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## IN BRIEF

### Planning commission to meet Tuesday

**CHIPLEY** — The Washington County Planning Commission will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Washington County Annex.

The meeting will be followed by a workshop, where the commissioners will discuss Future Land Use Map amendments and Flood Insurance Rate Map amendments.

### 'Flea Market Days' set for April

**CHIPLEY** — Chipley will be home to the second annual "Flea Market Days" on April 12-13, in conjunction with the Flea Across Florida event being hosted by communities along a 272-mile-long stretch of Interstate 10 extending from Lake City to Pensacola.

Clubs, organization, church groups and the general public have been invited to participate. Sales sites will range from large multi-organization sites to individual sites along U.S. 90 all across Washington County.

The sale will feature vendors selling everything including

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# Gothard: Statute might have been violated

## Commissioner asks for disclosure on generator purchase

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**CHIPLEY** — County Commissioner Lynn Gothard said county purchasing policies and state statutes might have been violated when the board voted to buy a generator last month.

The Board of County Commissioners were holding their March meeting Thursday morning when Gothard read a prepared statement in which she alleged that County Manager Steve Joyner violated state laws when he arranged for the county to buy a generator from a fellow county employee — a generator that happened to be stored at Joyner's residence.

"After the meeting, I received

*"I was disappointed in the total lack of regard for truthful disclosure and information."*

**Commissioner Lynn Gothard**

information that the purchase had possibly violated both Florida statutes and county purchasing requirements," Gothard said. She began researching the information and agreed that possible violations had occurred and that more information and disclosure was needed.

"On Tuesday, March 4, three days after the February meeting, I both verbally and through email

contacted Mr. Joyner asking that the generator not be purchased and the item be put on the March agenda for additional discussion," Gothard said. "On Thursday, March 14, I received information that an invoice had been received by the finance office with the instructions for it to be paid ASAP. This was three business days before the March workshop where I had requested the item be

*"Frankly, I was embarrassed to find out the county couldn't run if the power went out."*

**Commissioner Todd Abbott**

discussed."

Gothard contacted Joyner to ask why the generator was not on the agenda for the March workshop, and was told that "a couple of commissioners had told him to go ahead and purchase the item since it had been approved in the February meeting," she said.

"I was disappointed in the total

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# GARDEN CLUB EASTER



PHOTO BY RANDAL SEYLER | The News

The Easter bunny was welcomed around Chipley by the Garden Club with decorations throughout the historic downtown district. Today and tomorrow area churches will celebrate Easter Sunday with special services and events. See **Page A4** for a listing of local Easter services.

# 'ArtKidDoo' to be held Saturday

Special to the News

**CHIPLEY** — What do you get when you combine kids and creativity? Come and find out at ArtKidDoo from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on April 6 at Shivers Park in Chipley.

The Early Learning Coalition of Northwest Florida, along with business and other organizations in the community are sponsoring "ArtKidDoo - A Celebration of Children and the Arts."

"Families can bring their children to Shivers Park and spend time experiencing the creative process in a variety of mediums including drawing and painting, collage, music, dance, storytelling and drama," said Lynne Eldridge, executive director of the Early Learning Center. "Research shows that it is important for all children, beginning when they are very young, to have the opportunity to express themselves both through play and the arts. ArtKidDoo will give

them that opportunity."

ArtKidDoo is a free event.

Many different types of creative activities will be available for children of all ages. Performances are scheduled through the day and food will be available for purchase. Families are encouraged to come and spend time discovering the arts with their children.

For more information, call 638-6343 and ask for the Early Learning Coalition.

# Sunny Hills meeting brings proposals

## Commissioners take no action on MSBU

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**CHIPLEY** — The Washington County Board of County Commissioners heard a report Thursday morning on a recent community meeting in Sunny Hills, but still made no decisions on the fate of the Sunny Hills Municipal Service Benefit Unit.

"We held a community meeting in Sunny Hills on March 14, and about 95 people were present," said Commissioner Lynn Gothard. "It was a very good meeting, we got a lot of feedback and suggestions."

The commissioners took no action Thursday, but the fate of the Sunny Hills MSBU has been an ongoing topic at BOCC meetings this year.

The commissioners started discussing the MSBU in earnest on Jan. 24, when attorney Crystie Voehl of Tallahassee, a lawyer from County Attorney Jeff Goodman's law firm, gave the board a presentation on the history of the MSBU.

An MSBU is an ordinance-created tax district and is a "an area on a map," Goodman said at the January meeting, and

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# River Road at Gum Creek closed

Special to the News

**CHIPLEY** — River Road at Gum Creek will be closed beginning April 8 for approximately four to six months, according to Washington County officials.

This project will replace the existing bridge on River Road over Gum Creek. The existing single-lane wooden bridge will be replaced with a two-lane, concrete structure with standard land and shoulder widths, plus barrier rail.

The approaches to the new bridge will be paved with asphalt approximately 530 feet south of the new bridge and 400 feet north of the new bridge.

New guardrail and storm water features will be installed where necessary. The contractor intends to implement the road closure on April 8. Weather and other factors may delay this to some degree.

The contractor has been granted 180 calendar days for the project. This should yield a completed project in the early fall of this year.

Affected property owners were notified of the project and invited to a public meeting via mail outs in March of 2011. The meeting was held at the Five Points Community Center on April 17, 2011.

The contractor for the project is Commercial Industrial Corp and the FDOT Construction Project Administrator is Josh Riley. He can be reached at 836-5716.



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

A proposed detour route for River Road, which will close at Gum Creek on April 8 for about six months while a new bridge is built, according to officials. River Road is southeast of Caryville.

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lack of regard for truthful disclosure and information,” Gothard said.

Gothard said county policy requires purchases of more than \$10,000 to receive three quotes or bid proposals, and state statute requires disclosure of any potential conflict of interest.

“Mr. Joyner was obligated to tell this board of his business and personal relationships with the owner of Holdfast Construction and that the generator when purchased by the BOCC vote was located at Mr. Joyner’s home,” Gothard said.

“Let me also say that I have found nowhere in either the Washington County policy or Florida Statutes any authority that empowers a county commissioner to direct a county manager to disregard the directive of fellow commissioners,” Gothard said. “In addition, asking commissioners about an issue which is or was to be added to the agenda and which could have resulted in a vote of the BOCC could be construed as ‘polling’ of the board which violates Florida Sunshine Law.”

County Attorney Jeff Goodman did not comment on Gothard’s accusations during the meeting, and no one on the board asked him for a legal opinion.

Her fellow commissioners did, however, begin to take exception with Gothard as soon as she finished her

statement.

Chairman Alan Bush told Gothard that there had been complaints from unidentified county employees who said that they felt threatened by her.

Commissioner Joel Pate said Gothard was “the most meddlesome commissioner” he had ever seen.

Joyner noted that the board, including Gothard, had voted to purchase the generator, and Commissioner Todd Abbott said the generator was a much needed piece of equipment.

“Frankly, I was embarrassed to find out the county couldn’t run if the power went out,” Abbott said.

The generator was needed so the county could run both the lights and the fuel pumps in the case of a power outage. The generator was purchased for \$22,500 from Holdfast Construction, owned by Mike Horton. According to the minutes from the Feb. 28 meeting, the generator was purchased with money the county raised by selling scrap metal.

“Today I am making a public notice that failure to follow the policies as stated in the Washington County employee handbook and operational manual, as well as the Florida Statutes, in the future will result in my request of this board for disciplinary action as directed by board policies,” Gothard said.

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antiques, collectibles, furniture, odds and ends, hand-crafted items and traditional yard sale fare.

Mark your calendar for April 12-13 and enjoy the 2013 Flea Across Florida.

### Annual Chamber banquet set

**CHIPLEY** — The annual Washington County Chamber banquet will be at 6 p.m. Thursday.

The theme is “Denim and Diamonds,” so brush off the sparkle jeans and come hear the Big River Bluegrass Band and enjoy a great menu and a silent



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

The Big River Bluegrass Band will play at Thursday’s Washington County Chamber banquet.

auction.

Tickets are \$25 and may be picked up at the Chamber Office or

purchased online at [washcomall.com/shop/](http://washcomall.com/shop/). For more information call 638-4157.

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all responsibility for the MSBU area falls back on the county commissioners.

Currently, the county collects \$31.25 a year from residents and property owners within the MSBU, and that money is used to provide services to those living in Sunny Hills, as well as pay down the \$1.66 million in debt — a loan that is not scheduled to be paid off until 2028, Goodman said.

At the Feb. 28 board meeting, Sal Zuricka presented to the commissioners the MSBU advisory board’s recommendation that all services to Sunny Hills be terminated and all incoming MSBU funds applied to the retirement of the \$1.66 million debt.

The primary services the commissioners want to keep going for Sunny Hills are street lights and mowing the right-of-ways on the main boulevards.

Zuricka said the Sunny Hills group strongly recommends that the dissolution be done as soon as possible.

Zuricka also recommended two members of the advisory board should stay in place to monitor the disbursement of the money.

Gothard suggested the community meeting in Sunny Hills, and she, along with Commissioner Todd Abbott and County Manager Steve

Joyner, met with Sunny Hills residents on March 14 to hear the community’s ideas about the future of the MSBU.

“I came away from that meeting seeing two basic options,” Gothard said.

Option one would be to put all the MSBU assessment funds toward paying off the debt, then discontinue the assessments. Another option would be to pay off the debt, then keep a reduced assessment in place to provide funds to keep services such as mowing and street lights.

Both options Gothard mentioned included using as much of the MSBU assessment funds as possible to pay off the debt by 2016. The MSBU cannot be totally dismantled by the county until the debt is paid off, since it was created by ordinance to raise funds which were used to pay for road repairs.

“Another issue that came up was that we should put measures in place to be sure spending of the MSBU never occurs again,” Gothard said.

She noted that the county is engaged in a lawsuit with a group of Sunny Hills residents, and said the group was seeking \$7 million from the county in damages. At the community meeting, Gothard said

she received a note from another Sunny Hills group also threatening to sue the county.

“It was apparent to me that a number of the people want to continue the MSBU,” Abbott said. “When the MSBU was formed, it was formed for a purpose. Can that purpose be altered?” Abbott asked Goodman.

Goodman said the Sunny Hills MSBU ordinance was broader than a typical ordinance, and that the ordinance could be changed to narrow the focus of the MSBU. “Most MSBU ordinances you see now in the state are very specific,” Goodman said he would suggest terminating the MSBU then starting a new one with a more specific scope.

“This has been an ongoing issue, and I think the board just wants to make things clear,” said Abbott.

Another problem the county faces is future maintenance of Sunny Hills’ roadways, Abbott said.

“Those are county roads, and we will have to maintain them,” Abbott said.

Commissioner Charles Brock said the road conditions were the main reason the MSBU was created. “Those roads were nothing but potholes, potholes, potholes.”

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# Council on Aging provides meals, activities

Special to the News

**CHIPLEY** — Washington County Council on Aging, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization.

If you are 60 year of age or older we welcome you to join us at one of the locations listed. WCCOA operates five sites throughout the county for Recreational Activities, Health Support, and Educational Support.

We serve a hot nutritious meal that is 1/3 RDA approved at the sites listed below. If you plan eating a meal please call 638-6217 before 9 a.m. for reservation, otherwise we cannot

guarantee a meal.

- Greenhead Center, Methodist Church, Highway 77 South, Tuesday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (NO MEALS)
- Chipley Center, 1348 South Blvd, Chipley, Monday – Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Ebro Center, Ebro City Hall, Ebro, Monday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Vernon Center, City Hall Building, Room 5, Yellow Jacket Drive, Wednesday & Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Sunny Hills Center, Challenger Road, Friday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Funding provided by Florida

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# Washington County Christian School Honor Roll

Third Quarter

**A Honor Roll**

First Grade — Lainey Booth, Truman Dellwo, and Kyndle Finch  
 Second Grade — Claudia Boyd, Mia Carrillo, and Terryannah Robinson  
 Fourth Grade — Mandolin Brown, Nin Carrillo, and Brandi Register  
 Fifth Grade — Jayla Kindelspire and Emma Rines  
 Sixth Grade — Zoe Shafer  
 Seventh Grade — Kaliegh Laurel  
 Eighth Grade — Shane Reed

**A/B Honor Roll**

First Grade — Derrick Bennett, Joshua Deese, Abigail Garner, Eli McNeill, Jacob Shiver, Samantha Swearingen, Carson Thornton, Isabella Thornton, Hayden Tinsley, and Cameron Worley  
 Second Grade — Sarah Bush, Raegan Corbin, Jonathan Garner, Madison Hayes, Luke Kent, Janzen Kindelspire, and Gerrit Wielenga  
 Third Grade — Marianna Bennett, Bitten Bossert, Kaylen Hagan, Sydney Hagan, Isabella Hall, Anna Horn, Canyon Laurel, Rebecca Losee, Jack Riley and Ansleigh Steel  
 Fourth Grade — Hannah Faircloth  
 Sixth Grade — Alex Brock and Jordan Bynum  
 Seventh Grade — Allyanna Haddock and Garrett Kent  
 Eighth Grade — Lexi Brasher, Abby Haddock and Isabella Owens  
 Tenth Grade — Zane Shafer

# 15th annual Gulf Coast Charity Horse Show and Music Festival

Special to the News

**PANAMA CITY BEACH** — The Gulf Coast Charity Celebration Association, Inc., announces the dates for the 15th Annual Gulf Coast Charity Horse Show and Music Festival on the weekend of April 25-27.

Gates open at 4 p.m. and shows start at 6 p.m. daily at Frank Brown Park in Panama City Beach is the place, and the shows will be

more exciting than ever.

This year we are proud to participate with the Walking Horse Trainers Association, for their management of center ring, which will bring more owners, trainers and horses to the event and help in making this show bigger and better for the spectators, vendors, owners and trainers, so there fore we are announcing our event this year as The Gulf Coast Charity

Trainers Show.

There will be fun for every one. Great food and merchandise vendors, music and the greatest breed of horse on earth, the Tennessee Walking horses steeping high performing for you. What a great way to spend the evening under the stars with continuous music by the organist "Brian Peery" during the show and "Go Big or Go Home Band," a 15-piece

band with a fabulous horn section, will be performing daily before and after the show. Also, back by poplar demand for you Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning workouts is Royce Regan.

Mark you calendar and make plans to join us. For sponsorship and vendor opportunities, as well as reserved seating and reserved tales please call 914-9030.

## Community CALENDAR

### 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.

### TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

**Noon:** Chipley Kiwanis Club meeting.

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

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

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

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

### WEDNESDAY

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

**10 a.m. to 2 p.m.:** The Vernon Historical Society Museum is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meetings are fourth Wednesdays at 2 p.m.

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

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

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

### 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



**Justin Tankersley**

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## Faith BRIEFS

### Northside Baptist Easter Pageant

**PONCE DE LEON**  
— Northside Baptist Church will behold an Easter Pageant at 7 p.m., today, March 30.



### Easter Mass Schedule

**CHIPLEY** — St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Chipley and St. Anne Catholic Church in Marianna will host Holy Week services. Easter Vigil held at St. Joseph at 8 p.m. today, March 30. Easter Sunday Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph.

### Sunrise Service

**VERNON** — The Churches of Hinson Crossroads and surrounding area invite everyone to join them at 7 a.m. on Easter morning, Sunday, March 31, for Easter Sunrise Service. It will be at the Hinson Crossroad Fires Department Pavilion. Refreshments will follow the service.

### Oak Grove Baptist Homecoming

**PONCE DE LEON** — Oak Grove Baptist Church would like to cordially invite everyone to Homecoming and Easter services on Sunday, March 31. Sunday School will begin at 10 a.m. with morning Worship at 11 a.m. Brother Gerald Brazile will bring the message. Lunch will be spread at noon.

### Launch Conference

**GRACEVILLE** — Come and experience the expansion of God's power at Impact Church "Launch Conference". This grand event will be held at the Graceville Civic Center at 7 p.m., on today, March 30. Our guest speakers will be Apostle Mark Pickett of Impact Church & Apostle Mark T. Jones, Sr. of Center for Manifestation (Tampa). For more information visit us at [www.impactchurchfl.org](http://www.impactchurchfl.org) or call the Church Office at 372-2883.

### Gap Pond Cemetery Clean Up

The Gap Pond Cemetery Committee will be holding a cemetery clean up day from 7 a.m. to noon on April 3.

# Easter — the emotional roller coaster

## Honor the Savior by following His example

For Christians, the week leading up to Easter can be an emotional roller coaster ride. Palm Sunday opens with accounts of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, but quickly turns to the darker subject of his trial. For the denominations that observe Maundy Thursday, parishioners are invited to meditate upon the Last Supper.

On Good Friday, Christians around the world commemorate the crucifixion. Following the Easter Vigil, we finally arrive at Easter Sunday, one of the most triumphant days of the entire Christian calendar. I've known several clergy members who've stated that Easter should receive more attention than Christmas.

Jesus' birth is, indeed, something to celebrate — but to many Christians, the resurrection is the focal point of the Gospels, and that's what Easter is all about.

People are not only observing Easter at this time, but also Passover and other major holidays. So this is a season of great contemplation and joy for religious individuals around the world. It can also be a time for charitable giving.

There's almost always an outpouring of charity at Christmas, but after New Year's Day, many people feel burned out. By Easter, charitable organizations are hurting for funds.

### Funeral inspires testimony of faith

**Dear Editor,**  
I attended a funeral of a citizen of Washington County today and I want to give this testimony in memory of Jesse Andrew Dennis, Jr. who lived down in the Hinson Crossroads area.

Brother Jesse was more than a friend, he

was a brother of mine. A friend and former church member, yes, but he was a brother to me because both of us had been born into the family of God by the only birth on can do so, by the blood of Jesus Christ. Brother Jesse was a registered building contractor and a faithful church member.

Most of the times I saw him was when he had in his

hands a hammer, a saw or a Bible, The Word of God. I know he will be missed by many who knew him, as well as his loving wife, Mary and the children and grandchildren.

I close these words of memory by saying Brother Jesse also loved to fish. I often would go and stay a short while and then go back to my ministry.

Brother Jesse said the

reason I did not catch many fish from the pond or creek, was because I had catching souls for Christ on my mind all the time. He was a soul fisher also! I may not ever see him on earth again, but I will see him again! His word to us, if he could speak today, would be, "Get the birth and keep the faith!"

Rev. Dr. Billy Bruner, Th.D. (Earned)  
Cottondale

### CHARITY OF THE WEEK

#### Give Kids the World

Give Kids the World is a Florida-based charity serving families from all 50 states and over 70 countries worldwide. They operate Give Kids the World Village, a non-profit resort in Florida for children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. They've now assisted over 120,000 families. This group works with kids from ages 3 to 18 who have been diagnosed with critical illnesses. These children and their families are treated to a free week-long resort vacation. Give Kids the World is an independent organization, but partners with several different wish-granting charities, taking recommendations for qualifying children from these groups. They provide a chance for children and their families to get a much-needed break, and allow seriously ill youngsters a chance to take home magical memories of a place built especially for them.

#### Give Kids The World Village

<http://www.gktw.org>  
210 South Bass Road  
Kissimmee, FL 34746  
1-800-995-KIDS

Easter is a highly appropriate time for giving. At one point, my husband and I were sponsoring a child overseas. We were informed that Easter, in that child's country, is actually more of a time for exchanging gifts than Christmas. Here in the U.S., people go out of their way to buy Easter baskets, but perhaps a bit of the money spent on chocolate could also be diverted toward helping the poor.

If you're celebrating Easter, a good way to honor Jesus' resurrection could include following his example of helping others. True, the stories about Jesus are miraculous. I can't touch a suffering individual and heal them like Jesus did, but I can donate to organizations that send physicians to heal those who lack access to medical services. Jesus spoke of providing food and clothing for the poor, visiting

prisoners and other acts of kindness. Look closely at the stories of Jesus' ministry. What was important to him? What did he focus on? This isn't about what's important to some denominational party line, but rather, about what's really going on in the Gospels. Read the stories again. What can you learn from them? What can these centuries-old stories teach us today?

The same questions can be asked for those celebrating Passover and other holidays. Holidays don't arise by accident. When you celebrate a holiday, do you take the time to understand what it's really about? What does it mean to you? What can be learned from the classic stories repeated during your favorite holidays?

No matter what you're celebrating, thinking of others is always in season.

## Letter to the EDITOR

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## KNIGHTS GIVE TO PREGNANCY CENTER



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

The Knights of Columbus Council 10513 of Bonifay/Chipley/Sunny Hills presented a check for \$5,000 to the West Florida Pregnancy and Family Center of Bonifay/Chipley on Wednesday. The Knights are a Catholic charitable and fraternal organization. Pictured are members, including Mary Rockburn, Director of the Pregnancy Center and Mike DeRuntz, Council Grand Knight. The Pregnancy and Family Center is located at 410 East North Boulevard, Bonifay just east of Highway 79.

## Relay EVENTS

### 2013 Relay For Life Race For a Cure Car Show

**WASHINGTON COUNTY** — The Washington County Relay for Life invites you to bring your favorite hot rod and show it off in our first ever Race For a Cure Car Show. The show will be at 9 a.m. April 13 at Pals Park in Chipley. Trophies will be awarded on the Relay stage at noon to the fans' favorite car, first, second and third place and a grand champion whose car or club turns in the most donations. There is no charge to enter your car. The club that enters the most card will receive a plaque from the American Cancer Society in recognition of your club's contribution to a world

with more birthdays. There is no year, make, or model limit to this show. There will be food, drinks and entertainment. For more information or to register, contact Jimmy at 786-447-7440 or [jim@bigjimssmokinbutts.com](mailto:jim@bigjimssmokinbutts.com).

### Miss Washington County Relay

**WASHINGTON COUNTY** — Come be apart of the Miss Washington County Relay Beauty Pageant. The pageant will be at 6 p.m. April 12, for ages 11 to 18 and at 9 a.m. April 13 for ages birth to 10 years old. Entry fee is \$50. You may pick up your entry forms at C & C Bookkeeping, Washington County News or by contacting Naomi Carter at [ncrelayforlife@gmail.com](mailto:ncrelayforlife@gmail.com).

### Relay seeks cancer survivors

**WASHINGTON COUNTY** — The Washington County Relay for Life is looking for survivors to honor at this year's Relay for Life 2013 event. If you are a cancer survivor your name, address and shirt size to the following locations for Relay updates, reservation at the Survivors Banquet and free survivor T-shirt: the Washington County News (ask for Cathrine), or call Connie Wheeler at 260-4073. Or you can mail it to the Washington County News, C/O Cathrine Lamb, 1364 North Railroad Ave., Chipley, FL, 32428 you may also send the email to [clamb@chipleypaper.com](mailto:clamb@chipleypaper.com).

See RELAY A5



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3150 - Building Supplies
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3190 - Electronics
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3210 - Free Pass It On
3220 - Furniture
3230 - Garage/Yard Sales
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3270 - Jewelry/Clothing
3280 - Machinery/Equipment

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3300 - Miscellaneous
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AUCTIONS 3130
Abalauction.com - Wakulla County, Crawfordville, FL 3br 2ba split plan. Online bidding now through April 3, 2013.

Call To Place An Ad In Classifieds. Washington County News (850) 638-0212

AUCTIONS 3130

AUCTION LARGE FARM AND CONSTRUCTION
DATE: Saturday April 20, 8:00 A.M.
LOCATION: 5529 Hwy 231 North Campbellton, FL 32426

BUSINESS EQUIPMENT 3160
Barber Shop for Sale
850-228-2173

FURNITURE 3220
LEATHER LIVING ROOM SET, In Original Plastic, Never Used, Org. \$3,000, sacrifice \$975.-

MISCELLANEOUS 3300
Wanted to Rent Farm land or pasture in Chipley & surrounding areas for the year 2013.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS 3310
WANTED: Musical Instruments of any kind in any condition. Piano, banjos, drums, guitars, amps.

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Clerical Full time position, 8-5, M-F in Chipley. Contact One Stop Career Center for more info

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6100 - Business/Commercial
6110 - Apartments
6120 - Beach Rentals
6130 - Condo/Townhouse
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6150 - Roommate Wanted
6160 - Rooms for Rent
6170 - Mobile Home/Lot
6180 - Out-of-Town Rentals
6190 - Timeshare Rentals
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE
Space for rent downtown Chipley. 638-1918

APARTMENT RENTALS 6110
For Rent: Bright 2BR/2BA screened porch Townhouse apartment. Non-Smoker, references. Good location Bonifay Area

HOUSE RENTALS 6140
3 Bdr/1 Bath in Chipley. \$600/mo. plus deposit. New carpet, new Kate Smith. Call (850)638-4345.

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MOBILE HOME/LOT RENTALS 6170

For Rent 3BD/1BA House \$300/mth 2BR/1BA trailer, \$250/month. Ponce de Leon area (850)226-4656.

For Rent: 2BR/1BA Mobile Home/Bonifay area. \$300/month plus \$300/deposit No pets. Call 850-547-2043 Leave message.

7100 - Homes
7105 - Open House
7110 - Beach Home/Property
7120 - Commercial
7130 - Condo/Townhouse
7140 - Farms & Ranches
7150 - Lots and Acreage
7160 - Mobile Homes/Lots
7170 - Waterfront
7180 - Investment Property
7190 - Out-of-Town Real Estate
7200 - Timeshare

3 Homes for Sale in Chipley. Good rental income. Large lots. Recently remodeled. Motivated seller. 850-481-5352 or 850-849-7676.

POTENTIAL GREAT FLIP PROPERTY!
4 BD/2BA plus 800 sqf shop CH/A on 1 acre in country, 3 miles from Chipley. Present owner upgrades will sell in lower 70's or you purchase as is for lower 50's. Call Ron @ 850-638-6414

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20 acres rural woodlands on Stevenson Road, north of Bonifay. Some owner financing available. Call (850)547-3129, cell# (850)415-2998.

ACREAGE 1511 Hwy 177, P.O. Box 1181 Bonifay. (850)547-2646 Saturday 7-8 a.m.

BANK REPOSSESSION SMITH LAKE, ALABAMA. Prime dockable homesite \$49,900. Bank loss of \$120k per lot, over \$3million on 34 lots, makes possible a \$200k + homesite for 25 cents on the dollar. Level to water, no stairs. Build at water's edge. NEW TO MARKET. Roads and utilities in place. Available April 20th. Make early appointment. Once in a lifetime opportunity. Call (877)448-6816.

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