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## OUTDOORS

### Hunters arriving in search of big game

BY KRISTY TERRY

Wednesday afternoon hunters from all over the state will begin to arrive in Calhoun County to take part in the Chamber of Commerce's second Big River Valley Hunt. This event offers a rare opportunity for visitors to hunt big game on private lands guided by area landowners. This year 12 hunters will take part in the event, up from eight (8) last year.

Locals have known for years that the Apalachicola River Valley is overflowing with natural resources. The Chamber of Commerce is attempting to capitalize on those resources by focusing on eco-tourism. In addition to looking at nature tourism opportunities on the rivers and trails, the area's abundance of good hunting land could not be overlooked.

Several local landowners have partnered with the Chamber to offer hunting on their properties for one weekend in January. Of

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## NEWS



# HOUSE FIRES

BY KELLI PEACOCK DUNN  
News Editor

The new year started off with tragedy for two families when blazes broke out at their homes.

The first fire started in the late afternoon hours of New Year's Eve at the home of Willie Lewis on Hwy. 69 North. Firefighters from Nettle Ridge and Blountstown fire departments responded and found the south end of the mobile home fully engulfed. No one was home when the fire broke out and the cause has not been determined. The Fire Marshal's Office is investigating.

The second fire occurred around 4 p.m. on New Year's Day at the home of Dante and Latoria Ziggler on River Street. The couple, their two children and a cousin reside on the second floor of the home with the bottom floor vacant. Thankfully, no one was home at the time. The family had left 30 minutes earlier to celebrate the 91st birthday of Latoria's grandfather. Latoria said it appeared the blaze began at an outlet near a refrigerator on the first floor. The Blountstown and Nettle Ridge fire departments responded and were able to contain the heavy fire to two rooms on the south end.

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## CRIME

### Local man arrested for recent shooting

BY KELLI PEACOCK DUNN  
News Editor

An investigation into a shooting that occurred back in November has ended in one arrest.

Randy Lemmons, Sr. has been charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and shooting into an occupied vehicle.



According to the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office, the case began in the early morning hours of Sunday, Nov. 21, when a caller on Abe Springs Road reported a shooting just before 2 a.m. with one man shot in the stomach and another in the hand.

Inv. Michael Bryant made contact with Rodney Tyler Miller who was waiting outside the emergency room at Calhoun-Liberty Hospital where Joseph Sellers was being treated. Miller reportedly told Inv. Bryant that he and Sellers had been at a party in Blountstown when Miller began arguing on the phone with a man named John "JR" Ammons. Miller told Ammons he was coming to his house to resolve their problems. He and Sellers then left the party and headed to Bullhead Bay Road, parking on the shoulder between two homes - one where Randy Lemmons, Jr. resides and the other belonging to Randy Lemmons, Sr.

Miller said he got out of the vehicle and made contact with Ammons who was standing in Lemmons Jr.'s yard. As he spoke with Ammons, Miller said Lemmons Jr. approached him and was armed with a small revolver. He also alleged Lemmons, Sr. came up to his truck from the opposite direction, allegedly stopping at the open driver's door to confront Sellers who was in the passenger seat. Miller said Lemmons Sr. pulled a handgun and shot twice at Sellers. Miller said he ran

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## CRIME

### Husband sought in meth case arrested

BY KELLI PEACOCK DUNN  
News Editor

A man police have been seeking for two weeks in a meth investigation has been apprehended.

Joshua Williams has been charged with manufacture of meth, trafficking in meth, possession of listed chemicals, child endangerment, and possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana. He was taken into custody late Sunday night.

According to the Blountstown Police Department, Inv. Timothy Partridge, Inv. Todd Wheatley, and Major Rodney Smith served a narcotics search warrant on Williams' Church Street home around midday Dec. 20. No one was home at the time, but investigators entered and smelled a strong chemical odor. They spotted several components used to manufacture meth in

the open kitchen area in plain view, including pseudo-



WILLIAMS

doephedrine, lithium, ammonia nitrate, and solvents used to create a meth vessel. Other items found in the home indicated a "one pot method" was being used for cooking meth. The report noted three children reside in the home and several of the chemicals recovered were in arm's reach of the children.

Williams' wife, Kyndal, was contacted and told of the findings in her home, then placed under arrest. She reportedly stated she was unaware of meth being cooked at her residence, but said she had bought her husband, Joshua, pseu-

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# YEAR END REVIEW

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## Library hosting arts, music for ages 8-14

The Saturday Express Class is held every Saturday morning for youth ages 8 to 14 years old at the Blountstown Public Library. Anna Layton, instructor, helps students discover the ARTS and on January 15th the subject is music. LIVE MUSIC!

The Heritage Room will feature a presentation about the Dulcimer...a wooden stringed instrument of traditional American folk music that was mentioned in the Bible. It first appeared in the early 1800's from the Scots-Irish living in the southern

Appalachian Mountains. The name is derived from the Latin and Greek words meaning "Sweet Song" thus the name of our program!

Judy Shelton will give a brief introduction about the Dulcimer then Annette Lawrence and Barb Tyre will join her and fill the room with beautiful music. Anna-Lisa Potter, 11 years old, loves to sing and will accompany the group.

Parents please sign in your child a little before 10:30 a.m. and meet back with them in about an hour. There is no charge on the Saturday Express!

## Pet of the Week

Pongo is an 11-month-old male Boxer mix. He has a brindle coat, and is friendly and very playful. Pongo is available for adoption at the Partners for Pets shelter. It is located at 4011 Maintenance Dr., in Marianna. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., and on Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Please call 482-4570 for more information, or you may visit [www.partnersfor-pets.petfinder.com](http://www.partnersfor-pets.petfinder.com) to view all the great pets.



## Big River Valley Hunt cont'd

the 12 hunters, five are returning for a second year. This year, several are traveling from South Florida, with a few others from Central Florida.

Hunters will also meet each morning for a continental breakfast sponsored by the local Ducks Unlimited Apalachicola Valley Chapter. Other sponsors include Southern Gator Trails and Live Oak Production Group.

Partners for the event are Neal Land & Timber, Big River Cypress & Hardwood, Big Bend Sporting Goods, Norris Smoke House, Circle "S" Plantation, and Florida Fish & Wildlife.

Please help us welcome the hunters by putting a sign in your business, or adding "Welcome Big River Valley Hunter" to your reader boards.

# CRIME REPORT

## Hosford couple busted after items used in manufacture of meth found

BY KELLI PEACOCK DUNN  
News Editor

A Hosford couple was arrested last Tuesday after the makings of a meth lab were discovered in their home.

Violet Virginia Manning, 36, and Freddie Odell Burke, 23, were each charged with manufacture of meth, possession of meth, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of listed chemicals.

According to the Liberty County Sheriff's Office, Inv. Todd Wheetley and Inv. Brian Bateman went to a home the couple shared on SR 65 and told Burke they had received information that meth was being manufactured at the residence. Burke denied it, then both he and Manning consented to a search of the

home. A variety of items used to manufacture meth were discovered, along with a glass pipe and two pipes fashioned out of tin foil. Burke admitted to purchasing pseudoephedrine the day before, but said it was at Manning's request. He denied having any part in the manufacture process, but said he was aware she was making it.

Manning admitted to cooking some meth the pre-



MANNING



BURKE

vious night and said both she and Burke had smoked it. Manning agreed to turn over all the items she used

to manufacture the drug. A pill bottle with approximately two grams of meth was also seized.

## Search leads to arrest of local man for meth

BY KELLI PEACOCK DUNN  
News Editor

A Blountstown man was arrested early Sunday on drug charges after a search warrant was served on his residence.

Calvin "Bubba" Hayes, 55, has been charged with possession of meth.

According to the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office, a search team consisting of Cpl. Eddie Dalton, Sgt. Jared Nichols, and Inv. Mark Mallory arrived just before 6:30 a.m. at a



HAYES

camper where Hayes is residing on John Redd Road. Hayes was asleep on the couch and was awakened to learn investigators had a warrant to search the camper. Discovered were a set of digital scales with meth residue, a plastic bag with approximately four grams of meth, a pack of lithium batteries, and a bottle of acid. An eye glass case had a line of meth on top of it. Two hydrocodone pills were also seized.

Hayes reportedly admitted to using meth, but denied being involved in the manufacturing process. He was booked into the Calhoun County Jail and remained in custody at press time.

## Bristol man nabbed for stealing syringe, meds

BY KELLI PEACOCK DUNN  
News Editor

A Bristol man was arrested Thursday after allegedly swiping a bottle of meds and a syringe during a visit to a local health care facility.

Steven Duane Dobbins, 26, has been charged with petit theft and introduction of contraband.

According to the Liberty County Sheriff's Office, a nurse at the Liberty Community Health Care office contacted authorities just after noon. She advised Dobbins was leaving the



DOBBINS

examining room when she noticed an unopened syringe in his pants pocket. She questioned him and he responded, "These are not my pants." The nurse said she reached in his pocket to grab the syringe and discovered he also had a 50 ml. bottle of Lidocaine.

An investigator met Dobbins in the parking lot as he was leaving the facility. He admitted to taking the items and stated, "It was stupid of me to take those things out of there."

Dobbins denied having anything else illegal on him, but as he was being booked into the jail, a metal pipe with burnt marijuana was discovered in his right front pocket, resulting in the introduction of contraband charge.

## Meth arrest cont'd

doephedrine in the past. She further stated he was not speaking to her and was hiding. Authorities issued a warrant for his arrest and

took him into custody just after 11 p.m. Sunday.

He remained in the Calhoun County Jail at press time.

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## Shooting investigation continued

to the rear of the truck as Lemmons Jr. fired two shots. Sellers came staggering out of the vehicle and Miller said he helped him back to the truck, then drove off en route to the hospital.

Witnesses at the scene told Dep. Eddie Dalton, Dep. John Scheetz and Maj. Roman Wood a different story, alleging that Miller and Sellers were in possession of a gun and Lemmons Sr. had sustained a gunshot wound to his

hand. Miller denied having a gun and said the only shots fired were by Lemmons Sr. and Lemmons Jr. Miller said Lemmons Sr. was not injured when he left the scene.

Sellers was flown to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital where he underwent surgery and was in ICU. He was able to provide a statement on Nov. 30 and alleged Lemmons Sr. had approached the truck as Miller described.

He said Lemmons Sr. told him, "I got something for you, big boy," then shot him in the abdomen area. He said he struggled with Lemmons and the second shot hit him in the left shoulder. Sellers later passed a polygraph test.

Lemmons Sr. was treated at Bay Medical Center where he underwent surgery on his hand. An emergency room nurse told investigators he had commented that someone came into his yard to "mess with

my son" and "I grabbed the gun and it shot me in the hand." However, his surgeon told authorities the injury did not appear to be a close gunshot wound and he didn't notice any powder or gas burns on Lemmons' hand to suggest he was holding the gun when he was shot.

Following further investigation, Lemmons Sr. was taken into custody Dec. 28. He was given a conditional release two days later.



## CALHOUN & LIBERTY COUNTY SHERIFF'S LOG

### CALHOUN COUNTY

**Dec. 28:** Jennifer Lynn Smith, state VOP; Randy Lemmons, Sr., aggravated battery with deadly weapon, shooting into occupied vehicle; Buck Jones, battery

**Dec. 29:** Matthew Layfield, domestic assault; Antonio Costillo-Garcia, no valid drivers license

**Dec. 30:** Bernard Robinson, county VOP; Shawn Stephens, possession of Sch. II narcotics, possession of prescription drug without prescription, domestic battery

**Dec. 31:** Reginald Wilson, possession 1/2 20 grams marijuana

**Jan. 2:** Calvin Hayes, possession of meth; Joshua Williams, manufacture of meth, trafficking in meth, possession of listed chemicals, child endangerment, possession 1/2 20 grams marijuana

### LIBERTY COUNTY

**Dec. 28:** Jennifer Lynn Smith, hold for Calhoun; Freddie Odell Burke, manufacture of meth, possession of meth, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of listed chemicals; Violet Virginia Manning, manufacture of meth, possession of meth, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of listed chemicals; Steven Duane Dobbins, petit theft, introduction of contraband

*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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## Congratulations! Wendi Steward



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Wendi Steward, Certified Nursing Assistant, is a team player with a good attitude. Wendi is a long term employee who is very compassionate towards her residents.

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# Resolve to Get Involved! Volunteer Opportunities for 2011

## Caring people needed to be hospice volunteers

**BY SANDRA HUSTER,  
DIRECTOR  
Volunteer Services  
Covenant Hospice**

Now that the holidays are over, and you are starting to think about your New Years resolutions, I encourage you to make one of those resolutions to become a Covenant Hospice volunteer. When people think about volunteering for hospice, their first thought may be, "I could never do that", or "I would be too depressed." However, talk to a Covenant Hospice volun-

teer and he or she will tell you a very different story.

Covenant volunteers come from many different backgrounds, ranging from retired persons, to working professionals, active military personnel, high school and college students. They all have one thing in common...a desire to give back, and in that giving they receive so much in return.

Covenant has opportunities for people with diverse skills and interests. Volunteers that are looking for a chance to meet new people and to be active in the community will love



**SANDRA HUSTER  
COVENANT HOSPICE**

Covenant's Ambassador Program. For those that want to have fun and

socialize with others, Covenant's fundraising events are the perfect fit. Volunteers that enjoy office work or computers can find a home in administrative support. Individuals with care-giving experiences, emotional and spiritual support skills may choose to visit Covenant's patients and their families.

Persons that have experienced the loss of a loved one understand what families have gone through and make wonderful bereavement volunteers. Volunteers from our com-

munities help to garden, clean yards, make simple home repairs, build ramps, sew, crochet, cook and bake. Volunteers receive specialized training that prepares them to volunteer in their area of interest.

Covenant Hospice makes a promise to our volunteers that they will find a sense of purpose, worthwhile work and the realization that they are making a difference. That's why over 2,600 individuals have chosen to give an important part of their lives to Covenant Hospice.

Covenant's volunteer program has received Awards of Excellence from Florida Hospice and

Care Organization for the Ambassador Volunteer Program, the Reflections Life Review Journal Program, and the Tuck-in Program. The late Sam Goldenberg and his wife, Joyce, long-time Covenant Hospice volunteers, received the Volunteer of the Year Award from the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO).

So while you are composing your New Years resolutions, please think about becoming a Covenant Hospice volunteer. I promise it's a resolution that is easy to keep, as well as very rewarding.

## Help turn our downtown around

Blountstown Main Street is looking for volunteers who want to continue in the effort to turn downtown around.

Main Street meetings are held twice a month - one on the second Thursday at 5:30 p.m. and the other at 11:30 a.m. on the fourth Thursday - to give those working different schedules a chance to attend at least one meeting a month.

Across the nation, many towns are discovering that the Main Street approach can bring about dramatic

positive change downtown. Main Street encourages economic development within the context of historic preservation.

The Main Street four point approach advocates improvements in four areas, organization, promotion, design and economic restructuring to create a positive, distinctive image for downtown:

**Organization:** Working with public and private sector community leaders to develop consensus and coordinate resources to revitalize

downtown.

**Promotion:** Creating and marketing a positive image of downtown through special events, retail sales, effective advertising, and public relations.

**Design:** Encouraging quality building rehabilitation, signage, public improvements, and window displays to improve the appearance of downtown.

**Economic Restructuring:** Improving the economic base of downtown by strengthening existing busi-

nesses, recruiting new businesses, and filling second floor vacancies.

The Main Street approach also advocates a return to community self-reliance and emphasizes the downtown's traditional assets: personal service, local ownership, unique architecture, and sense of community.

To get involved in Blountstown Main Street, call Kelli at 674-1004 or attend the next meeting on Thursday, Jan. 13, at 5:30 p.m. at Country Creamery.

## Speak up for elderly in facilities

Florida's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program needs volunteers to join its

corps of dedicated advocates who protect the rights of elders residing in nursing

homes, assisted living facilities and adult family care homes.

The program's local councils are seeking additional volunteers to identify, investigate and resolve residents' concerns. Special training and certification is provided.

All interested individuals who care about protecting the health, safety, welfare and rights of long-term care facility residents -- who often have no one else to advocate for them -- are encouraged to call toll-free (888) 831-0404 or visit the program's Web site at <http://ombudsman.myflorida.com>.

## Church News

**Deadline  
Monday Noon**

### Beth Moore Bible study will begin Jan. 13 at Blountstown Methodist

Blountstown United Methodist Church will offer Beth Moore's Jesus, The One and Only study beginning on Thursday, January 13, at 9:30 a.m.

In this study Beth Moore will lead us on a journey following Jesus' earthly ministry from Galilee to the cross. Donna Corbin will be facilitating the in-depth study which will allow us an intimate look into Jesus' days as Teacher, Master, and finally Savior.

As with all of Beth Moore's studies, each lesson will include a video and discussion session followed by a weekly workbook assignment. The videos were taped on location throughout Israel and Jerusalem. This ten week study will begin on Thursday, January 13 with the introduction.

If you are interested in participating please notify the church office before January 13.

If you have any ques-

tions please contact Donna Corbin (674-5152) or the church office, 674-8254. The church is located on Hwy. 20 across from Subway.

### Youth invited to hear speaker at St. Paul AME

The youth of St. Paul A.M.E. Church are invited to come and hear attorney LaDray Gilbert speak on January 9th at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Gilbert's message will be on how God has been an integral part of his life. He is a graduate of FAMU and a member of Mt. Zion MBC Church. Everyone is invited to come and help support our youth depart on this coming Sunday and be ready to hear from a dynamic speaker.

St. Paul A.M.E. is where Rev. Calvin Griffin, Sr. is pastor and "Jesus is Lord".

### Fresh Start to welcome guest pastor Sunday

Come and join Fresh Start Church this Sunday, Jan. 9, at 4 pm as we welcome Pastor James and Louis Barker from Holy Hill Baptist Church in Panama City for a day of worship and word.

For more information, call 850.867.0994 or go to [www.freshstartbt.org](http://www.freshstartbt.org)

Be blessed and see you there.

### Jehovah's Witnesses plan special assembly Jan. 9

The local congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses would like to invite you to attend a Special Assembly Day on January 9th at the Marina Civic Center in Panama City. The theme of the assembly is, "Take Refuge in Jehovah." (Psalm 118:8, 9).

The exciting theme for the program is appropriate due to the fact that Satan has intensified his effort to oppose servants of God, because he knows the time is short. We are reminded that now, more than ever before, it is vital for all of God's people to remain spiritually strong, fortified to resist the onslaughts of Satan and his demons.

Some of the subjects to be discussed are: "How

Jehovah Is a Fortress in Times of Distress," "Help Others Find Refuge Under Jehovah's Wings, and "Young People, Make Jehovah Your Confidence!". The assembly will be practical in every way helping us as families not to be sidetracked at this critical stage of human history.

A featured speaker will be Billy Kim Nichols, a representative of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York. He will speak on the theme, "Help Others Find Refuge Under Jehovah's Wings."

All are invited to this encouraging program. The program starts at 9:40. No admission and no collections are taken.

### Artists Guild of Northwest Fla. to meet Jan. 8, Jackson Co. Library

The Artists Guild of Northwest Florida will hold its monthly meeting at 9:00 AM, January 8, 2011 at Jackson County Library, Marianna. This meeting is open to the public and those attending are invited to share a piece of art relat-

ing to or in the form of illustrations of stories, poems, literary or music pieces, through any medium such as visual, verbal, auditory or a combination thereof. The Artist Guild will also be accepting new memberships at this meeting.

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Nettle Ridge: Bill Brehm, 674-6041 or 850-573-4611

Scotts Ferry: Diane Rhodes, 674-5317 or 557-9607

Westside: Doug Harrell, 674-7535 or 850-567-2838

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**Sometimes being in hot water is a good thing.**

## Fires

"Different organizations, people in the community and family have really been helping us," Latoria remarked on Monday. Among the agencies assisting the family is the Red Cross Disaster Action Team. The family has a place to stay and clothing, but is in need of furniture to get re-established. They are hoping to repair the damage to their home. To donate furniture or help in any way, contact Cathy Bess at 674-5878.

If you would like to help local disaster victims, please call the Red Cross at 850-763-6587 or log on to [www.redcrosspc.org](http://www.redcrosspc.org).

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# Cranks My Tractor

By BN Heard



## My night with AAA Betty

Hello, I'm BN Heard. Your newspaper has given me the chance to entertain you with my writing and I appreciate it. The name of my column is "Cranks My Tractor." A funny name, but that is exactly what I write about.

What cranks my tractor?

Some people hear that term and think one thing, but when I say it I simply mean the things in life that I find fun, interesting and worth writing down. Humor will usually be involved, but not always. Good people, places and things are all around us. We should appreciate the good in life and tell others about it.

Hopefully when you read my stories, you will have good memories also. I will do my best to entertain you and make life a little better. If you do enjoy my stories, please let me know. Your enjoyment is my pay. I like to say I get "paid by the smile."

I always like to start new readers off with one of my favorites - "My Night with AAA Betty." All of the stories I tell are the truth, I will sometimes change names to protect identities.

### My Night with AAA Betty

My wife and children had gone south a week earlier to start their vacation in the Florida Panhandle without me. I had to go to Boulder, Colorado, and would not start south from Virginia until the weekend. As usual, I was about 6 PM getting off on Saturday. It was just me, and the two dogs (Doolittle, our black Standard Poodle, and Maddie, our black Miniature Poodle).

It was about 12:30 in the morning and I was somewhere in North Carolina I think. I had stopped a couple of times and I was getting very sleepy. I was tired of the radio and there was no one I could call to pass the time. Therefore, I decided to call the AAA Helpline and see who answered. I can dial the AAA number in the dark.

"Hello, this is Betty with AAA, how can I help you?"

I responded, "Hey Betty, I don't have an

emergency issue but I'd kind of like someone to talk to because I'm getting sleepy and I might need a hotel that takes dogs on down the line." Betty responded "I'm here to help you, but I'm not going to talk dirty."

I told her I didn't need anybody to talk dirty to me; I was just tired of listening to the radio. Over the next hour Betty told me that she was one of 18 brothers and sisters, only two of which were still alive. Her only living sibling was a sister in Toccoa, Georgia. She noted I could stop down there and see her if I would like. I told her I couldn't make it that far, but I had heard that Toccoa was nice.

We went through several iterations of her trying to get me to drive 20 or 30 miles off the interstate to get to a hotel. She would put me on hold every 10 minutes or so to answer another call. She would come back and say, "Where was I?" I was starting to get really sleepy and I would note that I probably needed to find a place to stay now.... She wanted to keep telling me about her sister or a trip she had gone on.

I got the story of her momma and daddy, how her siblings died, what she had done all her life, etc. In the meantime she was finally trying to find me a place to stay closer to the interstate. When she finally found one, she said that I would have to call them. I told her I couldn't drive and write, much less see the phone to dial. So she agreed to help me.

She said, "OK, let me try." She checked back and forth with a fellow at the hotel and finally came back and asked me for a credit card number to which I replied that I was alone in the car driving down the interstate and it was too dark; I couldn't see my credit card. She said ok and went away again.

When she came back, I decided to have a little fun. I asked her, "Betty, can dogs see in the dark?" She replied, "I think they can." I told her to hang on just a second, I was going to hold the credit card up in front of my dog Doolittle and let him read it. She of course

said "Dogs can't read". I convinced her that Standard Poodles were extremely intelligent and that mine could read. There was a long pause and finally she said: "Well, what did he say?"

To which I replied, "Betty, do you think I'm crazy - he can't talk." She laughed and said, "Now that was a gut buster" and not to worry that she would figure it out.

When I showed up to the hotel in Anderson, SC, the clerk just started laughing. I asked him what was so funny... he said, "You really are for real?" He noted that he never had an agent call personally and make a reservation for anyone like that.

I just told him that I was Betty's friend.

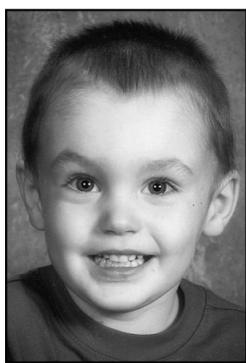
Betty's retiring later this year after working the 6 PM to 4 AM shift with AAA for years and years. She's thankful for her job and doesn't mind the drive from her home on Virginia's Eastern Shore to Delaware. You know she only has to do it four times a week because she works ten hour shifts. She noted several times throughout the conversation that "4 10's make 40 hours." I didn't tell her I was a mathematician; I got to where I enjoyed hearing her say it. She will continue to home school her 11 year-old grandson. She can't wait to see her sister who is coming to visit soon.... "You know you really should go to Toccoa, or Helen - it's nice."

I love and appreciate people like Betty. She cranked my tractor (and no she didn't need to talk dirty to me). She was sincerely concerned that I made it to the hotel. She probably could have talked me all the way to Florida.

...and yes this is pretty much the way it happened as best as I remember (it was dark and I couldn't drive and write).

*BN Heard is actually a mathematician in the aerospace industry that enjoys making people smile. Learn more about him at his website www.CranksMyTractor.com. You can contact him at cranksmytractor@gmail.com.*

## BRAG SHOP



HAPPY "3rd" BIRTHDAY, JOHNNY!!

Johnny Rio Cox-Stanton celebrated his third birthday on December 17, at his home in Savannah, GA with a super hero party. Johnny, also known as J.R. and Johnny Boy, prefers to be called Superman. He loves playing with his friends and learning at Miss Maggie's Morning School and enjoys wrestling with his big brother Tex.

When he comes to Blountstown, he likes to go see the Choo-choo train and play at the Depot Park, but his favorite thing is riding on the lawn mower with Gran-Gran. He gets most excited when he realizes Unca Steve is coming for a visit.

Proud parents are Jimmy and Peggy Cox, and great-grandmother Pauline Cox. Late great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Messer, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stanton and Monroe Cox. And, by the way, the parents are Scott and Tracy Cox-Stanton.

## Settlement donations are sought

The Panhandle Pioneer Settlement is now accepting donations of gently used, unwanted items for the Annual Rummage Sale in March. All proceeds directly support the Museum in its mission to preserve our shared heritage.

Please call 850-674-2777 to arrange pickup or drop off times. The Panhandle Pioneer Settlement is a living museum documenting rural life in NW Florida Since the early 1800's. We are located behind Sam Atkins Park.

## "Quit Smoking Now" series begins Jan. 24

If you are making a New Year's resolution to stop smoking, why not attend the free class/support group known as "Quit Smoking Now".

The curriculum was developed by ex-smokers for those who want to become ex-smokers themselves. Meetings are held once weekly from noon - 1pm EST and there is no

cost to attend. The next series begins Monday, January 24, at the Veteran's Memorial Civic Center, 10405 NW Theo Jacobs Way (off Hwy. 12 South) in Bristol. Free NRT available for class participants.

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### January 5

**1885** - The Long Island Railroad, foreshadowing modern piggy-back carriers, begins transport of farm wagons on railroad flatcars in New York.

### January 6

**1759** - George Washington marries the wealthy widow Martha Dandridge Custis, who later became the first woman to be depicted on U.S. currency when she appeared on the \$1 bill in 1886. She was also the first woman to be depicted on the U.S. postage stamp, which was issued in 1902, a century after her death.

### January 7

**1789** - The United States first presidential election is held to choose state electors; votes included only white men with property.

### January 8

**1806** - Members of the Lewis and Clark expedition find a beached blue whale on the Oregon coast.

### January 9

**1958** - The Toyota and Dawson (later Nissan) brand names make their first appearances in the United States at the Imported Motor Car Show in Los Angeles, California.

### January 10

**1967** - Massachusetts Republicans Edward Brooks takes office as the first African American in the U.S. Senate.

### January 11

**1935** - Amelia Earhart departs Wheeler Field in Honolulu on the first solo flight from Hawaii to North America. She landed in Oakland 18 hours later.

## Gardening Friends of Big Bend will meet

Gardening Friends of the Big Bend will have its first 2011 meeting at the North Florida Research and Education Center near Quincy at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 11.

To open the new year, officers will be installed, the 2011 budget will be discussed, and a report on progress on the Gardens of the Big Bend will be given. Educational programs to be conducted in 2011 including the annual Speaker's Dinner will also be discussed. The purpose of this group is to promote gardening and gardening research by supporting and assisting the faculty and staff of NFREC, an arm of the University of Florida's Institute for Food and Agricultural Sciences.

For more information, contact Clara Skipper at 850-671-2565 or Dr. Gary Knox at 850-875-7162.

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# Looking Back at 2010

~Continued from last week's issue~

## JUNE

■ *The County Record* investigated why, after three years at Blountstown High School, Principal Duane Barber was terminated. Superintendent Tommy McClellan said morale was low at the school. Barber stated he was not backed up when following School Board disciplinary policy.

■ A former Liberty County resident, Clark Mackendrick, 44, was charged with capital sexual battery after being accused of raping a young child.

■ Blountstown High School agriculture teacher Ron Mears was dismissed from his position. Mears, who led teams to national wins, was let go following complaints of "educator misconduct."

■ Chipola College theatre students, including Dianna Glaze from Blountstown, recently visited New York City on five-day theatre extravaganza.

■ A fugitive from Pennsylvania was apprehended in Calhoun County Sunday. Steven Sampson was taken into custody after being found hiding in a local house.

■ A day of fun in the sun turned tragic Friday when a Calhoun County man lost his life in the Chipola River. The body of Phillip Allan Colbert, 44, was recovered about an hour and a half after he went under during a tubing trip.

■ Ted Cooper will likely go down in history as the favorite coach ever at Blountstown High School. That was definitely the sentiment at an 84th birthday party in his honor at Parramore's Too where he reunited with some of his former football, basketball and baseball players from the 50s and 60s.

■ Information was being sought on a hit and run crash that occurred in the Mossy Pond area. Sources said 16-year-old Angel Hall was behind the wheel of a car traveling on Baker Road June 7 when she was hit from behind and run off the road. "She flipped three times and almost died, but she is alive, thank God," said her father, Terry Hall.

■ The Panhandle Pioneer Settlement hosted a Blacksmith Class where attendees enjoyed the art of shaping heated iron and steel (forging) with hand tools such as hammers, tongs and chisels on an anvil.

■ Blountstown's own Ben Yoder was named Florida's Rural Letter Carrier of the Year. Yoder received the honor at the Rural Letter Carrier Annual Convention held in Tampa. He was joined at the event by his wife, Carolyn. Yoder has been a rural letter carrier for 34 years.

■ Motorists traveling through downtown Blountstown were doing a double take as local artist Jeff Vickery put his paint and imagination on the side of the Snowden Surveying building on North Pear Street and created an amazing mural that was garnering loads of attention.

■ Qualifying week ended and election season officially began with several candidates stepping forward to seek local offices in Altha, Blountstown and Calhoun County.

■ Well over 100 women turned out at the Veterans Memorial Civic Center in Bristol for the Women's Health Seminar. Presented by the Calhoun and Liberty County Health Departments and hosted by Bristol Pentecostal Holiness Church, the event featured speakers on a variety of topics related to women's health. In addition,

the ladies were treated to massages, makeovers, manicures, pedicures, and a delicious lunch.

■ Kay Weed received the Torreya Garden Club's Yard of the Month honor.

■ The Liberty County Diamond Dawgs remained in second place with the Big Bend Baseball League of Florida and the Calhoun Horsemen followed in third. Gulf County Drive held onto first place.

■ The Benders 9U travel team, with several players from Calhoun and Liberty counties, won the Travel Ball USA Watermelon Smash tournament in Marianna.

■ Keith Summers, assistant principal of Blountstown Middle School, was chosen as the president-elect for the Florida High School Athletic Association Board of Directors.

■ Over 200 volunteers from RiverTown Community Church, Altha Church of God, Altha First Baptist and the Altha Parent Teacher Organization volunteered their time to spruce up Altha School.

■ There were a couple of changes on the local political scene over the past week.

■ Jerry Guilford, who had qualified to run for the Ward 4 seat on the Blountstown City Council dropped out of that race after accepting a position with Gulf Asphalt that would require him working long hours for an underdetermined amount of time on the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf. With Guilford dropping out of the race, incumbent Tony Shoemaker automatically regained his seat for another term. Phillip Hill, who also served on the City Council, resigned from his post after moving outside the city limits.

■ The Altha Ozone All-Stars became the first Altha team that has ever won a Dixie District Championship after defeating Liberty County. The Altha Angels were named runners up in the district 2 tournament.

■ Sixty-four youth from Liberty, Calhoun and Jackson counties enjoyed a week at 4-H Camp Timpoochee located on the beautiful Choctawhatchee Bay in Niceville, Florida.

## JULY

■ Anyone driving through Marianna July 1 could feel the patriotism. Folks lined Hwy. 90 as the 144th Transportation Company - including several Calhoun County soldiers - returned home from a year in Iraq. They were greeted with waving flags and cheers as they paraded through town on top of fire trucks. At the National Guard Armory, families greeted them and lunch was provided as part of the celebration.

■ The much anticipated results of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) were released. Here in Calhoun and Liberty counties, there were some impressive scores on both sides of the river, but two schools clearly struggled: Altha and Tolar.

■ Members of the local VFW and American Legion held the annual Walk to Liberty across Trammell Bridge.

■ Former U.S. Marine and Vietnam veteran Cliff Leonard was featured about a bust he sculpted of Marine Cpl. Joshua Watkins, who was killed in Iraq in 2006. Leonard, a native of Blountstown, has been making busts of fallen Marines and donating them to the families.

■ Blountstown's own Jami Daniels did an outstanding job representing

our area at the Miss Florida USA Pageant, making it into the top 15 finalists and winning the most photogenic award.

■ Rescue workers were stunned to find the driver of the vehicle pictured above walked away from a Sunday night crash. Jose Agustin Vargas-Santiago, 22, of Tallahassee, was located at 12:45 a.m. - nearly three hours after the wreck on SR 20 West. He was charged with DUI, driving without a license, and leaving the scene of an accident.

■ Three Altha FCCLA teams, accompanied by their sponsor Marie Ann Granger, traveled to Chicago, Illinois, July 3-8 to compete at the national convention. They returned with two gold medals and one silver. Gold medal winners included Cortney Harris and Jeffery Waldroff. This duo competed in the promote and publicize division. Also winning the gold were Emily Sewell and Madison Rowe who competed in the entrepreneur division, creating a business plan for a fitness center. Silver medal winners were Jesse Mills and Aubrey Bay. These young ladies competed in Jr. promote and publicize.

■ The Calhoun County Industrial Development Authority officially opened the new 3,100-foot runway at the Calhoun County Airport. This runway offers a new option to local pilots with much larger aircraft. The next phase of the airport's improvements will be the completion of 24 new T-hangars. The airport is located within the Calhoun County Industrial Park.

■ A Liberty Correctional Institution (LCI) officer was fired after allegedly assisting an inmate in his attempt to smuggle drugs into the prison. Donquis L. Green was charged with conspiracy to introduce contraband into a state facility, possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana with intent to sell or distribute and possession of drug paraphernalia. Facing the same charges were Chananja M. Jackson, 20, and Noretha Lewis-Jordan, 52, both of Polk County.

■ Law enforcement officers and emergency responders took part in a training drill on the Blountstown Elementary School campus. The scenario involved a disgruntled father who went on a shooting rampage inside the school. The exercise, funded by the State Homeland Security Grant program, was coordinated by Traci Buzbee of The Management Expert. She brought four SWAT team members, Glock simunition guns, and a makeup artist who painted the victims. Nearly two dozen officers took part in the exercise, searching for the gunman and working to get the victims to safety where they were met by EMTs.

■ The Calhoun County Children's Coalition sponsored the 13th annual Family Affair, providing free school supplies, information and fun to hundreds of local children.

## AUGUST

■ Officials with the Big Bend Baseball League paid tribute to the late Mitchell Larkins before the first pitch was thrown in the championship game. Larkins served as assistant commissioner of the league until his recent death. His wife, Carolyn, along with their children and grandchildren, were on hand as League Commissioner Morrell Bailey and staffers, Carol Shauf and Harold Bailey, presented an award in his honor.

■ Schools across the state got the first of two



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report cards. The Calhoun County School District maintained an overall grade of "A" for 2010. Over in Liberty County, the district improved from a "C" to a "B" grade.

■ The Woodmen of the World Lodge 61 presented a patriotic program honoring Lt. Col. Ty Edwards and all military.

■ Calhoun County schools opened for the 2010-11 year.

■ The debate was on after Calhoun County District 1 Commission Danny Wise proposed a 20 percent tax cut. Other leaders said the county couldn't survive with a reduction of that amount.

■ The Calhoun County

Senior Citizens hosted their delicious fundraiser this week known as "Death by Chocolate".

■ The primary election was held with Truman Grant regaining his district 4 commission seat, Kelly King keeping her district 2 School Board post, and Danny Hassig holding on to his district 5 spot on the School Board. Winston Deason was re-elected as Blountstown's mayor, as was Wes Johnston in Altha. James Griffin captured the Ward 3 seat on the Blountstown City Council. Earl Hunt took the democratic win in the district 2 commission race.

■ The Department of Commerce announced that

the Florida Rural Broadband Alliance (FRBA) had been awarded nearly \$24 million to deploy a network designed to provide broadband access to improve education, public health and safety services, and economic development opportunities. A press conference was held in Liberty County with Congressman Allen Boyd on hand for the announcement. "If you don't have it [broadband], you are left out in the cold when it comes to economic development," Boyd remarked. "This is going to make a heck of a difference to our communities."

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# Looking Back cont'd

■ The Blountstown Tigers put together a strong fourth quarter scoring drive to defeat Freeport 23-12 in the pre-season kickoff classic for both schools.

■ A Blountstown native lost his life in a single vehicle crash in Liberty County. Daniel Reed, 29, of Bristol, died from injuries sustained in the accident that occurred on Hwy. 65.

■ Two Calhoun County women were hospitalized after a collision on CR-287A. Louise V. Foxworth, 53, of Altha, was airlifted to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital in critical condition. Janis L. Dutton, 45, of Clarksville, was taken by ambulance to Bay Medical Center with serious injuries.

■ Michael Carpenter, who ran for the Calhoun County sheriff's post back in 2008, filed suit in federal court against Sheriff David Tatum, Sgt. Mark "Kipper" Mallory and Dep. Eddie Dalton. The complaint referenced a drug raid in October 2008 during which Sgt. Mallory and Dep. Dalton allegedly had a photo taken in front of a vehicle that had a Carpenter campaign sign on it as Mallory held up a bag of seized marijuana.

■ The Calhoun County Airport was the site for a day of fly-in festivities.

■ Former Blountstown Tiger Ryan Baker started for the LSU Tigers at line-backer. A 2008 BHS graduate, Baker made some big plays for the Tigers in their nationally televised win over Vanderbilt with six tackles, including one sack.

■ The National FFA Organization (FFA) announced Michael Hampton Leonard of Blountstown was selected as a national finalist for the National FFA Proficiency Award in Outdoor Recreation - Entrepreneurship/Placement. Leonard was one of four people chosen to compete for this award at the national finals.

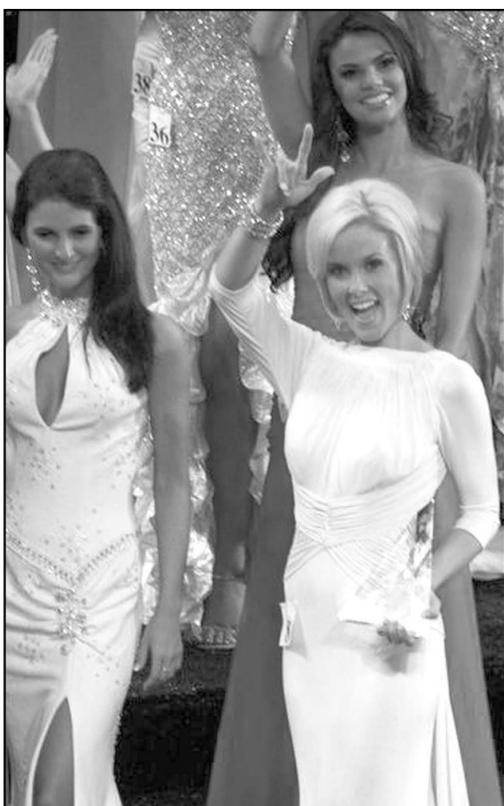
■ The Baggett family of Altha was named Calhoun County's Farm Family of the Year. The Baggett Brothers Farm Incorporated, now managed by Bobby Baggett, L.N. Baggett, L.N.'s son Richard Baggett, apprentice/grandson Shayn Baggett, and many other supporting family members, currently grows peanuts and cotton.

■ The Florida FFA announced Gene Ryals of Altha, a former agriculture teacher, was being inducted into the 2010 FFA Hall of Fame.

## OCTOBER

■ State banking officials, escorted by Florida Highway Patrol troopers, arrived at local branches of Wakulla Bank to seize control of the financial institution. It was then turned over to Centennial Bank of Arkansas.

■ A correctional officer and housekeeper were arrested in connection with a case of alleged insurance fraud at Calhoun-Liberty Hospital. Dallas Hogans, 26, of Bristol, and Cedric Bernard Simmons, 34, of



Jami Daniels did an outstanding job representing our region in the Miss Florida USA Pageant over the summer.



The Blountstown Tigers defeated Freeport in the Kickoff Classic back in August.

Blountstown were charged with three counts of conspiracy to commit insurance fraud over \$20,000. Hogans was charged with three counts of forgery and Simmons is charged with being a principle to forgery. The pair allegedly tried to obtain life insurance on a patient.

■ The Calhoun Liberty Patriots voted to tackle an issue that has concerned many area residents for years in Calhoun County: at-large voting.

■ Eric Jones and Junicia Baker were crowned Mr. and Miss Blountstown High School during the annual homecoming festivities.

■ Blountstown's own Christy Corbin Evans, the daughter of Dr. Finlay and Donna Corbin who now

resides in Raleigh, NC, appeared on "Wheel of Fortune".

■ On the steps of the Calhoun County Courthouse, U.S. Congressman Allen Boyd announced that Calhoun County had been awarded more than \$5 million in federal funding to protect area drivers by making critical infrastructure improvements to key roadways in the county.

■ The annual Goat Day celebration at Sam Atkins Park was held in conjunction with Pioneer Day at the Panhandle Pioneer Settlement.

■ Officials with Family Dollar purchased land in Altha to open a new discount store. The site, a cotton field between the Altha Post Office and Smith's

Supermarket, was acquired from Fuqua Enterprises.

■ The Blountstown High School Future Farmers of America Chapter did it again! For the third straight year, they won a national championship. The national convention was held in Indianapolis, Indiana, where winners of the National FFA Farm Business Management Career Development Event were announced at the annual awards banquet. Florida's team of Travis Pittman, Stewart Herndon, Blake McGraw, and Harlea Perdue of BHS captured first place in this category. In addition, Harlea Perdue of BHS won first place in the individual awards for this event, while Travis Pittman came in second and Stewart Herndon placed 10th. In the National FFA Agricultural Communications Career Development Event, the Florida team of Caitlyn Stewart, Kara Bremer, Kate McFarland, Trent Smith, and Hayden Jeppson, all of Blountstown FFA, came in 6th place in the nation. Stewart won 4th place in the individual category for this event.

■ Nolan Brown and Tyesha Austin were crowned Mr. and Miss Liberty County High School during homecoming festivities.

■ Jim Pruette, who leads the Calhoun-Liberty Patriots, filed a case in federal court against the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners over the at-large voting issue.

■ The annual Kinard Carnival attracted hundreds to the community center for the huge Halloween festival.

## NOVEMBER

■ The general election was held with Darrell McDougald winning the district 2 commission seat. A runoff was set between Clifford Jackson and Roy Pickron for the seat on the City Council vacated by Phillip Hill. Voters rejected a .25 mill School Board tax levy for another two years.

■ When a burglar made off with a set of welding leads at Big River Cypress, a video camera was rolling, leading to the arrest of a suspect. Henry D. Fain, 39, was taken into custody on charges of burglary, grand theft, and dealing in stolen property.

■ The Blountstown Tiger football team edged Liberty County, 20-19, to win the district championship title.

■ A cease and desist

order was filed against the Altha Superior Bank.

■ The Town of Altha paid tribute to a true hero on Veterans Day. U.S. Air Force Major Jerry Sellers was remembered with a ceremony and unveiling of a monument in his honor in front of Town Hall. Sellers literally laid down his life for our country on Christmas Day in 1967 while serving in Vietnam. His widow, Jane, and their three children, Jessica, Jeffery, and Jenny, made a cross country trip for the ceremony that was organized by Jerry's former

classmate in the Altha Class of '52, Jerry Brock.

■ Calhoun County Sheriff David Tatum honored a man who walked in his same shoes 78 years ago and wound up sacrificing his life. Robert Jordan Flanders became sheriff in 1930 following the murder of Sheriff C.D. Clark in the middle of downtown Blountstown. Two years later, Sheriff Flanders was elected to the office. On Dec. 13, just weeks before being sworn in to begin his four-year term, Sheriff

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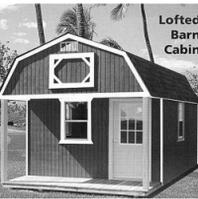
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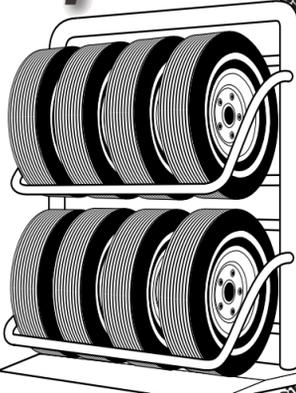


Seniors on the BHS homecoming court in October were (front row, from left) Kelsey Couch, Hayley Sumner, Sierra Chason, Junicia Baker, Becca Pitts, Chelsea Baker, (back row) Eric Jones, Dowling Lee, Paul Mosley, P.J. Buggs, Patrick Wilson, Cody Baldwin, and Dillon Shinberger. Not pictured is Kate McFarland.

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**CHORUS NEWS:** Under the direction of Mrs. Tina Smith, Altha School's High School Chorus recently performed at Parthenon Healthcare and the Blountstown Health and Rehabilitation Center.

## Principal Kelley announces Altha's "Kids of Character"

**Kids of Character**  
By Jesse Roberts

Principal Ladona Kelley proudly announces Altha School's Kids of Character for the month of December demonstrating the character trait of self control. They are shown at right and include (front row, from left) Kylie Mazzarese, Phoebe Moore, Braeden Smith, (second row) Julie Burge, Joe Moore, Alena Couch, (back row) Josie Hall and Stetson Branch. Not pictured are Deveni Pena and Justin Durham.



Detweiler, Kelly Ballard, Cheyenne Atkinson. Not pictured are Trayce King and Hannah Vogel, (third row) Elizabeth Earl. Graham Bruner and

Kids of Character for the month of November demonstrating the character trait of initiative are pictured below. They include (front row, from left) Kendall Pumphrey, Morgan Russell, Austin Brooks, Jacob Cauley, (second row) Ginger Chambliss, Karissa



## Chipola spring registration is Jan. 5-6; classes begin Jan. 7

Chipola College Spring registration for returning students is Jan. 5. New and returning students may 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](http://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.

Chipola was recently approved to offer a BS degree in Business Administration with concentrations in Accounting and Management and a BS degree in English Education. The new degrees will begin in May, 2011.

Chipola's 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.

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For information, call the Chipola Registration Office at 718-2311, or visit [www.chipola.edu](http://www.chipola.edu)

## "Race to the Top" funding Calhoun one of 11 school districts to receive grant

The Florida Department of Education (DOE) announced Tuesday that Calhoun County is among 11 school districts that have been approved to begin receiving local Race to the Top funding.

Grant award notices totaling more than \$25 million were sent to the approved districts indicating the amount of funding each district has been awarded, schedules for accessing the funds and other pertinent grant-related information.

The 11 approved districts are Alachua, Calhoun, Clay, DeSoto, Gulf, Hendry, Holmes, Manatee, Pasco, Putnam, and Washington. Applications for the remaining 54 grant-eligible districts are being evaluated on an ongoing basis with award notices going out as the approvals occur. All remaining award notices are expected to be issued by the end of the month.

"My congratulations go out to each of these districts for being the first to access their Race to the Top funding and getting a jumpstart

on their local education reform efforts," said Florida Education Commissioner Dr. Eric J. Smith. "We are moving full steam ahead on a track of unprecedented improvement in our schools and I'm looking forward to more of our districts receiving this important funding in the weeks ahead."

As indicated in each grant award notice, approved districts will be able to draw down a percentage of their funds each quarter during the next four years. The funds will be used to meet specific Race to the Top deliverables that are outlined in each district's grant application. Examples of these deliverables include the development of new teacher and principal evaluation systems that are based in part on student achievement, expansion of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) coursework and program offerings, and driving improvement in persistently low-performing schools.

"The start of the flow of these funds into our partici-

pating school districts is a crucial milestone for Florida and the 2.6 million children who attend its public schools each year," said Public Schools Chancellor Dr. Frances Haithcock. "Through these targeted reform efforts we can expect a revolution in the quality of education our children receive and their ability to build the prosperous life each one of them deserves."

Through the \$700 million federal Race to the Top grant, the U.S. Department of Education has challenged Florida to implement bold education reforms focused on helping struggling schools, elevating the effectiveness of teaching professionals and education leaders, building internationally recognized education standards and assessments, and improving state education data systems.

For more information about Race to the Top, including a continuously updated list of each approved school district, please visit the Race to the Top Grant website.



## Financial aid workshop for seniors set for January 19

### News from Guidance

On Wednesday, January 19, Blountstown High School will host a financial aid workshop for seniors from Blountstown High and Altha High. The presentation will be held in the auditorium beginning at 9 A.M.

Representatives from the Florida Department of Education will be on hand to discuss Federal Student Financial Aid which includes the Pell Grant and the Florida Student Assistance Grant. The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship will also be reviewed. The guidance department will distribute and discuss packets of scholarship information from local organizations, businesses, and individual benefactors.

Parents are invited to attend this very informative workshop. All students are encouraged to be in attendance on this day. Parents need to carefully review the packets of information with their child. It will be very important to follow the scholarship deadlines. There will be no extensions of the deadlines.

If there are any questions, please call Sandra Waller, Guidance Counselor, or Loraine McClellan, Career Specialist at 674-5724 at Blountstown High School. Altha parents may contact



Megan Brown's satire, "The Little Ballerina," was a class favorite during a recent English III project.

Charlene Yon, Guidance Counselor, at 762-3121.

### ACT Reminder

The ACT registration deadline is January 7, 2011. This is for the February 12, 2011 ACT Test. Late registration is January 8 - 21, 2011.

Students are reminded that BHS is now a testing site for ACT. If any student is interested in registering for the February test, please select BHS as your testing center. Our testing center code is 187320.

### English Class News

Students in Mrs. Debra Betts's English III Honors classes have been reading, discussing, and writing satires. A satire is a literary work that ridicules or attacks human corruption

or immoral practices; the purpose of a satire is to improve society.

First, students read Washington Irving's "The Devil and Tom Walker". After reading the short story, students wrote an essay explaining how this literary work is an example of a satire.

After discussing how Irving satirized greed, hypocrisy, marriage, etc., students brainstormed topics that were of interest to them today and could be utilized for the research, and wrote their satires.

One of the students' favorite satires (which was written by a fellow classmate/peer) was Megan Brown's "The Little Ballerina".

### Calendar of Events

Thursday, Jan. 6th, Girls Basketball, Home against Vernon at 4:30; Boys Basketball, Home against Vernon at 6:00/7:30

Friday, Jan. 7th, Girls Basketball, Home against Bozeman at 6:00; Boys Basketball, Home against Bozeman at 7:30

Monday, Jan. 10th, Report Cards; Girls Basketball, Home against Holmes County at 6:00

Tuesday, Jan. 11th, Girls Basketball, Away at St. Joe at 3:30; Boys Basketball, Away at St. Joe at 5:00/6:30

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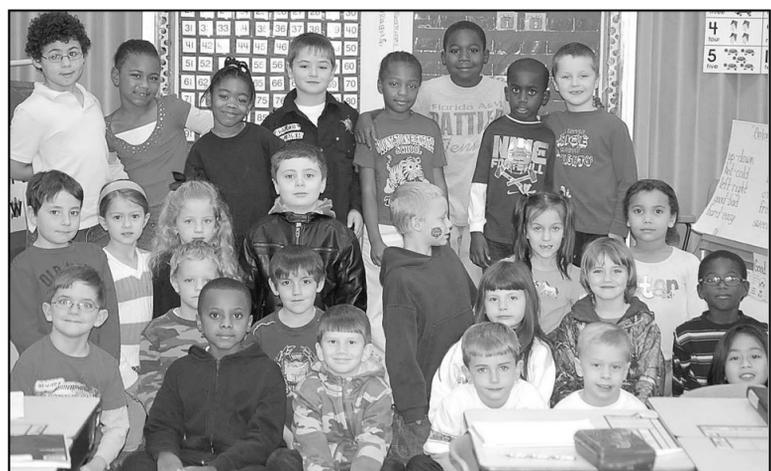
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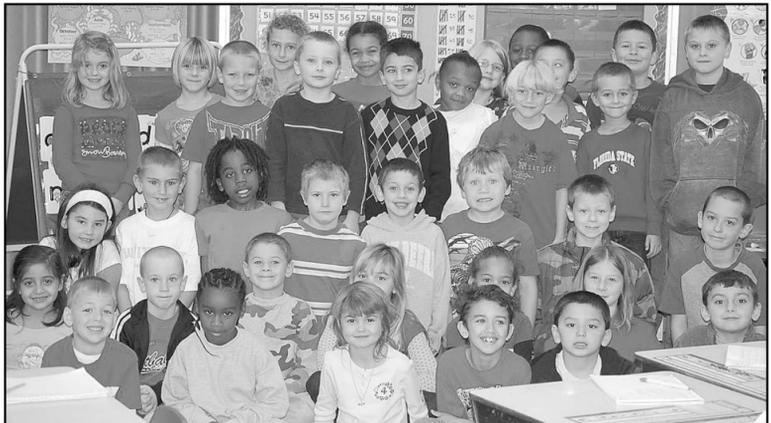
# BLOUNTSTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

# Youth Sports



## First graders win BES food drive competition

B.E.S. held a Thanksgiving food drive for the Calhoun County Ministry Center. Each grade competed to see which grade could collect the most food. Congratulations to the first graders (pictured above and below) on being the winners!



## Blountstown Youth Baseball and Softball signups are set

The Blountstown Youth Baseball and Softball league will be holding registration on the following dates:  
Saturday, January 15th, January 29th, and February 5th from 9am

CST to 12pm CST at the BHS gymnasium. The registration fee is \$60. Bring a COPY OF YOUR CHILDS BIRTH CERTIFICATE to registration – please don't bring the original – we require a copy to

keep. When registering, please know the size uniform your child will need. These will be the only 3 dates we will be doing registration. We are looking forward to a great year of baseball and softball!!

## Calhoun County Dixie Girls Softball registration Jan. 8

Calhoun County Dixie Girls Softball signups will be held at the W.T. Neal Civic Center on Jan. 8, 15,

and 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The league is open to girls ages 8 to 18. Bring a

\$50 signup fee. For more information, call Danny Starr at 762-2092.

## BHS baseball and softball alumni game is February 12

The Blountstown High School Baseball and Softball teams would like to invite all alumni who would be interested in playing in either event to join us on February 12 for the games. This is a fundraiser for both teams.

For more information, contact Emory Horne for baseball and Bruce Hubbs for softball at Blountstown

High School, ph. 674-5724. We will need participants who are interested to register by February 1,

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## Looking Back cont'd

Flanders was gunned down by J.P. Chance, a farmer who sharecropped land with him just south of Ten Mile Creek near Shelton's crossroads. Sheriff Tatum hosted a luncheon and presented memorial books to Sheriff Flanders' family members.

Blountstown schools were put on lockdown after a suspect was accused of firing shots at his ex-girlfriend's house, then speeding away. A two-county search ended in the arrests of Nicholas Norris Kerr, charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, discharging a firearm in public, and possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, and Edward Norris Young, 24, charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute.

A former Blountstown resident who lost his father in a motorcycle crash in Calhoun County nearly three years ago died from injuries sustained in a collision in Tallahassee. Jason Sulewski, 23, passed away at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital.

Blountstown Police Chief Glenn Kimbrel, who was set to retire through the DROP program on Jan. 31, told the City Council during a special meeting that he'd changed his mind. But by meeting's end, the Council agreed unanimously that his retirement was binding and they would be searching for a new chief.

Carr FFA won second place overall in the State Forestry Contest held in Perry, Florida.

Altha was chosen to lead the Christmas parades as grand marshal.

Carr School sixth grader Seth Brown captured the countywide spelling bee title, earning him a spot at the regional spelling bee.

An Altha woman was carjacked in Jackson County, leading to a high speed chase across two counties. Elizabeth Reagan contacted the Jackson County Sheriff's Office shortly after 11 p.m. to report a white male had abducted her at knifepoint, forcing her to drive to Magnolia Landing. He made her get out of the 1999 Buick, then drove off. Christopher Cruz Walley of Cottondale was apprehended and faced carjacking, kidnapping, and aggravated assault charges in Jackson County.

Blountstown Main Street hosted their annual Christmas Tour of Homes.

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

Former federal Bureau of Prisons employee and Blountstown native James Lee Bailey, 42, was sentenced to 27 months in federal prison on charges that he conspired to manipulate the sale of surplus equipment from the UNICOR factory at the Marianna federal prison facility. His cousin, Lee Temples, received five years probation.



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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Larry Waldorf is the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows; CERTIFICATE NO.295, YEAR OF ISSUANCE 2005

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**  
Parcel # R-16- 2S-09-0000-0005-0900  
Parcel 1: Begin at the SW corner of Section 16, T2S, R9W and run North 629 feet, then East 239 feet, then North 420 feet, then run East to the West side of Chipola River then run West 410 feet, for point of beginning, then South 12 degrees West 75 feet, then West 90 feet, then North 75 feet, then East 90 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel 2: Begin at the SW corner of Section 16, T2S, R9W and run North 629 feet; then East 239 feet; then North 420 feet; then East to the West side of Chipola River, then run West 410 feet; then go in a SW direction 75 feet for the point of beginning; then go in a Southwesterly direction 73 feet; then go in a NW direction 80 feet; then go in a NE direction 27 feet; then go East 90 feet to point of beginning. LESS AND EXCEPT: Begin at the SW corner of Section 16, T2S, R9W and run North 629 feet; then East 239 feet; then North 420 feet; then East to the West side of Chipola River; then run West 410 feet; then go in a SW direction 121 feet for point of beginning; then go in a Southwesterly direction 27 feet; then go in a NW direction 80 feet; then go in a NE direction 27 feet; then go in a Southeast direction 80 feet to point of beginning.

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Said property being in the County of CALHOUN, STATE OF FLORIDA. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be SOLD to the highest bidder at the Courthouse door on February 10, 2011 At 10:00 A.M. CST.

By: Robie Bennett  
Deputy Clerk  
RUTH W. ATTAWAY  
Clerk of Circuit Court of  
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## Legal Notice

### REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST

The City of Blountstown will receive Letters of Interest from any qualified engineering and surveying firm interested in providing the requested services for the following project:

### CHARLEY JOHNS SIDEWALK

The project will consist of construction engineering and inspection of the sidewalk along Charley Johns Street from State Road 20 to State Road 71 and other various streets in Blountstown, FL in accordance with FDOT Standards as identified in the city's Local Agency Participation contract with FDOT.

The Proposer's checklist can be obtained at Blountstown City Hall, 20591 Central Avenue West, Blountstown, FL 32424, (850)674-5488. Firms must be FDOT pre-qualified in Group 10.1- Roadway CEI.

Letters of interest will be received until 2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time, on Feb. 8, 2011, at the City of Blountstown City Hall, 20591 Central Avenue West, Blountstown, Florida 32424. The City of Blountstown is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Handicapped Accessible/Fair Housing Jurisdiction.

## Legal Notice

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

File number 2010-54-PR

In Re: Estate of:  
FREIDA H. LEWIS  
Deceased.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of Freida H. Lewis, deceased, whose date of death was October 5, 2010 is pending in the Circuit Court for Calhoun County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 20859 Central Avenue East, Room 130, Blountstown, Florida 32424. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice has been served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE TIME OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of first publication of this notice is November 3, 2010.

Personal Representative:  
David Hall  
6419 Express Road  
Grand Ridge, FL 32442

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
Stuart E. Goldberg  
Fla. Bar No. 0365971  
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By Tony Young, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission

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The position will be a part time, term appointment. Salary: \$13.41 per hour (GS 4 Step 1). Typically the work schedule will be 20 hours per week. Benefits are available. Applicants must be a US citizen.

Anyone interested in this position should submit a resume to the following address:

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ATTN: John Dunlap  
P.O. Box 579  
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# OBITUARIES

## ALLAN R. CREWZ

Allan R. Crewz, 61, of Bristol passed away Monday, December 20, 2010, in Blountstown.

Allan was born December 23, 1948, in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, to Stanley Merle and Dessie (Owens) Crewz.

He is survived by a brother, Randall Crewz, and his wife, Vivian, of Hodgenville, Kentucky; a sister, Sue McKinnley, and her husband, Jim; and his caretaker, Debra Osborn, of Bristol.

Memorialization was by cremation. Interment followed in Hardin Memorial Park in Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

All arrangements were under the direction of Adams Funeral Home (ph. 674-5449 or online at [www.adamsfh.com](http://www.adamsfh.com)).

## BROWARD GRIFFIN

Mr. Broward Griffin, 63, of Altha, FL, passed away Tuesday, December 28, 2010, in Gainesville, FL.

Broward was born on February 10, 1947, in Calhoun County and had lived here all of his life. He was a retired offshore pipeline welder. Broward was a veteran of the Vietnam Conflict serving in the United States Army. He was a member of the American Legion.

Survivors include one sister, Alice Kimbrel, of Panama City.

Memorial Services will be held Friday, January 14, 2011, at 2 pm at the home of Broward Griffin 25678 NE Iris Chancy Road, Altha, FL, with Reverend Carlton Baggett officiating.

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

## MANUEL RAY HIGHFIELD

Manuel Ray Highfield, 70, of Southport, Florida, passed away Saturday, January 1, 2011, in Panama City.

He was born to Benjamin Bruce and Mildred Rossetta (Fetters) Highfield July 24, 1940, in Lewis County, Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Stanley Highfield.

He is survived by a sister, Bonnie Spell, and her husband, Broward, of Southport; four nieces and nephews and five great-nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held at 1 p.m., Monday, January 3, at Southport Memorial Gardens with Reverend Robert Stephens

## Hunting

Coon huntin' with dogs at night, while using a light, is allowed. On private property, when in possession of written landowner permission, you may hunt raccoons year-round, but most of us prefer to hunt 'em during the colder months so as not to get our dogs snakebit or attacked by gators.

All dogs used in pursuing raccoons or opossums are required to wear collars or tags that identify dog owners and their addresses. Hunting either furbearer by "shining" or using lights from moving vehicles, boats or animals is against the law. It's also illegal to transport wild-trapped live raccoons within, into or from Florida.

Individuals with a trapping license (\$26.50) also may take raccoons and opossums by means of live-trapping or the use of snares, but these traps must be checked at least every 24 hours. Using steel or leg-hold traps is prohibited.

Only people with a trapping license are authorized to sell the hides and meat of these furbearers (call the Florida Dept. of Agriculture Division of Food Safety at 850-488-0295).

So, if you're looking for a new and exciting huntin' opportunity, get ahold of a good coon dog, grab your .22, a flashlight and a pair of hip waders and take to the swamps!

## A Thought to Remember



With the passing of another year, we reflect on the events that changed our lives—some of them good, but for some, there have been better years. Fortunately, time has a way of healing, and letting us go forward—a promise of better years to come. Whatever last year brought you, we want you to know our thoughts are with you for a healthy and happy new year.

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officiating.

Adams Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements (ph. 674-5449 or online at [www.adamsfh.com](http://www.adamsfh.com)).

## HERMAN G. NEWSOME

Mr. Herman G. Newsome, 68, of Wewahitchka, FL, passed away Tuesday, December 28, 2010, at his home.

Herman was born on September 7, 1942, in Calhoun County and had lived in Calhoun, Leon and Gulf Counties for most of his life. Herman was retired from the construction business. He served in the United States Army for three years and was of the Methodist Faith.

Herman was preceded in death by his parents, Alvie and Velma Newsome; and a sister, Lois Dunn.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Newsome, of Wewahitchka; one son, Herman Gene Newsome, Jr., of Tallahassee, FL; two daughters, Polly Newsome of Blountstown, FL, and Angela Green and her husband, Daniel, of Tallahassee; one stepson, Scott Elliott, of Wewahitchka; one stepdaughter, Sherry Fortney, of Milledgeville, GA; two brothers, Charles Newsome and his wife, Jo, of Clarksville; Clifford Newsome and his wife, Beth, of Clarksville; four sisters, Edna Burkett of Clarksville, Lela Hutchinson of Columbus, GA, Linda Hand and her husband, Donald, of Jakin, GA, Doris Burkett and her husband, Greg, of

Blountstown; five grandchildren, Samantha Newsome, Taylor Green, David Newsome, Johnathan Green and Jeremy Green; four step-grandchildren, Brooke Fortney, Tyler Elliott, Brandon Fortney and Ashley Elliott.

Funeral services were held Friday, December 31, at 2 pm (CST) at Peavy Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed in the Alvie and Velma Newsome Family Cemetery in Clarksville.

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

## MILBRY JEAN (ALTMAN) SIMMONS

Mrs. Milbry Jean (Altman) Simmons, 81, of Blountstown, passed away early Monday morning, January 3, 2011, at her home.

Jean was born on April 22, 1929 in Canal Point, FL, and had lived in Blountstown for the past 10 years, coming from Quincy, FL. Jean worked in retail sales for JC Penny and Jane's Bootery. She was a member of Macedonia First Baptist Church in Blountstown.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Alexander Simmons.

Survivors include one daughter, Donna Gaye Dees, and her husband, Lawrence, of Blountstown; one sister, Nettie Wilson, of South Haven, Miss.; three grandchildren, Chad Dees, Kelly Wyrick and Clay Dees; and five great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, January 6, at 2:00 pm (CST) at Macedonia First Baptist Church in Blountstown with Reverend David Wood officiating. Interment will follow in the Nettle Ridge Cemetery in Blountstown. The family will receive friends Thursday, January 6, from 1:00 pm (CST) until service time at 2:00 pm (CST) at Macedonia First Baptist Church.

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

## MABEL A. PRESTON STEWART

Mabel A. Preston Stewart, 96, passed peacefully at her home in Bristol on Tuesday, December 28, 2010.

She was born on March 10, 1914, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the daughter of Elmer and Myrtle Shaefer Hawkins. The family moved to Hayward, Wisconsin, in 1932 where she graduated high school in 1934. She married Paul W. Preston in 1936 and had

four children. He preceded her in death in 1964. In 1970, she married Ernest Stewart and they moved to Bristol to retire.

Survivors include her three loving children in Bristol, daughter Paula and husband, Bob Rahn, and son, Todd Preston; daughter Lynne Carter of Rosharon, Texas; special step-daughter, Patricia Cohen, of Chicago, Illinois; dear daughter-in-law, Judith Preston, of Tunnel Hill, Illinois; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and loving nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Ernest; son, Robini D. Preston; and granddaughter, Rhonda Preston.

She loved her flowers, shrubs, squirrels and birds, enjoyed fishing on Lake Talquin, her summer visits back to Hayward, crossword puzzles and especially books. She was an avid reader her entire life and raised her children to follow her footsteps. She was extremely proud of her 10+ years as a Red Cross volunteer at the Calhoun Liberty Hospital up until her stroke in 2003. Her dear friends were a special part of her life over all the years.

There will be no funeral services and the family respectively asks that, in lieu of flowers or food, memorials be made to a charity of choice, the Harrell Memorial Library, 12818 NW CR 12, Bristol, Florida 32321, or the Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd. Tallahassee, Florida 32308.

Adams Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements (ph. 674-5449 or online at [www.adamsfh.com](http://www.adamsfh.com)).

## KENNETH WILLARD STORY

Kenneth Willard Story, 56, of Blountstown, passed away Friday December 31, 2010, in Panama City, FL.

Kenneth was born on September 2, 1954, in Quincy, FL, and had lived in Calhoun and Liberty Counties, all of his life. He was a retired truck driver and a member of the Holiness Faith.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his mother, Edna Weathers; and two brothers, Jeffery Story and Willard Story, Jr.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Story, of Blountstown; his father and stepmother, Willard and Carol Story of Hosford, FL; three daughters, Tracy Price and her husband, Donald, of Blountstown, Melissa Norris and her husband, Shawn, and Nichole Pickron and her husband, Jesse, all of Kinard, FL; two brothers, Bobby Story and his wife, Norma Jean, of Blountstown, and David Story and his wife,

Virginia, of Cairo, GA; two sisters, Sharon Meeks and her husband, Robert, and Karen Oxendin and her husband, Randy, all of Blountstown; his aunt, Sissy Story Smith, of Wauchula, FL; and 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 3, at 1 pm (CST) at the Kinard Community Holiness Church in Kinard, with Pastor Carlton Cain officiating. Interment followed in Blue Creek Cemetery in Liberty County. The family requests, in lieu of flowers, please make contributions to Peavy Funeral Home to help with the funeral expenses.

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

## JUDITH ELAINE WILLIAMS

Judith Elaine Williams, 66, of Marianna, died Tuesday, December 28, 2010, at her residence.

She was born in La Fayette, Alabama, and lived most of her life in this area. She was a member of Altha Church of God.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wilbur Eugene Williams; her parents, Pat and Mae Johnson, of Columbus, GA; four brothers, Jerry Lee Johnson, Richard Lumas Johnson, Anthony Johnson and Randall Troy Johnson; and one sister, Genny Williams.

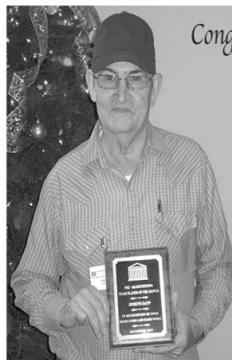
Survivors include four sons, Gary Williams and wife, Kim, of Marianna, David Williams of Altha, Mike Williams and wife, Christian, of Marianna, and Richard Williams and wife, Belinda of Panama City; one brother, William (Billy) Johnson; one sister, Brenda Johnson; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Friday, December 31, at Altha Church of God with Rev. Allen Nichols officiating. Interment followed in Sink Creek Cemetery with James & Sikes Funeral Home Maddox Chapel directing.

Expressions of sympathy may be made online at [jamesandsikesfuneralhomes.com](http://jamesandsikesfuneralhomes.com)

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## Parthenon of Blountstown Team Player of the Month



Congratulations!  
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Parthenon Healthcare of Blountstown named Joseph Sapp as December Team Player of the Month. Since July 2010, Sapp has worked as a Floor Technician. He is responsible for providing routine floor care. When asked how his work experience has been, Sapp said, "It's a good working environment, I enjoy working here".



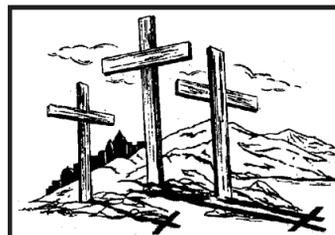
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Wednesday Bible Study...9:00 AM  
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Sunday Worship... 11:00 AM  
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Exciting Worship.....11:00 AM  
Bible Study & Worship.....6:00 PM  
Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study.....6:30 PM  
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Morning Worship...11:00 AM  
Evening Worship...5:00 PM  
Wednesday Service...7:00 PM  
Pastor, Shelton Kindig  
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Blountstown, FL  
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