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## IN BRIEF

### Downtown Chipley Christmas Parade

**CHIPLEY** — The annual Downtown Chipley Christmas Parade will be at 3:30 p.m. today, Dec. 3. For more information, call the Washington County Chamber of Commerce at 638-4157.

### Vernon Christmas Parade

**VERNON** — The city of Vernon's annual Christmas Parade will be at 2 p.m. Dec. 10. Anyone wishing to be in the parade should contact City Hall at 535-2444. Refreshments will be served in the Community Center, and Santa Claus is scheduled to make an appearance as well.

### Wausau Christmas Parade

**WAUSAU** — The town of Wausau will have its annual Christmas Parade at 10 a.m. Dec. 10. Anyone wishing to be in the parade should contact Margaret Riley, town clerk, at 638-1781. The Masonic Lodge will host a Pancake Breakfast at 6 a.m. at the Lodge for \$4, and the Senior Quilters will have a Christmas Bazaar in front of Town Hall at 8 a.m.

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# Vernon clerk temporarily removed

## Florida Retirement System: To soon for Herbert to re-enter workforce

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**VERNON** — Pete Herbert was temporarily relieved as Vernon City Clerk during an emergency called meeting Dec. 1 because of issues with the Florida Retirement System.

Council member Tray Hawkins said that according to FRS, Her-

bert was supposed to stay in retirement a number of mandatory days before re-entering the workforce.

The council was concerned about this and inquired what they should do in order to allow him back to work sooner. Hawkins said the requirement was that Herbert had to pay 1.8 percent of his retirement toward administration fees, and he would be able to go to work.

"Then we get a letter saying we

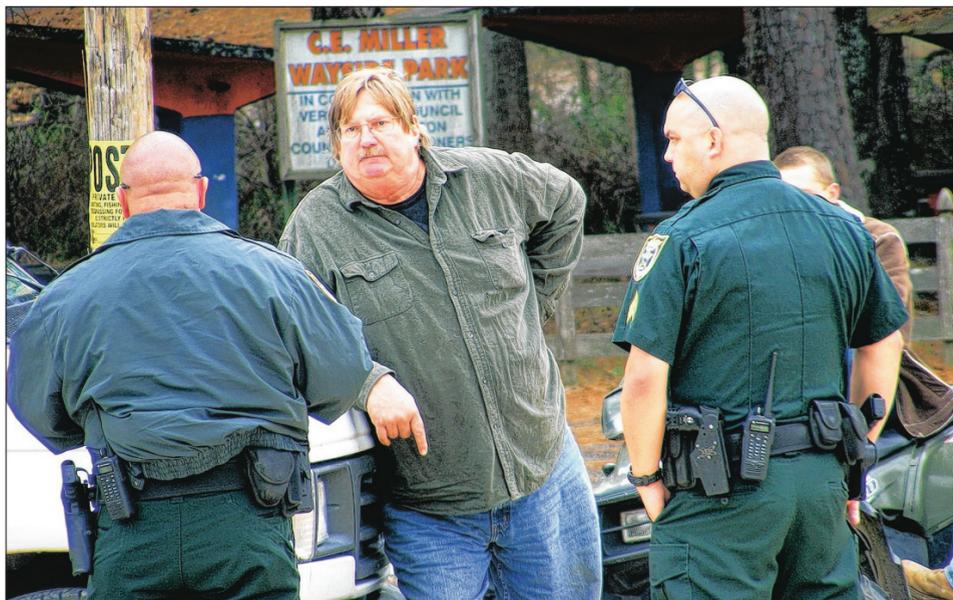
weren't in compliance and gave us three choices: We could terminate Herbert for 30 days and rehire him, we could appeal and end up paying over \$100,000 in court fees or we could return his retirement at \$90,000," Hawkins said. "In a way they didn't give us much choice."

Former City Clerk Sheri Cobb was present and testified that the city had followed all of their requirements "to the letter."

"We did it perfectly, following the precise instructions of two separate individuals that said the exact same things, and we followed those instructions to the letter," Cobb said. "This is absolutely ridiculous."

The council approved of terminating Herbert for 30 days and agreed that during those 30 days, the council would review the requirements from FRS.

## WCSO: LAND DISPUTE SHOULD GO TO COURT



Photos by DREW MUDGE | Florida Freedom Newspapers

Officers speak with Hal Kirk, center, on Wednesday about Kirk's plan to build a gate to block access to Wayside Park. Below, a pavilion sits empty at the park.

# Private park?

## Vernon, resident debate ownership of Wayside Park

By Drew Mudge  
Florida Freedom Newspapers

**VERNON** — Hal Kirk and four laborers worked busily Wednesday morning, building a gate to block access to Wayside Park off State 79. But they did

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# Chipley CRA discusses Alleyway Project ideas

By Cecilia Spears  
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**CHIPLEY** — The Chipley Redevelopment Agency gave an update of the Alleyway Project during its regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday, Nov. 29.

The Alleyway Project is to present various ideas to local business owners for the alley next to Baxley's Cleaners. Ideas include installing murals, potted plants and cost-efficient lighting, such as solar-powered lights, making the

alleyway not only a pleasant attraction to downtown Chipley, but also a safer place to travel in at night.

CRA Director Ted Everett said there is still some language to sort out with the Chipley city attorney, but as soon as the CRA returns from holiday vacation, the project will be a top priority.

"We're hoping to have the alleyway open and ready in time for next year's Watermelon Festival," Everett said. "I can also tell you that the city's committed to working with us."

Everett said the modifications

to the alleyway would be strictly limited to surface renovation and beautification.

The CRA also approved of the status of funds being at \$124,610.19 as of Oct. 31. CRA Trust is at \$40.01, CRA Trust Escrow is at \$104,740 and CRA Revolving loan is at \$19,829.34.

The CRA said the Antique Mall on Railroad Avenue is in foreclosure.

Everett said he had a slight issue with a facade grant through which a business own had purchased his awning from another

company other than the one provided in his grant application.

"In the end, the man did save us \$1,000 by going with this company in Orlando, but my point is he didn't use a company specified in his grant application, and he didn't use a local company," Everett said. "Now, since there's nothing stating that you have to stay with the bids accepted in the grant application I went ahead and let him continue, but we need to put something specifically

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# Thomas gets 10 years for burglaries

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**CHIPLEY** — Justin Lee Thomas, 27, of Chipley was recently sentenced to 10 years in the Department of Corrections in relation to May 2011 burglaries on Duncan Community Road, Baldwin Street, Earl Gilbert Road, Cheryl Avenue, Old Bonifay Road and Academy Place in Sunny Hills.

According to a recent report from the Washington County Sheriff's Office, there was more than \$10,000 in property, primarily jewelry, taken during these burglaries.

Thomas was originally charged with burglary, grand theft and dealing with stolen properties.

Thomas was reported to have a past history in dealing with stolen property and burglary. He was released from prison in April 2010 and still faces charges for crimes committed in Bay County.

"We are concerned with the nationwide trend of increasing property crimes," said Washington County Sheriff Bobby Haddock. "There is an undeniable link and resulting snowball effect with a declining economy, drug use and property crimes. Our job is to aggressively pursue those who break the law and cultivate a partnership with the State Attorney's Office that sends message of zero tolerance. This is a great step in that direction."



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Luke Hinson plays the piano while Damion Potter sings at the Nov. 22 Chipley Kiwanis Club meeting. Both are Chipley High School students.

## Kiwanis Club has Thanksgiving lunch

**CHIPLEY** — The Chipley Kiwanis Club met Nov. 22 for its weekly luncheon at Pattillo's Restaurant at the Washington-Holmes County Technical Center.

After announcements and introductions, the Spiritual Aims Committee presented the Thanksgiving program by Luke Hinson and Damion Potter of Chipley High School. They presented several religious songs. Damion sang while Hinson accompanied him on piano and sang. The two participate in musical and drama

events at CHS.

The Kiwanis Club's fruit sale is over, and orders will be delivered to Chipley around Dec. 14.

The Kiwanis club meets at noon Tuesdays at Patillo's restaurant in the middle of the WHTC campus. For an invitation, contact any Kiwanian or Solger, membership chairperson, at 638-1276.

For more information about the Kiwanis Club of Chipley, visit [www.ChipleyKiwanis.com](http://www.ChipleyKiwanis.com).

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stating that we want bids from Washington County businesses or as close to Washington County as possible, and if they do decide to go with another company that they present it to the CRA for review first."

Everett strongly emphasized that the point of the façade grants was to improve downtown Chipley not only physically, but monetarily as well.

"The way I see it is that this is Washington County money going into these projects. It should benefit Washington County businesses first and foremost," Everett said. "We also need honesty and dependability; I'm holding people's feet to the fire, the thing is to be transparent."

There will be no CRA meeting in December. The next meeting will be at 4 p.m. Jan. 25.



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Officers speak with Hal Kirk, center, on Wednesday about Kirk's plan to build a gate to block access to Wayside Park.

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not get far before Washington County's Sheriff's deputies showed up and put a halt to their efforts.

Kirk says the property in question is his, and he holds a deed to it. The deed does have stipulations, though, one of which is that it belongs to the state until the state abandons the property. Kirk owns the land next to the park, where he has a canoe livery on Holmes Creek.

"They tore the power, they tore the bathroom down and left," Kirk said. "This is outside the city limits. This ain't got nothing to do with the city."

Kirk had brought his case before the City Council just two days before, but the council voted in favor of keeping the park.

"It's been an understanding for the last 60 years that it's (Wayside Park) open to the public," said Kerry Adkison, attorney for the city of Vernon. "His recourse is through the court. There are no shortcuts. There is a process to go through. ... If he has a claim, he needs to file suit and not block roads."

Kirk believes otherwise.

"If you look at those buildings down there, you can tell they have been abandoned. They haven't done nothing on it in years. Everything here (at Wayside Park) is supposed to belong to me. The state comes in every now and then and picks up trash. The cops said that they're going to do whatever the city tells them to do, and they didn't care about my deed,"

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**Hal Kirk**  
Vernon resident

he said.

Washington County Sheriff Bobby Haddock said construction of the gate will not be allowed unless a judge decides otherwise. He said Wayside Park actually used to be a "wayside park." In the years before interstates were common, wayside parks on state highways were as common as rest stops on interstates are today, and they were used for a similar purpose.

The park now is used to put boats in the creek nearby, which is another contention on Kirk's part. He said he believes the boat ramp shouldn't have been built on his land.

The final result of the morning gate-building attempt will be an emergency hearing Tuesday on an injunction that has been filed by the city of Vernon against Kirk to bar him from blocking the entrance to the park.



Photos submitted by GWENETH COLLINS | Special to The News

From right are Lyndal Pleas, Edwina Showers, Karen Roland, Bill & Dot DiZinno, Marlene Ray and Gwen Collins.

## Little Library's garden dressed up for Christmas

**CHIPLEY** — The Chipley Garden Club continued putting up downtown Christmas decorations this week with a visit to Sundial Garden at the historic Little Library on Tuesday, Nov. 29. The City of Chipley already had placed twinkling lights in the azalea and holly hedges that frame the Little Library, but the garden needed a gardener's touch.

Armed with holiday spirit and gardening tools, club members got busy and prepared the circular bed for planting by weeding, raking and fertilizing. For winter color, they planted purple and white pansies. Daffodil bulbs and black scallop ajuga were planted to bloom in the spring — gold and blue for the Chipley High Tigers. The hurricane lilies will bloom red next September. The newly planted bed was watered in and mulched with pine straw. As finishing touches, a spray of greenery was placed on the library's door, a few candy canes were "planted" and a Christmas tree made from a recycled tomato cage was temporarily placed over the sundial for the holiday season.

Garden Club members plan to add Ryan's Pink chrysanthemums and several varieties of annuals to the garden for color throughout the year.

They also are researching adding benches under the trees.

The Little Library, beside the Chamber of Commerce building, served as Chipley's first free public library around 1931-32. The restoration project was a joint venture of Friends of the Washington County Library and the Washington County Historical Society with assistance from many businesses, individuals and organizations, one of which was Chipley Garden Club.

The restored building and sundial garden were dedicated in to the future generations of Washington County residents. The late Tommy McDonald, former executive director of Washington County Chamber of Commerce, remarked at the 1996 dedication ceremony, "You have a healthy community if you protect and preserve your heritage." As its members maintain the Sundial Garden, Chipley Garden Club hopes to do just that — preserve our heritage and beautify our city through gardening.

Chipley Garden Club will meet at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the Kent Cabin. If you would like more information, contact Karen Roland, club president, at 638-9968.



Club members prepare a bed for planting.

## 10 safety tips for decorating during the holidays

Special to The News

**TALLAHASSEE** — The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has released this list of 10 tips to help Floridians safely decorate their homes this holiday season. With dry conditions around the state, there is a higher potential for fires, and Floridians should use caution when decorating trees or hanging lights.

Some helpful safety tips to consider when decorating inside or outside this holiday season:

1. Keep Christmas trees away from fireplaces, portable heaters and other heat sources.
2. Use extreme caution when using electric lights and decorations on artificial trees made of metallic.
3. Keep menorahs away from children.
4. Don't move candles while they are burning.
5. Check the labels on lights to make

sure they were tested at a facility, such as UL of ETL.

6. Discard any lights with cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections.

7. Use only non-combustible or flame-resistant decorations on a tree.

8. Make sure any lights you place outside were intended for such use.

9. Follow manufacturer's instructions regarding the number of light strings that can be safely connected together.

10. Always turn off holiday lights and blow out candles when going to bed or leaving the house.

For more information about the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, visit [www.FreshFromFlorida.com](http://www.FreshFromFlorida.com) or follow Commissioner Adam Putnam on Facebook, [www.Facebook.com/AdamPutnam](http://www.Facebook.com/AdamPutnam), and Twitter, @adamputnam.

## Winter EVENTS

### Breakfast with Santa

**BONIFAY** — The Holmes County High Lady Devils Basketball Boosters will have Breakfast with Santa from 8:30-10:30 a.m. today, Dec. 3, at the HCHS student center. A payment of \$5 includes your picture with Santa and breakfast.

For more information, call 547-9000, ext. 2116.

### ChIPLEy Garden Club Christmas meeting

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used during the 1880s. The special entertainment will be in regard to lye soap. An old-fashioned Christmas luncheon will be followed by the business meeting. For more information, call Karen Roland, club president, at 638-9968.

### Bonifay Christmas Celebration & Parade

**BONIFAY** — The City of Bonifay and Bonifay Fire-Rescue invite you to our annual Christmas Celebration & Parade on Dec. 10.

The celebration will kick off with the parade of lights at 6 p.m. at Bonifay Elementary School and will proceed to Veterans Park. Floats are welcome.

As you follow the parade to Veterans Park, please join us for

free hot dogs and hot chocolate while we enjoy fellowship around a campfire. Santa Claus will be at the park to hear the requests of all the children. Christopher Lauen will be the disc jockey for the celebration. For more information on Lauen, visit [www.UltimateProductionCompany.com](http://www.UltimateProductionCompany.com). Please mark your calendars, and we will see you there.

### Victorian Christmas at Landmark Park

**DOTHAN, Ala.** — Experience the warmth and history of the holiday season with Landmark Park's Victorian Christmas from 1-4 p.m. Dec. 11. This annual open house is Landmark Park's way of saying "thank you" to the community for its

support during the year.

Wreaths, garlands and swags made from native evergreens and other natural materials will decorate Landmark Park's historic buildings. Children will have a chance to make old-fashioned ornaments and decorations to take home or hang on a cedar tree at the park. Kids also will have a chance to take a wagon ride.

A Christmas message will be delivered by a circuit-riding preacher in the Headland Presbyterian Church. Holiday music will take place in the Victorian-style gazebo.

Arts and crafts vendors are invited to Victorian Christmas and can register by calling the park at 334-794-3452. The Shelley General Store and Martin Drug Store will be open with seasonal

items and unique gift ideas for sale. Syrup from Landmark Park's sugarcane fields also will be on sale.

Sample holiday desserts made from turn-of-the-century recipes and sip hot chocolate or mulled cider in the Waddell House and Watson Cabin. Chef Michael Sigler will present a special holiday cooking demonstration.

Admission to Victorian Christmas is free for everyone. Visitors are encouraged to bring a nonperishable food item for donation to the Wiregrass United Way Food Bank. Victorian Christmas is sponsored by The Joy FM 94.3.

For more information, call Landmark Park at 334-794-3452.

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## Faith EVENTS

### Baptist College of Florida fall graduation

**GRACEVILLE** — The Baptist College of Florida will have its Fall Graduation at 10 a.m. today, Dec. 3. For more information, call 263-9015.

### Northside Baptist to Present 'Joy Has Dawned'

**PONCE de LEON** — Northside Baptist Church will present Christmas Cantata "Joy Has Dawned" at 5 p.m. Dec. 10. Everyone is welcome.

### Lighthouse Assembly of God presents The Hendersons

**BONIFAY** — The Lighthouse Assembly of God would like for you to join them for a special worship concert with The Hendersons at 11 a.m. Dec. 11. The church is on State Road 79 in Bonifay. For more information, call Pastor Michael Presley at 835-2992 or 585-5939.

### St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church holiday services

**CHIPLEY** — St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church would like to announce the time of their holiday services. Advent Reconciliation Services will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, and Thursday, Dec. 8. Vigil Mass will be at 7 p.m. Dec. 24. Midnight Mass will be at St. Anne in Marianna, and Christmas Day Mass will be at 11 a.m. Dec. 25.

### The Hoppers with the Bibletones Quartet in concert

**GRACEVILLE** — The Baptist College of Florida will host The Hoppers with the Bibletones Quartet in concert at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 13. For more information, call 263-9015.

### Northwest Florida Community Hospital yard sale

**CHIPLEY** — Northwest Florida Community Hospital will have a yard sale from 7 a.m. to noon Dec. 10 in front of the hospital. The sale will benefit associate families for Christmas.

### BMS Advisory Council meeting

**BONIFAY** — Bonifay Middle School will hold a School Advisory Council Meeting at 3 p.m. Dec. 14 in the school's media center. Students, family members and concerned citizens are invited to attend.

### 3rd annual Cloud of Ideas

**PANAMA CITY** — This season's gift giving comes in a "Cloud of Ideas." Panama City Artists' third annual shopping event continues through Dec. 23.

A variety of original artwork from local artists is presented in a cloud-like effect at CityArts Cooperative in downtown Panama City. Each work is packaged in clear plastic and can be purchased for \$5. Selection includes watercolors, acrylics, drawings, prints, photographs and pottery. These original artworks are perfect hostess gifts and make a great little gift exchange item or hard-to-find small gift for those you wish to remember during the holidays.

CityArts is at 318 Luverne Ave. in downtown Panama City, 769-0608. Gallery hours are 1-6 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday. Proceeds will be used to expand PCA's community involvement by enhancing local arts.

### Future Educators to host teacher workshop

**MARIANNA** — The Chipola College Future Educators Club will host the fifth annual Teacher Workshop on

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Jan. 21. Current teachers and students interested in a career in education are invited to attend.

Future educators currently enrolled at Chipola, with the assistance of the Department of Education faculty and staff, will present hands-on activities along with samples for teachers and education majors to use in their own classrooms. The sessions will include presentations and strategies in math, science, reading, English, ESOL and ESE. Various sessions will be held for elementary, middle and high school teachers.

A few of the topics being presented include:

- Using Foldables and Manipulatives
- Student Engagement with Social Studies
- Cooking Through the Content Areas
- Teaching Reading Components Using Picture Books
- Using Holidays With the ESOL Student in Mind
- Integrating Reading and Math
- Technology in the Classroom
- Discovering Pi
- Classroom Management
- Incorporating Drama into the Classroom

In addition to the student-led sessions, a representative from Big Ideas Learning will conduct a session for middle school math teachers. A representative from Teacher Effectiveness also will conduct a session on Classroom Management for teachers in grades 3-6. Registration opens at 8 a.m. in Building D on the Chipola College campus. Sessions begin at 8:15 a.m. and run through 12:30 p.m. To ensure that sufficient materials are available, those planning to attend are asked to RSVP. For information or to reserve a spot, contact Casey Bush at [bushc@chipola.edu](mailto:bushc@chipola.edu) or 526-2761, ext. 2449.

### Holmes Valley Heritage Day

**VERNON** — The preserving Our Past Association will host Holmes Valley Heritage Day on March 3 with a Tractor Pull and Show. Tickets are \$5 for adults, and children 12 and under are free. The Tractor Pull and Show will be at 3901 Wilderness Road in Vernon. For more information, call Sandra Cook at 849-2426.

### Two-Toed Tom Festival

**ESTO** — The Town of Esto announces the return of the Two-Toed-Tom Festival. The festival will be John Clark Park in Esto on April 14-15 and will feature vendors, live music, children's events and other events. Vendors and musical acts are being sought. For information call Lanette Wells at 263-4420, email [twotoedtomfest@yahoo.com](mailto:twotoedtomfest@yahoo.com), or visit [twotoedtomfest.com](http://twotoedtomfest.com).

### Legends and Lore Festival

**CHIPLEY** — The ninth annual Legends and Lore Festival will be at Falling Waters State Park on April 20-21, in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the state park. The event will have historic demonstrators, live music and a wide variety of displays.

### Orange and Bluegrass Festival

**VERNON** — The Vernon Athletic Booster Club will have the Orange and Bluegrass Festival on April 27-28 at The Oaks at Lucas Lake. Tickets are \$5. On Friday night, there will be a variety of gospel music with family food and game. Saturday will be all bluegrass and country entertainment with slides, bounce houses and games for the kids. The grounds have pools and a swimming area for the kids.

For more information, contact Tray Hawkins at 258-7276.

## Community CALENDAR

### Library hours

**Wausau**  
Monday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Tuesday: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: Closed  
Thursday: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
Friday: Closed  
Saturday: Closed  
Sunday: Closed

**Holmes County**  
Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Wednesday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Thursday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Sunday: Closed

**Washington County**  
Monday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Thursday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Friday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Saturday: Closed  
Sunday: Closed

**Vernon**  
Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Thursday: Closed  
Friday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Saturday: Closed  
Sunday: Closed

**Sunny Hills**  
Monday: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Tuesday: Closed  
Wednesday: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Thursday: Closed

Friday: Closed  
Saturday: Closed  
Sunday: Closed

### MONDAY

10 a.m. to noon: Holmes Council on Aging provides bingo, exercise, games, activities, hot meals and socialization.  
11 a.m.: Washington Council on Aging (Chipley) senior lunches; for reservations, call 638-6217. Donations accepted.  
5 p.m. Coupon clipping at the Washington County Library  
6-7:30 p.m.: Salvation Army Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Program (SADVP) hosts a domestic violence support group each Monday. Meetings are held at the SADVP Rural Outreach office, 1461 S. Railroad Ave., Apartment 1, in Chipley. Call Emma or Jess at 415-5999.

### TUESDAY

10 a.m. to noon: Holmes Council on Aging provides hot meals and socialization.  
11 a.m.: Washington Council on Aging (Chipley) senior lunches; for reservations, call 638-6217. Donations accepted.  
Noon: Chipley Kiwanis Club meeting.  
Noon: Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, New Life Assembly Fellowship Hall, Chipley.  
6 p.m.: Holmes County Commission meets every second Tuesday of the month.

7 p.m.: Narcotics Anonymous meeting, Blesses Trinity Catholic Church, on Hwy 177A

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1 p.m.: Line dancing, Washington Council on Aging in Chipley.  
7 p.m.: Depression and Bipolar Support Group meets at First Baptist Church educational annex building in Bonifay. Call 547-4397.

### THURSDAY

7:30 a.m.: Washington County Chamber of Commerce breakfast every third Thursday  
10 a.m. to noon: Holmes Council on Aging provides hot meals and socialization.  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: The Vernon Historical Society Museum is open to the public every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meetings are the fourth Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m.  
10:30 a.m.: Chipley Library preschool story time.  
11 a.m.: Washington Council on Aging (Chipley) senior lunches; for reservations, call 638-6217. Donations accepted.

11 a.m.: Care Givers Support group meets the third Thursday of every month at the First Presbyterian Church at 4437 Clinton St. in Marianna.  
Noon: Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting at New Life Assembly Fellowship Hall, Chipley.  
6 p.m.: The Holmes County Historical Society meets the first Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.  
6:30 p.m.: T.O.P.S Mt. Olive Baptist Church on Highway 79 North.  
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11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. every third Friday, Washington County Council on Aging (Chipley) will have a plate lunch available to anyone as a fundraiser for our local senior citizens. Plates are \$6. Must make reservation, call 638-6216 or 638-6217  
6 p.m. - Marianna's Gathering Place Foundation is holding a get together for 50+ senior singles, widowed, or divorced on the last

Friday of every month at Winn Dixie in Marianna from 6-8p.m. Come join the fun for games, prizes, snacks and you can also do some shopping. For more information call 526-4561.  
8 p.m.: Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting

at Chipley Presbyterian Church.

### SUNDAY

8 p.m.: Alcoholics Anonymous meeting in the board room at Graceville-Campbellton Hospital in Graceville.



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The celebration will kick off with the parade of lights at 6 p.m. at Bonifay Elementary School and will proceed to Veterans Park. Floats are welcome.

As you follow the parade to Veterans Park, please join us for

free hot dogs and hot chocolate while we enjoy fellowship around a campfire. Santa Claus will be at the park to hear the requests of all the children. Christopher Lauen will be the disc jockey for the celebration. For more information on Lauen, visit [www.UltimateProductionCompany.com](http://www.UltimateProductionCompany.com). Please mark your calendars, and we will see you there.

### Victorian Christmas at Landmark Park

**DOTHAN, Ala.** — Experience the warmth and history of the holiday season with Landmark Park's Victorian Christmas from 1-4 p.m. Dec. 11. This annual open house is Landmark Park's way of saying "thank you" to the community for its

support during the year.

Wreaths, garlands and swags made from native evergreens and other natural materials will decorate Landmark Park's historic buildings. Children will have a chance to make old-fashioned ornaments and decorations to take home or hang on a cedar tree at the park. Kids also will have a chance to take a wagon ride.

A Christmas message will be delivered by a circuit-riding preacher in the Headland Presbyterian Church. Holiday music will take place in the Victorian-style gazebo.

Arts and crafts vendors are invited to Victorian Christmas and can register by calling the park at 334-794-3452. The Shelley General Store and Martin Drug Store will be open with seasonal

items and unique gift ideas for sale. Syrup from Landmark Park's sugarcane fields also will be on sale.

Sample holiday desserts made from turn-of-the-century recipes and sip hot chocolate or mulled cider in the Waddell House and Watson Cabin. Chef Michael Sigler will present a special holiday cooking demonstration.

Admission to Victorian Christmas is free for everyone. Visitors are encouraged to bring a nonperishable food item for donation to the Wiregrass United Way Food Bank. Victorian Christmas is sponsored by The Joy FM 94.3.

For more information, call Landmark Park at 334-794-3452.

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## Faith EVENTS

### Baptist College of Florida fall graduation

**GRACEVILLE** — The Baptist College of Florida will have its Fall Graduation at 10 a.m. today, Dec. 3. For more information, call 263-9015.

### Northside Baptist to Present 'Joy Has Dawned'

**PONCE de LEON** — Northside Baptist Church will present Christmas Cantata "Joy Has Dawned" at 5 p.m. Dec. 10. Everyone is welcome.

### Lighthouse Assembly of God presents The Hendersons

**BONIFAY** — The Lighthouse Assembly of God would like for you to join them for a special worship concert with The Hendersons at 11 a.m. Dec. 11. The church is on State Road 79 in Bonifay. For more information, call Pastor Michael Presley at 835-2992 or 585-5939.

### St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church holiday services

**CHIPLEY** — St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church would like to announce the time of their holiday services. Advent Reconciliation Services will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, and Thursday, Dec. 8. Vigil Mass will be at 7 p.m. Dec. 24. Midnight Mass will be at St. Anne in Marianna, and Christmas Day Mass will be at 11 a.m. Dec. 25.

### The Hoppers with the Bibletones Quartet in concert

**GRACEVILLE** — The Baptist College of Florida will host The Hoppers with the Bibletones Quartet in concert at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 13. For more information, call 263-9015.

### Northwest Florida Community Hospital yard sale

**CHIPLEY** — Northwest Florida Community Hospital will have a yard sale from 7 a.m. to noon Dec. 10 in front of the hospital. The sale will benefit associate families for Christmas.

### BMS Advisory Council meeting

**BONIFAY** — Bonifay Middle School will hold a School Advisory Council Meeting at 3 p.m. Dec. 14 in the school's media center. Students, family members and concerned citizens are invited to attend.

### 3rd annual Cloud of Ideas

**PANAMA CITY** — This season's gift giving comes in a "Cloud of Ideas." Panama City Artists' third annual shopping event continues through Dec. 23.

A variety of original artwork from local artists is presented in a cloud-like effect at CityArts Cooperative in downtown Panama City. Each work is packaged in clear plastic and can be purchased for \$5. Selection includes watercolors, acrylics, drawings, prints, photographs and pottery. These original artworks are perfect hostess gifts and make a great little gift exchange item or hard-to-find small gift for those you wish to remember during the holidays.

CityArts is at 318 Luverne Ave. in downtown Panama City, 769-0608. Gallery hours are 1-6 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday. Proceeds will be used to expand PCA's community involvement by enhancing local arts.

### Future Educators to host teacher workshop

**MARIANNA** — The Chipola College Future Educators Club will host the fifth annual Teacher Workshop on

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Jan. 21. Current teachers and students interested in a career in education are invited to attend.

Future educators currently enrolled at Chipola, with the assistance of the Department of Education faculty and staff, will present hands-on activities along with samples for teachers and education majors to use in their own classrooms. The sessions will include presentations and strategies in math, science, reading, English, ESOL and ESE. Various sessions will be held for elementary, middle and high school teachers.

A few of the topics being presented include:

- Using Foldables and Manipulatives
- Student Engagement with Social Studies
- Cooking Through the Content Areas
- Teaching Reading Components Using Picture Books
- Using Holidays With the ESOL Student in Mind
- Integrating Reading and Math
- Technology in the Classroom
- Discovering Pi
- Classroom Management
- Incorporating Drama into the Classroom

In addition to the student-led sessions, a representative from Big Ideas Learning will conduct a session for middle school math teachers. A representative from Teacher Effectiveness also will conduct a session on Classroom Management for teachers in grades 3-6. Registration opens at 8 a.m. in Building D on the Chipola College campus. Sessions begin at 8:15 a.m. and run through 12:30 p.m. To ensure that sufficient materials are available, those planning to attend are asked to RSVP. For information or to reserve a spot, contact Casey Bush at [bushc@chipola.edu](mailto:bushc@chipola.edu) or 526-2761, ext. 2449.

### Holmes Valley Heritage Day

**VERNON** — The preserving Our Past Association will host Holmes Valley Heritage Day on March 3 with a Tractor Pull and Show. Tickets are \$5 for adults, and children 12 and under are free. The Tractor Pull and Show will be at 3901 Wilderness Road in Vernon. For more information, call Sandra Cook at 849-2426.

### Two-Toed Tom Festival

**ESTO** — The Town of Esto announces the return of the Two-Toed-Tom Festival. The festival will be John Clark Park in Esto on April 14-15 and will feature vendors, live music, children's events and other events. Vendors and musical acts are being sought. For information call Lanette Wells at 263-4420, email [twotoedtomfest@yahoo.com](mailto:twotoedtomfest@yahoo.com), or visit [twotoedtomfest.com](http://twotoedtomfest.com).

### Legends and Lore Festival

**CHIPLEY** — The ninth annual Legends and Lore Festival will be at Falling Waters State Park on April 20-21, in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the state park. The event will have historic demonstrators, live music and a wide variety of displays.

### Orange and Bluegrass Festival

**VERNON** — The Vernon Athletic Booster Club will have the Orange and Bluegrass Festival on April 27-28 at The Oaks at Lucas Lake. Tickets are \$5. On Friday night, there will be a variety of gospel music with family food and game. Saturday will be all bluegrass and country entertainment with slides, bounce houses and games for the kids. The grounds have pools and a swimming area for the kids.

For more information, contact Tray Hawkins at 258-7276.

## Community CALENDAR

### Library hours

**Wausau**  
Monday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Tuesday: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: Closed  
Thursday: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
Friday: Closed  
Saturday: Closed  
Sunday: Closed

**Holmes County**  
Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Wednesday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Thursday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Sunday: Closed

**Washington County**  
Monday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Thursday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Friday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Saturday: Closed  
Sunday: Closed

**Vernon**  
Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Thursday: Closed  
Friday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Saturday: Closed  
Sunday: Closed

**Sunny Hills**  
Monday: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Tuesday: Closed  
Wednesday: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Thursday: Closed

Friday: Closed  
Saturday: Closed  
Sunday: Closed

### MONDAY

10 a.m. to noon: Holmes Council on Aging provides bingo, exercise, games, activities, hot meals and socialization.  
11 a.m.: Washington Council on Aging (Chipley) senior lunches; for reservations, call 638-6217. Donations accepted.  
5 p.m. Coupon clipping at the Washington County Library  
6-7:30 p.m.: Salvation Army Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Program (SADVP) hosts a domestic violence support group each Monday. Meetings are held at the SADVP Rural Outreach office, 1461 S. Railroad Ave., Apartment 1, in Chipley. Call Emma or Jess at 415-5999.

### TUESDAY

10 a.m. to noon: Holmes Council on Aging provides hot meals and socialization.  
11 a.m.: Washington Council on Aging (Chipley) senior lunches; for reservations, call 638-6217. Donations accepted.  
Noon: Chipley Kiwanis Club meeting.  
Noon: Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, New Life Assembly Fellowship Hall, Chipley.  
6 p.m.: Holmes County Commission meets every second Tuesday of the month.

7 p.m.: Narcotics Anonymous meeting, Blesses Trinity Catholic Church, on Hwy 177A

### WEDNESDAY

10 a.m. to noon: Holmes Council on Aging provides hot meals and socialization.  
11 a.m.: Washington Council on Aging (Chipley) senior lunches; for reservations, call 638-6217. Donations accepted.  
1 p.m.: Line dancing, Washington Council on Aging in Chipley.  
7 p.m.: Depression and Bipolar Support Group meets at First Baptist Church educational annex building in Bonifay. Call 547-4397.

### THURSDAY

7:30 a.m.: Washington County Chamber of Commerce breakfast every third Thursday  
10 a.m. to noon: Holmes Council on Aging provides hot meals and socialization.  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: The Vernon Historical Society Museum is open to the public every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meetings are the fourth Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m.  
10:30 a.m.: Chipley Library preschool story time.  
11 a.m.: Washington Council on Aging (Chipley) senior lunches; for reservations, call 638-6217. Donations accepted.

11 a.m.: Care Givers Support group meets the third Thursday of every month at the First Presbyterian Church at 4437 Clinton St. in Marianna.  
Noon: Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting at New Life Assembly Fellowship Hall, Chipley.  
6 p.m.: The Holmes County Historical Society meets the first Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.  
6:30 p.m.: T.O.P.S Mt. Olive Baptist Church on Highway 79 North.  
7 p.m.: Narcotics Anonymous meeting, Blesses Trinity Catholic Church, on Hwy 177A

### FRIDAY

10 a.m. to noon: Homes Council on Aging provides bingo, exercise, games, activities, hot meals and socialization.  
11 a.m.: Washington Council on Aging (Chipley) senior lunches; for reservations, call 638-6217. Donations accepted.  
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. every third Friday, Washington County Council on Aging (Chipley) will have a plate lunch available to anyone as a fundraiser for our local senior citizens. Plates are \$6. Must make reservation, call 638-6216 or 638-6217  
6 p.m. - Marianna's Gathering Place Foundation is holding a get together for 50+ senior singles, widowed, or divorced on the last

Friday of every month at Winn Dixie in Marianna from 6-8p.m. Come join the fun for games, prizes, snacks and you can also do some shopping. For more information call 526-4561.  
8 p.m.: Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting

at Chipley Presbyterian Church.

### SUNDAY

8 p.m.: Alcoholics Anonymous meeting in the board room at Graceville-Campbellton Hospital in Graceville.



**CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS**  
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**CELEBRATING 90 YEARS**



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

The Woman's Club of Chipley was established in 1921, and they are celebrating 90 years of service to the community. Much praise and honor is due to the past and present members who have worked many hours to achieve the accomplishments that will hopefully continue to enhance the lives of other in the years to come. In order to spruce up the yard at the club house, the conservation department planted a crepe myrtle tree and pansies in honor of this special "birthday." Pictured from left are Chairman Elsie Gainey, Kathleen Rogers and Judy Taylor.

# 21st Tour of Homes today in DeFuniak

**DEFUNIAK SPRINGS** — DeFuniak Springs welcomes the Christmas season this year with the 21st annual Tour of Homes today, Dec. 3.

This annual event is presented by Partners in Progress, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to preserving the wonderful historical significance of the area. The theme for this year's tour is "Exploring History in DeFuniak Springs."

We proudly invite you to experience the way things used to be in DeFuniak Springs. Each site on the tour will have tour guides present to take you on a journey into the past. You will discover the elegance of a bygone era. Learn interesting facts about the life and time of the people who established a community that today continues to treasure these homes and maintain the elegance of the Victorian era.

You will visit a home that served as the arts and crafts shop during the first Chautauqua Assemblies. It later became the home of some very interesting personalities. One served as mayor of DeFuniak Springs before establishing one of the first successful businesses, which spanned nearly a century in the same family.

A unique opportunity awaits you to visit for the very first time the Heritage Garden. This is an octagonal brick wall enclosure replicating the exact footprint of Thomas Jefferson's summer retreat, Poplar Forest (circa 1806) in Virginia. The formal boxwood garden features



boxwood shrubs acquired from properties linked to famous historic American sites and people. A walk through Heritage Garden is truly a lesson in American history.

There's much more for you to discover as you continue this years tour. The tour hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the ticket sales office is in the Welcome Center on Circle

Drive from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets (includes 7 percent sales tax) are \$15 for adults and \$6 for children under 12. Babies in arms are free. As an added incentive to encourage students to learn more about the history of DeFuniak Springs, we offer student group rates of \$5 per person for groups of 10 or more. For additional information, call 892-2448.

## VHS to present 'HOG WASH!'

Special to The News

**VERNON** — Come prepared to roar with laughter in the aisles as the Vernon High School Theatre Department presents, "HOG WASH!," a night of comedy scenes and songs, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at the VHS auditorium, 3232 Moss Hill Road in Vernon.

The members of the VHS Theatre Department are back for another night of comedy monologues, scenes and songs. This production does not have a plot or story line, but is merely an evening of sheer enjoyment. With a new lineup of skits, scenes and songs ranging from Broadway to contemporary pop and similar to MAD TV or Saturday Night Live, this production is a must-see for any comedy lover.

The cast lineup includes Kate Burke, Amanda Burt, Amber Burt, Jaclyn Coatney, Bailey Burch, Autumn Shamburger, Whitney Mullins, Breanna Warr, Heidi Edwards, Nina Peterson, Rachel Spooner, Devin Finch, Kori Maynor, Ansley Holland, Jeffrey Bouet, Dylan Rudd, Skylar Clarke, Jaquel Watson, Austin Selden and Dakota Ball.

General admission tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and children. Tickets are available now from any cast member or by calling VHS at 535-2046.

All proceeds from this production will be used to produce the VHS Theatre Department's spring musical, "Guys & Dolls Jr."

For more information, email VHS Theatre Director Kevin Russell at vhs.theatre@gmail.com, or call the main office at 535-2046.

### HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?

Letters to the editor and comments on Web versions of news stories are welcomed.

Letters are edited only for grammar, spelling, clarity, space and consistency, but we ask that they be limited to 300 words where possible. Letter writers are asked to provide a home address and daytime telephone number (neither is printed) for verification purposes.

Letters may be sent to 1364 N. Railroad Ave., Chipley, FL 32428 or emailed to news@chipleypaper.com. Please specify if the letter should be printed in the Washington County News or Holmes County Times-Advertiser.

Questions? Call 638-0212.



## Chipola, TDC to host Panhandle Basketball Classic



**MARIANNA** — Chipola College and the Jackson County Tourist Development Council will host the Panhandle Classic through today, Dec. 3, in the Milton H. Johnson Health Center.

Nine teams from the FCSAA Top 10 will be in action. Northwest Florida State (8-0) is the top-ranked team in the state poll. Palm Beach (8-0) is second. Chipola (8-0) is ranked third. Brevard (7-1) is fourth. Pensacola (10-1) is fifth. Tallahassee (6-2) is sixth. Santa Fe (6-1) is seventh.

Central Florida (6-3) is ninth. St. Petersburg (6-3) is tenth. Action began.

Today, games begin at noon with Gulf Coast and Santa Fe. Pensacola meets Brevard at 2 p.m. Tallahassee and Miami Dade face off at 4 p.m. Northwest Florida takes on Palm Beach at 6 p.m. Chipola plays Central Florida in the 8 p.m. game. During pregame of the Chipola men's game, members of the Chipola baseball team will be presented their 2011 State Championship rings.

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### Mr. and Mrs. Claus to visit library

**CHIPLEY** — Mr. and Mrs. Claus will visit the Chipley area on their worldly trip at Christmas time. While in Chipley, they have been seen shopping for vegetables for the reindeer at several of the local stores. When making these visits to the area, Mr. and Mrs. Claus always stop to visit the Washington County Public Library to read to the little ones during story time, have a picture made and spread some Christmas cheer. The Community South Credit Union has arranged for the jolly couple to arrive at the library at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 15. Bring your camera for this special visit from Santa. For more information, call Zedra at 638-1314.

### Washington County Chamber annual Holiday Open House

**CHIPLEY** — The Washington County Chamber invites you to the annual Holiday Open House from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 15 at 672 Fifth

St. in Chipley. Please bring any canned food items you wish to donate during the holiday season. Please stop by to celebrate the holidays with some good food, good music and good folks. If you have a favorite finger food you wish to showcase at our open house, contact Chris at 638-4157.

### Community Christmas Light Show

**SNEADS** — Three Rivers State Park will hold its eighth annual Community Christmas Light Show from 6-8 p.m. Dec. 9-11 and 16-18. Admission is free, although donations will be accepted for future light shows. All families, groups, organizations, churches and businesses interested in setting up a display, please contact the park for more information at 482-9006. Please bring canned food for local food drives.

### Christmas Reflections

**DEFUNIAK SPRINGS** — 'Tis the season of lights, and historic DeFuniak Springs is aglow with more than 3 million. Traditionally, our lights go on the day

after Thanksgiving and continue to glow each night until Dec. 31. We invite you to enjoy this wonderful display for the first time or for your annual trip to DeFuniak Springs.

The trip is more than worth it as you drive around our placid lake and view the reflection of millions of lights. It's a photographer's dream, and many come to capture the sights and scenes on display. Trees laden with thousands of lights illuminate hand-painted figures for the young and the young at heart.

Enjoy again the serenity and beauty of our nativity that reminds us of the true reason for the season. The Victorian silhouette figures throughout the display remind us of a simpler time in our history and recall our historic heritage. Other displays show Santa's elves working hard to prepare toys for all good girls and boys. Animals romp through the trees, and penguins skate on the grassy slopes in our cool night air.

We are pleased to introduce a new

feature this year, the traditional "Twelve Days of Christmas." This delight in riotous color and beauty is a welcome addition to the season. This is the year to visit historic DeFuniak Springs and enjoy Christmas Reflections on Circle Drive.

The display opens each evening from 5-9 p.m., and admission is only \$3 per person, with children 6 and under free. Season passes for unlimited viewing of the dazzling display are available for \$35.

From U.S. 90 West, turn right onto U.S. 331 South. Turn left at the first red light (Live Oak Avenue). Follow this to the entrance of Christmas Reflections.

From U.S. 90 East, turn left at the red light onto U.S. 331 South. Turn left at the first red light (Live Oak Avenue). Follow this to the entrance of Christmas Reflections.

From Interstate 10, go north on U.S. 331 to the fifth red light (Live Oak Avenue). Turn right and follow to the entrance of Christmas Reflections.

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Case No: 67-2011CA-000295-CA-XX  
Gene Baldwin Plaintiff  
vs  
Christine Napier & Jimmy Napier, spouse of Christine Napier & Unknown Tenant in Possession, 938 Alicia Lane, Chipley, FL  
Defendants  
NOTICE OF SALE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment entered in the above entitled cause of action in the Circuit Court of Washington county, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Washington County, Florida described as: The North 1/2 of the following described parcel: commence at the northwest corner of the SW 1/4 of Section 12, Township 4 North, Range 13 West, Washington county, Florida, thence run S 89 degrees 13'11"E along the North line of said SW 1/4, 1760.00 feet, thence S 00 degrees 09'07"E 435.00 feet, thence S 00 degrees 04'39"W 474.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence N 89 degrees 13' 11" W 460.00 feet; thence S 00 degrees 04'39" W 227.36 feet; thence S 89°24'10"E 460.00 feet; thence N 00 degrees 04'39"E 275.89 feet to the Point of Beginning containing 2.39 acres more or less Together with a 1194 Liberty 14 X 70 manufactured home Id# 10L23645 bearing title number 653599887 at a public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash, at Washington County Court-house located at 1293 Jackson Avenue, Suite 100, Chipley, FL 32428 at 11:00 am on the 14th day of December, 2011  
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds from the sale, of any other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. 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 Office of the Court Administrator, 850-638-6285 Ext 226 within two (2) working days of your receipt of the Notice of Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired call Florida Relay Service 711  
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ords of Washington County, Florida. Together with 2006 Nobility, Kingswood 44 X 28 manufactured home, Serial NO: N8-12852A & N8-12852B, located on the property has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Lance Paul Cohen, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Cohen & Thurstone, P.A., 1723 Blanding Boulevard, Suite 102, Jacksonville, Florida 32210, within thirty (30) days from the first date of publication of this notice, on or before Dec 29, 2011, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition. DATED on this 17 day of November, 2011  
LINDA H. COOK CLERK OF THE COURT WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA  
By: K McDaniel Deputy Clerk  
Lance Paul Cohen, Esquire  
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**11-3010**  
CITY OF CHIPLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENT TO CITY CODE The Chipley City Council will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING regarding adoption of the following ordinance on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., at the City Hall Council Chambers, 1442 Jackson Avenue, Chipley, Florida. ORDINANCE NO. 910 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHIPLEY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ITS ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR FUTURE LAND USE CHANGE OF A PARCEL LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF JOHNSON AVENUE AND 5TH STREET, FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP; PROVIDING FOR A SMALL SCALE AMENDMENT TO THE ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR THE FILING WITH THE CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Adoption of this ordinance will establish a land use change of a parcel located at the corner of Johnson Avenue and 5th Street from low density residential to neighborhood commercial. All citizens and interested parties are encouraged to attend the public hearing and to provide written and/or verbal comments on the matter under consideration. Any person requiring a special accommodation at this hearing because of disability or physical impairments should contact the City at (850) 638-6350, 48 hours prior to the hearing. For further information pertaining to the proposed ordinance, contact Dan Miner, City Administrator. As published in the Washington County News December 3, 2011

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IN THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA REGIONS BANK, Plaintiff, CASE NO. 67-10CA599 v. WALLACE WILLS a/k/a WALLACE E. WILLS, TRUDEE J. WILLS, SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, and CITY OF CHIPLEY, FLORIDA, Defendants. AMENDED NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE PURSUANT TO SECTION 45.031(1) OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to that certain Final Judgment of foreclosure entered on October 28, 2011, and the Order entered on November 16, 2011, in Case No. 67-10CA599 in the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit Court in and for Washington County, Florida, wherein Regions Bank is the Plaintiff, and Wallace Wills a/k/a Wallace E. Wills, Trudee J. Wills, South Carolina Federal Credit Union, and the City of Chipley, Florida are Defendants, that I, Linda Hays Cook or my Deputy Clerk will sell at public sale on the front steps of the Washington County Court-house, Chipley, Florida, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. CST and 4:00 p.m. CST on the 4th day of January, 2012, to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described real property situated in Washington County, Florida, in accordance with Section 45.031 of the Florida Statutes and pursuant to the Final Judgment: E 1/2 of Lot 130 in the City of Chipley according to plat of said city on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Washington County, Florida, the land hereby conveyed being North and of abutting North Railroad Avenue, and being in S 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Section 4, Township 4 North, Range 13 West, including the East wall and 1/2 of the West wall of the building on said land. And a parcel of land in the City of Chipley, Florida, bounded by beginning on the South boundary line of No. 130 according to the Map of Chipley drawn by L.W. Mordt and on file in the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court of Washington County, Florida in the S 1/2 of the NE 1/4 Section 4, Township 4 North, Range 13 West, at a point 5 feet East of the Southwest corner of said lot, thence running in an Easterly direction 22 1/2 feet along said South boundary line. Thence in a Northerly direction parallel with the Eastern boundary line of said lot to the Northern boundary line of said lot, thence in a Westerly direction along the Northern boundary line of said Lot, 22 1/2 feet, thence in a southerly direction to the Point of Beginning. 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 WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. WITNESS my hand and the official seal of this Honorable Court, on this 29th day of November, 2011. In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of Circuit Court, Washington County, Florida, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding.

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Prepared By: Rick A. La Trace, Esq., Johnstone, Adams, Bailey, Gordon & Harris, L.L.C.  
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Work write-ups, specifications, instructions to bidders and other pertinent information may be obtained from the offices of Washington County Grant Coordinator, 1331 South Boulevard, Chipley, Fla. 32428; telephone 850-638-6058 or fax 850-638-6106.  
Bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. the morning of Thursday, December 15, 2011, local time, at the Washington County Commission office at 1331 South Boulevard, Chipley, Fla. 32428, at which time bids will be opened and all valid bids will be read aloud. There will be a pre-bid conference scheduled for Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 8:30 a.m., local time, at the County Commission Building, 1331 South Boulevard, Chipley, Florida 32428. If a bid is to be submitted for the above project, your presence at the pre-bid is mandatory. To be accepted bids must:  
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Include proof on contractor's liability; and shall include worker's compensation insurance for all employees other than such owners or corporate officers specifically exempted by State law and bearing in hand documentation from the state of such exemption. Include total amount for repairs to all housing units with break-out of cost for repairs to each individual unit. Not to exceed fifteen-thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) on any single unit.  
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CITY OF CHIPLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENT TO CITY CODE The Chipley City Council will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING regarding adoption of the following ordinance on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., at the City Hall Council Chambers, 1442 Jackson Avenue, Chipley, Florida. ORDINANCE NO. 911 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHIPLEY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 20, ENTITLED "ZONING"; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Adoption of this ordinance will amend amendment procedures for zoning. All citizens and interested parties are encouraged to attend the public hearing and to provide written and/or verbal comments on the matter under consideration. Any person requiring a special accommodation at this hearing because of disability or physical impairments should contact the City at (850) 638-6350, 48 hours prior to the hearing. For further information pertaining to the proposed ordinance, contact Dan Miner, City Administrator. As published in the Washington County News December 3, 2011

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situated in Washington County, Florida, in accordance with Section 45.031 of the Florida Statutes and pursuant to the Final Judgment: That parcel of land in the City of Chipley, bounded by beginning at a point the West line of Lot 225, Map of the City of Chipley, Florida, which is 70 feet and 5 inches South from the Northwest corner of said lot, running thence South along West line of lot and the East line of Sixth Street 24 feet, thence East 75 feet to a point halfway between the East and West lines of Lot 224, thence North parallel with the West line of the lot hereby conveyed 75 feet, thence West 25 feet to the Point of Beginning; AND beginning at a point in the South line of South Railroad Street, said point being 200 feet measured Westwardly along said South line of South Railroad Street from a point where same intersects the West line of Seventh Street, said point also being 75 feet Southwardly at right angles from a point in the centerline of L & N main tract and located in the Lot lying between Lots 223 and 224, thence Southwardly along the lot lying between Lots 223 and 224 a distance of 90 feet to a point, thence Westwardly at right angles a distance of 25 feet to a point which is the Point of Beginning, thence North 20 feet, thence East 24 feet and 1 inch, thence South 20 feet, thence West 24 feet and 1 inch, to Point of Beginning, together with the use of party walls on other buildings that adjoin building located on said premises, being in the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 4, Township 4 North, Range 13 West, Washington County, Florida. 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 WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. WITNESS my hand and the official seal of this Honorable Court, on this 29th day of November, 2011. In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of Circuit Court, Washington County, Florida, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. Clerk of Court BY: K. McDaniel Deputy Clerk Prepared By:

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## Commissioners vote on key economic issues for County's future

At the Nov. 21 meeting of the Board Of County Commissioners the groundwork laid over many months paid off as key issues were approved. These will have a positive impact on Washington County for a long time.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

First came the issue of economic development and how the Washington County Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Council and the County will interact. By State statute there must be an economic development component to the County's comprehensive plan. During this past Summer and Fall a group was put together which comprised of economic developers and County business leaders who designed a detailed document outlining the vision for economic development for the future.

This document was reviewed and improved many times until the final document went before the Planning and Zoning Commission for approval. Subsequently, there was also a Memorandum of



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Understanding between the County and the Washington County Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Council acting as the County's Economic Development Provider. The MOU specifically outlines the function and capacity of the Chamber's required duties, accounting procedures, marketing strategies and reporting requirements to the County.

Additionally, the Chamber will continue working with regional and statewide governmental and private organizations to ensure that Washington County is moving toward a sound economic future for all its citizens. These linkages work toward reducing impediments to permitting, regulations, taxation and other obstacles that create barriers to job creation.

### SLOT MACHINE REFERENDUM

The second issue before the County Commissioners was the request to approve a county-wide referendum allowing Ebro Greyhound Park, a pari-mutuel facility, to provide slot machines at their operation. This referendum is non-partisan and would be placed on the Presidential Primary

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## A Message From The President

As I begin my year as president, I am humbled by the trust the Board of Directors have placed in me. My hope is to make a real difference in the business climate of Washington County.

I take the helm of this wonderful organization during a time of change in the Chamber. We have a number of issues facing the Chamber this year and I am looking forward to working with this very capable group. I believe the Chamber can be instrumental in helping our existing local businesses, as well as recruiting new business and jobs for our community.



**Philip Pippin**

One of our goals is to open a dialog with our business community that would allow the Chamber to be more responsive and effective. We want to be able to direct our resources to the issues which are most important to local businesses. Our Chamber Board is made up of business leaders with vast knowledge and expertise, that can be utilized to assist local businesses in dealing with issues of the day.

One of my personal goals is to work closely with the Chamber Ambassadors to strengthen our outreach programs and to help this very dedicated group provide assistance to our business community.

The Chamber Board is also looking at new ways to attract jobs to our community. The need for additional land on which to locate new industry is

critical for job expansion and creation. This need must be addressed soon if Washington County is to compete for the jobs of the future. A number of interesting ideas have been put forward and we will be working diligently to explore every opportunity.

Although we use the phrase "We believe in Washington County" a lot at Chamber functions, the words are taken to heart by all of the Board of Directors. We truly believe in the possibilities available to our communities and the Chamber is working diligently to help our business community prepare for every opportunity.

I am looking forward to the coming year and the opportunity to serve the communities that have supported my business ventures over the last 26 years.

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## A Message From The Executive Director

Let me begin by saying thank you to the readers of the Advocate. I have had several of you come to me and tell me the information I have shared with you was something not previously known. That started me to think I really need to discuss more about how economic development works and does not work, and why some investors choose to do what they do or not.

No project is ever easy, ever! Industry and developers all take risks when they relocate, build or develop.



**Ted Everett**

There are many hurdles to overcome, including: permitting, ordinances and infrastructure. There are hurdles at the local and State level to be dealt with and it takes time and money.

In today's world when it seems nothing but bad is happening in the economy, there are some people taking risks. The Rhythm development is one of those projects trying to get started. Although some may be opposed to the development, I am here to give you the facts.

Rhythm is only one of many DRIs (Development of Regional Impact), forwarded to the State from the West Florida Regional Planning Council, that has passed all scrutiny at the state

level. According to Mike DeRuntz, director of Planning and Zoning, it has met the criteria for this type of development in Washington County.

I have seen the figures for the development and it would make a substantial addition to the County's tax base. If all concerns are addressed and the developers complete their project, would it then be a good thing? Some will say yes and some still will say no.

One thing I have found in economic development, it is hard to argue against emotions but the facts speak volumes. It is estimated that if this project is implemented, it will create, at full build-out, a tax base of

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## TDC utilizes social media to reach more vacationers

Social media is changing the way we communicate and do business with each other. It is also changing the way people book their vacations. For this reason, the Washington County Tourist Development Council (TDC) has been working on its own social media platform that should be rolling out right before 2012.

The TDC decided to go with the three most traditional social media platforms: Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. The TDC chose Facebook and Twitter because they are the two most popular social networking sites and YouTube for being the most popular video-sharing site.

Other social media platforms will be added in the future as the TDC grows into this new marketing segment. The TDC's goal is to connect with past and future vacationers to the region and let them know of all the wonderful things to do and experience in Washington County.

The TDC will post about local

accommodations, attractions and special events and festivals going on throughout the county. Photos and videos will also be uploaded from locations around the county as well as the TDC holding contests to get their fan base to post their favorite vacation photos and videos.



**Heather Lopez**  
Administrative  
Assistant

Having social media platforms will allow the TDC to broaden its reach to potential vacationers through Visit Florida. Visit Florida is the official in-state tourism organization. They work tirelessly to promote our beautiful state, not only to the domestic U.S. and Canada, but also internationally. As a partner, the TDC has a free listing on their official tourism website that has the option to add your social media icons.

If you would like to check out the TDC's social media platforms, please visit our website at [www.VisitWashingtonCountyFL.com](http://www.VisitWashingtonCountyFL.com) and click on our icons at the bottom of the Home page.



Heather Lopez representing the TDC at the Rural Tourism Summit in October.

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*Following is an account of the 1922 Chamber Banquet, which the Woman's Club helped host.*

September 7, 1922

## **Chamber of Commerce Banquet Success**

The jolliest and most harmonious gathering ever assembled in Chipley was that Thursday night at the Chamber Commerce get-together meeting and banquet on the lawn west of Chipley Hotel.

About 200 were present, and the meeting, which was called to order at 7:30 and was presided over by Mr. C.L. Brooks of the Chipley Packing Company.

Nearly every portion of the County was represented, and no doubt the meeting will prove of incalculable benefit.

The Woman's Club had charge of the refreshments part of the meeting, assisted by about 30 of the young ladies of the town, in serving – and they did themselves proud in not only the quality but the quantity served – The menu consisted of Mashed Potatoes, English Peas,

Chicken and Ham, Pickles and Salad with Coffee and Tea followed by Ice Cream and Cake, Cigars and Cigarettes.

The principal speakers of the evening were: L.M. Rhodes of the State Marketing Bureau, Jacksonville; John W. Greer, Secretary of Chamber of Commerce Moultrie GA; T.H. Jones, Industrial Agent of the M & B Railroad of Pensacola and J. H. Worthington, Demonstration Agent of Houston County, Dothan, AL. A number of other short talks were made.

H. W. McCord gave a report of the work accomplished by the Chamber of Commerce and outlined a number of propositions on which that body was at work at present. The results accomplished and the matter underway now, made a good showing.

The Chipley Orchestra furnished a nice selection of music and a number of vocal selections were much enjoyed.

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# Ribbon Cuttings



October 20 - Washington County Council on Aging, Ebro Senior Center



November 17 - Hatch Mott MacDonald, 1232 Jackson Ave.

## Schlenker named Trustee of Year

The Florida Hospital Association awarded Northwest Florida Community Hospital CEO Pat Schlenker the Trustee of the Year award in the Under 150 Bed category.

This award honors a board member of a hospital or health system who has contributed significantly to the health of the community by providing leadership and guidance to the hospital or system board.



Northwest Florida Community Hospital is the primary health care provider for the 29,000 residents in Washington County. In 2003, this small, rural facility had suffered serious financial losses that were threatening its very survival. In an attempt to salvage the health care life-line of the residents, Schlenker assessed and evaluated the viability of the organization.

Under Schlenker's leadership, the hospital rebuilt its emergency department, added medical office buildings, renovated patient rooms and replaced obsolete equipment.

Northwest Florida Community Hospital also received the 2010-2011 Hospital of Choice Award and was recognized by Florida Monthly Magazine as one of Florida's Top 100 Hospitals.

Schlenker recognized that the survival of the hospital was dependent upon grassroots involvement by the community at large. He recruited professionals, created a feasible business model, rallied local business owners and organized the community's support in order to restructure and revive the hospital.

## District Garden Club meeting held in Vernon



The Garden Clubs of Chipley, Vernon and Wausau recently hosted the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Inc. District II Fall Meeting in Vernon, Fla. The small clubs worked closely to transform the Community Center into an Asian oasis. District II Director Jane Brewer of Panama City Beach awarded certificates to Vernon Garden Club for 50 years of federation and one to Chipley Garden Club for 60 years. FFGC Touring Officers were excited to be in our area and presented their visions for the future of FFGC.

# Third Thursday Highlights



## October-November Third Thursday Highlights

Clockwise, from top left: Pippin Appraisal Services is recognized for EDC contribution; Gwen Collins, Chipley Garden Club, presents the October Yard of the Month award to Judy Sanders; Laney's Accounting and Tax Services is recognized for EDC contribution; Dan Colletti gives an introduction for the West Florida Baptist Association program; Janet Kinney, NWFCH, speaks about rural hospital funding issues; Edwina Showers, Chipley Garden Club, presents Kristina Corbin the November Yard of the Month award; Jim Town, TDC, gives an update on council activities; Ambassador Gary Hartman introduces guest P.J. Wink, manager of Goody's.

Jim Town and Edwina Showers photos courtesy of fosterfollynews.com

## THIRD THURSDAY PROGRAMS

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Legislative Update  
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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

# 2012 Legislative Issues

**By Brad Drake  
Representative  
Florida House District 5**

When the Florida Legislature convenes for its 2012 regular 60-day session in just a few short weeks, we will once again be tasked with addressing similar challenges as we have done in recent years. This year, dealing with a struggling and fragile economy, reapportioning state legislative district boundaries, and finding sensible ways to reduce regulatory obstacles for job creators will undoubtedly take center stage.

Facing a potential \$2 billion gap in revenue collections vs. obligations, we shall again set out to balance the budget without raising additional taxes on

Floridians. Further, the Legislature will be obligated to cut the fat, meat and bone in our state's budget, all the while recognizing that some services will end when certain spending reductions take effect. And understanding that while it's not always pleasant to make reductions in worthwhile programs, it is, however a fiduciary responsibility that we share and owe Florida's taxpayers.

My personal priorities will involve working for job creation incentives, pushing for adequate transportation funding, supporting water policies that preserve resources in Northwest Florida and advocating the removal of unnecessary septic tank regulations prescribed through the passage of

SB 550. Additionally, I want to continue common sense solutions in every aspect of governing, including reducing the time inmates remain on death row and their method of execution. That's why I have filed HB 325, which eliminates execution by lethal injection (\$3,800 three-drug mixture) and replaces it with execution by firing squad or electrocution method.

In the coming weeks, I welcome any feedback or comments that may be productive in helping to pave the way for Florida's economic recovery and job creation. I am optimistic about our expectations for the coming session and I am encouraged by the people's call for fiscal responsibility in our government.



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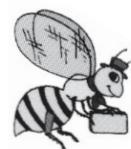
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# Spotlight on our Chamber Ambassadors



## KERRIE THOMPSON Washington County News



Originally from England, Kerrie Thompson came to the United States in 1986 and opened a restaurant in Kissimmee, Fla. After three years in business and a divorce, she started her career in sales as an independent contractor.

Kerrie went to work for the Dade Paper Company and continued with them until a chance opportunity to visit Walton County presented itself in 1999. "I took one look at the Beach and thought this is home.," she said.

Kerrie started her employment

with Freedom Communications in 2000 as an advertising sales rep with the Walton Sun and then transferred to The Washington County News in 2010. While in Walton County she also served a number of years as an ambassador for the Walton County Chamber and was Ambassador of the Year in 2001.

Kerrie has seen great changes and innovations in the newspaper industry over the last 10 years. She is very honored to be a representative of the Chamber and to help the businesses of our

communities not only with their advertising needs, but also to assist them however she can to make their businesses more profitable and successful.

Kerrie and her husband David, who is also from England, have a small hobby farm in Ponce de Leon. "We are trying to produce as much of our own food as possible" she said.

When not in the garden she can be found taking photographs, or curled up with a good book. Kerrie has one daughter, Rhonda, who owns a hair salon in Destin.



The Chamber is very proud and pleased to have Kerrie as a great representative of the Chamber!

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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

## Combating ID thieves who file fraudulent tax returns

By **U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson**

Today, common crooks are increasingly engaging in sophisticated digital crimes. In just the last couple of years, one particular scheme, tax fraud through identity theft has become a growing problem around the country.

While devastating to victims and a drain on public finances, the scope of these crimes is just now coming to light.

In September, Tampa police uncovered \$130 million in fraudulent tax refunds as part of a crackdown on identity thieves. Forty-nine people were arrested.

Meantime, the National Taxpayer Advocate Service has seen a 60-percent increase in identity theft cases this year alone.

The ease with which scam artists can readily file electronic tax returns, the availability of prepaid debit cards for the delivery of tax refunds and the low risk that criminal penalties will be imposed have created, in many respects, the perfect crime.

In response, I filed legislation

this fall to combat the problem. Among other things, the bill would:

- Make it a felony punishable by as much as five years in federal prison and/or a fine of no less than \$25,000 for using another's Social Security number or other identifiable information to file a federal tax return;
  - Require the IRS to develop a nationwide PIN system in which identity theft victims can receive a pin number to put on their tax return; and, allow identity theft victims to "opt-out" of electronic filing of their federal tax returns;
  - and,
  - Protect Social Security numbers of deceased taxpayers by restricting public access;
- The bottom line is we've got to put a stop to ID thieves who rip off taxpayers and cause severe hardships for their victims. Tougher laws and better enforcement are needed to keep this problem from becoming an epidemic.

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Ballot, with voting on Jan. 31, 2012.

The Park owners are pledging that, should the referendum pass, they will make substantial changes to their facility such as the addition of a family-friendly resort complex, which would include a 5-star restaurant, commercial space, a hotel, and a convention center. They are also pledging additional monies to the County above and beyond what they will normally pay through ad-valorem and sales taxes.

The important bottom line would be the creation of approximately 1,200 new jobs and no telling how many indirect or supporting employment

opportunities. As designated by State Statute, this kind of development can only happen at Ebro and it would prohibit any further operations such as the Ebro Park from being created in Washington County as well as Bay County. Washington County and Ebro would benefit from being grand-fathered in as the result of this one specific piece of legislation.

The Board of County Commissioners chose to recognize the job creation possibilities during these very difficult economic times and will allow Washington County voters to decide the future of limited slot machines at Ebro this coming January.

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11. Plan a Night Out: shop and dine with friends
12. Take your family window-shopping and see what they're wishing for
13. Avoid shipping and handling fees on catalog and Internet purchases
14. Buy gifts from your friends and business associates



Spending \$100 at a locally-owned business generates about \$68 in local economic spending compared to \$43 from spending that same \$100 at a national chain. Local businesses tend to have higher payrolls and often purchase goods and services from other local vendors.

Source: [www.chamber101.com](http://www.chamber101.com)

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### RENEWALS

A Safe Storage  
 Buchanan Properties of NW FL, LLC  
 City of Vernon  
 CJS Group Inc. d.b.a. KFC  
 Clark Insurance Services Inc.  
 Colonial Restaurant  
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 Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative Inc.  
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 Hard Labor Creek Plantation  
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 International Info Station, Inc.  
 James White Electrical, Inc  
 Laney's Accounting & Tax Services  
 Metric Engineering Inc.  
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 Panama Business Machines Inc.  
 Pippin Appraisal Services

Powersouth Energy Cooperative  
 Skins & Bubba's Family Restaurant  
 Southeastern Survey/Mapping Corp.  
 Spring Run Nursery & Florist  
 Surplus & Salvage of Chipley  
 Washington County Arts Council  
 Washington Rehab & Nursing Center  
 Sheila Barbee  
 Linda Cain  
 Cheryl McCall  
 Lori Rudd

### NEW

Smoker's Depot

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Buchanan Properties LLC  
 Clark Insurance Services  
 Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative  
 Laney's Accounting & Tax Services  
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**DECEMBER 2011****Every Tuesday**

Noon - Kiwanis Luncheon

**Every Thursday & Friday & 1st Saturday (9-12)**

10am-2pm -WC Historical Society Museum Open

**Every Tuesday / Thursday / Saturday (7-12)**

12-5pm-Farmers Market Open

685 7th St., Chipley

**Every Wednesday**

9-2pm-Vernon Hist. Historical Society Museum Open

- 1 11:30 am – Ribbon Cutting: Smokers Depot, 1691 Main, Chipley
- 6:30 pm – Sunny Hills Civic Association Mtg.
- 10:30 am – Chipley Garden Club Mtg.
- 3 3:30 pm – Chipley Christmas Parade
- 5 6 pm. – Vernon Town Council Workshop
- 8 5 pm – Chipley City Council Workshop
- 6 pm – Wausau Town Council Meeting
- 6 pm – Ambassadors/Board Get Together
- 10 Full Cold Moon
- 12 9 am – Wash. Co. Commission Workshop @ Annex
- 5:30 pm – WC School Board Meeting
- 7 pm – Vernon Council Meeting
- 13 6 pm – Chipley City Council Meeting
- 6 pm -- Caryville Town Council Meeting
- 6 pm – Ebro Town Council Meeting
- 14 Noon – Chipley Woman's Club Mtg @ Club-house
- 4pm – CRA Workshop/Meeting @ Chamber
- 15 9am-3pm – Chamber Open House- 672 5th St., Chipley
- 19 6 pm. – Vernon Town Council Workshop
- 21 9 am – Wash. Co. Commission Mtg @ Annex
- 22-1/5 Wash. Co. Schools Closed
- 23-1/2 Chamber Offices Closed
- 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS
- 26 7 pm – Vernon Council Meeting
- 4 pm – TDC Workshop/Meeting @ Chamber
- 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE - Stay Safe!

**JANUARY 2012****Every Tuesday**

Noon - Kiwanis Luncheon

**Every Thursday & Friday & 1st Saturday (9-12)**

10am-2pm -WC Historical Society Museum Open

**Every Tuesday / Thursday / Saturday (7-12)**

12-5pm-Farmers Market Open

685 7th St., Chipley

**Every Wednesday**

9-2pm-Vernon Hist. Historical Society Museum Open

- 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- 2 6:00pm – Vernon Town Council Workshop
- 4 10:30 am – Chipley Garden Club
- 5 6:30 pm – Sunny Hills Civic Association
- 5:00 pm – Chipley City Council Workshop
- 9 9 am – Wash. Co. Commission Workshop @ Annex
- 5:30 pm – Washington County School Board Meeting
- 7:00 – Vernon City Council Meeting
- Full Wolf Moon
- 10 12:00 (Noon) – Chipley Woman's Club
- 6:00 pm – Chipley City Council Meeting
- 6:00 pm – Ebro Town Council
- 6:00 pm – Caryville Town Council
- 16 Martin Luther King Day – Chamber Closed
- 6:00 pm – Vernon Town Council Workshop
- 17 10:30 am- Wausau Garden Club
- Noon – Chamber Ambassador Mtg.
- 18 9 am – Washington County Commission Mtg @ Annex
- 19 7:30 am – Chamber 3rd Thursday Mtg @ Pattillo's
- 23 4 pm – TDC Workshop/Meeting @ Chamber
- 7 pm – Vernon Town Council Meeting
- 25 4 pm – CRA Workshop/Meeting @ Chamber
- 6 pm – Washington County Arts Council
- 30 6 pm – Vernon Town Council Workshop

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\$13,072,000. It will also, at full build-out, create 276 full-time jobs.

During the building of this project, it could be expected that over 2,000 construction jobs will be created.

Many people have different views on this project as well as other issues that affect the County. But, like all projects large and small, they have to be judged on their own merits.



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