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## IN BRIEF

### Disaster Expo slated

**CHIPLEY** — The Washington County Chamber of Commerce will hold a free Disaster Expo from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 25 at the Washington County Agricultural Center.

Presentations will take place every 30 minutes, and the expo will provide information to protect lives as well as protecting businesses.

### Tobacco Free Partnership to meet

The Washington County Tobacco Free Partnership will meet at 3 p.m. Monday, July 16, at the Washington County Health Department. Please come to the back door.

### Wausau Fun Day and Possum Festival

**WAUSAU** — The Wausau Fun Day and Possum Festival will be Aug. 3-4 at the Dalton Carter Community Center in Wausau. For more information, call 638-1781 or visit [www.wausaupossumfestival.com](http://www.wausaupossumfestival.com).

### Mix It Up

**CHIPLEY** — "Mix it Up" at the Washington

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# Police seek cold case lead

## New evidence points Winter Park police to Chipley man

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**CHIPLEY** — Winter Park (Orange County) detectives are looking for a Chipley resident who might be

linked to a 2003 unsolved murder case.

Crimeline mailed out fliers to Chipley residents Wednesday telling the story of Cheryl McGillicuddy, a retired law enforcement officer and Winter Park resident who was shot to death in her apartment.

According to the Crimeline flier, "the investigation has led to the identification of a subject from the Chipley area that may have been involved in this



CHERYL  
MCGILICUDDY

brutal crime."

According to the flier, it was funded by the Attorney General's Crimestoppers Trust Fund.

"We have an informant in the case who has been very helpful," said Detective Jeff Harris of the Winter Park Police Department on Thursday. "We've been able to take that information and corroborate it, and everything we've been able to confirm has pointed to this individual," he said,

referring to the Chipley resident.

Harris said police hope someone from Chipley will remember a conversation or some fact that helps officers identify the subject.

At about 10 p.m. Nov. 30, 2003, McGillicuddy engaged in a verbal dispute with a black male in front of 411 St. Andrews Blvd. in Winter Park.

Her husband, Mike McGillicuddy, has said he believes his wife was unloading her truck in a park-

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## FRIENDS REMEMBER VERNON TEEN



SPECIAL TO HALIFAX MEDIA

Kyle Livingston holds his infant son, Bentley Locke, in this undated photo.

# Vernon teen dies in crash

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**VERNON** — A young father was killed early Wednesday after he lost control of his car and was ejected on River Road outside of Vernon.

Kyle Livingston, 18, was alone and unrestrained at 4:15 a.m. when he lost control of the Chrysler Sebring he was driv-

ing and hit a tree, according to a Florida Highway Patrol report. He was ejected and pronounced dead at the scene.

Livingston was a recent Bay High School graduate who loved football and working out, according to Kelsie Locke, the mother of Livingston's 2-year-old son, Bentley Locke. He'd been working at Cici's Pizza on the beach and recently moved back to Vernon, she said.

Kelsie Locke, 17, who will begin her senior year at Vernon High School in the fall, remembered the first time she met Livingston in the weight room at Vernon High, where Livingston spent the majority of his high school career before transferring to Bay. She was a freshman, and he approached her and said, "You're really pretty; can I have

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# Council hears praise for police

## City approves land donation to Armstrong House

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**CHIPLEY** — Former city council member Cheryl McCall spoke out in favor of the police department during Tuesday's Chipley City Council meeting.

"I want to take a stand for the men in blue and let them know that I appreciate all they do for this city," McCall said.

She told the council a "drug house" sprang up in her neighborhood, but the individual responsible was arrested following a traffic stop. "Drugs are a problem that doesn't know race," she said.

McCall also commended Chief Kevin Crews for his work as police chief. "Chief Crews is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week," she said. "We should be thankful for their efforts."

"Our department isn't perfect, but when Chief Crews sees a problem, he fixes it," she said.

Resident Barbara James also read a letter from Madeline Culpepper commending the city council on the job they do and for being dedicated and loyal and compassionate

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# Planning Commission denies variance request

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**CHIPLEY** — The Washington County Planning Commission denied a variance request Tuesday night for a structure neighbors say was built without proper permits.

Mike and Tammie Swearington were requesting a relief of the 10-foot side yard setback requirements of the Land Development Code

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From left, Planning Commissioners Tonya Pippin, Mike Park, James Ussery and David Morris discuss the variance request by Mike Swearington at their Thursday meeting.

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ing lot when she was attacked and beaten. She was then taken upstairs to her apartment, where she was shot twice.

Before she died, McGillicuddy was able to tell police through a 911 call that her attacker was a black male.

In November 2010, police returned to the cold case when they

searched for clues in the backyard of a Pine Hills home, following a tip police said led to a person of interest and a new search for the murder weapon.

The police reportedly gathered evidence from the Pine Hills location, but the nature of the evidence was not revealed.

"We did recover physical evi-

dence there, and the evidence we gathered wasn't everything we needed; it didn't give us probable cause, but it puts us close," Harris said. "In cases like this, you want every drop of evidence you can get to tip those scales."

Police said the person of interest in the case was affiliated with someone who lived in the Pine

Hills house nine years ago. Police have said the motive might have been robbery, because McGillicuddy's wallet and jewelry were missing, but also say robbery might not have been the only motive.

"This case is near and dear to us," Harris said. "She was a retired law enforcement officer, and

although all cases are important, when it is one of our own, it's like family. We definitely want to solve this case."

Anyone with information on this case can call 800-423-TIPS or text "crimeline" plus your tip information to CRIMES (274637). A reward of up to \$10,000 is being offered.

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your number?" Locke recalled Wednesday.

She took his phone and entered her number, and then he went off to lift weights. Locke said she could tell he wanted to impress her.

Neither one of them had a driver's license when Livingston took Locke on a date to Red Robin at Pier Park, so his godmother drove them, Locke remembered. They had burgers.

"It was really neat because it was the first date I'd ever been on," she said. "I can't explain it."

Kelsie became pregnant with Bentley during her freshman year and dated Livingston for about a year before they broke up. For a time, their relationship was strained, Locke said, but things got better. About two months ago, he started coming around, trying to build a relationship with his son.

"The last thing I heard him say was, 'I love you and Bentley with all my heart,'"

Locke said. "And that was the last thing we really ever heard from him."

Bentley Locke doesn't understand that he will not see his father again. When she heard Livingston had died, Kelsie Locke printed a photograph of Bentley and his dad and put it in a frame. The boy carried the picture around all day Wednesday, saying "that's my dada."

"He can't understand it, but I've told him," Locke said. "Dada was hurt really bad and he went to heaven, even though we don't understand it. ... It's hard, but we're getting through it."

At Vernon, Livingston played football during his freshman and sophomore years, Principal Brian Riviere said. Bentley Locke takes after Livingston that way. He loves football; his birthday party last month was football-themed.

"Bentley has really taken after him; everything's football," Locke said. "He's got his father's blood."

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city officials. James also commended the city on the skate park. "The park is a wonderful thing, and it is constantly being used," she told the council.

She also asked the council members to visit with the downtown merchants and introduce themselves to business owners. "Let them know who you are — you don't have to get a tattoo unless you really want one," she said, jokingly.

City Administrator Dan Miner told the council CSX had a crew in town, and work on the Fifth Street railroad crossing had begun. "It's only taken what, five years? But I am happy to see them," he said.

The council also approved a 10-foot easement land donation to the Arm-

strong House, a temporary housing ministry of the West Florida Baptist Association.

The association was concerned that if the city sold and developed the city-owned property at 1330 Jackson Ave., the Armstrong House would lose its service access on the eastern, western and southern boundaries of their property.

Resident manager Barry Rockburn was on hand to thank the council for the donation.

A zoning change recommended by the city planning commission was also approved for Dr. Ghulam Dastgir for his property at 1336 Brickyard Road. The zoning was changed from residential to commercial.

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County Public Library Chipley Branch at 6 p.m. July 17. Tired of paying high prices for prepackaged foods? Learn how to make low-cost versions of your favorite brand-name products of salad dressings, gravy mixes and biscuit mixes. Pre-registration is encouraged. Call Renae at 638-1314 or email requests@wcpfl.com to sign up. This class is sponsored the University of Florida, IFAS and Washington County Extension Office, in conjunction with your local public library.

### God's Vineyard to hold overnight camp

VERNON — God's Vineyard Worship Center will have a free overnight camp for ages 13 and

up July 30 to Aug. 4. Applications may be picked up at Dee's Restaurant in Vernon. For more information, call Vicky Wilson at 535-2471.

### Summer Hunt Camp planned

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### Arthur C. Zediker, DMD is closing his office effective July 15, 2012.

Patient records will be available until July 15, 2012. For continuity of care, records will be transferred to:

Dr. Joseph Gerlec  
1138 W. 26th St., Lynn Haven, FL 32444  
(850) 265-3334



At left, Jose Gonzalez received an award for his 20 years of service to the Holmes County Rest Area in Ponce de Leon. At right, ARC celebrated its 38th annual meeting on June 28 with Zumba demonstrations.



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

## ARC celebrates 38th annual meeting

Special to The News

CHIPLEY — The ARC of Washington-Holmes Counties Inc. celebrated its 38th annual Association Meeting on June 28. Members, families and friends attended.

Sandy Pritchard, executive director, and Robin Pemberton, board president, shared some of the highlights of the previous year with ev-

eryone during a video presentation.

Dinner was served and entertainment was provided by individuals attending the center. Individuals demonstrated their Zumba skills, which is a part of the center's "Get Up and Move Campaign."

Jose Gonzalez received an award and gift certificate for his 20 years of dedicated service as an employee at the Holmes County

Rest Area on Interstate 10 in Ponce de Leon.

The ARC of Washington-Holmes Counties employs more than 150 people including those with disabilities. The center is a day-training facility for adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities. To learn more about the agency, call 638-7517 or come by for a visit at 1335 South Blvd. in Chipley.



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

George Arthur will perform at Going Banana Splits in Chipley today.

## George Arthur to perform today

Staff Report

CHIPLEY — Singer/songwriter George Arthur will perform from 6-9 p.m. today at Going Banana Splits in Chipley to celebrate their reopening after several months of renovations.

George Arthur always dreamed of writing songs and making music his profession, but his dream didn't turn into reality until 2007. At age 50, Arthur suffered a great tragedy. He found himself in an ICU hospital bed with a brain hemorrhage, not knowing if he would live or die. His wife, Linda, stayed by his side and prayed for God to intervene.

Out of this tragedy came two miracles in Arthur's life: he only suffered minor setbacks in his health and he began writing songs in 2010 — something he had never tried before. Instead of writing just a few songs, Arthur wrote 30. After submitting his songs to a record label, the next thing that happened was something George had only dreamed about: his album "Destiny" would be released nationally for everybody to hear.

## Beach Care Services presents Derby Days

Special to The News

PANAMA CITY BEACH — Derby Days with Beach Care Services and Ebro Greyhound Park is happening today, July 14.

The races begin at noon; bet on one race or all 16. The VIP Sponsor Party begins at 11 a.m. with free food and drinks. Private spectator boxes are available, and ladies, don't miss out on the Derby hat competition at 12:30 p.m. Show off your most outrageous hat and win some wonderful prizes.

For sponsorship information and tickets to the event, call Terri

Hughhins at Centennial Bank at 774-7912.

Beach Care Services is a non-profit organization that provides emergency assistance. Founded 12 years ago, BCS has helped thousands of beach residents pay bills, fill prescriptions and buy gas or trolley passes to get to work.

The charity is an all-volunteer organization with no paid staff members and a volunteer board and is funded completely by contributions from local churches, businesses, individuals and civic groups. The bills for operating expenses are paid by Bill and Eric Buskell.

## Smithsonian Journey Stories coming

Special to The News

BLOUNTSTOWN — The Panhandle Pioneer Settlement will be the host of Journey Stories, an exhibition of the Smithsonian Institution's Museum on Main Street series, today through Aug. 25 at the settlement's club house.

There will also be exhibits from Washington County on display.

Journey Stories recounts the struggles of our ancestors as they traveled to North America and, once here, made their way

across the continent, according to the website ppmuseum.org. The stories tell how our ancestors made the nation great — one step, one journey at the time.

The settlement will be presenting local journey stories and local histories to complement the Smithsonian's Journey Stories exhibition and will be conducting programs leading up to the exhibit dates on local history and folklore.

The Panhandle Pioneer Settlement is the only North Florida location to be selected to host Journey Stories.

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for their property at 3893 Crystal Lake Drive.

A pole barn sitting 7 feet from the property line is the building in question, and what was once a gazebo-like structure has been enclosed and has electricity, a bathroom and a porch.

Neighbors complained about the construction when they saw a septic tank being installed without permits, and the county placed two "stop work" orders on the project.

Mike Swearington told the commissioners the building was going to be used for storage.

"No one is going to be living in there; it's strictly going to be for storage," he said. "Everyone who goes to the lake knows what a pain it is to haul tubes and whatnot back and forth to the lake."

Tonya Pippin, commission chairman, asked Swearington if he had closed in the structure without the proper permits. "I did," he replied.

"And there were two stop work

orders placed in the project?" Pippin asked.

"There were," Swearington said.

The building is 24 by 24 feet, and Swearington said when his family goes to the lake, they stay in their motor home if they are going to camp out. The main thing the structure would be used for was the bathroom, he said. Swearington said he had received a permit for the septic tank.

Swearington also said the pole barn structure was built by the previous owner before he purchased the property in 2007.

"How did you get this building wired for electricity without a permit?" Commissioner Jim Ackerman asked. Swearington said there was a permit for electricity to run the property's well.

"My biggest concern is that you didn't get any permits," Pippin said. "Were there any inspections by the building department?"

"Not that I am aware of," said Se-

Swearington.

Several of Swearington's Crystal Lake neighbors were in attendance and spoke out against the structure, claiming it blocked views of the lake and that it was not built by the previous property owner but was actually built by Swearington.

After the discussion, the commission voted unanimously to deny the variance request. The subject goes forward to the Board of County Commissioners for final approval on Thursday, July 19.

The commissioners also approved a request for a lot line adjustment for Harry and Elizabeth Smith and their property at 4987 Porter Pond Road. It also goes on to the BOCC for final approval.

In other business, the commissioners welcomed two new members, Mike Park representing the Washington County School Board and James Ussery who represents District 2.

## Community EVENTS

### Kolmetz Reunion

**VERNON** — The Kolmetz Reunion will be held at noon today, July 14, at New Bethany Assembly. The church is located on Shakey Joe Road in Vernon.

### Literacy group holds 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. until 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 to 12. Snacks and drinks will be provided on all program dates. For more information call 638-1231.

### Holmes County Community Health Clinic

**BONIFAY** — The Holmes County Community Health Clinic, located at 203 W. Iowa Street, Bonifay, will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 21.

### Urquhart Reunion

**BONIFAY** — The annual Urquhart Family Reunion will be held at 11 a.m., on July 21 at the Holmes County Ag Center located on East Highway 90 in Bonifay. Family and friends are invited to for fellowship and good food.

### Life at the Landings and Beyond

**DEFUNIACK SPRINGS** — Grit and Grace Inc. would like to invite everyone to their 2012 production of "Life at the Landings... and Beyond." Show times will be at 7 p.m., on July 20 and 21 and at 2 p.m. on July 22. Seating is limited. 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 plans Adult Summer Read Program

The Washington County Public Library will hold their final Adult Summer Read Program "Between the Covers" on July 24. Events will be held at 6 p.m. 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 Renee at 638-1314 or email [requests@wcpplf.com](mailto:requests@wcpplf.com).

### Martin Luther King Jr. Planning Meeting

**CHIPLEY** — There will be a planning meeting for the eighth 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.

### Ponce de Leon Political Rally

**PONCE DE LEON** — Ponce de Leon Diamond Sports Dixie Youth will hold a political rally from 5 p.m. until, on Saturday, July 21, at Ponce de Leon Old Gym. Come at 4 p.m., an hour early, and personally ask John Braxton Jr. your questions and express concerns. A cake auction will be held at 5 p.m. and candidates will get their chance to speak afterwards to the public. Concessions will be sold. Proceeds will benefit the Dixie Youth league for new equipment. Cakes or donations will be gladly accepted. For more information call Sheena Houglund 836-4010 or 836-4152.

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### MPE to hold Game and Fish Expo

**CHIPLEY** — MPE will be holding a Game and Fish Expo from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., today, July 14, and on July 28. The expo will be held at the Chipley Walmart to teach kids about safety. For more information, call MPE at 326-9109.

### Chipola to hold pitching and hitting camps for high school players

**MARIANNA** — Chipola Baseball coach Jeff Johnson will hold two camps for high school players beginning July 30. All players entering grades nine through 12 are invited to participate.

A hitting camp is set to be held from 9 a.m. to noon Monday and Tuesday, July 30-31. A pitching camp is set to be held from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 1-2. Cost of each camp is \$100.

For information, contact assistant coach Chris Hutcheson at 850-718-2332 or head coach Jeff

Johnson at 850-718-2237 or visit [www.chipola.edu](http://www.chipola.edu)

### Gods Vineyard to hold overnight camp

**VERNON** — Gods Vineyard Worship Center will be holding Overnight Camp, for ages 13 and older from 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.

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### Two-Toed Tom Yard Sale

The Town of Esto will be holding a Two-Toed Tom Yard Sale starting at 8 a.m. on Aug. 14, at John Clark Park in Esto. Inside tables are \$10 and outside spaces at \$5. All outside people will need to bring their own tables. There is plenty of space for everyone. Inside space is limited. There will also be a bake sale. To reserve a space, call Darlene at 263-65210.

### Wallace Baseball Showcase set

**DOTHAN** — Dothan will be hosting a Summer Baseball Showcase on Saturday, Aug. 18, at 9 am. This Showcase is for 2013, 2014 and 2015 athletes. In attendance will be junior college and Division I college coaches along with professional scouts. If interested please contact the Wallace baseball office at 334-556-2416. Please return registration form by Aug. 11. The cost of this showcase is \$100 per athlete. Please make all checks out to Mackey Sasser. Walk-ups are welcome.

### Art Showcase planned

**BONIFAY** — All art students are invited to display (for free) their school artworks, art render from art studios, and any other learning and creative activities in regards to visual art. The date of the display will be in August. Come and show your artworks earlier for selection process. Talk to Sofia Davis or make appointment at 329-8381. The art gallery is located at 110 W. Pennsylvania Avenue in Bonifay.

### Yes Lord Deliverance to offer summer meals

**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 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 7<sup>th</sup> Street in Chipley.

### Holmes County Farm Bureau annual membership meeting

**BONIFAY** — It's time again for our annual meeting. This year the meeting will be held Thursday evening, Aug. 23, at the Holmes County Agriculture Center on Highway 90 East. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 6 p.m. Please RSVP to the office at 850-547-4227 by Monday, August 20 before 12 p.m.

### Senior Group going on tour

**WASHINGTON/HOLMES COUNTY** — Senior Group will be going on a tour of Ohio Indiana Amish country, and Chicago Razzle Dazzle on Sept. 1-9. For more information call Merita Stanley at 594-9980.

# 2 arrested on burglary charges

## Investigators recover the majority of property stolen from 17 locations

From Staff Reports

**CHIPLEY** — An 18-year-old man and a 16-year-old boy were arrested on Monday in connection with several burglaries reported in the Chipley area, according to a Washington County Sheriff's Office report.



**TOMMY LEE MARSH**

Arrested was Tommy Lee Marsh, 18, of Chipley, on charges of armed burglary on three counts and felony criminal mischief.

Also arrested was a 16-year-old male on charges of armed burglary on three counts, felony criminal mischief and 13 counts of burglary.

The burglaries occurred in 17 locations, according to the report.

"If the deputy had not taken the initiative to identify these young men prior to the knowledge of any crimes taking place, we could very well still be at square one with these cases," Sheriff Bobby Haddock said.

"Instead, we are fortunate to have those responsible for a rash of burglaries in custody within hours of the crimes taking place."

The sheriff's office received a call in reference to possible car burglaries that had occurred along Highway 90 west of Chipley, according to the report.

Three vehicle burglaries were reported to the sheriff's office and additional calls were received in reference to numerous other car burglaries and the attempted burglary of a local convenience store in both the city of Chipley as well as in the area of Highway 90 west of Chipley.

Investigators were told about two males that deputies had identified in the early morning hours of Monday, July 9, walking in the area of the reported burglaries.

Investigators located the pair and after questioning, the two confessed to the burglary of 16 vehicles and attempted burglary of a convenience store, according to the sheriff's office report.

Investigators, working in conjunction with Chipley Police Department, have recovered the majority of the stolen property and are currently working to locate the remainder.

Haddock asks that anyone with information on illegal activity contact the sheriff's office at 638-TIPS (8477) or by email at [tips@weso.us](mailto:tips@weso.us).

# Northwest Florida Community Hospital

is pleased to announce

## Jesus Ramirez, MD

as the newest member of our Health Care Team.

Dr. Jesus Ramirez is Board Certified in Internal Medicine with a subspecialty in Critical Care and Pulmonary Medicine.

Dr. Ramirez diagnoses and treats diseases, conditions and abnormalities of the lungs, cardiopulmonary system and respiratory tract. He also treats COPD, sleep apnea, lung cancer, emphysema, insomnia, snoring, asthma and bronchitis.

He is available to see patients on Tuesdays at the Northwest Florida Community Hospital Specialty Clinic.



Please join us in welcoming Dr. Ramirez to our community.

Call 850-638-9398

for an appointment with Dr. Ramirez



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# Daily affirmations work for good or bad

I was getting ready to leave the house last Sunday when I heard a regional preacher delivering a sermon on television. I wasn't actually watching the program because I was trying to get ready for a religious service myself, but I could hear him speaking. Unfortunately, I couldn't stick around long enough to catch his name, but I think he was the pastor of a Baptist church in Dothan, Ala. At any rate, he said something that my father used to often say to me, but in slightly different words: "Whatever you meditate upon becomes yours."



**SHANNON SEYLER**  
Faithfully Yours

statement. Make your statement in a positive manner, agreeing to it as if it were already true. For instance, you could say, "I am happy." You might, in fact, be struggling with wanting to become happier, but there's something psychologically powerful about making a positive statement as if the improvement you're seeking has already happened. You can train your mind to think in new ways.

Affirmations generally are thought of in a positive sense, but there also is such a thing as negative affirmations. One of the most evil things someone can do to a child is to burden him or her with a constant barrage of negative affirmations. Calling a kid stupid, lazy, ugly, useless and so on, even as a joke, easily can result in the child believing those statements for life. Someone very dear to me was seriously damaged by negative affirmations from a parent. Things that were said back in the 1950s still haunt her to this day. She was emotionally wounded by statements that had been intended as a joke. Parents and teachers don't realize how literally kids take comments.

The human mind is an amazing piece of equipment. My late father used to have a rather peculiar phrase. He said, "It

ain't what is; it's what you think it is." In other words, consensus reality pales in comparison to the reality that you've established within your own mind. This can work in both good and bad ways. If you think you are stupid, you might have an intellect to rival Einstein, but it's not going to get you anywhere because you're saddled with the erroneous belief you are an idiot. Then again, if you have actively cultivated a positive reality within your own mind, you can overcome a whole host of supposed limitations. Imagine how much poorer the world would be if Dr. Stephen Hawking, the famous physicist, had believed the small-minded people who said those with severe physical disabilities should just stay hidden from public sight and keep their opinions to themselves. He knew he could make a positive contribution to the world and has done so.

It's never too late to change your life. Even if you were raised with a negative "script" full of bad affirmations, you can reprogram your mind. It's not unlike programming a computer. Computer programming can be changed and re-written, and so can your thoughts. Let's use the example of dropping an object on the floor and breaking it. This has happened to almost everyone. Some

people will follow dropping something by saying, "Oh, I'm so clumsy," or "I'm like a bull in a china shop." Those are negative affirmations. Keep saying a negative affirmation enough, and you will believe it. Even if you drop every other object you touch, start saying to yourself something like, "I'm becoming more graceful every day." Imagine yourself handing delicate glass objects with ease. Even if you don't see results at first, continue using positive affirmations and mental imagery. Chances are, you will start noticing you drop fewer objects. Somebody might have once programmed you to believe you are clumsy, but fortunately, you can rewrite that programming at any point.

Stop letting other people write your programming. They don't have a right to do it. Nine times out of 10, you will find that the same people who want to control your life have very little control themselves. The people with the least control in the world are the "control freak" types. They will knock themselves out trying to run other people's lives because it diverts attention from own inadequacies. Show me a control freak, and I will show you someone with enough insecurities to keep a psychiatrist busy for decades. Just as a truly strong person will never bully anyone, a

person who is truly in control doesn't impose themselves upon other people's lives. So if some control freak has written a bad script for you to follow, just rewrite it. We can all think of examples of hurtful, negative things said to us by others, but there's no sense in lugging those bad comments around with us for life. Replace those comments with positive ones, and reprogram yourself for happiness and success.

Let's remember what the TV preacher said: "Whatever you meditate upon becomes yours." That's true in both a spiritual and material sense. Keep meditating upon poverty, and congratulations, it's yours. You can meditate upon how your kids don't measure up to other people's kids (a great way to damage both yourself and your children, by the way), how you'll never succeed because [insert excuse here], or how you're too old/young to make any positive changes in your life. If you believe any of these statements because someone else convinced you that they were true, you're allowing other people to program your mind. Is that what you really want?

Take control of writing the script of your life. Reprogram yourself today. Meditate upon things that are good, positive, wholesome, helpful and uplifting, and they'll become yours.

## Bonnett Pond Church to hold VBS

**CHIPLEY** — Bonnett Pond Church will hold Vacation Bible School "Amazing Wonders Aviation" from 5-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The VBS is for children kindergarten through sixth graders and a meal will be served.

Students are invited to encounter God's awesome power as we fly to some of the world's greatest natural wonders. Along the way students will hear Bible stories about God's awesome power and learn how God wants to give us everything we need through His power and to His glory. In this four-day adventure the children will participate in crafts, motivating music and games.

The church is at 2680 Bonnett Pond Road, Highway 278-A.

## Faith EVENTS

### New Home Baptist Church to hold homecoming

**GRACEVILLE** — Pastor Dan Fender and the congregation of New Home Baptist Church invites everyone to the 100th Homecoming Celebration on July 15. Services will begin at 10 a.m. with music and singing. Former pastor Johnny Jones will bring the homecoming message, followed by dinner in the fellowship hall. New Home is off of Piano Road, north of Tri-County Road in Jackson County.

638-1166 or 773-0020.

### Caryville Baptist Church to hold VBS

**CARYVILLE** — Caryville Baptist Church will be holding Vacation Bible School from 5-8 p.m. July 22-27. Come and bring your friends. There will also be an adult class. Refreshments will be served nightly.

is at 1980 Gap Blvd., in Sunny Hills. For more information, call Sister Doris Burnsed at 265-3080.

### New Bethany Assembly of God to hold 5th Sunday Sing

**VERNON** — New Bethany Assembly of God Church will be holding a 5th Sunday Sing at 11 a.m. July 29. The sing will feature Edsel and Judy Jenkins. The church is located at Hinson's Crossroads in Vernon.

### Old Time Tent Revival to be held

**VERNON** — An Old Time Tent Revival will be at 7 p.m. July 23- 28. There will be a different guest speaker each night, starting July 23 with James Guy, July 24 Randy Howell, July 25 Kevin Peterson, July 26 Juno Douglas, July 27 Danny Jackson and ending with Dennis Boyett on July 28. The location will be 2912 Moss Hill Road in Vernon. For more information, call Brother Randy or Sister Belinda Howell at 535-1493 or 441-7111.

### Saint Mary A.M.E Church to hold homecoming

**CARYVILLE** — Saint Mary A.M.E Church will be hold Homecoming services at 4 p.m. on Aug. 4. The Rev. Jerome Goodman, pastor at New Bethel A.M.E. Church in Argyle will be our guest speaker. For more information call Vickie Broxton at 373-7112.

### 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. Aug. 23, the second session will be at 7 p.m. Aug. 24, and third session at 9 a.m. and the fourth session at 11 a.m. Aug. 25. The guest speaker will be Diane Coleman and also speaking will 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, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

### Oak Grove Baptist Church to hold VBS

**PONCE DE LEON** — Oak Grove Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School from 6-8:30 p.m. July 16-20 at the Oak Grove Baptist Church. Ages 3 and up are invited to come. The church is 3 miles east of Ponce de Leon.

### Izagora Methodist Church to hold fundraiser

**EAST PITTMAN** — Izagora Methodist Church will be holding a fundraiser from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. July 21 at the East Pittman Fire Department. They will be selling BBQ plates for a \$6 donation the plates will be dine in or carry out. There also will be a homemade cake auction. All politicians are welcome. Entertainment will be by The Gospel Tones of Marianna. All proceeds will go to the church building fund.

For more information call 956-2772.

### New Orange Baptist Church to hold Gospel Jam

**CHIPLEY** — New Orange Baptist Church will hold its monthly Gospel Jam at 6 p.m. July 21. The church is on Alford Road, ¼ mile off Orange Hill Road, 6 miles south of Chipley. A covered dish dinner will follow. For more information, call

### '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.

### Gap Pond Free Will Baptist Church Gospel Sing

**SUNNY HILLS** — Gap Pond Free Will Baptist Church will be holding an Open Mic Gospel Sing at 6 p.m. on July 28. A potluck dinner will follow in the fellowship hall. The church

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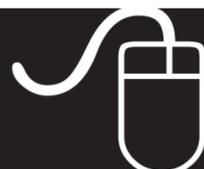
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