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IN BRIEF

NFCH Back 2 School Fair

CHIPLEY — Northwest Florida Community Hospital in Chipley will host its annual free Back 2 School Fair from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 11, at the hospital. School-aged children will receive free haircuts and school supplies. There will be food, backpack door prizes and entertainment. The Washington County Health Department will provide an immunization clinic for school-aged children at no charge. For more information, call Aileen Koon or Heather Shelby at 638-1610.

Ruby Ellis (Saddler) fundraiser

CHIPLEY — Signature Healthcare of Chipley will have a fundraiser for Ruby Ellis (Saddler) at 10 a.m. Aug. 24. They will be selling fish plates with baked beans, coleslaw, hush puppies and a dessert for \$6. Delivery is available. For more information, call Valarie Tolbert at 849-3616.

Scarecrow contest

CHIPLEY — The second annual Scarecrow Contest, sponsored by the Chipley Garden Club, will be Oct. 13 on the lawn of the museum in conjunction with Washington County Historical Society's Fall Into History Festival.

A PASSION FOR POSSUMS



PHOTOS BY RANDAL SEYLER

Above, 2012 Possum King Joseph Goodman, left, and 2012 Possum Queen Christie Carter, are crowned following the King & Queen contest on Friday. At right, Possum King contestant Kevin Russell gets a hug during the 43rd annual Wausau Possum Days King & Queen contest on Friday. The annual event drew hundreds to the town and featured music, food and lots of possums. For more photos, see **Page B1** and visit chipleypaper.com.



TDCs establishing day trip programs

Special to The News

CHIPLEY — The Washington County Tourist Development Council is partnering with the Jackson County TDC to create a regional tourism program, and the two entities are seeking proposals from potential tour operators.

In a joint media release from the Tourist Development Councils for Jackson and Washington counties, it was announced last week that requests for proposals are being solicited from established tour operators within the region that includes the Florida Panhandle and portions of Alabama and Georgia.

"We are excited about the possibilities for this multi-county initiative and believe

that it may be the prototype for a larger program in future years involving more counties and overnight accommodations," Jackson County TDC Chairman Paul Donofro Jr. and Washington County TDC Chairman Joel Pate said in a joint statement.

The TDCs for Jackson and Washington counties have recruited 41 potential tourist destinations representing agritourism, ecotourism, heritage tourism, recreational tourism and other industries that might be of interest to the approximately 7.5 million annual visitors to the immediate Gulf Coast areas. Both TDCs are actively seeking more tourist destination hosts in each county.

The TDCs are looking for a

tour operator who can offer a range of vehicles from limousine to vans to buses, and one that has been successful in the tour operator business for several years and has an interest in gaining new inland destinations for day tours.

The boards of county commissioners have approved a prototype contract as a basis to negotiate a marketing arrangement with a tour operator.

Written proposals on company letterhead are due by 2 p.m. Aug. 31 at the Washington County TDC. Proposals must include a brief history of the company, list of major clients, website and social media points of contact, a summary

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PRIMARY ELECTION

U.S. Senate, state attorney, House seats up for grabs

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CHIPLEY — In addition to choosing local candidates, Washington County voters will have lots of choices when they weigh in on one U.S. Senate seat, one U.S. House of Representatives seat and a universal primary for the state attorney race on Tuesday in the 2012 statewide Primary Election.

The Republican ballot offers voters the most choices, with voters getting to choose among five candidates for U.S. Senate, all challengers to incumbent Democratic Sen. Bill Nelson. In November, Nelson will face one of a packed field of Republican Senate candidates led by U.S. Rep. Connie Mack.

Read more about the candidates on **Pages A2 and A3**.

PRECINCT LOCATIONS

- Precinct 1 (Caryville):** Caryville Town Hall, 4436 Old Spanish Trail, Caryville, FL 32427
- Precinct 2 (Five Points):** Five Points Community Center, 3892 Desalva Road, Caryville, FL 32427
- Precinct 3 (Hinson Crossroads):** Hinson Crossroads Fire Station, 5487 Douglas Ferry Road, Caryville, FL 32427
- Precinct 4 (Agricultural Center):** Washington County Agricultural Center, 1424 Jackson Ave., Chipley, FL 32428
- Precinct 5 (Vernon City Hall):** Vernon City Hall - Old VHS Cafeteria, 2808 Yellow Jacket Drive, Vernon, FL 32462
- Precinct 6 (New Hope):** Gilley's Place, 3351 Mallory Road, Vernon, FL 32462
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- Precinct 9 (Wausau):** 1607 Second Ave., Chipley, FL 32428
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REPUBLICAN SENATE

Cornelius Harvey McGillicuddy, popularly known as Connie Mack IV, is the U.S. Representative for Florida's 14th congressional district, serving since 2005. He is a member of the Republican Party. The district includes Fort Myers and Naples.

Other Republican candidates on the ballot for Nelson's senate seat include George LeMieux, Mike McCalister, Marielena Stuart and Dave Weldon.

George LeMieux, a former senator, dropped out of the campaign on June 20 because of a lack of resources and put his support behind Mack, according to the Washington Post.

Mike McCalister is a retired U.S. Army colonel, businessman, university instructor and father, according to his website. McCalister served in the Army Reserves, Army National Guard and on active



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duty for a total of 33 years and retired in 2005. He is a licensed and degreed agribusiness professional and owner-operator of a small tree farm. He is a university instructor in accredited MBA and DBA programs. He was the custodial parent of a son from the age of 4 through college; both McCalister and his son are Eagle Scouts and earned the God & Country Award. Additionally, McCalister is a recipient of the Valley Forge Cross for Heroism.

Marielena Stuart, who also goes by Marielena Montesino de Stuart, has been in the Senate race since August and hails

from the city of Ave Maria (in southwest Florida near Naples), according to tampabay.com. She has been getting regional attention but not much exposure statewide. Stuart has worked as a linguist and interpreter, speaking Spanish and French, with some Greek and Italian. Some of her columns have appeared in the Naples Daily News.

David Joseph Weldon, who resides in Indialantic, is a politician and physician. He was a Republican member of the United States House of Representatives, representing Florida's 15th congressional district. Weldon was elected to the

House in 1994 and served seven terms in Washington before announcing he would not seek an eighth term in 2008. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army.

STATE ATTORNEY

The state attorney race between Republicans Jim Appleman and incumbent Glenn Hess will be a universal primary.

If all candidates for an office have the same party affiliation and the winner will have no opposition in the General Election, then all qualified voters, regardless of party affiliation, may vote in the Primary Elec-

tion for that office. These contests are called Universal Primary Contests, according to Santa Rosa County's website, santarosa.fl.gov. The outcome of the primary will determine the winner of the election, although it is possible there could be run-off elections required.

Republican State Attorney Glenn Hess resigned his job as a circuit judge to run for state attorney for the 14th Judicial Circuit in 2008, he is seeking a second term. Hess lists some of his biggest accomplishments as an increased number of convictions, from DUI cases to capital murder cases.

Hess is a veteran of the U.S. Army, where he was a helicopter pilot, according to his website.

Panama City Attorney Jim Appleman, also a Republican, is challenging Hess. Appleman formerly served as state attorney for 24 years, according to his website. He retired in 2005 and said he is seeking reelection to make the office more fair and to "return our state attorney's office to a winning track record."

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 5

Republican voters also will choose between Marti Coley and Danny Glidewell in the state representative District 5 contest.

Marti Coley of Marianna is Florida's 7th District Representative in the House of Representatives. Because of redistricting, she is seeking election as representative for District 5. She received her bachelor's degree from Florida State University in 1984. Coley has served in the House since she won a special election in June 2005 to fill the remainder of the term of her late husband, David, who died in March at age 43.

Danny Glidewell of DeFuniak Springs faces incumbent Coley in the race for the district that includes northern Bay and Washington, Holmes and Jackson counties. Among Glidewell's biggest disagreements with the way things are done in Tallahassee are the way the state regulates school districts with mandatory teacher evaluations that affect pay, the way calendars are set and the focus on the FCAT.

The winner of the Republican race will face unaffiliated candidate Travis Pitts and write-in candidate Eddy Holman in November.

Travis Pitts of Chipley, running with no party affiliation, will face the winner of Tuesday's primary in the November General Election. Pitts was elected three times as Clerk of the Circuit County for Washington County and was certified by the Supreme Court of Florida. He was appointed by then-Chief Justice Joe Boyd to serve on various workload committees with the Office of the State Court Administrator. Pitts attended the public schools of Washington County and graduated from Chipley High School, Chipola Junior College and the University of Florida with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Management.

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of the marketing methods currently used to market tour services and a copy of current public liability insurance certificates.

TDC funding is provided exclusively from the tourist development tax (bed tax) collected by businesses providing overnight lodging such as motels, hotels, camp grounds, rental condo and house units on short-term rentals, and some others authorized by statute. County governments do not provide any general tax or assessment funds to operate the TDC marketing programs.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE HEARING

You are hereby notified the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Florida, will on the 16th day of August, 2012, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, at its regular meeting place of 1331 South Boulevard, Chipley, Florida consider the adoption of the following proposed ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE LEGISLATION OF HOUSE BILL 1263 WHICH REPEALS CERTAIN PARTS OF THE STATEWIDE ON-SITE SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL SYSTEMS EVALUATION PROGRAM (SB 550); OPTING OUT OF ANY STATE IMPLEMENTED VOLUNTARY SEPTIC TANK INSPECTION PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Ordinance may be inspected by the public at the Board of County Commissioners office at 1331 South Boulevard, Chipley, Florida. Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this meeting, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact The Washington County Board of County Commissioners, 850-638-6200 at least two days before the meeting. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD 1-800-955-8771.

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DEMOCRATIC SENATE

On the Democratic ballot, voters will get to choose their candidates for U.S. Senator and for U.S. Congressman for District 2.

Sen. Bill Nelson is the senior U.S. senator from Florida and is a former U.S. Representative and former treasurer and insurance commissioner of Florida. Nelson was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 1972. He was re-elected in 1974 and 1976. Nelson was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1978. He served in the House from 1979 to 1991. In 2000, Nelson ran for the U.S. Senate seat vacated by retiring Republican Sen. Connie Mack. He was re-elected in 2006 with 60 percent of the vote and is seeking re-election in 2012.

In addition to facing his Republican challengers, led by Connie Mack, Nelson also faces Democratic challenger Glenn A. Burkett.



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MARK SCHLAKMAN

Burkett was born in Thomaston, Ga., and graduated from R.E. Lee High School in 1968. In 1969, he joined the U.S. Navy and trained as a medic and is a Vietnam veteran, according to his website. He obtained an associate's degree from Pensacola Junior College and a bachelor's degree from the University of West Florida in Pensacola. His post-graduate work was at Florida State University, Tallahassee, and the University of Florida, Gainesville. He describes himself as a Democrat (hybrid), saying he would vote for legislation with the best ideas. He is in

the natural health business, according to his website.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 2

In the District 2 Representative race, Democrats are looking to unseat Republican U.S. Rep. Steve Southerland of Panama City, who faces no Republican challenge in the primary.

Leonard Bembry of Greenville is one candidate seeking the seat. Bembry is the Florida Representative from District 10, a seat he has held since 2008, and is the Blue-dog endorsed candidate, according to web

sources. Bembry works as a farmer and is the owner of University Homes. He is a member of the Florida Manufactured Housing Association, Habitat for Humanity, Madison County Development Council, Madison County Farm Bureau, National Rifle Association and the Wild Turkey Federation.

Alfred "Al" Lawson Jr. is a former Democratic member of the Florida Senate, who represented the 6th District from 2000 through 2010. He was a member of the Florida House of Representatives from 1982 to 2000. Lawson received his bachelor's degree from

Florida A&M University and his Master of Public Administration from Florida State University. Lawson ran for the Democratic nomination in Florida's 2nd Congressional District in 2010.

Alvin L. Peters of Panama City also is running for the District 2 seat. Peters served as the chairman of the Bay County Democratic Party from 2002 to 2010. He is an attorney with Peters & Scoon, where he has practiced since 2002. He is a soccer coach with the Bay County Youth Soccer Association, president of Early Education and Care Inc., a local Head Start grantee and president of the Panama City Marine Institute.

Mark Schlakman, another Democrat seeking

the District 2 congressional seat, has worked in the administration of both presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton, is an attorney who has worked with the North Florida Hate Crimes Task Force, and is a self-proclaimed human rights lawyer who has said he would work to end gridlock in Washington. In addition to working in the White House, he has held positions in the U.S. departments of state and defense. He recently returned from Afghanistan, where he worked with Afghani officials on international and domestic law. Schlakman serves as senior program director at the Florida State University Center for the Advancement of Human Rights.

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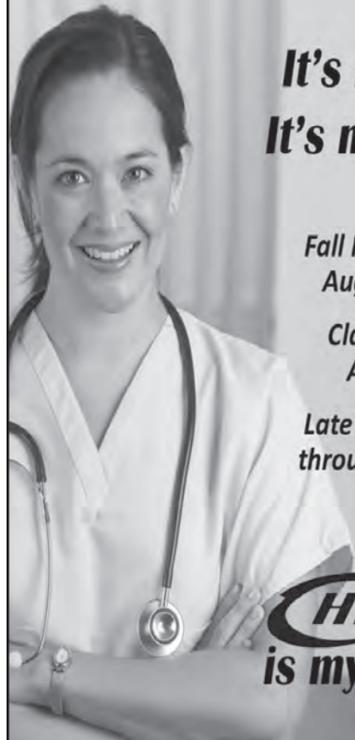
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Cookbook collection spans almost 60 years

When "Perry's Prattle" column began in April 2003, the writer's wildest imagination would not allow him to believe the variety of topics he covered in the next 10 years.



PERRY'S PRATTLE
Perry Wells

Hester has collected cookbooks throughout our almost 60 years of our marriage. A wild guess would list the number at more than 100. Her collection includes everything from Southern Living to various other national magazines. She has supported and purchased books on cooking from many churches, civic and festival organizations, including the one titled "The 'Possum Cookbook" from Wausau's Fun Day.

It was in January 2007, while attending a two-day bluegrass festival in Andalusia, Ala., that I bought my first cookbook. It was in a Goodwill Store, and the fact that it was sponsored by Peoples First Community Bank of Panama City made the \$2 purchase easy for me.

The first page contained a letter from the chairman of the board, Joe Chapman, with a personal handwritten note: "Thank you for your business!" As residents of Panama City during the early years of our marriage, we watched Joe grow into manhood, excel in many facets of life, finish high school, enter law school and become an attorney. Back in his hometown, he engaged in many businesses. His mother, Mrs. Gladys

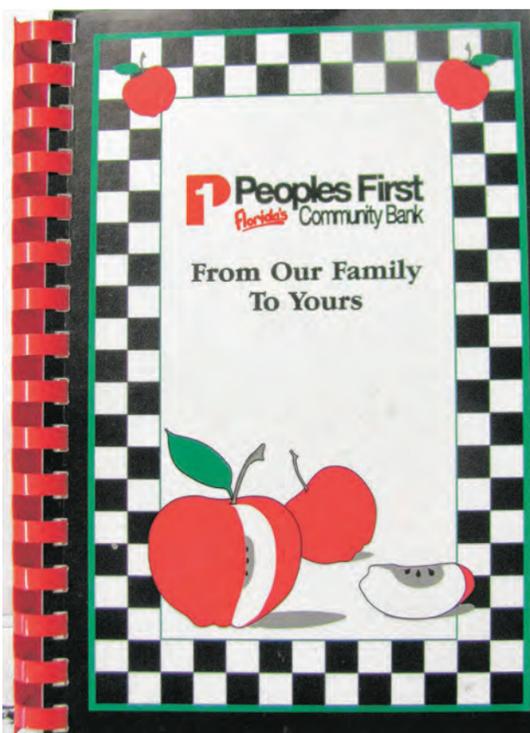
Chapman, a school teacher before entering the political arena, served many years as supervisor of elections in Bay County.

Hester and I knew many of the contributor's names, from our days in Panama City.

Three years later, I saw a cookbook advertised by Zion Primitive Baptist Church in Brunswick, Ga., as a fundraiser for building a dining hall to the meeting house. I recognized recipes from across the southland of people I had come to know in attending church meetings.

The heading for each type of food included a scripture quote. Under Appetizers and Beverage, the Bible reference was "If any man thirsts, let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water (John 7:37-38)." The Vegetables and Side Dishes began with this quotation: "The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the Lord that seek him: your heart shall live for ever (Psalm 22:26)." Desserts give us this quotation: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, against such there is no law (Galatians 5:22-23)."

The cook book is filled with quotes from philosophers and politicians. "I don't know the key to success, but the



Peoples First Florida's Community Bank: 'From our family to yours'

key to failure is trying to please everybody," from Bill Cosby. "Too often we enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought," by John F. Kennedy. From Thomas Jefferson: "I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it."

This light-hearted recipe in the church-sponsored cook book is for Elephant Stew — one med. elephant, salt and pepper, one small onion and two rabbits (optional).

Note the comical preparation instructions. "Cut elephant into bite size pieces. This will take about 16 days. Cover with rich brown gravy and simmer over open flame, about two and a half weeks. This should feed about 3,002 people, but if more are expected, add the 2 rabbits. However, add only if needed, as most people don't like hare in their stew".

The Minnie Pearl Music City Cook Book was purchased in a thrift

store. Aside from the recipes for down home cooking, Minnie's home spun tales and characters from Grinders Switch, including her boyfriend Hester and Uncle Nabob along with brother are included in her stories.

The Aunt Bee's Mayberry Cookbook in our home was given to Hester as a birthday present from Tim, Debbie, Laura, Julie and Perry II on Nov. 12, 2010. I don't think either of us has gotten serious with trying any of the delectable dishes submitted by real people who were invited to participate. The book is filled excerpts from Andy Griffith shows of the past and will bring to mind many characters that could will be lost to time now that Barney, George (Goobar) Lindsey, Aunt Bee and Andy have passed from the scene of time.

Our special, The Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. Cookbook, was purchased recently, also in a bargain store. It came to us just after we had seen the rerun of Forrest Gump on television, which made it more special. Aside from the all-shrimp recipes, the booklet is filled with the philosophical sayings of Forrest that will be remembered from the movie. Here's some: "They asked me if I was runnin' for women's rights — women are always right." "Well, destiny is when you're born to do something, but you don't

know what it is." "Bubba was my best friend, and you don't find that very often." "Remember what I told you? Don't let anybody tell you they're better than you." And finally, "I happen to believe we make our own destiny. We have to do the best with what God gave us."

The last cookbook for review today has been in our household since the days when the Rev. Tommy Brill was pastor of Blue Lake Baptist Church. This book was prepared by the WMU of that congregation and brought back many memories of those who have since died that submitted favorite recipes. A quick glance will show Pop-Up Bread by Ruby Zumstein, Angel Biscuits by Inez Morris, Fresh Apple Cake by Louise Tharp, Green Bean Salad by Civie Speights, Rocky Road Candy by Margaret Kent and Molasses Cookies by Fannie McGuire.

With all the cookbook reading, I had to resist referring to myself as a gourmet cook after reading the dictionary definition as "a person who knows and appreciates fine food and drink, an epicure." I still know full well that my menu is limited to seafood gumbo and chip steak and gravy, served open-face style, along with potatoes sticks from a can.

See you all next week.

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Election time: 'Sign, sign, everywhere a sign'

Every time I pass the intersection of Highway 90 and 79, I keep thinking of the words of the song done by Five Men Electrical Band in the 1980s: "Sign, sign, everywhere a sign. Don't you know it's enough to be blowin my mind. Do this, do that, can't you read the sign?"

This sort of protest song mentions several signs: "Long-haired freaky people need not apply. Anybody trespassing will be shot on sight. You got to have shirt and tie to get a seat, else you can't even watch. No, you can't eat."

He finally finds one sign that says, "Welcome to kneel down and pray." But when they passed the plate, "I don't have a penny to pay," the song says. This song, which I don't believe ever made to the top of any of the charts, is not talking about the political signs, which are crowding the landscape. However, the number and size of them seems to be somewhat overboard. They bring up questions to my mind. First, how effective are they? Do voters assume that the one who has the most signs or the largest, most prominent signs have the most support?



HAPPY CORNER
Hazel Wells Tison

"Long-haired freaky people need not apply. Anybody trespassing will be shot on sight. You got to have shirt and tie to get a seat, else you can't even watch. No, you can't eat."

Then, who decides where they can be put? I understand that in our city, Bonifay, a candidate can pay a fee and place them on the city right-of-way. Who polices that? If they are in a homeowner's yard, I assume they are supporting that candidate. But then you see some yards just decorated with a number of candidates' signs, some for the same office.

If I allow one in my yard for someone I support, does that give others the right to put one there too? If not, is it legal for me to remove unwanted ones?

Who is responsible for cutting the grass around them wherever they are? Or straighten them up when the wind blows them over?

What about those on highway rights of way? Telephone or light poles? I suppose the candidates know the answers to these questions, but I don't know that they or their

supporters abide by the rules.

I haven't traveled the rural areas of our county much this election year, so I can't comment on the sign situation. Nor have I traveled out of Holmes, Washington and Bay counties. But Washington County seems to have as plentiful a supply of them as we do. One innovative contender there has individual hand painted signs that I have noticed.

The primary voting will be Aug. 14, and we have the mail-out from our efficient supervisor of elections, Debbie Morris. Some of the important offices will be decided then, while others will wait until the general election on Nov. 6 to be decided. I urge you to read what the candidates have to say and decide who appears to have the best handle on the responsibilities of the office. Attend a "rally" and listen to the candidates, and meet and talk with them. Then decide if they

have the qualifications to carry out those responsibilities.

That brings up another question: Who is responsible for removing the signs and how long after the election do they have to do it? Is there a penalty for not doing so? Who enforces that?

Personally, I don't think I have ever been influenced to vote for someone based on their political sign. However, it is a First Amendment right to free speech, and I would not discourage candidates from posting them. They certainly give those in that kind of business a boost and generates interest in who is running.

I am proud that we in the small counties put the larger counties to shame when it comes to our voter turn-out percentages. That makes our votes in the statewide elections a significant factor. Early voting and absentee voting are going on right now. If you put it off until Aug. 14, you can still vote. But don't miss out on the opportunity to exercise your right as a citizen.

"So I got me a pen and paper, and I made up my own little sign. It said, 'Thank you Lord for thinking 'bout me. I'm alive and doin' fine.'"

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Tison graduates FWC Law Enforcement Academy

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Taylor Tison, a 2008 graduate of Vernon High School, graduated recently from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Division of Law Enforcement. As a law enforcement officer (game warden), Tison is assigned to the Glades County area, where he will be alert to violations of hunting and fishing laws.

The ceremony was held at the Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy in Quincy, where 22 graduates were presented their certificates. Col. Jim Brown

administered the Oath of Office and presented their badges. Taylor's was pinned on by his father. Lt. Loren Lowers presented awards, and Taylor was given the Outstanding Marksman Award.

Tison is the son of Hiram and Judy Tison of Bonifay. Family attending the graduation on June 8 in addition to his parents were grandparents Jack and Hazel Tison, sister Lacey Tison Harrison, aunt Cindy Tison Webb and aunt Muriel Turner and husband, Roy.

Tison is a 2011 graduate of Chipola College in Marianna.

Helms to lead international society

Special to The News

With more than 2,000 in attendance at the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Convention in New York City on July 24-28, Dr. Beverly Helms of Bonifay was elected as the society's international president. Delta Kappa Gamma is an honorary organization for key women educators with more than 90,000 members in 18 countries and 80 states. Expansion into Japan will occur when Helms installs the first chapter of 53 women educators in October.

The overall purpose of the group is to promote the personal and professional growth of women educators and excellence in education. In accomplishing this, the key women educators honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education. It advances the professional interest and position of women in education; initiates, supports and endorses desirable legislation in the interests of education and of women educators; endows scholarships to members to pursue higher degrees; and grants fellow-



BEVERLY HELMS

ships to nonmember women educators.

Helms has served the organization at the local, state, regional and international levels. In Florida, she has been committee chair, officer, state president, parliamentarian and editor. At the international level, she has been a member of three committees, southeast regional director, member-at-large and international second vice president. In 2010, she received the International Achievement Award, the highest honor given by the organization.

Now retired, Helms had a varied career in education as a consultant, administrator, adjunct professor, trainer and speech pathologist. She received three degrees from Florida State University. Helms always has been active in her church, and following her retirement, has been involved in her community serving on boards and committees. She chaired the Holmes County Tourist Development Council, served as president of her local chamber of commerce, was the recipient of a Goodwill Ambassador Award and was recognized as Holmes County Volunteer of the Year in 2004.

In her acceptance speech, Helms requested the group not let what they know about the organization limit their imagination as to its potential. She challenged members who were in attendance to "stay focused at the chapter level, set significant goals, make the most of marketing and objectively identify obstacles to growth." Her desire for the organization is that it will intentionally connect or reconnect with all members, engage them in the mission of the organization and also continue to attract younger members. Because communication is of primary importance to Helms, she plans to communicate in print and electronically with all members.

"I have been blessed by the many opportunities provided by my membership in this organization," she said. "Early on, I received a scholarship and had several mentors who made a difference in my life. I have been involved in leadership development, networking, global affiliations, made friends in all 18 countries and have united with women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship."

Helms will serve as the organization's official representative for two years.

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A lot of people who watch fishing shows think fly fishing is a rich man's sport. They see fly fishermen going to exotic spots around the world and think they never will be able to do that. You don't have to go to Alaska to fly fish. As a matter of fact we have some pretty good freshwater fly fishing right here on the fresh water ponds on the beach.

There are 100 ways to catch fish from shocking them up to the surface to using a fly rod to entice them to bite.

Most people with the attitude fly fishing is beyond their economic position in the world had better think again. The reason a lot of fishermen don't fly fish is because they never had someone to show them how to do it. If you are willing to attend a few meetings this can all change and you can be fishing for everything from blue gills to tarpon in a short time.

With the advent of kayaks, it is very easy to slip into most of the ponds just opposite the Gulf. These ponds are not private and don't let anyone tell you they are. All you have to have is permission from a land owner on the pond that will allow you to cross his property and you are in business.

I was very fortunate to have a father who fly fished and taught me a little about it when I was young. I also had a few friends who fly fished, and they also were a great help.

If you think you would like to learn the art of fly casting, there is a club forming locally that will allow you to be introduced to those who are looking for other people to share in the sport of fly fishing.

This new club is being formed here in Panama City Beach for fly fishermen experienced and the not so experienced. The meetings will be at 6:30 p.m. every other Tuesday on the second floor of the Shore House Furniture store, 14301 Panama City Beach Parkway. The next meeting is Aug. 7.

Future meetings will include Fly tying demonstrations by club founder Barry Kent and equipment suggestions by James Smith, fishing manager for Orvis. He will share hints and types of fish caught with Flies in both the bay and local saltwater.

For more information, call Barry Kent at 352-460-4107 or email bayffc@gmail.com.



Outdoor Life

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DOUBLE UP

New regulations increase redfish daily limit to two

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Some people love the new FWC regulation allowing a doubling of the daily redfish harvest from one to two per person in the northern zones; others hate it. But it is the rule for all state waters except the South Zone, and for those who love to eat redfish — and think there are plenty of them — this fall should provide some prime fish fries.

Classic wisdom is that king mackerel appear along Florida's West Coast when water temps reach 68, and redfish, AKA red drum, appear when they rise to 86. That means August is kickoff time for prime redfishing that will extend through October, especially for the giant "bulls" (which are actually females, by the way) which can weigh 30 pounds and up.

There are fair numbers of redfish in Panhandle waters year around these days, but late summer through fall is prime time. Big spawners, some more than 50 pounds and approaching 4 feet long, travel into the sounds and bays from their usual offshore locations. The fish drop their eggs around the larger passes, typically around the new and full moon major tides. Meantime, they prowl nearshore reefs, riprap cuts and the edges of the flats to feed, adding a whole new element to inshore fishing.

Tailing fish on the flats are not as abundant in August as they will be my mid-September and on into early November; but there are enough around to make the pursuit worthwhile, especially early and late on days with dawn or dusk low tides.

Many of the reds found on most flats at this time of year are likely to be somewhere near the 18 to 27 inch legal slot, though there are plenty of 30-inch fish that will join the migrating schools and leave the shallows as adults when fall turns to winter.

Reds often are scattered in summer, but as fall approaches they gather up in big schools, and occasionally anglers are treated to the sight of a "red wave" crossing the flats, easing along the beach or moving through the larger passes as hundreds of fish come to the surface and literally turn the water red as the sun glints off their rose-colored backs.

Some of these jumbos are caught by anglers towing large spoons, diving plugs or big live baits — often fishermen after kings or grouper connect with the lunker reds. They can also be caught by casting a big topwater plug or any live baitfish into a visible school; hits are instant. All of these fish far exceed the maximum legal size and must be released, but they put on a wonderful battle. (Use debarbed hooks if you target oversized reds, so that they can be released without injury — remember these are the



Contributed photos

Giant redfish like this one, caught on the northeast side of Florida by Captain Don Dingman and helpers, are also found in Panhandle waters in late summer and fall. Like all reds longer than 27 inches, they must be released immediately per state regulations. Below, shallow flats can be ideal locations to spot tailing redfish, particularly on the low tides created by new and full moon periods.

mommas and poppas that create the smaller ones we chase on the flats the rest of the year.)

Jumbo reds are all catch-and-release — no harvest is permitted. But if you want to tangle with some of these giants, one likely tactic is to set up on any Panhandle pier or the rocks of any Panhandle jetty and soak a slab of fresh-cut mullet or pinfish, or even better free-line live pinfish, grunts or finger mullet. This is heavy tackle action—you'll need at least 25 pound test line and a reel that holds a couple hundred yards of it to prevent a giant red from running off with your gear; but it's a unique opportunity for really big fish from shore.

On the flats

On the flats, reds can be considerably more challenging. There is a lot of pressure on shallow-water fish these days, and a noisy or careless approach often sends an entire school fleeing before you can catch even one.

Spotting the fish is the first challenge. Often, you will see only the tip of a tail or dorsal fin or the jump of fleeing finger mullet to let you know they are close. Or, you might see a moving vee wake as a school pushes across a shoal. (They look a lot like the vee that mullet schools make, but are usually somewhat larger.)

In calm, clear water, you sometimes can see individual fish as they cross a white patch of sand, but it requires Polarized glasses and a good eye.

The best strategy is to get ahead of a moving school and then cast your bait or lure well in front of the lead fish. Let them swim up to it and hopefully you get a bite. Casting into the middle of a school these days usually sends the entire bunch racing for deeper water.

Wadefishing for tailers on the last of the low tides around new and full moons can also be great at this time of year. When the water gets to around 12 inches deep over the grass, fish start to tail in many areas.

Most wadefishers use artificials, either soft jerkbaits, DOA shrimp, swim baits or topwaters. The trick

is to make a delicate presentation and bring the lure just near enough to the fish for it to spot the movement.

Hard-pressed reds may refuse most artificials, but a tactic that often fools them is to use a scented lure like a Gulp!Alive! crab, cast it close and uptide of the fish and simply let it sit; they soon follow the scent trail to the bait. Chunks of fresh mullet or ladyfish work just as well.

It's also possible to catch plenty of reds with the now-classic tactic of anchoring in sloughs or large holes and chumming with crippled sardines. The reds find the sardines and follow them to the source — your boat — where you offer them one with a hook in it.

Expert guides are skilled in putting just enough bait in the water to keep the reds actively feeding, but not enough so that they get full and move on. With this tactic, it's sometimes possible to set in one spot and catch a dozen or more reds, luring the school back each time it flushes away by tossing out more sardines.

Redfish regs

The bag limit on redfish in the Panhandle is now two per person per day, and there's no closed season. The slot limit is 18 to 27 inches; larger or smaller fish must be released immediately. Excellent fishing usually continues until the first cold front in November sends most of the fish to deeper water — but if you know where the holes are inshore — or fish the warm water outflow of powerplants — you can find plenty of "eating size" reds all winter.

Reds on the table

Redfish filets are moist and tender, good in a variety of recipes. However, the species does have a pronounced "red line" down each side, and unless that line is removed, it adds a somewhat "fishy" taste to the meat, which some people don't like.

One of the best recipes for reds is baked, "in the shell", which means the gutted carcass, head on, is wrapped in foil and placed

TIPS FOR SPOOKY REDS

• More elevation means you can see flats reds farther away, which is why poling platforms and casting towers are found on many flats rigs. However, the higher you are, the father away a redfish can see you. It's good to use the tower to locate the fish, but sometimes you'll have to step down and crouch on the deck while casting if you want to get them to eat.

• If you fish from a boat, use the pushpole and the Power-Pole or Talon rather than the trolling motor and anchor when ever possible. With light winds, simply drifting or letting the tide carry you can be the best possible approach — but be ready to stop the boat immediately when you see fish ahead. Otherwise, you'll drift too close and spook them.

• When possible, let the fish come to you; determine their direction of travel, get the boat well ahead of them and sit in silence while they feed into casting range.

• When fish chase your lure close, get small—crouch down so that he can't see you up there manipulating that rod.

• While a silent approach in a flats boat is good, a silent approach while wading is much better; there's a lot less for the fish to see, and that means you can get closer most of the time.

on the grill or in a 350-degree oven. Stuffing the cavity with sliced oranges or lemons adds a nice extra tang. Cook until a fork passes easily through the thickest part of the shoulders.

When the fish is cooked, slide a knife just under the skin and run it down the backbone, then peel away the skin. This reveals the fillet and the red line. Slip a spatula under the red line and lift it away, and the fish is ready for the table. Serving-size portions lift easily off the bones.

Reds are also good just plain fried; fillet, skin, cut out the red line and section the filets into eating-size pieces. Dip in cornmeal or crushed corn flakes, then drop into hot vegetable oil or peanut oil. Cook until the coating turns light brown, then drain on layers of paper napkins and serve.

Last but not least is blackened redfish, a dish made up to create a tasty dish from less palatable fish. But there's no question that it's darned good. Basically the routine is to dip the filets in Cajun seasonings — available at any grocery store these days — and then fry it in a very hot cast iron skillet with butter. The mix of seasoning dust and butter quickly forms a blackened crust on the outside, while the flesh inside remains moist and tender. (Leave it a minute too long and all you have is burnt fish, but done right, this is a great dish.)



DOG DAYS OF SUMMER: PART 2

'You don't know until they go around the track'

This is Part 2 of a three-part series on Ebro Greyhound Park.

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EBRO — It isn't meant as a slight to either party when saying that Joe Watson would have fit nicely with the cast of "The Andy Griffith Show."

Watson's unassuming demeanor and down-home work ethic are virtues embodied in the long-running staple of American television.

He doesn't make a grand entrance or command a room. More than likely, he could be the one over in the corner getting the job done.

Now 49, the Caryville resident is in his first year as sole owner of a greyhound racing kennel, AJN, which occupies kennel No. 5 in the compound in the northwest corner of the property at Ebro Greyhound Park. The 'J' and the 'N' represent Joe and wife, Nita, who is a retired colonel in the state corrections system.

Watson's current status reflects an evolution that began when he was a teenager growing up in Bonifay. He had a friend in school, Floyd Harcus, who was involved in the industry and first got him involved.

"He was raising greyhounds, so I've been coming here since I was 18," Watson said of the Washington County track.

Eventually he became partners with Sarah Lucas for four years in SL Kennel. Watson had another partner last year who he said decided to follow a trail of larger purses at a track "up north" affiliated with a casino.

Watson has had a hand in the kennel end of the business for eight years. Relationships forged over time have had a direct bearing on how he conducts the enterprise.

As example:

On his friendship with Ebro administrator Teresa Duncan, dating to when she started in customer

services six years ago, Duncan recently became a first-time owner of a racing greyhound, AJN Sweet Smoke:

"I know'd how she was. Know'd she be a good owner. I didn't mind getting her involved. I knew it would be a good thing."

On Thomas Suggs, age 22, who is in his first year as a trainer and handles the greyhounds for AJN:

"He started in Sarasota and has been with me eight months. (Kennel owner) Ray Thurber asked me to give him a shot. Said he had potential. ... He's got his own ways. If I see we're not winning we might sit down and talk and make an adjustment. He's doing real good. He's 22 years old and in second place (kennel wins), which is real good."

On his bond with owners of dogs that represent AJN Kennel:

"You can tell in how they handle themselves and their dogs" that it will be a positive experience.

In addition to time spent tending to kennel-related business, Watson delivers the ground beef used as feed to kennel compounds located in Pensacola and as far away as Monticello. He also has a lumber yard and sawmill located on his 15-acre farm, though he admits since the downturn in the economy he operates the mill mostly by appointment these days.

Still, Watson's work week can approach 70 hours during Ebro's live racing season that runs May through September. He also spends 11 weeks in Melbourne and races his dogs during the winter-spring meet in Sarasota.

Watson currently has 80 greyhounds in his kennel, of which 60-65 are active and the other are young pups getting ready to race for the first time.

"You can tell" when a dog no longer is going to be competitive, he said. "Then you got to get somebody else in their place."

In doing so, Watson said he makes sure where his dogs wind up following the end of their racing



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Joe Watson takes a break from his schedule inside Kennel No. 5 in the compound at Ebro Greyhound Park.

careers.

"I pet them out," he said. "I pick out where mine go. I know the people. I know they're taken care of."

In that sense, the kennel is in a state of yearly replenishment. New puppies are acclimated into racing a racing routine, while nonproductive and often older dogs get new homes. Watson said that a greyhound's career usually is capped when reaching age 5 or 6, and often well before then.

Watson said he keeps three or four female greyhounds as "broods" to mate with male racing greyhounds. He's of the opinion that the female's genetics and racing history play the most prominent role in producing offspring that mature into top-flight performers.

"You have to keep blood lines spread out, know who crosses with who," he said. "If the line is bred too tight it makes them act crazy."

Watson has a working relationship with a kennel in Fort White where his puppies are trained for the racing life. Until then, he said, you can't determine which dogs will be productive.

"You don't know until they start training ... about 14 months old," he said. "You don't know until they go around the track."

Watson estimated his expenses at \$6,000 per month in operating the kennel. His greyhounds have to deliver, finishing

either first, second or third in a race, to earn points by grade of race to add to the payoff kennel owners receive. The money bet during an entire racing program, either evening or matinee, goes into the pool as well as the handle bet on simulcast races aired at Ebro as well as a percentage of the take from the Poker Room.

From the purse money AJN Kennel receives, Watson pays individual greyhound owners 35 percent by race, and 50 percent of money earned in stakes races. Ebro annually runs the Mega Morris Stakes each summer for greyhounds that break their maiden or win their first official career race at the track.

That is another carrot for Watson to start his puppies racing here.

"One reason is the Ebro Puppy Stakes," he said. "If you start them here, they have a chance to compete in the Puppy Stakes, which usually is \$5,000 to \$7,500" payoff.

In addition to compensating owners, Watson pays Suggs a weekly salary plus a \$100 bonus based on points earned for top. A kennel helper and additional part-time workers can be on the payroll, and Watson covers the cost of all meat, meal, supplies and extended veterinary services not provided by the track veterinarian.

Suggs was raised in the vicinity of Ebro Grey-

hound Park and attended Vernon High School before finishing his last two years at Freeport.

He said that maintaining a daily routine in the kennel is important. It may vary by trainer, he said, as each has preferred ways of doing things. But repetition is important in helping the animals adapt and remain in a positive rhythm.

AJN Kennel was coming off a strong month when Watson was interviewed for this series. He estimated a profit of about \$5,000 during that time.

Soon afterward, AJN greyhounds won only three of the next 48 races held at the track, but that doesn't stop curious on-lookers from asking the obvious question.

"Every time you walk around people, they ask me who is going to win," Watson said. "You might be dealing with one-hundredth of a second (for a 5-16 mile race usually decided in about 31 seconds) but people think that all trainers know."

Kennel owners and trainers do understand when dogs that have fared well in the past suddenly aren't performing, however. At times, injury or illness can be the culprit.

"You might take him off and give him a rest," Watson added. "And when they see other dogs going to the races without them it can put the desire back in them to race."

Watson said that he was en route to Hollywood, Fla., in October 2010 when

he received the phone call on the day that forever changed how the kennels in the compound at Ebro were scrutinized.

The bodies of 34 decomposed greyhounds were found dead of starvation during the offseason in one of the kennels, long after the racing meet had concluded.

Watson said that initially he couldn't believe the news.

"I never thought that would happen here," he said solemnly.

As a result, Ebro Greyhound Park has changed its operational procedures to ensure that it never does. Assistant manager Mark Hess explained that the track altered its policies to exceed state regulations and to emphasize "we're doing everything we possibly can to make sure that never happens again."

"Now anytime there is a racing greyhound in our facility we have 24-hour security," Hess said. "We know the comings and goings from a log-in sheet kept in the guardhouse. That's the major changes that we did in addition to weekly and random checks."

Five of the abused animals were able to be saved, Hess said. They were rehabilitated and adopted as pets.

Part III: AJN Sweet Smoke breaks his maiden and charges up the ranks to make his Grade A debut against some of the best greyhounds at the track.

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The Washington County Commission will conduct an Attorney-Client Executive Session on or around 10:30 A.M. (following the regular session) on Thursday, August 16, 2012 in the County Commission Chambers located at 1331 South Boulevard, Chipley, Florida to discuss ongoing litigation.

After the Regular Meeting is convened the Board will go into closed session pursuant to Section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes. The subject matter of the executive session is the pending litigation in:

Yates v. Washington County Board of County Commissioners

The discussions in this session shall be confined to settlement negotiations and/or strategy relating to litigation expenditures. In attendance at this meeting will be Chairman Hulan Carter, Commissioner Joel Pate, Commissioner Charles Brock, Commissioner Todd Abbott, Commissioner Donnie Strickland, County Administrator Steve Joyner, County Attorney Jeff Goodman, and a certified court reporter. The Executive Session will last approximately 1-2 hours.

Following the closed session, the Board will reconvene in open session so that the Chair may announce the termination of the executive session, and the Board may consider general issues relating to the pending litigation.

Finch concerned with finishing season, not changes ahead

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LYNN HAVEN — James Finch doesn't know for certain just yet if he's going to return to the race track as a Sprint Cup team owner in 2013.

He's got a hellacious auto shop bill awaiting him if he does.

NASCAR's announcement this week that it is moving forward with new body designs on all of its Sprint Cup cars next season places a considerable burden on smaller teams such as Finch's Phoenix Racing. Though the chassis on each car remains unchanged, teams will have to transition to body styles that more closely resemble passenger cars made by auto manufacturers. The new Chevrolet SS, Dodge Charger, Ford Fusion and Toyota Camry all will feature new bodies next year, and Finch has 30 Chev-

lets at his shop in Spartanburg, S.C., that will require a new body.

"It's going to cost everybody the same (per vehicle), but they've got more money than I do," Finch said when asked to compare the impact of the change on his team compared to other teams. "I'm not really thinking about that much. I'm just trying to get through this year. If I don't have something going (with a sponsor), I might not be around next year. So right now I'm not too concerned with the new body."

Finch said he didn't think the changes were good for the sport. He is concerned that the quality of racing will be impacted and suggested that the tandem racing observed at superspeedways will become more prevalent.

"They need to change the elevation on the nose and tail," he said. "It's pretty much like bumper cars right now because the

front nose matches the tail. That's why they're able to push each other at Daytona and Talladega. The previous year, the nose was sloped and you could get under the rear end and make the other car loose. It made for better racing. ... You could pull up behind somebody and take the air off the back end. It would change the aerodynamics and make them loose. Bump and run is what you used to have."

Another change that could be coming down the road in NASCAR is how drivers qualify for each race. Drivers racing for teams ranked in the top 35 in the owner points standings automatically clinch a spot in each race, and the remaining eight spots in each race are determined after qualifying has completed. The impact of the rule couldn't be more pronounced. Those in the top 35 can set up their cars solely for race day. Those

on the outside looking in are forced to set up the car for qualifying and then make necessary changes for the race, performing twice as much work as Top-35 teams.

Finch's biggest concern in 2011 was making sure he ended the season among the best 35 teams, which guaranteed a spot for Phoenix Racing in each of the first six races this season. He said he wouldn't mind a change to the system.

"It suits me either way," he said.

Phoenix Racing returns to Pocono, Pa., this week for the Pennsylvania 400 at Pocono Raceway. David Reutimann placed 21st behind the wheel at Pocono in June when Kurt Busch was serving a one-race suspension. Busch has two career wins at Pocono, as well as nine Top-5 finishes and 12 Top-10 results.

"Hopefully we've got Top-10 aspirations," Finch said.

Alcohol sales resolution passes in Holmes County

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BONIFAY — Holmes County Board of County Commissioners passed a resolution July 31 to allow for the question of extending alcohol sales in Holmes County to Sunday to be placed on the upcoming November ballot.

“What has been structured here is a straw poll,” County Attorney Jeff Goodman said. “This is to get the thoughts and ideals of the residents.”

Goodman explained that this was a way of asking the residents if they agree or disagree with businesses, which already hold licenses to sell alcohol, to extend their hours to include Sunday.

“Right now sales are only allowed Monday through Saturday with restrictions on times,” Goodman said. “This is just allowing these businesses who already sell alcohol to extend their alcohol sales

to include Sunday.”

He said this wouldn't change what they could sell or who can sell, just the days they are allowed to sell.

“I have my own thoughts and opinions on the matter,” Commissioner Kenneth Williams said. “I'm not approving because I agree with it; I'm approving to allow the people of this county to say what they want for their county.”



KENNETH WILLIAMS

Goodman explained that it was Florida statutes that allowed for counties to decide if their alcohol will extend to include Sundays and that in 1977 Holmes County BOCC decided that alcohol sales on Sunday would be prohibited.

“This is in no way us condoning alcohol sales on Sunday,” Chairman Monty Merchant said. “It's a way of finding out what the residents of Holmes County want, think and feel about the matter.”

The vote passed 3 to 2, with commissioners Jim King and Phillip Music voting no.

“I'm not approving because I agree with it; I'm approving to allow the people of this county to say what they want for their county.”

Kenneth Williams
Holmes County commissioner

The board approved of setting the tentative millage rate at 9.9353 with a vote of 3 to 2, with Williams and Commissioner Ron Monk voting no.

“We should set it higher and be able to make the cuts where need be,” Merchant said.

A budget hearing is set for 4 p.m. Sept. 10.

The board approved to move forward with the abandonment of Kelly Lane Road.

Landowner Fred Webb was present to confirm that it was only a dead-end road that leads to the center of his property and asked that it be closed for safety reasons.

The board approved

Holmes County Emergency Management Services' request to enter into Houston-Galveston Area Council Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing to purchase the new ambulance with a grant through a state bid.

Also approved were EMS' new Non E hires.

The board also approved Holmes County Extension Director Shep Eubanks' request to travel to Orlando for a three-day professional improvements convention for \$570.

The board also approved to allow Eubanks to travel to Gainesville as the University of Florida screens four potential applicants for the position as the new Holmes County Extension Director.

He explained that it would be the university that would send the best candidate back to the board for approval.

The board approved of hiring Joseph Ratcliff as the new mechanic for District 4.

The board approved of State Housing Initiative Partnership's request to increase the maximum money used in the Local Housing Assistance Plan from \$5,000 to \$6,000.

“There wasn't a good quality product for the amount of money that was offered, and every one of the applications were having to come back to the board for approval because they were so many dollars over the allotted amount,” Goodman said.

Monk reminded the commissioners that each commissioner would have to pick a resident from their district to serve on the Community Action Task Force Committee.

The board heard from Advanced Correctional Healthcare's representative Mike Coffey as he explained how he could “reduce cost and increase care for the inmates” at the Holmes County Correctional Facility.

The board agreed to look into finding out more about the areas of Holmes County that are in need of spraying for mosquitoes after a resident said he rarely had his area sprayed.

The board agreed to

send out a county engineer to look at Carmike Road after a resident told of the road's poor traveling condition and stated that it was a possible safety issue.

The board agreed to allow Goodman to look into Music's request to see if there's an ordinance about holding public functions on private residences.

“The complaint came to me by a neighbor about the Rodeo Dance that's held every year across from his property,” Music said. “I told him I'd check to see if we have an ordinance that covers that.”

The board approved the consent items, which included the minutes from July 10, 2012, regular session, executive session and workshop; tax collector's recapitulation; mosquito control contractual agreement; mosquito control detailed work plan budget; supervisor of elections certificate regarding matching funds; solid waste franchise agreement with Northwest Sanitation; Unifirst customer service agreement and 911 Office/Dispatch Center agreement with the city of Bonifay.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for 9 a.m. Aug. 14 at the board room behind the Holmes County Court House.

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Washington, Holmes at a glance

Fire department to hold Meet & Greet

WESTVILLE — There will be a "Meet & Greet the Candidates" on Friday, Aug. 10, at Pine Log Volunteer Fire Department. The event will begin at 6 p.m., with a silent cake auction ending at 7 p.m. Hamburger, hot dog or sausage plates will be for sale for \$5. Come out and support your fire department at 1652 Highway 81 in Westville.

Jerusalem Missionary Back to School Pep Rally

CHIPLEY — Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church will have a Back to School Pep Rally from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 11. They will be giving kids free school supplies, and free haircuts will be provided. There will also be free food for the kids and motivational speeches to prepare them for the school year. For more information, call Chester Campbell at 373-7090.

Quarterly HCHS Alumni Luncheon

BONIFAY — The Quarterly Holmes County High School Alumni Luncheon will be at 11:30 a.m. Aug. 14 at Scott's Restaurant (Formerly Simbo's). All alumni, former students and faculty are invited to attend.

Washington County Farm Bureau meeting

CHIPLEY — The annual meeting of the Washington County Farm Bureau is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Aug. 16. A brief business meeting and a performance by PeeWee Johns and Band will follow dinner. Washington County Farm Bureau members will not want to miss this evening of food, fun and fellowship. Members are encouraged to confirm their attendance by notifying the Farm Bureau Office at 638-1756 no later than noon Aug. 13.

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U.S. Rep. Steve Southerland of Panama City, center, holds the possum he won in Saturday's Possum Auction at the 43rd annual Possum Festival in Wausau, while festival chairman Joe Sharp, left, and auctioneer David Corbin look on. The festival began Friday with the annual Possum King and Queen contest. At right, a pair of Glenn Hess supporters gets into the possum spirit during the Wausau Possum Festival on Saturday.



POSSUMS &



pageantry



Above, Possum King Joseph Goodman wrangles a possum during Saturday's Possum Auction. Right, from top, Miss Tiny Baby Fun Day Havynn Mathis waves at the crowd during the Possum Parade on Saturday. Havynn won her title during the 2012 Miss Fun Day Pageant in Wausau on July 28. The pageant is a precursor to the annual possum festivities. Kayla Rudd, left, 2012 Miss Teen Fun Day, waves to the crowd during the parade. Mr. Fun Day King Bentley Locke mulls sharing his candy during Saturday's parade. 2012 Miss Watermelon Olivia Guettler was one of several local beauty queens on hand for the Possum Festival. At right, festival chairman Joe Sharp, left, recognizes Harley Toole as the winner of the cornpone contest at Saturday's Fun Day activities.



Washington County back-to-school shots to be Aug. 11

Special to the News

WASHINGTON COUNTY — We all need immunizations (also called vaccines or shots) to help protect us from serious diseases. To help keep our community safe, the Washington County Health Department is proudly participating in National Immunization Awareness Month.

Shots can prevent infectious diseases like measles, diphtheria and rubella. But people in the U.S. still die from these and other vaccine-preventable diseases. It's important to know which shots you need and when to get them.

Now is the time to make sure your children are up-to-date on their back-to-school immunizations.

WCHD will be giving immunizations for school children from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 11, at the Northwest Florida Community Hospital Back to School Fair.

Immunizations also

are given Monday through Friday at WCHD.

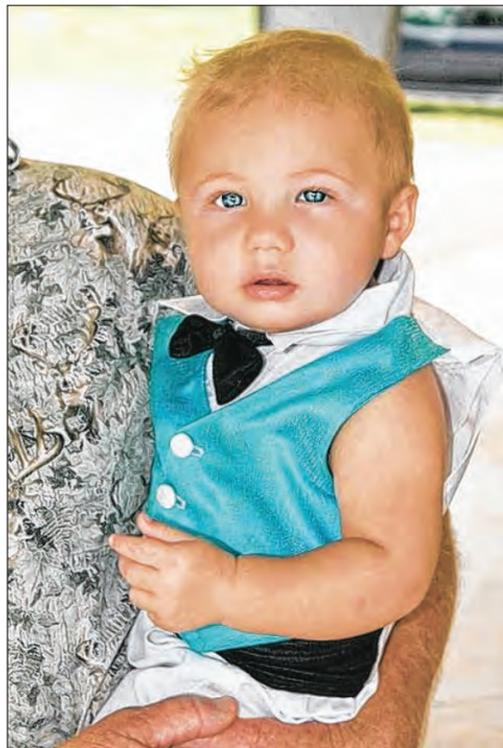
"Get your shots now, before school starts," said Susan Miller, WCHD immunization nurse. "Up-to-date immunizations are a requirement for attendance at school. The Vaccine for Children program provides the required immunizations at no charge to you."

Everyone age 6 months and older needs a seasonal flu shot every year. Other shots work best when they are given at certain ages. Here are some general guidelines:

Children need a series of shots from birth to age 6; pre-teens need recommended shots at age 11 or 12; and all adults need a booster shot every 10 years to help protect against tetanus and diphtheria.

Talk to your doctor or nurse to find out which immunizations you need. For more information, call WCHD at 638-6240.

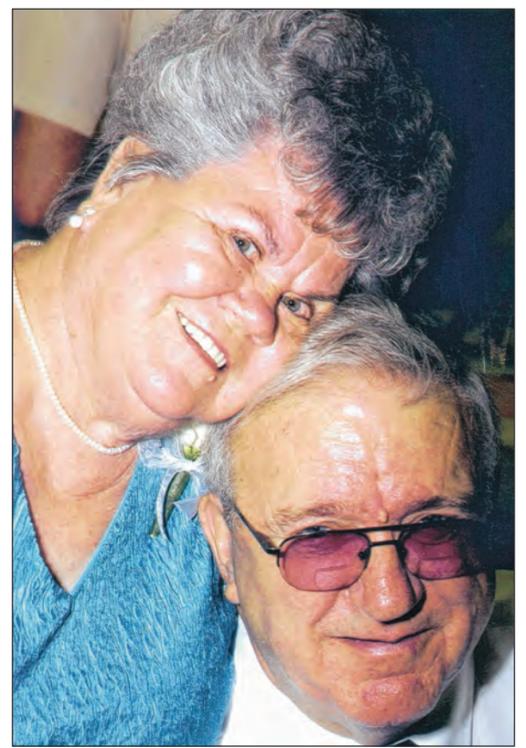
Congratulations



Moody wins Mr. Photogenic

Brantley Garret Moody, son of Kimberly and Garret Moody of Wausau, recently earned the title of Mr. Photogenic in the Possum Festival's "Little Queen & King" Pageant. Brantley is 10 months old and enjoys spending time with his family. He loves ravioli and taters and visiting with his Aunt Taylor. Brantley's parents are very proud of him and would like to congratulate the winners and the runners-up.

Happy ANNIVERSARY



Smiths 50th anniversary

In honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Lowell and Ernestine Smith, their children and grandchildren request the pleasure of your company on Saturday, Aug. 11, 2012, from 2-4 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Bonifay Fellowship Hall, 311 N. Waukesha St., Bonifay. No gifts, please.

Holmes, Washington health departments recognized

Special to Extra

BONIFAY — As local health departments nationwide strive to protect the public from infectious diseases, bioterrorism, natural disasters and other public health threats, the National Association of County and City Health Officials has recognized the Holmes and Washington county health departments for their ability to respond to public health emergencies.

Working independently of each other, the Holmes and Washington health departments met the comprehensive preparedness benchmarks required to be recognized by Project Public Health Ready, a unique partnership between NACCHO and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Holmes and Washington health departments join a cohort of almost

300 local health departments across the country that have distinguished their agencies' preparedness efforts through PPHR.

"We are proud to have been recognized by Project Public Health Ready for our high level of preparedness," said Rick Davis, administrator for both health departments. "We will continue to improve our ability to quickly and effectively respond to any public health crisis for both counties."

"NACCHO commends Holmes and Washington health departments for being a model of public health emergency preparedness," said Robert Pestronk, executive director of NACCHO. "The public health system is making great strides thanks to the good work of leaders in local public health preparedness such as Holmes and Washington health departments."

Local health departments

recognized by PPHR undergo a rigorous evaluation by peer review. PPHR required both health department to meet a set of national standards for public health preparedness in three key areas: preparedness planning, workforce competency and demonstration of all-hazards readiness through exercises or a response to a real event. PPHR recognition confirmed that both area departments have a thorough and coordinated emergency response plan in place, that agency staff members are trained and that the agency exercises the plan and uses it during public health emergencies.

The mission of NACCHO is to be a leader, partner, catalyst and voice for local health departments in order to ensure the conditions that promote health and equity, combat disease and improve the quality and length of all lives.



Clarks celebrate golden anniversary

A reception honoring Bill and Annette Clark as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary will be 2-4 p.m. Aug. 18, at the Student Ministries Building, 1300 South Blvd., First Baptist Church, Chipley.

They are the parents of John Clark and Katherine Moat, who are hosting the reception.

No gifts are necessary. Those who wish may make a donation in our parents' name to the Florida Baptist Children's Homes.

Florida education commissioner to resign

Special to Extra

TALLAHASSEE — Florida Department of Education Commissioner Gerard Robinson submitted a letter of resignation on June 31 to Gov. Rick Scott and State Board of Education Chairman Kathleen Shanahan.

Robinson has served as head of one of the country's largest state school systems since August 2011. Under his leadership, Florida's school system has realized some

major milestones, including raising achievement levels for the first time in a decade, obtaining a provisional flexibility waiver from the U.S. Department of Education from the Elementary and Secondary Education Act — one of the first 11 states to receive notification — and earning national recognition for accomplishments from early childhood learning to the Florida College System.

"The board is extremely grateful for Gerard's leadership this

past year," Shanahan said. "He has worked with the board as we have raised standards for our students and our schools. He is a leader who embodies and understands the importance of education reform. We wish him the best as he makes the decision that is best for his own young children."

Shanahan said the board will be working closely with the governor to identify a replacement. Robinson's resignation will be effective Aug. 31.

CORRECTION POLICY

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

David and Angela Hanes are the parents of Timra Deanne Hanes. Timra was a 2010 graduate of Ponce de Leon High School. David's name and the graduation year were incorrect in the Aug. 1 edition of the Holmes County Times-Advertiser.

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Local crafters donate blankets to NICU

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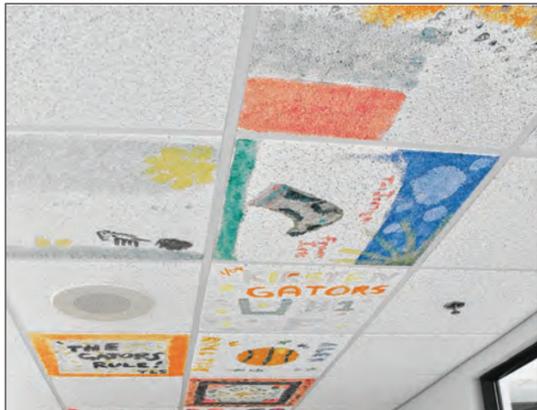
CHIPLEY — The local craft group Krafty Katz made a trip to Scared Heart Children's Hospital in Pensacola July 30 to deliver blankets to the children in the NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit), PICU (Pediatric Intensive Care Unit), the Infant and Toddlers Unit and the School Age Unit.

The group, consisting of Vicki Lamb, Linda Bybee and Cathrine Lamb, took more than 50 blankets, six journals and three hats to the children. The blankets were split between all of the units, the journals went to the school age unit for the children to keep a written statement of their day-to-day life as they are in the hospital, and the hats were given to the oncology unit.

Marina Holley, foundation development coordinator for Scared Heart, gave the group a tour of the different units. Children as they about to be released from Scared Heart Children's Hospital are given the opportunity to paint a ceiling tile to be placed on the ceiling. These tiles are placed on the ceiling in the hallways so the children have something to look at as they go for procedures. Marina showed the ladies the new Healing Garden that was just opened in March 2012.

This is an outside area that has been built between to wings of the hospital to allow patients to get fresh air and do physical therapy without being around other people, which would put the children with immune disorders at risk for becoming sicker.

Linda and Cathrine, the two members that were able to make the trip, were in the company of Vicki



SPECIAL TO EXTRA

Top left: Statue at the entrance of Scared Heart Children's Hospital. **Top right:** (Left to right) Vicki Kirkland, Walmart fundraising coordinator, and Linda Bybee and Cathrine Lamb, Krafty Katz members, present blankets to Marina Holley, foundation development coordinator at Scared Heart. **Bottom left:** Tiles painted by former patients at Scared Heart Children's Hospital lining the ceiling in the hallways.

Kirkland, the Walmart fundraising coordinator.

The Scared Heart Children's Hospital is located in Pensacola. The hospital is the only pediatric hospital providing care to children regardless of ability to pay in Northwest Florida. SHCH is currently serving children from Northwest Florida and south Alabama. The state-of-the-art hospital boasts 106-beds for children, with 55 of those beds being in the NICU. The hospital has been designated by the state of Florida as the only pediatric trauma referral center in Northwest Florida.

Scared Heart Children's Hospital is the area's only Level III NICU. The nurses and doctors are on standby to take care of and treat these critically ill children and to take care of any problems that come

up from these babies being sick and/or premature. SHCH also boasts the areas only PICU. The PICU is a 10-bed unit where they take care of the most critically ill or injured children. There are 50 other beds outside of the NICU and PICU for sick children or for those children who have cancer.

The hospital has a "one-room school," where children can complete their school work so they do not fall behind. There is also an age-appropriate playroom in each of the units, so the children may interact with one another if they are able to.

The Scared Heart Children's Hospital provides pediatric physicians who specialize in the following areas: cardiology; critical care; emergency; gastroenterology; general sur-

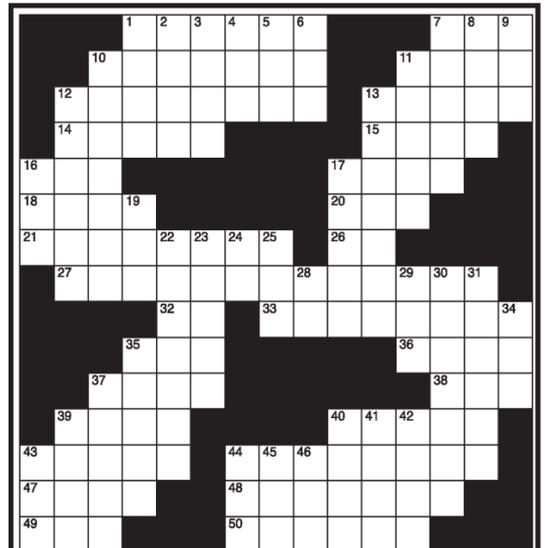
gery; hematology/oncology; nephrology; neurology; neurosurgery; orthopedics; otolaryngology; pulmonology; rheumatology; surgery and urology.

The hospital also offers the following outpatient services with a pediatric specialists: dental clinic; ambulatory care center; emergency department; Nemours Children's Clinic; Developmental Evaluation and Early Intervention Program, and a dialysis unit. They also have a Miracle Camp for children with chronic illnesses. For more information about the Scared Heart Foundation, call 416-4660.

The Krafty Katz will be making another trip sometime between Thanksgiving and Christmas. If you would like to donate material (cotton, fleece or flannel), sheets (the group

uses these for the backs of the blankets), hats (for the children on the oncology unit) or anything else you may wish to send to the units. The group will

also take any new or gently used blankets to the hospital. For more information, please call Vicki Lamb, Krafty Katz member, at 638-1483 or 326-3319.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Disco light
- 7. London radio station
- 10. Aerospace Co. Morton
- 11. Capital of Puglia, Italy
- 12. A phantom or apparition
- 13. Packed wine
- 14. The ocean below 6000 meters
- 15. 1st dynasty: AKA Xia
- 16. Every
- 17. Six (Spanish)
- 18. His ark
- 20. Segment or a circle
- 21. Pres. Johnson or Obama
- 26. 12th Greek letter
- 27. The First Lady
- 32. A blood group
- 33. Takes to task
- 35. Prints money (abbr.)
- 36. Airbus manufacturer
- 37. A instance of selling
- 38. 12th month (abbr.)
- 39. Baseball's Ruth
- 40. 1959 Nobel biochemist Severo
- 43. Weights deducted to obtain net
- 44. To lie scattered over
- 47. 6th Jewish month
- 48. Physical maltreaters
- 49. Founder Franklin
- 50. Published

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Fish of the genus Alosa
- 2. Rock singer Turner
- 3. Muslim weight from 1 to 5 pounds
- 4. Turkish unit of weight
- 5. Bovine genus
- 6. Popular shade tree
- 7. The principal foundation of
- 8. La ___ Tar Pits
- 9. Spanish hero soldier
- 10. Brains egg-shaped grey matter
- 11. Fundamental
- 12. Bast
- 13. Small angels
- 16. Not or
- 17. S Pacific island group
- 19. Ad ___: impromptu
- 22. Gen. ___ DeGaulle
- 23. Hasidic spiritual leader
- 24. Aluminum
- 25. Considerate and solicitous care
- 28. Popular Canadian phrase
- 29. Consumed food
- 30. Hayfields
- 31. About Andes
- 34. Secondary School Certificate
- 35. Pen maker Castell
- 37. Brand of clear wrap
- 39. Past tense of bid
- 40. Resort city on Lake Biwa
- 41. Big Bear was chief
- 42. A group of cattle
- 43. The bill in a restaurant
- 44. People of the Dali region of Yunnan
- 45. One point S of due E
- 46. Pig genus

PET TALK

Human medicines can be poison to pets

This week Dr. Dorothy Black, clinical assistant professor at the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences (CVMM), discusses some common over-the-counter and prescription medications that are toxic to pets.

"Many homes have these medications, and it can be surprisingly easy for pets to get a hold of them," Black said. "Whether pets open bottles, chew on tubes, lick topical medication or just pick up dropped pills off the floor, these medications pose particularly dangerous threats."

Even the most common over-the-counter medications can be dangerous. Non-steroidal anti-inflammatories, NSAIDs, such as naproxen, ibuprofen, acetaminophen and aspirin, can be highly toxic to dogs and cats. These human medications can have profound effects on the gastrointestinal tract, kidneys, liver and hemoglobin in red blood cells. Unfortunately, there is no specific antidote, and an overdose often requires hospitalization

and supportive care.

Most cases of NSAID toxicity have a prognosis of "good" to "guarded" depending on clinical signs.

"It is best not to give any NSAIDs to pets, unless under the direct supervision of your veterinarian," Black said. "And keep medications out of the reach of pets. Pets are naturally drawn to objects that we touch often and pill bottles are regularly handled, so they carry our scent."

"We typically use terms of 'excellent, good, fair, guarded and grave' to give odds of survival in these types of cases. Excellent indicates we have little doubt that, with appropriate care (typically very minimal care), their pet will return to normal function," Black said. "Guarded prognoses usually have a fifty-fifty chance for survival with aggressive treatment, and the pet may not recover to 100 percent of what they were before poisoning. Without treatment the pet is likely to die."

Vitamin D analogs, which are used topically to treat psoriasis, also top Black's list of toxic medicines.

If pets lick the product off the skin, kidney failure could occur. Signs of poisoning are vomiting, diarrhea and increased urination and drinking. As with NSAIDs, there is no antidote. If the pet is decontaminated before clinical signs emerge, the prognosis is good. However, if clinical signs occur, the prognosis is guarded.

"The topical medications are particularly alarming, because if your pet licks the application site on your body, they can unintentionally ingest the medication," Black said. "Many people don't realize the danger that poses to pets."

Medications containing progesterone, such as birth control pills and some topical cancer medications, are also dangerous. If ingested in large quantities, these medications can lead to bone marrow toxicity and seizures. Since there is no antidote for progesterone poisoning, supportive care is the only treatment option if clinical signs are presented, and at that point the prognosis is guarded.

Amphetamines, which

are commonly used to treat Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) can also have alarming effects on pets. If ingested by cats or dogs, amphetamines can cause hyperactivity, aggressive behavior, vocalization, elevated body temperature, heart arrhythmias tremors, and seizures. Although supportive care is usually successful, high-dose intoxications carry a guarded prognosis.

"It should be noted that supportive care can lead to successful recovery, but it is rather expensive and can force some pet owners to make tough decisions," Black said. "This is one of those times that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. It's best to protect your pets from the outset. Keep medications contained and beware of topical applications."

ABOUT PET TALK

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Local Church Appreciation Day announced for Sunday

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It is funny where you pick up an idea. I know I was not born with a truck full of ideas like some people. Take, for example, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. She has more ideas than you can shake a stick at, and, believe me, I have shaken many a stick at her, behind her back, of course.

I have to scrape around for an idea, and then when I do find one I am so exhausted from the search that I am not sure what to do with it.

Then an idea comes looking for me. That is a strange phenomenon.

I was watching the news with my wife when we heard the lead story of the day about the Chick-fil-A Appreciation Day. I'm not sure I know all the political ins and outs of that sort of thing. Everything seems to have some kind of political overtone to it these days.

What was once a matter of morality has become a

matter of policy. Politics have invaded every aspect of our life, and I am so looking forward to heaven where, someone told me and I cannot reveal the source (but the word is out), there are no politics in heaven.

Whenever you have an opportunity to go out and buy some chicken, I say take it. It was not hard to convince my better half to go out for supper. We do not do it too much anymore. What, with the traffic and the finances, it hardly seems worthwhile. That is why I always brag about my wife's cooking.

"Oh, boy," I will say after a meal, "you can't get anything this good at some restaurant."

She smiles, but I suspect she knows what I am saying.

Well, we did try to go to Chick-fil-A, but we could not get within 17 blocks of it. It seems everybody and their third cousin was out getting chicken for supper. Oh well, you cannot

participate in everything, but at least we tried.

As we circled the block for the 19th time, the idea came to me. If we can have a Chick-fil-A Appreciation Day because the head of the company said he believed in some traditional values, then why can't I?

I believe in everything traditional. I am the most traditional person you will ever meet. Before there was a me, there was not much that was traditional. I go back so far I can remember when dirt was clean.

I want the whole world to know that I believe in tradition, and I am not just fiddling on the roof.

I know it is old-fashioned, but I believe in the Bible. If it is in the Bible, I believe it, although I must confess I do not understand everything in the Bible. But then, nobody understands everything in their world. The smartest person knows he does not know everything. I built my life upon the values

stressed in the Bible and I take it as the Word of God.

I believe in singing hymns in church. Most people in America have never heard a hymn let alone sang one in a congregational setting. If you would go to the average person on the street corner and ask what their favorite hymn was they would not know what you are talking about.

I know tradition is old-fashioned, but I still embrace it. If it is traditional, I probably believe it.

Some people believe that if it is new, it is okay, and if it is old, throw it away. Experience teaches us that it is the exact opposite.

Take medicine for example. Sure, many people have benefited from modern advancements in medicine. I appreciate every advancement. But then, if medicine has made such in-roads into our culture, why are more and more people sick? Why

are the hospitals full and overflowing? Why are there not enough doctors to take care of all of the sick?

I am thankful for what medicine has done, but for every cure it achieves, three more diseases pop up sticking out their tongue. Yes, I believe in tradition.

Most people are traditional in many areas of their life. Do you realize that it was traditional for your great, great, great-grandfather to drink water? It was traditional for your great, great, great-grandfather to go to sleep at night, to get up in the morning? And the list goes on and on.

Those things, which are traditional, are those things that have endured the wearing element of time.

In light of all of this traditional head-wagging, I want to propose another appreciation day. This coming Sunday, I declare it to be Local Church Appreciation Day.

Everybody who believes in traditional values will show

up at the church of their choice and make their vote count.

I know it will be a shock, and we run the danger that many church ceilings will cave in, but I think it is worth the risk. Of course, there is the possibility that when many pastors see their sanctuary filled with people they will pass out in sheer shock.

In the meantime, I am going to stick to what the Bible says here regardless of what happens. "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus to you-ward" (1 Thessalonians 5:18 KJV).

Every Sunday should be local Church Appreciation Day.

Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, PO Box 831313, Ocala, FL 34483. He lives with his wife, Martha, in Silver Springs Shores. Call him at 1-866-552-2543 or e-mail jamesnyder2@att.net. His web site is www.jamesnyderministries.com

Church plans mullet fish fry

Mount Zion Independent Baptist Church will be having a mullet fish fry fundraiser. It will be held on from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, dine-in or carryout.

The plates will be \$7 and will consist of fresh mullet, coleslaw, baked beans, hushpuppies, cake and tea. A cake auction

will be held at 6 p.m. All political candidates are welcome to attend and will be given a chance to speak after the cake auction.

This fundraiser will go toward the church building fund. The church is located at 3205 Hwy 2 in Esto, one mile west of Hwy 79.

Let Go of Hate

Hatred and anger are like hot coals, and if you pick them up to hurl them at your enemies you are sure to get burned. All wisdom counsels us to let go of hatred, and tells us moreover that hatred cannot be overcome by hatred. Only love can conquer hate. The Bible tells us to renounce hatred almost as often as it tells us positively to love. Consider the 23rd chapter of Deuteronomy, where God tells the Israelites "Do not despise an Edomite, for the Edomites are related to you. Do not despise an Egyptian, because you resided as foreigners in their country." (Deuteronomy 23: 7) Throughout the Old Testament, the Israelites are instructed in how to live, but finally are told simply that they must have the law of love and mercy written on their hearts. After all is said and done, God cares less for the strict adherence to the letter of the law than to following the spirit of the law, which is love. When in doubt about making a response to someone, we should consider choosing a loving comment.

"Hatred stirs up conflict, but love covers over all wrongs."

Proverbs 10: 12

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Faith BRIEFS

Otter Creek Revival set

Revival Services at Otter Creek Methodist Church will be held at 7 p.m. on Aug. 12-17 (Sunday - Friday). The Rev. Gary Gibben, from Panama City, will be the guest speaker.

Homecoming is Sunday, Aug. 19. The church is located four miles north of Ponce de Leon off Highway 81. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

Shady Grove Baptist Church homecoming

BONIFAY — Shady Grove Baptist

Church will be holding homecoming services starting at 10:30 a.m., on Aug. 19. Charlie Hinson will be the speaker, and he will also be singing. Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall after the service.

The church is located at 1955 Highway 177-A.

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 conference host Sherri Evans will also be speaking. 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 St. in Chipley. For more information, call the church office at 638-1134, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

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

8 to 10 a.m.: Church Fellowship Breakfasts at Around the Corner Grill. Breakfast provided. All denominations welcome.

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.

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

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: On third Fridays, Washington County Council on Aging (Chipley) will have a plate lunch available to anyone as a fundraiser for our local senior citizens. Plates are \$6. Must make reservation at 638-6216 or 638-6217.

3:30: Bead Class every second Friday at Laurden-Davis Art Gallery call 703-0347

6-8 p.m.: Marianna's Gathering Place Foundation has a get-together for 50+ senior singles, widowed or divorced on last Fridays at Winn Dixie in Marianna. Come join the fun for games, prizes and snacks while you get your shopping done. For more information, call 526-4561.

8 p.m.: Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting at Chipley Presbyterian Church.

SUNDAY

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

Obituaries

Warren C. Golden

Warren Calvin Golden, age 89, of Graceville passed away on Sunday, July 29, 2012, at Campbellton-Graceville Hospital. He was born Feb. 13, 1923, the son of Walter A. and Loraine Golden. Mr. Golden served his country in the United States Air Force. He earned a living as a farmer.

Mr. Golden is preceded in death by his parents, Walter A. Golden and Loraine Golden; four brothers and four sisters.

Mr. Golden is survived by his wife, Nettie Golden; two step-sons, Walter Watts and his wife, Sharon,

and Larry Watts; six step-grandchildren, several step-great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The family received friends on Monday, July 30, 2012, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Williams Funeral Homes Chapel in Graceville. Services were held Tuesday, July 31, 2012, at 10 a.m. at Williams Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ernie Gray officiating. Interment followed at Damascus Church Cemetery in Graceville. Williams funeral Home of Graceville is in charge of arrangements.

Kathleen J. Dozier

Mrs. Kathleen Johnson Dozier, age 71, of Westville, passed away Aug. 1, 2012, at her home. She was born Dec. 19, 1940, in Holmes County, to the late Stratten "Buddy" Johnson and Amanda Elizabeth Kirkland Johnson.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Dozier was preceded in death by two brothers, Stratten "Junior" Johnson and Jerry Johnson; one sister, Katie Yates, and two grandchildren, Ashley King and Joshua Sprinkle.

Mrs. Dozier is survived by her husband, Alton Dozier, of Westville; one son, Robert Baxter III of Wetumpka, Ala.; six daughters, Deborah Gallimore and husband, Christopher, of Greenville, S.C., Patricia Bailey of Ft. Walton, Pam Bailey and husband, Richard, of Bonifay, Sherri Marsh and husband, Kurt, of Bonifay, Nanette King and husband, Ricky, of Hartford, Ala., and April Lee and husband, Avery,

of Bonifay; one brother, Mitch Johnson and wife, Barbara, of Bonifay; 17 grandchildren, Robert Baxter Jr., Rhonda Baxter, Jonathan Baxter, Brooks Dills, Brittany Dills, Nicole Blackwell, Mykal Bailey, Heather Bailey, Jamey Bailey, Jeremy Bailey, Dustin Simmons, Alexis Simmons, Adam King, Stacey King, Haley King, Cheyanne Lee, and Ross Lee; one great-grandchild, Brayden Blackwell; one step-son, Billy Wayne Dozier and wife, Cindy, of Ponce de Leon; one step-grandchild, Tony Dozier, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 4, 2012, at Winterville Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Ike Steverson officiating. Interment followed in Steverson Cemetery with Peel Funeral Home of Bonifay directing. Family received friends from 5 to 7 p.m., Friday at Winterville Assembly of God Church.

Edna P. McElroy

Mrs. Edna Pearl McElroy, 86, of Chipley, passes away on Saturday, July 28, 2012, at Washington Rehabilitation and Nursing Center of Chipley. She was of the Baptist faith and a member of Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church. She was a 1943 graduate of Roulhac High School and a 1947 graduate of Florida Normal and Industrial College in St. Augustine, where she received her Bachelor of Science degree. She received a Masters degree from Tuskegee University in mathematics/education in 1964. She taught mathematics at Roulhac High School from 1947 to 1948. She later taught at Vernon High School until retirement in 1978, where she was awarded Teacher of the Year twice during her tenure there. She taught mathematics all her life and she loved all of her students.

Survivors include a

loving sister, Willie Ann Crews (the late, Johnnie Lee) of Chipley; sister-in-law, Christine Williams (the late, George); two nephews, George Edwin Williams and Tony Wayne Crews (Rahcel); two nieces, Simona Beard (Hubert) all of Port St. Joe, and Thawanda Renee Crews (Zannie) of Chipley; numerous great-, great-great-, and great-great-nieces and nephews, all of Florida; and a host of aunts, cousins and other relatives, friends and students.

Funeral services were at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 4, at Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church of Chipley, the with the Revs. Price Wilson and the Mary L. Sharpe, officiating. Interment followed in Northside Cemetery of Chipley. The remains lied in repose at the church one hour prior to services with Cooper Funeral Home of Chipley directing.

James M. Everett

James (Jimmy) Miles Everett, 67, of Vernon, passed away Friday, July 27, 2012, at Northwest Florida Community Hospital. Mr. Everett was born Sept. 11, 1944, in Panama City to Mr. Henry Lloyd and Flossie (Powell) Everett. Mr. Everett was of the Pentecostal Faith and a member of Wausau Pentecostal Holiness Church. He was an air-conditioner repairman.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis Everett, of Vernon; one son, Raymond Everett and wife, Donna, of Covington, La.; one brother, Lloyd Franklin Everett of Panama City; two sisters, Catherine Kirkland

of Wausau, and Vivian Harden of Chipley; and two grandchildren, Katlyn Everett and Kaycee Everett and his loving pet Kelli.

Funeral services were Monday, July 30, 2012, at 3 p.m. at Wausau Pentecostal Holiness Church with the Revs. James Barwick, Roger Dale Hagan and Ernie Gray officiating. Interment followed at Wausau Memorial Garden Cemetery with Brown Funeral Home directing. Family received friends Sunday, July 29, 2012, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Brown Funeral Home Brickyard Road Chapel. Friends and family may sign the online register at www.brownfh.net.

Effie Lee Brock

Effie Lee Brock, born May 21, 1921, in Vernon, to William Thomas Sheffield and Mattilou Moore Sheffield died Aug. 1, 2012, at Northwest Florida Community Hospital. She was an active member of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Vernon.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Edward Brock; her sons Joseph Fredrick Brock and Newton Brock; her brothers W.M. Sheffield, Harvey Sheffield, Jimmy Sheffield, George Sheffield and J.L. Sheffield; and one grandson, Ryan Brock.

She is survived by her sons, Charles Brock and Hayward Brock; daughters, Wanda Brock, Lilla Brown and Donna Duty; brothers and sisters, Dalton Sheffield, Pauline Wells, Willodean Ketter, Elaine

Feldcamp and Pheobe Shaw; 17 grandchildren, Melissa Whitson, Joey Brock, Eddie Brock, Tommy Brock, Stacey Brock, Tracie Herbert, Tonya Burch, Mark Brock, Shasta Evans, Todd Brown, Robin Holland, Ashley Brown, Brandon Brown, Brian Brock, Ryan Brock, Donovan Melton and Kohl Duty; 31 great grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 3 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 5, 2012, at Vernon Evangelistic Church in Vernon, with the Rev. Allan English officiating. Interment followed at Ebenezer Cemetery with Brown Funeral Home directing. Family received friends from 1 to 3 p.m., prior to service at the church. Friends and family may sign the online register at www.brownfh.net

Ray F. Vinson

Ray Franklin Vinson, 80, died July 28, 2012.

Funeral services were

held, July 31, 2012 at Hixson Funeral Home. Interment followed in Prien Pines.

Eleanor C. Howell

Mrs. Eleanor Christine Brock Howell, age 88, of Vernon, passed away Aug. 2, 2012, at Northwest Florida Community Hospital in Chipley. She was born May 19, 1924, in Vernon to the late Harry J. Brock and Mary Vivian Miller Brock.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Howell was preceded in death by her husbands, Frank McDade and Mitchell Brown Howell; two daughters, Janis June Arrant and an infant daughter; one grandson, Jerry Frank McDade; one daughter-in-law, Peggy McDade; and three brothers, Joseph Edward Brock, Doyle Evelyn Brock and Harry Julian Brock.

Mrs. Howell is survived by her four children, Mary Neta Lee and husband Charles, Jerry "Red" McDade, Judy Christine

Hall and husband, John, and Randy Mitchell Howell and wife, Belinda, all of Vernon; one sister, Nella Vivian Miller and husband, James William, of Vernon; 14 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 4, 2012, at Ebenezer Church with the Revs. Randy Howell and Leon Jenkins officiating. Interment followed in Ebenezer Church Cemetery with Peel Funeral Home of Bonifay directing. Family received friends one hour prior to service at Ebenezer Church.

John E. Worthington



JOHN E. WORTHINGTON

John Elton Worthington, 68, of Caryville, died on Monday, July 30, 2012, at his residence in Hinson Crossroads Community of Caryville. Born Thursday, Oct. 28, 1943, in Washington County, he was the son of the late Amos Quincy Worthington and Iris D. Lee Worthington. He was a member of the Vernon Masonic Lodge No. 164, Alabama Electric "AEC" for eight years, West Florida Electric "WFEC" for 27 years, Florida Electric Co-op for five years.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Everett Worthington; a son, John N. Worthington and wife,

Tanya, of Caryville; sister, Phala Jenkins and husband, Herman, of Panama City; a grandson, Quincy Allen Worthington; one niece, Felicia Sims and husband, Tom of Panama City; one nephew, Jim

Jenkins of Panama City; two aunts, Theresa Duke and husband, Aaron of Caryville, and Trudell Worthington of Vernon.

A funeral service was held at 3 p.m. on Thursday at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church with the Revs. Ike Steverson Larry Justice and Bill Rhimes officiating. Entombment was in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Caryville, with Sims Funeral Home directing.

Harriet N. Mims

Mrs. Harriet Nolia Pitts Mims, age 84, of Bonifay, passed away July 30, 2012, at her home. She was born Jan. 25, 1928, in Bonifay to the late James Wilburn Pitts and Malinda Luada Forehand Pitts.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Mims was preceded in death by her husband, Wilburn Mims; two brothers, the Rev. Neil Pitts and Cecil Pitts; and two sisters, Autna Richards and Derlie Pitts.

Mrs. Mims is survived by two daughters, Phyllis Mims Harcus of Bonifay, and Jessica Meintel and husband, Matthew,

of Bonifay; one son, Greg Mims of Ala.; five grandchildren, Skylar Mims, Allison Decastro, Nikki Gill, Shane Howell, and Brian Howell; two great-grandchildren, Alex Meintel and Tai Meintel.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Friday, Aug. 3, 2012, at Bonifay First Assembly of God Church with the Rev. John Chance officiating. Interment followed in Bonifay Cemetery with Peel Funeral Home of Bonifay directing. Family received friends from 5 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 2, 2012, at Peel Funeral Home.

James E. Potter

James E. Potter, 85, of Vernon, passed away Wednesday, July 25, in the Bay Medical Center in Panama City. He was a native and life long resident of Washington County and a member of the Church of God by Faith in Vernon.

Survivors include his children, Mable Patterson (Sammy) of Graceville, Cassaline Davis (Rickey), Gene Potter, Creal Potter, Daniel Potter (Dorothy) all of Vernon, and Ted Potter

(Helen) of Orlando; and many grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4, at the Church of God by Faith in Vernon, with Elder Theodore Powell and the Rev. Theodora Chamberlain, officiating. Interment will followed in Sylvania Cemetery in Vernon with Cooper Funeral Homes of Chipley directing. The remains lied in repose at the church one hour prior to services.

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Community BRIEFS

Student art show on display in August

BONIFAY — Art students from Bonifay Holmes County High School, Middle School and Sofia's Fine Art Studio will be displaying their artwork during August. A reception will be Friday at 5 p.m. It is free and the public is invited. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. The reception will be at Laurden-Davis Art Gallery at 110 W. Pennsylvania Avenue in Bonifay. For more information, call 329-8381 or email laurdendavis@gmail.com.

NFCH Back 2 School Fair scheduled

Chipley — Northwest Florida Community Hospital in Chipley will be hosting their annual Back 2 School Fair from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday at the hospital. It is free to the public. School-age children will receive free haircuts and various school supplies. There will

be food, backpack door prizes and entertainment. The Washington County Health Department will provide an immunization clinic for school-age children at no charge. For more information, call Aileen Koon or Heather Shelby at 638-1610.

Bonifay Middle School orientation

BONIFAY — Orientation for the 2012-2013 school year will be at Bonifay Middle School cafeteria on Aug. 15 for fifth grade at 8:30 a.m. and sixth grade at 10 a.m., and Aug. 16 for seventh grade at 8:30 a.m. and eighth grade at 10 a.m.

Holmes County High School Band Camp

BONIFAY — Holmes County High School Blue Pride Band upcoming events are:
Aug. 6-10: Full band camp from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Aug. 13-17: Full band from 5 to 7 p.m.

AgEnder representative to speak

SUNNY HILLS — Karen Schoen with AgEnder (Americans against UN Agenda 21) will speak at 6:30 p.m., Aug. 15, at Shepherd's Gate Church in Sunny Hills, educating the Washington County residents about the loss of their individual rights and loss of private property. The Church is on Highway 77.

Free hunter safety course from FWC

BONIFAY — The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is offering a free hunter safety Internet-completion course in Holmes County. The course will be at First Baptist Church, 311 N. Waukesha St. in Bonifay. Instruction is from 6-9 p.m. Aug. 17 and 8 a.m. to noon Aug. 18. Students must complete the Internet course before coming to class and bring a copy of the final report from the online portion of the course. The final report form does not have to be notarized. An adult must accompany children younger than 16 at all times. Students are encouraged to bring a pencil and paper to take notes. The hunter safety course is required for people born on or after June 1, 1975, to purchase a Florida hunting license. The FWC course satisfies hunter-safety training requirements for all other states and Canadian provinces. People interested in attending this course can register online and obtain information about future hunter safety classes at MyFWC.com/HunterSafety or by calling

Hunter Safety Coordinator George Warthen at the FWC's regional office in Panama City at 265-3676.

2012 Miss Graceville Harvest Festival

The 31st annual Harvest Festival Pageant will be at Graceville Civic Center at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 7-8. The entry fee is \$55 with all proceeds going to the Graceville Harvest Day Celebration. Contestants may participate in photogenic for an additional \$10. Photogenic entries will be limited to one photo per contestant. Applications may be picked up at Bush Paint and Supply in Graceville, Graceville City Hall, Graceville News and Forget Me Not Photography in Bonifay. Deadline to enter is Aug. 17. Winners will receive a large trophy, large crown and banner. Alternates and participants will receive trophies. For more information, call Teresa Bush at 263-4744 or 263-3072 or Michelle Watkins at the City of Graceville at 263-3250.

Wallace Baseball Showcase set

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

Bonifay Saints sign-ups ongoing

BONIFAY — Bonifay Saints, also known as the Bonifay Bulldogs, will be holding signups every Saturday until school starts from 9 a.m. until noon at Duece's Automotive next to Donut Shop. Registration is \$40.

Farm Bureau annual membership meeting

BONIFAY — The Holmes County Farm Bureau annual membership meeting is 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. RSVP to the office at 547-4227 by Monday, Aug. 20, before noon.

Ruby Ellis (Saddler) Fundraiser

CHIPLEY — Signature Healthcare of Chipley will hold a fundraiser for Ruby Ellis (Saddler) at 10 a.m. on Aug. 24. They will sell fish dinners including fish, baked beans, coleslaw, hushpuppies and a desert for \$6. Delivery is available. For more information, call Valarie Tolbert at 849-3616.

Mature driving class

CHIPLEY — Washington County Council on Aging and AARP are co-sponsoring a mature driving class on Aug. 24. The eight-hour course is developed especially for the senior driver and will be at the Washington County Council on Aging from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Council on Aging building is at 1348 South Blvd., beside the health department in Chipley. The cost of the

course is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. For anyone that was or is in the educational field, the cost is \$5. This National Safety Council Course reviews basic driving knowledge, new traffic laws and introduces techniques to help offset the effects of the aging process on driver performance. This class is approved by the DHSMV for a three-year insurance premium reduction. For more information or to sign up please, call the Washington County Council on Aging at 638-6216.

Pee Wee football, cheer sign ups

BONIFAY — Sign ups will be every Saturday, through Aug. 25 from 9 to 11 a.m., at the Bonifay Rec Center. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate. Cost for football is \$50 per child. Cost for cheerleading for a new cheerleader is \$100, a returning cheerleader from last season is \$50 is your uniform still fits. If you have any questions, call Mark Gilmore at 527-4363 or Michele Sherrouse at 373-6227.

Muskogee Creek History Seminar

CHIPLEY — The Lower Muskogee Creek Tribe will hold a Muskogee Creek History Seminar from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 25. The seminar will be at Blue Lake Community Center south of I-10 on Highway 77. Lunch will be served after the second seminar. The cost for this event is \$20 and includes all seminars, materials and lunch. You must pre-register. For more information, call 229-762-3165, 229-762-3169 or 888-451-0653.

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What employers want from job references

A great resume and solid interview skills may place job seekers in the running for a position, but a survey conducted by OfficeTeam, a leading staffing service, finds that the results of a reference check can really be what makes — or breaks — a job search. Hiring managers interviewed for the survey said they remove about 21 percent of candidates from consideration after speaking to their professional references.

Managers also were asked, "When speaking to an applicant's job references, what is the most important information you hope to receive?" Their responses:

- Description of past job duties and experience: 36 percent
- A view into the applicant's strengths and weaknesses: 31 percent
- Confirmation of job title and dates of employment: 11 percent
- Description of workplace accomplishments: 8 percent
- A sense of the applicant's preferred work culture: 7 percent
- Other/don't know: 7 percent

"When hiring managers narrow the field to a few potential candidates, the reference check often becomes the deciding factor," says OfficeTeam executive director Robert Hosking.

"To distinguish themselves from the competition, job seekers should assemble a solid list of contacts who can persuasively communicate their qualifications and professional attributes."

OfficeTeam offers five tips for creating a reference list that works in your favor:

Choose Wisely
Select people who can discuss your abilities and experience that directly relate to the position, not just those with the most impressive job titles. Offer a mix of contacts who can address different aspects of your background; for example, a former peer may be able to describe your interpersonal skills, while a past direct report can talk about your management style.

Check in Beforehand
Always call potential references first to get their permission and evaluate their eagerness to talk to hiring managers. Be sure to give all references a copy of your resume, the job description and the name of the person who will likely call.

Be Prepared
Provide clear contact information

for your references, including their names, titles, daytime phone numbers and email addresses. Also, offer a brief explanation of the nature of your relationship with each individual. Consider supplying more references than are requested, so you won't miss out on the job offer if the hiring manager can't get in touch with one of your contacts.

Think Outside the Box
It's common for employers to seek out additional references for new hires — either online or through their own networks. Since you never know to whom a hiring manager might reach out, you should not only remain on good terms with your past supervisors and colleagues (if possible), but also be selective about who's in your online network, on professional networking sites such as BeKnown and LinkedIn.

Give Thanks
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