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ABOVE: Members of the Ponce de Leon Fire Department are pictured after a training exercise. The department is in the early stages of building a new fire station, thanks to \$2 million in state funding. INSET (from left): Vance Coley of Melvin Engineering, Holmes County Commissioner Jeff Good, Ponce de Leon Fire Chief Doug Remmel, and Senator Jay Trumbull discuss funding for the fire station. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS]

Ponce de Leon Fire Dept. to build new station with \$2M in state appropriations

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PONCE DE LEON -Ponce de Leon is in the early stages of planning construction for a new fire station with the help of \$2 million in funding from the state.

Ponce de Leon Fire Chief Doug Remmel says a new station was among his goals when he first took over as chief five years ago.

"This building was built in the late 70s or early 80s, and we just really needed something newer, more up to date," said Remmel. "We started working, getting into the process of it, trying to find grants. We were encouraged when we saw that Bonifay Fire Rescue was able to receive some state funding for their updates, so we started look-

meetings with Rep. Brad vision for growth in Ponce with the help of Senator in office."

Chief Remmel says the much-needed update will Leon, the Holmes County said Rep. Abbott. "This not only include a full Commissioners - espe- project is important for emergencies.

old building really wasn't safe," said Chief Remmel. safer, more sound structure, we will also have a generator that will have the ability to power the station for at least one to two weeks and allow us to better do our jobs, man secure the appropriations the station, and serve the community."

Chief Remmel's goals for see the project funded.

ing at that avenue and had the station is in line with a Drake and Sen. George de Leon, a vision he says is Jay Trumbull, we were Gainer when they were shared by both town and able to secure \$2 million county officials.

kitchen and sleeping quar- cially Commissioner Jeff the community of Ponce ters; it will also make the Good-all worked together de Leon and will provide a station a safer homebase with state officials and much-needed safe facility for firefighters during groups like Liberty Partners and Vance Coley, who "When we rode out Hur-served as a lobby ist for us," ricane Michael here, this he said. "With everybody pitching in and going to Tallahassee a few times, it "In addition to offering a all sort of worked out. We can't thank Gov. DeSantis enough for ensuring this happened."

Rep. Shane Abbott and Sen. Jay Trumbull, both elected while efforts to were already underway, picked up the mission to

"I am very pleased that dollars for the Ponce de "The Town of Ponce de Leon Fire Department," for the hardworking first responders."

Chief Remmel adds that he hopes the new station will also be a step toward establishing a paid department.

"Looking at the growth of this side of the county, I feel we need to ultimately be prepared for a paid station one day," he said. "I'd like to see a fulltime staff. Volunteers are wonderful; in fact, more than 70 per-

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Ebro Fire Chief charged with felony battery

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An incident at Circle H gas station in Vernon led to the July 21 arrest of Ebro Fire Chief Jackie Wade Moon on felony battery charges.

According to court records, the arrest stems from an EMS trauma call that came into

the Washington County Communications Center around 6:20 a.m. on July 20.

The reportstates a deputy arrived on



Jackie Wade Moon

scene and discovered a male in his early twenties with a towel on his head.

The apparent victim told the deputy Moon had "slammed him on his head at the gas pumps."

The deputy observed a cut on the top left portion of the victim's face and asked to view surveillance footage of the incident after photographing the victim's injuries and having him transported to a local hospital.

According to the report, the victim stated he rode to the gas station with two co-workers. One of those co-workers told law enforcement Moon had been arguing in a work group text that included the victim and that when they arrived at the gas station, Moon began to shout at the victim, "If you have a problem, we can settle it right now."

The witness went on to say the two men went "chest to chest," leading to and Moon putting his arm around the victim's neck and slamming him to the ground.

The arrest affidavit states Marsh's boss arrived at the gas station and spoke with

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Holmes County mourns the loss of former Sheriff John Braxton

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Long time law enforcement officer and former Holmes County Sheriff John H. Braxton passed away Fri-

 $terms\,as\,Holmes\,Coun-law\,enforcement.$ ty sheriff - from 1988 to 1997 - after serving as iff John Tate called forcement to Braxton, legacythroughhisson, many extended family.

chief deputy for four Braxton was a "peo- crediting him as his Holmes County Sheryears. Braxton also served 21 years for the Florida Highway Patrol.

The Florida Sheriff's Association hon- ness and respect for the ored Braxton with the law. He had the respect day, July 21, at the age Distinguished Service of the men that served the years," said Tate. award for his contribu-Braxton served two tions to professional was a cop's cop."

ple's sheriff."

"He was a very hands-"He was much loved by the citizens for his fairwith him as well. He

Holmes County Sher- upbringing in law en-

mentor.

"Weareforever grateton's lifelong dedication to his community, than two decades. as well his guidance and friendship through long resident of West-

leaves a legacy of being Braxton Jr.; daughter, Tate attributes his the consummate law- Rebecca Dowling; sevman; he also leaves a en grandchildren and

iff's Office Investigator John "Sodie" Braxton on sheriff," said Tate. ful for Sheriff Brax- Jr. who has been in law enforcement for more

Braxton was a lifeville and is survived by Braxton not only his son John H. "Sodie"



Sheriff John Braxton

E.W. Carswell Reference and Research Library opens to public Page 2A

Vernon Middle School Beta shines at National Convention **Holmes County Historical Society** seeks public's help









Washington County Historical Society opens the Judge EW Carswell Reference and Research Library

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS AND ADVERTISER

The Washington County Historical Society has recently completed the Judge EW Carswell Reference and Research Library.

The organization recently showcased the addition during a Thursday evening "Sip 'n Shop" event.

The reference area contains the Blackburn Funeral Home, Wachob Funeral Home, and some of Brown Funeral Home records from the 1940s to 1995. The records contain insurance policies, death certificates, and some other personal in-

formation on many of the records. Historical society members state the collection is "a genealogist's dream."

The Museum also has bound newspapers from the Chipley Banner, Washington County News and Street Talk as well. They have yearbooks from many of the schools in Washington County and FSU.

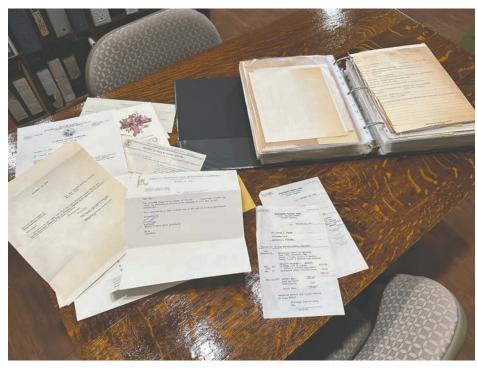
The museum also has books by local authors on the history of this area.

The museum invites the public to view the records and research area. The museum is currently open from 9 a.m. to 1p.m. on Fridays.



Visitors to the Washington County Historical Society Museum can find a variety of historic documents ranging from newspaper archives to death certificates in the new research area. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS]







The Washington County
Historical Society Museum
offered a glimpse at its
new research area, as well
as some of the artifacts
in its various collections
during the Downtown
Sip 'n Shop event held in
Chipley last Thursday.
[CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS]





ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS WASHINGTON COUNTY

(Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project(s):

· ITB 2023-13: Project 170723 Hurricane Sally Road Zone 3.3 – Reconstruction of 10 roads to pre-disaster condition. Contract Time of 180 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, August 22, 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, August 11, 2023, by 3:00 pm local time. The Prime contractor at a minimum shall be FDOT qualified in Flexible Paving. Additionally, the Prime Contractor or Subcontractor shall be qualified in Grading; Grassing, Seeding and Sodding. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from other sources.

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Dates: July 19, 26, 2023

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(Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project(s):

· ITB 2023-10 Rebid: Jewel Road, Kent Mill Pond Road and Porter Road. Contract Time of 210 days

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MOON

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deputies, advising that Moon was at his residence and had them follow him to the location. Moon was located in a truck outside the back of the residence, where he was advised of his Miranda rights and agreed to speak with deputies.

WCSO report, Moon told deputies thought there was a problem between him, the victim, and the two co-workers who were present at the gas station due to previous conversations in the work group chat. Moon stated he confronted the victim at the gas station and

they "went chest to chest" before the victim pushed him. Moon says he then grabbed the other man and took them both to the ground, injuring both of their heads. He then showed deputies a cut with dried blood located on his head.

The deputy returned to Circle H to review the surveillance video, reporting that footage According to the showed Moon and the victim go "chest to chest" as both men stated, as well as Moon wrapping his arm around the victim's neck and pulling him to the ground.

> Moon was arrested and charged with felony battery and is scheduled for arraignment on August 7.



Ponce de Leon Fire Chief Doug Remmell is hopeful a new station will be the first step toward a paid department. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]

PDL

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in the United States happens." are volunteers – but

cent of all firefighters available if something will be a point of pride benefit to the town,

Regardless of the hindrance is that whether Ponce de really nice landmark, munity."

for the town.

we all have full time Leon can make the something the people jobs, and we can't transition into having here can really be guarantee that we paid staff, Chief Rem- proud of," he said. will be immediately mel says the station "It's going to be a huge the department, the "It's going to be a county, and the com-

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

WASHINGTON COUNTY (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project(s):

· ITB 2023-11 Rebid: 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, August 22, 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, August 11, 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.

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)PINION

Is the world ready for these random thoughts?



DANNY TYREE

Sometimes topics simply demand more research than a deadline allows.

I couldn't do justice to this week's topic, so I'm kicking the can down the road by dishing out another batch of research-free random thoughts.

I'll confess to being impatient with people who pepper conversations with a slavishly recited "They say." You know, like "They say that for everybody in the world, there's a double."

I guess their proclamation means every time you see an obituary, a fertile person somewhere is griping, "I'm not in the mood, but we owe it to the world to crank out a replacement!"

Don't get me started on the classic "They say that deaths always come in threes.'

I'd love to retort, "Not any more they don't! THEY died. All three of 'they'! Oh, frabjous day! Callooh! Callav!"

I'm leery of people who declare authoritatively that there is no such thing as coincidences. They get all excited when a church building burns down but a painting of Jesus survives unscathed. See TYREE, Page 6A

They declare it a miracle and attach a deep (if cryptic) spiritual meaning to it. But the blind guy, the lame guy and the leper in the crowd feel a little miffed. ("Too bad Lot's wife isn't here. Somebody could rub salt in our wounds.")

Speaking of salt, will the Supreme Court ever hear a First Amendment case about someone yelling, "Buttered popcorn!" in a crowded firehouse?

One of the medical offices to which I took my mother had a prominent sign announcing, "Due to federal privacy law, we cannot allow photo or video taking in this office." But that's the only office in which I've seen such a notice. I guess the other providers don't care if some buddingcinematographer shouts, "We're on a tight budget for the prison scene, guys. Use those tongue depressors for shivs. What's your motivation??? Your motivation is to finish this scene before you spend too much time around that loser with ringworm!"

I've known naïve people. I've known gullible people. I've known countrified people. Not one of them ever admitted to falling off the turnip truck. I'm starting to think the whole stereotype was started by the rival rutabaga cartel.("Ididn'tfalloff the turnip truck, but this IS my first rodeo. Do I get a prize if I can stay on the zucchini for



SIT-SAY HELLO-

'Bidenomics': It's All About Spin



RON HART Guest Columnist

This new push by Biden's minions to coin the phrase "Bidenomics" is just spin, a way to divert the nagraft and grifting. It's since job approval ratings started, hoverworse numbers.

Biden-flation and two quarters of negative GDP, the Biden camp knows the economy will do better, as it always has. We have been through fiftyeight recessions in our history, and we have always come out of for what the economy always does naturally: recover.

helped neither the economy nor Amerithe Keystone XL Pipe-

Smith did to Chris about Biden, Inc. and his handling of the

U.S. economy is that back. his family members with China.

Workers and Ameri-Ukraine, tech oligarchs and big Pharma for years.

The regulatory

ing around 39%. Only falling. In the first and Slide. Jimmy Carter had second quarters of last year, we had extold his sycophantsin the media to call it "an economy in transi- for grifting. tion." This administration is woke andis all about anything

that "transitions." trying to claim credit the whole year. To give some perspective, 3.2%.

domestic drilling per- is like his mentor, policies. mits ran fuel prices Barack Obama, who sky high. China sends gave us another "his-fiable area where in Arkansas." us the COVID Virus toric first" as the first and slaps us around administration that Dems'policies have economically like Will neverhad a whole year reduced inflation is of 3 percent growth. that now Bud Light Rock. The one posi- It is hard to grow an costs about half what does commentary ontive thing you can say economy with the it cost six months ago. radio and TV. He can shackles of big gov-

To justify big govare the only ones run-ernment, the leeches ning a trade surplus have to act like they are doing things.

Modern Dems have can companies have glommed onto "clibeen sold out by "the mate change" as swamp" to China, their virtue-signaling mechanism for grifting. They jam electric cars down our throats as they fly on private onslaught of liberal jets. As Sen. Rand Democrats has cost Paul just found out, the United States jobs Anthony Fauci still and caused inflation. has a government-Anddraconian COVID paid driver and big measures set educa- limo – in retirement. tion's attention from tion and the economy the corrupt family's back years.

John Kerry, the "Climate Czar," is flying love child. Joe Biden Thus, we had a reces- around in a huge jet. has even gotten heat an attempt to hit a "re- sion last year, though But they are so hard set" button on Biden, the media never ad- on us and want us to who is the second most mitted it. A recessio suffer for their God: unpopular president is traditionally de- carbon reduction. I fined as two successive could totally see them quarters of the GDP outlawing the Electric

Inflation has hurt

(Silicon Valley Bank, Signature, and Republic; all were in the top 25) when rates went up and the economy softened. And I amtold 70% of downtown L.A. commercial buildings are underwater now. That meltdown is pending.

The economy under Biden has been good for the Bidens. His son took in millions and refused to pay taxes. He also refused to pay child support to his stripper girlfriend for from the left for not acknowledging the baby as a Biden. This is because when the

Bidens divide up the grifting booty, they take a page from the

After two years of actly that. But Biden Modern Dems have glommed onto "climate change" as their virtue-signaling mechanism

the pocketbooks of all Americans. It is dis-The economy has ingenuous for Biden shrunk in the last two tocrow about "his" quarters; last year economy when he them. The Dems are it was down 1.6% for inherited a raging economy, a booming stockmarket and the average growth low interest rates. He per year for the U.S. caused inflation and, Biden'spolicies have economy has been now that it is subsiding, he somehow Almost all presi- thinks he can take cans. Shutting down dents have at least credit for bringing call from any of his one year of 4 or 5% inflation down with six grandkids. In fine line and curtailing growth. But Biden his "woke" economic print, his declaration

> The only quantiyou can say that the

ernment holding you banks went under RonaldHart.com

Indian tribes divvying up casino money: you have to be considered a member of the tribe

to get a cut. Aside from promoting "Bidenomics," Joe has ballyhooed his "family man" persona to rehabilitate his image, saying no matter what he is doing, he will always take a reads "Certain restrictions apply, not valid

A libertarian op-ed humorist and awardwinning author, Ron Three woke U.S. be contacted at Ron@

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

Questions? Call 850-638-0212

WCSB Proposed Tax Increase

The Washington County School District will soon consider a measure to increase its property tax levy.

Last year's property tax levy:

| A. Initially proposed tax ley |
|--|
| B. Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board |
| and other assessment changes |
| C. Actual property tax ley |
| |

A portion of the tax ley is required under state law in order for the school board to receive \$23,268,622 in state education grants. The required portion has increased by 6.6 percent and represents approx mately six tenths of the total proposed tax s.

The remainder of the tax s is proposed solely at the discretion of the school board.

All concerned citize in are inivited to a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on July 31, 2023 at 5:05 pm at the Washington County School District Board Room, 750 Sinclair Street, Chipley, FL.

A **DECISION** on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.

NOTICE OF TAX FOR SCHOOL **CAPITAL OUTLAY**

The Washington County School District will soon consider a measure to continue to impose a 1.150 mill property tax for the capital outlay projects listed herein.

This tax is in addition to the school board's proposed tax of 3.977 mills for operating ep enses and is proposed solely at the discretion of the school board.

THE PROPOSED COMBINED SCHOOL BOARD TAX INCREASE FOR BOTH OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAY IS SHOWN IN THE ADJACENT NOTICE

The capital outlay tax will generate approx mately \$1,565,819 to be used for the following projects:

CONSTRUCTION AND REMODELING

Pre-K Centers

Chipley High School/Roulhac Middle School cafeteria ex ansion Vernon bus barn

Secure lobbies and perimeters for all schools

MAINTENANCE, RENOVATION, AND REPAIR

Maintenance of a rious school and district plants

ADA compliance at district facilities

Historic Chipley High School renox tions

Outdoor lighting

Air conditioning systems

Fire alarm systems

School safety/security systems **MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES**

Purchase of 4 school buses

Purchase of white fleet

NEW AND REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT, COMPUTER AND DEVICE HARDWARE AND OPERATING SYSTEM SOFTWARE NECESSARY FOR GAINING ACCESS TO OR ENHANCING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC AND DIGITAL INSTRUCTIONAL CONTENT AND RESOURCES. AND ENTERPRISE **RESOURCE SOFTWARE**

Purchase school furniture and equipment for new Pre-K center

Lease-purchase of new computers

Upgrade technology infrastructure

Enterprise resource software acquired is a license/maintenance fees or lease agreements

PAYMENT OF COSTS OF COMPLIANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL STATUTES, **RULES, AND REGULATIONS**

Remosa I of haza rdous waste

PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE NECESSARY TO INSURE THE EDUCATIONAL AND ANCILLARY PLANTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Insurance premiums on district facilities

PAYMENT OF COSTS OF LEASING RELOCATABLE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES Leasing of portable classrooms

PAYMENT OF SALARIES AND BENEFITS Salaries and benefits for school bus drivers

All concerned citize ns are invited to a public hearing to be held on July 31, 2023, at 5:05 PM in the Washington County School District Board Meeting Room, 750 Sinclair Street, Chipley, FL.

A DECISION on the proposed CAPITAL OUTLAY TAXES will be made at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF WASHINGTON COUNTY ARE 29.3% GREATER THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES Fiscal Year 2023-2024

| PROPOSED MILLAGE LEVY: | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Required Local Effort | 3.229 | Basic Disc | cretionary Oper | rating | 0.748 | Debt Service | 0.00 |
| Basic Discretionary Capital Outlay | 1.150 | | | eds (Operating) | 0.000 | | |
| Additional Discretionary Capital Outlay | 0.000 | | | (Statutory, Voted) | 0.000 | Total Millage | 5.12 |
| - delicitat Discretional Josephan Suday | 0.000 | ridanional | Dioorotionary | Ciatatory, voica) | 0.000 | Total lillings | 0.12 |
| ESTIMATED REVENUES: | GENERAL FUND | SPECIAL REVENUE | DEBT SERVICE | CAPITAL PROJECTS | PERMANENT FUND | ENTERPRISE FUNDS | TOTAL ALL FUNDS |
| Federal Sources | 261,523 | 13,084,589 | | | | 4,441,929 | 17,788,04 |
| State Sources | 26,510,029 | 26,000 | | 112,750 | 8 | 219,613 | 26,868,39 |
| Local Sources | 6,923,167 | 81,000 | | 3,097,819 | == - | 49,194,160 | 59,296,14 |
| TOTAL SOURCES | 33,694,719 | 13,191,589 | 0 | 3,210,569 | 0 | 53,855,702 | 103,952,57 |
| Transfers in | 500,000 | | | | | 75,000 | 575,00 |
| Fund Balances/Net Position (July 1, 2023) | 12,176,570 | 742,100 | | 3,990,306 | | 15,598,912 | 32,507,88 |
| TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS,AND | | | | | | | |
| FUND BALANCES/NET POSITION | 46,371,289 | 13,933,689 | o | 7,200,875 | 0 | 69,529,614 | 137,035,48 |
| APPROPRIATIONS/EXPENDITURES: | | | | | | | |
| Instruction | 22,494,286 | 2,780,821 | | | | 252,143 | 25,527,25 |
| Pupil Personnel Service | 2,115,751 | 454,545 | | | i i | 483,258 | 3,053,55 |
| Instructional Media Services | 588,931 | | | | | | 588,93 |
| Instruction & Curriculum Services | 976,214 | 169,740 | | | | 267,718 | 1,413,67 |
| Instructional Staff Training | 56,198 | 90,820 | | | | 2,794,328 | 2,941,34 |
| Instruction Related Technology | 478,023 | | | | | | 478,02 |
| Board of Education | 535,674 | | | | | | 535,67 |
| General Administration | 455,119 | 469,925 | | | | 175,507 | 1,100,55 |
| School Administration | 2,546,924 | 51,448 | | | | | 2,598,37 |
| Facilities Acquisition & Construction | 109,435 | 6,605,913 | | 5,077,161 | | | 11,792,50 |
| Fiscal Services | 681,273 | | | | | | 681,27 |
| Food Service | | 2,644,703 | | | | | 2,644,70 |
| Central Services | 315,352 | 45,373 | | | | 51,945,248 | 52,305,97 |
| Pupil Transportation Services | 2,686,139 | 117,430 | | 286,000 | | 7,500 | 3,097,08 |
| Operation of Plant | 3,923,037 | 42,584 | | | | | 3,965,62 |
| Maintenance of Plant | 768,622 | 50,629 | | | | 5,000 | 824,25 |
| Administrative Technology Services | 267,347 | | | | | | 267,34 |
| Community Services | 449,072 | 30,277 | | | | | 479,34 |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS/EXPENDITURES | 39,447,397 | 13,554,208 | 0 | 5,363,161 | 0 | 55,930,702 | 114,295,46 |
| Transfers Out | 75,000 | | | 500,000 | | | 575,00 |
| Fund Balances/Net Position (June 30, 2024) | 6,848,892 | 379,481 | | 1,337,714 | | 13,598,912 | 22,164,99 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND FUND BALANCES/NET POSITION | \$46,371,289 | \$13,933,689 | \$0 | \$7,200,875 | \$0 | \$69,529,614 | \$137,035,46 |

The tentative, adopted, and / or final budgets are on file in the office of the above mentioned taxing authority as a public record.

TYREE

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eight seconds?")

I'm self-conscious about my chest, so I'm not too keen on "shirts and skins" matches to start with. But seriously, if you can't remember who is on your team and who is on the opposing team without the assistance of hairy nipples, maybe it's time to become the equipment manager.

On a related note, I'm not really seeing the appeal of "going commando" vis-à-vis undergarments. Is it really empowering to think, "Ha ha...you don't know that there's nothing between me and my grimy jeans"? (Granted, it's a better secret than "Ha ha...you don't know I stopped to read an old magazine and got too close to the loser with the ringworm.")

Seriously, is it truly that sexy to be able to get "nekkid" a splitsecond sooner? Wait until a Paris designer comes up with polyester pants with attached flame thrower!

Speaking of going up in flames, don't feel bad if a few of these jokes died. THEY SAY someone somewhere is about to crank out sufficient replacements...

Danny Tyree welcomes email responses at tyreetyrades@aol. com and visits to his Facebook fan page "Tyree's Tyrades."

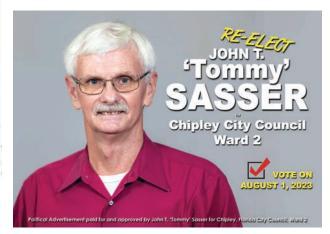


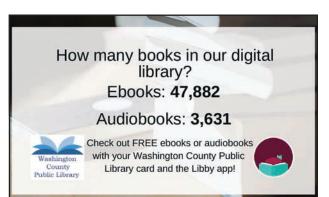
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Position Title: Executive Assistant

Department: Administration Reports to: Mayor FLSA Status: Exempt

Application Period: Wednesday, 8:00AM July 26, 2023 to Wednesday, 3:00PM August 2, 2023

Job Summary: The Executive Assistant to the Mayor is responsible for providing highly complex, sensitive, and sometimes confidential administrative support to the Mayor and City Clerk, and also serves as the liaison with internal and external constituencies. This is a highly visible position.

Minimum Qualifications:

Must be at least 18 years of age.

Must be a citizen of the United States.

Must be a high school graduate or its equivalent.

Bachelor's Degree preferred.

Must possess a valid Class E Driver's License and satisfactory driving history.

Must have no convictions of felony, perjury, false statements, or domestic violence.

Any other arrest histories will be subject to review on a case-to-case basis.

Must have no DUI conviction within the past five years prior to application.

Must have no pending criminal charges.

For detailed essential functions of this job, knowledge, skills, and abilities required, and Statement of Other Duties, a copy is available at City Hall. Applications are available at City Hall, and should be completed and returned along with a resume, during the Application Period above.

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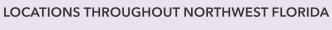
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Holmes County Arrest Reports

The following arrests were made in Holmes County between July 15 and July 21 as reported by the Holmes County Jail. All subjects are considered innocent until convicted.



Samar Rashad Anderson, 21 - Defuniak Springs- out of county warrant [HCSO]



Steve A. Boutwell, 55- AL- sell methamphetamine. [HCSO]



Tracy Kay Bucci, violation of parole. burglary, grand theft, possession of methamphetamine. [HCSO]



Courtney Lee Hendrix, 23, Vernon- DUI and damage property. [FHP]



William Linn Jungblom II, 57, Stuart- DUI. [FHP]



Jerald Ivan Moore, 32- third degree vehicle grand theft. [HCSO]



Kentrell Parker, 23, Defuniak Springsmarijuana possession with intent to distribute, display firearm during felony. [HCSO]



Jacqueline Luann Paul 34, Chipley- violation of parole: possession of methamphetamine X2. [HCSO]. [HCSO]



Leonard Philips 32, 63, Westville-failure to appear. [HCSO]



Christopher Mark Schurman, 51- fugitive.



Charles Ray Sibley, 39, LA- FFJ: Felony rape and child abuse. [HCSO]



Thomas Lee Summerlin, 29, AL- out of county warrant. [HCSO]



Nancy Rosetta Thomas 32, Bonifay - 49, Caryvillelarceny: retail theft. [BPD]



Thornton, 36, AL-sell methamphetamine, substance without prescription. [HCSO]



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Washington County Arrest Reports

The following arrests were made in Washington County between July 15 and July 21 as reported by the Washington County Jail. All subjects are considered innocent until convicted.



Jonathan David Allen, 38, Chipley- trespassing [WCSO]



Lacey Merene Babb, 29, Bonifay- Out of county warrant: parole violation. [WCSO]



Adina Gayle Barfield, 52,



Bryon Miguel Bennett, 35, AL- DWLSR [WCSO]



Caleb Luke Brooks, 33, Panama City Beach- child neglect X2, aggravated assault with deadly weapon X3, obstructing justice.



Stephen James Crigger, 32, Chipley-battery [WCSO]



Jamie Dawn Ewing, 32, Caryville- probation violation [WCSO]



Clyde Hudson Harsey, 52, Bristol-trafficking amphetamines over 14 grams, possession of controlled substances without prescription, possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell. [WCSO]



George Ryan Konicoff, 39, Marianna- DWLSR [WCSO]



Lorrie Inez Louketis, 55, Altha- trafficking amphetamines over 14 grams, possession of paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute. [WCSO]



Jamar Ikeem Massaline, 23, Chipley- sending written threat to kill, battery, damage property over 200 dollars less than 1000 dollars, burglary with assault. [WCSO]







Al'Keem Ju'Wun Roulhac, 30, Chipley battery [WCSO]





Randall Joseph Stasko, 33, Chipley- probation



72, Pensacola- DWLSR

Brittney Leigh Williams, 31, Graceville- grand theft more than 750 dollars less than 5000 dollars, distribution of schedule I or II drugs [WCSO]



40, Caryville- marijuana possession not more than 20 grams, probation violation, possession of of methamphetamine with intent to distribute, possession of weapon by convicted felon. [WCSO]



Nicholas Keith Odom, 44, Chipley- contempt of court: child support X2. [WCSO]







James Henry White, [WCSO]





paraphernalia, possession





35, Chipley-felony domestic battery by strangulation [WCSO]



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000231 **NOTICE OF AP-PLICATION FOR TAX**

Notice Is Hereby Given IDE TECHNOLO-GIES INC, 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:

Certificate #: 21-00-02138 Year of Issuance:

Parcel: 00000000-

2021

06-0378-0010 Assessed To:

JOHN J DAVIS Description:

SUNNY HILLS UNIT #6 LOT 10 ORB 161 P 564 BLK 0378

All of said prop-

erty being located

in the County of Washington, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such Certificate will be

sold to the highest bidder **ONLINE AT** WASHINGTON.REAL-TAXDEED.COM on **SEPTEMBER 12, 2023** at 10:00 AM CT. Lora C. Bell Clerk

of Court, Washington County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk July 12, 19, 26, 2023 August 2, 2023

PLICATION FOR TAX

000233 NOTICE OF AP-

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Notice Is Hereby Given **IDE TECHNOLO**-GIES INC, 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

Certificate #: 21-00-01074

the names in which

it was assessed are as follows:

Year of Issuance:

Parcel: 00000000-00-5049-0005

Assessed To: AMBER N COOPER.

AMBER N RILEY

Description: 25 4 15 5 ORB 920 P 514 S2 OF NW4 OF

NW4 OF NE4, ORB

1142 P 540

LEGAL ADVERTISING All of said prop-

erty being located in the County of Washington, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such

Certificate will be sold to the highest bidder ONLINE AT WASHINGTON.RE-ALTAXDEED.COM on **SEPTEMBER 12, 2023** at 10:00 AM CT. Lora C. Bell Clerk of Court, Washing-

August 2, 2023 000234 NOTICE OF AP-PLICATION FOR TAX

ton County Florida By: Kelsey Odom,

July 12, 19, 26,

Deputy Clerk

2023

Notice Is Hereby Given **IDE TECHNOLO-**GIES INC, the holder

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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:

Certificate #: 21-00-00081 Year of Issuance: 2021

Parcel: 00000000-00-0310-0106 Assessed To:

Description: **LOT 6 CANYON**

ELAINE L HENDRICK

SPRINGS RESORT II ORB 268 P 1582 All of said property being located in the County of

Washington, State

of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such Certificate will be sold to the highest bidder **ONLINE AT** WASHINGTON.RE-ALTAXDEED.COM on **SEPTEMBER 12, 2023** at 10:00 AM CT.

of Court, Washing-ton County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk July 12, 19, 26, August 2, 2023

000259

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a writ of execution heretofore issued out of the County Court, WASHINGTON COUNTY, Florida, Case No 2015-CC-43

on 05 January 2016

in the matter of

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ENTERPRISES.

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INC. v BERNICE IRA FINCH, I, KEVIN CREWS, as Sheriff of WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE County, Florida, have levied upon all the right, title and interest of, BERNICE IRA FINCH. the defendant(s) towit: 54001 property as follows: 2014 DODGE RAM Lora C. Bell Clerk

1500 LARAMIE VIN# 1C6RR6FGIES247115 BLACK

And on July 31, 2023 at 71 1 3rd Street, Chipley, Florida, at 10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as circumstances permit, I will offer the above described property for sale at public outcry and sell the same, subject to all prior liens, if any, and to the highest and best bidder for (CASH IN HAND or CREDIT BID),

(exact change) plus

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Florida State Sales Tax, if applicable, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the pay-ment of costs and satisfaction of the above described ex ecution. The abovedescribed property may be viewed up to 30 minutes prior to the scheduled sale time. All items

purchased must be removed by the respective bidder after the sale is concluded. Photo identification is mandatory. In accordance

with the Ameri-cans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall contact the individual or agency sending notice not later than seven days prior to the proceeding. Telephone (904) 257-

6097; 1-800-955-8771

(+TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service.

Dated at CHIPLEY,

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WASHINGTON County, FL this 29th day of June 2023. **KEVIN CREWS**

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S **OFFICE** Printed On:6/29/2023 9:34

> Deputy Sheriff July 5, 12,19, 26,

000265 The Washington County School District has declared the following items as surplus and will be selling them at auction:

Stainless Steel Kitchen Equipment, Tractor, Box truck, mowers and other miscellaneous LEGAL ADVERTISING

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items.

The highest bidder will be required to remove the items from the school district property where they are currently stored. Those interested can meet at the Washington County Bus Garage at 1359 Watts Ave, Chipley, Florida 32428 on Tuesday. August 8, 2023 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (cst) for a preview of the items that are being sold. The auction will be held at the Washington County Bus Garage at 1359 Watts Ave, Chipley, Florida 32428 on August 9, 2023, 8:00 am (cst) until all items are sold. Cash or check only on the day of the sale.

This auction will be performed in conjunction with Mason Auction & Sales LI C July 12, 19, 26, 2023

000268 IN THE FOUR-TEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA CITY OF CHIPLEY a Florida municipal corporation,

Plaintiff, Case No. 23-CA-07

ANNIE HOLMES. Defendants.

NOTICE OF AC-TION IN FORECLO-SURE PROCEED-

TO: ANNIE

HOLMES: YOU ARE NOTI-FIED that an action to foreclosure municipal code enforcement liens on the following described property in Washington County,

Florida, to wit, The East Half of Lot Six (6), in the South Half of Northeast Quarter of Section Four (4), Township Four (4) North, Range Thirteen (13) West, in City

of Chipley, Florida. located at Church Avenue, Chipley Florida, being tax parcel numbered 00-1317-0000 (the "property"), has been filed against you and you are required to serve an Answer or copy of your written defenses, if any, to Attorney Jeremy A. Mutz, 1512 Hwy 90, Chipley, FL 32428, Plaintiff's attorney, on or before August 10, 2023 or within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the clerk of this court at 1293 Jackson Avenue, Chipley, Florida 32428, either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately there after; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated: 7/6/23 LORA BELL CLERK OF THE COURT WASHINGTON

COUNTY, FLORIDA Jo Ann Hayes As Deputy Clerk July 26, August 2, 2023

000273 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOUR-TEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON **COUNTY, FLORIDA** CASE NO.

2022CA000069 LOANCARE, LLC, Plaintiff,

Kim A. Davis; Lori C. Davis, Defendants(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Judg-ment of Foreclosure entered on June 20, 2023 in the abovestyled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on **August** 9, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. (CT), https://washington.realforeclose.com.

LOTS 10 AND 11 OF BLOCK 1 IN CITY OF CHIPLEY, ACCORD-ING TO THE CHAS B. **DUNN'S PROPERTY** PLAT ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WASH-INGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA. THE LAND **CONVEYED BEING IN** AND A PART OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 4 **TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST**

Property Address: 1374 WESTBOURNE AVE, CHIPLEY, FL 32428

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROP-FRTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE

LEGAL ADVERTISING LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM BE-FORE THE CLERK RE-

PORTS THE SURPLUS

AS UNCLAIMED Dated: July 10, 2023

LORA C. BELL, **CLERK** WASHINGTON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

By: /s/ Angela C. Hunt Deputy Clerk (Court Seal)

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT Persons with a disability needing special accommodation in order to access court facilities or participate in a court proceeding at any courthouse or court program, should within two (2) days of receipt of notice, contact Court Administration to request such an accommodation. Please contact the following: Court Administration, P.O. Rox 826. Marianna. Florida 32447; Phone: 850-718-0026; Hearing

& Voice Impaired: 1-800-955-8771: Fmail: ADARequest@jud14. flcourts.org July 19, 26, 2023

000274 LEAVE IT AT LENNY'S SELF STORAGE, LLC, 2855 PATE POND ROAD CARYVILLE, FL. 32427 NOTICE OF PUB-

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, that we will sell or otherwise dispose of the contents of the following self storage units in order to satisfy the delinquent storage lien placed in accordance with the State of Florida Statute 83.806.

UNIT# NAME CONTENTS 21A Fred Wright Household items 18C

Charles Miller Household items The public sale will be conducted at "SelfStorageAuction.com" The facility address is: "Leave it at Lenny's Self Storage, LLC." , located at: 2855 Pate Pond Road. Caryville, Fl. 32427. The sale will take place on Tuesday, August 56 th . 2021. at 11:00 a.m., or thereafter. Units will be sold to the highest bidder. Terms are CREDIT CARD only. A cleaning deposit of \$100.00 will be taken for each unit purchased. (850)

> July 26, 2023 August 2, 2023

290-4118

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION:

2023CA000053 U.S. BANK NA-

TIONAL ASSOCIA-TION. Plaintiff, VS.

BRIANIFF GLUCK; BRANDI RENAE GLUCK A/K/A BRANDI R. GLUCK; FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORA-TION: UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSES-SION OF THE SUB-JECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORE-**CLOSURE SALE** (Please publish in THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS)

time on the 23rd day of August 2023, the

property as set

forth in said Final

COMMENCE AT

Judgment, to wit:

THE NORTHWEST

CORNER OF THE

following described

NOTICE IS HERE-BY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the If you are a person with a disabil-ity who needs any 5th day of July 2023. accommodation in and entered in Case order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, No. 2023CA000053. of the Circuit Court of the 14TH Judicial at no cost to you. to the provision of Circuit in and for WASHINGTON Councertain assistance. Please contact ty, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL the ADA Coordina tor by mail at P. O. ASSOCIATION is the Plaintiff and BRIAN Box 1089, Panama LEE GLUCK BRANDI City, FL 32402 or by phone at (850) 747-5338 at least seven RENAE GLUCK A/K/A BRANDI R. GLUCK (7) days before your FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORAscheduled court TION; and UN-KNOWN TENANT IN appearance, or immediately upon POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY receiving this noti-fication if the time are defendants. before the sched-LORA C. BELL as the uled appearance Clerk of the Circuit is less than seven (7) days. If you are Court shall sell to hearing impaired, please call 711 or the highest and best bidder for cash electronically at https://washington. email ADARequest@ jud14.flcourts.org. realforeclosure.com at, 10:00 AM central

Dated this 13th day of July 2023.

LORA C. BELL Circuit Court By: <u>JoAnn Hayes</u> Deputy Clerk

> Submitted by: De Cubas &

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eservice@decubaslewis.com July 19, 26, 2023

000287 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDI-CIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Case #: 21000069CAAXMX

Plaintiff, Unknown Heirs. Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Credi-tors, Lienors, and Trustees of Barbara Daniels a/k/a Barbara White Daniels, Deceased, and All Other Persons Claiming by and Through, Under, Against The Named Defendant(s); Tiffany Deann Worthington a/k/a Tiffany Deann Combs: Talitha Maureen Douglas a/k/a Talitha Douglas: Madison Star Douglas; Unknown Spouse of Tiffany

Deann Worthington a/k/a Tiffany Deann Combs: Unknown Spouse of Talitha Maureen Doug-las a/k/a Talitha Douglas; Unknown Spouse of Madison Star Douglas; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s): Unknown Parties in Possession #2, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and

against the above named Defendant(s) Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN pursuant to order rescheduling foreclosure sale or Final Judgment, entered in Civil Case No. 21000069CAAX-MX of the Circuit ROAD #277; THENCE Court of the 14th Judicial Circuit in and for Washington County, Florida, wherein Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff and Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assianees. Credi tors, Lienors, and Trustees of Barbara Daniels a/k/a Bar bara White Daniels, Deceased, and All Other Persons WEST, WASHINGTON Claiming by and Through, Under, Against The Named Defendant(s) are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Lora C. Rell, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash https://washington.realforeclose. com/ AT 10:00 A.M. CENTRAL STANDARD TIME. on August 23, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment,

to-wit: THE FOLLOWING REAL PROPERTY SITUATE IN, COUNTY OF WASHINGTON AND STATE OF FLORIDA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN-NING AT THE NW CORNER OF THE SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 AND RUNNING EAST ALONG FORTY LINE 340 FEET, THENCE S 2° 15' E 400 FEET. THENCE S 88° 00' W 340 FEET TO CENTER OF COUNTY ROAD OR SECTION LINE. THENCE NORTH ALONG SECTION LINE 400 FEET TO POINT OF BEGIN-NING, BEING IN SEC TION 25, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTER-EST IN THE SURPLUS ANY, OTHER THAN **ER AS OF THE DATE** MUST FILE A CLAIM NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator by mail at P.O. Box 1089, LEGAL ADVERTISING LEGAL ADVERTISING

Panama City, FL 32402 000293 or by phone at (850) 747-5338 at least IN THE FOUR-TEENTH JUDICIAL seven (7) days before CIRCUIT IN AND your scheduled court FOR WASHINGTON appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if COUNTY, FLORIDA CITY OF CHIPLEY, the time before the scheduled appearance a Florida municipal is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing impaired, call 711.

Lora C. Bell CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT Washington County, Florida

<u>Jo Ann Hayes</u> DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT

Submitted By: ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: LOGS LEGAL **GROUP LLP**

2424 North Federal Highway, Suite

Boca Raton, Florida 33431 (561) 998-6700 (561) 998-6707 The above is to be published in: Washington County News

21-325143 FC01 WEQ July 26, August 2, 2023

000288 IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDI-CIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

CYPRESS CROSS-ING PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIA-TION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation,

Plaintiff,

v. CASE NO.: 23-07-CC

ROBERT K. BOND-ESEN, SR., GIRISH K. KAKARADKAR, and PRIMESOUTH BANK,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF AC-TION

TO: GIRISH K. KAKARADKAR YOU ARE NOTI-FIED that an action to foreclose a lien of a homeowners' association on the following property in Washington County,

Florida: Lot 23, Cypress Crossing, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 5, pages 46 and 47, of the public re-cords of Washington County, Florida.

a/k/a

25 3 16 3.31 ORB 715 P 55 LOT 23

CYPRESS CROSSING PLAT BK 5 PG 46-47 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on
Timothy J. Sloan, the
Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 427 McKenzie Avenue, Panama City, FL 32401, on or before August 25, 2023, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter: otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. DATED on July 14.

CLERK OF THE COURT

> By Deputy Clerk July 26, 2023 August 2, 2023

000290

The following vehicle will be sold at public auction at Nichols Auto Repair and Towing at 1146 Jackson Avenue, Chipley, FL 32428 at 8:00 am on the following date: 2014 Mits JA4AD3A33EZ015236

August 10 July 26, 2023 000292 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

Thomas Copeland 722 Brown St Chipley, FL 32428

You are hereby

the Supervisor and

your name will be

removed from the

istration system. July 26, 2023

statewide voter reg-

GAGE CORPORATION PLAINTIFF, notified that your VS. eligibility to vote is in question. You are hereby notified to CDC CAPITAL INVESTMENTS, LLC., AS TRUSTEE OF THE contact the Supervi-sor of Elections, in 1520 NEARING HILLS CIRCLE CHIPLEY LAND TRUST ET AL. Washington County, DEFENDANTS. Florida no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this pub-IN THE CIRCUIT lishing. Failure to COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH respond will result in a determination of ineligibility by JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN

> FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 672022CA-000048CAAXMX

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NOTICE OF FORE-**CLOSURE SALE** (Please publish in **Washington County** News) NOTICE IS HEREBY

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Foreclosure dated the 28 th day of

AS TRUSTEE OF THE 1520 NEARING HILLS

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at 10:00 A.M. CST

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NOTICE OF ACTION IN FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS TO: ESTATE OF

JOSEPH R. LEDLOW IN POSSESSION OF A/K/A JOSEPH R. LED-THE SUBJECT PROP-LOW, DECEASED; ALL ERTY are Defendants. Lora C. Bell as the Clerk of the HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES. **DEVISÉES, LEGA-**Circuit Court shall sell to the highest TEES, SPOUSES AND **CREDITORS OF JOSEPH** R. LEDLOW A/K/A and best bidder for JOSEPH R. LEDLOW, cash electronically at www.washington. **DECEASED:** realforeclose.com YOU ARE NOTI-

FIED that an action to foreclosure a municipal code enforcement lien on the following described property in Washington County, Florida, to wit,

The East 40 feet of Lots 26 and 27 in Block "C" of Rubenstein & Laken Addition to the town of Chipley, Florida, according to plat thereof on file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Washington County, Florida, being in Section 33, Town-ship 5 North, Range

Located at 1278 Holley Ave., Chipley, Florida, being tax parcel numbered 00-2847-0000 (the "property"), has been file against you and you are required to serve an Answer or copy of your written

13 West.

defenses, if any, to Attorney Jeremy A. Mutz, 1512 Hwy 90, Chipley, FL 32428, Plaintiff's attorney on or before August 15, 2023 or within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the clerk of this court at 1293 Jackson Ave nue, Chipley, Florida 32428, either before service on Plaintiff's

attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in

the Complaint. Dated:6/7/23 LORA BELL CLERK OF THE

WASHINGTON JUNTY, FLORIDA <u>Jo Ann Hayes</u> As Deputy Clerk July 26, 2023 August 2, 2023

000294 **STORAGE** TRESURES A Safe

Storage, LLC First Lien Holder, will TO ANY REMAINhold an ONLINE PUB-ING FUNDS, AFTER THE FUNDS ARE LIC AUCTION. The auction will be held REPORTED AS UN-CLAIMED, ONLY THE online at www.Stor-OWNER OF RECORD ageTreasures.com AS OF THE DATE OF on August 12, 2023 or thereafter to sat-isfy past due rents. THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE 08/12/2023 Auction SURPLUS. Units C011 Rebecca Leonard 448 2nd Persons with a Street lot K Chipley, disability needing FI 32428, G026 special accommo Clinton Kelly 456 1st dation in order to Street Chipley, FL 32428, E018 Paige access court facili-ties or participate in a court proceeding at any courthouse Holmes 747 First Street Chipley, FL or court program, should within two 32428 . H006 Laurie Messner PO Box 465 (2) days of receipt of notice, contact Grand Ridge 32442, **E024 James Taylor** 683 Highpocket Lane Chipley, Florida Court Administration to request such 32428, H009 Stevie an accommodation. Olson 930 Prissy lease contact the Lane Chipley, Florida 32428, X212 Wesley following: Court Administration, P.O. Fubanks 1465 Joe Box 826, Marianna, Florida 32447; Neel Road Chipley, Florida 32428, Unless Phone: 850-718-0026: otherwise noted, Hearing & Voice the contents are: Impaired: 1-800-All household, 955-8771; Email: personal, business ADARequest@jud14. goods, all boxes, flcourts.org loose clothes, electronics, any/all other Dated this 11th items contained in

day of July, 2023.

Lora C. Bell Clerk of The Cir-August 2, 2023 cuit Court By: /s/ Jo Ann

Hayes

Deputy Clerk Submitted by: Miller, George & Suggs, PLLC ATTORNEY FOR

PLAINTIFF 210 N. University Drive, Suite 900 Coral Springs, FL 33071 DESIGNATED PRI-

MARY E-MAIL FOR

SERVICE PURSUANT TO FLA. R. JUD. ADMIN 2.516 ESERVICE@MGS-LEGAL.COM July 26, August 2, 2023

LEGAL ADVERTISING

000298 IN THE FOUR-TEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA CITY OF CHIPLEY.

a Florida municipal

corporation, Plaintiff,

Case No. 2023-CC-39 v. ESTATE OF MARY C. MYDOSH a/k/a MARY C. MYDOSH a/k/a MARY MYDOSH a/k/a MARY CARMFULA DAVIS, deceased, ALL HEIRS, BENEFI-CIARIES, DEVISEES LEGATEES, SPOUSES AND CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF MARY C. MYDOSH a/k/a MARY C. MYDOSH a/k/a MARY MYDOSH a/k/a MARY CARMELLA DAVIS. UNKNOWN TENANTS deceased, and CHARLES SMEJKAL JR., individually, **Defendants**

> NOTICE OF ACTION IN FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS TO: ESTATE OF MARY C. MYDOSH A/K/A MARY C. MYDOSH A/K/A MARY MYDOSH A/K/A MARY CARMELLA DAVIS DECEASED, ALL HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES. DEVISEES, LEGATEES, SPOUSES AND CREDI-TORS OF THE ESTATE OF MARY C. MYDOSH A/K/A MARY C. MYDOSH A/K/A MARY MYDOSH, A/K/A MARY CARMELLA DA-VIS, DECEASED, AND **CHARLES SMEJKAL,**

JR.: YOU ARE NOTI-FIED that an action to foreclosure municipal code enforcement liens on the following described property in Washington County, Florida, to wit, Lots 40 and 41

of Block "B" of the Rubenstein and Laken addition to the Town of Chipley, Florida, as per plat on file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Washington County, Florida and being a re-plat of Lots 5, 6, 7. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of Block "E" of the day of July, 2023. Hagerman Addition to said Town of Chipley, Florida and being in Section 33, Township 5 North, Range 13 West, and being on the East side of Sixth Street in the North part of

Chipley, Florida. located at 589 Main Street, Chipley, Florida 32428 and being referenced as tax parcel identification 00000000 00-2840-0000, and on the followingdescribed real property in Washington County, Florida,

to-wit: Beginning at a point 285 feet North of Lot 20, Block F. Hagerman Addition to the Town of Chipley, Florida, thence North 150 feet. thence West 130 feet, thence South 150 feet, thence East 130 feet to Point of Beginning, in Section 33, Township 5 North, Range 13 West, Washington County, Florida. located at 592

Main Street, Chipley, Florida 32428 and being referenced as tax parcel identification 000000000 00-2872-0000, (the "properties"), has been filed against you and you are required to serve an Answer or copy of your written defenses, if any, to Attorney Jeremy A. Mutz, 1512 Hwy 90, Chipley, FL 32428, Plaintiff's attorney, on or before August **15, 2023** or within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the clerk of this court at 1293 Jackson Avenue, Chipley, Florida 32428, either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in Dated:7/10/2023

the Complaint. LORA BELL CLERK OF THE

COURT WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA **Kelsey Odom**

> As Deputy Clerk July 26, 2023 August 2, 2023

000299 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTFENTH JUDI-CIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDIC TION DIVISION CASE NO. 67-2022-CA-000030 MORTGAGE

ASSET MANAGE-

MENT, LLC, Plaintiff, FRED BOOKER, III, LEGAL ADVERTISING et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORE-**CLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 17, 2023, and entered in 67-2022. CA-000030 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Washington County, Florida, wherein MORTGAGE ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC is the Plaintiff and FRED BOOKER III. UNKNOWN SPOUSE FRED BOOKER, III; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACT-ING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND UR-BAN DEVELOPMENT: STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; WASH-INGTON COUNTY CLERK OF THE COURT: WASHING-TON COUNTY, FL are the Defendant(s). Lora C. Bell as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.washington. realforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM, on August 23, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

THE N1/2 OF THE NW1/4 OF NE1/4 OF SW1/4 OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, CONTAINING 5 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

Property Address: 1636A OLD MILL ROAD, CHIPLEY, FL

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031.

Dated this 19th

Lora C. Bell As Clerk of the Court

> Bv: Jo Ann Haves As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any ac-commodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the **ADA Coordinator** by mail at P. O. Box Panama City FL 32402 or by phone at (850) 747-5338 at least seven (7) days before your sched uled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing impaired, please call 711 or email

Submitted by: Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC

ADARequest@jud14.

flcourts.org.

Attorneys for Plaintiff 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, FL 33487 Telephone: 561-241-6901 Fax: 561-

997-6909 July 26, August 2, 2023

000300 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

Ashley Aldridge 3540 Fanning Branch Rd Vernon, FL 32462

You are hereby notified that your eligibility to vote is in question. You are hereby notified to contact the Supervisor of Elections, in Washington County, Florida no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this pub-lishing. Failure to respond will result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor and your name will be removed from the statewide voter reg istration system. July 26, 2023

LAND/ACREAGE 1-Acre plot and

2-Acre plot in Jacob City Florida (850)849-9338

CELEBRATE



Vernon Middle School Jr. Beta Club members show off their awards after the National Convention. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]

VMS Jr. Beta Club excels at nationals

KRISTIN MARTIN

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Vernon Middle School's Jr. Beta Club rocked the National Beta Convention in June, placing nine times in the competition, while club member Kayson Hawkins ranked in the top three candidates running for National Vice President.

Hawkins, whose campaign was promoted by his fellow students at VMS, also found support from the neighboring Bonifay K-8 and Roulhac Middle School Jr. Beta Clubs. Students from all three schools could be found at the convention wearing campaign shirts featuring the "Rockin' with Hawkins" logo.

"It was a great honor to ad-

vance to top three candidates (Nylah Brown) for national Vice President." said Hawkins. "I am so proud of our hometown of Vernon for placing in nine categories at the national level. I am so excited to serve as your Jr. Beta Vice President at the state level this year. Although I did not win [the national election], I built new relationships that will last a lifetime with what I view as my family because I view Beta as a big family, not just a club."

Jr. Beta Sponsor Kathleen Coleman said the group excelled in many areas of competition, bringing home awards in very hard but had a lot of fun the following categories:

Apparel Design - 1st Place

On-Site Painting - 2nd place in January 2024.

Portfolio - 3rd (Club) Two-Dimensional Design -3rd (Club)

Painting - 3rd (Nylah Brown) Songfest - 4th (Club)

Solo/Duo/Trio - 6th (Christian Burger)

Pottery - 8th place (Kyley Harrison)

Service Learning - 8th (Club) Jr Beta Vice Presidential Candidate - Top 3 Candidate (Kayson Hawkins)

"We are extremely proud of their accomplishments," said Coleman. "They worked together."

VMS is now preparing to compete at the state convention



Christian Burger is captured in a behind-the-scenes shot just before earning 6th place for her violin solo during the 2023 National Beta Convention. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]



VMS Jr. Beta Club member **Kayson Hawkins ranked** as one of the top three candidates for the 2023 **National Beta Vice President.** [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]



VMS Jr. Beta Club members participated in performing arts at the 2023 National Beta Convention. **[CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]**



ABOVE: Jr. Beta Club members performed while supporting Vice **President candidate** Kayson Hawkins in a campaign branded "Rockin' with Hawkins" shirt. RIGHT: Nylah Brown (left) and Autumn Strausbaugh celebrate receiving awards for On-Site Painting and Songfest during the 2023 National Beta Convention. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS]







Beta peers at neighboring schools showed support for VMS National Beta Vice President candidate Kayson Hawkins during the national convention. Above, students from the Bonifay K-8 Beta Club (pictured at left) and the Roulhac Middle School Jr. Beta Club show off t-shirts declaring they're "Rockin' with Hawkins." [CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS]



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SCHOOLS & EDUCATION

SCHOOL BRIEF

Troy University recognizes new students

Troy University recently recognized new students who completed IMPACT orientation and enrolled in classes for the Fall 2023 semester. Local students who will attend are: Chad Albury of Bonifay; Grayson Commander of Chipley; Madison Hayes of Bonifay; Reis Hutchinson of Fountain; Kasen Pemberton of Chipley; Erilyn Smith of Bonifay and Daxton Wright of Chipley.

Send school news to: news@washingtoncounty.news or news@ holmescounty.news

Conservative content approved for schools

NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

State education officials have approved content from the conservative nonprofit PragerU to be shown in Florida schools. a spokeswoman for the Department of Education confirmed

Monday. A news release sent Monday on behalf of PragerU, which produces video content featuring prominent conservative figures, said that its PragerU Kids content would be introduced "in schools across America" as an educational resource.

"Florida was the first state to officially approve PragerU's new K-12 curriculum," an initial version of the release said. A revised version of the release issued later said that Florida approved PragerU "as an educational vendor." Cassandra Palelis, deputy director of communications for the state education department, told The News Service of Florida that the PragerU content has been approved for use as supplemental teach-

ing materials. The Florida Department of Education reviewed Prager U Kids and determined the material aligns to Florida's revised civics and government standards. PragerU Kids is no different than many other resources, which can be used as supplemental materials in Florida schools at district discretion," Palelis said in an email. However, she added that Prager UKids "did not submit a bid to be included in the 2022-23 instructional materials adoption for social studies.'

PragerU was founded in 2011 by conservative radio host Dennis Prager. The PragerU Kids content features videos that cover topics such as historical events and figures, religious and Biblical stories, and America's system of government.

Local Special Olympian to represent Florida at 'Dream Ride Experience'

DIANE M. MOORE Dmoore@kentsmith.biz

Safeara Toole isn't just the average runof-the-mill athlete. She is a Special Olympian, one who was handpicked for a special

Toole is one of only five Special Olympians selected from the entire state to participate in the annual "Dream Ride Experience," set to take place in Farmington, Connecticut. She was selected after being deemed an "inspirational leader" in the Special Olympics for the Northwest Florida region. Toole and her coach will travel to the event next month in an all expenses paid trip.

Toole has been a Special Olympics athlete for around six years, bringing home ribbons in basketball, bicycling, and track. She is known for cheering on her teammates and other athletes - and, in one instance, giving up a win to help her teammate.

Her mother, Kera Toole, says that act of kindness simply underscores her daughter's selfless person-

"At one meet in particular, Safeara was almost to the finish line to take first place when she looked back and saw her teammate falling behind," said Kera. "She fell back in order to help her friend cross the finish line, together. She is always thinking of others and wants to see everyone succeed."

Safeara attends WAVE School in Chipley, where she will start ninth grade in August. The family calls this a "once in a lifetime trip" for the 14-year-old, who says she is excited to attend.

"I can't wait," she said. "It is going to be so much fun. I am scared to fly but other than that, I am so excited!"

The Dream Ride Experience is a three day event that organizers say "celebrates the achievements of our Dream Riders, the true heart and soul of our event."

"Our Dream Riders are Special Olympics athletes and individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities from over 25 different states and three



Safeara Toole

countries," states the Dreamride.org website. "The experience honors these men, women, and children living with intellectual disabilities in our communities."

Theeventwillfeature the "Dream Cruise" during which Safeara and other Dream Riders will choose the classic or exotic car of their dreams to take a 12-mile-long cruise in, complete with a police escort. Toole has selected a Safeara also competes 1970 Dodge Charger in basketball, bicycling, R/T because she says and track. [CONTRIBUTED it's just like the one PHOTOS] Vin Diesel drove in the Fast and Furious movie franchise.

While Toole and her coach's expenses are covered, her parents fear they will not be able to attend with her due to the high costs



WAVE School Special Olympics Coach Amos Spires presents Toole with one of several first-place ribbons she has earned over the years. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]



associated with it. One ticket to the event is \$500, not including airfare or accommodations. The Tooles are working to raise money to cover the cost so they can share book: Kera Joel Toole.



the experience with their daughter.

Those wanting to help can send donations to: Cash App: \$Keratoole, PayPal: @ keratoole, Venmo: @ estimated \$3,500 total Kera-Toole or on Face-

Unions again target dues deduction ban

JIM SAUNDERS News Service of Florida

unions are again asking a federal judge the memorandum said.

to block part of a new state law that prevents dues from being deducted from workers' paychecks.

Unions that represent public-school employees and university faculty members filed a motion Wednesday seeking a preliminary injunction against the dues-deduction ban, which took effect July 1. Chief U.S. District Judge Mark Walker last month declined to issue an injunction, but the unions revised

"Plaintiffs are already suffering from a reduction in irreplaceable revenue that is about to get much worse," the unions argued in a legal memorandum that accompanied Wednesday's motion.

the lawsuit and the injunction request.

The unions contend the dues-deduction ban unconstitutionally violates contracts that require payroll dues deductions. Those contracts were reached before the new law took effect.

"The core function of the (U.S. Constitution's) Contracts Clause is to guard

of retroactive legislation: that which critics described it as "union busting." destroys citizens' ability to rely on the protection of contractual commit-version of the lawsuit, filed July 14, are TALLAHASSEE—Saying unions are ments to plan their affairs, including the Florida Education Association, the starting to get hit financially, teachers in particular their financial affairs," United Faculty of Florida, the Alachua

> of a law that the Republican-controlled Legislature and Gov. Ron DeSantis approved this spring to place additional restrictions on public-employee unions. Among other things, the law requires union members to fill out new government-worded membership forms and will require unions to be recertified as bargaining agents if fewer filed in May against the Public Emthan 60 percent of eligible employees are members.

The law exempted unions that represent law-enforcement officers, firefighters and correctional officers, which have politically supported De-Santis and other Republicans. DeSantis and teachers unions have repeatedly clashed about education policies, and the Florida Education Association was a key supporter last year of DeSantis' election opponent, Democrat Charlie

Republican supporters said the law (SB 256) would bring greater transparagainst an especially pernicious type ency to public-employee unions, but

Among the plaintiffs in the revised

County Education Association, the The dues-deduction change was part Pinellas Classroom Teachers Association and Hernando United School Workers. Defendants include members of the Florida Public Employees Relations Commission, members of the University of Florida Board of Trustees and the school boards in Alachua, Pinellas and Hernando counties.

An initial version of the case was ployees Relations Commission, which is responsible for carrying out the law. But in a June 26 decision, Walker wrote that issuing an injunction against the dues-deduction ban would "offer no redress for plaintiffs' injuries."

Walker said that even if he issued an injunction against the members of the Public Employees Relations Commission, government agencies would comply with the law and stop deducting dues from paychecks.

'Employers who are party to plaintiffs' collective bargaining agreements

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Chipola Theatre announces 2023-24 season



Holmes County Historical Society in need of new heating and cooling unit

HAZEL TISON Contributing Writer

According to Bill Lee, Chairman of the Holmes County Historical Society, the Air Conditioning unit has "bit the dust." Actually, there is a remote possibility of repair with a new condenser or whatever that part is, but at a cost of over 600 dollars (which the society doesn't have). With a thirty or thirty-five or older unit, spending any amount on it is not feasible. If a used unit were available, that could possibly solve the problem. Has anyone replaced a used unit due to building modifications that might be donated or sold at a reasonable price? If not, we are left with the need to invest in a new unit.

The wood frame building with the wide front porch, located on West Tracy Street, was donated to the Society by the Bud Owens family in January of 1999 and was delivered to its present location by Cecil Ray Jones and Jacky Jones. The house, typical of homes of that day, was built in 1901 of pine lumber and is not painted. It houses the part of the museum that depicts how homes of that era were equipped. It shows a fireplace for cooking, though a wood burning stove would be typical of that time period. It sits on property owned by the Holmes County School Board where the two-story McKinnon house was

the McKinnon dairy.)

A mobile home was on the east of the buildentrance to the buildturpentining or naval stores industry donated and maintained most of that enclosed display of farm implements of the 1920's.

Eureka Hotel.

donated which can be of genealogy. displayed more favorably. A lot of organiza- nal topic: the need for tion needs to be done. a new air conditioning For example, dividing theadequatespaceinto sections of the county for displays of that chased a new unit last area. (Bethlehem, New Hope, Leonia, Ponce de Leon, Poplar Springs, Sweet Gum Head, Etc.)

is also needed. Vernon and Chipley's museums have genealogy files. Vernon's is quite Jetison@embarqmail. complete, thanks to com. Klaus Dittus vol-

moved at one time. Steve Simmons, a late (That whole proper- Vernon High School ty including the old teacher who collected Middle School/High and compiled many School site contained family records as he taught in the system.

One of the greatest then attached to the things Holmes County back porch of the Historical Society has house and a side porch done is the publication of The Heritage Hising is used as a main tory of Holmes County released in 2006 and ing. An exhibit on the now out of print. Why was a copy not retained for the museum? Well perhaps it was, but has by the family occupies disappeared. That is a good history of famiattached area which I lies in the county, but assume was the back only those families porch of the Owens who took the time home. That area also to submit their famcontains a fairly good ily's story. Copies of the Cemetery Census completed in 1990 by The first room of the James Williams and attached building has a Lonnie Segers are train exhibit donated available for sale at the and maintained by the museum as are copies Robertsfamily. Memo- of Heart and History rabilia from Dr. Paul's of Holmes County by Hospital occupies a Anna Padgett Wells part of that building. and some of E.W. Car-Other cases contain swell's smaller pubobjects of interest from lications. There is Downtown Bonifay no copy of his Home-Businesses such as the steading, however, the most complete pub-There are many lished history of the things that have been county. It is not a book

But back to my origiunit. We have had one offer of a generous donation. I just puryear, and it will take about 28 donors at \$500 apiece to pay for one the size of mine. We A genealogy section will accept all donations. Bill Lee's email address is Billlee53@ gmail.com. Mine is

Leon County circuit

unteers at the museum frequently and will gladly accept your donation. Dan Smith is feeling much better following his recent serious illness and he will also accept your donation and any of us will gladly deposit your donation into the Holmes County Historical

Society account at First Federal Bank of Bonifay. Or you may deposit it there yourself.

Someone suggested a fundraiser and that is a good suggestion. Come forward with your ideas and your list of volunteers that will help. It is a good method of raising money. Remember Relay For Life. The operative word for Fund Raisers is Volunteers so we must have your help if we raise the kind of money required to replace the aging (or aged) item. Contact any of the above named people if you are willing to help with this daunting task.



The Chipley Garden Club's annual scarecrow contest is set to return in September. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]

Scarecrow contest to return

GWENETH COLLINS

Special to the News and Advertiser

It's almost that time of year! It's another hot summer, but folks are thinking about fall, and some leaves are beginning to turn. All that means the scarecrows will soon start showing up in downtown Chipley in anticipation of "Archeologists at the Museum History Fest & Scarecrow Building Contest." Both events are scheduled for Saturday, September 23, at the Washington County Historical Society in downtown Chipley.

See SCARECROWS, Page 4B

NOTICE TO CITY VOTERS

The City of Chipley General Election will be held on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The voting machine for this election will be tested and sealed at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, July 31, 2023, in the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 1442 Jackson Avenue, Chipley, Florida. All interested individuals are encouraged to attend.

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

Washington County Board of County Commissioners

Invitations to Bid No. 2023-14, 2023-15 Washington County Board of County Commissioners is requesting bids for: ·ITB 2023-14 Installation of Generators at Five **Critical Facilities**

·ITB 2023-15 Hardening of EMS Building Bid specifications may be obtained by contacting Kimberly Birge-Gorman at kbirge@washingtonfl.com.

Sealed bids will be received at the County Administration office located at 1331 South Boulevard, Chipley, FL 32428, Attn: Kimberly Birge-Gorman, no later than 3:00 p.m. CST on Tuesday, August 22, 2023. 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, address, and correct corresponding bid number and name.

Washington County Board of County Commissioners accepts no responsibility for any expenses incurred by bidders in the preparation of a response to this bid.

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).

DUES

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will still be prohibited by law from deduct- been paid via payroll filed a federal lawsuit ing membership dues from their employees' salaries, regardless of whether this court enjoins defendants (Public Employees Remembers) from enforcing the prohibition against employers," Walker wrote.

that issue, lawyers for the unions this week said the University of Florida and the Hernando County School Board — two new defendants — stopped deducting and sending dues to unions on July 1. Some union members at the university and Hernando district of the time — the reget paid year-round, while many teachers across the state are paid over 10 months. Those paychecks will resume in August.

"Once K-12 teachers return to work and of at least three filed

begin to draw salary, by unions challengplaintiff unions will ing the new law. A face the full brunt of union representing the loss of member- government workship dues that had ers in Duval County deduction — exactly last week, while three at the time when union municipal unions in resources are most in South Florida have need," the memoran- filed a challenge in dum of law said.

The motion focuses court. lations Commission on an alleged breach of existing contracts, with the unions acknowledging they would not be able to To try to address have payroll dues deductions after the contracts expire.

"Plaintiffs, after all, are not seeking in this motion to forever forestall the state's planned prohibition of payroll deduction," the union lawyers wrote. "All the plaintiffs seek is a reasonable period mainder of their unexpired contracts—to adjust to a sea change in the way publicemployee unions are financed in Florida."

The lawsuit is one

NOTICE OF ELECTION CITY OF CHIPLEY

The City of Chipley General Election for Council Member Ward 2 will be held at the City Hall, 1442 Jackson Avenue on Tuesday, August I, 2023. The poll will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7;00 p.m.,CST.

All city residents within the city limits of Chipley, who were registered to vote by July 3, 2023, are eligible to vote in this election regardless of where vou live in the city.

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

Please contact the Chipley City Administrator or Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk at(850)638-6350 should you have any guestions or need other information regarding the upcoming city election.

The following will appear on the ballot:

City Council Ward No. 2

PLEASE VOTE

CONTENT

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Descriptions of the content on the PragerU website bill it as "the leading network with educational, entertaining, pro-American kids shows for every grade." The site has a link asking people to sign a petition to get PragerU content into the country's schools. "PragerU is trying to help America's students — but the left (which has hijacked and controlled the education system, including teachers unions) is doing everything in its power to label us as 'far right,' deplatform us, and keep PragerU out of schools," the website said.

Vote for one Cheryl Gainer McCall John T. (Tommy) Sasser

BUSINESS

Retailers look for lift from tax 'holiday'

JIM TURNER

News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE - Florida retailers hope for a boost to summer sales with the start Monday of a back-to-school sales tax "holiday."

The tax holiday, which will last through Aug. 6, will allow shoppers to avoid paying sales taxes on clothes, shoes, school supplies and personal computers. Lawmakers and Gov. Ron DeSantis also approved a second similar holiday that will be held during the first two weeks of January, providing a chance to replenish supplies at the start of the spring semester.

Florida Retail Federation President and CEO Scott Shalley expressed cautious optimism for the upcoming discount period, as "some of our stores have been down a little bit.'

'Hopefully, the back-to-school sales tax holiday will incentivize folks to get out and about and patronize a local retailer," Shalley

Deloitte Consulting has warned that strained household budgets and continued high prices after two years of inflation could dampen the back-to-school season.

"Parents are likely to be strategic about their spending to help ensure children are set up for success at the start of the school year by renewing school supplies but perhaps holding off on new clothing until needed," Nick Handrinos, Deloitte vice chairman and U.S. retail, wholesale and distribution and consumer products leader, said in a prepared statement.

Deloitte Consulting projects consumers will spend an average of \$597 a student in grades kindergarten through 12th grade as they prepare for school.

The two back-to-school holidays were included in a broad tax package (HB 7063) approved in May. They are expected to make up \$160.6 million of the \$965.6 million in tax savings in the package.

Back-to-school tax holidays have been held almost every year since 1998 and have typically lasted three to nine days.

Here is a look at what lawmakers included in the back-to-school holiday:

Shoppers won't have to pay sales taxes on clothes, wallets, bags, backpacks, fanny packs, footwear and diaper bags that cost \$100 or less. Not included are briefcases, suitcases, garment bags, skis, swim fins, roller blades and skates.

Shoppers won't have to pay sales taxes on pens, pencils, erasers, crayons, notebooks, notebook filler paper, legal pads, binders, lunch boxes, construction paper, markers, folders, poster board, composition books, poster paper, scissors, cellophane tape, glue, paste, rulers, computer disks, staplers, staples, protractors, compasses and calculators that cost \$50 or less.

Shoppers won't have to pay sales taxes on learning aids and puzzles, ranging from flashcards and memory games to puzzle books and toys intended to teach reading or math skills, that cost \$30 or less.

Shoppers won't have to pay sales taxes on personal computers and related accessories — such as keyboards and monitors — that cost \$1,500 or less. Not included are cell phones, video game consoles and digital media receivers.

Bixby retires from USPS

CAROL KENT Ckent@kentsmith.biz

United States Postal Service employee Raymond Bixby made one last round on his Chipley route last week before retiring as a letter carrier after 25 years.

Bixby, a military veteran, began his USPS career in August 1998 as a part time employee in Dothan, Alabama, earning a full-time spot – and his own route - two years later.

"City Route 13 was needed us." the first route I had as a carrier," recalls Bixby. "It was 15 miles of riding and 7 miles of walking in the azalea trail part of Dothan on the north side of town. including 2 business – an elementary school and a middle school."

Just a year after he began his fulltime route, Bixby's postal career was put on hold when the events of 9/11 called on him to return to serving his nation as a soldier.

"I remember when 9/11 happened," he at Northside Station, listening to my radio when a news flash came on about one of the towers being hit by a plane. And at first, we didn't know it was terrorists. We thought it was an accident and then the next one was hit."

pull to reenlist.

military for about 15 years at that time, but I had to go back in and serve. Our nation



Raymond Bixby drove his USPS route for the last time on July 22, 2023. [CAROL KENT | The News and Advertiser]

becommissionedasan officer in the Alabama National Guard and join a miliary police company out of Prattville, Alabama There were 427 stops, andserveinIraqbefore returning to USPS and his route in Dothan. He continued to work that route, marking more than 12 years before transferring to Chipley following a hiring freeze and surplus of full time unassigned regular carriers.

"The people in Chipley received me said. "I was at work like I had been there my whole life," he said. "That was awe some to see, and I didn't meet a stranger. It made it easier to transition."

Fellow Chipley carrier Jennifer Gardner says Bixby "fit right in" with the Chipley staff.

"Ray and I have Bixby says he shared a lot of laughs, couldn't ignore the a few tears, and even and after all that going to miss him. I'll made all this happen,' had been out of the the temperature, happens next.

because we are "all Bixby would go on to whimps," according to him. I probably won't miss how he would tease the rural carriers about having 'puddin' routes and how we could 'always apply at waste management.' We all love to carry on and pick at one another. We laugh every single day. Raymond will be missed."

Bixby says a lot of customers have become friends over the years.

"I've met a lot of good friends, whether business customers or residents," he said. "I've made a lot of good friends and even was able to go on three mission trips to the Ukraine while I was working in Chipley."

Bixby's next adventure will take him to Tampa, where he has a scholarship to River University to study ministry.

'My next chapter in prayers on several mylife will be serving "My daughter was occasions," said the Lord and working in basic training, Gardner. "I am truly for Him because He transpired, I went miss how he always he said. "I'm very back in," he said. "I wearsshortsnomatter excited to see what



Raymond Bixby's USPS co-workers held a retirement reception for him at the Chipley Post Office Friday, July 21. [CAROL KENT | The News and Advertiser]

YOUTH BANKING

Highway 77 in Chipley. [DIANE M. MOORE | The News and Advertiser]

4 Utility Services celebrates ribbon cutting

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce held an official ribbon cutting for 4 Utility

Services on July 20. The business, owned by Joel and Brittany Carter, installs underground

utilities including telecom, water, sewer and power. 4 Utility Services is located at 2932

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SCARECROWS

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This year, the Historical Society will host archeologists from Troy University who will be able to look at "things" passed down through your family or "stuff" you've found - arrowheads, artifacts, and such. On display in the museum will be the 3-D prints of some of theartifacts discovered at the 2023 Holmes Town Dig in southern Washington County.

Chipley Garden Club's collection of more than 30 scarecrows has been "out of town" since last-November. During August, club members will "fluff" them up, add some new outfits, replace a few broken "body parts," and the scarecrows will be ready to burst onto the scene.

It's never too early to get to work on your own scarecrow to enter in the contest. It won't be long before the scarecrow visitors start showing up downtown. The Garden Club encourages the public to add their own creations to the downtown display. For more information on the Scarecrow Building Contest, contact Garden Club President Gweneth Collins at 850-260-4049.

If you are interested in being a craft, food or informational vendor at "Archeologists at the Museum" event, contact Museum Director Dorothy Odom at 840-638-0358.

Start your genealogy journey

STAFF REPORT

Genealogyfascinates much of the general public. The number of people learning more about their families and heritage through genealogy increases year to year. According to FamilyTree.com, genealogy is the second only to gardening as the most popular hobby in the United States. People explore genealogy for many reasons, including learning about their ancestry. A rundown of the basics of genealogy can make such pursuits more enjoyable.

Genealogy and around the world, and family history are even across North subtly different

ancestor, while family history. history is defined as the Cities change history or narrative of a family. They are records of ancestors intertwined but not can be even more synonymous.

deaths, marriages, and with research. more. Civil registration beganatdifferenttimes

America, so it's often Genealogy is a line challenging, though of descent traced entirely possible, to continuously from an develop an accurate

challenging because Vital records are key of shifting borders or Genealogists municipalities, which explore vital records change over time. The to obtain information Family Tree Factbook about their ancestors. provides European Vital records include maps from throughout documentation of history and a timeline ancestors' life events, of European border including births, changes that can help

NOTICE OF TAX FOR SCHOOL **CAPITAL OUTLAY**

The Holmes County School District will soon consider a measure to continue to impose a 1.50 mill property tax for the capital outlay projects listed herein.

This tax is in addition to the school board's proposed tax of 3.720 mills for operating ex enses and is proposed solely at the discretion of the school board.

THE PROPOSED COMBINED SCHOOL BOARD TAX INCREASE FOR BOTH OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAY IS SHOWN IN THE ADJACENT NOTICE

The capital outlay tax will generate approx mately \$961,952 to be used for the following

CONSTRUCTION AND REMODELING

Plant sure y recommended construction projects

MAINTENANCE, RENOVATION, AND REPAIR

Reimbursement of the maintenance, renow tion, and repairs paid through the General Fund as permitted by Florida Statute

Roof repairs and replacement

Renoa tion and repair from hurricane damage

MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES

Purchase of 20 school buses Lease of 21 school buses Lease-purchase of 4 county € hicles Lease-purchase of 21 school buses Purchase of 2 maintenance & hicles

NEW AND REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT, COMPUTER AND DEVICE HARDWARE AND OPERATING SYSTEM SOFTWARE NECESSARY FOR GAINING ACCESS TO OR ENHANCING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC AND DIGITAL INSTRUCTIONAL CONTENT AND RESOURCES, AND ENTERPRISE RESOURCE SOFTWARE

Lease purchase of new computers

Lease purchase of data processing equipment

Lease of copy machines

Purchase of new computers

Purchase of network components

Purchase software application for district-wide administration of personnel Enterprise resource software acquired iv a license/maintenance fees or lease agreements

PAYMENT OF COSTS OF COMPLIANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL STATUTES, **RULES, AND REGULATIONS**

Remova I of haz rdous waste

Ar nue, Bonifay, FL 32425.

PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE NECESSARY TO INSURE THE EDUCATIONAL AND ANCILLARY PLANTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Insurance premiums on district facilities

PAYMENT OF COSTS OF LEASING RELOCATABLE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES Leasing of portable classrooms

PAYMENT OF SALARIES AND BENEFITS Salaries and benefits for school bus drivers

All concerned citize ns are invited to a public hearing to be held on July 31, 2023 at 5:05 p.m., at Holmes County School District office located at 701 East Pennsylvania

A DECISION on the proposed CAPITAL OUTLAY TAXES will be made at this hearing.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Holmes County School District will soon consider a budget for 2023-2024.

A public hearing to make a DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on:

> July 31, 2023 5:05 p.m.

HOLMES COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD 701 E PENNSYLVANIA AVE BONIFAY, FL 32425

BUDGET SUMMARY The Holmes County School District Fiscal Year 2023-2024

PROPOSED MILLAGE LEVIES SUBJECT TO 10-MILL CAP:

Required Local Effort (including Prior Period Funding Adjustment Millage) 2.970 **Discretionary Operating** 0.748 Local Capital Improvement (Capital Outlay) 1.500 Total 5.218

| | | Special | Debt | Capital | Internal | Total |
|---|------------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| ESTIMATED REVENUES | General | Revenue | Service | Projects | Svc. Fund | All Funds |
| Federal | 83,479 | 6,895,606 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6,979,085 |
| State Sources | 26,394,710 | 31,044 | 0 | 112,059 | 0 | 26,537,813 |
| Local Sources | 2,790,817 | 25,694 | 0 | 971,952 | 10,000 | 3,798,463 |
| TOTAL SOURCES | 29,269,006 | 6,952,344 | 0 | 1,084,011 | 10,000 | 37,315,361 |
| Transfers In | 1,344,033 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,344,033 |
| Fund Balances-July 1, 2023 | 1,203,031 | 162,000 | 0 | 755,451 | 1,556,844 | 3,677,326 |
| TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS, AND FUND | | | | | | |
| BALANCES/NET POSITION | 31,816,070 | 7,114,344 | 0 | 1,839,462 | 1,566,844 | 42,336,720 |
| APPROPRIATIONS/EXPENDITURES | | | | | | |
| Instruction | 16,302,731 | 2,324,475 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18,627,206 |
| Pupil Personnel Services | 1,023,984 | 53,796 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,077,780 |
| Instructional Media Services | 646,660 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 646,660 |
| Instructional Curriculum Services | 882,366 | 241,380 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,123,746 |
| Instructional Staff Training | 243,492 | 176,634 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 420,126 |
| Instructional Technology | 234,125 | 167,165 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 401,290 |
| Board of Education | 308,166 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 308,166 |
| General Administration | 275,236 | 242,616 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 517,852 |
| School Administration | 2,313,687 | 23,218 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,336,905 |
| Facilities Acquisition and Construction | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fiscal Services | 397,956 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 397,956 |
| Food Services | 500 | 2,233,709 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,234,209 |
| Central Services | 471,523 | 8,934 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 480,457 |
| Pupil Transportation Services | 1,657,616 | 55,295 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,712,911 |
| Operation of Plant | 4,013,584 | 58,070 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,071,654 |
| Maintenance of Plant | 1,567,566 | 1,367,052 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,934,618 |
| Administrative Technology Services | 35,500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35,500 |
| Community Services | 2,991 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,991 |
| Debt Service | 231,328 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 231,328 |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS / EXPENDITURES: | 30,609,011 | 6,952,344 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37,561,355 |
| Transfers Out | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,344,033 | 0 | 1,344,033 |
| Fund Balances-June 30, 2024 | 1,207,059 | 162,000 | 0 | 495,429 | 1,566,844 | 3,431,332 |
| TOTAL TRANSFERS AND FUND BALANCES/ | | | | | | |
| NET POSITION | 31,816,070 | 7,114,344 | 0 | 1,839,462 | 1,566,844 | 42,336,720 |

The tentative, adopted, and final budgets are on file in the office of the above referenced taxing authority as a public record.

FAITH

On God and unanswered prayers



CALEB DUNCAN Guest Columnist

Several years ago, Brad Paisley wrote a simplesong called, "No." The song was written with a straightforward message about prayer. In the song, Paisley says that God answers every prayer, but sometimes, his answer is no.

Years before that, Garth Brooks wrote a song in 1990 about "Unanswered Prayers." thanking God that his old high school flame didn't eventually become his wife. He sings, "Just because he doesn't answer, doesn't mean he doesn't care, 'cause some of God's greatest

prayers."

A 5-year old's birthday party and an old high school flame may sound a bit humorous, but these songs are sung with a well-intended meaning. It's an attempt to answer a dilemma that many Christians have as they are praying: why won't God answer my prayer?

more serious example. In Acts 12, we read an providence after Peter was arrested. The early church gathered in a house together to pray.

Meanwhile, God answered their praver by sending an angel to free the chains from Peter, and led him past the guards and into the street. Peter went to the house where they were praying, and knocked on the door while they were still in prayer. Talk about an answered prayer! However, in the the curtain of God's same chapter of the sovereignty and know

gifts are unanswered ed a key leader in the plan, there are a few area of life. same church: James the things that we do know Great. There is no doubt for certain. that the church was also praying for James. ways are higher than ticipation for Christ's James was in the inner circle of Jesus and was teaches us that God's very close to him.

> James became a prominent figure in the early church. The church deteaching and to prayer. of heaven. Secondly,

Let me give you a While we cannot pull back the curtain of God's sovereignty and know everything amazing story of God's about his plan, there are a few things that we do know for certain.

> They were definitely praying for James!

> So why did God rescue Peter, and not James? Have you ever prayed, and felt like God didn't hear you? Or that your prayers didn't get past the roof of your house?

Many people can relate to this feeling. While we cannot pull back Bible, Herod execut- everything about his brokenness in every calebtduncan.

even when pain exists we still know that God Leave the results up to is in control. The Bible overwhelmingly speaks of his sovereignty, his control, and his author-

much higher than our

own. God simply has a

planthatwecannotfully

death and decay exists holds an M.A. in Ethin this broken world. ics, Theology and Cul-Death and disease is a normal part of human life. When sin came into the world, it brought or follow his twitter @

That's why the Bible says that creation is Number one, God's waiting in eager anour ways. Isaiah 55:9 coming.

We also know that ways and thoughts are suffering is temporary, and that prayer still works. Instead of being angry at God or trying to voted themselves to the understand on this side deconstruct your faith after an unanswered prayer, do what the early church did in Acts 12. The death of James emboldened them to pray, even more. That's when they saw the rescue of Peter. Don't be discouraged when you have an unanswered prayer. Instead, keep praying.

> Caleb Duncan is the Director for the West Florida Baptist Asso-Third, we know that ciation in Chipley and ture from Southeastern Seminary. Email him at WfbaDom@outlook.com

FAITH

New Bethany Assembly Community Fun Day

New Bethany Assembly of God will host Community Fun Day Saturday, July 29, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The event will have free food, music, games, prizes, and more. A free raffle drawing will be held to give away a painting by local artist Ellen Morris. The church is located at 2338 Shakey Joe Road in Vernon.

First Presbyterian 5th Sunday Sing First Presbyterian Church in Chipley will hold a 5th Sunday Sing at 11 a.m. on July 30 featuring Christian musical artist Bruce Hedrick, along with Chipley's own Sarah Watts. Dinner will be served afterwards in the Myers Fellowship Hall. The church is located at 658 N 5th Street.

OBITUARY

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

- Cassandra Clare

Joe Earl Collins II,

Joe Earl Collins II, age 55, passed away Tuesday, July 18, 2023 in Tampa, Florida. He

was born December 3, 1967 in Marianna, Florida to Joe Earl and Eileen (Pipkin) Collins.

Joe worked for Lykes Bros. Inc. for 32

years as a professional agricultural engineer. He served as Senior Vice President, responsible for all agricultural operations in Florida and Texas, was appointed to the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board where he served as chair, was presented with the distinguished alumnus of the University of Florida and was a proud Gator fan. Joe enjoyed announcing Sebring Football and the Highlands County Junior Livestock Show and hunting with his sons Ben, Eli, and Pate. Joe was a member and Deacon at First Baptist Church of Sebring, a member of the Sebring Firemen, Inc., and Florida Cattlemen's Association as well as the Highlands County Citrus Growers Association. He had been a resident since 1991 coming from Bonifay, FL. Joe is survived by his Wife – Lisa Collins

of Sebring, FL; Fa-

ther – Joe Earl Collins

of Bonifay, FL; Sons – Benjamin Walker Collins of Eustis, FL: Eli Tucker Collins of

> Sebring. FL; Pate Matthew Collins of Sebring, FL; Sister – Debbie Rieck (Vince) of Matthews, NC; Jo Ann Everett (Dennis) of Mari-

anna, FL; Nieces - Shelby Harvey (Ariel) and Katie Everett; Nephews – David C. Bean and Mitchell Rieck (Leslie); Grand Nieces and Grand Nephews -Gavin, Caleb, Reagan, and Warren.

He was preceded in death by his Mother -Eileen Pipkin Collins.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, July 22, 2023 at 11:00am at First Baptist Church Sebring with family receiving friends beginning at 9:30am. Graveside services will be held Sunday, July 30, 2023 at 3:00pm in Bethel Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery in Caryville, FL. Memorial contributions may be made to the Joe Collins II Memorial Fund c/o Heartland National Bank.

Brown Funeral Home & amp; Blue Lake Crematory of Chipley, FL is in charge of arrangements.

Family and friends may sign the online register at www. brownfh.net



Loving your neighbor as yourself



CAROL ROUND

"Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: 'Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

the Lord your God with conversations. all your heart and with all your soul and with Conversations with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments"— Matthew 22:34-40 (NIV).

Walking my dog through the neighlived for almost three friended. Other times when a neighbor I've not met happens to

those I've not yet met. ourselves.

Recently, on one of a conversation with a neighbor who was adding a pergola to the back of his house. Since I've been considering doing the same, I asked about the individual constructing know if he was satis-

fied with their work. While we don't attend the same church, I believe our faith opened

neighbors

The neighborhood I live in is a blend of young and old, families with small children, and singles, like me. I'm blessed to live in this community of neighbors, even though I don't personally know each one.

At least three of the ity. families who live on borhood where I've my street have become close friends. My years, I often stop to next-doorneighborsvisit with those I've a couple the same age asIam—sharemyfaith in God.

er and stop to visit Eventhe fathers in the carolaround.com

pass by. Other times, I with neighbors. If we neighborhood bonded find a reason to strike don't know them by overtheirlikes—a new up a conversation with name, we introduce car, lawn care equip-

Our conversations my walks, I started can include discussions about the weather, our lawns, our pets, or other ordinary topics. We seldom get into deep discussions, unless we find common ground, like our faith.

ground

Sometimes it's dif-Eventually, and I ficult to meet and get can't recall how, our to know a neighbor. conversation led to Some work odd hours in taking care of our sharing our faith. orworkfromhome, sitting at their computer all day. Others ignore overtures of friendli-Jesus replied: "Love the door for future ness. Some are seldom us to love our neighbor seen outside, preferring instead to remain inside behind closed curtains and doors.

I might see a neighbor in passing, leaving for work, putting the trash out to be picked up on Fridays, or mowingthelawn. But so far, it's been challenging to connect with those prefer their anonym-

I grew up in the 50s and 60s. It was a time when neighbors interacted daily. Children moms met at each

ment, or the latest world news.

Times have changed

Times have changed. The world is in constant flux. People aren't as friendly. Some are fearful and distrustful. They don't always look out for his. I also wanted to **Finding common** their neighbors. And I must confess there are some neighbors who are hard to love.

Some of us take pride property. Others don't, making it frustrating for the rest of us. But Jesus has commanded as ourselves. It is the second greatest commandmentafterloving "the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

Imustremindmyself I am not perfect. So, with that reminder, I often ask Jesus to help me see my unlovable who, for some reason, neighbors through His eyes.

Each time Ido, I come one step closer to loving them.

Carol Round is a played games together self-syndicated interoutside. Stay-at-home national columnist, Christian author, and The wife, Susie, and other's homes to share inspirational speaker. be outside, I wave as I I, often walk togeth- coffee and recipes. Reach her at carol@

What seniors can do to help safeguard their mental health

STAFF REPORT

No one is immune to issues that can adversely affect their mental health, including men and women nearing retirement age and those who are already retired. Though the term "golden years" suggests life in retirement is one sunny day after another, many individuals 60 and older are dealing with mental health issues.

According to the World Health Organization, approximately 15 percent of the world's adults aged 60 and over suffer from a mental disorder. What makes that statistic even more troubling is that the WHO acknowledges it likely doesn't paint the most accurate picture of seniors and mental health, as depression is often undiagnosed among older men and women and untreated because it co-occurs with other issues affecting seniors.

In the past, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has acknowledged that late-life anxiety was not readily understood. However, much progress has been made in recent years thanks to a heightened awareness of the problem of seniors and mental health. That means seniors now have ample resources they can look to as they seek to learn what they can do to safeguard their mental health.

Recognizing warning signs

The National Institute of Mental Health notes that recognizing the signs of mental health issues is the first step to getting treatment.

Mental health issues vary, and individuals with anxiety will likely experience different symptoms than those with depression. But the NIMH notes that the following are some of the warning signs of mental health issues.

 Noticeable changes in mood, energy level, or appetite

• Feeling flat or having trouble feeling positive emotions

 Difficulty sleeping or sleeping too much

• Difficulty concentrating, feeling restless, or on edge

Increased worry or feeling

· Anger, irritability, or aggressiveness Ongoing headaches, digestive

issues, or pain

· Misuse of alcohol or drugs Sadness or hopelessness

Suicidal thoughts

 Engaging in high-risk activities Obsessive thinking or compulsive behavior

· Thoughts or behaviors that interfere with work, family, or

 Engaging in thinking or behavior that is concerning to others

· Seeing, hearing, and feeling things that other people do not see, hear, or feel

Seeking help

As noted, a growing awareness of mental health issues and how they affect seniors has translated to more available resources for aging men and women who need help. Within the United States, seniors can visit the NIMH Help for Mental

Illnesses webpage (https://www. nimh.nih.gov/health/find-help) to access contact information for various groups that help people in times of mental health crises. In Canada, individuals can visit the Canadian Mental Health

Behaviors that can be beneficial The National Institute on Aging notes that most cases of depression cannot be prevented. However, the NIA also notes that healthy lifestyle changes can have longterm benefits of seniors' mental health. Such changes include:

Association at https://cmha.ca/

find-help/find-cmha-in-your-area/

for contact information for various

groups across the country.

Being physically active

 Eating a healthy diet that can reduce risk for diseases that can bring on disability and depression

 Getting adequate sleep, which for seniors is between seven to nine hours per night

 Remaining socially active, including regular contact with friends and family

· Participating in activities you enjoy

· Sharing mental issues or concerns with friends, family members and your physician

Research indicates that seniors are vulnerable to mental health issues. More information about how to combat and overcome such issues is available at nimh.nih.gov.

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Classifieds



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HOLMES COUNTY FLORIDA PROBATE DATE OF DEATH IS

IN RE: ESTATE OF File No. 2023-Betty Jo Lefebyre Division <u>D</u> Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDI-

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE: notified than an

Order of Summary Administration has estate of. **Betty Jo** File Number 2023-Court for Holmes County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 201 N Oklahoma Street, Bonifay, Florida 32425; that the decedent's date of death was May 15, 2022; that the total value of the estate is \$800.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it by such order are:

Address Angela Lefebvre-Nallick 5412 Covered

Bridge Lane Pace, FL 32571

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTI-

All creditors the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SEC-TION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING

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The date of first publication of this Notice is July 19,

Attorney for Person Giving Notice:

Angela J. Jones Attorney for E-Mail Address:

ajjones@ljslawfirm. Florida Bar No. 096441

Locklin, Saba, Locklin & Jones, P.A. 4557 Chumuckla Highway Pace, Florida 32571

Telephone: (850) 995-1102 Person Giving

Angela Lefebvre-Nallick July 19, 26, 2023

000082 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL HOLMES COUNTY.

IN RE: 2007 Lincoln MKZ Sedan, Vin #3LNHM-28T57R612198 **LEN HUTTO** Case No.: 23-214-CA

NOTICE OF FORFEI-

TO ALL PERSONS WHO CLAIM AN ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY, WHICH WAS SEIZED ON OR ABOUT JUNE 29, 2023, IN HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA.

in the custody of the Holmes County Sheriff's Department. Any owner entity, bona fide lienholder or person in possession of seized has the right to contest the

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of the publicawith a copy of the Response sent to David F. Holmes, Attorney for the Holmes County Sheriff's Department. 136 East awrence Harris Highway, Slocomb, Alabama 36375. A Petition for Final has been filed with the above styled

/s/ David F. Holmes David F. Holmes

rence Harris High-Post Office Box

Slocomb, Alabama 36375 334-886-3123

334-886-2331 (fax) FL BAR NO .: Attorney for the

Petitioner July 26, 2023 000083 IN THE CIRCUIT

COURT FOR HOLMES **COUNTY, FLORIDA** IN RE: ESTATE OF

COREY AARON REYNOLDS PROBATE DIVI-SION File No. 2023-

NOTICE TO CREDI-TORS

Deceased.

The administraof Corev Aaron Reynolds, deceased, whose date of death was June 3, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Holmes County. Florida, Probate Division, the address of homa St., Bonifav. FL 32425. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent

and other persons

having claims or de-

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whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS

NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST

PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA 733,702 WILL BE FOR-

EVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTAND-ING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MÔRE AF-TER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS

BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is July 26, 2023.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Personal Repre-

sentative:

Todd C. Brister Attorney Florida Bar Number: 24522 P.O. Box 1759 Panama City, FL 32402 Telephone: (850) 215-7885 Fax: (850) 215-0379 E-Mail: tbristerlaw@gmail. com Secondary E-Mail: tbrister@ knology.net

1218 Piney Grove Rd. Chipley, Florida July 26, 2023

Michael S. Kriser

August 2, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT **COUNTY, FLORIDA** IN RE: ESTATE OF

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JOHN ARTHUR PROBATE DIVI-SION File No. 2023-000070-CP Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDI-

TORS The administration of the estate of John Arthur Gunwhose date of death vas December 18, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Holmes County. Florida, Probate Divi sion, the address of which is 201 N Oklahoma St. Bonifay, FL and addresses of the personal repre sentative and the

personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE

DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF

envelope clearly marked "BID EN-THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE CLOSED: OBSTRUC-TIME PERIODS SET TRI-COUNTY AIR-FORTH IN FLORIDA PORT." The project 733.702 WILL BE FOR generally includes, EVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDbut is not necessarily limited to the following tasks:

ING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) within the areas YEARS OR MORE AFidentified in the Bid TER THE DECEDENT'S Documents. DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

Beginning on The date of first publication of this Wednesday, July 26, 2023, bidding notice is July 26, documents will be

Tree Removal

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available electroni-

tained by contacting AVCON, INC., by mail

ille, Florida 32578, by

phone at 850-678-

0050, or by email

to Calvin Palmer,

P.E., at cpalmer@

avconinc.com (cc to

Icartell@avconinc.

com). Hard copies

of the above docu-

ments may be pro-

vided at cost. Ques-

tions relating to the

Bid Documents shall

be submitted to the

Engineer in writing

days prior to the bid

The successful bidder shall begin execution of this

contract within five

(5) calendar days

following the date

has established a

Business Enterprise

Disadvantaged

project and DBE

of the Notice to Pro-

ceed. The Tri-County

at least ten (10)

opening date.

at 320 Bayshore

2023. Attorney for Personal Representative:

sentative: Todd C. Brister Attorney Florida Bar Number: 24522 P.O. Box 1759 Panama City, FL 32402 Telephone: (850) 215-7885 Fax: (850) 215-0379 E-Mail: com Secondary -Mail: tbrister@

Personal Repre-

Nancy Gene Brown Kanne Stray er 110 Scissortail Texas 78633 July 26, 2023 August 2, 2023

knology.net

000085 NOTICE TO BID-

OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL

at TRI-COUNTY AIRPORT BONIFAY, FLORIDA Notice is hereby

participation is given that the Triencouraged. county Airport Au-A Non-Mandatory thority will receive sealed bids at the **Pre-Bid Conference** will be conducted at Tri-County Airport Terminal Building, the Airport Terminal 1983 Tri-County conference room Airport Road, Boniat 1983 Tri-County fay, Florida 32425 Airport Road, Bonifay, Florida 32425 (central) time on Tuesday, August Friday, September 8, 2023, at 2:00 pm 1, 2023, for the Obcentral time. Ouesstruction Removal tions related to the project at Tri-County Airport. All bids will Bid Documents will be publicly opened time. Attendance by and read aloud on Friday, September 1, 2023, at 2:30 PM. encouraged but not Bids must be submitted in a sealed **ENGINEER'S CON-**

TACT: Calvin Palmer,

P.E., Project Manager AVCON, INC.

sealed and shall

Drive, Suite "A" Niceville, Florida 32578 Tel: 850-678-0050 All bids shall be

be addressed as follows: **Tri-County Airport** Authority 1983 Tri-County Airport Road

. Bonifay, Florida

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BID ENCLOSED: "OBSTRUCTION RE-MOVAL, TRI-COUNTY AIRPORT"

Funding for this project is being provided by the Florida Department of Transportation. Airport Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any technical or legal deficiencies and to accept any bid that it may deem to be in the best interest of July 26, 2023

000086 Pursuant to FL ST. 713.78. Eastern Diesel &

Auto

Wrecker Service, Inc. will sell at public sale at the following: 2005 S. WAUKESHA Time 8:00 A.M. 2016 bmw x5 5UXKR0C57G0P26033 July 26, 2023

000087 IN THE CIRCUIT **COURT FOR HOLMES** PROBATE DIVISION

23000065PRAXMX IN RE: ESTATE OF

File No.

PENNY J. WOODHAM,

NOTICE TO CREDI-

The administra-Penny J. Woodham, deceased, whose date of death was March 10, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for **Holmes County** Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 397, Bonifay, Florida 32425. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are 215-9090 set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against de-

LEGAL ADVERTISING cedent's estate on

whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS

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PUBLICATION OF

THIS NOTICE.

NOTWITHSTAND-ING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM ILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AF TER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is July 26, 2023.

Personal Representative: Rustin Keith Woodham

1152 Highway 173 Graceville, FL Attorney for

Personal Representative: Laura C. Pvne. Esa. Florida Bar No. 62517 Pyne Law Group,

P.A. 2309 Frankford Avenue, Suite A Panama City, Florida 32405

Telephone (850) July 26, 2003 August 2, 2023

Animal Lives Matter: The hidden cruelty of animal testing



DESTRA MOSES Guest Columnist

Imagine right now, millions of mice, rats, rabbits, primates, cats, dogs, and other animals are locked inside barren cages in laboratories across the country. They languish in pain, suffer from extreme frustration, ache with loneliness, and long to be free. They sit and wait in fear of the next terrifying and painful procedure that will be performed on them. The complete lack of environmental enrichment and the stress of their living situation cause some animals to of animal testing. develop neurotic types of behavior such as non-animal tests more incessantly spinning humane, they also have in circles, rocking back the potential to be cheapand forth, pulling out er, faster, and more relbiting themselves. After enduring a life of pain, tation conducted on aniloneliness, and terror, almost all of them will be killed.

create temporary and arbitrary boundaries to exclude existences who are not like them. Human beings have justified wars, slavery, sexual violence, and military conquests through the mistaken belief that those who are "different" do not experience suffering and are not worthy of moral consideration. "Animals are not ours to experiment on, eat, wear, use for entertainment or abuse in any other way." PETA

There are many nonanimal test methods that can be used in place

Not only are these their own fur, and even evant to humans. While some of the experimenby law, most of it is not. Several countries have

types of consumer goods curiosity- driven medion animals, such as cal experiments at uniand elsewhere.

mals today is required in the U.S. every year in to have more educationcruel chemical, drug, food, and cosmetics tests I am you, only dif- implemented bans on as well as in medical ferent: Human beings the testing of certain training exercises and



the cosmetics-testing versities. Animals also bans in the European suffer and die in class-Union, India, Israel, room biology experi-New Zealand, Norway, ments and dissection, even though modern More than 100 million non-animal tests have animals suffer and die repeatedly been shown al value, save teachers time, and save schools money. Examples of animal tests include forcing mice and rats to inhale toxic fumes, force-feeding dogs pesticides, and dripping corrosive chemicals into rabbits' sensitive eyes. Even if a product harms animals, it can still be marketed to consumers. Just because a product was shown to be safe in animals does not guarantee that it will be safe to use in humans.

Animals are also used in toxicity tests conducted as part of massive regulatory testing programs that are often funded by U.S. taxpayers' money.

The Environmental Protection Agency, the Food and Drug Administration, the National Toxicology Program, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture are just a few of the government agencies that subject animals to crude, painful tests. Each of us can help prevent animal suffering and deaths by buying cruelty-free products and donating only to charities that do not experiment on animals.

Remember we speak for them! We are the voices to end the cruel testing and experimentation on animals. Let us demand the immediate implementation of humane effective non-animal tests by government agencies and corporations.

Destra Moses is a Holmes County resident and animal advocate. Contact her at destramoses@yahoo.com

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Hometown Haircuts offering free back-to-school haircuts

Local K-12 students can receive free food and back-to-school haircuts from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on August 4 at the Chipley High School gymnasium, thanks to a joint effort by FLAChoppas, Cut n Dye, and KuttaKyle. For more information, contact Kyle Aycock at 850-718-6512 or at kuttakyle@ gmail.com

Tiny Art Show and Fundraiser Auc-

The Chipley Branch of the Washington County Library is hosting a Tiny Art Show and Fundraiser Auction. The library invites you to show off your creative talents in this event. Pick up a 4×4 " canvas at the library for a \$1 donation and create a mini masterpiece at home in your choice of medium. Return your completed canvas no later than Thursday, August 31.

Tiny Art submissions will be news@holmescounty.news

displayed throughout the library September 4-14 and included in the library's fundraiser auction on Thursday, September 14.

Auction proceeds will be used to purchase Experience Kits and Memory Care Kits for adult patrons. Canvases are available now for pick up (1 per patron while supplies last). Voting will take place from 6 p.m. top 8 p.m. Thursday, September 14. Submissions should be family friendly. Ages 18+ and all skill levels are welcome to participate.

Andrew Elton Williams Family Re-

The 120th annual Andrew Elton Williams Family Reunion will be Saturday, October 7, at Galilee United Methodist Church, located on Galilee Road in Graceville. Registration is at 9 a.m., and the program begins at 10:30. For more information, contact: Lamar Faircloth at 850-547-2275 or 850-326-3045.

Submit community events to: news@washingtoncounty.newsor

Lonely Paws Club

Princess is looking for her purr-fect subjects . [NAN THOMPSON | The News and Advertiser]

STAFF REPORT

Though it might be most instantly associated with a popular film directed by famed director Alfred Hitchcock, vertigo is a serious condition that can affect anyone in a household, including the family dog. Also known as vestibular disease, vertigo primarily affects older dogs. The vestibular system helps dogs maintain their balance, and vertigo is marked by the sudden disturbance of that balance. According to Union Animal Hospital in Spokane, Washington,

dogs afflicted with vertigo usually stagger, but some may be unable to stand and, in

rare cases, dogs may pets begin to improve roll over and over. within 72 hours, and notes that head tilt and in two to three weeks. a irregular jerking eye Treatment for vertigo movements known as can be discussed with nystagmus are addi- a veterinarian, and the tional symptoms of persistence of sympvertigoindogs. Various toms for more than

owners, VCA

Animal Hospi-

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Vertigo and your pet



VCA Animal Hospitals mostfully recover with-

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I have been at the Chipley Animal Shelterfor nearly a month, and the accommodaa royal name, but you tions just aren't what should be accustomed

If you would like to I am a beautiful, will have to be spayed give me a kingdom, call Stephanie at 850-326-6417.

Lonely Paws Club spots. My extra tall adoption. Now to the is a weekly feature to help shelter animals find a loving home, I am approximately ily: My favorite food, brought to you by Paw a year old. I am a very lots of toys, a warm Barn Pet Resort and *Kent Smith Group.*





Home of the Diver Down flag and the year-round 68-degree chill. SWIMMING • DIVING • JEEP TRAILS • CAMPING • LIVE MUSIC

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