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Bonifay Police Department looks to relocate administrative office

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The Holmes County Sheriff's Office has officially relocated their headquarters. The HCSO administrative office is now at 1173 East Highway 90 in the old agricultural center, the agency announced on Facebook. They have left behind their old center at 211 North Oklahoma Street.

The North Oklahoma Street location may still be occupied by another law enforcement entity, however. The Bonifay Police Department has expressed interest in moving into the office. A lease agreement will be sent to the Bonifay City Council for consideration and potentially approved by the Holmes County Board of County Commissioners at a future meeting, should the city sign off on the agreement. Bonifay city and police officials noted their desire to use the former HCSO office during a Holmes County Commission meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 17. The BPD, along with the city's fire department, is currently at 809 South Waukesha Street. "We'd just appreciate

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The Holmes County Sheriff's Office has vacated their old administrative center on North Oklahoma Street, which the Bonifay Police Department wants to repurpose as their new headquarters. [COLLIN BREAUX | The News and Advertiser]

New Chipley fire chief steps up to fill father's shoes

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When one asks Hunter Aycock how he feels about being the new fire chief in Chipley, one word comes to mind: "excited."

"I've been aiming for this for a long time," he said.

The role is a familiar one for the Aycock family since Hunter is taking over for his dad and former fire chief, Floyd Aycock.

"I'm excited for him because I know it's a goal he set years ago," Floyd said.

Floyd has retired after a long time serving for the Chipley Fire Department.

"I started volunteering here in December '91," Floyd said. "It feels good (to retire) but there's also that sense of leaving a lifestyle."

The Aycock boys both said Floyd will be back after a required one-year retirement period.

"We won't let him off that easy," Hunter quipped.

As for Hunter, he started his firefighting career around 10 years ago.

"I like helping people," Hunter said. "I like the problem solving, adrenaline



New Chipley Fire Chief Hunter Aycock (left) has assumed the role following the retirement of his father and former chief, Floyd Aycock (right). [CONTRIBUTED]

rush. It definitely takes a special kind of person."

Due to his new role, Hunter will be working five days a week—a transition from the shift work he's used to.

"Going from a 24/48 schedule to five days a week will take some adjustment," Hunter said. "I'll be with my family and kids more. I think it'll be a good thing. I'll miss the shift, the other lifestyle."

Shift work was "awesome" since the shift crew was like another family, Hunter said.

"Quite a lot of them are friends too," he said. "It's not like I'm leaving them."

The younger Aycock is taking his new chief role on a day-to-day basis.

"I knew what I wanted to do when I was a kid," he said.

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Esto to increase water utility rates starting next year

In order to maintain financial stability and ensure continued service quality, the Town of Esto will increase water utility rates effective January 1, 2024.

The new base rate inside town limits will be \$29.91 up to 2,000 gallons. After that limit, the rate per 1,000 gallons will be \$7.03 up to 5,000 gallons; \$7.20 up to 8,000 gallons; \$7.75 up to 12,000 gallons; and \$8.15 for over 12,001 gallons.

The rates for outside town limits will be a \$33.21 base rate up to 2,000 gallons and a per-1,000 gallon rate of \$7.80 up to 5,000 gallons; \$8.19 up to 8,000

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News, Advertiser to return to separate publications

STAFF REPORT

Washington County News and Holmes County Advertiser will be restored to separate publications as of November 1, parent company Kent Smith Group announced this week. While the News and Advertiser have their own websites, the two community newspapers were combined into one print product in late 2022 by the former parent company.

"When my partner, Adam Smith, and I acquired the newspapers, we promised the readers we would work to ensure Holmes and Washington counties would once again have their own community paper," said Publisher Carol Kent. "While these communities are similar, they

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Bonifay mayor, residents continue to argue over financial transparency

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Tensions have continued to publicly flare between Bonifay Mayor Larry Cook and town residents.

Larry Cook and resident Richard Willsey argued during a City Council meeting on Monday, Oct. 23, over a public records request filed regarding a pancake fundraiser breakfast for the Bonifay Fire-Rescue, a volunteer organization.

"Why would you want to know what the fire department pancake fundraiser brought in?" Larry Cook said. "What are you getting at? I have 20 guys that wake up at four in the morning and they cook pancakes and they work their butts off and you want to know how much money they made. What is wrong with you?"

"The people would like to know where the money has been applied to for the budget," Willsey said. "I am in no way opposed to the fire department. ... Every dollar raised in contributions is required to be documented as received and where it is allocated to be spent."

"Why is it that the fundraiser for the Bonifay fire department isn't accounted for by the city? Is there a secret bank account for the fire department to use for whatever they choose?" Willsey continued. "Where is the accountability for this and who is overseeing this? Sounds like another case of the good old boys just taking care of the good old boys."

Fire Chief Travis Cook said he has been the treasurer for the fire department's account since 2005, where all fundraiser money goes to and expenses come out of.

"It is also audited. It is a city account," Travis Cook said. "We've never had any accounting practice issues or violations."

Travis Cook said he was notified of the public records request and responded the same day he received it.

"Like I said in previous meetings, if you need any fire department information, there's no need to go to a public records request. I can get you that information," Travis Cook said. "This was our largest fundraiser for the year. This was year 19, so we expect year 20 to be bigger. We were very happy with the turnout of everybody that showed up. The total received on that Saturday was \$8576.02."

Willsey further said he filed public records requests regarding the city's sub-

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Washington Co. Commissioners approve land use changes

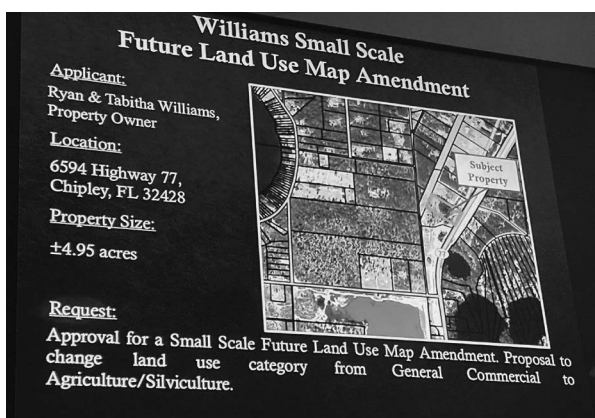
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The Washington County Board of County Commissioners signed off on a trio of land use changes—one allowing several residential units on property in Caryville—on Thursday, Oct. 19.

One of the land use changes was requested for 6594 Highway 77 in Chipley by property owners Ryan and Tabitha Williams, who sought approval for agriculture and silviculture allowances. The nearly five-acre property was zoned for general commercial uses.

"This is located at the southern end of the county, just north of Crystal Lake Drive," Senior Planner Dawn McDonald said. "They have no desire to develop commercial and would like the land use to allow for residential uses, which agriculture/silviculture does and it is in keeping with the remainder of the subdivision, which this lot is a part of."

Other lots in the area



Several requested land use changes for property in Washington County were approved by county commissioners recently, including allowances for agriculture and silviculture along Highway 77 in Chipley. [COLLIN BREAUX | The News and Advertiser]

are already zoned for agriculture/silviculture uses.

"We held a neighborhood information meeting and no residents attended," McDonald said. "We haven't heard any input from the community."

Another near five-acre property on Highway 77 that received the same land use change allowances belongs to Larry Bruner.

“It would be the southern end of the parcel,” McDonald said. “We held a neighborhood information meeting. No residents attended.”

The third and last case concerns nearly a 10-acre property at 1447 St. Marys Road in Caryville belonging to Camilla Chambers Benson and Henry Chambers. The request was to change the land use category from agriculture and silviculture to low residential.

“This is northwest Washington County,” McDonald said.

Two neighbors attended an information meeting held Sept. 21 and had concerns on if there would be additional residents moving to the property. Concerns over moving

out to the country to enjoy a quiet life were relayed.

"According to (Camilla) Chambers Benson, at this time there would not be any more than three units on the property," McDonald said. "However, they do have the option to include a fourth unit."

ChIPLEY man claims lottery prize

STAFF REPORT

A Chipley man is now richer.

Kenneth Conklin, 51, recently claimed a \$1 million prize from the \$5,000,000 TRIPLE MATCH Scratch-Off game at Lottery Headquarters in Tallahassee, the Florida Lottery announced on Oct. 12 in a news release.

“He chose to receive his winnings as a

one-time, lump-sum payment of \$664,198," the Florida Lottery's announcement said.

Conklin reportedly purchased his ticket from the Tom Thumb location at 1034 Main Street.

"The retailer will receive a \$2,000 bonus commission for selling the winning Scratch-Off ticket," the announcement said.



HYBRID PUBLIC MEETING

State Road (S.R.) 79
from West Bay Bridge to South of Crews Lake Road
Bay & Washington Counties



HOW TO PARTICIPATE

VIRTUAL (ONLINE):

Access via computer, tablet,
and smartphone.

Register using the link:
www.nwflroads.com/virtualmeetings

Those who are unable to participate
virtually may attend the meeting
in-person at:

**Ebro Greyhound
Park Restaurant**
6558 Dog Track Road
Ebro



SCAN ME

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) invites you to attend a hybrid public meeting for the S.R. 79 resurfacing project. This hybrid meeting is being held both virtually and in-person to provide interested persons an opportunity to express their views concerning the proposed improvements. Those who are unable to participate virtually may attend the meeting in-person. Interested persons can visit the project website at www.nwflroads.com/virtualmeetings and register for one viewing option (virtual or in-person). The same materials will be presented for each format. If you have any questions or issues registering, please contact the FDOT Project Manager.

Maps, drawings, and other project information is available for review online beginning at 12 p.m. (CDT) Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at www.nwflroads.com/virtualmeetings. The materials may also be viewed by contacting the FDOT Project Manager.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023
5:30-6:30 P.M. (CST)



FINANCIAL PROJECT ID NUMBERS:
437763-2-32-01 & 217911-9-32-01

PROJECT INFORMATION

The intent of this project is to resurface all existing travel lanes, auxiliary lanes, median crossovers, and paved shoulders.

Additional improvements include:

- Improving drainage to alleviate historical flooding.
- Realigning the median opening with a southbound acceleration lane at Borrow Pit Road.

No additional right-of-way is required. Bids for construction are scheduled to occur fall 2024.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Should you have questions, regarding these projects or this meeting, please contact:

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Address: 1074 Highway 90, Chipley, FL 32428

Ian Satter | FDOT District Three Public Information Director
Phone: Toll-Free (888) 638-0250, ext. 1205
Email: ian.satter@dot.state.fl.us
Address: 1074 Highway 90, Chipley, FL 32428

There are many ways to get involved - call, write, or email the FDOT Project Manager. All comments postmarked on or before Monday, November 27, 2023, will become part of the official record.

The Florida Department of Transportation does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. For questions or concerns, contact Alicia Bringer, District Three Title VI Coordinator, 1074 Highway 90, Chipley, Florida 32428, toll-free at (888) 638-0250, ext. 1502, or via email at alicia.bringer@dot.state.fl.us. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact the FDOT Project Manager, at the information listed above, at least seven days prior to the meeting.

**CITY OF CHIPLEY, FLORIDA REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
CONTINUING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SURVEYING SERVICES
RFQ NO. 2024-01**

The City of Chipley, herein referred to as the "City", in conformance with the Consultants' Competitive Negotiations Act (CCNA), Florida Statutes Section 287.055, et seq., and the policies and procedures of the City of Chipley, is soliciting statements of qualifications from qualified professional surveying firms that are interested in providing general surveying services for studies, design, plans production, construction management, and for other miscellaneous engineering, public works and planning projects.

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The City intends to award a continuing services contract to the firm deemed to be the most highly qualified to perform the required services. In determining whether a firm is qualified, the City shall consider such factors as the ability of professional personnel; past performance; willingness to meet time and budget requirements; recent, current, and projected workloads of the firms; and the volume of work. The Firm selected by the City will provide surveying services to the City on an as-needed basis, based upon task orders to be issued by the City under the continuing services contract. The contract shall be automatically renewed on an annual basis, unless terminated by the City in writing, for a maximum of three years from the date of the execution.

All questions must be submitted in writing no later than October 27, 2023 to Mr. Dan Miner, City Administrator, and may be emailed to dminer@cityofchIPLEY.com. A complete copy of the RFO may be downloaded at www.cityofchIPLEY.com. All RFO's will be ranked on an individual and equal basis.

To be considered, the Firm must submit an original and three (3) copies of the RFQ in a sealed envelope or package, clearly marked with the Firm's or individual's name and address, and the words "RFQ No. 2024-01 PROFESSIONAL SURVEYING SERVICES". RFQ's will be received by either hand delivery or overnight mail to the City of Chipley - City Clerk's Office located at 1442 Jackson Avenue, Chipley, Florida 32428, or by regular mail to City of Chipley, Attention: City Clerk's Office, Post Office Box 1007, Chipley, Florida 32428 by the closing date.
RFQ Deadline: November 3, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., local time.

Late submittals received after the aforementioned deadline date, either by mail or otherwise, will not be considered and will be returned unopened. The time of receipt will be determined by the time received in the City of Chipley City Hall – City Clerk's Office. It is the sole responsibility of the firm for assuring that the RFQ is received in the City Clerk's Office by the designated date and time. Any uncertainty regarding the time a qualification package was received will be resolved against the respondent. No faxed, electronic or oral RFO's will be accepted.

Award will be made to the best responsive Firm(s), but the City reserves the right to reject any or all RFQ's. The City of Chipley reserves the right to reject the RFQ of a firm who has previously failed to perform properly or complete on time contracts of a similar nature, or the RFQ of a firm who, in the sole opinion and discretion of the City of Chipley is not in a position to perform the contract.

Pursuant to Section 287.133(2)(a), Florida Statutes, interested firms who have been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for public entity crimes may not submit a proposal on a contract to provide services for a public entity, may not be awarded a consultant contract, and may not transact business with a public entity for services the value of which exceeds \$35,000 for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

SPECIAL NOTE:

The City requires a business license tax be paid for the privilege of engaging in any business within the city limits. Please contact the City Clerk's Office for requirements and a fee schedule.

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Lucky Puppy Rescue in need of financial assistance, volunteers

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When animal lovers need to find a home for a dog or cat or your dog has puppies you can't care for, they might look for a local rescue.

Lucky Puppy in Bonifay has been one of many rescues taking in animals but that could all change since the rescue is in need of financial assistance.

The nonprofit rescue opened their doors in Bonifay 16 years ago, offering the public an alternative to "kill shelters" in the area, but founder and president Terri Mattson says she can no longer take in more animals.

With 200 animals currently on the farm and no financial support to keep going, their doors might close forever.

Food that was normally donated now falls on the shoulders of the shelter. That does not include veterinarian bills, medications, and basic items like power, gas, and insurance.

"With the economy the way it is, it's hard," Mattson said. "Real hard. We try to send dogs to our New York adoption center but even that takes time and



Lucky Puppy Rescue in Bonifay is at risk of shutting down for good due to a need for financial and volunteer help. [NAN THOMPSON | The News and Advertiser]

money that we just don't have available."

Even volunteer work—essential to rescue efforts—has dwindled, she added.

Since Lucky Puppy has taken in adult dogs that have a litter of puppies within weeks, one animal becomes six to eight additional mouths to feed and

take care of.

"If people would spay and neuter their animals, it's not the total answer but it would help," Mattson said.

If interested in helping the rescue, contact Lucky Puppy through their website theluckypuppy.org or Facebook page at facebook.com/theluckypuppy.

Esto to hold election for two council seats

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The Town of Esto is gearing up for campaign season.

The rural Holmes County community will hold elections for two council seats on Dec. 4 for seats two and four on the Town Council. The election date is a Monday.






Candidate qualifications will happen in a five-day period from 8 a.m. on Oct. 30 through 1 p.m. on Nov. 3. Polls on election day will be open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at Town Hall, 3312 Second Avenue South.

Seat two is currently occupied by Greg Wells, who was elected in 2020. Seat 4 is open and was held

by Casey Laycox, who was elected in 2022, but Laycox had to resign in July after moving out of Esto.


Esto Town Clerk Ben Tew will also serve as the election supervisor and filing clerk. An outreach and administrative campaign publicizing and overseeing the election will be done which will include notifying eligible voters beforehand and certifying results after votes are in.

"The Esto Town Council encourages all eligible residents to participate actively in this election, exercising their right to vote and contribute to the democratic process," an ordinance establishing the election read.



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OPINION

Things I’m glad I did



JASE GRAVES
Guest Columnist

If you read my last two columns, you know that I’m now milking this one-trick pony for all it’s worth—including some mixed metaphors. In my previous columns, I discussed things I haven’t done, and things I’ve done and wish I hadn’t—respectively (actually, there was quite a bit of disrespect involved, especially regarding Hooters.)

This time, I’ll share a few things I’m actually glad I did – for now.

1. First, this past year, I hired someone to mow my yard. Yes, I could save some cash if I did it myself, and yes, my dad (who is in his eighties) still mows his own yard – and probably doubts my parentage. But considering that I often pull muscles and pinch nerves if I breathe too heavily, I’ll probably save money on medical insurance copays. Besides, I now have more time to annoy my wife, three semi-grown daughters and pets.

2. Speaking of my daughters, I’m currently paying for a series of driving lessons for my youngest

and quietest daughter. I still ride along while she practices, which almost always ends with apologies (from me) and a full wipe down of the front passenger window to remove claw marks and tear stains. But based on my eldest and middle daughters’ experiences with parent-taught driving lessons (and my inability to find a substitute teacher), I thought sending my youngest to a driving academy might be better for her self-esteem, my cardiovascular health and our liability insurance premiums.

3. If you’re still reading, you may want to stop now because next on the list is my switch several years ago to boxer briefs. I was raised in tighty-whities, which, on me, basically look like enormous diapers (I know I’ll be wearing those soon enough). Not only do I find boxer briefs more bracing and comfortable, they vaguely resemble shorts, which is useful when I forget to put on pants before going out to check the mail.

4. Moving on from men’s underwear to marital health (I’m convinced the two are closely related), for the past year, or so, I’ve been asking my wife out for a weekly date – and occasionally, she says, “Yes.” When our three daughters were younger, my wife and I focused all of our time and energy on them,

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Religious wars never seem to end-we need to sit this one out



RON HART
Guest Columnist

As I watched rockets flying at each other, “devout” Muslims attacking the Jewish people and then vice versa, I thought to myself, “Yet another display of very religious people just being religious.”

All three religions in

this war (Muslims, Jews and, to some degree, Christians) read the Old Testament and if you read that “Good Book,” you get a lot of violence and smiting. All three religions draw different conclusions from it but from simply reading it, you see that violence and consequences are graphic.

Muhammad inherited the preexisting Jewish and Christian understanding of God. Thus, Moses, Jesus and Muhammad are equal parts compassion, anger, and wrath.

Growing up in a small town, I had a lot of

religion of all different brands on and all around me. When I asked my preacher, “If the Bible is based in the Middle East, mostly Jerusalem, over 2000 years ago, why were the guys named Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John?” I thought was a logical question but often there is little logic in religion; that is why it is called belief or faith.

After careful consideration, I joined the church with the best basketball league.

Religion, done well, provides moral structure, community, comfort, and local charity.

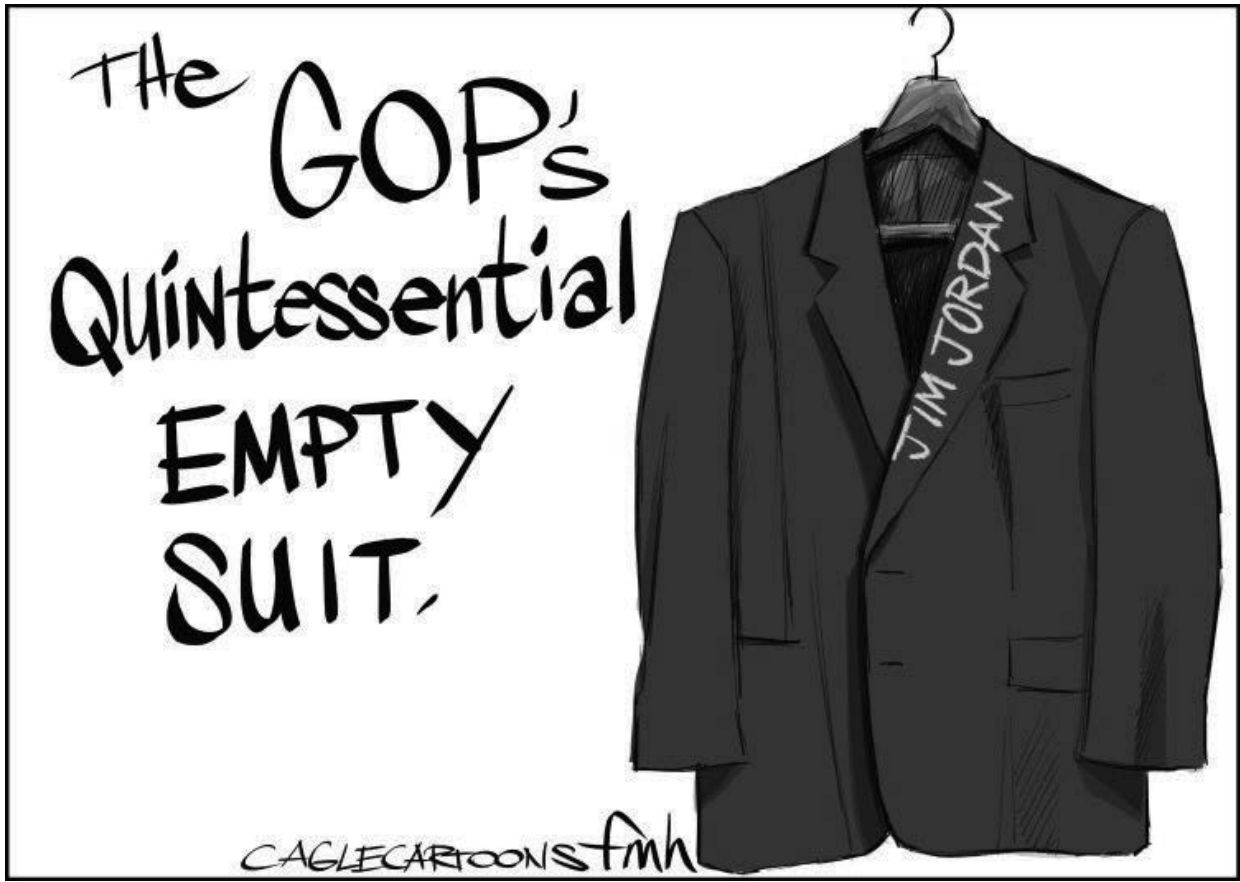
When reason or logic

gives way to emotional and illogical tribal beliefs, war ensues. They always have.

Just back from Italy, I am reminded of all the many past religious wars, from the Crusades of the “Soldiers of Christ,” in response to the Muslim Conquests which lasted from the 11th until the 13th century, to the Byzantine Empire, to the Romans who killed Jesus for preaching his upstart religion.

The Byzantine Empire was taken out during the Ottoman Empire, an empire I can only

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Community comes together for local athlete’s funeral



HAZEL WELLS TISON
Guest Columnist

On Saturday, Oct. 14, the town of Bonifay and the surrounding community came together in such an overwhelming way that I felt there should be a write-up.

Seeing no representative from the newspaper, I enlisted myself to write it, though I don’t feel capable.

With due respect to the paper, they have published a report on the death of

Raymond Hudson, 42, who died at his home in Bonifay. He is a 1999 graduate of Holmes County High School where made such an impact on the school’s football team that he was tapped by The University of Alabama, to play for them under a football scholarship.

He was a valuable member of that prestigious SEC team with his amazing speed until his fourth year of play when a knee injury ended his football career. Since then, he has lived in Bonifay with declining health due largely to the toll taken by the rigors of football for eight of his early years.

He has maintained close ties with church family and friends, especially those gained through his athletic

career.

Not many towns the size of Bonifay can boast of a native son playing for a major or professional football team, so citizens here are duly proud and have welcomed this always friendly well-behaved soft spoken young man as a celebrity.

At his passing, many wished to help the family and express their own grief. It was obvious that a large facility would be needed to accommodate the service. First Baptist is the largest sanctuary in town and the pastor and staff made it available for the memorial.

In our church, we prepare a meal on the day of the service for family and out-of-town folks but in the black com-

munity their custom is to invite all the congregation for the celebration meal. The New Family Life Center (Gymnasium) of FBC was also made available with our bereavement committee assisting in the massive preparation.

Knowing that a massive amount would be required, our bereavement chairman Nancy Riley put an appeal on her bank of telephone numbers and immediately calls began to come in promising to bring a ham, cook turnips and cornbread, fix fruit salad, cook collards, make a coconut cake—and the calls went on and on.

Pastor Shelly ordered a lot of fried chicken from Piggly Wiggly, along with

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Letters may be sent to 1364 N. Railroad Ave., Chipley, FL 32428 or emailed to cbreaux@kentsmith.biz.

Questions? Call 850-638-0212

More local history at the Holmes County Public Library



Recent additions to the collection of books available in Holmes County Public Library. (CONTRIBUTED)

RAY REYNOLDS
Guest Columnist

Lovers of local history will find new books of interest at the Holmes County Public Library.

Recent donations from a local collection honor Joe R. Clark, the moving force behind the creation of the modern library. The building in central Bonifay is dedicated in his honor.

Now available at the library: “Heart and History of Holmes County,” by Anna Paget Wells. The second edition is a revised and reformatted version of the

book, first published in 1982, with updates and corrections by Dan W. Padgett.

“Holmes Valley,” by E. W. Carswell, was first published in 1969. This revised and updated edition from 1983 tells the story of the great influence Moss Hill United Methodist Church had on the development of this region of the Florida Panhandle.

In “Esto: This Is the Place,” published in 1993, E. W. Carswell captures the people and events that shaped the town of Esto — including its most famous resident, a legendary

alligator known as Two-Toed Tom.

“I Declare!” by Malcolm B. Johnson. This collection of columns from the longtime editor of the Tallahassee Democrat opens a window onto the political scene in Florida’s capital during the middle half of the 20th century. Johnson’s closely observed commentaries were published in newspapers around the state, including the Holmes County Advertiser.

Also available at the library: E. W. Carswell’s classic from 1986, “Holmesteading,” the definitive history

of Holmes County. Thanks to an effort spearheaded by Joe Clark, the book was republished in 2003 and the second edition is available for purchase at the library for \$30. All proceeds benefit the library.

The Holmes County Public Library is located at 303 North J. Harvey Etheridge Street in Bonifay and open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Ray Reynolds is a columnist for Washington County News and Holmes County Advertiser.

HART

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presume was based on putting your feet up. This is a clumsy way of saying that all this religious fighting has gone on for thousands of years. It is hard to understand, and certainly foolish for us to intervene. We are zero for our last three wars of choice but at least we know the Biden doctrine of war now: drag the war out with no objective, then leave the dangerous enemy you just lost to \$83 billion worth of our lethal weap-

ons and when that is done, send \$6 billion to Iran, which backs Hezbollah and Hamas in Palestine. Until we can trust our government and media to tell us the truth, we need to sit this one out..and maybe the next three. Yet we are sending our aircraft carriers USS Dwight Eisenhower and USS Gerald Ford to the region. These presidents can do a lot of damage; the last time they played golf at Doral, not a condo window was spared. All religious wars have secular under-

pinnings; they are economic, cultural, and political. Politicians have long used religion to control the masses and advance their own ambitions. Hamas is a brutal extremist group which is also a political party. Their butchery in western Israel begot the most recent conflict. However, not all agree. Seeing the videos of Hamas killing Jews, the Harvard Crimson called it the feel-good movie of the year. Most of us non-woke folks side with Israel, the country that was

attacked, as we did with Ukraine, which was also attacked...but we don't want another U.S. entanglement. It can be lazy to call the Middle East “religious wars” when often ethnic animosities drive the hatred. Religion is also intertwined with economics, which is why your top-level televangelists have jets. Hunter Biden likely wants to get involved with this to go see if he can shake down the gentlemen’s club. He keeps hearing about a place called “Gaza Strip,” thinking the patrons ought to have a lot of cash on them.

With a strong speech written by his staff, Joe Biden did rebuff the left of his party who want to back Palestine. They must have promised him ice cream afterward. Biden’s meetings were canceled by Middle East leaders. He thought they wanted his thoughts on people who overrun a southern border but Israel didn’t want to take his advice to give them welfare, hotel rooms and mail-in Democrat ballots. Not since Bill Clinton got advice from Yasser Arafat (that goats don’t talk), have we

exchanged meaningful advice with Palestinians.

In closing, I quote the grumpy yet likable commentator for 60 Minutes for years, Andy Rooney, who said, “I’d be more willing to accept religion, even though I don’t believe in it, if I thought it made people nicer, but I don’t think it does.”

A libertarian op-ed humorist and award-winning author, Ron does commentary on radio and TV. He can be contacted at Ron@RonaldHart.com or @RonaldHart on Twitter.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Holmes County Agricultural Center Holmes County, Florida

Separate sealed BIDS for: Holmes County Agricultural Center will be received by HOLMES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS at 107 E VIRGINIA AVE, BONIFAY, FL 32425 until November 27, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. (CST). The project consists of improvements to the existing boat ramp/park including paving the existing parking area and entrance drive, construction of an ADA accessible portable restroom facility, and partial reconstruction of the existing boat ramp. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The bids will be awarded at the next scheduled Holmes County Board of County Commissioners Meeting. All Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked: “Sealed Bid: Holmes County Agricultural Center”

Plans and specifications are available electronically through Dewberry, 877 North County Highway 393, Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459, (850) 571-1248 or by email at sborgen@dewberry.com

There will be a MANDATORY PRE BID meeting on November 8, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. (CST) held at the Holmes County Administrative Office.

The point of contact will be Jonathan Sims, Dewberry Engineers, Inc. at 850.354.5188 or by email at jsims@dewberry.com.

The Board reserves the right to waive informalities in any bid, to accept and/or reject any or all bids on the whole or in part with just cause, and to accept the bid that in their judgment will be in the best interest of Holmes County.

October 25, November 1, 2023

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the City of Chipley, FL will conduct a public hearing at the City Hall Council Chambers located at 1442 Jackson Ave, Chipley, FL and via Zoom, on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. CST. The purpose of this hearing is to review and consider the following request:

1. Request for Development Order and Certificate of Appropriateness– Washington County Board of County Commissioners. Property is located at 1424 Jackson Avenue, Chipley, FL, Parcel 00000000-00-2006-0000.

Zoom webinar:
When: November 7, 2023 03:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting

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All citizens and interested parties are encouraged to attend the public hearing via zoom. Any inquiries regarding the public hearing or any person requiring special accommodations due to disability or physical impairment, including speech or hearing impairments, should contact the City Hall at 850-638-6350 at least five (5) business days prior to the hearing.
Tamara Donjuan
Code Enforcement/Planning Officer
October 25, 2023

ELECTION NOTICE TOWN OF ESTO COUNCIL ELECTION 2023

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Esto will hold an election on Monday, December 4, 2023, to select council members for the following seats and terms:
Seat 2 – 3-year Term
Seat 4 – 3-year Term
The qualification period begins Monday, October 30, 2023, at 8:00 am and ends on Friday, November 3, 2023, at 1:00 pm. Qualifying packets, including rules for qualification, may be picked up at the Esto Town Hall located at 3312 Second Avenue South; Esto, FL., during the qualifying period. Candidates file qualification documents and campaign financial reports with the town clerk.
To qualify, the candidate must reside within the Esto Town limits for the past 6 months, be a legally qualified voter of the Town of Esto, and be current in all payments due to the Town of Esto.
Voting for the council seats, if required, will be held on Monday, December 4, 2023, at the Esto Town Hall at 3312 2nd Avenue South; Esto, FL, from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm. According to Town Resolution No. 24-03, the Town Clerk shall serve as the Supervisor of Registration and the Election Clerk and shall appoint a minimum of three election pollsters and one guard no later than ten days prior to the election.

October 25, 2023

CITY OF CHIPLEY, FLORIDA REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR A DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES GRANT RFQ NO. 2024-02

The City of Chipley, herein referred to as the “City”, is seeking statements of qualifications from qualified Engineering Firms. One firm is expected to be selected to enter into a service contract with the City to perform services related to a Division of Historical Resources grant through the State of Florida for inspection and creation of a plan for repairs, restoration, and storm hardening of the existing building and creation of a separate plan for expansion of the Washington County Historical Society Museum, owned by the City. The service contract from this RFQ will have all necessary clauses and language required by the State of Florida, Division of Historical Resources Office.

All questions must be submitted in writing to Mrs. Heather Lopez, Director of the Washington County Tourist Development Council, and may be emailed to director@visitwcfra.com. A complete copy of the RFQ may be downloaded at www.cityofchipley.com. All Statements of Qualifications will be ranked on an individual and equal basis.

To be considered, the Firm must submit an original and three (3) copies of the Statement of Qualifications in a sealed envelope or package, clearly marked with the Firm's or individual's name and address, and the words “RFQ No. 2024-02 - ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR CITY OF CHIPLEY”. Statements of Qualifications will be received by either hand delivery to the City of Chipley – City Clerk's Office located at 1442 Jackson Avenue, Chipley, Florida or by regular mail to City of Chipley, Attention: City Clerk's Office, Post Office Box 1007, Chipley, Florida 32428 by the closing date.

RFP Deadline: November 13, 2023 at 2:00 p.m., local time.

Late submittals received after the aforementioned deadline date, either by mail or otherwise, will not be considered and will be returned unopened. The time of receipt will be determined by the time received in the City of Chipley City Hall – City Clerk's Office. It is the sole responsibility of the firm for assuring that the RFP is received in the City Clerk's Office by the designated date and time. No faxed, electronic or oral Statement of Qualifications will be accepted.

Award will be made to the best responsive Firm, but the City reserves the right to reject any or all Statements of Qualifications. The City of Chipley reserves the right to reject the Statement of Qualifications of a firm who has previously failed to perform properly or complete on time, contracts of a similar nature, or of a firm who, in the sole opinion and discretion of the City of Chipley is not in a position to perform the contract.

SPECIAL NOTE:
The City requires a business license tax be paid for the privilege of engaging in any business within the city limits. Please contact the City Clerk's Office for requirements and a fee schedule.

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October 25, 2023

Washington County officials discuss credit line extension

COLLIN BREAUX
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Washington County Attorney Matt Fuqua said he recently spoke with First Federal Bank of Florida about extending the county's line of credit and making a portion "of that line, more than likely, a continuing bond obligation with an extended payment period."

Discussion of a potential credit line extension came up during a Washington County Board of County Commissioners meeting on Thursday, Oct. 19. The possible

extension could be done to keep contract work going.

"First Federal was receptive," Fuqua said. "We had the bond council on the phone. They said it could be done but First Federal is waiting on, basically, a feasibility study or something like that. They sound like they can turn it around pretty quickly."

No terms or rates have been set yet. The Board did not render any vote or make an official decision related to the matter.

A portion of \$4 to \$5 million will continue to be paid over time, Fuqua said.

"It's not envisioned that the entire line will be paid off," he said.

Board Chairman Tray Hawkins said a special meeting can be called once more information is available about the loan, rates, and terms "to dive deep into it" and "bring everything back to order at that time."

"I would ask, Mr. Fuqua, as soon as we do have something for (County Administrator) Mr. Jeff Massey to sit down with each one of the board members so they can ask questions and maybe even make sure the loan is formatted the way they see it needs to be for-

matted, so we can have a clean and open discussion," Hawkins said.

Commissioner Wesley Griffin said he was concerned about going after a \$20 million line of credit.

"Is there a process we could go through as far as, maybe, slowing work done so we ain't got to extend the county \$20 million dollars?" Griffin said.

Hawkins said all future work will be stopped until the extension comes through.

Work could be throttled down before financial conditions "gets to this point," Griffin said.

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each have their own identity and are deserving of individual representation."

Kent went on to say the move is in tandem with changing press providers.

"To be frank, we have been dissatisfied with the print quality of the pre-existing press operations," she said. "We have secured a contract with another provider so that our print readers can enjoy an improved product that features more

vibrant colors and clean, high detailed, and sharp black and white print. While there is some cost associated with this move, it is an investment we are proud to make back into the communities we love and serve."

The change will not require any action from current subscribers; however, Kent says if anyone experiences any issues, they can reach out directly to her at ckent@kentsmith.biz

COUNCIL

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lic procurement policy. The policy states that formal bids were only required if repairs or vehicle services exceed \$10,000, which would require City Council approval. Purchases over \$1500 but less than \$10,000 require Council approval but not a formal bid.

The city also participates in a state bid purchasing program for vehicles and tires, meaning they can utilize statewide bidders at the same price if they have items out for bid

"In November of 2022, there were six tires purchased for the fire department at \$1210 a piece," Willsey said. "There's a state contractor with the same tire for \$806 a piece. Sounds like a little bit

of a discrepancy there."

The tires were purchased due to an "emergency," Larry Cook said.

"One (blew out) and they were 12 years old," Larry Cook said. "We had one fire truck. It needed a set of tires. It had a blowout. We put a set of tires on. I marked the tires up \$50 a piece. I had them on the next day."

Council member James Sellers said Willsey wouldn't "give a damn if we follow the policy or not" if his house caught on fire.

"If your house catches on fire tonight, they're going to fight just as hard for you as they do for anybody else," Sellers said. "I am sick and tired of you. I don't think you have anything to do. You do nothing but cause problems."

The city should utilize "the proper purchasing and procurement policy" and "utilize the state bidding process whenever possible," Willsey said.

"You complained about not having enough money to fund the city and impose a 3-mill tax on the city residents to pay for things that you couldn't afford to pay for but if you utilized the procurement policy and the state bid contractors, maybe you could save a little bit of money that would have helped save the citizens of this town a little bit of money," Willsey said.


Larry Cook has come under public criticism and scrutiny following the termination of former Police Chief Jimmy Macon and resignation of former Mayor Dr. Emily McCann, with some residents calling on Cook to resign.

Larry Cook said the City Council was "getting tired of the accusations."



At left, Bonifay resident Richard Willsey raises concerns over the city's financial transparency practices during a City Council meeting on Monday, Oct. 23. Residents and council members have argued over transparency and ethics concerns during meetings. [COLLIN BREAUX | The News and Advertiser]

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Plans divide the covered drugs on their formulary into groups called "tiers" based on cost. A drug in a lower tier will cost less than a drug in a higher tier.

***You may pay a Part D late enrollment penalty if you don't join a Medicare drug plan when you first get Medicare and go 63 days or more without creditable drug coverage. The penalty goes up the longer you wait to join a plan. In most cases, you pay this monthly penalty as long as you have Part D coverage, even if you switch plans.**

Questions?

Les Brown will be available from 8:30 a.m. until noon at the following locations in Chipley over the next few weeks to help you navigate Medicare enrollment:

Piggly Wiggly: Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays
Brickyard Market: Tuesdays and Thursdays

WATER

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gallons; \$8.60 up to 12,000 gallons; and \$9.04 for over 12,001 gallons.

The increase is a couple of dollars compared to existing prices. The current in-town base rate before the new price takes effect is \$27.19, while outside town limits is \$30.19.

"The proposed water rate adjustments have been carefully calculated to balance operational costs, maintenance expenses, and infrastructure investments with the least impact on residents," an ordinance adopting the new rates said.

The Esto Town Council unanimously approved the new rates.



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y'all's consideration," Bonifay City Clerk Rickey Callahan said.

Should the two parties come to an agreement, the move for the BPD could happen this December or January of next year, Callahan said.

County Commissioner Clint Erickson said the proposal is a "win-win."

County Administrator David Corbin said there is "never enough space" for agencies.

"We have to work together and sometimes, to use the old cliché, robbing Peter to pay Paul," Corbin said. "I'd like to recommend to the board that we

work with the city to keep our working relationship going."

The preliminary lease being sent to the City of Bonifay will be on a year-to-year basis.

Bonifay Police Chief Johnny Whitaker said a month-to-month lease is "not feasible" due to having to move over evidence and other items.

TISON

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other side dishes.

There were five other churches involved in this community effort: New Bethel AME, Impact, Holy Temple, Mt Zion, and Gully Springs. Vincent Staten and Michelle Hogans were invaluable in assisting Mrs. Riley and Mr. Poca Mae Hatcher to receive all that food and get it stored in the warm-

ers and ovens in the kitchen that the building is blessed with.

As the service was nearing the end, another crew came in to assist: Sherryl Johnson, Michelle Granger, Destra Moses, Sonja Moore, JeDere and Javon Powell, Mable Spates, Ollie Flowers, Brianna Belcher, Kim Farrow and Linda Staten. They all stayed for the cleanup.

No doubt I will omit some names of those who assisted in this

gargantuan effort. I am not even trying to list those who provided food.

When I brought my food, I had no intention of staying as I am no help but then I kept seeing former students and having a good time meeting others, so I stayed to write something about this community effort.

Hazel Tison is a columnist for Washington County News and Holmes County Advertiser.

SPORTS

Chipley Tigers prevail against Holmes County Blue Devils

STAFF REPORT

The Chipley Tigers varsity volleyball team won a neutral playoff match against the Holmes County Blue Devils by a score of 3-0 on Tuesday, Oct. 17.

The Tigers came out strong and continued to keep the momentum going during the game.

With this win, the Chipley Tigers have secured a place in the final

game of the 1A District 2 girls volleyball district tournament. The Tigers will play the winner of the Freeport vs Bethlehem game.

That is scheduled to take place on Thursday, Oct. 19, at 5:00 pm. The championship game will be held at the Vernon High School gym.

Set 1: Chipley 25, Holmes County 8
Set 2: Chipley 25, Holmes County 9
Set 3: Chipley 25, Holmes County 11



The Chipley Tigers varsity volleyball team secured a clean sweep against the Holmes County Blue Devils, earning them a spot in the final game of the 1A District 2 girls volleyball district tournament. [CONTRIBUTED]



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Chipley Tigers roar to victory over Destin Sharks

STAFF REPORT

In a showdown at Destin Middle School stadium on Oct. 13, the Chipley Tigers continued their winning streak.

The Tigers ultimately came out victorious, leaving the field with a 32-13 win.

Ethan Berry, accounting for five touchdowns for the night. He completed 10 passes for 192 yards and four touchdowns... but his contributions didn't stop there, as Berry also made his presence felt in the rushing game with a rushing touchdown.

Berry found a reliable target in the end zone, with Gavin O'Neill reeling in five receptions for two touchdowns. Additionally, Ta'shaun Sims and Malik Henderson contributed to the air attack with two receptions for one touchdown each.

On the ground, Keybo Decree bulldozed his way through the Destin defense with 24 carries for an astonishing 169 yards, setting the tone for the Tigers' ground game. Khaiden Kennedy also showcased his running prowess with seven carries, totaling 85 yards.

The second half of the game saw the Chipley Tigers' defense tighten its grip, shutting out the Destin Sharks and securing the win. Jordan Washington and Malik Henderson were two of the heroes of the defensive unit, each securing interceptions to stall Destin's attempts to mount a comeback.

The Tigers head home, having secured a victory on the road. The Chipley Tigers dropped a close homecoming against the Bozeman Bucks on Oct. 20.

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Chipley man with burglary, grand theft

STAFF REPORT

A Chipley man incarcerated at the Washington County Jail has been charged with burglary and grand theft.

Gregory Singletary, 27 years old, reportedly confessed after

being questioned by investigators regarding stolen items from property on Hayward Drive valued over \$20,000.

Singletary was in jail for an unrelated charge. He is currently being held without bond, according to the

WCSO.

“Our job is to protect our citizens and their property, and we are committed to doing so,” Sheriff Kevin Crews said. “We must work together in order to curb thefts and crime in our county.”



Gregory Singletary

Holmes County Dockets

The following cases were set to be heard in Holmes County felony court proceedings Wednesday Oct. 18, 2023 before Judge Russell Roberts.

Kathreen June Adams-Neglect child with great bodily harm, possession of a controlled substance x5, possession or use of drug paraphernalia x6, aggravated manslaughter of a child

Billie Lea Applegate- Neglect child without great bodily harm

Jonathan Travis Bartle- Grand theft of motor vehicle

Latosha Ann Bell- Neglect child without great bodily harm, contribute to delinquency of minor

Dillon D. Birge- Possession of a controlled substance, felony battery (priors)

Deaudre Shunte Carlton-Grand theft of motor vehicle

Alan William Carnley-Traffic in meth less than 28 grams but more than 14 grams, possession or use of drug paraphernalia, DWLSR

Nicholas S. Cassidy-Possession of weapon or ammo by convicted felon, possession of a controlled substance, DWLSR habitual offender, possession of drug paraphernalia

Michael Aaron Cooper-Obscene communication: use computer to seduce/solicit/lure, use two way communication to facilitate felony

Ronald W. Cooper-Trafficking in meth less than 200 grams more than 28 grams

Joseph M. Crowder-Possession of a controlled substance, possession or use of drug paraphernalia

Gerrell Charles Dent-Possession of weapon or ammo by convicted felon x2, dealing in stolen property, carrying concealed weapon

John William Dixon-Possession of a controlled substance, possession or use of drug paraphernalia, burglary of structure, petit theft first offense

Gordon R. Dunn-Carrying concealed firearm, DUI

Ferrell English-Possession of cannabis more than 20

grams, possession of a controlled substance, possession or use of drug paraphernalia

Jeremiah Lee Flowers-Assault, felony battery (priors)

JW Garner III-Domestic violence by strangulation

William D. Golden-Possession of a controlled substance, possession or use of drug paraphernalia

Hector L. Gomez-Traffic in meth less than 28 grams more than 14 grams, possession of a controlled substance, possession of weapon or ammo by convicted felon, possession of marijuana less than 20 grams, possession or use of drug paraphernalia

Neil Gray-Trafficking in cocaine, use two way communication device to facilitate felony, introduce or possess contraband into ST institution, possession of a controlled substance x2

Jerome L. Henderson-Possession of weapon or ammo by a convicted felon, flee/elude LEO at high speed, reckless driving, possession of marijuana less than 20 grams, DWLSR, aggravated assault with discharge of firearm, fail to obey LEO, knowingly DWLSR

Jesse David Hicks-Evidence of prejudice while committing aggravated battery with deadly weapon, aggravated battery with deadly weapon x2, leaving scene of accident with injuries x2, DWLSR

Daron L. Holcomb-Possession or use of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession of a controlled substance

John Samuel Holley-Tampering with witness/victim, battery: domestic violence

Mark A. Hudson-Possession of a controlled substance x2, possession or use of drug paraphernalia

Erick Jones-Battery on persons 65 YOA or older, sale/delivery of a controlled substance

Symphony S. Kowalczyk-Possession of a controlled substance

Jeremy M. Lewis

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2023 TAX ROLL OPEN FOR COLLECTION NOVEMBER 1st

In accordance with Florida Statutes notice is hereby given that the Property Appraiser has delivered the 2023 Tax Roll to the Tax Collector for collection of ad valorem taxes for the Washington County Board of County Commissioners, the Washington County School Board, Northwest Florida Water Management District, the City of Chipley, and the City of Vernon.

FLORIDA LAW PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING DISCOUNT FOR EARLY PAYMENT OF TAXES:

- 4% if paid in November
- 3% if paid in December
- 2% if paid in January
- 1% if paid in February
- Net Amount in March
- Delinquent – April 1

Property owners can now pay their property taxes by mail, in person, or online. Online payments can be made at www.washcote.com. A 2.75 percent convenience fee is applied to all credit/debit card payments. The convenience fee is collected by the payment processor and is not a fee remitted to the Tax Collector's Office.

Taxes are assessed to the owner of record as of December 31, 2022. If you have purchased property this year, your statement will go to the former owner. Duplicate statements are available at the Tax Collector's office.

If you own property and do not receive a tax bill or for questions concerning your tax bill, please contact our office at (850) 638-6275.

Ken Naker, CFC
Washington County Tax Collector
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P.O. Box 1038 Chipley, FL 32428

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NOTICE

TAX IMPACT OF VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD

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Members of the Board

Honorable	John W. Hawkins III	Board of County Commissioners, District No.	3
Honorable	David Corbin	Board of County Commissioners, District No.	5
Honorable	Cheryl Williams	School Board, District No.	5
Citizen Member	Sheldon Peel	Business owner within the school district	
Citizen Member	Gary Hartman	Homestead property owner	

The Value Adjustment Board (VAB) meets each year to hear petitions and make decisions relating to property tax assessments, exemptions, classifications, and tax deferrals.

Summary of Year's Actions

Type of Property	Number of Parcels					Reduction in		Shift in	
	Exemptions		Assessments*		Both	County Taxable Value		Taxes	
	Granted	Requested	Reduced	Requested	Withdrawn or settled	Due to Board Actions		Due to Board Actions	
Residential	0	0	0	0	0	\$	0	\$	0
Commercial	0	2	0	0	2	\$		\$	
Industrial and miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0	\$	0	\$	0
Agricultural or classified use	0	0	0	0	0	\$	0	\$	0
High-water recharge	0	0	0	0	0	\$	0	\$	0
Historic commercial or nonprofit	0	0	0	0	0	\$	0	\$	0
Business machinery and equipment	0	0	0	0	0	\$	0	\$	0
Vacant lots and acreage	0	0	0	0	0	\$	0	\$	0
TOTALS	0	2	0	0	2	\$	0	\$	0

All values should be county taxable values. School and other taxing authority values may differ.

*Include transfer of assessment difference (portability) requests.

If you have a question about these actions, contact the Chair or the Clerk of the Value Adjustment Board.			
Chair's name	John W. Hawkins III	Phone	8506386200 ext.
Clerk's name	Risha Brantley	Phone	8506386233 ext.

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 193.122 and 197.323 Florida Statutes, Gil Carter, Property Appraiser of Washington County, hereby affirms that the final certification for the 2023 Tax Roll for Washington County has been certified to the Tax Collector as of the 17th day of October, 2023

HOLMES

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Possession of a controlled substance, tampering with physical evidence, possession or use of drug paraphernalia

David Antonia McCall-Obscene communication use computer to seduce/solicit/lure, transmit harmful material to minors.

Washington County Dockets

The following cases were set to be heard in Washington County felony court proceedings Monday Oct. 23, 2023 before Judge Christopher N. Patterson.

Justin Lee Bartlett-Obstructing justice:threaten etc. victim/witness/informant, battery second or subsequent offense

Benjamin Ellis Best-Possession of a controlled substance without a prescription

Rodney Leon Broxton

Jr.-Flee/elude fail to obey LEO order to stop

Crystal Nicole Carter-Sexual assault by 24 YOA sexual battery victim 16/17 x2

Yandrey Ferrer Labrada-Burglary tools: possession with intent to use, dealing in stolen property

Jesse Dixon Hall-Battery: commit domestic battery by strangulation

Taylor Suzanne Hamilton-Flee/elude police with

disregard to safety to people or property, DUI drugs or alcohol

Cynthia Lynn Hughes-Arson: second degree

Gregory Oneal King-Flee/elude LEO with lights/sirens active, DWLSR third or subsequent offense

Thablit Nadir Mateen-DWLSR habitual offender

Jessie Victoria Matlock-Arson: first degree

William Dane Mongoven-Destroy or tamper with physical evidence, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, aggravated

assault with deadly weapon without intent to kill

Daniel Matthew Moses-DWLSR habitual offender

Devante Keon Thomas-Trafficking cocaine 28 grams less than 150 kg of cocaine or mixture, cocaine sale within 1000 ft of specified area schedule II, possession of marijuana less than 20 grams

Nancy Rosetta Thomas-Deliver or distribute methamphetamine

Michael Allen Young-Aggravated assault with intent to commit a felony, battery on person 65 YOA or older

Holmes County Arrest Reports

The following arrests were made in Holmes County between October 13 and October 19 as reported by the Holmes County Jail. All subjects are considered innocent until convicted.



Bradley James Pinner, 36, Homeless- Possession of methamphetamine, possession or use of drug paraphernalia [HCSO]



Jondarrean Lamar Jones, 25, AL- VOP: no valid Driver's License [HCSO]



Benjamin Todd Smith, 34, AL- VOP: DWLSR, VOP: no valid registration [HCSO]



Amanda Michelle Rhodes, 34, Bonifay- FFJ: out of state Georgia [HCSO]



Jillian Dianne Reynolds, 26, Caryville- DUI drugs or alcohol first offense [HCSO]



Janaysia Javae Roundtree, 24, Melbourn- Possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, smuggle contraband into detention facility [HCSO]



Duvante Laquawn Carswell, 21, Chipley- Battery, domestic battery by strangulation, kidnapping: false imprisonment [BPD]



Donald Ralph Daye, 60, Bonifay- Out of county warrant [HCSO]



Lola Wilson, 44, Cottondale- Destroy or tamper with physical evidence, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription [HCSO]

Washington County Arrest Reports

The following arrests were made in Washington County between October 13 and October 19 as reported by the Washington County Jail. All subjects are considered innocent until convicted.



Timothy WD Banister, 44, Vernon- Possession of meth with intent to sell mfg deliver [WCSO]



Matthew Paul Stafford, 42, Chipley- DWLSR habitual offender [WCSO]



Curtis Tyson Reynolds, 58, Chipley- DWLSR habitual offender [WCSO]



Michael Robert McNamara, 27, Marianna- Failure to register motor vehicle, grand theft of motor vehicle, DWLSR second offense, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, reckless driving, flee/elude police with disregard of safety to people or property, kidnap: inflict bodily harm / terrorize victim, operate motorcycle without a license (Holmes County) [WCSO]



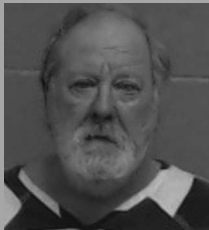
Austin Blake Langley, 27, Panama City- Probation violation: DUI blood alcohol [WCSO]



Jessica Ann Mackenzie, 36, Panama City- Contempt of court: child support [WCSO]



Amy Renee Bourkard, 47, Vernon- Neglect child without great bodily harm, DUI blood alcohol [WCSO]



Donald Ralph Daye, 65, Bonifay- Probation violation: aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill [WCSO]



Tytiuna Shanteis Jones, 30, Chipley- Battery [WCSO]



Kaitlyn Michelle Parrish, 28, Vernon- VOP: Holmes: Possession of a controlled substance without a prescription x2 [WCSO]



Matthew James Lunsford, 34, Defuniak- Possession or use of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription [WCSO]



Demario Vonsha Smith, 38, Pensacola- Possession of heroin: more than 10 grams schedule I [WCSO]



Shawndra Joann Holley, 44, Chipley- No charges available [WCSO]



Mike Andrew Toledo-Garzon, 18, Miami- VOP: Possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, VOP: family offense: interfere with child custody [WCSO]



Donald Earl Pendleton, 33, Cottondale- FTA: Trespassing structure or conveyance [WCSO]



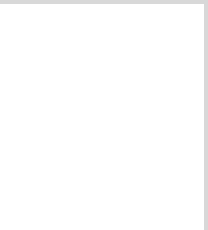
Michael Jamar Cotton, 31, Chipley- Contempt of court: child support [WCSO]



Travin Dewayne Campbell, 34, Chipley- Contempt of court: child support x3 [WCSO]



Derrick Emond Brown, 42, Chipley- No charges available [WCSO]



Laura Brooke Wilson, 36, Valpriso- Out of county warrant: free text, resist officer: obstruct without violence, DUI blood alcohol [WCSO]

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GRAVES

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shaping and molding them into strong, intelligent young women who know exactly how to manipulate us out of our cash. Now that they are more independent (except for the cash part), I’m trying to dedicate

more attention to my wife’s needs. So, when we go out on our dates, I let her know I value her and her opinions by allowing her to choose where we eat – as long as it’s my favorite Mexican food restaurant. I could go on and on (not really – I’m pretty much out of ideas), but I’ll finish by say-

ing that although I’ve done plenty of things I regret, and I haven’t done a lot things that others have, marrying an outstanding lady and having three wonderful girls have made up for life’s many shortcomings. Oh, and the boxer briefs help, too, especially when I go out to check the mail.

Graves is an award-winning humor columnist from East Texas. His columns have been featured in Texas Escapes magazine, The Shreveport Times, The Longview News Journal, and The Kilgore News Herald. Contact Graves at susanjase@sbcglobal.net.

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Washington County

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<p>000367 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED</p> <p>Notice Is Hereby Given MIKON FINANCIAL SERV INC & OCE, the holder of the following Tax certificate, has filed said certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The Parcel number, Certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:</p> <p>Certificate #: 21-00-00821 Year of issuance: 2021 Parcel: 00000000-00-4141-0114 Assessed To: VICENTE ENRIQUEZ Description: LOT A-114 LEISURE LAKES REC PLAT, ORB 1158 P 452</p> <p>All of said property being located in the County of Washington, State of Florida.</p> <p>Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such Certificate will be sold to the highest bidder ON-LINE AT WASHINGTON.REALTAXDEED.COM on DECEMBER 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM CT.</p> <p>Lora C. Bell Clerk of Court, Washington County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk Publication Dates: 10/11/2023, 10/18/2023, 10/25/2023, 11/01/2023 October 11, 18, 25, November 1, 2023</p>	<p>www.washington.realforeclosure.com, the following-described real property as set forth in said Amended Final Judgment of Foreclosure and Revising jurisdiction:</p> <p>For the following described real property in Washington County, Florida:</p> <p>A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE CITY OF CHIPLEY IN THE SOUTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, BOUNDED BY BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE WESTERN BOUNDARY LINE OF SECOND STREET AND THE NORTHERN EDGE OF THE CONCRETE SIDEWALK OF THE NORTH SIDE OF JACKSON AVENUE OR STATE ROAD NO. 10 (THE NORTHERN EDGE OF SAID SIDEWALK BEING 35 FT. NORTH OF THE CENTER LINE OF SAID STATE ROAD NO. 10) AND RUNNING THENCE NORTH ALONG THE WESTERN BOUNDARY LINE OF SECOND STREET 100 FT., THENCE WEST 70 FT., THENCE SOUTH PARALLEL WITH THE WESTERN BOUNDARY LINE OF SECOND STREET 100 FT. TO THE NORTHERN EDGE OF SAID CONCRETE SIDEWALK, THENCE EAST ALONG THE NORTHERN EDGE OF SAID SIDEWALK TO POINT OF BEGINNING.</p> <p>located at 1320 Jackson Avenue, Chipley Florida, being tax parcel numbered 00-1641-0000</p> <p>A certified copy of this Court’s Judgment was recorded on August 30, 2023, at OR Book 1281, Page 478 thru 483 in the Washington County Official Records, effecting a judgment lien against Defendants C.O.A.L.T. Enterprises, Inc., James Caudle, and Tammy Vu Ngo A/K/ A Tam Thi Ngo’s interest in these non-exempt lands.</p> <p>The successful bidder at the sale will be required to place the requisite state documentary stamps on the Certificate of Title. DATED this 5th day of Sept. 2023.</p> <p>LORA C. BELL CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA K Odom Deputy Clerk RETURN PROOF OF PUBLICATION TO:</p> <p>Jeremy A. Mutz, Blankenship Jordan, PA 1512 Hwy. 90, Chipley, FL 32428 October 18, 25, 2023</p> <p>000399 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA</p> <p>GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION</p> <p>CASE NO. 22000141CAAXMX</p> <p>U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST,</p>	<p>Plaintiff, vs.</p> <p>NATHANIEL WESTRY AND ON-TAYA L. PETERSON AND DELESHIA ROCHELLE DAVIS AND SHANTRALIA MONGUE BELL, et al. Defendant(s).</p> <p>NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE</p> <p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 27, 2023, and entered in 22000141CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the FOURTEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Washington County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST is the Plaintiff and NATHANIEL WESTRY; NETTIE R. WESTRY A/K/A NETTIE RUTH WESTRY; ONTAYA L. PETERSON; DELESHIA ROCHELLE DAVIS; SHANTRALIA MONGUE BELL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHANTRALIA MONGUE BELL are the Defendant(s). Lora C. Bell as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.washington.realforeclosure.com, at 10:00 AM, on November 15, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND LOCATED IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO-WIT: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/2 OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN S 89 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 13 SECONDS E ALONG THE FORTY LINE 185.04 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THENCE CONTINUE S-89 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 13 SECONDS E 240.07 FEET; THENCE RUN S 00 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 46 SECONDS W 208.71 FEET; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 13 SECONDS W 240.07 FEET; THENCE RUN N 00 DEGREES 42 SECONDS 46 MINUTES E, 208.71 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 1.15 ACRES MORE OR LESS. LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR 30 FEET EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS PURPOSE ONLY. COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, WASHINGTON COUNTY FLORIDA AND RUN S 00 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 46 SECONDS W ALONG THE FORTY LINE 706.25 FEET; THENCE RUN S 89 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 24 SECONDS E, 59.32 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THENCE CONTINUE S 89 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 24 SECONDS E 125.74 FEET; THENCE RUN N 00 DEGREES 42 MIN-</p>	<p>UTES 46 SECONDS E 497.37 FEET; THENCE RUN S 89 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 13 SECONDS E 30.00 FEET; THENCE RUN S 00 DEGREES 46 SECONDS W, 527.27 FEET; THENCE RUN N 89 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 24 SECONDS W, 124.45 FEET; THENCE RUN S 01 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 10 SECONDS E, 142.24 FEET; THENCE RUN N 89 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 24 SECONDS W, 30.02 FEET; THENCE RUN N 01 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 10 SECONDS W 172.26 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Property Address: 3407 ALTO CIRCLE, VERNON, FL 32462 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 in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031.</p> <p>Dated this 11th day of October, 2023.</p> <p>Lora C. Bell</p> <p>As Clerk of the Court</p> <p>By: Kelsey Odom As Deputy Clerk</p> <p>IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator by mail at P. O. Box 1089, Panama City, FL 32402 or by phone at (850) 747-5338 at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing impaired, please call 711 or email ADAREquest@jud14.flcourts.org.</p> <p>Submitted by: Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC</p> <p>Attorneys for Plaintiff</p> <p>6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, FL 33487</p> <p>Telephone: 561-241-6901 Fax: 561-997-6909</p> <p>October 18, 25, 2023</p> <p>000400 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST</p> <p>Plaintiff,</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>RONALD JEFF SHIELDS; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS AND TRUSTEES OF LINDA</p>	<p>SHIELDS A/K/A LINDA D. HAUPT, DECEASED; TIMOTHY HAUPT, AS KNOWN HEIR TO LINDA SHIELDS A/K/A LINDA D. HAUPT, DECEASED, et al.</p> <p>Defendants.</p> <p>Case No. 2022-CA-000089</p> <p>Division</p> <p>NOTICE OF ACTION</p> <p>TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS AND TRUSTEES OF LINDA SHIELDS A/K/A LINDA D. HAUPT, DECEASED CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN LAST KNOWN ADDRESS UNKNOWN</p> <p>You are notified that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Washington County, Florida: LOT 33, DEER RUN RANCHETTES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, AT PAGES 200 THROUGH 203, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA.</p> <p>commonly known as 5209 HWY 77, CHIPLEY, FL 32428 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on David R. Byars of Kass Shuler, P.A., plaintiff’s attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 800, Tampa, Florida 33601, (813) 229-0900, on or before , (or 30 days from the first date of publication, whichever is later) and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff’s attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.</p> <p>Dated: , 2023.</p> <p>CLERK OF THE COURT Honorable Lora C. Bell 1293 Jackson Avenue Chipley, Florida 32428-</p> <p>By: (COURT SEAL) Deputy Clerk</p> <p>(PLEASE PUBLISH IN Washington County News)</p> <p>AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator by mail at P. O. Box 1089, Panama City, FL 32402 or by phone at (850) 747-5338 at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less</p>	<p>than seven (7) days. If you are hearing impaired, please call 711 or email ADAREquest@jud14.flcourts.org. October 18, 25, 2023</p> <p>000401 LEAVE IT AT LENNY’S SELF STORAGE, LLC. 2855 PATEPOND ROAD CARYVILLE, FL. 32427</p> <p>NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, that we will sell or otherwise dispose of the contents of the following self storage units in order to satisfy the delinquent storage lien placed in accordance with the State of Florida Statute 83.806.</p> <p>UNIT# NAME CONTENTS 4C Felisha Goodyear Household Items 31F Aldric Brown Household Items</p> <p>The public sale will be conducted at “SelfStorageAuction.com” The facility address is: “Leave it at Lenny’s Self Storage, LLC.”, located at: 2855 Pate Pond Road, Caryville, FL. 32427. The sale will take place on Tuesday, November 14th, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., or thereafter. Units will be sold to the highest bidder. Terms are CREDIT CARD only. A cleaning deposit of \$100.00 will be taken for each unit purchased. (850) 290-4118 October 25, November 1, 2023</p> <p>000402 The following vehicles will be sold at public auction at Nichols Auto Repair and Towing at 1146 Jackson Avenue, Chipley, FL 32428 at 8:00 am on the following date: 2005 Chevrolet 1G1ZT54875F139776 November 17, 2023 2007 Hummer 5GTDN13E678201230 November 17, 2023 October 25, 2023</p> <p>000403 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY</p> <p>GARY HENRY EVERETT, an individual, Plaintiff, vs. CASE NO.: 23CA102</p> <p>ROBERT CHRISTOPHER NOLAN a/k/a ROBERT C. NOLAN, an individual, Defendant.</p> <p>NOTICE OF ACTION TO: ROBERT CHRISTOPHER NOLAN a/k/a ROBERT C. NOLAN, an individual, and all other parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against and all other parties claiming by, through, under, or against any named Defendant excepting only Plaintiff; and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under the above named or described defendants or parties or claiming to have any right, title, or interest in the property hereafter described and all claimants, persons</p>	<p>or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the above named or described defendants or parties or claiming to have any right, title, or interest in the property hereafter described, YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title to the following property in Washington County, Florida: Lot 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37, Block “A”, according to the Rubenstein & Laken’s Plat of the North Chipley Addition to the Town of Chipley, Florida, and being a part of Lot 5, Block “E” of the Hagerman Addition to Chipley, as recorded in the Public Records of Washington County, Florida.</p> <p>Also known as 581 7 th Street, Chipley, Florida 32428.</p> <p>has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, within thirty (30) days of the first publication of this Notice of Action, to Denise H. Rowan, Esq., Plaintiff’s Attorney, whose address is 558 Harrison Avenue, Panama City, Florida 32401, and whose electronic mail address is drowan@dhrrlegal.com or jberanek@dhrrlegal.com and file the original with the Clerk of Court either before service on Plaintiff’s attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. DATED this 17 th day of October, 2023.</p> <p>Lora C. Bell, Clerk of Court Washington County, Florida</p> <p>By: Kelsey Odom Deputy Clerk October 25, November 1, 2023</p> <p>000404 NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE BROCK AUTO BODY gives notice that on 11/06/2023 at 8:00 AM the following vehicles may be sold by public sale at 707 EAST BLVD to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery , towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78 2017 niss 3N1AB7AP5HL669840 2019 TOYOTA NMTKHBX1KR090549</p> <p>October 25, November 1, 2023</p> <p>000405 NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL</p> <p>The Northwest Florida Water Management District (hereinafter the “District”), a special taxing district of the State of Florida, intends to sell a parcel of land lying in Section 24, Township 1 North, Range 13 West, Washington County, Florida and being more particularly described as follows:</p>	<p>The NW ¼ of the SE ¼ of NE ¼, subject to a non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress over and across the following described land: the West 20 feet of the NW ¼ of SE ¼ of NE ¼ of Section 24, Township 1 North, Range 13 West, Washington County, Florida.</p> <p>The Governing Board of the District has declared the previously described property as surplus to its needs pursuant to Section 373.089, Florida Statutes. October 25, November 1, 8, 2023</p> <p>000408 FLORIDA PACE FUNDING AGENCY NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the Florida PACE Funding Agency, a public body corporate and politic, (the “Agency”), hereby provides notice, pursuant to Sections 163.08(2), (3) and (4) and 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, each as amended from time to time, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem assessments for more than one year to be levied within the area encompassed by the boundaries of every county in Florida, or any of the municipalities therein, served by the Agency’s statewide provision of funding and financing to assist property owners who wish to construct, install or otherwise obtain qualifying improvements identified by the Legislature including, but not limited to, energy conservation and efficiency improvements, renewable energy improvements , and wind resistance improvements, in accordance with Section 163.08, Florida Statutes, as amended (collectively, the “Qualifying Improvements”). By law and resolution of the Agency, a property owner may apply to the Agency for funding and financing of Qualifying Improvements. The non-ad valorem assessments contemplated by this notice are voluntary and are only imposed by the Agency with the prior written consent authorized by or on behalf of affected property owners who determine to obtain financing for Qualifying Improvements from the Agency. The Agency is authorized by state law to fund and finance Qualifying Improvements and is required to annually collect repayment by non-ad valorem assessments. The Board will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments as authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, after a public</p>	<p>hearing to be held at Kissimmee Gateway Airport-Administrative Offices located at 401 Dyer Blvd Kissimmee FL 34741 on Tuesday November 21, 2023 at 1pm. Date/ Time/Location to be filled in with selection of the board . In the event of a local or national emergency, a hurricane, or any other interfering circumstance, if necessary, the meeting may be continued to a time, date, and place certain, and notice thereof , along with appropriate means for public attendance and participation, if other than in-person, will be posted on the Agency’s website. Such resolution electing to use such uniform method will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property that may be subject to the levy – which is the entirety of the State of Florida. A copy of the proposed form of resolution and other information may be viewed at the Agency’s website: www. FloridaPACE.Gov . Advance written communication will be given equal weight to comments or objections made in person, and may be submitted to the Board in advance at Info@ FloridaPACE.Gov ; and, should be received by the Agency on or before November 3, 2021 Thursday November 16, 2023 so that copies can be distributed to Board members for advance review and hearing preparation purposes. Any person desiring to speak in person may appear at the public hearing. If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this public hearing such person will need a record of proceedings and for such purpose such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made at their own expense and which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is based. Any person requiring a special accommodation at this meeting due to disability or physical impairment or needing an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Agency at 850-400-PACE at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If hearing impaired, Florida Relay Service numbers for assistance are (800) 955-8771 (tdd) or (800) 955-8770 (voice).</p> <p>By Order of the Board of Directors of the Florida PACE Funding Agency . October 25, November 1, 8, 15, 2023</p> <div><div>LAND/ACREAGE</div><p>1-Acre plot and 2-Acre plot in Jacob City Florida (850) 849-9338</p></div>

CELEBRATE

Chipleigh celebrates school spirit during homecoming parade

STAFF REPORT

Downtown Chipleigh was a festive place on Friday, Oct. 20, for the 2023 homecoming parade. Current students and members of past graduating classes walked or rode in floats, waving to the crowd and throwing out candy as they did so. The street was lined with people who came out to celebrate and join in the fun.



The Chipleigh Tigers ride in a float during the 2023 Chipleigh homecoming parade on Friday, Oct. 20. [COLLIN BREAUX | The News and Advertiser]



From left: City Councilmember and local businesswoman Kristin Martin and Mayor Tracy Andrews wave to the crowd during the 2023 Chipleigh homecoming parade on Friday, Oct. 20. [COLLIN BREAUX | The News and Advertiser]



Members of the Chipleigh High School ARMY JROTC program march in the 2023 Chipleigh homecoming parade on Friday, Oct. 20. [COLLIN BREAUX | The News and Advertiser]



Members of the Chipleigh High School band march in the 2023 Chipleigh homecoming parade on Friday, Oct. 20. [COLLIN BREAUX | The News and Advertiser]



Parade-goers line the street for the 2023 Chipleigh homecoming parade on Friday, Oct. 20. [OFF MY FRAME PHOTOGRAPHY]



The Class of 1993 rides in a float during the 2023 Chipleigh homecoming parade on Friday, Oct. 20. [COLLIN BREAUX | The News and Advertiser]



The Chipleigh Fire Department participates in the 2023 Chipleigh homecoming parade. [OFF MY FRAME PHOTOGRAPHY]



Roulhac cheerleaders ride in a float during the 2023 Chipleigh homecoming parade on Friday, Oct. 20. [OFF MY FRAME PHOTOGRAPHY]



Chipleigh theatre students ride in a float during the 2023 Chipleigh homecoming parade on Friday, Oct. 20. [COLLIN BREAUX | The News and Advertiser]



The Class of 2003 rides in a float during the 2023 Chipleigh homecoming parade on Friday, Oct. 20. [COLLIN BREAUX | The News and Advertiser]



The Class of 1983 rides in a float during the 2023 Chipleigh homecoming parade on Friday, Oct. 20. [OFF MY FRAME PHOTOGRAPHY]

FOOD

Let’s give ‘em pumpkin to talk about

WHAT SOUTHERN FOLKS EAT

Stephanie Hill-Frazier
Guest Columnist

“I can smell autumn dancing in the breeze. The sweet chill of pumpkin and crisp sunburnt leaves.”
~Ann Drake

Pumpkin season has arrived! I know, it’s still a bit warm outside, and we’re wearing t-shirts and flip-flops, not sweaters and boots.

Yet once Labor Day has passed by, and everyone heads back to school for the semester, I begin daydreaming about all things autumn: pretty scarlet and orange leaves

adorning wreaths on front doors, the scents of cinnamon and nutmeg baking in breads and pies in the kitchen, and lots of friendly pumpkins on porches, welcoming family and friends home.

To me, these things herald the beginning of my favorite season, regardless of the temperature.

I love decorating with pumpkins, from the traditional-looking smooth orange ones to bumpy-gnarly ones to green or white ones. They’re all beautiful to me!

I decorate with them indoors and out. I stack

them in old wheelbarrows, line the porch steps with them, and perch them with other smaller gourds on my mantel inside the house.

I want them everywhere possible, beginning in mid-September and going straight through Thanksgiving. Beautiful, friendly pumpkins everywhere!

Years ago, mom or dad would buy a big pumpkin for my little sister and me to carve into a jack-o-lantern just before Halloween. We were somewhat disgusted by the sliminess of the insides of the pumpkin but we’d do the operation any-

way, excited to remove it so we could begin the more artistic part of carving the face!

We always tried to make “Jack” smile and not be too scary. Then, mom would put a candle inside and we’d wait excitedly for nightfall so we could light it and stand back, admiring our handiwork. Such fun!

When Thanksgiving rolled around, mom would make a couple of pumpkin pies, rich with cinnamon and nutmeg. We loved those pies!

I make them, too, using her recipe each November. Pumpkin is delicious!

It’s also nutritious,

containing a good dose of fiber, potassium, and vitamin A. It’s a great ingredient to add to your diet, and not just in pie.

Following are some of my favorite recipes that feature pumpkin. I hope you’ll enjoy trying some of them!

First, these low-fat treats are unusual.... not the typical brownies, they’re very dense, quite moist, and have the flavor of fall, even without the oil and eggs! Just don’t expect them to be cake-like; they’re definitely unique in that regard.

I hope you’ll enjoy pumpkin season with these recipes, and that you’ll enjoy

your fall decorating, too. Feel free to share your pictures with me; I’d love to see them! My email address is steph@whatsouthernfolkseat.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

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3-ingredient Pumpkin “Brownies”

Ingredients:

- 15-ounce can pumpkin (not pumpkin pie filling)
- 1 box brownie mix
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a 9x9-inch baking pan with aluminum foil, leaving some extra on each end for easy removal from the pan when brownies have cooled. Spray the foil with cooking spray.
2. In a medium mixing bowl, combine the pumpkin and the spice, whisking to combine. Add the brownie mix, and then fold in with a spatula until well-combined and smooth.
3. Spread the batter into the foil-lined baking pan, smoothing with spatula. If using the flavored chips, sprinkle them over the top of the brownie batter, smoothing gently with the spatula to press them into the batter slightly.
4. Bake for about 30 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Allow to cool in pan, then remove by lifting out with foil and placing on cutting board. Cut with large serrated knife into squares. Enjoy these thick, fudge brownies with a cold glass of milk.

Pumpkin Blondies

Ingredients:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons of cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon fresh nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 sticks unsalted butter, room temperature
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 large egg
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 cup canned pumpkin puree
- 1 cup white chocolate chips

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line bottom and sides of a 9-by-13-inch baking pan with foil, leaving an overhang on all sides. Spray with cooking spray.
2. In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, cinnamon, nutmeg, baking soda, and salt.

With an electric mixer, cream butter and both sugars until smooth. Beat in the egg and vanilla until well blended. Add the pumpkin puree. Reduce speed to low, and mix in the flour mixture until just combined. Don’t overmix. Stir in the white and cinnamon chips by hand.
3. Spread batter evenly into the prepared pan. Bake for about 35-40 minutes. The sides will pull away from the pan and brown a bit. Do the toothpick test, if it comes out clean. They are done. Cool completely in pan. Lift the blondies from the pan, using the foil from pan. Peel off the foil and cut into squares.
4. If you like, you can drizzle with melted white chocolate or cream cheese icing, too. 100% delicious!



Steph’s Cranberry-Pumpkin Bread

Steph’s Cranberry-Pumpkin Bread

Ingredients:

- 1 cup dried cranberries
- 1/3 cup water
- 1/2 cup canola oil
- 2 large eggs
- 3/4 cup canned pumpkin puree
- 2 cups plain flour
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Method:

1. Plump the berries: Place the 1/3 cup water in a saucepan with the cup of dried cranberries. Bring to a simmer, stir, and remove from heat.
2. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
3. In a medium mixing bowl, whisk together the dry ingredients.
4. In another bowl, lightly beat eggs. Add pumpkin and oil, and whisk until combined.
5. Add wet mixture to dry, and gently stir until just combined (no remaining visible clumps of flour)
6. Fold in berries, including the juice that they’ve created. Combine gently with spatula until they are evenly distributed in the batter.
7. Pour batter into a loaf pan that you’ve sprayed with Pam or Baker’s Joy, or greased and floured.
8. Bake until a toothpick inserted in center of loaf comes out clean. For a large loaf, expect it to take about an hour. If dividing into two smaller loaf pans, bake for about 35 minutes. (I do this to save time.)

You could also make this into muffins of any size, adjusting baking times accordingly.

SCHOOLS & EDUCATION

Chipola recognizes staff, students for achievements; receives donation

STAFF REPORT

The spring 2023 graduating ADN students at Chipola are registered nursing students who achieved a 100% pass rate for first-time test takers. According to Dr. Pam Rentz, the vice president of instruc-

tional affairs, several changes in the department contributed to this achievement. "Dr. Mays and her faculty have been diligent in making enhancements to the program that have resulted in these stellar pass rates," Rentz said.



Thomas Schaefer has been selected for the Chipola College Faculty/Administrator/Other Professional Award of the month for October. Schaefer serves as assistant professor in business and has worked at the college since 2020. From left: Chipola president, Dr. Sarah Clemmons and Thomas Schaefer. [CONTRIBUTED]



Chipola College received a donation from Automotive Video Innovations for their automotive technology program. Pictured are John Gardner, Paul Louwers, Josh Ellis, Darwin Gilmore. [CONTRIBUTED]



Candy Corbin is Chipola College's Career Employee for October. Candy Corbin serves as a Departmental Staff Assistant for Facilities and Campus Operations and has worked at the college since 2021. From left: Chipola president, Dr. Sarah Clemmons, and Candy Corbin. [CONTRIBUTED]



Chipola College is celebrating registered nursing students who achieved a 100% pass rates for first-time test takers. [CONTRIBUTED]

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COMMUNITY

Decorative bows bring homecoming spirit to Downtown Chipley

STAFF REPORT

People walking or driving around Downtown Chipley may have noticed yellow and blue bows tied on street poles. The festive decorations are part of the community support for Chipley High School's 2023 homecoming and the Chipley Tigers sports teams. Town leaders have been involved in bring-

ing the idea to life—including support from Mayor Tracy Andrews, sponsorship by First Federal Bank of Florida, and actually being made by Washington County Chamber of Commerce ambassadors. The bows were recently put up by local businesswoman and City Councilmember Kristin Martin, her husband Blake Martin, and Mayor Andrews.



From left: Tiffany Hitchcock of First Federal Bank of Florida, local businesswoman and City Councilmember Kristin Martin, and Mayor Tracy Andrews have been involved in the distribution of decorative bows celebrating Chipley High High School's 2023 homecoming and the Chipley High Tigers sports teams in Downtown Chipley. [CONTRIBUTED]

NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION OF TAX ROLL

Pursuant to Section 193.122, Florida Statutes, Bryan A. Bell, Property Appraiser of Holmes County, hereby affirms that the 2023 Tax Rolls for Holmes County have been certified to the Tax Collector as of the 16th day of October 2023, for the collection of taxes.

Local high school bands rank in competition

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High school band members may blend into the background at Friday night football games but they aren't overlooked by everyone. Their hard work paid off Saturday, Oct. 14, at the Florida Bandmasters District II Marching Band Music Performance Assessment at Tommy Oliver Stadium in Panama City. All bands are judged on three major factors: music performance, marching and maneuvering, and general effect. Chipley High School's "Spirit of the Tiger"

band played "99 Red Balloons," "You Dropped a Bomb on Me," and "Shut Up & Dance," with a superior overall rating. Vernon High School's "Pride of Vernon" played a medley from Grease, "Greased Lightning," "Summer Nights," "Born to Hand Jive," and "Beauty School Dropout" with an superior overall rating. Holmes County High School's "Blue Pride" band played Elton John medlies "I'm Still Standing," "Crocodile Rock," "Your Song," and "Saturday Night's Alright for Fighting" with an overall rating of excellent.

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Trunk-or-Treat marks 19th year in Chipley

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A regular Halloween tradition in Chipley will occur at Jim Trawick Park, 1544 North Railroad Avenue, on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 4:30-6 p.m.

The event is Chipley's 19th annual trunk-or-treat. Kids can come out to receive candy.

"The trick or treaters will come in and walk to the different vendors," event coordinator Sherri Biddle said. "It's a safe way to trick

or treat, in my opinion."

Biddle has been helping with behind-the-scenes organizing for the event since the duration. Her involvement started when she worked with the Washington County Chamber of Commerce. Tommy McDonald, the mayor then, was thinking of ways to give back to the community.

"He saw the need to keep the kids safe," Biddle said. The event has had several locations over the years

due to either gradually outgrowing a previous venue or having safety issues with children walking into the street. The trunk-or-treat ended up at the current location of the soccer field in 2012.

Police will also be on hand to keep an eye out, along with EMTs and Smokey the Bear.

"Each year after Tommy died, I would go to the police department and get their support," Biddle said. She also regularly se-

cures permission from the City of Chipley. The event is intended to happen before it gets dark outside so kids stay safe, Biddle said.

The age range for trick or treaters is generally newborns to 12 years old.

"I couldn't do it without the community support," Biddle said. "It's always something I've tried to continue on through the years. The smiles on the kids' faces when they go through the lines are worth the effort."



"Trunk-or-Treat" will mark its 19th year in Chipley this Saturday, Oct. 28. Above is a creative design by from a previous year's event. [CONTRIBUTED]

Inaugural 'Witches Ride' raises money for local women's shelter



More than 40 women came together Saturday, Oct. 21, to help raise awareness about domestic violence, as well as money for a local women's shelter in the 1st annual Witches Ride, hosted by Dogwood Lakes Golf Course. Pictured, the group takes a ride around the course's lake. [CAROL KENT | The News and Advertiser]

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More than 40 women gathered Saturday, Oct. 21, at Dogwood Lakes Golf Course to participate in the first annual Witches Ride.

The event, organized by course owner Heather Shelby to raise money for a local women's shelter, featured a guided bicycle ride around the lake, brunch, door prizes, vendors, and costume and bike decorating contests. Also on hand were guest speakers - including medical professionals, victim advocates, and domestic violence survivors - who share statistics and stories that highlighted the need for more resources in the local area.

Proceeds from the event benefited Hearts of Gold Ministries, a transitional shelter in Bonifay that provides housing for women and children. The ministry is supported by Amazing Grace Thrift Store and ran by owner Pam Boone.

"I wanted this event to be an excuse for women to dress up, have fun

and raise money for a worthy cause," said Shelby. "The local funds raised at this event will stay local. I believe that is important for our community to see. This

had weighed on my heart, and I felt the need to give back and help women who need help getting out of a domestic

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Participant Loretta Browne took first prize in the costume contest with her "traveling caldron." [CAROL KENT | The News and Advertiser]

Marianna doctor wants to give away hearing aids to someone in need

STAFF REPORT

Dr. Larry Otwell wants to do good for others as Christmas comes near, so he's looking to give away a set of hearing aids or two.

Otwell has a practice in Marianna and is prepared to give the hearing aids to people who can't afford them. Anyone in need of hearing aids without the means to afford so can write a paragraph

or so explaining their circumstances and mail the letter to Otwell's office at 4297 3rd Avenue in Marianna, zip code 32466.

The ideal recipient would be someone who is "deserving," according to Otwell. Details on financial status are not necessary with applications.

"I'd like to get it to them before Christmas," he said. The hearing aids are

described by Otwell as "brand-new" and in good quality. A hearing assessment will be done on the chosen recipient before the hearing aids are given away.

"This is the time to give back," he said. Otwell has a practice in Chipley as well and is open to giving away hearing aids to two people in the region.

"We want to take care of our local people first," he said.

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CLUES ACROSS

- Towards the mouth or oral region
- A way to season
- North-central Indian city
- Emaciation
- Actress de Armas
- A way to score in basketball
- Odd
- Scripting languages on IBM machines
- A right of local jurisdiction
- Hard, colorless compound
- Diving seabird
- Wild goat of the mountains
- Not shortened
- Someone who learns from a teacher
- Is inclined
- Still asleep
- Antidepressants (abbr.)
- Town in Surrey, England
- Indian music patterns
- Birth control means
- People tend to be on one
- A way to keep meat moist
- Home of the Crimson Tide
- Pasta type
- Late 1990s rapper
- One circuit of a track
- Surrounded by water
- Late "Growing Pains" actor Thicke
- Married couples say it
- Drool
- Sicilian city
- Airline worker perk (abbr.)
- Grayish-black mixture
- Systems, doctrines, theories
- Midway between east and southeast
- Athletes who get paid

CLUES DOWN

- Genus of owls
- Hindu queen
- Cain and —
- Hindu female deity
- Islamic calendar month
- Changes posture
- More stubborn
- Give work to
- Round maps of the Earth
- Gathered fallen leaves
- Popular credit card
- Separation of church and state
- Founder of Sikhism
- They —
- Where you find the milk
- Institute legal proceedings against
- The neural structure consisting of the brain and spinal cord
- Expresses surprise
- Have a debt to
- Businessman
- State on India's western coast
- Practice of managing financial risks (abbr.)
- Patty Hearst's captors
- Put into service
- 10-year periods
- Crony
- Surgical clamp
- Leave unable to move due to lack of wind
- Where rockers work
- Valleys
- Ancient lyric poem
- Wise men
- It lights a room
- Assert
- Fifth Roman Emperor
- Ancient Greek city in Thrace

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FAITH

Try this diet



CALEB DUNCAN
Guest Columnist

I have a confession to make. I love some of the worst foods you can eat for your body. That’s right. Fried foods are my favorite. I have a few Little Debbie’s that hook me in, too. Oatmeal cream pies and Swiss rolls are so good. We keep them out of our house but when I visit my family, there are always some snacks and junk foods in the pantry. There are many diets that try to curb appetite and provide healthy options for foods. You could go vegan, or keto, or paleo, or a vast array of others...but I want to recommend a different diet. This diet is a bit different from the ones I mentioned. This is a diet that Jesus had. Here’s the kicker: it’s

not a physical diet. It’s a spiritual one. There is one time in the Bible where Jesus talked about “His food.” In John 4:34, Jesus had just finished speaking with the Samaritan woman at the well. This was a powerful moment, because Jesus had revealed himself as the Messiah to this woman, who was an outcast to society. She ran into the city to declare that Jesus was the living water that she’s been searching for. And at that moment, the disciples walk back up to Jesus. They urge him to eat, because they know he must be hungry. Jesus said, “I have food to eat that you know not of.” This confused the disciples. They look around at one another and say, “Did someone give him something to eat?” (John 4:33). And Jesus responds in a profound way to the disciples. He says, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to finish his work.” My food? Yes, he says, “My food.” Jesus’ food was to obey the will of his father. This sounds

strange. Why would Jesus use the illustration of food to show this? What Jesus was communicating to his disciples was that it was his greatest desire to obey the father, even more than food. Jesus was teaching them about spiritual nourishment. For physical nourishment, our bodies need physical food but for spiritual nourishment, we need to obey God and walk according to his word. We need to be spiritually nourished. In the previous verses, he just finished telling the woman at the well about the fountain of living water that springs up like a well within her. This was not physical water. It was a symbol Jesus used to show that he gives the gift of eternal life. In another place, Jesus tells us that he is the bread of life. The point is, that Jesus is our all-satisfying Savior, and when we are walking with him, we are spiritually nourished. When we have Jesus, we have everything we need to be filled. In John 4:34, we learned that Jesus was hungry to obey the father. Did you know that Jesus invites us to

hunger with him? He says in Matthew 5, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, and they shall be filled.” I’ll never understand eating at a fancy restaurant and getting served a plate of something extremely small and it costing so much. If I want to spend my money on food, I want a good helping of food. Even with plenty of food, I still go hungry again. Jesus here is offering us a type of food that will fill us always. This filling food is to obey God with our lives. If you are not feeling satisfied and hungry for the things of this world, I’ll have to ask the question: what does your diet consist of? Too many things of this world will ruin your appetite and leave you feeling empty but a balanced, spiritual diet consists of living water, bread of life, and fruit from the Spirit’s fine. Caleb Duncan is the Director for the West Florida Baptist Association in Chipley and holds an M.A. in Ethics, Theology, and Culture from Southeastern Seminary. Email him at WfbaDom@outlook.com or follow his Twitter @calebduncan.

Have you been broken by sin?



SHERYL BOLDT
Guest Columnist

Political primaries commence in January, and our state goes to the polls on “Super Tuesday,” March 5. Negative ads will appear. None of us like them. Do you know someone who reminds you of a broken doll that needs to be returned to the toy factory? So brokenhearted from their mess-ups that their spirits are crushed? Someone so ashamed because of their wrong choices that they can’t face anyone – even God? Is this how you would describe yourself? God understands our crushing discouragement and shame, which is why He says in Hebrews 4:16 (ESV), “Let us then with confidence draw near to

the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” No matter what else we’re dealing with, when shame and turmoil are added to the mix, our “time of need” escalates. What would happen if we asked God to show us how He hates our sin, but still loves us? To help us despise our sin as much as He despises it – and accept His love and mercy as freely as He gives it? For years, when I battled eating disorders and other self-harming behavior, I felt like a broken doll. So broken that the toy factory probably would have tossed me aside. I know firsthand how the enemy uses the shame of our mess-ups. He convinces us we’re not worth people’s time, so we withdraw from the very people we need to be around – those at church, our family and God. Every day we isolate, hopelessness sets

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OBITUARIES

Oscar Allen “Buck” Buchanan Jr.

Oscar Allen “Buck” Buchanan Jr., age 105, passed from this life Sunday, October 15, 2023 at his home. He was born in West Bay, Florida on June 3, 1918 to Oscar Allen Buchanan Sr. and Maudie Leander “Sowell” Buchanan. Buck was a WWII Veteran and retired from the FDOT as an engineer. After 35 years, he retired from FDOT where he was a Registered Land Surveyor and a Registered Professional Engineer. After retiring, he became an engineering consultant and helped start the firm of Buchanan and Harper. He enjoyed fishing and hunting but his true passion was yard work. He was active in church and served in every capacity available to laymen. He owes it to God for each and every accomplishment he attained throughout his life. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wives; Juanita “Sas-



nett” Buchanan and Jean “Kessel” Buchanan, and his siblings. Buck is survived by his son; Fred Buchanan, his daughter; Connie Buchanan Shuller, four grandchildren four and four great grandchildren. He is also survived by six step children, 16 step-children, and 27 step-great grandchildren of Chattanooga, Tennessee. His Memorial Service was held 11:00 A.M. Thursday, October 19, 2023 at First United Methodist Church. Visitation will be held 10:00 A.M. before the service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The West Bay Advent Christian Church the Youth Ministry of the Chipley First Methodist Church. Brown Funeral Home & Blue Lake Crematory of Chipley, FL is in charge of arrangements. Family and friends may sign the online register at www.brownfh.net

Lorene W. Smith

Lorene W. Smith, age 86, passed from this life Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at The Court Yard Nursing Home in Marianna, FL. She was born in Altha, Florida on September 10, 1937 to Joseph Daniel and Roxie Anna (Brooks) Williams. Lorene worked as a Teachers Aid for the Washington County School District. She is preceded by her parents, her husband; Carl Glen Smith, her daughter; Robin Gay, her brother; Chester Williams and two sisters; Seable Perry and

Jewel Dean Harris. Lorene is survived by her son-in-law; Alan Gay, her brothers; Kenny Williams, Lester Williams, Alvin Williams, and Loyd Williams, her sister; Lodean Tate and two grandchildren; Cullen Eli Smith and Logan Levi Smith. Her graveside service was held 2 p.m., Friday, October 20, at Glenwood Cemetery with Don Milton officiating. Family and friends may sign the online register at www.brownfh.net.

"As long as there is love and memory, there is no true loss."
- Cassandra Clare

Billy Joseph Shirah

Mr. Billy Joseph ‘BJ’ Shirah, age 28, of Bonifay, Florida went to be with his Lord and Savior unexpectedly on October 17, 2023, at his home. He was born March 30, 1995, in Marianna, Florida. BJ was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Joseph Shirah, maternal grandmother, Helen Brown Register, and maternal grandfather, John ‘Junior’ Brown. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered as a loving father to Mary and Joseph. BJ was cherished as a devoted son, brother, grandson, nephew, and cousin. His passion for the outdoors was evident to all who knew him, and his unwavering faith served as a guiding light throughout his life. May his legacy continue to live on in the hearts of all those who were touched by his warmth and kindness. BJ is survived by his two children, Mary Shirah and Jo-



seph Shirah; his parents, Billy and Charlotte Shirah; one sister, Hannah Wages and husband Landon; one brother, Samuel ‘Sam’ Shirah; his paternal grandmother, Mary Lou Shirah; aunts and uncles, Sharon Brown, Darrell Brown and wife Teresa, Michael Shirah, Bobby Shirah and wife Sharon, Carl Shirah and wife Kristie, and Scotty Shirah; numerous cousins and extended family members; mother of children, Andala Elrod. Funeral services were held 11:00 AM Saturday, October 21, 2023, at Bonifay First Assembly of God Church with Rev. Ernie Dupree and Rev. Mitch Johnson officiating. Interment will follow in the East Mt. Zion Methodist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service from 10 to 11 AM at Bonifay First Assembly of God Church. Peel Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

BUSINESS

Holmes County native looks to open new funeral home in Bonifay



Davis-Watkins Funeral Homes & Crematory plans to open a new location in Bonifay at 406 West Highway 90. [COLLIN BREAUX | The News and Advertiser]

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Joel Davis owns Davis-Watkins Funeral Homes & Crematory, which has locations throughout Northwest Florida. He wanted to open one in Holmes County but was waiting for the right place. That right place opened up at 406 West Highway 90 in Bonifay—which is expected to be the next new funeral home for Davis-Watkins.

Davis said his family-owned company aims to have modern facilities and intentionally selected the building on Highway 90 since they want the location to be on a main road.

“We’re going to try to have something that’s good for the community,” Davis said. “We wanted something that was convenient for people.”

The location on Highway 90 is familiar to Davis, whose family lived out there. He remembers visiting the area and even had his first job across the street.

Davis is also a pastor at several churches in Holmes County.

The coming Bonifay site will be Davis-Watkins’ seventh location. The remodeling for the Highway 90 funeral home should be done this month, Davis said.

“We’re telling people we should be open before the year is over,” he said. “It means so much to be home. I always had my heart set on Holmes County.”

The convenient location is so people don’t have to struggle to get to a funeral home, Davis said.

“Everything’s always been Holmes County,” he said.

A potential expansion of the property is possible in the future to make the site into “something really nice,” Davis said.

“This is really kind of stage one,” he said.

ChIPLEY Beef ‘O’ Brady’s expected to open in 2024

STAFF REPORT

Construction is underway for the coming new Beef ‘O’ Brady’s site in Chipley. The new franchise location at 1403 Main Street—next to One Florida Bank and across the street from the Eye Center of North Florida—is expected to open within

the next six to nine months, according to Beef’s franchisee and owner-operator Scott O’Brien.

“We’re pretty excited about being there,” O’Brien said. “I know the community is too.”

The contractor is currently ensuring the site ground is okay, he said.



A Beef ‘O’ Brady’s in Chipley is expected to open on Main Street next year. [COLLIN BREAUX | The News and Advertiser]

New oyster bar to open in Caryville on Nov. 3.



STAFF REPORT

The restaurant is called Pate Farms Raw Bar & Grill and will be family-owned and operated on Highway 90 at the former French’s Restaurant & Oyster Bar location—4280 Old Spanish Road, to be specific.

Cassie Pate and her brother will be working at the restaurant, which is owned by their parents. Other family members will do the cooking.

“We’re really excited to be able to have a restaurant in Caryville

where we don’t have a lot of options,” Pate said. “It’s always been my dream, especially my dad’s.”

The first 10 people at the grand opening—which is on Friday (Nov. 3)—will receive free appetizers. The eatery will also do a \$50 gift card giveaway on social media.

“We love oysters,” Pate said. “That’s one of my family’s favorite foods.”

Visit the Facebook page for Pate Farms Raw Bar & Grill for more information and updates.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

PDLVFD Haunted Fire-House
Ponce De Leon Volunteer Fire and Rescue presents their Halloween Haunted Fire-House. Admission is \$5 with children under 10 years receiving free admission with one paid admission. The address is 1508 Skelton Street, Ponce De Leon, FL. This event takes place on Oct. 27, and 28 from 7-10 p.m. Accommodations for disabilities and sensory issues can be made, anyone is welcome to enjoy the fun!

Downtown Fall Block Party
A Fall Block Party is scheduled in Downtown Chipley on Thursday, Oct. 26, from 6-9 p.m. There will be multiple games, live entertainment on both ends of town, kids crafts, photo props,

a pumpkin patch, and the launching of a monthly artisan market. Downtown businesses will also be open. Follow the Downtown Chipley Thursday Night Lights page on Facebook for more information and updates.

Food Truck Friday
On October 27 from 5-9 p.m. at Cafe’ au L.A., Food Truck Friday will take place. This event features food trucks, great vendors, live music, face painting, and a photo booth. There will also be a food drive asking for canned foods and non perishable items, such as canned soups, canned vegetables, gravy mix, cornbread mix, stuffing, and cake mix. The address for this event is 3027 Main Street, Vernon FL 32462. For more

information contact 850-676-0358.

Chipley’s Annual Trunk-or-Treat
On Saturday, Oct. 28, Chipley will be hosting their annual trunk-or-treat event. This is a fun and safe way for children aged newborn to 12 years old the trick or treat experience. If you plan to attend, make sure your child has their favorite trunk-or-treat bag with them. This event will be hosted from 4:30-6 p.m. and is located at Jim Trawick park in Chipley. Address is 1544 North Railroad Avenue.

Annual Baker family reunion
All family and friends are invited to join the Baker family on Saturday Oct. 28, from noon to 3 p.m. at the New Hope Volunteer Fire Department (1243 County Rd 179A in Westville). For more info contact Pam Baker Corcoran at 850-

686-7332.

Chipley Woman’s Club hosting annual Fall Yard Sale
The Chipley Woman’s Club will hold their Fall Yard Sale on Friday, October 27 from 8 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 28, from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. The sale will be inside the Clubhouse located at 607 North 5th Street, Chipley FL. There will be toys, holiday decorations, furniture, tools, appliances, electronics, potted plants, dishes, linens, books, clothes, jewelry, purses, shoes, etc.

Any donations of items to the sale are welcomed and appreciated. Call 850-260-5896 for more information.

Wausau Community Development Club Fall Festival and Trunk-or-Treat
The Wausau Community Development

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HOLMES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

401 McLaughlin Avenue
Bonifay, Florida 32425

850-547-2225
info@holmesedc.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

The certified 2023 Holmes County Property Tax Roll has been received by this office from the Property Appraiser and will be open for collection beginning
November 1, 2023
in the Tax Collector’s Office at 224 North Waukesha Street, Bonifay, Florida.
OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday
PHONE: 850-547-1115
Website: www.holmestax.com
Tangible personal property and real property taxes for the year 2023 for Holmes County and the towns of Esto, Noma, Ponce De Leon and Bonifay are payable on or before March 31, 2024 after which they will become delinquent. The following discounts will be allowed: November - 4%; December - 3%; January - 2%; and February - 1%. Notices of taxes due will be mailed October 31, 2023.

Harry B. Bell III, CFC
TaxCollector

RIDE

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violence situation.”
S h e l b y wentontosay she intends to make the ride an annual event. “This is truly a grassroots initiative to raise money to help those in need in our very own community,” she said.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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BOLDT

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in deeper.
Please don’t let Satan get away with this.
In my desperation, I finally poured out my heart at the throne of grace and found wholeness in Christ’s mercy. It wasn’t long before I allowed supportive people back into my life.
Read Hebrews 4:16 again.

What if, rather than dwelling on the mess you’ve made, you drew near to the throne of grace and talked to your heavenly Father? Ask Him to help you make things right with those you’ve hurt with your sinful choices. Ask God to heal them — and you — from the consequences of your sin.
Whatever your situation, I hope you’ll go boldly to God and tell Him everything. Ask

Him to give you true sorrow for your mess-ups and sins. Freely accept Almighty God’s love and mercy.
And, while you’re at the throne of grace in this time of need, allow God’s grace to heal you from your brokenness.
Sheryl H. Boldt is the author of the blog, www.TodayCanBeDifferent.net. Connect with her at Sheryl-HBoldt@gmail.com.

FAITH EVENTS

Holmes Creek Baptist Church Trunk or Treat
Holmes Creek Baptist Church will be hosting their Trunk or Treat Fall Festival with candy, games, and boiled peanuts. This event will be held on Sunday, October 29 at 5 p.m., located at 335 Cope Road, Chipley Fl.
West Florida Baptist Association Revival
Partnered churches in Washington County are hosting a week of Revival ser-

vices located at Shiloh Baptist Church at 1976 Shiloh Lane, Chipley Fl, 32428. This event is open to any and all churches and individuals. Life Action Ministries will be leading our time of worship and preaching, with childcare, children’s programs, and youth programs each night. The dates are October 22-29. The first service is Sunday morning and continues each night at 6pm. A detailed schedule and more information can be found at www.westfloridabaptistassociation.com/events.

US Missionary Kathy Gould to speak at East Mt. Zion Church
Kathy Gould will be speaking at East Mt. Zion Church about her 30 year long career and experiences of being a US Missionary in Ukraine. The church is located at 1590 Hwy 173, Graceville, Fl on Wednesday, November 1 at 6 p.m.
Is your church hosting a special event? Let us help spread the word! Send faith events to: news@washingtontocounty.news or news@holmescounty.news

EVENTS

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Club will be hosting a free Fall Festival and Trunk-or-Treat featuring food and drinks, a free haunted house by the Wausau Volunteer Fire Department, hay rides, cake walks, booths, face painting, s’mores, and a costume contest! The event includes free parking, free food, and free entry, and takes place on Oct. 28 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Possum Palace in Wausau.
Chipola College Trunk-or-Treat
Chipola College is hosting a community invited trunk-or-treat around Indian Circle on Tuesday, October 31 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The full address for this event is 3094 Indian Circle, Marianna, Fl 32446. For more information contact Chipola College at (850) 526-2761.
Holmes Creek Baptist Church Trunk or Treat
Holmes Creek Baptist Church will be hosting their Trunk or Treat Fall Festival with candy, games, and boiled peanuts. This event will be held on Sunday, October 29 at 5 p.m., located at 335 Cope Road, Chipley Fl.
Golden Dayz Fall Festival
The Holmes Council on Aging is hosting the Golden Dayz Fall Festival on November 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event will feature kids activities, live music, arts and crafts, vendors and food trucks! The location for this event is 2490 Development Circle.
Chipola Fall Music Concert
The Chipola College

Music Department will present a Fall Music Concert Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Center for the Arts, Experimental Theatre. The free concert will feature the College Chorus, President’s Ensemble, and Rock and Jazz Band. The public is invited to this free event.
For more information, call the Center for the Arts Box Office at 850-718-2420. Box Office hours are Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon.
Berry Fair
Berry Hill Gardens and Magnolia Lace are hosting the Berry Fair on November 18, from 2-6 p.m. Over 15 local businesses will be featured, along with shops, a corn hole tournament, pictures with Santa, a full bar will be available by Bistrot Palms, and much more! A silent auction will also be held, with proceeds going to our local Anchorage Children’s Home. Part of all overall proceeds will also be donated to the Anchorage Children’s Home.
Third Annual Wausau Christmas Tree Lighting
The Wausau Community Development Club will be hosting their Third Annual Christmas Tree Lighting featuring hot chocolate, cookies and s’mores, live music, vendors, and a kids crafting activity area. The event takes place from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on December 2 in the Wausau Town Square with the Tree Lighting taking place at dark. If you attend, make sure to bring a chair and enjoy the fun.
Submit community events to: news@washingtontocounty.news

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NOTICE OF TAX DEED APPLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That FIG 20 LLC FBO SEC PTY, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the name in which it was assessed are as follows: :Certificate No.645 Year of Issuance:5/29/2021 Description of Property: 1709.00-000-000-007.300 SEC: 09 TWN: 05 RGN: 17 COM AT NE COR OF SW1/4 OF SE1/4 & RUN S 773.65' TO POB TH CONT S ALG FORTY LINE 243.40' TH W 903.05' TO E R/W OF A 20' RD TH N ALG R/W LINE 243.56' TH RUN E 909.90' TO POB DES OR 164/544 OR 217/4 OR 222/799 Name in which assessed: JOHN T. THOMAS,Said property being in the County of Holmes, State of Florida.Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on 11/14/2023, at 11:00 A.M.DATED this 9/5/2023. Dates of publication: 10/11/2023, 10/18/2023, 10/25/2023, 11/1/2023 Sam Bailey,Clerk of the Circuit Court,Holmes County, Florida by AJ, Deputy Clerk.

October 11, 18, 25, November 1, 2023

000116
NOTICE OF TAX DEED APPLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That MIKON FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. & OCEAN BANK, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the name in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate No. 19 Year of Issuance 5/29/2021 Description of Property: :0133.00-000-000-029.000 SEC: 33 TWN: 07 RGN: 13 BEGIN AT SW COR OF SE1/4 OF SW1/4 FOR POB,TH RUN EALONG SEC LINE 1110 FT, THN TO S R/W LINE OF HWY #2TH W ALONGS LINE OF SAID HWY 907 FT, TH S12 FT TH W 237 FT, TH S TO POB LESS 6.54 AC IN OR-98/578 IN OR-141/607 OR-181/230 OR- 305/552 CWD-OR384/211 LESS COM AT SWCOR OF SE1/4 OF (FOR MOR LEGAL REFER TO TAX R Name in which assessed: RYAN D. SANDLIN,Said property being in the County of Holmes, State of Florida.Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on 11/28/2023, at 11:00 A.M.DATED this 9/11/2023. Dates of publication: 10/25/2023, 11/1/2023, 11/8/2023, 11/15/2023. Sam Bailey,Clerk of the Circuit Court,Holmes County, Florida By:AJ,Deputy Clerk October 25, November 1, 8, 15, 2023

000117
NOTICE OF TAX DEED APPLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN, That MIKON FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.& OCEAN BANK, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the name in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate No.338 Year of Issuance 5/29/2021 Description of Property: 0909.02-000-000-025.000 SEC: 09 TWN: 05 RGN: 15 A PARCEL LYING IN N1/2 OF NW1/4 OF SEC 9 AS DES IN OR-106/666 DES OR-192/430 OR-210/493 OR-240/23 WD-OR369/910 WD-OR 428/520 WD-OR449/384 QC-OR486/428 COT OR531/672 QC-OR536/834 CT-OR583/119 (DIE) SWD-OR607/705 Name in which assessed: DAVID BAROUSSE, BRAD SASSER,Said property being in the County of Holmes, State of Florida.Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on 11/28/2023, at 11:00 A.M.DATED this 9/8/2023. Dates of publication: 10/25/2023, 11/1/2023, 11/8/2023, 11/15/2023. Sam Bailey,Clerk of the Circuit Court,Holmes County, Florida By: AJ,Deputy Clerk October 25, November 1, 8, 15, 2023

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NOTICE OF TAX DEED APPLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That MIKON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.& OCEAN BANK, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the name in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate No.164 Year of Issuance 5/29/2021 Description of Property: :0531.03-003-027-004.100 SEC: 31 TWN: 05 RGN: 14 E 25 FT OF LOT 7 BLK 27 OR73/429 LIFE EST OR 128/358 OR 302/888 QC-322/90 WD-OR 338/749 QC-OR354/481 PR-OR441/687 Name in which assessed: COURTNEY MCCLAIN, Said property being in the County of Holmes, State of Florida.Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on 11/28/2023, at 11:00 A.M.DATED this 9/8/2023. Dates of publication: 10/25/2023, 11/1/2023, 11/8/2023, 11/15/2023. Sam Bailey,Clerk of the Circuit Court,Holmes County, Florida, By: AJ, Deputy Clerk October 25, November 1, 8, 15, 2023

000136
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 14 TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PROBATE DIVISION Holmes County Case No.: 23-088PR

IN RE: ESTATE OF FRANK BOSTON

WEAS JR., deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of FRANK BOSTON WEAS JR. deceased, whose date of death was June 1, 2023; Holmes County Case No.: 23-088PR, is pending in the Circuit Court for the 14th Judicial Circuit, Holmes County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 201 N. Oklahoma St., Bonifay, FL 32425. The name and address of the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served, must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is October 18, 2023.

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October 18, 25, 2023

000137
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN W. BROWNELL File No. 23-99PR Division Probate Deceased. NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of John W. Brownell, deceased, whose date of death was August 4, 2020, is pending in the Circuit Court for HOLMES County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 201 N. Oklahoma Street, Bonifay, FL 32425. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY

OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is October 18, 2023. Attorney for Personal Representative: Personal Representative: BURG WYNN, P.A. Charles M. Wynn, Esq. - FL Bar. # 0241695 Michael A. Wynn, Esq. - FL Bar #112300 Chad R. Templeton, Esq. - FL Bar # 121927 4436 Clinton Street Marianna, FL 32446 Telephone: (850) 526-3520 Fax: (850) 526-5210 E-Mail: Charles@BurgWynn.com Michael@BurgWynn.com Chad@BurgWynn.com Secondary E-Mail: Katrina@BurgWynn.com Mary Jane Barton 1588 N Hwy 81 Westville, Florida 32464

October 18, 25, 2023

000138
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF GRACE OLIVIA MILES MARTIN, File No. 23-112-CP Deceased. NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of Grace Olivia Miles Martin, deceased, whose date of death was September 4, 2023, Case Number 23-112-CP, is pending in the Circuit Court for Holmes County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is the Holmes County Clerk, 201 N. Oklahoma Street, Bonifay, FL 32425. The names and addresses of the Petitioner's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against the decedent's Estate, including unmaturred, contingent, or unliquidated claims and who may have been served a copy of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against the decedent's Estate, including unmaturred, contingent, or unliquidated claims must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIMS FILED TWO YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE

DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is October 18, 2023. Attorney for Personal Representative: Personal Representative: BURG WYNN, P.A. Charles M. Wynn, Esq. - FL Bar. # 0241695 Michael A. Wynn, Esq. - FL Bar #112300 Chad R. Templeton, Esq. - FL Bar # 121927 4436 Clinton Street Marianna, FL 32446 Telephone: (850) 526-3520 Fax: (850) 526-5210 E-Mail: Charles@BurgWynn.com Michael@BurgWynn.com Chad@BurgWynn.com Secondary E-Mail: Katrina@BurgWynn.com Mary Jane Barton 1588 N Hwy 81 Westville, Florida 32464

DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH ARE BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this notice is: October 18, 2023.

BARBARA ANN MILES
Petitioner/executor
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October 18, 25, 2023

000139
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 23000195CAAXMX LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff, vs.

ARTHUR BARNETT, JR. AKA ARTHUR BARNETT AND KIMBERLY L. BARNETT, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 01, 2023, and entered in 23000195CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the FOURTEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Holmes County, Florida, wherein LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC is the Plaintiff and ARTHUR BARNETT, JR. A/K/A ARTHUR BARNETT; KIMBERLY L. BARNETT A/K/A KIMBERLY BARNETT; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA are the Defendant(s). Sam Bailey as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front Door 201 N. Oklahoma St., Bonifay, FL 32425, at 11:00 AM, on November 09, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

RESIDENTIAL LOT 8 IN BLOCK 7 NORTH OF FORMER L&N RAILROAD, EAST OF MAIN STREET IN SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 7 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, IN THE TOWN OF ESTO, HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUBJECT TO THAT PART OF THE 1ST AVENUE NORTH IN THE SOUTHEAST CORNER.

Property Address: 3317 1ST AVE N, BONIFAY, FL 32425
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 in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031.
Dated this 11 day of October, 2023.
Sam Bailey As Clerk of the Court
By: TARA HICKS As Deputy Clerk IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any

accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator by mail at P. O. Box 1089, Panama City, FL 32402 or by phone at (850) 747-5338 at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing impaired, please call 711 or email ADArequest@jud14.flcourts.org.

Submitted by: Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, FL 33487 Telephone: 561-241-6901 Fax: 561-997-6909
October 18, 25, 2023

accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator by mail at P. O. Box 1089, Panama City, FL 32402 or by phone at (850) 747-5338 at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing impaired, please call 711 or email ADArequest@jud14.flcourts.org.

000140
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

MILL CITY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2021-NMR1 Plaintiff, vs.

CASE NO. 23000143CAAXMX Division No. FANNIE MATHEWS and, UNKNOWN TENANT # 1, et al, Defendants/ NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 2, 2023, and entered in Case No. 23000143CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the FOURTEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Holmes County, Florida, wherein MILL CITY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2021-NMR1 is the Plaintiff and FANNIE MATHEWS and UNKNOWN TENANT # 1, the Defendants. Kyle Hudson, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Holmes County, Florida will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at at the front steps of the Holmes County Courthouse, 201 North Okalahoma Street, Bonifay, FL 32425 at 11:00 AM on 30th day of November, 2023 , the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to wit:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF HOLMES, STATE OF FLORIDA:

COMMENCE AT THE NW CORNER OF THE NW ¼ OF THE NE ¼ OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 7 NORTH, RANGE 16 WEST, AND RUN S-0°47'00"E 962.63 FEET ALONG THE FORTY LINE, THENCE RUN N-89°13'00"E 355.29 FEET, THENCE N- 0°47'00" W 242.50 FEET FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG EXISTING COUNTY ROAD 140 YARDS, THENCE RUN DUE SOUTH 70

YARDS, THENCE RUN NORTHWESTERLY PARALLEL WITH SAID COUNTY ROAD 140 YARDS, THENCE RUN DUE NORTH 70 YARDS, TO SAID COUNTY ROAD AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 2 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

TOGETHER WITH THE MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON WITH IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 41046 AND TITLE NUMBER 1546450

IF YOU ARE A 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, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK OF COURT BEFORE OR NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE SURPLUS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A TIMELY CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER THE FUNDS ARE REPORTED AS UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF THE RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

If the sale is set aside, the Purchaser may be entitled to only a return of the sale deposit less any applicable fees and costs and shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's Attorney.

DATED at Holmes County, Florida, this 2 nd day of October , 20 23 .
Kyle Hudson, Clerk Holmes County, Florida
By: s/ _
Deputy Clerk Invoice to: GILBERT GARCIA GROUP, P.A. Attorney for Plaintiff(s) 2313 W. Violet St. Tampa, FL 33603

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Notice to Creditors IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA - PROBATE DIVISION File No. 23000109PRAXMX IN RE: ESTATE OF H. CARLTON TREADWELL, DECEASED

The administration of the estate of H. Carlton Treadwell , deceased, whose date of death was April 28, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Holmes County, Florida, Probate Division the address of which is 201 N. Oklahoma Street, Bonifay, Florida 32425. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file

their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. Personal Representative: Phillip R. Treadwell 6429 Kingman Trail Tallahassee, Florida 32309. Benjamin S. Armstrong, Attorney for Personal Representative Florida Bar No. 0609382; 200 Grove Park Lane, Suite 670 Dothan, Alabama 36305 (334)793-2629
October 25, November 1, 2023

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FLORIDA PACE FUNDING AGENCY NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF

COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS The Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Florida PACE Funding Agency, a public body corporate and politic, (the "Agency"), hereby provides notice, pursuant to Sections 163.08(2), (3) and (4) and 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, each as amended from time to time, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem assessments for more than one year to be levied within the area encompassed by the boundaries of every county in Florida, or any of the municipalities therein, served by the Agency's statewide provision of funding and financing to assist property owners who wish to construct, install or otherwise obtain qualifying improvements identified by the Legislature including, but not limited to, energy conservation and efficiency improvements, renewable energy improvements, and wind resistance improvements, in accordance with Section 163.08, Florida Statutes, as amended (collectively, the "Qualifying Improvements"). By law and resolution of the Agency, a property owner may apply to the Agency for funding and financing of Qualifying Improvements. The non-ad valorem assessments contemplated by this notice are voluntary and are only imposed by the Agency with the prior written consent authorized by or on behalf of affected property owners who determine to obtain financing for Qualifying Improvements from the Agency. The Agency is authorized by state law to fund and finance Qualifying Improvements and is required to annually collect

repayment by non-ad valorem assessments. The Board will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments as authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, after a public hearing to be held at Kissimmee Gateway Airport- Administrative Offices located at 401 Dyer Blvd Kissimmee FL 34741 on Tuesday November 21, 2023 at 1pm. Date/Time/ Location to be filled in with selection of the board]. I n the event of a local or national emergency, a hurricane, or any other interfering circumstance, if necessary, the meeting may be continued to a time, date, and place certain, and notice thereof, along with appropriate means for public attendance and participation, if other than in-person, will be posted on the Agency's website. Such resolution electing to use such uniform method will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property that may be subject to the levy – which is the entirety of the State of Florida. A copy of the proposed form of resolution and other information may be viewed at the Agency's website: www. FloridaPACE.Gov . Advance written communication will be given equal weight to comments or objections made in person, and may be submitted to the Board in advance at Info@FloridaPACE. Gov ; and, should be received by the Agency on or before November 3, 2021 Thursday November 16, 2023 so that copies can be distributed to Board members for advance review and hearing preparation purposes. Any person desiring to speak in person may appear at the public hearing. If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this public hearing such person will need a record of proceedings and for such purpose such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made at their own expense and which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is based. Any person requiring a special accommodation at this meeting due to disability or physical impairment or needing an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Agency at 850-400-PACE at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If hearing impaired, Florida Relay Service numbers for assistance are (800) 955-8771 (tdd) or (800) 955-8770 (voice).

By Order of the Board of Directors of the Florida PACE Funding Agency .
October 25, November 1, 8, 15, 2023

OUTDOORS

Regional group welcomes kids out for mud races



Kidz Unlimited Bounty Racing hosts mud races for kids, including an upcoming one at Mudd’n185 in Westville this Saturday. [CONTRIBUTED]

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Alex Henderson and his friend Daniel Brown, who owns an automotive shop in Alabama, saw a need for kids to get outside and enjoy mud riding—which motivated the two to organize meet-ups for said kids in Holmes County.

Henderson, who lives in Alabama, and his friends are avid riders and want youngsters to be able to enjoy the hobby as well through a group called Kidz Unlimited Bounty Racing. Their most recent race happened at Mudd’n185 in Westville at 1450

County Road 185 on Saturday, Oct. 21.

“You watch these kids, especially ones that haven’t done it,” Henderson said. “There’s a range of emotions. I think it teaches them how to overcome their emotions—letting someone guide them through something they’re not used to.”

For the kids that go on to bigger races, mud riding can teach kids discipline and hard work, he said.

A trunk-or-treat event was held on Friday, Oct. 20, the night before the ride at 6 p.m. A date for a future mudding meet-up will be reached after

Saturday’s event.

“We’ll definitely be doing one in the spring,” Henderson said.

The attendance at events can vary—30 are expected for Saturday’s event, though as many as 60 kids have participated in previous mud runs.

Pre-registration must be done before an event. Kids get to do more than ride in the mud at the meet-ups—they also get memorabilia.

“We’ll have a goody bag for them,” Henderson said.

Visit the Kidz Unlimited Bounty Racing page on Facebook for more information.

Lonely Paws Club

Pet of the week: Oliver
[NAN THOMPSON | The News and Advertiser]



I’m Oliver. I am an adorable Chihuahua mix, if I must say so myself. I was born January 24th, so that makes me almost 10 months old.

I’m still a puppy, so I will need some work on the basics. You know... leash training, potty training, and other things puppies need to learn... but I do learn fast.

My bad traits are that I still like to chew, so I will need some help to understand what I can or can’t chew on. Some good toys and someone to teach me will do the trick.

My foster mom

says that I am super sweet and that I love to snuggle and play—and, of course, take naps...but I’m ready to start again after I have a good nap.

I don’t like being alone for very long, so maybe I could be adopted to a family that already has a playmate for me.

I have been around kids aged seven and older but I don’t know about younger kids yet.

I live with my foster parents sponsored by Sammy’s Hope Rescue and would really like to meet you, and maybe go home.

I will require a

fenced yard, or someone that likes to take long walks with me.

I hope I am cute enough for you to want me. I promise I’m not much trouble.

I can bring you lots of love and kisses.

If you are interested in me or any of my friends here at Sammy’s Hope, contact 850-280-3960, sammyshope@aol.com or www.facebook.com/sammyshopefl.

Lonely Paws Club is a weekly feature to help shelter animals find a loving home, brought to you by Paw Barn Pet Resort and Kent Smith Group.

Black Barn Blossoms holds 2nd Annual Sunflower Fest



An estimated 1,200 people attended the 2nd annual Sunflower Festival on Saturday, Oct. 21, at Black Barn Blossoms in Vernon. Above, Black Barn Blossoms owner Gina Hamilton is pictured with the festival’s signature flowers. [CONTRIBUTED]

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Black Barn Blossoms held its 2nd annual Sunflower Festival.

“We have all these festivals throughout the year, but there’s really not a lot to do in the fall here in the Panhandle,” Black Barn Blossoms’ Owner Gina Hamilton said. “The beachgoers are kind of, you know, stopping or whatever. And so I said, why can’t we do in the fall to give families something to do? And I came up with the idea because we are a flower farm that we would just celebrate fall by having a sunflower festival. So that’s what we did.”

Attendees got the opportunity to explore the farm’s various gardens.

“We have flowers in two different gardens and they’re full of butterflies this time of year,” Hamilton said. “So people have gotten lots of picture opportunities today.”

Fourth grader Egypt Brown attended the festival to do just that.

“The flowers,” Brown said. “Because they’re pretty and nice to take pictures of them.”

Afterward, attendees were invited to gather in the upper field of the farm where there were over 30 local vendors ranging from various artisan

crafts to food trucks.

“We encourage people to bring their chairs because then from that you’ll walk into the concert area where you can see the crowd has like settled in and they’re sitting enjoying the music in their chairs,” Hamilton said.

Three local bands were also on hand and performed live music.

Before visitors left they got the opportunity to bring flowers home with them that were sold in the gift shop.

The Black Barn Blossoms hosts a number of events throughout the year. The next one is a night of worship, coming up on Nov 5.



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