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Friends of the Library Game Night

CHIPLEY — The Friends of the Washington County Public Library are planning a "Game Night at the Library" on March 15 at the Washington County Agricultural Center, 1424 Highway 90 West in Chipley.

Tables will be set up for Bridge, Bunco, Canasta, Dominoes or other table games as requested.

Tickets are \$10 and are on sale at the library and at the door of the center the night of the event. For more information, call Chairperson Leola Porter at 638-1703.

8th annual Holmes Valley Heritage Day

VERNON — The 8th Annual Holmes Valley Heritage Day will be today at 3901 Wilderness Road in Vernon. Gates open at 8 a.m. until the last pull. The antique tractors begin with races at 9:30 a.m., followed by the pulls of the 2,500-pound to 10,500-pound divisions at 10 a.m.

There will be a 1912 Case Steam Traction Engine on site. At 11:30 a.m., there will be a children's pedal tractor pull, the parade of tractors at noon, and then the ladies' skillet throw at 12:30 p.m.

Admission is \$5 for adults and children 12 and under are free.

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Chipley wins state title

By Brad Milner

Florida Freedom Newspapers

LAKELAND — Chipley boys entered Wednesday with 23 straight basketball victories. By lunchtime, it had 24 and a state championship.

Cameron Dozier scored a game-high 23 points and doled out six assists, as Chipley (26-3) routed Hawthorne 71-48 to win the inaugural Rural Class 1A title at The Lakeland Center. It was Chipley's first state championship after finishing runner-up three times, the last in 1989. The victory capped an

already stellar year for the Tigers' athletic program, with the football team placing second in the state last season.

"You realize you're in a state championship game when you see the level of intensity these guys played at," Chipley coach Joel Orlando said. "They put everything on the line, both offensively and defensively."

Chipley's last defeat came Dec. 15 at Holmes County. The 81-75 loss punctuated a 2-3 start against an early schedule that featured three

larger classification schools.

It was this schedule, which included games against Class 5A Rutherford and Class 4A semifinalist Tallahassee Godby, that toughened Chipley. It was that schedule that provided plenty of adversity not only during the regular season but the playoffs. On Wednesday, the only adversity Chipley had was a fear of dropping the trophy.

"When you play against good teams and you're fortunate to win it builds confidence," Orlando said. "When you have confidence

in young men it makes them play beyond their potential."

Chipley moved out to a 19-4 lead after the first quarter and led 33-12 at halftime. Relentless defense and poor Hawthorne shooting put the Hornets (22-8) in a hole they couldn't ascend. Chipley had 12 steals and scored 10 points off of them, Hawthorne turned the ball over 23 times and shot 31 percent (20 for 64).

The Tigers shot 51 percent (29 for 57) and had the look of a title

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CECILIA SPEARS | The News

Johnny Mack Sketo Calhoun, center, listens to testimony on Feb. 23 with his attorneys, Kimberly Dowgul and Kevin Carlisle, during his murder trial. Calhoun was found guilty of first-degree murder and kidnapping, and the jury recommended nine to three that Calhoun receive the death penalty on Wednesday.

Calhoun faces death penalty

Jury recommends death penalty 9-3

By Cecilia Spears
Staff Writer
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JOHNNY SKETO CALHOUN



MIA BROWN

BONIFAY — A jury recommended Wednesday by a 9-3 vote that Johnny Mack Sketo Calhoun should be put to death for the murder of Mia Brown.

The final decision and sentencing will be made by a Judge Christopher Patterson.

Holmes County Sheriff Tim Brown, who is not related to Mia Brown, said he hopes court proceedings will help give solace to the community that assisted in the search — and now seeks justice — for Brown, who was from Holmes County.

"We've got a very close-knit community and when they heard that Mia was missing, we had

hundreds come out to help in the search," the sheriff said.

Earlier Wednesday, prosecutors and the defense reviewed the severity of the crime to decide whether Calhoun would receive life in prison without parole or the death penalty.

Defense attorney Kimberly Dowgul was the first to present witnesses to testify on Calhoun's behalf.

Pastor A.J. Lombardin testified he met Calhoun while ministering to inmates.

"We go in to minister to these people because now nothing can

help them but Jesus," Lombardin said. "What I've seen in the 43 years that I've known Jesus, Jesus has the ability to make all things new."

He said that Calhoun had found Jesus while in the Holmes County Jail and he had become "hungry for the knowledge of Christ."

"He began searching for more knowledge of Christ and he then began spreading the word throughout the prison," Lombardin said. "He's doing fine work within the jail."

Patrick O'Dell, who was incarcerated with Calhoun, testified Calhoun invited him to a Bible study. O'Dell said he wasn't a sociable person and declined Calhoun several times before giving in.

"He has really been someone to listen to, who's given me advice on life, shown me different ways

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Miss Firecracker Pageant set for Vernon

Proceeds benefit July 4 firework show

From Staff Reports

VERNON — The Miss Firecracker Pageant will be at 1 p.m. June 2 at the Vernon Community Center.

The pageant is sponsored by the city of Vernon as a fundraiser for the annual free firework show that is held each year on July 4 at the city sportsplex.

The city needs as many participants as possible to raise the required funds for fireworks.

Categories include Baby Miss, Toddler Miss, Tiny Tot, Future Little Miss, Little Miss, Young Miss, Pre-Teen, Teen Miss, Junior Miss, Miss Firecracker, Jr. Ms. Firecracker, Sr. Ms. Firecracker, Miss Patriotic and Miss Independence.

Pageant attire is formal and all contestants under age 10 will receive a small crown.

There will be a queen and first and second runner up for each age group. Children who hold a title from last year will have to move up to the next group of competition.

For registration forms or questions, contact the Vernon City Hall at 535-2444 or Pageant Director Laura Brewer at 535-2074 after 5:30 p.m.

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Missing toddler found

From Staff Reports

BONIFAY — Holmes County Sheriff Tim Brown thanks the first responders and residents who assisted in locating a missing 3-year-old boy Friday afternoon in the Westville area of Holmes County.

The call came into the Sheriff's Office at about 2:31 p.m. indicating that the toddler had walked away from his residence with the family's two dogs.

Upon arrival, investigators learned that the toddler had been missing for almost two hours and the family's effort to locate him produced only the boy's footprints in a wooded area. The toddler's wet clothing was soon located and concern of the searchers intensified.

As the search continued



Capt. Ronnie Bennett with the sheriff's office, who was in the wooded area, advised via radio that bloodhounds were needed at his location as he had located the child's fresh footprints along with tracks from the child's pets in a dim road. Bloodhounds from Holmes Correctional Institution responded to Bennett's location and the prison tracking dog quickly indicated that the child had

recently been in the area. Moments later, to everyone's relief, Bennett announced over the radio that the child was located and was uninjured. The child was missing for more than three hours and had traveled approximately three miles through the woods.

In response to this positive outcome, Brown said "this is one of those times when everyone comes together to assist quickly and the results were outstanding. I was afraid for the child when I arrived because of the dense woods and ponds in the area and we were running out of daylight." The sheriff wanted to offer his thanks to everyone involved in the search as well as those persons and agencies that were in route to assist when the child was located.

Vernon man faces drug charges

From Staff Reports

CHIPLEY — A Vernon man was arrested Monday in connection with charges of possession and selling marijuana, according to a news release from the Washington County Drug Task Force.

Investigators with the taskforce executed a search warrant on a residence, at 2876 Lot E Pioneer Road, in Vernon. Investigators were

able to obtain a search warrant following undercover buys with narcotic officers. During the search, investigators found several individual bags of marijuana packaged for sell.

Pablo Clemente-Hernandez, 44, of Vernon was arrested in connection with charges of possession of marijuana and sell of marijuana.

The Washington County Drug Task Force con-

sisting of the Washington County Sheriff's Office and the Chipley Police Department reports arrest of a Vernon man on marijuana charges.

Hernandez is being held at the Washington County Jail on a \$20,000 bond.

Anyone with information on illegal drug activity may contact the sheriff's office at 638-TIPS (8477) or by email at tips@wco.us.

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team at halftime. They continued to display that poise with 19 points in each of the third and fourth quarters. Alex Hamilton added 16 points and gave out eight assists and eight other Tigers put their name in the scoring ledger.

Hawthorne couldn't get untracked for most of the game and the team's first of seven assists came midway through the fourth quarter. Leamon Wilson led the Hornets with 18 points and Montrell Bryant scored 14. Hawthorne attempted only eight 3-pointers a day after shooting 20 in the first half of a 56-53 semifinal victory over Union County.

The victory was Chipley's second blowout of the postseason, the Tigers crushing Paxton 59-32 in the Region 1-1A semifinal Feb. 21. They also surged past Malone 73-63 in the regional championship game.

The Malone contest required a rally. Wednesday required no rallies in an outcome that quickly became a formality.

Dozier and Hamilton, both seniors, provided the spark Chipley needed to win. Orlando called them the "two-headed monster" and said their contributions will be missed.

"When one is in and one is out (of the game) you can see a complexion change," Orlando said. "When they're both in they're both the quarter-

back, they're both the point guards, they're both defensive stoppers.

"But they really are role players like everybody else. They just want to win. When your leaders lead, other kids will follow and it definitely helps when your leaders have a

good game."

Chipley was set to return home later Wednesday. The first stop along the way was for a celebratory steak dinner, Orlando said. It will be savored just like the 24 straight wins that led to an historic victory.

HAWTHORNE (48)

Pittman 1-3 0-0 2, Bryant 6-15 2-2 14, Turner 1-7 0-0 2, Wilson 7-20 2-6 18, Williams 0-1 0-0 0, Thomas 0-0 0-0 0, Hamilton 2-9 0-0 5, Chisholm 3-7 0-2 6, Gordon 0-1 0-0 0, Mann 0-1 1-2 1. Totals: 20-64 5-14 48.

CHIPLEY (71)

Daniels 0-1 0-0 0, Dozier 10-17 3-4 23, Hamilton 7-11 2-5 16, Sharpe 1-6 1-7 3, Oliver 2-3 0-0 4, McCrary 3-5 2-4 8, Batson 2-4 0-0 6, Justice 1-3 0-0 3, McIntrye 1-2 1-2 4, Myers 1-2 0-0 2, Steele 0-1 0-0 0, Dawson 1-2 0-0 2. Totals: 29-57 9-22 71.

Hawthorne 48 14 22 — 48
Chipley 19 14 19 19 — 71

3-point field goals: Hawthorne 3 (Wilson 2, Hamilton), Chipley 4 (Batson 2, Justice, McIntrye). Rebounds: Hawthorne 42 (Wilson 9), Chipley 44 (Hamilton 6, McCrary 6). Turnovers: Hawthorne 23, Chipley 19. Team fouls: Hawthorne 18, Chipley 15.

Fouled out: None.



CORRECTION



This photo ran in the Feb. 29 edition of the News and incorrectly identified Cheyanna Clark, with the Chipley FFA Chapter, who was the Steer Show Reserve grand champion. Also misidentified in the youth fair article were Coby Clark and Abigail Anderson.

CORRECTION POLICY

It is the Policy of the Washington County News and the Holmes County Times-Advertiser to correct all errors that appear in news stories. If you wish to report an error or clarify a story, call 638-0212 or news@chipleypaper.com.

4 charged with auto theft

From Staff Reports

CHIPLEY — Three men were arrested by Washington County deputies in connection with a Gulf County truck theft, according to a report from the Gulf County Sheriff's Office.

A resident of Overstreet reported his son's 1987 Toyota truck missing from his yard Wednesday, Feb. 29, according to the report. The responding deputy talked with several neighbors and discovered that one neighbor saw the truck

being towed by a two-tone, full size truck earlier in day.

The sheriff's office issued a BOLO and located the truck early Thursday as it was being towed in Washington County.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office arrested Mark William Hardrick, 41, Steven Hardrick, 35, and Reginal T. Hardrick, 33, and charged them with grand theft.

During an interview, the men said they were taking the truck to a metal recycling location in Dothan, Ala., according to

the report. The men said they got the truck from a man in Mexico Beach.

Gulf County Sheriff's Office investigators located Rodney Claywell, 44, on Georgia Ave. in Mexico Beach, who said that all four men went to the Overstreet location and took the truck.

Claywell was also arrested in connection with charges of grand theft auto. The Hardrick brothers are currently in the Washington County jail and will be transported to Gulf County after their first appearance.

Chipley police arrest 2 on drug charges following traffic stops

From Staff Reports

CHIPLEY — Chipley Police officers arrested two men in connection with drug possession after conducting traffic stops last weekend.

Officers conducted stops of vehicles for traffic related infractions and received consent to search where illegal narcotics were found in the vehicle.

Tyler Allen Pate, 18, no address given, was arrested



TYLER ALLEN PATE



JOSHUA ELIJAH FARMER

on Feb. 18 in connection with possession of marijuana less than 20 grams and operating a motor vehicle without a valid license.

Joshua Elijah Farmer,

28, of Bonifay was arrested on Feb. 17 in connection with possession of a controlled substance without a prescription (Lortab) and violation of community control.

"Our officers work hard to address those who choose to use and distribute illegal narcotics. We continue to aggressively confront this issue and encourage everyone to call with any information on illegal activity," Chief Kevin Crews stated.

Wausau man charged in burglary case

From Staff Reports

WAUSAU — A Wausau man was arrested Friday in connection with burglary charges, according to a news release from the Washington County Sheriff's Office.

Homeowners contacted the Washington County Sheriff's Office on Friday in reference to a possible burglary in which cash had been stolen from inside their home. When investigators arrived, they discov-

ered pry marks on the rear door where the someone had attempted to gain entry into the home.

During the course of the investigation, Joseph Lee Adams, 22, of Grantham Drive in Wausau was determined to be a suspect and he was interviewed by officers. Adams admitted to burglarizing the home, according to the release. Adams stated he had used



JOSEPH LEE ADAMS

cash to pay off an outstanding drug deal, according to the release.

Adams was arrested in connection with charges of burglary, violation of probation and grand theft, according to the release.

Adams, who is currently on probation for grand theft in Bay County, is being currently held at the Washington County Jail, according to the release.

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to handle things, not just in the Bible, but in everything," O'Dell said. "I could wake him up no matter what, for whatever I needed help with, and he's shown me places in the Bible where it could help me in all of the situations I've been in."

Calhoun's mother, Sharon Calhoun, also was called to testify.

"He's my baby," she said. Sharon Calhoun described him as the youngest of her five children, a Boy Scout, an A-B honor roll student, a loving father to both his own son and Brittney Mixon's son and someone who was close to both his parents.

In a statement to the jury,

State Attorney Glenn Hess weighed the aggravating factors.

"What Calhoun was described as was a description of any one of us," Hess said. "What makes him different is the decisions he made to take the life of another in a cruel and calculated act of violence. You've already shown that you believe that he was guilty beyond a shadow of a doubt; now you must realize that the acts leading up to this terrible act were premeditated, cruel and pitiless."

After Dowgill gave a closing argument to the mitigating factors, the jury left and returned an hour-and-a-half later with their

recommendation of the death penalty.

The next phase of the proceedings will be a hearing to allow the attorneys a chance to present additional evidence directly to the judge to help him make his decision. Generally, the judge takes another month or so to prepare written findings in advance of the sentencing hearing.

According to the State Attorney's office and the state Department of Corrections, there are currently no inmates on death row from Holmes County and the last men to be executed from Holmes County were Pleas Dixon in 1945 and Frank Peterson in 1959.

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ChIPLEY takes first in Academic Challenge

Special To the News

On Feb. 22, ChipleY JROTC hosted the Academic Challenge. The schools that competed were ChipleY, Vernon, and Holmes County High Schools.

A series of academic questions were asked and points were given for each correct answer. The competition was close and ended in a three-way tie. But in the end, ChipleY pulled through

to place first. The five cadets that competed for ChipleY High School JROTC were Quiz Bowl commander C/CSM Amber Davis, C/MAJ Quintin Goynes, C/1LT Sean McDonald, C/2LT Brianna Owens, and C/SSG Devan Daniels. Great job to the five cadets who competed and did their best!

Submitted by S-5 C/2LT. Brittney Sanders and S-5 Asst. C/SFC Justice Watford.



Sheriff's Office Seeking Help Finding Burglar

From Staff Reports

BONIFAY — Holmes County Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's assistance in identifying a suspect in a Holmes County burglary.

The incident occurred on the night of Feb. 26 when an unidentified subject broke into the Westville Country Store and took cash and cigarettes.

Surveillance cameras

produced these photographs of the subject inside the store. Anyone with information concerning this crime is encouraged to call Crime Stoppers of Holmes County at 1-866-689-8477.

Callers do not have to give their name and may be entitled to a cash reward of up to one thousand dollars. The public may also call the sheriff's office at 547-3681.

Woodpecker researcher visits garden club

Special to the News

VERNON — Mr. James R. Hill, III, an ornithologist who worked in association with the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology in Arkansas, then with Auburn University in the panhandle of Florida, searching for proof that the Ivory-billed Woodpecker did not go extinct in the 1940s, gave a slide presentation of his work in this quest to the Vernon Garden Club.

Hill, who now lives in Vernon, showed photos of his fascinating and ongoing search for Ivorybills along the Choctawhatchee River.

He titled his presentation: "My Seven-Year Search for the Ivory-billed Woodpecker".

Hill urged those who frequented the river area to be on the lookout for the Ivory-billed Woodpecker as mature bottomland hardwood forest areas that are marshy and often flooded is the habitat of the bird.

He stressed that it is very unlikely to find one in an urban, suburban or even a rural area. The Ivory-billed is often confused with the common and widespread Pileated Woodpecker, as well as with other species.

The Ivory-billed is longer and has different markings than other woodpeckers. They have a longer more slender wing with a white trailing edge where the Pileated has black trailing edge on their wing.

The Ivory-billed as a dark face, a large pale bill. The male has a back-swept red crest and the female has a forward curling black crest. The Pileated male and female have red crest. When an Ivory-billed is perched, a white triangular patch on its back where the wings meet is visible.

The Ivory-billed Woodpecker was rediscovered in 2004 at Cache River National Wildlife Refuge in Arkansas. Later a reported sighting was along the Choctawhatchee River in the Panhandle of Florida.

Hill showed a graphic of the habitat area of the Ivory-billed prior to its possible extinction in the '40s and our area was identified as being one of the major areas for the bird.

He said the cutting of the cypress trees during the '20's and 30's was a major factor leading to the possible extinction in our area.

Hill is continuing his quest to prove the bird still exists in the Panhandle using sophisticated cameras and listening devices.

He urges anyone who possibly thinks they have seen one of these beautiful birds to get in touch with him at ibwohunter@earthlink.net or go to www.birds.cornell.edu/ivory.

But remember you must consider where you saw the bird as they are secretive dwellers of the southern bottomland swamp forest and will not more than likely be in your backyard.

Relay EVENTS

Holmes County Relay yard sale

HOLMES COUNTY — The Holmes County Relay For Life will have a yard sale from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at Veterans Park.

Holmes County Relay For Life 5K

HOLMES COUNTY — The Holmes County Relay For Life will be having a 5K walk starting at 8 a.m. today at Veterans Park. Registration will be from 7-8 a.m. Contact Ragan Kennedy for more information at 373-8377.

Relay For Life

Washington County's Relay For Life will be May 11-12 at Pals Park soccer fields on Rustin Drive, starting at 6 p.m. May 11. This year's theme is "Storybook." This year's slogan is "Our Storybook Ending is a Cure." The following related events are planned.

Holmes County's Relay will begin at noon April 28 at Memorial Field in Bonifay and conclude at sunrise April 29.

Team NWFRC serving breakfast

WASHINGTON COUNTY — Team NWFRC will be serving breakfast in the Training Building in Greenhead from 6-7:30

a.m. every Wednesday until Relay. Breakfast will include made-from-scratch items including biscuits and pancakes.

Luminaries for donations

All Relay For Life teams are selling luminaries to be displayed on the night of the Relay around the track. After dark, the Relay For Life celebration will include a special luminary ceremony. Encircling the track with lights of hope, the Luminary Ceremony reaches for tomorrow with each candle of life and touches the stars for only a moment to remember those of yesterday.

Your donation for each bag will place a luminary along the pathway to memorialize or honor someone you love. The bags will stay lit throughout the evening, reminding us that hope lives among us. The ceremony will begin just after dark. If you would like to participate in the ceremony by honoring or remembering a loved one who has battled cancer, contact a Relay For Life team.

Relay track markers for sale

All Relay For Life teams are selling track markers to be displayed on the night of the Relay around the track. Track

Renn Named Player of the Week

Special to the News

NEW ORLEANS, La. — After helping the Trojans to a 4-1 record at the Frost Classic last weekend, junior catcher Hannah Renn has been named the Sun Belt's Player of the Week.

Renn is the daughter of Danny and Laura Renn of Fort Walton Beach and the granddaughter of Deloris Booth of ChipleY.

Renn was 9-for-16 (.562) at the plate with two home runs, a triple and two doubles in Troy's five games. The Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., native now sits third in the Sun Belt in home runs (4) and doubles (5) while boasting the second best batting average on the team at .375.

Renn also scored five runs and drove in four runs on the weekend while stealing four bases in four attempts. She had a career day in Troy's loss to undefeated

Purdue on Sunday, going 4-for-4 with a double, a home run and two RBIs.

On top of all of the offensive numbers, Renn has started every game behind the plate thus far this season and has been instrumental in Troy's young pitching staff posting a 2.83 ERA thus far on the year.

Renn, who came to Troy after playing two seasons at Gulf Coast Community College, now has her first career Sun Belt Player of the Week honor.

The honor is the second this season for the Trojans as Ashley Rainey earned Sun Belt Pitcher of the Week honors two weeks ago.

Troy will be back in action this weekend as they travel to Oxford, Miss., for the Red and Blue Classic hosted by Ole Miss. The Trojans will take on the Rebels, Belmont and Chattanooga at the three-day event.

markers are 18 feet by 14 inches and are \$100. Rules for the markers:

- Message must fit in boxes on the order form
 - The squares include letters and/or spaces (there are 46 squares)
 - No logos or pictures
 - No political or campaign issues
 - Messages may be business or personal
- For more information, contact a team.

Team Survivor Scentsy fundraiser

Team Survivor is holding a Scentsy fundraiser in March. The consultant has agreed to give 10 percent of all proceeds to Relay For Life. For a book or to place an order, call Cathrine Lamb at 326-0121, Cecilia Spears at 658-4038, Connie Wheeler at 260-4073 or Linda Bybee at 260-9658.

Team Survivor to hold fundraiser at Walmart

CHIPLEY — Team

Survivor will have a fundraiser with proceeds going to Washington County Relay For Life. The fundraiser will be at 7 a.m. April 14 in front of Walmart. There will be hair bows, hair ties, headbands, Scentsy and much more. For more information, call Linda Bybee at 260-9658, Cathrine Lamb at 326-0121 or Cecilia Spears at 658-4038.

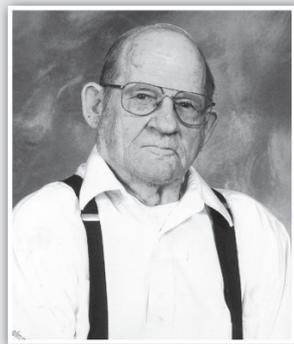
Luminaria ceremony pictures due

For those wishing to honor someone who has cancer or to remember someone you have lost to cancer, email your pictures to clamb@chipleypaper.com or cspears@chipleypaper.com. These pictures will be shown on a PowerPoint presentation with names being read by Paul Goulding during the luminaria ceremony just after dark on May 11 at Relay. Please make sure to include the name of the person in the picture. The deadline to have the pictures emailed or brought in will be 2 p.m. April 27.



PUBLIC NOTICE EXECUTIVE SESSION

There will be an Executive Session of the Washington County Board of County Commissioners, Thursday, March 15, 2012 following the scheduled 9 a.m. Board Meeting. The location is 1331 South Blvd., ChipleY, Florida. The purpose of the Executive Session will be to address legal issues concerning the county.



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Taking religion at face value or not

Although I haven't been in the area long, I've already had the pleasure of attending several different religious services,



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Shannon Seyler

including a very nice Mass at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church. Last Sunday, I was able to catch two different services,

one at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and another at the First United Methodist Church of Chipley.

The featured Gospel passage at both the Episcopal and Methodist churches was identical: Mark 1: 9-15. It's an account of Jesus' baptism, followed by his being driven out into the

wilderness to face a period of intensive spiritual trials. Both sermons highlighted a different aspect of the text, with each of the ministers bringing a unique perspective to it.

The text wasn't exhausted by two different commentaries, and wouldn't have been exhausted if there had been a hundred different sermons. It's a particularly rich and meaningful passage. I was going to use this space to write about my own perspective on this Biblical story, but if I did, there wouldn't be any room left for the actual news, so I'll spare you my armchair theology. Suffice it to say that I found valid points in both sermons. Each minister was able to engage the congregation to the point that parishioners will still be contemplating the meaning of the Gospel lesson in their own minds

and hearts long after the church doors have closed.

When it comes to religious subjects, there are different methods of both teaching and understanding. A spiritual master can manage to teach at multiple levels simultaneously. The passage from Mark is a classic example of a text that can be taught and understood in various ways. Different levels of understanding may account for why some people can explain the parables of Christ in three sentences while others write doctoral dissertations about them.

One teaching method is geared toward those who prefer their information very simple and at face value. There's nothing wrong with that. Sometimes, simplicity is good. Others prefer to search for hidden

meanings, deeper kernels of truth lying beneath the surface. These individuals may also ask the justifiable question, "Okay, nice story, but what does it mean to us in a postmodern society?"

Eventually, one arrives at theologians whose spiritual perceptions are sufficiently complex that they'll write books the size of refrigerators and illustrate them with charts, maps and graphs. So while one person accepts a sacred story (such as that of Adam and Eve) at its literal face value, others won't. For instance, if you've ever have the pleasure of talking to a Kabbalah scholar about the meaning behind the Creation story, the sheer complexity of it will nearly make your head explode. Similarly, the story of Christ's journey into the wilderness can

be as simple or complex as you care to make it. Explanations can range from literalistic to the psychologically elaborate. The good thing is that we can walk away having learned something regardless of the presentation style.

There's room in the world for different approaches, from the basic to the complicated. Whether one believes that the Gospel story is about Jesus being literally tempted by Satan, or a multi-faceted allegory about the human psyche, the important thing is that people are still discussing the text all these centuries after it was written. Last Sunday, it was helpful for me to gain two different perspectives on this Biblical story, thanks to our very capable local ministers. It's important to consider different

perspectives in our daily lives, whether in religious or secular matters. There's an old saying that there are two sides to every story, but I've found that there are usually far more than that.

One reassuring thing is that we don't have to travel to some faraway, exotic location to engage in spiritual discussions. Such discussions are happening right here in our area, and I'm thankful to this community for allowing me to listen and learn.

And speaking of community, if your religious group is having a special event, be sure to send it in. If you're in Holmes or Washington Counties, let us know what you're up to. Contact the paper directly, or email me personally at archangel505@yahoo.com.

Churches mark Lent with Stations of the Cross

By Shannon Seyler
Special to the News

Some local churches will be observing Stations of the Cross services during Lent.

The Stations of the Cross are a special Christian devotion with a long history. Centuries ago, religious pilgrimages were quite popular, including journeys to the Via Dolorosa, the path that Jesus is said to have walked on the way to Calvary. Religious pilgrims faithfully traced these steps, pausing to meditate at vari-

ous spots.

Over time, it became clear that not everyone could get to Jerusalem, so several groups including the Franciscans, a Roman Catholic religious order, began building special shrines throughout Europe to recreate the various stages of Jesus' journey so they could be meditated upon by pilgrims at home as well as in the Holy Land.

The devotion caught on, and people are still using the Stations of the Cross to

trace the steps of Jesus today, particularly during the Lenten season.

There are usually fourteen Stations representing a sequential progression of scenes ranging from Jesus being condemned to death to being laid in the tomb, although some churches have added a fifteenth station to honor the Resurrection.

A somewhat different sequence, known as the Scriptural Way of the Cross, was developed by Pope John Paul II and approved

by Pope Benedict XVI. It includes scenes such as Peter denying Jesus, and Jesus speaking to the repentant thief.

The Stations often take the form of sculptures, paintings or drawings, but many groups have staged live productions, and a Florida church, St. Vincent Catholic Church in Margate, has offered a drive-through version.

Normally, worshipers progress from one Station to another on foot, but the Mar-

gate church wanted to accommodate the elderly and others for whom walking might pose difficulty. There are several other churches that have taken the drive-through approach, although locally, the services may be a bit more traditional.

If you would like to experience the Stations of the Cross for yourself, there will be opportunities on Fridays during Lent at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, and on Good Friday at noon at St. Matthew Epis-

copal Church. The times at St. Joseph the Worker are as follows:

Friday, March 9: 5:45 p.m.

Friday, March 16: 7 p.m.

Friday, March 23: 5:35 p.m.

Friday, March 30: 7 p.m.

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church in Bonifay will also be observing the Stations of the Cross during 5:30 p.m. Mass on Wednesdays during Lent. The dates include March 7, March 14, March 21 and March 28.

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.



Scholarships available for Christian school

Special to the News

More scholarships are available for low-income students to attend Washington County Christian School, according to a news release.

Low-income students who want to attend Washington County Christian School this fall can apply in early March for a state-backed scholarship that is expecting its biggest year yet.

The scholarship program, run by the nonprofit Step Up For Students under a law called the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship, is currently serving more than 38,000 students in nearly 1,200 different K-12 private schools across the state. This school year, the scholarship is worth up to \$4,011.

The program is intended to provide a learning option for students from economically disadvantaged households, and enrollment has more than tripled in the past seven years. To qualify, new applicants must meet the household income guidelines for the federal free or reduced-price school lunch program, which is \$42,648 annually for a household of four. Students must also be entering either kindergarten or

first grade or have attended a public school for the current, 2011-2012, school year.

Since 1995, Washington County Christian School has been providing a Christian alternative in education to the students of Washington, Holmes and Jackson counties. A traditional approach to learning with a solid reading foundation in Phonics, rote memorization of mathematical facts, strong Biblical based study of history and science as created solely by God. ABeka Book has been publishing Christian curriculum for over 50 years with a high level college preparatory program. WCCS strives to provide a structured and consistent learning environment which will only enhance academic studies. Washington County Christian School had been participating in the Step Up for Students program for over 5 years where many students have found success in academics.

Applications are available online at www.stepupforstudents.org. Parents who want more information or assistance with the application process can call Step Up For Students at 1-877-735-7837. Scholarships are available on a first-come, first served basis.

BBQ PLATE SALE

The youth of the First United Methodist Church of Chipley will be having a barbecue dinner fundraiser on Tuesday.

The sale of these sandwich plates will help raise funds for summer camp. Each plate is \$7, and includes a pulled pork sandwich, chips, coleslaw and

cake. Dine-in is offered from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and pick-up orders are offered from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Delivery is available for orders of five plates or more.

Tickets are available from any member of the church's youth group. For more information, call the church office at 638-0010.

Faith BRIEFS

Lighthouse Assembly of God to Hold Yard Sale

BONIFAY — Lighthouse Assembly of God Women's Ministry will hold a Yard Sale, from 7 a.m. to noon today and from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 9. Proceeds go to the women's projects for improving the church. The church is at 1201 Waukesha St. in Bonifay. The sale will be held in the fellowship hall. For more information call Marie at 638-2027.

Wausau Assembly of God to hold Revival

WAUSAU — Wausau Assembly of God will be holding a Revival March 11-14.
March 11 – 11 a.m. Roger D. Hagen
March 11 – 6 p.m. Clifton Haddock
March 12 – 7 p.m. Greene Keene
March 13 – 7 p.m. T.A. Greene
March 14 – 7 p.m. Steve PettiJohn
The church is on Highway 77 in Wausau. For more information call 638-0883.

Blessed Trinity Church to Hold Annual Fish Fry Suppers

BONIFAY — Blessed Trinity Church will hold their Annual Fish Fry Suppers, from 4:30 to 7 p.m., on March 9, 16, and 23. Dine in or take out. Beverage and dessert included. The church is on U.S. Highway 177A in Bonifay.

Saint Agatha's Episcopal Church Breakfast

DEFUNIAK SPRINGS — Saint Agatha's Episcopal Church will have Breakfast in the Parish Hall, from 7-11 a.m., April 7, and May 5. Breakfast will include eggs to order, grits, homefries, pancakes, bacon, sausage, toast, sausage gravy on biscuits or toast, juice, milk, coffee, there will also be healthy choice items. Adult plates will be \$4.50 and children 10 and under are \$2.50. The Parish Hall is at 150 Circle Drive in DeFuniak Springs.

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 NO: 2011-CA-447
 GREEN TREE SERVING LLC,
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 v.
 NANETTE M. JACKSON, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NANETTE M. JACKSON, BENEFICIAL FLORIDA, INC., and THE UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF 2141 PATE POND ROAD, CARYVILLE, FLORIDA 32427,
 Defendants.
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 Less and Except: Commence at the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 4 north, Range 16 West, Washington county, Florida; thence East 901.56 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue East, 62.88 feet; thence S23°55'39"W 156.04 feet; thence North 141.71 feet to the Point of Beginning; TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1998 64X28 PALM HARBOR MOBILE HOME, SERIAL NUMBER PH0910316A/B
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ida 32308, at least thirty (30) days from the date of first publication, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
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03-3174

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, March 13, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., at the City Hall Council Chambers, 1442 Jackson Avenue, Chipley, Florida.
ORDINANCE NO. 913 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHIPLEY, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 12, ENTITLED "OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS"; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
 Adoption of this ordinance will set guidelines for yard sales in the city limits of Chipley, Florida.
 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.
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03-3175

FAIR HOUSING WORKSHOP
 The City of Chipley is a fair housing advocate. The City is holding a workshop to explain the Fair Housing Ordinance for all of the protected classes (race, color, familial status, handicap, national origin, religion and sex). The public is invited to attend.
 The workshop is scheduled for Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, at the Chipley City Hall located at 1442 Jackson Avenue, Chipley, Florida. Any handicapped, visually or hearing impaired person or non-English speaking person needing special assistance at the meeting should contact Ms. Patrice Yates, Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk, City of Chipley at (850) 638-6350 at least five days prior to the meeting and assistance will be provided.
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