

# The County Record

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## COURT

### Rape trial is underway in Bristol

BY KELLI PEACOCK DUNN  
News Editor

A young Marianna man is on trial in Liberty County, accused of raping a teenager during a birthday party last summer.

Zachary Ray "Red" McCormick, 19, was charged back in June with sexual battery on a juvenile 12 years of age or older in the case.

According to the Liberty County Sheriff's Office, the girl was at a surprise birthday party for a friend in Hosford back in February when she met McCormick. The two had reportedly been "hanging out" before the party started. At one point during the celebration, the girl said she and McCormick went outside with another couple. As she went to get a flavored water drink from her car, she alleged McCormick pinned her against the vehicle and tried to kiss her. The girl told authorities she asked him to stop and pushed him away. She said after the other couple went inside, McCormick demanded she get in his truck and they went for a drive along Cody Creek Trail. The girl

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## EDUCATION



Lisa O'Bryan and her students.

## Teacher & Employee of the Year O'BRYAN, NEWSOME WIN TOP AWARDS



Beth Newsome

BY KELLI PEACOCK DUNN  
News Editor

The best of the best were recognized at the Calhoun County School District's annual banquet held last Tuesday. Lisa O'Bryan was named Teacher of the Year and Beth Newsome received the School Related Employee of the Year Award.

For 21 years, O'Bryan has been teaching at Carr School. "I have taught Pre-K for seven years, kindergarten for seven years and I am currently in my seventh year of teaching 3rd grade," she remarks.

A graduate of Florida State University, O'Bryan says the rewards of teaching are endless. "I love when a struggling student begins to see they are capable of being a successful student and begins to grow academically," she says. "The joy and pride that is reflected on their face is priceless! I have had many other opportunities over the years to experience these 'moments'.

One exam-

See TEACHER OF THE YEAR, page 12



## ESSAY CONTEST WINNER

### Leath wins Governor's Essay Contest, four year scholarship

Jonathan Leath, an 8th grader at Blountstown Middle School, was recognized at Thursday night's School Board meeting as a winner of the 2010 Governor's Recognition Essay Contest sponsored by the Florida Prepaid College Foundation. As a result of his winning essay, Jonathan was awarded a four-year college scholarship provided by the Florida Prepaid Foundation.

Casey Fisher, a representative of the Prepaid Foundation, presented the scholarship award to Jonathan during the regularly

scheduled board meeting.

The Governor's Recognition Scholarship initiative began in 2006, using private donations, with the goal of providing a college scholarship to at least one child in each county in the state. The contest opportunity is presented annually to 7th and 8th graders who compose outstanding essays on the legacy of a past Florida governor. Each year, the Foundation selects three counties to participate in the essay contest, with the goal of choosing one winner from each county. This

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## CRIME

### Woman is beaten for days, car is stolen

BY KELLI PEACOCK DUNN  
News Editor

A Hosford man was arrested last Wednesday, accused of beating his girlfriend for days, then stealing her car.

James Daniel Brown, 21, has been charged with grand theft auto and aggravated battery.



BROWN

According to the Liberty County Sheriff's Office, Dep. Duncan Rudd responded to a home on Ferrell Street Feb. 7 following a 911 call. A woman at the home was holding a rag to her nose to stop the bleeding, had bruises on her arms, and her legs were striped. The woman said Brown had been beating her all week and had used an extension cord and speaker wire at one point. She called 911 after he stole her car and threatened to kill her, then burn her car and house.

Authorities caught up with Brown on Feb. 9. He is being held on a \$15,000 bond.

## CRIME

### Woman is arrested for stealing car

BY KELLI PEACOCK DUNN  
News Editor

A Blountstown woman is behind bars in Liberty County for allegedly stealing a friend's car.

Angela Mickel, 39, was picked up Feb. 8 for grand theft auto.



MICKEL

According to the Liberty County Sheriff's Office, she asked to borrow a friend's car on Jan. 25 for an hour, then never returned. The car was located the following day on 14th Street in Blountstown. Mickel was tracked down last week. She is being held on \$25,000 bond.

## COMMUNITY EVENT

### Black History parade, festival

Greetings, from the Black History Parade Committee. It is time once again to celebrate another year of fellowship, unity, and community pride. We will be celebrating our African American Heritage the month of February.

The annual Black History Parade will be held on Saturday, February 19, beginning at Blountstown High School on Main Street at 10 a.m. Line up will begin at 9 a.m.

We would love to see many pastors leading the parade, followed by floats, cars, and trucks must be appropriately decorated. At a minimum, entries must have a sign located on the front and sides of the vehicle identifying it's activity. We would love to see many pastors, churches and other civic and community organizations participate in the parade.

The Black History Festival will be held at the Clay Mary Historical Site (River Street) immediately following the parade (parade ends at this location); Contact: Apostle G. B. Sheard (850) 674-8683, Marjorie Peterson 674-3449, (vendor information available), Le'Tonya Reed at 850-272-2482, or the Prayer Chainer's Mission of God Church at 850-674-5548.

For highlights from Saturday's Black History Pageant held at the Blountstown High School Auditorium, turn to page 10 of this issue.

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- The flag can only be flown at night if properly illuminated. Otherwise, it should only be flown from sunrise to sunset.
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- The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing. It is flown upside down only as a distress signal.
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- The flag should never have any mark, insignia, letter, word, number, figure, or drawing of any kind placed on it, or attached to it.
- The flag should never be used for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.
- When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object; it should be received by waiting hands and arms. To store the flag it should be folded neatly and ceremoniously.
- The flag should be cleaned and mended when necessary.
- When a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner.

## Grand Opening at Cold Creek Boutique



Eric Bryant and his mother, Nell, are shown at left cutting the ribbon to officially open Cold Creek Boutique in downtown Blountstown Friday. The store features beautiful clothing and accessories for women of all sizes. Joining them for the occasion were Chamber members, family, friends and local beauty queens.

For the second year in a row, Blountstown Health and Rehabilitation Center did not receive a single nursing or quality-of-care citation from the Florida Agency for Healthcare Administration.

*Blountstown Health and Rehabilitation Center* recently completed another annual survey by the Florida Agency for Healthcare Administration. AHCA is responsible for licensing and monitoring healthcare providers like nursing homes, home health agencies, hospices and hospitals for how well we abide by numerous federal and state regulations.

For the second year in a row, *BHRC didn't receive a single nursing or quality-of-care citation.* Does that make us perfect? Certainly not, but we want to be; and we surely do try.

*I want to congratulate the finest group of CNA's, LPN's and RN's I have ever worked with for another job so well done.* I couldn't be prouder of all the staff in all the departments, so I take this opportunity to thank you publically as well. We couldn't do what we do without your support.

*To all our customers, their family members and all the visiting friends* that enhance our lives in so many ways every single day; we wouldn't be here without you, so thank you most of all.

Sincerely,

Gene Grantham  
Director of Nursing Services  
Blountstown Health and Rehab

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### CALHOUN & LIBERTY COUNTY SHERIFF'S LOG

#### CALHOUN COUNTY

- Feb. 8:** April Tipton, county VOP; Angela Mickel, Liberty Co. warrant/grand theft auto  
**Feb. 10:** Robert William Kosey, driving while license suspended or revoked  
**Feb. 11:** Buck Jones, VOP  
**Feb. 12:** Bernard A. Gray, driving while license suspended or revoked with knowledge

#### LIBERTY COUNTY

- Feb. 4:** Ronnie Hathaway, county VOP, domestic battery, battery; Cory Carroll, hold for Leon; Jamie Dawson, County VOP  
**Feb. 7:** Jerrad Copeland, VOP/driving while license suspended or revoked  
**Feb. 8:** Stacey Marshall House, county VOP; Shirley Patricia Hines, county VOP; Elgge Charles Young, county VOP; April Tipton, hold for Calhoun; Angela Mickel, grand theft auto  
**Feb. 9:** Daniel Brown, grand theft, aggravated battery with deadly weapon

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

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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.

# Miller and Beam announce plans for Apr. 30 wedding

Glenn and Neva Miller of Clarksville announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsay Miller, to Jacob Beam of Clarksville.

Lindsay is the granddaughter of the late Aster and Ruby Lee Miller and the late Alice and Earl Parrish. The bride-elect is a graduate of Blountstown High School and a 2010 graduate of Chipola College. She is employed by the Calhoun County School Board.

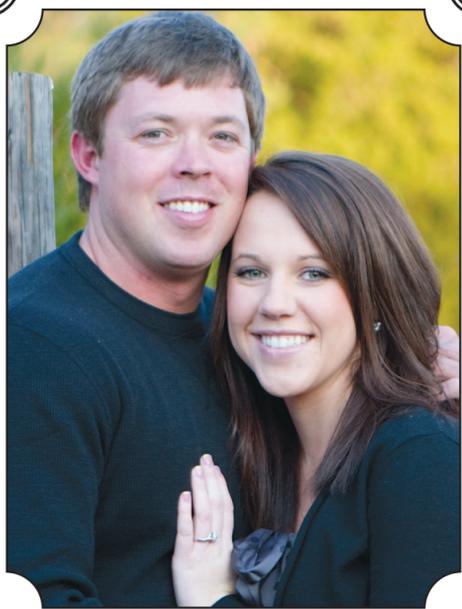
The groom-elect is the son of Mike and Angie Dubose and the late Jeff Beam. He is the grandson

of Mrs. Rebecca Barton and the late Mr. Gene Barton and the late Elmer and Sybil Beam all of Andalusia, Alabama. Jacob is a graduate of Andalusia High School and a 2009 graduate of Lurleen B. Wallace Community College. He is employed by the Florida Division of Forestry.

An April 30, 2011, wedding is planned at the Panhandle Pioneer Settlement, followed by a reception at the W.T. Neal Civic Center. All family and friends are cordially invited to attend.



Jacob Beam and Lindsay Miller



John Rodgers and Haley Bozeman

## Bozeman, Rodgers will wed Saturday at 5 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Bozeman of Blountstown, FL, and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Rodgers of Cullman, AL, are proud to announce the final wedding plans of their children, Haley Brooke and John Gabriel.

The bride's maternal grandparents are Shot and Velma Layfield of Blountstown, and paternal grandparents are Glenda Bozeman of Blountstown, and Charles and Olivia Bozeman of Altha.

The groom's maternal grandparents are Betty Hudson and the late Dwight Hudson of Jones Chapel, AL and paternal grandparents are Winnie Rodgers and the late Orbie Rodgers of Sardis, AL.

The bride elect attends Chipola College and is pursuing a degree in Communication Disorders. The groom is a 2007 graduate of Athens State University. He is currently employed with the Calhoun County School system and is the defensive coordinator for the Blountstown High School Tigers.

The wedding is planned for February 19, 2011, at First Baptist Church in Blountstown at 5 p.m. No local invitations are being sent, however, all friends and family are invited to attend.



## "Little Shop of Horrors" tickets go on sale Feb. 23

Chipola College Theater is in rehearsal for the long-running, Off-Broadway, hit musical "Little Shop of Horrors," which opens a five-day run, March 9. Here, Dianna Glaze as Audrey and Trey McKay as Seymour rehearse a scene. Tickets go on sale Feb. 23 in the Chipola Business Office. For ticket information, call 718-2220.

## Sacred Harp Sing set for Saturday at Settlement

The traditional Sacred Harp Sing will be held on Saturday, February 19, at 9:30 a.m. at the Panhandle Pioneer Settlement.

Sacred Harp Singing (also called FaSoLa or shape note singing), dates back to colonial times and has been preserved in the rural south.

The singing is not accompanied by harp or other instrument, but is an old style of singing a cappella from shape notes.

It is a non-denominational community musical event that emphasizes participation.

Attendees will be welcomed to a fish fry held, being asked to bring appropriate side dishes to go with fried fish. Donations will be appreciated to cover the expense of the fish. In addition, the Settlement will have their General Store open from 10am-2pm Central Time with tours available. Free admission to the Harp Sing.

The Panhandle Pioneer

Settlement is located in Sam Atkins Park, about one mile west of the intersection of Hwy 71 and Hwy 20. Follow Hwy. 20 West out of Blountstown. Look for signs for Sam Atkins Park. Turn North at Lindy's Fried Chicken (Silas Green St.). Plenty of parking!

The Panhandle Pioneer Settlement is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of rural life in the Florida Panhandle.

For further information on the Settlement call, 850-674-2777, or e-mail info@ppmuseum.org.

## Chamber of Commerce banquet set for Feb. 24

The Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce will host its 64th Annual Membership Banquet on Thursday, Feb. 24 at the W.T. Neal Civic Center. The event will begin with a reception and art exhibit at 6 p.m. The dinner and ceremony will begin promptly at 7 p.m. Several prestigious awards will be presented, including Citizen of the Year and Volunteer of the Year.

Tickets are available for purchase online at [www.calhounco.org](http://www.calhounco.org) for \$25 each. There is no shipping/handling charge if purchased

online. We will simply mail your tickets to you. You may also stop by the Chamber office to purchase tickets. Tickets must be purchased in advance, and no tickets will be sold at the door. The deadline for purchase of tickets is Friday, Feb. 18th.

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## This Week in History

By BMS History Department

February 16  
1909 - America's first subway car with side doors is placed in service in New York City.

February 17  
1817 - A Street in Boston, Massachusetts, becomes the first in the United States illuminated with gas street-lights.

February 18  
1885 - Mark Twain publishes *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, a book that novelist Ernest Hemingway.

February 19  
1831 - In Pennsylvania, the first coal-burning locomotive in the United States makes its trial run.

February 20  
1962 - John Glenn makes the first American orbital space flight, riding the Friendship 7 Mercury capsule around Earth three times before splashing down near the Bahamas.

February 21  
1828 - The Cherokee Nation in New Echota, Georgia, receives its first printing press, designed to print a Cherokee-language newspaper in the newly invented Cherokee alphabet.

February 22  
1819 - Spain and the United States sign the Florida Purchase Treaty, in which Spain agrees to cede the remainder of its old province of Florida to the United States.



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## Letters to the Editor

### Altha Councilman questions whether police chief needed

**To the Editor:**

It was discussed during Police Chief Jimmy Baggett's police report at the Feb. 8 Altha City Council meeting about if the school zone was being covered as it should be.

Councilman Derek Creamer asked the police chief if the school zone was being covered as it should be. The police chief said yes, that he had Charlie Mac Hansford there to cover for him when he was unable to cover it. Creamer asked the police chief if he knew on certain days it wasn't covered sometimes in the morning and sometimes in the evening no one was there. He said not that he was aware of.

Councilman Creamer in a heated response said "some people have informed me the school zone was not covered on certain days as you have said and you assured us it had been covered. There is simply no excuse for it not being covered." We're talking about the safety of our children here." Chief Baggett insisted that was not the case.

At about that time Councilwoman Tammy Gable said that she knew for sure it wasn't covered as it should have been on different mornings as well as on certain evenings she knew for a fact. Creamer added this should never happen again. No excuse for it. Never again.

Councilman Derek Creamer asked about his other full time job with the state, if his work hours had changed. Police Chief Baggett said yes I work

there during the day. Creamer added, "You're gone during the day, have to sleep at night, what's your hours because you can't take care of us when you're gone. The sheriff's department has to take care of it. We might as well turn it over to them to handle it they're doing it anyway."

Derek Creamer, Altha Town Councilman's statement to the editor is, "We might as well turn it over to the Sheriff's department, he's not here most of the time and we're not getting our money's worth of hard working, taxpaying citizen's dollars. He was allowed to work the other job when they hired him. My take on it was he was worried about his job security as a police chief, because the Police Chief Damon Jones was fired by the City Council prior to him coming on board. I understand this and why he chose to remain employed with the State of Florida. But the Council didn't apparently get a majority 3 votes needed to have him quit or resign his other job. But now we have divided time between two jobs and the policeman's job is suffering due to his other full time job.

Someone said "can't he moonlight on another job", at which Creamer said, "That's not moonlighting, that's another full time job."

The loyalty to our department is lacking and divided due to his other employment. This issue will probably be taken up at another meeting.

Derek Creamer,  
Altha Town Councilman

### Pastor extends call to prayer for our community & nation

**To the Editor:**

Many people are deeply concerned about the state of nation and our community. They feel an urgency for a spiritual awakening or revival in this land. I invite you to join me in seeking solutions - not through endless political rhetoric or debate, but PRAYER. We can curse the darkness or we can help turn on the light.

Most of us believe in prayer and welcome others to mention us as they pray. Intercession is a type of prayer that lifts specific needs and seeks God's intervention. Intercessors sense God has given them a deeper call to pray. It matters not if you are black or white, brown or pink, Pentecostal or Baptist, Methodist or nondenominational. I am inviting area residents to join together in intercession for our community and country. You may have a desire to be more effective in prayer or need encouragement. I invite you to join us.

Jesus instructed us to

pray, "Thy Kingdom come". It's His kingdom we seek, not ours. If you a desire to join us as you read this letter, I invite you to come to an initial prayer gathering at Gateway Baptist Church this Saturday evening, Feb.19 at 6 PM.

I am the pastor at Gateway but I assure you this is not a scheme to draw you to my church. We could meet under an oak tree, but here we are warm and have a roof over our heads. There may be a scripture or two but no sermon. We need to pray. If you feel the urgency, join us. For more information or if you have a suggestion for time or location, you may call me at 643-1874.

Sincerely,  
Roger King

P.S. The Strength team is coming to town this week with demonstrations in the High School auditorium. Many of our school students will hear their powerful testimonies. Lets pray for good response.

### Rape trial continued

reported McCormick stopped in the middle of the road, told her she was pretty, then attempted to kiss her again. She reportedly told him "no" and pushed him away. The girl went on to allege that McCormick raped her then stated, "I'm so sorry, I didn't mean to hurt you," then got back in the truck and drove back to the party.

Once back at the party, the girl went inside the bathroom crying. The mother hosting the party noticed the girl was visibly upset and called the Sheriff's Office. The girl told her that "something happened," but left abruptly when she realized the woman was calling authorities. The woman said the girl had admitted to her daughter what had happened with McCormick, but was afraid her father would find out. However, the girl went to a guidance counselor at her high school two days later and disclosed that she had been raped.

Authorities were able to collect DNA evidence from her clothing.

McCormick was interviewed by Sgt. Brian Bateman and initially stated "she tried to mess with me" and that he told her, "I'm in school and I don't want to get into trouble." He later changed his story, but never admitted to having sex with the girl. The following week, his father contacted authorities and expressed interest in his son giving another statement, explaining his son was scared. A subsequent interview was never set up. After DNA belonging to a male turned up on the girl's clothing, McCormick was asked to give a sample. He refused to come in voluntarily and a warrant was obtained to collect a buccal swab. The DNA on the girl's clothing matched McCormick.

Four witnesses testified on Monday. The case is expected to go to the jury by Wednesday.

# Calhoun County couple wins five day trip to the Superbowl

BY KELLI PEACOCK DUNN  
News Editor

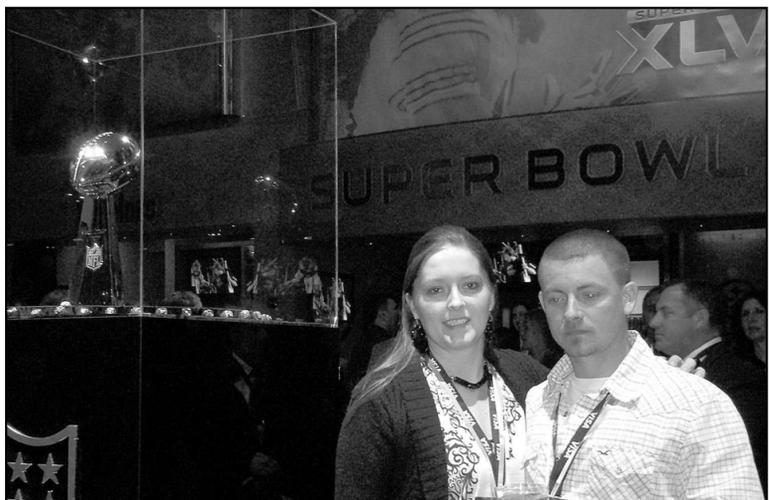
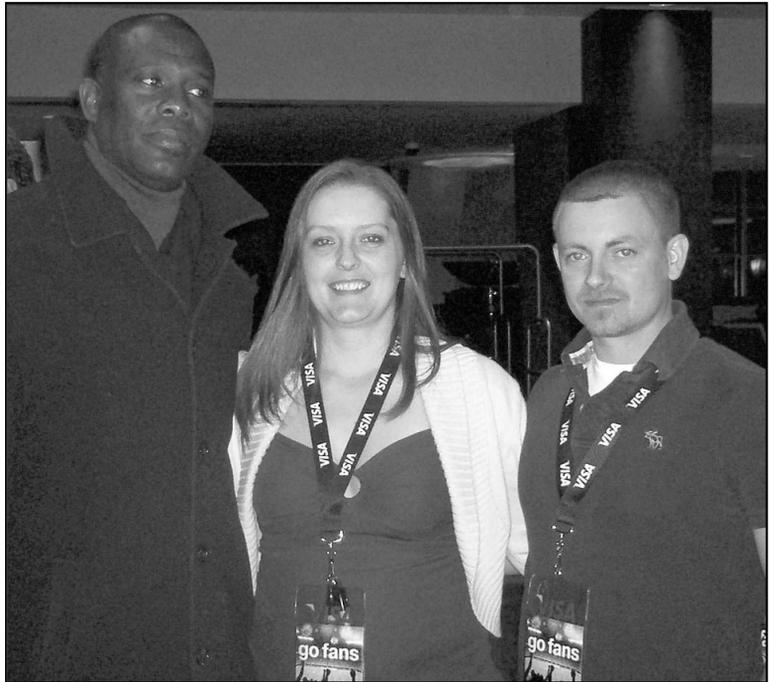
Ever wonder if those sweepstakes offers are for real? Patricia Tucker of Calhoun County questioned if any of the giveaways she entered were legitimate. When her phone recently rang with the news that she'd won an all-expense paid trip to the Superbowl, courtesy of Visa, she was thrilled.

Back in October, Tucker says she entered the Visa sweepstakes on Facebook. "I honestly never in a million years though I would win," she tells *The County Record*, adding that she grilled the representative when he called to tell her she'd won, doubting it was for real.

However, come Superbowl weekend, she and her husband Tommy where whisked away to Dallas for five days. They were treated to top of the line accommodations, along with free drinks, meals, and all-star parties.

"The best part of the trip was probably the tailgate party at the Cowboys Stadium," says Patricia. She also enjoyed the half-time show featuring the Black Eyed Peas, one of her favorite groups. "It was unbelievable!"

She and Tommy got to have dinner and meet several professional athletes including Marshall Faulk, Steven Jackson, and Maurice Jones Drew. The CMT Superbowl Party was also a favorite featuring Faith Hill and the Pretenders.



### Boy Scouts make special delivery to Rehab residents

Boy Scouts in Blountstown's Troop 137 were busy on Valentine's evening. The boys paid a visit to Blountstown Health and Rehabilitation Center where they personally delivered handmade valentines to the residents. There were plenty of smiles and hugs to go around! The Boy Scouts meet on Monday nights at the First Baptist Church Activities Building in Blountstown.

### Teacher of the Year cont'd

the area of reading refused to give up. He worked extremely hard and tried everything I suggested. At the end of that year, he had made a great amount of gain and passed the FCAT. The look on his face when he saw his score made me tear up with joy and I told my principal, "This is what teaching is all about - helping a student feel proud and successful."

"Another example is a student who came to me with built up anger and felt like he was a failure, therefore, he had some behavioral issues. I made it my goal to show him that he could be a success. I gathered my coworkers and we set to work to model appropriate ways to handle anger and we showed him we cared about his life. By the end of the year, he was coming to school with a smile on his face, a willingness to learn, and his

behavior had improved to where he no longer was being referred to the office for behavioral issues. These are just a couple of examples. Every year I always have a student who reminds me of the influence I, as a teacher, have on a student."

O'Bryan says she constantly re-evaluates her teaching to find ways she can improve. "What works one year may not work the next," she points out. "I strive to not only build academically sound students, but students with strong character, so they may become successful adults who will pass that strong character to the next generation. I also try to encourage family involvement as much as possible."

Lisa and her husband, Darryl, have three sons, Jay, Jeremy, and Jacob.

Over at the Special Programs Office, Beth

Newsome works hard behind the scenes to help Calhoun County students be successful.

"I'm responsible for sending Student Database Surveys to the Department of Education," Newsome explains. "I work closely with the data clerks and guidance counselors at each school to oversee accurate reporting of student data." The end result of that work comes every year after Newsome assists guidance counselors in helping students secure their Gold Seal Vocational and Bright Futures scholarships. "I love seeing the look of accomplishment on a student's face when they receive a scholarship at graduation," she says.

When she's not at the office, Beth says she loves spending time with her husband, Clifford. "We enjoy going fishing, hunting,

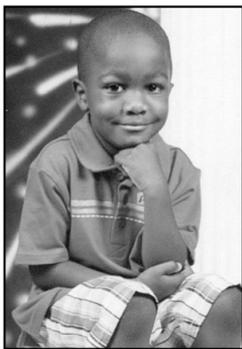
antique shopping and family cookouts," she remarks. "We enjoy driving the Kubota around the pasture to check on the cows. I love cows - my granddaddy raised cows when I was growing up. We also enjoy sitting on the dock and watching the full moon as it rises over the pond."

Beth and her husband also value their family time with children, Joseph, Missy, Stacy, Bryan, Cliff, and Eddie, along with their spouses and grandchildren, Bailee, Breanna, Britt, Bradley, Katelyn, Courtney, and Kelsey.

"I'm absolutely thrilled to be selected as the 2011 School Related Employee of the Year," says Beth. As she points out in her personal motto, "Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."

# BRAG SHOP

# Ministry Center receives Community Action Award



**KATIE'LYN ALYSSA SIMERSON**

**Happy Birthday, Recio, Jr.**  
Recio DeAngelo Garrett, Jr. celebrated his 4th birthday on February 9th. He enjoyed a Spongebob party at the W.T. Neal Civic Center with family and friends.

He is the son of Recio and Felicia Garrett of Blountstown. Maternal grandmother is Antoinette Monlyn of Bristol. Paternal grandparents are Roosevelt and Angus Garrett of Bristol and the late Minnie Lois Garrett. Great grandparents are Hamilton Baker and the late Mary Monlyn and Mamie Nulls.

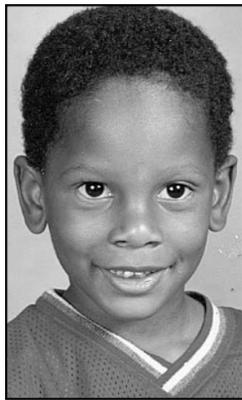
Recio loves bossing his big sister Reikia around, helping mommy cook and, most of all, going hunting with his daddy. Happy birthday, "Rjay".

*We Love You, Mommy, Daddy and Reikia*



**Congratulations, Aqeyla!**

Aqeyla Engram of Bristol was crowned Miss Sweetheart Friday night. She is the daughter of Arie and Tony Mitchell of Bristol and Willie Grant of Blountstown. She has two brothers, Keshawn Engram of Bristol and Michael Knight of Bradenton, along with one sister, Shakita Knight of Blountstown. Congratulations also go to Chance Peterson of Bristol who escorted her in the pageant. Chance is the son of Jennifer Beckwith and Andre' Peterson.



**Happy Birthday, Stefan Jordan**  
From Grandmother Josephine Brigham and the family  
*We love you!*

## Scrapbook class to be held Mar. 10

Come join Linda at Calhoun County Senior Citizens as we learn the art of scrap booking. If you are a traveler then this workshop is for you!

The workshop will be held on Thursday, March 10, beginning at 9:00 AM at the Senior Center. It will last until 12:00 noon, break for lunch, then come back if you choose to learn more.

The class is free, but the supplies will cost in order to get started.

If interested in the class please call 674-4163 to register.

## Settlement is seeking microphones

The Panhandle Pioneer Settlement is in need of microphones for sound equipment. If you have an extra microphone that you could spare please give us a call at 850-674-2777.

The Calhoun-Liberty Ministry Center received the Capital Area Community Action Agency's 2011 Outstanding Faith Based Partner Award at their Annual Dinner on January 27th.

The Ministry Center was nominated by the local branch Director, Amelia Smith, who stated in her letter that they had helped the Community Action meet and exceed their goals. The nominations were received from the seven counties they service.

In just 14 months, the Calhoun-Liberty Ministry Center has been able to assist more than 3,000 households in Calhoun and Liberty counties with over 100,000 pounds of food and 24,000 articles of clothing. They have also been able to assist 167 clients with financial assistance. The Board of Directors, staff and volunteers believe God



Calhoun-Liberty Ministry Center board members, Kevin Yoder, Sandra Willis, Janice Malone and Clyde Roberts, look on as Amelia Smith, Capital Area Community Action Agency's Calhoun-Liberty Office Director, presents the award to Cathy Brock-Revell, Director of the Calhoun-Liberty Ministry Center.

has multiplied their efforts to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of the people in these two counties. They look forward to the year ahead as God continues to bless this work.

If you have not come in

and looked around, or shopped in the Center's local thrift store, you are invited to do so. The money generated from the store sales goes back into the Center to buy food, help with financial assis-

tance and pay the operational expenses. You are also encouraged to bring your donations whether they are cash, clothing, or household items. All donations are tax deductible.

## Use caution with Refund Anticipation Loan deals

BBB warns that two conditions in the marketplace may make getting a Refund Anticipation Loan – a short-term, high-interest advance against your tax refund – even riskier this year. The IRS is no longer providing the Debt Indicator "credit check" service to tax preparers. And the BP oil spill may complicate tax time for taxpayers along the Gulf Coast who aren't prepared to pay taxes on checks for lost wages.

"Just like payday loans, Refund Anticipation Loans are expensive, short-term loans in which consumers pay to borrow their own money," said Norman Wright, president and CEO of your BBB|Northwest Florida. "But if the tax preparer makes a mistake in calculating their refund or if a refund is delayed for any reason, taxpayers could be required to pay additional fines and fees, too. And given that many taxpayers may not be expecting to receive a 1099 form from BP oil spill funds, it's possible that some taxpayers could be in for a surprise this year."

While they may seem like quick cash, the National Consumer Law Center found that the effective annualized rate for RALs can range from about 50 percent to nearly 500 percent. The loans usually only last 7-14 days, until the taxpayer's IRS refund repays the loan.

The IRS recently changed its policy and no longer provides the Debt Indicator to tax preparers, which revealed whether a taxpayer's refund might be intercepted for government debts. Without this Debt Indicator, RAL lending is expected to decline and become much riskier and thus even more expensive

for taxpayers as well.

Gulf Coast taxpayers who received funds from BP for lost wages may find themselves in unfamiliar territory when they receive an IRS Form 1099 if they are accustomed to only receiving a W-2. And taxpayers accustomed to receiving a refund may be shocked to learn that taxes are not withheld on BP lost wages checks and instead of receiving a refund, they now owe taxes.

Your BBB offers the following advice for taxpayers considering a Refund Anticipation Loan:

- ✓ Consider e-File and direct deposit: It's the fastest and most secure way

See REFUND, page 12

## LOOKING BACK



**RECOGNIZE ANY FAMILIAR FACES?** Judi Sellers shares this photo of Mark Plummer, Betty Sue Taylor Nichols, Johnny Williams, Bill Martin, Jane Anders Ruffin, Jim Taylor, and Gerald Frye, taken in the late 60s at Blountstown High School. Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 14, at 6:30 p.m. when the BHS Farewell Extravaganza is planned.

## 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.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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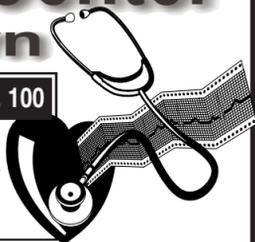
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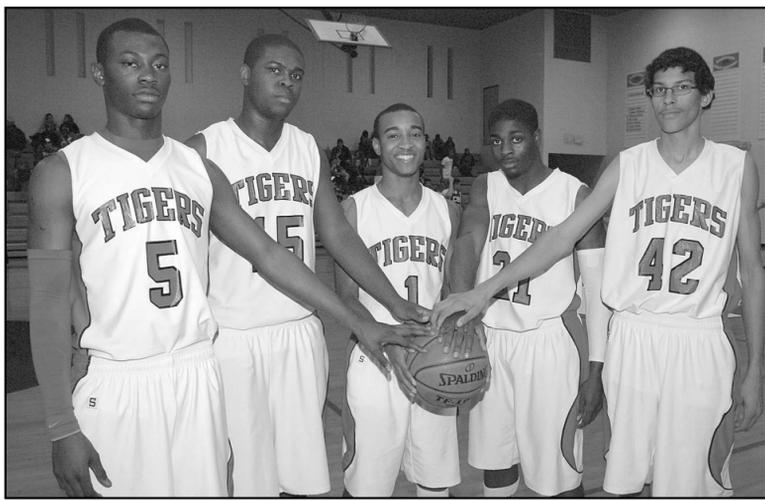
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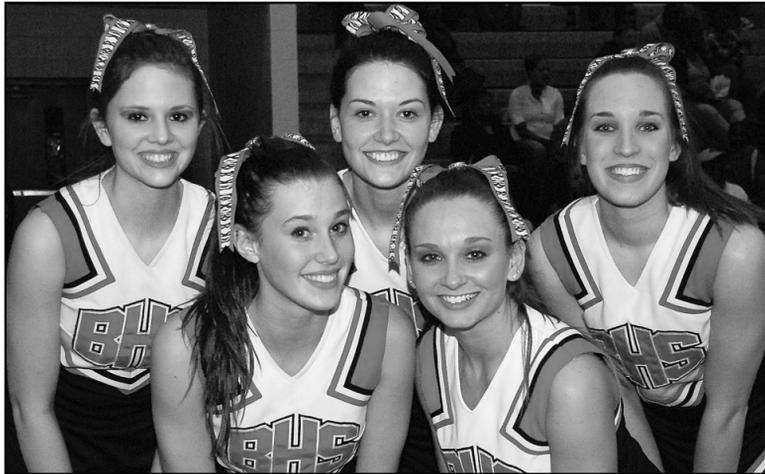
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# BHS Senior Night

The Blountstown Tigers recently recognized seniors during the last regular season home game. Pictured above are senior basketball players (from left) P.J. Buggs, Nick Martin, Paul Mosley, Alexander Garrett, and Brandon Dunham. Senior cheerleaders are (shown below, from left) Kate McFarland, Alixx Smith, Hayley Sumner, Jacy Richards, and Kristen Peacock. The Tigers lost in the second round of the district tournament to Coffondale Friday night in overtime.



# Mayhaw Association hosted free game day lunch Saturday

The Mayhaw Community Association would like to thank all the kids and parents who participated in a free hotdog, chips, and fruit juice lunch that was provided by the Mayhaw Community Association. Over 75 kids and community residents came out and enjoyed a nice hotdog lunch on Saturday after the Upward League Basketball game recently.

## Scholarship—

year, Duval, Hendry and Calhoun counties were selected.

The essay prompt was "Choose one former governor of Florida and describe his most significant impact on the Sunshine State and your life today". Jonathan chose former governor Lawton Chiles to write about. His essay was one of fourteen submitted from Calhoun County. Those fourteen essays were narrowed down to the top five. Jonathan's essay was then chosen out of the top five.

For more information on the Florida Prepaid College Foundation, please visit [floridaprepaidcollegefoundation.com](http://floridaprepaidcollegefoundation.com), and for more information on Florida Prepaid College Plans, please visit [myfloridaprepaid.com](http://myfloridaprepaid.com) or call 1-800-552-GRAD (4723).

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### PUBLIC MEETING

CONCERNING THE  
CHIPOLA RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT AREA  
ALPHA TRACT

MARCH 3, 2011, 6:00 PM

W. T. Neal Civic Center  
17773 N. E. Pear St. 32424 (on State Hwy 69)  
Blountstown FL, 32424

Do you like to hunt and fish the along the Chipola River near Johnny Boy Landing or canoe/kayak or tube down to Look and Tremble Rapids? Or, are you the type of person who enjoys nature by hiking, swimming, horseback riding, birdwatching, or participating in other activities on public lands? If so, the Northwest Florida Water Management District would like to hear your thoughts concerning the future management of public access and recreational activities on the Chipola River – Alpha Tract. This 1,375-acre property in Calhoun County was purchased by the Water Management District in December 2009 to protect the water resources of the Chipola River. A variety of public recreational opportunities that are consistent with the water resource protection mission of the District are being considered and we value your input.

If you have any questions about this meeting, please contact John Valenta at 850-482-9522 or Tyler Macmillan at 850-539-5999 or by e-mail at: [John.Valenta@nwfwmd.state.fl.us](mailto:John.Valenta@nwfwmd.state.fl.us) or [Tyler.Macmillan@nwfwmd.state.fl.us](mailto:Tyler.Macmillan@nwfwmd.state.fl.us).

Provisions will be made to accommodate the handicapped (if requested) provided the District is given at least 72 hours advance notice.



Chipola College officially retired the jerseys of Orioles manager Buck Showalter and Blue Jays slugger Jose Bautista in a Feb. 5 ceremony at the college. Pictured from left, are: Buck Showalter, former Chipola baseball coach Ellis Dungan, Chipola coach Jeff Johnson and Jose Bautista.

# Showalter & Bautista headline Chipola event

MARIANNA-Chipola College officially retired the jerseys of Orioles manager Buck Showalter and Blue Jays slugger Jose Bautista in a Feb. 5 ceremony at the college.

Dozens of former Chipola baseball players also returned to their alma mater for a Homerun Derby and a Pro Baseball Celebrity Dinner.

Showalter worked as an ESPN analyst on Baseball Tonight before taking over as manager of the Orioles in July of 2010. Showalter has managed the Yankees, Diamondbacks and Rangers. He grew up in Century FL, and played at Chipola in 1976. From there Buck moved on to baseball Mississippi State where he was an All-American who batted .459 in 1977. He was selected

by the New York Yankees in the fifth round of the draft, and spent seven seasons in the Yankees' minor league system.

Jose Bautista of the Toronto Blue Jays was Major League Baseball's 2010 homerun leader with 54. Bautista played at

Chipola before being drafted by the Pirates in 2000. The 29 year-old has also played for the Pirates, the Orioles and the Royals. He won this year's Silver Slugger Award, the Hank Aaron Award and finished fourth in voting for the American League MVP.

## BMS Tigers defeat Altha and Tolar in tournament

Blountstown Middle School kicked off it's baseball season in Hosford's Preseason Classic. In the first game, the Tigers defeated the Altha Wildcats by a score of 6 to 0. In the second game, the Tigers defeated the Tolar Bulldogs by a score of 6 to 1.

The Tigers' first regular season game was played

Thursday, February 3rd against Tolar. The BMS Tigers won 13 to 3. Tripp Taylor picked up his first win of the season, going 3 innings giving up only 2 hits and striking out 3. At the plate, Colby Mullins was 3 for 3, Taylor was 2 for 2, Dylan Lee was 2 for 3, Ridge Dietz, 1 for 1, and Colten Purvis was 2 for 2.

# NOTICE

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

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

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

## Attention: Senior Citizens 65 & Older

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

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



## Tiger alumni prove they've still got it!

The Blountstown High School baseball and softball teams hosted alumni games on Saturday at Sam Atkins Park. Former players united for the fundraiser to help with expenses for the upcoming season. In addition, fans enjoyed delicious pork dinners.

Above, players in the baseball game included (from left) Jamey Yon, Mike Leonard, Jim Barbee, Kyle Russell, Drew Whiffield, Charles Buggs, Terry Blair, Rodney Smith, Fred Tanner Jason Money, Jay Sweinhart, Chad Bailey, Justin Renew, and (sitting) Titus Overholt.



## Cold La Niña surprises meteorologists, growers

BY JUDY LUDLOW,  
DIRECTOR, AGRICULTURE  
AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
AGENT

### Cold La Niña Surprises Meteorologists and Growers!

By: Clyde Fraisse,  
University of Florida,  
Agricultural & Biological  
Engineering Department

According to the NOAA National Climatic Data Center (NCDC), December 2010 was the 3rd coldest winter on record in the Southeast U.S. and the coldest on record in Florida and Georgia. The statewide temperature for December in Florida was more than 90F (50C) F below the 20th century average. In addition; several cities including Miami, West Palm Beach, Ft Lauderdale, Daytona, Orlando, Tampa, and Tallahassee had their coldest December on record. We had expected above average temps due to La Niña.

causes problems with seasonal forecasts in general and in particular for the winter-season temperature forecast. Medium-range weather prediction models are forecasting a break from this negative NOA pattern for much of the next month, which would allow the strong La Niña to re-establish its influence over the weather patterns in the Southeast. Researchers are actively working on models that may eventually better predict the NAO shifts.

For more information, please visit <http://agroclimate.org/>

### Our Native Wildlands and Wildlife: What's happening out there?

It's February, still cold and wintry, but spring is not far off. Wildlife and plants are beginning to stir. Here's a list of a few things happening in our area.

- Early purple martin scouts will start to appear in Florida this month. Now is the time to raise bird houses or gourds.
- North Florida woodcocks begin courtship behavior. Listen at dusk for their "peenting" in open fields.
- Pileated Woodpeckers begin their mating season and will start announcing territories by drumming on various objects including houses and telephone poles.
- Purple Finches and Pine Siskins will leave our feeders and begin their migration back to northern nesting areas.
- Swallow-tailed kites begin returning to Florida from South America
- Eastern Moles are breeding this month in tunnels under our lawns.
- Pocket Gophers begin their spring breeding season.

- Alligator snapping turtles will start mating this month, with nesting activity throughout the spring.
- Crappie and Striped bass are spawning
- Look for yellow Jessamine in treetops
- Trilliums and dogtooth violets bloom in Panhandle Ravines

(From: [http://www.wec.ufl.edu/extension/wildlife\\_info/happenings/february.php](http://www.wec.ufl.edu/extension/wildlife_info/happenings/february.php))

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 850-674-8323, 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.

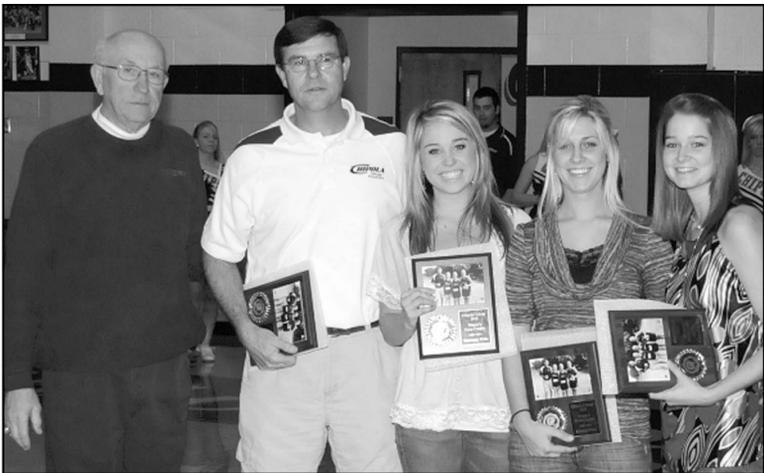
## 'Fresh Food from Small Spaces' program Mar. 5

The Jackson County Master Gardeners, in conjunction with the Extension Service are lining up a new series of programs for this year. The emphasis will still be on raising your own food, but this year's programs will be skewed toward the smaller garden, one almost anyone has room for. The series will be entitled "Urban Homesteading" and include topics such as container, raised bed and herb gardens. A program on preserving the harvest will come this summer.

The first program in the series is "Fresh Food from Small Spaces." It will be held Saturday, March 5th from 9:00AM until 2:00PM at the Jackson County Agricultural Complex, 2741 Pennsylvania Avenue in Marianna. The workshop is designed to help individuals efficiently utilize their available space to grow some of their own food. Participants will learn to grow their own Shiitake mushrooms, sprouts and

See FRESH FOOD, page 12

**CHIPOLA CROSS COUNTRY**-Members of the Chipola College women's Cross Country team were recognized at a recent basketball game. Pictured from left, are: Chipola athletic director Dr. Dale O'Daniel, Cross Country coach Rance Massengill, MacKenzie Willis, Rebecca Wiltse and Courtney Hodges. Chipola has participated in cross country for four seasons. For information about the program, contact coach Massengill at 850-718-2440.



## Explore 4-H Day Camp set Mar. 29-31

If your family is planning on staying home for spring break, make plans to attend the "Explore 4-H Day Camp", March 29-31. The day camp will be held at the Liberty County Extension Office and will provide youth, ages 8-18, opportunities to experience a variety of 4-H activities such as shooting sports, culinary arts, arts & crafts and 4-H science.

Camp will start at 8:30 AM and end at 3 PM each day. The cost is \$15 per child. If a family registers three or more youth from the same family, the cost is \$10 per child. Registration will begin February 28, at the 4-H Office.

Registration forms are available at the County 4-H website <http://liberty.ifas.ufl.edu>, and 4-H Office. Space will be limited, so make sure to register and pay early.

For additional information contact Cathia Schmarje at 643-2229 or email [schmarje@ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:schmarje@ifas.ufl.edu) at



## Calhoun County runners win Chattahoochee Smoothie 5K

The City of Chattahoochee, Chattahoochee Rotary Club and Running Moms, Inc. sponsored the Chattahoochee Smoothie 5K Saturday with several Calhoun County runners participating. Devin Ferrell of Altha claimed the overall prize, with Thomas Howell of Blountstown coming in second overall. Proceeds benefited the Rotary Youth Camp for physically challenged youth, held two weeks in the summer at Centenary Camp in Gadsden County. Ferrell and Howell are shown at right going step for step, coming up a very steep hill. PHOTOS BY KATHY S. JOHNSON



## Senior Citizens plan Atlanta trip to see Braves and go to Six Flags

Come join the Calhoun County Senior Citizens July 16-17 to see the Braves play Washington in Atlanta. Then head to Six Flags the next day.

Included in trip: transportation, one nights deluxe

accommodations, one breakfast, one lunch, one dinner, admission to game, and an all-day adventure pass to Six Flags.

Cost of the trip per person is just \$209/double, \$259/single, \$189/triple or

quad. A deposit of \$50 per person is due at time of signing. Final payment is due by June 1. If paid in full by April 1, receive a \$10 discount!

Call 674-4163 if you would like to go.

# Got News?

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# BLOUNTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



This group of BHS students competed and brought back several awards from the Chipola College Throssel Literature/Language Festival.

## Grimes earns A+ certification; BHS wins at Literature Festival

### A+ Certification

Congratulations to DeeAnna Grimes for passing A+ certification on February 7. She is the 7th out of 7 students to pass the Essentials part of the test this year in the Chipola Dual Enrollment Networking Services Technology Program.

Mrs. Debra Perdue teaches this class and she encourages students to take this wonderful opportunity to earn industry certifications while still in high school.



DeeAnna Grimes recently received A+ certification in the Chipola Dual Enrollment Networking Services Technology Program.

### Literature & Language Arts Festival by Mrs. Debra Betts

The 21st annual Literature/Language Festival at Chipola College was held on Friday (February 11th). Seniors and juniors were eligible for the competitions. Each student listed represented Blountstown High School well: the seniors who competed included: Brandon Alford, DeeAnna Grimes, Stewart Herndon, David Leonard, Blake McGraw, Jake Money, Harlea Perdue, and Hayley Sumner; the juniors who competed included: Karissa Flowers, Jeremiah Grzegorzczuk, Will Rogers, Jordan Sweinhart, and Trent Wise. The students' sponsors (Mrs. Kristy Baldwin and Mrs. Debra Betts) accompanied the students to Chipola College.

Harlea Perdue - President's Award and first place in grammar competition

David Leonard - Second Place in grammar competition and second place in writing

Brandon Alford - Third place in literature competition

Blake McGraw - Third

place in humanities competition

DeeAnna Grimes - Honorable mention in humanities competition

Trent Wise - Honorable mention in oral interpretation competition

Karissa Flowers - Third place in speech competition

The administrators, faculty, staff, their fellow students, and parents are exceptionally proud of each of these students. Thirteen schools were competing; the students from Blountstown High School won more medals than any other school. Indeed, we are blessed with very intelligent, hard-working students at Blountstown High School.

### ACT Test Site

Blountstown High School is now a testing site for the ACT. On Saturday, February 12, the ACT was administered on campus to 73 area students. Previously, the closest testing site has been Chipola College in Marianna, so we are very excited to be able to provide this service to our local students. The next test will be offered on

April 9, 2011. The registration deadline is March 4, 2011. Seating for the test is limited, so students are encouraged to submit their registration as soon as possible.

### Calendar of Events

Wednesday, Feb. 16th, After-School Tutoring, 3:00-4:00; Career Shadow for Seniors

Thursday, Feb. 17th, Softball, Away at Wewa @ 6:00, Varsity only; Baseball, Home against Bay Haven @ 6:00, JV only

Friday, Feb. 18th, Baseball, Away at Malone @ 4:00/6:00

Saturday, Feb. 19th, Softball- Lady Tiger Classic at Home, JV only; Choral Festival in Panama City

Monday, Feb. 21st, After-School Tutoring, 3:00-4:00; Baseball, Away at Bay Haven @ 3:30, JV only

Tuesday, Feb. 22nd, Softball, Away at Vernon @ 4:00/6:00

Wednesday, Feb. 23rd, After-School Tutoring, 3:00-4:00



## Harlea Perdue is National Merit Scholarship finalist

Mr. Ronnie Hand, principal of Blountstown High School, has been notified that Harlea A. Perdue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Perdue, has advanced to Finalist standing in the National Merit Scholarship Program of two thousand and eleven by demonstrating through distinguished performance high potential for future academic accomplishment.

The National Merit Scholarship Program began in 1955 and high school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) - a test which serves as an initial screen of more than 1.5 million entrants each year and by meeting published program entry/participation requirements. Of the 1.5 million entrants, some 50,000 qualify for the scholarship program.

In late September, about 34,000 of the 50,000 high scorers receive Letters of Commendation in recognition of their outstanding academic promise. The Commended Students do not continue in the competition for National Merit Scholarships but do become candidates for Special Scholarships sponsored by corporations and businesses.

In February, some 15,000 Semifinalists are notified by mail at their home addresses that they have advanced to Finalist standing. High School principals are notified and provided with a certificate to present to each Finalist.

All winners of Merit Scholarship Awards (Merit Scholar designees) are chosen from the Finalist group, based on their abilities, skills, and accomplishments. Beginning in March and continuing to mid-June, NMSC notifies approximately 8,400 Finalists that they have been selected to receive a Merit Scholarship Award. There are 3 types of awards:

- Corporate - sponsored Merit Scholarships Awards
- College-sponsored Merit Scholarship Awards

Harlea has reached this level and Mr. Hand is very pleased to present her with a certificate recognizing her Finalist standing. Mrs. Sandra Waller, Guidance Counselor at BHS said that, "It is a rare and wonderful opportunity to be able to recognize one of our students with such a prestigious award."

The entire faculty, staff and student body at Blountstown High School are all extremely proud of Harlea's accomplishment and we all anxiously await news of her future opportunities and accomplishments.

Pictured above are (from left) Mr. James Perdue (Harlea's father), Mrs. Debra Perdue (Harlea's mom and a BHS Business Ed. teacher), Harlea A. Perdue, Mrs. Sandra Waller (Guidance Counselor), and Mr. Ronnie Hand (BHS Principal).



GCEC recently sponsored a trip to Tallahassee for local high school juniors. Pictured on the steps of the Supreme Courthouse before observing an actual hearing are (front row, from left) Savannah Harper, Megan Setterich, Kaitlyn Gaskin, (middle row) Seth Scheuermann, Donia Lanier, Doug Ream, (back row) Jeremy Morrill, Bryce Gerber, Hunter McDaniel and Patrick Pitts.

## GCEC sponsors Youth Tour trip to Tallahassee for local juniors

Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative recently sponsored a trip to Tallahassee for local high school juniors. The trip was part of the Rural Electric Youth Tour Program that rural electric cooperatives across the nation participate in.

Each year, the Cooperative sponsors the program for eleventh-graders whose parents or guardians are members of GCEC. A panel of three judges from the electric cooperative industry interviews participants, and two winners are chosen to travel on an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D. C. in June, where they join other eleventh-grade students from all over the United States to tour our nation's capital. The annual Youth Tour competition will be held Feb. 22.

However, every student nominated by a local civic organization or high school to participate in the program is invited to travel on an all-expenses-paid trip to Tallahassee, where they join more than 100 other high school juniors representing electric cooperatives all over Florida.

Students representing the Cooperative in Tallahassee included:

Kaitlyn Gaskin, representing the Wewahitchka Woman's Club; Bryce Gerber, representing Wewahitchka High School; Savannah Harper, representing the Sand Hills Volunteer Fire Department; Donia Lanier, representing the Wewahitchka Ambulance Service; Hunter McDaniel, representing the Wewahitchka Volunteer Fire Department; Jeremy Morrill, representing Wewahitchka Search and Rescue; Patrick Pitts, representing Blountstown High School; Doug Ream, representing Deane Bozeman School; Seth Scheuermann, representing the Scotts Ferry Volunteer Fire Department; and Megan Setterich, representing the Wetappo Creek Volunteer Fire Department. Gulf Coast Electric employees Kristin Douglas, Becky Kent and Tony Morrell served as chaperones for the trip.

While in Tallahassee, the students participated in a meet and greet before visiting the Challenger Learning Center, where they observed an electromagnetic demonstration and watched an Imax 3D

movie, Hubble. They also observed an actual Supreme Court hearing and participated in a mock session in the Senate Chambers. The students also enjoyed dining at various restaurants and a visit to Fun Station.

"The Youth Tour program is a great opportunity for us to reward local students for being outstanding leaders in their communities," Douglas said.

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## PANTHER PULSE...news from Hosford School

## Case of the Missing Millionaire

Students in Hosford's 4th grade class have put their detective skills to work in trying to solve the Case of the Missing Millionaire. As a conclusion to our unit on the mystery genre, students were given the opportunity to put their sleuthing and science skills to the test as they investigated a crime scene and performed chemical and physical tests on the evidence found there to determine who killed Felix Navidad.

The mystery began with a study and mapping of the crime scene including a body outline, cups with a dark brown substance, melted ice, sunglasses, threads, footprints, and other clues to the culprit's identity. Students then received a summary of the suspects and their whereabouts during the crime.



Lindsey Bunkley and Michaela Bradwell conduct tests on threads found at the crime scene.

Was it Alfredo Fettucine, Vera Cruise, Gene Poule, or Kendra Goode who had perpetrated this dastardly deed?

Students performed various tests on some of the physical evidence left at the scene of the crime to determine whose fingerprints were on the cups of cola? Was there anything in the cola? Whose footprints were at the scene of the crime? Who wrote the incriminating note dropped

at the crime scene? Whose blood was found on the patio? And many more...

After studying all the clues and analyzing the test results students were asked to name the culprit and give the reasons for their conclusions. While the majority of the classes favored one suspect, the decision was not unanimous so we were unable to convict. Maybe next year's class will have better luck in solving this mystery!



# ALTHA SCHOOL NEWS



# BLOUNTSTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS



The Altha FFA Ag Mechanics team recently qualified and will be heading to the state finals in April. Pictured are team members Jesse Chason, Matt Chafin, Justin Whittington, Ryan Edenfield, and Mr. Tyler Stoutamire, Advisor.

## FFA teams are preparing for state; Cats' Cuisine Feb. 24

**Enter To Win**  
**By: Devin Ferrell**

The Administration of Altha School is holding a drawing contest open to all current Altha students and Altha Alumni, to create the artwork for an arched gate entrance for our school.

If you are chosen as the winner of the contest your drawing will be the theme and design that will be constructed for the gate, and your name will be placed on it in recognition of the design.

Deadline for the contest is March 11th.

Please turn all drawings into Mrs. Ladona Kelley



Altha FFA members Hannah Register and Cole Miller are pictured above. Hannah won the Middle School prepared public speaking competition at district and will be competing at state convention for the finals. Cole won in the extemporaneous public speaking division at district and will be also competing at the state convention.

### Cats' Cuisine

The Institute of Culinary Arts invites the public to Cats' Cuisine on Thursday, February 24. Cat's Cuisine is eating healthy. You are what you eat: a healthy eating for a healthy lifestyle.

The menu for this Cat's Cuisine is Pork Medallions with apples, green bean stir fry, scalloped potatoes (425 Calories), and chocolate ice cream cake (250 Calories). All of our meals are served with your choice of Sweet or Un-Sweet Tea and seating times are 11:40 and 12:30. Reservations can be made by calling the school. Please reserve by Tuesday, February 22. The price is \$6.



The Altha FFA horse judging team came in second at district and they are getting ready for the state finals in April. Team members are Coriney Harris, Morgan Lewis, Brooke Coleman, and Mackenzie Tanner.

### PTO BBQ

The Annual Altha School PTO BBQ is Saturday, March 5. Tickets are being pre-sold and are \$6. The plates will contain Boston butt, baked beans, potato salad and bread and will be ready for pick up behind the Altha School Lunchroom from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Contact the school office for tickets or for more information. This is PTO's main fund raiser for the year and all proceeds go to benefit the students.

### Calendar

Wednesday 23rd - FFA Teacher Appreciation Cookout  
Thursday 17th - Varsity Softball vs. Port St. Joe, 4 pm  
Friday 18th - Varsity Softball vs. Aucilla, 5 pm; Varsity Baseball vs. Aucilla, 5 pm  
Monday 21st - Cap and Gown Pictures Kindergarten and Seniors; Varsity Baseball at RF Munroe, 5 pm  
Tuesday 22nd - Middle School Baseball at Wewa, 3:30 pm; Middle School Softball at Wewa, 3:30 pm; PTO Meeting, 5 pm  
Thursday 24th - Cats' Cuisine; Middle School Softball vs. Port St. Joe, 3:30 pm; Middle School Baseball vs. Port St. Joe, 3:30 pm; Varsity Softball at John Paul II, 5 pm; Varsity Baseball vs. Blountstown High School, 6 pm  
Friday 25th - FFA State Livestock Prelims; Varsity Baseball vs. Franklin County, 5 pm; Varsity Softball vs. RF Munroe, 5 pm



## Middle schoolers read to BES kids; Math-a-Thon raises \$6337

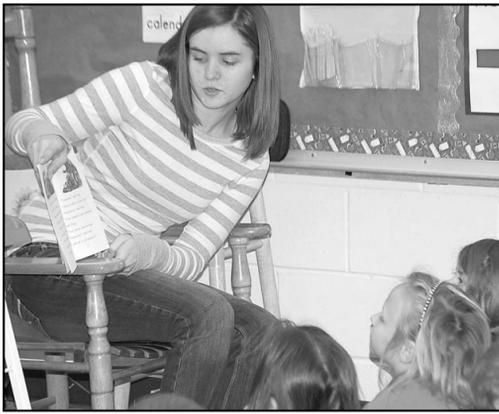
**Family Breakfast**  
B.E.S. had our monthly family breakfast on Friday, February 4th. Parents and students were served a delicious breakfast consisting of eggs, sausage, grits, biscuits, sausage gravy, and coffee.

### Math-A-Thon Winners

Each year B.E.S. participates in a Math-A-Thon to help collect money for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. This year we had 102 participants and they collected a total of \$6337.17. There were winners in each grade. Our top school winner was Abdul-Wahab Faruqi in 3rd grade. Wahab collected \$345. Congratulations to all of these winners!

### B.M.S. Honor Society students read to B.E.S.

As part of our "Celebrate Literacy Week" Blountstown Middle School Honor Society students came and read books to B.E.S. students.



## NOTICE OF LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

The Calhoun County Board of Commissioners is currently in the process of updating its Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS).

A Steering Committee Meeting to review projects, confer over changes, and discuss initiatives on the LMS will be held at 10:00 A.M. (CT) on Wednesday, February 23, 2011. The meeting will be open to the public and will be held in the Calhoun County Emergency Operations Center (EOC), located in the basement of the Calhoun County Courthouse, 20859 Central Avenue East, Room G-35, Blountstown, Florida. To obtain additional information concerning the LMS or the Steering Committee, contact Don A. "Sonny" O'Bryan, Emergency Management Director/Country Administrator, at (850) 674-8075 or TDY 674-5666.

The Steering Committee Meeting is being conducted in a location, which is accessible to the disabled. Any person who wishes to attend the Steering Committee Meeting and requires special accommodations should contact Mr. O'Bryan by February 21, 2011.

Feb. 16, 2011

**Got News?**  
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## Calhoun County Notice of Weatherization Funds

The Calhoun County Board of Commissioners has received funds for the Florida Weatherization Assistance Program. This program provides grant funds to low-income families of Florida in order to reduce the monthly energy burden by improving the efficiency of the home.

Eligible applicants: For the Weatherization Assistance Program, the total household income may not be more than 200 percent of the national poverty level (see below).

### 2009-2010 Household Income Guidelines

Number of people in household	Maximum annual household income
1	\$21,660
2	\$29,140
3	\$36,620
4	\$44,100
5	\$51,580
6	\$59,060
7	\$66,540
8	\$74,020

Eligible houses are, single family site built or mobile homes and can be owner occupied or rental property with landlord agreement. All homes must be occupied by families not exceeding the above income guidelines.

Preference is given to owner-occupied homes, elderly (60 years plus) or physically disabled residents, families with children under 12, and households with a high energy burden.

All interested parties may apply at the Calhoun County Courthouse 20859 Central Avenue East, Room 117, Blountstown, Florida 32424. For more information, contact Calhoun County Housing Services at 674-4551.

FAIR HOUSING HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE JURISDICTION

Feb. 16, 2011



Last Friday, students traveled to Chipola College to compete in the Annual Throssell Literature Competition. Shown (from left) are Mr. John Barfield, advisor, Kimi Wiltse, 2nd Place Literature, Katelynn Ballard, Honorable Mention Writing, Wesley Chevillot, and Summer Hand.

## Storytime for kids offered Saturday mornings at the Altha Public Library

Do your early school aged children like reading books, coloring, doing crafts and just having fun? Then, bring your youngsters to the Altha Library, 15225 NW County Road 274,

each Saturday morning at 10:30 am.

Parents and their children through third grade will discover something new every week during an interesting and enjoyable

family hour.

For more information, contact Lavaine Williams or Darlene Earhart, AmeriCorps\*VISTA at the Altha Library, 762-8280



## Black History Pageant Queens



Photos Submitted



The Miss Black History Pageant was held Saturday, Feb. 11, at the BHS Auditorium. The pageant is a scholarship fundraiser for the Charles E. Sheard, Geraldine B. Sheard, Elijah Gammon, and Mayhaw Community scholarships. The event was full of performances from the PCMOG Drum Masters, praise dancers, and singers. At the end of the day, four beautiful women were crowned. Shenika Robinson (top left) won Miss Black History; Debbie Middlebrooks (bottom left) is the new Ms. Black History; India Battles (center) captured the Miss Black History Ambassador, Little Miss Black History, and People's Choice Award; and Tiny Miss Black History is (above) Je'Nyia Culver.

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## Legal Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR CALHOUN COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION  
Case No. 07-2008-CA-000309

COUNTRYWIDE BANK, FSB Plaintiff,  
vs.  
RODNEY V. ARMANINO A/K/A RODNEY ARMANINO UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RODNEY ARMANINO, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS. Defendants.

## NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on April 22, 2009, in the Circuit Court of Calhoun County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Calhoun County, Florida described as:

THE WEST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST.

THE EAST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST.

ALSO: AN ACCESS EASEMENT DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST, CALHOUN FLORIDA AND RUN THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 20 A DISTANCE OF 334.36 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE WEST HALF OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 20; THENCE CONTINUE WEST ALONG SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY A DISTANCE OF 30.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 30.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 25 SECONDS EAST 650.33 FEET; THENCE NORTH 31 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 230.47 FEET TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY OF A COUNTY MAINTAINED ROADWAY; THENCE SOUTH 45 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY A DISTANCE OF 30.81 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 31 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 244.22 FEET TO NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY A DISTANCE OF 300.49 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

and commonly known as: 8655 RD 4 SW, CLARKSVILLE, FL 32430; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, on March 10, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. CST.

Any persons claiming an interest in the surplus of the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 3rd day of February, 2011.  
RUTH ATTAWAY  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

## Legal Notice

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

Case # 2009-CA-000019

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley, MSAC 2007-HES Plaintiff,

-vs-  
Troy L. McMillian, III and Lisa R. McMillian, Husband, and Wife; Bank of America, National Association; Defendants.

## AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order rescheduling foreclosure sale dated February 2, 2011 entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-000019 of the Circuit Court of the 14th Judicial Circuit in and for Calhoun County, Florida, wherein Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley, MSAC 2007-HES, Plaintiff and Troy L. McMillian, III and Lisa R. McMillian, Husband and Wife are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, ON THE FRONT STEPS OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY COURTHOUSE AT 20859 CENTRAL AVENUE EAST, BLOUNTSTOWN, FLORIDA 32424 AT 11:00 A.M. CENTRAL STANDARD TIME, March 10, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

WEST HALF OF NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF NORTHEAST QUARTER, SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 10 WEST, CALHOUN COUNTY FLORIDA.

ALSO: BEGIN AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 10 WEST, AND RUN WEST 110 YARDS, THENCE SOUTH 220 YARDS, THENCE EAST 110 YARDS, THENCE NORTH 220 YARDS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH RANGE 10 WEST, SAID LAND BEING BETTER DESCRIBED IN SURVEY DESCRIPTION FROM BOUNDARY SURVEY, AS FOLLOWS:

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NORTHERLY BOUNDARY, OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 32, THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY A DISTANCE OF 330.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ALSO: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 10 WEST, FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 330.00 FEET, TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN DEED RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 237, PAGE 625, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA, THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 01 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 34.37 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 274, THENCE RUN IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 274, TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN O.R. BOOK 237, PAGE 625, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA, THENCE RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 316.86 FEET, MORE OR LESS, BACK TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

DATED at Blountstown, Florida, this 3rd day of February, 2011.  
Ruth Attaway,  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

## ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT CALHOUN COUNTY SCHOOLS

CHAPTER 2 – SCHOOL BOARD GOVERNANCE AND ORGANIZATION  
CHAPTER 5 – STUDENTS  
CHAPTER 6 – HUMAN RESOURCES

Amend Policy 2.28-Schedule for Legal Advertisements  
Policy 5.32-Zero Tolerance for School Related Crimes  
Policy 5.62-Administration of Medication  
Policy 5.70-Student Records  
Policy 6.542-Family and Medical Leave  
Policy 6.545-Military Leave

Working with the Calhoun County Tobacco Free Partnership, The Calhoun County School Board proposes to the amend the following policy for Calhoun County Schools:

## ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT CALHOUN COUNTY SCHOOLS

CHAPTER 2 – SCHOOL BOARD GOVERNANCE AND ORGANIZATION

Amend Policy 2.90: Tobacco Use in District Facilities

Entire proposals are available for viewing at the School Superintendent's Office, Room G-20, Calhoun County Court House, Blountstown, Florida. A hearing will be held on the above policies in the Cooperative Extension Building at 20816 Central Avenue East in Blountstown, Florida at the Regular School Board meeting beginning at 5:00 P.M., CDT, Thursday, March 10, 2011. Timothy G. Smith, Board Chairman Calhoun County School Board Attest:  
Wilson T. McClellan, Superintendent Calhoun County School

## Legal Notice

### CONTRACTORS WANTED

The Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners is seeking contractors to perform minor building and insulation repairs on homes for the Calhoun County Weatherization assistance Program. Requirements

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For details please contact: Dan Clemons at the Calhoun County Courthouse, 20859 Central Avenue, East, Room 117, Blountstown, Florida 32424, Phone (850) 674-2571

## Legal Notice

### ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

The Calhoun County School Board proposes to amend policies as required by Florida Statute for the Calhoun County Schools as follows:

## Legal Notice

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FULL REQUIREMENTS POWER SUPPLY

The City of Blountstown is requesting proposals for Full Requirements Power Supply. A description of Full Requirements Power Supply and all details may be obtained in person at Blountstown City Hall, 20591 Central Avenue West, Blountstown, FL 32424.

Sealed proposals, subject to the minimum general conditions herein, will be received by the City of Blountstown, Florida. All submissions must be in a sealed package and clearly marked on the outside of the package, "Blountstown Full Requirements Power Supply Proposal" and must be received by 2:00 P.M., C.S.T., on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at City Hall, Attention: City Manager, 20591 Central Ave. W., Blountstown, Florida 32424.

Proposals will then be opened Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at City Hall and read aloud by the City Manager. Any Questions regarding the RFP, the RFP process, or the City's Operations shall be submitted by March 1, 2011 in writing to the above address and clearly marked on the outside envelope, "RFP Question."

The City Council reserves the right to accept the bid deemed in the best interest of the City and to reject any or all bids.

BY: R.W. Deason, Mayor  
FROM: James A. Woods, City Manager

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# OBITUARIES

## MAXINE H. HICKS

Mrs. Maxine H. Hicks, 74, of Fountain, FL, passed away Monday, February 7, 2011, in Panama City, FL.

Maxine was born on May 25, 1936, in Hindmon, KY, and had lived in Fountain for the past 24 years coming from Ohio. She was a homemaker and a member of the Baptist Faith.

Maxine was preceded in death by her husband, Glen Hicks.

Survivors include three daughters, Jackie Humphreys of Fountain, Joan Chuhak and husband, Mike, of Camden, OH, Jenny Williams and husband, Ronnie, of Fountain; two brothers, Charles Hall and his wife, Ann, and Danny Hall, all of Kentucky; two sisters, Dean Lane and her husband, Donald, of and Blanch Taylor and her husband, Coy, all of Kentucky; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 12, at 11 am (CST) from the graveside at Sandy Mountain Cemetery in Fountain. Interment followed.

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

## INEZ HATCHER

Inez Hatcher, 85, of Blountstown, passed away Monday, February 14, 2011, in Blountstown.

She was born January 2, 1926, to the late Daniel Edwin and Annie (McDaniel) Blizzard and was a lifelong resident of Calhoun County. She was bookkeeper for Neal Lumber Company and later did clerical work at Calhoun-Liberty Hospital where she retired. She is a member of Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints in Bristol.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Luther E. Hatcher, and a

## Fresh Food cont'd

micro-greens. They will also explore the world of Square Foot Gardening in raised beds and learn to grow vegetables and fruits in containers.

The program includes information packets, door prizes, lunch, inoculated Shiitake mushroom log, sprouting kit and container salad garden. The cost is \$30 if paid by Friday,

## Refund loan cont'd

for consumers to receive refunds; taxpayers can have their money in as little as 8 to 15 days.

✓ Don't fall for the "convenient" debit card: These cards are another way for tax preparers to make money. The debit card often includes hidden fees and some have limits on how much money you can access at one time.

✓ Finance purchases other ways: If consumers are looking to purchase specific high-priced items with their refunds, BBB encourages financing options other than RALs, such as store credit promotions and offers.

✓ If you must, then shop around: If necessary to have a refund immediately, BBB suggests consumers shop around and look for good deals. Fees and RALs vary by tax preparer. Consumers can check out tax preparer's record of integrity and performance free-of-charge with BBB Reliability Reports, available online at www.bbb.org.

## Sen. Bill Montford to speak at St. Paul

Senator Bill Montford will be the guest speaker at St. Paul AME Church on Sunday, Feb. 20, during the 11 a.m. service. Everyone is invited to attend. The church is located on River Street in Blountstown.

## Victory Hill offers meals and youth activities

Come and join us on Wednesday nights at Victory Hill Pentecostal Holiness Church and be a part of one of our exciting youth clubs. Meals are provided at 6:00, prior to club meetings, which begin at 6:30. Club meetings consist of varied activities, including youth choir practice, life lessons, crafts, and projects. Different age clubs serve Pre-K and up.

The church van will run on Wednesday nights. Contact any church member or call 674-6000 to schedule pickup.

Victory Hill is located on Ashley Shiver Road, off Highway 71.



Pictured (from left) at the Torreya Garden Club meeting are Andy Bailey, Ricky Knowles (city workers), Ken Rudisill (Bay County Horticulture Agent), Ricky Couch, Tim Hanks, John Downum (city workers), and Howard Johnson, Jr. (Torreya Garden Club President).

## City team is recognized at the Torreya Garden Club meeting

Ken Rudisill presented pruning techniques for Florida trees, shrubs, and palms at a recent Torreya Garden Club meeting. He also discussed the need for pruning, when to prune, and tools for pruning. We

were honored to have with us a fabulous team of city workers that prune to keep our city beautiful.

In our February meeting, Terry Stone discussed a hobby that is very dear to his heart- vegetable gar-

dening. By the time he finished we were ready to start planting!

If you would like to join us, we meet each month on the first Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Calhoun County Extension Office.

## River Valley Marketplace now revamped; businesses welcome

Blountstown Main Stree has completely revamped the River Valley Marketplace and everyone is invited to the grand re-opening set for Saturday, March 5, from 8 a.m. to noon in the greenspace next to Wakulla Bank in downtown Blountstown.

The market will contin-

ue to feature fresh produce, along with arts and crafts. However, businesses are now invited to participate. The only thing not allowed is flea market items.

Free booth spaces are available, but you must call to reserve your space. Call Kelli at 674-1004 to sign up. Take this opportunity to showcase your business and bring customers back to your store.

Artists are invited to come out and demonstrate their talent on the greenspace. There will be live entertainment, as well as

exhibits.

Saturday Express for children that is held every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the Blountstown Library will be bringing their show on the road on March 5. Youngsters are invited to come out and do art activities on the greenspace. Also planned is a tai chi demonstration by Joan Houston and her students.

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend the market on the first Saturday of every month (closed January and February).

*A Thought to Remember*

How do you feel about preplanning? Do you think it's a wise idea?...Have you ever taken 10 or 15 minutes to talk about what you would or would not want for your funeral?...Have you ever had to make arrangements for a loved one?...If there had been a death in the family yesterday, what do you think you'd be doing today?

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son, Larry G. Hatcher. She is survived by her son, James E. Hatcher, of Bristol; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. ET, Thursday, February 17, at the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints. Interment will follow in Pine Memorial Cemetery near Blountstown. The family will receive friends 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. CT, Wednesday, February 16, at the Adams Funeral Home in Blountstown. Adams Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements (ph. 674-5449). Online condolences may be made at adamsfh.com

## HEART ART SATURDAY EXPRESS



The theme for 'Saturday Express' at the Blountstown Public Library was HEART ART! Pictured with their Valentines are (standing left to right) Nina Boyd, Rebekah and Tabitha Edwards, (kneeling) Cheyenne and Nellie Eubanks. Cheyenne is excited to serve cookies. She just turned 8 years of age and is now old enough to join the other 8 to 14 year olds. Youth meet at 10:30 a.m. for a chance to express themselves through the ARTS!



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# Church Directory

For Information On Listing Your Church, Call 674-5041

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

Meaningful Bible Study.....9:45 AM  
Exciting Worship.....11:00 AM  
Bible Study & Worship.....6:00 PM  
Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study.....6:30 PM  
**Pastor David Throckmorton**  
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Morning Worship...11:00 AM  
Evening Worship...5:00 PM  
Wednesday Service...7:00 PM  
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