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IN BRIEF

Kiwanis Club presents Dinner Theater

CHIPLEY — The Chipley Kiwanis Club Dinner Theater will present a Night of Music performed by the Chipley High School Drama Team from 6 - 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, at the Washington County Ag Center.

The event is a fundraiser for the Kiwanis Club. Tickets are \$25 each or \$45 per couple. For tickets or more information contact Vickie Williams at 326-0629 or Community South Credit Union at 638-8376.

Soccer sign-ups slated

CHIPLEY — The City of Chipley Parks and Recreation Department will be holding its 2012 soccer sign-ups until Aug. 31. Players must be between the ages of four and 15 as of Sept. 30. The cost to play is \$42.

To register stop by the Pals Park Office from 3 - 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday and fill out a registration form. Applications can be downloaded from www.palspark.org and mailed with payment to P.O. Box 1007, Chipley, FL 32428. Please make checks payable to the City of Chipley. You can also email a completed application form to palspark@cityofchipley.com and bring in your payment by 4 p.m., on Aug. 31. We are also looking for coaches and officials. If you or someone you know might be interested contact Guy Lane at 638-6348 or 527-9275 or email him at palspark@cityofchipley.com

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Brown wins School Board race

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CHIPLEY — Milton Brown is the official winner in the Washington County District 3 School Board race, said Supervisor of Elections Carol Griffin on Friday.

Brown defeated incumbent Pam Shores Cates 2,671 to 2,664 following a recount on Thursday.

On Tuesday night, however, Cates had led Brown by 2,664 to 2,657.

The Thursday recount was mandated because the election margin was so close.

Griffin, along with County Commissioner Joel Pate of the Canvassing Board, finished the election process with a final test of all the voting machines.

Griffin said on Friday that

as far as her office was concerned, Brown is the winner of the race.

All of the machines tested out to be 100 percent accurate, Griffin said.

"We've reviewed the results, and the machines were 100 percent accurate," she said. The retest, called logic and accuracy testing, included running 16 pre-marked ballots through

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U.S. Rep. Steve Southerland shakes his possum at the 43rd annual Wausau Possum Festival Fun Day on Aug. 4. (Below) Southerland discusses his campaign for re-election on Thursday in Chipley.



Southerland looks to November

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CHIPLEY — U.S. Rep. Steve Southerland was in Northwest Florida last week, making friends and flexing his campaign muscles now that the Primary Election is a thing of the past.

Southerland, a Republican, represents the 2nd Congressional District, which now includes Washington and Holmes Counties as a result of redistricting.

A resident of Panama City, Southerland faces Democrat challenger Al Lawson on Nov. 6. Southerland had no GOP challengers in last week's primary.

"It was hard work, preventing a

primary," Southerland said, jokingly. "But I did spend election night with supporters at an election night rally."

Southerland was in the area meeting people and attending Thursday's Reagan Dinner in Bonifay. He was also at the Possum Festival in Wausau, where he'd bid \$450 for a possum during the annual event's fundraiser, the Possum Auction.

"Now we're just trying to get back into shape for the General Election," he said, adding that campaigning was not unlike riding a bicycle. "There's a certain amount of muscle memory involved."

He also visited in Marianna and Chipley on his way to Bonifay on Thursday.



Southerland said he is looking forward to debating his opponent,

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Goodman: Water lawsuit win 'huge'

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CHIPLEY — The July 26 decision by Judge David Maloney that Bay County failed to demonstrate it is entitled to draw water from a well field near the Washington County border is a ruling that will affect the county for generations, said County Attorney Jeff Goodman.

"I can't tell you how huge a win this was for us," Goodman told the Washington County Board of Commissioners on Thursday. "There aren't many cases where I get tickled, but this was exciting."

Goodman said millions of dollars were spent in litigation costs in the course of the lawsuit.

"I went to bed that night and slept with a smile," Goodman said.

On July 26, Judge Maloney, in a 95-page ruling on evidence presented during several days of hearings last fall, recommended the Northwest Florida Water Management District deny Bay County a permit to drill wells that opponents said would threaten the lakes of Sand Hills.

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Commissioners vote to close Powerline Road

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CHIPLEY — Washington County Board of County Commissioners voted on Thursday to abandon Powerline Road, following up on a resident's request made at the July 19 board meeting.

The vote to close the road was 3-1 with Commissioners Todd Abbott, Joel Pate and Hulan Carter voting for and Commissioner Charles Brock voting against. Com-

missioner Donnie Strickland was absent.

Attorney Gary K. Hunter, with the firm of Hopping, Green & Sams in Tallahassee, was on hand representing the Spring Ridge developers, and County Attorney Jeff Goodman presented the case for abandoning the road to the commissioners.

On July 19, Susan Sanders requested the county provide a prescriptive easement and cut short Powerline Road, which runs into the Spring Ridge subdivi-

sion and through a number of platted lots there.

Sanders told the board members that no one actually lives on the road, which takes up about a half acre of her property. She has been living on the property full-time now for three years, she said, and she would like to see the road closed.

"The money spent on grading that road is money spent on a short cut which is used by very few people," Sanders said.

Senior Planner Michael DeRuntz told the commis-

sioners at the July meeting that the road cuts through 11 lots in Spring Ridge, making them non-conforming lots. Sanders asked that the road be terminated on her property and offered to give the county the right-of-way to put a cul-de-sac at the end of the road per the county's requirements.

Goodman said Spring Ridge's developers put the value of each lot at \$15,000, meaning the road affects \$165,000 worth of property.

"What it amounts to is a compensable tak-

ing," said Goodman. "If you choose not to abandon Powerline Road, we will be looking at litigation."

County Attorney Jeff Goodman said the road had been under county maintenance since the 1990s and was a county road, therefore the county could close the road if the board chose to do so.

Goodman said Hunter's attendance at the BOCC meeting showed the seriousness with which the

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the machines and checking the results. "The ballots are marked to represent all possible combinations of results."

After the recount was conducted and the tally came back in Brown's favor, the Canvassing Board convened and checked each voting machine, only to discover the difference in the count seemed to come from the voting machine used for the absentee ballots.

"It appears this machine has given a different result today than it gave Tuesday night," Colby said on Thursday during the recount. The absentee ballots are often folded, and the creases could possibly account for the discrepancy in the count.

Griffin said her office was forbidden by law to do any further recounts. "We did the machine recount and the manual recount, and that is all we are allowed by law to do," she said.

There was a question as to whether or not the creases on the absentee ballots could have resulted in an inaccurate reading by the ballot-counting machine, but in the retest the sample ballots were not creased.

"There is one way to test for that," Griffin said.

Now that the election is complete, the results will move on to Tallahassee. Griffin said she is not through looking into the question of the machine's accuracy, however.

"If anybody is unhappy with getting two different results, it's me," she said. "I have a passion for this office, and I want my results to be accurate."

"Of course, I am disappointed in the results of the school board race and this past week has been like a roller coaster ride," Cates said in an e-mail on Sunday. "On Tuesday night, I went to bed the winner and on Thursday night I went to bed the loser. I personally congratulated Mr. Brown on Thursday afternoon, wished him well and told him I know he will do a good job."

"I am sure he will do just as I have for the past four years and just as I will do until he takes office on Nov. 20, put the education of our children first," she said. "Thank you to all who gave me loving support during my tenure as school board member, during the campaign and since the election."

"When this started I prayed from the beginning, not that I would win,

but that God would give me peace about the results," Brown said Sunday afternoon. Having played sports in high school and college, Brown said he understood that sometimes you win and sometimes you don't. "Of course I wanted to win and I was disappointed Tuesday, but after that I was okay with it."

"I was more nervous after recount when they said I had won," Brown said, adding that he felt either way the election turned out, the county and the school district would be in good hands.

"I Do feel Carol and the Supervisor of Elections office has done everything that they could," Brown said. "If they went any farther they would have been breaking the law, I was there when they when got those results also."

"The biggest thing I would like to add is that my heart goes out to Ms. Cates and the way this happened," he said. "I am looking forward to working with school board and I want to thank all my supporters and all the voters of Washington County, and I am looking forward to working with all the citizens of Washington County."

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and currently Congress is on August recess until after Labor Day.

"Truthfully, not much legislative work gets done between now and November," he said. "Campaigning suck all the air out of Washington."

Southerland noted that Florida's redistricting from 25 to 27 Congressional Districts means two new members of Congress will be elected this year, increasing the state's presence in the Capitol.

Southerland said the Presidential campaign has turned bad quickly this year. "The American people lose when campaign is not about issues," he said.

On the international scene there is more than enough problems to talk about — look at effects of the Arab Spring movement in Egypt and Libya and the destabilization of Turkey, Southerland said. "There is also still an American presence in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the 800-pound gorilla in the room that no one is talking about — Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's efforts at nuclear proliferation in Iran."

"What is happening in that part of the world impacts American families, just as the economic instability in Europe affects American invest-

ments and provides challenges to American investors," Southerland said. "Meanwhile fuel costs are creeping back up and that affects every American family."

On the national front, the national debt is \$6 trillion dollars, Southerland said, and the U.S. taxpayers are paying billions of dollars in interest each month. "Imagine if it were a credit card and you were paying hundreds of dollars a month just in interest," he said.

The biggest problem Southerland said he has with President Obama's administration is the proliferation of regulations. "Regulations have gone insane," he said. "When we stopped his legislative agenda, the President then turned to the departments and started enacting regulations."

"The boot of government is on the neck of the small business man," Southerland said.

The top offenders include the Dodd-Frank Act, health care reform and the Environmental Protection Agency, he said.

"The Dodd-Frank banking regulations were meant for Wall Street, but they have affected local banks, drying up capital small businesses need to expand and compete," Southerland said. "Small

businesses provide 80 percent of jobs in country, but now they do not have access to the capital small businesses need to expand and compete."

The President's Health Care Reform will introduce regulations that, when they take effect in 2014, will also be disastrous for small businesses, Southerland said.

Meanwhile, the EPA is "bigger than life," he says. "I'm not against standards, but holding Florida to tougher water standard than surrounding states just wrong."

Southerland said the EPA regulations enacted during Obama's presidency will decimate factories in this country.

Southerland said he loves rural counties and enjoys visiting Holmes and Washington Counties and looks forward to making new friends and establishing relationships with voters here.

"I serve on the Committee on Agriculture, the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure," Southerland said, "and those committees can be important to rural Florida. Those are places where I can really make an impact on our region, and serving on the agricultural committee is a great honor."

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developer took the issue. "If we don't abandon the road, we will push this to completion," Goodman

said. "It has blossomed into a potential 'taking' case in which we have burned it he lots in Spring Ridge."

"Unless someone has \$165,000 in their pocket, we don't have a lot of choice," said Pate.

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The proposed wells have been controversial since Bay County applied for a permit to drill them in March 2010. Bay County initially wanted a permit to draw an average 10 million gallons of water per day — later decreased to 5 million gallons per day — from the Floridan Aquifer for 20 years. Washington County and The Knight Trust, which owns a considerable amount of land on both sides of the county line, appealed to the Division of Administrative Hearings.

Maloney wrote that Bay County and the district would need to establish three things for the permit to be granted: that there was a need for the water in Bay County, that the draw-down of water wouldn't impact the environment, and that it was in the public interest to allow Bay County to take the water.

Both parties hired numerous experts, who testified to the environmental impact; Maloney found the Knight Trust's experts and evidence more convincing.

According to the ruling, Bay County and the district couldn't establish with the evidence they presented that Bay County needed the water because the county already has a water supply sufficient to meet the demands of the population. The plan was for the well field to serve as a backup water supply in the event the Deer Point Lake reservoir, Bay County's current water source, was contaminated.

Maloney also decided that taking the water would not be in the public interest, in part because the permit didn't restrict emergency withdrawals to "an amount necessary for essential use."

"The failure to show what the impacts will be to these natural systems of extraordinary ecological and environmental quality is weighty when balanced against a need that doesn't exist and that may never arise ..." Maloney wrote.

"Kudos to the board for fighting this and taking a stance to protect the citizens of Washington County," Goodman said. "Future generations of Washington County residents will be protected, not just our children but our grandchildren."



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HC BOCC moves forward for new graders

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BONIFAY — After County Commissioner Kenneth Williams informed the Holmes County Board of County Commissioners on Aug. 14 that their used graders could go for an average value of \$80,000 each, the board agreed to seek bids on new.

“We’ve got a bid outlined and ready to go,” said County Attorney Jeff Goodman. “It will give them three weeks to set up a bid and ready for board review by the first board meeting in September.”

The board approved a resolution stating that the board approved applying for the Florida Boating Improvement Program through the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation to build a boat ramp on the West end portion of the Choctawhatchee River off of Highway 90 in Holmes County.

“The water levels are

looking good now, but when they go down there’s nowhere to put your boat in anywhere in Holmes County,” said Commissioner Jim King. “This will be a valuable asset to the residents in Holmes County.”

Goodman informed the board that an easement was written up and ready for signing in regards to the resident that was willing to donate land off of Tri-County Road to round-off and widen a dangerous curve next to his property.

County Engineer Cliff Knauer explained that they had met with the owner and began the process but had been delayed because of some inconsistencies in the surveys.

“When we originally went out there it looked like he was donating over 1,800 square feet of land, but when we got to digging through the surveys we found most of that land already belonged to the county and the portion he’d be donating was actually not that big,” said Knauer. “It’s a bad way to find out

but at least we now know what we’re working with.”

Chairman Monty Merchant inquired if the curve was all that dangerous, stating that he’d been informed that their would have to be some extensive work needing to be done to smooth the curve and widen the road, such as cutting down trees and leveling the large slope.

Knauer informed him that the landowner had to come out often to pull vehicles out of the ditch because the road wasn’t wide enough to allow for people to pass properly at that corner. He also said that multiple school bus drivers were complaining that the road was too narrow, the curve was too sharp to properly turn a bus and that it could become a possible danger because it created a large blind spot for drivers.

The board agreed to allow Knauer to speak with the owner about signing the easement so that the county could get started as soon as possible.

PRIMARY ELECTIONS

From Staff Reports

In spite of rainy weather, Holmes County and Washington County voters turned out last Tuesday to vote.

Beyond the local races, a number of state and federal offices were up for grabs on Aug. 14.

Below are the complete, unofficial election results provided by the Supervisor of Elections Office, state Division of Elections and The Associated Press. Races with only one candidate are not included. X denotes unofficial winner. Results are not considered final until certified by elections officials.

U.S. SENATE

Democrat
6,153 of 6,153 precincts - 100 percent
Glenn Burkett 185,451 - 21 percent
x-Bill Nelson (i) 688,919 - 79 percent
GOP
6,153 of 6,153 precincts - 100 percent
x-Connie Mack 660,163 - 59 percent
Mike McCalister 155,761 - 14 percent
Marielena Stuart 82,210 - 7 percent
Dave Weldon 226,457 - 20 percent

U.S. HOUSE DISTRICT 2

Democrat
326 of 326 precincts - 100 percent
Leonard Bembry 22,447 - 26 percent
x-Al Lawson 46,955 - 55 percent
Alvin L. Peters 11,951 - 14 percent
Mark Schlakman 4,667 - 5 percent



STATE ATTORNEY 14TH DISTRICT

Republican
108 of 108 precincts - 100 percent
Jim Appleman 17,581 - 32 percent
x-Glenn Hess 37,682 - 68 percent

FLORIDA HOUSE DISTRICT 5

Republican
64 of 64 precincts - 100 percent
x-Marti Coley 9,923 - 69 percent
Danny Glidewell 4,507 - 31 percent

FLORIDA HOUSE DISTRICT 7

Democrat
102 of 102 precincts - 100 percent
Thomas Dickens 7,155 - 26 percent
x-Robert Hill 11,141 - 40 percent
A.J. Smith 9,451 - 34 percent
GOP
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Don Curtis 1,830 - 17 percent
Jamey Westbrook 2,253 - 21 percent
Mike Williams 2,560 - 24 percent



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Opinion

Memories come back while volunteering

The Prattler volunteered for a four-hour stint in the Vernon Historical Society Museum Aug. 15 after an absence of several months. The museum has been assigned a fourth classroom in the old Vernon High School by city officials. This will allow space for the continuing flow of writings, pictures, antiques and other vintage items of the past to be properly displayed and protected for those coming to the facility to view and enjoy. The Vernon Museum is open each Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for visitors to come in for research or simply observing the vast array of interesting materials. Volunteers are needed and encouraged to assist in keeping the museum open. Contact Angia Morris at 535-2083 to offer your service.

The first room of the museum was homeroom to this 1944 Vernon High School graduate and holds many fond memories of years gone by. Previous visits have inspired "Prattler" writings, which obviously found a lodging place in the hearts and minds of readers.

The writer had not been on duty but a short while on Wednesday when he came across an August 1934 issue of "The Progressive Farmer," an item recently added to the magazine table. I did not recall that a second and third line to the title



PERRY'S PRATTLE
Perry Wells

of the magazine included... "and Southern Ruralist for Southern Farms and Homes".

Since the Prattler's birth date is August 24, 1927, a quick calculation told me that I was seven years old when this magazine was delivered to our rural home by mail carrier, Mr. Lurie Stott, on Route 11 out of the Bonifay post office.

My grandfather, James Thomas Wells, knew when the popular paper would be delivered, and we knew that he would make the half-mile walk to delve into some of his favorite reading.

Knowing that "Hambone's Meditation" by J. P. Alley (Copyright 1934 by Bell-Syndicate Inc.) was one of grandpa's favorite columns, I immediately looked to see if was contained in this antique issue of Progressive Farmer. To my delight, there it was toward the back of the book, complete with the sketch of the old tattered gentlemen attired in overalls and hat. He was always ready to give some of his home-spun, down-home philosophy delivered in southern dialect, his trademark: "W'en you heahs a man runnin' down his own neighborhood, he mos-eginally right bout it-hit ain't hahdly a fittin' place to lib in wid a man lak dat in it." Mentioning overalls, this farmer magazine contains two

advertisements for men's overalls. One brand is "Sanforized -Shrunk" and the second is "Carhartt Shrunk overalls - now better than ever."

The Plymouth Motor Corporation, a division of Chrysler Motors, advertised a standard 1934 Plymouth Coupe for the reduced price of \$85. My thought went to my work experience on Panama City Beach at the age of 13, where Mr. D. T. Lloyd, my hard-nosed boss man, drove this model car to his construction job in town and pulled a trailer loaded with garbage to the nearby open land fill, with yours truly doing all the dirty work.

Philco, Low Boy battery-powered console radios at the low price of \$95, complete with battery, were advertised. The nearest dealership was Pensacola Hardware Company.

Flit Spray was recommended for "keeping kitchens free from ants and cockroaches and bedrooms free from bed bugs and moths as well as disease bearing flies and rest disturbing mosquitoes."

The monthly feature, "I See By The Ads" by Bill Casper, was another of Grandpa's favorite reading. In this 78-year-old "Progressive Farmer," the writer mentions that a "cheaper medicine for headaches is coming on the market" and tells a story of a 'White Leghorn Hen, hatched March 15, 1933, and began laying

November 3, 1933. The writer may run this report by poultry expert Dr. Bruce Christmas to see if this a likely probability.

A featured agriculture article in the edition told of the governmental agency AAA's effort to produce crop acreage on cotton and tobacco products. This brought back the memory that this actually happened with farms being paid to plow up portions of the planted crops prior to harvesting on the theory that the remaining yield would bring a better price.

A second writing was stressing the importance of terracing, then planting legumes "to build up your poor land for larger crop yields."

A Camel cigarette advertisement used this come-on slogan "When tired try this delightful way of restoring your energy." No warning of any kind on smoking was contained in the ad.

The screwworm epidemic of those years was addressed in this issue of the magazine. The "prattler" well remembers this threat to livestock productions that sent farmers into panic compared to Bible days with the plagues and pestilence faces when grasshoppers and locusts were eating up the food necessary for those fleeing Egyptian bondage.

An article on a cream production farm operation in Texas brought back memories when my grandparents



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

A Texas scene from 1934, with a farmer awaiting arrival of the Creamery pick up vehicle, is typical of the 1934 happenings on the J. T. Wells farm in Washington County.

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in the county seat, Before departing today, the birthday boy will share honors with brother, Jim Wells, with an Aug. 21 birthday, and our good neighbor, Bill Webb, with an Aug. 22 special day. Bill always reminds me that he is two years my senior when this time of the year rolls around. See you all next week.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
I have not written this article in a fit of anger, though I could have. I have taken months to try to get all the facts, and the enclosed is the result. Everyone needs a chance to voice their opinion, but no one seems to "know anything." My opinion is that "someone" does but is keeping quiet. Why?

Does "being quiet" make destroying graves more acceptable? No.
I am a great-grandmother who was born and raised in Holmes County. I have lived in DeFuniak Springs in the past and now reside in the woods of Geneva County, Ala. For more than a decade I have enjoyed book signings and speaking

dates involving many senior groups. My fifth book was published when I was 80. I am a 1947 graduate of Ponce de Leon High School and earned an A.A. degree in journalism when the youngest of five was in kindergarten. I am presently doing online classes for a B.A. in biblical studies; it will help to keep my mind

active and give me a challenge.
I haven't learned how to "twiddle my thumbs" and don't intend to learn.
Thank you for printing the enclosed information. People need to know.
Sincerely,
Lura Spears Zerick

(The following is the article that was included with the letter)

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Is nothing sacred anymore?

I was taught not to walk on the top of a grave in the cemetery, so all these years I walked around any a grave whenever I was visiting a cemetery. Time does change almost everything, apparently. Now, if you want a loved one buried in a large family plot, simply destroy those grave sites that might be in the way and go ahead, bury your loved ones there. Those huge spaces weren't empty of graves even when I was growing up. The point is that many of the families of those who were buried there are now dead and buried somewhere else. Since so many "old timers" are gone, who is to know and/or complain?

Though I have been a word person over 45 years, there are no words to describe my pain and anger at being unable to find the graves of two infant sons who were stillborn and buried in the Leonia Cemetery in Holmes County. An older sister and four baby girls were also buried there. She and her husband had

the RH Factor, which was fatal to babies many years ago. My first baby (1948) was buried on the left of one of her babies' grave. None of these graves can be found today. During those days, small dishes (such as colored saucers) were placed on top of the ground to indicate that it was the grave of an infant. At that time people understood what those dishes meant. Few families had the money to place a name marker on the grave. My second baby, buried in 1961, did have a name marker, but that is gone too. I visited that grave many times; I know where it was.

I have encountered all kinds of people, and as I get closer to 82, I am appalled at the things many will do all under the heading of greed or selfishness, the worst types of cancer. My mama told me as I was growing up, "Honey, when you are nice to people, they will be nice to you." Sorry to tell you this, Mama, but that is not true. You also used to say, "it takes all kinds" and I'm glad you are not here to see what

'all kinds' have come out of the woodwork; you probably would not believe what you see. Sometimes I have that same problem; I don't understand why and how people can do the things they do.

I have been unable to find anything resembling a map of the cemetery. Doesn't it make sense to keep a record of the name, location and date of a burial? No one seems to know anything about the cemetery. The Pastor of Leonia Baptist Church told me that they didn't own the cemetery any longer, but he could not tell me who owns it now. He was to call me back 'in a few days' but has not called. The church secretary said that the church has no papers concerning who is buried there, or when they were buried. I went to the courthouse in Bonifay to learn who owns the cemetery but did not get a satisfactory answer. No one knows anything. I do not want to sue anyone but only to share the fact that graves are being destroyed.

I had been told that some papers regarding the cemetery were at the Holmes County Library. I learned nothing new there, only a reminder that my infants, not my sister's infants, were even listed as being buried there. I had already learned that by going online.

So who do you contact if you want to bury a loved one in the Leonia Cemetery? I realize that someone has started a new cemetery. Who is in charge here? Are they keeping any records of the new cemetery? Will they stand up?

I don't know if destroying a grave is a crime, but it should be. The fact is that seldom are there people around who can witness who does what. What do they do with the name markers, just throw them in the trash? Take the evidence with them to throw away later?

I checked with the funeral home that handled the funeral of the stillborn baby who

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SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Left to right: Gweneth Collins and President Karen Roland of Chipley Garden Club; President Roxane Bush of Wausau Garden Club; FFGC District II Director Jane Brewer; Inga Ross of Wausau Garden Club; Margaret Chesnut and President Pam Cates of Vernon Garden Club.

Local garden clubs attend summit

Special to the News

Members of the garden clubs of Chipley, Vernon and Wausau attended the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs District II Fall Summit on Saturday, Aug. 18, at the clubhouse of the Gulf Beach Garden Club in Panama City Beach.

After welcoming clubbers from 13 clubs in Northwest Florida, District II Director Jane Brewer presented updated rules for applying for awards, shared new recruiting ideas and ways of involving children and senior adults. Club presidents also were invited to share last year's successes and upcoming events.

Chipley Garden Club President

Karen Roland recalled the Spring Gardens and English Tea and invited everyone to participate the Scarecrow Contest in October.

Vernon Garden Club President Pam Cates spoke of 2011's Fall District II Meeting in Vernon and other projects. She also stated they are applying for a state grant for landscaping after the construction in Vernon is complete.

Wausau Garden Club President Roxane Bush proudly reminded the group of Wausau's new Blue Star Highway marker and the club's plans for a community garden. There were many other projects working with children and older adults, landscaping, workshops, crafting, birds, field trips, flower

shows and so much more.

Director Brewer stated she was extremely proud of all the clubs in District II.

Even though this district is one of the smallest in the state, we brought home more awards - state and regional - than any of the larger clubs in Florida. The District II clubs are very active and work to improve their communities via beautification and education.

New members are welcome to join at anytime. In Chipley, contact Karen Roland at 638-9968. Contact Pam Cates at 535-4224 in Vernon and in Wausau, contact Roxane Bush at 648-7918. Come join us and celebrate the JOY of garden clubbing.

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was born in January 1961. They had told me on the phone that they also added an approximate location of the grave. When I called again for more information, I was told they didn't keep records that long. So nobody knows anything, but I know something.

Whoever has loved ones buried at the Leonia Cemetery, you need to go and check that their graves are still there. If a huge family needs a big family plot, the graves of your loved ones might be destroyed to make that possible.

When a loved one passes, one or two members of that family go with someone to the cemetery to show where that person is to be buried. There must be space available; you don't simply destroy graves that might be where you want your loves on buried. Doesn't that make sense or has common sense disappeared?

I am not an angry person, but I am angry that anyone would destroy my babies' graves or anyone's graves. That is wrong and evil. Family plots are nice but there must be empty spaces for this to be possible. I remember that cemetery from the late 1930s and 1940s, before the school building burned. Those huge family plots have not been there that long.

I don't know who is responsible for this terrible deed, but I know the one who knows all about it. I imagine few are aware of this terrible destruction, but in my opinion, they need to be informed, and now some of them are.

I can be reached at lzerick@aol.com if anyone has questions or answers.

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Blackburn ~ Cabaniss

Together with their families, Melanie Blackburn and Will Cabaniss, both of Montgomery, Ala., announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. The bride-elect is the daughter of Charlotte H. and Tony Gilmore of Clayhatchee, Ala., and the late Police Capt. L.W. Blackburn, Jr., of Montgomery and Millbrook, Ala. She is the granddaughter of Joyce and Merle Caylor of Chipley, the late Claud Hicks of Vernon, and the late L.W. Blackburn, Sr., and Thera Olene Blackburn of Montgomery. The groom-elect is the son of Lori and Wyman Cabaniss of Montgomery. His grandparents are William F. Miller and the late Marjorie Miller of Decatur, Ala., and the late Wyman R. and Edith Cabaniss of Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Melanie is a 2002 graduate of Calvary Christian Academy, a 2006 graduate of Faulkner University, where she received her bachelor's in biology, and a 2011 graduate of Alabama State University, where she received her doctorate in Physical Therapy. She is employed as a Physical Therapist for Jackson Therapy Partners in Greenville, N.C.

Will is a 2003 graduate of St. James School in Montgomery, a 2006 graduate of Faulkner University, where he obtained his bachelor's in biology, and a 2011 graduate of the University of Alabama School of Medicine in Birmingham, where he obtained his doctorate in medicine. He currently is an Emergency Medicine Resident with Vidant Medical Center in Greenville, N.C., an affiliate of the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University.

An Oct. 13 wedding is planned in Montgomery.

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Hooked on Outdoors

Have you ever had the occasion to have really good luck on several fishing trips and then you take along a friend and bam, you can't seem to catch another good day fishing no matter how hard you try? These people are what are commonly called black cats. They are pure unadulterated bad luck.

I never used to think of fishing as good or bad luck,

but that has changed as of late. I always noticed I had better fishing when I went with someone who was a better fisherman than me or should I say knew more ways to fish or



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tried different methods. I looked forward to fishing with these guys realizing I would come away knowing a little more than when we left that morning.

I have been besieged by a hoard of people who not always, but most of the time cause the fish not to bite. I know that sounds silly, but it is true. The Dog Doctor is the black cat of black cats. He started having fishing troubles long before we first went fishing. He lost his touch fishing for bream and it has gone downhill from bream to suckers and now he's working on speckled trout with great success. He started fishing with me and he brought this contagious disease with him and now it has infected my boat and tackle.

I always have a better time if I go by myself. Have you ever had someone who always is looking at his watch? Especially if the fish aren't biting, they act as if they have a plane to catch. This makes me want to jump out of the boat. If you want to move you have to explain to them why. Most of the time it is just better to go by myself and if the fish don't bite I don't have to explain why to someone else.

Another type of fisherman I know everyone has taken with them is the guy that couldn't catch a fish if his life depended on it. He just sort of sits there while everyone is either catching fish or at least losing their bait. There usually are reasons for this, but they are so numerous I couldn't cover them all in a day.

This type of person will not take any advice. They don't seem to be on the same page as everyone else. If someone else is beating me like a rented mule you can bet I'm going to watch every move they make until I at least catch up in the number of fish caught.

So if you need someone to take fishing, I can help you out. I have more cat friends than the Humane Society. Some of them bring absolutely no tackle, preferring you to supply them and most of them have never brought a sandwich or a Coke for as long as I have known them.

They are a good group of guys if you need some company, but don't expect to be eating fish for supper unless you use shrimp for bait and have some left over.



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Emily Duval shows off her 4.1-pound speckled trout. She placed first in the kayak category of the Big Mac Shoot Out held behind the Elks Lodge on Okaloosa Island earlier this year. **Below** is the boat she fished in with her dad in the tournament.

Hooked on kayak fishing

By TINA HARBUCK

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It only took one.

"The first time I caught a fish out of kayak, I was hooked," Capt. Linda Cavitt told the more than 100 people gathered Wednesday night for the Emerald Coast Saltwater Seminar at North Light Marina.

After that fish took her for what she called a "sleigh ride," she was on board for kayak fishing.

Cavitt, who is on the pro staff team for Sunjammers Watersports out of Panama City, joined redfish professional Sonny Granger in explaining the ins and outs of kayak fishing.

Cavitt has caught everything from sailfish to speckled trout aboard a kayak.

"It's very light and very manageable," she said of the Hobie Revolution 11 kayak she brought along to the seminar.

She explained the most popular kayak for fishing is one with pedals that leaves your hands free to fish.

"Plus it's also good for trolling," she said, referring to the speed you can go by pedaling.

"Also the women like the pedals because they can do it with their legs," where they are usually stronger than in their upper body.

The kayak is also easy to haul around.

It can fit in the back of a truck or on a rack on top of a vehicle, "and you can launch it anywhere you have access to water," she said.

"So it gives you a ton of freedom to get to spots," Granger said.

Cavitt's kayak is equipped with storage, a fish finder, pedals, hatch for tackle, padded seat, and a crate mate with three extra rod holders.

"I was an angler first, then a kayaker," she said, noting she had some "painful and expensive" mishaps early on.

"Now I tie everything down," she said.

Although she says a kayak is very stable, they can sometimes flip in the surf.

Like fishing off any boat, she said, you want to practice safety first.

"You want to be visible on the water, you want to be seen," she said. Cavitt has a flag on the back of her boat as well as a light.

Plus kayakers should have a lifejacket and a noise-making device such as a whistle.

She always carries a knife as well to cut fishing line if needed.

Another advantage of

fishing out of kayak is it allows the angler access to shallow water.

"You are able to get up among the fish" because of the lack of noise, Granger said.

Cavitt uses the kayak to fish in the gulf and bay, although she says she doesn't venture out much past 3 miles.

"It's amazing what people are catching," she said out of kayaks.

She catches, redw snapper, grouper, king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, mahi mahi and bonito all from the kayak.

Inshore she pulls in redfish, trout and flounder.

Cavitt says she finds the fish like most seasoned anglers. She

looks for diving birds or bait pods.

However, "if it's blowing more than 10 miles per hour, I'm not going."

As for tackle, she said the angler doesn't need anything huge, about a 7-foot rod and a Tyrnos reel with 40-pound Braid is good.

The thing to remember is "everything is more compact" in a kayak.

"It can be challenging but rewarding," she said.



FWC: Leave fawns alone

By STAN KIRKLAND
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This is the time of year when people are in the woods, taking a leisurely stroll or checking on their favorite hunting location. It's also when does are having their fawns, particularly in Northwest Florida, and there is the temptation by some to take these deer home and make pets out of them.

This temptation is the strongest when people assume the baby deer is abandoned just because they don't see an adult nearby. More likely than not, the adult is out foraging and will return when no humans are nearby.

Taking a fawn home is a bad idea on several fronts, according to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

"First, it's illegal to remove a deer from the wild to make a pet out

of it," said FWC Investigator Jerry Shores. "An individual needs a permit for personal possession and we simply don't issue those permits.

"Instead, we put those deer with licensed wildlife rehabilitation facilities and the deer are released back into the wild when it's appropriate."

Shores said people who attempt to raise deer at home often have no idea what the deer's dietary needs are. Additionally, he said, deer raised as pets are commonly around other family pets, such as dogs.

"The pet deer doesn't associate the dog as danger but as soon as that deer encounters a neighbor's dog, the deer gets injured or killed," he said.

Even doe deer raised in captivity, as docile and beautiful as they are, can become dangerous. Shores said does will sometimes rear up on their back legs and flail away with



TRAVIS HOWELL | FWC

A fawn is seen in Jackson County.

their front legs, their sharp hooves able to cut or severely injure a child or adult.

With buck deer, it's even worse. There have been dozens and dozens of reports across the country of captive bucks injuring owners and bystanders. That is because bucks change as the "rut" kicks in during the fall and their level of testosterone increases. They become more aggressive and anyone who enters their pen or enclosure is subject to being injured or killed.

Last year a local encounter shores just how unpredictable pen-raised deer can be. Shores said a husband, wife and 4-year-old

daughter visited a high-fenced farm in Liberty County where a large pen-raised buck had been released. Without warning, the buck charged and knocked the child down but missed her with its antlers. The child had bumps and bruises but no serious injuries.

"The good news is that over the last several years we've seen fewer cases where people are taking fawns home," Shores said. "I think most people understand that this is not a good idea."

If you know for certain that a fawn has been orphaned, please call the Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922).

Blue Devils aim for focus amid high expectations

By BRAD MILNER

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BONIFAY — There's an easy way to make a football coach cringe. Tell them their team is the favorite, to win just about everything, and they'll recoil faster than a Slinky.

This is the problem facing Holmes County coach Brad Johnson, if you could call it a problem, that is. It's as good as a problem to have as any, however, as he scans a roster that returns 17 starters from a District 3-1A championship team that was a win away from the state semifinal. The whispers, which grow louder in August, suggest a potential Holmes County-Bratt Northview encounter late in the season for a spot in the state final.

Johnson chooses to quell those whispers for now, at least until they become shouts in the weeks ahead.

"Sitting here, looking at it right now, you think you have a pretty good chance to get back to the playoffs," Johnson said. "You have a little success and want to build on it. We have a good shot, but I don't want to give too much bulletin board material."

Holmes County finished 10-2 after falling to Chipley 27-6 in the regional final. Johnson wouldn't give lofty predictions, but he did say the team "circled the date" when the teams are set for the Nov. 2 meeting this season.

There is much reason for optimism, and it begins with the return of Kodi Russ at running back. The senior rushed for 948 yards, scored 18 touchdowns and was the workhorse for an offense that saw little opposition until Chipley. He again will be the main rusher in a potent offense.

"I don't know if you can expect any more; he's pretty danged good," Johnson said. "We will rely on him like we have in the past, and he will step up and deliver like he has in the past."

Johnson is hopeful a switch for Jacky Miles from running back to quarterback will add a new dimension to the offense and spruce up the passing game. Miles has experience at quarterback at Graceville as a sophomore, and he played running back during recovery from an arm injury as a junior transfer to Holmes County. He's fully healthy this season and brings leadership following a stint at catcher on Holmes County's state runner-up baseball team.

"It's big for us. Through the summer he's transitioned well to it," Johnson said of Miles, who will replace one of the few departures in Ethan Russ. "He's still a great run threat back there, too, and he can throw the ball."

Joining the duo at the skill positions are a group of talented and experienced players. The list is led by senior Franklin Russ, who replaced Kodi Russ at running back during spring drills while the latter played for the Blue Devils' baseball team. Franklin Russ played at wide receiver last year, and Johnson said the switch and the return of junior Ty Russ will add needed



HOLMES COUNTY SCHEDULE

All games start at 7 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 24: at Graceville (Kickoff Classic)
Friday, Aug. 31: at Blountstown
Friday, Sept. 7: Jay
Friday, Sept. 14: at Baker
Friday, Sept. 21: Bozeman
Friday, Sept. 28: at Port St. Joe
Friday, Oct. 12: at Vernon
Friday, Oct. 19: at South Walton
Friday, Oct. 26: at Cottondale
Friday, Nov. 2: Chipley
Friday, Nov. 9: Marianna

depth to spell Kodi Russ.

Ty Russ and seniors Dustin Janas, Jordan Segers and Austin Burk comprise a group of wide receivers that have shown improvement. Ty Russ and Janas combined for 24 receptions and 460 yards last season.

Holmes County lost only one offensive lineman, center Will Farmer. Sophomore Chase Forehand will take over at center after starting at right guard last season. Juniors Brit Bailey and Perry Lee are competing for the new right guard position.

Seniors Garrett Gardner and Sam Wells return to anchor left guard and left tackle, respectively, and senior Zach Cooley is back at right tackle. Johnson said there is depth with young backups Hunter Parish, Ruben Martinez and Thomas Parish filling in as needed.

Gardner, the team's leading returning tackler, will anchor the linebackers corps along with Segers, Forehand and possibly Miles, who could see time at the position as well as defensive back. Johnson has little doubt Gardner can perform even better this season to replace the output of the departed Tanner Bryant, who led the team with six sacks.

Janas, Sam Wells, senior Tyler Wells and Chris Newton comprise the line. Miles, Burk, Ty Russ, Kodi Russ, Franklin Russ and senior Phil Agolio will work in a rotation at defensive back to give the Blue Devils versatility with size and speed.

Holmes County limited opponents to 13 points per game last season. The Blue Devils scored almost 30 points a game and a statistical repeat, or expected bump in scoring, again will make it difficult for rural opponents.

Johnson continued to refrain from bold predictions but said the locker room has a different feel to it this season. Last year, the team ended a long playoff drought. He knows they see more on the horizon.

"The kids are fired up, and they're excited about the season," Johnson said. "They're ready to go out and see what happens."

Yellow Jackets hope for return to state playoffs

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VERNON — Have Hunter Dobbs, will travel.

That was the case last year as Dobbs led Vernon to the state playoffs for the first time since 2007. He's spent considerable time at quarterback since his freshman year, but his insertion at running back gives the Yellow Jackets a player on whom they can focus the offense.

"He's outstanding. I don't know what else you can say," Vernon head coach Ryan Boyd said. "He hits the weight room and does everything he's supposed to do. He's always been a leader ever since he got here. He's played varsity since the day he stepped on campus. He's always been a leader. He's always been good to the younger kids. He's helped out in any way possible."

Dobbs led the Yellow Jackets to a District 2-1A title and the Class 1A postseason last fall. Although he has proven he can direct the offense from under center, Vernon has another player — Dylan Kirk — who has showcased his own ability at quarterback. Kirk's presence has freed up Dobbs to be the lead tailback.

"He got about five games in (at quarterback), plus the playoffs," Boyd said of Kirk. "He's kind of a gamer. He's relaxed back there and makes good decisions, doesn't turn it over and gets the ball in athletes' hands."

Boyd said Vernon had 30 players turn out for the fall, an uptick from last year. He said the roster will be junior-heavy and features only four seniors, but he said the team is hungry to return to the playoffs and improve on a 4-7 finish.

"It gave them a little taste in the mouth," Boyd said. "They seem to like it."

Boyd is entering his second season as Vernon's head coach, and he acknowledged that having a full year to his credit has made his job easier entering this season. He noted his familiarity with the team's personnel and players. That works the other way, too, of course. Vernon's players have a much better grasp of Boyd's expectations and those of his coaching staff.

"Everyone coming in knows what their role will be," Boyd said.



VERNON SCHEDULE

All games start at 7 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 24: at South Walton (kickoff classic)
Friday, Aug. 31: at Chipley
Friday, Sept. 7: Wewahitchka
Friday, Sept. 14: at Bozeman
Friday, Sept. 28: at Liberty County
Friday, Oct. 5: at Cottondale
Friday, Oct. 12: Holmes County
Friday, Oct. 19: at Graceville
Friday, Oct. 26: at Bratt Northview
Friday, Nov. 2: Sneads
Friday, Nov. 9: Baker

Boyd, who said he'll have several players competing on both sides of the line of scrimmage, said he has three returning starters on the offensive line. He is pleased with the four starters on the defensive line, though he warned that depth is a concern there.

Vernon has a pair of safeties in the defensive backfield — strong safety Cody Harmon and free safety Austin Brown — who will highlight the defense. Boyd also mentioned senior Casey Boukard.

"Cody's all over the field" defensively, Boyd said. "He's not a big guy, but he's not afraid to come up and hit you. Austin, he's a (6-foot-2) receiver who plays free safety for us. He covers a lot of ground in the middle of the field. He's good to have back there. ... Casey Boukard is a middle linebacker who did a good job last year."

Boyd expects the district to be tough again with Graceville, Sneads, Cottondale and last year's league runner-up, Wewahitchka, contending for playoff spots. He said the team got out to a slow start in 2011, losing three of its first four games. The Yellow Jackets rebounded, however, to make a late push for the playoffs. They might follow a similar path this season, playing four of their first five games on the road.

"We had a lot of guys who hadn't gotten on the field before and did a good job for us," Boyd said. "There wasn't a whole lot of experience, but they got more as the year went on."

Biffle leads Cup standings

BROOKLYN, Mich. (AP) — Jimmie Johnson looked as if he had already finished the hardest work. After starting at the back of the pack, he had moved up quickly, and when he passed Brad Keselowski for the lead on lap 191 of 200, his No. 48 Chevrolet seemed to be the superior car.



GREG BIFFLE

Then Johnson's engine faltered with only six laps remaining. He lost the race — and the NASCAR Sprint Cup points lead — to Greg Biffle on Sunday.

"I got it turned around and was catching him, and then his engine failed," Biffle said. "It was going to be a great race, no matter what. I felt like I could catch him, but we'll never know. Passing him might have been a different story."

Biffle won the race at Michigan International Speedway, taking advantage when Johnson left the track because of engine trouble. Johnson started from the back because of an engine change, and he couldn't hold on at the end. He finished 27th.

After Johnson's mishap, there was a caution for oil on the track. Biffle held off Keselowski by 0.416 seconds in the green-white-checked finish.

Biffle took over the points lead, while Johnson dropped from first to fourth. Matt Kenseth moved up a spot to second despite a 17th-place showing.

"I know that a lot of people don't expect us to win the championship, and don't expect us to compete for the title," Biffle said. "I don't care what they say or who they want to talk about, but we will be a factor when it comes down to Homestead. I promise you that."

Kasey Kahne finished third in the 400-mile race, followed by Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Marcos Ambrose.

It was the 12th victory for Roush Fenway Racing at MIS, breaking a tie with the Wood Brothers for the most wins at the track.

Pole sitter Mark Martin was sailing along in the lead for most of the first 65 laps before his race ended in scary fashion. Bobby Labonte went into a spin while Martin was coming up from behind, and Martin went sliding off toward pit

road. His car crashed frighteningly into the end of a short, narrow barrier on the interior side of pit road.

The side of Martin's car was essentially impaled by the end of the wall, just in front of the left rear tire and dangerously close to the driver's seat. But in the smoky scene that followed, Martin was able to get out and walk away.

"I really feel that was a freak accident. I'm not sure you can ever completely fix something like that," Martin said. "That was a pretty freak angle that I got it. I'm not sure what you can do. It could have been really bad if I would have got into that hole a little deeper where it would have caught me in the door instead of the crush area back there."

Johnson started from the back, and so did Earnhardt, who was using a backup car after a mishap in practice Saturday. The two Hendrick Motorsports teammates made a solid run of it, but it was Biffle and his No. 16 Ford that emerged at the end.

Johnson did not speak to reporters afterward. He was trying to become the first driver to reach four victories this season. Keselowski and Tony Stewart also have three, and drivers will earn bonus points in the Chase for the Sprint Cup "regular-season" victories.

The Chase starts next month.

Rodeo season coming to Bonifay

By CATHRINE LAMB

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BONIFAY — Fall is in the air when rodeos and horse riding events come to town. In August, the rodeos and riding events will get under way, and rodeo season will end in October with the 68th Northwest Florida Championship Rodeo in Bonifay.

Horse Play and Games will be this weekend, Aug. 24-25, at Valley 4 Arena in Bonifay. Friday night will be Ladies Night Battle Royal Barrels. A timed practice exhibition will be at 6 p.m., followed by open 4-D barrel racing at 7 p.m. There is a \$40 entry fee with an 80 percent payout.

On Saturday, the arena will have a Family Horse Play Fun Day, with sign-up and warm-up times at 8 a.m. At 10 a.m. will be a best horse decoration contest with first prize winning \$25. At 10:30 a.m. will be a youth versus adults pole-bending competition, followed by a balloon pop race at 11:30 a.m. At 12:30 p.m. will be a two-person team catch a calf competition, followed by an intermission for lunch.

The fun will begin again at 2:15 p.m. with a team water balloon pass race, a

pantyhoose race at 3 p.m., a youth plus one adult team backwards barrel pattern race at 3:45 p.m. and a monster ball soccer race at 4:30 p.m. There will be a dinner break at 5 p.m.

Exhibition will start back at 6:30 p.m. with a youth/teen barrel race. The day will end with a youth/teen open 3D barrel race. There is a \$15 entry fee with a 75 percent pay out. A \$10 entry fee will cover all events for the riders. Concessions will be on site both days. There will be trailer camping Friday night. There are no stalls, and a reservation is required. The arena is at 2712 U.S. 90 in Bonifay.

For more information call 258-0370 or 768-2142.

In September, God is Faithful Ministries will have a Bulls, Barrels and Team Roping Rodeo at High Tower Arena in Bonifay. Call-ins will be taken Sept. 3-4 to 956-4185 or 258-1967. For more information, call Bud at 768-9636 or Jerrod at 634-9517.

Then to round out your rodeo experience, you can visit the 68th Northwest Florida Championship Rodeo at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 4-6. Keep an eye on our paper for more information about the rodeo.

Unemployment rises in July

Special To The News

MARIANNA — Florida's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 8.8 percent in July 2012, up 0.2 percentage points for June.

There were 816,000 jobless Floridians out of a labor force of 9,269,000. The July 2012 rate was 1.8 percentage points lower than the year-ago rate of 10.6 percent. The U.S. unemployment rate was 8.3 percent in July.

Total nonagricultural employment in Florida was 7,331,400 in July 2012, a gain of 69,900 jobs over the year.

The counties that make up the Chipola Workforce Regional all experienced a slight increase in the unemployment rate for July 2012. The rate for July 2012 is 1.3 percentage points lower than July 2011.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

	July-12	Jun-12	July-11
Calhoun	9.1	8.5	10.7
Holmes	7.8	7.5	8.8
Jackson	7.8	7.4	9.2
Liberty	7.6	7.4	9.2
Washington	9.9	9.6	11.3
Chipola Region	8.4	8.0	9.7

Unemployment rates by age are:

16 to 19 years	28.6 percent
20 to 24 years	15.5 percent
25 to 54 years	9.1 percent
55 years +	8.3 percent



COURTESY PHOTO

Holmes County Sheriff's Office recently found and destroyed 575 marijuana plants.

Holmes eradicates 575 marijuana plants

From Staff Reports
HOLMES COUNTY — The Holmes County Sheriff's Office had a full day of eradicating domestic marijuana in Northwest Holmes County on Thursday, Aug. 16, according to their report.

With the assistance of Jackson County Sheriff's Office helicopter, Deputies were able to locate

and eradicate a total of 575 marijuana plants ranging from seedlings to mature plants approximately eight feet tall.

"This was the largest haul of marijuana plants this year so far," said Holmes County Sheriff Tim Brown. "I appreciate Jackson County Sheriff's Office with their assistance in this operation."

3 arrested on charges of retail theft

From Staff Reports

CHIPLEY — Three men were arrested after they reportedly tried to return a stolen air conditioner to Walmart on Aug. 3, according to a Chipley Police Department report.

Arrested were Adrian Wright of Miami on charges of felony retail theft and dealing in stolen property; Corey Williams and Willie

Crenshaw, both of Marianna, were arrested on charges of felony retail theft.

On the morning of Aug. 3, three men entered the Wal-Mart Supercenter in Chipley, where they selected two window air conditioner units totaling approximately \$560, according to the police report. The air conditioner units were placed in a buggy



WILLIE CRENSHAW



COREY WILLIAMS



ADRIAN WRIGHT

and then pushed out of the store by one of the men without paying for them.

Later in the afternoon of the same day, the men returned to the Chipley store. One man entered Wal-Mart and returned one of the stolen air conditioner units. Store employees recognized the man from the earlier theft and contacted police.

A Chipley Police Department officer arrived and arrested Wright for felony retail theft and dealing in stolen property. Seeing Wright being arrested, the other two men, who were in a vehicle in the parking lot, left on foot.

After a short time, another officer in the area of Sonic observed the two men walking. Williams and Crenshaw were then arrested and also charged with felony retail theft.

Bonifay police searching for missing teen

From Staff Reports

BONIFAY — The Bonifay Police Department is investigating a missing juvenile.

Callie Thomas was last seen before midnight on Thursday at her grandmother's residence in Bonifay.

Callie is believed to be

in the company of Dustin Simmons, 18, and occupying a 2000 Chevrolet S-10 extended cab with Florida license plate 3731JW.

If you have any information concerning the whereabouts of these individuals, contact your nearest law enforcement agency.



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Washington, Holmes at a glance

Town of Westville elections

WESTVILLE — A regular election for the town of Westville will be Sept. 11. The polls will open at 7 a.m. Polls are at the Westville Community Center. Council member seats two and three and the mayor's seat expire in 2014. Those wishing to qualify for the above offices may do so from 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30-4:30 p.m. through Aug. 24 at the office of the Town Clerk, in the Westville Community Center. The qualifying fee for this regular election is \$25.

Western Star Pageant slated

VERNON — The annual Western Star Pageant will be Sept. 29 in the Vernon Community Center (old Vernon High School).

Boys and girls can enter. Boys 0 to 7 years old and girls 0 to 21 years old may compete, and the Ms. competition will include ages 22 and up.

Sign-up will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 18 at the Bonifay Dance Center on U.S. 90.

For more information, call Wanda at 614-1062 or 768-2005; or Bernyce at 547-3474 or 768-1150.

Washington County Candidate Forum

SUNNY HILLS — On Oct. 4, we will have a candidate forum for all candidates with questions from the residents. All Washington County residents are invited to participate. Please send any questions to Karen at kbschoen@bellsouth.net or Chuck at shachakel@att.net.

Miss Graceville Harvest Festival

GRACEVILLE — The 31st annual Harvest Festival Pageant will be at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 7-8 at the Graceville Civic Center. All proceeds will go to the Graceville Harvest Day Celebration. For more information, call Teresa Bush at 263-4744 or 263-3072 or Michelle Watkins at the city of Graceville at 263-3250.

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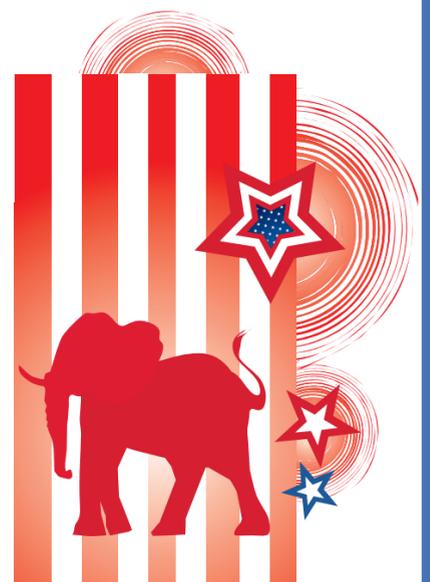
Above, County Supervisor of Elections workers along with the Washington County Canvassing Board members conduct a recount Aug. 16 in Chipley. **Below right**, Washington County Supervisor of Elections Carol Griffin posts precinct results for the audience during the Primary Election on Aug. 14.



WASHINGTON VOTES



Above, Pam Cates, left, and Milton Brown await the results of the recount in their race for Washington County School Board District 3 on Aug. 16 at the Supervisor of Elections office. Brown won the election following the recount. **Below**, the audience watches Primary Election results being updated.



Lewis and McDuffie to Wed



Tim and Angie Lewis of Bonifay, and Danny Jr. and Melinda McDuffie of Dothan, Ala., are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Rebecca Elaine McDuffie to Vernon Earl Lewis III, son of Vernon Lewis Jr. of Bonifay and Tim and Sandra Ingram of Abbeville, Ala.

The bride elect enlance is the granddaughter of Ellis and Marie Cullifer of Geneva, Ala. and Danny Sr. and Linda McDuffie of Samson, Ala. She is a 2005 graduate of Bethlehem High School in Bonifay and a 2012 graduate of Gulf Coast State College with an associates of science degree in dental hygiene.

The groom elect is the grandson of Vernon and Athealone Lewis of Bonifay, and Dolly and the late John A. Polston of Bonifay. He is a 2005 graduate of Bethlehem High School in Bonifay, and a 2009 graduate of the University of West Florida with a bachelors degree in criminal justice. He is employed with the department of corrections in Bay County as a Probation Officer.

The couple has planned their wedding for Sept. 15, at Carmel Assembly of God in Bonifay at 2 p.m. All family and friends are invited to attend.

FSA announces Deputy Sheriff of the Year finalists

Special to the Extra
BONIFAY — Holmes County Deputies, Lt. Michael Raley and Sgt. Tyler Harrison, were awarded finalist for the 2012 Florida Sheriff's Association Deputy Sheriff of the Year Award. The award comes as a reflection of their dedication, selflessness and desire to protect our community and support their fellow colleagues.

For several days leading up to Feb. 2, 2011, the Gritney community and the entire county had spent several restless nights as Law Enforcement officers engaged in a multi-state search for a man believed to have murdered his parents. At 7:40 a.m. the Holmes County Communications Center received a report of a hunter who had been shot in a wooded area in the Gritney community of Holmes County.

Several officers responded to the call. Lt. Raley and Sgt. Harrison led a Florida Department of Corrections canine



Holmes County Deputies, Lt. Michael Raley and Sgt. Tyler Harrison, were awarded finalist for the 2012 Florida Sheriff's Association Deputy Sheriff of the Year Award.

tracking team into the wooded area to search for the shooter who was later identified as murder suspect, Wade Williams.

After coming under fire in a heavily wooded area, Lt. Raley and Sgt. Harrison along with other DOC officers were able to eliminate the threat and provide medical assistance to the wounded. They immediately began to attend to Col. Malloy's wounds and provide CPR as they awaited a

helicopter to evacuate him. Sadly, Col. Greg Malloy of the Florida Department of Corrections later died from the gunshot injuries he sustained in the exchange of gunfire.

"Both of these men faced danger together to protect the citizens of Holmes County and their fellow officers," said Sheriff Tim Brown. "We are very fortunate to have them on our team and I feel they are very deserving of this award."

Ponce de Leon FCCLA students win medals at national conference

Students from the Ponce de Leon FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) joined with 7,000 nationwide members, advisers, alumni, and guests in Orlando, July 8-12 for the 2012 National Leadership Conference.

This year's student-originated theme for the annual national meeting was "reality check." Throughout the five-day convention, participants examined and discussed several critical issues, including family, school and community violence prevention, physical as well as financial fitness, future career exploration and countless community service projects.

A number of relevant youth issues, such as the changing roles of men and women in the home and workplace, leadership, and obesity prevention were also explored at the meeting through presentations, workshops, and youth sessions.

Ponce de Leon High School had six students that joined over 3,600 other students to compete in STAR Events (Students Taking Action with Recognition) which are competitive events that build proficiency and achievement in leadership and job-related skills.

Holly Parson and Lee Parson competed in Chapter Showcase, which is an event that recognizes chapters that

develop, and implement a well-balanced program of work and promote FCCLA and Family and Consumer Sciences Skills in the community. Holly and Lee earned a gold medal, which is the highest award.

Nick Price, Tyler Smith, and Koby Townsend earned a gold medal in Chapter Service Project, junior division. This event recognizes chapters that develop an in-depth service project that makes a worthwhile contribution to families, schools, and communities. Students use Family and Consumer Sciences skills to address and take action on a community need. Nick, Tyler, and Koby implemented an anti-smoking campaign for students in the Ponce de Leon community. They joined with the SWAT (Students Working Against Tobacco) club at school to encourage students avoid tobacco products.

Harley Rowe, earned a silver medal in Chapter Service Project, senior division. His project focused on weather safety. He planned activities to inform students on what to do in case of a tornado or any severe weather.

Brason English, a junior at Ponce de Leon High School also attended the leadership conference. Brason was elected at the Florida State Leadership



Ponce de Leon students earn medals. Left to right: Harley Rowe, Nick Price, Tyler Smith, Koby Townsend, Lee Parson, and Holly Parson.

Conference in March to serve Florida FCCLA as President-Elect his junior year and he will serve as President his senior year. Brason spent the week at nationals attending officer-training sessions.

Family, Career and

Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer

Sciences education. FCCLA has over 200,000 members and over 6,500 chapters from 50 state associations, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The organization has involved more than ten million youth since it's founding in 1945.

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Itchy Dogs: Is food the problem?

Many dog owners work hard to make their pets comfortable and happy, so it can be frustrating when a dog is constantly itching and distressed. Dr. Adam Patterson, clinical assistant professor and Chief of Dermatology at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences Small Animal Clinic, explained how some perpetually itchy dogs may suffer from food allergies.



PET TALK

Likewise, the veterinarian should also look for signs of skin infections (bacteria and/or yeast). Secondly, the veterinarian will also determine if environmental factors are causing itchy skin. Dogs with year-round itch, who eat roughly the same diet yearlong, are frequently candidates for a food allergy diagnosis.

"There isn't a conclusive clinical skin or blood (serum) test to see whether a dog has a food allergy," Patterson said. "It's like flipping a coin to determine whether the test is a true or false positive. Because of this, we have to base our diagnosis on the dog's history, clinical signs of skin disease, and response to a food trial. The test for food allergies in dogs simply isn't conclusive at this time, but we hope some of our research will lead to an effective test."

Dogs who itch, lick, chew, rub, bite, and scratch themselves year round, typically around the face, ears, armpits, groin, paws, and around the anus may be showing signs of a food allergy. Since itchy flare factors have an additive effect, it is important to eliminate other possible causes of itching. First, it is necessary to eliminate any possibility that parasites, particularly fleas, are causing the dog to itch.

To diagnose a dog with food allergy, the first thing to do is put the patient on an elimination diet, or an "exclusive novel protein diet. This ends up being a diet with individual ingredients to which the dog has rarely ever consumed before. Usually, the diet is commercially prepared and fed for a minimum of eight weeks.

The goal is to determine if food is a component of the itching.

Typically dogs are allergic to proteins they are exposed to for extended periods of time. In the United States, dogs are generally allergic to beef, chicken, and egg protein. Patterson explained that most elimination diets replace beef, chicken, and egg based foods with an exotic meat protein like venison, duck, kangaroo, or vegetable-based. After eight weeks, the patient is "challenged" by returning to the original diet. If the dog's symptoms (itch) improved during the eight weeks, then return when the dog's original diet is replaced, then a food allergy is confirmed.

"Patients with food allergies typically relapse within two weeks of returning to the original diet," Patterson said. "It is important during the elimination diet to remove any flavored medicines or supplements, table scraps, typical treats, rawhides, and pill pockets from the animal's diet so the test isn't compromised."

If a commercially prepared novel protein diet is not sufficient, a prescription hydrolyzed diet may be necessary. This food is only available by prescription from a veterinarian. It helps dogs with food allergies by breaking down the protein into small enough fragments that the immune system

cannot recognize it, and, therefore, does not induce a skin reaction.

Another option for dogs with food allergies is a limited ingredient home-cooked diet. Patterson recommends only doing this under close supervision of a veterinarian.

While any breed is susceptible to food allergies, Patterson sees many poodles, boxers, weimaraner, dachshunds, chocolate labs, and German shepherds with food allergies. He has also noticed dogs with German lineages tend to be more susceptible to food allergies.

Generally dogs diagnosed with food allergies can remain on commercially prepared elimination diets for life without complications.

"As with any skin disease, there really isn't a cure," Patterson said. "Instead, proper management of the disease can keep dogs happy and healthy lifelong."

ABOUT PET TALK

Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University. Stories can be viewed on the Web at /pet-talk.

Suggestions for future topics may be directed to cvmtoday@cvm.tamu.edu.

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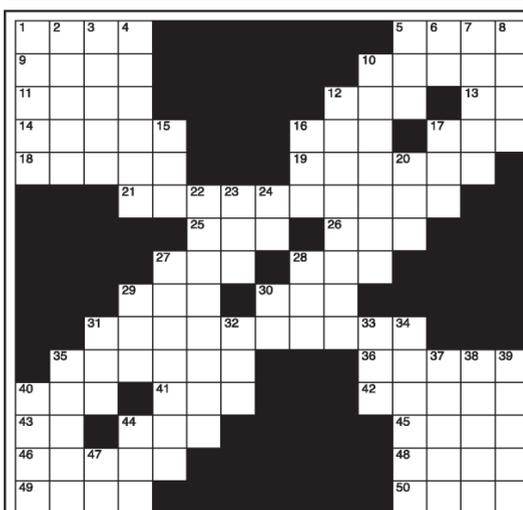
2013 Washington County Relay For Life kick off

WASHINGTON COUNTY — The Washington County Relay For Life 2013 kick off will be held at 6 p.m. on Sept. 17, at the Washington County Ag. Center in Chipley. This is a free event designed to get the message out about what the American Cancer Society does for our community. The Kick Off will be set up like a mini relay to allow everyone to see how the relay is set up. There will be food, games and fun for everyone. If you know someone who would like to start a team but they are not sure on where to start bring them out on Sept. 17 to the Ag Center.

Washington County Relay For Life

WASHINGTON COUNTY — Washington County will be holding their 2013 Relay For Life Event, from 6 p.m. on April 12 until 11 a.m. on April 13, at Pals Park in Chipley. This theme for the 2013 Relay For Life is "Race For a Cure".

Crossword PUZZLE



CLUES ACROSS

- Sustained dull pain
- Hoover Dam Lake
- An earnest appeal
- Tree trunk used in sport
- Close by
- Indicated horsepower (abbr.)
- Delaware
- Makes in salary
- Fringe-toed lizard
- Two-year-old sheep
- = to 198 liters in Egypt
- Barnum & Bailey
- Destruction
- Shock treatment
- A priest's linen vestment
- Consumed
- Etymology (abbr.)
- Doctors' group
- Tsetung or Zedong
- Subroutines
- Maintenance
- Sacred shrine in Mecca
- Mutual savings bank
- The cry made by sheep
- Fell back from flooding
- Farm state
- British Isle in the Irish Sea
- Georgian monetary unit
- Turkish rulers
- Utter sounds
- Mains
- Fashionable water resorts

CLUES DOWN

- Temporary cessation of breathing
- Not cloudy
- Listened
- Acquired by effort
- Chart of the Earth's surface
- Eastbound
- Yellow-fever mosquitos
- Small amount of residue
- With great caution, warily
- One who copies behavior
- One point E of due S
- Fiddler crabs
- A large cask
- Adult male swan
- Of the whale & dolphin order
- Frozen water
- Metric ton
- Marine or parasitic protozoas
- Cologne
- Built by Noah
- Indicates physician
- Parts per billion (abbr.)
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Supplement with difficulty
- Dark fur coat animals
- Utilization
- Unit = to 10 amperes
- Stalin's police chief
- Almost horizontal mine entrances
- Missing soldiers
- More (Spanish)
- Express surprise

SOLUTION ON PAGE B5

Blue Springs Society hosts district meeting

Special To Extra Blue Springs Society, Children of the American Revolution hosted the "Packet Party" for the six societies in the Florida Panhandle recently.

Members from Pensacola to Tallahassee traveled to Marianna to hear State President Kaitlin Matyskiel tell about "Rolling with the Brave," the new state project for the year. "Rolling with the Brave" will raise funds to assist the National Veterans Wheelchair Games to be held in Tampa in July of 2013.

President Matyskiel's goal for F.S.C.A.R. is to raise \$13,000.00 to become a bronze sponsor of the 2013 Tampa Bay National Veterans Wheelchair Games. Blue Springs Society members and senior leaders are excited about attending the state seminar in Tampa in Sept., to learn more about the games and to actually experience the challenge of competing in a wheelchair. Some members hope to have a chance to compete in the sport of "motorized wheelchair racing" while

at the seminar.

The Paralyzed Veterans of America and the Department of Veterans Affairs present the National Veterans Wheelchair Games each year with additional support from a variety of sponsors. Over 600 veteran wheelchair athletes are introduced to and compete in 17 adaptive sporting events as a form of rehabilitative therapy to foster better physical, mental and social health to improve their quality of life. The games serve as a rehabilitation program open to military

service veterans who use wheelchairs for sports competition due to spinal cord injuries, certain neurological conditions, amputations or other mobility impairments.

The games benefit the mind, body and spirit of returning soldiers who are faced with a brand new challenge in life. To learn more go to National Veterans Wheelchair Games on the Internet.

For more information please contact Senior President Mary Robbins at 209-4066 or snoopyxii60@hotmail.com for flyers.

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)
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Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Thursday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
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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.

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singer/songwriter Phil Cross on Sept. 30 at 6:00 p.m. Each service will be followed by a celebration fellowship. "The Ring" is available for performances complete with props, staging, lighting and actors brought to your church! Contact Sheena Barron with Only by Grace at 258-5020 or sheenakbarron@gmail.com to schedule The Ring at your church. Visit Facebook.com/obgministries for updates about "The Ring."

Hickory Hill Baptist Church gets new pastor

WESTVILLE — There is a new preacher at Hickory Hill Baptist Church in Westville, and the congregation is afire to minister the gospel to the area. Pastor David Grier of the Dothan, Ala., area has been called to the church to lead the members in further efforts to reach out to everyone and take the joy of Jesus to them. Pastor Grier, who is an accomplished vocalist, served as a youth and music minister from 1990 until

he was called to pastor churches in Georgia, Alabama and Florida beginning in 2002. He has taught public school for 11 years and is a professor of English and American literature at the Baptist College of Florida in Graceville. He is also a 1993 graduate of this same college. Pastor Grier has been married to Daphne for 19 years and has two daughters: Faith, who is 10, and Abigail, who is 15. Abigail is also a musician and singer who is involved in Youth Music Ministry. She and her

father have performed as a duo at the church, with Abigail playing her own arrangement of a traditional hymn on the guitar. Hickory Hill Baptist has been serving the west Holmes County area for over 50 years, and its members are excited to have Pastor David to lead them forward. Everyone is invited to services and to enjoy the friendly and loving Christian fellowship offered through the church. Information can be obtained by calling the church at 956-4116.

Whatever happened to the simple things in life?

Rev. James L. Snyder

I must say I do not get very much help on keeping things simple, especially from the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Her idea of keeping it simple is not telling me everything. This past week I think she went a little too far. It was Saturday night, and I was preparing for my weekly bath. I had assembled all the necessary equipment: my rubber ducky, my reading glasses and the book I was reading at the time. There is nothing more relaxing to me than a hot bubbly bath with a good book.

Eventually, I put my book up and began the ritual of taking a bath. I reached for the bar of soap and it felt a little different then I had remembered from the week before. It felt as though it had been rolled in gravelly dirt.

Wanting to know what the problem was, I called to my wife.

"What's wrong with the soap?"

She then came into the bathroom and said, "There's nothing wrong with the soap."

"But it feels different," I complained.

"That's because it's oatmeal soap," she explained.

"Oatmeal soap? What do you mean, oatmeal soap?"

"It's a new soap I found at the bath and body store. It's something new. It's good for you, use it."

I immediately began to search my mind (I almost got lost in the process) for information concerning oatmeal. I knew, for example, that oatmeal was a food. I like a bowl of hot oatmeal in

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the morning with sliced bananas. And oatmeal raisin cookies go perfect with a nice hot cup of coffee. However, I could not find any information in my brain collaborating the fact that you can wash with oatmeal.

I looked at the bar of oatmeal soap and did not know if I should wash with it or eat it. And, where do you put the sliced bananas?

To make matters worse, if that could be possible, I discovered in the bathtub a new bottle of shampoo. It was called Sweet Apple Shampoo. There is nothing like a fruity-tooty bubble bath to bring out the manly spirit in a person.

I did not know if I should dry off and be put into the refrigerator.

This incident only illustrated to me the fact that we live in a very complicated world. Somebody comes up with some simple idea that is a good idea.

However, the real money goes to the person who can take that simple idea and complicate it beyond all recognition. "There ain't nothing simple anymore," my grandfather used to say. And he's been dead for 30 years. What would he say today?

For example, take your common everyday telephone. The telephone is no longer a

phone but rather a full communication system. You can do everything on your cell phone.

I tried to buy a new cell phone recently and found it rather difficult. The salesperson was telling me all of the features of this new cell phone.

"All I want is to be able to phone my wife when I'm away from the house."

The salesperson didn't seem to get that fact into his head. For some reason he seemed to think I was so important I needed all of the features of the latest cell phone.

Do you know I could not find a cell phone that just was a phone?

I remember the days when the telephone was a party system. What parties we used to have. Each person on that party phone line had a certain ring. I still remember ours. It was two rings. Of course, whenever the phone rang everybody on the party line knew who was getting a call and felt complete liberty in joining in.

Not just telephones but also everything else has been complicated for us. A watch is no longer a watch, but rather a timepiece that does everything but tell time. I saw one that was also a cell phone.

Now, I need a cell phone to find out what time it is, and I need a watch to make a

phone call. While I'm on the subject, try to find a phone booth in the neighborhood. The absence of the neighborhood phone booth may explain the rise in crime. Where in the world does Clark Kent change into his Superman suit?

Then there is coffee. On a recent trip, I had to use the services of our friendly airline service, which necessitated spending time in airports, which is as close to purgatory as a person can get without dying. I tried to find a plain cup of coffee. Everywhere I went, they had everything but plain coffee. The coffee had been flavored with everything from vanilla to pineapples and a few ingredients I could not pronounce.

No wonder so many elderly people go senile. It's the only sane thing to do in such a complicated world.

Where, oh where have the simple things in life gone?

Only one place remains simple for me. That is the Bible. It is not hard understanding what Jesus meant. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6 (KJV).

As far as I'm concerned, nothing is complicated about trusting Jesus.

The 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 jamesnsnyder2@att.net. His web site is www.jamesnsnyderministries.com.



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Play

Playfulness is integral to our sense of being alive, of being engaged and focused and yet responsive to whatever happens. When we are at play we are fully engaged in something. There is reciprocity in play whereby when we play the game, the game is also playing us. We are taken up into the game and swept along as we play, as in life. Likewise, when someone plays a musical instrument there is a sense that they play the instrument while the instrument plays them; good musicians become one with their instruments. There is also an element of chance in play. We can't predict the outcome at the outset of play and random things tend to happen in play. Sometimes the random or errant "blue note" in music is just right. It is interesting to note

"Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy."

Psalm 33: 3

that one of our synonyms for play is recreation. Are we somehow re-creating when we play? Was God playing when he created the universe? Is the universe fully created even now or is it still unfolding? Perhaps the universe is the continual unfolding of a divine cosmic game. Whether we think of existence as a game of chance where anything might happen, or a beautiful melody being played by a master musician, there is certainly something playful at work in the Cosmos.

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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.

St. Joseph the Worker plans directory

CHIPLEY — St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church is preparing a new directory of local Catholics, whether current or past members or those who just never have registered.

The photographs will be taken on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 at the church.

Additional poses and shots with extended family, friends, props or pets will

also be available.

Call Enille Everett at 258-9161 to schedule a time or if you have any questions.

First Freewill Baptist Church to hold revival

BONIFAY — The First Freewill Baptist Church of Bonifay will be holding a revival at 6 p.m. on Aug. 27 and at 7 p.m. Aug. 27-31.

Special speaker will be the Rev. Dennis Tanton with special music by Vessels of Clay.

Bonifay Southern Gospel Sing

BONIFAY — The Bonifay Southern Gospel Sing will be held at 6 p.m. Sept. 1 at the Holmes County High School in Bonifay. Featured at the sing will be Grammy Award winner, 13-time

Dove Award Winner and Gaither Vocal Band lead singer Michael English.

Also appearing will be Four Calvary, One Heart and The Drummond Family. Almost four years ago, Michael English rejoined Bill Gaither and the Gaither Vocal Band.

As his schedule allows, he continues to do solo concerts where he shares his compelling story.

His personal journey is one that encourages people in their Christian walk and inspires many as they find their way home.

Although Michael's newest CD won't be available in stores for a few more months, he plans to have it with him and for sale at Bonifay.

To purchase tickets or for more information, call 547-1356 or email at rcmward96@embarqmail.com.

Faith BRIEFS

Obituaries

Lizzie Wilkes

Lizzie Wilkes, 93, of Cottondale, died Saturday, Aug. 11, in Chipley. Mrs. Wilkes was born in Chipley to the late Charlie and Phebie Sapp. She was a native and lifelong resident of Jackson County.

She retired from Sunland Training as a Dietary Technician. She was a member of Piney Grove Baptist Church.

Her life was serving the Lord through the outreach of her church. She was preceded in death by one brother, Fred Sapp, and two sisters, Nellie Dick and Lucille Wilkes.

She is survived by one daughter, Linda Wood of Chipley; three sons, Broward Donald Wilkes, Leonard Wilkes, both of

Tallahassee, and Michael Wilkes of Cottondale; one sister, Myrtle Wilkes of Thomasville; 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, at Piney Grove Baptist Cemetery with the Rev. Dave Taylor and the Rev. Rich Ellenton officiating.

James & Sikes Funeral Home Maddox Chapel directed.

Family received friends from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in The Piney Grove Baptist Church. Expressions of sympathy may be made online at www.jamesandsikesfuneralhomes.com.

Edward J. Tate

Mr. Edward Jimmie Tate, age 80, of Prosperity passed away on Aug. 12 at West Florida Hospital.

He was born April 20, 1932, to Doc and Edna Tate. Mr. Tate was a resident of Prosperity until he was admitted to Baptist Manor Retirement home after becoming ill. Mr. Tate fought a tough battle of Alzheimer's for the past five years.

He attended Reedy Assembly of God church before the illness. He worked as a road construction superintendent, a plant operator and a mechanic for over 50 years. His work legacy shows in the many road paving awards he received by the State of Florida. His sons cherish his work ethics and followed in his footsteps in the road construction industry.

Mr. Tate also enjoyed farming and was very proud of and loved his cattle herd. Fishing was his second love, but he seldom took the time to go.

Mr. Tate is preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife of 52 years, Daisy Mims Tate; two grandchildren, Joshua Tate and Shelby Tate; one great-grandchild, Andrew Toole, and two brothers, Doc Tate Jr. and James Tate.

Mr. Tate is survived

by four sons, Ronald Tate and wife Kathy of Geneva, Ala., Steven Tate and wife Gail of Westville, Stanley Tate and wife Tisha of Westville and Donald Tate and wife Kim of Ponce de Leon; two sisters, Ethel Gillman and Grace Eldridge both of Westville; two brothers, Charles Tate and wife Janell and Bill Tate and wife Vivian, all of Westville; he was a loving grandpa and leaves his legacy for 11 grandchildren, Calvin, Tiffany, John, Joseph, Toy, Angel, Eli, Kaycee, Sammy, Isaac and Kyndall and 11 great grandchildren, Tyler, Neph, Jacob, Charley, Nicholas, Elizabeth, Jeremiah, Harley, Jonathan, Dalton and Emily.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, in the chapel of Pittman Funeral Home in Geneva with the Rev. Tim Harris and the Rev. Thomas Ealum.

Burial followed at Poplar Head United Methodist Church Cemetery with Pittman Funeral Home of Geneva directing. The family received friends at the funeral home on Monday, Aug. 13, from 6-8 p.m. Active pallbearers were his grandsons, Calvin Tate, John Tate, Joseph Tate, Eli Tate, Sammy Tate and Isaac Tate.

Edna L. Casey

Edna Lucille (Kelly) Casey, age 85 of Vernon, passed away Aug. 13 at her home in Vernon.

Edna was born June 19, 1927 in Daleville, Ala., to the late Charles W. and Josey Elizabeth (Nichols) Odom. A lifelong resident of Vernon, she was a former seamstress and member of the Wausau Assembly of God Church.

She is predeceased by two sons, Charles Wesley Kelly and Allen B. Kelly.

Survivors include three sons, Willie R. Kelly of Wausau, Roger Kelly of Vernon, Marion Paul Kelly of Sevierville, Tenn., and Wesley Allen Kelly Panama City; one

daughter, Mary Elizabeth Duty of Vernon; three sisters, Linda Gail Gibbs of Panama City, Charlene Smith of White City and Julia Ann McQuage of Port St. Joe and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 18, at 2 p.m. in the New Hope Methodist Church in New Hope with the Rev. Ronnie Wright and the Rev. Earnie Gray officiating. Interment followed in New Hope Cemetery with Brown Funeral Home of Chipley directing. Family and friends may sign the online register at www.brownfh.net

Virgie E. Keen

Virgie Ellen Keen, age 86 of Wausau, passed away Monday, Aug. 13, at her home.

Virgie was born Oct. 4, 1925, in Sebring to the late Robert Emmett and Eliza (Sheppard) Jones. She had been a resident of Wausau for the past 42 years, coming from LaBelle.

Virgie was a homemaker and member of the Calvary Hill Pentecostal Holiness Church.

In addition to her parents, she is predeceased by her husband, the Rev. Clyde A. Keen; one son, Robert A. Keen and one stepson, Jerome Keen.

Survivors include three sons, Bobby Keen and wife Mae of DeFuniak Springs, Sammy Keen and wife Mary of Dade City and Richard Keen and wife Edna of Live Oak; three daughters, Ellen Coatney of Wausau, Nancy Hagan and husband Roger Dale of Wausau and Sylvia West

and husband Robert of Panama City; one brother, Emmett Jones of Holopaw; 28 grandchildren; 61 great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

The family received friends Wednesday, Aug. 15, from 4:30-7 p.m. at Brown Funeral Home, Brickyard Road Chapel. Funeral services were held Thursday, Aug. 16, at 10 a.m. in the Calvary Hill Pentecostal Holiness Church in Vernon with the Rev. Tim Bush, the Rev. T.A. Greene, the Rev. Danny Burns and the Rev. Glen Keen officiating. Interment followed in Wausau Memorial Gardens. The family will be receiving flowers, but contributions may be made to Emerald Coast Hospice, 4374 LaFayette St. Marianna, FL 32336, or to Gideon's International P.O. Box 308, Chipley, Florida 32428. Friends and family may sign the online register at www.brownfh.net.

Pauline McCormick Stanley

Mrs. Pauline McCormick Stanley of Westville, (Royals Cross Roads Community) passed away quietly after a short illness at the Wiregrass Medical Center in Geneva, Ala., surrounded by loved ones and friends on Thursday, Aug. 16. She was 83.



PAULINE MCCORMICK STANLEY

In addition to her parents her husband, Perry D. Stanley Jr., and a sister Voncille McCormick, preceded her in death.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Charlie D. "Chuck" and Linda Stanley, Westville; one sister, Lorene Johnson, Florala, Ala.; two brothers, Wilbur H. "Buddy" McCormick, Samson, Ala., and Bennie McCormick, Florala, Ala.; and other extended family and friends.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, in the Leonia Baptist Church with the Rev. Rodd Jones and the Rev. Stacey Stafford officiating.

Mrs. Stanley was placed into the church one hour prior to service time.

Burial followed in the Hurricane Creek Baptist Church cemetery with Sorrells Funeral Home of Geneva directing.

The family received friends at the funeral home Saturday, Aug. 18, from 6-8 p.m.

At all other times the family will be at her home at 1187 Hwy 2, Westville.

The family asked that flowers be omitted and memorial contributions be made to the Leonia Baptist Church Building Fund, 1124 Gillman Rd., Westville, FL 32464. Sorrells Funeral Home of Geneva, 334-684-9999, is in charge of arrangements.

Express your condolences in our guest book at www.sorrellsfuneralhomes.com

Mrs. Stanley was born May 16, 1929, in Geneva County, Ala., to the late William "Bill" and Etta Mae Morris McCormick. After working 51 years in the shirt factory industry for West Tex/Covington Industries in Samson, Ala., she decided to retire in 1998 to devote her time to doing the things she loved, which was being more active in her community and church and working in her flower beds and vegetable gardens.

After a few months into her retirement, she found herself needing to fill the "work" void in her life. Thus, she found a new calling for her and Perry. She decided they would become a babysitter. Never did they envision the love, happiness and joy one little boy named "Crete" would bring to their lives.

She was a member of Leonia Baptist Church where she served in many different capacities. Everyone that knew her will remember her for her faith and dedication to God, strong work ethics and being a loving wife, mother, friend and neighbor.

Paul H. Pope

Mr. Paul Hubert Pope, 77 of Bonifay died on Friday, Aug. 10, at his residence in Bonifay. Born Tuesday, April 9, 1935, in Coffee County, Ala., he was the husband of Shelby Ward Pope.

He was a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church and also a member of the Bethlehem Masonic Lodge #276, Chapter 246 of the Order of the Eastern Star, and an honorary member of Orion Lodge #40.

Mr. Pope was preceded in death by his parents, Gifford and Minnie Pearl Hutto Pope; two brothers, Melvin Hutto Pope and Ben Ruben Pope; and sisters, Jerrie Kate Pope Davis and Polly Ann Pope.

Surviving are sons, Jeffery Pope and wife Sandra of Westville, Gregory Pope and wife Cindi of Bonifay, Douglas Pope and wife Lynn of Bonifay and Rodney Pope and wife Wanda of Bonifay; brothers, Mack Pope of New Brockton, Ala., and Dan Pope of Columbus, Ga.; sisters, Sue Poss of

Enterprise, Ala., and Janet Childs of Clinton, Tenn.; nine grandchildren, Kyle, Ryan, Dylan, Cassandra and Kaitlyn Pope, Tyler and Garrett Land, Shawna Gilley and husband Daniel and Keisha Burns and husband Dewayne; four great-grandchildren, Makayley Pope, Bradley Burns, Keri and Kaden Gilley.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, at Bethlehem Baptist Church with the Rev. Harry Collins officiating. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Patrick Pope, Darrell Pope, Tommy Pope, Buddy Pope, Timothy Pope, Ronald Pope, Marcus Pope and Kent Childs. Interment followed in Pittman Cemetery with Masonic Graveside honors performed by the Bethlehem Masonic Lodge.

Sims Funeral Home Bonifay was in charge of arrangements. The family received friends from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, at Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Howard E. Bowers Jr.

Mr. Howard Edward Bowers, Jr., (Ed), died in his families arms on Sunday, Aug. 12, 2012. He was 69 years of age.

Ed is the son of Virginia McGeachy Bowers of Chipley, and the late Howard Edward Bowers. He is the brother of Dr. Ronald E. Bowers of Clearwater. Ed served four years with the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War and retired as a major in the Florida Army National Guard. His service was rendered as a physician's assistant in a medical unit in Clearwater. He also had a lifelong career in pharmaceuticals with Hoffmann La Roche and Schering Plough. Ed was a devoted member of

Higgins Memorial United Methodist Church and also devoted much time to Yancey, Mitchell Habitat for Humanity. Throughout his years, Ed served God, his family, his country and his fellow man with love.

Ed is also survived by his wife, Joan; his daughter, J. Allyson Bowers; his son, Brandon E. Bowers; and his nieces, Kate Novak of Lafayette, La., and Kerry Bowers of Tupelo, Miss.

Please consider a donation to Yancey, Mitchell Habitat for Humanity in Ed Bowers' name. Yancey Funeral Service is serving the Bowers family. To send online condolences, please visit our website at www.yanceyfuneralservice.com.

Levon Sain

Levon Sain, 69, of the Poplar Springs Community, Graceville, passed away, Wednesday, Aug. 15, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan. Levon was born in Hartford, Ala., on Sept. 26, 1942, to the late Theodore and Edith Howell Sain. A 1962 graduate of Poplar Springs High School, Levon served six years in the Army National Guard. He worked with Goldkist Peanut for a number of years, and he then worked as a lineman with GTE from 1964 until he retired in 1993.

He is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Grealey Sain.

Austin A. Jones

Austin Asbury Jones, 73, of Bonifay died Aug. 13. Funeral Services were held Aug. 16, at Peel Funeral Home Chapel Bonifay. Interment was in New Concord Free Will Baptist Church Cemetery with Peel Funeral Home directing.

Skyler B. Upchurch

Skyler Barnett Upchurch, 1 month, of Bonifay, died Aug. 9. Funeral services were held on Aug. 13, 2012 at Hurricane Cemetery. Interment followed at Hurricane Cemetery with Sims Funeral Home directing.

children, Sandra Stacy (Donnie), Rehobeth, Ala., and Jerry Levon Sain, Graceville; brother, Ralph Howell (Charlene), Graceville; sister-in-law, Elsie Sain, Graceville, and two grandchildren, Kim Stacy and Adam Stacy.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Friday, Aug. 17, at the Chapel of James & Lipford Funeral Home with the Rev. Edwin Bell officiating. Burial followed in Marvin Chapel Cemetery with James & Lipford Funeral Home in Graceville directing. Family received friends at the funeral home from 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

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Community EVENTS

Gillman family to hold reunion

WESTVILLE — The Gillman Family Reunion will be held Aug. 25 in the fellowship hall at Leonia Baptist Church.

The church is at 1124 Gillman Road in Westville.

The reunion is always held on the last Saturday in August and lunch will be served at noon.

For more information, call Sylvia Glover at 956-2877 or Teresa Johnson at 956-2810.

Soccer sign-ups slated

CHIPLEY — The City of Chipley Parks and Recreation Department will be holding its 2012 soccer sign-ups until Aug. 31.

Players must be between the ages of 4 and 15 as of Sept. 30. The cost to play is \$42.

To register, stop by the Pals Park Office from 3-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and fill out a registration form.

Applications can be downloaded from www.palspark.org and mailed with payment to P.O. Box 1007, Chipley, FL 32428. Please make checks payable to the City of Chipley.

You can also e-mail a completed application form to palspark@cityofchipley.com and bring in your payment by 4 p.m. Aug. 31.

We are also looking for coaches and officials.

If you or someone you know might be interested, contact Guy Lane at 638-6348 or 527-9275 or e-mail him at palspark@cityofchipley.com

Noma Community Reunion planned

The annual Noma Community Reunion will be held in the Noma Town Hall building starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 1. Lunch will be served at noon.

All past and present residents and their friends are invited to attend. People planning to attend are asked to bring a well-filled basket of their favorite dishes.

Also, please bring tea, if that is the beverage you prefer. Soft drinks, ice, cups, plates and eating utensils will be furnished.

For more information, contact Ludine Riddle at 974-8438.

Holmes County Farm Bureau to hold its annual membership meeting

BONIFAY — The Holmes County Farm Bureau annual membership meeting will be held Aug. 23, at the Holmes County Agriculture Center on Highway 90 East.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 6 p.m.

Please RSVP to the office at 547-4227 by Monday, Aug. 20, before 12 p.m.

Mature driving class to be held

CHIPLEY — Washington County Council on Aging and AARP are cosponsoring a mature driving class on Aug. 24.

This eight-hour course is developed especially for the senior driver and will be held 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 will only have to pay \$5 for the class.

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. It is geared to your safety needs and helping to compensate for age related changes. This mature driving is approved by the DHSMV for a three-year insurance premium reduction.

For more information or to sign up, please contact 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 9-11 a.m., at the Bonifay Rec Center.

Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate when you come to sign up. Cost for football is \$50 per child. Cost for cheerleading is as follows: new cheerleader will be \$100, and a returning cheerleader from last season is \$50 if uniform still fits.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Gilmore at 527-4363 or Michele Sherrouse at 373-6227.

Emerald Coast Hospice to open

CHIPLEY — Emerald Cost Hospice is scheduled to open a new location at 1330 South Blvd. in Chipley (old City Drugs), next to the health department on Aug. 30.

For more information, call Cecily Smith the Community Liaison at 526-3577 or 461-3360.

Baxley family to hold reunion

LEONIA — The annual Will Baxley reunion will be held on Sept 1, at the home of W.J. Baxley in Leonia.

Come early and enjoy the day with us.

Finch family to hold a reunion

CHIPLEY — The Finch Family Reunion for descendents and friends of the late William Dallas Finch will be held on Sept. 1.

The reunion will begin at 11 a.m. at the Washington County Ag Center on Highway 90 West in Chipley. Bring a well-filled basket to feed your family and friends at noon.

If you have any photos or other related items that you would be willing to share with the family and friends, please bring them along. After lunch we ask that all remain while photos are taken for future events.

For more information, call

Kenneth Finch at 638-5307, Ruth Creamer at 638-4310 or E. O. Lisenby at 763-2187.

Bethlehem Peewees seek coaches

Sign-ups are now available for Bethlehem Peewee Football/Cheerleading for ages 5-13.

They are also looking for football and cheer coaches. All coaches will be subject to background check.

Sign-ups will be from now until Sept. 1.

Please contact Cliff Kimbel, 334-248-4254, Charity Knight, 260-1006, or Naomie Pettis, 547-4044, for registration forms.

Yarbrough to hold reunion

BLACK, ALA. — The annual Yarbrough reunion will be held Sept. 2 at the Black Community Center in Black, Ala.

We ask that you bring a covered dish and drinks. Lunch will be served at Noon.

Please come out and join some fellowship with us.

2012 Miss Graceville Harvest Festival

GRACEVILLE — The 31st annual Harvest Festival Pageant will be held at the Graceville Civic Center at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 7 and 8.

All proceeds will go to the Graceville Harvest Day Celebration.

For more information, call Teresa Bush at 263-4744 or 263-3072 or Michelle Watkins at the City of Graceville at 263-3250.

Senior Group going on tour

WASHINGTON/HOLMES COUNTY — Senior Group will be going on a tour of Ohio Indiana Amish country and Chicago Razzle Dazzle from Sept. 1-9.

For more information, call Merita Stanley at 594-9980.

Town of Westville elections

WESTVILLE — A regular election for the Town of Westville will be held Sept 11. The polls will open at 7 a.m.

Polls are at the Westville Community Center.

The positions to be filed and the expiration date for these positions are as follows: Council member seat two and three expires in 2014, and mayor seat will expire in 2014.

Those people wishing to qualify for the above offices may do so at the office of the Town Clerk located in the Westville Community Center, between 8 a.m. and noon and 12:30-4:30 p.m. Aug. 20- 24. The qualifying fee for this regular election is \$25.

Youth Ranch Golf Tournament takes place Sept. 15

PANAMA CITY — The Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch Golf Tournament will take place Sept. 15 at the Panama Country Club.

The monies raised from this benefit will go directly to

the Youth Ranch, which runs solely on donations.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office is one of the sponsors for the golf tournament.

For more information, contact Andrea Gainey at 638-6115.

Jacob City Day to take place

JACOB — The City of Jacob has slated Sept. 15, for its Jacob City Day Celebration, which will include a parade, entertainment, food and activities for all.

The festivities will start at 11 a.m. with a parade along Jackson Road.

The other activities will take place at the Jacob City Park, located at 2254 Jacob Main Street (Highway 162).

Anyone desiring to be in the parade will need to contact Eula Johnson at 263-2120 on or before Sept. 7.

Booths are available to vendors; please contact Verloria T. Wilson at 263-6636 for more information.

2012 Northwest Florida Championship Rodeo pageant to begin

BONIFAY — The 2012 Northwest Florida Championship Rodeo pageant, sponsored by the HCHS Blue Pride Band Boosters, will be held at 4 p.m., Sept. 22, at Holmes County High School.

There is no residency required to enter this pageant. Girls ages 4-20 and boys ages 4-9 may enter. Contestant entry fee \$45. If two or more siblings register in any category, it will cost \$35.

All registration dates are held at Holmes County High School from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 15; and late registration from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18 (a \$10.00 late fee will be added on this date).

You may also turn in registration forms at BES, BMS, HCHS or by mail to: HCHS; Attn: Band Boosters; 825 West Highway 90; Bonifay, FL 32425.

If you have any questions, you may contact Cindy Goodson at goodsonc@hdsb.org or by phone or text 373-7517.

Western Star Pageant slated

The annual Western Star Pageant will be held on Sept. 29 in the Vernon Community Center (old Vernon High School).

Boys and girls can enter. Boys 0-7 years old and girls 0-21 years old may compete, and the Ms. competition will include ages 22 and up.

Sign up will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 18 at the Bonifay Dance Center on Highway 90.

For more information, call Wanda at 614-1062 or 768-2005 or Bernyce at 547-3474 or 768-1150.

Washington County Candidate Forum

SUNNY HILLS — On Oct. 4, we will have a candidate forum for

all candidates with questions from the residents.

All Washington County residents are invited to participate.

Please send any questions to Karen at kbschoen@bellsouth.net or Chuck at shachakel@att.net

Senior Group will be exploring the Alpine countries

WASHINGTON/HOLMES COUNTY — Senior Group will be exploring the Alpine countries of Germany, Austria and Switzerland from Sept. 28 to Oct. 11.

For more information, call Merita Stanley at 594-9980.

Holmes County High School Class of 1953

BONIFAY — Members of the Holmes County High School Class of 1953 are looking for other members of the class to let them know if they are interested in holding a 60th class reunion.

If you are interested, call Joann (Black) Scott at 763-4633, Grace (Whipple) Watson at 623-3058 or Ruth (Andrews) Bellot at 547-3452.

Washington County Girls Night Out

CHIPLEY — The Women's Imaging Services at Northwest Florida Community Hospital proudly present Girls Night Out Oct. 11.

The event will be held at the Washington County Ag Center in Chipley.

For more information, call Heather Shelby at 415-8119.

Second annual Scarecrow Contest to be held Oct. 13

CHIPLEY — The second annual Scarecrow Contest, sponsored by the Chipley Garden Club, will be held Saturday, Oct. 13, "on the lawn" of the museum.

The event will be held in conjunction with Washington County Historical Society's "Fall Into History" Festival with assistance from the Washington County Arts Council and Tourist Development Council.

Senior Group going to Georgia Mountain Festival

WASHINGTON/HOLMES COUNTY — Senior Group will be going to the Georgia Mountain Festival Oct. 16-20. The festival will be held in Helen and in Hiawassee, Ga.

For more information, call Merita Stanley at 594-9980.

Senior Group to experience Christmas in Branson

WASHINGTON/HOLMES COUNTY — Senior Group will experience Christmas in Branson, Mo., Nov. 25 to Dec. 1. This trip will include seven shows, seven days and six nights.

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6 speech habits which sabotage

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You might look good on paper or in your interview suit, but if you are looking to nail your big interview, looks are not everything. How you sound often is more important. But many job seekers let careless speech habits sink their chances of landing that plum job.

Here are six common language mistakes and how to keep them from sabotaging your interview:

1. Nonwords

Filler words such as “um,” “ah,” “you know,” “OK” or “like” tell the interviewer you are not prepared and make you sound like a Valley Girl (or Boy). A better strategy is to think before you speak, taking pauses and breaths when you lose your train of thought. Everybody utters an occasional “um,” but don’t let it start every sentence.

2. Up-talk

A singsong or rising inflection at the end of every sentence creates a tentative impression and makes it sound as though you are asking a question instead of making a definitive statement. You need to speak with conviction when selling yourself in an interview. Bring your intonation down when ending a sentence to avoid talking up.



3. Grammatical errors

The interviewer might question your education when you use incorrect

grammar or slang. Expressions such as “ain’t” “she don’t,” “me and my friend” and “so I goes to him” are not appropriate. Be sure you speak in complete sentences and that tenses agree. The interview is not the venue for regional expressions or informality.

4. Sloppy speech

Slurring words together or dropping their endings impairs the clarity of your message. To avoid slurring and increase understanding, speak slowly during an interview. Make a list of commonly mispronounced words, and practice saying them into a tape recorder before the interview. Some common incorrect pronunciations include “aks” for “ask,” “ath-a-lete” for “athlete,” “wif” for “with” and “dree” for “three.”

5. Speed talking

While everybody is a bit anxious during an interview, you do not want your information to fly by like a speeding bullet. A rapid speaking rate is difficult to follow, and speed talkers are seen as nervous. Slow down your racing heart by doing some breathing exercises before the interview. To avoid rushing, listen to the question, and then count two beats in your head before answering. When you finish a sentence, count two beats again before continuing. Don’t be afraid of silence.

Pausing is an effective communication technique. The interviewer needs a few seconds to process what you just said anyway.

6. Weak speak

Wimpy words modify or water down your conviction and in the end your position. When you pepper a conversation with “hopefully,” “perhaps,” “I feel,” “kind of” and “sort of,” the message you convey is a lack of confidence. Use power words such as “I’m confident that,” “my track record shows,” “I take the position that,” “I recommend” or “my goal is.” The language you use gives the listener an impression about your level of confidence and conviction.

The bottom line

You do not have to study elocution to speak well. Simply slow down, take time to pronounce all the syllables and leave slang at home.

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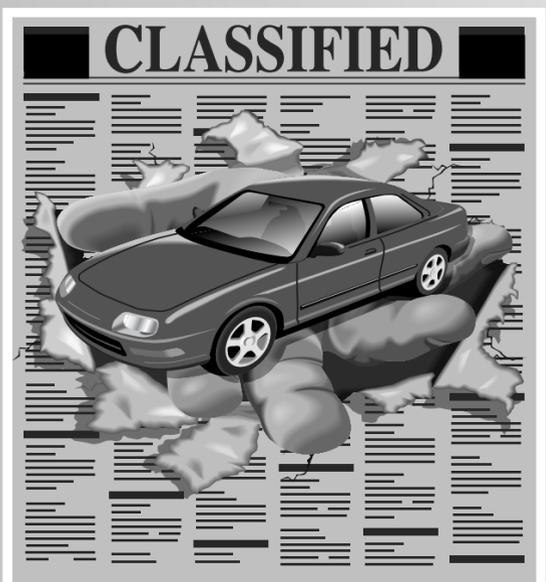
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