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## TRAGEDY

# Crash claims Zack Segers

BY KELLI PEACOCK DUNN  
News Editor

A single vehicle crash claimed the life of a young Altha man over the weekend.

Zachary R. Segers, 19, was killed early Sunday.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, Segers was westbound on NE Parrish Lake Road around 6 a.m. when he lost control of his 2006 Honda Civic. The vehicle rotated counter clockwise, crossed the eastbound lane, entered a ditch, then the right side of the car collided with an oak tree. The vehicle separated into two pieces upon impact.

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## RIVER FORECAST



### APALACHICOLA RIVER

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Sept. 9...6AM... **.3'**



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## HOMECOMING



# Wildcat's Paradise

There was plenty to celebrate in Altha last week as Homecoming 2011 was underway. With the theme "A Wildcat's Paradise," students, faculty, community members and alumni joined in the fun. After the crowning of Mr. and Miss AHS, Jeffrey Waldroff and Olivia Edenfield, Monday night, activities continued throughout the week including a parade, Battle of the Bands, pep rally and game on Friday night. Then alumni gathered Saturday for a chili cookoff and basketball game. Highlights can be found inside on pages 2 and 7.



## BREAST CANCER AWARENESS



# Tigers in the pink to support cancer fight



The Blountstown Tigers were all in the pink Friday night for the Hoops for Hope game. The team and cheerleaders, along with several fans, came decked out in their pink uniforms and t-shirts for the celebration. The event is held annually to raise awareness and support for those fighting cancer. Survivors were honored at half-time.

## SEARCH

# Citizen of the Year sought

Call for nominations!  
The Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce is asking for nominations for the 2011 Outstanding Citizen of the Year. The award will be presented at the upcoming 64th Annual Chamber Membership Banquet.

Nominations must be in writing (email [kristy@calhounco.org](mailto:kristy@calhounco.org) to request a form), and must be submitted to the Chamber by Feb. 11, 2011.

Characteristics of this individual are someone who has worked, promoted, or volunteered with great effort to or for the citizens of Calhoun County to create a better quality of life.

Please remember: Nominations must be received no later than Friday, Feb. 11, 2011.

**CALHOUN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUET** is set for Feb. 24 at 6 p.m., W.T. Neal Civic Center, Call 674-4519 for tickets

## GOVERNMENT

# Council under fire for axing manager

BY KELLI PEACOCK DUNN  
News Editor

Disgruntled citizens packed the Blountstown City Council chambers Thursday night seeking answers following the recent firing of City Manager James Woods.

Every year in January, the Council votes on whether or not to retain the City Manager for another year. At the Jan. 11 meeting, they voted 3-2 not to rehire Woods who has been the manager for the past three years.

During the special meeting Thursday, *The County Record* raised questions to each of the three Council members who voted against Woods.

**Councilman James Griffin**, who had just been sworn in the night of Jan. 11 when he voted to not rehire Woods, had complained that power poles were not being repaired. *The County Record* noted that Woods had answered his concerns during that meeting, explaining new federal guidelines that were different from when Griffin had previously served on the Council. When asked if his concerns had been answered, Griffin responded, "In some ways."

Griffin was also reminded that he had commented at the previous meeting about city employees not doing the work they could be doing. His direct quote on Jan. 11 was, "You've got people out here who could do the work and they're not doing it."

*The County Record* asked Griffin during the special meeting if, in light of his previous comments, he felt it was a good use of city employees' time to take the city's bucket truck and spend two hours of their work day searching for his family's parrot. He responded, "Yes, ma'am, I admit it - that was six or seven months ago," then added, "No more comments." He was promptly

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## LUNCH SPECIALS

1. Any Small Sub
2. Small 1-Topping Pizza
3. Howie Bread with Cheese
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5. Any Small Salad & Howie Bread
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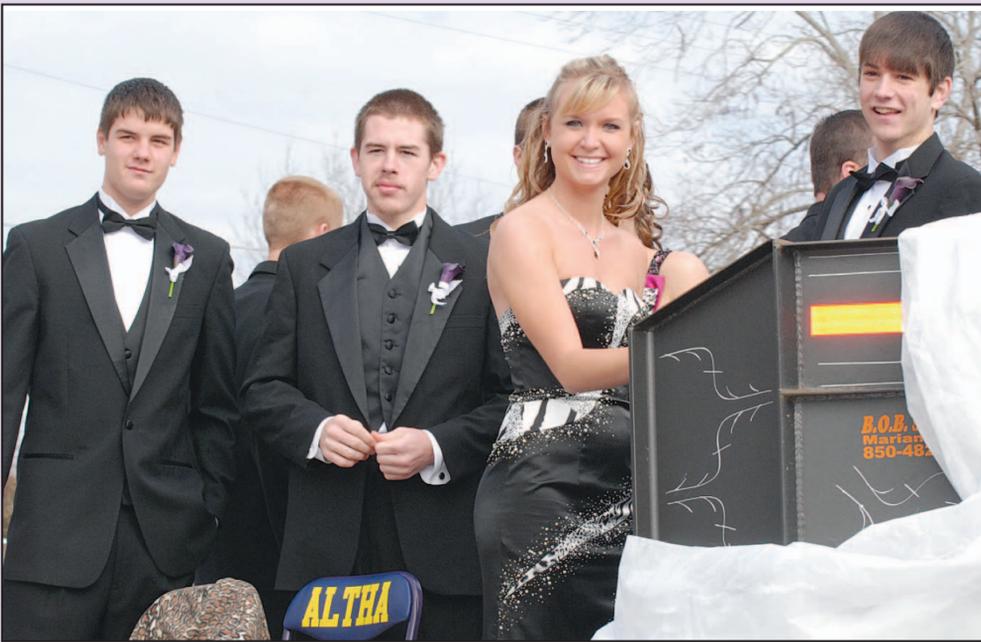
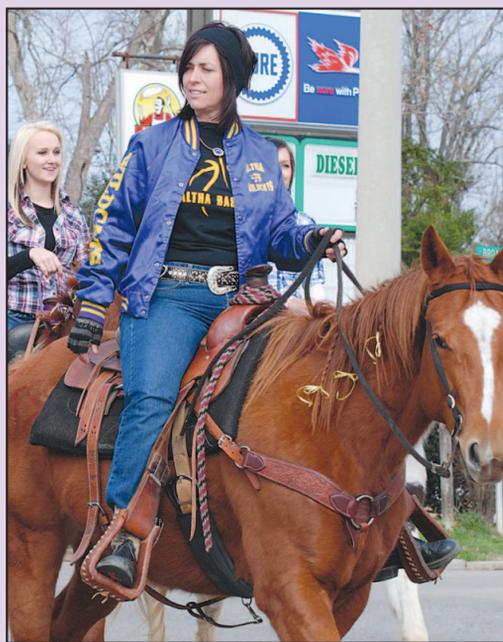
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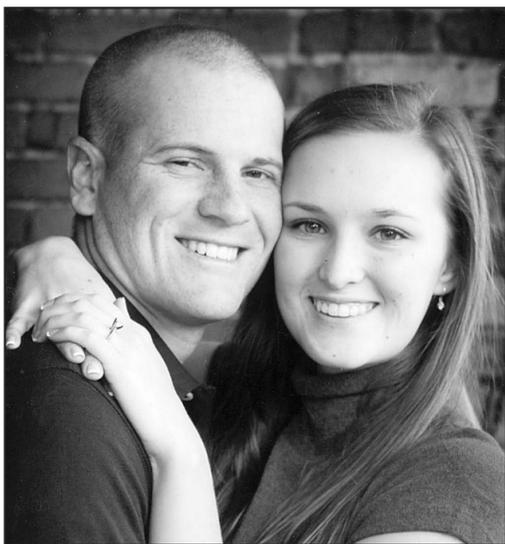
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# A Wildcat's Paradise



All these photos & tons more available on an Alpha Homecoming DVD set to music, produced by The County Record. Over 100 photos from the parade & varsity game. Cost is just \$10. Stop by The County Record or email [news@thecountyrecord.net](mailto:news@thecountyrecord.net) to order!



Joshua Lilly and Kristina Lewis

## Lewis, Lilly will wed on March 12

David and Susie Lewis of Pace are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristina, to Joshua Lilly. Joshua is the son of Joe and Janice Lilly of Blountstown.

Kristina attends the University of West Florida and is majoring in education. Her grandparents are Sidney and Nell Lewis and Colman Parker, all of Pace.

Joshua will graduate from the University of West Florida in April with a

degree in education. He is the grandson of Don and Doris Lilly, Johnnie Mae Yon and the late James Elwood Yon, all of Blountstown.

Kristina and Joshua will exchange wedding vows on March 12, 2011, at 4 p.m. at Woodbine Baptist Church in Pace. The wedding ceremony will be followed by a reception for the couple at First United Methodist Church of Pace.

## Engagements



Rebecca Marie Stone and Donald L. Stanley, Jr.

## Stone, Stanley will speak vows June 4

Mr. and Mrs. Terrell L. Stone of Blountstown, FL, announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Marie, to Donald Lamar Stanley, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Stanley of Blountstown, FL.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Frank Stone and the late Ethelle Stone and the late Guy and Ruth Carpenter.

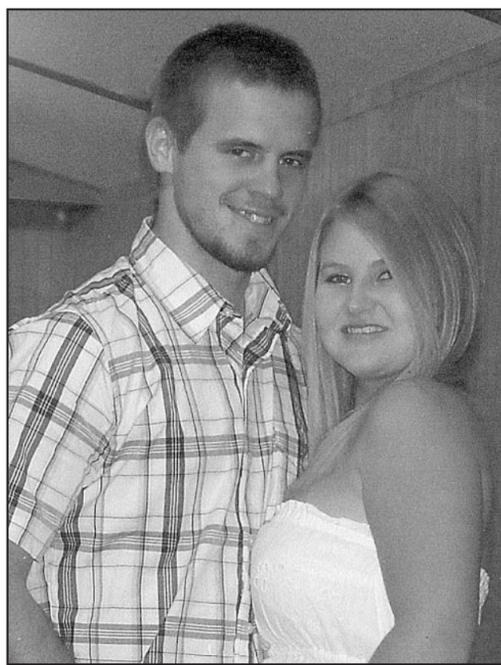
She is a 2000 graduate of Blountstown High School and is a graduate of Florida State University. She is presently employed by the Calhoun County

School Board.

The groom is the grandson of Edna Stanley Revell and Harrell Wood Revell, the late Amos Stanley, and the late William Jonas, Jr. and Clemmie Montford.

He is a 2005 graduate of Blountstown High School and is a graduate of Florida State University College of Engineering. He is presently employed by Preble-Rish, Inc.

The wedding will take place on June 4, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. CST at the First United Methodist Church of Blountstown, FL.



Josh Godwin and Kayla Hobby

## Hobby, Godwin plan river wedding Feb. 12

Lisa and Collis Hobby, Jr. of Clarksville are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kayla, to Josh Godwin. He is the son of Linda Godwin and Lee Godwin of Blountstown.

Kayla is the granddaughter of Ronnie and the late Virginia Pitts, Maxine and Collis Hobby, Sr., all of Clarksville.

Josh is the grandson of

Johnny and Patricia Godwin of Blountstown.

Both Kayla and Josh are employed by the Calhoun County School District.

The ceremony and a covered dish reception will be held February 12 at 2 p.m. at Garnet and Troy Walden's cook house on the river. No invitations are being sent, but all family and friends are invited to attend.

## Prescribed burns can prevent big wildfires

The Florida Division of Forestry continues to educate the public on the benefits of prescribed fire as this week is recognized statewide as "Prescribed Fire Awareness Week."

Prescribed fire, which is also sometimes called 'controlled burning', is a safe way to apply a natural process to reduce hazardous wildfire fuel buildups, thus providing increased protection to people, their homes, and the forest. Prescribed fire also provides better forage for wildlife and livestock, returns nutrients to the soil, and helps to control certain plant diseases.

Newly elected Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Adam H. Putnam said last week that "Florida is the most progressive state in its use of prescribed fire to manage land," as he declared the fourth week in January as "Prescribed Fire Awareness Week."

Florida has the most extensive prescribed burning programs in the country. There are currently

more than 1,500 certified prescribed burn managers in Florida helping to prescribe burn more than 2.7 million acres of agricultural and natural lands annually.

"For 75 years, Florida's Division of Forestry has worked diligently to protect the forests of Florida from the dangers of wildland fire and to ensure our forests will be preserved for generations to come," Commissioner Putnam said. "The Division of Forestry also plays an important role in educating the public of the value of Florida's state forests and the steps we must take to preserve this natural resource."

In 1936, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Division of Forestry began managing state lands with the establishment of Pine Log State Forest near Panama City. Today, more than 1,250 dedicated employees across the state work together to manage 35 state forests, encompassing more than one million acres.

## Candlelight tour at Torreya Park Feb. 5

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Torreya State Park in Bristol will host the 22nd Annual Candlelight Tour Event on Saturday, February 5.

Visitors will enjoy authentic, cast iron hearth cooked foods, including chili, desserts and more. Participants will experience blacksmith demonstrations, wildlife viewing, civil war camp along with the firing of cannons, local musicians and other exhibits.

Tours of the Historic Gregory House will begin at 12:00 a.m. and will continue every hour on the hour until 4:00 p.m. At sunset, the Historic Gregory House will open its doors for leisurely tours, free of charge.

All donations will benefit the park's citizen support organization, the Friends of

## Main Street will meet on January 27

Blountstown Main Street will meet on Thursday, Jan. 27, at 11:30 a.m. at Main Street Station. Anyone interested in downtown revitalization is invited to attend.

Call Kelli at 674-1004 if you need more details.

## This Week in History

By BMS History Department

### January 26

1875 - Pinkerton detectives shoot up the James family home in Missouri, thinking they have outlaws Frank and Jesse James cornered. They managed only to maim the outlaw's mother and kill their nine-year-old-half brother.

### January 27

1888 - The National Geographic Society is founded in Washington D.C.

### January 28

1986 - The space shuttle Challenger lifts off from Cape Canaveral, Florida; 73 seconds later it explodes, killing the crew, which included high-school teacher Christa McAuliffe.

### January 29

1845 - Kansas enters the Union as the 34th state. In the midst of the secessions of eight states over the previous six weeks, it entered as a free state despite armed conflict between pro-slavery and antislavery forces.

### January 30

1835 - President Andrew Jackson survives the first attempt against the life of a U.S. president when a deranged man fires two pistols at him in the House chamber of the U.S. Capitol.

### January 31

1863 - The first African American infantry regiment is mustered into the U.S. Army at Beaufort, South Carolina.

### February 1

1887 - Real-estate developer Harvey Wilcox subdivides 120 acres in southern California and calls the development Hollywood.



Offering free tax return preparation service again this year at the Altha Public Library are experienced AARP tax preparers (left to right) Bill Duncan, Shirley Jernigan (Local Coordinator), and Bob Flynn.

## AARP free tax return service back in Altha

AARP Tax-Aide, Altha, is again offering free tax return preparation and e-filing starting on Feb. 1st and continuing through the tax season providing this free service every Tuesday afternoon through the tax season.

A three-person team of volunteer tax preparers will prepare the returns, quality review them, and e-file them to the IRS. The free service is offered to everyone in the low or middle

income range, with emphasis on seniors over 60.

The free service will be given at the Altha Public Library, 15225 NW CR274, Altha each Tuesday afternoon on a first come first serve basis.

Taxpayers should bring your last year's tax return, 2010 documents showing your income, and identification (social security cards). The free service can be done in about 45 minutes.

## Volunteers needed to be voice for children

Abused and neglected children need a voice in court! There are currently 49 children without volunteer advocate representation in Jackson County. The 14th Circuit Guardian Ad Litem Program wants these children spoken for.

Be a strong, dependable voice, appointed by the court, to support these children. Training classes are scheduled to start in February. Please call the Marianna Office at 482-9127 for more information and an application.



### CALHOUN COUNTY

**Jan. 18:** Kimberly McRoy, battery; Aaron Everett, aggravated battery with deadly weapon; Frankie Stone, battery; Gene Bess, violation of community control

**Jan. 19:** Savannah L. Downum, no valid drivers license, grand theft auto (Gulf Co.), possession of listed chemicals; William Moore, fraud; Tobin Lopez, no drivers license, no tag; Daphne McDonald, VOP; Evan Guilford, VOP

**Jan. 20:** Justin Carpender, no valid drivers license; Jimmy McMurphy, possession of controlled substance

**Jan. 21:** James H. Manning, burglary of a structure, theft, criminal mischief

**Jan. 22:** Bobby Simco, violation of injunction; Krystal Jones, no valid drivers license; Jamie Thomas, permitting unauthorized operator to drive motor vehicle

**Jan. 23:** Kendja Martin, VOP

### LIBERTY COUNTY

**Jan. 18:** Thaddeus Alston, sale of marijuana; Anthony Sewell, burglary of structure, grand theft, dealing in stolen property; Craig Hemanes, burglary of structure, grand theft, dealing in stolen property; Kimberly McRoy, hold for Calhoun

**Jan. 19:** Savannah Downum, hold for CCSO; Daphne McDonald, hold for CCSO

**Jan. 20:** Shellie Simpson, hold for CCSO; Marcus Kelly, hold for Gulf Co.; Jenna Powers, poss. 1/2 20 grams marijuana

**Jan. 21:** Marty W. Howard, grand theft; Rodell Pete, holding for court

*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.*

# CRIME BRIEFS

## Blood evidence leads to arrest

An investigation into an October burglary at Chipola Turf Farm has ended in an arrest.

James H. Manning, 27, has been charged with burglary, theft, and criminal mischief.

According to the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office, Inv. Michael Bryant and Sgt. Jared Nichols handled the case. It appeared an estimated \$200 cash had been stolen from a lock box that was pried open at the business. It was learned that Manning had been fired recently and seemed disgruntled. He allegedly commented in front of a witness that he would get "payback" by breaking into the business or damaging their equipment.

Blood evidence on a filing cabinet drawer that was pried open was collected. FDLE tested the blood and results came in last week, indicating it belonged to Manning. He was subsequently arrested.

## Man arrested for stealing hunting dog

A South Florida hunter was arrested in Liberty

County Friday for allegedly stealing another hunter's dog.

Marty Woodroe Howard, 47, has been charged with grand theft in the case.

According to the Liberty County Sheriff's Office, Dep. Nick Finch responded to Forrest Road 105 and Hwy. 65 in Telogia Friday morning in reference to a hunting dispute.

A Liberty County hunter alleged a group of South Florida hunters that Howard was with had killed a buck in front of his dog the previous day. His dog then got on the trail of a doe and he never saw the dog again. He spent most of the night looking for the dog, but could not get a signal off his tracking collar.

He spoke with the South Florida hunters the next day and inquired about his missing dog. Words were exchanged and Howard allegedly stated, "Your dog is in my box." The man said he retrieved his dog, but noticed the tracking collar was gone. Howard then made a phone call and a boy in a white truck pulled up and returned the tracking collar. The magnet had been removed from the collar. Johnson then called

the Sheriff's Office.

The dog was valued at \$500 and the collar was worth \$135.

Howard was booked into the Liberty County Jail and posted bond later that day.

## Traffic stop ends in arrest for chemicals

A traffic stop last Wednesday ended in the arrest of a local woman caught with chemicals used in the manufacture of meth.

Savannah Leeanne Downum, 18, has been charged with possession of listed chemicals and driving with a suspended license.

According to the Blountstown Police Department, Ofc. Caleb Tolbert pulled Downum over last Wednesday on a tag violation. When her license came back not valid, she was placed under

arrest. Her vehicle was searched and pseudoephedrine was found. Downum allegedly stated she was selling them, leading to her arrest. It was also learned that the vehicle she was driving had been reported stolen in Gulf County.

## Xanax, drunk driving arrests are made

A traffic stop for speeding ended in two arrests Thursday.

According to the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office, Jimmy L. McMurphy, 25, was charged with possession of a controlled substance after he was found with Xanax pills and no prescription.

The driver, Shellie Simpson, 25, was charged with driving under the influence.

## Public Notice

On January 18, 2011, The City of Blountstown received an Administrative Order from the United States Environmental Protection Agency for failure to prepare and/or submit a Standard Monitoring Plan as required by the Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products Rule. We are currently working to remedy this violation. All users of The City of Blountstown water system should be aware all tests have been performed and there are no health issues. This is a reporting violation only.

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## Quilting retreat at Landmark Park is set

Landmark Park in Dothan will host a quilting retreat on February 25 and 26. Sherry Burkhalter and Adele Kuszmaul, organizers of Landmark Park's fall quilt show, will host the retreat.

Participants will meet in the Interpretive Center at Landmark Park on February 25 from 5 p.m. -9 p.m. for a slide presentation and to begin cutting fabric. The retreat will continue on February 26 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. An evening snack, light breakfast, lunch, drinks and afternoon snacks will be provided, as well as the quilt pattern and some special supplies.

Cost for the retreat is \$75, plus paid gate admission to Landmark Park. Regular admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for kids and free for park members. Registration is required. A supply list will be provided upon registration.

The pattern for the retreat is "Cherry Orchard" by Jilly Studio Needle Arts Company. The goal of the class is to have the top

## Coley applauds Scott for help with septic tank inspection issue

Representative Marti Coley (R-Marianna) has applauded Governor Rick Scott for allowing SB 2A, passed during the 2010A special session, to become law.

"I want to thank Governor Scott for allowing SB 2A to become law. This bill allows the Legislature proper time to review these burdensome inspections that would hurt so many Florida families and businesses and change the language passed during the 2010 legislative session," said Representative Marti Coley.

Senate Bill 2A delays the implementation of septic tank inspections required by SB 550 which was passed during the 2010 regular session. Representative Coley also stated, "This is the first step in protecting our property rights, and will be my top priority as we move into the 2011 session. I have already filed legislation to repeal this burdensome requirement altogether in the 2011 regular session. Government should be lifting financial burdens from homeowners, not placing more on them. I'm committed to making sure that some commonsense is put back into our environmental regulations."

of the quilt well underway if not completely finished. Other techniques demonstrated will include embroidery, applique, yo-yos precise cutting and assembly line piecing.

Landmark Park is a 135-acre historical and natural science park located on U.S. Highway 431 North in Dothan, Ala. For more information or to register, contact the park at 334-794-3452.

## POSITION AVAILABLE

### City Manager

The City of Blountstown is seeking applicants to fill the City Manager position in the City of Blountstown. Current City Manager was not renewed during his annual reappointment. Persons interested in applying for the position should send a detailed resume, personal and professional references and other information to be considered during application review to City of Blountstown, Re: City Manager Search, 20591 Central Avenue West, Blountstown, Florida 32424.

This is an executive position. The City Manager manages a city of approx 2500 Citizens. It has an eleven million dollar budget and over seventeen million dollars in assets. The City also operates an Electric System, Water & Sewer System, Natural Gas System and Solid Waste service. The City of Blountstown has just under 50 full time employees. Prefer Florida Experience and experience in Electric system management. Strong background in contract negotiations a plus.

**Major Function:** This is a highly responsible professional position involving work as the chief executive and administrative head of the municipal government responsible to the City Council for the proper administration of all affairs of the City. Incumbent exercises general supervision and control over all city departments.

**Typical Duties:** Directs the enforcement of the municipal laws and ordinances; recommends the adoption or deletion of specific laws and ordinances. Directs the operation of city departments through subordinate department heads. Maintains custody of records, certifications, indexing, filing, and distribution; serves as Clerk to the City Council; gives notice of meetings, records, transcribes, and processes and maintains proceedings. Assumes responsibilities for publication of all ordinances and resolutions, and all public notices required to be published by the law or direction of the Council. Serves as custodian of all contracts, deeds, ordinances, resolution, journals, and other records and documents of the City and maintains accurate records of same. Supervises and directs codification of the Code of Ordinances of City. Maintains custody of the City Seal and affixes same to documents after determining their authenticity. Administers and files oaths of office, administers oaths, affirmations, and acknowledgements. May serve as registrar of elections; conducts regular, special, and other type elections. Countersigns bond issues, records plats. Directs the operation of the personnel system. Directs the appointment, transfer, demotion, removal, and suspension of all employees of the City. Determines the number of employees in the City departments. Prepares and submits to the City Council an annual budget; directs the execution of the annual budget after adoption by the City Council. Attends and participates in all City Council meetings. Issues directives, memoranda, policies, and instructions to department. Performs related work as prescribed by the City Charter or as directed by the Council. All other assigned task.

**Desirable Qualifications:** Extensive knowledge of the City's organization and legal responsibilities of municipal departments. Extensive knowledge of principles and practices of modern public administration. Thorough knowledge of the methods relating municipal programs to community needs. Considerable knowledge of the public financial affairs. Ability to analyze and evaluate current municipal programs. Ability to prepare clear and concise written and verbal presentations. Ability to direct and supervise subordinates in a manner conducive to high performance and good morale. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with employees, municipal officials, and the general public.

**Training and Experience:** Graduation from an accredited four-year college with major coursework in public administration, business administration, or a related area; considerable years of progressively responsible and diversified experience in municipal administration; or equivalent combination of training/experience.

Applicant must be able to pass a criminal background check. Applicants must possess a valid State of Florida driver's license.

**All Applications are due by Friday, February 25, 2011 at close of Business, 4:00 PM Central Time.** INTERVIEW: A candidate selected for interview will be required to visit the City of Blountstown at his/her own expense upon a date selected by the City Council. Only those applicants short listed will be called for interviews.

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Somehow, largely through the Grace of God, devoted loyalty, and the vast pride on the part of many people, The County Record has never missed an issue.



## AHS Chili Cookoff!



There was fun for all ages during Altha homecoming week with alumni coming out Saturday for a chili cookoff and alumni game. Above, the crowd samples some of the chili and later voted for their favorite. The winner (at left) was Lisa Hutchison, shown with her winning dish.

# CALHOUN COUNTY Florida Chamber of Commerce



**GRAND RE-OPENING:** Head to Toe Salon hosted a grand re-opening and ribbon cutting at their new location on Central Avenue West next to The County Record. Stylists Mary Beth Cobb, Jami Lynn Daniels and Brandi Mamoran were joined by Chamber members, beauty queens, and customers for the celebration. In addition to refreshments, attendees were treated to mini-facials and hourly prize drawings.

## Crash continued

Segers was not wearing a seatbelt and was partially ejected. The crash was discovered at 8:37 a.m. by a passing motorist.

The accident was investigated by Cprl. C.D. Chapman.

A 2010 graduate of Blountstown High School, Zach was known for his contagious smile and positive outlook. He played football for the Tigers and loved the outdoors. He is known to many customers at Ramsey Piggly Wiggly and was preparing to join the U.S. Air Force.

Family and friends have been devastated by the loss of this young man. Over 800 friends have joined a Facebook page (RIP Zack Segers) in his memory and left condolence messages. Others are leaving memories of Zack on a page known simply as "I remem-



Zack Segers

ber when Zack."

Zack was the only child of Shannon and Monica Segers. A memorial service is planned Thursday, Jan. 27, at 3 p.m. at Altha Church of God. Visitation will follow at the church.

For his complete obituary, turn to page 12.

## Chamber, hospital to host "Arts in Medicine" wine & cheese reception

Join the Chamber of Commerce and Calhoun-Liberty Hospital Tuesday, Feb. 1, at 5:30 p.m. for a community wine & cheese reception to help launch Calhoun County's Arts in Medicine (AIM) program.

This informal reception will celebrate the new initiative which will partner the arts with healthcare in an effort to build a healthier community through the arts. Leaders from the Shands AIM program, as well as the Weems Memorial/Franklin County AIM program will speak about the impact of the programs in their communities.

The Arts in Medicine

program is focused on improving individual and community wellness through the arts, and providing leadership for Arts in Healthcare for rural communities in Florida and through tout the U.S. Calhoun County was the recipient of a one-year grant from the Florida Dept. of Cultural Affairs to build a local Arts in Medicine program. This launch will be the first step in getting the program up and running.

Any and all interested are invited to attend this reception. No RSVP necessary. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Please join us



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Natural gas supplies vitally needed energy to thousands of homes, businesses, and industries in Florida. Energy, whether it be in the form of gas, electricity, oil, water, etc., when uncontrolled can be dangerous.

Even though a record of safe operations has been established over the years by the regulated gas industry, knowledge of the information contained in this ad can assist you in recognizing a potentially hazardous condition and take appropriate action to safeguard life and property.

### Q WHAT ARE SOME OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF NATURAL GAS A USER SHOULD KNOW?

A. Natural Gas is a mixture of hydrocarbons composed mainly of methane and exhibits the following characteristics:

1. Odorless - an odor is added to this gas.
2. It is lighter than air and if released will rise into the atmosphere unless trapped.
3. It is nontoxic. However, as with any burning process, incomplete, combustion will form carbon monoxide which is toxic.
4. It is colorless.
5. It has a flammability range of from 4% to 14% (approximate values by volume of gas to air).

### Q. IS NATURAL GAS DANGEROUS?

A. Gas, like all forms of energy, is capable of doing damage and must be used properly. However, the experience with natural gas use shows it to be more safe than other energy sources which you use in your home or business. Possible hazards include fire, explosion, and disruption of normal activities.

### Q. WHAT SHOULD YOU KNOW ABOUT GAS ODOR?

1. Natural gas does not normally have an odor.
2. A substance is added by your gas company to give natural gas a "rotten-egg smell" should it escape.

3. Become familiar with the smell. Should you detect this odor, it doesn't positively tell you that there is a gas leak; but this is sufficient reason for you to call your gas company and have them investigate.

### Q. WHAT ADDITIONAL WAYS CAN YOU DETECT A GAS LEAK?

1. When the ground is wet, you may detect a leak by seeing bubbles rising through puddles of water in a uniform manner.
2. A larger leak of gas from underground piping may be able to be seen by sand blowing around a small hole in the ground; it may be felt just as you may feel air leaking.
3. A flame at or around appliance piping other than at the burner indicate leakage.

### Q. THE FACT THAT A "ROTTEN-EGG" ODOR IS DETECTED, DOES THAT MEAN THAT THERE IS A NATURAL GAS LEAK?

A. No, but this should be checked to assure that the odor isn't an indication of a gas leak. Call your gas company and report it. Odors similar to that of natural gas may come from the following:

1. A sewer system.
2. A water aeration play which has a sulphur content.
3. Swamps or bogs.
4. Areas where the land has been filled, etc.

### Q. IF THERE IS A GAS LEAK WILL YOU ALWAYS SMELL AN ODOR?

A. No. If gas leaks from an above ground pipe, there should always be an odor. However, when gas travels through the ground, such as a leak from an underground service line or main, the ground acts as a filter and can remove the odor from the gas.

### Q. WHY ISN'T A GAS ODOR SMELLED WHEN THE GAS IS BURNED ON A GAS RANGE OR FURNACE?

A. The material used to odorize the gas is flammable and is consumed in the process of burning. If your equipment is properly adjusted

you should not detect the odor when you are using your appliances.

### Q. WHAT CAN ONE DO TO REDUCE THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ACCIDENT?

A. First keep the emergency telephone number of your gas company handy. A good place to keep this number is to write it down in the front of your telephone book along with other emergency telephone numbers such as fire, police, etc.

Other things which should be done to improve safety, as well as conserve energy, are:

1. Teach children that they are not to play with any appliances in the home.
2. Clean the burners and have them checked for proper adjustments periodically.
3. Repairs, installations, and removal of appliances are jobs for qualified persons. Use only qualified people to do this work.
4. If lighting of an appliance is required, ALWAYS light match and hold at ignition point of burner before you turn on the gas.
5. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for operation and care of gas appliances.
6. Never take a chance. If you think you smell gas, call your gas company.

### Q. WHAT SHOULD BE DONE WHEN ONE BELIEVE HE SMELLS GAS?

A. If a slight odor is detected in a localized area or room of a building - DO NOT use a match or other flame in the area; call the gas company immediately.

2. If a strong odor of gas is detected in a building or other confined space - DO NOT operate electric switches, light matches, or use an open flame; however, DO open windows and doors to ventilate the area (caution: don't turn on the exhaust fans). Leave the building, and call the gas company.

3. IF A STRONG ODOR IS DETECTED IN A BUILDING AND/OR A HISSING SOUND IS HEARD -DO NOT operate electrical switches,

lights, or other devices; DO evacuate the building, leaving exit doors on your way out, warn persons to say clear of the building and call the fire department and gas company immediately from another location.

4. If the odor of gas is detected outside ( in the yard, at the sidewalk, etc.) - immediately call the gas company.

**SAFETY IS YOUR BUSINESS.** Educate your family and friends about the precautions to take when they believe they smell the odor of gas.

**CAUTION:** The term "GAS" is used by the news media and others to include a variety of products such as liquefied petroleum gases (propane, butane) gasoline and natural gas. Each product has its own characteristics which differ from one another, thus the information given in this advertisement is applicable only to NATURAL GAS.

**NEVER POSTPONE CALLING THE GAS COMPANY WHEN YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU SMELL GAS.**

**CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG** to make sure you're not unknowingly placing your safety at risk. Florida law says homeowners must call two full business days before digging in any easement, right of way or permitted use area. Contractors are required to call in every job that involves digging or disturbing the earth's surface. The City of Blountstown asks you, as a home owner or business owner, to call City Hall at (850) 674-5488 prior to your doing any kind of digging due to our services being in your yard. This is a free service to help keep Florida safe.

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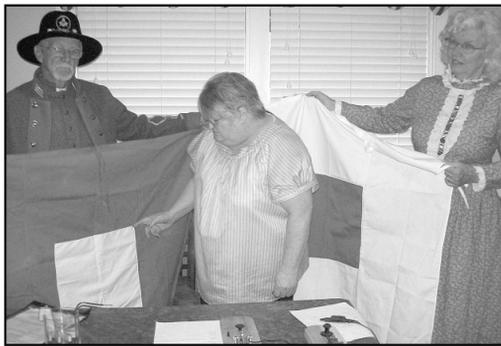


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## Dothan to host Ala./ Fla. Peanut Trade Show



Peanut growers in the tri-states area will have the opportunity to see the latest advances in peanut growing, harvesting and other related equipment at the Alabama/Florida Peanut Trade Show which will be held at the National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds in Dothan, Al on Thursday February 10.

The Trade Show is sponsored by the Alabama Peanut Producers Association and the Florida Peanut Producers Association. More than 60 exhibitors will attend the Trade Show to display their products, visit with farmers and offer information.

One exhibitor, Kelley Manufacturing Company, will provide the grand door prize of one season's use of a new four or six row KMC peanut combine valued at \$10,000.00. At the end of the season, the winner will have the option of purchasing the combine after a reduction of the list price of \$10,000.00. More than \$20,000.00 in door prizes will be offered.

"With production cost continuing to increase, it is important that producers operate as efficiently as possible," says Ken Barton, executive director Florida Peanut Producers Association. "This Trade Show provides producers the opportunity to gain valuable information that will be helpful in producing a high yielding, high quality crop in 2011. We invite all farmers to attend."

The Trade Show opens at 8:30 am (cst). A catered lunch will be provided with a production meeting/seed seminar following.

For more information please contact the FPPA office at (850)526-2590.

## Living history lesson

Lionel and Sheila Young, members of the Northwest Florida Living History Association, presented "The History of the Signal Corp" at the January meeting of Chipola Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. The couple dressed in Civil War period costume because the Confederate forces were the first army to have a Signal Corp. Interestingly many of the telegraph operators were women. The Youngs are pictured showing two of the signal flags to Chipola Chapter Regent Ellen Wright.

## BHS baseball, softball alumni games Feb. 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. Anyone interested please register by February 1, 2011.

# Master Gardener class forming; workshop set

By Judy Ludlow, Director, Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent

### Pruning Your Citrus Trees

While it may be tempting to do so, don't prune your citrus trees yet. The best time for pruning citrus is after the danger of freezing temperatures is past and just before its spring growth begins. In general, most homegrown citrus trees rarely need pruning. There are exceptions however, such as selective pruning for aesthetic reasons, pruning to reduce shading of other plants, to remove diseased or damaged limbs, or to rejuvenate old trees. Pruning your citrus trees reduces the size of the tree canopy, which can limit its heat retaining potential and can also stimulate new growth before the last freeze. Even though there are cold tolerant citrus varieties that grow well in north Florida, these trees can still be damaged or even killed by cold during their first 5 years. They are especially vulnerable during periods of new growth and when the trees are stressed by drought, disease, insect pests, nutritional deficiencies, and previous cold damage.

If a severe freeze damages major limbs in your citrus tree, wait several months before pruning. During the spring flush, leaves on freeze-damaged branches may grow but then wilt soon after. After this wilt occurs on the spring flush, you will have a better idea of which limbs to prune. Sometimes when a tree is weak, or damaged, suckers or branches will grow from the rootstock; the portion of trunk below the graft. These branches will likely have thorns. Fruits from rootstocks are generally less desirable varieties such as sour orange, rough lemon, trifoliolate orange, etc. To prevent the rootstock from fruiting cut these suckers off to allow the desired variety to become dominant.

To protect your citrus, especially during the first five years of growth, cover them during hard freezes. Cover them with cloth. Never cover plants with plastic. If the plastic touches leaves, it can transport heat away from the plant and increase cold damage. If you do use plastic covers, make sure they are supported over the tree by a

frame underneath to keep the plastic from touching the leaves. In order to provide protection, covers must reach all the way to the ground and be anchored.

References for this article include:

Your Florida Dooryard Citrus Guide – Pruning, by James J. Ferguson, University of Florida,

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdffiles/HS/HS12100.pdf> and The University of Florida IFAS Extension Solutions for Your Life website, <http://solutionsforyourlife.com/>

### Master Gardener Class Forming This Spring

Have you ever wanted to learn more about growing plants? Are you interested in fruits, vegetables, lawns, and ornamentals? Do you like helping others? If you answered yes, then you may want to become a Florida Master Gardener. The Florida Master Gardener Program is a volunteer-driven program that benefits UF/IFAS Extension and the citizens of Florida. The program relies on dedicated volunteers who have an interest in gardening and in giving back to their communities.

The Calhoun County Cooperative Extension Service will soon be offering a horticulture program called the Florida Master Gardener. Master Gardener is a title given to individuals who receive 50 hours or more of horticulture training from County Extension Agents and agree, in return, to give 75 hours of volunteer service helping their local extension program.

In Calhoun County, Master Gardeners help extension personnel answer phone calls, troubleshoot plant problems, assist at plant clinics, work with community schools, work with 4-H youth programs, community programs, and other projects.

If you are interested in the Master Gardener Program, contact the Calhoun County Cooperative Extension Office at 850-674-2360.

### Workshop Announcement

SHIITAKE MUSHROOM WORKSHOP! Grow Your Own Delicious Delicacies

Saturday, February 5, 2011, 10:00 -12:00 AM central time, Calhoun County Extension Office,

20816 Central Ave East, Blountstown, FL, Fee \$5.00, At This Workshop: You will learn about growing Shiitake Mushrooms in your own backyard. Everyone will prepare and seed an oak log with Shiitake mushroom spores that they can take home to grow. For more information, please call Judy Ludlow, Calhoun County Extension Service 850-674-8323.

### 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 camp located on the Bay in Niceville, FL. The cost of camp is \$210 for 4-H members, and \$220 for youth ages 8-18 (on or before September 1st of 2010) who are not currently enrolled in 4-H. Transportation will be provided to camp on Monday morning and home again Friday morning.

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 fees must be turned in during this time.

The Calhoun County Extension Service is part of the statewide Extension Service of the University of Florida, and is a partnership between county, state, and federal governments. Its mission is to provide service and education in agriculture, natural resources, family and consumer sciences, and 4-H youth development, to help us improve our lives, communities, and environment. If you have any questions, please call us at 674-8323, visit us at 20816 Central Ave East, Blountstown, or visit our website at <http://calhoun.ifas.ufl.edu/>. University of Florida "The Foundation for the Gator Nation" an Equal Opportunity Institution.

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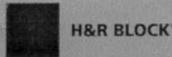
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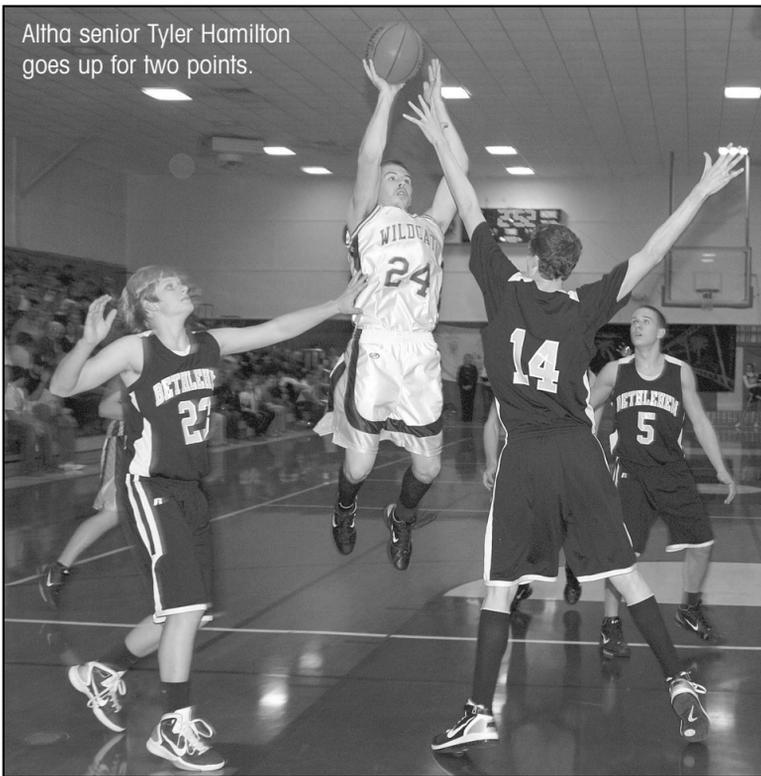
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Altha senior Tyler Hamilton goes up for two points.



## Wildcats celebrate big 56-37 homecoming win; record 8-8

BY COACH WARREN ROBERTS

Homecoming week saw the Wildcats pick up 2 wins to even their record at 8-8.

On Tuesday the 18th, the 'Cats beat a young and undermanned Seven Hills Academy team from Tallahassee 52-21. Eighteen players saw action for Altha with 13 scoring.

Leading scorers were freshman Nick Young and junior Jacob Warner with 8 points each, followed by Zac Morris, Brendan Dew, Justin Waldorff with 6 each. Also contributing were P.J. Iler with 5, Sharlyn Smith with 3, and Tyler Hamilton, Ryan Wood, Jae Fielder, Tyler McClellan, and Kenny Johnson all with 2 each.

Friday night saw the Altha JV beat Bethlehem 21-20 in overtime to push their record to 5-7 on the season. Sharlyn Smith hit a free-throw with no time remaining to get the win. Leading Altha in scoring was Justin Waldorff with 8 points, followed by Kenny Johnson, Tyler Dew, and Nick Young all with 4 each. Smith rounded out the scoring with her 1 point. The dramatic finish gave Coach Matt Nichols' younger Wildcat squad their 5th win in the last 7



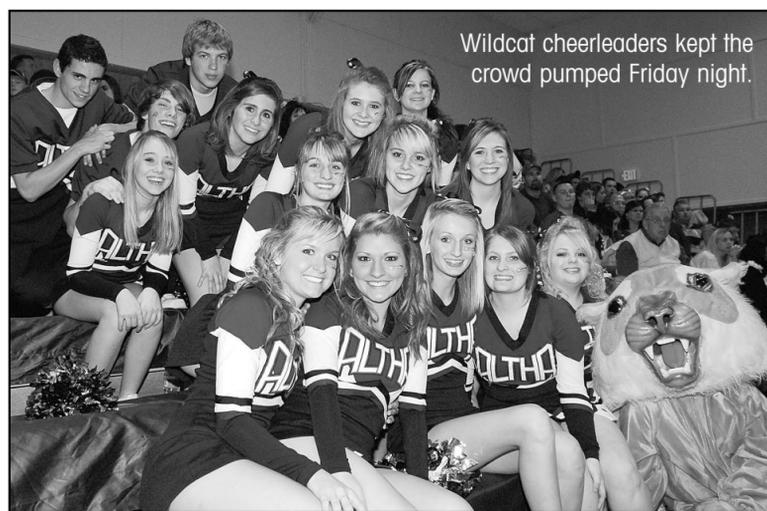
Wildcat Jacob Warner battles his way to the goal.

games.

In the Varsity tilt, the Wildcats won 56-37. The 'Cats led 14-5 after the first quarter and never looked back before a packed Homecoming crowd. Jacob Warner had 20 points to lead all scorers. Also scoring was Terry Willey with

10, Tyler Hamilton and Jae Fielder with 8 each, Anthony Young with 5, P.J. Iler with 3 and Ryan Wood with 2.

The Cats will host Wewa Feb. 1 with game time at 6 p.m. for J.V., followed by varsity at 7:30 p.m.



Wildcat cheerleaders kept the crowd pumped Friday night.

See a photo you like? All these game photos - plus tons more - available on an Altha Homecoming DVD to music! Just \$10 each at The County Record. Email [news@thecountyrecord.net](mailto:news@thecountyrecord.net) for details Over 100 photos on the disk from the parade & varsity game!!

## 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 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!!

## Water District completes largest restoration planting

The Northwest Florida Water Management District has completed its largest planting of trees and groundcover in a single year. In its ongoing reforestation and groundcover restoration, the Division of Land Management and Acquisition contracted to hand plant 2,827 acres of disturbed longleaf pine, bottomland hardwood and wiregrass habitat in Bay, Escambia, Liberty, Santa Rosa and Washington counties.

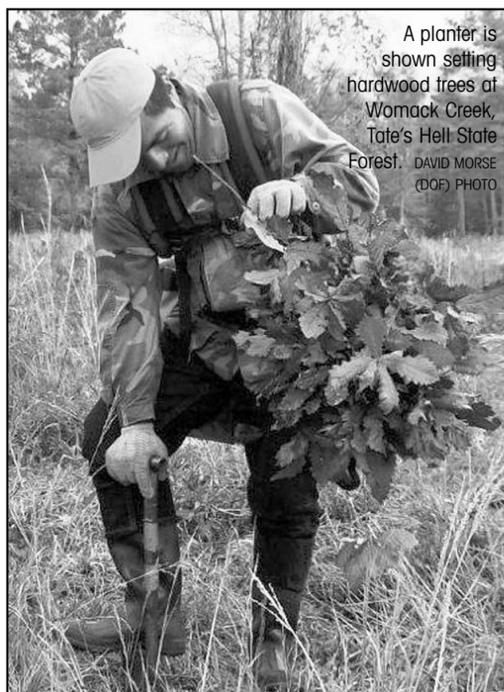
"Species diversity has been significantly enhanced or restored and water resource health has improved in many areas across northwest Florida where natural ecosystems were impacted by hydrologic alterations and habitat conversion," said David Clayton, Environmental Scientist in the District's Resource Management Division. "Disturbed natural habitats have thrived after harvesting offsite species, conducting prescribed burns, applying selective herbicide to competing vegetation and replanting native species."

"In 2010, the District planted its 10 millionth longleaf pine and its 5 millionth groundcover plug since 1994," said Tyler Macmillan, Chief of the District's Bureau of Land Management Operations.

Over 1.6 million longleaf pine tubelings were planted on 2,237 acres of disturbed

### Altha Dixie baseball and softball signups January 29-30

Altha Dixie Baseball and Softball will hold sign-ups this week on Saturday, January 29, from 2-4 PM and Sunday, January 30, from 2-4 PM at the Altha Park under the pavilion. This league is open to boys and girls ages 3-12. For more information, please contact 850-272-3965.



A planter is shown setting hardwood trees at Womack Creek, Tate's Hell State Forest. DAVID MORSE (DOF) PHOTO

longleaf pine habitat on the Perdido River, Choctawatchee River/Holmes Creek and Econfina Creek Water Management Areas (WMA). More than 35,000 mixed hardwood

and cypress trees were planted on 87 acres of mitigation tracts on the Perdido River, Yellow River and Choctawatchee River/Holmes Creek

See PLANTING, page 12

## 180° Gymnastics



**Registration**  
Saturday, Jan. 29th  
9am-1pm est  
10659 SR 20 Bristol, FL  
(beside 180 fitness)  
classes available for  
kids ages 1-12  
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### NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS AND NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA

Calhoun County, Florida (the "County") hereby provides notice, pursuant to section 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments within the unincorporated areas of the County for the cost of providing solid waste services commencing for the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2011 and continuing until discontinued by the County. The County will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments authorized by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held at 5:00 p.m. on February 22, 2011 in the Calhoun County Commission Meeting Room, 20816 Central Avenue E, Blountstown, Florida. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to the levy. Copies of the proposed form of resolution, which contains the legal description of the real property subject to the levy, are on file at the County Administrator's Office, 20859 Central Avenue E, Room G-40, Blountstown, Florida. All interested persons are invited to attend.

In the event any person decides to appeal any decision by the County with respect to any matter relating to the consideration of the resolution at the above-referenced public hearing, a record of the proceeding may be needed and in such an event, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the public hearing is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Administrator's Assistant at (850) 674-8075 at least two days prior to the date of the hearing.

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# BLOUNTSTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS



## Honor Assembly and Family Reading-Writing night held

### Honor Assembly Friday Jan. 14

Our 2nd Honor Roll Assembly was held on Friday, January 14. All students making all A's or all A's and B's were honored. The fifth grade choir sang two songs, "Free At Last" (honoring the late Martin Luther King, Jr.) and an old spiritual, "All Night, All Day" Congratulations to all of the students making the Honor Roll! Keep up the hard work!



### Family Reading-Writing Night

Blountstown Elementary School hosted a Family Reading & Writing Night on Tuesday, January 18, at 5:00 p.m. A guest author from Tampa read his books and shared with the audience. Hot dogs, chips, and drinks were served, and parents and students had a chance to get autographs and purchase books from the author. It was a great night filled with fun and laughter!



**Class pictures will be Thursday, Feb. 3 at BES**

# BLOUNTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

## StarBooks Cafe open at BHS; Barton is Youth Tour nominee

### StarBooks Café

This is "Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida" and the media center at BHS will be opened in the morning for the StarBooks Café. Students may come each morning for doughnuts or cappuccino and read before the bell rings. Student will be able to register for a grand prize drawing that will be held on Friday. The goals of "Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!" are to promote literacy throughout the state and most of all, to promote the enjoyment of reading for children and adults of all ages.

### FCAT Tutoring

After school tutoring for FCAT started this Monday, January 24th. Reading teachers, Mrs. Elizabeth Bennett and Mrs. Vicki Bennett, along with math teachers, Mrs. Allyson Howell and Mr. Phillip Draayom, will be tutoring on Monday and Wednesday from 3:00-4:00 each week. Students can see their reading or math teacher for details. After school tutoring will last until March 16th.

### West Florida Electric Youth Tour

Congratulations to Sarah Barton for being nominated to represent Blountstown High School to compete February 22 in the National Rural Electric Association's Youth Tour with the West Florida Electric Cooperative.

The contest is limited each year to eleventh-grade students whose parents or



Sarah Barton, the BHS nominee for the West Florida Electric Youth Tour, is shown here with Principal Ronnie Hand.

guardians are WFEC member-owners. On February 9th and 10th, WFEC will treat all the candidates to a two-day trip to Tallahassee where they will tour the old and new state capitols, meet government officials and observe the legislature in session.

The Youth Tour program's purpose is to provide public recognition to outstanding young people and to acquaint high school students with governmental activities on a local, state and federal level. The winners of WFEC's Youth Tour competition may compete against winners from other co-ops in Florida to

represent the state on the National Youth Leadership Board.

### Calendar of Events

Thursday, Jan. 27th, Boys Basketball, Away at Graceville @ 5:30/7:00; FCCLA Culinary Competition  
Friday, Jan. 28th, Boys Basketball, Away at Sneads @ 6:00/7:30  
Tuesday, Feb. 1st, Girls Basketball, District games at Sneads; Boys Basketball, Home against East Gadsden @ 6:00/7:30

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## Principal Bozeman announces 2nd nine weeks BES honor roll

Principal Pam Bozeman is pleased to announce the Blountstown Elementary School honor roll for the second nine weeks as follows:

### A Honor Roll

**1st Grade**  
MICHAEL ABBOTT  
BRAEDEN BAILEY  
BRANDON BORELLI  
HAILEY BROWN  
EMILY CALAM  
EMMA CASTANEDA  
JADA COLEMAN  
DANAE DASHER  
SHELBI DAWSON  
JAKOB DOWNUM  
ZYKERIA EDWARDS  
KEYSTON GRANT  
ANNA HALL  
BRAYDEN HAND  
MAHMUDUL HAQUE  
SHAYLYNN HARRELSON  
KAIDEN HATCHETT  
TRACE HORNE  
ZACKARY HURT  
BENJAMIN JONES  
LEYANNA LOMAR-QUEZ  
ALIXIS LUCAS  
NICHOLAS MARTINEZ  
DYLAN MCCLELLAN  
HOPE MCCRARY  
THERON MCLEOD  
AYDEN MCPHERSON  
BRITTANY MEARS  
STEVE MEARS  
KIMBERL NOWLING  
REECE PARRAMORE  
JOSHUA PETERSON  
SCOTT PINKERTON  
LANI PYLES  
JASMINE REED  
MCKENZIE RILEY  
CHRISTOPHER SALVADOR  
JENNA SCHROCK  
ZACHARIAH SECOR  
MARY SHAW  
KELLEN SPEIGHTS  
JOHN TOMLINSON  
MARY WILLIAMS  
SPENCER WILLIAMS  
ULEEZA WOOTEN

### 2nd Grade

DEXTER BARBER  
CHARLOTTE BROWN  
MEZEKIEL BROWN  
CRAYTON CAPPS  
JUSTIN CESSNA  
MASON DWIGGINS  
CYDNEE EUBANKS  
NICHOLAS FULLER  
BRODY HALL  
REAGAN HALL  
HAILEY LAMBETH  
MATHEW MCCLENDON  
JAMES MESSICK  
IAN MILLIGAN  
ANNALYN NICHOLS  
HALEY PELT  
LOGAN PUMPHREY  
RICHARD RAMSEY  
CARAH WILLIAMS  
HUNTER WILLIAMS  
JAREN WILLIAMS  
MADELYN WILLIS  
MORGAN YODER

### 3rd Grade

MICHAEL BROWN  
SHAWN DEES  
ALIAH DUDLEY  
CAMERON FAIRCLOTH  
JARETT FIELDER  
EMILY FULLER  
BEYONCE' GARRETT  
BELLE HARRIS  
KENDALL HATCHETT  
ISABELLE HOLLOWAY  
BRADEN LAYNE  
MICHAEL MAESTRI  
CAMERON MASAI  
ALYSSA MCGILL  
NOAH PARRAMORE  
TREVOR SCHROCK  
SARAH SHULER  
HEATHER SULLIVAN  
CHLOE TAYLOR  
KALEB TODD  
KATELYN TODD  
CLARA WALTERS-MEDINA

### 4th Grade

TOPANGA BARRETT  
SAILOR BLAIR

CODI BRAXTON  
KOBE BURCH  
MICAHA DAWSON  
KATELYN HARRIS  
EMILY HOLLOWAY  
ABREY JOHNSON  
VICTORIA KELLEY  
CHRISTOPHER O'BRYAN  
HEAVEN PORTER  
MARIA REBOLLAR  
SHAYE REDDOCH  
EMMA RICHARDS  
JACEN WHITE  
LANEY YODER

### 5th Grade

PAXTON BLAIR  
JESSE BOYD  
TYLOR BROCK  
JUSTIN BRYANT  
ALEXANDER BUGGS  
BAILEY JOHNSON  
TUCKER JORDAN  
RACHEL MARGRILL  
ANNIKA MILLIGAN  
REYNA MORALES  
JARA PHILLIPS  
ALISON ROBERTS  
WESTON SCHROCK  
TIMOTHY SHERROD  
KYLE SKIPPER  
BRIANNA SUMMERLIN  
DESTINY WILLIAMS  
MARY WILLIAMS  
JAMES WILLIS  
MICHAEL WYRICK  
MADISON YODER  
JACOB YON

### A/B HONOR ROLL

#### 1st Grade

MADISON ADKINS  
ANTONIO ALDAY  
MICHAEL BAGGETT  
ROYCE BAILEY  
BRIAN BEILER  
CARL BURKE  
JUSTIN BYBEE  
CODY CAPPS  
CHRISTIAN CARGILE  
ANIJAH CURRY  
CHRISTOPHER CUTCHINS  
ZIKEL DAVIS  
MARQUE DEVEAUX  
ABBY DEVUYST  
ETHAN GROVER  
CAZZ HALL  
JAMESON HILL  
TANAIJAH JOHNSON  
ERIC JONES  
MARLEY LANE  
ELIZABETH LIFFICK  
JAMES MANNING  
SARAH MARSHALL  
DEVYN MILLER  
DARIAN MILLS  
AUSTIN PITTS  
EMILY ROBINSON  
WILLIAM STARLING  
TIMOTHY TAYLOR  
DIXSON THRASHER  
BILLIE THURMAN  
DAVID WALLACE  
DEANDRE WATSON

#### 2nd Grade

MANDY BAEZ  
JACOB BAILEY  
ZARIAH BOYKIN  
JACQUEZ BROWN  
NA'TISSIA BROWN  
EMMA DEASON  
TAYLOR DREW  
JAMARIYAH ENGRAM  
MI'KIS ENGRAM  
GABRIELA GONZALEZ  
ERIC GRANTHAM  
JAYCE HATCHER  
JACOB HERRELL  
BALEIGH HILL  
OLIVIA HOLT  
CODY KENT  
TYRA LANGLEY  
TRENTON LEE  
JUSTIN MARTIN  
VALLAREE MITCHELL  
AUSTIN MOSHER  
EZEKIEL NANDHO  
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SYDNEY SHAW  
JONATHAN SLUTZ  
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JAIME TREJO

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KALEB BURCH  
SAVANNA CASTANEDA  
SABRY COOK  
GREGORY FIELDS  
ALAJAH GODWIN  
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TERRI HALL  
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SHELBY ROBERTS  
KIRSTEN SCARABIN  
DANNY STALLWORTH  
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CALEAN WATTS  
NANCY WILLHITE  
JARED WOODS  
KEAGAN YON

### 4th Grade

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SAMERA BAKER  
BREEANNA BENNETT  
CADEN BORELLI  
AUTUMN BURCH  
JAMES CAUSEY  
HUNTER CLARK  
KEIRRA DABNEY  
THOMAS DARNELL  
MONTIANA DEVEAUX  
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ALIYA EVERETT  
WYATT GRIGGS  
MARIA HAMM  
KARSEN HIRES  
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KATELYN MCCLURE  
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CARLOS NANDHO  
TRENT PEACOCK  
AUSHEANNA PENNYWELL  
DUSTYN PITTS  
JOHN PORTER  
AUTUMN PYLES  
SYDNEY RAMOS  
MADISON TAYLOR  
COREY THRASHER  
VANESSA TORRENCE  
CHRISTOPHER WILLIS  
JESSE YEATMAN

### 5th Grade

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BRITTANY BELL  
NINA BOYD  
CASSIE BROOKS  
MCKENZIE BROWN  
TANIYAH BROWN  
FLOYD BURKE  
SETH DAWSON  
MALIC DEVEAUX  
ANDREW FINCH  
KEVON GODWIN  
DYLAN GOODWIN-ROGERS  
KEITH GRANTHAM  
KEYON HAMMOND  
JOHNNIE HENRY  
CASEY HILL  
MANUEL HOLLIDAY  
JHERICO JONES  
KIMBERLY KENT  
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TEHYA MANNING  
GABRIEL MCCLELLAN  
AUTUMN OXENDINE  
WILLIAM PRICE  
WILLIAM REISINGER  
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CYDNEY RIVERA  
CONSUELA SHIVER  
BRITTNAY SMITH  
HADLEY TOLLEY  
HALEIGH TUMMINELLO  
BRIANNA WALKER  
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## AHS dessert concert set

### Dessert Concert

Tickets are on sale now for the culinary and music departments' Dessert Concert. We hope that you will make plans to join us on Thursday, February 10 at 6:00 in the Altha Church of God fellowship hall. It will be an evening of delectable sweets prepared by Altha School's culinary students and sweet music from our Altha high school chorus. Tickets are \$8 each and can be purchased NOW from culinary and chorus students, Marie Granger, or Tina Smith.

### Spaced Out

### By: Brittney Pate and Tina Smith

The 2nd and 3rd graders at Altha School will be presenting the musical "Spaced Out" in the gym on Thursday, January 27 at 9:00 a.m. This one time performance is free and open to the public. Spaced Out is a musical that teaches both cast members and audience a little bit more about our solar system and the historical figures that have helped us explore it. The cast is made up of famous historical figures that played significant roles in the exploration of our solar system and the space

bodies that they were studying. The cast includes greats like Galileo, Copernicus, Aristotle, Sally Ride, Isaac Newton, Einstein, J.F. Kennedy, and more.

### Calendar

Thursday, January 27 -- 2nd & 3rd grade Musical - 9 a.m.; Sea - to - See -- 2nd - 4th grades; Girls Weightlifting Section Finals at Arnold, 3 p.m.

Friday, January 28 -- Pork Ribs - Basketball Players

Tuesday, February 1 -- JV/V vs. Wewa, 6/7:30 p.m.

# BRAG SHOP



### Happy 8th Birthday!

Happy 8th birthday to Victoria Cheyenne and Ronald Eugene Eubanks on January 25, 2011. Shown are Victoria Cheyenne (left) and Ronald Eugene (center), along with sister Nellie Volee Eubanks of Bristol, Florida.

Happy Birthday from dad, Teddy Eubanks



### HAPPY "18th" BIRTHDAY, "DANY BUG"!! January 27th

We love you, Mom, Brad & Mikey



### Happy 4th Birthday!

Zoey Marie Garnett celebrated her 4th birthday January 22nd at Disney World. She visited the Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique and had dinner with the Princesses. She is the daughter of Toby and Tessa Garnett of Blountstown. Her grandparents are Mike and Brenda Johnson of Clarksville and Charles and Terri Garnett of Blountstown. Zoey enjoys playing with her friends at Gram's.



### G.R. O'Bryan honored on 91st birthday

George R. O'Bryan, was joined by his family in a celebration dinner honoring him on his 91st birthday. G.R. O'Bryan, a former U.S. Navy Pilot and a World War II veteran, served his country for 31 years.



### HAPPY "1st" BIRTHDAY!!

Ashton Riley Baird turned 1 year old January 12, 2011. He celebrated his birthday with family and friends with a Woody & Buzz party. Ashton loves to play with cars and his big sister, Jenna. He is the son of Scott and Michelle Baird of Altha. He is the grandson of Ronny and JoAnn Bridges of Blountstown and Debbie Cooper and the late Wayne Baird of Montgomery, AL.

We love you, Bubba! Daddy, Momma & Jenna



### Happy 1st Birthday!

Addalin Lance Lamb celebrated her 1st birthday on December 21st. She is the daughter of Richard and Amanda Lamb of Altha.

Her grandparents include Willard and Annette Edenfield of Altha, Ronnie and Maria Lamb of Bristol, and the late Rebecca Collins of Blountstown. Her great grandparents include Thomas and Nancy Foster of Altha, Kate and the late Gordon Edenfield of Altha, and Jeanette and the late Earl Lamb of Tavares.

Addalin celebrated with a Cupcake party with her family and friends. Addi enjoys playing with her big sister, Bella, dancing with moma, and playing hide-and-seek with daddy.



**BIRTHDAY AND BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS \$10 WITH PHOTO DEADLINE MONDAY NOON**

# BHS Farewell Extravaganza set for May 14 in auditorium

Blountstown High School Farewell There has been a high school on Main Street in Blountstown, Florida, since the turn of the twentieth century. The first wooden building was built on that spot sometime around 1903.

When the wooden building was no longer adequate, the brick buildings that so many of us remember as Blountstown High School were built in the 1920's. More buildings were added to the campus over the years. Then, in the 1980's the main brick buildings were demolished and the current facility was completed.

Beginning with next year's school term, Blountstown High School will no longer be located at this historic spot. The new BHS is being built on Highway 69 North, approximately one mile from the old school.

To celebrate the "life



Members of the 1937 girls basketball team at Blountstown High include (back row, from left) Pauline Guimore, (?), (?), Mary Ala Williamson, Velma Davis, (middle row) (?), Josephine Guilford, Winnie Davis, Neva May Davis, (front row) Polly Stanfill, Elizabeth Musgrove, Kathryn Dearing, and Verdie Maloy.

and times" of Calhoun County High School and Blountstown High School, there will be a farewell extravaganza held on Saturday, May 14, 2011, in the BHS auditorium.

Photographs, music, video and other entertainment are being put together to give everyone who has cherished memories of their time on this campus the opportunity to say

"goodbye." More information will follow soon, but for now, please put this date on your calendar and plan to be at BHS for this "final" farewell.

# Legal Advertisements

## Legal Notice

**RUTH W. ATTAWAY**  
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20859 CENTRAL AVENUE, EAST  
BLOUNTSTOWN, FLORIDA 32424

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Larry Waldorff 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- 25-09-0000-0005-0900 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 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 Herzich, 300 E. Sawyer St. St. George, Island, FI 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

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

In Re: File No. 11-01 PR Estate of: JULIA LOUISE O'BRYAN, Deceased.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of Julia Louise O'Bryan, deceased, whose date of death was November 27, 2010 and whose Social Security Number is 267-52-5937, is pending in the Circuit Court for Calhoun County, Florida, Probate Division, File Number 11-01 PR, the address of which is the address of which is Ruth Attaway, Calhoun County Clerk of Court, Attention: Probate Division, 20859 S.E. 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 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 January 26, 2011.

Personal Representative: Billy Ray O'Bryan, Jr. 15871 NE Calvin Marvin Road Altha, Florida 32421

Attorney for Personal Representative: s/Frank E. Bondurant

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## Legal Notice

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

COUNTY ROAD 274 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as the "Owner", will be receiving Sealed bids, subject to the conditions contained herein, for furnishing all labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for County Road 274 Roadway Improvements as follows:

"Construct paved shoulders along County Road 274 from CMP 11.856 to CMP 23.856. Other efforts include clearing and grubbing, and pavement markings. All Work shall be in accordance with the construction drawings, specifications and contract documents."

All bids must be submitted on the Bid Forms furnished by the engineer of record, sealed, marked, and addressed as defined in the Bid Documents. Completed Bids must be received by or before 2:00 PM (CST) on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at the Clerk of Court's Office, 20859 Central Avenue East, Room 130, Blountstown, FL 32424. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Board of County Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 5:00 PM (CST) at 20816 Central Avenue East, Blountstown, FL 32424.

Bid Documents can be inspected, free of charge, or obtained on a CD in pdf format from the Calhoun County Emergency Management Office, 20859 Central Avenue East, Room G-40, (located in the basement of the Courthouse), Blountstown, FL 32424.

A Pre-Bid conference will be held on Thursday, February 10, 2011 at 9:00 AM (CST) at the Calhoun County Emergency Operations Center, 20859 Central Avenue East, Room G-35, Blountstown, FL 32424.

The successful bidder MUST demonstrate the ability to perform the work as being "Pre-qualified" by the State of Florida Department of Transportation as required by Section 2 of the Standard Road and Bridge Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction (Latest Edition) as amended. Required, minimum guarantee(s) payable to the Owner are: Cash, Certified Check or Bid Bond at five percent (5%) of the amount of bid; Performance Bond at 100% of the Contract Price; Labor and Materials Bond at 100% of the Contract Price.

Any person, affiliate, entity who has been placed on the convicted or discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid to provide any good or services to a public entity.

OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities in any bid whenever such rejection or waiver is in the best interest of Calhoun County. In accordance with the American Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) disabled persons who because of their disabilities need special accommodation to participate in the proceedings should contact the ADA Coordinator at 20859 Central Avenue East, Room 130, Blountstown, FL 32424 or telephone (850) 674-4545 at least 72 hours prior to such proceedings.

This project is federally funded with assistance from the Florida Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration.

## Legal Notice

### CONCURRENT NOTICES

January 19, 2011 Name of Responsible Entity: Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners Address: 20859 Central Avenue East, Room G40, Blountstown, FL 32424 Telephone: 850-674-8075

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners.

Calhoun County intends to undertake a project to be funded by a Florida Small Cities Community Development Block

Grant (CDBG). The proposed project will pave NE Hayes Subdivision Road, NW Musgrove Road, NW Kelly Road (from Whitewater to Goodwin), NW Sky Line Drive & NW Lake McKinzie Boulevard from Parkwood to Bonnell, NW Baker & Isoletta Roads. This activity will have no significant impact on the environment for the following reasons: 1. the unpaved roadbeds have been repaired with lime-rock after eroding during storm events, and are already nearly impervious, so there will be minimal additional stormwater runoff resulting from paving, and 2. work will be confined to the existing roadway. The improvements are for existing roads, which are repetitively damaged by erosion. There is, therefore, no practicable alternative other than to proceed with the work.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT. Calhoun County has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the above address, and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS On or about February 11, 2011, Calhoun County will submit a request to the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development (HCD) Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake this road paving project. Additional agencies involved in this project include the Florida Department of Community Affairs and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Written comments on the project or the ERR must be received by Deborah Belcher, CDBG Grant Consultant, at 5378 Carisbrooke Lane, Tallahassee, FL 32309, on or before February 11, 2011. A more detailed description of the project is available for citizen review by calling Ms. Belcher at telephone 850-893-0694. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing. Comments will be considered before submitting the request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS The Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners certifies to the Florida Department of Community Affairs and HUD that Don O'Bryan, in his/her capacity as County Administrator, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Calhoun County to use the CDBG funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS DCA will accept objections to its release of funds and the Calhoun County certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the local government; (b) the local government has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the State; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures at 24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76 and shall be addressed to the Florida Department of Community Affairs, CDBG Program, 2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100. Potential objectors should contact Tammy Anderson, Florida DCA, telephone 850-922-1889, to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Don A. O'Bryan, County Administrator Environmental Certifying Official

## Legal Notice

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CALHOUN COUNTY WILL BE ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

### RESIDENTIAL WATER WELL

UNTIL 12:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2011 BIDS WILL BE OPENED ON FEBRUARY 15, 2011 AT 5:00 P.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS IS PRACTICAL.

INFORMATION MAY BE PICKED UP IN THE "SHIP" OFFICE OR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT. FOR MORE INFORMATION YOU MAY CALL DAN CLEMONS AT 674-2571

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

## Legal Notice

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

The Calhoun Board of County Commissioners will accept sealed bids on behalf of its State Housing Initiatives Partnership "SHIP" Program for the rehab of houses until 12:00 p.m. local time on Tuesday, February 15, 2011. Bids may be delivered to the Clerk's Office in the Calhoun County Courthouse, Blountstown, Florida 32424. Bids must arrive before deadline. Bids will be opened at 5:00 p.m. or as soon afterwards as possible. Bids must be sealed in an envelope marked "sealed bid for ship rehab" and identified by the name of the firm, and the date and time of the bid opening.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on Thursday, February 3, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. local time in room 117 in the Calhoun County Building Department located on the 1st floor of the Calhoun County Courthouse. Bid sheets and specifications will be available at the meeting. It is the responsibility of the contractor to purchase all permits deemed necessary. Bidders must provide proof of general liability and workman's compensation insurance in the bid package. The insurance must be in force at the time of the bid opening. As an alternative to providing workman's compensation insurance, the prospective bidder shall provide proof of worker's compensation exemption. Any person claiming to be exempt shall be subject to an on-the-job inspection for proof of exemption and license of all workers on job site.

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

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

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## Legal Notice

### ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CALHOUN COUNTY WILL BE ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS FOR NEW SEPTIC SYSTEMS ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2011. BIDS MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE CALHOUN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE BY 12:00 P.M. AND WILL BE OPENED AT 5:00 P.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS IS PRACTICAL.

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

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

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## Legal Notice

### NOTICE OF DISPOSAL

Marilyn Russell will dispose of stored items belonging to Deanna Doyal located inside the Russell home on John G. Bryant Road, Blountstown Florida, on February 2, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. if not removed prior to that time. The stored items are believed to be household and/or personal property.

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## Legal Notice

### PUBLIC AUCTION

Paul's Wrecker Service will hold a public auction on February 11, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. (C.T.).

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Auction will be held at Paul's Wrecker Service, 1984 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)

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DEADLINE MONDAY NOON

# City Council issues cont'd

reminded that he could not control anyone's freedom of speech.

**■ Councilwoman Janie Boyd** stated at the Jan. 11 meeting she felt there was a man-woman issue and Woods simply did not communicate with her like he did with the men on the Council. However, when questioned by *The County Record*, she confirmed that Woods has come to her office and met with her on city business and the two have even shared meals at local restaurants.

During a televised interview, Boyd suggested Woods was to blame for rising utility costs. "The more that's spent in the city, the more we have to raise our rates in order to accommodate the spending - that factored into a lot of my decision," she remarked.

However, *The County Record* asked during the special meeting and Boyd confirmed that she had

voted during the budget hearing in September to approve the budget and raise utility rates.

"That was just a dollar or two on their bills," Boyd responded.

**■ Councilman Clifford Jackson**, also a newly elected member, was asked about statements he made to two Blountstown Main Street members three days after the Jan. 11 meeting regarding his decision to make a motion to rehire Woods on a probationary basis. Then, he told a Main Street member just four hours before the special meeting that, after consulting with members of the Mayhaw Community, he was going to stick by his original vote not to rehire Woods since his constituents were satisfied. *The County Record* researched this, speaking with several leaders of the Mayhaw Community and none of them had complaints about Woods.

Several were in the audience and offered comments urging the Council to rehire Woods.

Dr. C.L. Wilson, pastor of St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church, asked the Council to reconsider their decision.

"Blountstown has been blessed and made better because of the position he holds here as City Manager," Dr. Wilson remarked. "He has a vested interest in all the communities. Blountstown would be that much poorer spiritually, physically and mentally without Mr. Woods. He has an open door policy."

Dr. Wilson also offered some words of advice to the Council. "You would do well to consult your constituency before you make any spontaneous decisions. If that continues, one will not be on this Council next time around."

School Board member Ken Speights, who is a

founding member of the Mayhaw Community Association, shared that he had a good working relationship with Woods. "He's been very adamant helping us out with everything we've asked him for," Speights stated.

Pastor Geraldine Sheard, President of the Mayhaw School Community Organization also spoke in favor of Woods. "I would certainly like to see him reinstated," she said. "He has done tremendous improvements for us in our neighborhood."

Local electrician Timmy Glass also stepped up in support of Woods. "He does his job and does it well," Glass stated. "I wish ya'll would reconsider. If we want to take the community and step back another 20 years, that's fine. But the problem is you're not going to have a community here...in my opinion, the man does his

job, why would you get rid of him?"

Edwin Strawn, President of Blountstown Main Street and a local business owner, said Woods follows state and federal guidelines in managing the city and does what he was hired to do. "I think the man is good, I think he's saved the city some money and I think he's saved the city from some lawsuits. You can't go out there whenever you want and jerk a pole up...it's a different situation now from the way it was in the 70s and 80s," he emphasized.

Others spoke in favor of Woods, however, there were three people in the audience who spoke out in support of the decision not to rehire Woods.

"I voted for the people I voted for because I knew what they were going to be doing," said Tina Jenkins. "I approve what you guys did."

Also speaking in favor of

the decision were Beverly Veress and her son, Bill Veress.

"You can't please everybody in politics," said Bill. He also alleged that Woods had a stump taken out and water line work done on his property by city employees that he didn't feel should have been done. "I'd like to investigate that."

Beverly told the Council she was pleased with their decision. "I feel the decision they made must have been justified - I voted them in and I trust them with my vote."

The Council then agreed to move forward with advertising for a new city manager and stated Woods could reapply for the job.

In other city business, a committee is being selected to review the 100 plus applications for police chief. Stay tuned.

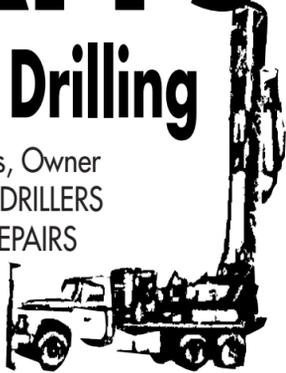
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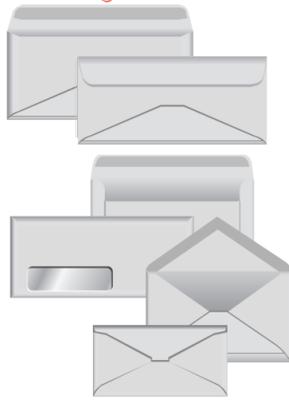
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# OBITUARIES

## BUSTER BROWNIE BARBEE

Mr. Buster Brownie Barbee, 87, of Blountstown, FL, passed away early Thursday morning, January 20, 2011, in Blountstown.

Brownie was born on January 6, 1924, in Calhoun County and had lived here all of his life. He was a retired electrician and served in the United States Navy during WWII. Brownie was a Pearl Harbor survivor. He was the superintendent of the power plant in Blountstown for a number of years. He was a merchant seaman and was building inspector for Calhoun County. Brownie was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was a member of the Christian Home Freewill Baptist Church in Blountstown.

He was preceded in death by a son, Salari Lynn Barbee; a grandson, Brandon Barbee; two brothers, Herman Barbee and Deana Merl Barbee; and one sister, Winifred Cain.

Survivors include one son, Logan Barbee, of Blountstown; two sisters, Vivian Nell Scott, of Port St. Joe, FL, and Joan Herndon of Cedar Springs, GA; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 22, at 10:00 am (CST) at Peavy Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend David Goodman and Tim Faircloth officiating. Interment followed in the Nettle Ridge Cemetery in Blountstown.

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

## HORACE MALOY

Mr. Horace Maloy, 93, of Blountstown, FL, passed away Monday morning, January 24, 2011, in Blountstown.

Horace was born on November 25, 1917, in Jackson County and had lived in Calhoun County most of his life. He was a grocery store owner and served in the United States Army. Horace attended Blountstown First United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Christine Maloy.

Survivors include two sons, Jim Maloy and his wife, Maxine, of Apopka, and Mike Maloy and his wife, Donna, of Carrabelle; two grandchildren, Christy Jones and Matt Maloy; two great grandchildren, Trey Jones and Jabe Jones.

Funeral services will be

## Planting cont'd—

(WMA), as well as Womack Creek mitigation project in Tate's Hell Swamp.

The District also re-established groundcover habitat, planting wiregrass (over 711,000 plugs), toothache grass (58,000 plugs) and mixed wet pine flatwood species (over 185,000 plantings) on disturbed sites from the Perdido and Yellow rivers, Choctawhatchee River/Holmes Creek and Econfina Creek WMAs to the Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank and the Ward Creek West mitigation tract.

"Years of longleaf pine/wire-grass habitat restoration experience on District uplands helped us succeed recently with wet pine flatwoods restoration," said William O. "Bill" Cleckley, Director of the District's Division of Land Management and Acquisition.

Seeds for most District groundcover restoration projects were collected from Garcon Point and Econfina Creek WMA. Seeds from at least 45 native species were released following shrub reduction and seasonal prescribed fires that mimic natural lightning-induced fire cycles.

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held today, Wednesday, January 26, at 12:00 p.m. CT at Peavy Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Jim Jines officiating. Interment will follow in the Pine Memorial Cemetery in Blountstown.

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

## FRANK McFARLAND

Mr. Frank McFarland, 80, of Clarksville, FL, passed away Thursday night, January 20, 2011, in Panama City, FL.

Frank was born on August 20, 1930, in Townsend, GA, and had lived in Calhoun County all of his life. He was a retired auto body repairman and was a veteran of the Korean Conflict, serving in the United States Army. Frank was a member of the Frink Baptist Church in Frink, FL, a life member of the NRA and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn McFarland, of Clarksville; three sons, Rickey McFarland and his wife, Ann, of Altamonte Springs, FL, Gerald McFarland and his wife, Shelia, and Jeff McFarland and his wife, Gail, all of Clarksville; one daughter, Sherry Morris, and her husband, Gary, of Clarksville; one brother, Murphy McFarland, of Frink; two sisters, Ellen Marie Herndon, of Mobile,

AL, and Jane Casto of Ft. Walton, Beach, FL; eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were held Sunday, January 23, at 2:00 pm (CST) at Peavy Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Allan Nichols officiating. Interment followed in the Poplar Head Cemetery in Clarksville.

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

## ZACHARY RYAN SEGERS

Zachary Ryan Segers, 19, of Altha, Florida, passed away January 23, 2011, due to injuries sustained in an auto accident.

Zachary was born in Donalsonville, Georgia, and was a 2010 graduate of Blountstown High School and was in the process of enlisting in the U. S. Air Force. Zachary enjoyed playing football, fishing, and spending time with his friends and family.

He is survived by his parents, Shannon and Monica Segers, of Altha; maternal grandmother, Helen Maloy; paternal grandfather, Clyde Segers; uncles, Byron Segers, Matthew Maloy and Steve Woodward; and aunts, Donna Woodward, Lisa Segers and Dawn Greene. He is also survived by cousins, Misty and Pierre Wesslehoeft, Hillary and Domenic Cairoli, Pazia Segers, Joshua Segers, Samantha Maloy, Daniel Maloy and Lacey Woodward.

Services will be at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, January 27, at Altha Church of God with Reverend Allan Nichols officiating. The family will receive friends after the service at the church.

Adams Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements (phone 674-5449). Condolences may be expressed online at adamsfh.com

## HAZEL FRANCES SMITH

Hazel Frances Smith, 81, of Clarksville, Florida, passed away Thursday, January 20, 2011, in Blountstown.

She was born May 16, 1929, in Altha, Florida, and lived in Calhoun County most of her life. She was retired from Calhoun-Liberty Hospital where she was an administrative assistant for 24 years. She was a bus driver for the Calhoun County School System for 16 years and was a member of Traveler's Rest Freewill Baptist Church in Clarksville where she was a Sunday school teacher for 32 years. She graduated from Frink High School in 1947 where she was valedictorian and homecoming queen.

She was preceded in

death by her husband, George Dewey Smith; a son, Roger Smith; an infant daughter, Janet Smith; a daughter-in-law, Tammy L. Smith; and her parents, Juiett and Lula Lee Melvin.

She is survived by four sons, Ralph Smith, John Smith and his wife, Jennifer, Tim Smith and his wife, Becky, all of Clarksville, and Sam Smith and his wife, Tanya, of Blountstown, Florida; three daughters, Brenda Williams and her husband, Johnny, of Tallahassee, Florida, Frances Smith of Clarksville, and Hilda Willis and her husband, Al, of Altha, Florida; 21 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Eunice Chance, of Marianna, Florida.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 22, at Traveler's Rest Freewill Baptist Church with Dr. Shawn Williams officiating. Interment followed in Travelers Rest Cemetery.

All arrangements were under the direction of Adams Funeral Home in Blountstown (ph. 674-5449). Online condolences can be submitted on their website at adamsfh.com

## BERTIE E. (BROOKS) WHITUS

Mrs. Bertie E. (Brooks) Whitus, 79, of Altha, FL, passed away early Wednesday morning, January 19, 2011, at her home.

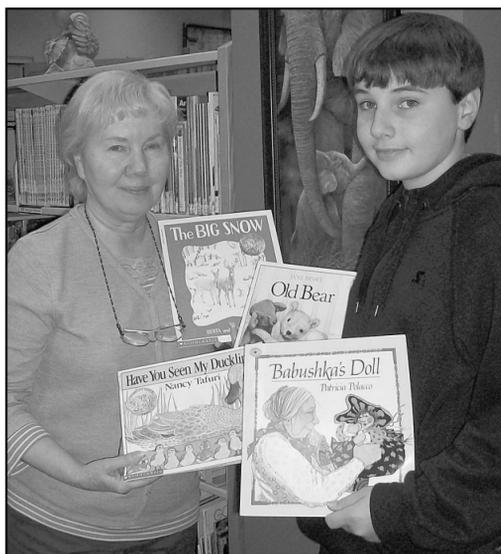
Bertie was born on May 15, 1931, in Calhoun County and had lived here all of her life. She worked as deli manager with IGA for 13 years and, along with her husband, Jimmy, owned and operated Jimmy's Meat Processing in Altha. Bertie was a member of the Altha First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Jimmy Whitus, of Altha; four brothers, Richard Brooks and his wife, Mary Frank, James Brooks and his wife, Jeannie, all of Altha, Leon Brooks and his wife, Carolyn, and Lewis Brooks and his wife, Quida, all of Marianna; five sisters, Annie Lee Carter of Grand Ridge, Margie Tatum of Marianna, Fannie Hutchison of Altha, Ruby Mercer of Hosford, and Annette Hagans and her husband, Jimmy, of Marianna; several nieces and nephews

Funeral services were held Friday, January 21, at 1:00 pm (CST) at Peavy Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed in the Old Shiloh Cemetery in Altha.

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

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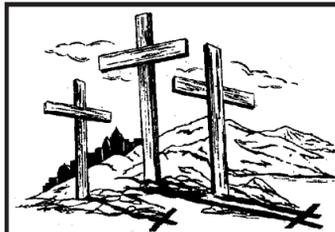
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