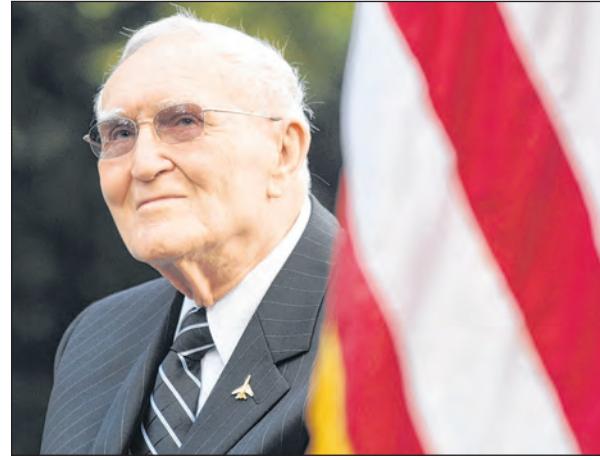


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IN BRIEF

Florida Sales Tax Holiday

The Florida Sales Tax Holiday for back-to-school supplies begins at 12:01 a.m. Friday, Aug. 2, and ends at midnight Sunday, Aug. 4. For complete list of tax-exempt items, see last week's special Back To School section or visit chipleypaper.com.

North Bay Clan Yard Sale

CHIPLEY — The North Bay Clan will hold a Fundraiser Yard Sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, and again Aug. 9 at 1364 Lennder Lane next to Wal-Mart. The sale will raise money to help with the children's education days, to be held fourth Saturdays at 1560 Lonnie Road in Chipley.

Christian Haven Gospel Jam

CHIPLEY — Christian Haven Church will have a Gospel Jam on Saturday, Aug. 3. Refreshments will be served at 6 p.m., and singing will begin shortly thereafter. For more information, call 638-0836 or 773-2602.

'Funny Bone Soup'

CHIPLEY — The Spanish Trail Playhouse will present "Funny Bone Soup: A Night of

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Commissioners discuss budget cuts

Board to vote today on county millage rate

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CHIPLEY — The Washington County Board of County Commissioners discussed everything except the county millage rate at a

special workshop Monday.

The workshop was called Thursday so the commissioners could discuss the millage rate. They will vote on a millage rate today in a special meeting.

County Clerk of Court and Comptroller Linda Cook asked the commissioners to set the millage rate at Thursday's meeting. She proposed a millage rate of 9.23 mills to the commissioners, up from last year's rate of 8.915 mills.

The county is required to set the millage by Aug. 4, Cook said.

"We need a decision on the

millage rate; we have got to have this turned in to the state by Aug. 4," she said. The commissioners avoided the millage question, however, instead looking at the county's proposed budget for places to cut — including discussions of doing away with the jobs of county manager and a human resources director, setting a minimum county property tax of \$250, taking away county employees' paid lunch benefit and increasing the amount county employees pay for health insurance among other

ideas.

Most of the ideas came from Commissioner Todd Abbott, who opened the discussion.

"I just want to throw a couple of things out there," Abbott said, "first as a citizen of Washington County, secondly as a taxpayer and third as a county commissioner."

Abbott said the county is facing a budget shortfall, and the job of budgeting for the county is not getting any easier.

Has anyone contacted the
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Possum Fest kicks off Friday

From Staff Reports

WAUSAU — The 2013 Miss Fun Day, Brooke Trout, was crowned on Saturday in Wausau when the Miss Fun Day Pageant kicked off the 44th annual Possum Festival.

Forty-two contestants competed for titles at Saturday's pageant, including two young Fun Day King contestants.

Trout won the coveted Miss Fun Day title, while Christina Michelle Hall was first runner-up and Melanie Danielle Baxley was second runner-up.

The festival weekend begins at 5 p.m. Friday with the perennial favorite, the Possum King and Queen Contest, and is followed on Saturday with the annual Fun Day, which features food, music and fun all day long.

The Possum Festival is sponsored by the Wausau Volunteer Fire Department.

All the events are held at or around the Possum Palace. The Saturday events are free to the public.

Friday's Possum King and Queen contest begins at 6 p.m., with gates opening at 5 p.m.

Entry age is 16 and older, and there is no entry fee to sign up. Prize money will be \$75 for first, \$50 for second and \$25 for third.

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ABOVE: Miss Baby Fun Day Annslee Grace Rollin looks is crowned at the Miss Fun Day Pageant on Saturday. The 44th annual Possum Festival will be this weekend in Wausau. **BETWEEN:** Miss Baby Fun Day winner Havynn Austin Mathis, left, reacts to winning her title while first runner-up and photogenic winner Avery Grace Kirkland looks on during Saturday's Miss Fun Day Pageant in Wausau. For more photos, see **Page B1** and visit chipleypaper.com.



Elections supervisor seeks new machines

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CHIPLEY — Washington County Supervisor of Elections Carol Finch Rudd told the county commissioners on Thursday the cost of election equipment is going to rise next year.

"I've come before you to discuss upgrading the county's voting equipment," Rudd said. She presented the commissioners with a proposal to lease 25 Model DS200 scanners, which will be an upgrade from the 23 Model 100 scanners the elections office currently uses, she said.

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School Board sets millage

Final budget hearing set for Sept. 9

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CHIPLEY — The Washington County School Board just took a few minutes Monday to approve a millage rate of 7.538 — a rate about one-half a mill lower than last year's rate.

District Director of Finance Lucy Carmichael presented the millage rate of 7.538 to the board for approval.

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Gate admission to the Possum King and Queen contest is \$3 for adults, free for children age 12 and younger.

There will be food and craft vendors set up, so bring chairs and enjoy.

Saturday starts with a Pancake Breakfast at 6 a.m. and the Possum Trot at 7:30 a.m. The parade will begin at 10 a.m.

Other events scheduled for the Fun Day include a sack race, hog calling, rooster crowing, cow lowing and cross cutting.

There will also be a dunking booth, water slides and inflatables for the children.

For the grown-ups, there will also be a dance from 7-10 p.m., featuring the band Straight Shooters. Admission is \$5 a person, and 12 and younger are free.

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44TH ANNUAL POSSUM FESTIVAL FUN DAY

Saturday — Events free to public

- 6 a.m.:** Pancake breakfast at the lodge
- 7:30 a.m.:** Possum trot
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- 10 a.m.:** Parade
- 10:30 a.m.:** Shelly Smith Trejo (gospel music)
- 11 a.m.:** Corn Pone
- 11:30 a.m.:** Highcotton (blue grass)
- Noon:** Flag raising
- 12:10 p.m.:** Possum and Quilt auction
- 1 p.m.:** Greasy Pole



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Washington County School Board members Milton Brown, from left, and Vann Brock share a laugh with Superintendent Joe Taylor on Monday before the school board budget hearing begins.

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"The millage rate is lower than the rolled-back rate of 7.9463 mills," Carmichael said.

"The rolled-back rate is close to where it was last year, and the millage rate is actually lower than last year," said Terry Ellis, school board president.

"We've been through a number of rainy days, and we knew to be prepared," Ellis said of the board's successful budgeting.

That proposed rate includes a 1.5 mill property tax for capital outlay projects, including a number of construction and remodeling efforts.

The new Kate M. Smith Elementary School is one of those projects funded by the proposed \$92,648,782 budget, according to a report distributed by Carmichael at the July 23 school board meeting.

Other projects include construction and remodeling of the Chipley High School gym lobby, construction of a consolidated bus barn, a track for Vernon High School and a Vernon Middle School baseball field and expansion of the Chipley High/Roulhac Middle cafeteria.

Maintenance and renovation proj-

ects planned for the district include maintenance of various schools and district plants and roof repairs, classroom renovations at Vernon Elementary, renovations at the historic Chipley High, public restroom renovations and lighting improvements on athletic fields.

The district also plans to purchase 10 new buses this year, to replace school and district plant furniture and equipment, upgrade the district's technology infrastructure, according to the report.

The final budget hearing will be at 5:05 p.m. Sept. 9.

The next regular school board meeting will be at 5 p.m. Aug. 12. There will be an executive session before the regular meeting, beginning at 4 p.m., Superintendent Joe Taylor said.

The Aug. 12 meeting also will include a public hearing at which the board will consider adopting or revising school board policies and procedures, the code of student conduct and the pupil progression plan.

Taylor said the board plans to recognize the district's 18 students who received perfect FCAT scores at the Aug. 12 meeting.

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Comedy" at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3. The play is written by Emory Wells. Tickets, \$10, may be purchased from the Washington County Public Library or the Spanish Trail Playhouse Business Office. The playhouse is at 680 Second St. in Chipley.

Jones family reunion

VERNON — The Jones family reunion will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at the old Vernon High School Community Center. Bring a covered dish and dessert. Family surnames

included for this reunion are Jones, Reese, Trant, Royals, Sheffield and Kelly. If you trace your roots to these families or have an interest, please join us.

Public Library Cooperative System meets

MARIANNA — The Panhandle Public Library Cooperative System board will meet at 4 p.m. Aug. 20 at 2862 Madison St. in Marianna. A director's meeting will be at 8:45 a.m. Aug. 22 at the same location.



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Both models are provided by Elections Systems and Software, which leases the equipment to the county.

The two extra scanners would allow the elections office to open an additional early voting site.

"During the recent Legislative Session, changes were made making it less difficult in creating those sites leaving more discretion to the Supervisor of Elections," Rudd said.

Rudd said she has discussed having the additional early voting site at Vernon City Hall.

The new machines would mean more expense, however. "We currently pay on our lease every other year, but with the upgrades we would be paying every year," she told the commissioners.

The county is paying \$56,243 a year, but with the new voting machines, it will pay \$59,166, a difference of \$2,923, Rudd said.

"The M-100 scanners are considered outdated equipment and will soon find themselves not being supported," Rudd said. "We need to stay ahead of the curve and not be caught off guard."

She added that the state's voting machine regulations are much stricter than the federal government's requirements.

"The equipment needs to be brought in now so training can begin for the staff and soon for the poll workers as well," Rudd said.

Commissioner Lynn Gothard asked if the board could hold off until the budget is completed to pur-

"The M-100 scanners are considered outdated equipment and will soon find themselves not being supported.

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Carol Finch Rudd

supervisor of elections

chase the new equipment.

"We can't be training during an election year," Rudd said. "We need to plan ahead. We have to have voting equipment, and we have to train our people on how to use it."

Gothard said she would like to know where the county is going to get the money to purchase the equipment.

Rudd said the voting machine lease had been paid out of county land sales revenue in the past.

"What if we don't have any land sales money, then where are you going to get the money to pay the lease?" Gothard asked. "You can't write a check if you don't have the money in the bank to pay for it."

Chairman Alan Bush said the voting machine is just one of many unfunded mandates the county is facing this fiscal year.

"I'm not here to pressure the board to make a decision today, but we don't want a voting machine failure," Rudd said.

The board voted to table the request until the commissioners see a more complete budget.

In other business, the board voted to change

David Corbin's job title to "county coordinator" at the recommendation of Commissioner Charles Brock.

Corbin was named "point of contact" in April after former County Administrator Steve Joyner quit his job with a one-day notice. In May, Corbin was awarded a 15-percent pay increase to go with his new job duties.

Bush said Monday that even with the pay raise, Corbin's salary was much less than the \$85,255, and having Corbin fill in as coordinator was saving the county money.

"Are we going to stay out of the day-to-day operations and give the man a chance to work?" Commissioner Joel Pate asked.

"He's to be commended," Brock said of Corbin. "He's straightened out a lot of messes in a short time."

"Not only that, the old manager walked out with less than a day's notice," Bush said. "David walked in and picked it right up."

"I look forward to working with you in any way I can," Corbin told the commissioners. "It's a group effort."

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constitutional officers to see what money they will be bringing back to the budget?" Abbott asked. "Have we thought about contacting them and seeing if they could cut their budgets by three percent?"

Abbott also suggested the county look into setting a minimum property tax of \$250 for all residents. "The minority of residents are paying the taxes for the majority," he said. "I think everyone who uses county services should have to pay taxes."

Chairman Alan Bush noted that the county budget is facing unfunded mandates from the state and federal governments, which have increased the county's financial woes. As the budget stands presently, the county is facing a \$102,000 deficit.

"We couldn't have predicted they would increase the amount the county has to pay into the retirement the way they did," Bush said, noting that the county is being required to pay an additional \$227,000 to the state employee pension program.

On top of that, the county's ad valorem tax base has dropped about \$228,000 because of declining property values.

"We have discussed this and discussed this — we knew this day was coming," Commissioner Charles Brock said. "Why don't we do something? Why doesn't the county get prepared?"

"I said it before, we need a strategic plan for the county," Commissioner Joel Pate said. "We've never had one, but we need to sit down and come up with a plan. This county has no plan whatsoever. Whatever someone sticks on the agenda, that's our plan."

"When times were good, the county spent and spent," Commissioner Lynn Gothard said. "I don't know if a tax increase is the road for us to go down or not, but I do know that if I take a decrease in pay at work, then I have to cut

down on my spending.

"I believe we can balance this budget," Gothard said, "and next year we can begin to plan."

Abbott asked County Attorney Jeff Goodman about the \$250 property tax.

"What is basis for the taxing authority?" Goodman asked. He said the county is limited in its authority to tax residents. "I would look at making it an MSTU, and I would get away from talking about the homestead exemption."

Goodman said the county had used its 1 cent small county tax option in 1993, so that was unavailable.

Brock asked about taking a sales tax increase to the people for approval. "A lot of our residents do their shopping in Panama City or Dothan (Ala.), where they are paying eight or nine cents. Why are we still stuck at seven?"

Gothard also asked why the county manager's salary was not spread out among the different department's budgets.

"He's the county manager; he's over all those departments. I don't see why they don't all pay a share of his salary."

Bush noted that when the county commissioners changed David Corbin's job title to county coordinator and gave him a pay raise, the county was still saving money. "He gets a much lesser salary; we still saved thousands of dollars," Bush said.

The county administrator's salary was \$85,255, Abbott said, and that was money the county saved by having Corbin fill in.

Gothard also questioned the \$45,000 budgeted for a human resources director's position.

"Why couldn't we advertise that job at \$24,000? We have a lot of secretaries who make less than that in the county."

Abbott asked about \$50,000 that is budgeted for travel expenses and suggested the commissioners give up their \$600

a month travel reimbursement. "We could give that money back toward the human resources director's salary," he said.

No one volunteered to give up their travel reimbursement.

"If a commissioner has travel expenses and wants reimbursement, he should get it," Goodman said.

Bush asked how Holmes County handled human resources without having an HR director. "It's a team effort," Goodman said. "But you are talking apples and oranges here. Washington County is a whole other thing than Holmes County."

Goodman said Washington County had as many public record requests in a week as Holmes County received in a year.

"It's just the same two or three people doing that," Bush said.

"Yes, but we still have to reply to them," Goodman said.

Abbott was told the county spends \$579 each month on health insurance for each of the county's 160 employees.

"What if we cut that back to \$400 and had the employees pay the \$179?" Abbott asked.

"Our employees don't make that much," Bush said.

Abbott said county employees are also paid for their lunch hour and suggested the county cut out that practice.

"You want to hurt 160 employees to save two positions?" Gothard asked.

Goodman noted that Washington County has no union contract with its employees, so cutting hours or health benefits would not have to be negotiated.

"I'm not willing to do that to 160 employees," Gothard said.

"I'm just throwing out ideas," Abbott said.

"Here's the thing — we're not getting anywhere, just throwing out ideas," Brock said. "We need to just vote, yes or no. We can sit up here and talk all day long."

Off-duty deputy saves child in Parker park

By TIM CROFT
The Star

PARKER — Sgt. John Murnan was at Under the Oaks Park in Parker last weekend, enjoying a birthday party with his son, daughter-in-law and their children.

The party was going swimmingly when the off-duty Gulf County Sheriff's Office deputy heard shouting from across the park.

"We were just hanging out and someone started shouting 'help, help, call 9-1-1,'" Murnan said. "Of course I am going to respond, somebody calling for 9-1-1, I had to find out what was going on."

A teenager came sprinting, cradling a small boy — turned

out he was 4 years old — in his arms.

The young child was not breathing and was in clear distress, Murnan said.

"He was as blue as blue can be," Murnan said. "He was, when I got him, I guess, gone."

Murnan scooped up the young boy. Murnan believed he recognized the brother, who called the boy "Angel" and who willingly turned the boy over to Murnan's care.

"He just said, 'Look, help my brother,'" Murnan said.

Murnan put the boy in a modified Heimlich, arm across his abdomen, the boy's head down, and did five thrusts.

After several thrusts the boy began to spit up wood debris used on the park walkways and

began to breathe.

Murnan rolled him over and continued with one or two more compressions.

The boy went into a bit of a seizure — "Your brain basically rebooting itself," Murnan said — and began to breathe on his own and gain his color back as the ambulance arrived.

Murnan?

"I just kind of went back to the party," he said with a chuckle. "I don't want to sound callous, but I didn't think any more about it."

"That is what we are trained to do."

All of this might not have ended up in the newspaper if not for a Port St. Joe resident, Mary Williams, who happened to be at Under the Oaks last Saturday.

She witnessed the entire episode, including Murnan's life-saving response.

She emailed hoping to locate the deputy.

"It amazed and touched a lot of people there," Williams wrote after detailing Murnan's actions followed by his return to his party. "I think he should be recognized for saving that little boy. We didn't get his name but someone recognized him as a Gulf County deputy."

"I hope you can find out so we all can know and thank him."

Murnan had forgotten all about the incident when informed by his supervisor that the newspaper was trying to locate him.

"He is a fine man and was just promoted to sergeant," said Gulf

County Sheriff Mike Harrison.

When the email was read to Murnan to explain tracking him down, he said he was just doing what his many years in law enforcement — with Mexico Beach and Gulf County — had taught him.

To have someone recognize it, though, was not so bad.

"That is pretty cool," Murnan said of Williams' email.

Information about the boy's condition was not known, though there were no reports of deaths or serious injuries that day in those circumstances.

Murnan said the last he saw the boy called Angel he was doing fine and being attended to by EMS personnel. He was not even sure the boy was transported from the park by ambulance.

FDEP using new technology to examine water quality

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PANAMA CITY BEACH — Florida Department of Environmental Protection officials announced an initiative to develop new rules refining water quality standards for beach and recreational waters throughout the state.

The FDEP will propose updates to Florida's bacteria criteria for recreational waters, applying guidance from the EPA.

The changes ultimately will be presented to the Florida Environmental Regulation Commission and EPA for approval after a series of technical advisory committee meetings and other public workshops.

New laboratory tools and assessment methods recently allowed FDEP

scientists to quickly identify whether fecal bacteria, an indicator for the possible presence of pathogens, are related to humans, animals or other sources.

The new lab equipment and methods use DNA analyses of bacteria and modern tracers, including artificial sweeteners, to identify human waste from other sources, according to the FDEP.

Armed with that knowledge, the FDEP can more quickly identify and reduce the sources of pathogens in recreational waters and act to protect public health.

However, the science needed to set water quality criteria based on direct measurement of pathogens has not yet been developed, so FDEP

devised a multi-pronged approach using the latest technology.

"Measuring fecal bacteria levels is easy," said Drew Bartlett, Division of Environmental Assessment and Restoration director.

"Unfortunately, readily distinguishing the sources of the bacteria and the potentially harmful pathogens that may go along with them has been beyond scientific capabilities."

Bartlett said since the tools are now available rules and protocols can be crafted to reduce the sources of the problems, restore water quality and protect public health.

A technical advisory committee will be formed to guide FDEP on the scientific intricacies of the rules since they will be implemented using new scientific technologies.

The panel of experts includes representatives of the EPA, the Florida

Department of Health, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, local governments and the academic community, according to FDEP.

The FDEP also will propose changes to its water quality assessment strategy to take advantage of the new lab tools and land-use surveys to determine where elevated bacteria levels may indicate an increased risk to human health, officials said.

Where high bacteria levels are detected, and using the most advanced source tracking capabilities, FDEP officials will direct actions that reduce the sources of the problems and restore water quality.

The first committee meeting will be held Aug. 20 at 9 a.m. in the Florida Department of Environ-

mental Protection, Bob 609, 2600 Blair Stone Road Martinez Center, Room in Tallahassee.

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The King of Country Music visits Vernon

In the past, a four-hour tour of duty at the Vernon Historical Society Museum seemingly motivated my mind for a Prattle narrative. It happened again on July 17 during my appointed time in the facility.

When not busy with visitors in the museum, an effort is made to look for items recently donated to the facility. Two discoveries were made recently. One will be today's subject and, hopefully, the second item will be explored as a topic next week.

As reported previously, my mind seems to be alert to the history and heritage of Vernon, especially the happenings at the old school, as I reflect upon them during my duty. This may because the first class room to become part of the present four-room museum, was my home room during my senior year; 1943-44. My starting year at Vernon High School was 1939-40.

Imagine my surprise when a small autograph book was seen in one of the many shelves marked "Essie Mae Waller, Vernon High School-Class of 1939-40." The book was the typical one, purchased in dime stores, rather inexpensive, and usually bought by the girls, as the boys seemingly regarded autographs for the feminine gender. The short poems and "home made rhymes" were generic in content and typical of other autograph books your writer has seen



PERRY'S PRATTLE
Perry Wells

down through the years. The wording of the writing gave clear proof that the students were juniors, with most making reference to looking forward to being seniors the following year:

I remember Essie Mae rather vividly, as I also recalled most of the other girls and boys, who signed autographs for her. Lynda Waller, niece of Essie Mae, is an active member

of the Vernon Historical Society, has served as an officer and volunteers much of her time "on duty" at the popular array of the county's history. My guess is that Lynda has recently donated this interesting item to the collection of heritage now on display in the old school building.

Down through the years, I have told our sons of seeing Roy Acuff and his Smoky Mountain Boys, in concert in the Vernon High School Auditorium early in my experience of attending school there. I did not remember the year of his appearance.

While leisurely turning the aged, but well preserved book, reading each verse with much interest, I was shocked when somewhere toward the middle of the book, I found the answer I had been awaiting for all if these years with these notations in Essie's Autograph Book. The first one read: "Best Wishes from Roy Acuff-WSM." Directly under that one, obviously written in an

old time "ink pen" were the words: "& Mrs. Roy Acuff."

The next four autographs came from members of the Roy Acuff Band. The first one read: "Jess Easterday Smoky Mt. boys W. S. M." "Best of Luck" Robert Lunn WSM, "Best wishes from Rachael Veach W. S. M. Nashville, Tenn., concluding with: "Luck" Lonnie Wilson (Pap) Smoky Mt. Boys W. S. M. — "May this happen again?"

There were no dates on any of the above treasured writings, neither were there dates on any of the classmates salutations in Essie Mae Books. Recalling that the school terms started in September and ended in April, I knew Roy Acuff and band made that notable personal appearance in the old Vernon High School Auditorium within the above time frame.

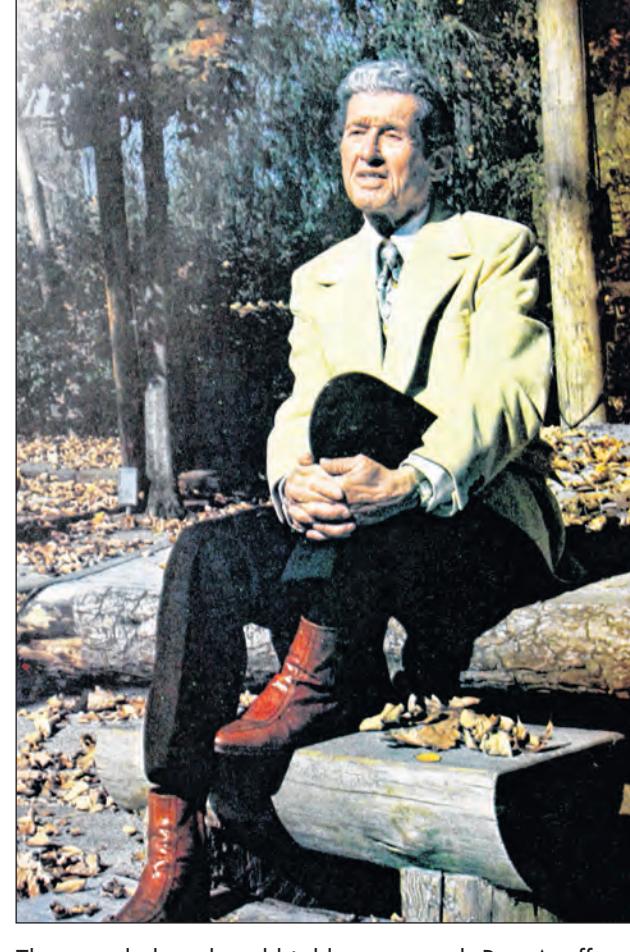
This information sent me to my personal library of reference books on those pioneers music makers who became stars in the early beginning of the long famous, Grand Ole Opry. I immediately learned that Roy Acuff made his second audition for the historic show on Feb. 5, 1938. Jess Easterday, listed above from the Vernon appearance, played fiddle on that show, along with Clell Summey, dobro and Red Jones, bass. This audition resulted in the band, Roy Acuff and the Crazy Tennesseans, making their first regular appearance on the Grand Ole Opry on Feb. 19, 1938. General manager,

Harry Stone, didn't like the name of the band, "Crazy Tennesseans," which he contended was a slur on Tennessee. He recommended that since Roy came from the Smoky Mountains, he adopt that name. Roy agreed and the band became Roy Acuff and the Smoky Mountain Boys

Further factual research of Acuff History shows him hiring Lonnie Wilson, Pete Kirby (who became Bashful Brother Oswald on the show) and the first female member of the group, Rachael Veachy. Remember she, along with Lonnie Wilson, were in the Vernon performance.

Roy reports that chastising reports began to come to him for having the young girl traveling, un-chaperoned, with all the men in the act. Roy was sensitive to that kind of innuendo and made amends by giving Lonnie Wilson the name "Pap." Rachel then became Bashful Brother Oswald's sister. Teaming them together made for a tremendous success right off. Readers will note that both Lonnie Wilson and Rachel Veachy appeared in the Vernon concert.

Some of Essie Mae's classmates who signed her Autograph Book, which has now become a valued piece of history included Herman Justice, Heston Smith, Arol Hudson, Gladwell Newsome, Hiram Owens, Harry Williams, Oriel Tiller, Gameul Holley, Wiley Ward, Wester Galloway, Henry C. Pitts,



The greatly loved and highly respected, Roy Acuff, was born Sept. 15, 1903 and died Nov. 23, 1992. He became a legend on the World Famous Grand Ole Opry, although beginning his musical career after reaching the age of thirty.

Olen Ferguson and Jim Williams. The girls listed are Marie Long, Voneil Austin, Helen Russ, Nettie Sikes, Effie Lee Sheffield Brock, Frances Harrell, Gertrude McCullough, Iva Lee Whitehead, Lucille Hood, Grace Justice, Ola Mae Cook, Louise Tiller and Earlene Tiller. Two teachers, Oneida McFatter Gilmore and J. Hugh

Brock have notations in the historic book. Aline Swindle Hightower, a member of the class, was not listed.

I have especially enjoyed preparing today's article. I hope my readers will enjoy it as well.

See you all next week with the second jewel from the Vernon Historical Society Museum.

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What did we used to do on rainy days

With all the sustained rains this July, I searched my memory to compare it with previous rainy Julys. The most recent was July of 1994, the last big flood in our area, but I don't recall so many consecutive days of rain as we have had this summer. That flood damaged some of the blueberries, but the focus on flood recovery pretty much shut down the blueberry business. However, this year, the water damage to the berries was extensive and pretty

much shut us down due to the poor quality of the rain soaked fruit, not to mention the difficulty of picking in the downpours.

But these continued days of rain got me wondering how we filled such times in my growing up years. We didn't have TV nor the electricity to run it with. We didn't even have board games. We weren't blessed with art materials such as crayons or finger paints. How did we fill those days? Of course there were chores.

Helping to prepare the never-ending meals for a large family required help to shell (wet) peas if the rains persisted or shuck fresh corn or peel potatoes. These were inside chores. Cooking on the wood stove required wood which presented a problem in rainy weather as the wood pile was outdoors. We often had to lay stove-wood under the stove to dry enough to keep the fire going.

Running out between down pours, we'd bring in a turn and leave it on the back porch to drip. I can hear the sizzle as a wet piece of wood was added to the fire box.

Another chore that presented a real problem in the rainy season was laundry. Since we washed outdoors, well, we did have a wash bench under a shed, but the pot where we boiled the clothes was outside. There was still the problem of wet wood. Then, if we managed to get the clothes washed, there was the problem of where to dry them. Clothes dryers had not been invented, and again, there would

have been no electricity to run it. There weren't enough chair backs in the kitchen to hang things over, so it was just a mess of sour smelling laundry if the rains didn't let up.

If there was some article of clothing that was really needed, we might try to iron it dry. (Next to impossible.)

Barn chores would have included shucking and shelling corn. We had a small corn sheller or else we shelled it by hand for the daily chicken feed. Grandpa Wells had a bigger sheller

which we used, especially if we were shelling select ears to carry to the grist mill to make corn meal. Some other chores might have included mending harnesses and tack, hand-sharpening hoes and shovels, putting shucks or dry hay on the cow stalls, or a myriad of other tasks Daddy could think up.

(That reminds me of a family story my older brothers tell. At Brackin School it was Thanksgiving week during the depth of the Depression. The teacher Burton Ferrell was reminding the children to be thankful, especially if their dad had a job. Cousin Lee Ellison spoke up and said, "I don't have to be thankful. My Daddy can thank up a job for us at any time.)

For entertainment we often played under the house which is on a hill and built high off the ground. We drove on imaginary roads with brick bat cars. (Half bricks left over from the house's foundation.) We made

playhouses of apple or vegetable cartons which were wood at that time. Our dishes were the china insets from canning jar lids. Our cook pots were empty pork and bean cans or syrup cans. Our menu was mud pies. Between showers, chasing each other around the house burned off energy. We might also play hellower with a string ball which Grandma Wells made for us. The deep ditches down the hill provided the best clay for clay modeling projects.

Inside, we sometimes played cards. (We did own a deck of playing cards.) We might play hide

and seek and finish driving our Mama crazy. We girls might play paper dolls with cut-outs from the Sears Roebuck Catalog. Cousin Lenora had a set of Jack Rocks and sometime she'd come over and we'd play Jacks. I was never any good and that. My sister Minnie Lee always read if she could get her hands on a book. For reading there were the daily paper, The Advertiser, and an occasional "funny book." (Comic Book) And Mama had a few novels she had collected.

I asked my husband what he remembered about entertainment during rainy spells when he was a boy. He said they looked forward to the rains as the two "ponds" between them and town filled up enough they could go swimming in what they called the second pond which is in Northdale subdivision about where Jempsy Owens' home is now located. David Storey, son of former County Agent C.U. Storey, and his wife Melinda stopped and visited a few weeks ago. He recalled that he and Hiram and some of their friends would swim in those holes when they were kids.

Before Highway 79 was a road, the road went through there and there was a little bridge at the

second pond. He remembers before 79 was paved in about 1935 driving the cows home after a big rain and a car sliding into the ditch almost hitting him and the cows near his grandmother's home. (The Elliot Sharon Home.)

There are plenty of resources today for keeping kids entertained. Movies, DVD's, T.V. and all the electronic devices that I don't know the names of are available. Arcades inside malls allow the Mamas to go shopping while the kids play. Vacation Bible Schools abound during the summer. And if all else fails, there are enough mud holes to provide entertainment. But I am ready for the rains to let up for awhile.

Note: Holmes County Historical Society meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Society building. (Next meeting is Aug. 8)



HAPPY CORNER
Hazel Wells Tison

Decorated war hero Col. Bud Day dies

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SHALIMAR — Col. Bud Day, one of the military's most decorated war heroes and a longtime veteran's activist, has died at the age of 88.

He passed away Saturday at his home in Shalimar surrounded by family and in the arms of his wife and childhood sweetheart, Doris, after a long battle with cancer.

"He would have died in my arms if I could have picked him up," Doris Day said Sunday.

Day, a veteran of World War II and the Korean and Vietnam wars, spent much of his post-military life advocating for veterans.

Close friends and associates admire his tireless drive to pursue what he thought was right, whether resisting his interrogators during his almost six years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam or filing a lawsuit against the federal government to try to secure promised health benefits for veterans.

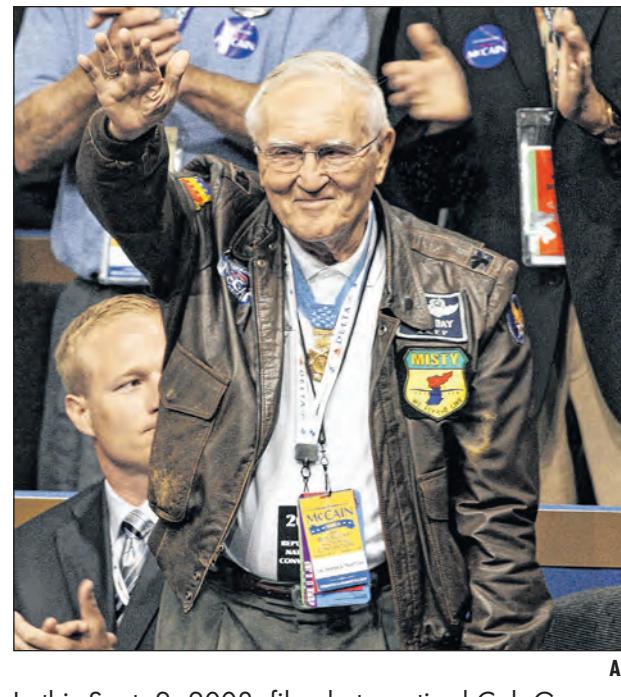
"He was one of those guys, had he lived several thousands of years ago, he would have been one of the Spartans," said Okaloosa County Judge Patt Maney, a longtime friend and fellow veteran. "He didn't care what the odds were, he was going to do what he thought was right, and the whole country is better off for it."

Day, a veteran of the Marines, the Army and the Air Force, received the Medal of Honor, the military's highest award, for escaping his captors after his plane was shot down in Vietnam in 1967. He was eventually recaptured.

In all, he earned more than 70 medals for his service as a Marine in the Pacific during World War II and then as an Air Force pilot in Korea and Vietnam.

Countless people in the community and across the country herald Day's achievements, but in life he was more modest about his accomplishments.

"It's what you are supposed to do," he said of his military and community service at his 88th birthday party in February. "Courage, dignity — that stands for something."



In this Sept. 2, 2008, file photo, retired Col. George "Bud" Day waves to the crowd at the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minn.

It was during his more than 67 months in prisons in Vietnam that Day met Sen. John McCain, a fellow prisoner. They shared a cell for some time and Day helped nurse a badly injured McCain back to health.

The two have remained close.

"I owe my life to Bud, and much of what I know about character and patriotism," McCain said in a statement released Sunday. "He was the bravest man I ever knew,

and his fierce resistance and resolute leadership set the example for us in prison

of how to return home with honor ... I will miss him terribly."

McCain said he will have more to say about Day's life and his passing later this week.

A funeral is expected to be Thursday at the Emerald Coast Conference Center with a burial at Barrancas National Memorial Cemetery in Pensacola, according to Bill Everitt, head of the local chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, of which Day was a member.

Day was born in Sioux City, Iowa, on Feb. 24, 1925.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1942 during World War II while he was still in high school.

After the war, he attended college on the GI Bill, earning a bachelor's and law degrees in four years.

He joined the Army Reserve and then switched to the Air Force where he learned to fly, piloting air defense F-84s in Korea and the fighter-bomber F-100 in Vietnam.

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of Honor for the 10 days he evaded his captors in the jungle and for his refusal to give up information that might compromise the safety of other service members or the military's mission.

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Tireless advocate

Day retired from the Air Force in 1977, and he and his family decided to stay in Northwest Florida, where he began work as a lawyer.

Maney, who argued cases against Day often in the early years, said he was tenacious and would never give up on a case, no matter how trivial.

He also became a champion for veterans of his wars and of more recent conflicts.

One of his most high-profile efforts was his work to secure TRICARE medical benefits for veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

Day single-handedly sued the federal government on behalf of two Northwest Florida veterans. The suit sought to restore free health benefits to tens of thousands of military retirees who enlisted between 1941 and 1956.

The case died in 2004 when the Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal, but the suit, Day and his plaintiffs' tireless lobbying on the issue are credited with forcing Congress to pass the TRICARE for Life Act, which made it easier for all military retirees and their families to afford health care.

The things that allowed him to survive as a POW also gave him the strength to take on the federal government," Maney said. "That's a huge undertaking, but he did what he thought was right. He thought veterans deserved better."

His strong character proved inspirational for countless people in his community and across the country. Many have made the pilgrimage to his home to meet him and pay their respects, Maney said.

His door was always open.

"He was just a quiet, firm,

blunt, unassuming, humble, but very determined guy," Maney said.

When Maney, a retired brigadier general, was injured in a bomb explosion in Afghanistan, Day made the trip to Walter Reed hospital in Washington, D.C., to visit him.

"He bucked you up and got you going again, that's for sure," Maney said.

He has been instrumental in veterans' initiatives such as the Fisher House for injured or ill service members and the Honor Flights for World War II veterans, said Tom Rice, owner of Magnolia Grill and himself an advocate for veterans.

He continued this work until the last days of his life.

"He always said, 'As long as I'm vertical, I'll be doing all I can,'" Rice said.

He said that dedication, even as he was battling cancer and nearing the end of his life, was inspiring. "Long after a lot of us probably would just sit on the couch, he was still firing away and looking out for somebody else," he said.

Congressman Jeff Miller said in a statement on Sunday that since he first met Day, anytime he hears the word 'hero' he thinks of him in his flight jacket with his Medal of Honor fastened high around his neck.

"Though many have bravely served their country before Col. Day, and many continue to honorably serve, few have endured as much as (he has) for honor, duty and love of country," Miller said.

"Our community will miss his unwavering perseverance, his limitless patriotism, and his enduring optimism for the future of America. I will miss his friendship."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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Dolphin mystery

Researchers seeking clues in 'unprecedented' Gulf die-off

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PANAMA CITY BEACH — For the past three years, dolphins have been dying at an unprecedented rate in the Gulf of Mexico, and experts say there's no end in sight.

"The length and the severity of this event is unprecedented in the Gulf," said Chris Robbins, a scientist and senior manager for restoration planning with Ocean Conservancy. "More than 1,000 animals have stranded and more than 95 percent of those have been dead.... The mortalities we're seeing are far above what the historical average has been."

Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration declared an Unusual Mortality Event in December 2010 for dolphins in the northern Gulf of Mexico, the area from the Texas/Louisiana border to Franklin County.

Since the event began in February 2010, 1,026 strandings have occurred through July 21. The event is the most severe ever recorded in the Gulf, with 95 percent of strandings ending in mortality.

"It's the longest in duration and highest number of strandings in the UME program," said Erin Fougeres, Marine Mammal Stranding Network Program administrator for NOAA. "In this case, this Unusual Mortality Event has been going on since just prior to the oil spill."

By NOAA definition, a UME is "a stranding that is unexpected, involves a significant die-off of any marine mammal population and demands immediate response."

But response is difficult when the cause of the UME still is unknown.

Oil's role

Although the UME began two months prior to the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill, researchers are not ruling out oil dispersant as a factor.

"This unusual mortality event actually started before the oil spill in February 2010, but when the oil spill happened there was a spike in strandings, and they've been high ever since," Robbins said. "It does raise a question to the extent of which the oil spill has exacerbated the UME."

Robbins said many of the symptoms observed in the stranding events are consistent with those of marine mammals that have been exposed to oil.

"What they're seeing in these animals is a compromised immune system," Robbins said. "It may be like a cancer patient with a compromised immune system coming down with something else because they've been exposed to a virus or some other type of contaminant."

Experts are investigating what role brucella bacteria might have in relation to the UME. Thus far, 27 out of 107 dolphins were positive or suspected to be positive for brucella, a common cause of abortions in the marine

mammals. Some animals also are showing signs of pneumonia and adrenal gland abnormalities, Fougeres reported.

"We don't have any definitive cause of the mortalities at this point," Fougeres said. "There may not be any one thing that's killing off the animals. There may be more than one factor involved."

NOAA has formally recognized 59 marine mammal UMEs in the U.S. since 1991, but has determined cause for just 25 of them.

In the same timeframe, the Gulf of Mexico has seen 11 UMEs involving dolphins. Fougeres reported the most common cause of the previous events was morbillivirus, a highly infectious virus that includes agents of measles and canine distemper.

"We're trying to rule out the most common causes of UMEs that have happened in the Gulf in the past," Fougeres said. Morbillivirus "doesn't appear to be the case."

The highest number of strandings has occurred in Louisiana, followed by Mississippi, Alabama and the Florida Panhandle.

"Fortunately, for the Florida Panhandle, they haven't really been too much above average since 2010," Fougeres said.

Response

Although the current UME has not increased strandings much in the Panhandle, responders from Gulf World Marine Park say the difference is the dolphins washing up



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Bottle-nosed dolphin Roux, right, clowns around with his friend Jett at Gulf World in Panama City Beach. Roux was rescued from Louisiana and participates in a few of the dolphin shows, while Jett was born at the marine park. TOP: Trainer Megan McGinnis rewards Roux with a fish.

are more likely to be dead.

"We haven't had an increase in stranding response," said Gulf World stranding coordinator Secret Holmes-Douglas. "We usually average about 12 to 14 a year and that's what we're getting right now, but we're just not getting live animals."

Gulf World is part of NOAA's Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program as outlined in the Marine Mammal Protection Act, and it has one of the largest stranding response areas on the books.

"We respond from Walton County to the St. Marks River in Franklin County," Holmes-Douglas said. "We're responsible for any cetaceans that wash up in our region."

When a dead dolphin comes in, Gulf World veterinarians must perform an intensive necropsy on the animal, an eight- to 10-hour process in which they take tissue, virus and bacteria samples.

"We try to look for a cause of death if we can determine it," said staff veterinarian Lydia Scaggs. "But most of the time, you can't determine the cause of death."

UME protocol requires a higher number of biological samples, which are sent to researchers with NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service for further testing. The UME requires every animal be investigated, no matter the condition.

Scaggs said a stranded marine mammal only has a 5 percent chance of survival, and those that do survive

a stranding only have a 1 percent chance of ever being released.

"Dolphins, they're just so sick by the time they get in," said Scaggs, who noted many suffer from pneumonia.

Rehabilitation

For the small percent of stranded dolphins that do survive, Gulf World rehabilitates the animals on-site, a task that is intensive and costly.

"Being a part of the stranding agreement, you take responsibility for funding and rehabilitation," Holmes-Douglas said.

"When you rehab an animal, that's really where the cost comes in."

Gulf World also is responsible for rehabbing animals collected by Emerald Coast Wildlife Refuge to the west.

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Leagues of Their Own - Part 4: Girls travel ball offers exposure for talent

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David and Beverly Barron both teach at Everitt Middle School, but he admits that they've been married to Chaos for 11 years.

While that might sound a bit daunting for a relationship on one level, when discovering that Chaos is a summer travel ball softball team for girls another perspective begins to form. Barron also coaches Rutherford's high school varsity softball team, but the commitment to the Chaos 16U team is more time-consuming and profound.

"It's not just me, a majority of travel coaches are in it to get these girls exposure," Barron said. "Florida is becoming a hot bed of talent. We need to get the word out that we've got girls playing at a high level."

"In years past, we didn't have that coming out of Bay County. We need to expose them to the recruiting process."

The way Barron explained it, recruiting in college softball sounds a lot like the system in place for college basketball where coaches and recruiters flock to major showcases featuring AAU talent. The sport and the group putting on the showcase differs, but the philosophy is the same.

"That's the plan, we go to a lot of showcases," Barron said. "What has evolved is that coaches can see 500-1,000 girls in one recruiting visit. Their season coincides with ours, so it's nearly impossible to recruit during the high school season."

"We're trying to give the girls somewhere to play. We started by putting an all-star team together out of Callaway rec ball with some pretty big names on it."

Barron said what has evolved is that older girls in Bay County often wind up playing one or the other — rec ball or travel ball — but seldom both.

Whereas numbers seem to be at least stabilizing in youth baseball programs and the number of travel ball teams increasing, the same can't be said for softball.

Rec leagues don't boast large participation numbers. Lynn Haven had 10 teams this season, Panama City Beach reported a total of 60 players and Callaway 50.

Neither are travel softball teams prominent in the younger ages. According to those active here in softball travel ball, there is no 8U team in Bay County, only one 10U, one 12U and just a few for older players.

That begs an immediate question of where future players are going to come from.

ONE ALTERNATIVE

Arnold High School coach Rick Green hasn't been involved in travel ball, but said that of the 23 junior varsity and varsity players in the Marlins' program all but five were playing travel ball this summer, almost exclusively for teams outside of Bay County. One of them, shortstop Sarah Robertson, is competing for a select team out of Jacksonville.

Green said there has been some talk of forming a travel ball organization in Panama City Beach for teenaged players, but he also is concerned with the number of younger

girls entering the sport.

"I did a little numbers study and found 386 girls in third, fourth and fifth grades on the Beach," Green said. "I found out that (the rec league at Frank Brown Park) had two teams in that age group and they were having to play each other every week."

"Now that's not the rec park's fault. So I took it upon myself and sent letters out that we're going to try to develop a rec league and play at Arnold."

Green said that the Emerald Coast Fastpitch league was a result, with 45 girls along elementary school boundaries competing among four teams. A few practices were held in late May and the schedule played out in June, a championship game recently completed.

Green said that parents wanted to play using high school rules, which meant open baserunning, although with a slightly smaller softball and pitching distance of 35 feet. Games were five innings or a maximum 1 hour; 15 minutes and teams were not allowed to score more than five runs per inning.

"It wasn't always pretty, but the girls had a great time," Green said. "I've probably had 30 ask if we would consider doing this in the fall, but that's something we'd have to check into with the school system."

Green said that a registration fee of \$30 was required, clearance was obtained for facility use of Arnold's field, insurance was supplied, and players were outfitted in a T-shirt and whatever uniform pants they desired. Equipment was supplied by players and parents, but supporters sometimes offered to help furnish softballs.

"Now that we've started this I think it will help us," Green said. "There's interest on the Beach now. And because it was divided up by school it kept us from all the good players being on one team. It was a smooth transition."

Green thinks that the decline in rec league softball is linked to the school district not offering school-sponsored softball at the middle school level.

"And I understand that financial aspect of it," Green said. "But we discovered there were a lot of diamonds in the rough out there" in potential softball talent.

TRAVEL COMMITMENT

The Chaos organization had as many as four teams at one time, but currently offers 16U and 14U. The Lady Lightning program once was by far the largest in Bay County with age-group teams at most every level, but its numbers have dwindled in recent years.

There isn't nearly the number of softball travel teams as there are in baseball, but it's more common for 14U and 16U girls to play summer ball than boys because in baseball summer

high school programs become prominent at the older levels. Make no mistake, however, the commitment in time and money is no less severe for girls and their parents in softball as their counterparts on baseball travel teams.

Barron is in his 11th year with the organization having started with the Starlets 10U ballclub, on which his daughter, Abbie, played for when she was 5. Last summer, when Abbie was a rising freshman at Rutherford the Chaos played in a tournament against a team that basically was 20U. Barron said his daughter pitched against a player who was a freshman at Furman.

The team subsists by fundraising, Barron adamant that parents aren't given a mandate for a set fee to enable their daughter to compete. After a tournament schedule is formulated, a budget is projected to cover the costs. One year when the team was 12U it played in 14 tournaments. That budget, Barron admitted, might have approached \$30,000 with tournament entry fees factored in as well as travel, lodging and meals.

Parents who travel to watch their kids compete still have to dip into their resources to cover the same expenses, minus the entry fee.

"A lot of teams have a straight up fee, but don't do fundraising," Barron said. "We've never done it that way. We fundraise and the money we bring in we spend on the girls. Parents are encouraged to fundraise. In the 11 years I've been doing this I've probably had the parents of only five girls say we're just going to write you a check. It's a unity thing."

Barron's team comprises not only county players. He said the current edition has girls from Dothan, Tallahassee, Bethlehem and Chipley, but does practice on a regular basis.

"We know that it's a huge financial commitment from parents, that's why we fundraise almost every weekend" when they're not playing, Barron said. Some of the fundraising might be bagging groceries at local supermarkets.

"If I've got a girl that's got the ability we do what we can do," Barron said.

This year the schedule included six tournaments in the Southeast, but Chaos 16U travels farther than many younger-age travel baseball teams. In addition to Kissimmee, Tallahassee and Pensacola, Barron looked into an event in Oklahoma City that did not become feasible, and has taken ballclubs as far as Nashville, Birmingham, Atlanta, Tampa and Gulfport.

"We've won a lot of tournaments; we were fourth in the World Series A bracket," Barron said. "The way we look at it, it's like family. We've seen some travel teams passing out uniforms in the parking lot (having acquired players at the last minute). I've had tournament officials tell me

that at least when the Chaos shows up you know who it is."

Barron doesn't know what the future holds for softball in Bay County. The commitment all around is a heavy one. Barron said that the Chaos once played seven games in one day without leaving the field after falling into the losers' bracket in a tournament.

And the team also travels to showcases held during the fall, sometimes as late as November.

"The minute it ceases to be fun we stop, instantly," Barron said. "We've had a couple of girls in the last year decide they didn't want to play anymore and we understand."

He said he regularly gauges the commitment of his daughter in the same way.

Mosley head coach Brian Wilke coached his daughters Brooke and Bethany on Lady Lightning teams for years, then later when they advanced to Mosley's varsity. He said there often is a core of about seven girls who start out in 8U and continue on through the levels process.

Bubba Hill started the Lady Lightning, which eventually fielded teams in all age groups. Wilke said that dur-

ing his time as a coach there was a board or treasurer, an estimated budget for tournament fees and uniforms. Very few coaches are paid, said Wilke, who estimated that in his time coaching travel ball he might have spent close to \$100,000 of his own money.

"The fees usually are from \$500 to \$2,000 per player for the average travel team," Wilke said, "and you go to the elite teams with a lot of girls signing with Division I and they're spending \$5,000 or more, but they're flying places."

Wilke said a normal summer season during his tenure was five or six tournaments, the farthest distance probably Nashville. He said the Lady Lightning played in World Series where there were hundreds of teams and showcases with 40 teams. In various tournaments there could be anywhere from five teams to 40 in the same division.

"Most of the time they're Saturday-Sunday tournaments, but sometimes Friday through Sunday, and one tournament is four or five days," Wilke said.

"Yeah, I think it's the future. Some of it's sad. We always had programs where kids could earn their way on a team with fundraisers. Now the lower socio-economically

just can't afford it. You almost have to have the means, and that's kind of sad."

YOUNGER AGES

The Panama City Poison started last year as a 10U travel team located in Panama City Beach and expects to have both a 10U and 12U team next season.

Poison president David Lynn said that he scouted the rec leagues to get out the word that the initial team was forming, and a six- to seven-week free camp will be held this summer, with practice twice a week, to impart skills and tactics on a new group of girls interested in expanded softball participation.

"At the end of camp we'll choose a team and take them this fall and let them play in a tournament, and hopefully they become next spring the 10U team," Lynn said.

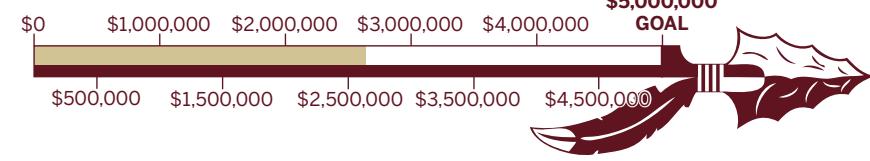
The Poison, which eventually probably will evolve into the Panama City Beach Poison with most of the players residents of the Beach, are playing in 17 tournaments this season. Lynn said the Poison try and stay within a 2½-hour radius of Bay County and that 10 of the tournaments are one-day events giving parents the option of returning home without an overnight stay.

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Regulators cited failed Bonifay bank

By MICHAEL BRAGA
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The Bank of Bonifay repeatedly broke the rules, a Herald-Tribune investigation found.

Insiders awarded themselves loans that were far larger than the law allowed. Directors let their wives sit in on board meetings and gave them access to bank records until they were told it was against the law. The bank also failed to track wire transfers from suspected money launderers in Pakistan.

Lending officers did not always obtain legally required appraisals. State regulators found that loan files were disorganized and some loan applications contained nothing more than a borrower's name, address and signature.

Practically every time they visited, state regulators criticized the bank for its low standards, finding that it ignored recommendations for changes and helped

insiders enrich themselves at the institution's expense.

Bank of Bonifay collapsed in May 2010, costing the financial system nearly \$80 million. Founded in the Florida Panhandle in 1906, it was the oldest of the 68 banks that failed in Florida during the Great Recession.

State examinations show the bank was cited for violations both big and small.

Regulators say directors paid \$3.5 million in dividends in 2007 even though Bank of Bonifay recorded a \$2.3 million loss that year.

The state also said that nine of the bank's directors obtained unsecured credit lines of \$100,000 each in April 2007 — far exceeding the state limit of \$25,000.

The Herald-Tribune identified at least \$12 million in mortgages to directors between 1995 and 2009.

Companies held in part by Rupert Phillips, a former director, obtained \$4.8 million in mortgag-

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es from Bank of Bonifay in 2006 and 2007 — more than any other board member. He resigned from the board in December 2007.

Phillips is an investor in Halifax Media Group, which owns the Herald-Tribune and other newspapers, including The News Herald.

Meanwhile, regulators found four instances in which the bank exceeded limits on loans to a single borrower. One Panhandle developer received a \$1.2 million loan without an appraisal, while another received

two loans totaling \$3.1 million based on bogus financial information, regulators found.

The developer who received the \$3.1 million could only keep up with payments for four months, the report said.

"The repayment capacity of the borrower was inflated on the loan application," regulators wrote in their 2008 report. They said the borrower held out that long only because the bank gave him \$44,000 to make the interest payments.

Regulators said the bank also evaded loan-to-value requirements by giving borrowers two loans on the same property. The total of the two loans often exceeded 100 percent of the value of the real estate, and executives made no effort to point this out to visiting regulators.

With the end of the real estate boom, Bank of Bonifay's problem loans mushroomed and its losses mounted. But the bank neither wrote down its bad loans as fast as

the law requires nor put enough money into loan loss reserves.

When questioned about these delays, James Goodson — then acting as chief executive officer — fought back. He said regulatory provisions were "broad and open to interpretation," and he would not commit to making the accounting changes regulators requested.

"His apparent inability to understand problems in his actions and disagreements with examiner findings is underscored by his comments throughout the open section of this report," regulators wrote in 2009.

Despite its growing problems, the bank continued to make large and risky loans right up to the end. In March 2009, it provided a \$2.5 million loan to a company controlled by the directors of another struggling Panhandle institution — Coastal Community Bank.

Within 15 months, both Coastal Community and Bank of Bonifay were out of business.


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Holmes County works toward millage rate proposal

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BONIFAY — The Holmes County Board of County Commissioners went into its second week of reviewing the budget during a special session July 23 to decide what millage rate to propose during next week's regularly scheduled meeting.

The Holmes County Sheriff's Office submitted in a revised version of its budget, reducing it by \$7,802 from the previous submission to encourage the county to consider adding another deputy position.

"We devised to add another deputy by taking away our bonuses," Sheriff Tim Brown said.

Commissioner Kenneth Williams suggested they eliminate one of the two deputies' positions at the courthouse to give more toward hiring a deputy to watch the county.

"First of all, that was the judge's call to increase security at the courthouse," Brown said. "Second, we don't have anyone to relieve the one deputy, which means that the area's security would be compromised every time he had to use the bathroom or eat lunch."

Williams suggested a possible part-time position to cover for the first deputy.

"I have a problem with the weekend having only two guys watching

"We need to be ready to set the millage rate for next Tuesday night. It's kind of the purpose of these meetings; to see if we can get everything lined up and balanced out."

Monty Merchant, BOCC chairman

over Holmes County and during the week there's two guys watching the courthouse," Williams said. "My first priority isn't the courthouse, it's those who need protection in Holmes County because that's who I serve — Holmes County."

Brown said he'd look into other possible ways of amending the issue to bring before the board.

Brown also agreed to become more actively involved in finding ways to save money on inmate medical expenses.

"If you can save some money, then that's money that can be saved towards your contingency funds," Williams said. "Look at it some more, because I think we're really close to our goal here."

The board approved advertising for a new recycling and litter full-time position with the Holmes County Recycling

Center, which was made possible by an increase of \$20,000 a year through a solid waste grant.

"It's a good idea," Williams said. "We get enough calls for litter alone to keep him busy at all times. We'll also need him to have the qualifications required to supervise inmate labor if he needs assistance."

Williams added it might be a good idea to look into ways of investigating where the trash is coming from and issuing fines to generate revenue and reduce littering.

In the area of transportation, commissioners found they were using more on road materials and having to pull from bridge funds, so they agreed to flip the allotted amounts for next year's budget.

"I also see that the income from the road signs is down," Williams said. "Could it be because we aren't doing private signs anymore?"

Road Department Hubert Hendrix agreed that might be a distinct possibility.

Chairman Monty Merchant said the purpose of adjusting the budget is to prepare the board to set a fairly proposed millage rate during the next regularly scheduled meeting.

"We need to be ready to set the millage rate for next Tuesday night," Merchant said. "It's kind of the purpose of these meetings; to see if we can get everything lined up and balanced out."

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1) What was Detroit most renowned for manufacturing at the turn of the 20th century?

Staplers, Chewing tobacco, Boots, Bicycles

2) Nathaniel Taylor portrayed what character on older TV's "Sanford and Son"?

Bubba, Rollo, Grady, Lamont

3) Phobos, one of the moons of Mars, makes how many complete orbits around the planet every day?

One half, 3, 6, 27

4) What did most everyone in the Middle Ages believe was the "seat of intelligence"?

Stomach, Brain, Heart, Eyes

5) From recent surveys what is considered the most honest profession?

Ministry, Nursing, Teaching, Carpentry

6) Studies support that people perform better on tests when they have what?

Good pencil, Breakfast, Not much sleep, A cold

7) Lili de Alvarez was the 1st woman player to do what at Wimbledon?

Cuss official, Wear "shorts," Throw racket, Default match

8) Who is the only former president buried within the boundaries of Washington, D.C.?

Wilson, Eisenhower, JFK, Reagan

9) In 1903 how many days did it take the first automobile to cross the U.S.?

11, 25, 52, 100

10) Brutus Thornapple is/was the star of what comic strip?

Drabble, The Buckets, Flight Deck, The Born Loser

11) In an operation what is ordinarily removed in a hysterectomy?

Appendix, Gall Bladder, Uterus, Abscessed tooth

12) Which continent has the greatest number of countries?

Europe, Asia, Africa, S. America

13) The Asian Flu originated in what country?

China, Japan, Thailand, Vietnam

14) How many points are on a Maltese cross?

8, 10, 12, 14

ANSWERS

- 1) Chewing tobacco.
- 2) Rollo. 3) 3, 4) Heart.
- 5) Nursing. 6) A cold. 7) Wear "shorts." 8) Wilson.
- 9) 52. 10) The Born Loser.
- 11) Uterus. 12) Africa. 13) China. 14) 8.



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ABOVE: From left are Little Miss First Runner-up and photogenic winner Heaven Boyett, Makayla Hewitt, Angelicia McIntyre, 2013 Little Miss Fun Day Karmen Stubbs, Second Runner-up Destiny Nicole Hall, Alicia Marie Johnson, Brooklyn Kyser, and Aela Deese. **BELOW:** From left, Brooke Trout was crowned 2013 Miss Fun Day and most photogenic, while Second Runner-up went to Melanie Danielle Baxley and First Runner-up was Christina Michelle Hall.

POSSUM PAGEANTRY



LEFT: Second Runner-up Alexia Kendal Flowers, Junior Miss Fun Day Kaylin Lane, Jewel Vincent, First Runner-up, photogenic and overall photogenic winner Hanna Elaine Duke, Billie LeAnn Goodman, Sara-Kingsley Scott. **RIGHT:** From left are 2013 Miss Teen Fun Day Mya Thomas, Second Runner-up and photogenic winner Desiree Finch and First Runner-up Alyssa Marie Willey.



LEFT: From left are Second Runner-up Sarah Grace Pippin, Kaylee Marie Bullard, First Runner-up and photogenic winner Brooke Victoria Smith, Miss Pre-Teen Fun Day Adora Nicole Edwards, Angelina Victoria Doss and Kendall Faye. **RIGHT:** Lawson Cooper, left, was named Mr. Baby Fun Day King, while young Xy'Juan Xy'Kell Thomas was first runner-up and most photogenic.



ABOVE LEFT: Tiny Tot competitors, from left, were Aubrey Maelene Wood, Second Runner-up and photogenic winner Faith Elizabeth Russell, 2013 Miss Tiny Tot Fun Day Brooklyn Carter, First Runner-up Paytin Briard and Halle Riley. **ABOVE:** Miss Baby Fun Day competitors were winner Havynn Austin Mathis, from left, First Runner-up and photogenic winner Avery Grace Kirkland and Second Runner-up Cali Vincent. **LEFT:** Contestants for Baby Fun Day were Jenna Mallory, First Runner-up Melanie Stevens, Miss Baby Fun Day Annilee Grace Rollin, Second Runner-up and photogenic winner Mya White, Ashlynn Pitts and Kyndal Marie Landry.

What you need to know before bringing home your first pig

When most people think of their ideal pet, a certain breed of dog or cat instantly comes to mind. However, for those who love more exotic pets and are willing to put in a little more time and effort, a pot-bellied pig can be an ideal choice.

"Pot-bellied pigs, including mini and micro pigs, can make good indoor and outdoor pets," said Philippa Sprake, clinical assistant professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. "Pigs are social animals, and each has their own personality." Though pigs are unbelievably intelligent and undeniably adorable, there are a few things pet owners should know before



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bringing little Wilbur home to stay.

The first thing future owners should do is check with their local homeowners association as well as their home's zoning regulations to ensure that pigs can be kept on the property. Pigs can be extremely noisy,

especially when adapting to a new environment, and the last thing any new pet owner wants is an angry neighbor or landlord trying to have the pet removed.

"When it comes to deciding on a piglet, it is very important to choose one that is at least 8 weeks old, weaned and comes from a reputable breeder to ensure that it is healthy," Sprake said. "Also, even though they are called

miniature, micro pigs can still grow to around 40 pounds, and full-size or traditional pot belly pigs can reach 100 pounds or more, so it is important to see the parents of the pig you are planning on taking home to evaluate your piglet's potential adult size."

When it comes to training your new pot-bellied pig, it is important to remember pigs can be as intensive a pet as dogs, and as such they need exercise and social interaction, or they may develop health and behavioral problems. Pigs can be trained very similarly to dogs using positive reinforcement techniques such as clicker training. They are also highly food motivated, so it is important to make sure that their treats are low

in calories, such as fresh fruits or vegetables, in order to prevent obesity.

"When it comes to feed, young pigs should be fed a youth mini-pig feed until they reach around 2 years of age," said Sprake. "After this they can be fed adult or senior foods, which are high in fiber and relatively low calorie to help curb obesity. Pigs should also have access to fresh water at all times and should never be fed human food as the high salt content can cause salt toxicity."

When it comes to deciding where to place your pig's bedding, the first thing a pet owner must decide is if they want to keep their new pet inside or out. Regardless, all pigs need access to the outside so they can root, which is an instinctive behavior where

the pig digs in the ground with their snout searching for food and obtaining iron from the soil, which is vital to prevent anemia.

"Pigs are sensitive to both hot and cold temperature extremes," Sprake said. "Therefore, they need shelter from the sun, wind and rain. If kept outside in Texas, for example, they will need fans to compensate for the hot summer months as well as a kiddie pool or shallow pond to wallow in and cool off. Pigs can also be kept inside as they are easily house-trained or litter-box trained."

Pet pigs, like their livestock counterparts, should be checked regularly by a veterinarian to ensure that they are healthy as possible.

"Pet pigs initially need

to be vaccinated to avoid several diseases and should be spayed or neutered to prevent behavioral issues, unwanted litters and other health problems," Sprake said. "Pigs should also be wormed several times a year and need their feet trimmed regularly. The biggest problems veterinarians see in pet pigs usually comes from owners providing an inappropriate diet."

About Pet Talk

Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University. Stories can be viewed on the web at vetmed.tamu.edu/pettalk. Suggestions for future topics may be directed to editor@cvm.tamu.edu.

Graceville pastor authors book

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GRACEVILLE — It has been said many times: We have never done it that way before, or this is not the way we always done it in the past, but what does God say?

"Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a highway in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." (Isaiah 43:19)

This is a quote from the recently published book by Carson Fender of Graceville. The title

of the book is "God.. You want me to go where.. and do what...!"

This 154-page book is a compilation of hands-on teaching and preaching experience for the past 50-plus years.

Fender was called and ordained into the gospel ministry at the First Baptist Church of Fort Lauderdale. Dr. Billy Graham preached Carson's ordination service and was ordained along with Dr. Stephan Tchividjian, Dr. Graham's son-in-law.

Carson served on the staff of Senior Pastor, Dr. O.S. Hawkins along with eight other full time pastors at the 10,000-member First Baptist Church of Fort Lauderdale. Carson served as the Minister of Adult Education and then later served as the Minister of Senior Adults to 1,800 senior adults. He served as an Associate Church Enrichment Missionary for the State Convention of the Southern Baptist Conservatives of



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get the information you need from Mark Mauldin, Agriculture and Natural Resource Agent.

Cindy Yeager, from the USDA Farm Service Agency, will be presenting information on the USDA Youth Loan Program and other agricultural programs.

The Animal Science Project Workshop will be at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 13 in the East Wing Conference Room/Ag Center. Call 638-6180 to RSVP for the workshop. Immediately after the workshop at 6:30 p.m., the

Livestock 4-H Club will hold its 4-H year kick-off meeting.

For more information on Washington County 4-H, visit the UF IFAS Washington County Extension website at washington.ifas.ufl.edu or call 638-6180 and speak to County Extension Director/4-H Youth Development Agent Julie Pigott Dillard. 4-H is the official youth development organization of the University of Florida, an equal opportunity institution.

Chipola Appreciation Club names directors

Special to Extra

MARIANNA — The Chipola College Appreciation Club recently selected officers and directors for the current year.

Officers are President Robert Trammell; Vice President Ronnie Myers; Treasurer and Secretary Joc Calloway. Outgoing president Terry Allen was thanked for his service to the club.

Directors include Terry Allen of Graceville, Leroy Boone of Marianna, Doyle Bosse of Marianna, Bill Davis of Marianna, Joe Ray Durham of Blountstown, Steve Givens of Marianna, Jason Hurst of Marianna, Coyle Mayo

of Marianna, Jack Peacock of Marianna, Bill Peacock of Marianna, Colby Peel of Chipley, Aaron Peterson of Marianna, Gene Prough of Chipley, Donnie Read of Bristol, Charlie Reid of Valparaiso, Mel Roberts of Marianna, Robby Roberts of Marianna, Shannon Saunders of Marianna, Allen Scheffer of Marianna, Cody Taylor of Bonifay, Sonny Wise of Marianna and Chris Young of Panama City.

The Appreciation Club is a tax-deductible organization governed by local supporters. The group helps the college and its students by promoting athletics and underwriting scholarships and functions not supported from public

funds.

The standard \$250 membership provides access to Chipola Appreciation Club general seating and Hospitality Room for four guests at all Chipola home men's and women's basketball games.

The Gold \$1,000 Membership provides Chipola Appreciation Club reserved seating for four guests and Appreciation Club general seating for two more guests and admittance to the Chipola Club Hospitality Room. Corporate Sponsorships also are available. A portion of membership dues are tax-deductible.

For information about the Appreciation Club, call 718-2451.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Library hours

Wausau Library

Monday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: 1-6 p.m.
Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: 1-6 p.m.
Friday: Closed

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

Holmes County Library (Bonifay)

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Wednesday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

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

Sunday: Closed

Washington County Library (Chipley)

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

Vernon Library

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 1-6 p.m.

Wednesday: 1-6 p.m.

Thursday: Closed

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

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

Sunny Hills Library

Monday: 1-6 p.m.

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 1-6 p.m.

Thursday: Closed

Friday: Closed

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

MONDAY

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

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

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

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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.

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Malrie R. Paul**MALRIE R.
PAUL**

Malrie Ruthford Paul, age 82, of Westville, was called home to be with his Lord on Friday, July 19, 2013, at 6:15 p.m. at Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan, Ala. He was born May 17, 1931, in Westville, to the late John and Beedie Arrant Paul. He was Baptist by faith and a member of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church of Holmes County. Malrie left home at a young age and went to Columbus, Ga., to stay with his sister and work at a textile factory, until he was drafted into the United States Army and served two years. He came back to Florida and worked at Martin's Tire Recapping in DeFuniak Springs until 1960. He then began working for the Department of Transportation of DeFuniak Springs until he retired in 1996. Malrie enjoyed his retirement, where he raised cows, hogs, chickens and turkeys. He also enjoyed planting his garden and working in the yard. He loved sitting on his front porch with his wife and children while watching his grandchildren play. You were always welcome to come and sit with him; he really enjoyed the company on his porch.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Thelma Paul Stringfellow; and two brothers, Buford (Buddy) Paul and Bryce Paul.

Malrie is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Edith Ann Gillman-Paul; four sons, Larry R. Paul (Cheryl) of Coffee Springs, Ala., David R. Paul (Paula) of the United States Army, George Daniel Paul (Catrina) of Westville, and

Bobby Hunt

Bobby Hunt, of Durham, N.C., died on July 26, 2013.

Kathryn E. Flowers**KATHRYN E.
FLOWERS**

Mrs. Kathryn Elizabeth Shaw Flowers, age 85, was born on Aug. 23, 1927 in Gainesville, to Albert B. Shaw and Lucile Wall Shaw "Gran." She passed away peacefully at home Friday, July 26, 2013, surrounded by her grandchildren.

Mema has resided with her granddaughter Shelley Johnson, husband, Kevin, and great-grandchildren Kaden and Kiaya for the past eight years. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Elizabeth had been a resident of Seagrove Beach, since 1970, moving from Tallahassee. She lived and raised her two sons in Tallahassee for 12 years while her husband, Dick Flowers, coached at FSU and Florida High School. Elizabeth owned and operated Flowers Nursery and Day Camp while living in Tallahassee. After moving to Seagrove Beach in 1970, she and her husband owned and operated Seagrove Villas Motel and Cottages, and the Wheel House Restaurant. "Mema's" love for family and children continued in Seagrove as she operated her little gift shop and candy store, giving away more candy, gifts and lodging than she sold. She was an active member of the Seagrove Beach Garden Club for over 40 years. Mema had a very deep love for animals, children, gardening, cooking for family and friends, traveling, and dancing. She was the first majorette for the University of Florida Gators, and later came to her senses and became an avid Seminole.

Elizabeth Flowers is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Lee Richard Flowers, Jr. known as "Coach Flowers" and "Pops"; and sons, Woodrow Lee Flowers and Albert

the Rev. Samuel Dale Paul (Mary) of DeFuniak Springs; one daughter, Pamela Ann Paul-Brackin (Danny) of DeFuniak Springs; 10 grandchildren, Jennifer (Doug), Ryan, Nicole (Orlando), Justin, Benjamin, Danielle, Rebekah and Calie; four great-grandchildren, Kacey, Dylan, Jonah and Leila; four sisters, Mildred Brooks of Ponce de Leon, Muriel Collins of Tallahassee, Earlene Iaculla of Lake Forrest, Ill., and Christine Swinney and husband Tom of Goshen, Ky.; one brother, Melvin Paul and wife, Carlene, of Westville; sister-in-law, Sharon Paul of DeFuniak Springs; and numerous nieces and nephews who were very special to him.

A time of visitation was 6-8 p.m. Thursday, July 25, 2013, in the chapel of Davis-Watkins Funeral Home, 1474 Highway 83 N., DeFuniak Springs. Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Friday, July 26, 2013, at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church in Holmes County with the Rev. Dale Paul, the Rev. Terry Smith and the Rev. Ike Steverson officiating. Committal services will follow at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery with military honors provided by the United States Army. Those serving at pallbearers were Ryan Paul, Doug Smith, Dylan Smith, Bobby Stringfellow, Sr., Gary Gillman and Tim Gaff. Flowers are being accepted. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.daviswatkins.com. Arrangements and services and under the direction of Davis-Watkins Funeral Home.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, Aug. 10, 2013.**Bradley Flowers.**

Mrs. Flowers is survived by her six grandchildren, Kelli Matthews and husband, Michael, Melissa Powell and husband, Cale, Jennifer McKenzie and husband, Nathan, Allison Flowers, Shelley Johnson and husband, Kevin and Richard Flowers and wife, Christy; 14 great-grandchildren, Austin, Jordan, Isabella, Jayden, Destiny, Caleb, Mason, Tyler, Mallory, Kaden, Kiaya, Madeline, Molly and Aiden; former daughters-in-law, Linda Flowers Presnell and Janet Lee Flowers.

The family would like to say a special thank you to many who helped with Mema, Shelby Johnson, Patty Freeman, Alta Tabb, Patty Hansen and Linda Presnell. Shelley would like to extend her heartfelt thanks to all of her family for surrounding one another and supporting one another during the loss of Mema.

A time of visitation was held from 10 to 11 a.m., Monday, July 29, 2013, at Clary-Glenn Freeport Chapel Funeral Home, 150 East Highway 20, Freeport, FL 32439.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Monday, July 29, 2013, at Clary-Glenn Freeport Chapel Funeral Home with the Rev. Roy Carroll officiating. Floral arrangements are being accepted. Pallbearers will be Kevin Johnson, Cale Powell, Nathan McKenzie, Greg Presnell, Greg Whitehead and Jamie Johnson. Burial followed in the Point Washington Cemetery. You may go online to view obituaries, offer condolences and sign guest book at www.clary-glenn.com. Clary-Glenn Freeport Chapel Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

Author Kirkland

Author "Venard" Kirkland, 76 of Chipley, passed away Wednesday, July 24, 2013, at Northwest Florida Community Hospital. Venard was born Nov. 27, 1936, in Graceville to Malcolm and Irene (Jordan) Kirkland. A lifelong resident of the Panhandle, he worked road construction and attended Wausau Pentecostal Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Malcolm and Irene Kirkland.

He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Mary Catherine Kirkland of Chipley; four daughters, Tammy Nelson (Royce) of Chipley, Tina Pierce (David) of Bonifay, Teresa Conroy Richard of Panama City, and Tracie Kirkland of

Sunny Hills; brother, Kenny Kirkland of Wausau; five grandchildren, Whitney Nelson, Dixie Trotter, Julia Conroy Lewis, Lydia Conroy and Ashton Kirkland; and four great-grandchildren, Austin Nelson, Christian Nelson, Lauren Michelle Nelson and Adrian King.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 27, 2013, at Wausau Pentecostal Church in Wausau, with the Rev. James Barwick, the Rev. Bobby Lee Wood, and the Rev. Roger Dale Hagan officiating. Visitation was held at 12:30 p.m. until the start of the funeral at the church. Interment followed in Wausau Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Wausau. Obert Funeral Home of Chipley is directing.

Birlie Palmer**BIRLIE
PALMER**

Birlie Palmer, 101, of Holmes County passed away Friday, July 19, 2013, in Port St. Joe. Mrs. Palmer was born Jan. 10, 1912, to the late Roe and Sabie Sellers in Slocomb, Ala. She was a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Bonifay for over 65 years. She served her Lord by teaching Sunday School, being a WM Leader, a deacon and superintendent of Sunday School. Mrs.

Palmer worked at the Great Day Store as cashier and in food service at Memorial Hospital.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Robert Ellie Palmer; a sister, Estell Chestnut; and a brother, Dan Sellers.

Mrs. Palmer is survived by a son, Robert E. Palmer; four daughters, Blondell Sanders, Geraldine White, Catherine Jenkins and

husband, Wadell, and Margaret Chitty and husband, Darrell; 16 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; numerous great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Monday, July 22, 2013, at the First Assembly of God Church with the Rev. John R. Chance and the Rev. Gary White officiating. Interment took place in St. John's Freewill Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday before the funeral. Flowers will be accepted, or donations may be made to Covenant Hospice. Southerland Family Funeral Home was entrusted with funeral arrangements. Condolences may be submitted or viewed at www.southerlandfamily.com.

Katherine H. Varnum

Katherine Hammock Varnum, 90, died July 21, 2013.

Services were held July 24, 2013 at Brown Funeral Home, 1068 Main

St. in Chipley. Interment was at Macedonia Cemetery. Friends and family may sign the online register at www.brownfh.net/.

Imogene B. Bontrager

Imogene Burkett Bontrager, 55, of Marianna, passed away at her home surrounded by her loving family on Friday, July 26, 2013. Imogene was born Oct. 21, 1957, and raised in Blountstown, by her parents Grady and Lovie Burkett. She graduated from Blountstown High School in 1975. In 1976 she married her high school sweetheart, Daniel Bontrager. She was a loving wife and mother who was devoted to her children and a large extended family. She enjoyed spending time outdoors, traveling, and raising deer on the family farm.

Imogene was preceded in death by her father, Grady Burkett.

She is survived by her husband of 36 years,

Daniel; her daughter, Mandy Bontrager Brewer

and husband, John Brewer; a son, Travis

Bontrager; her mother, Lovie Burkett; and her siblings, Gregory Burkett, Volena Barfield, Delores McDougald and Lawana McDonald.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 29, 2013, at Evangel Worship Center in Marianna, with Pastor LaVon Pettis officiating. Burial followed at Nettle Ridge Cemetery in Blountstown, with James & Sikes Funeral Home Maddox Chapel directing. The family received family and friends from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, July 28, 2013, at Evangel Worship Center, 2645 Pebble Hill Road, Marianna, FL 32448.

Flowers are welcome as well as donations to Covenant Hospice,

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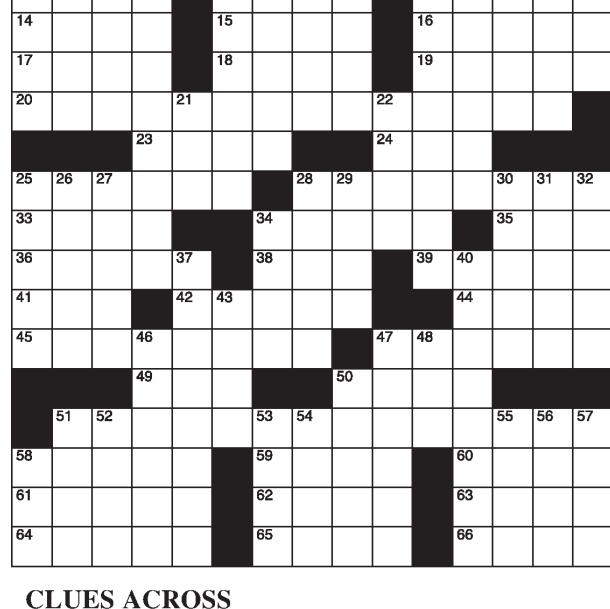
Alma White

Mrs. Alma White, 87 of Bonifay, died on Sunday, July 7, 2013, at her residence in Bonifay. Born Tuesday, Oct. 27, 1925, in Hartford, Ala., she was the daughter of the late Albert Phillips and the late Rosa Davis Phillips. She was the wife of Comer White.

Surviving are sons, Devon White of Tallahassee, Larry White of Bonifay and Tommy White of Malvern, Ala.; daughter, Carolyn

Judd of Bonifay; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, 2013, at Sims Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ike Stevenson officiating. Interment followed in the St. John's Cemetery, Bonifay. The family received friends from 1:30 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, 2013, Sims Funeral Home, Bonifay directing.

See OBITUARIES B5**CROSSWORD PUZZLE****CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Baby or infant
- 5. Common Indian weaverbird
- 9. Walk
- 14. Shii spiritual leader's title
- 15. Mirish
- 16. Nostrils
- 17. Confiscate
- 18. Powder mineral
- 19. Moss, lace or banded stone
- 20. Doyle detective
- 23. New Rochelle college
- 24. "Case of the Ex" singer
- 25. Rays or devilfish
- 28. Cutting implements for sewing
- 33. Two-toed sloth
- 34. Lightly fry
- 35. Japanese apricot
- 36. Gargle
- 38. Consumed food

CLUES DOWN

- 39. Swats
- 41. Doctors' group
- 42. Baseball teams
- 44. Japanese waist pouch
- 45. Impaired by diminution
- 47. A fixed portion of food
- 49. Gall
- 50. A block of soap or wax
- 51. Polite phrase for "What?"
- 52. Blackberry drupelets
- 59. Wild sheep of Northern Africa
- 60. River in Florence
- 61. Carried
- 62. Was visualized
- 63. Giant armadillo
- 64. Dwarf buffaloes
- 65. An account of events
- 66. Avery dark black
- 30. A citizen of Oman
- 31. Duplicate or copy
- 32. Municipality in Philippines
- 34. Mentally healthy
- 37. Capacities for work or activity
- 40. Able to read and write
- 43. Dark bluish black
- 46. Loudenville college
- 47. Seizure of property by force
- 48. Alias
- 50. Showing no mercy or pity
- 51. Sacred picture
- 52. Hungarian pen inventor
- 53. Hops kiln
- 54. Carbamide
- 55. Dull in color
- 56. Upon
- 57. Person, place or thing word
- 58. Sleeveless Arab garment

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Whatever happened to those lazy days of summer?

According to my calculations, summer is half over. I am not quite sure how this came about but the calendar has never lied to me before. It has confused me and taunted me but it has never lied to me.

Looking at my calendar I can see no lazy days of summer noted anywhere in the foreseeable future. I am not sure if this is an oversight on my part and that I should have at least penciled in one lazy day of summer or if those lazy days of summer are a thing of the past. I sure hope it is not the latter.

I can hardly imagine a world without any lazy days of summer. It just would not be summer in my opinion.

This probably is the price people pay for getting old. When I was young most of my summer was filled with lazy days where I practiced the fine art of doing nothing. Oh how I yearn for the return of those good old days of yesteryear.

Someone once told me, "Sonny, don't ever grow old." At the time, I did not know what he meant. I assumed he was referring to his loss of hair or arthritis in his joints or forgetting things. I thought that was what it meant to grow old. He meant nothing of the sort.

Now that I am old, I understand exactly what he was warning. There is no doubt in my mind; he was bemoaning the fact that his lazy days were gone. Perhaps, he was envious of the fact that at the time I had loads and loads of lazy days on my hands. I did not know just how rich I was.

Now I do, but it is too late. Where have all those lazy days gone?

I was whining about this to the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage hoping to get some empathy at least.



**DR. JAMES
L. SNYDER**

Out to Pastor

Instead of sympathizing with me, all she did was look at me and say in that tone of voice that I know so well, "You just want an excuse to do nothing."

To which I replied most sharply, "I don't need an excuse to do nothing, all I need is an opportunity."

Thinking about what I said I discovered there was more wisdom in that one sentence than anything else I have ever said. I had to sit in the corner for a few moments recovering from the shock of saying something with wisdom in it. I probably say many things with wisdom in it without even thinking. In fact, I am good at saying many things without thinking.

Although I may not be good at a wide variety of things, I have mastered the art of doing nothing. I can do nothing better than I can do anything. Of course, I do not have too many opportunities to do anything; I have more opportunities to do nothing. If I had my choice, I would rather do nothing than anything.

My philosophy is simply this, why be good at nothing and not put it to good use?

I have invested a lot of time and energy into doing nothing and I am concerned that not having an opportunity to do nothing I might forget the finesse associated with that art.

I do not get a chance very often to do nothing so I am anxious to practice the skills associated with nothing. In this regard, my calendar has not been very cooperative. Where are those lazy days of summer where I can do nothing?

Not only has my calendar not been cooperative but also my wife has been the epitome of obstruction in this pursuit of mine. Just when I think a

lazy day is looming on the horizon, she comes up with something for me to do. Even though all I wanted to do was nothing, she insists that I do her something. Either I do her something or else. I do not want to do her or else for nothing.

Those lazy days of summer were the perfect opportunity to perfect the fine art of doing nothing. Regrettably I have to honestly face the fact that those times are far behind me. No more lazy days of summer for me. At least not as many as there used to be.

The old preacher in Ecclesiastes was right when he said, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:" (Ecclesiastes 3:1 KJV).

I can look back with a sense of satisfaction and know that when I did have those lazy days of summer I put them to good use and developed skill in doing nothing. I know before me are some days when I will not have the strength or energy to do anything, then my ability to do nothing will come in good use.

I think it is quite important to live in the time at hand. The apostle Paul understood this when he wrote, "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed." (Romans 13:11 KJV).

Now that I am older, (and who's to say how much older I will get) I can say with a good deal of expertise, never grow old. By that I mean, never forget those lazy days of summer.

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

Faith EVENTS

Caryville Baptist Church Bluegrass Jam

CARYVILLE — Caryville Baptist Church will be holding a Bluegrass Jam at 6 p.m. on Aug. 2. A pot luck meal will be served around 7:30 p.m. The church is located at 4217 Old Bonifay Rd.

'Fun in the Son' at Union Hill

BONIFAY — "Fun in the Son" days will be observed on Saturday, Aug. 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will include lunch. Youth and children age 4 and up are invited, along with parents, for water slide, puppets, music and drama, Bible study and crafts. Union Hill Baptist Church is located at 2759 Union Hill Church Road in Bonifay. The church is on County Road 177 and is one mile south of the Millers Crossroad and Route 2 intersection. To pre-register: Please call 334-886-3513 or email: ascollins@centurytel.net.

For more information, call Liz Kidd at 263-3612.

Youth Caravan is Coming to Bonifay FUMC

BONIFAY — Youth Caravan will be at Bonifay First United Methodist Church July 31st. Services will begin nightly at 6 p.m. Youth Caravan is a team of Christian young adults on a summer mission geared towards youth ministry. They are students from the Auburn University Wesley Foundation. Their goal is to spread God's light in new and exciting ways through song, educational programs, games, and fellowship. Come join the fun. For more information, contact Ben Goolsby or Dan Godwin at 547-3785.

Pine Hill Church Homecoming

Pine Hill Church will be having Homecoming on Aug. 4. We will begin at 10 a.m. There will be special singing by Billy Gene Dickerson and the guest speaker will be Elizabeth McCormick. Bring a covered dish and enjoy lunch on the grounds after the morning service. If you have any questions you may contact Presley Owens 547-2018 or James Bush 547-5790

First Presbyterian Church Art Day Camp

CHIPLEY — Chipley First Presbyterian Church will hold their annual Art Day Camp Bible School from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. from Aug. 5 through Aug. 9. This year's theme is "Faith, Hope and Charity!"

Attendance will strictly be limited to 20 students, ages 10 – 13 years. Registration must be completed on or before Aug. 1 by contacting the church office at 658 5th Street in Chipley.

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Matthew 13:3-9

Weekly Bible Trivia

God placed Adam and Eve in a garden. What was its name?

(answer in this week's scripture reading)

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wed. Thurs. Friday Saturday

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Shirley M. Hayes

Shirley Mae Hayes, 70 of Chipley, passed away Thursday, July 25, 2013, at Gulf Coast Medical Center. Shirley was born Dec. 9, 1942, in Alford to Willie and Ruby Velma Lee (Davis) Corbin. A lifelong resident of the Panhandle, she worked as a technician for Cross Country, and was a member of Rock Hill Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Willie and Ruby Corbin.

She is survived by her two sons, Bubba Huckabee (Dorinda) of Chipley and John Huckabee (Jonnie) of Chipley; daughter, Cindy Huckabee Smith (Jack Franklin) of Chipley; seven brothers, Billy Ray Corbin, Ronnie Corbin, Willie Hubert Corbin, Jimmy Ray Corbin and Donnie Wayne Corbin all of Chipley; two sisters, Joyce Faye Taylor of Chipley and Angelo Prescott of Chipley; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 29, 2013, at Rock Hill Church in Chipley, with the Rev. Charlie Chavers officiating. Visitation was held from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, July 28, 2013, at Rock Hill Church. Interment followed in Rock Hill Church cemetery in Chipley. Obert Funeral Home of Chipley directing.

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Phyllis D. Retherford

**PHYLLIS D.
RETERFORD**

Ms. Phyllis Diane Retherford of Geneva, Ala., went home to be with her Lord and Savior after a courageous battle with cancer on Wednesday, July 24, 2013, with her loving family by her side. She was 69. Phyllis was born Dec. 12, 1943, in Holmes County, to the late Willard Buel and Flora Sanders Retherford. She was a 1961 graduate of Bethlehem High School.

For several years, she was employed with Ward-Cowan Tractor Company and later retired from the City of Geneva as a bookkeeper. She was a very loving and devoted mother, grandmother and sister. Affectionately known as "Baba" to her grandchildren, nieces and nephews, they were the light of her life. She was a member of Izagora Congregational Methodist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Gina Seay of Geneva and Lori

Gibson (Tom) of Wetumpka; three grandsons, Colton Pate, and T.J. and Garrett Gibson; one sister, Sharon Johnson (Johnny), Bonifay; two brothers, Billy Charles Retherford (Bea), Westville, and Sherman Retherford (Rhonda), Bonifay; special friend, Connie Marsh; and several nieces, nephews, other extended family and friends.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 27, 2013, in the chapel of Sorrells Funeral Home in Geneva with the Rev. Gary Armstrong officiating. Burial followed in the East Pittman Baptist Church Cemetery with Sorrells Funeral Home and Crematory directing. The family received friends at the funeral home Friday, July 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. Sorrells Funeral Home of Geneva, 334-684-9999, is in charge of arrangements. Express your condolences in our guest book at www.sorrellsfuneralhomes.com.

Mr. Connie Ray Weeks of Weeks Lane, Westville, passed away Thursday, June 27, 2013. He was 76. Mr. Weeks was born Jan. 25, 1937, in Holmes County, to the late Robert Leon and Mazie Agnes Stafford Weeks. For 22 years, he proudly served his country with the U.S. Army. During his military career, while serving in Vietnam, he was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star, along with several other medals and awards. He enjoyed fishing and



**CONNIE R.
WEEKS**

working in his vegetable garden. He loved the outdoors and his garden so much, you would see him out hoeing his garden in his wheelchair. Mr. Weeks was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include one sister, Margaret Woodall of Westville; one brother, Billy Weeks of Westville; and several special nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 30, in the chapel

of Sorrells Funeral Home in Geneva, Ala., with the Rev. Jonathan Sorensen officiating and Eric Stromenger delivering the eulogy. Burial followed in the Hurricane Creek Baptist Church Cemetery with military honors and Sorrells Funeral Home and Crematory of Geneva directing. The family received friends at the funeral home Sunday afternoon beginning at 2 p.m. and continued until service time. Memorials may be made to the American Disabled Veterans or The Wounded Warrior Project.

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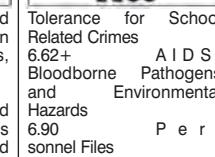
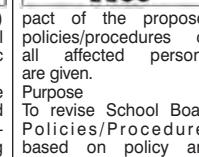
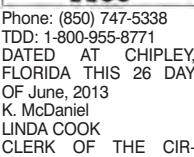
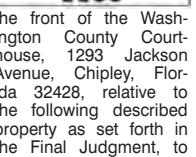
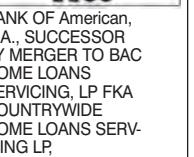
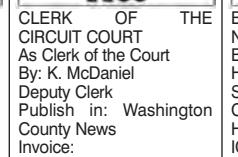
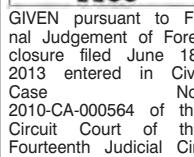
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**SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,
vs.
MARIA P. HENAO; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARIA P. HENAO; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2, Defendants.**

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8-3359

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

Case No. 11000153CA
GENERAL CIVIL DIVISION

WELLS FARGO FINAN-

CIAL SYSTEM

FLORIDA, INC.

Plaintiff,

vs.

GARY L. DONOR; UN-

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EFICIAL FLORIDA,

INC.; and UNKNOWN

OCCUPANTS,

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Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Order or Final Judgment entered in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Washington County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Washington County, Florida, de-

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.:

2012-CA-000098

SPRINGLEAF HOME

EQUITY, INC., formerly

AMERICAN GENERAL

HOME EQUITY, INC.,

Plaintiff,

WANDA M. WATKINS,

Defendant.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE

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PROBATE DIVISION

Case No.: 13CP43

IN RE: Estate of

RAY NELSON JACKSON

Deceased

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NOTICE TO CREDI-

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The administration of

the estate of RAY NELSON JACKSON, decease,

in the above-numbered case,

is pending in the Circuit Court for Washington County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1293 Jackson Avenue, Chipley, FL 32424. The names and addresses of the petitioners and/or personal representative and their attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE FIRST

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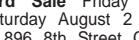
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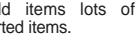
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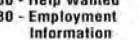
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