PAVED ROAD.** This is a move in ready, 2 bedroom 2 bath mobile home on 8.99 acres in a very quiet, peaceful setting. Home features light floor plan, front deck and very large back porch, on almost 9 acres.  
MLS# 249995 • \$ 69,900 • Marianna

**PRICE REDUCED ON MOVE IN READY** home in Meadowview Estates, convenient to schools and Marianna. Home features ceramic tile floors, carpet in living room and bedrooms, walk-in closets in all bedrooms, wood blinds on all windows and updated bathrooms. Granite tile on kitchen countertops and bar. This home really is a must see.  
MLS# 249770 • \$129,900 • Marianna

**MOVE IN Ready home just minutes from shopping and schools in Marianna.** This home features large living room with built in surround sound, blinds and laminate wood flooring. TV wall mount will remain. Very nice eat in kitchen with sliding glass door to beautiful backyard. Many updates and a huge grapefruit tree in backyard. Call listing agent for an appointment.  
MLS# 249910 • \$92,500 • Marianna

**Pat Furr,**  
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**Lovely 3Bedroom/2Bath. David DuLany built, Patis Home in Camellia Acres.** This home features light bedroom design, 9ft trayed ceiling living room w/electric fireplace, built-in bookcases, entertainment unit, spacious kitchen w/plenty of cabinets/storage breakfast bar, dining area & screened back porch that overlooks the in-ground pool.  
MLS# 250022 • \$173,500.

**Beautiful, quiet setting for this lovely 3bedroom/2bath brick home on two landscaped acres.** The screened back porch overlooks the fenced backyard filled w/nature. New metal roof, recent exterior paint, 30"x12" RV carport, 30"x24" workshop w/one car garage attached to workshop, two car carport attached to house, paved driveway.  
MLS# 250102 • \$145,000.

**Lovely 3Bedroom/2Bath home located in the private, adult community of Camellia Gardens.** This home features 11 foot ceilings, spacious great room w/gas fireplace, open kitchen, third room is utilized as office, nice screened in back porch overlooking the wooded lot, rear door offering privacy, easy maintenance, easy living.  
MLS# 248977 • \$143,000.

**PRICE REDUCED** on this attractive 3bedroom/2bath home in nice, quiet setting just outside the city limits. Home was built in 2006 and offers custom cabinets with solid counter tops, nice foot ceilings, tiled baths, two water heaters and attic storage. Easy maintenance with metal roof, vinyl siding and small yard, paved driveway.  
MLS# 248451 • \$135,000.

**MARIANNA** - Three bedroom home, on 10 acres, not far from town features a kitchen with lots of cabinets and counter space, living room with fireplace and much more!  
MLS# 250078 • \$69,900.

**MARIANNA** - Own this 3 bedroom home on 11.57 acres and have access to a private landing to Silver Lake. Many features, fireplace, plenty of kitchen cabinets, screened porch and so much more. Must See!  
MLS# 250148 • \$99,500.

**COTTONDALE** - Ranch style brick 3 bedroom home located in the country on over 4 acres. Features spacious rooms, nice screened back porch, 2 car metal carport and a 2 car brick garage. PRICE REDUCED  
MLS# 249895 • \$84,900.

**GRAND RIDGE** - Completely remodeled brick home in town with almost everything new, appliances, windows, tub and vanity, storm door, metal roof and MORE! Don't miss this.  
MLS# 250149 • \$69,900.

**NEW LISTING**  
MLS# 250159 • \$49,900

**REDUCED**  
MLS# 249895 • \$84,900

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**NEW LISTING**  
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**NEW LISTING**  
MLS# 250158 \$69,900.

**NEW LISTING**  
MLS# 250155 • \$42,000.

**NEW LISTING**  
MLS# 250237 • \$16,500.



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**SOUTHERN CHARM**  
Southern plantation style home in prestigious Indian Springs Subdivision. This 4 bdr/2.5 bath home has a waterfront view of Lake Osceola and is perfect for a family. Large porches make a welcome entry into a home with many extras, including large living space and wide hallways. Enjoy an in-ground pool with a new pool liner and deck! Price \$185,500 MLS# 248285

**GREAT BUY**  
WOW!! A beautiful 2-story home with 3BR/2BA. Priced to Sell! Home has an in-ground screened pool, waterfall, wood burning fireplace, jacuzzi tub in BR, carport w/workshop, greenhouse and landscaped yard. BRAND NEW ROOF!!! Has all the amenities of Compass Lake in the Hills, including Club House, private lakes, tennis courts, horseback riding and swimming pool. Home has a very private feeling and not too far from town. Seller is motivated! Price \$104,000 MLS# 249862

**MOVE-IN READY**  
Country coastal living, this 3/2 split bedroom home is move-in ready! Open floor plan, elevated ceilings, laminate/ceramic/vinyl floors & ceiling fans. Large Florida/Sun Room with nice cool deck flooring and 2 sets of French doors. Beautiful kitchen w/compact island and plenty of cabinets/storage. Fenced backyard, patio, sprinkler system. Too much to list! Adjoining lot is available. 1-yr. home warranty to be included for the buyer. Price \$215,000 MLS# 249794

**JUST REDUCED**  
Priced to sell, this 2/1 wood framed home on 1.41 acres, just outside Campbellton, needs some work but would make a great rental or a starter home. This won't last long at this price! Price \$16,000 MLS# 249796

**GREAT HOME**  
Immaculate 2-story home that is move-in ready! Spacious living room, dining room, 3 large bedrooms upstairs and a heated and cooled sunroom. Lovely patio with hot tub. Nicely landscaped yard. Owner is offering to pay for the Duper's Survey and a 1-yr home warranty. Close to schools, college, and the Federal Prison. This would make a perfect home for a family! Price \$209,000 MLS# 250043

**WATERFRONT HOME!**  
WATERFRONT HOME with pool! This 3/2 brick/stone home located on a cul-de-sac has a beautiful stone fireplace/wall, spacious FR, lg MB w/2 walk-in closets, whirlpool tub and separate shower. French doors overlooking pool and lake, bonus room off the garage that can be used as an office/den/etc. plus add'l lg BR that has access to the garage. Covered patio overlooks a 20x40 in-ground pool! A lg fenced-in back yard leads to your own dock to fish from the lake! Price \$229,000 MLS# 250035

**CHIPOLA RIVER**  
Chipola River Waterfront at its finest. Take a 180 view of the River from inside this picturesque octagonal home. 2 bedroom 2 bath w/ high wood beamed ceilings, granite countertops, gorgeous cabinets, electric fireplace, loft could be used as a bonus room or extra bedroom, completely remodeled in 2006, a half wrap deck, & deck out over the water. Located at a unique fork on Chipola River, like having 2 rivers! Price \$155,000 MLS# 248029

**MERRITT MILL POND**  
WATERFRONT ON MERRITS MILL POND! Retreat from everyday pressures to this relaxing unique waterfront home with gorgeous views. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, big window views from each bedroom, new carpet, boat dock, dock, 2 workshop's, paved driveway, secluded from main road. Fish, boating, diving, swimming, etc. Beautiful clear spring water fed. Bring All Offers! Price \$215,000 MLS# 248162

**COUNTRY ESTATE**  
Beautiful, 5 bdr/4.5 bath, stone home on 5.3 acres is a rare find!!! Exceptional craftsmanship is displayed everywhere and includes a library w/walls of bookshelves, crown moldings, stone raised hearth fireplace, hardwood floors, 2 sets of French doors opening to a stone patio. The eat-in kitchen is a gourmet's dream with a walk-in pantry, lg master suite with a sitting area, MB incl. a sauna, Jacuzzi tub, oversized shower, 2 vanities, & 2 closets. There are 4 other bdrms! First floor guest-in-law suite with full bath, and 3 bdrms on 2nd floor, along with 2 awesome storage rooms! Home features a 3-car garage w/workshop, irrigation system, fruit trees, rose garden, and a vegetable garden. Another 45 acres (tax acct # 35-5N-10-000-0030-0100) may be acquired for a total price of \$699,900. Too much to list!!! Make an appointment for a private showing today. Price \$450,000 MLS #248571

**20 ACRES**  
Nice secluded 20 acre tract. There are no deed restrictions. This wooded tract of land would be ideal for a beautiful home or it would make an excellent hunting spot. Seller will consider owner financing with 1/2 down. Bring all offers! Price \$49,500 MLS# 249581

**PRICE REDUCED**  
Move-in ready this brick/stone 2268 sq. ft. 3/2 is near Cottondale, I-10 and US231. FR has vaulted ceiling, masonry fireplace, oak floors, carpeted bdrms w/ all appliances and washer/dryer. 2-car garage, screened patio. 30x50 metal barn/shop, 18x20 craft studio, chicken coop, all w/electricity. New 20x38 covered carport. Pecan & fruit trees. 3.91 fenced and cross-fenced acres. Too much to list! Price \$234,000, MLS# 249582

**COMMERCIAL PROPERTY**  
LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION! Approximately 2 acres on busy Hwy 231 in Cottondale. Two large barn-type buildings. Main building has 3-phase electric and rear building has upgraded electric and up to 80% fenced in. Previously used as an antique store but has endless possibilities for us. Priced to sell fast! Price \$69,700 MLS# 249876

**WORKING FARM**  
CATTLE FARM!!! 121 acres, mostly all cleared, pasture land, one large barn with storage buildings, fenced and cross fenced, two fish ponds and a 2 bedroom 1 bath farm house. This is a working cattle farm. Make an appointment today! Priced at \$450,000 MLS# 247991

**COMMERCIAL PROPERTY**  
PRIME LOCATION ON BUSY HWY 90! This property has over 100' of Hwy 90 road frontage and a total of 1.23 acres (3 parcels). Plenty of space for your business. Property is currently leased month-to-month and does not convey with land. Drive by today and envision your business here. Price \$249,000 MLS# 249640

**COUNTRY LIVING**  
Rolling hill 40-acre farm has a long paved driveway that takes you to a private 5500' 5/3 bath home that is unfinished! The layout of this home is beautiful, with stairs in the entry going upstairs to a large bonus room and add'l room and stairs going down to the basement of approx. 1000'. High quality metal roof. Partial wrap-around porches, in-ground gunite pool w/pool house, 2 detached storage bldgs/appt., and a diamond home. Fish pond & High Titi Branch Creek running partially on it. See to appreciate it! Price \$225,000 MLS# 248976

**LAND**  
• 80 acres - Brushy Pond Rd - \$60,000  
• 18.59 acres - Mill Rd - \$52,000  
• 14.97 acres - Swails Rd. - \$42,000  
• 56.71 acres - Swails Rd. - \$157,000  
• 10 acres - Dellwood Cypress Rd. - \$30,000  
• 3 acres - Lake Seminole Rd. - \$50,000

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**Nice spacious 4BR/3BA home in downtown neighborhood has a lot to offer a big family. Also a large patio great for entertaining with a fenced backyard. Home is located near Chipola College and downtown activities, dining, and shopping. \$147,500 MLS# 250124**

**Beautiful 3BR/2BA home located in Blue Springs Plantation. Home offers a split bedroom plan and very spacious feel throughout. Enjoy entertaining outdoors with a huge screened porch and large yard. \$229,000 MLS# 250119**

**Enjoy country living in this completely remodeled 3 BR, 1 full Bath, and 2 half bath home. Remodel included new roof, siding, floors, cabinets, and stainless steel appliances. Enjoy the outdoors with a back covered deck and fenced side yard, or more outdoor space on the front porch. \$105,000 MLS# 250037**

**Charming 3BR/2BA home built in 1925 that boasts large rooms and high ceilings. Plenty of room for a large family. It is a sure look and see home that will surprise you with it's elegance and space. Front porch spans around front and around the corner. \$124,999 MLS# 248520**

**Charming 3BR/1BA home that has been recently renovated. Renovations too many to mention, so come see this adorable home for yourself. Close to Chamber, College, shopping, and park. \$97,500 MLS# 248724**

**Waterfront residential 2 acre lot. Wooded and leveled to the bluff then gently slopes to the water. 165' on the water. One of the LAST waterfront lots available in Indian Springs. \$138,900 MLS# 243244**

**Beautiful, immaculate 3BR/3BA home with crystal clear in-ground pool on one acre. Split bedroom plan with roomy bedrooms and large closets. Home is convenient to town while in a country setting. \$175,000 MLS# 250046**

**Charming 3BR/2BA DW on one acre. Very well maintained property with landscaping, storage building, and carport. Nice area and convenient to shopping and 110 exchange. \$45,000 MLS# 250000**

**Charming 3BR/2.5BA farm house type of home with wrap around porch. Home has had updates. Home boasts large rooms and high ceilings. Home is situated on half acre with lots of fruit trees and partially fenced. \$84,900 MLS# 249380**

**PRICED FOR QUICK SALE. 15 acres has old house, barn, attached 20x40 shed, 2 12x12 horse stalls, & approx. 10 acre hay field with some fencing and well & septic. \$55,000 MLS# 248497**

**FIXER UPPER in Chipley on paved street with city utilities. 2 lots, one is fenced, 3BR/1BA home sold 'AS IS'. Will not qualify for financing. \$16,000 MLS# 250008**

**Attractive 3BR/2BA home across from Lake Seminole. Open living-dining-kitchen area. Garage, workshop with attached boat shed. Fenced yard. \$129,000 MLS# 250012**

**Very nice 3BR/1BA brick home with metal roof on corner lot with outbuilding. Has had some updates and the yard is nice. Must see to appreciate. \$49,900 MLS# 249505**

**Very nice 4BR/3BA 2 story home overlooking 2 acre pond. Has nice front porch and screened back porch, barn with an apartment, and your very own Heli-Pod. Home has had many upgrades and remodeled since built. All situated on 40 acres. \$589,000 MLS# 250208**

**Here it is your prime commercial building just ready to go. This corner lot and building is ready for a professional office with high traffic and lots of visibility. Lots of room with the ability for you to convert to your needs. \$265,000 MLS# 250235**

**Pond and 14 Acres. A slice of paradise for a weekend and holiday get-aways, or charming homestead. Property features beautiful sandy bottom pond, docks, storage building, downtown outhouse, pole barn, and more. \$135,000 MLS# 244365**

**1925 3BR/1BA vintage home. Big front porch where you can relax, kitchen opens to screened back porch and fenced yard. Home is on large corner lot in city with plenty of back yard privacy. Being sold AS IS. Complete renovations in the rough. \$69,900 MLS# 248697**

**Wooded lot with cleared hilltop homesite on this 2.22 acre tract with creek. Close to Merritt's Mill Pond with paved road. Conveniently located to downtown Marianna. \$33,000 MLS# 245367**

# Indian Springs REAL ESTATE

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**ALPHA CUTIE \$85,000**  
COMPLETELY REMODELED 4/1.5 Brick home with 1532 sq ft. Updates include painting, wood & carpeting floors, electrical wiring, plumbing, roof & well. Updated bathrooms and eat in kitchen, new cabinets, countertop & appliances! Sunroom overlooking backyard! MLS 249431

**POOL HOME IN INDIAN SPRINGS \$255,900**  
VERY ATTRACTIVE HOME INSIDE AND OUT! 4 1/2 under air! Relax on the wraparound porch. Large fenced backyard, 16x32 gunite pool. Hardwood floors on the first floor! The kitchen is large with plenty of countertop AND cabinet space! Large center island and breakfast area! There is an air conditioned game room or 5th bedroom and half bath over the detached garage. MLS #248338

**ALFORD CUTIE \$59,900**  
PERFECT COUNTRY HOME! Large 3/2 with over 1000 sq ft on 2 acres! Relax on the Large Front porch with a private setting! Large Kitchen with Huge pantry! Never central a/c unit! Some windows have been replaced with double pane windows! MLS #247550

**GRAND RIDGE \$59,900**  
DWMH WITH 3 BEDROOMS 2 BATHS AND 1920 SQ FT! Large Kitchen with center island, wall oven and re-cased lighting. Family room has a gas fireplace and a large living room! Relax on the covered front deck and enjoy those summer nights! MLS #250005

**FAMILY HOME \$183,000**  
ENJOY HOT SUMMERS IN THE POOL. Lovely 3/2 home with 2063 sq ft. Large 1 acre corner lot. Beautiful wood floors in Main living area! Family Room with French Doors overlooking pool area! Formal Dining Rm, plus eat in kitchen! Priced to SELL. MLS #249497

**CHIPLEY \$49,900**  
3/2 BATH BRICK HOME WITH 1415 SQ FT UNDER AIR! Nice lot with 1 car carport and yard building. Located close to all shopping and interstate! Home needs some TLC but would be the perfect home to call your own! MLS #250006

**CHIPLEY CITY LIMITS \$59,900**  
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