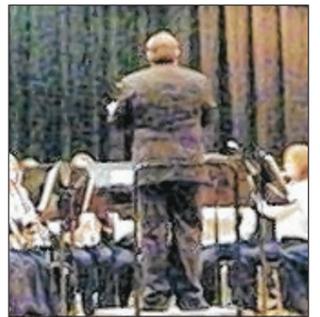


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## IN BRIEF

### Free Tax Return Preparation Available

**CHIPLEY** — A VITA volunteer, sponsored by the United Way of Northwest FL Inc., will be preparing Income Tax returns for free from 1:30-4 p.m. Fridays at Washington County Chamber of Commerce, 672 Fifth St., Chipley. Call 638-8572 for an appointment. Walk-ins will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis.

The service also will be available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays at Vernon City Hall and at Wausau City Hall on Thursdays by appointment only. Call 638-8572 for appointments.

The VITA Program generally offers free tax help to people who make \$50,000 or less and need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation to qualified individuals in local communities.

They can inform taxpayers about special tax credits for which they may qualify such as Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, and Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled.

Tax returns will be e-filed and if a refund is due, they are taking from 10 to 21 days to be direct deposited.

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# Virus ID'd in Reception Center outbreak

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**CHIPLEY** — The stomach bug that made Northwest Florida Reception Center inmates sick in February was identified as being caused by noroviruses, health department director Rick Davis said Tuesday.

Noroviruses are a group of related, single-stranded RNA, non-enveloped viruses that cause acute gastroenteritis in humans. The most common symptoms of

acute gastroenteritis are diarrhea, vomiting and stomach pain, according to the Centers for Disease Control website.

"It is the same thing we see a lot on cruise ships," Davis said.

Washington County Health Department in Chipley tested inmates at the Northwest Florida Reception Center after 65 inmates became ill with stomach bug symptoms Feb. 20.

Symptoms included nausea and diarrhea, Davis said, and the outbreak lasted for a couple of days.

Davis pointed out stomach viruses are not flu-like in that they do not involve the lungs or respiratory system. Flu is short for influenza, which is a respiratory disease.

Testing was performed via stool sample, and the results came back negative for bacterial or parasitic infections, Davis said. The health department did not test the reception center kitchen.

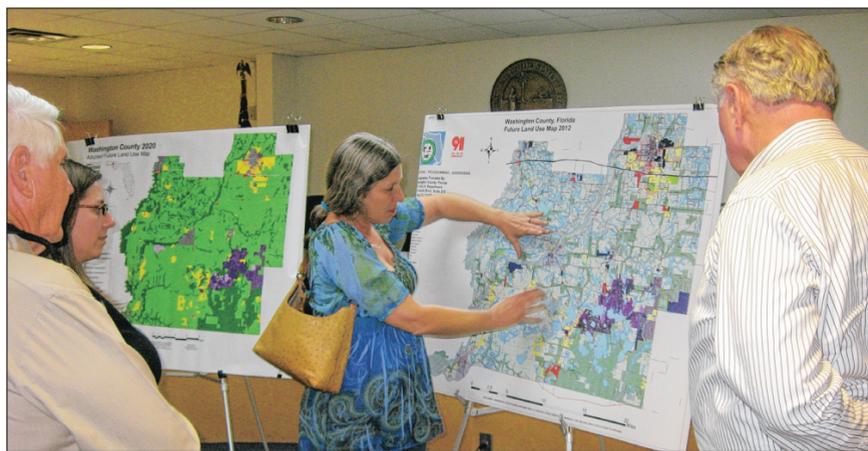
Several calls to the Department of Corrections were not returned.

"The health department tests industrial kitchens, such as

schools and hospitals," Davis said, but the department does not test Department of Corrections facilities. The outbreak was limited to 65 inmates, and cleared up in a day or two, Davis said. "Considering the number of inmates there, 65 isn't a big number."

According to the reception center's website, the maximum capacity for the facility is 1,303.

In November, more than 400 inmates from several different blocks as well as several food service employees reported similar symptoms, including diarrhea.



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Catie Derosia discusses the 2012 Land Use map with planning commission members Tuesday during a public hearing discussing the 2020 Land Use map, which is in the process of being created by the county planning department.

## Planning Committee eyes land-use map

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**CHIPLEY** — Washington County Planning Committee members met Tuesday with Senior Planner Michael DeRuntz and members of the public to discuss the county's land-use maps.

DeRuntz presented the county's current land use map and the proposed new land-use map to the audience and discussed the sequence of events needed to make the map official.

"We have a lot of wetland in the county, and we want to conserve these areas," DeRuntz said, noting the primarily green color of the land-use map.

The map is being prepared

See **LAND-USE A2**



Senior Planner Michael DeRuntz discusses the Washington County land use maps during a public meeting on Tuesday.

## Kiwanians plan 57th annual pancake dinner

From Staff Reports

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Washington County. Additionally, scholarships are provided each year for several students pursuing a college education.

The Kiwanis Club of Chipley meets noon to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays at Patillo's Restaurant in the Washington-Holmes Technical Center complex off U.S. 90 west. New members always are welcome, and community-minded individuals are invited to contact David Solger, membership chairperson, 638-1276, for more information.

# 'All My Sons' on stage tonight

From Staff Reports

**CHIPLEY** — The Spanish Trail Playhouse is presenting "All My Sons" at 7 p.m. today and 2 p.m. Sunday.

The play, written by Arthur Miller in 1947, is a drama about a manufacturer of faulty war materials and is directed by Rosalyn Scott.

"All My Sons" kicks off the fifth season for the playhouse, president Kevin Russell said in an introduction to the program.

"It has been five years since the curtain was raised and the actors entered the stage. As the fifth season begins, I am reminded of what has come before. Within those years — the theater has been renovated completely by community support; 17 productions were offered (four of which were sold out); dozens of individuals have had their acting debuts; hundreds have seen performances; and memories were created and new friends were made."

Scott is the planning director for the Spanish Trail Playhouse. Her past performances with the playhouse include "Stroll Down Broadway," "Curious Savage," "Nonsense Jamboree," "Some Enchanted Evening" and Chipley County "Christmas."

She has directed two church productions. This is her directorial debut with Spanish Trail Playhouse, according to the program.

"This has been a privilege and an honor for me to be able to direct this wonderful and talented cast of 'All My Sons,'" Scott said.

Arthur Miller is the Pulitzer Prize winning author of "Death of a Salesman." He also wrote a screenplay, "The Misfits," for his second wife, Marilyn Monroe. They were married from 1956 to 1961.

Tickets are \$12 adults, \$10 seniors and \$10 for students with ID.

The Spanish Trail Playhouse is located at 680 Second St., Chipley. For more information, call 638-9113.

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## LAND-USE from page A1

to show the proposed land-use designations, which are categories that state what county properties may or may not be used for. The designations range from agricultural/silvicultural to recreational, with five subcategories of residential, two neighborhood commercial categories as well as general commercial and industrial.

"What we want to do is protect the character of the county," DeRuntz said. The categories are not considered zoning, but they are restrictions on usage meant to control what can, and what cannot, be located in certain areas.

The categories themselves are fairly comprehensive. For example, in Neighborhood Commercial I, businesses that would be allowed are professional services and office, outdoor recreation, public/semi-public (institutional), public/semi-public general government, public/semi-public utility; indoor recreation centers, community centers and fraternal lodges, funeral homes and mortuaries, meat markets and bakeries, farm and garden supply, building supply, vehicle parts and accessories, retail sales stores.

Neighborhood Commercial II includes all of the above, plus department stores, flea markets and trade shops.

The most controversy in the meeting occurred around residential lots, especially those slated for agricultural/silvicultural where the requirements call for one residential dwelling unit per 10 acres.

"There are a lot of nonconforming properties in the county," DeRuntz said. There are cases of lots being subdivided among family members where the division does not meet county requirements.

While the new map would not affect existing property divisions, once the land use map is finished and adopted then residents wanting to change the usage of their property would have to come through the county planning committee to have that new usage approved.

DeRuntz said once the proposed map is finished, there will be a number of public hearings held around the county where residents can study the map and put their input into the process. After the hearings, those changes will be added to the map then in October or November hopefully the Board of County Commissioners will grant final approval of the map.

"We're creating these designations so the county will have standards," DeRuntz said. "A majority of the residential areas are already less than 10 acres per dwelling." As a result, the agri/silvi designation calls for a subdivisions of 4.5 acres per residence as an exception.

Immediate family can have one dwelling per acre, according to the designation.

"The ideal is 4.5 acre properties on the roadways," DeRuntz said, "with family dwellings being the exception."

Looking at the maps, Tonya Pippin, planning committee chairwoman, asked DeRuntz "How do we compare to other counties?"

"We're unique," DeRuntz replied.



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

The CHS Wind Ensemble performs on stage at the FBA District Assessment on March 9.

# Bands rated superior at district

By RICHARD DAVENPORT  
Special To The News

**CHIPLEY** — The Chipley High School was the place to hear great music-making March 8-9 as the music department hosted the annual Florida Bandmasters Association District 2 North Concert Band Music Performance Assessment. Along with bands from all over the central Panhandle, CHS's two bands performed their three concert selections before a large crowd and three judges in the CHS Performing Arts Auditorium. Each band's performance on stage was evaluated in the areas of Performance Fundamentals, Technical Preparation and Musical Effect. After the stage performance, each band moved to the Sightreading room where they were evaluated on their ability to perform a march and an overture that they never have seen before. The judges in each area rated each band's performance on a five-point scale ranging from superior to poor.

On stage, the CHS Concert Band, made up of mostly ninth graders, performed "Dorchester March," "Red River Valley" and "Shaker Variants" and was rated superior by all judges. In sightreading, the band also was rated superior. The CHS Wind Ensemble also performed well, and received all superior ratings on stage and a superior in sightreading. The Wind Ensemble consists of members in 10th through 12th grades and performed "Burma Patrol March," "Blessed Are They That Mourn" and "Be Thou My Vision." Roulhac Middle School's Concert Band also performed well under the baton of first-year director Daniel McNeill and received an overall superior. Of the 24 bands participating in the assessment, only nine received straight superior ratings.

Richard Davenport, director of bands at Chipley High School, praised the students in all three Chipley ensembles for their hard work in the classroom and fine performances at the District Assessment.

"Our community can be proud of

the high standard of excellence that our band students will take into the community when they enter college and the workforce," he said. "The future is bright."

This year's result confirms a tradition of excellence at Chipley High School, making this the 19th consecutive year the band has been rated superior at FBA District Concert Assessment. Davenport also thanked the many band parents and students who volunteered their time for the many responsibilities of hosting such a large event.

The CHS Band will keep refining their musical program for State Concert Band Assessment at FSU in May, as well as the annual Spring Concert slated for May 11. The RMS Band is also preparing for the Spring Concert scheduled for May 24.

Congratulations to the band members, band parents, and our community for representing Chipley with excellence. And thanks also to the fans who continually support the "Spirit of the Tiger" Band program.

# Kiwanis supports Project Graduation

Special To The News

**CHIPLEY** — The Chipley Kiwanis Club met for its weekly luncheon at Patillo's Restaurant at the Washington-Holmes County Technical Center. Lunch was provided by the staff of the Washington-Holmes County Technical Center.

Before the program, the Kiwanis Youth Services Committee Chairman Dell Corbin presented Doreen Mead and Tonya Myers as check to assist with Project Graduation.

The club first heard from Bill Hudson of the Panama City Kiwanis Club. Hudson is the lieutenant governor of the Division 2 of the Kiwanis Clubs of Florida. Division 2 includes the clubs in Bonifay, Chipley, DeFuniak Springs, Graceville, Marianna, Panama City, Panama City Beach, Port St. Joe and St. Andrews (Panama City). Hudson spoke to the club about the importance of the Kiwanis-sponsored youth programs, the student clubs in the schools. He informed the club that the Key Clubs sponsored by Kiwanis are the largest clubs in the nation's schools. Hudson also spoke of the need to reach and recruit Kiwanis members in the 18- to 31-year-old group. This is an age group that is mobile and technically savvy. One way in which the Kiwanis Clubs are reaching this age group is by forming e-Clubs. The members of



The Kiwanis Club Youth Services Committee Chairman Dell Corbin presents a check to support Project Graduation to Doreen Mead and Tonya Myers.

a Kiwanis e-Club meet online and through Facebook to plan activities. They then have a social event once a month.

The club next heard from Kyle Luke, the Panhandle administrator of Florida Baptist Children's Homes. Luke is a graduate of the Florida Baptist College and was on the staff there for seven years. He is very familiar with this area.

The Florida Baptist Children's Home is a faith-based 510(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing Christ centered services to children and their families. The primary activity of the organization is providing and assisting with foster care for children

across the state. The Florida Baptist Children's Home has six residential campuses across Florida in which foster children live in cottages with an adult couple. There usually are eight children to a cottage, and the adult couple lives with the children for two weeks at a time. The foster children attend school and the organization endeavors to facilitate a normal life with outside school activities and sports. Some of the foster children are adoptable, but many are not.

The organization also places children into foster homes. The organization works with the state protective agencies, mostly the Department of Children and Families, to assist with

children needing placement — whether it is a traditional foster home or one of the residential campuses. In 2011, the Florida Baptist Children's Homes placed 206 foster children on one of the residential campuses and 513 children into a foster home. In the panhandle, there were 63 children on campuses and 117 in foster homes.

Other activities of the Florida Baptist Children's Home's include counseling and adoption services for pregnant women, maternity counseling, prevention ministries, international childcare activities and programs promoting the sanctity of life.

Instead of a Pancake Breakfast, this year the Kiwanis Club will sponsor a pancake supper from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, April 12, at Kate Smith Elementary School cafeteria. Tickets will be available. See any Kiwanis Club member to purchase your tickets. This is an excellent opportunity to purchase a take-out supper to take to, or enjoy after, the Thursday ball games.

The Kiwanis club meets Tuesdays at Patillo's restaurant in the middle of the WHTC campus at noon. For an invitation, contact any Kiwanian or David Solger, membership chairman at 850-638-1276.

For more information about the Kiwanis Club of Chipley, visit [www.ChipleyKiwanis.com](http://www.ChipleyKiwanis.com).

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# Community EVENTS

## Senior Center to hold open house

**CHIPLEY** — The Washington County Council on Aging invites the public to an open house at the newly renovated Chipley Senior Center from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday.

The council has been providing senior citizen services in Washington County since 1973, with the goal of keeping seniors in their own homes for as long as possible so they can enjoy a full and active lifestyle and maintain their independence.

The senior center is at 1348 South Blvd. For more information, call 638-6217.

## Holmes County Candidate Workshop

The Holmes County Supervisor of Elections' office will be conducting a Candidate Workshop for anyone interested in running for county office in 2012 at 6:30 p.m. March 29. Topics will include Offices up for Election in 2012, Becoming a Candidate, Qualifying for Office, The Petition Process, Political Advertising, Campaign Contributions and Expenditures, and Reporting Requirements. Please call the supervisor of elections at 547-1107 by March 26 to register. The workshop will be at the Holmes County Emergency Management office at 1001 U.S. 90 E. in Bonifay.

## Get on Board with NFCH

**CHIPLEY** — Join NFCH and Get on Board and surf into giving from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 30. Call Heather Shelby at 415-8119.

## Spring Gardens and English Tea

**CHIPLEY** — The Chipley Garden Club will have a Spring Gardens and English Tea event at 9

a.m. March 31. The tour will begin at Edwin's Cottage Garden on Fifth Street, then will move on to The Pigotts' Place on U.S. 90 East. There will be English Tea at high noon, at Chipley's Downtown Farmers' Market on North Seventh Street. Enjoy a leisurely stroll through two totally different gardens, then relax the "English" way with a hot cup of tea and goodies. Be sure to visit "The CGC Garden Spot" before you leave us. Tickets are \$10 and must be purchased in advance.

## Confederate Soldier memorial service

**CHIPLEY** — A memorial service is planned for Confederate Soldier W. T. Jeffries (William Thomas), who was a confederate soldier and resident of Chipley, at 11:30 a.m. March 31. He died in 1928. His descendants, along with The Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp, 1614 Finley's Brigade and The Mary Ann Harvey Black Confederate Rose Society, will hold a memorial service and set a marker on his grave at Piney Grove Cemetery in Chipley.

## TOPS Meeting

"Taking off Pounds Sensibly" meets Thursdays at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Bonifay. Weigh-in will be at 6 p.m. with the meeting at 7 p.m. There is a \$28 annual membership fee and \$3 club dues to be paid monthly. You may attend one meeting for free. The church is on North State Road 79 in Bonifay. For more information, call Don or Brenda Hawkins at 638-5584.

## KMS kindergarten registration

**CHIPLEY** — KMS will begin Kindergarten Registration on April 2 for the 2012-2013 school year. You may pick up a packet

at KMS. Requirements for registration will be attached to the packet. All forms and proper documentation must be completed for a child to register. Children must be five years of age on or before September 1, 2012.

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## 8th annual Holmes Valley Heritage Day

**VERNON** — The 8th Annual Holmes Valley Heritage Day will be April 14 at 3901 Wilderness Road in Vernon. The gates open at 8 a.m. until the last pull. The antique tractors begin with races at 9:30 a.m., followed by the pulls of the 2,500- to 10,500-pound divisions at 10 a.m. There will be a 1912 Case steam traction engine on site.

At 11:30 a.m., there will be a children's pedal tractor pull, the parade of tractors at noon, and then the ladies' skillet throw at 12:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults. Children 12 and under are free. The garden tractor pulls will be at the same time as the antique tractor pulls. Exhibits, merchandise and food will all be available. For more information about the show or to be a vendor, please contact Sandra Cook at 535-2426.

## Two-Toed Tom Festival

**ESTO** — The town of Esto will hold the Two-Toed-Tom Festival on April 14-15 at John Clark Park. The festival will feature vendors, live music, children's events and other events. Vendors and musical acts are being sought. For information call Darlene Madden 263-3201, 272-3213, the Town Hall at 263-6521, email at [two-toedtomfest@yahoo.com](mailto:two-toedtomfest@yahoo.com), or visit the website at [two-toedtomfest.com](http://two-toedtomfest.com).

## Senior Group going to Savannah

**WASHINGTON/HOLMES COUNTY** — Senior Group will be going to Savannah Ga., on April 4-7. The tour will include stops

at Tybee, Jekyll, and St. Simons Islands. For more information call Merita Stanley at 594-9980.

## Washington Rehab to hold Open House

**CHIPLEY** — The Washington Rehab and Nursing Center will have an open House and Hall of Fame Cafe on April 26. The open house will be 4:30-6 p.m. The Hall of Fame Cafe will begin at 6 p.m. Please come out and help us celebrate our new 5 star rating.

## Farm Bureau youth scholarship

**HOLMES COUNTY** — The Holmes County Farm Bureau will award a \$1000 scholarship annually, and \$500 per semester to a graduating senior from any Holmes County high school who will be attending any college or post-secondary school.

To be eligible, the parents or grandparents of the applicant must be a current member in good standing of Holmes County Farm Bureau and have maintained their membership for at least two years.

Applicants must complete the application and include a copy of their high school transcripts and a letter of acceptance to the college. In order to receive the second semester award applicants must send official notice from the college that shows they are in good standing.

The application deadline is May 1.

To get an application or for more information call Debe Miller at 547-4227

## Mature driving class

**CHIPLEY** — Washington County Council on

Aging and AARP are cosponsoring a mature driving class for individuals 50 and over from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 25. This course is developed especially for the senior driver and will be held at 1348 South Blvd in Chipley at the Washington County Council on Aging. This mature driving course is approved by the DHSMV for a three-year insurance premium reduction. There is no testing and only a minimal course fee of \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for nonmembers. Enroll by calling the Washington County Council on Aging at 638-6216.

## Miss Firecracker Pageant

**VERNON** — The Miss Firecracker Pageant will be at 1 p.m. June 2 at the Vernon Community Center. The pageant is sponsored by the city of Vernon as a fundraiser for the annual July 4 free fireworks show. The city needs as much participation as possible to raise funds for fireworks. Categories include Baby Miss, Toddler Miss, Tiny Tot, Future Little Miss, Little Miss, Young Miss, Pre-Teen, Teen Miss, Junior Miss, Miss Firecracker, Jr. Ms. Firecracker, Sr. Ms. Firecracker, Miss Patriotic and Miss Independence.

Pageant attire is formal, and all contestants under the age of 10 will receive a small crown. There will be a queen, 1st and 2nd runner up for each age group. Children who hold a title from last year will have to move up to the next group of competition. For registration forms or questions, contact the Vernon City Hall at 535-2444 or Pageant Director Laura Brewer at 535-2074 after 5:30 p.m.

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# Opinion

## Faith BRIEFS

### Church offers fish fry on Lenten Fridays

**BONIFAY** — Blessed Trinity Catholic Church of Bonifay, 2329 Highway 177A in Bonifay, is again holding their annual fish fry suppers every Friday during Lent.

The meals are served from 4:30-7 p.m. and are available for either dining in or taking home. Cost is \$7 a plate and beverage and dessert is included.

The fish fry suppers will be held for the last time this year March 30.

### Homecoming at Pleasant Ridge

**BONIFAY** — Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church will be celebrating their homecoming services on April 1. Sunday School will be at 10 a.m., with morning worship following at 11 a.m. Brother Terry Smith will bring the morning message. Services will break for Lunch at noon for a covered dish dinner. A special sing will be held at 1:30 p.m. Come and bring a friend.

### Secret Church to be Held at Gully Springs Baptist Church

**BONIFAY** — A live telecast of Secret Church will be held at Gully Springs Baptist Church on Good Friday, April 6. The telecast will begin at 6 p.m. and end at midnight. The title of the telecast is "The Cross and Suffering" and will be led by David Platt of The Church at Brook Hills in Birmingham, Ala. The cost will be \$5 for a study guide, due the night of the telecast. The first 100 people to sign up will be guaranteed a guide. You can call Martha at 850-547-4079 to sign up. To learn more about Secret Church, you can visit [www.desciplemakingintl.org](http://www.desciplemakingintl.org) A love offering will

be collected to assist missionaries in their desire to share the gospel.

### First Baptist of Bonifay to hold Passion Play 2012

**BONIFAY** — For the past 29 years, the Music Ministry of First Baptist Church, Bonifay, has presented the last days of our Lord's earthly ministry through music and drama. Each year we are pleased to see faces in our services who have come from the surrounding tri-state area. This year the Passion Play will be presented on the following dates: At 7 p.m. April 6, 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. April 7 and 7 p.m. April 8.

We would like to invite you to celebrate the Easter season with us through these special presentations. If you have a youth group, senior adult group, or individuals who would like to attend, we have free early seating tickets available through the First Baptist Church office. You may call us at 547-2420 or fax us at 547-9821 or email us at [robin@fbbonifay.com](mailto:robin@fbbonifay.com), to reserve tickets in your name for a specific presentation. Doors will open one hour prior to each performance to ticket holders. Non-ticket holders will be seated beginning 30 minutes prior to each performance.

### Celebrate the Resurrection of Christ with Wausau AG

**WAUSAU** — Everyone is invited to join Wausau Assembly of God on Highway 77 in Wausau at 7 p.m. April 6 and 11 a.m. April 8 to celebrate the resurrection of Christ as the choir presents "See What a Morning." For more information, call 638-2722.

# The death of a man and God



**FAITHFULLY YOURS**  
Shannon Seyler

Over the years, I've edited literally thousands of obituaries. In addition to being a journalist, I'm associated with a company that processes obituary data. One obit that slipped across my desk just a few days ago was that of theologian Dr. William Hamilton. He passed away on Feb. 28, 2012.

I'm really dating myself with this one, but if you're my age or older, you may remember the public furor created by the 1966 article "Is God Dead?" in Time magazine. Those three words, printed on the cover of the magazine in vivid red against a stark black background, soon became regarded as symptomatic of the anti-authoritarian mood of the turbulent 1960s. Dr. Hamilton was its author. The article resulted in public outcry, including death threats against Dr. Hamilton and others. I was just a child then, but it caused such a stir that people were still discussing it many years later. It became the subject of innumerable sermons. But Hamilton's "Death of God" theology had predecessors. Friedrich Nietzsche had people talking about it in the 19th Century, and various philosophers and theologians had brought up the notion before that. Even Thomas Jefferson, in his infamous "Jefferson Bible," literally took a razor to the Gospels, stripped away all of the supernatural elements, and rearranged the text to present the life and teachings of Christ with no references to Jesus' divinity.

Anyway, it was Dr. Hamilton who introduced "death of God theology"

to a whole new generation. It was a complex philosophical position. Hamilton still cared about Jesus despite skepticism, saying, "In his (Jesus') baptism, his teaching, his healings, his passion, death and resurrection — in all of it, there is a demand laid on us, or an offer tendered, and it is the task of the Christian to embody that offer in his world, being as candid as he can about the difference between Jesus' beliefs and his."

Loved or reviled — and he was both — Hamilton became one of the poster boys for theological postmodernism. He wasn't alone. There were others associated with the same movement, both Christians and Jews. Hamilton and his colleagues paved the way for scores of current theologians, including John Shelby Spong, the retired Episcopalian bishop who has publicly denied the virgin birth, the literal resurrection of Jesus and other doctrines that were once regarded as cardinal components of Christian doctrine. Spong isn't the only theologian to hold such (dis)beliefs. Theories are being developed right now in divinity schools that once would not have been publicly discussed. Several of my atheist friends ended up that way after enrolling in theological seminaries. They went off to become members of the clergy, and came home to never hold religious beliefs again.

Hamilton once said, "The death of God is a metaphor. We needed to redefine Christianity as a possibility without the presence of God." I've

personally met several people who went this route and describe themselves as "Christian atheists" (a term often associated with Hamilton himself) or "non-theistic Christians," meaning that they reject the supernatural and/or religious aspects of Christianity while still accepting the moral teachings of Jesus. Their views of Christianity are unlikely to be shared by the average churchgoer. Some non-theistic Christians have been turned away by their churches (as happened at one point to Dr. Hamilton), or voluntarily gave up on church altogether, feeling that the overall focus of today's churches has little to do with the actual teachings of Christ. Whatever the case, the movement is once again increasing in popularity. It's not just happening in Christianity. Other religions are experiencing it too. For instance, I've met non-theistic Jews, Pagans and Hindus.

In addition to straining the limits of orthodoxy, such theological movements raise questions. How much doctrine one can reject and still claim to be religious at all? And at what point does a hopeful young soul go packing off to seminary, only to find that the professors are more likely to believe in the Tooth Fairy than in God? These days, the more prestigious the seminary, the more nonbelievers one may find staffing it.

But of course, there are still seminaries offering traditional, or even ultra-conservative, approaches just as there are millions of people who believe in God despite an increasing crowd of highly educated nay-sayers. There are plenty of individuals and

groups defending either side of the spectrum, whether radically liberal or staunchly conservative, with most people falling somewhere in between.

One may agree or disagree with Dr. Hamilton's opinions. It's worth investigating his writings to learn more. But whatever the case, he has passed, and in doing so, leaves us talking once again about God. Some of the comments I've read in response to news of his death have been quite heated, both for and against his viewpoints. People with controversial opinions can keep us talking even when they're no longer with us. Discussing ideas, even ideas that might upset the status quo, is always a good thing. It keeps us thinking. For that alone, it was important for Hamilton's views to become part of the public discourse, and for his voice to be heard.

But our own voices are equally important. Whatever viewpoint we choose to embrace, regardless of how seemingly risky, we have the right to follow this man's example and present our case publicly. Whether the court of popular opinion is ultimately swayed in our favor or not, the important thing is that we live in a society that offers freedom of expression. Sometimes, self-expression can come with definite risks, as the late Dr. Hamilton found out after losing a prestigious teaching position because of his religious perspectives, but it's still worth it.

"Looking back," Hamilton said, "I wouldn't have gone in any other direction. I faced all my worries and questions about death long ago."

## HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?

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## Relay For Life BRIEFS

### Relay For Life

Washington County's Relay For Life will be May 11-12 at Pals Park soccer fields on Rustin Drive, starting at 6 p.m. May 11. This year's theme is "Storybook." This year's slogan is "Our Storybook Ending is a Cure." The following related events are planned. All teenagers without an adult must leave by midnight.

Holmes County's Relay will begin at noon April 28 at Memorial Field in Bonifay and conclude at sunrise April 29.

### Sponsorship

**WASHINGTON COUNTY** — Any one wishing to be a sponsor for this year's Relay should call Cindy Johnson-Brown at 407-625-5111 or email her at [cindydajon@gmail.com](mailto:cindydajon@gmail.com)

for more information. Sponsorships must be paid by March 30 to be included on the back of the participant T-shirts. Gold sponsorship is \$5,000, Silver sponsorship is \$3,500 and Bronze sponsorship is \$1,500. In order to get your name on the participant shirts you must be a Silver sponsor or Gold sponsor. All sponsors will be on the banner at Relay. Our sponsorship goal is \$8,000 we are at \$3,156 as of March 5.

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- For more information, contact a team.

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Your donation for each bag will place a luminary along the pathway to memorialize or honor someone you love. The bags will stay lit throughout the evening, reminding us that hope lives among us. The ceremony will begin just after dark. If you would like to participate in the ceremony by honoring or remembering a loved one who has battled cancer, contact a Relay for Life team.

### Tupperware fundraiser

**HOLMES COUNTY** — At 5:30 p.m. March 27 Community South Credit Union of Bonifay will be hosting a Tupperware Fundraiser for Relay for Life. Mrs. Foster will give 4 percent of proceeds to Relay plus another 10 percent from her profit. Please try to come and let me know so that we can plan on the number to attend. There will be others there from Holmes County.

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### Relay track markers

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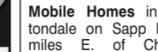
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