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IN BRIEF

Miss Firecracker Pageant today

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

The pageant is sponsored by the city as a fundraiser for the annual free fireworks show that is each year on July 4 at the city sportsplex. The city needs as much participation as possible to raise 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 the age of 10 will receive a small crown. There will be a queen, 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,

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Newspaper sues Vernon

Lawsuit alleges violations of state Sunshine Law

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CHIPLEY — The Washington County News filed a lawsuit Thursday claiming Vernon violated Florida's

Sunshine Law.

The lawsuit is the result of actions taken at the April 23 Vernon City Council meeting, where the council went into executive session to discuss pending litigation and failed to reconvene to close the meeting, as required by Florida law. It was filed after weeks of failed attempts to get the city, through its attorney, to respond to a public records request or even discuss it with The News or its attorney.

"We think it's important that all Florida officials obey the public records law, and while we would prefer government entities to respond to our requests we also think it is important for us, in our role of serving the community, to see these issues through," said Rick Martin, regional vice president of Florida Freedom. "We wonder how hard it is for the general public to obtain public records if this is the response we get to our requests, and we hope that by taking actions

like this lawsuit it will open the way for the people we serve to have their requests treated properly."

A call to City Attorney Kerry Adkison's office resulted in a call back from an employee who said she had reached Adkison on the phone and, "He said (to) just call him back and tell him I haven't been made aware of any lawsuit against the city of Vernon right now."

An offer was extended to email

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SENIOR SALUTE



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Chipley High School seniors stand Thursday at graduation. **Below**, seniors who won the L.E. "Earl" Sellers Memorial Award for 2012 Outstanding Male and Female Athletes of the Year were Josh Myers, left, and Chelsea Carter.

Chipley recognizes senior awards

From Staff Reports

CHIPLEY — The Chipley High School Class of 2012 was honored for many academic and athletic achievements at the Senior Awards program Tuesday evening at the high school auditorium.

Senior Luke Hinson was on the stage often, taking home numerous scholarships and awards, including the Chipola Recognition Scholarship, TELSA Scholarship, Samford University Presidential Scholarship, Samford University Math and Science Scholarship, Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative Scholarship, Florida State University Freshman Scholarship and the Richardson Scholarship.

The L.E. "Earl" Sellers Memorial Award Outstanding Athlete winners were also announced at the awards program.

The Outstanding Male Athlete of the Year was Josh Myers, and senior Chelsea Carter was named the Outstanding Female Athlete of the Year.

The L.E. "Earl" Sellers Memorial Award is presented by the Washington County News each year to an outstanding young man and woman as chosen by the faculty, based on both athletic and academic performance.

Graduation was held Thursday evening

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Bush seeks District 1 seat on Commission

From Staff Reports

CHIPLEY — Alan T. Bush announced his candidacy for Washington County Commissioner in District 1 on Thursday.

"I have the education, experience, and personality to be a good County Commissioner," Bush said in a news release. "I am goal-oriented and have the ability to break down problems and come up with solutions — new solutions to existing problems."

"I was always taught never to think of only one solution. My dad told me repeatedly, 'Al-

ways think of at least two; otherwise you may be missing the best one.' With this in mind, I will try my very best to make good decisions for Washington County."

Bush is a graduate of Vernon High School, Chipola Junior College, the University of Florida (B.S. in forestry and resource conservation) and Florida State University (M.S. in civil engineering). He is a registered professional engineer and has attended extensive training through colleges, state and federal agencies in emergency management and recovery; environmental evaluation and permitting; contract management; and managerial leadership and budget management.

"My education gives me a balanced understanding of the need to protect the environment while recognizing the importance of well-planned development," Bush said. "Please

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ALAN BUSH

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Ethics panel to consider Sloan complaint June 15

From Staff Reports

TALLAHASSEE — Chipley City Councilman William Roger Sloan's ethics complaint has been scheduled for a final action hearing June 15 by the State

Commission on Ethics.

The Commission on Ethics found in March probable cause to believe Sloan misused his position to retaliate, or threaten to retaliate, against Chipley city employees, according to a news

release from the commission.

However, the commission, which met March 30 in Tallahassee in closed session, found no probable cause to believe he misused his position to intimidate a city employee who was scheduled to

give testimony in his criminal case because at the time of his alleged actions he had not yet been sworn into office, the release stated.

The June meeting agenda has four complaints to consider for final action — stipulation. In

addition to Sloan's complaint, the commission will consider complaints concerning City Attorney Gerald Buhr of Odessa, City Commissioner James Flynt of Bunnell and Mayor Alvin Brown of Jacksonville.

Chipley Farmers Market open for season

From Staff Reports

CHIPLEY — Chipley Farmers Market "Fresh Produce From Local Farmers," is open for the spring and summer season beginning May at the train depot.

The Market will be open from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday.

The market is at 685 Seventh St. between U.S. Highway 90 and the Amtrak station and behind the Historical Society.

The Farmers Market also is looking for additional vendors.

If interested, call Wade Jackson, market manager, at 638-4749.

For further information and to obtain a free growers permit, call the Washington County Extension Service at 638-6180.



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at Chipley High School. Summa Cum

Laude graduates were Kacey Aukema, Sufyan Binmahfooz, Ashley Canter, Tyler Crutchfield, Cameron Dozier, Courtney Hall, Lauren Hall, Mattea Harbour, Luke Hinson, George Hoffman, Jesse Kneiss, Dylan Lawson, Lacey Mead, Jaclyn Morris, Josh Myers, Jordan Nedeau, Tyler Oliver, Cameron Owens, Michael Pritchard, Cozetta Register, Dre Rodriguez, Meredith Saunders, Taylor Smelcer, Tori Taylor, Faith Tice and Kyndall Whitson.

Magna Cum Laude Graduates included Austin Bass, Brianna Clark, Victoria Crawford, Olivia Guettler, Brianna Jones, Cody Kriser, Sarah Mastison and Matthew Weisensale.

National Honor Society senior members are Kacey Aukema, Tyler Crutchfield, Lauren Hall, Courtney Hall, Luke Hinson, Jesse Kneiss, Dylan Lawson, Cozetta Register, Meredith Saunders, Taylor Smelcer and Kyndall Whitson.

Other seniors honored at the Tuesday awards program included:

Chipola Recognition Scholarship: Luke Hinson
Community South Credit Union presented by J. Paige: Meredith Saunders and Hadley Harris
Washington County Scholarship Trust: Kendall



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Summa Cum Laude graduates share a light moment during Tuesday's Senior Awards program. Summa Cum Laude seniors were Kacey Aukema, Sufyan Binmahfooz, Ashley Canter, Tyler Crutchfield, Cameron Dozier, Courtney Hall, Lauren Hall, Mattea Harbour, Luke Hinson, George Hoffman, Jesse Kneiss, Dylan Lawson, Lacey Mead, Jaclyn Morris, Josh Myers, Jordan Nedeau, Tyler Oliver, Cameron Owens, Michael Pritchard, Cozetta Register, Dre Rodriguez, Meredith Saunders, Taylor Smelcer, Tori Taylor, Faith Tice and Kyndall Whitson.

Alderman, Allison Ates, Tyler Crutchfield, Olivia Guettler, Mattea Harbour, Hadley Harris, Dylan Lawson, Jaclyn Morris, Shiloh Mosier, Tyler Oliver, Cameron Owens, Meredith Saunders, Ryan Sikora, Matthew Weisensale, Kyndall Whitson

Les Jolie Dames Scholarship: Tyler Oliver
West Point Home Scholarship: Jesse Kneiss
Cattlemen's Association Scholarship: Michael Fischer
Washington County Education Association Scholarship: Kyndall Whitson

Take Stock in Children:

Cody Daniels, Mattea Harbour, Briana Jackson, Brianna Jones, Sarah Mastison, Tyler Oliver
Washington County Chamber of Commerce presented by P. Pippin: Cozetta Register
GAC Contractors' Award: Shelby Joiner
Kiwanis Club: Lacey Mead, Holley Cutts
Earl Sellers Award: Josh Myers, Chelsea Carter
Washington-Holmes Technical Center: Brianna Clark, Jeffrey Martin, Kristi Cleveland Morrell, Cozetta Register, Ronnie Tolbert,

Jessica Tummenelle
Early Childhood Professional Certificate: Savannah Waddell
American Legion Award: Zachary Chase, Mickayla Boname
Military Recognition: Mickayla Boname, Zachary Chase, Quintin Goynes
M.R. Coggin Scholarship: Olivia Guettler
Gulf Coast Performing Arts Scholarship: Kyndall Whitson
Richardson Scholarship: Luke Hinson
TELSA Scholarship: Luke Hinson
Samford University Presidential Scholarship: Luke Hinson
Samford University Math and Science Scholarship: Luke Hinson
Lurleen B. Wallace Community College Scholarship: Janae Ritter
Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative Scholarship: Luke Hinson
Toccoa Falls College Grant and Scholarship: Hadley Harris
Florida State University Freshman Scholarship: Luke Hinson and Michael Pritchard
The Holiday Express MVP: Alex Hamilton
Florida Dairy Farmer's Sports Award: Alex Hamilton
The Florida Association of Basketball Coaches Award: Alex Hamilton
The 2011-2012 Leeroy Selmon's Men's 1A Player

of the Year Award: Alex Hamilton
Thomas University Athletic Scholarship: Chelsea Carter
Washington County Arts Council Scholarship: Kyndall Whitson
National Honor Society Scholarship: Meredith Saunders
Seniors on the Bible Club Leadership Team: Kacey Aukema, Austin Bass, Luke Hinson, Jesse Kneiss, Dylan Lawson, Jaclyn Morris, Cameron Owens, Michael Pritchard, Mallary Rowell, Kyndall Whitson
Journalism Seniors: Kacey Aukema, Olivia Guettler, Mattea Harbour, Paige Harrell, Nikki Stoker, Kyndall Whitson
Theatre Department Recognition: Austin Bass, Luke Hinson, Matt Kennison, Dylan Lawson, Jaclyn Morris, Josh Myers, Meredith Saunders, Kyndall Whitson
Juniorettes Recognized: Kayla Cook, Paige Harrell, Meredith Saunders, Kyndall Whitson
Future Business Leaders of America: Josh Myers
Seniors Recognized for Service: Mickayla Boname and Keith Yeomans
Seniors Recognized for Citizenship: Tyler Crutchfield and Cozetta Register
Seniors Recognized for School Spirit: Olivia Guettler and Dylan Lawson.

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a copy of the lawsuit to Adkison's office, but the employee said she could not get Adkison back on the phone and could not give out any information for the lawsuit to be sent via e-mail.

The lawsuit seeks the release of the transcript of the executive session, which according to Florida's Sunshine Law and Freedom Communications' First Amendment attorney John Bussian, should be made public since the meeting was improperly conducted.

"Transparency in government activity is critical to maintaining citizens' trust of its elected officials and providing checks and balance against possible abuse and corruption," said Nicole Barefield, publisher of the Washington County News. "When laws governing access to public records are willfully disregarded or ignored, a citizenry rightly questions the intent of its elected representatives as acting on their best behalf."

"This is one of those situations, and the Washington County News is obligated to ensure this city council is not only operating in the Sunshine, but providing access to information the public is entitled to receive."

Vernon City Council members and Adkison went into executive session April 23,

saying they were discussing pending litigation. State law requires that when attorneys meet with public bodies to discuss litigation in executive session, certain steps must be taken, including having a certified court reporter on hand to transcribe the private meeting and reconvening after the session, according to the lawsuit.

Instead, journalists at the council meeting were told the meeting was over and they should leave. The News questioned this and pointed out the apparently conflict with the Sunshine Law and was told by Adkison that the meeting was over and the council would not be reconvening.

"Defendant's refusal to reconvene the council meeting at the conclusion of the closed session, file the transcript of the minutes of the closed session and promptly disclose the public records sought by Plaintiff is directly contrary to the language chosen by and the intent of the Florida Legislature in enacting the Sunshine Law and the Public Records Law," the lawsuit states.

The lawsuit also asks the court to declare the transcript of the closed session a public record within the meaning of the Public Records Act and that the transcript be released to the public. No hearing date has been set.

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call the Vernon City Hall at 535-2444 or Pageant Director Laura Brewer at 535-2074 after 5:30 p.m.

Glisson Family Benefit today

BONIFAY — Bascom United Methodist Church will be holding a benefit for the Glisson Family from 3-6 p.m. today. They will be having pork sandwiches the plate will also include baked beans, cole slaw, cake and a drink. The cost of the plate will be a \$6 donation. The church is at 4942 Basswood Road in Bascom.

Summer reading list announced for Vernon High School

VERNON — Vernon High School has released the summer reading list for students entering grades 9-12. A limited number of each title is available in the front office at the high school for check-out. Written assignments will be handed out in English classes before exams. Extra copies will be available in the front office over the summer. Freshmen must read "The Secret Life

of Bee's" by Sue Monk Kidd or "Animal Farm" by George Orwell. Sophomores must read "Fahrenheit 451" by Ray Bradbury. Juniors must read "The Old Man and the Sea" by Ernest Hemingway, and the seniors must read "Night" by Elie Wiesel.

Bonifay Bulldogs to host New Orleans Saints

BONIFAY — The Bonifay Bulldogs will be hosting The Saints Experience with special guests the New Orleans Saints for a junior football camp June 25-29. All children must be between the ages of 5 and 13 years old. An NFL punt, pass and kick event will be June 30 at Family Fun Day. The cost for camp is \$100 per child and includes lunch everyday and a camp T-shirt. The camp will be at Memorial Field in Bonifay. Payment plans are available and a \$10 discount for any child who's parent volunteers at the camp. For more information, call Toyna Smith at 347-804-0757 or Andrea Fuller at 768-2142, you also may email us at bonifaybulldogs@yahoo.com.

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

On Tuesday, August, 7, 2012, a General Election will be held for the City of Chipley at Chipley City Hall, 1442 Jackson Avenue. Term of office expires on September 30, 2012 for the following positions: Council Member Ward 1, Council Member Ward 4 and Council Member at Large. These offices will be opened to qualified candidates. Qualifying for these offices will begin at 8:00 a.m., Monday, June 11, 2012, and end at 4:00 p.m., Friday, June 15, 2012. The qualifying fee for each office is \$252.00. Those wishing to qualify may do so with the City Clerk at Chipley City Hall during the above stated time period.

The Voter Registration books will close on July 9, 2012. All city residents within the city limits of Chipley, who are registered to vote by July 9, 2012, are eligible to vote in this election regardless of where you live in the city.

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

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

Officers, recruits participate in torch run

Special to the News

CHIPLEY — Recruits from the Public Safety Program at the Washington Holmes Technical Center recently participated in the annual Special Olympic Law Enforcement Torch Run.

On April 3 the statewide Special Olympic Law Enforcement Torch Run made its way through Washington County. The annual event raises money and awareness for the Special Olympics.

The event was coordinated locally by the North West Florida Reception Center, and a reception was sponsored at the end of the run by PeoplesSouth Bank. There were runners from numerous agencies including NWFRC, Probation and Parole, Washington County Sheriff's Office and recruits from the Public Safety Program at the Technical Center. This was the first

year that the law enforcement and correctional officer recruits from the Technical Center participated in the event.

Superintendent Dr. Sandra Cook was on hand to show her support for the event and participated in the ceremonial lighting of the torch before the run. The event was escorted by the Chipley Police Department and the Washington County Sheriff's Office. The run began at the courthouse and ended at PeoplesSouth Bank near Walmart.

The Public Safety Programs currently offer open enrollment in corrections, law enforcement and cross over to law enforcement. All programs are offered both full and part time.

For more information, stop by the Technical Center or call Brandi Curry at 638-1180 ext. 361.



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

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note that I am a strong advocate of individual and property owner rights."

Bush said he has about 26 years of experience with the state Department of Transportation, the past 17 years of which were in Roadway and Bridge Maintenance.

"I was responsible for administering the highway and bridge maintenance and traffic operations programs for 16 counties with

an annual operations budget of approximately \$26 million and an annual contractual budget of approximately \$70 million," he said.

"I also served as District emergency manager and directed the operation of the Emergency Management Center, managing the response of manpower, materials, and equipment for over 20 emergency events throughout Florida, includ-

ing floods, hurricanes, wildfires, and interstate and office closures."

"In part because I am the father of a 10-year-old daughter, being active in my community is very important to me, and I have served on the finance committee and as treasurer for my church and many of the clubs of which I have been a member," Bush said. "In addition, I served as chair-

man of the board for Community South Credit Union and have always known the importance of staying within budget. I know the county's increased budget woes need to be solved by some means other than a reliance on property taxes."

Bush said he is personable and have a very diverse skill set.

"Although I am an independent thinker who has never been afraid to speak up for what I believe in, I

nevertheless have the ability to build relationships and develop the rapport necessary to make positive things happen," Bush said. "Ending the dissension that exists between the board and the county employees is of paramount importance. I can make a workforce more efficient, but at the same time I realize how essential it is to recognize good employees. Loyalty works both ways — up and down."

"I don't know all of the

county's problems or all of the solutions, but I promise you that I will, with your support and ideas, work hard to research the problems, formulate solutions, and bring about positive change that is in the best interest of all Washington County residents," Bush said.

"When you get ready to vote, remember that you are the boss, selecting the employee best qualified to manage your company (Washington County)," he added.

Washington County Tourist Development Council (TDC)

Applicants needed to fill Seat # 5 for an unexpired term ending September 30, 2013, at which time the member would be eligible for appointment to a full 4-year term. All seats on the Washington County TDC are unpaid volunteer positions.

Florida Statute 125.014, Tourist Development Tax, creates the TDC with members appointed by action of the Board of County Commissioners. Subparagraph (4) (e) establishes that the TDC shall consist of nine (9) members with a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 4 being bed tax collectors within the county; 3 must be elected officials nominated by their respective boards with 1 representing the county commission, 1 representing the largest municipality, and 1 representing another municipality; and 3 members must be from industries involved with tourism and/or hospitality or some other direct connection to tourism. The normal term of appointment shall be four (4) years and terms are staggered so that no more than 3 seat terms expire in any year. All TDC members shall be electors (registered voters) within the county.

Seat #5 on the Washington County TDC is designated for Tourism Industry or a Bed Tax Collector.

Interested parties should send a resume and letter of application outlining their experience in activities related to the tourism, hospitality and/or related industries to the TDC office by June 18, 2012. Washington County Tourist Development Council, P.O. Box 450, Chipley, FL 32428-0450, or via email to admin@visitwashingtoncountyfl.com. Phone contact 638-6013. Interviews will be scheduled as soon after June 18, 2012, as possible.

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Opinion

Faith BRIEFS

Youth revival slated

CHIPLEY — The Church of God of Prophecy will be holding a “Break Free Youth” Revival at 7 p.m. today. The guest speaker will be Sister Marie Cook.

Leonia Baptist Church plans homecoming services

Leonia Baptist Church will hold Homecoming Services beginning at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. The church will be celebrating 123 years. There will be no Sunday School. Brother Uvonne will be bringing the message, and the Staffords will be bringing special music.

Victory Tabernade to hold Bluegrass Gospel Sing

HARTFORD, ALA. — Victory Tabernacle Church of Hartford, Ala., will be hosting a Bluegrass Gospel Sing starting at 6 p.m. today. Special guests will be the Jenkins Family and Straight and Narrow. For more information or directions to the church call 334-588-2838.

‘God’s Power’ Art Day Camp

The Chipley First Presbyterian Church is proud to announce “God’s Power,” an art day camp, “Bible School 2012.” The day camp will run from 9:30-11:30 a.m. from Aug. 6-10. Enrollment is limited to 20 students in grades 3-8. Students must pre-register on or before

July 15. Registration forms are available in the church office and at chipley1stpres.org. For more information or you have questions email the Art Camp director at wvanl@bellsouth.net.

Atlantic Children’s Chorale to perform at St. Luke’s

MARIANNA — St. Luke’s Episcopal Church will welcome the Atlantic Children’s Chorale TWENTY VOICES from Vero Beach as part of their Fine Arts Series at 6 p.m. on June 17. For more information call 482-2431.

Victory Tabernade to hold ladies revival conference

HARTFORD, ALA. — Victory Tabernacle Church of Hartford, Ala., will hold a Ladies Revival Conference, at 7 p.m. nightly from June 21-23. The special guest speaker will be Sister Crissy Baxley from Noma Assembly of God. For more information or directions to the church call 334-588-2838.

Second Friday Night Sing

Lakeview United Methodist Church on Pate Pond Road will be holding their second Friday Night Sing, featuring Scott Fowler, at 6:30 p.m. June 8. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 547-3231.



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.

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Reality reaps more spiritual benefits than Internet



SHANNON SEYLER
Faithfully Yours

Someone recently asked me a question. Although the question was deliberately posed with the intent of challenging my beliefs, I thought it was interesting nonetheless. Any question that makes me think is a good one. Here’s the question:

“What can you possibly get from religious services that you can’t get from the Internet?”

The question was being asked by an atheist, who has no use for religious belief. In his opinion, the Internet is infinitely more productive than religion ever will be. He pointed out that even if one is religious, the sacred texts of nearly every imaginable religion are online. There’s no need to hear someone read the Bible aloud when the entire text is available for free on the Internet. If it’s prayers you want, there are thousands of them posted online. So why bother attending services at all?

The question is more complex than it might seem on the surface. It’s not merely a simple query about religion. It’s also about modern society. In a setting where one can get instant gratification online, it might seem that going to a house of worship is, indeed, irrelevant. I’ll be the first to admit that the Internet changed my life from a religious as well as a secular standpoint. I’ve been able to access rare documents, take academic courses, read countless articles, have discussions with people worldwide and engage in forums and roundtable discussions, all without leaving the computer.

But, to answer the question, I think one obvious thing lacking in an online environment is human contact. Regardless of how emotionally invested one is in an online discussion, it’s simply no substitute for real-life interaction. Are there online churches? Yes. Quite a few churches broadcast their sermons on television, radio and the Internet. One can

drop in on a church service without even getting out of bed. Naturally, this is great news for shut-ins or those who suffer from social anxiety.

But watching or listening to a broadcasted service isn’t the same as actually being there.

Direct experience isn’t generally found online.

There’s something special about interacting with others, particularly during religious services. There’s a sense of comfort in being with those who share your beliefs.

When I visit a service in person, I’m having a firsthand experience. I can shake someone’s hand, hear people present lessons, sing, pray and engage in communal rituals. In Christian services that rely upon the Eucharist (Holy Communion), there is simply no online parallel to that experience.

I recently watched broadcasted footage of a Coptic Christian ritual online, as well as saw a clip of people dancing while observing Pagan rites in Europe. It’s fascinating to see the practices of different religious traditions, but I can’t claim that I was actually there for either of those events. Sure, I saw them online. But since I wasn’t directly involved, I’m merely an observer, not a participant.

I’ve taken part in many online discussions and telephone interviews, but I’ve also done enough live panel discussions and interviews to know that the entire dynamic changes when you’re face-to-face with an interviewer and/or a studio audience. There is also a dramatic change experienced by religious practitioners when they feel they’re face-to-face not only with fellow members of their religion but with God. I’ve attended many services where I felt something very special and inexplicable, a transcendent feeling beyond words. I’ve watched plenty of religious events online and on TV and have yet to feel the spark of spiritual awareness during a broadcast that I’ve encountered during live services.

It’s not enough to wander

through life relying on other people’s experiences. There comes a moment when you stop watching football on TV and pick up the ball yourself. There’s a time to stop being a food critic and actually learn to cook. Until you’ve had a certain experience, it’s difficult, if not impossible, to discuss it in any authoritative way. People can make all the speculations they like, but until they’ve had direct experience, it’s all second-hand information and guesswork. Some things, religion included, must be experienced directly in order to be understood.

I watched the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II online. I’ve seen it, in the sense that I’ve viewed archival footage of it. But I can’t claim that I experienced the grandeur of being there in person, because I wasn’t. In fact, wasn’t even born yet when that happened. I’m glad the event was recorded and has been made available to the public, but it’s no replacement for the actual historical event. A broadcasted religious service isn’t intended to be a substitute for the real thing, either.

I’m all for modern technology. As broadcasts continue to increase in both quantity and quality, I can feel as if I’m involved in events in other parts of the world, but I’m not. During the riots in Egypt, I could sympathize but not half as much as if I’d been caught in the middle of it. I exchanged messages online with someone who was there. But the fact remains that I didn’t experience it for myself. Likewise, someone who’s not at a religious service might be able to tell you what it was like on TV or online, but they can’t tell you what it was like as a spiritual experience. You were either there or you weren’t.

So, back to the question: What can you possibly get from religious services that you can’t get from the Internet? Participation, fellowship, human contact, divine interaction and direct knowledge that you’ll never fully grasp until you walk away from the computer or TV set and experience it for yourself.

Community BRIEFS

Panhandle Watermelon Festival Pageant

CHIPLEY — The 56th annual Panhandle Watermelon Pageant will be held at the Washington County Agriculture Center in Chipley at 6:30 p.m. June 8 and at 6:30 p.m. June 9. Door admission is \$5 per adult, admission is free to children 3 years of age and younger.

For more information call Teresa Bush at 850-263-4744 or 850-263-3072 or Sherry Saunders at 850-263-3554.

New Hope Non-Partisan Political Rally

NEW HOPE — The New Hope Watch and Fire Department will host 2012 Catalpa Festival, a non-partisan political rally and cookout, on Saturday, June 9. We will serve fish and chicken plates for a \$6 donation

from 2-5 p.m. The guest speaking will be from 5-7 p.m. and we will also announce the winners of the silent cake auction during this time. The location is 179A at Highway 2.

Owens-McFatter Reunion Set

VERNON — The annual Owens-McFatter cousin reunion will be at 11 a.m. June 9 in the Bonnett Pond Church Fellowship Hall. The church is located at 2880 Bonnett Pond Road between Wausau and Vernon.

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Library to hold first adult summer read program

CHIPLEY — The Washington County Public Library will hold their first Adult Summer Read Program “Between the Covers” starting on June 12 and running through July.

Events will be held at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays. Come on June 12 to register and stay for the program to discuss the best romance reads and watch a classic romance movie.

The first 25 to register at the event will receive a goodie bag.

See **COMMUNITY A5**

PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a MSBU Advisory Committee meeting June 14, 2012 at 6:00p.m. at the Community Building in Sunny Hills.

The Board of County Commissioners will accommodate handicapped and disabled persons who wish to attend this meeting. Contact the BOCC Administrative Office at 638-6200, at least 48 hours before the meeting date to make arrangements.

Caregiver support group begins

Special to the News

CHIPLEY — A caregiver support group will be held on the third Thursday of each month beginning June 21 at the First Presbyterian Church of Chipley.

This support group is for anyone who is a caregiver for a loved one. These support groups empower caregivers with knowledge and informational resources that will be helpful in their caregiving responsibilities. Please come and

join other caregivers who share the same experiences as you. We meet from 1:30-2:30 p.m. All of our services are free of charge. This support group is sponsored by the Alzheimer’s Project in Tallahassee.

If you would like to bring the loved one of whom you are caregiving (Alzheimer’s clients only), please call the number listed below. For more information, questions or comments, please contact Recie Culpepper at 386-2778 or 566-2553.

Arrest REPORTS

Police arrest woman on Memorial Day

From Staff Reports

CHIPLEY — A Bonifay woman was arrested Memorial Day on charges of shoplifting by Chipley police, according to a report.

Theresa M. Davidson, 36, of Bonifay was charged with theft (retail) and booked into the county jail, according to police.

THERESA M. DAVIDSON

On May 28, at approximately 4:25 a.m., officers were called to the Walmart Supercenter in reference to an alleged

shoplifter. Officers talked to store personnel and were told a woman had placed several items in her purse and left the store without paying for the items.

Total amount of stolen property recovered from the woman's purse was over \$150, according to the police report.

Man arrested on drug charges: Police say man threw away drugs after stop

From Staff Reports

CHIPLEY — A Chipley man was arrested on drug charges following a traffic stop on May 25, according to a police report.

Jeffery B. Driggers, 33, of Chipley was charged

with possession of a controlled substance and possession of cocaine and booked into the county jail.

Chipley Police officers stopped a Ford pickup just off U.S. 90 at 5:46 p.m. May 25, when the officer saw the driver throw something as he was stepping out of the truck, according to the report.



JEFFERY B. DRIGGERS

Officers retrieved the thrown items only to discover that it was several pills, which are a controlled substance.

A search of the driver's truck also found him to be in possession of cocaine, according to police.

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Refreshments will be served. If you can't make it to the events, don't worry. Just register and start reading. Drawings will be held at the end of June and July. You may win a Kindle or a \$75 Barnes and Noble gift card.

For more information or to pre-register for the program please call Renea at 638-1314 or email requests@wcpflf.com.

Library Presents 'It Pays to Read' 2012

CHIPLEY — The Washington County Public Library will be holding "Dream Big," their 2012 "It Pays to Read" summer reading program for Washington County Students.

Programs will be held at the Chipley Library beginning on Thursday June 7. Programs will be held starting at 10:30 a.m. and at 2 p.m. For the Country Oaks Branch programs will start on July 12 at 10:30 a.m. and the Sunny Hills programs will be at 2 p.m. for older

students. To have your name entered in the drawing you must attend Thursday programs. "It Pays to Read" store is open to all Washington County students. For more information call 638-1314.

Lunch and Learn

BONIFAY — A Lunch and Learn will be at 12:30 p.m. June 21 at Bonifay Nursing and Rehab Center in the Regency Dining Room. Please RSVP to Rachael Locke at 547-9289 by June 14.

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Notice of Application for Tax Deed

Notice is hereby given that, Curtis A or Julia F Parker, the holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number 932 2006 Year of Issuance 2006 Parcel Number: 00-4681-0003 Description of Property: Beginning at the Northeast corner of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 15 West, and running South 300 feet, thence West 200 feet, thence North 300 feet, thence East 200 feet to the Point of Beginning, and being a part of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 15 West, Washington County, Florida Together with one 1968 Mobile Home-12x60, ID #8249 Name in which Assessed: Lemuel R Suggs Said property being in Washington Co., Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to

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the law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on June 27, 2012 at 10:00 AM.

Dated this 7th, day of May, 2012,
Linda Hayes Cook, Clerk of Court, Washington Co., FL.
By: Frances E Garrette, Deputy Clerk

WARNING: There are unpaid taxes on property which you own or you have legal interest. The property will be sold at public auction on June 27, 2012 unless the back taxes are paid in full. To make arrangements for payment or to receive further information, contact the Clerk of Court immediately at PO Box 647, 1293 Jackson Ave, Chipley, FL 32428 or phone 850-638-6008 ext 221.

Amount to Redeem for May \$3375.88
Amount to Redeem for June \$3424.31

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feet; thence N-88°31'46"-E, 470 feet to the Point of Beginning and containing 3.05 acres, more or less. Being parcel #35 of an unrecorded plat.

Parcel Number: 00-0147-0034 Name in which Assessed: Albert & Silvia Rode, Jr. Said property being in Washington Co., Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to the law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on June 27, 2012 at 10:00 AM. Dated this 7th, day of May, 2012,
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Amount to Redeem for May \$2,512.53
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Said property being in Washington Co., Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to the law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on June 27, 2012 at 10:00 AM.

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Said property being in Washington Co., Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to the law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on June 27, 2012 at 10:00 AM.

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Amount to Redeem for June \$2,291.64

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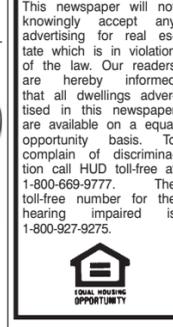
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Be prepared for the before and after effects of a disaster

I recently attended a conference focused on disasters that could strike our area and, more importantly, how the community would be able to respond. It was very interesting to listen and ask questions of those who handle disasters throughout our state as well as those from other states.



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Executive
Director

I came away thinking many people believe they are prepared but, in reality, are not. This is the case with families as well as businesses. At our Chamber member breakfast in May, I presented a program on disaster preparedness. Although the program was only 20 minutes long, I think the message was timely and well-received. As an exercise to gauge your disaster preparedness, see how you would respond to these questions:

1. Would you know where to get fuel in case of power being out for several days?
2. How many gallons of water per day per person would you need to have in your household?
3. How many businesses would never reopen, if they were down for more than four weeks?

Fuel Availability

The answer to the first question is very important for obvious reasons. By state law, some gas stations must have a generator which can supply power to the pumps during a power outage.

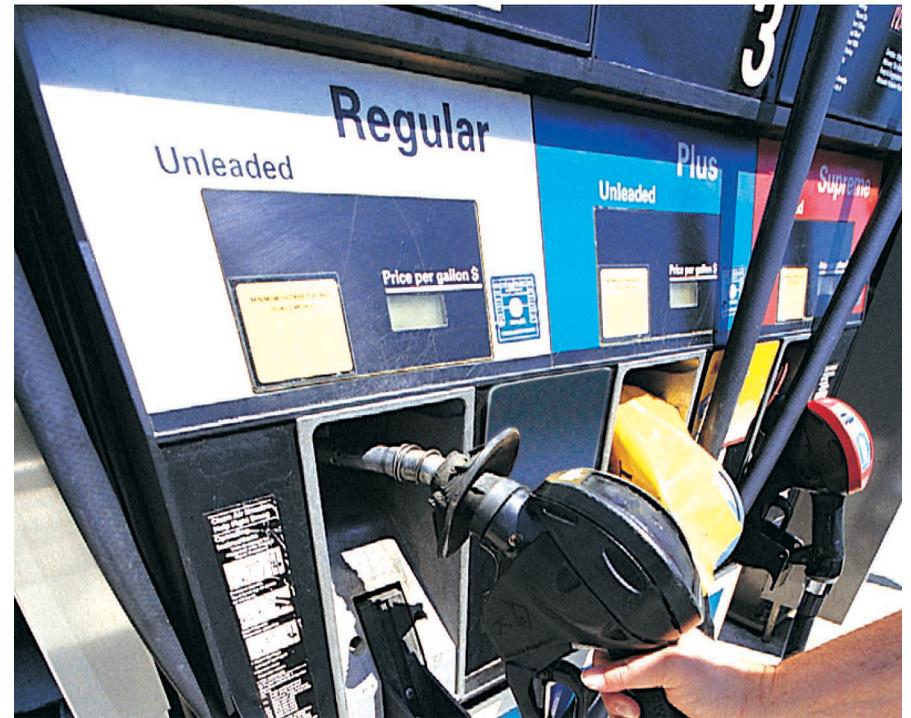
This is very crucial to any community to help it get back on its feet after a major event. Without fuel, nothing moves. See the list at the end of this article of area gas stations designated by the State as having the ability to be up and running after a disaster.

Water Consumption

According to the disaster planning strategies, the answer to the second question is you should have one gallon per day for every member of your household and you should have at least a three day supply. So, for a family of four that means you should have twelve gallons on hand. I would recommend you have more than that but at a minimum, have twelve gallons.

Business Re-opening

The answer to the third question is the most sobering of all. According to nationwide statistics, a business that is closed for up to four weeks after a disaster has "zero" -- yes, zero -- chance of getting back into



business. Because of that statistic, I am urging all Washington County businesses to formulate a disaster plan for themselves. If a business already has a plan, dust it off and, if necessary, update it.

Disaster Response Expo

After a disaster, it is very important to a community to be able to supply its citizens with the items necessary to get back on its feet as quickly as possible. In order to help our Washington County businesses survive any kind of disaster, the

Chamber will be holding a Disaster Response Expo later this summer. This Expo will feature organizations which can help you develop a disaster plan and survive after the disaster. In the meantime, please call the Washington Emergency Operations Center at 850-638-6203 and ask them to provide to you with the necessary information to help you protect both, your family and your business. Please check our website, www.washcomall.com for the date of the disaster expo.

See DISASTER, page 9

A Message from the President

As the long days of summer begin I always seem to go back to my youth and the fun that Crystal Lake held for the Pippin family. Back then it was long days jumping off of the Cutt's houseboat, evenings fishing with my dad and nights beating my dad to bed before the cabin-shaking snoring began.

I mostly remember my dad leaving long before daylight to go back to Chipley and put in a good 10 to 12 hour work day. My dad was self employed until 1984 when he went to work for the DOT, his first time as an employee and not a business owner. My first year as a owner and not an employee was 1985. As one era ends one begins.



Philip Pippin

My father also served three terms as a County Commissioner when service to your county paid \$100 per month and an extra \$50 per year to be the chairman, which he was for 10 of those 12 years. Those years of service to this county brought growth and economic benefit such as a new hospital, Sunny Hills - the largest development in the panhandle at that time - and the first emergency services department. As you can tell, I am proud of the service and sacrifices my father made for his community.

Service and sacrifice. Words that have taken on new meaning in recent years, with most business owners making large sacrifices just keep the doors open. Your Chamber has made large sacrifices as well with cuts in the funding from both the City of Chipley and the County. The Chamber is mostly funded by your chamber dues and EDC contributions. Just

like your business, we have tightened our belt and cut our budget to the bone.

At the same time, we are increasing our presence in the community with our business coffees, which have been a huge success. Planning of new activities are well underway which will bring opportunities and benefits to our Chamber members. And our Ambassadors are out at most events letting you know that the Chamber is here promoting your businesses.

I challenge all of our members to get involved and take an active role in the growth of our community. Our Ambassadors could use your involvement, come to our Third Thursday breakfast, support our new businesses at their ribbon cuttings, volunteer at one of our yearly events, or have your business sponsor an event. Rewards come from sacrifice, so come get your reward today.

I believe in Washington County!

A Message from the Executive Director

Over the last several months the Chamber has been hosting a series of Coffee Breaks. These occur once a month and usually include several invited business leaders and members of the Chamber board.

At these meetings many issues and topics are discussed. At the May break we hosted Wayland Fulford of Capital City Bank and Steve Register Of Jackson Hewitt. One of the topics we discussed is the future leadership of Washington County.

Ask yourself the following questions: How are leaders made? Why do some want to be involved and others not? Why is this



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even important?

I have always believed Washington County has the ability to solve its own problems and get ahead of the eight ball. Although there are many skeptics today that think there is poor leadership in all areas and places, I do not agree.

As an example of strong leadership, I point to WestPoint Home in Chipley. Most people do not realize the critical role leadership played, particularly by Terry Ellis, in keeping this facility and the jobs it created in Washington County.

It took a strong and aggressive leader and some help from many others in leadership positions to save WestPoint Home when it was struggling a couple of years ago.

Many leaders grew up serving in their community, whether it is through church,

organizations such as Future Farmers of America, various clubs offered at school or through other groups.

My question is: "Are we growing our future leaders? Is the business community involved with our students in a way that can show them leadership skills by example while they are still growing and maturing?" I have been asking these questions of many different business people as of late and the response I usually get is: "I am not sure that we are."

Let's all begin to think about the future and our roles in "growing" our leaders for tomorrow. As members of this community, we all must try to educate our students not only within the classroom, but give them a taste of the "real world" they will inherit. It is our community now but it's their future down the road.

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Third Thursday Programs

JUNE 21

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Ambassadors key to active Chamber

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Of course, Ambassadors are a key component of all ribbon cuttings the Chamber has, and they are the friendly faces greeting members at the Third Thursday Membership breakfasts.

At events, such as Legends and Lore and this month the Watermelon Festival, they man a booth with information about Chamber and tourism services.

The success of the annual banquet is due in part to the volunteer time Ambassadors put in to decorate, organize the Silent Auction and clean-up as well.

The Chamber appreciates the hard-work of its Ambassadors, but they have some fun times too! All members are invited to join this great group of volunteers.

Ambassadors at work: top photo, from left: Sheila Barbee, Cindy Johnson Brown and LaMerle Feitsma working the silent auction; bottom photo: Cindy Johnson Brown manning the Chamber/TDC booth at Legends and Lore.



Small business success seminar

Space is still available at the small business seminar on Tuesday, June 5, at 7:30 a.m. Panhandle Area Educational Consortium.

This seminar is free to the public and will teach attendees how to develop business plans as well as other financing opportunities that small businesses need to know in today's economy.

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EDC: Council restructures to better pursue opportunities

Former British Prime Minister Harold Wilson once said, “The only human institution that rejects change is the cemetery”. With this thought in mind your Chamber Economic Development Council (EDC) is embracing the opportunity to make some dramatic changes in our approach to the future growth of Washington County.



Gary Clark
EDC Chairman

Over the past few months the EDC has reorganized and restructured to more effectively pursue the opportunities that are before us. I am proud to share with you a few of the ideas we are exploring.

The committee has been expanded to include more business and industry representatives. Making certain we include a cross section of all the areas of expertise needed to field a top notch team is crucial. Banking, engineering, government, real estate, healthcare and tourism are just a few.

The first step the EDC will focus on is the consensus of a mission. There are a lot of potential core focuses including: job creation, high wage jobs, high skill jobs, infrastructure improvement, tourism promotion, business expansion, new industry recruitment and standard of living improvements.

The next step is strategic

planning. Strategic planning includes an evaluation of the current resources available as well as the organizations strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. As the group begins to analyze these areas there will no doubt be an enormous emphasis placed on the character of our community and the need to preserve our historical heritage.

Strategic planning will also involve an extensive visioning process. As our county grows and as the burdens on our infrastructure intensifies establishing a vision of what our community will look like in 20 years is a critical step.

The final step in the strategic planning process will be goal setting. With a clear understanding of our mission, our vision and our resources the EDC will establish a set of goals and objectives with clearly defined timelines and roles for each participating sector. Our counties, cities, communities and every affected entity have an important part to play in the future of our county.

I look forward to keeping you updated on our progress over the next several months as we tackle this challenge and embrace this great opportunity

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Annual Chamber Banquet



The annual Chamber banquet was a fun and festive affair! Pictured clockwise from top right: Brenda Bozarth, NFCH, listens to the music; NFCH CEO Pat Schlenker receives the Business of the Year award from President Philip Pippin; more than \$2,700 was raised from the silent auction; Todd Allen Herendeen gave a crowd-pleasing performance; past Chamber president Darrin Wall is recognized for his service; Judge Perry Wells meets and greets all, including new WCN editor Randal Seyler and his wife, Shannon.

Ribbon Cuttings



April 4 – Wausau Town Hall
1607 Second Ave., Wausau, Fla.



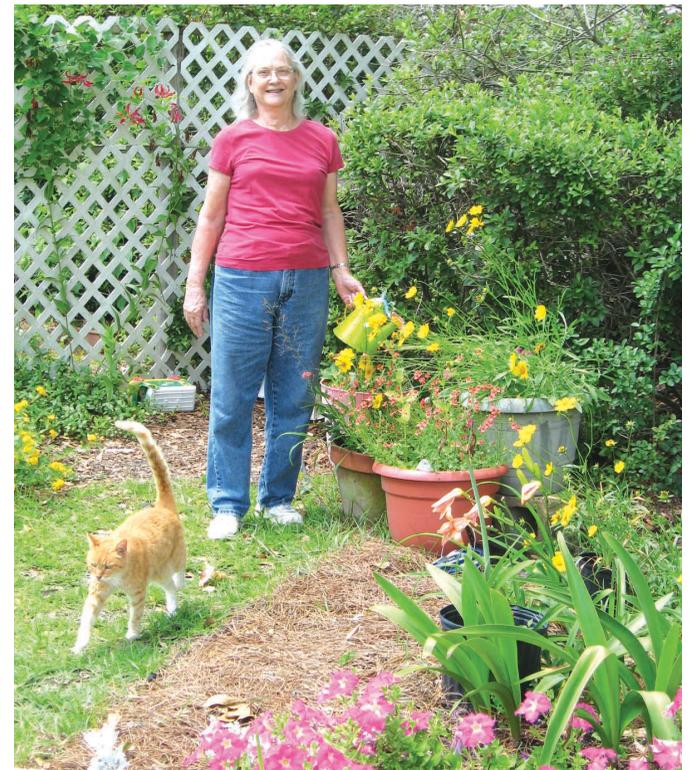
May 11 – Family Health Care of Sunny Hills
4369-A Hwy. 77, Sunny Hills, Fla.

THIRD THURSDAY HIGHLIGHTS



April and May 3rd Thursdays

Clockwise from left: President Philip Pippin presents a Past Directors plaque of appreciation to retiring Pat Brown; everyone is enjoying the new breakfast menu; Ed Gardner of PowerSouth Energy Cooperatives provides an interesting talk on economic development, including mega-sites; Edwina Showers works in her garden, which was chosen as the May 2012 Yard of the Month by the Chipley Garden Club; many local agencies benefitted from more than \$45,000 in contributions to this year's United Way of Northwest Florida campaign; Darrin Wall announces local United Way campaign results.



TDC: Council uses bed tax to bring visitors, tourists to County

The Washington County Tourist Development Council (TDC) was created on July 27, 2000, by a county ordinance that established the bed tax after being approved by a referendum vote. Governance of the TDC is through bylaws that were updated extensively and approved by the County Commission on Aug. 24, 2009.

Additionally, the TDC operates with an approved Policy and Procedures manual, a five year Strategic Plan (2012 – 2017) updated annually, and has its annual budget approved by the County Commission for each fiscal year.

All disbursements are processed through the Board of County Commissioners Board Finance office. The TDC is composed of nine members with three required by state statute to be elected officials, three representing active bed tax collectors, and three with connections to the tourism industry.

The TDC is solely funded by a "bed tax" collected by motels, campgrounds, and others providing temporary overnight lodging. As such, events in which advertising is partially funded by the TDC are encouraged to attract participation from outside the county to increase bed tax collections and other tourist related sales such as restaurants and motor fuels.

The TDC budgeted to provide grants to 15 events this fiscal year, with the larger events occurring late in the year. Of events occurring so far this fiscal year, 85 percent of the attendance has been from outside the county.

The TDC has several tools to market Washington County. The TDC operates a primary website at Visit-WashingtonCountyFL.com, partially funds locally sponsored events for

advertising and promotion, and operates social media sites on Facebook, Twitter and on You Tube.

Additionally, the TDC participates quarterly in the distribution of 10,000 tri-fold brochures highlighting events in three counties -- Washington, Jackson, and Holmes -- that go to all bed tax collectors, restaurants, other tourist attractions. Brochures are also distributed jointly with Jackson

County at a location at the Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport, and to 11 military bases within a few hours' drive of Washington County.

The Washington County TDC also participates in travel shows at nine of the military bases and annually at State of Florida welcome centers on I-10 near Pensacola and on US 231 near Campbellton.



Heather Lopez
Administrative
Assistant

The Washington County TDC operates like a business, with Washington County as the product. The TDC measures the results obtained from funds committed to marketing programs, whether it's banner ads online, ads in magazines, or local event grants.

As a subordinate activity of the County Commission, the TDC meetings are open to the public and it is always seeking ideas to expand the attraction of tourists to Washington County.

For more information, call the TDC during business hours at 850-638-6013, or find us at: www.VisitWashingtonCountyFL.com, www.facebook.com/VisitWashingtonCountyFL <http://twitter.com/WashingtonCoFl> (www.youtube.com/user/VisitWashingtonCoFl/feed).

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Chamber Ambassador of the Year KATHY RUDD



Kathy Rudd was recognized as the Jean Hollingsworth Ambassador of the Year for 2011 at the annual banquet in April. Rudd is an agent with Woodmen of the World in Chipley. She is also an invaluable presence at just about all Chamber events, whose commitment to service goes beyond her career.

Rudd's off-beat sense of humor, coupled with her dedication, makes working alongside her a true pleasure. The Chamber is proud to have Rudd as a representative of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce.

DISASTER, from page 1

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261271 / 9803128	Murphy USA, Inc. (#6520) 1623 Main St., Chipley	-85.5495 / 30.7527
219501 / 8518029	Chipley Shell Mart / Petro (#369) 1699 Main St., Chipley	-85.5504 / 30.7517
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Kudos!

- **Jan Page**, chair of the Chipola College District Board of Trustees, was recently recognized for her leadership this past year by Chipola President Dr. Gene Prough. Page, who is CEO of Community South Credit Union, has been re-appointed to serve as chair for 2012-13.
- Northwest Florida Community Hospital's COO **Janet Kinney** was recently honored for her 35 years of service to the hospital, and Nurse **Sandra Marell, LPN**, was honored for her 30 years of service.
- NFCH associates were also recognized for first quarter Hero awards: **Jennifer Wilcox**, non-clinical award, and **Robbie Hicks**, clinical award.
- **District II garden clubs Chipley and Wausau** were big winners at the recent Florida Federation of Garden Clubs convention in Jacksonville. For the first time in FFGC history, District II, which is the second smallest club, received eight FFGC awards and two Deep South Region (six affiliated southern states) awards.
- **Wausau Garden Club** President Roxanne Bush accepted awards which included 1st Place FFGC Blue Star Memorial Market Award – Class A and 1st Place FFGC Pressed Wildflower Award – Club Award. Inga Ross accepted the 1st Place FFGC Pressed Wildflower Award – Individual Award in the absence of Judy Solger.
- **Chipley Garden Club** President Karen Roland accepted awards on behalf of the club including 1st Place FFGC Horticulture Achievement Award (Live Plants to Students at KMS/WCCS) and 1st Place FFGC Arbor Day Celebration Award (2011 – in honor of the late Marilyn Smith). Gweneth Collins, Communications Officer/Recording Secretary, joined her to accept awards for 1st Place FFGC Mary S. Compton Award for Publicity – Class A, 2nd Place DSR Mary S. Compton Award for Publicity – Class Ai, 1st Place FFGC Yearbook Award – Class 2 and Honorable Mention – DSR Yearbook Award – Class A-2.

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Chipley Job Fair



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Goodwill-Big Bend recently held a Job Fair in Chipley at the PAEC. Carole Richards of Goodwill-Big Bend said it was the largest job fair ever held in this area, with 24 employers represented and more than 300 job seekers in attendance.



ADAM J. PEADEN, DPM

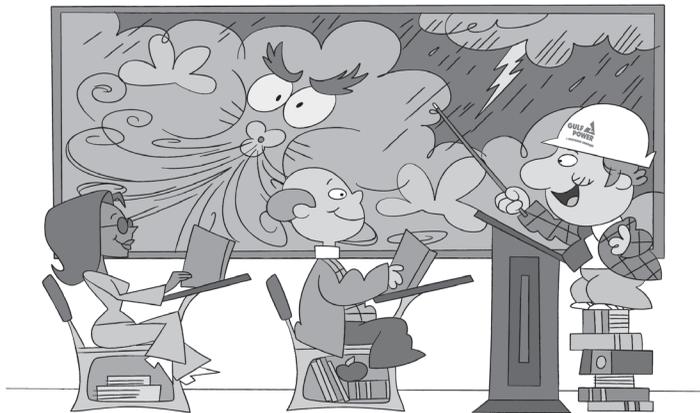
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RENEWALS

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 Blossoms 1996
 Captain Anderson's Restaurant 2010
 Carswell Realty 1980
 Chipley Florist & Gifts 2010
 Chipley Garden Club 2000
 chipleybugle.com 2000
 Chipola Ford 2010
 Chipola Healthy Start 2008
 Colby Peel, Washington County Judge 1999
 Cross Country Exterminators 1987
 Cyber Sytes Inc. 2010
 Down Home Dental Center 2010
 Elite Realty 2010
 Enola Contracting Services 2000
 Finch Fire-N-Water Const. Restoration 2010
 First Baptist Church of Chipley 1996
 Guettler & Guettler 1996

Harrison Rivard, Attorney at Law 2010
 Horizon Health Care Services, LLC 2010
 HSA Consulsting Group Inc. 2010
 Hungry Howie's Pizza & Subs 2006
 Javier's Mexican Grill 2011
 Jeff Goodman, Attorney at Law 2010
 Literacy Volunteers of Washington County 1991
 Maphis Tree Farm 2008
 Mitchell Sight & Sound/Radio Shack 1997
 Molton, Allen & Williams, LLC 2010
 Muller Communications, Inc. 2010
 Panhandle Forestry Services Inc. 2002
 Professional Satellites
 S & B Clocks 2010
 Shirley Davis Interiors 2010
 Street Talk America 2010
 The Eye Center of North Florida 1991
 Three Oaks Winery 2010
 Town of Wausau 1987

Tracom, Inc. 2010
 Walmart Super Center 1994
 Whitfield Timber Co., Inc. 1985
 Rick Demers
 Janet Kinney
 Christine MacBlain
 Dorothy Odom

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

- 1 7 pm-Graduation Class of 2012 @ Vernon High School
- 2 1 pm - Miss Firecracker Pageant - Vernon Comm. Ctr.
- 4 6 pm. - Vernon Town Council Workshop
Full Strawberry Moon
- 5 7:30am-9:30 am-Sm. Business Workshop @ PAEC
- 7 11:30 am - INKfliction Tattoo Gallery Ribbon Cutting
5 pm - Chipley City Council Workshop
6:30 pm - Sunny Hills Civic Association Mtg
- 9 11:30 am-Ribbon Cutting - HLC Shooting Sports
6-9 pm - Covenant Hospice Annual Gala
- 11 5:30 pm - WC School Board Meeting
7 pm - Vernon Council Meeting
- 12 6 pm - Chipley City Council Meeting
6 pm - Caryville Town Council Meeting
6 pm - Ebro Town Council Meeting
- 13 Noon - Chipley Woman's Club Mtg @ Clubhouse
- 14 FLAG DAY!
Noon - Chipley Lions Club @ Pattillo's
6 pm - Wausau Town Council Meeting
- 16 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!
- 18 6 pm. - Vernon Town Council Workshop
- 20 SUMMER SOLSTICE
- 21 7:30 am-WC Chamber 3rd Thursday @ Pattillo's
9 am - Wash. Co. Commission Workshop @ Annex
- 23 Keeping the Real FL "Real" - Falling Waters SP
- 25 Noon - Chamber Ambassadors
7 pm - Vernon Council Meeting
4 pm - TDC Workshop/Meeting @ Chamber
- 28 Noon - Chipley Lions Club @ Pattillo's
- 29 9am-3pm-Blood Drive @ NW FL Community Hospital

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- 3 Full Buck Moon
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4 pm - 4th of July Parade - Vernon
9 pm - 4th of July Fireworks - Vernon Sportsplex
- 5 6:30pm -Sunny Hills Civic Association
5:00pm -Chipley City Council Workshop
- 9 5:30pm -Washington County School Board Meeting
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- 23 7:00pm -Vernon Town Council Meeting

Upcoming Events**AUGUST**

4 - Funday and Possum Festival

SEPTEMBER

3 - Labor Day

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