



July 28, 2017

Florida Public Service Commission
Office of the Commission Clerk
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee FL 32399

RE: 2017 ILEC Lifeline Data Request – GTC, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications

Pursuant to the Data Request sent on July 18, 2017 pertaining to Lifeline, please find FairPoint's response in the enclosed attachments. GTC, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications respectfully requests that these be placed in the undocketed file as indicated on the notice received.

Please contact Beth Westman at 207-535-4249 or bwestman@fairpoint.com if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Regards,

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LIFELINE DATA REQUEST 2017

To assist the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) in the development of our Annual Lifeline Report, **staff requests that you provide responses to the following data request by July 31, 2017.** This report is prepared for the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives on the Lifeline program as required by Chapter 364.10, Florida Statutes. **Your response should include your company name, contact person, and email address.**

For items 1 through 8, please provide the data for the fiscal year July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017.

For those items requesting that the data be reported on a monthly basis, provide the appropriate number as of the last day of each month during the review period.

1. The number of residential access lines in service each month.

Month (2016)	Access Line Total	Month (2017)	Access Line Total
July	15172	January	14314
August	15041	February	14238
September	14849	March	14077
October	14724	April	13862
November	14557	May	13745
December	14404	June	13546

2. The number of customers participating in Lifeline each month. Note: Do not include customers receiving Lifeline through the Transitional Lifeline provision.

Month (2016)	Active Lifeline	Month (2017)	Active Lifeline
July	533	January	569
August	539	February	573
September	549	March	579
October	549	April	579
November	554	May	573
December	565	June	561

3. The amount of Lifeline credit provided to Lifeline customers on a monthly billing.

July 2016 through March 2017 \$12.75

April 2017 through June 2017 \$9.25

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4. The number of customers denied Lifeline service. Identify the reason(s) customers were denied Lifeline (i.e. customer currently receiving Lifeline, inability to verify participation in a qualifying program, past due balance, other reasons not listed).

Month	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
No acceptable proof	3	8	7	7	3	2	7	5	2	3	5	2
Incomplete App	5	2	5	0	0	2	2	7	6	9	4	3
Does not qualify	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	5	1
Already has	7	11	9	3	12	12	12	7	14	13	10	11
Wrong name	7	4	4	3	1	1	5	3	2	4	6	6
Wrong Address	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Wrong Telephone #	1	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	0
H.S.I. Essentials	0	1	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Duplicate Address	13	6	4	5	8	8	3	5	5	7	7	8
Disconnected Number	0	2	1	4	0	5	2	2	4	1	3	3
TPIV Failure in NLAD	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	2
Not a FairPoint account	3	0	2	0	1	4	2	0	3	1	3	2
Business Account	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
DOB/SSN Mismatch	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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5. The number of Lifeline customers added each month. Note: Do not include customers receiving Lifeline through the Transitional Lifeline provision.

Month (2016)	New Lifeline	Month (2017)	New Lifeline
July	18	January	12
August	16	February	20
September	21	March	14
October	11	April	9
November	10	May	11
December	14	June	6

6. The number of customers removed from Lifeline each month. Note: Do not include Lifeline customers moved to Transitional Lifeline.

Month (2016)	Removed from Lifeline	Month (2017)	Removed From Lifeline
July	10	January	16
August	11	February	8
September	11	March	9
October	5	April	17
November	3	May	18
December	8	June	28

7. The number of customers participating in Transitional Lifeline each month.

None

8. The number of customers participating in Lifeline under the Tribal Lands provision each month.

None

9. Description of your company's procedures for enrolling customers in the Lifeline program. Include the following in your response:

All applications are reviewed for accuracy and completeness upon receipt, along with verification of information within the National Lifeline Accountability Database (NLAD). A service order is issued to either change billing for an existing customer or establish an account for a new customer.

- a. Procedures used to process applications received from the Office of Public Counsel.

Same as above

- b. Procedures used to process applications received directly from customers.

Same as above

- c. Procedures used to process applications received through the PSC on-line process.

Upon receipt of email notification of pending applications, requests are reviewed to ensure that they are within our service territory and information is verified with NLAD. Notification is sent back to the Commission.

- d. Procedures used to process applications received through the Department of Children and Families coordinated enrollment process.

Same as above

- e. The amount of time required to process applications. Include time period between receipt of customer application and the billing date of the first bill providing the credit.

Applications are processed daily. Any credits or adjustments to the account are retroactive to the date the application/request was approved for Lifeline. Depending upon the date of receipt in the billing cycle, the change would be reflected on either the next bill received or the following month. Applications to change existing service take approximately 5 minutes. Applications that require establishing a new account would take approximately 10 minutes.

- 10. Description of your company's procedures for performing continued certification of customer eligibility after initial certification. Include the method(s) used to verify customer eligibility.

Customers must recertify as required under Federal Lifeline Program rules. FairPoint currently recertifies customers using USAC processes.

- 11. Description of your company's procedures for Lifeline. If your response has not changed from last year's response, you may indicate this below. Please include the following in your response:

Same as previously reported

- a. Internal procedures for promoting Lifeline.
- b. Outreach and educational efforts involving participation in community events.
- c. Outreach and educational efforts involving mass media (newspaper, radio, television).
- d. Copies of Lifeline outreach materials of your company.

SEE ATTACHMENTS for outreach materials and application

- e. Organizations you are currently partnering with, have partnered with, and organizations you plan to partner with to educate and inform customers about Lifeline.

12. Please describe the training you provide to your customer service representatives regarding Lifeline and provide the script used by your company's representatives.
The training explains that the Lifeline Program offers credit to customers that are eligible to receive the benefit after completing an application and submitting proof for validation. Customers must be qualified and approved for the benefit, and only one benefit may be received per household. Customers will also need to be validated with NLAD. Representatives are aware that FairPoint is required to recertify accounts receiving the Lifeline benefit on an annual basis.
13. Please provide any link on your website that provides Lifeline information.
<http://www.fairpoint.com/home/residential/phone/lifeline.html>
14. Have you experienced any problems implementing the FCC's 2016 Lifeline Modernization Order (FCC 16-38)? If yes, please elaborate.
No.
15. Does your company offer and seek reimbursement for Basic Internet Access Services in Florida as part of the Lifeline Program? If no, please provide the FCC forbearance order that waives this requirement for your company.
Beginning December 2, 2016, FairPoint began to offer the federal Lifeline Program discount on qualifying broadband services in its service area.
16. To the extent you have experienced a decline in Lifeline customers, please list and describe any issues that may have contributed to the decline. Any additional general comments or information you believe will assist staff in evaluating and reporting the Lifeline participation in Florida are welcome.

Respectfully Submitted:



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Lifeline Program Application

In Florida, FairPoint Communications participates in the Lifeline Program which provides federal assistance to qualified residential customers to reduce monthly qualified voice or internet service charges. To enroll in the Lifeline Program, you must meet all qualifications, complete all sections of this application and provide all documentation requested. FairPoint will confirm your eligibility for the Lifeline Program.

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Name First Last Last 4 Digits of Your Social Security Number:

Telephone Number Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): / / must be 18 years of age

Service Address of Principal Residence (No Post Office Box):

Street: Apt.

City: State: Zip Code

Billing Address, if different from service address (may include Post Office Box):

Street: Apt.

City: State: Zip Code

Is this a temporary address? Yes

LIFELINE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

1. You must meet the "One-per-Household" Requirement.

- Only one person in a household can qualify to receive Lifeline Program benefits.
- A "household" is any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses.
- Only one residential qualified service in a household can receive Lifeline Program support.
- A household may not receive Lifeline benefits from multiple service providers.

_____ My initials here certify that I meet the one-per-household requirement. I understand that falsely certifying eligibility is a violation of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission and will result in my removal from the Lifeline Program and could result in criminal prosecution by the United States government.

Do you live at an address at which there are multiple households? Yes

If yes, you must complete a supplemental form from FairPoint to determine your eligibility.

2. You must meet program participation requirements or meet household income requirements.

I (or my dependent or other member of my household) receive(s) benefits from at least one of the programs listed below OR my household meets the income requirement below:

(Check the box for each category which applies).

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Public Housing (Section 8) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Security Income | <input type="checkbox"/> Household Income at or below 135% of Federal Poverty Level |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) | There are _____ people in my household. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit | |

I **do not** receive benefits from a program listed above. The full name of my dependent or other member of my household who **does** receive benefits from a program listed above is _____.

To complete your application:

- You must send proof of participation in **one** program you checked above, OR
 - If you are eligible because of your household income, you must send proof of your qualifying household income.
- See attached *Questions and Answers* to determine what documentation can be accepted.

3. You must acknowledge these critical notification obligations.

You have obligations if you receive Lifeline Program benefits. You must *initial* the statements below to acknowledge you understand your obligations:

- I will notify FairPoint within 30 days if I (or my dependent or other household member) no longer participate(s) in the federal programs identified in my application or if my household income exceeds 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.
- I will notify FairPoint within 30 days if I or my household begins to receive more than one Lifeline Program benefit.
- I will notify FairPoint within 30 days if I no longer qualify for Lifeline support for any reason.
- I understand these notification obligations and that I may be subject to penalties if I fail to provide this notice.

4. You must certify the following statements. (You must read and *initial* all certifications below.)

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that:

- I (or my dependent or other member of my household) currently receive(s) benefits from the federal program(s) identified above or my annual household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.
- I acknowledge that my household can only receive one Lifeline Program benefit and to the best of my knowledge my household does not now receive Lifeline Program benefits.
- My household is not receiving a Lifeline Program benefit from more than one landline or wireless service provider.
- I agree not to transfer my Lifeline Program benefits to another person.
- I acknowledge that I may be required to recertify my continued eligibility at any time and failure to recertify my eligibility for the Lifeline Program as required will result in my removal from the Lifeline Program.
- I agree that FairPoint may transmit to the Administrator of the National Lifeline Accountability Database my full name, my full residential address, my date of birth, and the last four digits of my Social Security Number, the telephone number to be associated with Lifeline Program benefits, the date on which Lifeline service is begun, the date on which Lifeline Program benefits end, the amount of support sought by FairPoint and the means through which I qualify for Lifeline Program benefits. I also agree FairPoint may request from the Administrator proof of my eligibility for the Lifeline Program if I seek to transfer my Lifeline Program discount from another provider. I understand that transmission of this information is required to ensure the proper administration of the Lifeline Program. I also understand that if I refuse to have this information transmitted to the Administrator, I will be denied Lifeline Program benefits.
- FairPoint may continue to monitor my participation in the identified federal program(s) for continued eligibility for Lifeline Program benefits
- I agree to allow FairPoint to exchange any necessary information with the appropriate state or federal agency to verify my eligibility to participate in the Lifeline Program.
- All of my responses and acknowledgements provided on this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- I acknowledge that willingly making false statements or providing false or fraudulent information to obtain Lifeline Program benefits is punishable by law and can result in fines, imprisonment, de-enrollment or being barred from the program.

LIFELINE PROGRAM ELIGIBLE SERVICES

If I am qualified to receive the Lifeline Program discount, please apply my discount to:

- My FairPoint voice telephone service
Note: You cannot change your Lifeline service provider for 60 days following enrollment with FairPoint with a voice telephone Lifeline discount.

OR

- My qualified FairPoint internet service with a speed of 10/1 Mbps or higher
Note: You cannot change your Lifeline service provider for 12 months following enrollment with FairPoint with a qualified internet service Lifeline discount.
If you select this option and your internet service does not qualify for the Lifeline Program discount, the discount will be applied to your FairPoint voice telephone service.

Signature _____ Date _____

Mail your completed application and supporting documentation to:

FairPoint Communications
30 East Main Street, Westfield, NY 14787

OR

Fax your completed application and support documentation to: 877.321.3166

Questions and Answers

Q. What documents can I provide to FairPoint to prove I (or my dependent or other member of my household) receive benefits from a listed federal program?

- A. DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS.** Copies of documents which FairPoint can accept as evidence of participation in a listed federal program are:
1. A current or prior year statement of benefits from a listed program
 2. Notice letter of participation in a listed program
 3. Other official document demonstrating that you, your dependent or your household receives benefits under a listed federal program

Q. What documents can I provide to FairPoint to prove my household income is equal to or less than 135% of Federal Poverty Guidelines?

- A. DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS.** To establish that you qualify for the Lifeline program because your household income is at or below 135% less of the Federal Poverty Level, you must submit the one of the documents listed below:
1. A prior year's state or federal tax return
 2. A current income statement from employer or paycheck stub
 3. A Social Security statement of benefits
 4. A Veteran's Administration Statement of Benefits
 5. A retirement/pension statement of benefits
 6. A federal notice of participation in General Assistance
 7. A divorce decree
 8. A child support award, or
 9. Other official document containing income information.

If the documentation of your household income does not cover a full year, you must provide the same type of documentation covering three consecutive months within the previous twelve months.

You must provide proof of *all* household income (both taxable and non taxable) for you and anyone in your household that is not a dependent.

Q. What are the Federal Poverty Guidelines?

- A.** The applicable 2017 Federal Poverty Income Guidelines are:

Persons in Household	135% of Federal Poverty Levels
1	\$16,281
2	\$21,924
3	\$27,567
4	\$33,210
5	\$38,853
6	\$44,496
7	\$50,139
8	\$55,782
	\$5,643/each add'l person

This information is regularly updated by the Federal Government.

Q. How do I transfer my Lifeline Program benefit to my qualified FairPoint service if the discount is now applied to service I have with another service provider?

- A.** If you currently have your Lifeline Program benefit associated with service provided by another landline or wireless service provider and you wish to transfer that benefit to your FairPoint service, please call 1.877.524.8293 for additional information.

Q. If I have questions, what FairPoint office should I contact?

- A.** Please call 1.877.524.8293

Bill Message distributed in February 2017:

Eligible low-income FairPoint customers may qualify for a discount for residential local telephone service or internet service (at qualifying speeds) at their primary residence under the Lifeline Program. The Lifeline Program is a government benefit program. The discount consists of federal monthly support of \$9.25. Additional state support further discounting residential local telephone service may also be available in some locations. In Oklahoma, qualified FairPoint customers residing on tribal lands may be eligible to receive additional federal discounts under the Native American Lifeline and Link Up Programs. To qualify for Lifeline Program support, residential customers must receive benefits from qualified assistance programs. Alternatively, qualified customers with household income at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines may also qualify for Lifeline Program support. Lifeline Program customers with the discount applied to local telephone service may also qualify for free toll blocking to help control long-distance usage. Customers using this offering can still use pre-paid calling cards or dial-around services to place long-distance calls from their homes.

Only one Lifeline Program discount is available per household on either a wireless or wireline service. Under the Lifeline Program, a household is defined as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. The Lifeline Program benefit is non-transferable. Consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain the discount can be punished by fine or imprisonment, may be de-enrolled or can be barred from the Lifeline Program.

Doing Business With Us

APPLICATION FOR NEW TELEPHONE SERVICE, MOVES AND DISCONTINUANCES

If you are applying for new telephone service, changing existing service or have a billing question, call 1-800-400-5568. A trained service representative will assist you.

To disconnect service, dial 1-800-400-5568 or 1811. There is no charge to disconnect service. Please provide a forwarding or final bill address.

ESSENTIAL SERVICE

Essential services provided in your area complies with FCC rule 54.101. The following services or functionalities shall be supported:

- Voice grade access to the public switched network
- Local usage
- Access to emergency services
- Toll limitation for qualifying low-income customers

EMERGENCY 911

The 9-1-1 telephone number has been developed to quickly summon emergency service in a crisis situation. Callers should realize that when reporting an emergency by dialing 9-1-1, their telephone number (including non-published numbers), and the name and address associated with the telephone number, will automatically display on a viewing screen at emergency dispatch centers. This display enables the emergency agency to quickly locate the caller if the call is disrupted by the crisis and will be used only for handling and responding to the emergency.

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For additional information about enrolling in the Lifeline Program, please call Customer Service at 800-400-5568.

DO NOT CALL PROGRAM

Florida Customers

The Telephone Solicitation Act provides that consumers may register in a "DO NOT CALL" list pub-

lished by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. With certain exemptions, telemarketers are prohibited from placing a sales solicitation call to any number that appears on the Division's list or any unlisted or unpublished telephone number.

For information, please contact:

Division of Consumer Services

Mayo Building, 2nd Floor

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0800

Or call: 1-800-435-7352

(Note: Additional information found on www.fldnc.com.)

ABOUT THE DIRECTORY

Errors in directory listings

We make every effort to have listings absolutely correct. It will help us if you will check your own listings and advertising. If incorrect, notify customer service at once, so that we may adjust our records for the next issue and meanwhile protect your service. Our company and the publishers of this directory are not liable for damages arising from errors or omissions in listings. Its liability in the case of paid listings shall not exceed the charge for such listings during the life of this directory.

RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Tariffs, rate schedules, and other terms and conditions related to FairPoint Communications' services can be found by visiting the Legal and Regulatory section of the FairPoint.com website.

CHECK FEES

There will be an additional charge if a customer's check is returned by a bank or financial institution. A charge will not apply if the check is returned in error by the bank or financial institution.

SEASONAL SERVICE

Upon request, FairPoint will seasonally disconnect your telephone service if you have had a minimum of six months service with us. A seasonal disconnection must last a minimum of one month but no longer than six months and becomes effective on the first of the

month following the request. During this time, the monthly rate is one half the local basic service charges plus leased equipment charges, if applicable. Leased equipment will be left in place and the telephone directory listing continued. Callers dialing the seasonally disconnected number or requesting directory assistance will hear a recording saying the number is no longer in service.

To reconnect service, no connection charges apply but as much advance notice as possible is requested. To reconnect seasonal service, please call us toll free at 800-400-5568.

DEPOSIT RULES

You may be required to pay a security deposit. The decision to charge you a deposit may be based only on your credit history. The deposit plus interest will be returned by check after the retention period when the customer has demonstrated a pattern of timely payments.

Telephone Customer Rights and Responsibilities

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When applying for new service you may save time by having the following information available:

- Name of one responsible party
- Listing information (primary and additional)
- Social Security Number
- Driver's License Number
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- Which long distance carriers you will be using
- Which custom calling features you want

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 Mayo Building, 2nd Floor
 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0800
 Or call: 1-800-435-7352

(Note: Additional information found on www.fldnc.com.)

Georgia Customers

Georgia residential customers who want to avoid calls from telephone solicitors can register with the Georgia Public Service Commission to be placed on the "Georgia Do Not Call List." With certain limitations, solicitors are prohibited from placing calls to any number that appears on this list. Business numbers may be included on the list. The Governor's Office of Consumer Affairs is responsible for enforcing this law.

For information, please contact:
 Governor's Office of Consumer Affairs
 244 Washington Street, SW
 Atlanta GA, 30334
 (800) 282-5813
 (404) 656-4501

Additional information found on www.ganocall.com.

Tedders celebrate



years of marriage



Janice and Jack Tedder, now and then



Remarkable.

That word kept surfacing during the celebration of Jack and Janice (Jackson) Tedder's 55th wedding anniversary.

The two were married Oct. 15, 1961, in New Home Baptist Church in Perry.

Both Taylor County natives, they admit they had known each other "forever."

"We were in school here together and sort of neighbors," said Jack.

"About a mile and a half away, kind of neighbors," Janice added.

When their golden anniversary rolled around, there were family issues which prevented a celebration but nothing stood in the way of making their 55th memorable.

"It was wonderful to have our family around us," Janice added.

Jack is a familiar face around the community, having served as tax collector for Taylor County for 32 years. Janice also established friendships and contacts by working first with Procter & Gamble, then with Buckeye Cellulose and finally with Foley Timber and Lands.

The two are parents of three sons: Michael; Kent (and wife Denise, children Jennifer, Kenton and Emma); and Wayne (wife, Liz, and children, Sierra, Bella and Ginny). All were present for the 55th anniversary celebration.

Remarkable.

Breakfast With Santa ...only a few slots remain for Saturday's breakfast

Have you registered for Breakfast with Santa? Breakfast with Santa is this Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Perry Elks Lodge.

Tickets will not be available at the door. Registration is only \$5 per child and up to two adults are free. (Organizers recommend that every person, child and adult, bring a canned good, or non-perishable item of some kind, to be donated to a local food bank.)

Registration will remain open at Buckeye Community Federal Credit Union until all 300 "child" spots are full. If you aren't able to get to the bank during business hours, you may register online at www.MissionsPurpose.com 24 hours a day. An event countdown clock and time closures are available on that same page website and at www.Facebook.com/SantaElks.

"Currently, 8:40, 9:00, 9:40, and 10 a.m. are closed and more are closing daily," said Deidra Newman. "If you know of families that cannot afford to pay the registration fee, there are limited number of sponsorships available."

Volunteers, age 14 and up, are needed today through Saturday. School and Bright Future Community service hours will be given for the volunteer hours, Newman said. She may be contacted by phone or texts at 850-843-7432.

All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.



The Tedders' 50th anniversary passed with little fanfare, but when the 55th occasion arrived, the whole family gathered including the couple's three sons Michael, Kent (with wife Denise, children Jennifer, Kenton and Emma), and Wayne (with wife Liz, children Sierra, Bella and Ginny).

Bones peak at age 30 don't ignore screenings for health, independence

By SUSAN H. LINCOLN
Managing Editor

If you've dodged a bone density exam and convinced yourself you don't really need one, then Kim Carlton would suggest that you sit just a minute while she explains its importance.

Carlton, a registered radiologic technologist at Doctors' Memorial Hospital (DMH), was the guest speaker for the

or lungs, urinary tract infections, pneumonia or even bedsores.

But Carlton wants you to focus, instead, on the advantages of having a bone density screening. "The exam only takes about 10 minutes to complete, and is usually ordered by your doctor every two years."

Screenings, Carlton said, can determine if there are signs of osteoporosis in its absorption) are recommended." She reminds that dosages and changes need to be cleared by an individual's doctor.

Carlton listed the medical conditions which are associated with osteoporosis: type 1 diabetes, hyperthyroidism, multiple sclerosis, celiac disease and rheumatoid arthritis. She also noted that postmenopausal women are at higher risk as are any men or women who take corticosteroids, thyroid replacement medicines, anti-seizure medications, undergo hormone therapy, use medicines to control diabetes or birth control for extended time periods. "These draw calcium out of the bones and it isn't replaced unless you replace it," she emphasized.

To keep your bones healthy, Carlton recommended eating well-balanced meals (including nuts, beans, whole grains) and avoiding highly processed foods. Exercise, too, she said, was very important. "Weight-bearing exercise puts stress on the bones which area attached to the muscles that help stimulate the bones to rebuild themselves.

"It's a good idea to start a whole body routine—to start slow, but to stay with it," she said. And, again, she emphasized: "Always talk to your doctor before making any radical changes."

Carlton was accompanied by Daniel Huffmaster who reiterated DMH's mission to make Taylor County healthier.

"A test like this can help you reduce your risk of fractures, and maintain your quality of life," Huffmaster said.

Carlton is a registered radiologic technologist at Doctors' Memorial Hospital, speaking recently to the Women's Club.



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November meeting of the Perry Women's Club.

She has statistics, facts and charts to share with you.

"Bone peak is reached at the age of 30 and then bone mass begins to decline," Carlton explained. "As bone minerals are lost, the heaviness and structure of the body weakens the bone and increases its risk of breaking."

But early screenings can determine problems and lead to intervention. "Calcium is essential for building bone tissue, so supplements of calcium as well as Vitamin D (which



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WEATHER

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Dollywood, the theme park named after country music legend and local hero Dolly Parton. But the attraction was spared any significant damage.

The fires spread quickly on Monday night, when winds topped 87 mph whipped up the flames, catching residents and tourists in the Gatlinburg area by surprise. Police banged on front doors and told people to get out immediately. Some trekked 20 minutes to catch lifesaving rides on trolleys usually reserved for tours and wedding parties.

"There was fire everywhere. It was like we were in hell. Hell opened up," said Linda Monholland,

who was working at Park View Inn in Gatlinburg when she and five other people fled on foot. "Walking through hell, that's what it was. I can't believe it. I never want to see something like that again in my life, ever."

In all, more than 14,000 residents and tourists were forced to evacuate the tourist city in the mountains, where some hotspots persisted and a curfew was planned for Tuesday night.

No details on the deaths were immediately available. More than a dozen people were injured.

The winds calmed and rain fell on some of the fires early Tuesday, but officials were worried that fire could spread again by evening, with forecasts calling for winds up to 60 mph.

Gatlinburg Fire Chief Greg Miller said officials

were still conducting search-and-rescue missions.

"We have not been able to get in all of the areas," Miller said. "We pray that we don't experience any more fatalities, but there are still areas that we are trying to get to" because of downed trees and power lines.

Photos of the Gatlinburg area showed scorched cars and buildings and soot-covered debris scattered across roads. A smoky haze hung in the air, obscuring picturesque fall views of the mountains awash in red, yellow and gold leaves. Though wildfires have been burning for several weeks across the drought-stricken South, Monday marked the first time any homes and businesses were destroyed on a large scale.

The wildfires spread when winds blew

trees onto power lines, sparking new fires and shooting embers over long distances. Hundreds of homes and other buildings, including a 10-story hotel, were damaged or destroyed, he said.

Emergency officials ordered evacuations in downtown Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge and in other areas of Sevier County near the Great Smoky Mountains.

About 1,200 people took shelter at the Gatlinburg Community Center and the Rocky Top Sports Park, an 80-acre sports facility-turned-shelter.

Tommy Dillon had just come home from work when police banged on her door around 9:30 p.m. Monday. She said she drove through a fiery scene to get to Rocky Top Sports World, where she spent the night in a car.

CITY HALL

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meeting chambers. "I expect to see a public process," he said.

Commissioners Billy Rader and Kenneth Brown said they were waiting for more information before weighing in. In particular, they would like to see more information about what the savings would be.

"I can see the pros and cons," Rader said. "It would be a cost savings, but at times the staff needs to have it readily accessible."

An reliable estimate on how much the city would save by eliminating a meeting room was not available. Several commissioners gave a ballpark figure of

"at least a million dollars," noting modern meeting spaces include audio equipment, video equipment and other technology in addition to the furnishings.

The city closed on the Trustmark Building, a \$5.5 million purchase, on Monday.

At 60,000 square feet, it's more than double the size of the current City Hall and exceeds the \$7,500-square-foot rec recommendation put forth by consultants. The move addresses both space needs and clears the way for the main redevelopment.

More information and more discussions are expected when the commission receives the general specs for the design build in the near future.

VAGRANCY

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"It's been more pronounced in the last couple of months," said Fain Wynn, owner of the Downtown Consignment Gallery, who films alleged vagrants and posts the clips to YouTube. "People don't want to talk about it because they don't want to come across as insensitive and heartless ... but it's a big issue."

Wynn said his own mother doesn't like to come to the area because she is worried about being approached by panhandlers. Other store owners said people will come in "covering their nose and mouth" because of the smell and said their customers "grape" about the vagrancy.

All of them were quick to make a distinction. They aren't talking about "the homeless," which to them means someone who is out of work, down on their luck and trying to get back on their feet. They are talking about "the vagrants," people who might be drawing a disability check but spending it on alcohol instead of housing, or who have a home but continue

to panhandle, or who are simply disrespectful and refuse to seek help.

"They sit in the park and drink all day," said Clay Keels, who owns Signature Wedding and Events near McKenzie Park, one of the hotbeds for vagrancy. "There should be programs to help them. I do think they need help ... a better life."

Right now, though, Keels said he thinks the status quo — "feelings" at McKenzie, the proximity of the Panama City Rescue Mission and Greyhound bus station, and current policing — is "sustaining that lifestyle."

In response to the perceived uptick, which the police department did not have numbers to verify, Panama City Police Capt. Mark Laramore said the department plans to increase police presence in the area. "We can clean up the downtown," Laramore said. But "we have to do a lot more than we have been."

The police department has not been intentionally neglecting the area, he said, but there is only a "certain amount of resources." Calls for service such as domestic abuse, traffic accidents

and other emergencies have to take precedence. During the budget season, Police Chief Scott Ervin asked the commission to approve funding for 10 more police officers, but that was shot down in favor of other expenses. Without the extra manpower, the department has shifted schedules to create both a day and a night shift to cover the area and is adding more overtime hours.

The policy for handling encounters with the homeless is for officers to offer assistance where they can, such as calling the United Way 211 helpline or arranging for mental health treatment, but when the individual is a "frequent flyer" or is actively breaking city ordinances — and there is an ordinance against panhandling — or Florida statutes, police make an arrest.

"We go out and we have a duty to perform," Laramore said. "We can't let it go unchecked."

Commissioner John Kady, who represents the downtown, said the issue is not new, nor is it exclusive to certain areas of Panama City. People panhandle wherever there is a high concentration of

people, including Pier Park in Panama City Beach, he said.

He said with more policing, it will get better.

"It's a matter of what the community is willing to tolerate," he said.

The city has been working on the issue for years. In 2011, Mayor Greg Brudnick made cleaning up the downtown a key part of his campaign. City officials passed the panhandling ordinance and tried to stop the "feelings" at McKenzie Park by requiring churches and nonprofits to get a permit.

Instead, the charitable groups found a new home in the parking lot at Carroll McCauley's law offices. McCauley's allows it because people are doing it out of the "goodness of their hearts" and "it doesn't encourage vagrancy. That's so silly. Feeding them does not create them," said Crystal McCauley, who works at the office.

In 2012, there was a failed push to move the



Officer Don Thomson investigates a vandalism incident Tuesday on Harrison Avenue. Police presence is set to increase the area around Harrison Avenue. PHOTO BY BLAKE/ THE NEWS HERALD

Rescue Mission farther from the central business district. That didn't happen, but in the past year, the Rescue Mission made a series of changes to focus on recovery, instead of enabling, that many business owners and community leaders say has helped.

To continue those efforts, Laramore said it

will take the help of the public.

"Immediately when you see those issues, call us so we can address it," he said. "The only way we are going to clean this problem up is to get them in front of a judge and get some sentences."

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Education

Straughn Elementary School 1st 9 weeks honor roll

FIRST GRADE ALL A'S

Baker, Johnathan David
Best, Bryden Michael
Beverly, Bryson Caden
Bozeman, Matthew Gage
Bozeman, Sabyn Austin
Brooks, Annaleigh Cathryn
Bush, Gavin Matthew
Byrd, Jose Antonio
Canant, Dasha Nelson
Carroll, Levi Shane
Chavers, Hartley Duchan-son

Second Grade ABA's

Cobb, Annice Elizabeth
Davis, Jesse James
Duhose, Isabella Taryn
Gerdagan, Sophie Madison
Grissett, Eli Jay
Harrison, Andrew Thomas
Harrison, Evan Craig
Harrison, Jada Lynn
Hart, Cali Marie
Henderson, Brooklyn Elisha
Hart, Samuel Paul
Jackson, Jayden Alexander
Kedley, Aysden Kyle
Kedley, Aysden Kyle
Lankford, Jacob Elijah
Loach, Joel Eric Jr.
Leonard, Benton Parker
McCrory, Blakely Blair
McDaniel, Maggie Claire
Moreno, Jason Taylor
Morrow, Phoenix Jevon
Pate, Dhillan Nifesh
Penn, Mason Lamar
Pettus, Sophie Annette
Ranta, Katelyn McKenzie
Richards, Annika Janice
Robbins, Anasara Marie
Robbins, Deanna Denise
Rodgers, Terry Isaac
Rolling, Abigail Rosalie
Sasser, Cooper Reed
Saw, Jordan Michael
Stanglin, Kyle Addison
Till, Avery Bryant
Tucker, Allison Goye
Vondetti, Bradyn Joseph
Wagoner, Kenzie Kade
Morgan Walker, Brandon Josiah
Ward, Layla Jade
Watson, Tate Michael
Wise, Annice Catherine
Wysocki, Cassie Jaymes

FIRST GRADE A+B

Biggs, Braden Austin
Blackburn, Khloe Maddison
Blackwell, Aaron Parker
Bowen, Miley Elisabeth
Carter, Princeton Tyrel
Chance, Brodie Cline
Cobb, Kameron Tyler
Cowan, Jady Brianna
Cumber, Ansey Meredith
Frye, Bryden Evans
Harrison, Bryson Garrett
Hooks, Leslie Nichole
Johnson, Danley Alexis
Johnson, Parker Reed
Kedley, Kayden Cole
Klypatrick, Addison Lynn
McGinnis, Alexis Danielle
McVay, Hunter Joseph
Rhsdy, Kenzie Leighanne
Sargent, Alexa Lynn

Second Grade ABA's

Anderson, Jacob William
Blocker, Savannah Lee
Bluhan, Emily Grace
Bolling, Kaitleigh Brooke
Burgans, Ryan Lee
Candley, Katelyn Mary-Anne
Clinton, Anna Lynn
Coleman, Ashley Leann
Dey, Malachi Ethan
Driver, Abby Mae
Dunn, Ashlyn Addaide
Elmore, Braden Parker
Fore, Abigail McKen
Gilson, Lanni Grace
Godwin, Anna Claire
Gregg, Aslan Geovonnice
Hammett, Mary-Grace
Hancock, Greyson Leigh
Harris, Kierstin Brody
Helton, Destani Noel
Holland, Hunter Daniel
Ison, Cameron James
James, Virginia Shelby
Jernigan, Megan Marie
Johnson, Kadya Helaina
Kine, Catherine Ann
Lunsford, Khiley Lauren
McKinney, Cooper Mason
Mocrey, Dile Camille
Palmer, Dalton Karter
Phipps, Richard Luke
Powell, Emalyn Gentry
Prescott, Luke Taylor
Scott, Austin Marie
Segmiller, Christopher
Ryan II
Sherry Kinsley Michelle
Smith, Blakely Jane
Stephens, Ryan Davis
Taylor, Ashton Elizabeth
Wallace, Ansoe Isabella
White, Mikah Kaitzell
Wood, Lauren Amelia
Worky, Amelia Lynn
Worky, Daniel Orlu

SECOND GRADE A+B

Berry, Andrew Dewayne
Borham, Mychael Brynden
Brooks, Emma Isabella
Cain, Lori Ann
Canant, Christopher Brady
Cleland, Charlen Abigail
Dodd, Betsy Savannah
Gay, Olivia Catherine
Griggs, Olivia Clair
Harrison, Owen Anthony
Henderson, Adriaana Fox
Hudson, Cryssa Brynn
Joyner, Aslan Jarrett
Keboe, Richard Riley
Land, Lucas Price
Lankford, Lowell Edward II
Mack, Evely Allyn
Myers, Jacob Malachi
O'Neill, Nathaniel Thomas
Presley, Brianna Tegan
Ray, Evan Laxon
Robbins, Alexandria Sheree
Rodgers, Kyleigh Wayna
Sony, Austin Brian
Stuckey, Jeweelah Teana

THIRD GRADE ALL A

Bowling, Kendryk Drake
Boyington, Brinam
Addiegh Lynn
Brown, Kyle Marie
Gilley, Kaden Daniel
Gundrum, Emma-Lough
Kathryn
Hatcher, Jaina Leann
Holmes, Michael Rex
Lindsey, Andrey Blair
McBride, Hunter Rylan
McMath, John Isaac
McVay, Callie Ann
Nall, Braligh Alise
Pate, Krish Manish
Raley, Josiah Oulton Lee
Samuel, Bryson DeShawn
Scay, Greyson Will
Smith, Lacton Reel
Stanglin, Carter Raylan

THIRD GRADE A+B

Albright, Nathan Emerson
Baity, Landon Ebanie
Bracewell, Bradyn Ladd
Byrd, Addison Oreste
Carpenter, Damien Edrick
Carroll, Emily Nicole
Davis, Malloy Rosee
Fulker, Tristan Joseph
Girior, Jordan Smith
Jordan, Charles Wayne
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Lawson, Maryah Montana
Chandee
Mangham, Katie Detila
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Patterson, Demi Franklin
Riley, Carlie Jewel
Saxley, Rylee Grace
Short, Maggie Elizabeth
Smith, David Ogden
Smith, Tess Elizabeth
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FOURTH GRADE ALL A'S

Bates, Presley Hampton
Bishop, Jackson Parsching
Burb, Emiley Faith
Canant, Noah Elliott
Douglas, John Orrin
Ferguson, Drew Sadler
Goodman, Hallea Rea
Grimes, Lanna Leigh
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Joyner, Alexander Cole
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Stacy, Ashleigh Kaye
Thiel, Anton My At
VanDerryt, Raley Christine

FOURTH GRADE A+B

Adams, Taylor Adriene
Brist, Korban Asher
Castleberry, McKenzie Leigh
Cunley, Kolton David

THIRD GRADE ALL A

Chatham, Tyler Mason
Cobb, Zoe Crawford, Kevin
Lee
Driver, Joseph Webb
Gay, Clark Hunter
Henderson, Ethan Carter
Mooney, Molly Katherine
Morris, Sydney James
Nelson, Emily Grace
Newman, Abigail Christian
Newman, Nathaniel Chance
Newman, Zaden River
Odom, Reagan Treasa
Peacock, Mycail Zeyden
Raley, Cameron Axel
Robbins, Dallas Fan
Rolling, Marli Anne
Smith, Chad Avery
Wagoner, KayLynn Jo
Morgan

FIFTH GRADE ALL A

Barnes, Grant Wesley
Byrd, Emily Jade
Cobb, Ryan Nathanael
Evans, Alyiah La'Mor'a
Golden, Timberly ShyAnn
Hall, Ora Knox
Holcomb, Madison Bailey
Holcomb, McKenzie Anne
Jordan, Michael Brodey
Kane, Christian Peter
Pugh, Emma Claire
Richards, Adison Rena
Sikes, Taylor Andrew
Teel, Ashton Reed
Toney, Brianna Anya
Wiggins, Kaden Andrew
Wysocki, Cora Elizabeth

FIFTH GRADE A+B

Bast, Wilson Bruce
Black, Parker Alexander
Blair, Hayden Chadwick
Byrd, Savannah Danielle
Centner, Paris Nicole
Cline, Christian Wesley
Cowan, William Terry
Driver, Anna Lauren
Gay, Jared Parker
Girior, Kaden William
Guilford, Michael Eli
Harris, Kaden Brock
Holcomb, McKenzie Anne
Jackson, Christian Ward
Messer, Emma RaeAnn

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Liberty County High School students are shown above. Altha High School seniors are pictured below left. The group from Blountstown High School is shown below at right.

Local students take part in Senior Day at Chipola College



More than 1,000 area high school seniors attended Chipola College's annual Senior Day hosted by the Student Ambassadors. Pictured are LCHS, Altha, and BHS Seniors. Students from Calhoun, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty and Washington counties enjoyed performances by the Chipola cheerleaders, men's and women's basketball teams, show choir and theater. Seniors were treated to lunch after touring the campus.



Chipola Brain Bowl team wins Delta Burke Tournament for the seventh time

MARIANNA—The Chipola College brain bowl team captured its seventh Delta Burke title Nov. 12 at Valencia College in Orlando.

The Chipola team finished the preliminary rounds with a 5-0 record, and

swept the championship bracket on Saturday with a 10-0 overall record to claim the title. Chipola last won the Delta Burke in 2013. State College Manatee won in 2015 and New College won in 2014. Delta Burke is among the largest community college tournaments of the Fall season. This year's field consisted of 24 teams from Florida and some from Alabama.

Chipola's A team—Katie Everett, Hunter Davis, Turner McCroan and Alex Tharp—finished the tournament averaging 411 points per game, and 20 points per bonus, the highest averages for a Chipola team since the Paul Kelson led team in 2013. Turner McCroan and Hunter Davis finished 9th and 11th respectively



The Chipola College brain bowl team captured its seventh Delta Burke title Nov. 12 at Valencia College in Orlando. Brain Bowl team members are, from left: Payton Berkly, Daniel Lewis, Donovan Ebersole, Michael Young, Katie Everett, Mason Young, Hunter Davis, Alex Tharp, Carolyn McInnis and Turner McCroan.

in individual scoring.

Chipola's B team—Michael Young, Donovan Ebersole and Daniel Lewis also had a good showing finishing 5-5. Michael Young finished 17th in individual scoring.

Chipola's C team—Jonce Palmer, Sierra Ennis and Colby Hargrove also finished 5-5. Jonce Palmer finished 15th in individual scoring and Sierra

Ennis finished 18th overall.

The Chipola team has completed its fall season, winning the Florida Gateway Open, the Erik Korray Open, and the Delta Burke. The team will next compete in January at the NAQT Sectional hosted by Chipola.

Stats to the tournament: <http://www.hsquizbowl.org/delta/burketournaments/4071/stats/combined/>.

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Cast announced for Chipola's 'Hello Dolly'

MARIANNA—Chipola College Theater director Charles Simon recently cast local actors in the hit musical, "Hello Dolly," which opens a five-day run, Feb. 22.

The cast includes: Gabriela Merz as Mrs. Dolly Levi, Darby Benjamin as Ernestina, Destin Dawson as Ambrose Kemper, Keith Watford as Horace Vandergelder, Sarah Liffick as Ermengarde, Zac West as Cornelius Hackl, Saylor Novonglosky as Barnaby Tucker, Grace Wallace as Mimmie Fay, Dianna Floyd as Irene Malloy, Ashleigh Braswell as

Mrs. Rose, Colton Day as Rudolph Reichenweber, Anthony Severson as Stanley.

The ensemble includes: Karissa Mercer, Oliva Wester, Sarah Beth Yoder, Madyson Hendrix, Angela Jones, Jamie Gibson, Karen Redman, Nicole Morse, Caroline King, Stephanie King, Jennifer Bernier, Elizabeth Bennett, Stephanie Mitchell, Grace Rosson, Cheyenne Cobart, Kathryn Cannady, Sydney Jansen, Bethany Schneider, Jamie Sory, Venus Boyd, Jaylyn Palmer, Calen Masai, Victoria Kanesm, Jill Berquist,

Hannah Ahlstedt and Breccama Bennett.

The children's ensemble includes: Victoria Kanes, Anna Barber, Emilyann Raoulboc, Kodibeth Bates, Alec Griffin, Catherine Lewis, Addison Hussey, Madelin Garcia, Emily Rezek, Willa Wester, Chandler King, Alana Kerr and Keegan Bernier.

Chipola's adaptation of the 1964 Tony Award-winner for Best Musical tells the story of Dolly Levi, a New York City matchmaker who merrily arranges things like furniture and daffodils and lives a widow, she has found herself in love with a "half-a-millionaire" merchant named Horace Vandergelder. She weaves a web of romantic complications involving him, his two clerks, a pretty milliner and her assistant. Eventually, all is sorted out, and everyone ends up with the right person.

Tickets go on sale Feb. 8. Visit the Chipola Theatre page at www.facebook.com or www.chipola.edu/theatre to find out more.

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Homecoming King and Queen Candidates
 Left to right: Seth Abbey, Jaylon Hall, Johnny Sewell, Hunter Young, Andra Hill, Gail: Abbie Edenfeld, Aliska Lynn, Morgan Jones, Emory Register and April Lynn



Homecoming Prince and Princess Candidates
 Left to right: Levi Kamholz, Dallas Jones, Matthew Kestly, Girls: Alex Miles, Faith Harloway and Grace Brown



The Alpha School Homecoming Court was announced last week in anticipation of the big homecoming events starting on December 6th with Coronation of the King and Queen. The Homecoming game and parade will be on December 9th.
 1st Grade Athlete
 Girl: Ashlyn Wrenner
 Boy: Kozee Graham



Homecoming 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th, 11th Grade Athletes
 6th grade: Mya Morgan and Jagger Walker; 7th grade: Hailey Goodwin and Garrett Martin; 9th grade: Bailey Miller and Kaiti Bodford; 10th grade: Katelyn McClure and Timothy Griffin; 11th grade: Stephanie Harris and Max Scott

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THOMAS EDWARD GREEN

DELLWOOD - Thomas Edward Green, 63, of Dellwood, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2016, at Jackson Hospital in Marianna after a courageous fight against cancer. He was a loving husband, father, and Papa. His smile and sweet laughter was contagious. He never met a stranger and always strove to make anyone he met feel welcome and loved while in his presence. He will be sorely missed by all. Papa was our protector... our provider... our hero. Most of all, though, he was a true child of Christ whose light will continue to shine on the ones he's left behind.

Born on Dec. 14, 1952, in Jackson County to C.H. (Peggy) and Lena Green, he grew up on his family's farm in Dellwood, where he spent many hours working hard and playing just as hard with his seven brothers. He graduated from Greenwood High School in 1970 and married his sweetheart, Dianne Simpson, later that same year. He attended Chipola College, Florida State University, Florida A&M University, and then retired from the Florida Department of Transportation after 35 years of service as a Professional Civil Engineer.

He loved sports, particularly if any one of his five grandchildren were involved. He spent countless hours traveling to and from games, watching his grandchildren play basketball, baseball and volleyball.

He was a member of Welcome of Assembly of God Church in Dellwood, where he served in many capacities over the years including Sunday School Teacher, Men's Fellowship President, Royal Ranger Leader, Missions Team Leader, and Deacon. It was evident that he loved Jesus, and he loved to share the love of Christ with his many acquaintances.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Byron and Jimmy; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Falcon and Edna Simpson.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Dianne Simpson Green; two daughters, Kimberly Green Smith and Haley-Marie Green; five brothers, Wayne (Christie), Allen (Kay), Terry, Lynn and Mark (Melody); and five grandchildren, Aaron Green, MacKenzie May, Kade Chatwood, Madison Smith and Cain Smith. He is also survived by his faithful and loving dog, Green.

Services were held Saturday, Nov. 26 at 2 p.m. at Welcome Assembly of God Church, Dellwood Community, with Reverend Charles Jackson and Reverend Joe Jackson officiating. Interment followed in Cypress Grove Assembly of God Cemetery in the Dellwood Community.

James & Sikes Funeral Home Madкок Chapel of Marianna was in charge of the arrangements.

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MARCIA LAQUITA "SKEET" SHULER

BRISTOL - Marcia Laquita "Skeet" Shuler, 83, of Bristol, passed away Thursday, Nov. 24, 2016.

She was a native and lifelong resident of Liberty County. She made her career as an educator and retired from the Liberty County School system where she served as a teacher and Superintendent of Schools. In addition to her work as an educator, Skeet had a multitude of talents and skills. She was a beautician, florist, seamstress, avid crafter, and an all-around jack of all trades. She loved her community and church, but most of all she loved her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Colonel David and Sarah Eliza Loree Faircloth, and her husband of 55 years, O. B. Shuler.

Survivors include one sister, Faye Eubanks and her family. Skeet has four daughters - Bess Shuler Revell (Matt), Lynn Shuler Guthrie (Ben), Nancy Shuler Dillmore (Joe), and Ladell Shuler Holland. She has ten grandchildren - Brooke, Monte and Amber Revell; Cade, Torren (and wife Caroline) and Korce Guthrie; Brice and Ciara Dillmore; Brody and Brock Holland. Her family was her first priority and Skeet has always thought her grandchildren were just that... GRAND!

Services were held Saturday, Nov. 26 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Bristol. Interment followed at Bristol City Cemetery.

Bess Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences may be made at bessfh.com.

PEGGY LYNNE MARTIN

BLOUNTSTOWN - Peggy Lynne Martin, 60, of Blountstown, passed away Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016 in Dothan, AL. She was born on Sept. 26, 1956 in Brockton, MA and had lived in Blountstown for the past 25 years. She had worked as a CNA for a number of years.

Survivors include two daughters, Cheryl Story and her husband, Jason of Dothan, AL and Corrie Allen of Blountstown, one brother, David Wheeler of Massachusetts; four grandchildren; and her former husband, Rex Martin of Blountstown.

No services are planned at this time. Memorialization will be by cremation.

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A few facts about Christmas Trees

One of the most recognizable symbols of the holiday season, Christmas trees can be seen in private homes, public spaces and many prominent locations beginning each December. Christmas trees come in all shapes and sizes, and families may prefer certain types of trees, including aromas, needle types and fullness. Christmas trees have a diverse history. The following are some facts about Christmas trees that holiday celebrants may or may not be familiar with.

- Many harvested Christmas trees do not grow in the wild, but are raised on farms. Christmas trees are an agricultural product.
- Roughly one million acres are dedicated to tree farming.
- Approximately 25 to 30 million real Christmas trees are sold in the United States every year.
- The top Christmas tree-producing states are Oregon, North Carolina, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Washington.
- It can take as many as 15 years for a tree to grow to the typical height required of a Christmas tree.
- Every state in the United States grows Christmas trees.
- Germans are credited with bringing the first Christmas trees into the home and decorating them in the spirit of Christmas. The first recorded reference to the Christmas tree dates back to the 16th century.
- Tree farms are beneficial to the environment because they reduce the amount of carbon dioxide in the air and help counter global warming.
- The most common Christmas tree species are balsam fir, Douglas-fir, Fraser fir, noble fir, Scotch pine, Virginia pine and white pine.
- Christmas trees can be recycled into mulch.



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Recovery from West Nile Virus is long

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Yvonne said she was told she spent six days in the ICU, but she does not remember any of that time.

"My daughter said she was holding my hand and I was out of my head, but thankfully I do not remember any of that. They told me because I am in such good shape is probably why I made it through. I am the healthiest person I know — I exercise daily, don't smoke, don't drink — and I have been around mosquitoes in other places we have lived all my life and never had

a problem. But they called my family together, from here and my son in Atlanta and I have a daughter in California, because they thought I was not going to make it."

After the ICU, she spent nine weeks on her back in the hospital.

"That has left me very weak. My left arm and left leg are the worst. I came home about six weeks ago in a wheelchair, of course, but I am determined to walk on my own again. My poor husband has had to take care of me totally, like lifting me and doing everything. But I have

been working with a physical therapist and an occupational therapist a few times a week and they say I am making great progress, even better than expected. So now I can lift myself into bed and am even walking with a walker this week."

She said she is determined to walk on her own before too long.

"I believe exercise and working with the therapists and the thousands of prayers will get me on my feet again," she said. "We have a small farm and we have rental houses and I am used to working with my husband, who

is retired, on all of those. And I am also used to running this house and cooking and doing everything in the house. It is difficult to have to watch your husband have to do everything and not be able to help. But he has been such a good caregiver, and so patient and helpful."

She said she realizes most people don't get what she has simply from a mosquito bite, and from West Nile Virus.

"They don't know why one percent of us get this from the virus, but I have to keep working hard so I can get back to my normal. And I will."

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Bell displeased with mayor's public letter

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tried to claim private property is a public beach," Bell said. "The courts have twice rejected that effort." He added, "The city has appealed the recent court's decisions and has threatened to take this private property by eminent domain. To try to end this senseless, endless dispute, I initiated pre-mediation settlement discussion with the city."

Bell continued, describing his displeasure with how the circumstances evolved from there, stating "As is customary, I expected those discussions to be confidential. So I was very displeased when Danheisser chose to publicize his Oct. 18 letter." He added, "Though filled with misstatements, I will not dignify that letter with a direct response."

Bell chose instead to enlighten the PNU correspondent on the actions of the City of Gulf Breeze, the history of the courts' rulings and the ultimate necessitation of filing suit against the city in this matter. "In what is called the Pollack decision, the courts made it clear to the city that there is no public beach here," Bell said. "And, intending to assure the city would thereafter respect these citizens' private property rights, the courts further enjoined and restrained [the city] from pretending, claiming or asserting any right, title or interest in, claim to this land as a public beach or park."

Bell added, "The city chose to ignore the courts' 'no public beach' and 'do not make any such claim' rulings." He explained that the city directly violated the court orders when it invited the public onto the Reese's and Pe-

ters' private property by way of signs erected on the unimproved portion of Catawba St. that read "Public Beach Access." He stated the access point was also posted on the city's website and that the city further refused to direct its law enforcement officers to protect the property from trespassers.

"For many years, my clients earnestly tried to get their city to obey the law from the Pollack decision," Bell said.

Bell mentioned that not only are the plaintiffs backed by the court rulings, but the legal opinions of two separate experts have also been obtained with the city's acknowledgment.

"As a last ditch effort before filing suit, I suggested to the city that both sides obtain expert legal opinions on the issues the city had raised as justifications for its actions," said Bell. "These two expert legal opinions mirrored each other and echoed what I had been telling the city was the law — the property at issue is private property not a public beach, and the city's actions violated the Pollack decision's order prohibiting any claim it was a public beach."

Bell concluded that the city's actions necessitated the lawsuit filed by the plaintiffs in 2013. Bell said, "Given the plain language of the Pollack decision and the expert confirmations that this is private property, I naively believed the city would finally agree to follow the law. I was wrong! Suit had to be filed again to have the courts decide the issue again."

Bell explained that once again the court decided in favor of the landowners, and that Santa Rosa County Circuit Judge John F. Si-

mon, Jr. concurred that the litigation was necessitated by the city's actions. Bell said, "Judge Simon wrote after a three-day trial and reiterated in his later award of fees to my clients, 'If the city would simply have recognized the 1962 deed and the rights it conveyed to the landowners from the outset, the decades of litigation and expenses associated therewith would never have come to pass.'" He added, "Simply put, this litigation has been necessitated only because the city's refusal to respect the law and protect these citizens' private property rights."

Bell said all things considered, he approached the city in an effort to "finally settle this unfortunate litigation."

"With a complete vindication of these citizens' rights, the

repudiation of the city's actions and the pending fee award, I approached the city to see if it would be interested in a confidential mediation," Bell said. "My clients simply want their city to honor and protect their private property rights and to reimburse them for the legal fees the city needlessly forced them to incur."

Bell concluded stating, "This should not be too much for these honorable, law-abiding citizens who had no choice but to again have the courts tell the City of Gulf Breeze to respect private property rights and to obey court orders. Dr. Reese has served the city well for many years, and Marine Lt. Col. Pete Peters, a decorated Vietnam Veteran, put his life on the line numerous times to defend the rights at issue. The city should finally agree to fully respect those rights!"

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This tree entitled "Iris Annie" was created by Christine Knight of Apalachicola as a tribute to the late Hollis Vall of St. James. Knight wrote, "This special tree was inspired by the spirit of one of Apalachicola's most beloved women, Hollis Vall. Her joy, her style and her warmth will forever be remembered by those who knew her."

TOWN

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Adelea Colston, Shirley Richardson, Bonnie Ison and Kathy Rushmore - so that each could be presented an age-specific book as part of the Bring Me a Book Franklin.

Apalachicola Chamber of Commerce Director said he and his volunteer staff ran out of hot dogs, as the crowd gathered and lingered.

Many took advantage of free trolley rides from the newly introduced Main Street trolley, that took them around to shops and sites throughout downtown.

Apalachicola Mayor Van Johnson flipped the switch on the gigantic "tree" that features

an array of lights on a shrimp net, in the shape of a tree, in Riverfront Park.

Not all of the fun last Friday was in Riverfront Park. Although Black Friday, as always, centered on Santa's arrival by shrimp boat, there was lots more going on in Apalachicola as businesses and attractions got into the holiday spirit.

The Raney House was the site of the final bidding on wreaths and trees during the Festival of Trees which helps provide the Apalachicola Area Historical Society with funds to maintain the 1838 home of the Raney family.

This year, in addition to beautiful hand decorated trees, there were wreaths created by talented Franklin County

artists and sponsored by local businesses.

Dot Bless, a descendant of David G. Raney, who built the house in 1838, was on hand to serve wine and sweets.

Across the street, the On The Waterfront Gallery held open house with Randy Mimms providing musical entertainment and there were drinks and snacks for browsers.

"The Shop" on Commerce Street offered hors d'oeuvres and carolers roamed the streets.

The Orman House was also decked out in holiday finery with period garland and other decorations installed by members of the Philco Woman's Club. There was food and drink available and like the Raney, Orman House was open until 8 p.m.



Artwork by Mary Lou Athens on display at On the Waterfront Gallery



"Christmas in Kate's Holl" by Caroline Harli was one of the wreaths on sale during the Festival of Trees. LOIS SWOBCOR (PHOTOS) THE TIMES

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CUBA

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to wave from high overhead in the cockpit of an experimental spy plane.

The first visit, in May 1959 by Lynn Wilson, was part of a short-lived charm offensive waged by Castro, newly named as prime minister, to reach out to the Americans.

The second one, in Oct. 1962 by the late Col. Richard "Steve" Heyser, piloting a U-2 plane that snapped pictures of Soviet military build-up on the island, was the opening round in a crisis the entire world feared could career into a nuclear war.

Wilson, now married to Bill Spohrer, former owner of a Miami-based cargo carrier, nowadays divides her time between Miami and Apalachicola as owner of a world-class design firm. Fifty-seven years ago she was a freshman on scholarship at the University of Miami, studying architecture by day and dancing at fancy nightclubs on Miami Beach at night.

In the fall of 1958, months after graduating Miami High, 18-year-old Wilson happily hoofed her way to the Miss Hialeah crown, enabling her to compete in the Miss Florida pageant, where she was rivaled by the likes of starlet Faye Dunaway, a Bascom native who attended the University of Florida.

"The Cubans (in Miami) were very much upset that I wasn't Cuban and I won Miss Hialeah," said Wilson.

In fulfilling her duties to pageant sponsor the Hialeah Chamber of Commerce, she rode on the New Year's Day Orange Bowl float in the annual spectacular parade. During halftimes of the game, when Bud Wilkinson's Oklahoma Sooners had a 14-0 lead on the Syracuse Orangemen, she and her fellow beauty queens - from Miami, North Miami, South Miami and Miami Beach - rode in on chariots with six white horses.

Six weeks later, 60 miles to the south but soon to become worlds apart, Castro was sworn in as prime minister after a bloody overthrow of the regime of Gen. Fulgencio



Havana, Cuba, 1959. FUP SCHULKE

Batista, and he embarked on an earnest attempt to woo American support for his fledgling Marxist-leaning government.

But with so many of the educated, affluent classes fleeing to Miami, Castro found it so on necessary to cut off the commercial flights that had long ferried vacationers to and from Havana's casinos and clubs.

"Americans at that time didn't really see Castro as so bad, they saw him as possibly good for Cuba," said Wilson. "(The exiles) were still thinking they were going to go back."

"He didn't show his true colors," he was so pleased and overwhelmingly proud of himself. He wanted to be admired by everybody," she said. "He was measuring his next steps very carefully. I think he really thought at the beginning he would be accepted as a leader."

In early May Cubans were to mark both the workers holiday May Day as well as Carnival, an annual spring festival where the island comes alive with celebration.

Castro decided that it would help rally his countrymen behind his revolution by their reveling in the giant parades that engulfed Havana. He also figured five Miami beauty queens leading the parade could fit in well with his desire to stop the sudden drain of brains and talent that emigration was costing his nation.

"He really wanted to be accepted, he did it as a good will gesture," said Wilson. "On the one hand he was very kind by paying for everything, and the Americans were honored, as we were the first people back in there since they closed the country."

Because the last Eastern Airlines flight had been stopped weeks earlier, Castro dispatched a camouflaged C-47 troop carrier to Miami Airport, where it picked up the American entourage, Wilson included.

"There were no seats in it, it was just for paratroopers," she said. "I sat in the jump seat in front, behind the pilot. It had straps on either side."

"By the way it was my first flight ever," said Wilson. "I'd never been on a plane before."

She recalled several signs of the military overtones of life in Cuba, but no evidence of fear or concern for safety.

"Everybody went to Cuba to have fun. My mother allowed me to go to Cuba which meant we were all a little bit naive," she said. "At the time there wasn't much in the news that an 18-year-old would pay attention to, and at that time Miami wasn't quite as Cuban as it is now."

A guerrilla war had taken its toll on the landscape, a contrast to the enormous growth Miami had experienced in the post-war Eisenhower era.

"For me there's all these



Lynn Wilson as a model during her days at the University of Miami. SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

buildings that are blown up and all these women in army fatigues," Wilson recalled. "The machine guns, that was quite curious to me, and our personal bodyguard with pearl-handled pistols, shined to the hilt, around his waist. He was very proud of them."

The week gave Castro an opportunity to bring home the popularity he had

with Vice President Richard Nixon was chilly and unproductive.

But in May 1959 on the streets of Havana, hope flowed like sugarcane juice, and people flocked to meet the beauty queens, who were all over radio and TV. "I didn't speak any Spanish," said Wilson.

The queens toured the Bacardi family's rum making facility, the famed Tropicana nightclub, and cigarmaking factories throughout, and lunched with Castro's cronies at the elite private beach clubs and lavish mansions that had been newly confiscated by the Castroists.

"This was all part of this sycophantic dictator plot and I was an innocent 18-year-old beauty queen being manipulated as a political pawn in Castro's efforts for legitimacy," said Wilson.

Whatever innocent America possessed in those early years of Castro's ascent to power soon evaporated. Within a year Eisenhower had set in motion plans with the Central Intelligence Agency for the Bay of Pigs invasion, that would be launched during the Kennedy administration to disastrous results.

In 1959, Heyser, a young Air Force officer, was celebrating his fifth anniversary of his marriage to the former Jackie Glass, a young teacher who he had married in June 1954.

Heyser was soon picked to be a pilot in a highly classified experimental spy plane program, one of an elite group of aviators entrusted to take on these dangerous missions.

And in Oct. 1962, Heyser would fly one of these U-2 planes high above the clouds over Cuba, and take what would become the Cold War's most famous military photographs.

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