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IN BRIEF

Literacy Night

VERNON — Vernon High School is hosting a Parent Literacy Kickoff Event from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Friday in the cafeteria. The English Department invites students and their parents to attend. Some teachers are offering extra credit for attendance.

Booths will have representatives and information on Chipola, Troy, FSU, Advanced Placement and the ACT. The English Department will be on hand with board games, such as Banagagrams.

The event will feature pizza, chips, drinks and possibly door prizes. If you are willing to bring a 12-pack of soft drinks to help out, please do.

Thank you to Community South for their monetary donation for pizza and Dee's Restaurant for donating potato chips.

Employee of the Year recognition

VERNON — Washington County School District will honor the district's employees of the year from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Jan. 17 at the Vernon High School Cafeteria and Auditorium.

Light snacks will be served 3:30-4:15 p.m. Nominees for the teacher, rookie teacher and support staff from each school/cost center will be recognized at 4:15 p.m. in the auditorium, concluding with announcement of district winners.

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Woman wounded in standoff dead

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CHIPLEY — A Washington County woman wounded in a Dec. 4 standoff with law enforcement officers from the Bay and Washington county sheriff's offices, as well as the Bay County Sheriff's Office SWAT team, died Dec. 14, according to the medical examiner's office.

Mary Ethel Loflin, 62, was shot and critically wounded in the standoff after she reportedly pointed a gun at a member of the SWAT team, officials said. The official cause of her death has not been released and is pending final autopsy results, said Mike Bates, director of operations for the District 14 Medical Examiner's Office in Panama City.

Loflin's remains were released to Brock's Hometown Funeral

Home of Callaway, Bates said. No memorial services have been scheduled, according to a funeral home spokesperson.

At 12:17 p.m. Dec. 4, the Washington County Sheriff's Office received a call from the National Crisis Hotline in reference to a female caller who resided at 5463 N. Blue Springs Road in southern Washington County, according to the sheriff's office.

An officer with WCSO

responded and was met by Loflin, armed with a rifle in the front yard of the home, according to the sheriff's office.

Loflin told the officer to leave the property. As the officer was leaving, Loflin fired two rounds in the direction of the officer, according to the release. The officer was able to re-enter his vehicle, where he requested backup.

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SWEARING IN CEREMONY HELD AT WASHINGTON AG CENTER



Washington County Judge Colby Peel, left, swears in Sheriff Bobby Haddock while Laura Haddock holds the Bible on Monday at the Washington County Agricultural Center.

Haddock expresses thanks, faith

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CHIPLEY — Sheriff Bobby Haddock said he was thankful Monday during the swearing in ceremony held for him and other sworn Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies.

The sheriff said he was thankful not only to be re-elected to office, but for his friends, family, staff, and above all, for his parents, Clifton and Shelby Haddock, and the way he was raised to believe in God.

"God, family, church and job,

those are my priorities," Haddock said. "I feel we have been truly blessed in our department, and I believe that if you take these priorities to heart, then you will have a blessed, fruitful life and career."

A seventh-generation Washington County resident, Haddock has spent more than 34 years in law enforcement in Florida.

The sheriff said he prays daily for guidance and believed the Lord had blessed the sheriff's office and helped it through troubled times and the tough economy.

"I am thankful I have not had to tell one person yet to 'go home, because you no longer have a job,'" he noted.

Haddock said he believed it was with God's help that the department and his leadership were successful.

The Bible, on which Haddock took his oath of office, was given to him by his parents just four days before he began his law enforcement career in 1978, and he said the book is "best self-help manual ever written."

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Chipley woman dies in collision

From staff reports

CHIPLEY — A Chipley woman died following an almost head-on collision Sunday evening on Falling Waters Road.

Washington County EMS pronounced Anna Marie Chamberlin Odom, 39, of Chipley, dead on the scene after her 1995 Oldsmobile Cutlass collided with a 2008 Ford F-150 pickup driven by Dwight Birge, 59, of Chipley.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol report, Odom was traveling northbound on Falling Waters Road and as she approached a hilltop about 1.5 miles south of County Road 77A, her vehicle traveled into the southbound lane, where her car collided with the pickup in an "offset collision but almost head on."

According to the report, Odom was not wearing her seat belt. Birge was wearing his seat belt, and he was uninjured.

The Oldsmobile came to rest facing west in the northbound lanes, and the Ford came to rest facing east in the southbound lanes.

Charges and alcohol test results are pending, according to the report.

Man in pot distribution ring sentenced to 15 years

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PANAMA CITY — The last of four men local men charged last year in connection to a marijuana distribution ring with ties to a Mexican cartel was sentenced to more than 15 years in prison Thursday after a federal court judge found he was not a leader in the organization.

The 190-month sentence Charles Armstrong of Vernon received was longer than any of his local code-



CHARLES ARMSTRONG

Armstrong was arrested in February after federal, state and local law enforcement officials raided a Vernon property owned by Jo-

seph Jeter and seized more than a ton of marijuana designated for distribution locally and in Central Florida. Jeter, Rufus Curington and James Moore, who resided locally, also were arrested and charged along with several other men from Central Florida and McAllen, Texas.

The investigation that led to the arrests involved aerial surveillance and federal agents across the county, and resulted in the seizure of more than three tons of marijuana, more than \$600,000 cash and dozens

of firearms in separate raids.

Littleton called special agent Wilford Abner, the agent in charge of the local investigation for Homeland Security Investigations, to testify that Armstrong coordinated marijuana sales, received greater proceeds than other defendants and recruited Jeter to allow his property to be used for offloading shipments of marijuana from Texas and loading shipments of cash destined for Texas.

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Teacher gets credit for geometry quilt creation

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BONIFAY — Retired Bonifay teacher Frederic Howell was surprised to learn his math classes had an artistic impact on one former student.

Patricia Willett Frazier of Ocala sent Howell a letter and photos in November of a 5- by 6-foot quilt she had made, which won a blue ribbon in a quilt show.

The quilt, titled "My Favorite Class," featured geometric shapes.

"You will see that it was your class that inspired the quilt, and I thought you might like to know I still remember geometry with some very fond memories," Frazier wrote. "Please know that you were a terrific teacher, and I loved all your math courses."

Which is impressive, since Frazier took the geometry class during the 1959-60 school year, Howell said.

"Of course, I remember her as Patricia Willet. I have fond memories of the Willet family from the

time they moved to Bonifay and Patricia and Linda grew up in Bonifay."

"I taught both Patricia and Linda in the math classes at Holmes County High School," Howell recalled.

"Patricia, the older child, was in my geometry class of 1959-60, along with several other good geometry students. I remember my classroom teaching days fondly, and if I could have made a living teaching math and coaching basketball I would have had a long career doing what I loved — teaching students," Howell said.

Howell said the annual pay for teachers back then was about \$3,600. "With a wife and two daughters, I had no choice but to make a career change."

Frazier complemented Howell, saying he was a good teacher.

"I thank her for the compliment," Howell said. "I don't remember much geometry, but I think I will pull out an old geometry book and read through the proof for the Pythagorean Theorem."

On the quilt, which was paper pieced by Frazier and machine



Special to the News

The quilt "My Favorite Class" features geometric figures and was created by Holmes County High School graduate Patricia Frazier and dedicated to her favorite HCHS teacher, Frederic Howell.

quilted by Barbara Dees of Salt Springs, there is a label explaining the artwork.

"The squares, rectangles, triangles, parallelograms and trapezoids contained in this quilt remind me of my favorite high school class — geometry," Frazier wrote on the label. "Although I have very fond memories of other classes at Holmes County High School in Bonifay, Florida, including typing, English, journalism and home economics, I really enjoyed my geometry class taught by Freddie

Howell. He was a great teacher."

"I loved all the theorems we had to prove. It was like doing puzzles, and I liked the organized, methodical steps we had to use to arrive at a complete proof. Alternate interior or exterior angles, congruent triangles, complementary angles, supplementary angles, and other little math terms swim in my head," Frazier wrote. "As I made this quilt, I had a lot of time to remember a special class and a special teacher I had over 50 years ago."

2 seriously injured in Bonifay accident

From staff reports

BONIFAY — Two were seriously injured in an automobile accident that occurred at 9:13 p.m. Thursday on County Road 177A in Bonifay, according to a report by Florida Highway Patrol.

According to the report Irene Elizabeth Harris, 32, of Bonifay was traveling southbound in a 2003 Chevrolet Cavalier on County Road 177 A north of the Bonifay Gritney Road approaching a curve to the left.

Harris then traveled onto the west shoulder of County Road 177A and continued traveling south.

Harris then traveled into a ditch and collided with an embankment. The vehicle traveled up the embankment and became airborne.

Harris landed and came to final rest eastbound on Bonifay Gritney Road.

Harris was transported to Bay Medical Center and her and her 11-year-old passenger was life-flighted to Sacred Heart Hospital, both to be treated for serious injuries.

Seat belts were not in use, and there is further investigation in progress into the cause of the accident.

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"Thank you, Mom and Dad, for teaching me the value of this book and for your prayers and encouragement over the years," he said. "Thank you for instilling in me the values of God."

Haddock joked that as the child of a pastor, he had a "drug" prob-

lem: "We were drug to church every Sunday morning and every Sunday evening, and most Wednesdays."

He noted that of his father's 15 siblings, three of the eight boys became ministers.

He also thanked his wife, Laura, for her boundless support

during his career.

"Thank you for your love, encouragement and commitment," he said.

Haddock said that without the commitment and dedication of the Washington County Sheriff's Office employees and officers, he

could not do his job.

"I consider being a public servant a great honor, and I do not take it lightly," Haddock said. "And I would ask the citizens of Washington County to pray for our elected county, state and federal officials for guidance in all they do."

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Officers with both WCSO and BCSO responded to the scene to assist the officer. Bay County SWAT responded, as well as Bay County Sheriff Frank McKeithen.

Washington County Sheriff Bobby Haddock was able to reach Loflin by telephone and during a 15-minute conversation attempted

to convince her to relinquish her weapon to authorities, according to the release. Loflin insisted any attempt by law enforcement to come near her home would result in her firing on both officers and subsequently herself, according to the sheriff's office report.

Haddock was able to convince

Loflin to accept a phone call from McKeithen, who was on scene at the time. McKeithen spoke to her for about an hour. During this time, she remained armed on the porch of her residence, according to the report.

After this conversation, Bay County SWAT team fired a non-

lethal round that struck Loflin and knocked her to the ground. She was able to recover and pointed her weapon in the direction of the SWAT team members. Officers with Bay County SWAT then fired at Loflin, according to the release.

Loflin was taken via Air Heart to Bay Medical Center in Panama City.

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Under cross-examination from Armstrong's attorney, Barbara Sanders, Abner testified that some of his testimony was based on statements by Jeter and Curington, and some of it had not been independently corroborated.

Armstrong accepted responsibility for his involvement in the conspiracy, which Sanders said he did due to financial troubles, but he denied a leadership role.

"They got me characterized as a leader," Armstrong told Smoak during his brief remarks prior to his sentencing. "I've never been one."

Sanders painted a picture of Armstrong as a disabled grandfather struggling in his role as the sole provider for his family. According to Sanders, Curington, who cooperated with investigators and testified against

codefendants in Texas and was sentenced to 180 months, was the real leader who escaped more severe punishment because of knowledge of the federal court system and the benefits of cooperation.

Curington had served time in federal prison before and had also cooperated with the government, but he and Armstrong were partners with different responsibilities, Littleton said. Abner also said the marijuana belonged to Jaime Sandoval, who was prosecuted in Texas. Sandoval said he dealt equally with Curington and Armstrong, but that he thought Curington was in charge.

"I got tied up in a bad situation with a bunch of bad people," Armstrong said.

Jeter has been sentenced to five years in prison, and Moore has a sentencing hearing scheduled for Jan. 16.

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Recipients of the 2012 Take Stock In Children scholarship program were announced on Nov. 13 at Patillo's on the Washington-Holmes Technical Center campus. The eight middle school students will receive four years' college tuition if they complete the requirements of the program.

Program recognizes mentors, volunteers

By **JIM TOWN**
Special to the News

CHIPLEY — In conjunction with the Proclamation by President Barack Obama that January shall be "National Mentoring Month," the Washington County Scholarship Foundation Inc., operator of the county's Take Stock In Children scholarship program, is recognizing its volunteers who work directly with the students and schools.

What sets the TSIC program apart from other scholarship programs is the age range for qualification, the appointment of an adult mentor to coordinate with the student on a frequent basis throughout the school year, the written contract with the student to maintain average or above grades, stay away from drugs and alcohol, and generally be a good citizen and active in school and community events outside the classroom. The parents or guardians also sign a contract to support their student throughout the years to high school graduation.

Mentors meet with their student weekly during the school year, always on school property during school hours, and provide an adult presence focused on the student's education and personal development beyond that provided by the family. Every student must have an assigned mentor before a scholarship contract is awarded, and since students in grades 7-11 are eligible, the mentor-student relationship can last for years.

Currently there are 36 students in grades 7-12 working toward high school graduation, and each has a mentor, plus 60 students have progressed from high school graduation to the next level of education since

2005, so during the past seven years, 96 students have benefitted from the adult mentor program that is a unique feature of TSIC. Some mentors accept a new student when their previous student has graduated from high school, so there is a cadre of highly experienced mentors supporting the program.

To be a mentor, the person must be 21 years of age, and preferably older, with life experiences involving work, families, a solid citizenship record, and pass a school district background check that includes law enforcement records, plus have an interest in helping students realize their potential.

In recent years, TSIC allocates more scholarships to grades 7-9 so the students will have more years in the program before high school graduation. Applications are taken each September shortly after the school year starts and are available from middle and high school guidance counselors. New scholarship contracts are awarded each November.

The program has averaged about eight high school graduates between Vernon and Chipley high schools each year that receive the 120-credit-hour tuition scholarship. The number of scholarship contracts to be awarded varies from year-to-year based upon the donations from Washington County businesses and individuals, as well as money in the state matching account. Since starting in 2005, the local TSIC has raised about \$400,000 which excludes the state-level match, and the total value of scholarships is estimated at \$775,000.

There are more volunteers supporting the program than the mentors in that all the nine directors

and officers for the Washington County Scholarship Foundation Inc. are volunteers. The TSIC program operates under the supervision of Program Coordinator David Solger with a Leadership Council that advises the board of directors about the program, selects the students for scholarship contracts, and makes final recommendations about students that have encountered difficulties meeting their contract obligations. Additionally, there are seven student advocates who coordinate between the schools and the mentors, and conduct interventions with the student, parents, the mentor and school guidance counselors when students fail to meet standards. The Chipley High School Advocates are Sandy Solger and Josephine Robinson-Floyd; Vernon High School Advocates are Brian Riviere and Nancy Holly; Roulhac Middle School Advocates are LaMerle Feitsma and Tracy Sullivan; and the Advocate

at Vernon Middle School is Malcolm Nelson.

The Washington County TSIC program has been acknowledged as one of the most successful in Florida considering the county population and its status as a Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern as designated by the governor's office. Excluding Bay County, the program is the largest in this part of the Panhandle based upon current students working toward high school graduation and students already progressed to advanced educational enrollments.

The TSIC program is operated by the Washington County Scholarship Foundation Inc. which holds federal and state income tax exemption with charitable organization registration. For more information about the program, to volunteer, or to make a donation, call David Solger, program coordinator at 638-1276 or visit www.takestockinchildren.org.

TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN MENTORS AND STUDENTS

Chipley High School

- Todd Abbott (Devan Daniels, 10th grade)
- Cindy Johnson Brown (Courtney Lee, 12th grade)
- Tammy Deemer (Julie Carroll, 10th grade)
- Kim Daniels (Parisha Massaline, 11th grade)
- Linda Ellis (Heather Anderson, 10th grade)
- Carol Fondo (Rakeia Sorey, 12th grade)
- Gene Halley (Johshua Pitts, 12th grade)
- Bill Howell (Devon James, 11th grade)
- Polly Kneiss (Essence Williams, ninth grade)
- Jeanne Lavender (Loretta Latham, 12th grade)
- Linda Little (Kelsey Gilley, 10th grade)
- Matt Orwat (Eli Whitehead, ninth grade)
- Bert Roberts (Nicky Daniels, 12th grade)
- Susan Roberts (Diamond Potter, 10th grade)
- David Solger (David King, 11th grade)
- Sandy Solger (Miranda Odom, 11th grade)

Vernon High School

- Roxanne Bush (Carolyn Poppell, 12th grade)
- Pam Cates (Sarah Boullard, 10th grade)
- Pat Dickson (Cheyenne Rabon, ninth grade)
- Alan English (Robert Patton, 12th grade)
- Elizabeth English (Paige Pope, 10th grade)
- Robert Knight (John English, ninth grade)
- Susan Roberts (Dixie Mainor, 10th grade)
- Jenifer Rupke (Courtney Poppell, 11th grade)

Vernon Middle School

- Jerry Brock (Carlos Hillman, eighth grade)
- Milton Brown (Marquez Brown, eighth grade)
- Priscilla Brown (Dana Douglas, seventh grade)
- Mary Dennis (Madisen Hawes, eighth grade)
- Tracie Herbert (Courtney Hendrix, eighth grade)
- Ruth McCrary (Faith Harmon, seventh grade)
- Lucinda Simonson (Jessica Joyce, eighth grade)

Roulhac Middle School

- Patsy Justice (Kylee Rhodes, eighth grade)
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Prattler recalls history of county judges

On Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2013, the mantle of county judge of Madison County, Fla., passed to Madison Lawyer, Bailey Browning. He was elected to the post upon the voluntary retirement of Judge Wetzel Blair, who won the position on Sept. 6, 1976.

Also, on that same date, a similar happening was taking place in Jackson County, Fla., when Judge Woodrow W. Hatcher stepped down as county judge, yielding the post to Marianna lawyer Wade Mercer, who was elected without opposition upon Judge Hatcher's announced retirement plans.

Each of the above judges entered their respective offices in early January 1977 after being elected in the earlier September 1976 primary. Both have reached a full 36 years of services, surviving some token political opposition along the way and successfully complying with all mandates required for continuing education in the face of what appeared to be a concerted effort to eliminate all non-attorneys from serving as a judge at any level in the state.

In 1973, Article Six of the Florida Constitution, which governs the judiciary in the state, received a massive overhaul. From a maze of court functions in the state, ranging from the justice of the peace courts



PERRY'S PRATTLE
Perry Wells

remaining in many jurisdictions to a host of special courts of record in both civil and criminal matters, prevalent in a cross sections of the state, down to the municipal courts, which were common in almost all cities and towns throughout Florida, were reduced to a two-tier trial court, county court and circuit court.

This reorganization resulted in large numbers of the Justice of the Peace judges being "grandfathered" in as county court judges.

Also beginning to happen along at this same era was higher court rulings throughout the nation that addressed the issue of non-lawyer judges.

Florida Supreme Court Justice James Adkins became the moving force behind an action that would allow all non-lawyer county judges to be trained in the law in a special program to be established at the University of Florida Law School. Justice Adkins explained at the time "a case is working its way through the U. S. Supreme that will render some county court judges in Florida ineffective if something is not done to preserve their authority."

Resulting from this action, a "voluntary" program, which began in the summer of 1974 under which all lay, county judges were provided with books and materials



JUDGE HUGH WETZEL BLAIR

and were paid money for travel and other expenses during their period trips to Gainesville for instruction and testing.

After some resistance on the part of some judges to participate in the program, the objection was soon overcome for the most part, remembers James Pierce, a law professor who helped decide the courses which the judges would study. He recalled one selling point at the time would be "the political advantage for them in taking the courses."

Obviously, the political advantage did not work as well as anticipated, as a total of eleven additional non-attorney judges were added to the rolls with the 1976 elections. This resulted in those enrolled in the school being allowed to complete the courses although some had been defeated. It also brought about a "streamlining" of the required courses, including a drastic reduction in the time

required to complete them.

Also, the actions of the Florida Legislature in 1978 brought an end to any non-attorney being allowed to seek the position of a judge in the state. Those in office were "grandfathered" in to their position as long as they were not defeated at the polls or removed "for cause" by any other action.

All judges who completed the courses as outlined above, were issued certificates declaring them to be "law trained judges," thus meeting the criteria for hearing cases that they would otherwise be unable to hear as higher court rulings barred their authority to handle.

In 1978, there were 31 non-lawyer county judges, out of a total 198 total, still sitting as judges in 29 of the states' 67 counties. Their former employment ranged from farmers, teachers, feed salesmen, ex-deputy sheriff, ex-lawyer and at least three former state probation and



JUDGE WOODROW W. HATCHER

parole officers.

Their numbers continued to decline with the passing of each successive election during the ensuing 36 years.

Judge Woodrow W. Hatcher, born March 26, 1943, a native of Jackson County, holds a BS degree in criminology and an MS degree in counseling from Florida State University. He had work experience with the Florida Probation and Parole Commission and The Youth Service Division of the state. He has served a number of terms in positions of leadership in the Conference of County Court Judges during his long tenure in office. His three sons and one daughter have grown to adulthood, married and produced him a host of grandchildren to enjoy in retirement.

Judge Hugh Wetzel Blair, born June 14, 1948, is a native of Madison County and a graduate of Florida State University with a BS degree in criminology.

Judge Blair successfully completed the certification program for non-lawyer judges at the University of Florida Law School in 1979. He was farming at the time of his 1976 election thirty six years ago. He and his wife, Marilyn, have two daughters. Elise is a practicing attorney in Perry, Fla., and the second one is Caroline.

An era has passed in the Florida Judiciary History with the retirement of Judges Woodrow W. Hatcher and Hugh Wetzel Blair. As a fellow judge in the fraternity of non-lawyer judges elected in 1976, it was my privilege to serve and to attend the law training offered to the newly elected judges, which now seems so long ago. My congratulations are extended to the newly retired judges with the hope that they will find the same satisfaction of their retired status as one Perry Wells has been able to enjoy for the past 20 years. See you all next week.

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Hot biscuits, cane syrup and other winter treats

When I wrote about cane syrup making last week, little did I dream that someone would be ringing my doorbell the next day after the article was published with a quart of new pure cane syrup. Debbie, from the Henry Leavins salvage business on south Highway 79 was at the door with a jar of the sweet treat. I wasted no time in opening a can of butter-me-nots, and we tasted the product made in my home community. Of course the canned biscuits can't hold a light to the kind my mama, my grandma and my mother-in-law used to make.

What happened? Did they change the formula for self-rising flour or what? I can make decent biscuits, but have never been able to duplicate the ones they made by mounding up flour in a shallow bowl or pan, adding a wad of hog lard, working it into the flour with fingers then adding just the right amount of buttermilk or clabber and working that in with the fingers to yield enough biscuits to fill the old black baker. That was a daily chore at our house and



HAPPY CORNER
Hazel Wells Tison

most homes in our community as there was no such thing as cold cereal for most of us. The same is true of neighbors where I occasionally spent the night. I can picture Verdie

Hewett and Aunt Willie Mae Wells making their biscuits the same way.

When our children were young, Betty Segers made biscuits every morning, and those that were left over she sliced open and buttered while they warm. My children have fond memories of eating Betty's buttered jelly biscuits as a snack when they played (frequently) at the Segers home.

My husband has memories of poking a hole in his mama's left-over biscuits, filling it with syrup, and eating it on the run for an after-school snack.

I don't remember eating left-over biscuits for an after-school snack. Ours were often carried to school for a lunch. But my most memorable after-school snack was coming home when it was freezing cold and Mama would have the wood kitchen stove going and

had make syrup cake, not to be confused with spice cake although spices could be added. I haven't made it in years but I looked up an old fashioned syrup cake recipe and this looks about like I recall. (From the time I was about 12, I was the bakery chef in the Wells household.) ½ cup butter (we would have used hog lard) 2 cups cane syrup, one egg (two would be better) 1 cup buttermilk, 1 ½ teaspoons baking soda (stir into syrup) 2 ½ cups flour, 1 tsp vanilla. Work lard into dry ingredients. Stir in egg, syrup, vanilla and buttermilk. Bake in a greased and floured 9-x-13 inch pan for 30 to 45 minutes. Serve hot with homemade butter.

My great-grandmother, Lucinda Speigner Wells Leavins lived between our home and Brackin School. Sometimes she would have made syrup cake, and we children would race to her house to see who would be the ones to carry in some firewood for the fireplace and the wood stove for her and her husband, whom we called Uncle Joe. Since Uncle Alex Wells' children, us, the Harley and Nix Nelson children all walked together, she would not have enough syrup cake to go around. They were

in their 80s, nearly blind and our parents thought their cooking might not be very sanitary, but we didn't mind.

I want to thank Henry Leavins for my cane syrup. (Don't know if he is related to our "Uncle Joe," but he is the youngest son of the late Richard and Kate Leavins who raised their 12 children on the place where Henry now has his auto salvage off Highway 79 south of Bonifay) He has cane syrup available for sale. Call him at 547-4068.

Son Hiram also gave us some cane syrup from Terry Trammell who makes homemade syrup at his Hi-Tek Redneck Farm LLC at 1888 Highway 2, Westville. His phone number is 956-2208. Paul Messer on Rice Machine Road, Bonifay, also has a family cane grinding operation. His phone number is 547-9180. As I am writing this article, neighbor T.E. Segers brings me a small jar of cane syrup made by Larry Moore from cane grown by his uncle, James Moore. Cane grinding is alive and well in our area. Even though they cook with propane gas now instead of litard knots or old fence posts for fuel, the product is the same.

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Debra Kamke was presented with the inaugural Presidential Award by President and CEO Bill Rimes.



Ty Peel, Vice President Engineering and Operations, from left, Jerry West; Louise West and WFEC President and CEO, Bill Rimes present West with his plaque honoring him as Employee of the Year.



Justin Stephens, from left, was selected as the WFEC contract employee of the year. Tammy Young, Brandie McNeal and James Quattlebaum were recognized for outstanding service in the district offices this year.

West Florida Electric names Employee of the Year

Special to The News

GRACEVILLE — Jerry West, a line worker at the cooperative's Graceville office was named West Florida Electric Employee of the Year in mid-December. West was chosen to receive this award by his co-workers because he best exemplifies the following traits: personality, punctuality, safety habits, team work, flexibility and outstanding performance on the job.

West, a lifelong resident of Holmes and Jackson Counties, has been employed at the co-op for thirty-two years. He started his career in the right-of-way department and worked his way up to becoming a lineman. West and his wife, Louise, have been married for forty-three years and have two children — a son, Kenny and daughter, Sandy. The couple enjoys spending lots of time with their family, including their

two grandchildren, Micah, 6 and Taylor, 13. When he's not working, West enjoys hunting and fishing and is an avid outdoorsman.

"I feel very honored to have been chosen Employee of the Year by my co-workers," said West.

2012 marked the creation of the Presidential Service award. This award recipient is chosen by the President and CEO for exemplifying loyal, dedicated, commit-

ted and sacrificial service to West Florida Electric Cooperative and its members. The recipient of this inaugural award was Debra Kamke. Kamke is the Manager of Personnel and Benefits and has worked at the cooperative for thirty-eight years.

"It is a privilege to work here and work with all the employees. This award is just icing on the cake," said Kamke of her honor.

Justin Stephens, an employee in the Sneads office, was named contract employee of the year for his outstanding job performance. Other employees recognized for outstanding service in their respective district offices were: James Quattlebaum, Bonifay; Brandie McNeal, Graceville and Tammy Young, Sneads.

Many others were recognized for their years of service to the cooperative and

perfect attendance, including President & CEO, Bill Rimes who celebrated his fifteenth anniversary with the co-op this year. WFEC board member, Joe Rone was recognized for ten years of service on the board of trustees, while Ellis Nichols and Charles Holman were recognized for fifteen years of service. A.C Miles was also recognized for twenty years of service to the members of WFEC.

Body found in woods identified

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Police have ruled out foul play in the death of a woman whose body was discovered Sunday in a wooded area off 15th Street.

The body of Ramona L. Ennis, 42, was found dead in a wooded area in the 400 block of E. 15th Street around 11 a.m. The Medical Examiner's Office conducted an autopsy and determined the cause of death to be natural causes.

Anyone with informa-



ANDREW P JOHNSON | Halifax Media Group

Police investigate a body found in the woods near 15th street on Sunday

tion about the incident should contact the Panama City Police Department at

850-872-3112 or report a tip anonymously to CrimeStoppers at 850-785-TIPS.

Museum sponsors 'Science Café'

Special to The News

GAINESVILLE — Learn how large fungi can grow and what types eat insects at the Florida Museum of Natural History's first "Science Café" of the spring series Jan. 15.

The event from 6:30-8 p.m. at Chef Brothers Custom Catering, 5240 NW 34th St., (across from the YMCA), includes a limited menu for participants. Guest speaker Matthew E. Smith, assistant professor with the University of Florida department of plant pathology will discuss "Fungus Among Us: Knowing the Diversity and Ecology of Fungi."

"In general, people know very little about fungi," Smith said. "Fungi constitute a big chunk of diversity on the planet. There are estimated to be more than 5

million species."

This is the second year of the program in which community members and guest speakers gather at local establishments or the museum to discuss contemporary science issues over food.

To help plan for these free programs, please RSVP at least one week in advance of the café date with your name and the number attending by emailing aerickson@flmnh.ufl.edu or calling Amanda Harvey, 352-273-2062. The museum is at 3215 Hull Road just east of Southwest 34th Street in the University of Florida Cultural Plaza in Gainesville. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Saturday and from 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

For more information, including directions and parking, visit www.flmnh.ufl.edu or call 352-846-2000.

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HOT TUBS FOR FISH

By FRANK SARGEANT
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The kingfish go to Key West when it gets cold. Smart fish.

But for those species not designed to migrate, a few finny spas around the Panhandle have to suffice when the weather turns colder in January and February.

One of the best known is the Warren Bayou Power Plant, aka the "Steam Plant," where water is sucked in from North Bay, used in the generating process and then discharged some 20 degrees warmer into a 10,000-foot-long canal that feeds into Warren Bayou and West Bay.

Cold-sensitive species hone in on this warm outflow just like humans gathering around a fireplace on a chilly day.

Thus, on a frosty morning when the Steam Plant water earns its name, it's not uncommon to catch sea trout, redfish, jack crevalle, ladyfish, sheepshead, pompano, black drum, sharks and rays in the warm outflow, along with even the rare tarpon.

The fish are there strictly because of the warm water; it's not a good feeding area, and if it were all the available food soon would be gobbled up by the assembled fish-mob. So they are hungry, and that often makes them easy to catch.

So easy, in fact, that a few years back the FWC designated the area all catch-and-release from November through February annually.

Although the canal stretches some 2 miles through the flatlands, only the west quarter-mile is accessible to boats; a dike with drain culverts block navigation. However, the warm outflow affects most of Warren Bayou, and fish sometimes can be found up to a half-mile away from the mouth of the canal, feeding in tendrils of the warm water; a water temperature gauge on your sonar can be a huge help here in tracking the warm spots where fish are likely to gather.

Though deeper water often is the attraction the sand bars on the edges sometimes attract fish on sunny afternoons as they come up to soak up some UV rays — both trout and reds do this at times. When they do, staying well back and pitching a live shrimp or small killifish or pinfish to the bars can do the job.

For general fish-finding a DOA Shrimp in the 4-inch size, a Tsunami Split-Tail Minnow, also 4-inch, or any standard Cockahoe Minnow plastic tail on a quarter-ounce jig will do the job. Big difference is that it winter, the retrieve must be even slower, barely crawling with the DOA, and with very short twitches with the swimbaits and jigs. Adding a tiny tag of fresh cut shrimp to the jig hook will greatly increase the number of bites.

Because the live baits and lures are light weight, best delivery system is a spinning rig loaded with 10-pound-test braid. Add 18 inches of 20-pound-test fluorocarbon to decrease visibility and also to avoid some of the tangles that result from working artificials on braid. (A doubled-line double Uni-knot is the best non-slip line to leader connection I've found, retaining very close to 100 percent of the line strength.)

Warren Bayou is not difficult to find thanks to the tall smokestacks; it's a couple miles northeast of Marker 1 on the ICW headed toward Choctawhatchee Bay out of West

Bay. Just motor northward until you can look directly up the bayou at the smokestacks, then turn right and follow them to the canal.

This area has plenty of shallow, unmarked bars; a shallow draft boat and a sharp eye are a must. The navigable water tends to be along the south side in most areas; you'll want to idle in, both for the safety of your prop and to avoid spooking fish or disturbing other anglers.

In fact, the best strategy, when you're learning this area — or any other for that matter — is to ease along on the trolling motor and fire a jig ahead of the boat at any likely-looking channel, dark hole, oyster bar, marsh edge or anything else where fish might gather. When you get that first bite, ease over the anchor or the PowerPole and go to work on them.

It's also possible to fish the canal above the dike from shore. Access is via C.R. 2300, which turns southwest off Highway 77 just north of Southport. A series of dirt roads provide canal access west and south of 2300. If you walk the banks, don't ignore the water right next to shore; ease along and fan cast from the very edge out to the center, then ease up a bit more and repeat; the fish school tightly and where you hit one you may hit a dozen.

Of course, they all have to be released. And don't put it past the FWC to put an officer out there with a fishing rod and a Stren shirt instead of his uniform, just to make sure everybody plays by the rules. A few get cited in this area every year for keeping fish; if you can't stand to let 'em go, fish elsewhere.

Because the fish are closely concentrated, the outflow can be a good area to try a bit of fly-fishing if you're so inclined. An 8-weight rig and a Clouser minnow in size 1 or so, gold, chartreuse or white, will usually fool a bit of everything that's hanging around the fishy "spa". If you'd like a bit of guidance on this, Captain James Pic and a few other guides run fly as well as conventional trips to the area in winter; www.jp2fish.com.

Other winter hotspots

According to the pros at Half Hitch Tackle, there are plenty of other areas to connect in winter outside the no-take waters of Warren Bayou.

Basically, anywhere you can find a dredged canal or a prop-hole next to a dock can be a refuge when the bay water is chilly. The dark water and minimal water movement in the canals makes them warmer than the open bay, and reds, trout and sheepshead all prowl these areas throughout the winter.

One good tactic for exploring a canal is to put the troller on medium speed and hang a couple of shad-tail swimmer jigs out the back of the boat. Tow them just far enough back that they don't catch bottom, at a little less than walking speed. Eventually, they'll drag past a trout or a red, and once again there are likely to be lots of them where there's a single at this time of year.

Once you get on fish, drop anchor and break out the shrimp, pinfish or cut bait — or Berkley GULP! crabs if you're a semi-purist.

Sheepshead are more cold-tolerant than most Panhandle inshore fish, and will bite pretty much throughout the winter if you can



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Barnacle-encrusted docks make an excellent winter sheepshead refuge. Many anglers scrape the pilings to create a chumline and lure the fish in to their shrimp or crab baits. **At right**, sheepshead are a prime winter target because they're less cold sensitive than reds and trout. They are found throughout Panhandle inshore waters in winter.

find them. They love oyster, rocky holes in canals and creeks, and also hang under docks where there's 4 feet of water or more.

Every bridge is also a sheepshead target. The tactic is fairly straight-forward; tie to the piling, use a spud or hoe to chip barnacles off the concrete and create a chum line, and then sink a piece of fresh-cut shrimp down on a 1/0 extra-strong live bait hook. (Some guys prefer long shank hooks because big sheepshead will engulf a short shank and clip the leader with the sharp, sheep-like teeth that give the species their name.)

There's a bit of an art to hooking sheepshead. Best to fish them with braided line, which gives you a better feel for what's happening below, with a fluoro leader added as indicated above. When you feel the first tap, the sheepshead has nipped at your bait. When you feel the second, he's stolen it; the trick is to develop a sense for when your bait seems to get "heavy" and set the hook then, before the fish can spit the hook. For more fishing info from Half-Hitch, visit their website at www.halfhitch.com.

One more species that doesn't much mind cold weather is the bluefish. However, finding bait-fish that will attract the bluefish can be difficult in winter; keep an eye out for gulls, either diving or sitting on the water.

And, where lots of blues are feeding, you may smell a faint fishy smell as they chop up the baits; at times, they actually create an oil slick; work upwind when you catch this scent and you'll probably locate them.

Tossing a small chrome spoon or white jig does the job for blues. Most Panhandle blues are relatively small, a foot to 14 inches, but occasionally a jumbo of five pounds or so latches on.

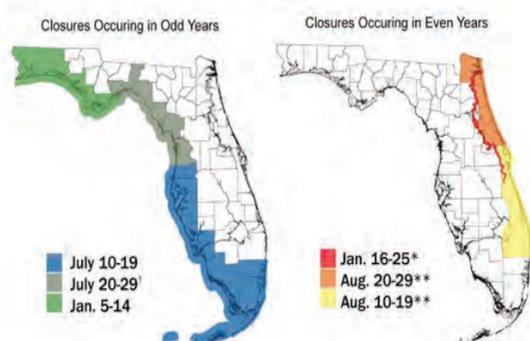
Blues in all sizes are experts at biting fingers and will actively try to do so; keep your hands well clear of their jaws and use long-nose pliers to unhook them. They're fair eating if the red line is removed along with the skin — you probably won't want to freeze them for later consumption, though.

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Panhandle blue crab trap closure ordered through Jan. 15

BLUE CRAB TRAP CLOSURES



Florida Fish and Wildlife
Conservation Commission

Recreational and commercial blue crab harvesters in certain areas of the Panhandle no longer can have their blue crab traps in the water as of Jan. 5, the first day of a 10-day trap closure. This closure will give groups authorized by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission the opportunity to identify and retrieve lost and abandoned blue crab traps from the water.

The January trap closure includes state waters from the Florida/Alabama state line through the Franklin/Wakulla county line.

Waters of the Ochlockonee River and Bay are not included in this closure.

Traps can be placed back in the water Jan. 15. Until then, blue crabs can be harvested with other gear, such as dip nets and fold-up traps. Harvesters also may use standard blue crab traps during the closure if the traps are attached to a dock or other private property.

Lost and abandoned traps are a problem in the blue crab fishery, because they can continue to trap crabs and fish when left in the water.

The closure is one of three regional, 10-day blue crab trap closures that will occur in 2013 on the Gulf coast of Florida. Coastal waters from

Broward through Pasco counties will close to traps July 10-19, and waters from Hernando through Wakulla counties, including all waters of the Ochlockonee River and Bay, will close to traps July 20-29. There are six regional closures total: three in even-numbered years on the east coast and three in odd-numbered years on the west coast.

More information regarding the FWC's trap retrieval program, blue crab trap closure dates, regulations and cleanup events is available online at MyFWC.com/Fishing. For information, call the FWC's trap retrieval coordinator, Kyle Miller, at 487-0554.



CHIPLEY JV BASKETBALL TEAM

The Chipley Junior Varsity Tigers tackled the Niceville Eagles on Thursday in Chipley, but the JV Tigers were bested 53-45 by their opponents. The Varsity Eagles beat the Varsity Tigers 68-55.

PHOTOS BY RANDAL SEYLER

Vernon welcomes new football coach

By RICK HEAD
The Alma Times



BOBBY JOHNS

The opportunity to return home and be closer to family was too much to turn down for Bobby Johns.

Johns, who turned around the football fortunes at Bacon County (Ala.) High School, has turned in his letter of resignation after accepting the head coaching job at Vernon High School in Vernon.

His first official day was to be Jan. 1, but that has been delayed until after the Bacon County athletic banquet on Jan. 17.

"I did not go looking for any job," Johns said. "But this one became available and it was a chance to get closer to family and friends. Blountstown, which is where I've coached before and where we (family) call home, is about 35 miles away. That's where my son goes to school and where he's graduating from.

"Lastly, my wife and I left a lot of retirement years on the table in Florida when I accepted the Bacon County job. I've only got 11 years left in Florida for retirement and I'll have to coach until I'm about 65 in Georgia to get my retirement."

While the pay scale in the "Sunshine State" is not on par with Georgia, the added bonus of an administration position does help close the gap, Johns said.

The Washington County School Board will have to approve the hiring of Johns on Jan. 14, but once that happens, Johns is expected to take over as athletic director at VHS on Dec. 22, said Vernon High Principal Brian Riviere on Monday.

"We're excited to have him, I think he will generate a lot of magnetism and attraction for our program," Riviere said.

The district had 49 applicants for the head coaching job, and about 200 people contacted Riviere expressing interest in becoming the head Yellow Jacket. "Of those, nine had Florida certification, and the committee narrowed it down to three applicants."

Riviere said Johns was chosen for his experience in small school districts

and his record of turning around programs.

"I can tell you it was not about money," said Johns. "With the administration position being an added bonus, that helps. Florida does not pay like Georgia does. In the end it came down to family and retirement."

Johns, who has built winners at every stop in his coaching odyssey, is taking over a program at Vernon High School that is coming off a 1-9 season that ended with eight consecutive losses.

"When I was at Blountstown, they (Yellow Jackets) were our biggest play-off rival," said Johns. "It's a small single-A school with numbers very similar to what we have here (BCHS). They have had some success in the past so there's some tradition there."

During his two-year tenure here in Alma, Johns posted a 13-9 record and back-to-back state playoff appearances in Class A and Class AA. The 7-4 and 6-5 marks over the last two years were the first consecutive winning ledgers since 1987 and 1988.

Over 62 years, Bacon County has had 21 coaches (R.T. Johnson coached the final two games of the 1959 season going 1-0-1) and only two have left the program with winning records — John Deloach (24-17; 1977-80) and Johns (tied for seventh in wins).

Johns is also one of five coaches to depart after just two years.

"I am leaving here with nothing but positive things to remember," the coach said. "I think the program is in better shape now than when I took over and that's because a lot of things fell into place."

Washington County News Editor Randal Seyler contributed to this report.

Area players represented on all-state team

From Staff Reports

There was scant surprise that state champion Bratt Northview led the way on the Class 1A all-state football team released this week.

The Chiefs had 10 overall selections, eight of them first- or second-team choices and two honorable mention picks.

Raising eyebrows in the region, 19 players represented nine area schools.

Leading the way with three selections each were Bozeman, Holmes County, Chipley and Liberty County. Blountstown and Graceville each had two and Port St. Joe, Cottondale and Franklin County one apiece.

Bozeman, which won a school record eight games, was paced by first-team linebacker Chandler Burkett. Quarterback Jacob Martinez was named to the second-team offense and place-kicker Jordan Burns made second team. All are seniors.

Liberty County had a pair of first-teamers, offensive lineman Jesse Williams and Alex Marlowe, an all-purpose back chosen for the utility position on defense. Michael Robinson made the second-team defense at cornerback.

For Chipley, punter Fletcher Dilmore was named to the first-team defense, and running back Kobe McCrary was second team as well as offensive lineman Cole Western.

Holmes County was represented by Kodi Russ, second team as utility on defense, and honorable mention choices Jacky Miles at quarterback and Ty Russ at wide receiver.

Blountstown landed first-team linebacker Javakiel Brigham and honorable mention quarterback Hunter Jordan, both underclassmen, and Graceville had honorable mention choices Rasheed Campbell at running back and Jared Padgett at defensive back.

Cottondale senior linebacker Elijah Jackson made the first-team defense. For Port St. Joe, running back Jarkice Davis was honorable mention, as was Dwayne Griggs for Franklin County.

Former Mosley coach Long dies

By BRAD MILNER

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Tommy Long's life ended while preparing to do the Lord's work and he will be remembered for a legacy stretching beyond the basketball court.

The former Mosley boys basketball coach died of a heart attack near Mobile, Ala., Dec. 23 prior to a service at Smithtown Baptist Church where he served as pastor. He was 59.

Long graduated from Pensacola High School and attended Gadsden State Junior College and the University of West Florida while participating in basketball. He joined the Marines upon college graduation in 1974 and spent nine years in the military. His 24-year coaching career took him to Bay High School as an assistant and he was head coach at Wewahitchka and Mosley, the latter from 2003-07.

Long recently was coach at Citronelle, a school north of Mobile. He was named the Mobile County Coach of the year in 2007-08, his first season at the school, and had guided the Wildcats to a 5-3 record this season with

"We had mandatory study halls and he made it known that if you didn't have the grades you didn't play."

Jamey Holsombake, former Mosley student

his final game two days before his death.

Long was remembered as a coach with a kind spirit and strict rules, and a mentor who ensured his players were prepared not only for basketball, but for what awaited outside the gymnasium.

"He held basketball players to a higher standard, even higher than those set by the school in terms of grades," said Jamey Holsombake, who played under Long at Mosley. "We had mandatory study halls and he made it known that if you didn't have the grades you didn't play."

Holsombake said Long was a good teacher and was approachable. There wasn't a problem out of reach or any time of day he wouldn't be available to listen, Holsombake said.

"I liked Coach Long a lot, he was a very good coach

and a very good man," Holsombake said. "He was a good Christian man, we'd always pray before and after games."

It was Long's dedication to his faith that brought him to Smithtown Baptist. He was the church's pastor for several years, utilizing his teachings he gathered from a master's degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary after leaving the military in 1983.

Long used his seminary education to instill positive traits in his players. He also gave back while helping the less privileged, and aided his players in any fashion.

"He was someone who always strived to teach his basketball teams more than just skills on the court," said Jenny Long, one of his three children. "He was a man who was good to everyone he came in contact with.

"Everyone was impacted by him. He tried to put more into their lives, to teach them about integrity and character."

Longtime friend Lee Anderson, also a former basketball coach, said Long reaffirmed his commitment to the church.

"He really helped me strengthen my faith, we talked a lot about life and he was a great friend," Anderson said. "He was always concerned with how his kids were doing in school, he enforced the rules and always meant what he said."

Anderson will be a pallbearer at Long's funeral. He also will speak briefly about his friend who he stayed in touch with for more than 10 years. Anderson said Long spoke glowingly about his new team and was excited for what the rest of the season would bring.

Visitation will be held Friday at 11:30 a.m. and funeral services at 12:30 p.m. at Oak Lawn Funeral Home in Pensacola. Burial will take place shortly after the service at Barrancas National Cemetery.

Citronelle Principal Richard Dickson plans to take the team to the funeral.

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Locals to 'shine the light' at school board meeting

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BETHLEHEM — Bethlehem School Principal Zeb Brown's transfer from Bethlehem School to the Holmes County District Office by Superintendent Eddie Dixon has local residents ready to bring the matter before the School Board.

Brown was transferred on Dec. 19, and the next regular school board meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Jan. 15.

"We want to create something called 'Shine The Light' based on what happened with Zeb," said Janie Blevins, a resident who wants to speak at the meeting. "It's a metaphor for wanting to keep the School Board accountable for their actions by keeping everything open and known by the residents of Holmes County."

Several people are wishing to speak on the subject of Brown's transfer at the next school meeting, said Blevins, which included members of the local Parent/Teacher Organization and residents.

"Many people have been afraid to speak out because they're

afraid for their jobs," she said. "I say you don't have to say much, just say what you mean and mean what you say. We have got to speak up, especially to let something this ridiculous happen."

She said that all it took to get the support she did was to speak out once.

"One day at work I heard about what happened so I made a few phone calls," she said. "I have yet to get a direct answer for why it happened other than the superintendent saying he was 'streamlining' his staff."

She said that her concerns didn't rest just with Brown's transfer, but also with the principal that will replace him.

"Will this guy do as much for the kids as Brown has?" asked Blevins. "Will the next principal take up where Brown left off in keeping the school at the level they have worked so hard to reach? How about the physical education programs Brown was going to introduce?"

She said it was hard to imagine getting a better principal for Bethlehem than Brown.

"He took them from being a

D-ranked school to an A-ranked school," she said. "He also cares for those children more than anyone I've ever seen. He organized the search for Mia Brown and he continually creates programs and benefits for the children."

Blevins said they still would like to know why they transferred Brown and if they couldn't get an answer at this up-coming meeting then they would continue to return again and again until they did.

Previously Dixon released a statement as to why Brown was transferred.

"The decision to transfer Mr. Zeb Brown from Bethlehem School to the district office was done as part of the districts continuing strategic effort to ensure an efficient and effective school system," said Dixon. "The move of Mr. Brown to the district is a lateral move and should not be misconstrued as anything other than a decision based on what is best for the school district. I firmly believe this move will serve to further streamline district administration, with a singular goal of ensuring the best possible learning

environment for all students."

An interim administrator was selected to replace Brown over the holiday until a permanent replacement could be found.

Brown gave no reason for his transfer but stated that he was going to react to this change with as much of a positive attitude as possible.

"While the change in career paths was difficult I am open to the challenge that has been set before me, however, I will never waiver in my hopes for Bethlehem and all the schools in our district," said Brown.

"The hope that one day students will have all the opportunities they deserve and for those students whose every day is a struggle to realize the power to change their situation is already a power they own. I believe in this God divine power because I am a product of it; it was only through education and the witness of good teachers and mentors that I am who I am today and I am proud to say that these mentors that these mentors and teachers were from my alma mater, Bethlehem High School," Brown said.

Brown said that in all things he would like to see the positive.

"Graduating, teaching and doing administrative duties, I can honestly say that I don't regret anything," he said. "I am proud of what we accomplished and like most places there are many improvements that still need to be made but most of all I will say that the Bethlehem community is a place full of heart. In the past we have used it to get through some difficult times and we have always come out victorious."

Brown requested that everyone look forward to "all the good things that has transpired already" and for the parents, students and staff to be "joyous about those triumphs and look forward to those yet to come."

"For one to believe in a community the way I do and even give it human like qualities such as a heart, one really is stating that he or she believes in the people and I do," said Brown. "The people of Bethlehem community are people of great gifts, gifts that are meant to be shared. God may have had me there just for this time but I believe it was for a reason."

Full calendar planned for annual snowbird visitors

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PANAMA CITY BEACH — January is here and so are the snowbirds.

Every winter like clockwork, they fly in to Panama City Beach to escape the northern winter, and with the start of the busiest snowbird months, the Panama City Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) is working with area organizations to make sure there is never a dull moment for winter visitors.

For the first time this year,

the CVB has partnered with Gulf Coast State College to provide a series of free enrichment classes for winter visitors.

"We've been interested in providing, particularly with our winter guests, educational opportunities here at the college," said GCSC continuing education coordinator Jim Barr. "What we attempted to do was to offer classes that had a relation to the beach area."

The first of 10 three-hour classes of the year, "Drawing Seashells" will kick off Jan. 15 at the Panama City Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Other classes will teach visitors to fish, paint and cook a gourmet meal.

GCSC has worked with the CVB before in providing Learning Adventures at the Beach classes in the spring, but this year marks the first series of winter enrichment classes.

"The basic difference is we're putting more emphasis on offering classes that have a direct relation to the beach," Barr said. "And, of course, these classes are free."

The classes are being funded by the Bay County Tourist Development Council, with GCSC providing the course instructors. Barr said the idea stemmed from a joint interest between TDC Director Dan Rowe and GCSC President Jim Kerley, who has a goal to strengthen the college's presence on the beach.

The Panama City Beach Library is also partnering with GCSC to host a series of computer classes as a part of the winter enrichment program. The classes will cover how to create a Facebook page, use email and the Internet and also teach basic computer and new technology skills.

"We're really excited about partnering with Gulf Coast State College for these computer classes," said branch manager Frank Walker. "That could be a big boon for both us and them."



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Rob Renaud dances at Boardwalk Beach Resort in Panama City Beach.

Library officials are working to finalize the full snowbird calendar for the season, something Walker said will be filled with plenty of educational and entertaining activities.

Walker said the library already has seen a spike in traffic this month with the influx of snowbirds. The library's busiest months are January and February, with an average of 11,000 visitors. The rest of the year, patronage averages 7,000 to 8,000 per month.

"We're serving over 400 people per day, and we're glad to have them," Walker said. "We typically average

about 290 to 300 per day, so that's about 100 more."

The Panama City Beach Visitor Information Center also has been staying busy.

CVB visitor service manager Barrie Ainslie said the information center welcomed more than 300 snowbirds last Wednesday after being closed on New Year's Day.

Ainslie said the CVB is trying to focus on growing its "signature snowbird event," the Winter Resident Senior Prom, to be held Feb. 7 at Edgewater Beach Resort. Tickets for the event are \$5 and will go on sale Jan. 14. Last year, the 500 event tickets sold out, so this year Ainslie said they have upped the count to 700.

The event will feature a Mardi Gras theme with live music, food and the crowning of prom king and queen. With the event one month away, Ainslie said they are in need of nominations for this year's king and queen, which can be made at www.visitpanamacitybeach.com.

The CVB will continue with its second Winter

Resident Appreciation Day of the season from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday at the PCB Visitor Information Center. At the event, snowbirds can enjoy complimentary coffee and doughnuts and visit with representatives from local businesses.

The first Winter Resident Appreciation Day was Dec. 21, with about 300 snowbirds in attendance. Ainslie said the events in January and February are bigger and typically see crowds of 500 or more. In addition to Friday's event, the CVB also will host Winter Resident Appreciation Days on Jan. 25 and Feb. 15.

The Panama City Beach Senior Center also has a full calendar of art classes, exercise classes, games and snowbird dances set for the season.

"We have more people here and we do have a lot more of our fundraising activities going on now," said membership coordinator Ramona Sewell. "Traffic probably doubles up in the winter time; anywhere from October through March we have twice as many people here."

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Holmes County Council on Aging Fish Fry

BONIFAY — The Holmes County Council on Aging is in need of a gas stove in order to continue serving our seniors. We have decided to have a Fish Fry to raise money for this cause on Jan. 18. The plates will include fish, coleslaw, baked beans, hushpuppies and cake. If there is anyway that you can help is, please contact Rachel Locke at 547-9289 or Carol Ricks at 526-3577. We will also accept donations of food or money. If you would like to send a monetary donation, please mail it to Emerald Coast Hospice, Attn: Carol Ricks, 4374 Lafayette Street, Marianna, FL 32446.

Library seeks e-book testers

CHIPLEY — The Washington County Public Library is looking for a few tech-savvy people to test the library's new e-book service. Blio is an app-based eBook service from Baker & Taylor. Be the first to access some of the newest eBooks out and help the library develop a better user experience. To participate, you must have your library cards, your four digit PIN, and a willingness to try new technology. For more information, call Renae at 638-1314 or email requests@wcpfl.com.

Writer's Group seeking members

CHIPLEY — The Writers Group welcomes anybody that writes stories, poems, whatever, or would like to start writing. We read our work to the group and get feedback and enjoy each others stories. Please come see what we are all about, we would love to have you. We meet at the Chipley library at 1 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month (excluding holidays). For more information, contact Audrey Payne, 676-4359, jpayne1@panhandle.rr.com.

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PROTECTION FIRST

Rapid Response Team training involves 252 officers for 18 prisons

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BONIFAY — Long before the mist of the of the early morning hours could be touched by the sun's light, the Florida Department of Corrections' Rapid Response Team (RRT) began their annual training exercise at the Holmes County Fairgrounds in Bonifay on Friday, Nov. 16.

Rapid Response Teams are the Florida Department of Corrections' first responders to disturbances on prison grounds such as fights, riots, etc. RRT members also train eight hours each month in addition to this exercise.

Their activities began at 6:20 a.m. with 18 prisons representing Region I, which covers Pensacola to Perry and a small portion of Region II. Their training included a physical fitness competition, platoon and squad formations, riot/baton techniques and munitions.

"This is an annual event that gives our squad the chance to test their skills and show what they've been working on all year," Regional Director Ricky Dixon said.

Dixon said that these exercises are important because it "challenges the teams and helps develop a network."

"It creates scenarios where they'd have to work together to complement each other in various prison events or problems they might face," Dixon said. "These squads are basically made up of teams from all over the region, and each team has a 14-man squad, which operate in pods. Pods can be two to four teams working together, because it's good for them to work together, to know each other."

Dixon said this also is an opportunity for them to "compete with each other, showcase their talents and inspire them to stay motivated."

"These exercises are crucial in our mission to provide ongoing inmate, staff and public safety," Deputy Secretary Mike Crews said. "Here, staff learns to work closely together and strengthen

their sense of team."

Scott Duvall Colonel at the North West Florida Reception Center said he's been involved in the event for most of his career, which is going on 19 years.

"North West Florida Reception Center sees this as an opportunity to evaluate the training that's being done and gives us the opportunity to evaluate their proficiency in operating as a team, which is a big part of why we do the training," Duvall said. "It allows leadership at the Tallahassee level and at the regional level to know a couple of things: No. 1, the team quality training and No. 2, that they're meeting the level of proficiency that is needed make sure that at any time they're called upon in a time of need that the staff is trained and get the desired results. Most importantly their functional primary goal is the safety and protection of our staff, protection of the inmates and protection of state's populous."

He said it also is considered a competitive event.

"As we all know any time you can hold some competitive events it certainly gets our membership excited and keeps them motivated through out the year," Duvall said.

This year's exercise had 18 RRT squads with 14 members in each squad, totaling 252 officers participating in all.

Duvall explained that the event provides advanced training to RRT members, which prepare them for a real situation if called upon and it allows the Institutional, Regional and Central Office leadership team to evaluate the proficiency and the quality of training that is being provided to the RRTs.

"Communities really benefit from this exercise, as officers and staff who participate enhance their skills and procedures used in possible crisis situations at their local facility and are prepared to handle any event that may have an impact on public safety," Duvall said.

To view more photos of the event visit our Facebook page at Washington County News/Holmes County Advertiser.



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First Federal Bank donates to Bonifay's Toys for Tots

Special to Extra

LAKE CITY — This year, First Federal Bank of Florida employees donated \$30,500 to local community agencies through First Federal's employee contribution program, First Federal Way.

In Bonifay, First Federal employees raised more than \$1,500 for the Bonifay Fire Department's Toy for Tots program.

The \$30,500 donation facilitated a match of the same amount by First Federal for of more than \$61,400 contributed to community agencies. Through First Federal Way, employees elect to contribute a portion of their paycheck to one or more participating non-profit agencies. At the end of each year, First Federal matches the total contribution and awards it to the selected agencies.

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First Federal Way agency representatives and First Federal employees donated to Bonifay's Toys for Tots.

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"I am also grateful to the First Federal employees who generously shared their hard earned income

and to First Federal's Board of Directors for authorizing a match of our employees," Leibfried said. "Most importantly, I am grateful to the loyalty of our customers who enable us to be such a good community partner."

First Federal Bank is proud of our generous, compassionate employees, Leibfried said. "Our employees continued to give back to their communities this year, despite a weak economy."

Sheriff's Office offers Silver Alert Program

Special to Extra

CHIPLEY — The Washington County Sheriff's Office is launching a county-wide campaign to educate citizens and promote the benefits of the Silver Alert Program, according to a news release from the sheriff's office.

The Silver Alert is a plan to aid local law enforcement in the rescue and recovery of a missing senior who is afflicted with an irreversible deterioration of intellectual faculties. For a Silver Alert to be issued, the senior citizen must be over 60 years old, have a clear indication of dementia and be driving.

The Silver Alert provides a coordinated response between local and state law enforcement to quickly and effectively broadcast important information to the community, including dynamic message signs posted along major

roadways. The Silver Alert is vital to protecting a very fragile and vulnerable population in Florida, and it may help prevent a tragedy.

More than 4 million Floridians are aged 60 or older, and more than 500,000 of them have some sort of dementia. Local and state law enforcement, along with the Florida Silver Alert Support Committee, urges residents to look after friends and family with dementia, and to stay alert for Silver Alert signs along the roadways. If a senior citizen with cognitive impairment goes missing, make sure to contact the Washington County Sheriff's Office with the make, model, year, and color of the car, along with the tag number and tag state.

For more information about Florida's Silver Alert, please visit www.fdle.state.fl.us or call the Elder Helpline at 800-963-5337.

Area native places third in Karaoke World Championships in Finland

Special to Extra

CHIPLEY — Chipley native Cornelius Andrews has won the Karaoke World Championship USA.

Karaoke World Championships USA hosted the national competition Nov. 3 at Cincinnati Airport Hilton with more than 30 contestants from across the country. The female national champion is Noelle Braun of West Bend, Wis., and the male champion is Cornelius "Drew" Andrews of San Antonio.

The competition began at 6:30 p.m. and after 7 hours of competitive karaoke and huge entertainment, the new champions were crowned. The last round was a one song sing off with the top five males and top five females to determine the top male and top female to represent USA in the Karaoke World Championships in Finland.



The top five females were Jessica Monds of Ohio, Joy Young of Virginia, Kallie Smith of Illinois, Monique Rosario Goff of Texas, and Noelle Braun of Wisconsin. The top five males were Andrew Albrinck of Ohio, Chris Sanford of Illinois, Cornelius "Drew" Andrews of Texas, Frank "Skeeter" Silva of California and Quinn Bayola of Illinois. Wendell Payne, president of KWCUSA, said,

"Each year the competition grows and the talent continues to amaze me. Every one of these singers had great talent and deserved to be on the stage in this competition."

Drew and Noelle headed to Finland for the Dec. 1 competition. Andrews won third place.

Andrews is a 1984 graduate of Chipley High School. He is the son Tommie and Jeanetta Andrews.

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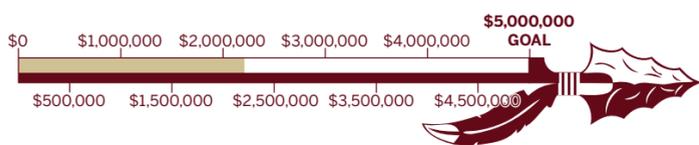


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Matters of the heart: Congenital heart disease

Humans and animals often have similar health problems. One example of this is Congenital Heart Disease. Congenital Heart Disease refers to a problem the animal is born with.



PET TALK

be born with, patent ductus arteriosus is the most common in dogs," she said.

PDA is caused when the ductus arteriosus, an arterial connection between the aorta and pulmonary artery, doesn't close properly after birth, Saunders said. This results in blood being pumped back through the artery instead of through the rest of the body.

Saunders added that different breeds such as German shepherds, miniature poodles, cocker spaniels, Pomeranians, collies and Shetland sheepdogs are more susceptible to the disorder. Female dogs are also predisposed to the disorder.

Most dogs with PDA have a heart murmur that the veterinarian will hear upon

There are multiple types of Congenital Heart Disease: valve malformations or dysplasia, valve narrowing or stenosis, abnormal openings between the heart chambers or septal defects, and patent ductus arteriosus.

Patent ductus arteriosus (PDA) is the most common among dogs, said Dr. Ashley Saunders, assistant professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (CVM).

"There are a number of diseases that your dog can

Dr. Ashley Saunders added that different breeds such as German shepherds, miniature poodles, cocker spaniels, Pomeranians, collies and Shetland sheepdogs are more susceptible to patent ductus arteriosus.

routine checkup.

"Most veterinarians will hear a heart murmur when the dog is taken in for a routine vaccination or first exam," Saunders said.

After hearing the heart murmur, an X-ray is done to evaluate the heart size and possibly fluid build-up in the lungs. A cardiologist would get an ultrasound or echocardiogram of the

dog's heart to examine the blood flow through the ductus arteriosus.

"Based on the symptoms and the murmur, we will do tests to determine which congenital disease the dog has," Saunders said. "A lot of times, we will have to do a heart ultrasound to make a definitive diagnosis."

Generally, surgery is the treatment for dogs with PDA.

The Small Animal Hospital at the CVM is known for fixing PDA with minimally invasive surgery, Saunders said. If the animal has surgery, their prognosis is great with a greater than 90 percent survival percentage.

If undiagnosed and untreated, PDA can lead to heart failure. Since PDA leads to heart failure, 60 percent of dogs die when PDA is untreated. Signs of heart failure are difficulty breathing, coughing, and exercise intolerance.

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Inmates train dogs for veterans

CRESAPTOWN, Md. (AP) — Hazard Wilson's new cellmate is a hairy bundle of energy whose playful zeal can't be contained by steel doors: a five-month-old golden retriever. Yardley is one of three canines assigned since September to inmates at a maximum-security prison in western Maryland for training as service dogs for disabled military veterans.

The number of programs nationwide using inmates to train service dogs is growing, but the program at Western Correctional Institution might be the first to use incarcerated veterans to train dogs for other veterans.

Professional trainers say prison-raised dogs tend to do better than those raised traditionally in foster homes, because puppies respond well to consistency and rigid schedules. That's just what they get in prison.

It's not all work and no play.

"I just love to see him be a puppy," said Wilson, 53, serving a life sentence for first-degree murder. "We're putting them through some very stringent training — 90 percent of their time is training — so it gives me great joy just see them romp and roll around and be puppies."

The dogs were provided by America's VetDogs of Smithtown, N.Y. They're spending 14 months at the prison for training in obedience and tasks like working light switches and retrieving objects.

Trainer Kathy Levick comes in once a week for two hours of instruction. Otherwise, the inmates — model prisoners housed in a tier of cells reserved for the most trusted inmates — work with the dogs constantly. The animals sleep in cages inside the 6-by-9-foot cells and accompany the inmates to meals and activities.



AP

Inmate John Barba works with Dill, a veteran assistance dog in training, at Western Correctional Institution in Cresaptown, Md.

"As soon as the trainer gave us the green light, I took him to church," said John Barba of his pup, Dill. "I just put the rug down, told him to sit, lay down, and that was it. And he stayed there the whole Mass."

Barba, 62, was interviewed at the prison in November. He was released Dec. 17 after serving 33 years for murder. Each prison puppy is assigned both a trainer and an alternate, so Dill's training wasn't interrupted.

The dogs spend their weekends at nearby private homes to experience life on the outside — things such as shopping malls, traffic lights and ordinary household chaos.

The prison, tucked into the Appalachian Mountains about 140 miles west of Baltimore, was the first to receive dogs under the Maryland program. Since then, six have arrived at Eastern Correctional Institution on the Eastern Shore, and four at the Maryland Correctional Institution near Hagerstown, Division of Correction spokeswoman Erin Julius said.

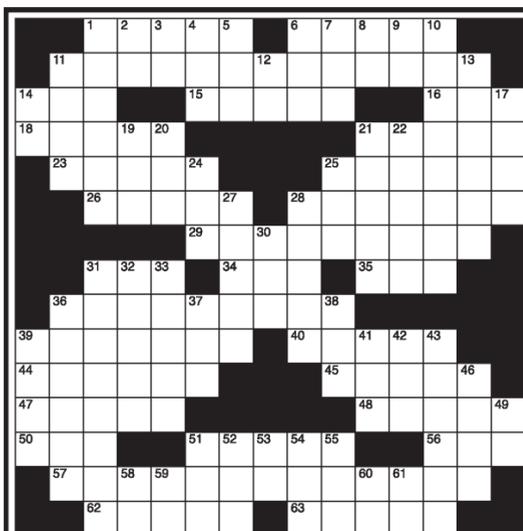
More than 120 inmates at the three prisons have applied to participate, although some haven't yet cleared a selection process that bans known gang members and anyone with a record of child or animal abuse.

The number of prison puppy programs is growing, said Corey Hudson, president of the North American chapter of Assistance Dogs International, a group that establishes and promotes training standards. He estimated that 30 of ADI's approximately 90 U.S. members have such programs. They include 13 run by Hudson's nonprofit organization, Canine Companions for Independence, at institutions ranging from the Ross Correctional

Institution in Chillicothe, Ohio, to the military's Northwest Joint Regional Correctional Facility at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Hudson said prison-raised dogs graduate at a slightly higher level than those reared in traditional settings. A Tufts University study of 397 assistance dogs that entered training between 1999 and 2004 found that those raised in prisons needed less polishing and succeeded at a higher rate: 76 percent versus 61 percent for home-raised dogs.

"I would say the more prison programs we can have, the better," Hudson said. "When they're in the prison, that's their major focus, 16 to 18 hours a day."



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62. __ and Venzetti
63. Female servants

CLUES DOWN

1. Poked at
2. Equally
3. Manuscript (abbr.)
4. Periodical (slang)
5. Fiddler crabs
6. Hero sandwich
7. Volcanic mountain in Japan
8. Of I
9. Indicates position
10. Legislative acts
11. Low sustained cry
12. Human resources (abbr.)
13. Supported by a prop
14. Megabyte
17. 9/11 Memorial designer Michael
19. The years someone has existed
20. Distilled from fermented molasses
21. a.k.a.
22. Estonian kroon = 100
24. The sun
25. Wide metal cooking vessel
27. Caesar or cobb
28. Building lots
30. 1/1000 inch
31. Apexes
32. Firth of Clyde's largest island
33. Bringing suit
36. Forsyth novel "The Day of The ____"
37. Perceive with the eyes
38. Was introduced to
39. Lines of verse
41. Household god (Roman)
42. Military mailbox
43. Challenge aggressively
46. Posted
49. One thousandth of an ampere
51. General's assistant (abbr.)
52. Bovine sound
53. Associated press
54. Opposite of LTM
55. A very large body of water
58. Ma's partner
59. Integrated circuit
60. Rhode Island
61. Potato state

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Faith EVENTS

Jehovah's Witness Assembly Focuses on the Conscience

Large delegations of Jehovah's Witnesses and Bible students from Bonifay, Chipley and the four-county area will attend a special Christian assembly at the Marina Civic Center in Panama City on Saturday, Jan. 12. In order to accommodate the more than 2,000 expect Witnesses, visitors, and families, the same program will also be held on Jan. 13, according to William Adams, Circuit Overseer.

He said all sessions are open to the public, giving serious attention to how one can utilize their conscience properly. Some questions that will be answered are: What is hazardous to the conscience? How can we train our conscience? And the blessing that can come to those who follow their Bible-based conscience. Adams explained that the program would include Bible lectures, interviews, panel discussions, and symposiums.

Both sessions will begin at 9:40 a.m. All seats at the Christian gathering are free, and no collections are taken. For more information call Scott Hatton at 217-3032 or Richard Wintz at 547-4497.

The Kingsmen In Concert

BONIFAY — Gospel recording artists "The Kingsmen" will be at Mount Zion Independent Baptist Church at 10 a.m., on Sunday morning, Jan. 13.

This is a free concert with love offering only. The Kingsmen have received many awards over the years, and "Back to Grace" is currently number three on the gospel singing charts. Lunch will be provided immediately following the morning service.

The church is located at 3205 Highway 2, Bonifay (Esto community). For directions to the church, you can call 373-8416 or 768-0843. Everyone is invited to attend the service and stay for lunch.

Do gays need a church of their own anymore?

Associated Press

On that Sunday in 1968 when Troy Perry borrowed a minister's robe and started a church for gays in his living room, the world was a very different place.

Perry's Metropolitan Community Churches was then a lone spiritual refuge for openly gay Christians, an idea so far from the mainstream that the founders were often chased from places where they tried to worship. Four decades later, some of the most historically important American denominations, which had routinely expelled gays and lesbians, are welcoming them instead.

MCC now has a presence in dozens of U.S. states as well as overseas, reporting a total membership of more than 240 congregations and ministries. But as acceptance of same-sex relationships grows — gay and lesbian clergy in many Protestant traditions no longer have to hide their partners or lose their careers, and Christians can often worship openly with their same-gender spouses in the mainline Protestant churches where they were raised — the fellowship is at a crossroads.

Is a gay-centered Christian church needed anymore?

"There are many more options than there used to be," said the Rev. Nancy Wilson, moderator, or leader, of the Metropolitan Community Churches. "But there is not a mass exodus."

The denomination has never been gays-only. But for a long time, straight allies were scarce.



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In this Dec. 2 photo, the Rev. Pat Bumgardner, standing, leads the Sunday worship service at Metropolitan Community Church of New York. Since 1968, Metropolitan Community Churches have been a spiritual refuge for openly gay Christians. MCC now has more than 240 congregations in the U.S. and overseas.

The founding congregation, MCC of Los Angeles, opened a year before the Stonewall riots in New York. Few people had ever heard the argument that the Bible sanctioned same-gender relationships and no one of any influence in the religious world was saying it. MCC congregations became targets of arson, violence, pickets and, in at least one case, a vice squad.

Al Smithson, a founder in 1969 of the fellowship's San Diego church, said his pastor would point to Orange County's famous Crystal Cathedral and joke that he was praying for a bulletproof version.

The church today is a bit more diverse. MCC pastors say they see a growing number of straight friends and relatives of gays and lesbians among their new congregants, along

with heterosexual parents who want their children raised in a gay-affirming environment. While some MCC congregations haven't changed much over the decades, Wilson said, many are emphasizing a broad social justice agenda including serving the homeless and poor.

"We don't have a rainbow flag on our website, nor do we have it on our building," said the Rev. Dan Koeshall, senior pastor at the Metropolitan Community Church of San Diego, which draws about 220 people for Sunday services.

"It wasn't a decision that caused any controversy or split. It's just been moving in that direction. We know that our target audience is the LGBT community. But we're also attracting people who are saying, 'Yes, I stand in solidarity with you and I want to be part

of this.'"

It's remarkable the denomination has endured at all. Metropolitan Community Churches brings together many different Christian traditions under one banner that often struggle to stay friendly in the outside world. Perry, now 72 and retired, is a Pentecostal who started preaching when he was just a teenager in rural Florida. The Rev. Mona West, the fellowship's director of clergy training, graduated from the flagship seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention. But a large number of MCC clergy train in liberal Protestant seminaries. The common denominator is a belief that Christians can be in a same-sex relationship and still be faithful to Scripture.

"You can go from one MCC to another and have a radically different flavor, depending on the region, the clergy and congregants," said Scott Thumma, a Hartford Seminary sociologist and co-editor of the book "Gay Religion."

The fellowship expanded relatively quickly from its humble beginnings. Within months of founding the first congregation in Los Angeles, Perry started receiving letters and visits from people hoping to establish MCC churches in other cities. Two years later, new congregations had formed as far away as Florida. Within five years, the church had spread overseas.

Then, the 1980s arrived and with it, the AIDS crisis. Metropolitan Community Churches plowed its resources

See CHURCH B6

Bear Wrongs Patiently

The fifth spiritual work of mercy is to bear wrongs patiently. Bearing wrongs patiently does not, however, mean being a doormat for others to walk on. It simply means that, regardless of the wrongs which we suffer, we should bear them all patiently. For example, if you have had something stolen from your unlocked car, this virtue requires that you treat this with patience and equanimity, but not that you continue to keep your car unlocked. It is more about the attitude that you have concerning the wrong done to you. We might take a lesson from the ancient stoics, who counseled that every event has two handles, as it were, one by which it can be borne and one by which it is unbearable. Remember that everything here is temporary and that liars, thieves, and even murderers really have no power over our immortal souls. Finally, consider the example of Jesus in his last days. Faced with false charges and inhuman torture and suffering, he prayed for his accusers and tormentors. We should show patience by praying for those who wrong us, realizing that they are the ones who have truly been harmed by their misdeeds.

For one is approved if, mindful of God, he endures pain while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it, if when you do wrong and are beaten for it you take it patiently? But if when you do right and suffer for it you take it patiently, you have God's approval.
R.S.V. 1 Peter 2:19-21

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So, this is what new looks like

By DR. JAMES L. SNYDER

It was just before New Year's, and the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I were relaxing after a busy week of toil and labor. Not paying much attention to my surroundings, I had immersed myself in a favorite book.

As far as I am concerned, nothing compares to a favorite book when you are trying to relax and unwind. I turned the page and happened to notice on the other side of the room my wife was all a twitchy. I have seen this behavior before, and I knew she was anxious to say something. I pretended not to notice.

Finally, it was as if she exploded. "I can't wait for the New Year. Aren't you excited?" I answered in the affirmative to try to keep the conversation as minimal as possible.

"No, I mean aren't you really excited about the New Year?"

I knew if I was going to get back to my book I would have to let her say what was on her mind. According to her, the approaching New Year was going to be spectacular. Everything old, she explained to me, would be new again.

We have been in this New Year for a couple of weeks now, and I will not contradict my wife, at least aloud, but this New Year looks suspiciously like the Old Year.

I am not quite sure what she thought would be different this year, but to me it is just the old year run through again. And, that is good with me. I am not one of these persons that needs the latest flash in the pan. I quite prefer the tried and true.

"And be renewed in the spirit of your minds; and that she put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness"

Ephesians 4:23-24 KJV

It was about two weeks after the New Year and my wife said, "I'll be back in an hour or two, I'm going shopping."

It did not dawn on me at the time but about 10 minutes later, it did. The reason my wife was so excited about the New Year was that she was going to go out and buy some new clothes.

After all, according to her calculations, the New Year deserves new clothing.

I smiled as I thought about her going to the store trying on dresses, seeking one that would fit her both in size and in fancy. As for me, I am quite comfortable in my old clothes. They fit me just fine, thank you.

Women have to look fine all the time. Men, on the other hand are not that particular about what they wear. I can wear the same shirt for days on end and feel just as comfortable as the first day I put it on.

My clothing does not make me feel any younger. I go along with the saying that says you are only as old as you feel. Of course, I do have some of those Methuselah moments.

Everything old was once new and if new last very long it ends up being old. Therefore, whatever is old was once new and whatever is new will one day be old. This is where most people make their

mistake. They fail to see the relationship between old and new.

For example, as much as our culture pretends to be youth oriented, it does everything to get old while looking young. I often have this conversation with my wife. I am not old, I am just getting older and my plans are to get older and older and older.

The great object in life is to get as old as you possibly can while looking and feeling new. Nothing to me is sillier than a 40 year old trying to act 20. The mind may say 20, but the body really knows it is 40.

If people would put the money they spend to look young in a 401(k) their golden years would truly be golden. How much money is spent each year on plastic surgery? What I want to know is, who in the world do they think they are fooling? Their mirror?

Right after the New Year's celebration, I got up one morning feeling terrific. There was a bounce in my step, a giggle on my tongue; I was feeling like I was 20 something. I had not felt this good since I cannot remember how long. Then it happened.

No matter how good you might feel some day, there is always something or someone who can undermine that and put you in your proper place.

My mistake was going into the bathroom. There in the bathroom for all the world to see, especially me is this ghastly object called a mirror. When I looked into the mirror, I was shocked to see I was not alone. I thought I had come into the bathroom by myself but there in the mirror was this old guy I hardly recognized.

My first reaction was to ask him to leave the bathroom and then I noticed something. That person in the mirror was me! All of those exhilarating feelings dissipated as reality grabbed hold of my soul and soundly shook me.

In my Bible reading that morning, I read what the apostle Paul said. "And be renewed in the spirit of your minds; and that she put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness" (Ephesians 4:23-24 KJV).

Only God, in His wisdom, can create in me something that is truly new.

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Obituaries

Joann R. Dingle

Mrs. Joann Ruby Lee Dingle, 68, a native of Bonifay, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2012, at Doctors Memorial Hospital, Bonifay. She attended the public school in Bonifay and was a graduate of Roulhac High School and afterward graduated from the New Hampshire College, New Haven, Conn. with a degree in Early Childhood Education. She was a former employee of the New Haven Board of Education System. She was of the Methodist faith and a member of New Bethel A.M.E. Church in Bonifay.

Survivors include a daughter, Regina Wicks (Warren), New Haven,

Conn.; mother, Mary King; sister, Rosalie McClain; brother, Ben King Jr. all of Bonifay; four grandchildren and many nieces nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

Funeral service was conducted at 12 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 4, 2012, at New Bethel A.M.E. Church with the Rev. Claretha Smith, the Rev. A.H. Davis and the Rev. R.E. Hudson officiating. Interment followed in the Bonifay Cemetery with the Cooper Funeral Home of Chipley in charge of arrangements. The remains lied in repose at the church one hour prior to service. The Cooper Funeral Home of Chipley directed.

Office G. Yates

Mrs. Ottilie Grant Yates, 89, of Westville, passed away Dec. 30, 2012, at her home. She was born Nov. 13, 1923, in Westville, to the late William Grant and Eighty Ann Colvin Grant.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Yates was preceded in death by her husband, Hubert F. Yates; eight brothers; two sisters; sons-in-law, Bobby Legear and Johnnie Griggs, and great-grandchild, Chandler Adams.

Mrs. Yates is survived by three sons, J.B. Yates and wife, Tessie, of Westville, Glen Yates of Freeport and Terry Yates and wife, Pat, of Westville; four daughters, Eleanor Legear of Westville,

Donna Griggs of Ponce de Leon, Carolyn Pugh and husband, Donnie, of Bonifay and Vinita Yon and husband, Joel, of Chipley; 14 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2013, at Otter Creek United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jimmy Mashburn and the Rev. Ron Alderman officiating. Interment followed in the Otter Creek Church Cemetery with Peel Funeral Home directing. Grandsons served as pallbearers. Family received friends from 5-7 p.m., Tuesday at Peel Funeral Home.

Geraldean Ward

Geraldean Ward, 76, of Westville, died Dec. 26, 2012.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 29, 2012, at Sims Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed at Westville Cemetery with Sims Funeral Home directing.

Royal D. Watts Jr.

Royal D. Watts Jr., 91, died Dec. 17, 2012, at Grace Rehabilitation Center of Vero Beach. He was born in Memphis, Tenn., and lived in Vero Beach, coming from Orange City. He retired after a long career as an engineer for Dow Chemical Co. He was an Army veteran serving in WWII.

He graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Engineering. He was a member of First Baptist Church. He was also a member of

Jolene B. Ammons

Jolene Bly Ammons of Bonifay died Dec. 20, 2012.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 23, 2012. Interment followed at Old Mt. Zion Cemetery with Sims Funeral Home directing.

the American Chemical Society and the American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Camille, and his parents Myrtis Langston Watts and Royal D. Watts.

A private burial was held in Glenwood Cemetery, Chipley. Arrangements are by Thomas S. Lowther Funeral Home and Crematory, Vero Beach. A guestbook is available at www.lowtherfuneralhome.com.

Charles E. Yates

Charles E. "Chuck" Yates, Col., USMC, Ret., 78, of Chipley, passed away Sunday, Dec. 30, 2012 at his home. Chuck was born April 27, 1934, in Chipley to the late William Edward and Eva Elvie (Ganey) Yates. He had returned to Chipley after serving 30 years with the U.S. Marine Corp. A member of the First Baptist Church in Chipley, he was also very active in civic and community affairs.

In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by a daughter, Cheryl Nelson and a brother, Bill Yates.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Becky Yates of Chipley; three sons, Steve Yates and wife, Lisa, of Chipley, Todd Yates

of Leander, Texas and Mark Yates and wife, Alison, of Lynn Haven; one sister, Edwina Showers of Chipley; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Jan. 3, 2013, at 11 a.m. in the First Baptist Church in Chipley with the Rev. Michael Orr officiating. The family received friends one hour prior to services at the church. Interment followed in Wachob Forest Lawn Cemetery in Chipley with military honors at graveside. The family suggests those wishing to do so, make contributions to the American Cancer Society. Friends and family may sign the online register at www.brownfh.net.

Bobby Everett

Bobby Everett, age 76, went home to be with the Lord Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2013. Bobby was born Jan. 25, 1936, in Chipley, to the late Whit and Mittie (Tharp) Everett. Mr. Everett was a resident of Chipley for the past 33 years, coming from Anchorage, Alaska. He is a member of the Amvets, V.F.W. and the American Legion and work for BP as an Air Freight Packer.

Bobby is preceded in death by his two sons, James Edward Everett and Richard Thomas Everett.

Survivors include, his wife, Daisy Everett of Fountain; two daughters;

Sheila Gilbert and husband Richard of Augusta, Ga. and Helen Lewis Denver, Colo.; three sisters, Videll Park of Lynn Haven, Ann Long of Panama City, Marilyn Carter of Chipley, and four grandchildren.

Family received friends for visitation Friday, Jan. 4, 2013 from 5 to 7 p.m., at Brown Funeral Home Main Street Chapel. Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013 at 11 a.m., in the Fountain City Cemetery with the Rev. Donald Prosser officiating with Brown Funeral Home directing. Family and friends may sign the online register at www.brownfh.net.

Thomas J. Anderson

Mr. Thomas Jefferson Anderson, 73, of Bonifay, died on Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013, at Bay Medical Center in Panama City. Born Sunday, April 16, 1939, in Vernon, he was the son of the late James Anderson and the late Vivian Mainer Anderson.

Surviving are sons, Dale Roberts and wife, Linda, of Bonifay and T. J. Anderson of Bonifay; daughter, Cherie Anderson of Bonifay; brothers, Joe Anderson of Ponce de Leon and Norman Anderson of Bonifay; sisters, Dorcas Williamson of Andalusia,

Ala., Virginia Hewett of Bonifay, Paula Spivey Locke of Bonifay and Becky Anderson of Bonifay, and six grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at 1 p.m., on Friday, Jan. 4, 2013, at St. John's Cemetery located at St. John's Road Bonifay, with the Rev. Ryan Helms officiating. Interment followed in St. John's Cemetery, Bonifay, With Sims Funeral Home directing. The family received friends from 6-8 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 3, 2013, at Sims Funeral Home Chapel.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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. - 11 a.m." Amazing Grace Church USDA Food Distribution every third Thursday (Holmes County Residents Only)

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

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

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

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

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

Noon: Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting at New Life Assembly Fellowship Hall, Chipley
1 p.m.: Writers Group

meets the second Thursday of each month (unless a holiday) at the Chipley Library

4 p.m.: Holmes County Historical Society 2nd Thursday of each month.

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

6 p.m.: The Holmes County Historical Society meets first Thursdays at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

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

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

FRIDAY

6 a.m.: Men's Breakfast and Bible Study at Hickory Hill Baptist Church in Westville.

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

socialization.

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

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

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

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

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

Library hours

Wausau Library

Monday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuesday: 1-6 p.m.

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: 1-6 p.m.

Friday: Closed

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

Holmes County Library (Bonifay)

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m. to noon

Sunday: Closed

Washington County Library (Chipley)

Monday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Wednesday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

Vernon Library

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 1-6 p.m.

Wednesday: 1-6 p.m.

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

Sunny Hills Library

Monday: 1-6 p.m.

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 1-6 p.m.

Thursday: Closed

Friday: Closed

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

MONDAY

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

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

6-7:30 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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into ministries for the sick, dying and grieving. The fellowship lost several thousand members and clergy to the virus, and the business of starting new churches slowed. As a result, Wilson and others say the denomination missed out on crucial period for potential growth.

But the church has also lost some congregations, including its biggest, to other denominations. The Cathedral of Hope in Dallas, a megachurch with about 4,200 members, split off around 2003, and eventually joined the United Church of Christ. Cathedral and MCC officials say the break resulted from disagreements between local church members and local leaders, not a rejection of MCC's mission. The Cathedral maintains its focus on reaching out to gays, lesbians and transgender people.

Still, the United Church of Christ, which has more than 5,000 congregations and roots in colonial New England, can offer much that the MCC cannot, including more resources, greater prominence and a broader reach. In some communities, local churches are affiliating with both the Metropolitan Community

Churches and United Church of Christ. But at least one other MCC congregation broke away in recent years: The Columbia, S.C., church became the Garden of Grace United Church of Christ.

"It makes us more than a one-issue church," the Rev. Andy Sidden, the church's pastor, told The State newspaper of Columbia, in a 2006 interview.

Like many other churches coping with a weak economy, the MCC has cut or restructured staff jobs in the last five years and reduced the annual payment congregations pay the national office, Wilson said. Some smaller MCC churches have closed.

Yet, despite the losses, Wilson and others see a continuing role for Metropolitan Community Churches, given the wide range of responses to gays and lesbians in organized religion, even in the more liberal churches that have moved toward accepting same-gender relationships.

Of the mainline Protestant groups, only the United Church of Christ supports gay marriage outright. The Episcopal Church last month released a provisional prayer service for blessing same-sex unions. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Presbyterian Church

(U.S.A.) have eliminated barriers for gay clergy but allow regional and local church officials to decide their own policies. One of the largest mainline groups, the United Methodist Church, with about 7.8 million U.S. members, still bars ordination for people in same-sex relationships, although many individual Methodist churches openly accept gay and lesbian clergy.

"There's 'Come and don't say anything,' 'Come, but we won't marry you,' or 'Come and be fully accepted,'" said the Rev. Jo Hudson, senior pastor of the Cathedral of Hope. "We're always glad when churches welcome gay and lesbian people, but it's just a different experience in a church that is historically and predominantly led by heterosexual people. Everyone is going to find the church where they most fit in."

Wilson said a large percentage of newer MCC members are from conservative Christian churches teaching that gay and lesbian Christians should try to become heterosexual or remain celibate. Koeshall was a pastor in the Assemblies of God, one of the largest U.S.-based Pentecostal groups, until 1997, when he says,

"I came out and I got kicked out."

New MCC congregations have recently started in Peoria, Ill., and in The Villages retirement community north of Orlando, Fla. (In a recent announcement in local gay media, the Peoria congregation described MCC as a fellowship created for gay and lesbian Christians now known as "the human rights church.") Mary Metcalf, 62, a seven-year member of Heartland Metropolitan Community Church in Springfield, Ill., which started the Peoria congregation, said she was a lector and liturgy coordinator at her Roman Catholic parish until some friends brought her to a service.

"When it came time for communion, when the presider said that the table is open to everyone, I started crying," said Metcalf, on a break from painting Heartland church with other volunteers. "I came from the Catholic Church. I'm straight, but I just finally had to come to a parting of the ways. I didn't think Jesus kept anyone away from the table."

Still, like most denominations, MCC is seeing its strongest growth overseas. In Latin America, the fellowship had seven churches in five countries

a decade ago, and now reports 56 congregations or ministries in 17 countries, according to the Rev. Darlene Garner, director of MCC's emerging ministries. A congregation in Australia for young adults, called Crave, is thriving, Wilson said. Garner's office is also developing an online church with worship, Bible study and support in several languages. MCC has already conducted its first virtual baptism on the web, a relatively new practice that is gaining popularity among evangelical churches with online worship.

Thumma contends MCC should not be judged by the standards used for other denominations. Only a small percentage of Americans are gay or lesbian, and a limited number want to be active in a Christian church, no matter its outlook. Like other minority groups moving toward mainstream acceptance, some gay Christians are assimilating into bigger denominations while others choose the focus and freedoms MCC provides, Thumma said.

"MCC still has a clear function," Thumma said. "Like an immigrant community, it gives gay Christians a place of their own."

Community EVENTS

Nook class set

CHIPLEY — The Washington County Public Library, will be holding Nook Classes at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 8, and at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 17. Classes will be held at the Chipley Branch. For more information, call 638-1314.

Kindle Class planned

CHIPLEY — The Washington County Public Library, will be holding a Kindle Class at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 15. The Class will be held at the Chipley branch. For more

information, call 638-1314.

Holmes County Council on Aging fish fry

BONIFAY — The Holmes County Council on Aging is in need of a gas stove in order to continue serving our seniors. There will be a fish fry to raise money for this cause on Jan. 18. The plates will include fish, coleslaw, baked beans, hush puppies and cake. If there is anyway that you can help, please contact Rachel Locke at 547-9289 or Carol Ricks at

526-3577. We will also accept donations of food or money.

If you would like to send a monetary donation, please mail it to Emerald Coast Hospice, Attn: Carol Ricks, 4374 Lafayette Street, Marianna, FL 32446.

Holiday Library Hours

CHIPLEY — All Washington County Public Library branches will be closed on Jan. 21 for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. All branches will resume regular hours on Tuesday, Jan. 22.

Tablet Class slated

CHIPLEY — The Washington County Public Library, will be holding a Tablet class at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 22. The class will be held at the Chipley Branch. For more information, call 638-1314.

Bridal Extravaganza

CHIPLEY — The 2013 Bridal Extravaganza will be from 1-4 p.m. on Feb. 3, at the Washington County Ag. Center in Chipley. This is a free event. For more information, call 638-2898.

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house, 1293 Jackson Avenue, Chipley, Florida 32428, the following described real property lying and being in Washington County, Florida, to-wit: See Attached Exhibit "A"

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PUBLIC SALE
Tharp & Sons Mini Storage in Chipley, FL will hold a sale for these units for non-payment of rent in accordance with the FL Statute Act 83-801-83-809. Tenants will have until January 24, 2013 to pay in full. No checks are accepted.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY TYNDALL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff, vs. CASE NO: 12-162-CA NORMA K. EARNEST A/K/A NORMA KAY EARNEST, Defendant NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Washington County, Florida, pursuant to the Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure, entered in this cause, the Clerk of this Court shall sell the property at public sale at 11:00 A.M./P.M. C.D.T., on the 6th day of March, 2013, at the Washington County Court-

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ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. THIS NOTICE dated this 17 day of Dec, 2012, LINDA HAYES COOK, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A 4" x 4" CONCRETE MONUMENT, CORP. NO. 2372, MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 22; THENCE N00°54'10"E, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 22, 1814.06 FEET, TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF LONG LAKE RIDGE ROAD (60 FOOT R/W) AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S30°49'15"W, ALONG SAID SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, 61.54 FEET, TO A POINT OF CURVATURE; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, 258.88 FEET, TO A POINT OF TANGENCY, SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 398.49 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 37°13'20", AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF S49°25'56"W, 254.35 FEET; THENCE S68°02'37"W, ALONG SAID SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, 146.59 FEET; THENCE N00°44'06"W, 827.24 FEET; THENCE S42°15'39"E, 630.04 FEET, TO SAID SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE; THENCE S30°49'15"W, ALONG SAID SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, 102.25 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA THE DELTONA CORPORATION, CIVIL DIVISION A DELAWARE CORPORATION, C A S E NO:67-12-CA-112 Plaintiff, vs. NOTICE OF ACTION ROSELIA SCHWARTZ Defendant(s). TO: ROSELIA SCHWARTZ, residence unknown, whose last known address is 1560 S.W. SUNSET TRAIL, PALM CITY, FL 34990, if alive, and if dead, their unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors or other parties claiming by, through, under or against them and all other persons claiming any right, title or interest in the real property described below. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Washington County, Florida: Lot 18, Block 461, of SUNNY HILLS UNIT 7, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 2, at Pages 77 through 86, of the

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PUBLIC NOTICES/ANNOUNCEMENTS 1120
 We would like to thank all of our friends and family for all the phone calls, flowers, cards, and food during the illness and loss of our Mother. Your kindness and thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated, and will never be forgotten. May God bless each of you.
 Sincerely,
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 City participates in the Florida Retirement System (FRS). Mail or hand deliver application and/or resume to City Clerk, City of ChipleY, 1442 Jackson Ave., P.O. Box 1007, ChipleY, Florida 32428. Deadline: Open until filled. EOE/DFW Free Workplace.

The ChipleY Housing Authority of the City of ChipleY, Florida is seeking a qualified applicant for the position of Administrative Assistant. This position will assist in the operations of an agency of 88 units of Conventional Public Housing. Requirements include a High School Diploma or the equivalent GED with a minimum three years of recent work experience in customer service, social services or with customer/client case management. The salary is negotiable and will be commensurate with qualifications and experience of successful candidate. The Authority offers excellent health and retirement benefits. Successful candidate must obtain and maintain a valid Florida driver's license, must be bondable, pass drug screening, criminal and credit check. Submit resume by the close of business on or before Friday, January 25, 2013 to:
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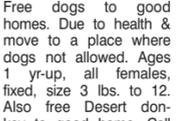
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