



Community **Events**

First Methodist Church of Chipley hosts Family **Fun Day**

First Methodist Church of Chipley is hosting a Family Fun Day on June 10, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event is free to the public. There will be bounce houses, pony rides, free food, music and games for all ages. The church is located at 1285 West Jackson Avenue, in Chipley. For more information contact the church office at 850-630-0100.

Fresh Start Coalition's **Annual Youth Award** Celebration

Fresh Start Anti-Drug Coalition has invited the public to join in celebrating the youth of Washington County on June 10 at 6 p.m. at the Washington County Agriculture Center. The organization wants to recognize and celebrate the youth completing K-12 for their contributions and accomplishments at their schools and in their communities. For more information or an application text 850-381-8173 or email at freshstartcoalition@ gmail.com.

National Garden Week

Commissioners disagree on Wheeler contract



From left: Commissioner David Corbin, Commissioner Wesley Griffin, Chairman Tray Hawkins, Commissioner Alan Bush and Commissioner David Pettis IDIANE M MOORE | THE NEWS AND ADVERTISER

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The extension of a contract with Wheeler Emergency Management Contractors was the sole item the board to meet in special on the agenda when the Washington County Board of County Commissioners risk and the board having met in special session on May 30.

agenda at the May 18 meeting where commissioners could be lost or owed to pavvoted to extend the contract for 90 days in order to allow Commissioner Wesley gain more information from with Commissioner David Emergency Management Corbin giving a second. the Clerk of Courts office for clarification purposes.

since Hurricane Michael and their contract was set to end on June 1. The company did not accept the 90 days extension which prompted of credit, should the county The matter was on the nothave Wheeler or another ing contractors.

Commissioner Alan T.

Wheeler has been oversee- addressed commissioners over the last week, others See WHEELER, Page 2A

Council hires Macon as chief

ingthe county's FEMA work with a question about why a special meeting was called when a 90-day extension had been approved at the previous meeting. Bush responded to the query.

session to resolve the matter. what if the contractor With millions of dollars at doesn't agree to this," said Bush. "I will speak on this only a \$6 million dollar line because it is very near and dear to my heart. It upset me very much that we were contractor in place, millions sitting there about to be in the millions of dollars that the county doesn't have. We only have a \$6 million dollar Bush motioned to approve loan that we would use up in Griffin the opportunity to the extension for one year a month. It just infuriated me that we would sit here and put this at risk, I was Director Lynne Abel and However, before the vote justflabbergasted. I couldn't to reason that, any normal was cast, discussion ensued. believe I was the only one Citizen Benita Crittendon who saw this, but thank God

have seen it as well."

"I think a lot of times with you guys being in the fishbowl you see things differently than those outside the fishbowl," said Critten-"My very thought was don. "Sometimes that view is very different.'

> Crittendon then went on to voice her opinion that neither Chairman Tray Hawkins nor Bush should vote on the issue due to relationships had with others that work for Wheeler.

> "I believe that at least two commissioners should recuse themselves from the vote," said Crittendon. "Mr. Hawkins father works for Wheeler, and it would stand person would assess that

fill the position.

While the position of deputy chief is

DIANE M. MOORE misdemeanor bat- ment is handling an much larger job than vacant and had appli-

Chipley Garden Club is sponsoring activities in observance of National Garden Week the week of June 4-10 starting with counting Monarch spinners. Garden Day will be Tuesday, June 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Washington County Public Library. Activities will include terrarium making, making a floral design, herbal magic, recycling ideas, pine needle basket weaving, clean water, "critters," local wildflowers, bees, birds and more. On Friday, June 9 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., all are invited to show their creativity by decorating the sidewalks with chalk flowers at the Washington County Historical Society's pavilion. Chalk will be provided. All activities are free to attend and participate in. For more

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Bonifay City Council called a special meeting on June 2 to vote for a new police chief and full time deputy. Jimmy Macon and Johnny Whitaker were approved for the positions, respectively.

The council voted for the disbanding the police department in the beginning of May after the top three were vacant due to the resignation of Wells the passing of Deputy Chief Greg reopened. Yancey, who was secthe termination of third in command,

camera during a domestic disturbance call March 27.

The council passed a motion to place the department's remaining three full-time officers – White with 33 years of service, Betty Sims with 25 years of service and newer hire George Record.

The Holmes County leadership positions Sheriff's Office has been patrolling the city in the meantime longtime chief Chris and will continue to do so until the BPD is

Mayor Dr. Emily ond in command, and McCann addressed this during the meeting explaining that Sgt. Jody Long. Long the Florida Departis facing a first degree ment of Law Enforce-

tery charge stemming audit of all the evi-



JIMMY MACON

the task.

with two investiga- to hire retired Florida tors but promptly Highway Patrolman sion on June 5, at 6 figured out it was a Johnny Whitaker to p.m.

two could handle, from Long's alleged dence in possession McCann said. "FDLE use of excessive force of BPD. The task was is assembling a team the person to choose captured by a body larger than expected to handle the audit. We are setting a tentative date of June 19, to have BPD back patrolling our streets."

Of the more than 40 applicants for the chief position, Macon scored at the top of the list. The Council voted unanimously to hire Macon as the new as chief of a city in northern Alabama.

Lacking one fullcausing FDLE to need time officer position, an already wonderful a full team to handle numerous applicants vied for the job. Coun-"FDLE came out cilvoted unanimously

cants, the council decided Macon would be who his second in command would be.

"I look forward to being in this position and making Bonifay a city and a department I'd be proud to call home" Macon said.

"I'm really excited about the direction the Bonifay Police Department is headpolice chief. Macon ing," said McCann. recently relocated to "I think that not only the area after serving with the addition of Mr. Macon and Mr. Whitaker, but we have alsojuststrengthened core of BPD."

> The Bonifay City Council will meet again in regular ses-

WCSO K-9 Hannibal helps locate missing child

STAFF REPORT

County Sheriff's OfficenewsK-9Deputy Hannibal helped locate a missing child on May 30. County Telecommunications received a call at 10:30 a.m. in

Washington old boy who had the search. The K-9 gone missing on has dual-purpose the walking trails training in narcot- ton, Texas. in Dogwood Acres. ics and tracking the father realized it is because of this reunite this young Washington his son had wan- training the finding man with his family dered off and made of the young boy was thanks to Hannithe call to WCSO. Upon arrival on

reference to scene, Hannibal was find for two-yeara nine-year- enlisted to help in old Hannibal since While walking, and apprehension, to have been able to expedited.

joining WCSO in March from Hous-

"We are so happy bal," Sheriff Kevin

This is the first Crews said.



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EVENTS

From Page 1A information, contact Garden Club President Gweneth Collins at 850-260-4049.

Panhandle Watermelon Festival

The 67th Annual Panhandle Watermelon Festival is slated for June 23-24 at Jim Trawick Park in Chipley. Gates open Friday night at 5 p.m. with entertainment kicking off at 6 p.m. The fun continues Saturday with a pancake breakfast at the Panhandle Shrine Club, 5k Hot Trot, watermelon parade, classic car show, arts crafts and food vendors. For a full schedule of events, visit panhandlewatermelon.com.

Orange Hill Fourth of July Celebration

The Orange Hill Volunteer Fire Department is hosting a Fourth of July Celebration on Saturday, July 1 from 2 to 10 p.m. The community celebration is a fire service recruitment event and fundraiser for the fire department. There will be food and snacks. music, local craft vendors, bounce house and slides, and fireworks after dark. The event will be held at 1927 Orange Hill Rd. in Chipley.

Submit your community event to: news@washingtoncounty.news or news@holmescounty.news.

WHEELER

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his father would no longer have a job with Wheeler if the contract is not continued. at least not in Washington understand the personal venpersonal friendship between vendetta, it is just calling out Mr. Hawkins and the owner of Wheeler, Ben Maddox."

I am going to continue," Bush believes Bush shouldn't vote said. "This continued harassment by you and Commissioner Griffin of Mr. Maddox is an versations over the years and embarrassment to the county. I don't understand why y'all take one single person out and against you, Mr. Bush," she vilify him. I've never seen him said. "But you may be angry do anything to either of you."

fin addressed Bush.

are going to call me out after due to your decade's long what was brought to our at- friendship with Kevan Parker. tention last week and what Therein is another close per-

I discovered last week in be- sonal relationship with some- approve the extension of the tween meetings," Griffin said. one that should this contract contract. Griffin and Com-"Yeah. I've got some concerns. Mr. Bush. I have some black and white, if you'd like to see it, I'll show it to vou."

facts.'

Crittendon then went on "I was already speaking so to give her reasons why she on the matter.

'We have had many consometimes heated debates but I have no personal vendetta with me once I've finished are the second commissioner "Commissioner Bush if you I think should recuse himself

not be renewed, stands to lose his job with Wheeler, at least in Washington County. This is not an attack on anyone, this After Bush said he didn't is bringing attention to things that if someone else were to County. The second reason detta, Crittendon responded make a vote on that, they may is there is a history of close by saying, "It isn't a personal be criticized for it. This is all I wanted to bring to light today."

> Hawkins then posed the question to County Attorney Matt Fuqua concerning any kind of issue that he needed to worry about when voting on the contract.

"All of you have an ethical obligation to vote on things that you are not ethically prohibited from voting on," Fuqua said. "So. because you're a friend, that is not a Commissioner Wesley Grif- what I am about to say. You conflict. Because your father works for a company, that is not a conflict under Florida Statute 112. You are required to vote."

missioner David Pettis voted against the measure.

"What has gotten us into this position is the fact that if Wheeler leaves, we are going to bankrupt the county," Pettis said. "So, my concern is that if the contract got extended and Wheeler still decides to leave the county, we are going to bankrupt the county anyway. I'd like to make a motion that we put out a Request for Pricing (RFP) for a second contractor to provide this same type of service, that way we have some redundancy. If one decides to leave, we will still have one in place. I don't want us to be in this same position again."

The vote on the measure was unanimous.

The Washington County Board of County Commissioners will meet again in regular The votes were cast 3-2 to session at 9 a.m. on June 15.

U.S. senator visits Mexico Beach to discuss hurricane preparedness

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U.S. Senator Rick Scott picked a location with a view of the water for his press conference held in Mexico Beach last week, a setting he felt would highlight the point of his visit to the community.

"Hurricane season is coming," he said. "We need to be prepared if and when another storm hits.'

Mexico Beach and Port St. Joe faced the brunt of the impacts from Hurricane Michael when it made landfall in the area in October, 2018.

Wounds from Hurricane Michael are still felt deeply in Gulf and Bay Counties, where insurance claims remain unsettled, and many have been forced to leave their homes and businesses behind.

The storm claimed the lives of at least 74 people in multiple counties, and the National Center for Environmental Information estimated that Michael caused upwards of \$18 billion in damage in Florida.

Scott said he has seen the destruction a storm like this can cause. That's why he and a half dozen more local entities gathered on the back patio of the newly rebuilt Driftwood Inn on Friday to encourage members of the community to prepare for storms even if forecasters are predicting fewer storms than in years past.

"First thing is, get ready. Don't take a

chance. You can re-build your house, you officially begins on June 1 and ends on you can't rebuild that life," Scott said. see them again until you get to heaven."

"You have got to listen to when anybody tells you to evacuate and even before. Get out.'

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is forecasting a 'near-normal" 2023 hurricane season, which will begin Thursday. One positive sign is that forecasters say odds are El Nino weather phenomenon will form 26 to September 8. soon, which typically means weaker hurricane formations in the Atlantic.

Over the six month hurricane season, NOAA predicts 12 to 17 named storms, 5-9 hurricanes with maximum winds of at least 74 miles per hour and one to four major hurricanes of a category 3 or above with winds of at least 111 miles per hour.

The 2022 season featured 14 named storms, with eight reaching hurricane strength. Two systems were major hurricanes. The names Fiona and Ian were both retired after pummeling Puerto Rico, in the case of Fiona, and southeastern Florida, in the case of Ian. Hurricanes, in 2022, caused billions of dollars in damage, according to U.S. Deputy Secretary of Commerce Dawn Graves. While the Atlantic hurricane season need to be examined."

can redo your house, get a new car, but Nov. 30, the Atlantic has already recorded its first system. The National Hurricane ... We all have somebody we care about. Center said in a news release, "A subtrop-If you lose somebody, you never get to ical storm formed in the Atlantic basin in mid-January 2023. ... This subtropical storm is being numbered as the first cyclone of 2023 in the Atlantic basin."

Floridians can take advantage of an exclusive deal by the Florida Division of Emergency Management which allows residents to purchase emergency preparedness items tax free.

The two 14-day sales tax holidays run improving that a potentially significant from May 27 to June 9 and from August

A full list of applicable items can be found to the right.

Scott said that along with individuals being prepared for potential disasters, it would be important for officials and emergency responders to evaluate how things might have changed in the area since Hurricane Michael.

"We have to figure out how to get everyone out of here. We have to prepare for how those efforts might need to change with everything that is different around here. How can we improve those evacuation routes? How can we time who needs to leave when? How do we determine who needs to leave first? How can we prepare to evacuate all the new people who have moved here?" he said. "All of these things

Items covered by Florida's emergency preparedness tax holidays

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The two 14-day sales tax holidays run from May 27 to June 9 and from August 26 to September 8.

Here is a list of covered items.

- A portable generator used to provide light or communications or preserve food in the event of a power outage with a sales price of \$3,000 or less.
- A tarpaulin or other flexible waterproof sheeting with a sales price of \$100 or less.
- An item normally sold as, or generally advertised as, a ground anchor system or tie-down kit ith a sales price of \$100 or less.
- A smoke detector or smoke alarm with a sales price of \$70 or less.
- A fire extinguisher with a sales price of \$70 or less.
- A carbon monoxide detector with a sales price of \$70 or less.
- A nonelectric food storage cooler with a sales price of \$60 or less.
- A portable power bank with a sales price of \$60 or less.
- A gas or diesel fuel tank with a sales price of \$50 or less.
- A portable self-powered radio, twoway radio, or weather-band radio with a sales price of \$50 or less. A package of AA-cell, AAA-cell,

C-cell, D-cell, 6- volt, or 9-volt batteries, excluding automobile and boat batteries, with a sales price of \$50 or less A portable self-powered light source (powered by battery, solar, hand-crank or gas) with a sales price of \$40 or less

- Flashlights
- Lanterns
- Candles

* Eligible light sources and radios qualify for the exemption even if electrical cords are included in the purchase.

- Common household consumable items with a sales price of \$30 or less. For purposes of this exemption, common house hold consumable items means:
 - Laundry detergent and supplies
 - · Powder, liquid, or pod detergent
 - Fabric softener
 - Drver sheets
 - Stain removers
 - Bleach
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Paper napkins and tissues
- Facial tissues
- Hand soap, bar soap, and body wash
- Sunscreen and sunblock
- Dish soap and detergents, including powder, liquid, and pod detergents or rinse agents that can be used in dishwashers
- · Cleaning or disinfecting wipes and sprays

- Hand sanitizer
- Trash bags
- Reusable ice (ice packs) with a sales price of \$20 or less
- Supplies necessary for the evacuation of household pets. For purposes of this exemption, necessary supplies means the noncommercial purchase of:
 - Bags of dry cat or dog food weighing 50 or fewer pounds and with a sales price of \$100 or less per bag
 - Portable kennels or pet carriers with a sales price of \$100 or less per item
 - Over-the-counter pet medications with a sales price of \$100 or less • Pet beds with a sales price of \$40 or less per item
 - Cat litter weighing 25 or fewer pounds and with a sales price of \$25 or less per item
 - Leashes, collars, and muzzles with a sales price of \$20 or less per item
 - Pet pads with a sales price of \$20 or less per box or package
 - Manual can openers with a sales price of \$15 or less per item
 - Collapsible or travel-sized food or water bowls with a sales price of \$15 or less per item
 - Cat litter pans with a sales price of \$15 or less per item
 - Pet waste disposal bags with a sales price of \$15 or less per package Hamster or rabbit substrate with a
 - sales price of \$15 or less per package
 - Cans or pouches of wet pet food with a sales price of \$10 or less per can or pouch or the equivalent if sold in a box or case

Pot proposal tops signature requirements

NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

Backers of a proposed constitutional amendment that would allow recreational use of marijuana have surpassed a required number of petition signatures to place the initiative on the 2024 ballot, according to the state Division of Elections. The agency's website Thursday showed that the Smart & Safe Florida political committee, which is sponsoring the measure, had submitted more than 967,000 valid signatures for the initiative. Committees have to submit 891,523 valid signatures

ballot. While the pro- for review, signaled sonal consumption; a dated signatures from initiative on the balposal has topped the she will argue the mea- freedom which is cur- nearly every part of lot next November." signature threshold, it sure doesn't meet legal rently enjoyed by more our state, it is clear To pass, the proposed still must clear another requirements to go be- than half of America's these voters share that constitutional amendmajor hurdle - Florida fore voters. The court adults," Trulieve CEO belief. We are thrilled ment must receive ap-Supreme Court ap- asked the proposal's Kim Rivers said in a the campaign has made proval from 60 percent proval. The court re- opponents to submit statement Thursday. this milestone and look of voters. views ballot initiatives briefs by June 12 and to ensure they address single subjects and are July 5 to respond. Final not confusing to voters. briefs are due July 12. Justices in 2021 twice Oral arguments have rejected recreational- not been scheduled. marijuana proposals, Trulieve, the state's but backers of the largest medical-marcurrent measure said ijuana operator, has they relied on guidance contributed more than from the court's rul- \$38 million to the recings when crafting the reational-marijuana "Adult Personal Use effort."Our investment of Marijuana" initia- demonstrates our firm tive. Attorney General belief that Floridians Ashley Moody, who are ready to experi-

gave supporters until last month sent the ence the freedom to

for placement on the proposal to the court use cannabis for per- "With over 965,000 vali- forward to seeing this



School rules teed up

RYAN DAILEY

News Service of Florida

The Florida Department of Education is gearing up to begin crafting rules to carry out a number of measures approved by state lawmakers and signed by Gov. Ron DeSantis, including some proposals that were among the most controversial issues from the 2023 legislative session.

The department is slated on June 9 to hold a series of onlinerule-development workshops that would help implement the new laws.

One of the measures (HB 1521), signed by DeSantis May 17, will require people to use the bathroom that lines up with their sex assigned at birth. The new law, which goes into effect Julv 1, applies to the use of restrooms at public and private schools, as well as "public buildings" such as airports.

for president.

Democrats and LG- der men and women. BTQ-advocacy groups

entered the 2024 race tory" measures aimed at gay and transgen-

Another rule-defiercely opposed the velopment workshop slate of bills. In a scheduled for June 9 statement issued last addresses a new law week, the Human (SB 1438) that seeks Rights Campaign de- to block children from cried what it called the attending drag shows. 'anti-trans bathroom The law prohibits venbill" as part of "tar- ues from admitting geted and discrimina- minors to "adult live

show, exhibition, or school-sponsored other presentation events and activities. that is performed in thetic or imitation activities.' genitals or breasts."

The notice of the front of a live audi- workshopsaysthatthe ence and in whole rule's purpose would or in part, depicts or be to "protect the simulates nudity, sex- fundamental rights ual conduct, sexual of parents by ensurexcitement, specific ing that children are sexual activities, ... not exposed to inlewd conduct, or the appropriate schoollewd exposure of pros-sponsored events and troversial measure

The department The Department of also appears poised See RULES, Page 5A

performances," which Education's proposed to begin the rulemakare defined as "any rule would apply to ing process on a rule the agency said aims to strengthen parents² rights and "safeguard their child's educational record to ensure the use of the child's legal name in school."

> The workshop on that issue comes after DeSantis signed a con-(HB 1069) that limits



state and local-government buildings, prisons and jails.

A notice of the education department's rule-development workshop said its "purpose and effect" is to "align the rule with new legislative changes ... that prohibit a district policy that allows separation for any criteria other than biological sex at birth."

The subject matter that will be addressed during the workshop is "access to restrooms, locker rooms, and dressing rooms by the opposite sex for which they were designated," the notice said.

DeSantis, who championed the restroom measure, said the new law is geared toward "ensuring women's safety."

"A woman should not be in a locker room having to worry about someone from the opposite sex being in their locker room," the governor said during a billsigning event.

The controversial measure was among a number of bills targeting transgender people approved by the Republican-controlled Legislature and signed by De-Santis, who recently

"I received a month of great care at **Northwest Florida Community Hospital!**"

-Gary Hartman

Gary Hartman (center) recently spent 31 days at Northwest Florida Community Hospital. It all started last October when Gary had extensive back surgery at another hospital. The surgery was successful, but several days later, Gary's whole digestive system shut down. "This is the third time I've had severe constipation after having anesthesia," says Gary.

But the problem was much worse than that. Because of severe internal bleeding, Gary lost several pints of blood. "My blood pressure got so low, it was hard to detect," Gary says. "The nurses said they came very close to losing me. But thanks to Hospitalist Dr. Annette Porter (left), Nick Bass, APRN (right), and the rest of the amazing staff, I made it!"

Gary then began inpatient rehab. "I needed to work on balance and coordination so I could live on my own again," Gary explains. "I had physical therapy sessions twice a day and the staff watched me like a hawk to make sure I did everything right."

Today, Gary says he feels great. "I can even mow my lawn!" he says. "And I see my primary care provider for regular checkups. If I had to do it over, I wouldn't change a thing about my experience!"



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OPINION

How the presidential primaries are shaping up



Ron Hart Guest Columnist

Let's face it. "Gun to the head" honest, only5% of the country would let Joe Biden watch their kid for an hour while they ran to the store. He has been the worst president of modern times. Even Jimmy Carter started comparing him to Jimmy Carter.

We have to get new nominees for both parties. If the 2024 election is a rematch between Trump and Biden, we all lose. Both men will be about 80 years old. If they have a debate, it might as well be held in the balcony box seats of the Muppet Theater. In full disclosure, Biden's sage."

dlers have convinced the Democratic National Committee to Carolina instead.

lina will nominate played their hand on a more "electable" Democrat – namely, insyncwithsuburban him. They say Iowa women swing voters. does not represent Second, the RNC will itics, where governors their demographic as allow so many canit is "too white." For didates to run that whatDemocratsneed, Trump will get his Ghana is too white for zealous 30% of voters the only state where less you are in a canoe. F. Kennedy, was an their target voter.

Democrats of today tend to just produce Republican challengthe Hillary Clinton- ers who have indiand Joe Biden-type cated they will run for candidates. Their president: only Democratic primary rivals for their Santis of Florida. He whiter whites are Oxy candidate that CNN Clean and Clorox.

the top ten states in inhigh school. Trump

campaign ads might work ethic, literacy so fears him that De- evangelical votes crats, who like to have to end with, "My and graduation rates. Santis is the only is former VP Mike rubber-stamp both name is Joe Biden, There is no way that rival he has bothered Pence. He spoke at their candidates and and I forget this mes- state should be pick- to give an 8 th grade- the famous "Roast ideas, is the scion of ing the best Democrat quality nickname. Biden and his han- nominee; it is the least representative mer UN Ambassador ous and music-filled

first primary state beating a terrible sitof their own mak-He says South Caro- ing. First, they overabortion and are not and win. With two the current governor

Here are the leading by his predecessor.

has already put out Tim Scott will be the of Iowa. Iowa is one of someone he molested Bill Clinton.

term limits.

a factor in Illinois pol-missing. spendjustonetermin rumored to be runoffice and then serve ning. He is a guy you are seldom wrong. a term in prison. It is want on your side, un- RFK Jr.'s uncle, John Asmuchastheytalk candidates, he prob-about "diversity," the ably would not. whose tags were made has all the policies the respect of many

Carolinian Senator If Tucker Carlson such a bad back. Tim Scott has also does not run, for now declared. He was ap- Ron DeSantis is the *humorist and award*-1. Governor Ron De- pointed to the Senate best hope of winning by Nikki Haley when a general election ability to produce is such a formidable she was governor. against Joe Biden or If elected President, whatever Dems had to move a casting call for a first bachelor to live in nie's" form of Biden RonaldHart on their first primary out woman who can play the White House since he takes.

4. Rounding up the ointment for Demo-

and Ride" feast in Des the Democrat Party, 2. Nikki Haley, for- Moines. The glutton- Robert F. Kennedy of their current party. and former South tradition kicks off The two problems Carolina Governor, the campaign season get rid of Iowa as the Republicans have in is polling a close third where Iowans devour behind Trump and thousands of ears cess the Democrats and start with South ting President are DeSantis. She re- of corn, fried potasigned as UN Ambas- toes, several hundred sador under Trump, pounds of Iowa beef, citing her belief in and -- most troubling -- the musical quar-Term limits are only tet's banjo player is

of Trump without of us when he took on 3. Fellow South the polarizing ego. Marilyn Monroe with

The only fly in the

Jr. He has thrown his hat in the ring, which could disturb therubber-stampproare used to in primaries. NFL quarterback Aaron Rodgers endorsed Kennedy based on his anti-vaccination views. I like any candidates with 5. Chris Christie is a healthy distrust of government. They My favorite would iconic president and a

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The U.S. and China wage diplomatic war in the Central and South Pacific



as have some of the Taiwan. regional and global

In that human life- democratic Japan, the or denying Japan use when the moment is sia? time, the technologies independent Philip- of these and other ripe. of war have changed, pines, Singapore and islands led to Japan's

actors. Great Pow- geography hasn't a base for attacking hearing: "We have Guinea. Tokyo saw er rivalry definitely changed -- the rocks Guam. isn't ancient history and coral remain in the Pacific and where they were in and minds of people Now we are ?ghting donia -- an island with

In 2023, the hearts tegic islands before. France's New Cale-East Asia. However, 1942. Despite the hype living in these islands again, hopefully in a rich mineral deposits communist China is of the Space Age and matter. In these small nonlethal battle, and -- and possibly knocknow the expansionist the information age nations, (and that's we need to pay atten- ing Australia and New power, not imperial and now artificial in- the current political tion." als know geographic the suite of tricks that the lethal. This spring, serves Beijing well the biggest issue in nese military aircraft of agents of influence recognition of Taioperatives accepting over 600 islands with rights, then a navy is valuable real estate. island of New Guinea base. After the navy base: a missile launch president wanted to north of Australia. site. scribe isn't theory. legislature voted to ton bets Papua New In spring 2022, a retain recognition for leaked document in- China. Democracy in dicated that China had action? The former reached an agreement president repeatedly with the Solomon Is-Saipan, Palau, Truk lands that would give was dragging the is-Atoll. They were valu- it the right to make land federation "into able islands in 1942. naval ship visits and its political warfare" send soldiers or police and accused Beijing about Austin Bay and zens, victims of bad to train and (accord- of corrupt practices to schools and leftist ing to one source) include bribing local Creators writers and "maintain order."

defeat. For the record, Sherman (D-CA) stat- 1942, Japan invaded The Pacific's island Japan used Saipan as ed at a congressional the island of New fought for these stra- it as a step to taking

What can the U.S. In March, Rep. Brad do? In the summer of

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Eighty-one years separate1942 and 2023.

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Japan. The U.S. is still telligence, communist configuration, nations the challenged, but China's 21st century its allies now include diplomats and generposition matters.

islands matter? Chiand navy warships beyond the First Island Chain (Japan, Taiwan and the Philippines).

The new bases also provide the People's Liberation Army with missile launch sites. The closer missile launchers are to U.S. bases such as Pearl Harbor, San Diego and Puget Sound, the better. from Beijing's perspective. All the better for cowing the U.S. Navy.

Many American cititeachers, have never heard of these World War II battlegrounds. that's Beijing-speak cians in Washington, webpage at www.cre-

Maintain Order: But controlling them for taking control so why not Microne- ators.com.

and confederations) of the current fight usedTrukasabasefor they are vulnerable to -- the nonlethal before the invasion of New Why dosmall Pacific in Europe and Wash- the Federated States troops stopped the ington. The wallets of Micronesia was the Japanese Army in the -- diplomatic slang for wan over mainland need forward bases politicians and media China. The FSM is forces north. bribes -- are a classic less than 300 square U.S. and Papua New means of first obtain- miles of surface area. Guinea signed a new ing a weather station, But their location, military agreement. then fishing rights, between Guam and Papua New Guinea is then naval anchorage Papua New Guinea, the eastern half of the

> supportTaiwan.Butin The process I de- early April, the FSM's looks like Washingwarned that Beijing doesn't repeat itself, politicians.

Zealand out of the Here's an example war. The Japanese Guinea.

> Australian and U.S. mountains and slowly pushed the imperial

On May 22, the The FSM's former and is about 90 miles

> Though late, it Guinea will be a bulwark against Chinese communist imperial expansion. History but if we're lucky, it will rhyme.

To find out more read features by other cartoonists, visit the Beijing buys politi- Creators Syndicate

Have something to say?

Letters to the editor and comments on web versions of news stories are welcomed. Letters are edited only for grammar, spelling, clarity, space, and consistency, but we ask that they be limited to 300 words where possible. Letter writers are asked to provide a home address, daytime telephone number and a signature on your letter or comment for verification purposes (none of this information is printed).

Letters may be sent to 1364 N. Railroad Ave., Chipley, FL 32428 or emailed to jrich@nevespublishing.com.

Questions? Call 850-638-0212

RULES

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can use their preferred pronouns implement parts of laws related in schools.

Under the new law, which goes into effect July 1, teachers and other school employees will be oped for a parent to specify any deprohibited from telling students their preferred pronouns. Educators also will be barred from ask-

pronouns.

The notice of the workshop about students' names said the the way teachers and students rule being developed would rights of parents and students.

'A local procedure will be develviation from the child's legal name in school. This rule will ensure full transparency to enhance the stu-

ingstudents about their preferred dent's record and protect parental hearings. rights. Other general amendments designed to strengthen student records will also be considered," the notice said.

Also, the education department to school-district records and the has scheduled a June 9 workshop to flesh out a process to handle disagreements over local decisions about objections to materials used in school or classroom libraries. The process would involve special magistrates and administrative rule.

Another rule being developed will lay out a procedure for teachers to challenge certain directives from school districts or school administrators. Under a new law (SB 1035) signed by DeSantis, educators could request special magistrates in instances if they are "directed by his or her school district or school to violate a state law" or State Board of Education





WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLROIDA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR EOC Food and Catering Services During Emergencies RFP No. 2023-01

Washington County plans for and responds to natural disasters and other emergency related crises. The County is accepting proposals from qualified vendors for meal (catering) services in support of an activation at the County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

REQUEST Deadline: Sealed proposals to provide EOC Food and Catering Services will be received until 3:00 PM CST, June 22, 2023, at 1331 South Blvd, Chipley, FL 32428

The complete Request for Proposals information package can be obtained from Kimberly Birge-Gorman by email at kbirge@washingtonfl.com. Washington County Board of County Commissioners accepts no responsibility for any expenses incurred by responders in the preparation of a response to this request.

LATE SUBMITTALS RECEIVED AFTER THE FOREMENTIONED DEADLINE DATE, EITHER BY MAIL, OR OTHERWISE, WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED AND RETURNED UNOPENED. THE TIME OF RECEIPT WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE TIME RECEIVED IN THE PURCHASING AGENT'S OFFICE. IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FIRM FOR ASSURING THAT THE SUBMITTAL IF RECEIVED IN THE HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE BY THE DESIGNATED DATE AND TIME. NO FAXED, ELECTRONIC OR ORAL SUBMITTAL WILL BE ACCEPTED. FIRM/INDIVUALS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF ITS' SUBMITTAL. SUBMITTALS RECEIVED AFTER THE SPECIFIED DAY AND TIME WILL NOT BE OPENED. To be considered, the respondent must submit one (1) manually signed original, three (3) hard copies and one (1) digital copy on CD/USB Flash Drive (in pdf) of the SUBMITTAL in a sealed envelope or package, clearly marked with the respondent's name and address, and the words "RFP 2023-01 Food & Catering Services During Emergencies " addressed to:

Washington County Board of County Commissioners c/o Kimberly Birge-Gorman 1331 South Boulevard Chipley, Florida 32428

ADA - Special Accommodations: Any person requiring accommodations by the Authority due to a disability should call Wendy White, Washington County Human Resources Coordinator at (850) 415-5151 at least five (5) days prior to any pre-response conference, response opening, or meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact Wendy White via the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that City of Chipley has determined that the following proposed action under the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) program, Citywide Flooding Resiliency Improvements (Grant # MT148) is in the 100-year floodplain/wetland. The City of Chipley will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplains/wetlands and the potential impacts on the floodplains/wetlands from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

The purpose of the proposed project is to mitigate the threats to person and property brought about by the ongoing, dangerous flooding occurring in the City of Chipley since Hurricane Michael. Improvements will include the cleaning, reshaping, and stabilization of existing ditches; new lateral outfall ditches; restoration and expansion of existing cross drains to ensure proper conveyance to the stormwater management facility. Furthermore, construction may also include drainage inlets, manholes, curb & gutter, utility adjustment, roadway and sodding/ landscape restorations, and mitigation measures to impacted Lift Stations. Less than 5 acres of Floodplains and less than 6 acres of Wetlands may be disturbed. The proposed project is located within the Chipley city limits along 1st Avenue, 2nd Avenue, 3rd Avenue, and Peach Street to the intersection of Wynn Drive.

The City of Chipley has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: (i) The proposed locations of the improvements should be constructed in the floodplains/wetlands because it is the most advantageous locations and are within already disturbed utility rights-ofway, (ii) Alternatives considered are to (1) Reduce the number of cross drains to be replaced to minimize impacts but then potential improvements to reduce flooding will also be minimized, (2) Reduce the number of ditches to be cleaned, but the potential improvements to reduce flooding on roadways will also be minimized, and (3) move the stormwater management facility outside the floodplain but deviations to the proposed locations would not alleviate flooding issues. The city has also considered the No Action Alternative and determined that no action on the project would leave the present problems with flooding unresolved which has the potential to create significant impacts on the natural and human environments.

City of Chipley has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain/wetland and has determined that the only and best alternative is to continue with the project as presently planned and located. As much as practicable, project plans will be designed to reduce the number of floodplains and/or wetlands disturbed. During the construction phase, all activity relevant to stormwater management will be mitigated by erecting silt fencing around the project areas to mitigate erosion and contamination. All permits from environmental regulatory agencies will be obtained for the project. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of [Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990], are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request Monday through Friday, from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at City Hall, 1442 Jackson Avenue, Chipley, FL 32428.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains/wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains/wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in **floodplains/wetlands**, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by Ms. Tracy L. Andrews, Mayor at 1442 Jackson Avenue, Chipley, FL 32428, (850) 638-6350 by June 16, 2023. A full description of the project may be reviewed from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at City Hall, 1442 Jackson Avenue, Chipley, FL 32428. Comments may also be submitted via email at tandrews@citvofchiplev.com.

Tracy L. Andrews, Mayor **Environmental Certifying Official**

Marriages

The following marriages were issued in Washington County in May:

May 8	Kodie Plybon and Larry Morris	May 15	Jaclyn Bryant and Allen Rhodes
May 8	Lisa Hancock and Richard Sechris	May 16	Felicia O'neal and Derrick Thigpen
May 12	Lisa Drescher and Jacob Camp	May 18	Kyleigh Dalzell and Matthew Carroll
May 12	Barbara Ashmore and Michael Ashmore	May 22	Martina Steverson and Bobby Lee
May 12	Tambra Fleming and Charles Jackson	May 22	Taylor Birge and Joshua Makert
May 12	Kerstin Vaughn and Michael Embry	May 26	Evon Deer and Jamaya Dudley
May 12	Savannah Orr and Talor Adams	May 30	Bianca Foreman and Allison Rudd

May 12 Paul Demaree and Charlyce Morris



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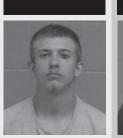
Marriages

The following marriages were issued in Holmes County in May:

May 5	Krystal Morris and Joseph Niner	May 10	Kimberly Gilroy and Christopher Leggett	May 15	Lilla Jamea Algueseva and Jordan Peters	May 22	Audrey Smith and Kemar Lawrence
May 8	Taylor Mears and Stephen Simpson	May 11	Bailey Rich and Jenna Singletary	May 16	Mariscal Marquez and Luis Hernandez Jr.	May 26	Ava Byrd and Gerald Pharis
May 10	Lizabeth Segarra and Jose Chimalhua	May 15	Charlene Pate and Donnie Hood	May 22	Autumn Hendrix and Seth Bryant		

Washington County Arrest Reports

The following arrests were made in Washington County between May 25 and June 1 as reported by the Washington County Jail. All subjects are considered innocent until convicted.



Duncan Reddick Bray, 20, Bonifay - Burglary of unoccupied dwelling, Criminal mischief with property damage under 200, Petit theft-first degree more than 100 less than 750 [WCSO]



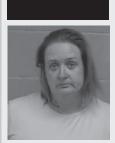
Sylena Nicole Reece, 63, Chipley - Sale of 24, Chipley - Child neglect methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of specified with great bodily harm two counts [WCSO] area [WCSO]



Livictor Shawn Brown, 32, Sneads - Grand theftmore than 750 less than 5,000 [WCSO]

Edward Earl Phillips, 67, Chipley - Possession of paraphernalia [WCSO]

Rodney Carl Gibson, 66, Southport - DUIrefuse to submit to test after license suspended, Reckless driving-first offense [WCSO]



Tonia Lea Phillips,

43, Bonifay - Obstruction

of justice by disguised

marijuana less than 20

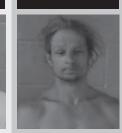
person, Possession of

grams, Possession of

controlled substance

[WCSO]

without a prescription two counts, Possession of paraphernalia-two counts



Clinton John Cooper, 44, Vernon - Child support [WCSO]



Adrian Durell Glass, 38, Panama City - DUIdamage to property or person, Reckless driving [WCSO]



Stephen Michael Roberts, 43, Keystone Heights, FL - Aggravated assault with intent to commit a felony, Battery [WCSO]



Murray William Batson, Marty Allen Faulk, 51, Chipley - DUI [WCSO] 42, Pensacola - Child support [WCSO]



Cherie Esther Reiss, 32, Middleberg, FL - Grand theft of a controlled substance, DUI, Possession of

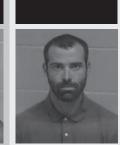
[WCSO



paraphernalia, Possession of controlled substance [WCSO]



Mario Anteze Keith, 43, Chipley - Failure to register employment changes, Failure to report name of residence change, Failure to register phone number change



Shawn Henry Burgett, William Dalton 34, Wausau - DUI [WCSO]

Sheffiled, 34, Chipley - DWLSR habitual offender - two counts, DUI [WCSO]



Katie Lyn Megan Belew, 26, Chipley - Possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute, Possession of cocaine with intent to distribute [WCSO]



44, Westville - Possession of controlled substance without a prescription [WCSO] [WCSO]



Kelvin Charles Peterson, Matthew Eric Brown, 42, Vernon - Possession 22, Vernon - Battery of controlled substance [WCSO] without a prescription



Justiniano Radhami Federico, 49, Chipley - Possession of controlled substance without a prescription [WCSO]



Christina Deann Stansberry, 51, Chipley - Possession of controlled substance without a prescription [WCSO]



Garv Oxendine. 54, Wausau - DUI [WCSO]

Arrest Reports County Jail. All subjects are considered innocent until convicted.



Brian James Taylor, 37, Bonifay - FTA-criminal mischief, FTA-battery [HCSO]



Lee Marvin Leverette, 40, Alford - VOP possession of cocaine [HCSO]



Michael Shane Baxter, 45, Marianna - Possession of methamphetamine, Possession of paraphernalia [HCSO]



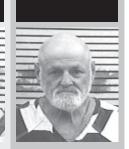
Christopher Spicer, 27. Westville - Out of county warrant, Possession of methamphetamine. Possession of paraphernalia, DWLS - second offense, VOP -DWLS [HCSO]



Matthew Taelon David Norman, Strahan, 45, Westville - Battery 22. Hahirah. GA - DUI - .20 [HCSO] or higher with person under 18, Child neglect without great bodily harm



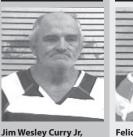
Jeffrey Clyde Scates, 32, Bonifay - Possession of paraphernalia [HCSO]



Leonard Phillips, 63, Westville - Possession of controlled substance without a prescription two counts, Possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, Possession of methamphetamine, Possession of marijuana less than 20 grams, Resisting arrest without violence [HCSO]



Jamison Shane Haskins, 29, Vernon - Promote sexual activity of victim less than 16, Sexual battery on person 12 or older by person under 18. [HCSO]



Felicia L. Price, 39, Freeport - VOP 52, Bonifay - Possession of methamphetamine, - possession of Possession of methamphetamine paraphernalia, VOP -[HCSO] possession of controlled substance [HCSO]



Jonathan Wade Rushing, 27, Ponce de Leon - Out of county warrant [HCSO]



[FHP]

Danielle Etta Viola Lindsey, 22, Ponce de Leon - Possession of paraphernalia, Possession of methamphetamine

[HCSO]



Joshua Joseph Knight, 47, Bonifay - Simple assault-intent to do violence [HCSO]



Mark Allen Robinson, 51, Ponce de Leon Disorderly conduct [FHP]





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LEGAL ADVERTISING May 31, 2023 pared by **WATFORD** ENGINEERING, 4452 sealed and marked "Bid for Physical following described 000151 00-01884 concerned parties on June 22, 2023 at com/. NOTICE OF AP-All of said prop-June 7, 14, 21, property as set forth in said Final Therapy Service, Bid #23-10 and PLICATION FOR TAX Clinton Street, Mari-Year of Issuance: erty being located 2023 Pursuant to **Chipley High School** anna, Florida 32466. DEED 2019 the Americans Judgment, to-wit: THE FOLLOWING REAL PROPERTY SITin the County of 1545 Brickyard Rd, Chipley FL at 1:00 PM Central Time delivered or mailed to the Superinten-Washington, State 000182 with Disabilities NOTICE OF AP Bids shall be a Notice Is Parcel: 00000000 of Florida. Act, any person Hereby Given JAMES 01-0113-0003 requiring special accommodations UATE IN, COUNTY OF WASHINGTON AND lump sum price; segregated bids will dent's Office, Atten-tion: Julie Jeffries, **PLICATION FOR TAX** in the Main Office. 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COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDI-Parcel: 0000000by mail at P.O. Box CIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR 1089. Panama City, 05-0307-0016 est bidder ONLINE AT WASHINGTON. FL 32402 or by phone REALTAXDEED.COM on AUGUST 01, 2023 at WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA at (850) 747-5338 at least seven (7) days 10:00 AM CT. CIVIL ACTION before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notifica-Lora C. Bell Clerk Wells Fargo Bank, of Court, Washing-N.A. Case #: 21000069CAAXMX tion if the time before Description: ton County Florida the scheduled ap-By: Kelsey Odom, pearance is less than Deputy Clerk May 31, 2023 Plaintiff, seven (7) days. If you -vs.

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ADA Coordinator

are hearing impaired,

Lora C. Bell

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Washington County, Florida

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and Grant Administration, Emergency Management Planning, Financial and Grant Administration, Emergency Management Plans, Policies and Procedures, Training Courses, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program, and Debris Removal Monitoring. The County reserves the right to enter into contracts with one of more proposed contractors and award tasks based upon the sole discretion of the County. BED Reading Scaled process is to provide Emergency Management

RFP Deadline: Sealed proposals to provide Emergency Management Contractual Services will be received until 3:00 PM CST, July 18, 2023, at 1331 South Blvd, Chipley, FL 32428. The complete Request for Proposal information package can

be obtained from Kimberly Birge-Gorman by email at kbirge@ washingtonfl.com. Washington County Board of County Commissioners accepts no responsibility for any expenses incurred by bidders in the preparation of a response to this bid.

To be considered, the respondent must submit one (1) manually signed original, three (3) hard copies and one (1) digital copy on USB Flash Drive (in pdf) of the SUBMITTAL in a sealed envelope or package, clearly marked with the respondent's name and address, and the words "RFP 2023-02 Emergency Management Contractual Services " addressed to Washington County Board of County Commissioners, c/o Kimberly Birge-Gorman, 1331 South Boulevard, Chipley, Florida 32428. LATE SUBMITTALS RECEIVED AFTER THE FOREMENTIONED DEADLINE DATE, EITHER BY MAIL, OR OTHERWISE, WILL NOT BE

CONSIDERED AND RETURNED UNOPENED. THE TIME OF RECEIPT WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE TIME RECEIVED IN THE PURCHASING AGENT'S OFFICE. IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FIRM FOR ASSURING THAT THE SUBMITTAL IS RECEIVED IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE BY THE DESIGNATED DATE AND TIME. NO FAXED, ELECTRONIC OR ORAL SUBMITTAL WILL BE ACCEPTED. FIRM/INDIVIDUALS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF ITS' SUBMITTAL. SUBMITTALS RECEIVED AFTER THE SPECIFIED DAY AND TIME WILL NOT BE OPENED.

property described in such Certificate will be sold to the highest bidder **ONLINE AT WASHING-**TON.REALTAXDEED. COM on JULY 18, 2023 at 10:00 AM CT.

Lora C. Bell Clerk of Court, Washing-ton County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk May 17, 24, 31, 2023

June 7, 2023

000157 NOTICE OF AP-PLICATION FOR TAX DFFD

Notice Is Hereby Given **TOMMY JASON HOLLEY,** 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:

Notice Is Hereby Given **BEAMIF A** 2016 LLC, the holder of the following Tax certificate, has filed said certificate for

year of issuance, the description of

Certificate #: 18-

Parcel: 00000000-

Assessed To:

IRMA MASULLO

MARIA G BARDITCH

as follows:

02-0269-0003

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2018

a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The Assessed To: Parcel number, Cer-PARAMDAYE

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the property, and the names in which SUNNY HILLS UNIT #5 LOT 16 ORB 651 P it was assessed are 75 BLK 0307

All of said property being located in the County of Washington, State Year of Issuance: of Florida.

> Unless such certificate shall be redeemed accord-ing to law, the property described in such Certificate will be sold to the high-est bidder **ONLINE**

ing to law, the prop-erty described in such Certificate will be sold to the high-

June 7, 14, 21, 2023 000183

SUNNY HILLS UNITS 12-15 DEPENDENT DISTRICT NOTICE OF AUDI-TOR SELECTION COM-MITTEE MEETING AND REGULAR BOARD

OF SUPERVISORS MEETING The Board of

Supervisors of the Sunny Hills Units l2-15 Dependen on AUGUST 01, 2023 at 10:00 AM CT. District will hold an Auditor Selection Committee meeting and regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors on June 27, 2023, at 12:30 p.m. CST / 1:30 p.m. EST at the Sunny Hills Community Center, 4083 Chal-lenger Blvd., Sunny Hills, FL 32428. The regular meeting will take place immediately following the adjournment of the Auditor Selection Committee meeting where the Board may consider any other business that may properly come before it. The Auditor Selection Committee will review. discuss and recommend an auditor to provide audit ser-vices to the District for Fiscal Year 2023 The agendas for the Board meeting in clude the approval of an annual budget for the fiscal year beginning Octo-ber 1, 2023, which upon adoption, will be submitted to Washington County in accordance with Chapter 189, **Florida** Statutes. Both meetings are open to the public and will be conducted in accor dance with the pertinent provisions of Florida Law related to Special Districts. The meetings may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meetings. There may be occasions when staff or other individuals will participate by telephone. Copies of the agendas and budget may be obtained from the offices of the District Manager, PFM Group Consulting, LLC, located at 3501 Quadrangle Boulevard, Suite 270, Orlando, FL 32817 407) 723-5900, during normal business hours or from the District's website at https://sunny-hillsunits12to15dd.

Certificate #: 18-00-01335

Year of Issuance: 2018

Parcel: 00000000 00-4961-0000

Assessed To:

EDWARD HERMAN SMITH, GARY SMITH ESTATÉ

Description:

8 4 15 13.5 ORB 754 P 173 S1/2 OF SW1/4 **OF SE1/4, LESS HWY**

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SUNNY HILLS UNIT

#5 LOT 12 ORB 170 P

785 BLK 0304

All of said property being located in the County of Washington, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed ac cording to law, the property described in such Certificate will be sold to the highest bidder **ONLINE AT WASHING-**TON.REALTAXDEED. COM on JULY 25, 2023 at 10:00 AM CT.

Lora C. Bell Clerk of Court, Washing-ton County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk May 24, 31, 2023 June 7, 14, 2023

000172 NOTICE OF AP-PLICATION FOR TAX

DEED

Notice Is Hereby Given **BEAMIF A** LLC, the holder of the following Tax certificate, has filed said certificate for 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:

Certificate #: 19-

Description: AT WASHINGTON. SUNNY HILLS UNI REAL TAXDEED.CO #2 LOT 3 ORB 638 P 32 **BLK 0269** All of said prop-Lora C. Bell Clerk of Court, Washingerty being located in the County of ton County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk Washington, State of Florida. May 31, 2023 Unless such June 7, 14, 21, certificate shall be 2023 redeemed according to law, the prop-000179 NOTICE OF APerty described in such Certificate will be sold to the high-**PLICATION FOR TAX** DEED est hidder ONLINE AT WASHINGTON. Notice Is Hereby REALTAXDEED.COM Given BEAMIF A LLC, the holder of on AUGUST 01, 2023 at the following Tax certificate, has filed 10:00 AM CT. Lora C. Bell Clerk said certificate for of Court, Washinga Tax Deed to be ton County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, issued thereon. The Parcel number, Cer-Deputy Clerk May 31, 2023 tificate number and year of issuance, June 7, 14, 21, the description of the property, and the names in which 000175 it was assessed are NOTICE OF AP-PLICATION FOR TAX as follows: Certificate #: 16-00-03290 Notice Is Hereby Given **BEAMIF A** LLC, the holder of 2016 the following Tax certificate, has filed said certificate for Parcel: 00000000-05-0318-0013 a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The Assessed To: Parcel number, Cer-**ANNE SANTOS %** tificate number and ear of issuance, ECUADECO the description of the property, and Description: the names in which it was assessed are #5 LOT 13 ORB 218 P as follows: 782 BLK 0318 Certificate #: 20-00-02359 All of said prop erty being located in the County of Year of Issuance: Washington, State of Florida. Parcel: 00000000-Unless such certificate shall be 05-0304-0012 edeemed accord Assessed To: ing to law, the prop-**ANN MARIE FON**erty described in TANA AKA ANN MARIE such Certificate will MARLOW, BARBARA be sold to the highest bidder ONLINE **ELLEN MARLOW**, CATHERINE MARLOW, DOUGLAS JOSEPH AT WASHINGTON. **REALTAXDEED.COM** MARLOW, PATRICIA on AUGUST 01, 2023 at 10:00 AM CT. MARLOW Description:

Year of Issuance: SUNNY HILLS UNIT Lora C. Bell Clerk of Court, Washing ton County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk

HELP WANTED

Job Opening Water Crewman

The City of Chipley is accepting applications for a Water Crewman I.

Minimum Oualifications: Limited knowledge of materials. methods, practices and equipment used in water facilities maintenance and repair activities. This position is subject to on-call requirements

Education and Experience: High School diploma or possession of an acceptable equivalency diploma. Two (2) years of experience in heavy manual labor, and the use of hand and light power tools preferably in distribution systems. Must possess a valid State of Florida Driver's License.

A job description is available upon request. Mail or hand deliver application and/or resume to Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk, City of Chipley, 1442 Jackson Ave., Post Office Box 1007, Chipley, Florida 32428. Deadline: Open until filled.

Equal Opportunity Employer/Drug Free Workplace.

City of Chipley Benefits Package includes:

Annual Leave - 13 days paid each year

- Sick Leave 13 days paid each year
- Personal Day 1 day paid each year
- Holidays-12 days paid each year • Medical Insurance - 73% paid for employee and family

coverage

• Life Insurance - \$10,000 paid for each employee • Florida Retirement System (FRS)

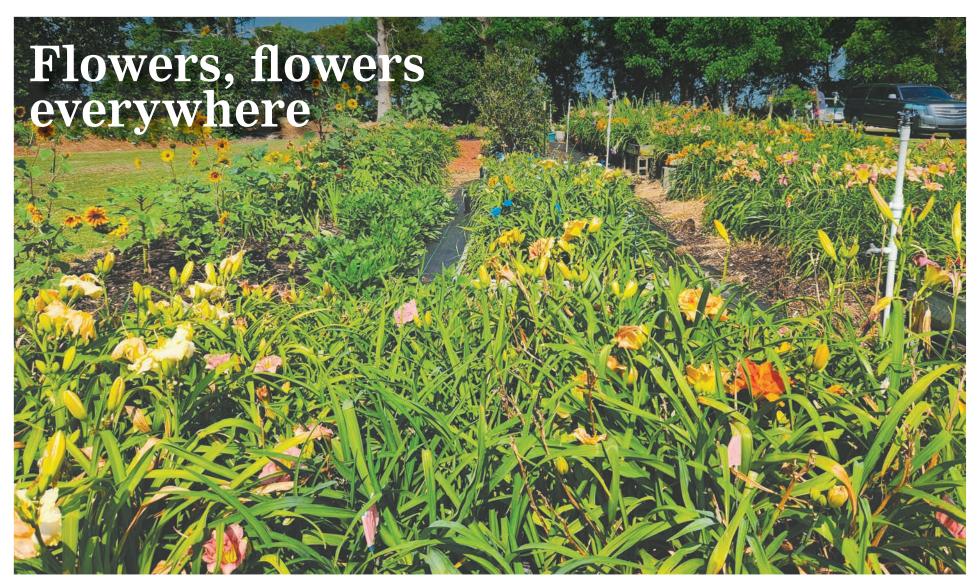
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CELEBRATE COMMUNITY



DIANE M. MOORE Dmoore@nevespublishing.com

The second annual Flower Farm Tour was a big success for Black Barn Blossoms and Fussell's Daylily Farm.

The event was recently held to encourage people to shop locally for their floral needs. With the locations being just 20 minutes apart, visitors were able to shop and browse the day away. There was a little something for everyone from workshops, making your own bouquet, cutting flowers, games, prizes and good eats.

Two additional plant nurseries were on site selling bulbs and plants. Sand Hills Native Nursery out of Bay County, sold plants native to the area and Arbor Lane Nursery out of Vernonhad a variety of fruit trees to sell. Black Barn Blossom Owner and event organizer Gina Hamilton says she hopes the event gets bigger every year.

"We hope to continue to grow this event every year and allow people to enjoy the beautiful Washington County," Hamilton said. "Between us and Clint Fussell, there are flowers for everyone."

"We are thrilled to have been part of the tour again this year," Fussell said. "We wanted people to come see us both and get some of the prettiest flowers around. And they sure did."

Both farms have a multitude of varieties of flowers in a wide range of colors and sizes from gladiolas, sunflowers, daylilies and zinnia. There is something for everyone.

For more information, visit www. blackbarnblossoms.com or find Fussell's on Facebook at Fussell's Daylily Farm. Fussell's Daylily Farm was in full bloom during the Flower Farm Tour. [DIANE M. MOORE | THE NEWS AND ADVERTISER]





The littles took advantage of games to play while their parents shopped for flowers. [OFF MY FRAME PHOTOGRAPHY | CONTRIBUTED]

The build your own bouquet class at Black Barn Blossoms was a big hit with attendees. [OFF MY FRAME PHOTOGRAPHY | CONTRIBUTED]



Couples young and old came out to enjoy the Flower Farm Tour. [OFF MY FRAME PHOTOGRAPHY | CONTRIBUTED]

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How seniors can help themselves and others through mentoring

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS AND ADVERTISER

The role of mentor is complex and sometimes vulnerable to misinterpretation. According to the employment resource Indeed, a mentor is an individual who acts as an adviser or coach for a less experienced person. Mentors often share their experiences and may even offer advice to their mentees.

Anyone can serve as a mentor, though individuals who accept that responsibility are typically older and/or more knowledgeable than their mentees. Mentors may be athletic coaches, teachers, business associates, or esteemed family members. Mentoring is something older adults can consider as they look to share their knowledge with others.

Mental and emotional benefits

Many successful individuals credit mentors with helping them achieve their goals. However, mentors also walk away from mentoring having gained something significant. According to the caregiving company Seasons, mentoring can keep an aging mind sharp. Being a mentor may help at-risk seniors

reduce their chances of developing the mentee can manage with his tology, gains were shown for mentors in "executive function and in the activity of prefrontal cortical regions in older adults at elevated risk for cognitive impairment."

Mentoring also may give seniors extra reasons to get up and go each day. A scheduled task like mentoring fosters social interactions and changes of scenery. Information published in Harvard Business Review indicates seniors who mentor young people may be three times happier than people who do not.

Qualities of good mentors Seniors considering mentoring should go over what can make a good mentor-mentee relationship. The following are some characteristics of successful mentors.

Engage: The mentor should show genuine interest in the mentee, asking about their goals and expectations. Conversation should come easily.

Participate actively: It's important to make the time for mentoring sessions according to what ing things as necessary can keep mentee. mentoring sessions on target.

then responding to the questions knowledge with others. and needs of the mentee.

· Possess expertise: A mentor dementia, particularly Alzheimer's or her schedule. Lessons should be needn't have an advanced degree disease. According to a 2009 study tailored to what the mentee hopes to or special certification, but he or published in the Journal of Geron-gain from the relationship. Gauging she should have more experience success along the way and tweak- in a given field or subject than the

Mentoring is a consideration for · Listen well: Mentors recognize seniors looking to remain active in the importance of listening first and their communities and share their



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(Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project(s): ITB 2023-10: Jewel Road, Kent Mill Pond Road and Porter Road. Contract Time of 210 days Sealed Bids for the construction of the Project(s) will be received by the Washington County Board of County Commissioners at 1331 South Blvd, Chipley, Florida 32428 until 3:00 PM local time on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at which time the Bids received will be "publicly" opened and read. The sealed bid submittal shall include 1 original, 2 copies, and one electronic copy on a USB flash drive. You may obtain electronic Bidding Documents by emailing Kimberly Birge-Gorman at kbirge@ washingtonfl.com. Questions shall be emailed to Kimberly Birge-Gorman at the email address above. The deadline for questions is Friday, June 30, 2023, by 3:00 pm local time. The Prime contractor at a minimum shall be FDOT qualified in Flexible Paving and Hot Plant-Mixed Bituminous courses. Additionally, the Prime Contractor or Subcontractor shall be qualified in Grading; Grassing, Seeding and Sodding; Pavement Marking; and Roadway Signing. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from other sources. This Advertisement is issued by:

Owner: Washington County Board of County Commissioners

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS WASHINGTON COUNTY

(Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project(s): • ITB 2023-11: Countywide Pavement Maintenance and Rehabilitation Continuing Services Sealed Bids for the continuing services contract will be received by the Washington County Board of County Commissioners at 1331 South Blvd, Chipley, Florida 32428 until 3:00 PM local time on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at which time the Bids received will be "publicly" opened and read. The sealed bid submittal shall include 1 original, 2 copies, and one electronic copy on a USB flash drive. You may obtain electronic Bidding Documents by emailing Kimberly Birge-Gorman at kbirge@washingtonfl. com. Questions shall be emailed to Kimberly Birge-Gorman at the email address above. The deadline for questions is Friday, June 30, 2023, by 3:00 pm local time. The Prime contractor at a minimum shall be FDOT qualified in Flexible Paving and Hot Plant- Mixed Bituminous courses. Additionally, the Prime Contractor or Subcontractor shall be qualified in Grading; Grassing, Seeding and Sodding; Pavement Marking; and Roadway Signing. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from other sources. This Advertisement is issued by:

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CONCURRENT NOTICE NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO **REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

June 7, 2023 Town of Ponce De Leon 1580 Hwy. 90 PO Box 214

Ponce de Leon, FL 32455 850-836-4361

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Town of Ponce De Leon.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 26, 2023, the Town of Ponce De Leon will submit a request to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development (HCD) Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project which include improvements to the Town's Emergency Pumping System as well as Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment Facility Electrical improvements, and Water and Wastewater System Telemetry improvements Emergency Pumping System Improvements include, but are not limited to, improvements to the emergency pumping system, piping, valves, instrumentation, and other associated improvements. Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment Facility Electrical Improvements include, but are not limited to, grounding improvements, surge suppression devices, and associated lighting protection improvements. Water and Wastewater System Telemetry Improvements include, but are not limited to, telemetry improvements to the water treatment facility, wastewater treatment facility, and collection system so that the Recipient can proactively respond to alarm conditions as they arise. The activity is funded by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program under CDBG Agreement No. 22DB-OP-02-42-02-N25 in the amount of \$600,000. No local funds are committed to the project. The specific location of the project is: Relay Station No. 3 at the intersection of Government St and Cherry St., Relay Station No. 4 at the end of Magnolia St. Relay Station No. 5 located West of Park Dr along US Highway 81, Relay Station No. 6 located southeast of the intersection of US 90 and Ponce De Leon Springs Rd, Relay Station No. 8 located north of Mayo Ln along Ponce De Leon Springs Rd, Pump Station No. 1 located south of the railroad and at the end of Main Street between Ponce De Leon Springs Rd and FL-81, Pump Station No. 2 located adjacent to Town Hall, Pump Station No. 3 located south of 2881 FL-81, Ponce De Leon, FL 32455 next to Mill Creek, Well No. 1 located along Blue Creek Rd next to 1567 Blue Creek Rd. as well as the Town's water treatment plant and wastewater treatment facility.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Town of Ponce De Leon has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at 1580 Hwy. 90, Ponce de Leon, FL 32455 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 9:00am to 2:00pm CST.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Jessica Harris, Town Clerk in person at 1580 Hwy. 90, Ponce de Leon, FL 32455 or mailed to PO Box 214, Ponce de Leon, FL 32455 on or before June 23, 2023 by 5:00pm. Comments may also be submitted by email at townpdl@ gmail.com All comments must be received by June 23, 2023. Comments will be considered prior to the Town of Ponce De Leon requesting a release of funds. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

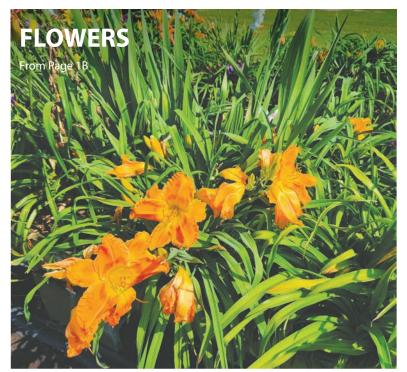
RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Town of Ponce De Leon certifies to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and HUD that Steven Busby in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Ponce De Leon to use the CDBG funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DEO will accept objections to its release of funds and the Town of Ponce De Leon certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Town of Ponce De Leon; (b) the Town of Ponce De Leon omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the State; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures at 24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76 and shall be addressed to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, CDBG Program, MSC-400 107 East Madison Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-6508. Potential objectors should contact the Town of Ponce De Leon to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Steven Busby, Mayor



Orange daylilies, just one of the rainbow of colors available at Fussell's Daylily Farm. [DIANE M. MOORE | THE NEWS AND ADVERTISER]



Gina Hamilton, owner of Black Barn Blossoms, put together the Flower Farm Tour to bring attention to the local flower farms in Washington County. [OFF MY FRAME PHOTOGRAPHY | CONTRIBUTED]



Black Barn Blossoms sunflowers are some of the prettiest around. [OFF MY FRAME PHOTOGRAPHY] CONTRIBUTED]



Clint Fussell of Fussell's Daylily Farm grows the most beautiful daylilies. [CONTRIBUTED]

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Workshops were available for those who wanted to learn at Black Barn Blossoms during the Flower Farm Tour. [OFF MY FRAME PHOTOGRAPHY | CONTRIBUTED]



The gladiolas and daylilies at Fussell's Daylily Farm come in a variety of colors. [DIANE M. MOORE | THE NEWS AND ADVERTISER]



Medicaid redeterminations are coming!

DCF is reviewing all Medicaid qualifications. Make sure your information is up-to-date in your MyAccess account. https://myflorida.com/accessflorida/ **Check your mailbox for Medicaid notices.**



Learn if you are eligible for a health plan with free or low monthly premiums through the Health Insurance Marketplace.



We work for you, not insurance! **Our Navigators offer** free unbiased help to consumers. Make an appointment at bigbendahec.org or call us today at 850-224-1177.

FOOL

Springing forward with lasting, hopeful memories



Stephanie Hill-Frazier Guest Columnist

"The day the Lord created hope was probably the same day He created Spring."~Bern Williams

Birds were chirping outside my window when I woke up today, the only indicator I ever need to make me aware that spring has arrived. Those little creatures seemed to be so happy, flying around in the warm sunshine on this sunny day. The hummingbirds started staking their claim on the feeders I put out ready to move forward, you to create lasting over the weekend, and I sat on my porch for a shine that it enjoys in They easily lend themfew minutes watching them while I sipped my iced coffee.

It really is a gorgeous time of year in *beauty, the rare beauty* someone you love this the South. While my northern friends are Gordon stillcomplainingabout cold temperatures as they bundle up the children for school, down here we are beginning to plant our tomatoes and zinnias, pulling out our gardening hats and sunscreen.

My family has alof gardening in the baskets over to Grandspring. I will admit, daddy's house to do an I did not especially and me over to her par- pastel dresses as we home. She is married

to enjoy the thrill of watching those things understood.

the same thing at does it? our house on DeSoto Street. There were comealiveformeagain roses in the yard and each spring when I a camellia bush that when mom planted it was small enough for ing and birds singing us to use as a hurdle and trees flowering as we ran around the in every yard. To celyard. I have a picture ebrate the season of of my sister standing new beginnings, each next to it years later as a young adult, the sweet recipe for bird camellia by then tow- nest cookies. They're ering over her and chewy, delicious, and hosting mother birds as they built their nests among its branches in the spring. Happily, the camellia survived Hurricane Michael, soaking up the sunthe yard. Hope... life selves to discussions of continues even after the storms.

of new life." – S.D.

When Easter arrived each year in Gulf County, all those flowers and plants they with color and scrumptious scent. After our egg hunt in his yard,

too young, I suppose, eggs with quarters inside for us to find!

We'd go back home spring up from the afteradelicious family sandy soil over the dinner, only to hunt following months, be- eggs again several coming something new times throughout the and more beautiful. day in our own yard. But Mom and Grammy The excitement never seems to wear off when My parents did you're a 7-year-old,

> Those memories wake up, as I did today, to the sun shinspring I break out this completely adorable.

If you have children who will be spending time at your house this spring, I especially hope this will help memories with them. spiritual rebirth, and of caring for the earth. "Easter spells out Enjoy that time with spring!

I hope that you will enjoy sharing these with someone this spring! If you do, I would love to see your planted were at their pictures; email them to prettiest, exploding steph@whatsouthernfolkseat.com.

Stephanie Hill-Framorning at church, zier is a writer, food we would happily take *blogger* and regional ways enjoyed the ritual our overflowing Easter television chef, whose on-air nickname is "Mama Steph." She grewup in Gulf County, enjoy it when Mom wearing the pretty on St. Joe Beach, a place would take my sister handmade-by-Mama she will forever call ents' home on Ponce searched under rose and has three young de Leon Street on St. bushes, in the crooks adult sons who still ex-Joe Beach to dig in of small live oaks, and *pect a chocolate Easter* Grammy's flower gar- inside flower pots filled bunny every year. You den, planting petunias with petunias. Some- can find more of her or impatiens, hostas times Grammy would recipes at WhatSouth-



Red snapper foil-packet dinner [STEPHANIE HILL-FRAZIER]

Coconut Bird Nest Cookies

Ingredients:

2/3 cup sweetened condensed milk

- 1 large egg white
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
 - 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 3 1/2 cups sweetened coconut

1/2 to 1 cup Nutella or marshmallow fluff

M&M Speck-tacular Eggs, malted milk eggs (shown), jelly beans or other small egg-shaped candy

Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 325°F. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper or a silicone baking mat.

2. In a large bowl, stir together the sweetened condensed milk, egg white, vanilla extract, and salt. Stir until combined.

Add in the coconut and mix well.

4. With a spoon, scoop up 2 to 3 tablespoons of the dough and place the dough onto the prepared baking sheet. Form the cookies into the shape of a bird nest. Press down the center with your thumb.

5. Bake cookies for 17 to 20 minutes, or until slightly golden brown. Remove from the oven and, while warm, press your thumb or a small spoon down in the center of the nests again.

6. Cool the cookies on the baking sheets (about 5 minutes) or until they are firm and set. Remove with a spatula onto a cooling rack to cool completely.

7. Place about a tablespoon of Nutella or marshmallow fluff in the center of each nest. Place three egg candies in the center of the nest and gently press.

or periwinkles. I was even hide a few plastic ernFolksEat.com.

8. Makes about 10-15 cookie nests, depending upon how large or small you make them.

This dessert is all about the blueberries

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS AND ADVERTISER

Blueberries should be a delicious part of people's daily diets because this flavorful fruit packs a nutritious punch. Blueberries are a great source of antioxidants, which can help the body fend off various illnesses.

Native to North America, blueberries are available fresh. frozen and canned and are used in a variety of recipes. Plus, they're right at home whether one is serving breakfast, dinner or dessert. However, many people feel that blueberries are best eaten as pie filling.

Various pastries showcase blueberries, including the French galette. A galette is not a pie, but more of a freeform crusty cake. However, it is similar to pie, making it a welcome alternative to that popular pastry. This recipe for "Blueberry Galette," courtesy of the U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council, is a delicious treat that's perfect for entertaining.



Blueberry Galette [GIANGI'S KITCHEN]

Blueberry Galette (8 portions)

Ingredients:

Crust:

3 cups unbleached all-purpose flour

11/2 teaspoons salt

2 tablespoons sugar

4 ounces lard or shortening, cut into 1/2-inch pieces and frozen

1 cup unsalted butter, cut into 1/2-inch pieces and refrigerated

1/2 cup ice water

1 teaspoon vodka

Filling:

8 cups fresh or frozen blueberries

3/4 cup sugar, plus 2 tablespoons, separated

31/2 tablespoons cornstarch

1/4 teaspoon salt

1 lemon, zested

1 tablespoon lemon juice

1 egg

1 tablespoon water

Method:

Crust:

1. Combine the flour, salt and sugar in a food processor. Add the butter and lard.

2. Use the food processor to work the butter and lard into the flour by pulsing it until the butter is in pea-sized pieces.

3. Whisk the water and vodka together and add it to the flour/ butter mixture a few tablespoons at a time. It will start to look shaggy, but not dry. It should hold together when you squeeze it in your hand.

4. Gently press the dough into a ball using a pastry scraper or your hands. Divide the dough into two pieces and create round disks. Wrap the dough in plastic and refrigerate for at least an hour, or overnight.

Filling:

1. In a small bowl, combine 3/4 cup sugar, cornstarch, salt, and lemon zest. Massage the zest into the sugar.

2. In a large bowl, toss together the blueberries and lemon juice. Add the sugar/lemon zest mixture and gently stir to coat the blueberries.

3. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. On a floured surface, roll out the chilled pie dough into a 1/8-inch-thickcircle. Dust off any extra flour and lay crust onto the prepared pan.

4. Mound the blueberry filling in the middle of crust. Fold and crimp the dough up so that it covers at least 2 inches of the filling. Freeze the shaped galette for at least 15 minutes to chill the dough.

5. Preheat the oven to 425 F and set rack in middle of the oven.

6. Just before baking, beat the egg and water together and brush the edges with egg wash. Sprinkle crust with the remaining 2 tablespoons of sugar.

7. Bake for 30 minutes, then turn the oven down to 350 F and bake for an additional 30 minutes.

This recipe yields two 12-inch galette crusts. Extra dough can be stored in an airtight container for up to one month.

FAITH

An often-overlooked consequence of unforgiveness



SHERYL BOLDT iuest Columnist

In the Bible, God tells us to forgive people who irritate us. In a former neighborhood, I lived near someone who had the reputation of belittling others. Although I tried to be a good neighbor and spend time with

pain.

that happened a num- so, God won. ber of years ago. I Like a rerun of a bad movie, her critical words and selfish behavior echoed in my head.

Tears rolled down mercial. my cheeks. The familiar (and hated) flush of anger filled my soul. I wouldn't belong before knew I had to make a I'd befighting the same choice: obey God and battleagain, if not with forgive my neighbor, or her, then with someone obey Satan and give in else. Will I have the to the destructive rage. desire and strength

her, she seemed de- I struggled between to overcome the next if perhaps this is why termined to live in her rehashing the hurtful time? Or will I allow the neighbor I spoke we allow His Spirit to One sleepless night, ing Bible verses about to dictate otherwise? I wrestled with the forgiveness. Thankmemory of an event fully, after an hour or by corrupt emotions,

tossed and turned for longer, joyously thankhours thinking of it. ing God for loving me enough to give me the grace (and the will) to obey His Word, and then slept like a person in a My Pillow com-

However, even in my relief, I knew it

encounters and recall- my emotions and will

When we're tempted makes me sad.) we often forget about embarrassed yourself and celebrate our path Istayed awake a little one of the worst conse- - not to mention blown to destruction. He tries quences of giving into your witness (your to convince us that we unforgiveness (or any reputation as a Christsin, for that matter) – shame.

Even emotional sins like unforgiveness Psalm 25:2 (ESV) evand bitterness destroy ery morning (and as parts of our character. often as necessary) When we don't forgive, will help: "O my God, webehave and speak in in you I trust; let me ways we're not proud not be put to shame; let of. The shame that not my enemies exult pours over us erodes over me." away who we are and who we want to be- forgiveness worth the come. (I often wonder shame it brings?

about behaved the way

follower) with your unloving behavior?

Perhaps praying

Is your sin of un- com.

Remind me of the Lord

We glorify God when help us walk obedientshe did. This thought ly before Him. In contrast, the devil loves to How often have you hold our sins over us can't triumph over unforgiveness. But Satan is a liar. God's power eclipses Satan's.

Every. Single. Time. Sheryl H. Boldt, a Franklin County resident, is the author of the blog, www.Today-CanBeDifferent.net. Connect with her at SherylHBoldt@gmail.

OBITUARY

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

- Cassandra Clare

Charles William "Bill" Knight

Charles William 'Bill" Knight passed away on May 27th, 2023 at the age of 81 after an arduous battle

with Primary Progressive Aphasia. Bill was born in

Winter Haven, FL in 1941 to Charles Roswell Knight and Beatrice Keller.

Both the Keller and Knight families migrated from Michigan to Dunedin. FL in the

and managed via punch cards. In 1988, Bill received the IBM Means Service Reward, a testament to his

> tion to his customers and coworkers. Bill retired from IBM in 1997 after a 30year career helping customers from the likes

of Stanford to the State of Florida. After retiring from IBM, Bill went on to work

CALEB DUNCAN Guest Columnist

Memory loss. The causes abound if you search these two words online. It has to do with common aging, diet, lack of exercise, substances, neural synapses, and any combination of that list. We have all heard humorous stories of looking for something you just placed down somewhere, or searching for glasses that happened to be on your head. We all know the regular excuse for an incomplete task: "Sorry, I forgot." Memory Loss is simply a part of growing older, but sometimes it can be frustrating. But even at a younger age, I sometimes feel like Dory from Finding Nemo. You may take pills that help with memory or try to change your diet to help with your brain function. But there will always be times where we simply "forget." The Bible has quite a lot to say about our memory. There are over 230 references in the Bible for the word "remember." In fact, this is a common command given by God. A regular reason why sin exists is because of a failure to remember. In fact, you could

argue that most sin "Cast the net on the exists because we right side of the boat!" Jesus Christ. While memory loss is a normal part of life,

for us.

had the opportunity meets Peter when he to hear the testimonies of two different people. As they started telling the deep and let down me about how Jesus changed their lives, I began to remember enclosed such a large how Jesus changed my number of fish that life! As they told me their nets were breakabout the destruction ing. At this experience, of sin, I remembered Jesus said, "Do not be the destruction of sin afraid: from now on in mine. As they talked you will be catching about their daily walk, men. I was reminded of my daily walk. That When Peter was reis because God uses minded of Jesus, he people around us and remembered his salsituationstoremindus vation, his calling. of His grace each day. and his decision to what it was like when seek to strive for reyou first had your eyes membrance, know that open to the gospel? Jesus will often put When you first understood what Jesus has done for you, and when you placed your faith in Him? Take yourself back to the day you were saved. Where were you? What was going on that day? Then, remember the Florida Baptist Assojoy that you received ciation in Chipley, and on that day. In John 21, the resurrected Jesus wandered to where the disciples were by the Sea of *atWfbaDom@outlook*. Tiberias. While they com or follow his twitwere fishing, he called ter @calebtduncan. out from the shore,

forget what God has When the disciples done for us, we for- did, they couldn't even get the calling he haul it in, because of has placed on our the quantity of fish lives, and we forget (John 21:6). It was at the life that the gos- this moment that Peter pel gives us through recognized that it was Jesus, because he said, "It is the Lord!"

Why was this such we must strive, work an important moment? hard, and be eager Because Peter was to remind ourselves reminded of when he of what God has done first met Jesus. He met Jesus in Luke 5:4-11. In Earlier this week, I this story, Jesus first tells him a familiar thing: "Put out into your nets for a catch." When Peter did, they Did you catch that? Do you remember follow Jesus. As we people and situations in your life to remind you of your past. Jesus loved you, Jesus loves you, and Jesus will always love you. Rest in Him today. Caleb Duncan is the Director for the West holds an M.A. in Ethics, Theology and Culture from Southeastern Seminary. Email him



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1920s. In 1955, the Knight family moved to Orlando where Bill attended Howard Junior High and Boone High School. Upon graduation, Bill attended the University of Florida to attain a degree in Industrial Engineering. Bill also served in the Army Reserve.

In July 1966, in Orlando, FL, Bill met his future wife Joy May (a native of Chipley FL). After a short engagement, Bill and Joy married on April 23rd, 1967. Thanks to his career, Joy and Bill lived all over the United States - from Endicott NY to Santa Clara, CA to Tampa, FL ending up back in Orlando, FL.

Bill and Joy welcomed their daughter Jenny to their family in 1971 and their son Pearson in 1973. Bill was a thoughtful and caring father, who supported his family's hobbies and interests - whether it was turtles or skateboards. His driving force was making things right for others. Bill and Joy welcomed their son Neal in 1985 while Joy was attending grad school for School Psychology at UCF.

Bill was a lifelong IBMer. Bill joined IBM when computers were the size of a bedroom

for Star Systems and Concord EFS.

Bill retired again in 2009 in order to take on another job - being a grandfather to his grandson Harrison. In 2018, Bill and Joy moved to Asheville, NC to be near their son Neal, their daughter-in-law Jen and their granddaughters Zora and Sylvia.

Bill was driven with purpose to make the load lighter for others. He loved his children and adored his wife. He is survived by his wife Joy, his daughter Jenny, his sons -Pearson, and Neal.

Funeral Services will be held Thursday, June 8, 2023 at First United Methodist Church of Chipley. Visitation will begin at 9:30 A.M. with Funeral Service to follow at 10:30 A.M. Interment will be held at Glenwood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Mesulam Center for Cognitive Neurology and Alzheimer's Disease or your local Hospice.

Brown Funeral Home & Blue Lake Crematory of Chipley, FL is in charge of arrangements. Family and friends may sign the online register at http://www.brownfh. net

Phillipians 4:19 "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."

Highlights of the latest exercise guidelines

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Since 2008, the Physical Activity Guidelines have been a vital resource for health professionals and policy makers, serving as a foundation for physical activity and education programs. These guidelines, established and periodically adjusted by the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, include recommendations for individuals ages three and over. A full breakdown of the latest guidelines can be found at Health.gov, but the following are some highlights pertaining to various groups.

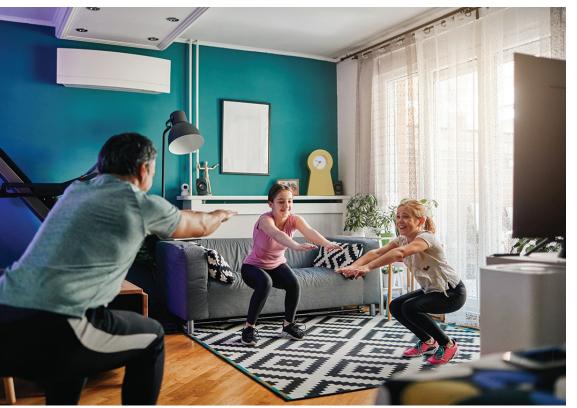
Preschool-aged children: The ODPHP notes that children between the ages of three and five should be physically active throughout the day to enhance their growth and development. Caregivers are urged to encourage active play that includes activities of various types.

Children and adolescents: Children between the ages of six and 17 should engage in 60 minutes or

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of adults' fitness regimens. These activities should help to strengthen all the major muscle groups, and adults should aspire to engage in them at least two days per week.

Older adults: Older adults who can still follow the guidelines designed for younger adults can continue to do so. But the **ODPHP** recommends that older adults also incorporate multicomponent physical activity in their workout regimens. This can include balance training to complement aerobic and muscle-strengthening activities. Older adults also are urged to discuss with their physicians how any chronic conditions they may have can affect their ability to safely engage in physical activity.

The Physical Activity Guidelines can serve as a useful resource for people of all ages as they look to

Hydrating is key in summer heat



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NOTICE OF QUALIFYING FOR THE CITY OF CHIPLEY GENERAL **ELECTION AND REGISTRATION BOOK CLOSING**

On Tuesday, August 1, 2023, a General Election will be held for the City of Chipley at Chipley City Hall, 1442 Jackson Avenue. Term of office expires on September 30, 2023 for the following positions: Council Member Ward 2 and Council Member Ward 3. These offices will be opened to qualified candidates. Qualifying for these offices will begin at 8:00 a.m., Monday, June 5, 2023, and end at 4:00 p.m., Friday, June 9, 2023. The qualifying fee for each office is \$252.00. Those wishing to qualify may do so with the City Clerk at Chipley City Hall during the above stated time period.

The Voter Registration books will close on July 3, 2023. All city residents within the city limits of Chipley, who are registered to vote by July 3, 2023, are eligible to vote in this election regardless of where you live in the city.

City elections are non-partisan and political party affiliation does not apply.

Please contact Patrice A. Tanner, Asst. City Administrator/ City Clerk at (850) 638-6350 should you have any questions or need other information regarding the upcoming city election.

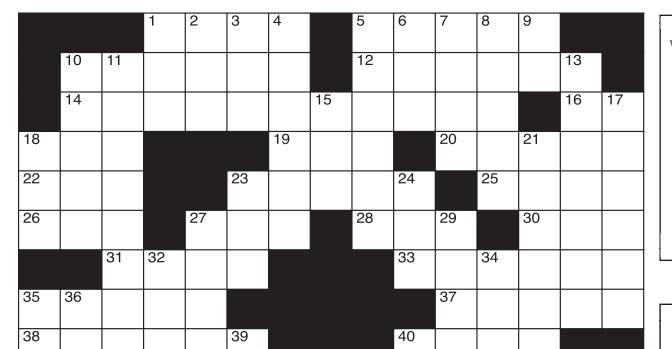
FL, will hold a public hearing to amend definitions for Section 50-164 of Litter and Refuse Control Regulations. Public Hearing will be at the next regular meeting at 9:00 AM, CST, on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at the County Commission Boardroom, 1331 South Blvd, Chipley, FL. The commission meeting will immediately follow this public hearing.

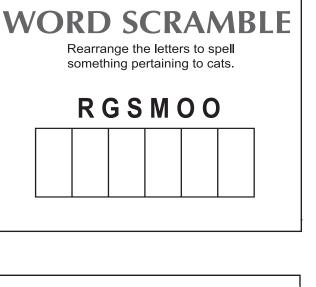
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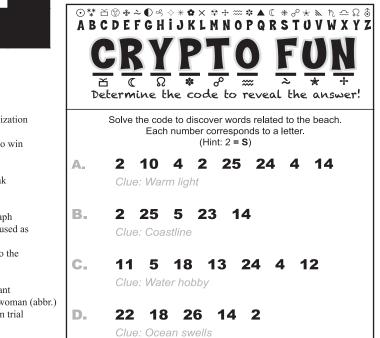
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I am an actor born in California on June 6, 1947. I started acting as a child in a local children's theater. I am best known for my work as a nightmareinducing character who slashed his way through several horror films.



JOKES OF THE DAY

I said to the Gym instructor "Can you teach me to do the splits?" He said, "How flexible are you?" I said, "I can't make Tuesdays."

I'm on a whiskey diet. I've lost three days already.

MOM "What did you do in school today?"
KID "We played a guessing game!"
MOM "I thought you had a math test?"
KID "That is what the teacher called it too!"

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FWC releases 2022 Boating Accident Statistical Report

FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Following a successful National Safe Boating Week and a Memorial Day weekend with zero boating fatalities, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has released the 2022 Boating Accident Statistical Report.

'We had fewer boating accidents in Florida in 2022 than we did in 2021 but fatalities statewide were up," said Lt. Col. Brian Smith, Acting Director for the FWC Division of Law Enforcement. "I am proud of the effort our officers and boating and waterways staff put into getting boating safety messaging out to the public throughout the year and my hope is we will see both of these statistics decrease next year."

Florida had 735 boating accidents in 2022, 16 fewer than in 2021. A total of 65 people lost their lives in these accidents, five more than

the previous year. Since 2003, falls FWC Boating and Waterways Sec- tripled since 2010, but 45 of the opoverboard has been the leading tion. "The message is clear, 'Life erators involved in fatal accidents type of fatal accident, with drown- Jackets Save Lives." ing as the leading cause of death. Of the drowning victims, 81% ported boating accidents (almost formal boating education," said

were not wearing a life jacket. Today's boaters can choose from several models of light and comfortable, inflatable belt-pack or over-the-shoulder life jackets. For more information about life jackets, visit:MyFWC.com/ Boating and select "Safety-Education" then "Wear-It-Florida."

"Accidents happen quickly and un-

expectedly, and boaters might not have time to grab their life jacket a contributing factor in accidents. Accident Statistical Reports." before finding themselves in the water," said Lt. Nicholas Korade, Education Cards issued in 2022 has

operator inexperience. All vessel operators are responsible for always awareness since always located ahead. Operator be attributed to the operator's limited time or experience

Lack of boater education was also "The number of Boating Safety

and 515 of the 926 operators in The primary causes of all re- reportable accidents did not have half, at 43%) were Korade. "The FWC encourages improper lookout all boaters, regardless of age or or attention and experience, to take a boating safety course for the safety of themselves and everyone on the water with them."

> Florida is recognized as "The keeping 360-degree Boating Capital of the World" and leads the nation with over 1 million dangers are not registered vessels across the state in 2022. The FWC is responsible for reviewing, analyzing and compilinexperience can ing boating accident data for the state. Its statistical report details boating accidents and their causes.

> For a copy of the 2022 Boating with the vessel, the Accident Statistical Report visit area or the weather. MyFWC.com/Boating and select "Boater Education" then "Boating

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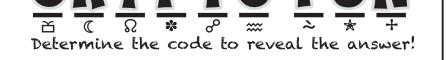
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If you in the Juvenile Court of Geneva 000054 ning, containing 1/2 acres, more or less. ALSO: Begin-ning 210 feet East DATE 06/30/2023 2001 dodge ram 1500 3B7HC13Z71G182464 All creditors of the decedent AFTER THE DECE-DENT'S DATE OF NOTICE OF ACTION 00°29'06''W, 211.77 feet to an iron rod you fail to do so, a default may be NOTICE BY PUBLI-CATION County, Alabama, Case Number: JU-To: ASHA K. PATEL and other persons having claims or demarked 2142 on the Southwest side entered against you for the relief DEATH IS BARRED 2023-52.01. **1996 INTERNATIONAL** The date of first YOU ARE NOTI-NOTICE TO: WILmands against de-cedent's estate on FIED that a quiet title action has of NW corner of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of of an old fence post; thence N-LIAM MOORE, Re-spondent/Father of Ashley Powell, Clerk of the Court, 9000SERIES publication of this demanded in the 2HSFMATR4TC047681 notice is June 7, Complaint. Copies of all court documents in whom a copy of this notice is required to been filed against you on the following SW 1/4, Section 6, Township 4 North, 89°45'04°W, 620.15 feet to a 1 inch iron E.M., a minor whose date of birth is in **2018 KENWORTH TB80** 2023. Geneva County, 1XKYD49X7JJ131568 Attorney for Alabama be served must file their claims with Personal Represen-tative: Timothy H. property in Holmes County, Florida: Range 14 West and run thence South pipe on the easterly right-of-way of Clifthis case, includ-ing orders, are **1996 PETERBILT 379** September of 2011, June 7, 14, 21, 28, CATERPILLAR whose whereabouts 2023 1XP5DB9X0TD386744 May 31, June 7, 2023 this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER Wells Florida Bar Number: 559806 210 feet, thence run East 450 feet, ford Avenue; thence N-00°49'48"E, along available at the Clerk of the Circuit is unknown, must answer the Petition Legal description the said right-of-way line, 210.01 feet to the Point of Beginning. Accordthence run North 210 feet, thence OF 3 MONTHS AFTER Post Office Box 155 per O.R. Book 167, Court's office. You for Termination 000052 THE TIME OF THE Bonifay FL 32425page 502, Public FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 0155 Telephone: (850) 547-3644 Fax: (850) 547-5555 E-Mail: wellslaw-IN THE CIR-CUIT COURT FOR Records of Holmes County, Florida: Berun West 450 feet. You Belong Here back to the Point of elcome tome WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA IN RE: ESTATE OF SYLVIA KIMBERLEY 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. Beginning, Holmes County, Florida. BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLgin at the NW Cor-ner of the NW 1/4 ing to Plat of Survey by Ben Blackburn, firm@bellsouth.net Secondary E-Mail: of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 6, Town-Florida Surveyor's Certificate No. 2142, All other credi-tors of the decedent wellsmediation@ gmail.com Personal ship 4 North, Range 14 West for the **BONIFAY VILLAS** Deceased, File No LOWS: dated 5/29/96. 2023-53-CP Division: Commence at the Parcel ID: 0606.03-000-000-020.000 You are required Probate NOTICE TO and other persons having claims or Point of Beginning, thence run East 70 Southeast Corner of the SW 1/4 of the Representative: Cynthia Rehbein 604 CREDITORS The administrademands against decedent's estate Pleasant St Apt 340 Beloit WI 53511-6264 yards, thence South 35 yards, thence SW 1/4, Section 6, Township 4 North, to serve a copy of your written defens-A-2 Judy Lucas Dr. • Bonifay tion of the estate of SYLVIA KIMBERLEY, West 70 yards, thence North 35 Range 14 West, Holmes County, es, if any, to it on Plaintiff's attorney, must file their June 7, 14, 2023 Office Hours: Monday & Thursday 8am-5pm claims with this deceased, whose date of death was Kristi Miller Novon-glosky, whose ad-(850)547-4141 court WITHIN 3 000053 yards to the Point of Florida; thence MONTHS AFTER THE IN THE CIRCUIT Beginning; contain-N-00°48'32''E, 1321.40 feet; thence S- 88°26'28"E, 27.61 COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDI ing 1/2 acres, more or less. ALSO: Begin dress is Post Office Box 1129, Chipley, March 30, 2022, DATE OF THE FIRST E F is pending in the PUBLICATION OF TDD/TTY 1-800-955-8771 Circuit Court for Washington County, CIAL CIRCUIT at the NW corner of the NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 Florida, 32428, on or before 30 days from THIS NOTICE feet to an iron rod ALL CLAIMS NOT IN AND FOR with cap marked This institution is an equal opportunity provide