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## IN BRIEF

### 12U girls softball travel team

A 12U softball team is looking for players for all positions, including pitchers and catchers, for the fall season. Call Walter at 381-3478 for more information.

### Orange Hill July 4th Family Celebration

**CHIPLEY** — The Orange Hill July 4th Family Celebration will be today at the Orange Hill Volunteer Fire Department. For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/ohvfd](http://www.facebook.com/ohvfd).

### Firecracker Day

**VERNON** — Firecracker Day will be today at the Vernon Sportsplex on Moss Hill Road in Vernon. For more information, call 535-2444 or visit [www.vernonflorida.net](http://www.vernonflorida.net).

### Church slates candidate forums

**WESTVILLE** — West Pittman Baptist Church will hold two more candidate forums with Holmes County candidates at the church, 1603 Bradley Road in Westville.

The second forum will be Saturday and will include candidates for property appraiser, tax collector, superintendent of schools and school board. On July 28, the final forum will include candidates for the Board of County Commissioners and state representative.

For information call Pastor Eddie Eaton at 956-4100 or 527-3995 (cell).

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# District FCAT scores 'noteworthy'

## District improves in several categories

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**CHIPLEY** — Washington County School Board members recently honored district students with perfect FCAT scores and learned that students improved on their test scores in several areas this year.

Beth Arnold, director of the district's Exceptional Students Education & Stu-

dent Services, discussed the changes in the FCAT 2.0 and compared this year's results to last year's FCAT scores, although she said that can be misleading.

"It was a different test this year, and I think there are some problems with it," she said. In the FCAT writing test, Washington County students achieved no scores of 6, the top score. "Escambia County also had no sixes," Arnold said. "There is something wrong when a district of that magnitude has no perfect scores."

Arnold said overall, the percentage of students scoring at proficient went back to last year's levels. "They dropped it back to 3, and we went to 80 percent proficient. There is something wrong with a test when 50 percent of the students are scoring

### INSIDE

Find out who achieved perfect FCAT scores on **Page A2**.

between 3 and 4."

Overall, 30 Washington County students posted perfect scores in the reading and math FCAT tests. "We outperformed the state averages," Arnold said. Washington County fourth-grade math students were in the top 50 percent in the state in their scores, and sixth-graders were above the state average in reading.

Washington County eighth-graders outperformed the state average in

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Kate M. Smith Elementary students with perfect FCAT scores in math were recognized at the June 28 Washington County School Board meeting. Third-graders honored were Isaac Berry and Caroline Hatcher. Fourth-graders were Roland Hudson, Hannah Patton and Brody Paulk. Fourth-grader Brennan Louderback was recognized for his FCAT perfect score in reading.

## VETERAN DEDICATION CEREMONY



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World War II veteran Lt. Paul Gordy, right, autographs a program for Wausau Mayor Roger Hagan during Saturday's unveiling and dedication ceremony for a portrait of Gordy and his brother, Leonard, who also served in World War II. For full story and photos, see **Page B1** or visit [chipleypaper.com](http://chipleypaper.com).

# Wausau energy project completed

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**WAUSAU** — Wausau Town Council members closed out the work on the town's energy efficiency project by approving the final payment for work done at the Possum Palace during Thursday night's meeting.

Charley Cotton and Anna Hudson gave the council a status update and presented the town's energy efficiency plan to the council for approval at next month's meeting.

"There is a lot of insulation in this building now," Cotton said of the Wausau Town Hall. The city had a \$180,000 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant to make town hall more energy-efficient, and part of the grant money was spent on insulation, windows and new HVAC

systems. The grant also paid for solar lighting at the Possum Palace.

"Energy conservation has the dual benefits of controlling energy costs and reducing the impact of one's carbon footprint on the global climate," according to the city's plan. "Local jurisdictions across the region and the nation are adopting and implementing energy and/or emissions reduction goals and strategies to save money and reduce pollution associated with energy production. The town of Wausau is one of these local governments that is currently undertaking energy conservation initiatives."

The town's primary facilities include the Town Hall, which also serves as a community center and the town's public library, and the Possum Palace Park. These facilities are utilized by the residents for

activities ranging from recreational sports to community festivals to meeting locations for community groups and clubs.

Other improvements to the town hall include a programmable thermostat, high-performance linear lighting system with T8 fluorescent bulbs and electronic ballasts, compact fluorescent interior and exterior lighting and an Energy Star tankless water heater.

At the Possum Palace, pole-mounted security lights were upgraded with solar powered LED lighting, the low bay fixtures were replaced with CFLs, the fluorescent lighting was replaced with T8 bulbs and electronic ballasts and CFLs also were used for interior and exterior lighting.

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# Wausau discusses town code enforcement

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**WAUSAU** — Town Council members discussed a touchy subject Thursday — property code enforcement.

Two members of the town's Code Enforcement Committee, Paul Culbreth and Kerry Collins, resigned Thursday, and the council was asking itself "what next?"

"We need to accept their resignation, and they have our thanks," Mayor Roger Hagan said. "We really appreciate all the work they did, much of it thankless."

City Clerk Margaret Riley told the mayor though there were several properties that responded to the committee's efforts and cleaned up their land, there were several code violators who had neither cleaned up nor responded to the town's letters.

"There are steps that we can follow, per our ordinance," Riley said. "First we send a letter, then we send a second, certified letter. If that gets no response, then we put the attorney in touch with them and set a court date."

"We need to do what we said we'd do, or go home," Mayor Pro-Tem Gail Culbreth said. "If we're not going to enforce it, why have a committee?"

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## FCAT from page A1

reading, math and science, Arnold said.

With the new version of the test, Arnold said, there were changes that would be in effect for 2012. No school grade will be dropped more than one letter grade from previous year's grade, no school will be dropped a letter grade for having less than 50 percent in lower quarter and students who have taken Algebra EOC and eighth-grade FCAT will have their highest score count for the school grade.

"I really expect some of that will go up this year," she said of the math grades.

This year also brought new test subjects to the FCAT: geometry and biology. Vernon High School had 100 percent of its students scoring 3, or the highest score allowed, in ninth-grade honors geometry, Arnold said.

"When everyone in a grade scores the same grade, they blank it out on the website to protect the students' anonymity," Arnold said.

"I was talking to a friend who teaches at a private school down south, and she was bragging that one of her classes was like that and I said, 'I know. We have the same thing in Vernon High School,'" Arnold said with a smile.

Vernon and Chipley high schools were both above the state average in mean score in geometry at the ninth and 10th grade levels.

In the 10th grade, the district also was above the state average in biology. The district also had two ninth-graders enrolled in biology.

"I think that is noteworthy," Arnold added.

In other business, the board discussed setting up a print shop at Washington-Holmes Technical Center to handle the district's printing needs. Superintendent Sandra Cook said doing the district's printing in house could save the district money, especially in printing catalogs and brochures.

Board Member Wayne Saunders said he wanted to be sure facilities that should be used for education were not being tied up in a print shop. The printing program at WHTC has dwindled, and the district is looking at changing more to a graphic design course, Director Martha Compton said.

## PERFECT FCATs

Washington County students achieving perfect FCAT scores included:

**THIRD-GRADE MATH**  
**Kate M. Smith Elementary**  
 Isaac Berry  
 Caroline Hatcher

**FOURTH-GRADE MATH**  
**Kate M. Smith Elementary**  
 Roland Hudson  
 Hannah Patton  
 Brody Paulk

**Vernon Elementary**

Robert Brown  
 Mikayla Cotton  
 Ridge Faison  
 Levi Fugate  
 Cullen Hodges  
 Hannah Lamarre  
 Logan Myer

**EIGHTH-GRADE MATH**  
**Roulhac Middle School**  
 Whitley Pettis

**FOURTH-GRADE READING**  
**Kate Smith Elementary**  
 Brennan Louderback

**FIFTH-GRADE READING**  
**Roulhac Middle School**

Connor Barrett  
 Jack Bau  
 Austin Berry  
 Nathaniel Bowen  
 Clara McEntyre  
**Vernon Middle School**  
 Lana Bush

**SIXTH-GRADE READING**  
**Vernon Middle School**

Olivia Brock  
 Carley Kirk

**SEVENTH-GRADE READING**  
**Roulhac Middle School**

Ethan Edenfield  
 Lauryl Hinson  
 Taylor Munroe  
 Austin Sapps

**EIGHTH-GRADE READING**  
**Roulhac Middle School**

Elizabeth Bowen  
 Danielle Runnels

**TENTH-GRADE READING**  
**Chipley High School**

Casey Strickland  
**Vernon High School**  
 Kyle Middlemass

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Council member Dallas Carter said, "I agree with Miss Gail. If we're going to do something, then let's do it."

"Someone is going to be mad at you no matter what you do," Culbreth said. She recommended the council work through the cases they

have already started and see them through before seeking new committee members and starting the code enforcement process back up.

"Let's work with what we've got and get them done first," she said.

Hagan said he would like to see code enforcement move beyond Highway 77 and into the side streets of Wausau as well.

"I want us to be solid in what we do, and if we have to go to court, then we'll go to court," the mayor said.

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One upgrade the grant did not allow was new building fans at the park. They were deemed energy-inefficient.

"I think we're going to use a lot more energy with all the fans we will have to plug in during the Possum Festival," Mayor Roger Hagan said. "I made that same argument, but they didn't buy it," Cotton said.

Hilton Galloway of Carr Riggs & Ingram also was on hand Thursday and presented the 2010-11 audit results to the council.

The finances of the city are steadily improving, Galloway said, noting the city ended the 2011 fiscal year

with \$57,222 in the general fund. "The town ended the year with an increase in liquid assets."

The increased grant activity has resulted in increased capital outlays for the city, to the tune of about \$1.7 million, Galloway said, and the water department revenues are increasing while water loss also is decreasing.

"Obviously things are far better," Galloway said. "There has been a \$2 million injection into the town, and the operating budget is a little better than it has been."

Annette Lanham asked the council to consider funding the Washington County

Canning Center to the tune of \$500 in the 2013 town budget.

Lanham is working with the county Extension Office to try and get the Canning Center reopened for 2013 using stovetop canning instead of the boiler, which has been deemed too expensive to repair. The city of Vernon has taken over ownership of the Canning Center property, and Lanham asked the Washington County Board of Commissioners to also consider funding the center next year for \$5,000.

Lanham said she is going to all the county's cities to ask officials to help fund the project.

# Efforts under way to replenish Mia Chay Brown Scholarship

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**BONIFAY** — Mia Chay Brown's family established the Mia Chay Brown Scholarship Fund to carry on her memory as someone who helped others, and now the local community wants to help replenish that scholarship.

Lori Patterson, owner of the Bead Garden in Bonifay, was one of those in the community who realized the willingness to contribute to the scholarship.

"It started with Mia's mom coming in and wanting

me to sell these bracelets for donations to go to the Mia Chay Brown Scholarship," Patterson said. "Then Sorrelli donated a bracelet/earring set to be used in a drawing, so that whoever made a donation for the Mia Brown bracelet for the Mia Chay Brown Scholarship could enter to win this Sorrelli set."

The Sorrelli set was made specifically with Brown in mind, using stones called Harmony, which ties in with what friends and family described Brown's theme of love, peace and harmony.

All donations for Mia bracelets go to the Mia Chay

Brown Scholarship Fund. Bracelets bought at The Bead Garden in Bonifay will be entered into a drawing for the donated Sorrelli jewelry set, which has an estimated value of \$129.60.

The drawing will be at 6 p.m. on July 9, the day after Brown's birthday.

Patterson said there have been several businesses from all over Holmes County who want to donate items for future raffles to go towards the scholarship.

Donations also can be made at the First Federal Bank, formerly the Bank of Bonifay.

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# Bonifay Kiwanis discusses The F.A.R.M.

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**BONIFAY** — During the regularly scheduled Bonifay Kiwanis Club meeting on Wednesday, June 27, guest speaker David Lauen explained the new program coming to Holmes County called The F.A.R.M., standing for Faith-based Addiction Regeneration Ministries.

The F.A.R.M. is based on the concept of Dunklin, City of Refuge, located in Okeechobee that “provides a community environment, Biblical instruction and work opportunities for men trapped in chemical addiction to become new creatures in Christ Jesus and help rebuild and reclaim their lives,” explained Lauen.

“Chip and Jill Chester are the ones who are going to head up our facility and minister to men and their families,” Lauen said.

“They’re from this area and know that the F.A.R.M. is what this part of Florida needs. Chip grew up in Panama City and Jill in Bonifay, and Chip’s testimony is a great story of how God can change a man’s life and save his family from the brink of destruction.”

“God restores lives and families and gives healing and hope to any situation that seems impossible and hopeless,” Chip Chester said.

“After a 20-year cocaine and alcohol addiction, I was in this bottomless pit of self-condemnation, depression, loneliness, and I just wanted to die.”

Chip Chester said that he’d committed himself to several secular recovery treatment programs but would still feel “lost and desperate” afterwards.

“The battle with addiction and everything that goes along with it nearly destroyed me, my marriage and my family,” Chip Chester said.

“At the lowest point in my life, I finally gave up doing things my way and looked up to see Jesus Christ standing right before me for the first time, face to face and understood His love for me.”

“It was through the grace of God that

my marriage and family have been restored, and now we know that God has called us to bring hope to the hopeless and shine His light for others in need of a Savior,” Chip Chester said. “What Satan had meant to use as evil, God restored for His glory and our ministry here at the F.A.R.M.”

The projected date of opening their locations is in September of 2013, and there are three locations in mind: the camp grounds in Bethlehem, the old Caryville work camp and a location near a lake in Vernon.

“With the prayers and support of our community, I believe we can be a valuable asset to the community and those in need,” Chip Chester said.

If you are interested in learning more about the F.A.R.M., visit their website at [www.thefarmnwfl.org](http://www.thefarmnwfl.org).

If you are interested in making a donation, make the donation payable to First Baptist Church of Bonifay with The F.A.R.M. written in the memo area.

“This is a non-denomination organization open to everyone,” Lauen said.

“The First Baptist Church of Bonifay was just kind enough to donate their time and effort to help this project move along.”

## About F.A.R.M.

The F.A.R.M. of Northwest Florida will be a non-profit organization and will be a place of regeneration for men and families struggling with alcohol and drug addiction.

Men come into the program with low self-esteem and little hope that their lives can ever change.

We believe the Christian approach to alcohol and drug addiction produces the most effective and enduring results.

They experience a personal relationship with God, a healthy work ethic and freedom from the bondage of addiction.

The “New Birth in Christ” achieves not only sobriety but, more importantly, a permanent and lasting relationship with God.

## Arrest REPORT

### Washington County Arrests

June 18 – June 25, 2012

Julie Bledsoe, 43, Chipley, sell of marijuana

Malinda Coatney, 50, Bonifay, violation of controlled release on possession of paraphernalia and possession of marijuana with intent

Dunbar Cobb, 32, Fort Walton Beach, violation of county probation on no valid drivers license

Cortney Crites, 22, Chipley, violation of court probation on driving while license suspended or revoked

Patricia Dampier, 37, Chipley, sell of cocaine

Dustin Dickens, 18, Bonifay, robbery with firearm

Robert Martin French, 55, Caryville, traffic in opium, possession of paraphernalia, possession of marijuana less than 20 grams, possession of weapon by felon three counts, violation of state probation on possession of meth

David Garrett, 45, Mansfield, Ohio, violation of state probation on grand theft

James Giles, 26, Graceville, felony battery

Donald Grantham, 45, Youngstown, battery, petit theft, aggravated assault

Zachary Hazen, 24, Temecula, Calif.,

resist law enforcement officer

Jennifer Lynch, 32, Bonifay, violation of state probation on possession of meth

Jeffery Martin, 37, Chipley, sell of meth

William Marzych, 29, Victorville, Calif., resist law enforcement officer

Tanner Monaghan, 19, Enterprise, possession of marijuana less than 20 grams

Julious Russ, 77, Chipley, traffic opium

David Skeen, 42, public intoxication

Evan Speights, 24, Bonifay, driving while license suspended or revoked, possession of marijuana less than 20 grams

Brandy Wainwright, 33, Chipley, driving under the influence, refuse to submit to driving under the influence test

John Cole Webb, 52, Chipley, trespassing, resist officer: Produce marijuana

Courtney Weeks, 28, Fort Walton Beach, violation of state probation on possession of MDMA

Charles Willoughby, 38, Transient, violation of state probation of driving while license suspended or revoked two counts

Linda Wood, 40, Chipley, distributing opium

## SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNIZED AS MASTER BOARD



RANDAL SEYLER | The News

The Washington County School Board was recently recognized by the state as a Master School Board, and the board was presented a plaque at the June 28 School Board meeting in Chipley. From left are Superintendent Sandra Cook and board members Vann Brock, Wayne Saunders, Susan Roberts, Terry Ellis and Pam Cates.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,  
I have been a resident of this county since the early 80s.  
I married a young man from this county many years ago – 1942, in fact. So I consider this my home. I am a volunteer at the Council on Aging.  
I am a registered voter, and I have voted in every election since I was old enough to vote. Back then I was 21 years of age. Quite frankly, I am deeply concerned.  
Our beloved country is in deep trouble. We need to wake up and do something about it. First of all, we as a nation need to turn back to God.  
We need to pray. We need to register to vote, and we need to vote. So many people, both federal and state, have made a career of holding office. We need to vote them out and put someone new in. We do not need career politicians in charge. We need some new ideas and new blood for the lifeline of our nation.  
Please, friends and neighbors, register to vote and cast your vote for someone new!  
Maybe, God willing, it can get better. Give it a chance.  
We can make a difference if we make our voices heard.  
We are a democratic nation — we each and every one have a choice — we can vote and be a part of it. A praying nation gets things done! Remember — God loves you and so do I! Thank you.

Mary Margie Everett  
Wausau

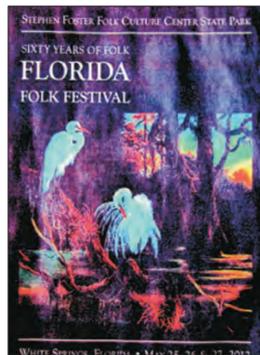
# 'Chewed on all we bit off'

The old adage, "he bit off more than he can chew" could well apply to all the projects the Prattler took on during the months of May and June.  
In early April, your writer had a visit from Blaine Waide, state folklorist with the Florida Department of State, with the two of us entering into a taped interview, all alone, in the local museum of the Washington County Historical Society.  
From this session, he concluded that the "prattler" would be an acceptable participant for the Florida Folk Festival, scheduled for May 25, 26 and 27, to be held at the Stephen Foster Memorial State Park in White Springs, Fla. My assignment was in storytelling and jokes. This park is on the banks of the historic Suwannee River as it winds its way around the sleepy town, which is steeped in Florida History.  
Preparation for the upcoming event demanded much of my time and effort during the entire month of May. Thanks to Scott Sweeney of Falling Waters State Park for the beautiful, professionally prepared collage, which portrayed much of this area's bountiful history. Thanks also our granddaughter Courtney Wells, a senior at the University of Georgia, who methodically

assembled a similar, colorful collage, depicting the history of the Panhandle Watermelon Festival. These pictures were taken from the mass of pictures, brochures, writings and other memorabilia that yours truly has in his archives from the thirty years of heading up the watermelon festival event for 30 long years. They are now on display in the local museum.  
Both of these exhibits were displayed in the Folk Life Tent at the White Springs event at a table especially reserved for the Washington County delegation, and other participants from all across the state of Florida. Hester and our youngest son Gordon assisted in "manning" our assigned location and served as official ambassadors in talking to those who stopped by to view our popular arrangement of pictures and histories of life in Washington County.  
Located next to us were Dalton Carter and his son Randy, who is now retired from his position as federal probation officer in Jacksonville. He and his family are now making their home next to Dalton and Maily in the Wausau area. Dalton took a vast collection of materials depicting the long history of the First Saturday in August Wausau Fun Day, which is also known as "Possum

Day." He made three stage appearances, speaking ably on the humble beginnings of the noted festival in Wausau and bringing the listeners up to date on what the event has developed into during its 40-year tenure.  
Dalton and I shared the Folk Life Tent with Danny Sylvester of Marianna. Danny organized the Living Heritage Festival at Renaissance Park 10 years ago, in his home area. His goals are to preserve traditional knowledge about agricultural life in African-American communities. He highlights such traditions as cane grinding, hog butchering, sage broom making and corn shelling.  
Also under the big tent was Rebecca Miller, who grew up on a large farm near Sneads and now calls Holmes County near Noma, Fla., her farm home. Rebecca's specialty was demonstrating the art of canning, or preserving, the produce grown on small farms or gardens in northwest Florida. She conducted daily workshops on canning and preserving. The inviting aroma from her table drew many park visitors to the location.  
Ruben Hill and nephew, Jamie Lee, of Blountstown demonstrated a worm "grunting" procedure that bring prized earth worms to the surface, providing fish bait for fishermen at the family business, which has thrived in South Georgia and North Florida for generations.

Leon Kelly, a second generation shoe shiner in Marianna, brought his occupational folk art, a "shoe tree," which he calls the "Tree of Free Spirit and Hope." Leon's shoe tree stands in front of his shop that he inherited from his father. He also displayed the sign situated at the business with this catchy slogan: "Come in Please — Leave out Pleased!"  
From the central and south portions of the state, the Folk Life Tent housed Elaine "Poppy" Moe and Betty Howell of Ocala, who gave demonstrations on how to make leather chaps, gun holders and other goods. Calvin "Buddy" Mills, a vocational agriculture teacher from Okeechobee, along with his apprentice, James Sharpe, presented their expertise in buckskin whip making and coordinating roping contest.  
The writer now sees that a second column must be written on the enjoyable, informative and relaxing trip to the Florida Folk Festival and promises to do so in a future writing. Preparing the two columns on Lt. Leonard Gordy and his brother Lt. Paul Gordy in May, along with assuming the responsibility for the ceremony for the unveiling and dedication of the portrait and history of the World War II military experiences of the two, has been an enjoyable experience to occupy considerable time. This portrait is now displayed



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS  
Program Book of the Sixty-Year Florida Folk Festival Event for May 2012.

in the museum  
Add the historic and classic watermelon festival, just passed, which the former chairman of 30 years can't seem to totally break away from — and maybe really does not want to break away from! The event does add a trite on the plate for the writer to "chew on."  
The delightful experience of having six of our seven grandchildren assisting in procuring watermelons from the field, riding in the parade with the grandparents and remaining for the entire day of activities at the agriculture center adds more responsibilities for Perry and Hester to "chew on."  
Apparently we adequately "chewed on all we bit off" during the busy months of May and June. We will testify that it was all enjoyable "chewing" and we would gladly do it again.  
See you all next week.

## HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?

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## Slingshots were standard equipment for boys growing up in my day

As I sat out in the blueberry shed this past week watching all the birds flitting about, I thought about shooting them with a slingshot, if I had one. Actually, I had no desire to kill any of the birds that live on our back yard even though they eat their fair share of the blueberries. They also eat a lot of insects and relieve boredom when business is slow. But sitting there watching the birds got me thinking back how country boys and probably town boys, too, often carried a sling shot in their back overall pocket.  
The stock was often made of a forked branch from a small tree limb. It had to be sturdy enough to withstand the pressure when the rubber straps were pulled back to create propulsion for the rock, which was held in the leather holder. Sometimes the stock would be carved from a solid piece of wood if you had an uncle like our Uncle Archie who was a whittler.  
I helped my brother Clyde make many slingshots because his were always of the tree branch



HAPPY CORNER  
Hazel Wells Tison

variety and wore out pretty soon. After finding the "Y" shaped branch, the next step was to cut the rubber straps. He used a piece of inner tube, which would be kept about the barn or car house for other purposes. Since he was left-handed, I always had to cut the rubber pieces for him and then the oval piece of leather, which he'd scrounged from an old brogan shoe. Since I was there I could also hold the rubber straps over the notched upper ends of the stock while he wrapped several turns of strong twine around. To the ends of the strap, more strong twine was tied securely and then pushed through a hole in the leather holder on both sides and tied securely.  
Now, as soon as he found some good solid rocks he was prepared to attack the bird population or just target practice. When a group of boys got together, there might be a war with dirt clods that would break up when a hit was scored and no one was hurt. Sometimes when they weren't supervised,

grains of dry corn made stinging hits on bare skin. However, this was strongly discouraged by adults who knew that a misguided missile could quickly damage an eye.  
Clyde was the main hunter of my four brothers, so he got in a lot of practice at squirrels, birds, barn rats or anything that moved. My oldest brother Jim carried a slingshot, but the first time he shot a bird, he accidentally killed it. He brought it to Mama saying, "Oh, I killed it."  
Jack, my husband, tells about being chased through the corn patch by his sister because he cut the watermelon so that the heart came out on one side. He grabbed it and ran. His punishment came, however, when the slingshot that he carried in his overall back pocket caught on a corn stalk. As he continued to run, it released and the stock hit him in the chin. He carried that scar as a reminder to share the watermelon heart.  
I wondered if sling shots had gone out of use or had gone hi-tech, so I visited the toy department. None was found there, but in the sporting goods department, for about \$8

you can buy a metal and rubber tubing one, and for an additional \$4, a box of ammunition can be had. My former student Brady Calhoun was most helpful and explained that the standard ammunition was necessary in competition. (I just thought of looking for small pebbles.) Then I went to a web site and found much more sophisticated models of slingshots with higher prices. They were recommended to carry camping or to have about the farm to shoot predators. They were also recommended to take hunting. Since they are silent, the hunter can relieve the boredom of waiting for a deer or a turkey to wander by, target practicing with the slingshot.  
Even though I helped Clyde construct slingshots, I never mastered the art of using one. I kept drawing back too far and shooting myself in the ear. Do you suppose David's sling with which he killed the giant, Goliath, was anything like I am describing? How about slingshot construction as a craft idea for vacation Bible school? Coach Mac could have taught them that I'm sure.

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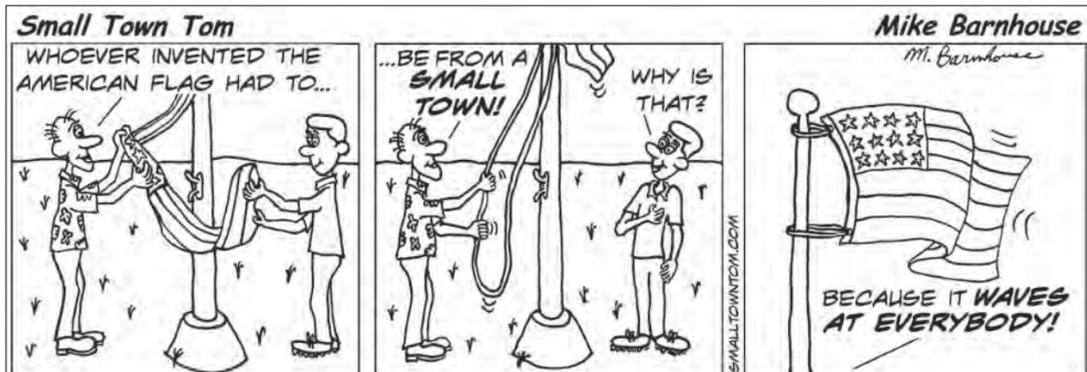
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# HC BOCC takes initiative on bridge replacement, roadwork

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**BONIFAY** — With the aid of County Engineer Cliff Knauer, the Holmes County Board of County Commissioners were able to compile a list of bridges and roads that meet the federal funding standards and approved to send them to the Florida Department of Transportation during their regularly scheduled meeting on June 26.

"I was sure to include Commissioner Jim King's requested bridge on Alford Road to the list," Knauer said.

Before the list was approved, Knauer added a request from Commissioner

Kenneth Williams to add the intersection of Highway 2 and County Road 173.

"We've been having some serious safety issues at that intersection," Williams said. "I don't know if it's a design flaw and we need to put a four-way stop there or what, but we've had quite a few accidents in that area and it needs to be looked at."

Knauer also agreed to look into King's request to look into possible funding to put in a boat ramp at the Chactahachi River in Holmes County on the west end of Highway 90.

Knauer explained there was a grant called the Florida Boating Improvement Grant that could help extensively in that area,

and King said there were funds available that were dedicated only to that purpose which could be used as matching funds.

The board approved of holding a public hearing for the abandonment of Kelly Lane.

"We need to hold a public hearing to see what the public has to say about the abandonment of Kelly Lane," County Attorney Jeff Goodman said.

The board approved of the Holmes County Health Department's request to send a county employee in maintenance to check out an issue they're having at the dental clinic.

Out of 15 applicants, the board approved of hiring Travis Mapels as the coun-

ty mosquito control sprayer for a probationary period of six months.

Out of three employees, the board approved of Andy Tharp as road forman for District 3 effective as of July 28.

The board approved of Cody Truet and Joseph Edmonson as the Emergency Management Services' newest emergency medical technicians.

HC EMS was awarded a grant for \$140,000 with a 10 percent match, and the board approved of HC EMS to pursue a grant with a 5 percent match for new cardiac monitors.

The board approved of Goodman and required staff to update the Holmes County Equal Employment

Opportunity Plan, which hasn't been updated since 2005.

Commissioner Phillip Music sought help from the county attorney and county engineer to widen and round-off "hair-pin" curve that was considered dangerous on a county road.

Knauer advised that they meet with the landowner to see if he had a survey of his land done and see about acquiring that corner of land to round off the road.

The board approved of SHIP Replacement Projects for Pickron and Thomas and requested from them on that applications come through the board for discussion in case questions arise about the project.

"I know we've got ques-

## WEB WATCH

### Road Improvements

For a list of the roads submitted and the roads that are now in progress visit [www.chipleypaper.com](http://www.chipleypaper.com).

tions about these two projects, and we don't have a representative here to ask," Williams said. "It would be good to have someone to clear up these questions before we approve of them."

The next HC BOCC meeting will be held at 9 a.m. July 10 at the Board of County Commissioners board room behind the Holmes County Court House.

# Federal partners commit additional resources to combat western wildfires

Special To The News

**WASHINGTON** — The U.S. Forest Service, Department of the Interior, the Department of Defense and FEMA announced on Thursday more air support and additional Fire Management Grants to bolster the federal effort to protect life and public safety in response to fires in Western states.

Twenty-one airtankers continued to cycle in and out of firefighting action Friday across the western states, and more than 8,800 personnel, more than 550 fire engines and 170 helicopters are operating on wildfires around the U.S. Approximately half of active federal wildfire-fighting resources are currently staged in Colorado. More than 1,000 federal, state and local firefighters, approximately 70 fire engines and six helicopters are fighting the aggressive Waldo Canyon fire today in the hillsides west of Colorado Springs.

This includes four C-130 aircraft provided by the Department of Defense, equipped with U.S. Forest Service Modular Airborne Fire Fighting Systems, which have conducted 47 air drops and have dropped more than 127,500 gallons of retardant on the Waldo Canyon and Flagstaff fires.

"We are committed to continuing to do everything we can to provide the firefighters, aircraft and equipment necessary to suppress some of the most challenging wildfires we've experienced in years," said Tom Harbour, U.S. Forest Service director of Fire

and Aviation Management. "The U.S. military has been a key partner in wildland firefighting for decades, serving as ground firefighters on the ground and supporting our air fleet with additional tankers."

The United States Army has also provided bulldozers, other heavy equipment and over 150 soldiers to cut fire breaks in response to the fires. Twenty-two fire trucks from five military bases including the Air Force Academy have joined the effort.

Fire activity in the Rocky Mountains, Eastern Great Basin and northern Rockies has significantly increased over the last few days, causing the National Preparedness Level to be raised to 4 on Wednesday. Preparedness Levels are dictated by burning conditions, fire activity and resource availability. The five Preparedness Levels range from 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest level. Each Preparedness Level has specific management directions. As the Preparedness Levels rise, more federal and state employees become available for fire mobilization if needed.

"We are continuing to coordinate closely with local, state, and tribal partners as we deploy resources through the National Interagency Fire Center," said Kim Thorsen, who oversees emergency management, security and law enforcement at the Department of the Interior. "The protection of human safety and communities remains the top priority as we battle wildfires across the West in very challenging



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An entire neighborhood burns near the foothills of Colorado Springs, Colo. on Tuesday, June 26, 2012. A towering wildfire destroyed dozens of houses overnight, though the intensity of the blaze kept officials Wednesday from being able to fully assess the damage to the state's second-largest city.

conditions."

The National Multi-Agency Coordination Group establishes National Preparedness Levels throughout the calendar year to help assure that wildland firefighting resources are ready to respond to new incidents.

On Wednesday, FEMA approved Fire Management Assistance Grants (FMAGs) for Montana's Ash Creek Fire in Powder River and Rosebud Counties; and for the Clay Springs Fire in Millard County, Utah. Including the two FMAGs provided to Colorado on Wednesday, this brings the overall total number of FMAGs approved for western states during this fire season to 19. Other states that have received these important grants include New Mexico, and Nevada.

Fire Management Assistance Grants are provided through the Disaster

equipment use, repair and replacement; mobilization and demobilization activities; and tools, materials and supplies.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior, in partnerships with states and local agencies, have developed a cohesive strategy to respond to the increase in wildfires in recent years by focusing on:

- Restoring and maintaining resilient landscapes. Through forest restoration activities such as mechanical thinning and controlled burns, officials can make forests healthier and less susceptible to catastrophic fire.

- Creating fire-adapted communities. The Forest Service, the Department of the Interior and their partners are working with communities to reduce fire hazards around houses to

make them more resistant to wildfire threats.

- Responding to Wildfires. This element considers the full spectrum of fire management activities and recognizes the differences in missions among local, state, tribal and Federal agencies.

Federal land managers are also helping communities prepare for wildfire. Federal partnerships with state, tribal and local agencies strengthen preparedness programs, such as Firewise <http://www.firewise.org/> and Ready Set Go! <http://www.iafc.org/readySetGo> that help families and communities prepare for and survive wildfire. You can also visit FEMA's Ready.gov <http://www.ready.gov>, to learn more about steps you and your family can take now to be prepared for an emergency.

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## Scallop season is open

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Instead of seeking a meal this year, scallop hunters might consider a different spot on the table.

Researchers with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Research Institute in St. Petersburg have completed their surveys of the bay, and the survey says scallop numbers are significantly off the stocks of 2011 and 2010.

The season, said Steve Geiger with the Research Institute, might be one in which hunters might want to aim to share the crop, the goal maybe a smaller take than last year.

"Instead of going out and trying to catch dinner, maybe they ought to think about going out for an appetizer," Geiger said. "What (researchers) are seeing is way down."

The scallop season begins today and continues through Sept. 10.

Each year, researchers place 20 transect lines of 300 meters in length at stations around the bay.

The configuration works like this: The first station is just off the boat ramp at Frank Pate Park and researchers work in a horse-shoe around the south end of the bay and up to T. H. Stone St. Joseph Peninsula State Park.

In all, about 12,000 square meters of the bay are surveyed, a diver dipping underwater at one end of each transect and counting scallops along the length of the line.

Last year, on average, 155 scallops were found per transect line in St. Joseph Bay. This spring, the average per line was 10.9.

"There are less over by the park and by the town, which has been the trend in recent years," Geiger said. "The grass is more lush at the south end of the bay so you would expect to find more."

"When we came back for our fall surveys, there were stations that had 600-700 in the spring and had zero, nothing."

### REGULATIONS

- There is a daily limit of two gallons of whole bay scallops in the shell or one pint of bay scallop meat per person.

- In addition, no more than 10 gallons of whole bay scallops in the shell or one-half gallon of bay scallop meat may be possessed aboard any vessel at any time. Folks are allowed to harvest bay scallops only by hand or with a landing or dip net.

- Bay scallops may not be harvested for commercial purposes.

- Bag limits are daily limits; it is illegal to take a limit of scallops in the morning and return later in the day and collect another limit of scallops.

- Unless otherwise exempt, a regular Florida saltwater fishing license is required when using a boat to harvest scallops. If folks wade from shore, a regular Florida saltwater fishing license or a free resident shore-based license is needed.

- Divers and snorkelers are required to display a "divers-down" flag (red with a white diagonal stripe) while in the water. Boaters must stay at least 100 feet away from a divers-down flag in a river, inlet or channel. In open waters, boaters must stay 300 feet away from a divers-down flag.

# GAG RULES



Photos contributed by FRANK SARGEANT

Gag grouper season now is open in the Gulf of Mexico, continuing through October. The limit is two per day over 22 inches long. The eastern Gulf offers the world's best gag fishing, according to many experts.

## Opening weeks of grouper season should produce fireworks

By FRANK SARGEANT

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This year's gag grouper season will run just four months to the end of October. However, since there's been no harvest and no targeting of these tasty reef dwellers since last November, odds are that many of the prime numbers are covered up with keepers just waiting for a pinfish or a frozen cigar minnow to drop from above.

Gags are among the favorites of reef anglers because of their large average size and their fighting ability — as well as their very tasty fillets.

Gag grouper harvest has been closed in the Gulf since Nov. 16 of last year. Formerly, the season was closed only during the spawn, from Jan. 1 to March 31, with nine months of open season. The new regs will cut the open season more than 50 percent, a move which the federal regulators say should allow stocks to recover eventually.

Recreational anglers, particularly in the areas south and east of the Panhandle, have questioned the accuracy of federal fishery statistics, citing frequent catches of more than 50 gags a day while fishing for other species.

But federal scientists say that although small to medium-sized gags are abundant, numbers of adult males, which convert from females at about age 10, are extremely low on the offshore reefs, endangering the spawning cycle if more fish are not allowed to reach full maturity.

Be that as it may, the gag-rush started on the first.

Gags are most abundant — of anywhere — in the eastern Gulf of Mexico, and some of the biggest are found just to the southeast of the Panama City Beach area—the edge of the continental shelf, where water drops from about 250 feet down to several thousand feet, is a famed area for the giant "rusty belly" males of 20 pounds and up.

You don't have to travel all the way to "The Edge" however; to hook up with plenty of gags. Fish from 5 to 15 pounds are regular catches anywhere there's hard bottom, a ledge, rockpile, wreck or artificial reef.

However, there are thousands of square miles of unproductive sand out there and only limited areas of good cover where the fish stack up. Knowing exactly where these are

located is essential, as is a good GPS and sonar to put you on the spots.

Fishing the numbers is an acquired art. Not only do you have to find the spot—not difficult with a GPS—but then you have to put the stern of your boat over that location exactly — no easy matter when it's a hundred feet down and there's a strong current running and plenty of wind to accompany it. Typically it takes five feet of "scope" or anchor line for every foot of depth to stay put offshore, and that's with a big anchor and plenty of chain between anchor and line. Consequently, the anchor has to be dropped far up current from the reef for the boat to settle into the right spot once the line is paid out—and being off by as little as 20 feet can sometimes be the difference between catching big fish or only cranking up the "junk" fish that roam farther from the cover.

Persistence pays, however, and old salts can figure an "anchor course" that will place the boat just right every time. It's then a matter of lowering an assortment of frozen baitfish or squid — or live pinfish — down to the reef and hanging on. A 20-pound gag can put even a big man on his knees for the first minute or so—if a big red snapper doesn't beat him to it. Snapper often inhabit the same reef where gags hang out, but the snapper usually hang a bit higher in the water and so have first shot at baits coming down. Don't be surprised if an occasional amberjack does likewise.

Most anglers use heavy tackle to handle gags and other potential heavyweights around the reefs — stout rods 7 to 8 feet long, 4/0 reels and at least 60-pound test mono, plus 80 to 100 pound test leaders and 7/0 or larger triple strong hooks are part of the gear. Anglers usually fish 4 to 6 ounces of lead above the leader, but strong current might require more—the object is to get the bait to plummet straight down before the current can carry it sideways, so lots of weight can be a must on some days. A bait that gets "kited" sideways may not wind up close enough to the structure to draw a gag out.

The first boat to stop on a given reef can often catch plenty of grouper just by impaling frozen cigar minnows or Spanish sardines on the hooks and lowering away. After a few fish have been caught, however, it often takes a live pinfish or grunt to draw a bite. The live baits seem to attract bigger fish, as well, and the bigger the bait, the bigger the grouper likely to eat it.

Some gags are also caught by deep jigging with 6 to 8 ounce jigs bounced on bottom. But in general, you'll catch a half-dozen on bait for every one you catch on artificials.

For those without capable offshore boats, many of the charter

boats and party boats from Panama City to Fort Walton Beach include gag grouper in their target list when they go bottom fishing.

### Grouper with gusto

The groupers are somewhat more "meaty" than the snappers; that is, their flesh is firmer, particularly in larger fish. Some people like this, some don't—but the flavor of both gag and red grouper is excellent any way you care to cook it.

One dish that's always a crowd pleaser is to place a couple of boned and skinned fillets in a cooking pan, then cover them with a layer of Delmonte stewed tomatoes, Italian Recipe, which includes lots of oregano and other spices. On top, place a layer of your favorite type of grated cheese — strong cheddar is good, but so is mozzarella — or spice it up with a Mexican taco mix. Broil in a 350-degree oven until the cheese begins to brown and the fish turns flaky. (If the cheese browns too soon, turn off the broiler and just let the fish sit in the oven for an added five minutes — it will bake to perfection.)

Thinly sliced pieces of gag also go well in serviche — just set the salted, raw pieces in a bowl of chopped onions and lemon juice for an hour or more. Serve on whole-wheat crackers — beats the heck out of most sashimi.

On large grouper, the "cheeks," ingots of meat found below the eyes, are considered the *piece de resistance* by Florida crackers — don't throw the carcass away without saving these tidbits.

### Gag regulations

The bag limit is two gags daily of 22 inches or more as part of a four grouper limit in the Gulf. Not much when you consider you may be spending \$200 or more on fuel to run out to grouper country and back.

But fortunately red snapper, mangrove snapper, grunts and other bottom species — along with roaming kingfish that can be caught on unweighted live baits fished near the surface—can make for a nice bag of fish and a busy day of fishing.

Note that red snapper season is slated to close on July 11. However, there's a request in to the National Marine Fisheries Service to extend the season a week because of the lost fishing time resulting from the recent tropical storm.

Whether or not the feds, who have been very stingy with reef fish in recent years, will provide the added fishing days remains to be seen — check the regs page at [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) for details.

For more on grouper fishing, including a list of artificial reefs, visit [www.myfwc.com](http://www.myfwc.com).

Live pinfish are among the favorite baits for larger gags. The abundant baitfish can be caught by castnet or small hooks baited with shrimp or cut fish inshore and in Panhandle bays.



## NASCAR PIT STOP

# Keselowski wins Quaker State 400

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Brad Keselowski won the Quaker State 400 in Sparta, Ky., Friday night on a back up car. He was one of the few that made it through the race without any trouble. This marked Keselowski's third win of the season. When he made it to Victory Lane and all the excitement settled down, he did something I have never seen or even heard of another driver or anyone else for that matter do, he "Tebowed."

For those of you who have been totally tuned out in the sports world, "Tebowing" is when someone takes a knee and thanks God for his or her accomplishments on or off the field, or track in this case, and is usually done in front of a crowd. Kurt Busch got a little mouthy with his crew chief but left the media alone. He finished 19th after some car trouble, but it wasn't a complete loss in Sparta. He came in second in the Nationwide Series Race on Friday night. Keep up the good work Kurt. You still have the potential. Poor Carl Edwards should have listened to his crew chief when he was told to come in and top off his fuel to be sure he could make it. He ran out of fuel

with seven laps to go and finished in the 20th position. Denny Hamlin announced just before driver introduction on Saturday Night that he has resigned with Joe Gibbs Racing. As of Monday night they had not released any details on what kind of deal he signed just that he would continue with Joe Gibbs Racing and FedEx. For all you fans out there, here is a piece of trivia I found. FedEx sponsors 36 of the 38 Sprint Cup Series races.

There may not have been a lot of drama or even a whole lot of cautions, but there was enough excitement for fans as they waited to see if their favorite drivers would escape troubles with their car.

The bad luck for the drivers and their cars started on lap 24 when Joey Logano's cooling unit went out in his car. He stayed out there and took it like a trooper. You know he had to be hot though, I didn't hear of any problems health wise with Joey after racing in triple digit temps without a cooling unit. Then in lap 27 the bad luck grabbed Tony Stewart and held on. He started reporting mechanical issues and stayed out on the track until lap 29 when he had



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Left: Keselowski "Tebows" for the fans after winning the Quaker State 400. Middle: Austin Dillon Wins the Feed the Children 300. Right: James Buescher wins the UNOH 225.

to take the car to pit road and then to the garage. Stewart brought it back on to the track on lap 44 and then back to the garage on lap 46 where he stayed until lap 63 when he came back out of the garage and ran the rest of the race 34 laps down. The first of four cautions was brought out on lap 44 as Scott Riggs had a mechanical failure and had to be towed off the track. On lap 90 Kevin Harvick reported that he wasn't happy with his car and took it to his pit stall to get checked out. Kyle Busch kissed the wall on lap 119 but kept on racing. Caution number two was for debris on the track. Caution number

three came out as Dave Blaney's engine blew. The fourth and final caution came out due to Ryan Newman spinning and hit the wall hard between turns one and two. Regan Smith was also caught up in this one trying to avoid Ryan Newman. There were two rounds of green flag pit stops this week they were on laps 92 through 101 and then again on laps 203 through 209.

### Standings Camping World Truck Series

1. Timothy Peters
2. Ty Dillon -4
2. Justin Lofton -4
4. James Buescher -9

5. Parker Kligerman -32
6. Matt Crofton -42
7. Joey Coulter -50
8. Ron Hornaday Jr. -53
9. Nelson Piquet Jr. -57
10. Miguel Paludo -75

### Nationwide Series

1. Austin Dillon
2. Elliot Sadler -2
3. Ricky Stenhouse Jr. -23
4. Sam Hornish Jr. -33
5. Justin Allgaier -73
6. Cole Whitt -82
7. Michael Annett -99
8. Mike Bliss -163
9. Danica Patrick -185
10. Brian Scott -201

### Sprint Cup Series

1. Matt Kenseth -11
2. Dale Earnhardt Jr. -23
3. Jimmie Johnson -23
4. Greg Biffle -25

5. Denny Hamlin -68
5. Kevin Harvick -68
7. Clint Bowyer -76
8. Martin Truex Jr. -77
9. Tony Stewart -88
10. Brad Keselowski -96

### Upcoming races

The Subway Jalapeno 250 Powered by Coca-Cola will be held on July 6 at 6:49 p.m. at the Daytona International Speedway, and will be showed on ESPN. Last year's winner was Joey Logano.

The Coke Zero 400 Powered by Coca-Cola will be held on July 7 at 6:49 p.m. at the Daytona International Speedway and will be shown on TNT. Last year's winner was David Ragan.

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# Wine and Cheese



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Northwest Florida Community Hospital held an art show Friday in the Skilled Nursing Unit with non-alcoholic wine and cheese. The show featured art and crafts by unit residents and dozens of friends, relatives and hospital staff attended the event. The Skilled Nursing Unit at NFCH, located on the third floor, is a 34-bed facility that provides long term care to residents who enjoy daily coordinated activities and special events and form lasting friendships while receiving the required and necessary medical attention, according to the hospital's website.

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## Washington, Holmes at a glance

### Varnum reunion

**CHIPLEY** — The 25th annual Varnum Reunion will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Blue Lake Community Center on State 77 in Chipley. Bring a favorite covered dish or dessert. If you plan to attend, call Gloria Clark, daughter of Evelyn Varnum, at 638-3892.

### Summer food program

**CHIPLEY** — Yes Lord Deliverance Ministries will participate in the Summer Food Service Program in July.

Nutritionally balanced meals will be provided to children 18 and younger during summer vacation when breakfasts and lunches are not available.

The programs are approved for areas where 50 percent or more of the children qualify for free or reduced-price meals during the school year.

Starting on Monday and running through July 19, supper will be served from 5-6 p.m., and an evening snack will be served from 8-9 p.m.

Meals will be served at 739 Seventh St. in Chipley.

### Childbirth classes

**BONIFAY** — Holmes County Health Department's Healthy Start program will offer a free childbirth class for any pregnant woman.

Women are encouraged to bring their partners to the class. The class will consist of four sessions from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, as well as July 12, 19 and 26 at the Holmes County Health Department Annex.

The class will teach pregnant women about what happens to a woman's body before labor begins, relaxation and breathing, different stages of labor, recognizing true labor versus false labor, massage during labor, different positions for labor, episiotomy, care of newborn/procedures after delivery, breastfeeding and more.

For more information, call Healthy Start at 547-8684, ext. 18 or 19, and ask to speak to Glenna Padgett, Valery Lawton or Gabby Sanders.

### 'Mommy and Me' classes available

**BONIFAY** — Beginning Friday, the Holmes County Healthy Start program will offer "Mommy and Me" classes for women and children who are Healthy Start participants.

This month the topic is "Baby Yoga" and "Couponing." This class will be in a relaxed atmosphere and fun-filled.

The goal of this class is to increase support systems between mothers and provide a time for mothers to bond and share their experiences with each other.

Nurse Gabby Sanders will be teaching the class.

To sign up or for more information, call Healthy Start at 547-8684.

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PHOTOS BY RANDAL SEYLER | Extra

At left, Lt. Paul Gordy speaks at the unveiling and dedication ceremony for the portrait of Gordy and his brother, Leonard, on Saturday morning at the Washington County Historical Society Museum in Chipley. Above, Gordy and his wife, Ann, were guests of honor at the unveiling ceremony on Saturday.

# 'EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE'

## Gordy brothers honored with unveiling ceremony

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**CHIPLEY** — Nothing could have said "Fourth of July" more appropriately than the unveiling and dedication ceremony held for World War II heroes Paul and Leonard Gordy on Saturday at the Washington County Historical Society Museum.

Hundreds of friends, residents and public officials turned out to honor two extraordinary men and their war-time achievements.

The Gordys' story was the topic of two of Judge Perry Wells' columns, Perry's Prattle, which were published in the Washington County News on May 23 and May 30 in honor of Memorial Day.

Part of that history, along with the portrait which was taken by Mark Sinner of the Jackson County Floridan, were unveiled as new exhibits for the Washington County Museum.

"We hope these will be here for many, many years as a testament to your extraordinary service to your country," Wells said in his opening remarks.

Leonard Gordy was unable to attend the ceremony, but Paul Gordy was on hand with his wife, Ann, and children, Steve Gordy and Paula Kay Gordy Cook.

Paul Gordy enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Corps two weeks after our nation's entry into World War II, upon the bombing of the U. S. Naval Base at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. After completing the required training, he was commissioned as a lieutenant and assigned to pilot a B-17 Flying Fortress in the 384th Bomb Group, a unit involved with the bombing of strategic targets over Germany.

On July 29, 1943, Gordy's aircraft was shot down while bombing the Kiel Submarine Base over Germany. He parachuted to safety, landing in the North Sea sixty miles from shore. He remained in the water fourteen hours before being picked up by a German Luftwaffe Air-Sea Group Unit and imprisoned in the Stalag Luft III, in Sogan, Germany. The prison the movie, "The Great Escape," is based on an actual event that occurred at Stalag Luft III.



At top, Ron Taylor sings the National Anthem while Judge Perry Wells, right, sings along. Above left, Max Wells sings "There's A Star Spangled Banner Waving Somewhere" for the audience. Above right, Caleb Perkins, Boy Scout Troop 39, leads the Pledge of Allegiance at Saturday's ceremony honoring Paul and Leonard Gordy.

Gordy did not know the details of his brother Leonard's entry into the military service other than that he had also been commissioned a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Air Corps and that he was also a pilot serving in the European Theater of the war.

Much to his surprise Leonard Gordy arrived in the same German Prison in May of 1944 after being shot down on April 29, while bombing Berlin as a target with his 94th Bomb Group. Leonard Gordy was first accosted by German civilians who were ready to hang him, when he was saved by German officers.

The brothers were finally liberated on April 29, 1945, exactly one year after Leonard's capture and after Paul had spent twenty months as a prisoner-of-war.

Paul and Leonard later joined together in forming the Gordy Milling Company which operated in Chipley for several years. Following that venture, Paul began a career with McCormick Foods which lasted 32 years. Leonard returned to Gainesville and pursued other interest.

Paul and Ann Gordy have maintained their home in Chipley where she completed a full career in teaching in the school system of

Washington County. Paul Gordy is remembered as the field announcer of the Chipley football games and many recall his voice in greeting visitors with "Good Evening Football Fans." He also conducted, and broadcast on PAEC-TV, almost 70 hours of video interviews with various war veterans, women and men, including three generals and three or four colonels.

Paul Gordy said he turned down numerous promotions while working with McCormick Foods so he could stay in Northwest Florida.

"Washington County is a wonderful place to live," Gordy said.



Above, Washington County School Board Member Susan Roberts congratulates Paul Gordy following the ceremony. At left, Paul Gordy's children, Steve Gordy, right, and Paula Kay Gordy Cook unveil the portrait of their father and uncle during Saturday's ceremony at the Washington County Historical Society Museum.

## Bradford named toddler Miss Firecracker



Alanah Hope Makanalani Bradford was crowned Toddler Miss Firecracker on June 2 in Vernon. She is the daughter of Hayley Dykes and Fred Bradford, Jr.

Alanah is the granddaughter of Verna and Hayward Dykes of Vernon and Cindy and Fred Bradford of Panacea.

## SCHOLARSHIP



SPECIAL TO EXTRA

Esther Lodge No. 144 Free and Accepted Masons in Bonifay presents a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving Holmes County High School student each year. The 2012 recipient is Courtney Layne Reeves, daughter of Neal and Barbra Reeves of Bonifay. Presenting the scholarship to Reeves is Right Worshipful Ronnie Peters, District Deputy Grand Master, Fifth Masonic District of the Grand Lodge of Florida. Reeves was presented this plaque at the HCHS Awards Program on May 31, and she was presented the scholarship Monday at Esther Lodge.

# SALLY STRUTHERS TO HEADLINE CHIPOLA CENTER ARTS OPENING

Special To The News



SALLY STRUTHERS

**MARIANNA**—The Chipola College Center for the Arts will open Sept. 20 with A Grand Night featuring Sally Struthers.

The gala will feature the two-time Emmy Award-winning actress and current Broadway star Tony Yazbeck.

Chipola theater director Charles Sirmon, says, "Don't miss this historic event which also includes an after party with live music and heavy hors d'oeuvres." Dress is semi-formal.

General admission tickets (\$50) go on sale July 9 and are available at the Chipola Center for the Arts, the Marianna Fitness Center and the Gazebo Café. Call 850-718-2220 for credit card orders, or contact [sirmonc@chipola.edu](mailto:sirmonc@chipola.edu)

Sally Struthers is a two-time Emmy and Golden Globe winner for her performances in the groundbreaking TV series All in the Family.

She also performed in the CBS comedy Still Standing and the CW network's highly-acclaimed Gilmore Girls.

Sally was heard as the voice of "Pebbles Flintstone" on the Pebbles and Bam-Bam cartoon series and the lead female character on the popular Disney cartoon "Tailsn." Her television movies include: "A Gun in the House," "And Your Name is Jonah," "The Great Houdinis," "In The Best Interest of the Children," "Deadly Silence," "My Husband is Missing" and "Intimate Strangers."

Sally co-starred in two legendary motion pictures in the 70s: "Five Easy Pieces" with Jack Nicholson and "The Getaway" with Steve McQueen and Ali McGraw.

She also was featured in two independent films: "Out of the Black" and "A Month of Sundays" with Rod Steiger. She made a cameo appearance for

actor/writer/producer Mario Van Peebles in the Sony feature "Baadasssss!"

Sally's first two Broadway forays were in "Wally's Café" with Rita Moreno and Jim my Coco and Neil Simon's female version of the "Odd Couple" with Brenda Vaccaro.

For three years she starred as Miss Mamie Lynch on Broadway and on tour in the Tommy Tune production of "Grease." In the 20th anniversary national tour of "Annie," Sally played the coveted role of Miss Hannigan.

Sally was named Best Actress by the Los Angeles Artistic Director Theatre Awards for her role as Louise Seger in the musical "Always, Patsy Cline," a true story based on the relationship between Seger and Cline.

She won the 2003 Ovation Award as Best Featured Actress in a Musical for her performance as Agnes Gooch in the Los Angeles production of "Mame" and won a second Ovation Award this year for "Cinderella."

Additional starring roles include regional productions of "Hello, Dolly!," "Anything Goes," "The Fifth of July," "Cat On a Hot Tin Roof," "The Full Monty," "Fiddler on the Roof," "Chicago," "All Shook Up," "Drowsy Chaperone" and "Legally Blonde."

For 30 years, Sally has worked tirelessly to help the hungry and uneducated children everywhere.

She has visited these children in many Third World countries and has filmed numerous public service announcements and documentaries on their behalf.

In recognition of her devotion to children and animals, Sally has received numerous humanitarian awards.

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## Tatum and McWaters announce engagement

Ray and Darlene Tatum of Marianna are proud to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Melissa Carol Tatum, to Benjamin Lavon McWaters, son of Frank and Julie McWaters of Bonifay.

The bride-elect's maternal grandparents are the late David Saye and Marilyn Saye of Dunmore, Ky., and her paternal grandparents are the late Lloyd Tatum of Marianna and the late Margie Engerer of Marianna.

The groom-elect's maternal grandparents are the late Lavon Tomlinson and Barbara Tomlinson of Dothan, Ala. His paternal grandparents are the late Tup and Gladys McWaters of Bonifay.

Melissa graduated from Victory Christian Academy in 2003. She majored in education at Chipola College and graduated Cum Laude in 2005 with an associate of arts Degree.

She furthered her education at Florida State University and obtained a bachelor's degree of science in elementary education and graduated with the honors of magna cum laude.

After graduation, Melissa became employed as a second grade teacher at Sneads Elementary School for three years.

While working at Sneads Elementary School, Melissa was awarded the Rookie Teacher of the Year Award.

Melissa is currently employed at Cottondale Elementary School as a first grade teacher.

Benjamin graduated from Bethlehem High School in 2003.

During high school, he attended Holmes-Washington Technical Center and obtained a certificate of graduation in carpentry and cabinetmaking in 2004. Then, he attended Chipola College and received his firefighter level two and EMT certificates in 2005.

He is currently employed at Lynn Haven Fire Department and Emergency services as a firefighter.

In 2008, he was awarded the Firefighter of the Year for the city of Lynn Haven.

He also attended Gulf Coast College and Chipola



College and obtained a degree in fire science in 2011. He is state and national certified as a fire inspector, instructor, investigator, truck and pump operator and fire Officer.

He is also employed as an independent inspector in Holmes County.

The wedding will take place at First Baptist Church in Marianna on Nov. 17, 2012 at 5 p.m.

Invitations will be sent out at a later date.

## Tri-County announces funding available with Community Services Block Grant

Tri-County Community Council Inc. announces that funding is available through the Community Services Block Grant for low-income families.

Qualifying families may be eligible for employment services to overcome

obstacles or obtain skills for successful employment.

Individuals seeking their GED may be eligible for assistance with fees for classes and or test.

Low-income youth may qualify for as-

sistance with fees to participate in extra-curricular activities.

Emergency services are available to qualifying families to assist with housing, medical or energy.

For more information, contact out of office at 638-4520 Ext. 28.

Services Department, located in Bonifay, will be closing on Friday beginning July 20. Office hours will be Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance applications will continue to be taken on Mondays.

All other services to low-income families will be provided Tuesday through Thursday.

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# Students attend STEM camp

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PANAMA CITY — Sea creature exploration, robot missions, playing video games and creating light for Third World countries has to come to an end at some point.

The Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City Division and its Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Institute's summer camp had the last day of providing students with hands-on, activity-based learning projects Thursday.

Students from Washington and Holmes counties participated in the event.

"What we're trying to do is energize students to have more STEM careers and to have fun while learning," said Susie Waters, Surfside Middle School physical science teacher.

During each day of the weeklong event, teams of students rotated from different areas featuring various aspects of STEM.

"Tabula Digita" features an educational video game that improves understanding of mathematics by asking the student to complete algebra equations to progress in the game. "Environment" had students exploring bay waters to study ecological properties by gathering and identifying samples of species. "Inventions" taught students to develop instruments to transfer solar energy into light.

And then there's the ever-popular "Robots" area.

"They always get the most excited over the robots," Waters said. "This year we got them using their cellphones to wire-

lessly control their robots."

Each year during the three-week camp there is a week dedicated to training teachers, a week for middle school students and, during the final week, high school students.

"We have seen steady growth in our STEM program," Waters said.

The first occurred in 2008, according to Ed Linsenmeyer, STEM coordinator.

"What we were seeing around 2008 was what former CEO of Lockheed/Martin called 'The Gathering Storm,'" Linsenmeyer said. "In that document it said many science and engineering scores for U.S. students were way below other countries. That document really looked at the importance of STEM and our duty to advance technology to be leaders in a global economy."

According to Linsenmeyer, by fifth-grade, 50 percent of students exposed to STEM education will turn to a career in a STEM-related field.

"Not that we want everybody to be a scientist, but it acts as an opportunity, not a barrier."

The STEM program is funded through the National Defense Education Grant, which comes from the Department of Defense, according to Linsenmeyer.

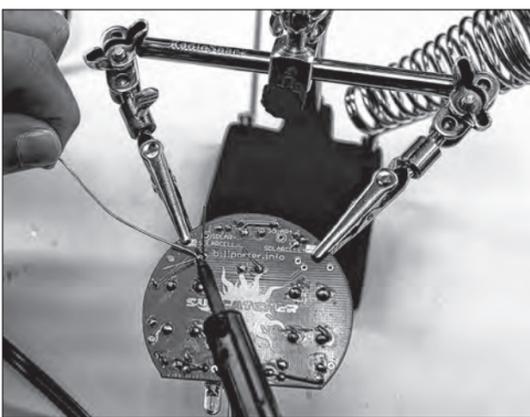
"It's a national concern of where the next scientists and engineers are going to come," said John Hansel, retired head of engineering for the Navy base.

The theme for this year's STEM camp was "Energy 2012," and on the third floor, Bill Porter's "Inventors" area embodied the theme. Porter, electrical engineer at the Naval Support Activity Center, taught students how to



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These are some examples of the lights that students in the STEM Institute are making this week.



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A student solders one of the components onto the printed circuit boards used in making the solar lights. The students at the Institute got hands-on experiences with the tools and technology that can go into making things that can really change the lives of people in Third World countries.

solder and assemble the components for "solar rechargeable LED lights."

Each group designed their own based off a prototype designed by Porter that later would be sent to a "developing country" for people to read or study by at night.

"So the kids know they have actually built some-

thing that will benefit other," Porter said.

The lights accumulated from this STEM camp will be sent to Honduras.

"After he explained it to us, it seemed easy," said Eddie Mosley, a Chipley High School ninth-grader. "I think it will be really useful and easy for them to use."



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Bill Porter, an engineer at Naval Support Activity Panama City, instructs youngsters on how to build solarpowered lights he designed.

## Crossword PUZZLE

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- Yemen capital
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- Length X width
- Type of berry
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- 50th state (abbr.)
- Louis said "Hi Ho Stevarino"
- Milliliter
- Bennised
- Waist ribbons
- Unnaturally pale
- Provo organization
- Free from danger
- Idol runner-up Clay
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- Soviet Socialist Republic
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- The Big Apple
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- Sign language
- Unhappy
- Division of geological time
- Between parapet and moat
- Cruises
- Inspiring astonishment
- Pa's partner
- Nail finishes
- Nasal cavities
- Atomic #18
- A horse ready to ride
- Fictional detective Spade
- Tropical American cuckoo
- Supervises flying
- Actress Lupino
- Snake-like fish
- Am. Heart Assoc.
- Not good
- Brew
- NYC hockey team
- Exclamation of pain
- Cathode (abbr.)
- Empty area between things
- Pole (Scottish)
- Oral polio vaccine developer
- Sporc case of a moss
- Highest cards in the deck
- Dwarf buffalo
- Promotions
- Perceive with the eye
- Patti Hearst's captors
- Modern banking machine
- Pig genus
- Make a mistake

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## PET TALK

# Celebrating The Fourth with your pet

This Wednesday most people will spend the day outside celebrating Independence Day watching fireworks with their family and friends. Often, people bring their dogs to enjoy the day's festivities. There are a few things to know if you plan to spend July Fourth outside with your pets.

Dr. Melanie Bolling, veterinarian for the Small Animal Hospital at Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, said the most common problem associated with July Fourth is dogs' sensitivity to the noise from the fireworks.

"A lot of dogs are noise phobic, whether it's fireworks or other loud noises such as guns, cars backfiring and thunderstorms. These noises are scary, and if you didn't know what it was, you might be concerned about your safety, too," Bolling said.

Bolling said the best idea is to keep dogs, particularly those with noise phobias, away from the commotion. If that is not an option, Bolling suggested using "anxiety wraps" or "thunder shirts," a compression

garment for dogs to wear that makes them feel secure. Bolling also recommended discussing appropriate anxiety-relieving medications with your veterinarian.

Another factor that can cause anxiety and stress in dogs is large crowds of unusual people. If you know ahead of time that your dog does not do well with large groups of people, Bolling suggested leaving the pet at home or boarding them. If you are going to bring them, she suggested having a calm area for the dog.

"It's a good idea to give your dog a quiet place where they can get away from all the crowds of people if they are just not that into it," Bolling said.

Bringing pets to these crowded areas usually means contact with other pets, some of which could be unvaccinated. Bolling said it is important to make sure your pet's vaccinations are up-to-date if bringing them with you.

"If you are going to be in a place where unvaccinated dogs might have walked, such as soccer fields, baseball fields or parks, you want to make sure your dogs are

up-to-date on vaccinations. I wouldn't take an unvaccinated puppy or a puppy that hasn't completed the whole vaccine series to any of those places because they could pick up nasty little diseases along the way," she said.

In addition to vaccinations, parasites can pose a threat to your dog's health. Heartworms are spread by mosquitoes, which tend to be out around July Fourth. Other parasites like fleas and ticks are spread through contact with contaminated soil or other infected animals, so make sure pets are on heartworm, flea and tick preventatives before heading out.

The heat is another issue to consider. If your dog is going to spend the day outside with you, Bolling stressed the importance of bringing enough water.

"You need to bring enough water to last the whole day and then extra, especially if the dog is going to be active and running around. They are going to be panting and losing water just through evaporative loss, so they are going to need to replenish that," she said.

In addition to water, you should bring dog food because it is best to avoid giving your dog people food.

"Everybody wants to give their dogs a little snack, so if it is something your dog is used to getting, all things in moderation, but try to avoid the temptation to feed them people food in excess," she said.

It is a good idea to avoid giving your pet a lot of people food because then your dog may become sick. Bolling explained that on July 5 and 6 the hospital cares for a lot of dogs sick to their stomachs from eating too much people food.

"You want to stay away from any meat that might have bones in it, from raw meat and from bad actors such as raisins, grapes, chocolate, chewing gums, things of that nature," Bolling said.

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## Faith EVENTS

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Winterville Assembly of God will hold a gospel sing at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 6. The featured group will be the Singing Echos from Tennessee.

There is no charge for admission. For information call 547-9565 or 768-1400.

### Caryville Evangelistic Center sets Homecoming

CARYVILLE — The Caryville Evangelistic Center will hold a homecoming on July 9, featuring a three-night revival on July 10-12.

There will be guest speakers each evening. Everyone is welcome.

The church is located on Wrights Creek Road in Caryville. Wayne Brannan is pastor.

### Lakeview United Methodist Church to Host Belinda Chitty

VERNON — Lakeview United Methodist Church will host a sing at 6:30 p.m., on July 13, featuring Belinda Chitty.

The church is located at 1969 Lakeview Dr., just off Pate Pond Road. For more information, call 535-2380.

### 'God's Power' Art Day Camp

CHIPLEY — 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. 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 questions, email the Art Camp Director at wvanl@bellsouth.net.

### New Life Fellowship Assembly of God Women's Conference

CHIPLEY — New Life Fellowship Assembly of God presents "Daughters of Destiny: A Women's Conference."

There will be four sessions: the first session will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 23, the second session will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, and third session at 9 a.m. and the fourth session at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 25.

The guest speaker will be Diane Coleman and also speaking will be conference host Sherri Evans.

Conference worship leader is Tiffane Raulerson.

Early bird Registration is \$30. Registration at the conference is \$40.

Contact church office to inquire about area hotel discounts for the conference.

The church is located at 695 5th Street, in Chipley.

For more information, call the church office at 638-1134, Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

# Why not just be an American

By Rev. James L. Snyder  
As we celebrate another birthday of this great country, I cannot help but think back on some of our history. What a grand history we have had. I know some people are ashamed of our history, and so we have revisionists rewriting American history. Nevertheless, I certainly want to celebrate the real America.

My wife and I were relaxing after a scrumptious supper and were watching a little bit of TV. I was half dozing, as is usually my condition after such a supper, when my wife startled me with a question.

It was a news program on television updating us with the latest political scratch-talk. If it were not for politics, the airwaves would be silent. Oh, for those wonderful sounds of silence. Personally, I would be glad to double my tax rate if in doing so we could put to silence all this political-scratch-talk. I call it "scratch-talk" because whoever is talking is trying to scratch somebody's back even if it is just their own. I guess we have a lot of itchy backs in this country. Thankfully, we have an endless supply of back-scratching politicians.

It does not matter which way the wind is blowing. Each political party says it is blowing in their direction. I guess you have to go to eight years to Harvard and have a student loan debt of \$120,000 to understand how that works. If you do

not mind, I just do not want to know how it works.

With the politicians unable to create work in our country for common Americans, the real Americans, they sure know how to work a situation, usually to their advantage. If they could put all of this to work for the good of the ordinary American, I would feel happier about paying my taxes. As it is, I pay my taxes but not happily.

Back to my wife's question. "Who are," she said very carefully, "the real Americans in this country?" Then she paused for a moment and followed it with this question, "Who does America really belong to?"

Well, those two questions got me thinking.

Who are the real Americans? Are they Republicans, Democrats or Independents? I know there is a bunch of other miscellaneous political parties, but I cannot think of them right now. Which one is the American Party?

If I do not like any political party, where does that leave me? I am all for parties, but the whole idea of a party is for people to have fun. I do not see any political party where I could have fun. The strange thing today is, if I do not "belong" to some political party, I am not able to vote in this country. Moreover, if I do vote, who in the world do I vote for?

My wife and I got to talking about this and I, for once in my life, posed a question. How would you describe the average

American?

Is the average American black, white, yellow, red or a mixture of colors? Do you define an American by the color of his or her skin? What about gender? Is the average American male or female? Then there is age. How old is the average American?

We bounced these questions around for a long time and did not come up with any good answers. Then there was silence.

I come back to one thought; why can't we just be Americans. Why do we have to have all the emphasis on variations, colors, temperaments and the people we elect to office who cannot tie their own shoes without conducting some poll? Why can't we send ordinary, common sense Americans to Washington, D.C., who understands the American life?

Most of the politicians, if not all, live in a bubble and cannot relate to the average American in this country. I challenge these politicians to act like, live like common, everyday, normal Americans.

We normal Americans have to live on a budget. If I do not have enough money, I have come to the end of my buying spree. I think this concept ought to be copyrighted and sent to Washington, D.C. It is a new concept. It will need somebody to interpret it to those who are living in that venomous circle that we call the capitol of the United States. I would recommend a first grader.

It would be refreshing to have somebody in Congress or the Senate who had common sense. I guess Will Rogers was right when he said the problem with common sense is it is no longer common.

A real American is one who is committed to the concept of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. A real American is one who embraces the red, white and blue. A real American is the one who can clutch his five-dollar bill and say, "in God we trust." If it is good for our money, it is good for our life.

If only the American people, the real people of America, would wake up and see what our politicians are doing, perhaps they would do what our early founders did.

In celebrating another Fourth of July, my thought is simply, why not just be an American.

A real American also embraces what Jesus said, "Render therefore unto Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's" (Luke 20:25 KJV).

Is that the sound of a drumbeat I hear off in the distance?

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## Give Expecting Nothing in Return

The saying "Beware of Greeks bearing gifts" is an old piece of wisdom which advises us to not trust our enemies, after the story in the Iliad of the Trojan horse, a "gift" that ultimately destroyed the city of Troy and its inhabitants. But there was also another reason to beware of Greeks bearing gifts, and that was that they always expected something in return, of comparable value. Gift-giving in ancient cultures was meant to be reciprocated and this carries over to modern times. But, a true gift should be something freely given without any expectation of return. If there is an expectation of a comparable return then we are really bartering rather than giving. So, we should give with a spirit of genuine charity, not expecting anything in return. Test your ability to give in this spirit by giving anonymously, so that the recipient won't know who it came from. This isn't always practical, but can sometimes be done by sending someone an anonymous gift through the mail or by arranging for an intermediary to give the gift for you, perhaps even allowing the intermediary to take credit for the gift. Wanting to be thanked for a gift is all about our ego, and while it is only natural to desire thanks, it is better to give expecting nothing in return.

*"So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. . . . But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret."*  
Matthew 6:2-4

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## Palestinians: UN heritage nod is political victory

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP) — The Palestinians on Friday persuaded the U.N. cultural agency to list the Church of the Nativity — the place where Christians believe Jesus was born — as an endangered World Heritage site despite misgivings by churches in charge of the basilica.

The Palestinians hailed the nod by UNESCO as a step forward in their quest for global recognition of an independent Palestine in the West Bank, Gaza and east Jerusalem, captured by Israel in 1967.

The centuries-old basilica is located in a part of the Israeli-occupied West Bank where the Palestinians have self-rule. UNESCO's decision was seen by them as validation of their rights to the territory.

"We are ecstatic," Palestinian spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi said of Friday's 13-6 decision by UNESCO's World Heritage Committee meeting in St. Petersburg, Russia.

The Palestinians had argued that the shrine faces imminent danger, both because of overdue repairs and Israel's continued occupation of the West Bank.

Israel and the U.S. strongly opposed the emergency bid, arguing that the church is not under threat, a position backed by a U.N. experts committee.

Israeli officials have said they don't object to the church being listed, but reject the "endangered" label that implies culpability of Israel, which in practice remains the ultimate sovereign in the West Bank.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the Palestinians are "engaging in unilateral actions that only distance peace" and that UNESCO is driven

by political considerations.

Palestinian Foreign Minister Riad Malki said the Palestinians now plan to submit more sites in the West Bank, Gaza and east Jerusalem. The new bids could stir more political tensions, particularly in east Jerusalem, which Israel annexed to its capital after the 1967 war.

Ashrawi said Friday's vote is the beginning of a process.

"Our identity, our place in civilization, in history, are being recognized, are beginning to be safeguarded in the face of the Israeli occupation's encroachment, the confiscation of our land, our culture," she said.

The U.S. ambassador to UNESCO, David Killion, said Washington was "profoundly disappointed" by the vote.

The U.S. has been trying to block the Palestinian recognition campaign, and withdrew tens of millions of dollars in funding from UNESCO after the Paris-based agency accepted the Palestinians as a state member last year.

Joining UNESCO was part of a wider Palestinian recognition to win global recognition for a state of Palestine in the territories Israel occupied in 1967.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, who heads a self-rule government in charge of 38 percent of the West Bank, says negotiations with Israel remain his preferred choice but wants global recognition to improve his leverage. An attempt to win full U.N. membership has stalled, but meanwhile Palestinians are pushing for membership in U.N. agencies.

In their first move at



SPECIAL TO EXTRA

The designation of the Church of the Nativity as an endangered World Heritage site is a disappointment to the U.S.

UNESCO, they submitted the Nativity Church and a nearby pilgrimage route as endangered heritage sites, asking to fast-track the nomination rather than go through the normal 18-month procedure.

They argued that the church is in urgent need of repairs, particularly a leaky wooden roof. Palestinian officials said foreign donors promised \$20 million for the work but so far have paid only \$3 million, not enough to get started.

Palestinians argued that Israel's continued control over the area also threatens the site.

A decade ago, when Israel launched a major offensive against Palestinian militants, the church was caught in the crossfire: Palestinian gunmen holed up inside for more than a month, with Israeli tanks and troops surrounding the shrine.

Referring to the violent standoff in Friday's statement, Netanyahu put the blame on the Palestinians.

"The world needs to remember that the Church of the Nativity that is so sacred to Christianity was desecrated in the past by

Palestinian terrorists," he said.

Today, Bethlehem is ringed on three sides by walls of cement slabs and fences of Israel's separation barrier — to Israel a defense against Palestinian militants, and to Palestinians a blatant land grab disguised as a security measure.

A U.N. experts committee recommended that the Palestinians go through the normal procedure, instead of seeking the "endangered" label, but the Palestinians refused to withdraw the bid.

The churches in charge of the shrine — Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox and Armenian — also expressed concern, apparently fearing a World Heritage designation would lead to interference by the Palestinian government and the U.N.

The church is run according to a 19th century codex, known as the Status Quo, which assigns responsibilities for upkeep that are jealously guarded by each denomination.

Palestinian officials say they've addressed the concerns by the churches.

# Obituaries

## Clifford P. Albertson

Clifford Perry Albertson, 75, of Ponce de Leon, passed from this life on June 23, after a brief illness. He was born on April 19, 1937, in Miami, to Cora Sawyer Albertson and Frank Albertson.



CLIFFORD P. ALBERTSON

He lived in Ponce de Leon for 43 years and retired from Ponce de Leon High School in 2005.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife Barbara Albertson and his sister, Vivian Martin.

Cliff is survived by his four daughters, Patti Stanley-Esslinger and John Esslinger of Islamorada, Linda Krepper and Bobby Mills of Panama City Beach, Donna and Melvin Rhodes of Ponce de Leon, and Laury and Chuck Maggard of Bonifay; nine grandchildren, Spring Stanley Loving (Jeff), Skye Stanley (Shannon), Teak Esslinger (Deborah), Teal Krepper (Britney), Glade Krepper, Connie Rhodes Holden (Randall), Thomas Rhodes, Casey Maggard (Renee) and

Reed Maggard; six great-grandchildren, Alexander Rojas, Jenna Loving, Carlie Stanley, Chloe Stanley, Coral Stanley and Brantlee Holden; and his siblings, Lillian

Seitler, Charlotte Morrow, Mary Russ and Frank Albertson.

A time of visitation was held Friday, June 29, from 6-8 p.m. in the chapel at Davis-Watkins Funeral Home, 1474 Highway 83 North, DeFuniak Springs, Florida. Memorial services were held on Saturday, July 30, at 11 a.m. at Northside Baptist Church in Ponce de Leon. Flowers are being accepted, or donations may be made to Quilt's for Kids at P.O. Box 661, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at [www.daviswatkins.com](http://www.daviswatkins.com). Arrangements and services are under the direction of Davis-Watkins Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Hazel Annette Bush

Mrs. Hazel Annette Bush, age 74, of Bonifay, passed away June 26, 2012 at her home.

She was born July 15, 1937 in Altha, to the late Albert Ray and Laura Ethel Dykes Tipton.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Bush was preceded in death by a son, Douglas Bush and five brothers, Curtis Tipton, Douglas Tipton, Jimmy Tipton, Chester Tipton, and Jerry Tipton.

Mrs. Bush is survived by her husband, William Paul Bush of Bonifay;

two sons, James Bush and wife Mary of Bonifay, and Anthony Bush and wife Tiffany of Bonifay; one daughter, Gwen Aronhalt and husband Gil of Bonifay; one brother, Dennis Tipton of Apalachicola; three sisters, Nell Alford of Bonifay, Florence Johnson of Panama City, and Ruby Olivier of Folsom, La., and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Memorialization was by cremation with Peel Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

## Tammie R. Coatney

Tammie R. Coatney, age 41, of Bonifay, passed away June 21 in Bonifay. She was born Jan. 27, 1971, in Melbourne.

She was preceded in death by her father, Wayne Milam; maternal grandparents, Walter Scott Brooks and Lucille Brooks.

Mrs. Coatney is survived by her mother, Mernia Jean Milam of Chipley; four children, Danny Meier of Woodbury, Minn., Christopher Meier of Bonifay, Cristal Meier of Chipley and Tyler Coatney of Bonifay; two sisters, Angel Williams and husband Roger of

Caryville and Julie Milam of Chipley; half-sister, Miranda Carrington of Brooklet, Ga.; half-brother, Lee Grant of Texas; aunts, Ethel DeBussey of Jupiter and Wanda Raulerson of Jacksonville; and her best friend, Nikki Whiddon of Bonifay.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. on Monday, June 25 at Church of Jesus Christ in Caryville, with the Rev. Edward Williams officiating. Interment followed in the Caryville City Cemetery with Peel Funeral Home of Bonifay directing. Family received friends from 5-7 p.m. Sunday at Peel Funeral Home.

## Nancy D. Goralczyk

Mrs. Nancy Duncan Goralczyk, 67, of Bonifay and Utica, N.Y., passed away June 24 at Doctors Memorial Hospital in Bonifay. She was born Feb. 15, 1945, in Utica, N.Y., to the late Thomas Duncan and Mary Louise Demarse Duncan.

Mrs. Goralczyk is survived by her husband, Carl Goralczyk of Utica, N.Y.; son, David Goralczyk and wife Kathy of Westernville, N.Y.;

daughter, Gail Losee and husband Doug of Bonifay; three grandchildren, David, Nathan and Tyler; two brothers, Thomas Duncan of Virginia and Jeff Duncan of San Francisco, Calif.; two sisters, Barbara Conley and husband Kevin of Clinton, N.Y., and Erin Duncan of Philadelphia, Pa.

Memorialization was by cremation with Peel Funeral Home of Bonifay, in charge of arrangements.

## Billy Ray Coatney

Mr. Billy Ray Coatney, age 47, of Bonifay, passed away June 21. He was born Sept. 4, 1964, in Bonifay, Florida.

Mr. Coatney was preceded in death by his father, Ralph Trammel Coatney.

Mr. Coatney is survived by his mother, Sarah Alice Coatney of Bonifay; a son, Tyler Coatney of Bonifay; two step-sons, Danny Meier of Woodbury, Minn., and Christopher

Meier of Bonifay; one step-daughter, Cristal Meier of Chipley; three brothers, Richard Coatney of Cottonwood, Ala., Michael Coatney of Bonifay and Wayne Coatney of Bonifay; four sisters, Peggy Birge of Bonifay, Liz Coatney of Chipley, Pam Roberts of Chipley and Vicky Leigh of Bellingham, Wash.

Memorialization was by cremation with Peel Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

## Harvey L. Howard

Harvey Lee Howard passed away Monday, June 25, at his home in Westville. He was 92. Mr. Howard was born Feb. 6, 1920, in Washington County to the late Joseph J. and Lillie Belle Varnum Howard. He married Vera Peterson Oct. 7, 1939. Mr. Howard is a World War II Veteran, having served in Germany and Belgium.

After being wounded, he spent several months in hospitals before being honorably discharged. His medals included three Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart. He was a retired barber, and enjoyed farming, hunting and fishing with family and friends. He was an avid reader of the Bible, loved studying it and teaching adult Sunday School. He attended Grace Baptist Church in Ponce de Leon, serving as its treasurer until his illness. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Howard was preceded in death by his wife of over 59 years, Vera; a son Perry Howard; five brothers, Arthur, J.C., Joe, David and James; and a sister,

Ruby Collins. Mr. Howard is survived by two sons, H. Jerrel and his wife Joan, of Wicksburg, Ala., Roger E. Howard and his wife Jacqueline of Wicksburg, Ala.; two daughters, Lafay Cain and her husband Marvin E. of Westville and Gloria Howard of Fairfax, Va.; six grandchildren, Pamela Carroll of Westville, Scott Howard of LaGrange, Ga., Tim Howard of Westville, Misty Presley of Ponce de Leon, Jaimee Glover of Wicksburg, Ala., and Pamela Boone of Terre Haute, Ind.; three stepgrandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, six stepgreat-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Thursday, June 28, at Grace Baptist Church in Ponce de Leon, with the Rev. Roger Hagan officiating. Interment followed in the Hard Labor Cemetery in Washington County with Peel Funeral Home directing.

The family received friends from 6-8 p.m., Wednesday at Peel Funeral Home.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Library hours

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

**Holmes County Library (Bonifay)**  
Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Wednesday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Thursday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday: 8 a.m. to noon  
Sunday: Closed

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

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

**Sunny Hills Library**  
Monday: 1-6 p.m.  
Tuesday: Closed  
Wednesday: 1-6 p.m.  
Thursday: Closed  
Friday: Closed  
Saturday: Closed  
Sunday: Closed

### MONDAY

**10 a.m. to noon:** Holmes Council on Aging provides bingo, exercise, games, activities, hot meals and socialization.

**11 a.m.:** Washington Council on Aging (Chipley) senior lunches; for reservations, call 638-6217. Donations accepted.

**6 p.m.:** Writers Group meets the first Monday each month (unless a holiday) at 6:00 at the Chipley library.

**6-7:30 p.m.:** Salvation Army Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Program (SADVP) hosts a domestic violence support group at the SADVP Rural Outreach office, 1461 S. Railroad Ave., Apartment 1, in Chipley. Call Emma or Jess at 415-5999.

### TUESDAY

**10 a.m. to noon:** Holmes Council on Aging provides hot meals and socialization.

**11 a.m.:** Washington Council on Aging (Chipley) senior lunches; for reservations, call 638-6217. Donations accepted.

**Noon:** Chipley Kiwanis Club meeting.

**Noon:** Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, New Life Assembly Fellowship Hall, Chipley.

**5 p.m.:** BINGO at St. Joseph Catholic Church games start at 6:25 p.m. Call Peg Russ at 638-451

**6 p.m.:** Holmes County Commission meets second Tuesdays.

**7 p.m.:** Narcotics Anonymous meeting, Blessed Trinity Catholic Church on County Road 177A

### WEDNESDAY

**10 a.m. to noon:** Holmes Council on Aging provides hot meals and socialization.

**10 a.m. to 2 p.m.:** The Vernon Historical Society Museum is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meetings are fourth Wednesdays at 2 p.m.

**11 a.m.:** Washington Council on Aging (Chipley) senior lunches; for reservations, call 638-6217. Donations accepted.

**1 p.m.:** Line dancing, Washington Council on Aging in Chipley.

**7 p.m.:** Depression and Bipolar Support Group meets at First Baptist Church educational annex building in Bonifay. Call 547-4397.

### THURSDAY

**7:30 a.m.:** Washington

County Chamber of Commerce breakfast every third Thursday

**9 a.m.-12 p.m.:** Amazing Grace Church USDA Food Distribution every third Thursday. (Holmes County Residents Only)

**9 a.m.-3 p.m.:** Money Sense at Goodwill Career Training Center; call 638-0093; every third Thursday

**10 a.m. to noon:** Holmes Council on Aging provides hot meals and socialization.

**10:30 a.m.:** Chipley Library preschool story time.

**11 a.m.:** Washington Council on Aging (Chipley) senior lunches; for reservations, call 638-6217. Donations accepted.

**11 a.m.:** Care Givers Support group meets third Thursdays at the First Presbyterian Church at 4437 Clinton St. in Marianna.

**Noon:** Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting at New Life Assembly Fellowship Hall, Chipley.

**6 p.m.:** TOPS meets at 7 p.m. with weigh in at 6 p.m. at Mt. Olive Baptist Church

**6 p.m.:** The Holmes County Historical Society meets first Thursdays at 6 p.m.

The public is invited to attend.

**6:30 p.m.:** T.O.P.S. Mt. Olive Baptist Church on State Road 79 North.

**7 p.m.:** Narcotics Anonymous meeting, Blessed Trinity Catholic Church on County Road 177A

### FRIDAY

**10 a.m. to noon:** Homes Council on Aging provides bingo, exercise, games, activities, hot meals and socialization.

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# Regional Workforce Boards Accountability Act in effect

## New law advances Florida workforce system's jobs focus

Special To The News

**TALLAHASSEE** — The Regional Workforce Boards Accountability Act of 2012, which took effect July 1, underscores the statewide commitment to maximizing resources that help job seekers get to work and improves the transparency and accountability of Florida's publicly funded workforce development system.

The new law — a major component of Gov. Rick Scott's Jobs and Economic Growth legislative agenda — enhances efforts by Florida's 24 Regional Workforce Boards and the nearly 100 One-Stop Career Centers they direct to provide employment and training services that support job placement, career advancement and business competitiveness.

"The Regional Workforce Boards Accountability Act strengthens our collective focus on our core mission to help Floridians find employment and ensure businesses have the skilled talent they need to retain and create jobs," said Dwayne Ingram, chairman of the Workforce Florida Inc. Board of Directors. "The vital work of Florida's Regional Workforce Boards, which will be further enhanced through this law, continues to make a critical difference in driving our state's economic recovery and growth."

Since January, Regional Workforce Boards have assisted more than 150,000 Floridians who found jobs, including 33,700 job seekers who had been receiving unemployment compensation.

"On the front line in assisting job seekers and employers, Regional Workforce Boards are proud of the work they do through outstanding professional staff and volunteer leaders," said Jay Overman, chairman of Workforce Escarosa and the Florida Workforce Chairs' Alliance, the statewide coalition of volunteer local board leaders. "Together with Gov. Scott, the Florida Legislature, Workforce Florida and the Department of Economic Opportunity as well as our numerous lo-

cal partners, we look forward to increasing our collaboration and maintaining our leading status for job placements and talent development."

The Regional Workforce Boards Accountability Act was sponsored by Rep. Jason Brodeur of Sanford and Sen. Andy Gardiner of Orlando. Gov. Scott signed the legislation on March 28. The law does the following:

- Requires additional review of Regional Workforce Boards' budgets and expenditures
- Provides a clearer path for the governor to remove appointed board leaders and chief executives of troubled boards for causes including fraud, neglect of duty, misfeasance, malfeasance or lack of performance.
- Requires Workforce Florida to develop a single, statewide brand for the workforce system to enhance job seeker and business access to services.
- Preserves existing local authority to select members of the board of directors for Regional Workforce Boards and for those members to hire — and, if needed, terminate — a regional board chief executive. It also maintains local flexibility to develop workforce strategies and programs that best address the needs of each region.

Florida's workforce system continues to receive national recognition for its efforts. In the recently released annual Enterprising States report, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Chamber Foundation recognized Florida for the second consecutive year for having the nation's top talent development system. Secondary and higher education measures and job-placement proficiency factor into the ranking. The report is available at [ncf.uschamber.com/library/2012/06/enterprising-states-2012](http://ncf.uschamber.com/library/2012/06/enterprising-states-2012).

For more information about the RWB Accountability Act, go to [www.workforce-florida.com/PrioritiesInitiatives/RWBAccountabilityAct.php](http://www.workforce-florida.com/PrioritiesInitiatives/RWBAccountabilityAct.php).

## Community EVENTS

### Firecracker Day

**VERNON** — Firecracker Day will be held July 4 at the Vernon Sportsplex on Moss Hill Road in Vernon. For more information, call 535-2444 or visit [www.vernonflorida.net](http://www.vernonflorida.net).

### Orange Hill July 4th Family Celebration

**CHIPLEY** — The Orange Hill July 4th Family Celebration will be held July 4 at the Orange Hill Volunteer Fire Department. For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/ohvfd](http://www.facebook.com/ohvfd).

### Free childbirth classes available at the Health Department Annex

**BONIFAY** — Holmes County Health Department's Healthy Start program will offer a free childbirth class for any woman who is pregnant.

Women are encouraged to bring their partners with them to the class.

The class will consist of four sessions held from 5:30-7:30 p.m., July 5, 12, 19, and 26, at the Holmes County Health Department Annex.

The class will teach pregnant women about what happens to a woman's body before labor begins, relaxation and breathing, different stages of labor, recognizing true labor versus false labor, massage during labor, different positions for labor, episiotomy, care of newborn/ procedures after delivery, breastfeeding and much more.

To sign up for the class, or if you have questions, call Healthy Start at 547-8684 X 18 or 19 and ask to speak to Glenna Padgett, RN, Valery Lawton, HSCI or Gabby Sanders, LPN.

### "Mommy and Me" classes available at the Health Department

**BONIFAY** — Beginning July 6 the Holmes County Healthy Start program will offer "Mommy and Me" classes for women and children who are Healthy Start participants.

Mothers are to bring their children to classes. The education provided will be a different topic each month. This class will be in a relaxed atmosphere and fun filled.

The goal of this class is to increase support systems between mothers and provide a time for mothers to bond and share their experiences of motherhood with each other.

This month, the topic is "Baby Yoga" and "Couponing".

Gabby Sanders LPN will be teaching the class.

To sign up for the class, to inquire about dates and times, or if you have questions, call Healthy Start at 547-8684 X 18 or 19 and ask to speak to Glenna Padgett, RN, Valery Lawton, HSCI or Gabby Sanders, LPN.

### Arthur Cross Art Exhibit Reception

The art exhibit reception for Arthur Cross will be at 6 p.m., on Friday, July 6.

The studio located at 110 W. Pennsylvania Ave. in Bonifay. Arthur Cross is a self-taught artist.

He uses toothpicks to render his subject. The public is invited to participate in his reception.

Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

### Holmes County Community Health Clinic

**BONIFAY** — The Holmes County Community Health Clinic will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on July 7.

The clinic is located at 203 West Iowa Avenue in Bonifay.

### 25th annual Varnum Reunion

**CHIPLEY** — The 25th annual Varnum Reunion will be held starting at 11 a.m. July 7, at the Blue Lake Community Center on Highway 77 in Chipley.

Bring your favorite covered dish or dessert and of course a healthy appetite.

If you are able to attend, call Gloria Clark, daughter of Evelyn Varnum at 638-3892.

### Yes Lord Deliverance to Participate in the Summer Food Service Program

**CHIPLEY** — Yes Lord Deliverance Ministries will be participating in the Summer Food Service Program during the month of July.

Nutritionally balanced meals will be provided to all children regardless of race, color, sex, disability, age or national origin during summer vacation when breakfasts and lunches are not available.

All children 18 years old and younger if open site are eligible for meals at no charge, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

The programs are only approved for geographical areas of need where 50 percent or more of the children qualify for free or reduced-price meals during the school year.

Starting on July 9 and running through July 19 a supper meal will be served from 5- 6 p.m. and an evening snack from 8-9 p.m.

Meals will be served at 739 7th Street in Chipley.

### Washington County Library Presents "It Pays to Read" 2012

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.

### LVWC Summer Reading Camp

**WASHINGTON COUNTY** — The Literacy Volunteers of Washington County will be offering a Summer Reading Program organized by the Washington County Public Library, from 10 a.m. to noon on July 12, 19, 26 and Aug. 2.

The program will be held at the Country Oaks Learning Center located at 268 Quail Hollow Blvd., in Chipley.

This program is for children ages 5-12. Snacks and drinks will be provided on all program dates.

For more information, call 638-1231.

### Senior Group going on Alaska Cruise

**WASHINGTON/HOLMES COUNTY** — Senior Group will be going on Cruise to Alaska and a tour of the North West Land, on July 14-28. For more information, call Merita Stanley at 594-9980.

### Life at the Landings and Beyond

**DEFUNIACK SPRINGS** — Grit & Grace, Inc. would like to invite everyone to their 2012 production of "Life at the Landings... and Beyond."

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Tickets are now on sale and can be reserved by calling 270-7008 or by logging on to [www.gritandgrace.org](http://www.gritandgrace.org).

They may also be purchased at the door 30 minutes prior to curtain call if still available.

### Washington County Library to hold first Adult Summer Read Program

The Washington County Public Library will hold their first Adult Summer Read Program "Between the Covers" starting on June 5, and programs will be held on June 19, July 10 and July 24.

Events will be held at 6 p.m.

Come on June 5 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.

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 Renae at 638-1314 or email [requests@wcplfl.com](mailto:requests@wcplfl.com).

### Martin Luther King, Jr. planning meeting

There will be a planning meeting for the 8th annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Parade and Celebration at 1 p.m., July 21 at the TJ Roulhac Enrichment and Activity Center.

The center is located in the old Roulhac Middle School on Church Ave.

For more information, call the Rev. T. J. Smith at 260-2323.

### Gods Vineyard Worship Center to Hold Overnight Camp

**VERNON** — Gods Vineyard Worship Center will be holding Overnight Camp for ages 10-12 on June 21-23.

Overnight Camp for ages 13 and older will be held on July 30 to Aug. 4.

The Overnight Youth Camp is a free camp. Applications may be picked up at Dee's Restaurant in Vernon.

For more information, call Vicky Wilson at 535-2471.

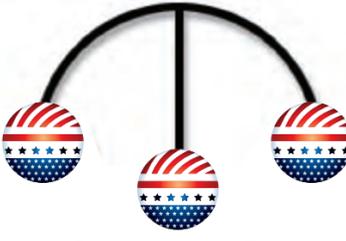
### Wausau Fun Day and Possum Festival

**WAUSAU** — The Wausau Fun Day and Possum Festival will be held Aug. 3-4 at the Dalton Carter Community Center in Wausau.

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**3230**  
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