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COMMUNITY

March on MLK Day is planned

January 17th is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, a holiday marking the birthday of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

There are many ways in which your family can come together to celebrate the life of Dr. King, a man who spoke about equality and helped lead the civil rights movement. And one way to celebrate is for all to come join us as we line up at 9:00 A.M. on January 17th at the Blountstown City Hall to begin our March on Hwy. 20 going down River Street and ending at St. Mary Church, followed by a spirit-filled program that you don't want to miss. This year's speaker will be our very own Rev. Eddie Yon from Tallahassee.

We are inviting all pastors, politicians, educators, parents, and children to come out and help make

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NEW YEAR BABY



Meet Adrianna Hadassah Spencer

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Matthew and Candra Spencer from Altha are the proud parents of Adrianna Hadassah Spencer, Calhoun County's New Year's Baby.

Little Miss Spencer arrived at 8:36 am on January 3, 2011, weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces. She was also Jackson Hospital's first baby of 2011.

Paternal Grandparents are Charles and Gloria Stubbs, Kissimmee, and Maternal Grandmother Carol Morris of Polk City, FL.

Baby Adrianna joins big brother Luke, age 4, and big sister Audrey, age 1.

Mr. Spencer serves as Pastor for the New Testament Baptist Church in Cypress, and works as a surveyor for Bannerman Surveyors in Marianna.

Mrs. Spencer is a full-time mom.

Dr. Orlando Muniz of Marianna OB/GYN Associates delivered Little Miss Spencer.

Maternal Care Nurse Managers Christina Conrad, BSN, RN, and Connie Swearingen, BSN, RN, and the entire Maternal Care Nursing Unit on behalf of Jackson Hospital's Board of Trustees, Administration and Staff, presented the parents with a New Year's Baby Gift basket containing a case each of diapers, formula and baby wipes, a reusable baby bag containing *American Baby* magazine and baby calendar, an engraved baby feeding spoon, a baby bib, and \$50 Walmart Gift Card.

JOBS

Horse racing, gaming facility coming

Tuesday was an important day for the City of Gretna and the entire region.

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians announced a partnership with Florida developer, David Romanik, to bring horse racing and a poker facility to Gretna at a project kickoff ceremony.

The Kick-Off was attended by Tribal members, elected officials and invited guests.

The new facility is expected to create more than 400 jobs for the community ranging from construction and building contract jobs to hundreds of jobs at the facility once it opens.

The centerpiece facility at the more than 100-acre site will be an equestrian center and Quarter Horse track. It will be located just off the I-10 interchange on State Road 12 in Gretna.

A press release from Creek Entertainment Gretna stated the partnership and project will make Gretna a destination for horsemen, spectators, outdoorsmen, poker players, sports enthusiasts and tourists. The new facility is expected to open next winter.

"Gretna is a wonderful community, and it is a privilege to be able to provide jobs here," noted the Tribe's Chairman, Buford L. Rolin.

He continued, "Our Tribe takes great pride in all of our businesses and the quality of entertainment that they offer. We are excited to see what Creek Entertainment Gretna will mean to the economic well-being of our neighbors in North Florida."

It was noted that Gretna is a small, rural community in Gadsden County where the median income is \$25,000 where more than 30 percent of the population is below the federal

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Correction officer charged in aggravated battery case

BY KELLI PEACOCK DUNN
News Editor

A Blountstown man who serves as a correctional officer at Apalachee Correction Institution in Jackson County has been charged with being a principal to aggravated battery.

Terry Blair, 39, was arrested Sunday and booked into the Jackson County Jail.

According to an affidavit filed in the case, an inmate reportedly asked a sergeant and captain for protection on May 28, stating he was in fear of other inmates. He was allegedly physically abused by those officers, then placed back in the dorm with the inmates he feared. On June 2, an inmate allegedly attacked the man and Ofc. Blair is accused of assisting the attacker in remaining out of view of the video camera, cleaning the crime scene area, and completing an incident report, stating he did not witness the attack. Ofc. Blair and two other prison employees are also accused of helping the inmate dispose of the boots he was wearing when he kicked the victim in the head.



TERRY BLAIR

Local man arrested after houseboat meth lab found

BY KELLI PEACOCK DUNN
News Editor

A Calhoun County man was arrested Jan. 4 stemming from a meth case over the summer.

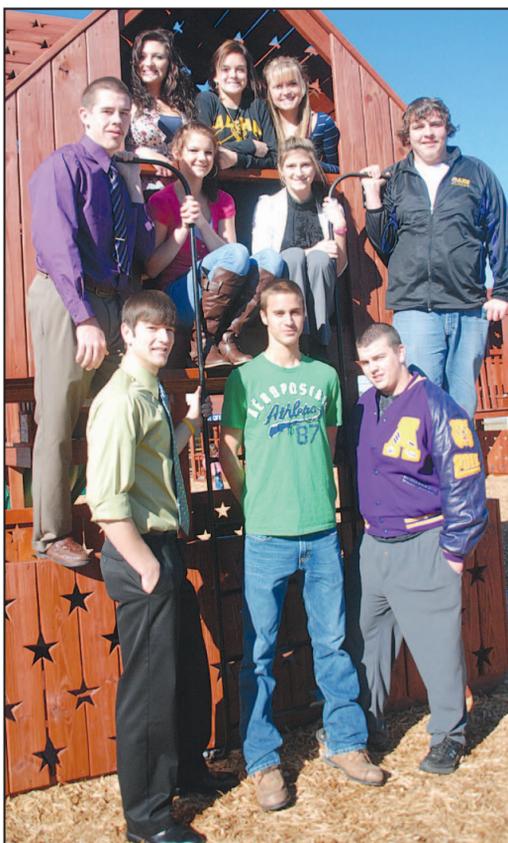
Clifton Larry Stevens II has been charged with trafficking in meth.

According to the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office, Dep. Nick Keller and Sgt. Jared Nichols found Stevens on a houseboat back in August when they were looking for him on another warrant. When they found him, items used to manufacture meth were also located, along with a bottle of meth.

Stevens was booked into the Calhoun County Jail and given a conditional release Jan. 5.



CLIFTON STEVENS II



HOMECOMING

Who will be Mr. and Miss Altha High 2011?

Homecoming week gets underway Monday at Altha School with coronation set for that evening at 6:30 p.m. Candidates vying for the title of Mr. and Miss AHS are (shown above, front row, from left) Jeremy O'Bryan, Ashton Baggett, Kyle Parrish, (second row) Tyler Hamilton, Hali Smith, Sharlyn Smith, Jeffery Waldroff, (third row) Olivia Edenfield, Tracy Clemmons, and Kala Sewell. Turn to page 8 for more on homecoming plans.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Rising gas prices, big oil companies out of control

Dear Editor,
 While thinking about rising prices of gasoline this poem came to me. It is ridiculous what big oil companies along with the speculators, stock analysts, politicians, and foreign interests can do with the price per gallon of gasoline. It is even worse as to how we here in America let it happen. We seem to just go ahead and keep on with our bad driving habits, burning gasoline in our vehicles just like it is still 50¢ a gallon.

This is all happening in a time when the economy is still in terrible shape. When social security recipients are doing without a raise again in 2011, health care costs are still rising, along with everything else. It is time for us to wake up, and start asking ourselves what we can do about all this and quit feeding the greed of big oil companies along with all these other interests.

Howard Boyd

Twas the week after Christmas
 Just before the new year
 Oil prices still rising
 People at the pump
 grouchy as a bear

Why? They ask

No one seems to know
 Certainly not from the weather
 In Florida especially
 We seldom see snow

Let me guess, says one,
 It must be the economy
 As bad as it may seem
 Christmas just past
 Maybe the store sales
 will last

Taxes, maybe it could be
 No it's not in the New Year
 Annual budgets haven't
 passed
 Oil prices rising starting
 to wear

Some blame Obama
 He's only our President
 His is paid for
 What does he care?

"I know" says another
 The lobbyists are lobby-
 ing
 Elections just past
 Democrats losing power
 They're all sobbing

Oil prices still rising!
 It may be the holidays
 Speculators helping out
 Oil stocks rising
 There must be this great
 need
 Oil company execs all
 smiling
 I know!! It's all just
 greed



Big River Valley Hunt a success Chamber's second hunt showcases Calhoun Co.

BY KRISTY TERRY

The Big River Valley Hunt, coordinated by the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce, was held Jan. 6 - 8 and was a tremendous success. Twelve hunters from across Florida visited Calhoun County as they embarked on two- and three-day hunts for deer and wild hogs. Of the 12, five were second year hunters. Three traveled from Key Largo, two from Homestead, two from Okeechobee, one from Lutz, one from Tampa, one from Melbourne, and two locals. Hunters arrived on Wednesday afternoon, and started their hunts Thursday. Big Bend

Sporting Goods served as headquarters as visitors gathered there to meet their local volunteer guides. The Ducks Unlimited/Apalachicola Valley Chapter provided breakfast each morning for hunters. They were also treated to a "Big River Valley Dinner" Friday evening. Rodney and Sherrie Swindle hosted the dinner at their Circle S Plantation with a menu that included beef brisket, pork, chicken, collard greens, potato casserole, brown rice, corn salad, and cornbread, all prepared by Mike and Lori Halley. A variety of desserts was provided by the Country Creamery & Gifts. Norris Smoke House was the processor for the

hunt, and owner Bill Norris stayed busy. The packages included the opportunity to kill one buck, one doe, and one hog. Over the course of the hunt, almost all of the hunters killed at least one thing, with several killing more. Capt. Jeff Pfister bagged a nice 9-point, and is already planning to return in 2012 for the third year in a row. Each hunter received a registration bag with items donated by Chamber members, coupons for discounts at local stores, as well as promotional materials on Calhoun County. Several stayed at the Airport Motel and all visited restaurants in town, as well as shopped in local stores. Additional sponsors for the event were Ducks

Unlimited and Live Oak Production Group. Of course, the hunt wouldn't have been possible without the generous participation of Neal Land & Timber Company and Big River Cypress & Hardwood. Phil McMillan and Harry Rogers were instrumental in the coordination of landowners and are responsible for making the hunt a success. Emory Godwin, Titus Overholt, Jim Waldron, and Joe Wood guided hunters, and the event wouldn't have been possible without them. The Chamber is proud that the second Big River Valley Hunt was a success and is already making plans for next year's event, as well as other nature-tourism projects.

MLK Day continued

this holiday more than just another day home from work!
 For more information, please contact Evangelist Deborah Hammond at 674-2453 or Kenneth Speights at 850-557-7413.

Gaming facility continued

poverty line. "This is a tremendous economic development opportunity for Gretna. It's also an opportunity for us to become a leader among small, rural communities by bringing the economic and recreational benefits of a horse track and equestrian facility to a region where these activities are extremely popular and will be a catalyst for rural economic development and growth," said Gretna Mayor Helen Franks. Florida has the third largest horse population in the nation with 500,000 horses, trailing only California (1 million) and Texas (700,000).

North Florida, and particularly the Red Hills region of North Florida, is an equestrian-rich part of the state. It is estimated there are between 50,000 and 75,000 horses in the North Florida, South Georgia region. "PCI Gaming Authority has embarked upon this endeavor to enable economic stability and stimulus for the City of Gretna and surrounding communities," said Jay Dorris, President and CEO of PCI Gaming Authority. "The planned facility is going to be one with which everyone can be proud. Plans and financing are in place and we will soon be starting construction" Dorris added.

The horse industry is highly diverse and economically significant in the nation and increasingly in Florida. The Florida horse industry produces \$3 billion in goods and services annually while the national industry has a \$5.2 billion impact on our state's economy. These economic benefits do not account for off-site spending by spectators at hotels, restaurants and other businesses surrounding equine facilities and events, which results in an even higher economic impact. "Horse racing is an integral and popular part of Florida's equine culture that has thus far been limited to South and Central Florida. Despite the popularity of horses and equestrian activities among residents in North Florida, the region lacks a state-of-the-

art equestrian facility or horse track," said David Romanik, president and CEO of Gretna Racing LLC. "We saw an unmet need in North Florida and wanted to use our expertise and passion for horse racing and equestrian activities to create a gateway community that will become a regional destination in the Red Hills and Big Bend region," Romanik said. "This partnership with the Poarch Creek Indians and the City of Gretna is making that vision a reality." In addition to the equestrian focus, the site will also have a world-class poker room. Comparable pari-mutuel facilities that host a horse track and poker room draw patrons from a market area that is typically more than a one-hour drive time from the Gretna site. The press release stated that this facility is a long-overdue entertainment venue and will draw from an estimated 500,000 adults over the age of 18 that is eligible to play poker.

"Creek Entertainment Gretna will not only provide an entertainment venue for the area, it will also provide a ripple effect in terms of economic development for the community," said Keith Martin, Chairman of the Poarch Creek Indians' Gaming Authority. "Our gaming enterprises support existing businesses in the area and serve as a means for other businesses to start. We are excited about this endeavor and the progressive impact it will have on our neighbors here," he added. Currently there are three operating racetrack and poker rooms in Florida. These facilities employ more than 1,500 full-time employees and generate \$5.15 million in state and local taxes for the communities they serve. "This project will create an innovative public-private partnership that will provide our City with significant economic benefits and opportunities," Mayor Franks said. The Poarch Band of Creek Indians are descendants of a segment of the original Creek Nation, which once covered almost

all of Alabama, Georgia and North Florida. The Tribe owns gaming properties in Alabama including Wind Creek Casino & Hotel in Atmore, AL, Creek Casino Montgomery in Montgomery, AL and Creek Casino Wetumpka in Wetumpka, AL as well as multiple racetracks in Alabama and Florida. David Romanik and Gretna Racing have long sought an opportunity to deliver a state-of-the-art equestrian facility and poker room, which embraces the popularity of equestrian activities in the Red Hill region of North Florida. Romanik, is an attorney and gaming consultant specializing in horse racing who has served as legal counsel to a number of pari-mutuel interests in recent years and is a former president of Gulfstream Park, where he ran the most successful race meet in the facility's long history. In a phone interview,

Jay Dorris stated his organization saw an opportunity in Gretna and Gadsden County for this facility. Other facilities that the company own started much like the Gretna Park will start and have continued to grow and Dorris said "hopefully we will see the same results in Gretna." Dorris said that his company focused on service to their customers and it was important that employees felt good about working for the company. Concerning the project, Gretna city manager Antonio Jefferson stated that the project kick-off was a result of three years of hard concentrated effort on the part of the developers, the Gretna City commissioners and staff to develop a and create a great opportunity for local residents work, live and play. For more information on PCI you can visit their web site at www.pcigaming.com/coda/index.html.



**CALHOUN & LIBERTY COUNTY
 SHERIFF'S LOG**

CALHOUN COUNTY

Jan. 4: Hillary Marrigill, failure to appear; Marcus J. Hardy, state VOP; Julius A. Fleming, state VOP; Clifton Stevens, trafficking in meth

Jan. 6: Robert Godwin, county VOP; Jennifer Mauldin, county VOP; Timothy William Olsen, Jackson County warrant, failure to appear/DUI

Jan. 8: Dave Peterson, domestic battery

Jan. 9: Bertha Berg, domestic battery

LIBERTY COUNTY

Jan. 3: Russell Edenfield, serving four months; John David Rowan, holding for Calhoun; Issac Wilson, hold for court; Gregory Gene Sweet, disorderly conduct

Jan. 4: Avonce Brye, serving 42 days

Jan. 5: Timothy King, state VOP

Jan. 6: Bobby Shields, state VOP; Jennifer Mauldin, housing for CCSO

Jan. 7: Courtney Knight, housing for Gadsden

Jan. 8: Starla Houston, DUI; John Larkin, DUI, damage to property

Jan. 10: Bertha Marilyn Berg, hold for Calhoun

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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Former inmate heads back to prison to reach others

BY KELLI PEACOCK DUNN
News Editor

At the age of 55, Ronnie "O.B." O'Bryan has done a good bit of living. However, a large part of his life experience came from a place most would want to forget.

Growing up in Eastpoint, Ronnie and his four siblings shared time between their divorced parents. His father, J.W. O'Bryan, and grandparents, Estelle and E.J., called Blountstown home so that's where Ronnie spent many a day as a young boy. At 16, he decided to ditch school and move to Blountstown to work with his dad. Just two years later, everything changed.

On September 2, 1973, Ronnie woke up in the Franklin County Jail. "I thought I was in there for being drunk," he recalls. "Then they told me I was in there on a first degree murder charge."

It turns out Ronnie's uncle's landlady had been murdered. His uncle was initially charged, then the focus turned to Ronnie who had no memory of the night because he had been drinking heavily. He was brought to trial and found guilty, then sentenced to life behind bars with no chance of parole for 25 years.

He says to this day, many people in Franklin County believe he was framed, but at this point, it doesn't matter.

"I was 18 years old

going to a prison, scared to death. It was terrifying," says Ronnie. "I fought a lot. The first year in prison, if I didn't have a black eye, busted lip or was in lockup, I didn't feel normal."

Early on, Ronnie met a guy who would become a lifelong friend. Dave Manning of Liberty County was also behind bars for life. Both he and Ronnie had issues with drugs and alcohol - which Ronnie says was no problem to get in prison. They had a lot in common and began hanging out, then ended up on the same work squad when they were at Cross City. But soon, Ronnie noticed a change in Dave.

"One of Dave's friends was going to church and I noticed Dave going to church with this guy," Ronnie recalls, adding that he tempted Dave with drugs, but he had turned away from that lifestyle. Dave even invited him to church and Ronnie made a trip to the altar, but he just wasn't ready to change at that point.

"Prison is Satan's war camp," Ronnie remarks. "There is so much darkness and so much evil in there. If a person can be a Christian in there, God really lives in his heart."

At one point, Dave was transferred to Florida State Prison in Starke. "When you've reached there, you've reached the bottom," says Ronnie. "He even wound up in a cell-

block on death row since no other cells were available. We look back now and know it was a test."

Ronnie was soon transferred to Union Correctional Institution in Raiford - another tough prison. He was relieved to find his friend Dave had recently been moved there. "He took me under his wing again," says Ronnie. "He was still going to church. He would literally pray with me and pure cry. But I was living for Satan."

Over the years, Ronnie was transferred to nine Florida prisons. And he kept running into Dave. Looking back, he knows it wasn't a coincidence.

In the mid 1980s, Ronnie found himself headed to ACI in Sneads. He was thrilled. With no gun towers, he began plotting his escape. However, when he arrived, he found his old friend Dave who was working on a ranch crew, riding horses and herding cattle in a prison program. He even lived in an honor dorm. And Dave was still going to church. He couldn't wait for Dave to invite him. Ronnie practically ran to the altar after a Sunday service and gave his life to the Lord. This time, it was real.

His attitude, his lifestyle, everything changed. He even prayed and received one of his greatest desires: to have his custody lowered and get to

work the beef herd program with Dave. Later, he was placed in the honor dorm program. And before long, he found a wife - a woman he had met through his brother. The man that married them behind bars was the same chaplain who had been preaching the day Ronnie was saved and later baptized him.

Ronnie says even though he backslid now and then, God gave him strength to face the challenges and temptations along the way. "I always tell people, you've got to be stronger than your mind. You've got to rule your mind instead of letting your mind rule you."

Ronnie got to see Dave walk out of prison a free man. He eventually was granted clemency. Then Ronnie received his own good news: he was released from prison Sept. 28, 1999.

Over 11 years later, after visiting many churches and sharing his testimony, he knew he wanted to go back to the place he once prayed to escape. He ran into Kay Weed who helped him get approved into the Prison Fellowship program. A week ago, he went for his first Bible study with inmates at Liberty Work Camp.

When asked why he'd want to go back behind bars he says, "It's because of what Jesus has done in my heart and life. If He can do it for me, He can do it for them."



Ronnie O'Bryan spent 26 years behind bars. Now he's going inside prisons to share the gospel of Christ.

Chamber of Commerce will meet on Tuesday

Start your year off right, as you join the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce for our first membership meeting of 2011, set for Tuesday, Jan. 18, at the Calhoun County Senior Center.

At our January membership meeting we'll hear from some of our most active civic organizations as they share what's on the radar for 2011. This will be a great chance to make plans and mark your calendars. If you want to know what upcoming projects will impact your community, would like to get more involved, or just want to know more about upcoming

events, don't miss this meeting!

The member meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 18 from 12 noon to 1 p.m. The menu will be pork roast, steamed cabbage, brown rice, cornbread, and peach cobbler. The cost is \$8.00 per person, and payment can be made at the door.

Please RVSP immediately if you plan to attend and will be eating lunch. WE MUST have a final number of those attending no later than Friday, Jan. 14 at noon. Please call or email Kristy at 850/674-4519 or kristy@calhounco.org.



Gingerbread Contest

Parthenon Healthcare of Blountstown held a Gingerbread House Contest involving many local area healthcare agencies. Participants included Calhoun Liberty Hospital, Caresouth, Jackson Hospital, Gentiva Home Health, Covenant Hospice, NHC Homecare, Marianna Outpatient Veteran's Clinic, and the Hatton House Retirement Center.

The residents of Parthenon Healthcare of Blountstown did all the judging and decided on the house made by NHC



Homecare (picket fence all the way around). Judging was not easy for the residents as all the houses were just beautiful. Parthenon

Healthcare of Blountstown would like to thank the residents and participants for making this event so much fun!

McIntosh makes the President's List at LBW

Dr. Herbert H. J. Riedel, LBW Community College President, has announced academic honor students for the 2010 Fall Semester.

From Calhoun County, Joshua Lee McIntosh of Altha received President's List honors.

A total of 83 students were named to the President's List and 128 students were named to the Dean's List. To qualify for these distinctions, students must be enrolled on a full-time basis and post a 3.5-3.99 (B+) grade point average to qualify for the Dean's List, and a 4.0 (A) grade point average to qualify for the President's List.

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Miss Black History Pageant set for Feb. 12; register by Feb. 5

The 2011 Miss Black History Pageant will be held Saturday, February 12, at the Blountstown High School Auditorium at 2:00 p.m. Contestants are invited to register by February 5th at 5:00 p.m. This is a scholarship fundraiser pageant.

Age divisions are: Tiny Miss: 3-5 years; Little Miss: 6-9 years; Young Miss: 10-13 years; Teen

Miss: 14-16 years; Miss: 17-21 years; Ms: 21+ single (with children), married, and/or divorced. Participants in the Miss Division must not have ever been married, nor have ever been pregnant or have children. The entry fee is \$35.

The contestant that raises \$500 or more through donations and sponsor ticket sales will be crowned

Miss Black History Ambassador. One photogenic winner will be selected from each category and there will be a People Choice Award for the contestant that has the most votes the day of the pageant.

For more information, contact Pastor G.B. Sheard, Founder or Le'Tonya Reed at 674-3449 or 674-5548.

Live music featured at Library's Saturday Morning Express event

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 instru-

ment 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, sign in your child a little before 10:30 a.m. and meet back in an hour. There is no charge on the Saturday Express!

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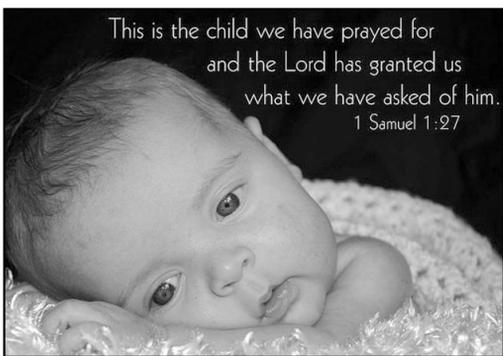
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Tommy & Barbara Davis to celebrate 50th anniversary

Jeff (Tommy) and Barbara Walden Davis will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception at the Antioch Baptist Church at 310 McCall Bridge Road in the Wetumpka Community in Quincy, Florida. It will be held in the Christian Life Center at the church on Saturday, Jan. 15, from 2 to 5 p.m. EST. Invitations are not being sent. Friends and relatives are invited to attend and honor them on this special occasion. No gifts, please. The reception will be given by their daughter, Kim Meador, with memory of their late son, Jeffrey Davis.



This is the child we have prayed for and the Lord has granted us what we have asked of him. 1 Samuel 1:27

Benefit car wash planned to help baby Owen Ward

A benefit car wash for Baby Owen Ward will be held Saturday, January 22, starting at 10 a.m. at AutoZone in Marianna (4606 Hwy. 90). ALL proceeds will be given to Ed and Jerica Ward. Owen was born on Sept. 6 with a rare brain aneurysm called Vein of Galen. His parents spent the first 12 weeks of his life with him at Shands Hospital. At 4 months old he's been home less than 4 weeks. On his last trip to Shands the doctors said there was nothing more they could do for Owen and sent him home under hospice care. His parents rebuke this prognosis and are seeking options from doctors across the country. An account at Regions Bank has been established to raise funds to help his parents make travel arrangements and pay for out of pocket medical expenses. Whether you donate or not please say a prayer for this precious child. If you are unable to attend the car wash, you can also make donations via 1. Paypal- "Send Money" to helpbabyowen@yahoo.com; Regions Bank- Deposit funds directly to Jerica Ward & Edward Ward; or mail- 5024 Rocky Creek Rd., Marianna, FL 32448.



'Natural Awakenings' exhibit on display at Artport Gallery

The Council on Culture & Arts is pleased to present Natural Awakenings: Paintings by Liu Nan, an exhibition at the Artport Gallery from January 11 - March 21, 2011 as part of the Arts in Public Places program.

Born, raised and artistically trained in China, Liu Nan is now a Tallahassee resident. His landscapes include familiar scenes from the Big Bend Area and demonstrate the spirit of traditional Chinese art. Nature has consistently served as the main theme in his works and his goal is to promote natural and simple artistic expression. In this landscape series of oil and watercolor paintings, Nan seeks to express the joyous sensations he gets from the natural world, especially in undisturbed and undestroyed locales. "The 'Sunshine State'

has offered me an entirely new perspective on the value of the untouched and pristine. Growing up in a large metropolitan city in north China, crowded with millions of people and an increasingly obliterated natural environment due to modern urbanization, I rarely glimpsed the world that opened up to me in Florida."

Nan expresses this new awakening to the varied beauty of our area in a series of paintings of natural environments; woods, water, and grass fields. His artwork is on display at the Artport Gallery.

This exhibition is free and open to the public. Gallery Hours: 8:00am - 11:30pm daily. The Artport Gallery is located inside the Tallahassee Regional Airport, 3300 Capital Circle SW.

BRAG SHOP



Tomlinson, Goodman run in Disney World Marathon

Marc Tomlinson and Amber Goodman participated in the Walt Disney World Marathon held Sunday, Jan. 9, in Orlando. They ran a total of 26.2 miles to finish the race. Their family and friends are so proud of them. Congratulations!



Happy Birthday, Jason!

Jason Tomlinson celebrated his 3rd birthday on Dec. 15, 2010. He is the son of Marc and Janet Tomlinson. His grandparents are Quentin and Cheri Henderson, and John and Chris Tomlinson, all of Blountstown. Jason enjoys riding his Jeep, jumping on his trampoline, and wrestling with his daddy. Happy birthday, Jason! We love you!



Happy "1st" Birthday, Jervori!!

Jervori Jermain Bacon is the son of Candice Nealy of Blountstown and Frederick Bacon of Bristol. He will be celebrating his first birthday on January 15th at the W.T. Neal Civic Center. His party theme is The Mickey Mouse Club which he loves watching every morning.

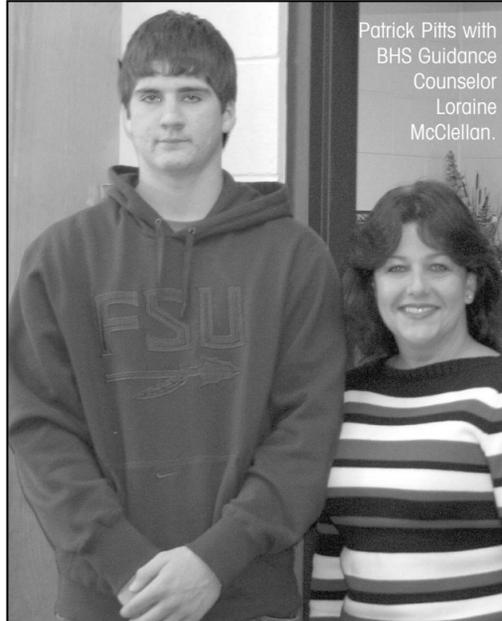
Love, Mom & Dad

'Heirs of Grace' to perform at Blountstown Comm. Church

Blountstown Community Church will be having the "Heirs of Grace" coming to minister in Song and Praise on January 22nd at 6:00 p.m. Come and join us for a great time in the Lord. For more information, call Pastor Larry Rogers at 643-3602 or R.L. Phillips at 762-8405.

Main Street to meet Jan. 13 at The Country Creamery

Blountstown Main Street will meet on Thursday, Jan. 13, at 5:30 p.m. at The Country Creamery. Anyone interested in downtown revitalization is invited to attend. Call Kelli at 674-1004 if you need more details.



Patrick Pitts with BHS Guidance Counselor Loraine McClellan.

Patrick Pitts to represent BHS on GCEC Youth Tour

Congratulations to Patrick Pitts for being nominated to represent Blountstown High School for the competition in the Washington, D.C. Youth Tour Program.

Each year, Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative hosts a Youth Tour competition in order to select two students to represent the Cooperative in Washington, D.C.

By being nominated to compete in the contest, Patrick won an all-expense paid trip to Tallahassee February 9 -10, 2011, where he will be joined by more than 100 Youth Tour contestants representing

electric cooperatives from all over Florida. Students will participate in a mock legislative session and visit the Challenger Learning Center's planetarium and Imax Theater. They will also enjoy a dance and dine at various Tallahassee restaurants.

The competition for the Washington, D.C. trip consists of an interview with three judges from the electric cooperative industry. The student will be judged on poise, communication skills, commitment to community service and knowledge of a study guide. The competition will be held on February 22, 2011.

Red Hat Society will meet Jan. 13, Connie's

The Red Hat Society will meet Thursday, January 13th at Connie's Kitchen at 12:00 CT.

Calenders for 2011 will be available. Dues of \$2.00 for 2011 are asked to be paid by the end of February.

NOTICE

As a courtesy to Property Owners in Calhoun County, the Property Appraiser's Office would like to inform you that the Automatic Renewal Notices for Homestead Exemption and Greenbelt have been mailed. You **DO NOT** have to return the receipt. You will be automatically renewed.

If you purchased property in 2010 and wish to file for Homestead exemption or Greenbelt for 2011, it will be necessary for you to come into the office to apply **before March 1, 2011.**

For Homestead Exemption on mobile homes; Applicants must own the mobile home and the land to which the mobile home is permanently attached.

Attention: Senior Citizens 65 & Older

The Senior Citizen Additional Homestead Exemption is **NOT** automatically renewed. An application **MUST** be signed each year before March 1. There is a household income limitation to qualify for this exemption. Please contact this office **before March 1, 2011.**

If you have any questions, or if you have a problem with transportation, please feel free to contact the Property Appraiser's office at 674-5636.

MILITARY NEWS

Airman Patricia Turner graduates from basic at Lackland AFB, Texas



Air Force Airman Patricia A. Turner graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree

through the Community College of the Air Force.

She is the daughter of Patty Hall of N.E. Shawn Road, Hosford, Fla.

Turner graduated in 2008 from Liberty County High School, Bristol, Fla.

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Naval Academy to host admissions information forum on January 29

U.S. Naval Academy admissions officials invite all interested middle and high school students to attend an admissions information forum in Pensacola, Fla., Saturday, Jan. 29, from noon to 4 p.m. The event will take place at the National Naval Aviation Museum located at 1750 Radford Blvd., Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla. 32508.

The program is an excel-

lent opportunity to meet with the Naval Academy's admissions staff and learn about the outstanding opportunities the Naval Academy has to offer. To register, please email your full name, number in party and email address to cgoevent@usna.edu and ensure that your subject line reads "Pensacola Admissions Forum registration." Space is limited; attendees are encouraged

to register early.

For more information about the event, contact the U.S. Naval Academy admissions office at 410-293-1858 or visit <http://www.usna.edu/Admissions/LA%20Flier%20web.pdf>.

For more information about the U.S. Naval Academy admissions process, visit <http://www.usna.edu/admissions>.



Cold temps and your pond; Camp Timpoochee dates set

By Judy Ludlow, Director, Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent

Your Florida Pond - Oxygen Levels, Temperature, and Fish Kills

Cold winter temperatures can cause fish die-offs in Florida's ponds, estuaries, lakes, and rivers. In large natural areas, these events are normal and usually do not cause permanent damage to existing fish populations. In smaller ponds, however, fish die-offs can be cause for concern to the pond owner. In some cases cold temperature-related fish kills help limit the spread of invasive,

non-native fish species because non-native species such as tilapia are especially susceptible to cold weather.

Temperature-related fish kills are most common in the winter when extended cold can cause water temperatures to drop. The cold water can kill fish outright or may weaken them so that they become more susceptible to disease.

Cold weather can also cause a natural process called lake or pond turnover. Turnover happens when cooled surface water sinks and mixes with deeper, oxygen-poor water (like pouring cold milk into your hot coffee). This mixing, or turnover, with oxy-

gen poor water can cause low oxygen-related fish kills.

Fish need oxygen just as we do, and they absorb oxygen directly from the water as it passes over their gills. Oxygen enters the water primarily by photosynthesis (from algae and aquatic plants) and the atmosphere (wind mixing). The amount of dissolved oxygen (DO) in water depends on a number of factors, especially water temperature (cold water holds more oxygen than warm water) and the water's biological productivity. For optimum health, most of Florida's fish need

See EXTENSION, page 10

Assistance available to weatherize your home, help pay high utility bill

The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP & WAP-LIHEAP) annually provides grant funds to community action agencies, local governments, Indian tribes and non-profit agencies to provide specific program services for low-income families of Florida. The assistance includes: repair or replace inefficient heating and cooling units, air-infiltration/weather stripping, caulking, thresholds, minor wall, ceiling and floor repairs, window and door replacement, attic insulation, repair or replace water heaters, install solar screens, apply solar reflective coating to manufactured homes, and attic ventilation.

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides grants to local governments and

non-profit agencies to assist eligible low-income households in meeting the costs of home heating and cooling. Assistance includes utility bill payment, crisis and emergency assistance (bill payment, utility deposits, fees for restoring power, fans, repair or replacement of heating or cooling equipment, blankets and other items as needed, other items specific to the emergency).

These programs receive funding from the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services. The extent of services to be provided depends on available funding. The LIHEAP program also is funded each year by the federal Department of Energy.

Local community assistance programs (listed below) accept applications

and the Department of Community Affairs (Division of Housing and Community Development) sets guidelines for participation.

CALHOUN COUNTY LIHEAP - See Leon County WAP/WAP-LIHEAP Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners Mailing Address: 20859 Central Avenue East, Room 309 Blountstown, Florida 32424

WAP Coordinator: Mr. Dan Clemons

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FL Dept. of Community Affairs Consultant-WAP: Ms. June Holley

Anonymous tips line open to report criminal activity in prison system

Prison inmates, probationers, and the general public who want authorities to know of criminal activity related to the Department of Corrections are encouraged to call an anonymous Tips line.

The Department of Corrections' Inspector General's Office oversees the prison Tips line, fielding over 6,500 calls during Fiscal Year 2009-10. Phone calls made to the Tips line are reviewed daily and the information provided is used to collect crimi-

nal intelligence on unsolved or ongoing criminal activity, both inside and outside of prisons, probation offices and other Department facilities. Inmates, probationers or any other callers who may have knowledge of this type of activity can use the Tipline as an anonymous method to provide this information.

The "TIPS" line can be accessed from inmate phones within all Department facilities by dialing *8477 (TIPS), or by those outside prison walls

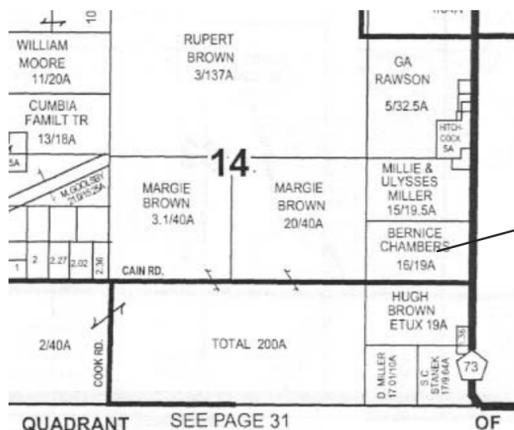
by dialing toll-free 1-866-246-4412. Calls are monitored daily by the Department's Office of the Inspector General.

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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 allow a Special Exception for an Animal Kennel for the Boarding and Grooming of Dogs and Cats, in the Agriculture Land Use Area. A Special Exception Conditional Use is a use that would not be appropriate generally or without restriction, but which, if controlled as to number, area, location, or relation to the surrounding uses, would promote, the public health, safety, welfare, appearance and compatibility of the community. The Agriculture Land Use Category allows 1 residential unit per 10 acres and limited non-residential uses including agriculture based commercial, neighborhood commercial and nature based recreational uses.

The proposed Conditional Use would be located on approximately 17.5 acres, at 11350 NW Cain Rd., in Section 14, Township 1 North, Range 10 West.



Map of Area Site

The Calhoun County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Conditional Use on **TUESDAY, January 18, 2011, at 4:00 P.M.**, to consider recommendations to the Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners regarding the proposed development. The Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing to consider approval of the development on **TUESDAY, January 18, 2011, at 5:00 P.M.** in the Commission Meeting Room of the County Courthouse Annex. A copy of the development application 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.

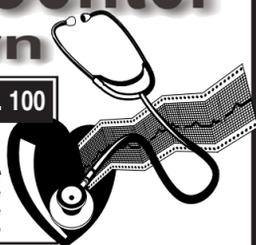
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Lady Tiger alumni game

Two Lady Tiger alumni teams hit the court during halftime of last Tuesday night's game at BHS. The district champs from 1998 took on the 2007 district champs with the '07 girls coming out on top. The '98 girls are demanding a rematch! Playing for the 1998 team were (shown above, kneeling from left) Alicia Godwin, Cassie Bates Whiddon, (back row) Krystal Robinson Davis, Shakita Knight, and Angela Dudley. The 2007 team included (below, from left) Shannie Lockhart, Allison Jones, Satyria Everett, and Shaterial Davis.



Williams leads Lady Tigers in their six game winning streak

BY COACH DELANO REED

The Lady Tigers are on a six game winning streak - three before Christmas and three after the break.

The Lady Tiger chemistry is really coming together. They played really good pressure defense against Bozeman with Selena Williams scoring a game high with 21 points and 10 rebounds, Faith Bell with 13 points and 5 assists, Alexis Speights with 7 rebounds and 8 assists, and Chelsea Baker with 12 rebounds. They won that game 52-36.

The next game against Sneads was won with a score of 45-42. The leading scorer was Selena Williams with 17 points, 6 rebounds, and 4 assists. Jayla Brigham made 12 points and 13 rebounds. Chelsea Baker made 10 points and 8 rebounds. Faith Bell made 7 points and 5 assists.

For the Wewa game, the Lady Tigers won with a score of 62-40. Leading scorer again was Selena

Williams with 15 points and 7 rebounds. Chelsea Baker made 13 points and 10 rebounds. Faith Bell made 12 points and 4 assists, Jayla Brigham made 10 points with 9 rebounds, and Alexis Speights made 8 points with 9 assists.

The first game of 2011 was against Liberty County Bulldogs who always played the Tiger turf. The ladies played aggressive, hard nosed defense which stopped the top Bulldog player. The Tigers winning score was 52-36. Selena Williams led the scoring with 19 points and 8 rebounds. Chelsea Baker made 8 points with 10 rebounds, and Tasheanna Brown scored 7 points with 7 rebounds. The next game against Vernon ended 34-14. The leading scorer was Selena Williams with 10 points. Faith Bell made 7 points with 6 assists, and Montoya Garrett made 6 points. The Lady Tigers then prevailed again against Bozeman with a 53-

8 score. Selena Williams made 12 points with 8 rebounds. We're glad to have Lindsay Doyal back from injury. She scored 10 points with 7 rebounds. Faith Bell made 7 points with 10 assists. Tasheanna Brown made 7 points.

At the half of the Liberty County game, the Lady Tigers Alumni played. It was a lot of fun for the ladies. We had the 1998 district champs play the 2007 district champs. The 2007 champs won that game. The 1998 champs want a rematch so it has been scheduled for January 20th. Come out and support the ladies.

The Lady Tigers played Holmes County on January 10 at home and Port St. Joe on January 11 in Port St. Joe (details unavailable at press time). They will travel to South Walton on Friday. Thanks to the Assistant Coach Steve Williams and Sandra White. Also, thank you to my lovely wife, Dollie, for her support.

Tiger fans urged to pack the stands for Graceville game

BY KELLI PEACOCK DUNN
News Editor

It was two out of three for the Tigers last week as they lost to Holmes County on Tuesday, then came back to defeat both Vernon and Bozeman.

The Tigers traveled to Bonifay last Tuesday and were edged, 77-73.

"We played hard, we just didn't close it out to get the win," says Coach Tony Davis.

Will Rogers led the Tigers with 27 points, including six three-pointers. Paul Mosley followed with 19. Nick Martin had 13 and P.J. Buggs contributed 11.

Team Leaders - Five Game Average

Will Rogers, 17.8 points, 2.4 rebounds

Paul Mosley, 16.2 points, 3.6 rebounds, 6 assists, 2.1 steals

P.J. Buggs, 12 points, 6.4 rebounds

Jawon Mosley, 3 points, 4.4 rebounds, 1.2 steals

Nick Martin, 5.4 points, 5.1 rebounds

Next up was Vernon at home on Thursday night. The Tigers came out on top, 55-36. Rogers led the Tigers once again with 14 points, including four three-pointers. Buggs followed with 12 points.

"We played with a lot of energy," Coach Davis remarks. "We were excited to be back home with our fans and were able to get a key district win."

The final game of the week was on Friday when the Tigers hosted Bozeman. BHS took the win, 39-32.

Buggs led with 14 points, Rogers had 10, and Mosley had nine.

"This was the third

game of the week and we were kind of dead offensively and defensively," Coach Davis points out. "We just pretty much let the air out of the ball in the fourth period just to get the win."

The Tigers were set to travel to Port St. Joe on Tuesday (details unavailable at press time). BHS hosts Graceville Thursday with game time at 5:30 p.m. for J.V., followed by varsity at 7. "We need everybody in Calhoun County to come out in the game against Graceville," says Coach Davis. The Tigers host South Walton on Friday. Game times are 5:30 and 7.

FISH BUSTERS' BULLETIN

January 2011

By Bob Wattendorf



Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
MyFWC.com



to allow tournament anglers to temporarily possess these fish. Permitted tournament anglers must follow strict permit requirements, including releasing all fish after weigh-in and any dead fish must be donated to charity or research. Tournament angling depends on temporary exemptions to be competitive.

So, for economic and social reasons, exemptions should be continued, since they don't hurt the resource, compared with allowing these same anglers to harvest their catch.

Discontinue tournament permitting

Many anglers think it is unjust for tournament participants to get even a temporary exemption from designated size limits. Harvest restrictions are set to manage a fishery based on a stated objective. Research from the University of Florida and elsewhere has shown that tournament-associated mortality could harm a fishery and prevent managers from meeting objectives. Tournament-associated mortality has been found to average 26-28 percent, and modeling effects of this mortality show that, under certain circumstances, it could affect the sizes of fish available for anglers. Thus, all anglers should follow size restrictions to ensure objectives are met.

Given that both sides have valid points, the FWC continues to review the impact of tournaments. It studied them in the 1980s and again in the '90s and found no significant impacts. An FWC subteam is looking at the tournament issue again, as is its technical assistance group of stakeholders representing various groups that use these fisheries or are affected by management decisions.

The FWC's No. 1 objective is to ensure sustainable bass populations. Tournaments won't affect that, but they could alter the quality of a local fishery. Moreover, this is a resource-allocation issue, so sharing of public resources in an equitable manner and economic and social considerations need to be weighed.

An FWC team is endeavoring to think outside the box and consider testing alternative solutions, at least for smaller qualifying tournaments, such as digital tournaments. As an example, with smart-phone technology, fish can be photographed on official rulers, date-stamped and the location plotted with GPS accuracy, enabling the angler to release the catch immediately.

On a preliminary basis, the team identified five main issues that could be addressed through FWC efforts:

1. Tournament mortality;
2. Issues with moving fish from one water body to another for weigh-in;
3. Crowding/pressure (at access points and on the lake);
4. Data collected from tournaments;
5. Education.

Recommendations have not been finalized, and people can still contribute by completing a brief survey about tournament bass fishing at www.surveymonkey.com/s/BBMP_tournaments.

Instant licenses are available at MyFWC.com/License or by calling 888-FISH-FLORIDA (347-4356). Report violators by calling *FWC or #FWC on your cell phone, or 888-404-3922. Visit MyFWC.com/Fishing for more Fish Busters' columns.

The future of bass tournaments

In surveying anglers about a proposed Long-term Black Bass Management Plan, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) Division of Freshwater Fisheries Management learned that people have opposing views about fishing tournaments.

Ray Scott, founder of the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society, brought a network of large, competitive bass tournaments to reality and attracted millions of anglers to the sport, enhancing their understanding and enjoyment of what has become America's most-sought recreational fish. Along the way, tournament groups helped promote catch-and-release fishing and educated the public about conservation issues. However, many anglers feel tournaments exploit the resource and cause congestion at ramps. They are also concerned with bass that die after release and, especially, the impact of interfering with bedding bass.

One angler said tournaments shouldn't be continued if they don't overwhelmingly benefit the state. Someone else held the opposite view: that high-profile tournaments draw worldwide attention to Florida's fisheries, boost local economies, and provide great public relations to the bass fishing Florida offers.

A third survey participant said that during and after weigh-ins, bass are kept out of the water far too long. "Go to a tournament site the next morning and look at all the dead bass floating in the water," the participant said.

FWC staff, in drafting the Black Bass Management Plan, is considering another aspect of holding tournaments: the pros and cons of allowing bass tournaments to be temporarily exempt from size limits. A summary of those discussion points are provided below.

Continue tournament permitting

Competitive bass tournament angling is very popular in Florida and has profound economic impacts locally and statewide. For example, the 2005 BassMaster Classic on the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes generated an estimated \$25 million for the community during the three-day event. Some premier largemouth bass fisheries in Florida (e.g., Istokpoga, Orange, Walk-in-Water) have protective slot limits (15-24 inches) that would restrict tournament anglers from maximizing their daily weight.

Because most tournaments, including small clubs, penalize anglers for dead fish, tournament anglers try to take very good care of their fish. Therefore, the FWC provides exemptions to size restrictions (but not bag limits)

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ALPHA WILDCAT ATHLETIC AWARDS BANQUET



The Annual Volleyball and Cross Country Awards Banquet was held Thursday, Jan. 6, in the Altha lunchroom for the 2010 season. Cross Country coaches John Sewell and Maggie Sewell, along with volleyball coaches Maggie Sewell for Middle School Volleyball, Carylee Sewell for JV Volleyball, and Leanna Hall for Varsity Volleyball, were there to present awards to their teams. Cross Country award winners included (from left) Madison Rowe – Regional Qualifier, Kimi Wiltse – Regional Qualifier and Leadership Award, Mary Sewell – Regional Qualifier and Girls Runner of the Year, Shariyn Smith – Regional Qualifier, Highest GPA, Captain, and Senior, Carly Schwartz – Regional Qualifier and "The Unsung Hero Award", Trent Woodham – Highest GPA and Most Improved, Brendan Dew – Regional Qualifier, Tyler Dew – Regional Qualifier. Back Row – Jeremy O'Bryan – Regional Qualifier, Senior, and Captain, Devin Ferrell – Regional Qualifier and Boys Runner of the Year, Tyler Hamilton – Regional Qualifier and Senior, Ashton Baggett – Regional Qualifier, Senior, and Leadership Award, Ricky Morales – Regional Qualifier.



Varsity Volleyball awards went to Cortney Harris – Big-Bend Honorable Mention, Kimi Wiltse – Most Improved and Highest GPA, Aerial Folsom – Setter and Big Bend Honorable Mention, Christy Simmons – Best Defense, Hitter, Senior, and Big Bend Honorable Mention, Shariyn Smith – Lady Wildcat Award and Senior.



JV Volleyball awards went to Brianna Yon – Best Defense, Brooke Boggs – Best Offense and Setter, Hannah Register – Hitter and Highest GPA, Ashley Lawton – Most Improved and Senior. Not pictured: Kesley Rehberg – Lady Wildcat Award.



Middle School volleyball awards went to Front Row – B Team – L-R: Morgan Jones – Coach's Choice, Rachael Waldron – Most Improved, Chasity Webb – Highest GPA, not pictured: Best Offense – Chelsea O'Bryan, Best Defense – Taylor Waldron. Back Row – A Team: Shelby Murphy – Most Improved, Elizabeth Bailey – Best Defense, Kensey Register – Best Offense, Jenny Moore – Highest GPA.

Wildcats open 2011 with a big win over Liberty County

The Altha Wildcat boys basketball team opened 2011 by playing their rivals from across the Big River, the Liberty County Bulldogs on Jan. 4th. In a thrilling overtime game, the Wildcat JV picked up their 3rd straight win, 32-31. Tyler McClellan's baseline lay-up with 3 seconds left proved to be the winning margin. Justin Waldorff led the young Wildcats with 9 and McClellan added 7.

In the varsity game after 2 quarters of play, Altha held a 13 point halftime lead at 23-10. After the third quarter the lead had grown to 18 points (38-20). The fourth quarter saw Liberty close the gap by 3 for a final of 53 to 38. As has been the case most of the year senior Tyler Hamilton led Altha's scoring with 19 points followed by guards Jacob Warner and P.J. Iler with 11 each. Anthony Young tossed in 7, Terry Willey and Ryan Wood had 2 each, and Jae Fielder had 1. The win, the Wildcats 4th in their last 5 games, pushed Altha's record to 5-5 For the year.

Friday, Jan. 7th, had the 'Cats go on the road for a tough district road game at the 5th ranked Malone Tigers. The Tigers, 8-0 in the district, were led by the brother tandem of 6'5" sophomore Ty Baker and

6'3" freshman Chai Baker. The Baker brothers, who have already landed on the radar of Division I schools throughout the southeast, jumped to 30-12 half-time lead in route to a 69-51 homecoming win. The smaller Wildcats struggled to keep pace with the taller Tigers as the Bakers combined to score 45 points. After falling behind by 30 points early in the 4th quarter Altha continued to play hard, outscoring the

Tigers 25-11 in the final stanza. Jacob Warner led Altha's scoring with 16 and Tyler Hamilton added 11. Anthony Young nailed 3 treys for a total of 9 points followed by Ryan Wood with 6, Terry Willey with 5, Jae Fielder with 3 and Jeremy O'Bryan with 1.

In the Junior Varsity game Altha lost by a dozen to the JV Tigers 34-22. Leading scorer for Altha was McClellan with 8.

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. 15

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.

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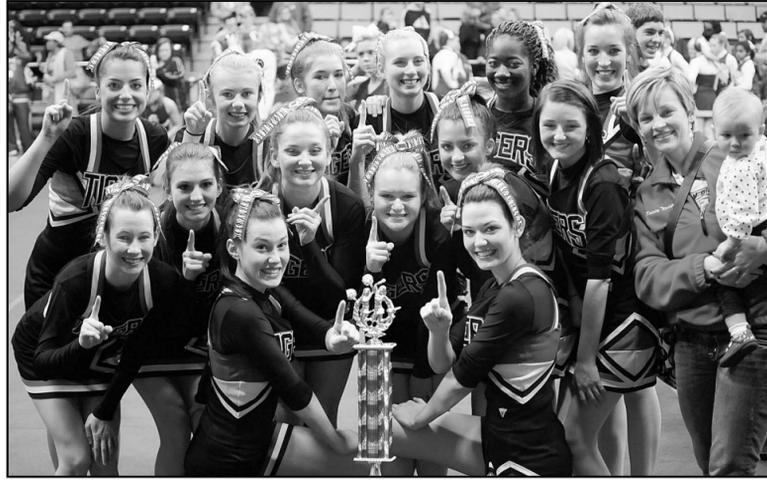
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BLOUNTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



BLOUNTSTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

The BHS cheerleaders have been bringing home awards from recent competitions. Pictured are (front row) Alixx Smith, Haley Sumner, (second row) Bre Pybus, Faith Plazarin, Jacy Richards, Karissa Flowers, Nilsa Prowant, Savannah Prowant, Cheerleader sponsor, Mrs. Baldwin with Sofia (third row) Kayla Prowant, Chelsey Weiler, Kristen Stalnaker, Kristen White, Jayla Brigham, and Kristen Peacock.

Cheerleaders win Chipola College Cheer Extravaganza

BHS Cheerleaders
The Blountstown High School Cheerleaders competed on December 19th at the annual Christmas Cheer Classic in Graceville. They competed against schools from Florida and Alabama and brought home the third place trophy. On January 9th, they competed in the Chipola College Cheer Extravaganza and won their division, bringing home a first place trophy.

The cheerleaders have worked very hard to achieve these successes and hope that you will come help them cheer on the basketball teams for the remainder of the season.

Calendar of Events
Wednesday, Jan. 12th, Honor Roll Assembly at 9:15
Thursday, Jan. 13th, Boys Basketball, Home against Graceville at 5:30/7:00

Friday, Jan. 14th, Girls Basketball, Away at South Walton at 4:30; Boys Basketball, Away at South Walton at 6:00

Monday, Jan. 17th, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, no school

Tuesday, Jan. 18th, Girls Basketball, Away at Graceville at 5:00; Boys Basketball, Home against Bonifay at 6:00/7:30

Wednesday, Jan. 19th, Senior Financial Aid workshop at 9:00 A.M.



The BMS Lady Tiger champs include (back row) Mirazha Hogue, Brittney Davis, Taylor Stalnaker, Amanda Brown, Bridgette Howland, Alese Jones, Lexie DeVuyst, Chessa Goodman, (front row) Caroline Howell, Bianca Martinez, Sharneah Daniels, Jenny Snowden, and Mikayla Howland.

BMS Lady Tigers celebrate another undefeated season

BY COACH JASON WHITE

The BMS Lady Tiger basketball team successfully completed their run at back to back undefeated seasons. They won the Panhandle Conference in 2009 while going undefeated. This year they defeated Franklin County in the Panhandle Conference Championship game to defend their Championship from last season. This is a great accomplishment for any group of athletes. The coaches and parents are

exceptionally proud of this group of girls.

These girls have practiced hard this season. They have been a great example of how individuals work together to form a team. Each of them stepped up when needed. This was a rough year for the team with injuries but they fought through them and never lost their focus.

We will only be losing two eighth graders off of this year's team so we look forward to another successful year in 2011.

As a reward for their great year the girls were treated to dinner at Olive Garden then attended the Florida State-v-University of Florida women's basketball game. This was a close game that game down to the closing seconds as FSU was able to come away with a 74-72 victory. All of the girls had a great time.

On behalf of the BMS girls basketball team and the coaches I would like to thank the parents who helped make this all possible.

ALPHA SCHOOL NEWS




Underclassmen selected to serve on the Alfa homecoming court include (front row, from left) 1st grade - Crown Bearer Elijah Mathes, Flower Girl Jadya Jemison; 6th grade attendants, Jaylon Hall and Madison Smith; 7th grade attendants, Shelby Posey and Jay Yon; 9th grade attendants, Hunter Baggett and Rena O'Bryan; 10th grade attendants, Devin Ferrell and Christalynn Castleberry; and 11th grade attendants, Kristen Majeske and Colby Barrentine.

Homecoming week Jan. 17-22; FFA wins big at sub-district

Homecoming 2011
Homecoming week is set for Jan. 17-22 at Alfa School with the theme "A Wildcat Paradise". Coronation will be Monday, Jan. 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the Alfa Gym. The parade is Friday, Jan. 21, at 1 p.m., followed by a pep rally, then the game against Bethlehem at 5:30. The alumni showcase and chili cookoff are Saturday at 4.



Eighth grade prince and princess candidates are (front row, from left) Mary Sewell, Hannah Register, (back row) Brendan Dew, Zack Morris, and Aaron Young. Not pictured is Marisa Marshall.

several awards. Aleisa Griffin placed 3rd in Creed Speaking, Cole Miller placed 1st in Extemporaneous Speaking CDE, and Hannah Register placed 1st in Prepared Speaking CDE. Also, the Middle School FFA as a team participated in the Opening Closing Ceremonies CDE and placed 2nd.

More next week on this.



McIntosh makes the President's List at LBW

Dr. Herbert H. J. Riedel, LBW Community College President, has announced academic honor students for the 2010 Fall Semester.

From Calhoun County, Joshua Lee McIntosh of Alfa received President's List honors.

A total of 83 students were named to the President's List and 128 students were named to the Dean's List.

To qualify for these distinctions, students must be enrolled on a full-time basis and post a 3.5-3.99 (B+) grade point average to qualify for the Dean's List, and a 4.0 (A) grade point average to qualify for the President's List.

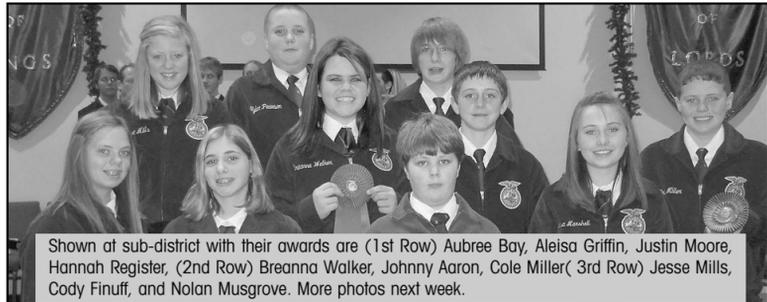
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Shown at sub-district with their awards are (1st Row) Aubree Bay, Aleisa Griffin, Justin Moore, Hannah Register, (2nd Row) Breanna Walker, Johnny Aaron, Cole Miller (3rd Row) Jesse Mills, Cody Finuff, and Nolan Musgrove. More photos next week.

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OBITUARIES

DANIEL RAY DUNN

Mr. Daniel Ray Dunn, 60, of Carrollton, Georgia, passed away early Friday morning, January 7, 2011, surrounded by his family.

Dan was a funeral director for Martin & Hightower Funeral Homes for the past 22 years. A 1968 graduate of Bay High School in Panama City, Florida, Dan was a record-setting football and baseball player for the Bay High Tornados. The legendary Dan-D-Donuts in downtown Panama City is named after him. He was a graduate of Gupton Jones Mortuary College in Atlanta and a member of Midway Macedonia Baptist Church.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents, Leland Ray and Bebble Dunn and a sister, Sheila Dunn McGraw.

He is survived by his three children, Jason Dunn and his wife, Kelli, of Blountstown, FL, Brandon Dunn of Queens, New York, and Laura Dunn of Carrollton; two grandchildren, Scott and Kelly Dunn of Blountstown; a sister, Rhonwyn Geiger and her husband, Tom, of Tallahassee, FL; and his special friend, Dotti Green of Carrollton.

Funeral services were held Sunday, January 9, at 2 PM from Martin & Hightower Heritage Chapel with Rev. Jimmy Bryan and Dr. J. Howard Cobble officiating. Interment followed in West Georgia Memorial Park with Rev. Gary Lawrence officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Tanner Hospice PO Box 1136, Carrollton, Georgia, Autism Awareness, 1 East 33rd St., New York, NY, 10016 or Carroll County Humane Society, PO Box 1304, Carrollton, Ga. 30112.

GODWIN

Infant baby Godwin twins born at 16 weeks passed away Monday, January 3, 2011, in Panama City, FL.

Survivors include mother and father, Linda Yon Godwin and Randy Godwin, of Blountstown, FL; a sister, Tiekeyrea Godwin, of Blountstown; maternal grandparents, Catherine and Ira Yon, of Blountstown; maternal great-grandmother, Irene Koonce of Blountstown; paternal grandmother, Gladys Godwin, of Greenwood, FL.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 8, at 11 am (CST) from the graveside at St. Rose Cemetery in the St. Rose Community.

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

ELIZABETH "BETTY" LOUISE TAYLOR HUDSON

Mrs. Elizabeth "Betty" Louise Taylor Hudson, 79, of Clarksville, FL, was reunited with her Lord and her late husband, Reverend Robert Vernon Hudson, on Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011.

She was a retired LPN and an active volunteer with Prison Ministries, the Senior Citizens program and the missions program

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at Victory Hill Pentecostal Holiness Church in Altha, FL. She had a passion for international missions and making sure that people knew the Lord as their personal Savior. Her family, church and dear friends were a special part of her life.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death her father, Girard Erd Taylor; mother, Jessie Whigham Taylor; and brother, William "Billy" Taylor.

Survivors include her children, Janet Merritt and her husband, Earl, of Pavo, GA, Peggy Whittaker and husband, Larry, of Clarksville, FL, Diane Varnum and Danny Stone of Tifton, GA, Joy Washburn and her husband, Ed, of Leesburg, GA, Bobby Hudson and his wife, Theresa, of Altha, FL. She is also survived by her brother, Alton Taylor, and his wife, Patricia, of Brooksville, FL; two sisters, Imogene (Jean) Johnson and her husband, Willie, of Albany, GA, and Mary Batson of Wewahatchka, FL; two sisters-in-law, Vivian Hall and her husband, Ralph, of Columbus, GA, and Millie Weaver and her husband, Pat, of Cairo, GA; 16 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews, cousins, in-laws, and numerous friends.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 11, at 1:00 pm (CST) at Victory Hill Pentecostal Holiness Church in Altha. Interment followed in the Victory Hill Cemetery. In

lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Missions Fund, c/o Victory Hill Pentecostal Holiness Church 15947 NW Ashley Shiver Road, Altha, FL 32421.

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

DELMAR LAMAR (DALE) MOULTON

Mr. Delmar Lamar (Dale) Moulton, age 72, of Blountstown, FL, passed away Monday, January 10, 2011, in Tallahassee, FL.

Dale was born on July 14, 1938, and had lived in Blountstown for the past six years, coming from Tallahassee. He was a retired underground telephone cable installer and was of the Church of God faith.

Survivors include his wife, Ann Moulton, of Blountstown; two sons, Jessie Lee Moulton of Tallahassee and Richard Lamar Moulton of Blountstown; one daughter, Robbie Ann Bennett, and her husband, Kirby, of Blountstown; one brother, Marty Moulton, of Albany, GA; one sister, Mary Bettie, of Newport Richey, FL; two grandchildren, Christopher Cody Bennett and Tate Marshall Bennett.

Memorial services will be held Thursday, January 13, at 11 am (CST) at Peavy Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend David Odum officiating. Memorialization will be by cremation. The family will receive friends Thursday, January 13, from 10 am (CST) until service time at 11 am (CST) at Peavy Funeral Home.

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

CARRIE V. PEARSON

Carrie V. Pearson, of Marianna, Florida, passed away Friday, January 7, 2011, in Marianna.

She was born May 3, 1933, to John R. and Lula V. (Jones) Collins. She was a homemaker and was of the Baptist faith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert John Pearson, Sr.; two sons, Roger Lee Pearson and William Clay Pearson; her parents; a brother, Garland Collins; and a sister, Francis Dove.

She is survived by a son, Robert J. Pearson, Jr., of Manassas, Virginia; daughters, Donna Lynn Todd and her husband, Joe, of Altha, Florida, Brenda Ann Noss and her husband, Ronald, of Marianna and Shelly Marie Smith and her husband, Peter, of Riverview, Florida; grandchildren, Stephanie Rice Eidson and her husband, Daniel, Tyler Cameron Pearson, and

Rebecca and Jonathan Smith.

Visitation was held on Monday.

Adams Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements (ph. 674-5449). Expressions of sympathy may be submitted online at www.adamsfh.com

REVEREND JAMES PELT

Reverend James Pelt, 82, of Blountstown, Florida, passed away Friday, January 7, 2011, in Blountstown.

He was a retired educator and minister. He taught at Blountstown High School for 25 years and served in churches in Florida, Georgia and Alabama for 54 years. He was a member of Blountstown First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Cary and Georgia (Sellers) Pelt, and a grandson, Brandon Barbee.

He is survived by his wife, Myrtle Martin Pelt, of Blountstown; daughters, Donna Maloy and her husband, Mike, of Carrabelle, Florida, and Georgia Barbee of Blountstown; grandchildren, Chris Mears and his wife, Nancy, Ashley Britt and her husband, Kasey, and Matthew and Jim Barbee; great-grandchildren, Nicole and Thomas Cauley, Gabe Britt, and Collin, Allyson and Brooks Ann Mears; a brother, Dr. Michael Pelt,

and his wife, Betty, of Mt. Olive, North Carolina; sisters, Myrtle Stanco of North Carolina, Jeannette Townsend of Chipley, Florida, and Bonnie Hall of Blountstown; a special cousin, John Pelt, of Panama City, Florida; and a special brother-in-law, Hodges R. Martin, and his wife, Eunice, of Marianna, Florida; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, January 10, at First Baptist Church with Reverend David Throckmorton and Reverend Dustin Malphurs officiating. Interment followed in Nettle Ridge Cemetery. Flowers are welcome or if friends desire, tributes may be made to the Florida Baptist Children's Home, P. O. Box 8190, Lakeland, Florida 33802-9963 or to First Baptist Church for the Stallworth Family, 16693 NE Pear Street, Blountstown, Florida 32424.

Adams Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements (ph. 674-5449). Expressions of sympathy may be submitted online at www.adamsfh.com

AIDIN NICHOLAS TOMMY WEBB

Infant baby boy, Aidin Nicholas Tommy Webb, born at seven months, passed away Tuesday, January 4, 2011, in

Marianna, FL.

Aidin was preceded in death by his maternal great-grandfathers, Nick Boris, W.T. Webb and Henry Kever; maternal great-grandmother, Nita McClellan; paternal great-grandmother and father, Viola and B.M. Terry.

Survivors include his mother and father, Angie Louise McClellan and Gerald Thomas Webb, of Blountstown, FL; two brothers, Alex Phillips and Garrett Webb, both of Blountstown; maternal grandfather and grandmother, Allen and Patty McClellan, of Altha, FL; maternal grandmother and grandfather, Lisa and John Godwin, of Blountstown; maternal great-grandmother, Lilly Boris, of Bristol, FL; paternal grandfather and grandmother, Alvin and Wreatha Webb, of Altha; paternal grandmother and grandfather, Mary and Dale Folsom, of Blountstown; and paternal great-grandmother, Mattie Webb, of Altha, FL.

Funeral services were held Friday, January 7, at 3:30 p.m. (CST) from the graveside at Pine Memorial Cemetery in Blountstown. Interment followed in the Pine Memorial Cemetery in Blountstown.

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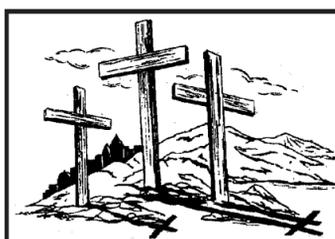
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Fish diseases, parasites, and stresses from poor water quality, overcrowding, and human impacts can also lead to fish kills, but the reduction of dissolved oxygen in a water body is the most common cause of fish kills in Florida

throughout the year.

Aerating your pond is one way in which to reduce the chances or severity of a fish kill.

For more information on pond management and fish health please contact the Calhoun County Extension Service at 850-674-8323.

References used for this article are from the University of Florida, Florida LakeWatch Program, (<http://lake-watch.ifas.ufl.edu/index.htm>), the LakeWatch publication "Understanding Fish Kills in Florida Freshwater Systems," (http://lake-watch.ifas.ufl.edu/circpdfs/folder/fish_kill_LR.pdf), The University of Florida, IFAS Extension publications "Managing Florida Ponds for Fishing" (<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/fa001>), and "Dissolved Oxygen for Fish Production" (<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/fa002>)

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The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) tracks fish kill occurrences in Florida's natural waters. This helps biologists determine if there are problems that may need further investigation or restorative measures. Residents can report fish kills in natural water bodies to the FWC at <http://research.MyFWC.com/fishkill/submit.asp> or call the FWC Fish Kill Hotline at 800-636-0511, or visit <http://myfwc.com/>.

Dates Set for 4-H Camp Timpoochee

County 4-H Camp at Camp Timpoochee has been a tradition in Calhoun and surrounding counties for decades. We look forward to continuing that tradition this year during the week of June 20-24, 2011. This is a residential

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While at camp youth will participate in a variety of fun learning experiences including, crafts, snorkeling, kayaking, swimming, games, campfires and more! Research has shown camping helps kids build life skills in a safe environment while having fun, so save the dates, and begin preparing now to attend! For questions call Mrs. Whitney at (850) 674-8323. Registration for county camp will open April 1st and close June 3rd. All paperwork and

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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, Twp 2 South, Range 9 West, and run North 629 feet, thence East 239 feet, thence North 420 feet, thence run East to the West side of Chipola River thence run West 410 feet, for point of beginning, thence South 12 degrees West 75 feet, thence West 90 feet, thence North 75 feet, thence 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; thence East 239 feet; thence North 420 feet; thence East to the West side of Chipola River, thence run West 410 feet; thence go in a SW direction 75 feet for the point of beginning; thence go in a Southwesterly direction 73 feet; thence go in a NW direction 80 feet; thence go in a NE direction 27 feet; thence 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, thence East 239 feet, thence North 420 feet; thence East to the West side of Chipola River; thence run West 410 feet; thence go in a SW direction 121 feet for point of beginning; thence go in a Southwesterly direction 27 feet; thence go in a NW direction 80 feet; thence go in a NE direction 27 feet; thence go in a Southeast direction 80 feet to point of beginning.

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
James & Jacqueline Shaughnessy
c/o Gail Herzlich.
300 E. Sawyer St.
St. George, Island, Fl 32328

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
Calhoun County, Florida

Legal Notice

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners is seeking professional consultant services for Construction Engineering Inspection on County Road 274 LAP from State Road 73 to State Road 69.

CONSULTANT ELIGIBILITY: It is a basic tenet of the County's contracting program that contracts are procured in a fair, open, and competitive manner. By submitting a Letter of Response, the Consultants certifies that they are in compliance with FDOT Procedure No. 375-030-006, Restriction on Consultant's Eligibility to Compete for Department Contracts. This directive is available on FDOT's Web Site. In addition to the restrictions identified in Procedure No. 375-030-006, please be advised of the following prohibition: A consultant firm or its affiliate who was the Designer or Engineer of Record is precluded from bidding on the same project.

FEDERAL DEPARTMENT: This project is federally funded with assistance from the Florida Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration. By submitting a Letter of Response, the

consultant certifies that no principal (which includes officers, directors, or executives) is presently suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation on this transaction by any Federal Department or Agency.

RESPONSE PROCEDURE: Qualified consultants are encouraged to submit the original and three (3) copies of the letter of response to the Calhoun County Clerk's Office, Calhoun County Court House, 20859 Central Ave East, Room 130, Blountstown, FL 32424, by the response deadline, Monday, January 31, 2011 at 12:00 p.m., C.T. Selection will be made directly from Letters of Response. Letters of Response are limited to five pages for this project.

SELECTION PROCEDURE: This project is covered by the selection process detailed in the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act, Section 287.055 of the Florida Statutes. Selection will be made directly from Letters of Response for this project.
Note: Responses will be scored and ranked by a selection committee and submitted to the Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners. The final selection will be made by the Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners at the board meeting on February 1, 2011 at 2:00 p.m., C.T. Any other meetings will be posted on the County's Web Site at www.calhounflorida.org. All public meetings will be held at the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners meeting room, 20816 Central Ave. East, Blountstown, FL 32424. In order to ensure a fair, competitive, and open process, once a project is advertised for Letter of Response or Letters of Qualification, all communications between interested firms and the County must be directed to Mr. Don A. O'Bryan, Calhoun County Administrator, (850) 674-8075.

Letters of Response should at a minimum, include the following information: Project Name/DOT Financial Management Number: 428018-1-58-01 Consultant's name and address. Proposed responsible office for consultant Contact person, phone number and Internet Email Address. Statement regarding previous experience of consultant or sub-consultants in advertised type of work. Proposed key personnel and their proposed roles (do not include resumes) Sub-consultant(s) that may be used for the project. Indication as to whether the prime firm and/or sub-consultants are disadvantaged business enterprises (DBE). The outside of the envelope should be marked with "Sealed Proposal County Road 274 LAP Engineering Inspector RFP".

The Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, gender, religion, age, disability, marital status or national origin in consideration for an award.

The Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all proposals deemed in the best interest of the County. EEO/AA

Legal Notice

MELVIN NEW GRADE ROAD HMG/DR 1831 PROJECT PROJECT # 14.182

NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS

The Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners will receive sealed bids from any qualified person, company or corporation interested in constructing:

MELVIN NEW GRADE ROAD HMG/DR - 1831-25-R
MELVIN NEW GRADE ROAD FEMA - 1831-DR-FL - PW 01051 REPAIRS

Plans and specifications can be obtained at Preble-Rish, Inc., 20684 Central Avenue East, Blountstown, FL 32424, (850) 674-3300. The bid must conform to Section

287.133(3) Florida Statutes, on public entity crimes.

This project is a road repair and paving project, which consists of grading, shaping, and compacting limerock, reworking shoulders, placing asphalt, and striping the roadway.

All bidders shall be pre-qualified with the Florida Department of Transportation per Section 2-1 of the F.D.O.T. Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, 2010 edition for:

HOT PLANT-MIXED BITUM. COURSES FLEXIBLE PAVING.

Completion date for these projects will be 150 days from the date of the Notice to Proceed presented to the successful bidder.

Liquidated damages for failure to complete the project on the specified date will be set at \$200.00 per day.

Please indicate on the envelope that this is a sealed bid, the project number and what the bid is for.

Bids will be received until 12:00 p.m. (C.T.), on Tuesday, February 1, 2011, at the Calhoun County Clerk's Office, Calhoun County Courthouse, 20859 Central Avenue East, Room 130, Blountstown, Florida 32424, and will be opened and read aloud on Tuesday, February 1, 2011, at 2:00 p.m.(C.T.).

Cost for Plans and Specifications will be \$75.00 per set and is non-refundable. Checks should be made payable to PREBLE-RISH, INC.

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to waive informalities in any bid, and to accept the bid that in their judgment will be in the best interest of Calhoun County.

If you have any questions, please call Matt Carpenter at (850) 643-2771 or HYPERLINK "mailto:carpenterm@preble-rish.com" carpenterm@preble-rish.com.

Legal Notice

PUBLIC AUCTION

Paul's Wrecker Service will hold a public auction on January 27, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. (C.T.).

1994 Ford F-150 Pick Up
Vin # 1FTDF15Y7RNA49250
Red In Color

Auction will be held at Paul's Wrecker Service, 19844 S.W. South Street, Suite A, Blountstown, Florida.

Paul's Wrecker Service reserves the right to reject any and all bids. PH: 850-674-TOWS (8697)

Legal Notice

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of KEITH PARRISH GARAGE located at 17312 NE Pear St., Blountstown, Florida, 32424 intends to register the said name with the Clerk of Circuit Court, Calhoun County, Florida, as provided in Section 865.09, Florida Statutes.
DATED at Blountstown, Florida this 10th day of January, 2011.
KEITH PARRISH

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF DISPOSAL

Marilyn Russell will dispose of contents of the Russell home on John G. Bryant Road, Blountstown Florida, 30 days from January 10, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. if not paid in full and emptied out. The unit is believed to contain household and/or personal property.
DEANNA DOYAL

AUTOS FOR SALE

Calhoun County Senior Citizens has the following two (2) vehicles for sale by way of a sealed bid. The following two (2) vehicles are available:

- 1) 1999 Chevrolet Mini Van
Mileage: 120,190.
Fair Condition: needs paint job.
Minimum bid: \$3,500.00.
- 2) 2004 Ford Station Wagon
Mileage: 141,962. Good condition.
Minimum bid: \$2,000.00.

These vehicles may be seen between the hours of 7:00 AM-5:00 PM, Monday-Friday at 16859 NE Cayson St., Blountstown. If interested, mark your envelope "SEALED BID FOR #1 OR SEALED BID FOR #2. Bids will be opened at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors on Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at 8:00 AM. Bids need to be turned in by Monday, March 14, 2011 by 4:00 PM.
Calhoun County Senior Citizens Association Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
Jan 12, 19, 2011

CHIPOLA COLLEGE is accepting applications for a full-time PROPERTY/INVENTORY AND RECORDS COORDINATOR.

High school diploma or GED required with two (2) years of inventory records maintenance and computerized database management; or equivalent combination of education and experience.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 20, 2011

Contact Human Resources at
mailto:pippenw@chipola.edu or at
(850)718-2269 for application details.
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Water Service Technician II

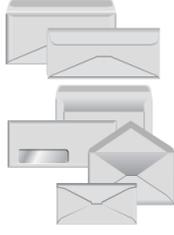
Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative is accepting applications for the position of Water Service Technician II at Workforce Center of Florida, 625 Highway 231, Panama City, Florida through January 24, 2011. For more information, visit our website at www.gcec.com.
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Member Relations Specialist

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