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# Bonifay Mayor and attorney resign, police chief fired

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The City of Bonifay has seen major changes in leadership over the last week following a series of controversial events.

Bonifay City Council held an emergency meeting Tuesday, September 5, to address the resignation of Mayor Dr. Emily McCann and the termination of Police Chief Jimmy Macon. Subsequently, City Attorney Michelle Jordan tendered her resignation when the City met again in regular session Monday, September 11. Jordan gave the council 60 days notice but not an official reason for her resignation.

McCann's resignation cited safety concerns via a brief letter.

"The constant and recent threats against the safety of my council, employees and family are too much," states the letter. "While it has been a dream to support the city in this capacity, I cannot continue to put the safety of my family and myself at risk."

According to Jordan, a former Bonifay police officer, along with others in the community, were allegedly making

threats on social media towards McCann. "Information on McCann's whereabouts, her home, and visitors to her home were also posted," said Jordan. "These were believed to be intended to intimidate McCann"

Per the city charter, Vice-Mayor Larry Cook became Interim Mayor and the council voted James Sellers in as the new vice- mayor.

Mayor Cook advised the council and those in attendance of the termination of Bonifay Police Chief Jimmy Macon.

A letter addressed to Chief Macon from Mayor Cook explained the reasons for his termination citing negligence and insubordination. The letter states, "The purpose of this letter is to notify you of your termination from employment with the City of Bonifay, effective immediately. Due to your negligence in leaving your badge and service weapon in the Golden Corral restaurant in Dothan, AL. on August 15 and for your insubordination and unprofessional conduct at the August 28, regular city council meeting.

The letter further states employees submitted memorandums regarding

feeling unsafe during the August 28 meeting which were placed in Macon's personnel file.

Cook states the safety of co-workers and citizens are top priority and that this action did not come lightly.

Comments from those in attendance went unanswered per Florida Statute 286.0114 3(a), which states: an official act that must be taken to deal with an emergent situation affecting the public health, welfare or safety, if compliance with the requirements would cause unreasonable delay in the ability of the board or commission to act.

Johnny Whitaker was appointed as Interim Police Chief with Chuck White retaining the second in command position with the Bonifay Police Department.

A public hearing was held for Macon during the September 11 meeting, a right afforded him by statute; however, Macon did not exercise his right to attend the meeting or address the council.

The vacant seat on the council is expected to be filled in an upcoming meeting.



## Matthew Ryan Peoples One charged in Labor Day homicide

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A Bonifay man has been charged in the death of another man on Labor Day.

Matthew Ryan Peoples, 33, is facing an open count of murder after he shot a neighbor in the chest.

According to the Bonifay Police Department report, several 911 calls came into dispatch regarding an altercation at a residence in Bonifay. As officers arrived on scene, Peoples was waving his hands in the air in an attempt to get the officer's attention. Upon assessing the scene, officers found a man lying on the ground with what appeared to be a gunshot wound to the chest, upon checking for a pulse, none was found. Crime scene tape was immediately placed to secure the area.

Peoples official statement says he became involved when his sister called their mother because she and the victim were arguing. Peoples and his mother went to his sister's residence to take them to the mothers house and away from the arguing. Peoples stated he went back to his mothers house where he retrieved the gun and loaded it. He further stated he stood in the doorway of the home in case the victim tried to enter.

According to the statement, Peoples said he "guessed his sister had went back next door" and that he was scared for her so he put the gun in his waistband, put on a shirt and walked outside by his truck. Peoples sister and the victim were arguing, when he told her to come back over to where he was. Peoples stated he told the victim, "I have my gun, don't come near our yard or in our yard."

At this time, according to Peoples statement, the victim came rushing toward him with balled fists in what he took as aggression. Peoples stated the victim ran up to him and Peoples

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Canadian geese took a break from migrating at the junction of Wrights Creek and the Choctawhatchee River near Caryville. Photographer Keith Hudson took the opportunity to capture the moment. For more photos, see Page B1. [CONTRIBUTED]

# Washington County among first communities to receive FEMA targeted assistance for hazards

**STAFF REPORTS**

Washington County is among communities eligible for increased federal support for resiliency to natural hazards.

FEMA recently announced the initial designation of 483 census tracts that will be eligible for increased federal support to become more resilient to natural hazards and extreme weather worsened by the climate crisis. Congress directed FEMA to make these designations in the Community Disaster Resilience Zones Act of 2022 and implement this bipartisan legislation to help build resilience to natural hazards in communities most at risk due to climate change.

FEMA will use Community Disas-

ter Resilience Zones designations to direct and manage financial and technical assistance for resilience projects. For example, for federal agencies, the legislation provides additional federal cost-share for projects in designated zones. The zone designations can also help the private sector, nonprofits, philanthropies, and other non-federal partners target investments in community resilience.

The act aims to increase resilience efforts and preventative measures designed to address underserved communities most at-risk to natural hazards. Consistent with legislative direction, FEMA considered natural hazard risk from a national and state level while accounting for factors that reflect disaster impacts felt by

coastal, inland, urban, suburban and rural communities. FEMA also ensured that each state has at least one Community Disaster Resilience Zone in these initial designations.

"These designations will help ensure that the most at-risk communities are able to build resilience against natural hazards and extreme weather events, which are becoming increasingly intense and frequent due to climate change," said FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell. "This aligns with Congress's direction and other FEMA initiatives to get federal support and resources to the communities that need them most."

This initial set of designations covers all 50 states and the District of

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# Bonifay sets tentative millage and budget

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Bonifay City Council met in special session Sep. 7, to set the tentative millage and budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

For the first time in more than five decades, Bonifay City Council set a millage rate to collect Ad Valorem taxes. The tentative millage rate was set at 3 mills which will bring in \$354,575 in revenues. The funds are earmarked for the city to enter the Florida State Retirement system (FRS). In order to enter FRS, funds that long-term employees have paid in through the previous retirement system will need to be paid into FRS to give those employees the time credit they have currently earned above eight years of service.

The tentative budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year has been set at \$5,888,531.81 which the city will operate on. Of that, \$802,587.82, has

been set for the Bonifay Police Department. The new BPD budget is \$167,272/33 higher than the original proposed budget of \$635,315.49. During the August 28 meeting, after deciding to keep the police department open, Councilman James Sellers requested to have an increased budget somewhere between the proposed amount and the \$1.1 million dollar budget originally proposed by Former Chief Jimmy Macon. Council approved the newly proposed budget item, tentatively.

As public discussion ensued concerning the budget, emotions ran high among the crowd. Bonifay resident Richard Willsey addressed the council on the budget and why the council was adding a millage rate this year. “We have a Busy Bee coming that will bring the city so much more in revenues,” said Willsey. “Why don’t we wait for that instead of adding mills?



Bonifay City Council members set the tentative millage and budget on September 7. From left: Mayor Larry Cook, Clerk Rickey Callahan, Councilman James Sellers, Councilwoman Shelley Carroll and Councilman Rick Crews. [DIANE M. MOORE | The News and Advertiser]

Now is not the time to enter FRS when we are in such a budget crunch.”

Prior to the meeting beginning, Mayor Cook advised the public that one bang of the gavel would be a warning to come to order, on the second bang, the speaker would be removed.

Willsey attempted to address the council for a

second time and was told it was not allowed.

“It is good enough for our congressmen and our national government to yield their time to another member for speaking, I think it is good enough for us,” said Willsey.

“You’re out of order,” exclaimed Cook.

“You’re out of order,”

replied Willsey.

Cook then had Willsey removed from council chambers.

In the end, several residents were removed from the meeting for disruption amid displeasure from most in attendance.

Bonifay City Council will meet again in regular session at 6 p.m. on September 11.

# Holmes BOCC sets tentative budget, millage

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The Holmes County Board of County Commissioners set the tentative 2023-2024 budget Tuesday September, 5 at a budget hearing.

The proposed millage will remain at 9.4916, which is 5.61 percent greater than the rollback rate of 8.9871. Leaving the rate as it is, will generate a small increase of revenue, which is needed to balance the general and transporta-

tion funds.

The total expenditures for the 2023-2024 year is set at \$34,075,559.00.

Final Budget hearing is set for September 25 at 5:01 p.m.

Board approved the request of Jon Rone, Executive Director, Holmes County Development Commission, to reinstate three members of the Board of Directors. They are: Rhonda Sapp (District 4), Brian Shultz (District 2), and Rickey Callahan (District 3). Their

new terms of service will expire on September 30, 2027.

George Warthen of Florida Fish and Wildlife (FFW) is currently using space at the recycling center and has requested a larger area for field laboratories, and other needed portable buildings.

After Chronic Wasting disease in deer was found in Holmes County, and hunting season is approaching, the demand for testing will increase. Commissioners

suggested the old landfill location as it provides acreage and fencing. The use of the landfill by the agency will come at no cost to the county as FFW is a state agency. County Manager David Corbin and Warthen will visit the site and bring back a recommendation to the board.

Holmes County Board of County Commissioners will meet again in regular session at 9 a.m. on September 19.

# Good Eats: Food Truck Fridays in Esto



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Are you hungry? Like to try new things? Well Food Truck Fridays, might just be the ticket.

Esto is a main route to Enterprise, Alabama or Panama City Beach, but for those not paying attention you might go right through it and not even realize it.

The sleepy little town is trying new things to bring people into the town and believe there is no better way than with food.

The hard work of Shawna Powell, Assistant Town Clerk has produced “Food Truck Fridays.”

Every Friday a new food truck will arrive to tempt your taste buds, beginning September 1 at 1075 N. Highway 79, Esto.

Here is the line up: **September 15 - Cubano’s on the go**

**September 22 - Blaz’n Wingz and Thingz**

**September 29 - Scoops**

**October 6 - Tin Pig**

**October 13 - Poppy’s Pizza**

**October 20 - Thai Taste Express**

Come out and try one or all of the treats above.

## FEMA

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Columbia. These designations can be explored on an interactive map on FEMA’s website. Additional information on the designation methodology and criteria is available. More Community Disaster Resilience Zone designations, including tribal lands and territories, are expected to be announced in the fall of 2023.

An additional designation of zones will occur in 12-18 months based on updates to the National Risk Index, lessons learned from these initial designations and stakeholder input. Examples of planned updates to the National Risk Index include additional data on tsunami and riverine flood risk.

This new law amends the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Recovery and Emergency Act to direct use of a natural hazard risk assessment index, like FEMA’s National Risk Index, to identify communities which are most at risk of the effects of natural hazards and climate change. For these designations, this methodology uses a tailored version of the National Risk Index

that includes socioeconomic status, household characteristics, house type and transportation themes from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Social Vulnerability Index.

The designation methodology also advances the Biden-Harris Administration’s whole-of-government commitment to environmental justice by incorporating the White House Council on Environmental Quality’s Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool, which identifies disadvantaged communities that are underserved and overburdened by pollution and climate risk.

Designated zones will have prioritized access to federal funding for resilience and mitigation projects. For example, this fall, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) will make awards for the Climate-Smart Communities Initiative program funded by the Inflation Reduction Act to accelerate the pace and reduce the cost of climate resilience-building for communities across the United States.

NOAA will work with communities to co-develop equitable climate resilience plans that can be readied

for funding and implementation. The priority is to assist communities that are at the highest risk to climate impacts and have the most need for assistance, such as the FEMA-identified Community Disaster Resilience Zones.

The vision for the Community Disaster Resilience Zone Act, passed with bipartisan support in December 2022, is to leverage collaboration and cross-sector coordination across all levels of government, philanthropic foundations, private non-profits, universities, the insurance industry and private businesses.

FEMA will continue to engage the public as it refines the natural hazard risk assessment methodology to designate the zones, consults with local jurisdictions and implements post-designation support from a range of public and private resources and Secretary of State Cord Byrd argued during a hearing last month that the U.S. Constitution’s Equal Protection Clause prevented using a district similar to the district Lawson held because it would involve racial gerrymandering.

The disputed district, Congressional District 5, in the past stretched

from Jacksonville to Gadsden County, west of Tallahassee, incorporating areas that had large Black populations. The 2022 plan put the district in the Jacksonville area. But Marsh wrote that the state had not proven gerrymandering.

DeSantis cited the equal-protection issue as he effectively took control of the congressional redistricting process last year. He vetoed a plan passed by the Legislature and called a special session that ultimately led to a map that helped lead in the November elections to Florida Republicans increasing their number of U.S. House members from 16 to 20.

While the case initially addressed other districts, attorneys for the plaintiffs and the state last month agreed to narrow it to Congressional District 5. In the agreement, the state acknowledged that “if the non-diminishment standard applies to North Florida, then there is no Black-performing district in North Florida under the enacted map.”

But the state maintained “that the Equal Protection Clause would nonetheless prohibit the creation of a Black-performing district in North Florida.”



# Williams ‘humbled’ to be appointed Supervisor of Elections

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Howard “Rusty” Williams has always wanted to serve his community so when he got the call that he had been appointed as the new Holmes County Supervisor of Elections (SOE) he knew he had accomplished his goal.



RUSTY WILLIAMS

Williams served multiple terms on the Bonifay City Council and two terms on the Holmes County School Board but had the end goal of becoming SOE, a goal he reached in August.

While in this office, Williams wants to improve voter turnout by educating and informing voters on candidates, amendments and referendums to allow them the knowledge they need to cast their votes.

“I am a believer in an open-door policy,” said Williams. “We want to serve our community to the best of our ability. I am big on customer service, so I want people to call or stop by with

any questions they may have about a candidate or anything to do with an election. Voters should go to the polls with the knowledge they need to cast their ballot with confidence; we want to help them do just that.”

Williams left behind his job of 16 years at the Florida Department of Transportation to take on the SOE office where he says his entire staff has been amazing.

“The staff here have been so helpful and are extremely knowledgeable,” said Williams. “Fellow Supervisors have reached out to me and have also been very helpful. This is government and it should run efficiently. We are work-

ing to make the election process as seamless as possible.”

The previous SOE Therisa Meadows retired in June after serving Holmes County in various positions for more than 25 years. Williams says she served Holmes County well.

“Therisa left some big shoes for me to fill,” Williams said. “I hope to do as great in this job for the people of Holmes County.”

The office of the Supervisor of Elections will be up for election in November 2024; Williams says he fully intends to run when the time comes.

The first big election for the new SOE will be held in March for the presidential primary.

## Gov. appoints Brad Drake as Walton County Commissioner

### STAFF REPORT

Former State Representative Brad Drake was appointed to the Walton County Board of County Commissioners by Gov. Ron DeSantis, last week.

Drake represented Holmes and Washington counties during his time in the Capitol.

Drake, of DeFuniak

Springs, is the Director of Rural and Community Affairs for the Florida Department of Transportation. He served as a Representative in the Florida House of Representatives from 2008 to 2012 and again from 2014 to 2022. Drake earned his bachelor’s degree in economics from the University of Florida.



Brad Drake

## PEOPLES

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shot him in the chest.

Peoples then said he went in the house, unloaded the gun, put it in a room, walked back outside, got on his knees with his hands behind his head and waited for the police to arrive.

The name of the victim has not yet been officially released by the State Attorney’s Office but the Holmes County Advertiser will continue to follow this case and will update as information becomes available.

Peoples is set for arraignment on October 4.

## State urges using ‘Marsy’s Law’ in death investigations

### NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA


**TALLAHASSEE** — Nearly five years after voters passed a constitutional amendment about victims’ rights, Attorney General Ashley Moody’s office Monday urged the Florida Supreme Court to use the measure to make it harder for Death Row inmates to get stays of execution.

Moody’s office cited the amendment, known as “Marsy’s

Law,” in a document arguing that the Supreme Court should reject a request by inmate Michael Duane Zack for a stay of his scheduled Oct. 3 execution.


If the Supreme Court agrees with the Marsy’s Law argument, it would “heighten” a standard used in determining whether to grant stays after death warrants have been signed, according to the document.

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| STREET   | 10860   | 10860    |
| RECREATION   | 0       | 0        |
| FIRE   | 48000   | 48000    |
| VOLUNTEER FIRE FUND                                  | 5000    | 5000     |
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# OPINION

## Jimmy Buffett was a super-spreader of happiness



**TOM PURCELL**  
Guest Columnist

There’s a reason the name “Jimmy Buffett” elicits immediate joy in the hearts of millions: happiness contagion. A study conducted by Harvard University and the University of California followed 5,000 people for 20 years to determine if happiness was contagious. The study’s finding: it most certainly is.

If you smile at a stranger as you hold a door open for him, you transfer a positive, happy energy that he can’t help but enjoy. Better yet, according to Psychology Today, the study finds that the happiness you just infused in a stranger is shared by him to approximately three others, who in turn share it with others and so on. Jimmy Buffet, who died Sept. 1 at age 76, was a master of happiness contagion—filling me with joy since I first heard of him at a “Buffet Party” in a Penn State dorm room back in the 1980s. Buffet said that his audience worked hard all week long and it was his job to give fans two

full hours of joy and have fun doing it. He knew exactly what he was doing as an entertainer. “It’s pure escapism is all it is,” he told the Republic. “... I think it’s really a part of the human condition that you’ve got to have some fun. You’ve got to get away from whatever you do to make a living or other parts of life that stress you out.” For someone who portrayed himself as laid back and easy going, he was actually a happy workaholic. He didn’t start playing guitar until his first year in college at Auburn, then promptly flunked out because he was having so much fun strumming and singing, reports

the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. He eventually graduated in 1969 with a history degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, then bounced around New Orleans and Nashville for a few years. In 1970, while working as a reporter for Billboard, he got his first record deal—only selling 324 albums, according to the New York Times. By 1971 he made his way to Key West, Florida, fell promptly in love with the place, moved there and began writing his Caribbean-themed songs. In 1973 his second record release was a success and the hits began coming —

culminating in 1977 with the groundbreaking “Margaritaville,” which is still one of the world’s best-known songs. But Buffett was just getting started. A savvy businessman would soon emerge. He took ownership of the Margaritaville brand and built a billion-dollar empire that “includes over 30 hotels and resorts and 150 restaurants, bars, and cafes,” reports Inc. He also published a half dozen best-selling fiction, non-fiction and children’s books. Jimmy Buffett makes me feel like a slacker, but his story is a reminder that with a little talent, a little luck and a lot of hard

work, amazing things can still be achieved in America. Better yet, his story reminds us that any of us has the power to spread happiness — something he did on a magnificent scale. In a modern world in which so many people choose to be smug, snarky, judgmental and divisive — thank you, social media — we can all do our small part to unleash a happiness contagion through our kindness, our smiles and our eagerness to hold the door open for strangers. Or through one of my favorite methods: Singing “Margaritaville” on Karaoke Night.

## Dad’s lumbar moving company



**JASE GRAVES**  
Guest Columnist

Recently, my wife and I accomplished a task almost as daunting as giving our cat a pill or teaching our youngest daughter to drive without committing widespread curb trauma. In two days, we managed to move our two older daughters (and several cargo containers’ worth of semi-grown daughter stuff) into new apartments in two different college towns over 100 miles from each other.

Apparently, my daughters are acutely allergic to remaining in a particular college residence for more than one academic year. Forcing them to do so would undoubtedly trigger symptoms like heavy sighing, involuntary eye-rolling and refusing to use cute emojis when responding to parental text messages. In other words, this wasn’t my first rodeo when it comes to moving my daughters to their respective college dwellings. And I think I’d rather be featured in an actual rodeo than do this again — although my back would probably feel about the same afterward. Not only did this move mark yet another milestone in my journey away from

being a dad of little girls who still held my hand while reaching for my wallet, but it also pushed me further in the inevitable direction of having my suppers at 4:30 p.m. and trying desperately to preserve the remains of my vertebrae. Naturally, I started the ordeal with a chicken biscuit from Chick-fil-A (to get right with God). My middle daughter was first on our tour of luxury student housing complexes across East and Central Texas. Although she hasn’t stockpiled nearly as much garage sale fodder as my eldest and most expensive daughter, she more than makes up for it with her mania for unnecessary interior décor. We spent at least as much time at Walmart and Hobby Lobby purchasing various knickknacks, whatnots, dust collectors and other objet

## How are you doing in the best friend department?



**DANNY TYREE**  
Guest Columnist

“So, Dan — what are you doing tonight?” After 40-plus years, I can still hear one of my best friends from college asking that dreaded question. No matter how many homework assignments, romantic entanglements and writing deadlines occupied my plate, Jack would invariably cajole me into some series of nerdy antics. I have felt guilty over the decades. Family responsibilities and work responsibilities (and let’s face

it — channel-surfing responsibilities) ensured that (a) I drifted away from Jack after college and (b) I failed to visit him before his premature death. (I’m not so overwrought about high school friends who escaped from my orbit. If they failed to “stay cool” and “always remember French class,” they voided the warranty!) But, ironically enough, I see I have plenty of company in my isolation. According to figures cited by the Wall Street Journal, 40 percent of Americans say they don’t have a best friend at all — up from 25 percent in 1990. I understand competitor USA Today attributed this statistic to (a) spontaneous combustion from climate change and (b) white supremacists declaring, “I’m

so supreme I don’t even need other white people, although I would like to borrow a skill saw, and the occasional six-pack would be appreciated”; but I’ll try to focus on my original source. (Speaking of which, the Journal conveniently failed to quote anyone admitting, “After spending thirty bucks a week on the Journal, I don’t have any MONEY for tagging along to the @%^& gun-and-knife show!”) Frankly, I feel unworthy of being the recipient of the sort of devotion described in James Taylor’s “You’ve Got a Friend.” I don’t want someone dropping everything to come to my rescue — especially if they’re directing airplanes onto a landing strip. (“Winter, spring, sum-

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GRAVES

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d’art as we did in the actual moving process. And if you’ve ever been in a Walmart around the time that school starts, you know that some cage fighting and advanced first aid skills come in handy. Once we had our middle daughter settled and fully festooned, we

traveled southward to move our eldest daughter into her apartment, which mainly involved transporting enormous spine-shattering cardboard boxes that once held patio furniture and were then crammed with enough designer and thrifted clothing (some of it never worn) to outfit Taylor Swift’s entire fan base. Our daughter then had to make agonizing decisions regarding which clothes to keep

and which she would need to donate back to the thrift shop since her new closet is only about the size of my entire living room. I am happy to say that, as a gesture of her gratitude, our eldest daughter invited us to take her out to eat at an excellent Tex-Mex restaurant called Gringo’s, where I overdosed on the Queso Loco dip and woke up the next morning with a chili-con-carne hangover.

Although my wife and I were a bit sad as we drove back home to nurse our spinal columns and readjust to domestic life without our two older daughters, we are proud of their independence, and we anticipate the bittersweet day when our youngest daughter will spread her own wings and soar off to college. Anyone know of a cheap moving company? Asking for a friend.

TYREE

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mer or fall...you’ll keep working until you pay for airplane and all.” In a perfect world, it’s healthy to have a confidante you can use as a sounding board. But considering the news sources some people rely on, your sounding board might be crawling with termites. Society’s mixed signals exacerbate the BFF shortage. “A dog is man’s best friend.” “A boy’s best friend is his mother.” “Your spouse should be your best friend.” “People, let me tell you ‘bout my best friend. He’s a one-boy cuddly toy, my up, my down, my pride and joy.” And so forth. Apparently, best friends

don’t roam solo across the hedge; they come in a bulk container from Costco! The problem may accelerate as people learn to outsource friend duties. I call it the Dirty Dozen strategy. If you can bust a bunch of people out of prison in return for their wearing hideous bridesmaid gowns, what’s the point of harassing sorority sisters? Our culture still offers opportuni-

NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Holmes County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing to consider the adoption of a Supplemental Budget for the fiscal year 2022-23 on: Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 9:00 a.m., Commissioners’ Meeting Room, Admin Building, 107 East Virginia Avenue, Bonifay, Florida A summary of receipts and expenditures proposed to be adopted is hereby published as required by law.

HOLMES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 2022-23 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET #1

GENERAL FUND

REVENUES:

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Original Budget                              | 19,076,961 |
| <b>Additional Revenues:</b>                  |            |
| Additional Ambulance Revenue                 | 50,000     |
| Interfund Transfer from Transportation Trust | 228,382    |
| Total Supplemental Budgeted Revenues         | 19,355,343 |

EXPENDITURES:

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Original Budget                          | 19,076,961 |
| <b>Additional Expenditures:</b>          |            |
| Ambulance Overtime                       | 50,000     |
| Project Gateway Loan-Interest Payment    | 228,382    |
| Total Supplemental Budgeted Expenditures | 19,355,343 |

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION

Pursuant to Section 10.02.08 of the Washington County Land Development Code (LDC), notice is provided regarding a Special Exception. The Special Exception request is to build a 20' x 20' concrete pad and erect a 180' broadband communications tower within the Agriculture/Silviculture Future Land Use Category. The tower is proposed to support the County’s internet broadband network.

Applicant: Brian K. Pegues, Wildstar Networks  
Location: Creek Road, Vernon, FL 32462  
Parcel Identification Number: 00-4661-0013 (± 206.43 acres)

The Public Meeting and Public Hearings listed below are scheduled. In the event of a cancellation, additional notification will be issued.

A Neighborhood Information Meeting will be held on September 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. CDT in the County Commission Board Room at 1331 South Boulevard, Chipley, FL 32428.

The Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on October 2, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. CDT in the County Commission Board Room at 1331 South Boulevard, Chipley, FL 32428.

Records for this application may be reviewed at the Washington County Planning Department, 1331 South Boulevard, Chipley, FL 32428.

For additional information, contact the Planning Department at (850) 415-5093. September 6, 13, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION

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Applicant: Brian K. Pegues  
Location: 250 Rock Hill Church Road, Cottondale, FL 32431  
Parcel Identification Number: 00-0205-0000 (± 10 acres)

The Public Meeting and Public Hearings listed below are scheduled. In the event of a cancellation, additional notification will be issued.

A Neighborhood Information Meeting will be held on September 21, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. CDT in the County Commission Board Room at 1331 South Boulevard, Chipley, FL 32428.

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT

Pursuant to Section 10.02.08 of the Washington County Land Development Code (LDC), notice is provided regarding a Future Land Use Map Change. The Future Land Use Map Amendment is to change the current Future Land Use Map Category from Agriculture/Silviculture to Residential Low.

Applicant: Henry T. Chambers  
Location: 1447 St. Mary’s Road, Caryville, FL 32427  
Parcel Identification Number(s): 00-4985-0001 (+/- 9.81 acres)

The Public Meeting and Public Hearings listed below are scheduled. In the event of a cancellation, additional notification will be issued.

A Neighborhood Information Meeting will be held on September 21, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. CDT in the County Commission Board Room at 1331 South Boulevard, Chipley, FL 32428.

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Pursuant to Section 10.02.08 of the Washington County Land Development Code (LDC), notice is provided regarding a Future Land Use Map Change. The Future Land Use Map Amendment is to change the current Future Land Use Map Category from General Commercial to Agriculture/Silviculture.

Applicant: Ryan & Tabitha Williams  
Location: Hwy 77, Chipley, FL 32428  
Parcel Identification Number(s): 00-3140-0014 (+/- 4.95 acres)

The Public Meeting and Public Hearings listed below are scheduled. In the event of a cancellation, additional notification will be issued.

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Applicant: Larry Bruner  
Location: Hwy 77, Chipley, FL 32428  
Parcel Identification Number(s): 00-3140-0015 (+/- 4.48 acres)

The Public Meeting and Public Hearings listed below are scheduled. In the event of a cancellation, additional notification will be issued.

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# 5th annual WCSO Rodeo sees large crowds



Cowboys throw their hands in the air once their calf is secured during the calf roping portion of the WCSO Rodeo. [NAN THOMPSON | THE NEWS AND ADVERTISER]]



Mindy Smith carried Ol' Glory during WCSO Rodeo's grand entry. [NAN THOMPSON | The News and Advertiser]

**NAN THOMPSON**  
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Cowboys big and small were out to compete and cheer others competing at the 5th annual Washington County Sheriff's Rodeo on September 8 and 9.

Cody Boyett sang the national anthem while Mindy Smith carried the American flag during the grand entry opening ceremony.

The two night event had something for all ages. Young cowboys and cowgirls tried their hands at stick pony races and mutton bustin'. The older crowd enjoyed watching the calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping and bull riding events.

The WCSO Rodeo is a fundraising event where the funds go towards their Toys for Tots Christmas program and other community driven programs.



These boys had the best seats in the house at the WCSO Rodeo. [NAN THOMPSON | The News and Advertiser]

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## Idalia gives State Guard its first run

**NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA**

Hurricane Idalia gave Gov. DeSantis his first chance to run out the Florida State Guard, which he revived in 2022.

While in Perry on Monday, DeSantis said the state guard was deployed for the first time in 75 years to help in storm-recovery efforts.

"They've operated with distribution in Live Oak," DeSantis said. "They've helped unload and distribute donated supplies, as well as delivering meals to impacted Floridians. So, thanks to our Florida State Guard for their inaugural deployment of the 21st century."

During a press event two days earlier, DeSantis was flanked by members of the state guard, including Rep. Tom Fabricio, R-Miami Lakes.

Fabricio said the state guard augments the Florida National Guard.

"If you look at the numbers per capita, the ratio of (Florida National) guardsmen to Florida residents are the lowest in the nation," said Fabricio, who went through the state guard's first boot camp.

The state guard was initially set up during World War II to replace Florida National Guard members who were deployed abroad. It became inactive in 1947.

After being revived in 2022, the state guard was expanded from 400 to 1,500 members this year, and the Legislature increased its funding from \$10 million to \$107.6 million, which covered the costs of five aircraft and boats.

A June 30 news release from the governor's office announced the state guard's first graduating class of more than 100 members.



# Holmes County Arrest Reports

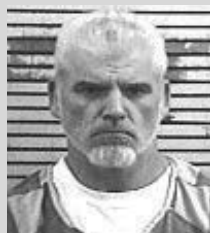
The following arrests were made in Holmes County between September 1 and September 7 as reported by the Holmes County Jail. All subjects are considered innocent until convicted.



**Jonathan Travis Bartle,** 35, Caryville- VOP/VOCC: Grand theft motor vehicle [HCSO]



**Brandon Maurice Biddle,** 29, Bonifay- DWLSR habitual offender [HCSO]



**Phillip Lloyd Davis,** 49, Westville- VOCC: Possession of weapon or ammo by a convicted felon [HCSO]



**Michael Kelsey Glenn Jr.,** 38, Ponce De Leon- Failure to register motor vehicle, possession of controlled substance without prescription [HCSO]



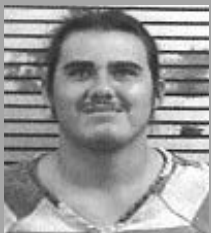
**Dominic Edwin Goodwin,** 35, Graceville- Sale of methamphetamine, possession or use of drug paraphernalia Sale of methamphetamine, possession or use of drug paraphernalia [HCSO]



**Symphony Samantha Kowalczyk,** 20, AL- VOP: possession of methamphetamine [HCSO]



**Tommy Ray Marsh,** 44, NONE- FTA: possession of controlled substance, FTA: sale of methamphetamine, FTA: possession of marijuana less than 20 grams, FTA: possession or use of drug paraphernalia [HCSO]



**Jeremias Edward Mataluna,** 21, Bonifay- VOP: No valid DL, possession of controlled substance without a prescription, possession or use of drug paraphernalia [HCSO]



**Hannah Mills,** 32, NONE- Possession or use of drug paraphernalia [HCSO]



**Justin Mills,** 36, SC- Criminal property damage over 1000 dollars, larceny: petit theft first offense, possession or use of drug paraphernalia [HCSO]



**Matthew Peoples,** 33, Bonifay- Homicide [BPD]



**Ashely Nicole Rhodes,** 40, Bonifay- Battery, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon [HCSO]



**Andre Joseph Russell,** 23, Milton- Out of county warrant [HCSO]



**Candida Moses Schultz,** 47, Ponce De Leon- Battery [HCSO]



**Brian W Schultz,** 44, Bonifay- Battery [HCSO]



**Adam Roy Smith,** 34, TX- Possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana under 20 grams, possession or use of drug paraphernalia [HCSO]



**John David Smith,** 42, AL- FTA: DWLSR [HCSO]



**Ricky Laboughn Smith,** 48, Bonifay- Battery on person 65 YOA or older [HCSO]



**Teresa Jean Viers,** 46, Bonifay- Sale of methamphetamine, possession or use of drug paraphernalia [HCSO]



**Jacob Aurel Virgan,** 35, CA- Possession of controlled substance without prescription, possession or use of drug paraphernalia, trafficking methamphetamine 14 grams [FHP]



**Bobby D Williamson,** 33, AL- VOP: S/M/D Methamphetamine [FWC]

# Washington County Arrest Reports

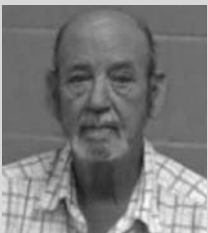
The following arrests were made in Washington County between August 31 and September 7 as reported by the Washington County Jail. All subjects are considered innocent until convicted.



**Frank Michael Antun,** 35, Chipley- Battery [WCSO]



**Gabriella Dianne Barnes,** 32, Chipley- DUI drugs or alcohol [WCSO]



**Donald Franklin Brannon,** 61, Chipley- Simple assault: threat to do violence [WCSO]



**Darryl Bruce Bray,** 59, Vernon- Possession of weapon or ammo by a convicted felon, possession of marijuana less than 20 grams, possession of weapon: short barreled rifle or machine gun, schedule 1 sale of marijuana, possession or use of drug paraphernalia [WCSO]



**Richard Edmund Buswell,** 39, Caryville- Aggravated battery on person 65 YOA or older [WCSO]



**Laurie Ann Cobb,** 56, Chipley- Fraud: possess or display blank forged or stolen driver's license or ID, fraud: obtain services, fraud/ impersonation: solicitor misrepresent identity first offense, fraud/ impersonation: Use or possess ID of another person without consent [WCSO]



**Steven Keith Davis,** 54, Chipley- Kidnapping adult, resist officer without violence, possession of weapon or ammo by convicted felon, battery second or subsequent offense [WCSO]



**Sandra Lee Fortune,** 52, Caryville- Simple assault: threat to do violence [WCSO]



**Lee Earl Gaskins,** 68, Chipley- Grand theft of motor vehicle [WCSO]



**Creshawn Laferall Heath,** 28, Palm Bay- Out of state fugitive warrant [WCSO]



**Dona D Jackson,** 46, Cottondale- Use or display firearm during felony, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession or use of drug paraphernalia, resist officer without violence [WCSO]



**Lee Annie Jones,** 68, Chipley- Simple assault: threat to do violence [WCSO]



**Antoine Nmn Jordan,** 38, GA- Possession of weapon or ammo by a convicted felon, Driving without license causes death/serious injury with vehicle. [WCSO]



**William Ryan Kirkland,** 30, Chipley- DWLS: child support [WCSO]



**Raymond Lopez,** 53, Panama- No charges available [WCSO]



**Ahmad Rashad Mobley,** 24, NC- Sex offense: victim 12 YOA up to 15 YOA [WCSO]



**Danielle Marie Palmer,** 32, Ponce De Leon- Possession of controlled substance without a prescription [WCSO]



**Tommy Lee Pemberton,** 34, Panama City- DWLSR [WCSO]



**Kevin Lynn Pierce,** 48, Chipley- Obscene communication: use computer to seduce solicit lure a child [WCSO]



**Andre Jermaine Ranglin,** 22, Bonifay- Burglary with assault or battery, contempt of court: violate no contact order, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon X2, Cruelty towards child/ abuse: abuse causes great bodily harm/ disability [WCSO]



**Elijah Lee Roberts,** 40, Vernon- VOP: possession of controlled substance [WCSO]



**Tiffany Anne Roberts,** 42, Chipley- Possession of controlled substance without a prescription [WCSO]



**Kimberly Lynn Robinson,** 35, Chipley- DWLSR [WCSO]



**Gary Gene Sewell,** 42, AL- DWLSR [WCSO]



**Larissa Suzanne Soles,** 31, Chipley- Battery [WCSO]



**Marvin Russell Stone,** 32, Chipley- Possession of controlled substance without prescription, possession of marijuana more than 20 grams [WCSO]



**India Lee Tavares,** 52, Chipley- Battery [WCSO]



**Jackie Roy Thomas,** 48, Caryville- No charges available [WCSO]



**Isaiah Jerome Thompson,** 25, Hollywood- Out of county warrant: Possession of weapon or ammo by convicted felon [WCSO]



**Shayon Londrey Washington,** 45, Chipley- Battery [WCSO]



**Shelia Cheri Wiley,** 46, AL- DWLSR [WCSO]



**Anthony Jason Williams,** 45, Fountain- Battery [WCSO]



**Patrick Jason Williams,** 47, Chipley- Homicide: premeditated first degree murder, battery by person detained in prison or jail facility [WCSO]



**Ryan Elliot Wright,** 37, OH- DWLSR [WCSO]



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ing to the document. “The Marsy’s Law amendments to the Florida Constitution require Florida’s courts to modify the stay-of-execution standard to account for the victims’ rights to be free from unreasonable delay and prompt finality,” Moody’s office argued.

But Maria DeLiberato, executive director of Floridians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, called the state’s approach “a stretch” and pointed to already-existing procedural rules in appeals.

“Trying to use Marsy’s Law to truncate litigation at the execution stage is too far of a reach.

The specific procedures outlined in the rules of criminal procedure contemplate this exact pro-

cess,” DeLiberato, an attorney, said.

Zack’s attorneys on Sunday filed a motion for a stay of execution and a broader appeal that focused heavily on arguments that Zack should be shielded from execution because of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.

His attorneys contend that putting him to death would violate a constitutional ban on executing people with intellectual disabilities.

Gov. Ron DeSantis on Aug. 17 signed a death warrant for Zack in the 1996 murder of a woman in Escambia County.

The warrant came after state and federal courts turned down a series of appeals over nearly two decades, including appeals dealing with whether he was intellectually disabled.

Escambia County Cir-

cuit Judge Linda Nobles on Aug. 31 denied a request for a stay of execution and rejected other arguments. Nobles wrote that Zack’s argument about Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is “procedurally barred,” in part, because courts in the past have rejected intellectual disability claims by Zack.

In Monday’s document, Moody’s office contended that a stay should be denied under a current legal standard. But it also argued that the Supreme Court should go further and toughen the standard because of Marsy’s Law.

Marsy’s Law, passed in 2018, included a wide range of issues about victims’ rights, but the arguments by Moody’s office focus on part of the amendment that says victims have a “right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay, and to a prompt and final

conclusion of the case and any related postjudgment proceedings.”

Moody’s office said the Supreme Court should set a new standard that would apply after death warrants are signed. Under such a standard, an inmate seeking a stay would be required to show that arguments aimed at blocking the execution could not have been made earlier.

“This (Marsy’s Law) right should be protected by a threshold analysis of whether the defendant’s claim could have been brought before a death warrant was signed. If the claim could have been brought earlier, then a stay should be automatically denied,” the response said. “The victims’ constitutional rights to ‘prompt’ finality and freedom from ‘unreasonable delay’ demands no less.”

Also, Moody’s office urged justices to “announce this rule now and ensure capital defendants and their counsel across Florida are aware they cannot wait until a warrant is signed to employ extraordinary efforts and expect a stay.”

But DeLiberato said the appeals process includes safeguards related to stays.

“It’s the last opportunity for any claims to be raised to make sure that Florida is executing the most-aggravated and least-mitigated, quote-unquote, the worst of the worst,” she said.

A jury in September 1997 convicted Zack of first-degree murder in the murder of Ravonne Smith. Zack also is serving a life sentence for murdering another woman in Okaloosa County shortly before Smith was killed.

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| <p><b>000289</b><br/><b>NOTICE OF AP-PLICATION FOR TAX DEED</b> Notice Is Hereby Given <b>FIG 20 LLC</b>, 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 Number <b>21-00-00548</b> Year of Issuance <b>2021</b> Parcel <b>000000000-00-3158-0005</b> assessed to <b>MOSES L ROGERS</b> Description <b>1 2 14 20 ORB 39 P 248 W1/2 OF SW1/4 OF NW1/4</b>. 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. REALTAXDEED.COM on OCTOBER 24, 2023 at 10:00 AM CT. Lora C. Bell, Clerk of Court, Washington County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk August 23, 30, September 6, 13, 2023</p> <p><b>000304</b><br/><b>NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED</b> Notice Is Hereby Given <b>ATCF II FLORIDA-A LLC</b>, 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 Number <b>21-00-00882</b> Year of Issuance <b>2021</b> Parcel <b>000000000-00-4202-0018</b> assessed to <b>LISA SMITH</b> Description <b>2 2 15 .45 ORB 1182 P 91 BG. 820'S, 240'E OF NWC, RN E 200',S 100',W 200', N 100' TO POB, AS DESC IN ORB 1182 P 91, AKA LOT 5 COOK S/D</b>. 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. REALTAXDEED.COM on OCTOBER 31, 2023 at 10:00 AM CT. Lora C. Bell, Clerk of Court, Washington County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk August 30, September 6, 13, 2023</p> | <p>By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk August 30, September 6, 13, 20, 2023</p> <p><b>000322</b><br/><b>NOTICE OF AP-PLICATION FOR TAX DEED</b> Notice Is Hereby Given <b>FIG 20 LLC</b>, 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 Number <b>21-00-00775</b> Year of Issuance <b>2021</b> Parcel <b>000000000-00-3738-0001</b> assessed to <b>REBECCA HOPE WOODHAM AKA REBECCA HOPE CORBIN MICHAEL SCOTT CORBIN</b> Description <b>29 3 14 5.1 ORB 731 P 24 BEG NWC OF NE4 OF NW4, S 300', E 440', N 300', W 400' TO POB AS DESC IN ORB 731 P 24 AND PRCL DESC IN ORB 802 P 409 AS FOLLOWS: BEG NWC OF NE4 OF NW4, E 440' TO POB, S 300', E TO EXISTING ROW OF OWENS COMMUNIT Y RD, NE ALNG ROW TO INTERSECT ION WITH S ROW LN OF BRUNER DA IRY RD, W ALNG ROW LN OF BRUNER DAIRY RD TO POB..</b> 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. REALTAXDEED.COM on NOVEMBER 14, 2023 at 10:00 AM</p> <p>CT. Lora C. Bell, Clerk of Court, Washington County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk September 13, 20, 27, October 4, 2023</p> <p><b>000323</b><br/><b>NOTICE OF AP-PLICATION FOR TAX DEED</b> Notice Is Hereby Given <b>FIG 20 LLC</b>, 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 Number <b>21-00-00882</b> Year of Issuance <b>2021</b> Parcel <b>000000000-00-4063-0000</b> assessed to <b>WENDLE W DOUGLAS</b> Description <b>35 4 14 20 OR 918 P 475 SW4 OF NW4 OF SE4, NW4 OF SW4 OF SE4, &amp; ESMT</b>. All of said property being located in the County of Washington, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the prop-</p> | <p>erty described in such Certificate will be sold to the highest bidder ONLINE AT WASHINGTON. REALTAXDEED.COM on NOVEMBER 14, 2023 at 10:00 AM CT. Lora C. Bell, Clerk of Court, Washington County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk September 13, 20, 27, October 4, 2023</p> <p><b>000324</b><br/><b>NOTICE OF AP-PLICATION FOR TAX DEED</b> Notice Is Hereby Given <b>FIG 20 LLC</b>, 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 #: <b>21-00-00068</b> Year of Issuance: <b>2021</b> Parcel: <b>000000000-00-0201-0000</b> Assessed To: <b>MARY E PATRICK</b> Description: <b>16 4 12 32.4 ORB 432 P 357 S2 OF SE4, N2 OF SE4 S. OF H-WAY LESS PRCL DESC IN OR 242 P 2232, ORB 432 P 359, ORB 602 P 53, LESS SOUTH 934' OF S1/2 OF SE1/4 AS DESC IN ORB 677 P 166, ORB 1216 P 920. ORB 1226 P 292</b> 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. REALTAXDEED.COM on NOVEMBER 14, 2023 at 10:00 AM CT. Lora C. Bell Clerk of Court, Washington County Florida By: Kelsey Odom, Deputy Clerk September 13, 20, 27, October 4, 2023</p> <p><b>000343</b><br/>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO: 23-245 DIVISION: DR Charles Sullivan &amp; Ashley Sullivan, Petitioner And Jeremias Mata-Luna, Respondent NOTICE OF ACTION FOR Concurrent Custody by Extended Family TO: Jeremias Mata-Luna 202 Aretta St Bonifay, FL, 32425 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Concurrent Custody by Extended Family has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Charles and Ashley Sullivan, whose address is 892 Usery Rd, Chipley, FL, 32428 on or before 09/21/2022, an file the original with the clerk of Court at 1293 W Jackson Ave #100, Chipley, FL, 32428, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.913(a) (2), Notice of Action for Family Cases With Minor or Dependent Child(ren) (06/18) 12.285, Florida Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings. Dated: 08/21/2023</p> <p>Lora C. Bell Clerk of Circuit Court, Washington County September 8, 13, 20, 2023</p> <p><b>000345</b><br/>IN THE FOUR-TEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA L&amp;M DREAMS, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, Plaintiff, v. CASE NO. 2023-CA-92 ELIZA H. WASHINGTON (also referred to as Eliga H. Washington) and others, Defendants. NOTICE OF AC-TION TO: ELIZA H. WASHINGTON (also referred to as Eliga H. Washington, if alive, or if deceased, his heirs,</p> | <p>devisees, lienors, creditors, or other claimants through ELIZA H. WASHINGTON (also referred to as Eliga H. Washington), and NORA LEE WASHINGTON, if alive, or if deceased, her heirs, devisees, lienors, creditors, or other claimants through NORA LEE WASHINGTON, AND ALL other persons interested in the lands described below</p> <p>YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Complaint to Quiet Title to the following described property in Washington County, Florida: A parcel of land in Section 4, Township 4, Range 13, as in OR Book 1256, page 793, described as “begin at the SE corner of the Zeke West Lot, run West parallel with 3 rd Avenue to the West line of Lot 4, Block 18, then South 65 feet, then East to the East line of Lot 4, Block 18, then North 65 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of Lot 4, Block 18, Town of Chipley, in the N ½ of the NE 1/4 of Section 4, T4N, R13W, Washington County, Florida”, and being parcel number 000000000-00-1283-0000; said lands more particularly described as follows: Commence at the intersection of the East right of way of State Road 77 and the South right of way of Coggin Avenue; thence South 89°19'59" East along the South right of way of Coggin Avenue, for a distance of 404.62 feet to the Northwest corner of a parcel described in Official Records Book 1051, page 339; thence South 04°31'55" East along the West line of said parcel for a distance of 70.26 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 89°19'59" East along the South line of aforementioned parcel, for a distance of 201.84 feet to the West right of way of Martin Luther King Drive; thence South 04°03'24" East along said right of way for a distance of 65.22 feet; thence leaving said right of way North 89°19'59" West for a distance of 201.30 feet; thence North 04°31'55" West for a distance of 65.27 feet to the Point of Beginning. has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on A. Clay Milton, P.O. Box 1508, Marianna FL 32447, Attorneys for Plaintiff, on or before September 30, 2023, and file the original with the Clerk of Circuit Court in Washington County, 1293 W. Jackson Avenue, #100, Chipley, FL 32428; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief prayed for in the Complaint. This notice shall be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Washington County News. WITNESS my hand and seal of said court at Chipley, Washington County, Florida on this 22 nd day of August, 2023. CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT By: <u>/s/ Kelsey Odom</u> Deputy Clerk (CIRCUIT COURT SEAL) A. Clay Milton Fuqua &amp; Milton, P.A. P.O. Box 1508 Marianna FL 32447 (850) 526-2263 cmilton@fmc.legal Attorneys for Plaintiff August 30, September 6, 13, 20, 2023</p> <p><b>000353</b><br/><b>IN THE COUNTY COURT, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA</b> TYNDALL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff, vs. A.E. PARNELL A/K/A ARCH EDWARD PARNELL AND UNKNOWN PARTY IN POSSES-SION,, Defendants. CASE NO. 2023 CC 000011</p> <p><b>NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE</b> Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Clerk of Circuit Court, Washington County, Florida, will on October 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., (CST) and 11:00 a.m. (EST) online at washington.realforeclose.com, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash, the property located in Washington County, Florida, as follows: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE S89°39'05"E ALONG SECTION LINE 592.49 FEET; THENCE S00°20'55"W, 225.00 FEET; THENCE N89°39'05"W, 15.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S00°20'55"E, 225.00 FEET; THENCE N89°39'05"W, 191.00 FEET; THENCE N00°20'55"E, 225.00 FEET; THENCE S89°39'05"E, 191.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. ALONG WITH A 1995 MOBILE HOME ID#GMHGA 224942978 TOGETHER WITH A NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER AND ACROSS THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: ALL THAT PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, LYING WITHIN 15 FEET RIGHT AND LEFT OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED CENTERLINES: 1. COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE S89°39'05"E ALONG SECTION LINE 592.49 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF CENTERLINE; THENCE S00°20'55"W, 837.55 FEET; THENCE S54°12'27"E, 78.99 FEET; THENCE S68°55'57"E, 137.40 FEET; THENCE N32°19'21"E, 199.57 FEET; THENCE N21°49'15"E, 71.07 FEET; THENCE N30°54'30"E, 268.89 FEET; THENCE N89°39'05"W, 461.28 FEET TO END OF CENTERLINE. 2. 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Bell, Clerk of Circuit Court By: _____ Deputy Clerk Copies Furnished To: James E. Sorenson, Esquire Stephen Orsillo, Esquire Sorenson Van Leuven, PLLC Post Office Box 3637 Tallahassee, FL 32315-3637 creservice@svl-law.com (E-Service E-Mail Address) Attorneys for Plaintiff A. E. Parnell a/k/a Arch Edward Parnell 1080 Gator Pond Road Chipley, FL 32428 Defendant September 6, 13, 2023</p> <p><b>000365</b><br/><b>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOUR-TEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA</b> CASE NO: 2022CA000069</p> <p>LOANCARE, LLC, Plaintiff, -vs- KIM A. DAVIS; LORI C. DAVIS, Defendant(s)</p> <p><b>NOTICE OF SALE</b> NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Order on Plaintiff's Motion to Reschedule Foreclosure Sale entered on August 31, 2023 in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on October 18, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. (CT), https://washington.realforeclose.com.</p> <p><b>LOTS 10 AND 11 OF BLOCK 1 IN CITY OF CHIPLEY, ACCORDING TO THE CHAS B. DUNN'S PROPERTY PLAT ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, THE LAND CONVEYED BEING IN AND A PART OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST</b> Property Address: 1374 WESTBOURNE AVE, CHIPLEY, FL 32428 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 BEFORE THE CLERK REPORTS</p> | <p>THE SURPLUS AS UNCLAIMED Dated: August 31, 2023. LORA C. BELL, CLERK WASHINGTON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT By: Kelsey Odom Deputy Clerk (Court Seal) <b>AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT</b> 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. Box 826, Marianna, Florida 32447; Phone: 850-718-0026; Hearing &amp; Voice Impaired: 1-800-955-8771; Email: ADARequest@jud14.ficourts.org</p> <p>September 6, 13, 2023</p> <p><b>000366</b><br/>The following vehicles will be sold at public auction at Nichols Auto Repair and Towing at 1146 Jackson Avenue, Chipley, FL 32428 at 8:00 am on the following dates: 2007 Yamaha JYAVM01EX7A103690 October 2, 2023 2007 Honda September 13, 2022</p> <p><b>000369</b><br/>The following vehicles will be sold at public auction Nichols Auto Repair and Towing, 1146 Jackson Avenue, Chipley, FL 32428 in the following dates: 2014 Hyun 5NPDH4AE0EH518342 October 10, 2023 2006 Ford 1FAPF23156G114796 October 10, 2023 2001 Toyota 4T3ZF19C0U1U334776 October 10, 2023 September 13, 2023</p> <p><b>LAND/ACREAGE</b><br/>1-Acre plot and 2-Acre plot in Jacob City Florida (850) 849-9338</p> <p><b>AUCTION</b><br/>Annual Farm and Construction 8:00 a.m. September 16, 2023</p> <p><b>NEW LOCATION</b><br/>2710 Overpass Rd. HWY 231 S CAMPBELLTON, FL 32426 Local Farm Dispersals, Estates, Bank Repos, Sheriff Depts., City and County, Plus Approved Consignments 850-258-7652 CHAD MASON 850-849-0792 GERALD MASON www.masonauction.com</p> |                   |                   |                   |



# CELEBRATE

## ‘Scene around’ Holmes and Washington

**DIANE M. MOORE**  
Dmoore@kentsmith.biz

We asked our readers to send in photos they’ve taken of magical moments and beautiful scenery in Holmes and Washington counties and they understood the assignment. From serene shots on the Choctawhatchee River to a humming-

bird having a bite to eat, the beauty of the two counties poured in. If you have a photo you would like to see featured in a future edition, send your submissions to [news@holmescounty.news](mailto:news@holmescounty.news) or [news@washington-county.news](mailto:news@washington-county.news).



This hummingbird was caught frozen in time by Cheryl Gainer McCall.



Silver-lined clouds were captured on Highway 79 by Kristen Day.



Burntsock Landing at Holmes Creek looks serene in this photo submitted by Michelle Cross.



A quiet moment at Falling Waters State Park swimming area is rare, and Angela Doss took advantage to snap this shot.



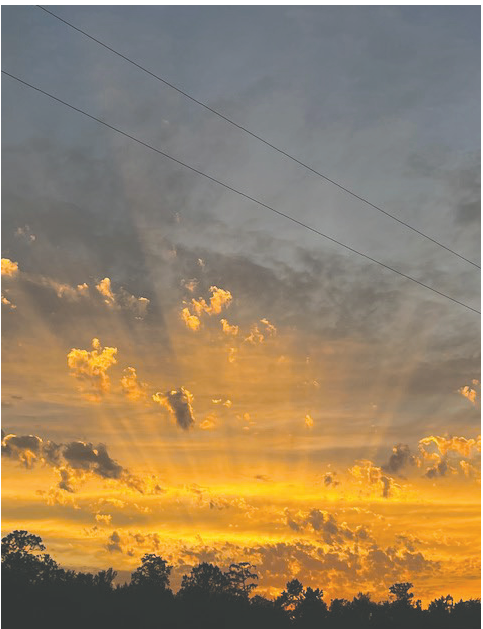
Flowers at No Place Like Holmes Farm grow aplenty as seen in this photo by Reba Lane.



Clayton Marshall was caught on camera by his mom Amanda Marshall while paddleboarding on Boat Lake.



Stef Ibbetson captured a colorful sunset in Bonifay.



Kristen Day captured another sunset on Highway 79.



Makenna Marshall tested the waters at Daniels Lake while her mom Amanda Marshall captured the moment.



Keith Hudson shored his kayak on the bank of the Choctawhatchee River near the East Pittman Creek Landing and took this great shot.



Juanita Jacobs captured this deer in the yard of her home in Bonifay.



# SCHOOLS & EDUCATION

## FUN & GAMES

### SUDOKU

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#### Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

#### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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#### CLUES ACROSS

1. Type of crayon

7. Fashion accessory

10. Most cerebral

12. Incline from vertical

13. Dependent on

14. Broken in

15. Strongly desires

16. Mounted soldier

17. Ad \_\_; when necessary

18. Cattle

19. Ottoman military commanders

21. \_\_ student, learns healing

22. Composed in poetic meter

27. Promotional material

28. Where people live
33. Sodium

34. Embarrassing

36. Medical man

37. Mother of Hermes

38. One who saves the day

39. Tooth caregiver

40. Not clothed

41. Slope covered with loose stone:

44. Used to cook

45. Praises enthusiastically

48. Rooney is a famous one

49. Beekeeper

50. Pigpen

51. Potato chip brand
1. Living quarters

2. Horizontal passage

3. Attacks

4. Vietnamese offensive

5. Midway between east and southeast

6. Confined (abbr.)

7. Book of Esther antagonist

8. Port in Yemen

9. CNN's founder

10. Type of bulb

11. Prepare

12. Promoted

14. Dinner jackets

17. Partner to cheese

18. Nebraska city

20. Human gene

23. Pays no attention to
24. Lowland South American plain

25. Blood group

26. Mauna \_\_, Hawaiian volcano

29. Atomic #37

30. Unit of electrical resistance

31. Jeweled crowns

32. Nastiest

35. Traditional cars need it

36. Bowler hat

38. Robust

40. Not straight

41. Stony waste matter

42. Have an interest in

43. Jacob \_\_, journalist

44. Maintains possession of

45. Swiss river

46. Average cost of market goods

47. Spanish soldier: El \_\_

## AgVocator Scholarship Application Now Open

#### STAFF REPORT

Farm Credit of Northwest Florida is offering one scholarship up to \$24,000 to a high school senior, college freshman or sophomore with plans to pursue a career in agriculture. This scholarship will cover \$3,000 for eight semesters totaling \$24,000 for a student's tuition throughout their four-year undergraduate degree. Additionally, Farm Credit will provide a paid internship during their junior or senior year of college. If you're planning to study a field in production agriculture, ag education, ag economics, agribusiness or another field related to agriculture, you are eligible to apply.

At Farm Credit of Northwest Florida, we are AgVocators, meaning that we actively support

the well-being of agriculture and rural America. The scholarship will be awarded to an individual based on their involvement in agriculture, their rural community, academics, leadership qualities and their passion for being a voice for agriculture. We offer scholarships to invest in the future of agriculture and help prepare today's youth to become tomorrow's leaders. Our desire through our scholarship program is to encourage new AgVocators to use their talents to create better communities where they live.

The application deadline is February 23, 2024 at 5pm CST/ 6pm EST.

To receive a copy of the application and to learn more about the guidelines and eligibility, visit [www.GoRural.net](http://www.GoRural.net).



## Lonely Paws Club



Spaz is the name, fun is my game.

I'm a little bundle of fun.

I'm approximately 3 years old, weighing in at eight to nine pounds.

A Chihuahua named Spaz, Who would do this?

I love to run and play, but I don't think I over do it.

I was brought to Bonifay from Arkansas, by a wonderful rescuer in hopes of finding a new home. I'm here at BARRK Rescue, and

having a blast, but I want to find my new family.

I am cute, sweet, and lovable. I can be a lap dog or a playmate.

I am good with other dogs, I don't think I have seen a cat.

I love older children, little ones tend to frighten me at times.

I will require a fenced yard for my safety. But I will never turn down a nice walk on a leash.

I'm up for adventures, you have some for me?

My rabies vaccine is up to date till 2025. I was given a 12 month heartworm vaccine, and I'm microchipped. How great is that? I'm ready and waiting for my new home.

If interested in me or any of my friends here at BARRK Rescue contact Kim at 850 768-0157.

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

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### PAW BARN PET RESORT

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FOOD



One-pot chicken stew  
[STEPHANIE HILL-FRAZIER | CONTRIBUTED ]

WHAT SOUTHERN FOLKS EAT

Blessed be the tie that binds

**Stephanie Hill-Frazier**  
Guest Columnist

*“Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love,  
the fellowship of kindred minds  
is like to that above” -  
John Fawcett, 1772*

Beach Baptist Chapel on St. Joe Beach was my home church for many years, and I still consider it home. We joined that little church in 1976, when it was a simple white wooden structure with a few tiny outbuildings and squeaky screen doors, and it wasn’t long before I understood there was something special about that place. Inside its small sanctuary with its creaky old pews and small congregation who came so faithfully to sing, keep nursery, teach Sunday school and listen to the preacher’s sermons, we became part of a family.

A grandmotherly figure in the family was Mrs. Rochelle Jackson. She played the organ or piano for us each Sunday morning, her sweet, trilling voice barely audible over her instrument. We sang along with her to the old hymns of faith such as “Rock of Ages,” “Amazing Grace” and “Victory in Jesus.” Mrs. Jackson and her tiny dog were regulars at the

church, as she was also our church secretary, typing out the bulletins and printing them, keeping the pastor’s schedule, answering calls and myriad other tasks.

I would often stop in to say hello to her when I was out riding my bike around the neighborhood. I knew Mrs. Jackson was there if I saw her old car, a well-kept Ford Falcon, I believe, in the parking area. She always wore a dress, hose, and sensible shoes, had her gray hair in a neat bun, and had a smile for me and a few kind words in her measured, ladylike voice. She was like the wise, kind matriarch of our small church family. In fact, the tree that is on the church property on the corner of Desoto Street and Alabama Avenue was planted for Mrs. Jackson in the 1980s; she chose the tiny tree, and it was dedicated informally by those of us who helped plant it in her honor. She would be so pleased to see how large it has grown to this day.

I remember one Sunday when I was a teenager our pastor suggested that we begin singing a song called “Blest Be the Tie” at the end of our Sunday morning service, before we headed back out the church doors for the day. The lyrics spoke so well to the fellowship that I felt within that little church.

“Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love,  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.”

It was a very sweet way to end our Sunday service. It reminded us that, as we went back out into the real world, there was a group of people who met within the walls of that sanctuary who looked out for each other. None were perfect; we were regular people in need of forgiveness, but at least we knew we had each other. I sat through many a Wednesday night prayer meeting listening as people shared their heartaches and fears with each other and then prayed for each other. We prayed each other through cancer diagnoses, financial distresses, lost jobs, big decisions, wayward children, and even deaths.

Another verse of the song illustrates that part of a strong church family so well:

*“We share our mutual woes,  
our mutual burdens bear,  
and often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.”*

The beauty of that is that when you share your burdens with others, those burdens are halved, and relationships are strengthened. I saw that in action as folks pitched in to sit with

people in the hospital, mow yards for the injured or disabled, take care of children when parents went job hunting, and donate food and clothing to the church for whoever might need it. What beautiful, practical ways to express that we really are all part of a family.

Now, on Sundays after we sang “Blest be the Tie” and we headed back home, mama would start making our Sunday dinner, which is what we called our big meal just after church. (I know most of y’all know that, but it bears repeating for the younger folks or any non-Southerners who may not know.)

She’d make things like chicken and dumplings, fried chicken, or steak and gravy. There would be mashed potatoes, or a pot of fluffy white rice for my South Carolina-born daddy to enjoy. Sometimes in cooler months she would make a big pot roast with vegetables, or a big chicken pot pie. Those were good days, with good eating around the dinner table, usually followed by a nap, or, when we were teenagers, an afternoon on the beach.

I made a simple stovetop chicken stew last week that reminded me of mama’s Sunday afternoon chicken pot pie, so I thought that it’d be a good way to wrap up this reminiscence about

the blessedness of meeting together with our church family and of breaking bread at home with our family there. It’s a favorite meal because it’s quick to make, so when everyone’s hungry it doesn’t take long to get on the table. I hope you like it, too.

This meal would be just about perfect if served with a big, fluffy buttermilk biscuit to dunk into the broth of the stew, but if you don’t have those, garlic bread is a tasty option.

Maybe you could even share some with one of your neighbors or fellow church members who may need a little warmth and encouragement this week, because we all need a little more family in our lives, and a simple bowl of delicious stew is a good place to start.

Enjoy!

*Stephanie Hill-Frazier is a writer, food blogger and regional television chef, whose on-air nickname is “Mama Steph.” She grew up in Gulf County, on St. Joe Beach, a place she will forever call home. She is married and has three young adult sons who are considerably taller than she is. You can find more of her recipes at [whatsouthernfolkseat.com](#) and at [Facebook.com/whatsouthernfolkseat](#).*

One-pot chicken stew

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2-3 cloves minced garlic (or equivalent from a jar)
- 1/2 teaspoon celery seed
- 1 1/2 to 2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- 12 ounce bag frozen mixed vegetables
- 6 ounces of frozen sliced carrots (You can do more or less than this, depending upon how you feel about carrots, which we like a lot.)
- 1/2 onion, chopped
- 3 sprigs fresh thyme (or about 1 teaspoon dried thyme)
- 2 14-ounce cans sliced new potatoes, drained
- 1 heaping tablespoon plain flour
- 3 cups chicken broth or stock
- Salt and pepper

Method:

1. In a Dutch oven or soup pot, warm the olive oil over medium-high heat. Add to it the onion and frozen vegetables, and cook for five minutes to allow vegetables to soften and begin cooking.
  2. Add the garlic and stir in.
  3. Add the flour, sprinkling it over the vegetables, and then stir to coat them with it.
  4. Chop the chicken thighs into two or three pieces each, then sprinkle with salt and pepper. Add to the pot.
  5. Add the potatoes and celery seed to the pot, and then pour the broth over it all, and stir. Drop in the thyme.
  6. Bring to a simmer, and then allow to simmer for about 15 minutes, or until the chicken is cooked through. Stir occasionally so that the stew doesn’t stick to the bottom of the pot.
- If you used fresh thyme sprigs, remove the sprigs before serving. Taste the gravy for seasoning, and add a bit more salt if needed.



TOWN OF PONCE DE LEON - PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2023-2024

| ESTIMATED REVENUES   | GENERAL FUND   | WATER FUND   | SEWER FUND   | TOTAL          |
|--|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| TAXES:- AD VALOREM @ 1.5000 MILLAGE RATE   | \$28,065.00    | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$28,065.00    |
| SALES TAX  | \$1,620.00     | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$1,620.00     |
| WATER/SEWER UTILITY FEES   | \$ -           | \$223,680.00 | \$242,320.00 | \$466,000.00   |
| IMPACT FEES  | \$ -           | \$2,500.00   | \$ 2,500.00  | \$5,000.00     |
| CEMETERY   | \$7,000.00     | \$ -         | \$           | \$7,000.00     |
| DONATIONS  | \$2,500.00     | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$2,500.00     |
| FRANCHISE FEES   | \$26,800.00    | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$26,800 .00   |
| FIRE DEPARTMENT  | \$25,200.00    | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$25,200.00    |
| GAS TAX REVENUE  | \$12,500.00    | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$12,500.00    |
| TAP FEES   | \$-            | \$2,000.00   | \$2,000.00   | \$4,000.00     |
| TOWN HALL  | \$7,200.00     | \$-          | \$-          | \$7,200.00     |
| RECREATION   | \$4,044.00     | \$-          | \$-          | \$4,044.00     |
| RENTAL INCOME  | \$86,000.00    | \$-          | \$-          | \$86,000.00    |
| STATE OF FLORIDA   | \$206,000.00   | \$-          | \$-          | \$206,000.00   |
| CDBG   | \$600,000.00   | \$-          | \$-          | \$600,000.00   |
| CDBG - CV  | \$950,000.00   | \$-          | \$-          | \$950,000.00   |
| USDA MATCHING GRANT  | \$1,000,000.00 | \$-          | \$-          | \$1,000,000.00 |
| EQUIPMENT GRANT  | \$75,000.00    | \$-          | \$-          | \$75,000.00    |
| UTILITY TAX  | \$107,200.00   | \$-          | \$-          | \$107,200.00   |
| SEARCH GRANT   | \$30,000.00    | \$-          | \$-          | \$30,000.00    |
| INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT   | \$196,500.00   | \$-          | \$-          | \$196,500.00   |
| TOTAL SOURCE   | \$3,365,629.00 | \$228,180.00 | \$246,820.00 | \$3,840,629.00 |
| FUND BALANCES/RESERVE/NET ASSETS   | \$-            | \$-          | \$-          | \$-            |
| TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & BALANCES   | \$3,365,629.00 | \$228,180.00 | \$246,820.00 | \$3,840,629.00 |
| EXPENSES   |                |              |              |                |
| SALARIES   | \$103,274.00   | \$20,726.00  | \$ 39,000.00 | \$ 163,000.00  |
| SALARIES - COUNCIL/MAYOR/CHIEF   | \$13,545.00    | \$-          | \$-          | \$ 13,545.00   |
| INSURANCE  | \$131,600.00   | \$           | \$-          | \$131,600.00   |
| UNIFORMS   | \$-            | \$2,000.00   | \$2,000.00   | \$4,000.00     |
| GAS TAX EXPENSE  | \$12,500.00    | \$-          | \$0          | \$12,500.00    |
| ELECTIONS/MEDIA  | \$4,000.00     | \$-          | \$-          | \$4,000.00     |
| CEMETERY   | \$1,500.00     | \$-          | \$-          | \$1,500.00     |
| TOWN HALL  | \$2,000.00     | \$-          | \$-          | \$2,000.00     |
| OFFICE EXPENSE   | \$8,500.00     | \$4,250.00   | \$4,250.00   | \$17,000.00    |
| FIRE DEPARTMENT  | \$25,200.00    | \$-          | \$           | \$25,200.00    |
| LEGAL/ACCOUNTING   | \$28,800.00    | \$7,600.00   | \$7,600.00   | \$44,000.00    |
| RECREATION   | \$4,044.00     | \$-          | \$-          | \$4,044.00     |
| SUPPLIES   | \$8,128.00     | \$8,640.00   | \$8,640.00   | \$25,408.00    |
| JACOBS   | \$-            | \$127,468.00 | \$127,468.00 | \$254,936.00   |
| REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE  | \$1,620.00     | \$           | \$           | \$1,620.00     |
| SALES TAX  | \$1,620.00     | \$-          | \$-          | \$1,620.00     |
| SEARCH GRANT   | \$30,000.00    | \$-          | \$-          | \$30,000.00    |
| CDBG   | \$600,000.00   | \$-          | \$-          | \$600,000.00   |
| SERVICE FEES   | \$3,725.00     | \$1,023.00   | \$1,023.00   | \$5,771.00     |
| SINKING FUND   | \$             | \$34,200.00  | \$34,200.00  | \$68,400.00    |
| CDBG-CV  | \$950,000.00   | \$-          | \$-          | \$950,000.00   |
| EQUIPMENT GRANT AND MATCH  | \$100,000.00   | \$-          | \$-          | \$100,000.00   |
| USDA MATCHING GRANT  | \$1,000,000.00 | \$-          | \$-          | \$1,000,000.00 |
| INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT   | \$196,500.00   | \$           | \$           | \$196,500.00   |
| TRANSPORTATION   | \$1,201.00     | \$2,935.00   | \$2,935.00   | \$7,071.00     |
| UTILITIES  | \$107,590.00   | \$ 17,022.00 | \$17,388.00  | \$142,000.00   |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES   | \$3,365,629.00 | \$228,180.00 | \$246,820.00 | \$3,840,629.00 |
| FUND BALANCES/RESERVE/NET ASSETS   | \$-            | \$-          | \$-          | \$-            |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES TRANS-FERS, RESERVES & BALANCES  | \$3,365,629.00 | \$228,180.00 | \$246,820.00 | \$3,840,629.00 |
| THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE REFERENCED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD |                |              |              |                |



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Early Learning Coalition of Northwest Florida's Board of Directors Meeting

The Early Learning Coalition of Northwest Florida's Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. located at the Early Learning Coalition of Northwest Florida, Inc., 4636 E. HWY 90, STE P, Marianna, FL 32446.

Tiny Art Show and Fundraiser Auction

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 4x4" 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 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. to 8 p.m. Thursday, September 14. Submission should

be family friendly. Ages 18+ and all skill levels are welcome to participate.

Holmes County Peewee Cheerleaders Hosts Father-Daughter Dance

On September 15, the Holmes County Peewee Cheerleaders will be hosting a father daughter dance, featuring music from a DJ with dancing, a photo booth, refreshments, and lots of giggles. Tickets are \$25 for dad and daughter, \$15 for each additional adult and \$10 for each additional child. The event will take place on September 15, 2023, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at The Majestic Oaks, 3351 Mallory Road, Vernon Fl. All proceeds go towards the Pewee Cheerleaders season.

Sickle Cell Walk and Awareness Day

Impact Church is hosting a Sickle Cell Walk and Awareness day to educate and raise awareness for Sickle Cell with a 1-mile walk, warrior testimonials, education about Sickle Cell, food, and fun for all! This event will be hosted on September 16 from 8 a.m. 11 a.m. in Etta Hudson Park on Oklahoma Street Bonifay FL.

Chipley Garden Club and Washington County Historical Society Scarecrow Contest

The Chipley Garden Club and Washington County Historical Society will be hosting

a Scarecrow Contest at the Chipley Farmer's Market. This event features free family fun, crafts, history, food, vendors, and you can enter a scarecrow into the competition. The address is 685 7th Avenue on September 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For entry forms or more information check online at www.

The Eye of Hope Recovery Advocates

2023 Recovery Rally

The Eye of Hope Recovery Advocates are hosting a Recovery Rally featuring music by Kiera Howell and Cypress Spring, with guest speakers Sheriff John Tate, Representative Rachel Plankon, Destiny Melton, Steve Webster, Wenona Sorrell, and Tyla Yates. This event features vendors and food alongside

the music and guest speakers, and will take place September 23, starting at 3 p.m. and is located at 2496 Cypress Street, Westville FL 32462.

Andrew Elton Williams Family Reunion

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.news or news@holmescounty.news

NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The Town of Ponce De Leon has tentatively adopted a measure to increase its property tax levy.

Last year's property tax levy:

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| A. Initially proposed tax levy.....  | \$ | 16,314.00 |
| B. Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes..... | \$ | 98.00     |
| C. Actual property tax levy.....   | \$ | 16,216.00 |

This year's proposed tax levy.....\$ 28,065.00

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on:

September 18, 2023

5:05 P.M.

At

The Town Hall in Ponce De Leon, Florida

A Final Decision on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.

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# FAITH

## What happens when we pray a Bible verse?



SHERYL BOLDT  
Guest Columnist

You wouldn't say it out loud to your church friends, but frankly, you wonder what people get from reading the Bible. Sometimes when you open its pages, the passages seem dry and lifeless – not relevant to what you're going through

right now. You envy those who glean so much hope from God's Word. What's their secret? Could it be they've learned how to personalize and pray specific Bible verses relevant to their needs? For example, let's say you've been worried about your teenage son. Try personalizing 1 Peter 5:7 (ESV): "Casting all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you" by reading it this way: I will cast all my anxiety on You, Lord, because You care for me. If you were to use the same verse and

turn it into a prayer, it would sound something like this (with help from the Amplified Bible, Classic Edition): "Father, I'm so worried about Tommy's failing grades and the kids he's hanging out with. I'm scared he might be doing drugs – or worse. Please intervene and show me what to do. Help me cast all my care [all my anxieties, all my worries, all my concerns, once and for all] on You. Let me rest in knowing You care for Tommy and me affectionately and watchfully. Amen." See BOLDT, PAGE 7B

## Faith and the football field



CALEB DUNCAN  
Guest Columnist

This is Part 4 in a 6-part Series called "Faith and the Football Field." Over the past several weeks, we have observed some lessons learned on the football field and how it relates to the Christian life. We talked about Practice, Purpose, and Preparation. But this week, we cover a fourth "P" in the series: Pain. Good, hard, gritty pain. I had the most

ruthless weight room coach of all time. If you think your weight room coach was terrible, mine was worse. Coach Bobby whipped us into shape quickly. I can remember his good-morning speech every day before we started lifting weights. "Good morning, men. Life sucks. You get married, you have kids, and you die. Time to pump some iron." How's that for some life philosophy? As the ACDC album "T.N.T." was put on 100% volume, he used a microphone to coach us through 4 sets of 10 at four stations. The average reader may not know what I just said. But it means whatever the exercise was (bench press, power clean, back squats, etc.), you would do ten reps four times. That's 40 reps. Then you went

to the next station and did the same thing four different times. When someone cheated on a rep or didn't complete it in the allotted time, the whole weight room would go outside and run back and forth across the football field. If you didn't finish the sprints in time, we would re-run it repeatedly until everyone made it or someone puked. If anyone complained or griped or even let out a frustrating sigh, we would sprint again. It was his personal mission to make our lives miserable! But my weight room coach taught me an important lesson through high school: even when you face pain and feel like you can't carry on, keep pushing forward. There is a purpose in

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## OBITUARIES

### TERRY OTIS DRIGGERS

Terry Otis Driggers, 71, of Ponte Vedra, passed away unexpectedly Monday, September 4, 2023 at Baptist Medical Center South in Jacksonville. Terry was born in St. Augustine and raised in Hastings. He lived in Ponte Vedra for five years, coming from Palatka where he had lived 30 years. He graduated from Hastings High School in 1970 where he held the county record for most points scored in a basketball game for many years and was all-county for football. He had worked for the Florida Dept. of Agriculture as the manager of the Palatka State Farmers Market in East Palatka, Starke, White Springs, and Sanford retiring in 2013 after 30 years of service. He was a former member of the National Farmers Market Association. He had attended Crosswater Community Church in Ponte Vedra and also Grace Fellowship Church in Palatka. He loved attending high school football games and watching college football. He took great pride in his yard and enjoyed fishing, hosting oyster roasts, going to the beach, and in his younger years, surfing. He was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Virginia Driggers; three brothers, Roger Driggers, Danny Driggers, and Jimmy Driggers; and his fur baby, PeeWee. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Mary Driggers of Ponte Vedra; two daughters, Marsha



Lynn Bergen (Josh) of Ponte Vedra, and Traci Frances Driggers of St. Augustine; a brother, Jerry Driggers (Linda) of Palatka; two sisters, Rita Groover (Wayne) of Belleview, and Juanita McCarrick (Steve) of Williston; a granddaughter, Zoe Elizabeth Bergen; and a host of nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends at the funeral home beginning at 4:30 p.m. with funeral services beginning at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, September 9, 2023 at Masters Funeral Home in Palatka with Pastor Terry Wright officiating. Burial will occur the following Saturday (September 16th) at 3:00 p.m. (CST) at Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church Cemetery in Chipley, FL with Pastor Jeremy Craft officiating. For those that cannot attend, the funeral service will be live-streamed and may be viewed at [www.vimeo.com/mastersfuneralhome](http://www.vimeo.com/mastersfuneralhome). Flowers are gratefully accepted or memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association (for Dementia Research) or for Emma Kate Pettis' GoFundMe at <https://www.gofundme.com/emma-kate-pettis-hypoplastic-right-heart-syndrome>. Messages of sympathy and memories of Terry may be shared on Terry's online tribute page at [www.themastersfuneralhome.com](http://www.themastersfuneralhome.com). Masters Funeral Home of Palatka is in charge of arrangements.

### MORRIS WAYNE GARNER

Mr. Morris Wayne Garner Sr., age 70, of Bonifay, Florida passed away September 5, 2023, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Alabama. He was born March 27, 1953, in Annapolis, Maryland to the late James Leroy Garner Sr. and Pearl Bell Garner. In addition to his parents, Mr. Garner was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Jack B. Raleigh. Mr. Morris is survived by his wife, Cheryl Garner; one son, Morris Garner Jr., and wife Toni; one daughter, Bobbie Joe L. Raleigh; eleven grandchildren, Erica, Kayla, Randy, Anthony, Cheyenne & Christopher, Morris III and Cassidy, Dominick, Jacob, Jacqueline, Jesse, and Jefferey; eleven great-grandchildren, Raeven, Dexter W., Adalynn, Raelynn, Dexter Z., Austin, Davis, Kaden, Kyleigh, Ginny, and Jack. Morris served in the United States Air Force and was a Vietnam Veteran. He worked with drywall companies when he lived in Maryland and also enjoyed being a truck driver. He was well loved and will be missed by his family and friends. Memorialization will be by cremation with Peel Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.



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

### EVELYN GRACE HELMS

Mrs. Evelyn Grace Helms, age 81, of Bonifay, Florida passed away September 9, 2023, at her home. She was born October 17, 1941, in Bonifay, Florida to the late Joseph Adams and Florance Murfee Adams. In addition to her parents, Evelyn was preceded in death by one son, Christopher Allen Helms, one brother, Joel Adams, three sisters, Dorothy Adams, Kathryn Bruner, and Martha Harris. Mrs. Helms is survived by her husband of 62 years, Jimmy Helms of Bonifay, FL; one daughter, Angela Miller and husband Greg of Bonifay, FL; one son, Clay Helms and wife Gini of Mount Dora, FL; four grandchildren, Eric Miller of Bonifay,

FL, Jessica Miller of Bonifay, FL, Rance Helms of Mount Dora, FL, and Leah McNiff of Saratoga Springs, UT; five great-grandchildren, Kori Miller, Jaidyn Miller, Kambrie Miller, Rowyn Miller, Haven Miller, and Luke McNiff; one sister, Annie Cooley of Westville, FL; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at First Baptist Bonifay with Dr. Shelly Chandler officiating. Interment followed in the Bonifay Cemetery with Peel Funeral Home directing. The family received friends one hour prior to the service from 1 to 2 PM at First Baptist Bonifay.





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Personalizing Scripture transforms a Bible verse into a beautiful declaration between us and God. It helps us recognize more clearly who we are: Christ-followers, God’s representatives, lovers of people – and individuals totally dependent on a God Who loves us. The more we pray this way, the stronger our faith grows. The stronger our trust grows. The stronger our hope becomes.

Praying Scripture can transform dry words on a page into words that overflow with hope and meaning. It can help us build a deeper, more fulfilling relationship with the Author. Psalm 119:105 says God’s Word is a lamp unto our feet. The Word of God guides us, including our thoughts and decisions. Scripture lights our path, giving us direction as we humbly seek God’s will and counsel. Before you go to bed tonight, write down one of your favorite Bible verses. As you

meditate on it this week, personalize the verse until it becomes a prayer from your heart. Then sense God’s Word come alive in your spirit with a renewed awareness of your Heavenly Father’s incredible love for you. ... And experience hope for what you’re going through right now. Sheryl H. Boldt is the author of the blog, [www.TodayCanBeDifferent.net](http://www.TodayCanBeDifferent.net). Connect with her at [SherylH-Boldt@gmail.com](mailto:SherylH-Boldt@gmail.com).

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our pain. Romans 5:3-4 says, “Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope...” When we are in a painful situation, seeing what is only directly in front of us can be easy. But years later, you can look back and see that these unfortunate situations often produce a character trait we didn’t have before. Pain is

inevitable, whether it be a difficulty at work, a family dilemma, or some type of physical pain. And when we suffer through it, we know there is a greater purpose. The scripture says that suffering produces something in us. In other words, there is a purpose in our pain. Suffering offers us the production of endurance. Endurance is the willingness to endure and keep pushing through even when facing pain. Some people say, “So what? What does endurance matter?” We must learn that when life gets complicated, we can only endure if we’ve had some experience, sometimes processed when we’ve suffered from pain in our past. It’s the only way to face painful situations without the downfall of depression, fear, and life-dominating sin.

But it doesn’t stop there. Endurance is not pointless, either. The Bible says that endurance produces character, and character produces hope. Friends, we only have a firm and solid hope in Jesus Christ if we’ve had time and pain to weather the storms in this life. Christianity is not just a belief system but a relationship with Jesus Christ. And the more pain we experience, the more we can place our solid hope in him. So face the pain head-on, and know that God will use it to produce something in you. Caleb Duncan is the Director for the West Florida Baptist Association in Chipley and holds an M.A. in Ethics, Theology and Culture from Southeastern Seminary. Email him at [WfbaDom@outlook.com](mailto:WfbaDom@outlook.com) or follow his twitter @calebtduncan.

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NOTICE OF TAX DEED APPLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That IDE TECHNOLOGIES, INC., the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the name in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate No.453 Year of Issuance:5/29/2021 Description of Property: 1215.00-000-000-010.800 SEC:15 TWN:06 RGN:16 1 ACRE MORE OR LESS LOCATED IN THE SE1/4 OF NW1/4 RECORDED IN OR 118/480 DES OR 166/671-673 OR DES 181/469 QC-OR362/252 WD-OR442/634 Name in which assessed: BRENDA STILL,Said property being in the County of Holmes, State of Florida.Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on 10/10/2023, at 11:00 A.M. DATED this 7/30/2023. Dates of publication: 9/6/2023,9/13/2023,9/20/2023,9/27/2023.Sam Bailey,Clerk of the Circuit Court,Holmes County, Florida By:ACJ,Deputy Clerk September 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023

WD-OR 411/875 WD-OR447/764 WD-OR511/463  
Name in which assessed: KRISTY L. GAINEY, Said property being in the County of Holmes, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on 10/10/2023, at 11:00 A.M.DATED this 7/30/2023. Dates of publication: 9/6/2023,9/13/2023,9/20/2023,9/27/2023 . Sam Bailey,Clerk of the Circuit Court, Holmes County, Florida, By:ACJ,Deputy Clerk. September 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023

**000093**  
NOTICE OF TAX DEED APPLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That IDE TECHNOLOGIES, INC., the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the name in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate No.170 Year of Issuance:5/31/2016 Description of Property: 0531.03-003-114-004.000 SEC:31 TWN:05 RGN:14 BEG 150 FT E OF NW COR OF B LK 114, S 150 FT, E 50 FT, N 136 FT, W 50 FT, TOPOB OR 243/329 Name in which assessed: JANIE L. JONES, EDDIS JONES. Said property being in the County of Holmes, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on 10/10/2023, at 11:00 A.M.DATED this 7/30/2023. Dates of publication: 9/6/2023, 9/13/2023, 9/20/2023,9/27/2023, Sam Bailey,Clerk of the Circuit Court,Holmes County, Florida By:ACJ,Deputy Clerk September 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023

**000095**  
NOTICE OF TAX DEED APPLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That IDE TECHNOLOGIES, INC., the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:Certificate No.601 Year of Issuance:5/29/2021 Description of Property: 1409.02-001-040-002.000 SEC:09 TWN:04 RGN:16 A PARCEL LYING IN SW1/4 OF THE NW1/4 AS DES IN OR 113/120 DES IN OR 158/153-154 WD-OR 434/698 WD-OR439/427 Name in which assessed: POZO FAMILY TRUST,Said property being in the County of Holmes, State of Florida.Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on 10/17/2023, at 11:00 A.M.DATED this 8/1/2023. Sam Bailey,Clerk of the Circuit Court,Holmes County, Florida By: ACJ,Deputy Clerk. September 13, 20, 27, October 4, 2023.

TWN:05 RGN:16 BEGIN AT THE NE COR OF NW1/4 OF SE1/4 AND RUN W 16 FT TH S 300 FT TH W 84 FT TO THE NW COR OF TRACT THREE TH S 326.9 FT ALG THE W LINE OF SAID TRACT THREE TH W 120 FT TH S 240 FT M/L TO THE N'LY BANK OF CHOCTAWHATCHEE RIVER TH RUN E'LY ALG N'LY RIVER BANK TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID NW1/4 OF SE1/4 TH RUN (FOR MORE LEGAL REFER TO TAX R. Name in which assessed: INTERNATIONAL TIMBER COMPANY, Said property being in the County of Holmes, State of Florida.Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on 10/17/2023, at 11:00 A.M.DATED this 8/1/2023. Sam Bailey,Clerk of the Circuit Court,Holmes County, Florida By: ACJ,Deputy Clerk. September 13, 20, 27, October 4, 2023.

**000100**  
NOTICE OF TAX DEED APPLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That IDE TECHNOLOGIES, INC., the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the name in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate No.348 Year of Issuance: 5/29/2021 Description of Property: 0909.03-002-000-044.000 SEC:09 TWN:05 RGN:15 LOT 44 UNIT 17 DWL EST OR-91/59 DES IN OR-132/673 OR-108/9 WD-OR366/709 WD-OR569/463 Name in which assessed:JERRY BASS, ANDREW HAMMONDS, Said property being in the County of Holmes, State of Florida.Unless

such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on 10/17/2023, at 11:00 A.M.DATED this 8/1/2023. Sam Bailey,Clerk of the Circuit Court,Holmes County, Florida By: ACJ,Deputy Clerk September 13, 20, 27, October 4, 2023

**000110**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 22000281CAAXMX  
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR MANUFACTURED HOUSING CONTRACT SENIOR/SUBORDINATE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATE TRUST 2000-4 ,

Plaintiff, v.  
SHERRY M. BYRUM; LEONARD L. BYRUM , et al.,  
Defendants. /

**NOTICE OF SALE P U R S U A N T TO C H A P T E R 45**

**NOTICE IS HER E BY G I V E N** That pu r su a nt a Final Judgment in Foreclosure e nt e r e d on July 24, 2023 a n d e n t e r e d i n C a s e No. 22-000281-CA in the Cir c u it Court of the 14 th J u d i c i a l C i r c u i t i n a n d for Holmes Coun t y , F l o r i d a , wherein SHERRY M. BYRUM; LEONARD L. BYRUM , are the Def e n d a n t s . The Cle r k of the Court , Sam Bailey , will s e l l to the h i g h e s t bidder for ca sh at the front door of the Holmes County Courthouse, 201 N. Oklahoma Street, Bonifay, FL 32425 O n September 14, 2023 at 11 : 00 A M , followi n g d e s c r i b e d r e a l p r o p e r t y a s s e t f o r t h i n s a i d F i n a l J u d g m e n t , to wit:  
**LOT 4 OF BETHLEHEM ESTATES:**  
**COMMENCE AT A 1/2" IRON PIPE MARKING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 15 WEST, HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN S87°58 '54"E ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION FOR 810.86 FEET FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE S87°58 '54"E FOR 270.00 FEET; THENCE RUN S03°33 '55"W**

**FOR 770.15 FEET; THENCE RUN N87°58 '54"W FOR 270.00 FEET; THENCE RUN N02°48 '47"E FOR 621.09 FEET; THENCE RUN N06°41 '43"E FOR 149.34 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 4.84 ACRES MORE OR LESS.**

**ACCORDING TO SURVEY DATED 04/27/00, BY LOUIS WILLIAM KATHMAN III, REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR, FL CERT. #2495.**

**TOGETHER WITH A FLEETWOOD STONECREEK MOBILE HOME WITH VIN FLFLY70AB28229 .**

A n d C o m m o n l y Known A s **2001 MINNIE LN., WESTVILLE, FL 32464**

A N Y P E R S O N C L A I M I N G A N I N T E R E S T I N T H E S U R P L U S F R O M T H E S A L E , I F A N Y , O T H E R T H A N T H E P R O P E R T Y O W N E R A S O F T H E D A T E O F T H E L I S P E N D E N S M U S T F I L E A C L A I M W I T H I N 60 D A Y S A F T E R T H E S A L E .

**I M P O R T A N T**

**"IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE ADA COORDINATOR BY MAIL AT P. O. BOX 1089, PANAMA CITY, FL 32402 OR BY PHONE AT (850) 767-3550 AT LEAST SEVEN (7) DAYS BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED COURT APPEARANCE, OR IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTIFICATION IF THE TIME BEFORE THE SCHEDULED APPEARANCE IS LESS THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS. IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, PLEASE CALL 711 OR EMAIL ADAREQUEST@JUD14.FLCOURTS.ORG..."**

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**  
I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served via e-mail upon all parties reg-

istered to receive notification via the service list for this action maintained by the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal Governed By The Florida Courts E-Filing Authority or via U.S. Mail to those parties on the attached service list on this 28 th day of August, 2023.  
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North Miami Beach, FL 33162  
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Tara L. Messinger, Esq.  
Florida Bar No. 0059454  
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September 6, 13, 2023

**000111**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, IN AND FOR HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 23 PR 93  
IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN WAYNE CARTWRIGHT, Deceased.  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of John Wayne Cartwright, deceased, File No. 23 CP 93, is pending in the Circuit Court for Holmes County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 201 N. Oklahoma Street, Bonifay, Florida 32425. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.  
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate

on whom a copy of this notice is served within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.  
All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.  
ALL CLAIMS DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.  
The date of the first Publication of this notice is : September 6, 2023 .  
April Nichole Cartwright Gray  
Personal Representative  
3300A 1 st Avenue North  
Bonifay, Florida 32425

Dennis L. Pratt  
Florida Bar No. 814954  
770 Baldwin Avenue  
DeFuniak Springs, Florida 32435  
(850) 951-2244  
September 6, 13, 2023

**000114**  
The following vehicles will be auctioned off at a public auction on Sept. 27, 2023  
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# OUTDOORS

## Bad Cat Classic

Agent Kalyn Waters

It was a hot weekend at the Caryville boat landing for the third annual Bad Cat Classic. Hosted on August 26-27, 2023 by UF/IFAS Extension Holmes County director Kalyn Waters. The Bad Cat Classic is a catfishing tournament with the goal to get youth involved in outdoor recreation and use that involvement as a platform to teach natural resource conservation and management. This year the river levels were extremely low due to the drought, so the opportunity to teach river safety was enhanced.

The event kicked off Saturday afternoon with a team meeting where participants discussed river safety, conservation and went over the rules for the contest. Anglers then took to the river for an all-night catfishing tournament. Each team was encouraged to have at least one team member under the age of 17 years old.

This year a total of 25 teams from across the Florida panhandle and Alabama participated in the tournament. The mission of the tournament is to teach kids conservation and river safety by taking them fishing, while educating the adults about how important it is to mentor the next generations of conservationists. This year 22 kids participated. Teams were able to launch from any boat landing and fish the Choctawhatchee River for Blue, Flathead or Channel Catfish.

Sunday morning over 150 people gathered on the banks of the Choctawhatchee river at themCaryville Landing for weigh-ins and a free community breakfast.

The 2023 winners were:

**Big Fish:** This award goes to the angler who catches the biggest fish of the tournament. Winning was Caleb Downing with his 40.4-pound catfish.

**Target Weight:** Anglers have the goal of catching a fish at or below the target of 18lbs. This year's winner was

Cody Lindsey with an 18 pound fish. A close second was Donny Thomas with 17.8 pounds.

**Total Weight:** the overall tournament weight was the two biggest fish weighed in by a team. The fish had to be alive and in good health to be counted in the total weight.

Results were as follows:

**First Place** - Skunk Apes (Caleb Downing, Sam Voska and River Voska) with a total of 62 pounds on two fish

**Second Place** - Cody and Bubba (Cody Coone and Bubba Lindsey) with a total of 50 pounds on two fish.

**Third Place** - D&M (Dustin Niccum and Max McKinney) with a total of 47.8 on two fish.

This year a total of four lifetime fishing licenses were awarded to kids in the tournament.

Congratulations to Kolton Amerson, Keinston Hinson, Reminton Garrett (all from Holmes County) and Braylon Bailey (Calhoun County). The lifetime fishing licenses were sponsored by Holmes County Clerk of Courts Sam Bailey and Sheriff John Tate, proceeds for the second license were raised by participants of the tournament and by Caleb Downing, who participated in the tournament. Thank you to Liberty Partners of Tallahassee, Dewberry Engineering and Backwoods Game Processing for sponsoring the tournament.

Conservations for Generations is a program that is run by UF/IFAS Extension Holmes County director Kalyn Waters. The program objectives are: 1) increase the knowledge of conservation practice and policies as they related to wildlife management, public land and waters 2) increase the participation of youth in natural resource management (NRM) and conservation focused hunting and fishing while increasing their knowledge of policies and practice that support conservation, and 3) provide platforms that facilitate multigeneration interactions and education that will increase mentorship of youth in conservation, while encouraging the aging populations of outdoorsmen/



Tournament winners with big fish and best overall on two fish, Caleb Downing, River Voska, and Sam Voska.



Winners of the target weight category, Cody Coone and Bubba Lindsey



Cameron Hinson (age 6) with his 17 pound catfish.



William Hinson and his two kids with a total weight of 39.2 pounds



Keith Holman volunteered to cook the free community breakfast. Sausage was donated by Willie Cutchins from Backwoods Game Processing.



Laura Mae Waters, Cameron Hinson, and Kylee Lynch at the registration with their pet toad Freddy. They learned about what made a good habitat for toads before releasing him.



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