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IN BRIEF

Camp Ground Church to hold peanut boil

Camp Ground Church will hold its annual Peanut Boiling today, Sept. 8, at the church. The public is invited to come and enjoy the good peanuts and great fellowship.

This event is held in appreciation of all the support given to help with the upkeep of the cemetery. We will begin serving the peanuts at 2 p.m.

The church is located at 2130 Highway 179-A.

Run-off election Tuesday

CHIPLEY — City residents will return to the polls Tuesday, Sept. 11, to decide the race for councilman-at-large.

During the city's General Election on Aug. 7, incumbent council member Roger Sloan only garnered 88 votes, while his two challengers, Robert "Bret" Brown and Ellis W. Reed, will face each other in a run-off election on Sept. 11.

Brown gained 182 votes in the race for the council member-at-large, while Reed had 166 votes.

Voting will take place at City Hall, and the polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. There will be a special City Council meeting at 7:15 p.m. to approve the election results.

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Council adopts speed hump policy

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CHIPLEY — After several residents requested speed humps be placed on neigh-

borhood streets in the past few months, the Chipley City Council adopted a speed hump policy Thursday modeled on that of Panama City.

"The policy establishes

criteria for putting speed humps in the city," City Administrator Dan Miner said.

The policy sets guidelines and procedures for placing and requesting

speed humps. It outlines the procedure for determining when, where and how speed humps will be installed within city limits.

The policy exempts collector or arterial roads and

streets from control with speed humps, because the main purpose of a collector road is to convey the traffic from nearby residential

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FOOTBALL FRENZY



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Above: Contestant Rodney Hubbs prepares to try his hand at throwing a football in the Half Time Football Toss at Philip Rountree Stadium in Chipley on Aug. 31. The contest is held at each home game and is a fundraiser for the Chipley High School Band, sponsored by One South Bank.

Left: Kim Davis Wilson, left, president and CEO of One South Bank in Chipley, and Andrew Fleener, right, executive vice president, congratulate Hubbs, a Kate M. Smith Middle School teacher, after the contest. Hubbs didn't get any of his footballs through the sign, but he still took home a \$50 prize for trying.

Bay appeals well field ruling

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SAND HILLS — Bay County is appealing the decision of an administrative law judge who advised against permitting a well field near the Washington County line.

In July, Judge David Maloney stated Bay County failed to provide "reasonable assurances natural systems would not be significantly affected" by their proposed well field. Bay County is disputing the ruling on several grounds, including an argu-

ment Maloney misapplied the burden of proof in making his decision.

"We took exception to some of his conclusions because we don't believe they are backed up by fact or by testimony," Assistant County Manager Dan Shaw said.

Bay County is asking the case be remanded to Maloney for reconsideration, which would require additional hearings. The final decision will be made by the Governing Board of the Northwest Florida Water Management District. They don't have

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Arrest made in Wells Fargo robbery

Suspect accused of robbing 26 banks

From Staff Reports

CHIPLEY — Police Chief Kevin Crews told Chipley City Council members recently that an arrest has been made in the April 28

robbery of the Wells Fargo Bank.

"I heard about it on Channel 7 News last week," Crews said. Crews

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‘Keeping the Promise’ seeking volunteers, funding

Special to the News

MIAMI — Take Stock in Children, a statewide non-profit organization with a solid history of providing scholarships, mentors and hope, is proud to announce the launch of “Keeping the Promise,” an initiative to raise enough funding to purchase college scholarships for an additional 1,800 deserving low-income students. This will increase the number of scholars currently served by 25 percent to 9,000 active students across Florida.

As a role model organization that has supported more than 18,000 students to date, over 80 percent whom are the first in their family to attend college, Take Stock in Children recently received national recognition for its exemplary successes.

As a result of its winning formula of providing low-income students scholarships, mentors and hope, the organization was

awarded the prestigious Investing in Innovation grant from the U.S. Department of Education, and also shined in a study by the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability. On the heels of this success, the State of Florida demonstrated their belief in Take Stock in Children by allocating an additional \$1 million in funding with the understanding that the organization will register an additional 1,800 students.

“The State of Florida recognizes Take Stock in Children is a strong partner in the solution for improving education,” says Emilio Alonso-Mendoza, President/CEO of Take Stock in Children. “We must now keep the promise of providing a college education to these students by purchasing 1,800 scholarships and recruiting caring mentors for each of them.”

Prior to enrolling any student Take Stock in Children must first secure the

funding to purchase a college scholarship for them, as this is the promise made to all its scholars. In return, each student promises to meet with their mentor once a week, maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.5 and remain drug and crime free. Upon fulfillment of this agreement students are awarded a college scholarship at high school graduation.

To achieve this goal, individuals and businesses are needed to rally behind Take Stock Children’s “Keeping the Promise” initiative. Volunteering, mentoring or providing resources to purchase scholarships will help ensure Florida’s future workforce is strong and improve our communities. With Take Stock in Children’s unique public and private model of funding, any contribution made is matched dollar for dollar by the state.

“Take Stock in Children plays a critical role in changing the face of education and

ABOUT TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN

Take Stock in Children is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a solid 17 year history of providing mentors, educational scholarships and hope for Florida’s low-income and deserving youth.

The organization has provided educational support and college scholarships for over 18,000 children in partnership with more than 800 public schools throughout 67 counties in Florida. It is the only scholarship mentoring program that has attained a high school graduation rate of 92 percent in Florida. The program’s multi-year commitment to students and their comprehensive program services begin in middle school and continue through high school graduation and into college. Special emphasis is placed on student accountability and specific measurable outcomes. Take Stock in Children students pledge to meet with their assigned mentor once a week, maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.5, and remain drug and crime free. Upon successful high school graduation, as a fulfillment of their contractual agreement, students are then awarded a college scholarship to any college, university or vocational school in the state of Florida.

To learn more about Take Stock in Children’s “Keeping the Promise” initiative, or to become a valued mentor or supporter, please call 888-322-4673 or visit www.takestockinchildren.org.

has a long history of proven results,” says Don Pemberton, State Board Chair of Take Stock in Children. “We believe that knowledge is power and education is the best investment to transform lives.”

The program offers a unique opportunity for students with comprehensive services starting in middle

school, continuing through high school and including assistance during the transition to college. With an unparalleled high school graduation rate of 92 percent, and 89 percent enrolling in college, Take Stock in Children contributes to the economic viability of our communities and delivers an unmatched return on in-

vestment. High school graduates contribute 46 percent more in taxes, have longer lives with less public health dependency and are 3 times more likely to be employed and not dependent on government assistance. The total benefit to the State of Florida is estimated to be \$300,000 per student over a lifetime.

Huckabee to speak at Walton County Lincoln Day Dinner

Special to the News

FREEPORT — Walton County Republican Executive Committee is pleased to announce that former Arkansas Governor, author,

radio host and commentator Mike Huckabee will be the special guest speaker at this year’s Lincoln Day Dinner on Tuesday, Sept. 25, at Hotel LeCiel in Sandestin from 6-8p.m.

For more information about the Lincoln Day Dinner or to purchase tickets, which are \$95 per person, contact WREC at lincolntickets@waltongov.org or call 850-635-0780.

Ponce de Leon woman dies in accident

From Staff Reports

EBRO — A Ponce de Leon woman died Monday in a one-vehicle accident near Ebro, according to a Florida Highway Patrol report.

Benda G. Howard, 52, of Ponce de Leon died when her vehicle rolled over, went down an embankment and into some

trees.

The accident occurred about one mile east of Ebro on Highway 20 in Washington County.

The accident happened shortly before 8:00 a.m. Monday morning.

According to the report, she was not wearing a seat belt.

She was pronounced dead at the scene.

Chamber slates credit seminar

Special to the News

CHIPLEY — The Washington County Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with member financial institutions, will hold a free credit seminar on Sept. 18.

This seminar will take place at the PAEC, 753 West Blvd. from 9-11 a.m. There will be a presentation regarding the anatomy of a credit report and how credit scores are determined as well as a panel discussion for participants to ask questions regarding credit reports and how to improve their score. It is very important that a business owner or individual know what determines one’s credit score and what can be done to improve it. The seminar is free to the public but please call the Washington County Chamber of Commerce to register, 638-4157.

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roads and streets in order to provide access to another collector or arterial roadway.

A residential street that would be eligible for a speed hump would be a street that has a problem with either cut-through traffic or vehicular speeding. In that case, the road is functioning as a minor collector road but may not have the standard pavement width, pavement structure, shoulder width or drainage to serve effectively as a collector road.

Priority for traffic calming will be placed on streets where a higher density of housing exists, according to the policy.

Cut-through traffic or speeding problems can be identified by the city through current traffic counts, speed surveys and projections of future traffic impact in accordance with long range development plans for the area.

Speed humps can be requested by neighborhood residents, a regulatory agency such as the police department, a city council request or from a staff field review.

“We definitely need it,” Mayor Linda Cain said. “I looked at the policy, and it looks good. I didn’t see anything we had to add to it.”

In other business, the council approved a resolution for a Department of Transportation reimbursement to the

city of nearly \$12,000 for maintenance to traffic signals and approved the renewal of a lease until 2017 with WestPoint Home for the usage of a 50,000-square-foot warehouse the city owns. One change to the lease was the shortening of the notice of vacation requirement from six months to three months.

“The way that works is that if the warehouse is empty, then we don’t have to make payments on the loan,” Miner said.

He added that WestPoint was not expected to leave the facility any time soon, but due to the volatile nature of the economy, they had requested the change.

The council also voted unanimously to take back control of the city’s website and Facebook pages from the Gouilding Agency.

The council discussed the city’s web presence at the Aug. 16 meeting after resident Cheryl McCall asked the city council to consider retaking control of the city’s Facebook page, citing slow performance by the current service provider, the Gouilding Agency.

Miner said the Gouilding Agency had gotten faster at posting items to the website after he discussed the situation with agency owner Paul Gouilding.

However, the council voted to resume control of the websites.

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knew about the arrest, but the FBI had not made the information public that the suspect was responsible for the Chipley robbery.

“Someone dropped the ball, or we would have had our news release on this,” Crews said.

Michael Aaron Aldridge, 39, of Fort Worth, Texas, was arrested May 25 by the Sarasota County Sheriff’s Office for one count of bank robbery.

According to the Jacksonville Business Journal, Aldridge is suspected in 26 bank robberies — 18 in Texas, seven in Florida and one in New Orleans.

FBI investigators, along with authorities in

Florida and Texas, are continuing to investigate Aldridge for those other bank robberies.

According to the Sarasota Patch website, Aldridge robbed a Wells Fargo Bank in St. Johns County on May 1 and another Wells Fargo on May 11.

Shortly after the Wells Fargo surveillance images were released, detectives were contacted by the FBI who said the suspect resembled Aldridge, who was under investigation for multiple bank robberies in at least three states, according to the Sarasota County Sheriff’s Office.

Aldridge’s wife told the FBI she and her daughter sat in the family’s truck in the Kohl’s parking lot beside the Wells Fargo Bank when Aldridge said he “went to do something,” according to the sheriff’s office report.

When Aldridge returned he, “jumped in the truck and sped off as he was removing his clothing.”

“When Mrs. Aldridge asked what was going on, Michael Aldridge told her he had just robbed a bank.”

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to follow Maloney’s recommendations, but they usually do, according to Shaw.

The county also made a settlement offer to reduce the number of wells from 10 to eight and reduce the daily well withdrawals from 5 million gallons per day to 2 million gallons per day. Bay County officials have said the well field would be used as a backup water supply to Deer Point Lake in case of emergency.

The settlement agreement grants the Northwest Florida Water Management District the authority to decide what constitutes an emergency.

Proposed withdrawals from the well field during

an emergency — 30 million gallons per day for no more than 52 days — remains the same in settlement proposal.

The Northwest Florida Water Management District issued a notice of intent to grant Bay County a permit for 10 water wells as a backup water supply to Deer Point Lake in October 2010.

Washington County, the Knight Family Trust — a large landowner in the area — and two residents appealed the permit on the grounds it would have detrimental effects on the sensitive Sand Hills ecosystem.

“I think that Bay County is looking for a way to save

face,” said attorney John Thomas, who is representing Washington County.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Washington County Value Adjustment Board will hold an organization meeting on **September 11, 2012 at 9:00 A.M.** at the Washington County Annex, Board Meeting Room, 1331 South Boulevard, Chipley, Florida.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodations in order to participate in this meeting, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Risha Brantley, 1293 Jackson Avenue, Chipley, Florida at 850-638-6233, ext. 239 at least two days before the meeting. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD 1-800-955-8771.

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State attorney: Decision on organs to come this week

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MICHAEL BERKLAND

State Attorney Bill Eddins said his office should take action this week in the case of Dr. Michael Berkland, a former associate medical examiner who performed autopsies for Okaloosa and Walton counties from 1997 to 2003.

Organs or organ specimens belonging to more than 100 people were found Aug. 24 in a commercial storage unit Berkland had rented in Pensacola. They are believed to have come from private autopsies.

Law enforcement authorities have been scrambling since finding the human body parts to determine what laws Berkland might

have violated by keeping his organ collection.

"We've reviewed the case, spoken to the attorney for the defendant, reviewed various laws that may apply to this situation and are continuing to review those laws," Eddins said.

"We anticipate a decision in this matter will be made later this week."

Neither Berkland nor his attorney, Eric Stevenson of Pensacola, has returned phone calls seeking comment.

Stevenson was quoted in a South Florida newspaper last week making a statement that seemed to confirm the organs belonged to Berkland.

"Every profession has a certain way it stores things related to

their profession," Stevenson told the Sarasota Herald-Tribune. "Ultimately, these were intended to go to the incinerator for destruction. It's no different than files in a lawyer's office that ultimately go to a shredder."

Jeff Martin, the chief investigator for First Judicial Circuit's Medical Examiner's Office, seemed to refute portions of Stevenson's comments.

Last week, Martin doubted several organs found in Berkland's storage unit — including fully intact brains, hearts and lungs — could be considered forensic work product.

"The only time a medical examiner would keep an entire organ would be if it was going to be sent to a specialist. There were entire intact organs that had never been dissected, never touched," Martin

said shortly after the discovery. "I have no idea what the motivation behind keeping it was."

Martin also said not all the organs Berkland brought to the storage facility had been labeled and some were not properly preserved.

For instance, a heart was found stashed in a 32-ounce cup purchased at Dodge's Store in Fort Walton Beach.

The organs found at Uncle Bob's storage facility were discovered after someone took over the unit after Berkland had stopped paying for it, the Medical Examiner's Office said.

They were assumed to have been collected from the late 1990s through 2007 at autopsies performed "outside the scope" of Berkland's medical examiner duties, the office said.

The Daily News, a sister paper to The Washington County News, has confirmed Berkland performed autopsies after he left his job as associate medical examiner, although the Public Defender's Office denied Berkland performed autopsies for the agency.

When he left the Medical Examiner's Office, Berkland became a "forensic consultant to the First Judicial Circuit's Public Defender's Office," according to the Medical Examiner's Office.

He did "consulting work on forensic issues," Public Defender's Office spokesman Mike Van Cavage said Tuesday.

"He worked a few cases, not many," Van Cavage said.

Berkland still provides expert testimony in criminal cases, most recently in a controversial case in Bradenton Beach near Tampa.

Gulf World responds to rare whale stranding

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PANAMA CITY BEACH — The outlook did not look good Saturday night for the rare whale stranded on Seagrove Beach in South Walton.

The stranding team from Gulf World Marine Institute in Panama City Beach responded to a call from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration at 11:30 p.m., after beachgoers reported a distressed 8-foot, 250-pound marine mammal stranded along the shoreline.

"After assessing the whale on the beach, the chances of survival didn't look good," said Secret Holmes-Douglas, director of marine mammals and facility stranding coordinator at Gulf World. "When they strand on the beach, it's their last chance for survival."

Upon arrival, the team confirmed the animal was a melon-headed whale, a species not often seen in stranding incidents.

Holmes-Douglas said the whale was emaciated and clearly ill. The Gulf



SPECIAL TO HALIFAX MEDIA

Melon-headed whales like this one are small members of the dolphin group. They can reach a length of 9 feet and weight of 460 pounds.

World team worked to stabilize the animal as best they could and quickly removed the animal from the beach.

Unfortunately, after transporting the female whale to the Gulf World rehabilitation center, she was determined too sick to be admitted for rehabilitation and was euthanized.

Samples taken after death confirmed pneumonia, kidney disease and a large amount of parasites in the whale, as well as a number of abnormal organs.

"Pneumonia is common for marine mammals," Holmes-Douglas said. "You'll see pneumonia in most stranding animals that come in."

The samples will be sent to NOAA fisheries for further examination to

identify parasites, compare to past cases and conduct genetic testing.

Holmes-Douglas said the team responds to a number of dolphin and pygmy sperm whale strandings in the area. However, the melon-headed whale, a member of the dolphin group, was only the second of its kind to be brought back to Gulf World in the last six years.

"We don't see a whole lot of them," said Holmes-Douglas, who noted that even though the whale did not survive, the stranding still provides her team with useful information for future strandings.

"Any information we collect is useful," she said. "We learn something from each response and look for ways to improve."

FWC charts next steps for Florida panther population

Special to the News

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, working in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, plans to document where panthers are roaming beyond south Florida and develop the best practices to help people and panthers coexist.

The efforts described in its recent staff report at the FWC's Commission meeting in Tampa would aid a potential northward expansion of the range of breeding panthers as part of the next steps in panther population recovery.

"Panther expansion northward is going to be, in large part, due to cooperation with private landowners," Commission Chairman Kenneth Wright said.

The panther needs a large area to roam, as much as 200 square miles for an adult male. In South Florida,

panthers have access to federally managed public lands such as Everglades National Park, Big Cypress National Preserve and the Panther National Wildlife Refuge in addition to state and privately owned lands. In the southern part of central Florida, a key area for potential expansion of the large cat, more panther habitat is privately owned.

"We have room for more panther population growth as long as we manage areas successfully," said Commissioner Ronald Bergeron, who suggested it should be a priority both to conserve the core population in south Florida and prepare for expansion north of the Caloosahatchee River. "We have to target the heart of where the panthers are, and continue to move forward with good habitat and with underpasses to protect panthers crossing highways."

In the coming months, staff said the FWC will be collaborating closely

with stakeholders, including private landowners in central Florida, about what information and resources they need to feel prepared for an increased presence of panthers. The commissioners supported this approach, particularly an exploration of what panther-related conservation incentives should be made available to landowners.

"For expansion, I think we have to see some version of good wildlife corridors or good unfragmented habitat," said Commissioner Aliese "Liesa" Priddy. "We need to get realistic about what our goals should be and what habitat is available."

The panther is Florida's official state animal. All funding for state research and conservation of panthers comes from Florida residents' voluntary purchase of the panther specialty license plate. For more information, go to www.buyaplate.com and click on the panther "Cat Tag."

FSU PC enrollment tops 1,400 students

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PANAMA CITY — Four years after budget cuts prompted discussions of closing the Florida State University Panama City campus, enrollment goals have been met, saving the campus.

"We're excited we've been able to grow as much as we have over the last four years and we're able to provide continuing service to the students in Northwest Florida," said Ken Shaw, dean of the Panama City campus.

After the option of closing FSU PC was discussed, a blue ribbon committee was formed and made recommendations to help keep the campus open. One of those goals was enrollment of 1,400 students by this fall. Shaw said the fall enrollment is 1,417.

Shaw said the increases are not just natural growth; they can be attributed to more recruitment and online programs.

"Also, we have started some online programs that have really taken off," Shaw said. "The computer science online program has mushroomed from a little over 100 students last year to more than 200 this year. That really helped our overall numbers."

Shaw said this is not the end of their growth. "The FSU board of trustees approved FSU PC for freshmen and sophomores beginning next year," Shaw said. "We anticipate a freshman class of 200 students, which is a big increase. Over the course of the next four years, with classes like that, we'll be well over 2,000 students by 2016."



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A student walks through campus at Florida State University Panama City last month. The school's enrollment has topped 1,400.

PUBLIC NOTICE EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Washington County Commission will conduct an Attorney-Client Executive Session on or around 10:30 A.M. (following the regular session) on Tuesday September 18, 2012 in the County Commission Chambers located at 1331 South Boulevard, Chipley, Florida to discuss ongoing litigation.

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

Yates v. Washington County Board of County Commissioners

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

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

NOTICE TO CITY VOTERS

The City of Chipley General Election will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2012, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The voting machine for this election will be tested and sealed at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 10, 2012, in the City Hall Council Chambers. All interested individuals are encouraged to attend.

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

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Opinion

Progress: it's a good thing

Many years ago, my father served as president of his local Chamber of Commerce. He occasionally came home from meetings frustrated because people were laughing at his ideas for ushering the city into the next century. They simply didn't believe his suggestions were possible.



SHANNON SEYLER
Faithfully Yours

The town's economy had long hinged on a rapidly dying industry. People were thrown into complete panic (and even pretended to act surprised) when those industries began shutting down one after another. My father kept telling anybody who would listen that the town needed to aggressively re-train the workforce and court new high-tech industries. They needed to forget about yesterday's money makers, because their time had come and gone. The only real solution was

to leave the past behind and move forward. But there's no moving forward when people don't believe in themselves. So the townspeople sat around moaning about their lost jobs, and they waited for the old factories to come back. That was decades ago, and they're still waiting.

Dad kept telling them that any company wanting unskilled or low-tech labor could easily find it overseas without having to pay U.S. wages, but no one seemed to care. They also didn't believe that once-productive industries would eventually go the way of the horse and buggy, but they did. People passively watched while even more of their jobs got outsourced. Meanwhile, other cities were able to successfully attract new businesses using strategies much like those my father had presented. That's because those

towns had sufficiently proven that their citizens were willing to adapt and learn new skill sets demanded by global corporations.

Can you train a person of average intelligence to work in high-tech industry? Certainly, you can. Unless, of course, that worker continually argues that he or she can't learn such skills — or worse yet, is betrayed by city fathers who insist that their own citizens are too ignorant to rise to the task. Enough arguing, and a potential employer will move on to others who can get the job done. Employers need a work force that isn't bogged down in the past. The word "can't" wasn't in my father's vocabulary, but he found out that it was apparently the only word that some people had ever learned.

Do you have a "can do" attitude when it comes to progress, or are you content to sit around dreaming about what used to be?

Here's a guarantee for you: time is going to pass. It will pass whether you're ready for it or not. Ten years will speed by regardless of whether you're using the time wisely or foolishly. By the end of that decade, will you have put yourself in a better position financially, emotionally and spiritually? Or will you just be ten years older and wondering what happened?

I mentioned spiritual progress, and yes, I believe that any worthwhile form of spirituality involves progress and learning. If you're a member of an organized religious group, it's important to ask yourself what kind of progress you're making. Are you constantly learning new things, expanding your knowledge, growing in your faith and otherwise moving forward? If not, why? Beware of organizations, including religious ones, that aren't moving forward.

By "moving forward", I don't mean jumping on the latest theological

fads. There are fads and buzzwords in religion just as much as anywhere else. To see evidence of Christian fads, go to any thrift store or flea market and take a look at the book shelves. There are certain books that are common as dirt. They can hardly be given away, and are practically falling off the thrift store shelves. That's because they were hot for about a month, and then everybody dumped them for the next new craze that came blowing in. If your theology requires a different bumpersticker or T-shirt every month, you might want to seek out something a little more stable.

By spiritual progress, I'm referring to a sense of actually having learned something. I'm talking about growth and change. Religion, like everything else, depends upon learning. In any area of life, if you're not moving forward, you're wasting your time. That may sound harsh, but it's true. Have you learned anything new

in the past month? No? Then you need to be doing something else.

One of the most harmful phrases in the English language is "But we've always done it that way." If somebody hadn't decided to do things differently, we'd still be sitting in the dark without electric lights. In religion, clinging to the past can be downright dangerous. Some religions historically supported devastating practices such as slavery and the denial of women's rights. Even today, there are religions that openly condone bigotry. It's time to move ahead and leave such ideas where they belong — in the past.

Whether in commerce, finance, personal relationships or religion, there's only one direction to go: forward. A city can't run on antiquated industries, and a soul can't run on yesterday's worn-out ideas. When people choose the path of progress, all of humanity will reap the benefits.

Faith BRIEFS

Evergreen Missionary Baptist Benefit

WESTVILLE — Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church will be having a Building Fund Benefit today, Sept. 8, at the Westville City Hall. The yard sale will start at 8 a.m. and starting at 10 a.m. they will begin selling sliced pork dinners for \$60.

Noma Assembly of God Homecoming

NOMA — Noma Assembly of God will be holding Homecoming services at 10 a.m., on Sunday, Sept. 9. Special singers will be The Thompson's and the special speaker will be Brother Roger Cosson. Lunch and Fellowship will

follow. The church is at 1062 Tindal St. in Noma.

Wausau Assembly of God Revival

WAUSAU — The Wausau Assembly of God Church will be having revival at 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, and at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, Sept. 10-12. Brother Gene Keen will be preaching each night. We invite everyone to come out and be with us. The church is on U.S. Highway 77 in Wausau. For more information call 638-0883 or 596-4451.

Only Grace Ministries Presents The Ring

BONIFAY — Only by Grace Ministries will proudly present the original theatrical production, *The Ring*, at 10:45 a.m. on Sept. 16,

at Gully Springs Baptist Church in Bonifay. This modern day drama illustrates the story of The Prodigal Son as it relates to everyday life. The Ring captivates audiences of all ages as it illustrates the Father's unfailing love through story and music. Sept. 16 will also mark the 95th Homecoming at Gully Springs Baptist Church.

Northside Baptist Church 65th Homecoming

PONCE DE LEON — Northside Baptist Church in Ponce de Leon will be holding their 65th Homecoming at 10 a.m. on Sept. 16. Dr. Thomas Kinchen will bring the message, and Four Calvary Quartet will perform special music. For more information call Lavelle Brooks at 836-4881, Carol Busby at 836-4470 or

Frances Cooley at 956-2822.

Mondays that Matter

CHIPLEY — Holmes Creek Baptist Church will be holding a Fall Revival, at 6:30 p.m. each Monday in the month of September. On Sept. 10, Dr. John Sullivan, Executive Director of the Florida Baptist Convention will be the guest speaker. The Worship Leader will be Jonathan Brown of Ozark Baptist Church in Ozark, Ala. Sept. 17 the Rev. Nathan Carroll, Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Geneva, Ala. will be the guest speaker. The Worship Leader will be Gary Medlock on Northside Baptist Church in Ponce de Leon. On Sept. 24, Dr. Fred Evers, Pastor of Northside Baptist Church in Tifton Ga., will be the guest speaker and the Male Chorale, from the Baptist College of Florida, from Graceville will be the

Worship Leaders.

Bethel Baptist plans revival

POPULAR SPRINGS — Bethel Baptist Church will hold Revival Services beginning Sunday, Sept. 16, and continuing nightly until Sept. 19.

Guest speaker will be the Rev. Larry Finley, pastor of Northside Baptist Church in Starke. Special music will be provided by the Bethel Choir at each service.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, then at 7 p.m. nightly Monday through Wednesday.

Pastor Kent Lampp and the congregation offer a warm invitation to the public to attend the services.

The church is at 1349 U.S. Highway 172 in the Poplar Springs community.

HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?

Letters to the editor and comments on Web versions of news stories are welcomed.

Letters are edited only for grammar, spelling, clarity, space and consistency, but we ask that they be limited to 300 words where possible. Letter writers are asked to provide a home address and daytime telephone number (neither is printed) for verification purposes.

Letters may be sent to 1364 N. Railroad Ave., Chipley, FL 32428 or emailed to news@chipleypaper.com. Please specify if the letter should be printed in the Washington County News or Holmes County Times-Advertiser. Questions? Call 638-0212.



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Sunday: Closed

Holmes County Library (Bonifay)
Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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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 p.m. at the Chipley library.
6-7:30 p.m.: Salvation Army Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Program (SADVP) hosts a domestic violence support group at the SADVP Rural Outreach office, 1461 S. Railroad Ave., Apartment 1, in Chipley. Call Emma or Jess at 415-5999.

TUESDAY

8 - 9 a.m.: Tai Chi Class at the Washington County Public Library, Chipley

Branch

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

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

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

Noon: Chipley Kiwanis Club meeting.

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: The Vernon Historical Society Museum is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2

p.m. Meetings are fourth Wednesdays at 2 p.m.

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

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

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

THURSDAY

7:30 a.m.: Washington County Chamber of Commerce breakfast every third Thursday

9 a.m. to noon: Amazing Grace Church USDA Food Distribution every third Thursday. (Holmes County Residents Only)

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

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

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

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

Governor Scott proclaims September Florida Preparedness Month

Special to the News

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Rick Scott proclaimed September as Florida Preparedness Month on Wednesday, and the Florida Division of Emergency Management reminds Floridians that September is the historical peak of hurricane season and there is no better time than today to get a plan for your family or business. In 2004, September was designated as National Preparedness Month following the September 11th tragedies.

“Florida Preparedness Month provides a great opportunity to educate Florida’s residents and visitors on the importance of having a plan and disaster supply kit,” said Florida Division of Emergency Management Director Bryan W. Koon. “Regardless of where you live in Florida, you can be impacted by a tropical weather system. Many in our state have felt the impact of weather systems this season with Tropical Storms Beryl and Debby and Hurricane Isaac. You do not have to live in a coastal community to be impacted.”

While Florida is the most hurricane vulnerable state in the nation, it is important to be prepared for all natural and man-made hazards that may impact the state. Natural hazards facing

Florida include extreme heat, tropical weather, thunderstorms, tornadoes, wildfire floods and drought. National Preparedness Month was established in response to the largest man-made disaster on American soil. This month serves as a reminder to all Floridians to remain vigilant about the threat of both natural hazards and other disasters.

All Floridians should take personal responsibility and develop a disaster preparedness plan based on their own needs, and an emergency supply kit to sustain themselves and their family for up to 72 hours after a disaster by visiting www.FloridaDisaster.org. Kids can also build their own disaster supply kit at www.kidsgetaplan.com. Students, parents and teachers can also obtain safety information, books and learning tools to be better prepared.

The 2012 Atlantic Hurricane Season began on June 1. Halfway through the six month season, three tropical storms have already impacted Florida and thirteen tropical systems have been named, including seven tropical storms and five hurricanes.

For more information on the Florida Division of Emergency Management and to GET A PLAN! visit www.FloridaDisaster.org.

Rip Current risks elevated this weekend

Special to the News

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Division of Emergency Management reminds residents and visitors to use caution when visiting the beach, as a high risk of rip currents is expected along some of Florida’s coasts this week. Along the Atlantic Coast, from Nassau through Martin County, ocean swells from Tropical Storm Leslie are generating a high risk of rip currents. The risk of rip currents will also increase along the Southeast Florida coast, from Palm Beach County through Miami-Dade County this weekend.

Additionally, an area of low pressure moving southward into the northern Gulf of Mexico will generate rough surf and large breaking waves up to 3-6 feet. The Emerald Coast, from Escambia through Gulf County, will see a moderate to high risk of rip currents through the end of the week.

“Ocean swells from distant Tropical Storm Leslie as well as an area of low pressure in the northern Gulf of Mexico bring a moderate to high rip current risk to some of Florida beaches, which will likely persist through the upcoming weekend,” said FDEM Deputy State Meteorologist Michelle Palmer. “Beachgoers should remember to review the rip current outlook for their area, check the warning flag signs before entering the water and swim within sight of a lifeguard.”

It is important to remember that when red flags are flying, beachgo-

ers should remain alert while visiting Florida’s beaches. A rip current is a narrow, powerful current of water that runs perpendicular to the beach, out into the ocean. These currents may extend 200 to 2,500 feet (61 to 762 meters) in length, but are typically less than 30 feet (9 meters) wide. Rip currents can often move at more than 5 miles per hour (8 kilometers per hour) and are not always identifiable to the average beachgoer.

When at the beach:
• Before you leave for the beach, check the latest National Weather Service forecast for local beach conditions. Many offices issue a Surf Zone Forecast.

• Obey all instructions and orders from lifeguards. Lifeguards are trained to identify hazards.

• Know the meaning of and obey warnings represented by colored beach flags.

• Different beaches may use different colors but a commonly used series include:

• Double Red: Beach is closed to the public

• Single Red: high hazard, e.g., strong surf or currents

• Yellow: medium hazard

• Green: Calm conditions although caution is still necessary

• Purple: Flown with either Red or Yellow: Dangerous marine life

• Stay at least 100 feet away from piers and jetties. Permanent rip currents often exist alongside these structures.

• Pay especially close attention to children and persons who are elderly when at the beach. Even in shallow water, wave action can cause loss of footing.

• Be cautious. Always assume rip currents are present even if you don’t see them.

• If caught in a rip current:

• Don’t panic. Remain calm to conserve energy and think clearly.

• Never swim against the rip. Stay afloat and signal for help.

• Swim out of the current in a direction following the shoreline. When out of the current, swim at an angle—away from the current—towards shore.

• If you are unable to swim out of the rip current, float or calmly tread water.

• Draw attention to yourself: face the shore, wave your arms, and yell for help.

• If you see someone in trouble, don’t become a victim too:

• Get help from a lifeguard or, if one is unavailable, have someone call 9-1-1.

• Throw the rip current victim something that floats — a lifejacket, a cooler, an inflatable ball.

• Yell instructions on how to escape.

The 2012 Atlantic Hurricane Season began June 1 and continues through Nov. 30. For more information on the Florida Division of Emergency Management and to GET A PLAN! visit www.FloridaDisaster.org.

Community EVENTS

2012 Miss. Graceville Harvest Festival

GRACEVILLE — The 31st Annual Harvest Festival Pageant will be held at the Graceville Civic Center in Graceville at 6:30 p.m. today, Sept. 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.

Kent Cemetery Work Day

ALFORD — There will be a Cemetery Work Day at Kent Cemetery today, Sept. 8. The cemetery is three miles southwest of Alford. Please arrive as early as possible and bring tools and mowers to work with. Following the working there will be a fish fry. Please bring a covered dish and drinks.

Picnic in The Park planned

PONCE DE LEON SPRINGS — Holmes County Teen Court, Holmes County School Board, C.A.S.E Coalition, the Sheriffs Department, and the Florida Department of Environment Protection will be sponsoring a Picnic in The Park from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., today, Sept. 8, at Ponce de Leon Springs. Entry is free of charge, and there will be free hamburgers, free hotdogs, games and swimming. Come out and help keep our youth drug and crime free.

Town of Westville Elections

WESTVILLE — A regular election for the Town of Westville will be held on Tuesday, Sept 11. The polls will open at 7 a.m. Polls are at the Westville Community Center.

Kid Safety and Fun Expo

CHIPEY — MPE and H&H will sponsor a Free Kid Safety and Fun Expo, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Sept. 15, at the Chipley Wal-Mart. There will be baby twin deer at the expo and much, much more.

Youth Ranch Golf Tournament

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

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 at 2254 Jacob main Street (Highway 162). Booths are available to vendors; please contact Verloria T. Wilson at 263-6636 for more information.

Chipley High School Class of 1972

CHIPEY — The Chipley High School Class of 1972 are making plans for their class reunion. Activities are being planned for Homecoming, which is Oct. 5-6. We will ride in the parade, attend the football game, meet after the game, and will get together sometime Saturday. You can keep up with everything on Facebook. (Chipley High School Class of 1972 Reunion) It’s being updated as plans are being finalized. If you would like further information you may contact Cathy Pitts Adams 638-1665, adams03@bellsouth.net or Gwen Lane Collins at gwen13@aol.com. If you plan on attending, please RSVP by Sept. 19, 2012.

2012 Northwest Florida Championship Rodeo pageant

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 age 4-20 and boys age 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 on Tuesday, Sept. 11 from 5-7 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 15, from 10 a.m.- noon; Late registration Tuesday, Sept. 18, from 5-7 p.m. (A \$10 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, Florida 32425. If you have any questions you may contact Cindy Goodson at goodsonc@hdsb.org, or by phone or text 373-7517.

Kid Safety and Fun Expo

BONIFAY — MPE and H&H will sponsor a Free Kid Safety and Fun Expo, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Oct. 4, 5, and 6, at the Bonifay Rodeo. There will be baby twin deer at the expo and much, much more.

Western Star Pageant slated

BONIFAY — The annual Western Star Pageant will be held on Sept. 29 in the Holmes County 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 held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on 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 on Sept. 28-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

CHIPEY — 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.

Kid Safety and Fun Expo

CHIPEY — MPE and H&H will sponsor a Free Kid Safety and Fun Expo, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Oct. 13, at the Chipley Farmers Market behind the Washington County Historical Museum. There will be baby twin deer at the expo and much, much more.

Second Annual Scarecrow Contest

CHIPEY — The Second Annual Scarecrow Contest, sponsored by the Chipley Garden Club, will be held Saturday, Oct. 13, “on the lawn” of the museum 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 the 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.

Kid Safety and Fun Expo

CHIPEY — MPE and H&H will sponsor a Free Kid Safety and Fun Expo, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Oct. 20, at the Graceville Harvest Festival, at the VF Outlet in Graceville. There will be baby twin deer at the expo and much, much more.

Senior Group to experience Christmas in Branson

WASHINGTON/HOLMES COUNTY — Senior Group will experience Christmas in Branson, Mo., Nov. 25- Dec. 1. This trip will include seven shows, seven days, and six nights. For more information call Merita Stanley at 594-9980.

CITY OF VERNON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at the City of Vernon City Council Chamber, City Hall, 2808 Yellow Jacket Drive, Vernon, Florida 32462 on September, 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, for the purpose of reviewing a draft Facilities Plan for Wastewater Projects dated August 2012, including but not limited to the Capital Finance Plan and explaining planned projects for the City’s wastewater system and the associated financial impacts to affected parties and allowing public participation in the evaluation of project alternatives.

A copy of the Facilities Plan for Wastewater System Improvement Projects, dated August 2012 is available for review at the City of Vernon Water Resources Department Complex at 2808 Yellow Jacket Drive, Vernon, Florida 32462 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

This hearing is open to the public and all interested parties are invited to attend and to make comments. Written statements may be submitted prior to or at the time of the hearing.

If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in the proceeding, please contact the City Clerk’s Office (850) 535-2444, at least 24 hours prior to the meeting and we will provide that accommodation for you.

Dan Hendrix, City Clerk



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF File No. 67-2012-CP-000058

ELMER YATES A/K/A ELMORE YATES Division Deceased. NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of ELMER YATES A/K/A ELMORE YATES, deceased, whose date of death was July 6, 2011; File No. 67-2012-CP-000058, is pending in the Circuit Court for Washington County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 647, Chipley, FL 32428.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

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named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession # 2, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants

NOTICE OF ACTION FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY

TO: Betty R. DeWitt; ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: 2658 Lazy Bone Drive, Vernon, FL 32462

Residence unknown, if living, including any unknown spouse of the said Defendants, if either has remarried and if either or both of said Defendants are dead, their respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s); and the aforementioned named Defendant(s) and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants as may be infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui juris YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being and situated in Washington County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

LOTS 6 AND 7, BLUEBERRY HILLS SUBDIVISION, AS SURVEYED AND PLATTED AND RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, ALL LYING AND BEING IN THE W 1/2 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

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Panama City, FL 32402 at (850) 747-5338, at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing impaired, call 711.

Notice of Application for Tax Deed

Notice is hereby given that, Daryl R or Angela R Dockery, the holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon.

Certificate Number 1375 Year of Issuance 2005 Parcel Number: 05-0327-0022 Description of Property: Lot 22, Block 327, Sunny Hills Unit 5

Amount to Redeem for October \$ 4755.92 Amount to Redeem for October \$ 4824.56 IN US CURRENCY ONLY. NO PERSONAL CHECKS ACCEPTED

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10:00 AM. Dated this 27, day of August, 2012. Linda Hayes Cook, Clerk of Court, Washington Co. FL.

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Notice is hereby given that, Daryl R or Angela R Dockery, the holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon.

Certificate Number 1410 Year of Issuance 2005 Parcel Number: 06-0364-0019 Description of Property: Lot 19, Block 364, Sunny Hills Unit 6

Amount to Redeem for October \$ 3490.02 IN US CURRENCY ONLY. NO PERSONAL CHECKS ACCEPTED

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number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number 1411 Year of Issuance 2005 Parcel Number: 06-0364-0019

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Notice is hereby given that, Ruth E or Angela R Dockery, the holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon.

Certificate Number 1459 Year of Issuance 2005 Parcel Number: 06-0389-0037 Description of Property: Lot 37, Block 389, Sunny Hills Unit Six

Amount to Redeem for October \$ 3490.02 IN US CURRENCY ONLY. NO PERSONAL CHECKS ACCEPTED

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850-638-6008 ext 221. Amount to Redeem for September \$ 4199.48 Amount to Redeem for October \$ 4259.57 IN US CURRENCY ONLY. NO PERSONAL CHECKS ACCEPTED

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the courthouse door on October 10, 2012 at 10:00 AM. Dated this 27, day of August, 2012. Linda Hayes Cook, Clerk of Court, Washington Co. FL.

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sued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number 3672 Year of Issuance 2010 Parcel Number: 16-0596-0013

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Notice is hereby given that, Daryl R or Angela R Dockery, the holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon.

Certificate Number 1298 Year of Issuance 2005 Parcel Number: 02-0245-0023 Description of Property: Lot 23, Block 245, Sunny Hills Unit 2

Amount to Redeem for October \$ 1257.92 IN US CURRENCY ONLY. NO PERSONAL CHECKS ACCEPTED

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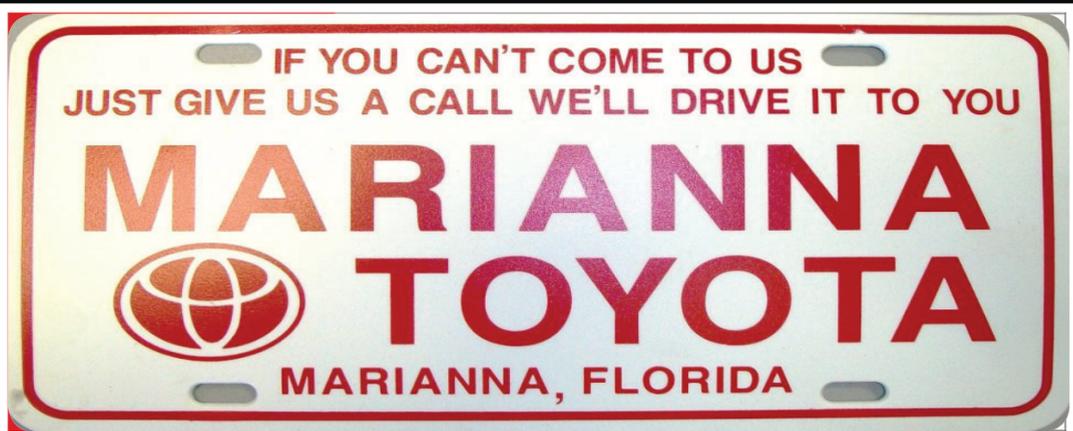


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