# The County Record

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CRIME

## Couple busted for meth

BY KELLI PEACOCK DUNN
News Editor

A traffic stop for erratic driving led to the arrest of a Blountstown couple last Wednesday night.

Sgt. Jared Nichols charged Brandon Pitts and Anna Hill with possession of meth and drug paraphernalia. Hill was also found to have an outstanding warrant for retail theft.

PITTS

HILL

According to the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office, Cpl. Eddie Dalton and Dep. Jody Hoagland assisted Sgt. Nichols in a search of the vehicle that turned up a meth pipe, pill grinder, and three containers of meth.

Pitts and Hill were booked into the Calhoun County Jail. Each was given a conditional release the following day.

CELEBRATION

# CHRISTMAS FUN

*Celebrations continue in our area*

The Christmas season is in full force in Calhoun and Liberty counties and the celebration continued over the weekend. Above, some of Santa's elves were busy on their float in the Lights of Liberty parade held in Bristol Saturday night. For more highlights, turn to page 2.

COURT

## Former teacher files a federal lawsuit

BY KELLI PEACOCK DUNN
News Editor

A former Altha School teacher has filed a lawsuit in federal court alleging she was dismissed in retaliation for telling the truth in a previous case involving the same school.

Gwen Proper, represented by Attorney Marie Mattox of Tallahassee, is suing the Calhoun County School District, along with Altha Principal Ladona Kelley individually, for damages in excess of $75,000.

According to the complaint, Proper began working for the school district in 2006 and received satisfactory evaluations since that time. Prior to beginning her position as a full-time teacher, she had served at Altha School as an intern. During her internship, she reportedly witnessed an incident of child abuse at the school. She was subpoenaed in the summer of 2008 and gave a deposition regarding the incident. The complaint notes that her testimony was "not favorable" to the school district. At that time, Kelley was the assistant principal at Altha, but she was promoted to the principal's post prior to the start of the 2009-10 school year.

Proper was working as a full-time teacher at Altha that year and Kelley hired an intern for Proper to train. According to the lawsuit, Proper had no idea she was actually training the person who would replace her. At the end of the school year, she met with Kelley for her annual evaluation and was told she would not be rehired for the following school year. The complaint alleges Kelley failed to give a reason for her termination, but after being pressed for an explanation, made reference to her adverse deposition testimony.

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**SANTA MADE HOUSE CALLS** Friday night during the Christmas Tour of Homes. He is shown here with Edna Stephens and Nancy Stone at the home of Kevin and Shalene Grover. For more tour highlights, turn to page 3.

**EVEN MISS TRAILER PARK** had a place to shine over the weekend. The Annual Redneck Christmas Parade was held in Scotts Ferry Saturday. Turn to page13 for scenes from this redneck night of fun.

**BINGO!** The BHS Tiger basketball team spent some time with the elderly at BHRC last week. Above, Ryan McIntyre plays bingo with a resident. Turn to page 7.

## Blountstown man charged with filing false crime report

A Blountstown man charged last month in a Liberty County case was arrested this past week in Calhoun County on charges stemming from the same incident.

MESSER

John Marcus Messer, 26, was taken into custody Dec. 8 for filing a false report with law enforcement.

According to the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office, Messer contacted authorities in the early morning hours on Nov. 18 to report he had been carjacked while parked in front of a Blountstown business. He alleged a suspect drove him at gunpoint to Bristol with his accomplice following behind them. Messer said his truck slid into a ditch when they turned onto Hwy. 12 and then onto a dirt road. He said the carjackers left the scene at that point.

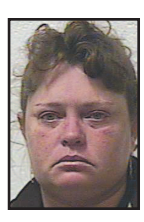
During interviews, authorities suspected Messer had been drinking. He eventually confessed to having made up the story to cover his own actions since he was on probation.

## Fountain couple caught with marijuana during traffic stop

A Fountain couple was arrested in Calhoun County Sunday on drug charges.

T. JOHNS

Timothy Charles Johns, 39, was charged with possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana, possession of marijuana with intent to sell, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Sherry Johns, 38, was charged with possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.



S. JOHNS

According to the Sheriff's Office, the arrest was the result of a traffic stop by FHP Sgt. Lonnie Baker for no tag, registration or insurance. An inventory search turned up marijuana, rolling papers, scissors and marijuana shake. Sherry Johns' purse contained a can with several marijuana roaches. Dep. Bobby Sims made the arrest. He was assisted by Sgt. Baker, Ofc. Arnold Loyed, and Trooper Dallas Jones.

## Woman arrested in another prescription drug sale case

A Blountstown woman arrested last month for being a principle to selling prescription drugs without a prescription is back behind bars, this time for making the sale.

HALL

According to Sgt. Mark "Kipper" Mallory, Kimberly Ann Hall was caught on video Oct. 15 selling six Seroquel, 70 Buspirone, and 70 Tizanidine pills to a confidential source. A warrant was issued for her arrest and she was taken into custody last Wednesday for selling prescription drugs without a prescription.

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**GARDEN CLUB DRAWING:** If you entered a chance to win the beautiful wreath from the Torreya Garden Club, the wait is over! Garden Club members Howard Johnson, Jr. and Vicki Montford are shown above pulling Andrea Ammons' name in the drawing Friday. Congratulations to her and thanks to those who supported this fundraiser!

# All aboard the Winter Wonderland Express

The Winter Wonderland Express will be running five nights, commencing Friday, Dec. 17, through Tuesday, December 21, at Veterans Memorial Park in Bristol.

The Bristol Depot is located behind the Civic Center. The Sunday night live scenes for The Nativity and Santa's Work Shop will include members of RiverTown Community Church.

The first train will depart each night at 6:30 p.m. ET. As a special attraction, the 1952 Crown coal-fired steam engine will also be running Sat., Dec. 18, and Tuesday, Dec. 21.

Admission is $3 per person (children 5 and under free).

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## CALHOUN & LIBERTY COUNTY SHERIFF'S LOG

### CALHOUN COUNTY

**Dec. 5:** Nicholas Tucker, VOP/criminal mischief

**Dec. 6:** Steven Blake Bodiford, VOP; Frank Johnson, contempt

**Dec. 7:** Jerad Miller, VOP

**Dec. 8:** John Marcus Messer, false report to law enforcement officer; Kimberly Hall, selling/dispensing prescriptions without being furnished with a prescription; Anna M. Hill, warrant/retail theft, poss.of meth, poss. of paraphernalia; Ronnie W. Pitts, poss. of meth, poss. or use of paraphernalia

**Dec. 10:** Harley Stublefield, VOP; Diane Lynn Clark, violation of community control

**Dec. 11:** Jonathan Price, failure to appear

**Dec. 12:** Sherry Johns, poss. of l/t 20 grams marijuana, poss. drug paraphernalia; Timothy Johns, poss. of m/t 20 grams marijuana with intent to sell, poss. drug paraphernalia

### LIBERTY COUNTY

**Dec. 3:** Harry Lee Jones, Jr., hold for Leon

**Dec. 5:** William Berry Webb, registration; Christopher Linton, warrant; Steven Blake Bodiford, warrant

**Dec. 6:** Austin Lee Reddick, DUI; Christopher Phillips, warrant/failure to appear; Dawn Couey, hold for Taylor

**Dec. 9:** Kimberly Hall, hold for CCSO; Anna Marie Hill, hold for CCSO; Deandreal Powell, failure to appear

***The above individuals were booked into the Calhoun or Liberty County Jail over the past week. Although they have been charged with a crime, they are considered innocent until proven guilty.***


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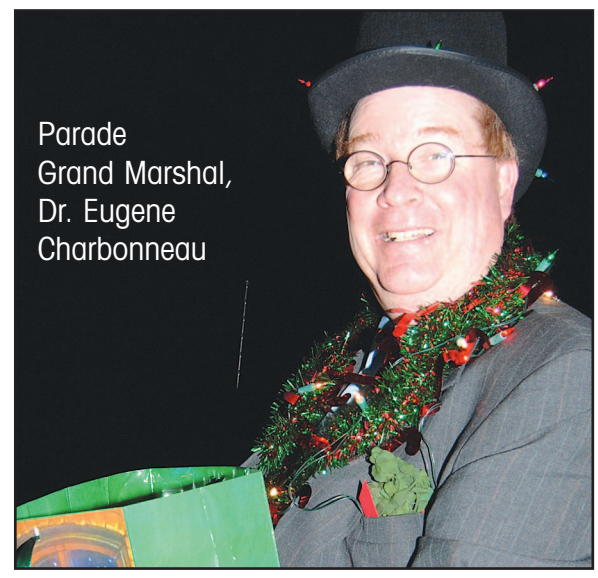
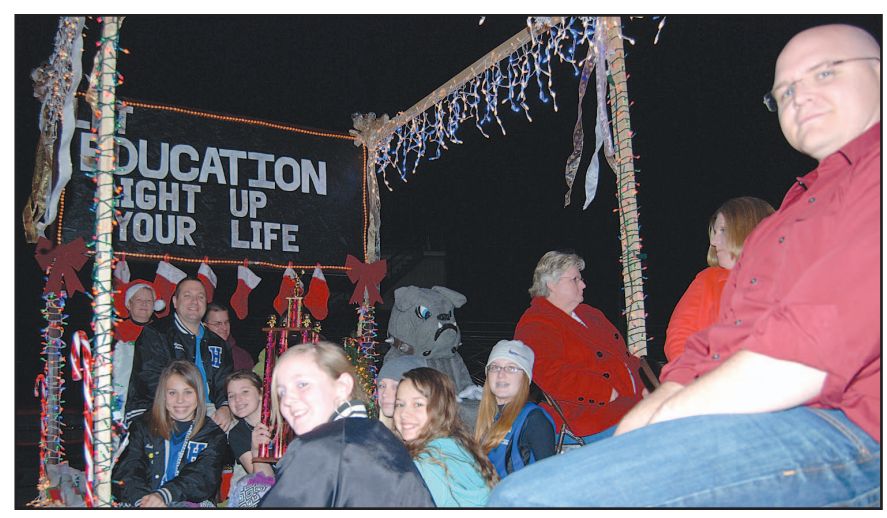
# Lights of Liberty

## Highlights from the Annual Christmas Parade in Bristol







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# Christmas Tour of Homes

Blountstown Main Street hosted the Christmas Tour of Homes Friday night. Featured were the homes of Dr. Todd and Christal McClellan, Judge Kevin and Shalene Grover, Ray and Allyson Howell, and J. and Eileen Hatch. The tour began in the lobby of Calhoun-Liberty Hospital where refreshments were served, then participants visited the homes in the order of their choice. Thanks to all those who opened their homes, as well as to those who attended the event.

Merry Christmas

*From our staff to you: L-R: Luke Alderman, LMT, Jessica Barwick, Ashley Wesselhoeft, LMT, Jessica Collier, Dr. Todd McClellan and Christal McClellan.*

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# Writer's Guild to meet on Saturday

The Calhoun Liberty Writer's Guild will again meet a week earlier than usual due to the upcoming holidays.

If you have any interest in the art of writing, please attend the December 18th meeting to be held in the Blountstown Library, starting at 1 pm and lasting until the library closes at 3 pm.

While suggestions for new projects are always welcome, the most recent group effort is a Story-with-Recipe where any type of medium length story can be submitted. A recipe will need to included connecting with the story. The project, with the tentative title of Tasty Tales , is planned for being printed and sold to benefit Adult Literacy and the continuation of the Writer's Guild program.

For further information, contact Darlene Earhart, AmeriCorps*VISTA at Altha Library, 762-8280, or Anna Layton at the Blountstown Library, 674-5200. Light refreshments will be served.

# *Holiday baking event for youth set*

Liberty County 4-H is hosting a Holiday Bake shop for youth ages 8-18. The event is set for Dec. 21 at the Veterans Memorial Civic Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. ET. You must pre-register and pay fee of $15 per youth by December 15th. There will be a $5 late fee if paid after the 15th. All youth must have an enrollment form filled out by parent or guardian. Call Now! 643-2229. Limited to 30 youth.

# Calhoun/ Liberty Patriots will meet

Calhoun/Liberty Patriots will meet at 6:00 p.m CST Thursday, Dec 16 at the Calhoun County Extension Office. For more information, contact Jim Pruette at (850) 447-1883 or email calhounlibertypatriots@yahoo.com

# *Tickets available for 'West Side Story'*

CalCo Travel has tickets available to see "West Side Story" at the Fox Theatre in Atlanta on Saturday, January 29, 2011. The show begins at 2:00 PM ET.

The film became popular in the 50's and soars as the greatest love story of all time. Features classic songs as: "Something's Coming, Tonight, America, I feel Pretty," and "Somewhere." People say that being at the "Fox Theatre" is like being in a New York City Theatre!

Seats are available on floor level--the best seats in the house--for just $50 per ticket. (This is for tickets only, we are not providing transportation.)

If anyone is interested please call 674-4163--they will go quickly.

# Sheriff's Office donates to Mossy Pond VFD project

The Calhoun County Sheriff's Office recently passed along some donated toys to help the Mossy Pond Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary with an upcoming Christmas benefit for children in their community. The event is set for Dec. 18 from noon to 4 p.m. at the VFD. Pictured above is Lt. Adam Terry of the Sheriff's Office presenting the gifts to Jenny Carley and Richard Carley of the Mossy Pond VFD Auxiliary.

# Never A Dull Moment

**by J.K. Newsome**

# J.K. becomes a Facebookien

I am a recent convert. I became a Facebookien. I had no desire to participate, feeling this was yet another young adult/teenager thing. What peaked my curiosity was the amount of people who asked me if I had read a comment made about a situation I had been a part of, so, dismissing my fear of becoming a dead cat, I set up an account. The comment did not amount to much; I have since learned it was just a status update, I also have come to be addicted to this brand of "social networking".

The most enjoyable thing so far, has been the reconnection with people from school, some of which I have not seen in thirty years. The experience can only be described as time travel. We tend to remember folks just like we last saw them, and then BOOM, via the magic of FB, we suddenly see them, 30 years older, with grandkids, and sometimes the kids look more like the friend we remember!! An added benefit to this is it brings back memories of the good ole days.

For some reason, one particular memory comes back to me. It was homecoming week. There was to be a rally in the gym during school hours. The cheerleaders were going to put on a skit. One of the cheerleaders drove a VW Bug, they wanted said bug in the gym as part of the skit. (The same gym where in '79 I was master of ceremonies for the coronation of the homecoming queen, where I placed the crown on the head of Marti Bontrager, whom you now know as Representative Marti Coley).

They asked me if I could get it inside somehow. Turns out, if you are a teenage male, and three cheerleaders ask you to do something, all reason seems to vanish!

What was the gym in my day, is now an auditorium, however, those double glass doors are still there. I got the car through those doors, and if I could have figured out how to negotiate around the concession stand BEFORE Coach Dunn caught me, turns out basketball coaches frown on cars being on their courts. Who knew?? That was a bad, bad day, but a good memory.

Another thing about Facebook that reminds me of school, this time elementary school, is the whole "like" box. And asking someone to be your "friend". Remember those innocent days of passing a note that time and time again read; Hi I like you. Do you like me? They always had those little boxes the admired had to check YES, or NO. And God forbid they didn't answer at all!! Sound familiar?

In my mind I see forty and fifty year olds hovering over a blackberry, "Now I know ole so-and-so is one of my friends, and she has not "liked" my comment?? Well I am NOT L-O-L ing! I am taking her off the SHARING app for break time!" "BFF my butt!!"

Oh, and now, there is an application to see who is ignoring you. Can you imagine what that would have been like in school? I see Mrs. Johnson at the black board. "Now here is a list of the girls little Johnny sent 'Do you like me' notes to. Also on the right, is a list of the yeas, nays and ignores." I personally feel they should nip this one, nip it in the bud.

Facebook is a wonderful way to keep up with your peeps. Stay up on current events, get the game score if you can't go, see pictures galore, find out who is related to whom, have a sing along, I mean the list goes on. However, there is a dark side.

Yes, it can be dangerous. Children need MATURE adult supervision, and everyone needs help with their security settings. Unfortunately, this is true of all things in life.

Also bless the hearts of those who feel the need to air their dirty laundry right there on the wall. Drama Drama Drama. This, in my humble opinion, does not include the occasional rant, because status updates are not always rosy in life, sometimes there are weeds, and expression is one way to hoe them.

The late night insomniacs are a fun bunch too. Switching back and forth between Face Book and solitaire, they can always find a sleepless friend to vent with. One of mine once said "I tried counting sheep, but they kept breaking line and it frustrated me!" We also once pondered how long does it take a giraffe to throw up? Literally, these are the questions that keep me up at nights!

I am not advocating FaceBook, or other social networks, I am just saying with proper management and common sense, it can be a rewarding experience. I find myself looking forward to Joey's morning report and the Eastern Time zone folks views.

So look for *The County Record* and *Never a Dull Moment* on Facebook….and don't forget to check the "Like" box.

# *Red Hat Society meets Thursday*

Due to the Christmas holidays, the Red Hat Society is changing the date of their December luncheon. The next lunch gathering is set for Tuesday, Dec. 21, at The Callahan Restaurant in Blountstown. All Red Hat members are encouraged to attend and enjoy this time of food and fellowship.


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# BRAG SHOP

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# "Road to Recovery" helps cancer patients

Lack of transportation is one of the biggest challenges for thousands of cancer patients. Many need daily or weekly treatments and they don't have a car or are too ill to drive. The American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery program provides volunteer drivers to transport cancer patients to and from these life-saving cancer treatments. Volunteer drivers donate their time and the use of their personal vehicles.

The American Cancer Society has a vast volunteer network in which individuals can make a difference in the fight against cancer. One way to make a critical difference is by becoming a volunteer driver for the Road to Recovery program. Volunteer driving requires only a safe driving record, free time, a serviceable vehicle, and the desire to help.

To find out if Road to Recovery or other transportation assistance is available in your area, call 1-800-ACS-2345. Additionally, if you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a Road to Recovery Volunteer Driver Please Contact Jill Pait, the Panhandle Patient Services Manager at (850) 266-2288 or (407) 489-2867.

# *Program on beliefs of Catholics set Dec. 22*

On Wednesday, December 22nd, the third in the series, titled "What Catholics Believe" will be held at Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Blountstown, located on Gaskin St., beginning with Adoration at 5:00 p.m., Mass at 6:00 p.m. followed by the program which is being presented by Stephanie McNeill.

Stephanie, is from the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee. With this one Stephanie is presenting a real Holiday Special to help us, "Get Ready for the Real Christmas with The infancy Narratives."

Join us for a session that explores the truth that is the source and summit of Catholic faith. Everyone is welcome. Call 674-4482 to register.


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## *Lawsuit cont'd—*

Mattox alleges in the complaint that Proper was terminated "in retaliation for her Constitutionally-protected speech."

Proper is seeking a jury trial in the case.


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CALHOUN COUNTY Florida

**Extension Office News**

# Make your feeder bear resistant; Wild Hog Workshop is Thursday

**BY JUDY LUDLOW, DIRECTOR, AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES AGENT**

Black Bears and Wildlife Feeders: Tips to Make Your Feeder Bear Resistant

As many hunters and outdoor enthusiasts in our area know, black bears are attracted to many types of food and food sources, including wildlife feeders. Bears have learned that feeders are an easy source of food and can destroy these feeders while trying to get inside. Once bears associate food with people, they start to lose their natural fear of humans. Such conditioned bears can become nuisance animals. The best method for preventing bears from approaching human-use areas is to remove all food sources. In the case of wildlife feeders this is not practical, so the next best option is to make your feeder bear resistant. Below are some tips on how to accomplish this:

- Install automatic feeders suspended from a 20 ft piece of 3 inch schedule 40 steel pipe.
- The metal post should be buried to a depth of 4 feet and anchored in concrete.
- The anchor hole should be dug square to increase resistance and make it harder for a bear to push the post over.
- The bottom of hanging feeders should be a minimum of 8 feet above the ground
- Feeder tops should be sealed tightly to keep grain dry and un-fermented.
- Place feeders well out of their reach; Bears are powerful and resourceful animals.
- Where bears are common, feeders should be located away from swamps and creeks. These areas preferred by bears, and feeders close to them invite visits from hungry bears.
- Also, locate the feed site as far away from heavy cover as possible. Bears often follow heavy cover while traveling.
- You may also want to consider using food plots instead of feeders.

If you encounter a bear in your area, are experiencing nuisance problems or property damage, or if a bear is threatening humans, pets, or livestock, please call the FWC regional office in Panama City, Florida at 850-265-3676, or 24-hour FWC Law Enforcement at 850-245-7710. Additional information about the Florida black bear can be found at http://myfwc.com/WildlifeHabitats/Bear_Index.htm, or at the University of Florida at http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/uw250.

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Thursday, December 16, 2010,

5:00-7:00 PM central time,

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Featured speakers include: Rod Pinkston of JAGER PRO™, wildlife biologists, Holly Ober of the University of Florida, and Don Coyner of FWC. There will be refreshments, displays, and free educational information to take with you.

For more information, please call Judy Ludlow, Calhoun County Extension Service 850-674-8323

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Above, Chamber Chair of the Board Shelly Burns (L) and Vice Chair Johanna Plummer draw the winning ticket for the 2-day Big River Valley Hunt.

# *Nichols wins Chamber's River Valley Hunt raffle*

The Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce recently sold raffle tickets for the chance to win a 2-day hunt during their 2nd Annual Big River Valley Hunt. The lucky winner was Mr. Ellis Nichols.

The Big River Valley Hunt will be held January 6 – 8, 2011. Several Chamber members have been gracious enough to donate hunting land for the weekend, as well as to serve as guides. There are two- and three-day packages available.

This event will not only offer prime hunting for those visiting Calhoun County, but also highlight some of our natural resources and tourist attractions.

A Big River Valley Hunt would serve as a wonderful gift for a loved one, or as a gift of appreciation for an existing or prospective client! For more information on the Big River Valley Hunt, visit www.BigRiverValleyHunt.com.


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# *Keep your family safe from house fires this cold season*

As temperatures drop in the months ahead, home heating systems will fast kick into gear. However, some of the heat sources that make us feel warm and toasty also represent a leading cause of U.S. home fires and fire fatalities.

According to the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)'s latest U.S. home heating fires report (PDF, 739 KB), heating equipment - primarily space heaters and fireplaces - caused an estimated 66,100 home structure fires resulting in 480 civilian deaths, 1,660 injuries and $1.1 billion in direct property damage in 2008. The estimated home heating fire total declined 0.5% from 2007.

Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of communications, says the latest home heating fire statistics signal that while we're seeing a downward trend, there's still much room for improvement. "We've certainly witnessed some declines in home heating fire rates over the short- and long-term, which is encouraging," says Carli. "But in spite of those gains, the actual number of home heating fires and their devastating impact on people and property each year is simply way too high. There's still much more we can do become safer from these types of fires."

Space heaters result in far more fires and losses than central heating devices. On average, between 2004 and 2008, fixed (stationary) and portable space heaters (excluding fireplaces, chimneys, and chimney connectors, but including wood stoves) annually accounted for one-third (32%) of reported U.S. home heating fires, four out of five (82%) associated civilian deaths, nearly two-thirds (64%) of associated civilian injuries, and half (51%) of associated direct property damage.

In addition, an estimated 15,200 reported creosote fires (23% of all home heating fires) resulted in four civilian deaths, 17 civilian injuries, and $33 million in direct property damage, on average, each year from 2004-2008. Creosote is a sticky, oily, combustible substance created when wood does not burn completely. It rises into the chimney as a liquid and deposits on the chimney wall. It's suspected that most creosote fires combine "failure-to-clean" fires that were confined to a chimney or flue, or involved solid-fueled space heaters, fireplaces, chimneys and chimney connectors.

Half (49%) of all home heating fires occurred in December, January and February, with most heating equipment fires starting due to a failure to clean equipment (25%), placing a heat source too close to combustibles (14%), and unclassified mechanical failures or malfunctions (13%). The leading cause of home heating fire deaths (52%) was heating equipment being placed too close to things that can burn, such as upholstered furniture, clothing, mattress, or bedding.

"Because home heating fires are largely the result of human error, the majority of them are preventable," says Carli. "By following basic safety precautions and making some simple modifications and adjustments, people can greatly reduce their risk."

As everyone prepares for the upcoming heating season, NFPA offers the following advice to stay warm and fire-safe:

✔ All heaters need space. Keep things that can burn, such as paper, bedding or furniture, at least 3 feet away from heating equipment.

✔ Use heating equipment that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.

✔ Install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instruction. Have a qualified professional install the equipment.

✔ Make sure all fuel-burning equipment is vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. CO is created when fuels burn incompletely. CO poisoning can cause illness and even death.

✔ Make sure the venting for exhaust is kept clear and unobstructed. This includes removal of snow around the outlet to the outside.

✔ Install and maintain carbon monoxide alarms inside your home to provide early warning of carbon monoxide.

✔ Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected annually by a qualified professional.

✔ Turn space heaters off when you leave a room or go to sleep.

In an effort to reduce winter fires, NFPA is partnering with the U.S. Fire Administration on a special campaign – Put a Freeze on Winter Fires. For more information, visit NFPA's website at www.nfpa.org/winter.

# Freezing temperatures increase wildfire risk

A cold front moving through the state caused temperatures to dip below the freezing mark in many areas and is increasing the potential for wildfires.

"These low temperatures create dead and dry vegetation that allow wildfires to start and burn easily," said Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services Charles Bronson. "A lack of the typical tropical moisture usually seen during hurricane season has left Florida drier than normal in spite of recent rainfall. These frosts and freezes will make a bad situation worse," Bronson said.

Recently, Commissioner Bronson stated that his Division of Forestry is expecting wildfire activity during 2011 to be higher than normal due to the strong La Nina weather conditions currently in place. Similar conditions in the past have been associated with Florida's five most

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Tigers Paul Mosley, Nick Martin and Marquel Thomas with one of the BHRC residents.

# Tigers Giving Back

**BY KELLI PEACOCK DUNN**
**News Editor**

The Blountstown Tiger basketball team has been pushing themselves on the court this season. But it's what they are doing when they're not shooting hoops that speaks volumes about their character.

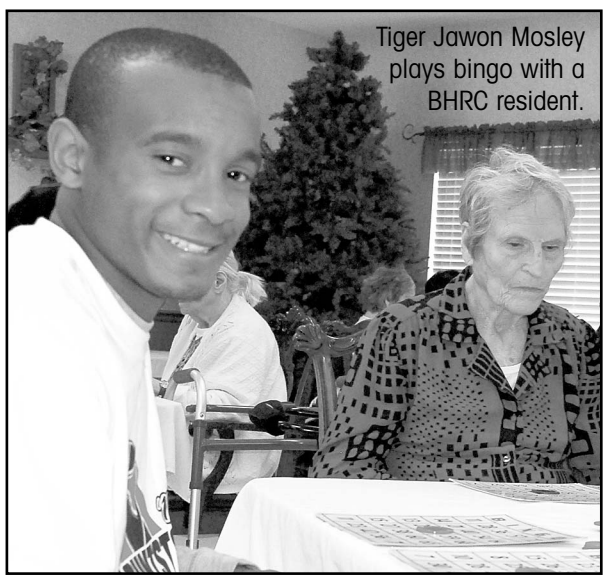
These teens took time away from practice, girlfriends, texting, and goofing off last Wednesday to spend some time with the elderly residents at Blountstown Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Coach Tony Davis makes it a point to show his players the importance of caring about others and demonstrating that compassion for your neighbors. "It's something we've tried to do every year since I've been here," says Coach Davis. "I want to teach the kids to give back to the community. Even though the people we visit are in the nursing home, their family members support us."

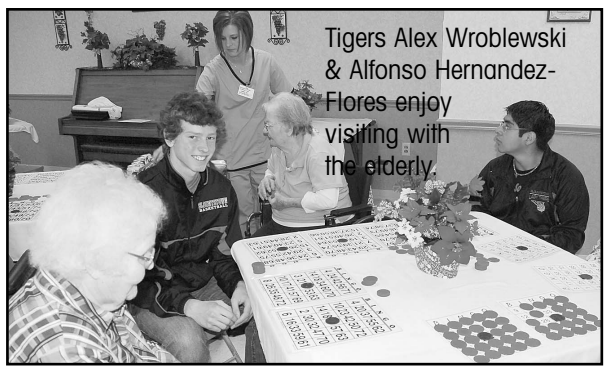
Tiger player Jawon Mosley says he had a great time during last Wednesday's visit. "It was real fun just spending time with the elderly and playing bingo," he remarks. "They were actually pretty funny. At first we were kind of nervous going there, but they made us feel comfortable when they started telling jokes."

Teammate Roosevelt Martin agrees. "That was my first time and I wouldn't mind going back."

Coach Davis says the team will be returning to the center soon.



Tiger Jawon Mosley plays bingo with a BHRC resident.



Tigers Alex Wroblewski & Alfonso Hernandez-Flores enjoy visiting with the elderly.

# *Tiger boys & girls host Sneads Friday*

**BY KELLI PEACOCK DUNN**
**News Editor**

It was a week of ups and downs for the Blountstown Tiger basketball team.

The boys headed to Vernon Thursday and brought home a 61-48 win. Lead scorer was Paul Mosley with 15 points and five assists. Will Rogers followed with 13. Jawon Mosley had 12 points and three steals.

It was a different story when Port St. Joe came calling Friday and defeated BHS, 54-39.

"Basically, St. Joe came to our gym and challenged us to a game of basketball," Coach Davis remarks. "When we realized they really wanted to play basketball, we took our toys and went home. I have three guys - Jawon, Paul, and Larry Jackson - that normally all three combined average about 26 points. Against St. Joe, all three together had five points. We missed too many free throws and too many layups. We were scared. I was embarrassed in front of our fans. We've been averaging 63 points a game. I could not believe it."

Coach Davis says he knew his players were feeling intimidated by St. Joe before the game so he put on a little demonstration in the locker room. He took a pair of shorts, had Paul Mosley step into them, then step out. Coach Davis did the same thing with the same pair of shorts, then asked, "What's the difference? There's not any. Port St. Joe put on their shorts the same way we put on our shorts." Coach Davis says the players left the locker room pumped up, but that fear returned on the court.

Coach Davis commends two of his defensive players. "Will Rogers had 14 points and P.J. Buggs had six points," he notes, adding, "Those two played their hearts out defensively. They were guarding Port St. Joe's best players and held them to way less than they've been averaging."

The Tigers traveled to Cottondale on Tuesday (details unavailable at press time) and will be at Bozeman on Thursday for varsity only boys and girls games. Sneads comes to town Friday with game time at 4:30 for the girls, 6 p.m. for J.V. boys and 7:30 for varsity boys. Come support the Tigers!

And watch for a rematch against St. Joe!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# *Tigers in Georgia/Florida Shootout December 20-21*

The Blountstown Tigers will be traveling to Bainbridge, Georgia, next week to play in the 2010 Georgia/Florida Shootout.

Participating in the shootout from Florida are Blountstown, Malone, Niceville, and Graceville. Georgia teams are Miller County, Early County, Bainbridge, and Cairo.

The Tigers will take on Miller County at 3 p.m. EST on Monday, Dec. 20. They will go up against Early County, Georgia, on Tuesday, Dec. 21.

All games will be played at Bainbridge High School. Ticets are $7 per day with five games on Monday and four on Tuesday.

# Hunter cited for taking an anterless deer in Liberty Co.

The Florida Wildlife Conservation Commission released this report on activities over the past week in Liberty County.

Officer Hank Forehand received information about a short-horned buck killed at Hitchcock Lake. Officer Forehand made contact with RPU Officer Benjamin Johnson and advised him of the information. The officers met to discuss the issue and proceeded to the lake.

Upon arrival, and with the information given, the officers identified the camp responsible for killing the deer.

After talking to some campers, a subject led the officers to the deer's head and showed them the deer meat that was stored at the camp. The subject responsible for taking the deer was out hunting. Officer Forehand and Johnson waited at the camp until the subject returned.

The subject was cited for taking antlerless deer during closed season.

## *Wildfire risk, cold temps cont'd*

active wildfire years.

"This cold front could lead to increased wildfire activity sooner than expected," Bronson said. "I would urge all residents to do everything possible to increase the probability that their home will survive a wildfire."

Bronson urges everyone to concentrate on the three most important areas of their home:

1. Roof and gutters -- should be free of all vegetation and debris.

2. Around the sides of the house -- keep the area clean and landscape the area using plants with low flammability; keep organic mulch, especially pine straw, moist.

3. Within 30 feet of the house -- keep the area mowed, watered within current local water management guidelines, and keep all debris and brush picked up.

"It's important for everyone to remember that almost 80 percent of all wildfires in Florida are caused by humans. Wildfires that don't start can't injure residents or damage structures. Be careful when using anything that involves fire or high heat, or that can cause a spark to ignite nearby brush. With your help, we can avoid a wildfire disaster in Florida."

For more information on things you can do to lower the wildfire risk around your home and community or how to prevent wildfires, please visit http://www.fl-dof.com.


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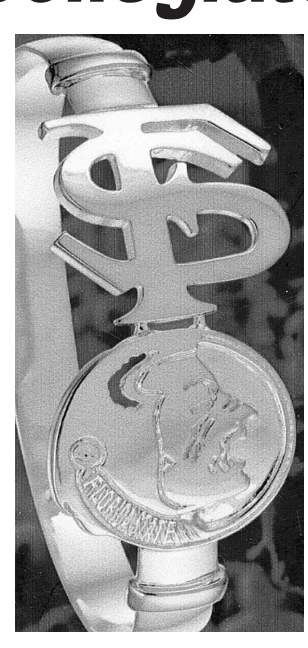

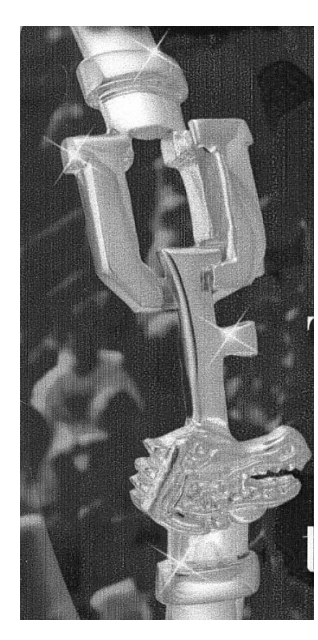

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# BLOUNTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Early Childhood students include (back row) Bobbie Hammond, Katie Tew, Shantel Barrett, Cayla Norris, and Mrs. Mears, teacher, (front row) Alanna Daniels, Amanda Long, Candice Griffin, and Pamela Corker.

## Early Childhood students earn two DCF certifications

**Early Childhood Classes**

Mrs. Nancy Mears' Early Childhood Educational classes at Blountstown High School are busy wrapping up the semester. On December 2nd, several year one students tested and became certified in two DCF categories. Next semester they will finish testing and earn the remaining certificates.

Year one students are taught the DCF (Department of Children and Families) modules: Rules and Regulations, Identifying and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect, Child Growth and Development, and Health, Safety and Nutrition. Students can then test on these modules and become certified, making them more employable for child care professions. Year two students spend the majority of their time in a lab setting (day care). There they apply the knowledge they learned in the previous year and learn management skills and flexibility.

The Early Childhood classes will carry on the new year with year one students module testing and year two students continuing their visits to day care.

**News from Guidance**

All 9th grade students have been given paperwork for the Take Stock in Children Scholarship Program. Upon graduation, the students that are selected for the scholarship will receive a full two-year scholarship. The deadline to apply is December 16 by 3:15 p.m. Late applications will not be accepted.

If your child has not shown you the application or the qualification guidelines, please ask to see them.

If you have questions, please call Sandra Waller, guidance counselor, at 674-5724. Applications should be turned in to Ms. Waller or Mrs. DeAngelis.

**Calendar of Events**

Wednesday, Dec. 15th, Semester Exams

Thursday, Dec. 16th, Semester Exams; Girls Basketball, Away at Bozeman @ 5:30; Boys Basketball, Away at Bozeman @ 7:30

Friday, Dec. 17th, Semester Exam Makeup day; Early Release at 1:00; Girls Basketball, Home against Sneads @ 4:30; Boys Basketball, Home against Sneads @ 6:00/7:30

Saturday, Dec. 18th, Cheerleader Competition in Graceville at 9:00a.m.

Monday, Dec. 20th, Winter Break begins; Girls Basketball, Away at Wewa @ 6:00

## *New students apply now for Chipola College classes*

MARIANNA—New students planning to enroll in Spring semester classes at Chipola College are encouraged to make application by Dec. 16.

Registration for returning students for the Spring 2011 Semester will be Jan. 5. New and returning students can register on Jan. 6. Classes begin Jan. 7.

Chipola offers AA degrees, workforce programs and BS degrees. The Associate in Arts (AA) degree provides the first two years of college for students planning to transfer to a university or into one of Chipola's Bachelor's degree programs. Curriculum guides that outline requirements for specific majors are available on the college website at www.chipola.edu.

Chipola offers eight Bachelor's degrees programs: Secondary Education with majors in Mathematics and Science for middle or high school, Elementary Education, Exceptional Student Education, Business Management and an RN to BSN program in nursing. The college also offers an Educator Preparation Institute which provides teacher certification for persons with a bachelor's degree in a non-teaching major.

Workforce programs include: Automotive Technology, Corrections, Computer Systems Technology, Cosmetology and Law Enforcement. Associate in Science (AS) programs include: Business Administration and Management, Computer Information Administration, Criminal Justice Technology, Culinary Management, Early Childhood Education, Fire Science, Network Administration and Recreation Technology.

The Health Science Division offers training programs for a number of health-related careers. The Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program is a 1+1 LPN to RN curriculum. Students are eligible to take the LPN exam after the first year, and the RN exam after the second year. The college also offers an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) program and a Paramedic program. A new Paramedic to RN bridge program is set to begin in Summer of 2011. Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) classes are set to begin in January.

Chipola's open-door policy allows any student with a high school diploma to enroll after completing an application and providing high school or college transcripts.

Applications are available online at www.chipola.edu. Students without ACT or SAT scores must take the College Placement Test by calling 718-2284.

For information, call the Chipola Registration Office at 718-2311, or visit www.chipola.edu.

## Santa and elf visit library

A very merry time was at the Blountstown Public Library recently when Santa and his elf brought eager children candy, cookies, a pencil, and a book. Good cheer abounds at our libraries! Happy holidays to everyone!

# BLOUNTSTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

## SRO Tanner hosts "Walk Your Child To School Day"

School Resource Officer Warren Tanner, in conjunction with the Florida Department of Transportation, hosted a "Walk Your Child to School Day" Dec. 8 at Blountstown Middle School. A total of 146 students and parents braved the cold weather and each student received a book bag and water bottle for participating. Officer Tanner would like to thank the parents and students for making this event a success. Great job! Above, SRO Tanner presents a book bag and water bottle to Brock Williams after the walk.

## *CNA classes will begin at Chipola College on Jan. 10*

MARIANNA—The Chipola College Health Sciences Department will offer a Certified Nursing Assistant class beginning Jan. 10.

The course meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for ten weeks.

The CNA certification offers the chance for good jobs locally. Most students in the program are employed before completing the course.

Registration is Jan. 6 for students who have completed the application process.

For more information, call 850-718-2407.

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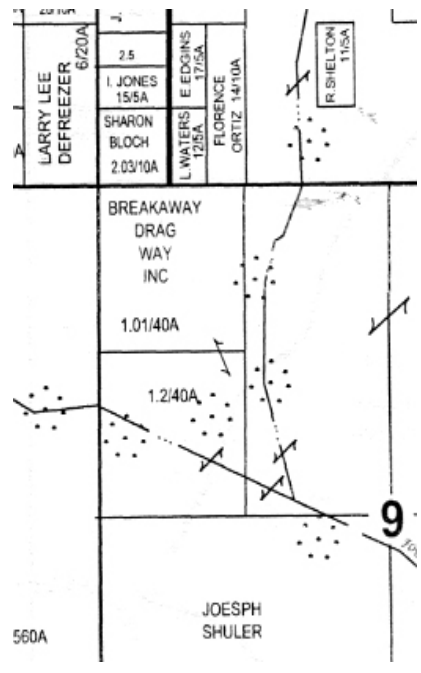
## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR A CONDITIONAL USE OF LAND CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA

The Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on a proposal to **Amend and/or Repeal** a Special Exception for a **Conditional Use of Land for a Mud Bog Pit and a Drag Strip Racing Facility** in an Agricultural Land Use Area. The proposed use is located on approximately 80 acres of land South of County Road 274, in Sections 31, Township 2 North Range 11 West.

The Agricultural Land Use Category allows 1 residential unit per 10 acres with limited agricultural based commercial development, outdoor recreational uses and limited neighborhood commercial development.




The Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners, acting as the Board and the Calhoun County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Conditional Use on **TUESDAY, December 21, 2010, at 1:00 P.M. in the Courthouse Annex, Commission Meeting Room**, to consider **Amendment or Repeal of the Development Order.** A copy of the development order may be inspected by the public at the Office of the Calhoun County Clerk of Court.

Please be advised that if a person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this hearing, such person will need a record of these proceedings, and for this purpose such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

*Dec. 8, 15, 2010*

# ALTHA SCHOOL NEWS

# Altha homecoming plans are underway; culinary class baking

**Homecoming News**
**By: Katie Williams and Jeffery Waldroff**

Homecoming is around the corner for Altha School, and Student Council is busy making plans. Mark your calendars for the week of January 17 - 22. The Annual Alumni Showcase is planned for Saturday, Jan. 22. Any alumni cheerleaders and basketball players who would like to participate please contact Mr. Russell Baggett at russell.baggett@calhounflschools.org. Also in conjunction with the Alumni Showcase, plans are underway for the first alumni chili cook-off. Prizes will be awarded to the winners, so start working on your favorite chili recipe.

Attention First grade parents - selection has begun for the Homecoming 2011 flower girl and crown bearer. If you would like your child to be a candidate, please send a recent photo along with the application form to the school by 8 am, Friday, Dec. 17.

**Holiday Cookies for the Ministry Center**
**By Olivia Edenfield**

FCCLA and the culinary class at Altha School have taken out their cookie cutters and rolling pins to share the Christmas joy with the local community.

Since baking is what the culinary class specializes in, then what better way to show off our skills, and give back to the community than by baking cookies to hand out. For the past week students in Mrs. Granger's classes have been mixing, preparing, baking, and decorating the cookies.

Culinary students have been busy baking cookies for the Calhoun-Liberty Ministry Center.

Over fifty-five dozen sugar cookies were delivered to the Calhoun-Liberty Ministry Center this past Monday. Mrs. Granger and her students were pleased that they were able to participate in this great cause, and would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

**Calendar**

Thursday 12/16 – Girls Weightlifting at Chiles 4 p.m.

Friday 12/17 – Junior Varsity and Varsity Basketball vs. Aucilla Christian 4/5:30 p.m.

Saturday 12/18 – Junior Varsity and Varsity Basketball at Tallavana 3/4:30 p.m.

Monday 12/20 – Junior Varsity and Varsity Basketball vs. Ponce De Leon 5/6:30 p.m.

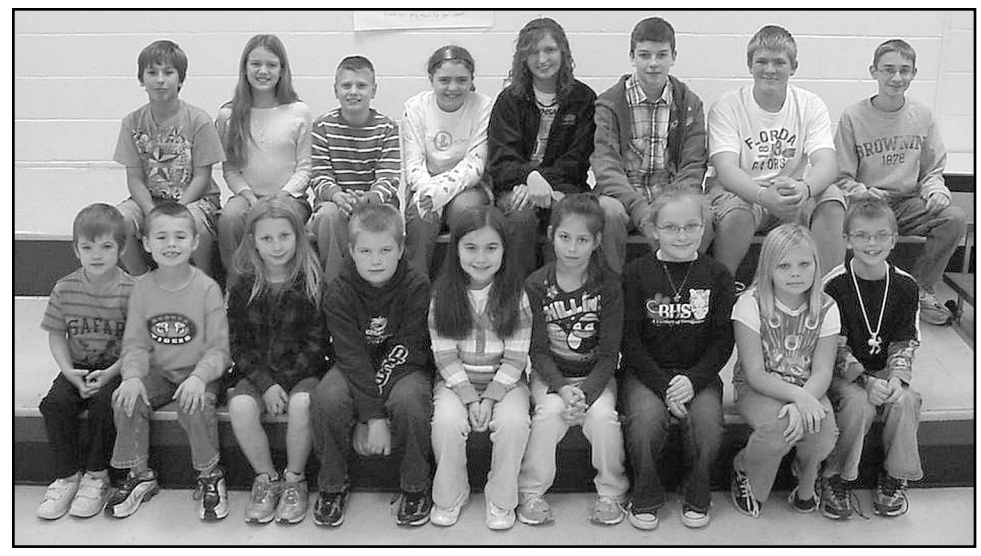
January 2011

Monday 1/3 – Teachers return to school.

Tuesday 1/ 4 – Students return to school.

**BES CHRISTMAS PLAY:** On Monday and Tuesday the BES fifth graders performed the play "A Place in the Christmas Choir". The audience was entertained by dogs, cats, reindeer, elves, toys, singing birds, "Happy" the Hound Dog, and of course Santa and Mrs. Claus! There was singing and dancing and a great time! On Tuesday the Fifth Grade Chorus sang at the Civic Center for the Sheriff's Dept, K.I.S.S. dinner. Upcoming events at BES include Make A Mess on Thursday and Early Release on Friday.

# CARR SCHOOL NEWS



# *Carr School announces latest "Students of the Month" winners*

Principal Darryl Taylor, Jr. is pleased to announce the Carr School Students of the Month. They include (front row, from left) KA - Klayton Lamberton, 1A - Jordan Granger, 1B - Bristen Bramblett, 2A - Cade LaWarre, 2B - Caroline Hurst, 3A - Caylee Ratliff, 3B - Karah McDougald, 4A - Breanna Crockrell, 4B - Tyler Burke, (back row) 5A - Cole Baldwin, 5B - Ambriah Pierce, 6A - Anthony Stephens, 6B - Laine Nichols, 7A - Rachel Williams, 7B - Trent Woodham, 8A - Bradley Pearson, and 8B - J. P. Leonard. Not pictured is KB -Andrew Terry.

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# OBITUARIES

**BOBBIE BOYER CHILDS**

Mrs. Bobbie Boyer Childs, 77, of Altha, passed away December 9, 2010, at her home surrounded by her family.

Bobbie was born on April 14, 1933. Bobbie served as an elementary school teacher for 23 years in Jackson County. She was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church faith and was a member of the Altha United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her devoted husband of 46 years, Walt Childs; their sons, Walter Childs and Burt Childs; their daughters, Bonnie Fagen and Sally Sanders; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and her sister, Nancy Boyer Bridwell.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December, 11, at 11:00 am (CST) from the graveside at Herndon Cemetery in Clarksville, FL, with Martha Hyles officiating. Interment followed. The family requests in lieu of flowers, contributions be made Emerald Coast Hospice, Altha United Methodist Church, the Florida United Methodist children's Home or an animal shelter of your choice.

All arrangements were under the direction of Marlon Peavy at Peavy Funeral Home in Blountstown (ph. 674-2266).

**KATHY MCCULLEN**

Mrs. Kathy McCullen, 50, of Clarksville, FL, passed away early Sunday morning, December 12, 2010, in Marianna, FL, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Kathy was born on June 29, 1960, in Blountstown, FL, and had lived here all of her life. Kathy, along with her husband, were owners and operators of Classic Dry Cleaners in Blountstown since 1993. She was a 1978 graduate of Blountstown High School. Kathy was a member of Poplar Head Baptist Church in Clarksville. Kathy was a devoted wife, mother, grammy and friend. Grammy will forever live in our hearts.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry James and Linda Nichols.

Survivors include her husband of 19 years, Thomas McCullen, of Clarksville; three sons, Scott Pybus and his wife, Cynthia, of Clarksville, Robert McCullen of Birmingham, AL, and Adam McCullen of Clarksville; one daughter, Brandy Blackburn, and her husband, Michael, of Clarksville; one brother, Hank Nichols, and his wife, Karla, of Clarksville; one sister, Peggy Oliver, and her husband, Ralph, of Marianna; four grandchildren, Linda Kathryn Blackburn, Ella Grace Pybus, Ashton Blackburn and Sophie Pybus.

Funeral services will be held today, Wednesday, December 15, at 10:00 am (CST) at Poplar Head Baptist Church in Clarksville, with Reverend Philip Williams and Reverend Gary Richardson officiating. Entombment will be in Poplar Head Cemetery.

All arrangements are under the direction of Marlon Peavy at Peavy Funeral Home in Blountstown (ph. 674-2266).

**BETTY WARD**

Mrs. Betty Ward, 69, of LaGrange, GA, passed away early Friday morning, December 10, 2010, at the West Georgia Health Hospital in LaGrange.

Betty was born in Calhoun County and had lived in LaGrange since 1986, coming from Milton, FL. She was a homemaker and seamstress. Betty was a member of the LaGrange Church of God.

Survivors include her husband of 46 years, Ray Ward, of LaGrange; one son, Gregory Dewayne Ward, and wife, Patricia, of LaGrange; one daughter, Judy Kay Ward, of Blountstown; one brother, J.W. Marshall and wife, Joann, of LaGrange; three sisters, Mary Lou Summerlot and husband, Paul, of Port St. Joe, FL, Barbara Gates and husband, Frank, of Blountstown, Mae Porter and husband, Marty, of Bristol, FL; two grandchildren, Randy and Anthony Ward.

Funeral services were held Monday, December 13, at 2:00 pm (CST) at Peavy Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Jim Diamond officiating. Interment followed in the Page Pond Cemetery near Altha, FL.

All arrangements were under the direction of Marlon Peavy at Peavy Funeral Home in Blountstown (ph. 674-2266).


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# Meet the "real" Ottie from Joan Alderman's adventure

**BY JOAN ALDERMAN**

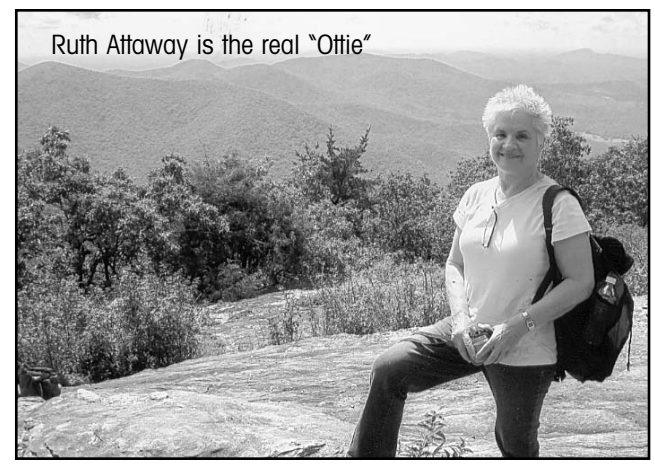
*Joan Alderman offers this update on her recent adventure, clarifying who was with her in the photo featured in our Dec. 1 issue.*

I had a call from my sister-in-law, Jan. She asked me if 'Ottie' was Ruth. I told her yes. Well, she said that happens to be the fuzziest horrible picture of Ruth she had ever seen. She declared that it did not look a bit like her. In fact, Jan said Ottie looked eighty years old. This misunderstanding is totally my fault.

When I put the picture in the paper of another lady and I on the Appalachian trail, I did not make it clear that the woman was the camel walking lady that I imitated as I struggled up the mountain It was not Ottie, my cousin, Ruth Attaway. I told Ottie about the article and she was not too upset since only the family calls her Ottie. She said she would have been really upset if the caption had said, Ruth Attaway. In order to get through the holidays with all the family gatherings, I had to straighten this out. That is not Ottie in the picture.

Ottie was a much more pliable hiker than I was. Not only can she sleep soundly on a pile of rocks, she never loses her sense of humor, even when she's the object of humor. We walked thirty-two miles in three days, and this hike was only the middle ten miles. She managed just fine. I did fine also, especially after my blacken little toe nail came off. In fact, the new one looked much better. The blisters on the sides of both big toes healed and turned into calluses, which is not bad either.

We hiked five miles along the side of Springer Mount to an Inn that is two miles from the beginning of the Appalachian Trail. We were supposed to carry a change of clothes, slippers to wear around the Inn, and night clothes. No slippers, just drawers and a tee shirt, was what I carried in a soft backpack. Ottie, on the other hand, had one of those backpacks with wheels and a handle. She managed to stay upright most of the time, but one time she fell down a hill and ended up in a wallered out place. She was lying there on her back, paddling her hands and feet in the air like an up ended turtle. I grabbed her backpack and heaved her up. she was laughing the whole time.



Ruth Attaway is the real "Ottie"

She said sometimes you have to suffer to be beautiful. She had all her makeup in that backpack plus everything else the brochure suggested she might need, including enough food for a week. We had to hike back out the next day. I have never been been so glad to sit down on the soft seat of a vehicle in my life.

Sometimes you have to suffer a little to have an adventure.


Got News?
Email us!
news@thecountyrecord.net



Midnight Mass
Christmas Eve
St. Francis of Assisi
Blountstown
*Mass Schedule*
Dec. 24 - Midnight • Dec. 25 - 10:30 a.m.


## Parthenon of Blountstown Team Player of the Month

Congratulations! Charlotte Martin

**Parthenon Healthcare of Blountstown** named Charlotte Martin as March Team Player of the Month. Since January 2010, Martin has worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant. She is responsible for providing residents with routine daily nursing care and services. When asked how her work experience has been, Martin said, "Has been great and fun".

# *Trips to Patsy Cline show in AL, 11-day Britain & Ireland tour set*

CalCo Travel has a few openings on the trip to Jacksonville to the Alhambra Theatre to see "A Closer Walk With Patsy Cline" on Friday, February 12, 2011. If you like to listen to Patsy Cline you will love this.

Trip Includes: Motorcoach transportation to Jacksonville, admission to show, and buffet lunch with lots of food and desserts!

Cost of the trip: $89.00 per person due upon sign up. Trips cancelled less than two weeks out will forfeit trip cost.

An 11-Day Britain & Ireland Tour--is planned March 28-April 7, 2011. Come join CalCo Travel as we fly direct to London and visit Stonehedge, Salisbury, and Bath. Then continue on into Newport and Cardiff, Wales. See sites in Waterford, Kilkenny, Kildare, Belfast, and Dublin Ireland. After Ireland, continue on into Edinburg, Scotland, then York, Stratford, and London, England.

Included: 9 nights lodging, airfare to and from London, England, full breakfast each morning, three (3) hotel dinners, ferry passes, and private motorcoach with professional driver and tour guide.

Cost of Trip: $3,039/single, $2,569/double. $400 deposit due upon sign-up.

Call 674-4163 to sign-up for this great trip.


Bristol Dental Clinic

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Monica Bontrager, DMD
FAMILY DENTISTRY
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# "Lights of Liberty" winners announced

Organizers of the Lights of Liberty parade held in Bristol Saturday are pleased to announce the winners.

**Grand Prize:** Bristol Youth Academy

**Best Use of Lights:** Liberty County Schools

***Community partners***

1st place: Bristol Penecostal Holiness Church

2nd Place: Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12010

3rd Place: Lawson's Piano School

***Non-Profit Organization***

1st Place: Liberty JUST

2nd Place : Liberty County Senior Citizens

***Business***

1st Place: Danny Ryals Realty

2nd Place: Calhoun-Liberty Hospital

3rd Place: Ramsey's Piggly Wiggly


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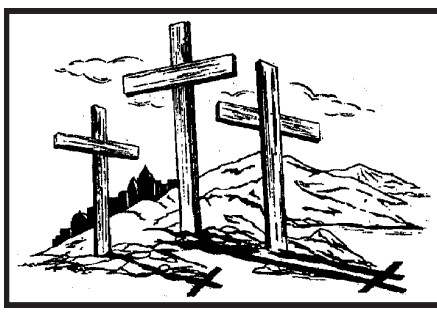


# Church Directory

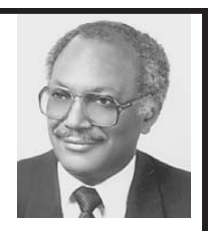
***For Information On Listing Your Church, Call 674-5041***

**Blountstown United Methodist Church**
*Located on Hwy 20 directly across from Sub-Way & McDonalds*
*Wednesday Bible Study...9:00 AM*
*Sunday School...9:45 AM*
*Sunday Worship...11:00 AM*
*Telephone: 674-8254 Email: btownumc@yahoo.com*

Meaningful Bible Study.....9:45 AM
Exciting Worship.....11:00 AM
Bible Study & Worship.....6:00 PM
Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study.....6:30 PM
***Pastor David Throckmorton***
***Located two blocks south of the intersection Highway 20 and Main Street in Blountstown***
**First Baptist Church**
*Helping people follow in the footsteps of Christ*

**Blountstown First Assembly of God Church**
Sunday Services
Sunday School...9:45 AM
Morning Worship...11:00 AM
Evening Worship...5:00 PM
Wednesday Service...7:00 PM
Pastor, Shelton Kindig
Hwy. 20 West, 13th Street
Blountstown, FL
850-674-4331

**St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church**
**16345 SE River Street, Blountstown, FL**
**DR. C.L. WILSON, PASTOR**
**850-674-8716**



*"We Minister To Needs Without Magnifying Faults"*
***Sunday School - 9:30 AM • Morning Worship - 11:00 AM***
***Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday - 6:30 PM***
***General Mission & Brotherhood 2nd & 4th Saturday - 10 AM***

# CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES NOVEMBER 3, 2010**

**PRESENT AND ACTING:**
EDWARD D. WYRICK, CHAIRMAN
DON MILLER, VICE-CHAIRAMN
WILLIE T. GRANT
HAROLD PICKRON
DANNY RAY WISE
MAJOR ROMAN WOOD
DON A. O'BRYAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MATT FUQUA, ATTORNEY
JANICE HOLLEY, DEPUTY CLERK

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wyrick. Prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Commissioner Miller.

Commissioner Miller presented Chairman Wyrick with a plaque thanking him for his 4 years of service to the citizens of Calhoun County.

**BIDS**
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)**

The Board received sealed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) bids as follows:
C. W. Roberts Contracting, Inc., $644,448.68
GAC Contractors, $729,924.30
North Florida Construction, $557,932.60
Triangle Construction, $906,621.76

Mr. O'Bryan stated that the low bid was over the allowable amount for the project and recommended to the Board to table the above bids for negotiation with low bidder. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wise and carried to table the above bids for review and negotiation.

**TIMBER BID**

The Board received sealed bid proposals for 47.55 acres of clear cut timber to be sold. There was one (1) bid received from Tri-State Land and Timber Company, Inc. for $8,400.00. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to reject the bid from Tri-State Land and Timber Company, Inc. and re-bid the above bid proposal.

**WEATHERIZATION**

The Board received sealed Weatherization bids as follows:

Client: Jenkins
County Estimate: $3916.00
Castleberry Homes, Inc.: $5,940.00
R & R Construction, LLC: $4,633.00
Wise Construction, LLC: $5,780.00

Client: Reisinger
County Estimate: $4,350.00
Castleberry Homes, Inc.: $6,035.00
R & R Construction, LLC: $5,733.00
Wise Construction, LLC: $5,590.00

Client: Futch
County Estimate: $4,344.00
Castleberry Homes, Inc.: $5,010.00
R & R Construction, LLC: $3,148.00
Wise Construction, LLC: $5,320.00

Client: Bramblett
County Estimate: $4,897.00
Castleberry Homes, Inc.: $5,485.00
R & R Construction, LLC: $4,093.00
Wise Construction, LLC: N/B

Client: Williams
County Estimate: $3,518.00
Castleberry Homes, Inc.: $3,420.00
R & R Construction, LLC: $2,732.00
Wise Construction, LLC: $3,330.00

Client: Jordan
County Estimate: $3,848.00
Castleberry Homes, Inc.: $4,405.00
R & R Construction, LLC: $3,653.00
Wise Construction, LLC: $4,770.00

After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wise, seconded by Commissioner Miller and carried to approve low bid per house per contractor and to re-bid the Reisinger home because it is over the allowable amount.

**SEPTIC SYSTEM**

The Board received sealed Septic System bids as follows:
Client: Kelly
County Estimate: $2,500.00
Yoder Septic Services: $2,600.00
Blountstown Mechanical & Electrical: $2,250.00

Client: Mills
County Estimate: $4,500.00
Yoder Septic Services: $6,680.00
Blountstown Mechanical & Electrical: $6,830.00

Client: Tucker
County Estimate: $3,000.00
Yoder Septic Services: $3,000.00
Blountstown Mechanical & Electrical: $2,775.00

Client: Kent
County Estimate: $4,500.00
Yoder Septic Services: $4,912.00
Blountstown Mechanical & Electrical: $4,298.75

After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wise, seconded by Commissioner Miller and carried to accept low bid, per house, per contractor. Commissioner Pickron voted no on the Kelly house because he felt there should be power to the property before awarding the bid.

**WATER WELL**

The Board received sealed Water Well Bids as follows:
Client: Kelly
County Estimate: $2,500.00
Capps Well Drilling: $2,900.00
Barlow Water Services: $2,845.00

The Board discussed the 5% bidder preference and after discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wise and carried to award the bid to Capps Well Drilling for $2,845.00 due to the 5% bidder preference Ordinance.

**DON A. O'BRYAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board information on request for Grant Services Proposals.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for approval and execution an amended proposal from Preble-Rish, Inc. for and additional $15,000.00 to perform additional engineering services on County Road 4 Emergency Watershed Project (EWP). After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Miller and carried to approve and execute said amended proposal from Preble-Rish, Inc.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for approval and execution a proposal from Preble-Rish, Inc. for $56,000.00 for professional engineering services on 2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to approve and execute said proposal from Preble-Rish, Inc.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for approval and execution a proposal from Preble-Rish, Inc. for $41,449.60 for professional engineering services on Iola Road Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to approve and execute said proposal from Preble-Rish, Inc.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for approval and execution a proposal from Preble-Rish, Inc. for $42,892.60 for professional engineering services on Martin Sewell Road Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner grant and carried to approve and execute said proposal from Preble-Rish, Inc.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for approval and execution a proposal from Preble-Rish, Inc. for $11,030.05 for professional engineering services on Lee Farm Road Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to approve and execute said proposal from Preble-Rish, Inc.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for approval and execution a proposal from Preble-Rish, Inc. for $52,972.10 for professional engineering services on Melvin New Grade Road Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to approve and execute said proposal from Preble-Rish, Inc.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for approval and execution Contract Change Order #1 for CR 73B Small County Road Assistance Program (SCRAP) to C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. for an increase of $193.06. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to approve and execute Contract Change Order #1.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for approval and execution Contract Change Order #3 for Spring Storm Emergency Watershed Project (EWP) to Panhandle Construction, Inc. for an increase of $29,854.46. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Miller and carried to approve and execute Contract Change Order #3.

Mr. O'Bryan stated that he had a position in his office that has been vacant for some time. He stated that due to illness, one on his employees is out on medical leave and will be out for an undetermined amount of time. This has created a critical need in his office which he considers an emergency. Mr. O'Bryan stated he hired Danielle Kirkland temporarily to work while his employee is on medical leave. He stated that Ms. Kirkland is doing an outstanding job and he asked the Board to hire her full time to fill the vacant position. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to approve filling the vacant position with Danielle Kirkland.

Mr. O'Bryan stated that Sheriff Tatum is interested in the blue building behind the jail. He said that they could build a building at the park to store maintenance equipment now stored in the blue building. After discussion, the Board asked that Sheriff Tatum attend the November 16, 2010 Board Meeting.

**DAN CLEMONS, SHIP COORDINATOR**

Mr. Clemons presented to the Board for approval and execution Change Order #1 to Wise Construction, LLC for an increase of $3,000.00 for the R. Davis House. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to approve and execute Change Order #1.

**ATTORNEY FUQUA**

Attorney Fuqua updated the Board on the document filed by Mr. Pruette concerning single member districts in Federal Court, and his answer to the same.

**CHAIRMAN WYRICK**

Chairman Wyrick asked the Board to postpone the Public Hearing on Break Away Drag Strip until December 21, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. (CT). A motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Wise and carried to postpone the Public Hearing until December 21, 210 at 1:00 P.M. (CT).

The October 19, 2010 minutes were approved as presented.

Commissioners Grant and Pickron thanked Mr. Wyrick for the 4 years they had worked with him on the Board.

**COMMISSIONER PICKRON**

Commissioner Pickron discussed with the Board the possibility of placing speed bumps on Charlie Wood Road. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Wise and carried to place the speed bumps on Charlie Wood Road.

There being no further business, the Board did adjourn.

ATTEST:
RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK
EDWARD D. WYRICK
CHAIRMAN

# Legal Advertisements

## Legal Notice

**BID NOTICE**
**STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES "SHIP PROGRAM"**

The Calhoun Board of County Commissioners will accept sealed bids on behalf of its State Housing Initiatives Partnership "SHIP" Program for the rehab of houses and roof repairs until 12:00 p.m. local time on Tuesday, December 21, 2010. Bids may be delivered to the Clerk's Office in the Calhoun County Courthouse, Blountstown, Florida 32424. Bids must arrive before deadline. Bids will be opened at 5:00 p.m. or as soon afterwards as possible. Bids must be sealed in an envelope marked "sealed bid for ship rehab" and identified by the name of the firm, and the date and time of the bid opening.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on Friday, December 17, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. local time in room 117 in the Calhoun County Building Department located on the 1st floor of the Calhoun County Courthouse. Bid sheets and specifications will be available at the meeting. It is the responsibility of the contractor to purchase all permits deemed necessary. Bidders must provide proof of general liability and workman's compensation insurance in the bid package. The insurance must be in force at the time of the bid opening. As an alternative to providing workman's compensation insurance, the prospective bidder shall provide proof of worker's compensation exemption. Any person claiming to be exempt shall be subject to an on-the-job inspection for proof of exemption and license of all workers on job site.

Minority contractors are encouraged to participate. Calhoun County is an equal opportunity jurisdiction. The Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality. The signing of the contract is contingent upon the approval of and/or release of funds by the Florida housing finance agency.

Effective April 22, 2010 any contractor performing renovation, repair or painting on any pre 1978 built home will be required to be a certified firm and employ at least one certified lead renovator.

CALHOUN COUNTY IS /AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/FAIR HOUSING COUNTY.

## Legal Notice

**ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS**

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CALHOUN COUNTY WILL BE ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS FOR NEW SEPTIC SYSTEMS UNTIL 12:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2010. BIDS WILL BE OPENED ON DECEMBER 21, 2010 AT 5:00 P.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS IS PRACTICAL.

SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED UP IN THE "SHIP" OFFICE. FOR MORE INFORMATION YOU MAY CALL DAN CLEMONS AT 674-2571or 674-4551

THE BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS.
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## Legal Notice

**PUBLIC AUCTION**

Mallory Towing and Recovery Inc., will hold a public auction on, December 29,2010 at 2:00 (P.M.) on a:

1994 Buick,Roadmaster, Blue in Color
Vin#1G4BT52P2RR409645

1999 Honda, 4 Door, Silver in Color
Vin#2HGEJ661XXH514905

1990 Honda, 4 Door, Maroon in ColoR
Vin#1HGCB7559LA045393

Auction will be held at Mallory Towing and Recovery Inc., at 18114 State Road 20 West in Blountstown, FL., 32424 Phone: 850-674-2869.

Mallory Towing and Recovery Inc., reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

## Legal Notice

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE FOURTEENTH JUDICAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

CASE NO.
07-2008-CA=000233
SUPERIOR BANK,

Plaintiff,
vs.

ALAN NEIL THRASHER a/k/a ALAN N. THRASHER;
GLENDA MICHELLE THRASHER; UNKNOWN
TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT
PROPERTY,
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion to Re-Schedule Public Sale entered in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on December 30, 2010 at 11:00 A.M. (CST), on the FRONT STEPS OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 20859 Central Ave., Blountstown, Florida, the following described property:

W 1/2 of all that part of the W 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 35, Township 2 North, Range 11 West, lying North of Whitewater Creek, in Calhoun County, Florida.

Property Address: 22606 NW McKenzie Blvd., Altha, Florida, 32421

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTERST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

Dated this 13th day of December, 2010.

SONYA K. DAWS
Florida Bar No. 0468134
Sonya Daws, P.A.
3116 Capital Circle N.E., #5
Tallahassee, FL 32308
Telephone: (850) 668-5246
Facsimile: (850) 668-5613

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was furnished by U.S. Mail to Alan Neil Thrasher and Glenda Michelle Thrasher, 21079 NE Mike Stevens Road, Blountstown, FL 32424; and Unknown Tenant(s) in Possession, 22606 NW McKenzie Blvd., Altha, FL 32421, this 13th day of December, 2010.

SONYA K. DAWS

## Legal Notice

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA**
**Case No.: 10-258CA**

Prosperity Bank,
Plaintiff,

-vs-

David D. Burton a/k/a David Douglas Burton, and any unknown parties, including any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees and spouses, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant,
Defendants.

**AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in the above-captioned case, I will sell the property situated in Calhoun County, Florida, described in as:

Lot 15, Serenity Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 86, Public Records of Calhoun County, Florida.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the Calhoun County Courthouse, at 20859 SE Central Avenue, Blountstown, Calhoun County, Florida, 32424 at 11:00 a.m. CST on 6th day of January, 2011.

DATED this 9th day of December, 2010

Ruth Attaway,
Clerk of Court

## Legal Notice

**IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE 14th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR CALHOUN COUNTY**

**CASE #: 2010-CA-000352**
DIVISION:
UNC:

EverHome Mortgage Company
Plaintiff,

-vs-

Debbie Diann Larkins a/k/a Diane Larkin; Unknown
Tenants in Possession #1; Unknown Tenants in Possession #2; If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF ACTION FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY**

TO: Debbie Diann Larkins a/k/a Diane Larkin; ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: 15096 Southeast Red Horse Sucker Drive, Blountstown, FL 32424

Residence unknown, if living, including any unknown spouse of the said Defendants, if either or both has remarried and if either or both of said Defendants are dead, their respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s); and the aforementioned named Defendant(s) and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants as may be infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui juris.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being and situated in Calhoun County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

LOT 9, BLOCK H, AND THE EAST 30 FEET OF LOT 8, BLOCK H, OF CHIPOLA RIVER ESTATES, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN THE RECORDS OF THE CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 59

more commonly known as 15096 Southeast Red Horse Sucker Drive, Blountstown, FL 32424.

This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, upon SHAPIRO & FISHMAN, LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd., Suite 100, Tampa, FL 33614, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice and file the original with the clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately there after; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 8th day of December, 2010

RUTH ATTAWAY
CIRCUIT AND COUNTY COURTS

## Legal Notice

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CALHOUN COUNTY FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION**

**File Number: 2010-48R**
IN RE:LEONARD McCROAN, JR.,
Deceased.

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE OF CREDITORS**

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

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that the administration of the Estate of Leonard McCroan, Jr., File Number 2010:48PR is pending in the Circuit Court for Calhoun County, Florida, Probate Division, 20859 Central Ave., Blountstown, FL 32424, the address of which is the Calhoun County Courthouse, Blountstown, Florida. The Personal Representative of the Estate is Clara Geneva Williams McCroan. The name and address of the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

DATED this 7th day of December, 2010
Clara Geneva Williams McCroan
17772 NE Leonard McCroan Rd.
Altha, FL 32421
J. DAVID HOUSE
16865 S.E. RIVER STREET
BLOUNTSTOWN, FLORIDA 32424
(850) 674-5481
FLORIDA BAR #282359
ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REP.

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Deadline Monday Noon
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# CLASSIFIEDS

**Deadline Monday Noon • FAX: 674-5008 • Phone: 674-5041 • E-mail: classifieds@thecountyrecord.net**

## For Rent

2 bedroom trailers for rent. Garbage service, laundrymat available. Call 674-4011 after 5:00 p.m.

Mobile home, 1 & 2 bedroom on John F. Bailey Road, SR 20 W, Blountstown. $100 to $145 weekly. Deposit required. All utilities included. NO PETS. Also RV for rent. Call 674-7616 or 850-214-6203, leave message and will return call. Closed Sunday's & Monday's.

RV trailers for rent. Furnished water, electricity, lawn service, garbage, mail service, and laundrymat service available. $85.00 - $100.00 weekly. Couples or singles only. NO pets. Call 674-4011.

Two bedroom, two bath mobile home for rent located six miles north of Blountstown on Hwy. 69 North. Water, sewer, and grass mowing provided. Deposit required. No pets. Call 674-8888.

Two & three bedroom trailers for rent in Altha, nice. Call 762-9555 or 762-8597.

## For Sale

Single lid diamond plate truck tool box - "Better Built". Fits full size truck, $150. Call 643-6808.

Antique Duncan Phyfe drop leaf dining table. Dimensions with leaves up to 36"w, 54"l, 30"h, $50. Call 762-3881.

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Waterfront property - Dead Lakes, Cypress Point Subdivision, Lot #5, 1 acre. Subject to legally recorded restricted covenants. Call 850-229-6284 before 10:15 ET or 850-866-8567. leave message.

## Information

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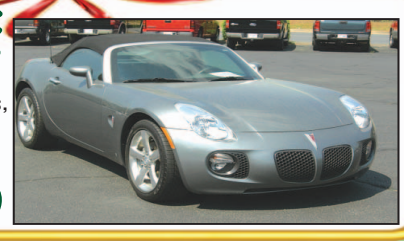

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# Making This Right

Beaches
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**Economic Investment**
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Wildlife

I grew up bussing tables at this restaurant. Last year, my wife, Brooke, and I bought it. We were working hard to build a business, then the spill hit. BP said they would try to make things right. But how was an energy company going to help our restaurant?

**Keeping Businesses Open**

We figured they would tell us to take a number and wait in line. Instead, they asked us if we could serve food to the workers, engineers, scientists, and local residents they had hired to cleanup the spill. It kept us busy round the clock. And we weren't the only ones. They hired a lot of local businesses and kept a lot of people working. They have kept businesses up and down the Gulf open and it's still making a difference.

**Open for Business**

BP asked us to share our story with you to keep you informed. Our restaurant's open six days a week. Customers are filling our restaurant again and we think it's a good time to come down to the Gulf Coast. And if we could make just one request, please think of us when planning your next vacation. We're still here and while it's been tough, we are still cooking. And we are just one of the hundreds of great places ready to welcome you when you come down. So don't wait. We're looking forward to seeing you.

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