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Kent Cemetery Cleaning

There will be a cleaning day at Kent Cemetery Saturday, May 10. Please bring mowers and tools to work with and arrive as early as possible to begin working. The cemetery is located three miles southwest of Alford.

Ring 14 Walk-a-thon

CHIPLEY — Roulhac Middle School will host a Walk-A-Thon to raise awareness for Ring 14 at 8 a.m., Saturday, May 10. For more information, or to be a participant, visit the website at www.ring14usa.org.

Panhandle Watermelon Festival Pageant

CHIPLEY — The 58th Annual Panhandle Watermelon Festival Pageant will be held at 6:30 p.m., Friday, June 6 and Saturday, June 7, at the Washington County Agricultural Center in Chipley. Entry Fee and applications are due to Bush Paint and Supply on or before May 16. For more information, call Teresa Bush at 263-4744 (daytime) or 263-3072 (evenings), or contact Sherry Saunders at 263-3554. More details available on Page B2.

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Mudslide devastates preserve

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CHIPLEY — The recent heavy rains that have pummeled Washington and surrounding counties led to a tragedy at the Seacrest Wolf Preserve in Chipley.

Seacrest Wolf Preserve owner and operator Cynthia Watkins said the over abundance of rain caused the pond in the Artic Enclosure at

the Seacrest Wolf Preserve to overflow, breaking the dam and causing a torrent of mud, water and debris to crash down the center of the 15-acre wolf preserve. The event took the life of one wolf and left another missing while causing thousands of dollars in damage for the non-profit organization.

“Chaco isn’t dangerous; he’s just not very acclimated to people,” Watkins said of the missing wolf. “We saw him last night, and

we hope to lure him back in today. We also have the help of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.”

Volunteers from all around have been working day and night to repair the damage which is estimated to be about \$50,000. Watkins stressed the preserve is relying on the generosity and compassion of volunteers to donate time, manpower, supplies and money to the cause.

“We will still be open for tours on Saturday,” said Watkins. “We’ve repaired the visiting area, and our ambassadors are up for visitors. Because we are completely non-profit, this is the only way we will be able to raise the money needed to repair the damage; through donations and tours.”

In addition to monetary donations, the preserve is in need of

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Padgett is State Champ!

VHS weightlifters impress at state



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Vernon High School’s J.T. Padgett won the title of state champion in his weight class last weekend, becoming only the fifth person in school history to do so. The Yellow Jackets placed ninth in state as a team. Members of the 2014 VHS Weightlifting Team pictured are: (Front, from left) Terreance Brown, Jaquez Daniels, Zack Weisner, Brandon Malloy, Isaiah Cooke, Justin Oge, Marquez Brown (middle row) Joey Giminez, Khalil Stephens, Michael Evans, Ethan Register, J.T. Padgett, Jonshae Works, Marlon Stephens, Darrion Peterson (back row) Coach Bobby Johns, Bryson Potter, Darrius Peterson, Malik Sheppard, Stoney Long, Jace Baxley. Not pictured are: Austin Brown, Traice Adams, Jordan Cook, Todd Jentink, Ryan Malloy. For more on this winning team, see Page A10.

A gift of giving

Local boys request help for animals in lieu of birthday gifts

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CHIPLEY — Like most young boys, five-year-old Cooper Brock and three-year-old Cale Dietrich knew just what they wanted for their birthdays. But instead of baseball mitts or toy trucks, these local children wanted to help shelter animals.

The cousins, who usually celebrate their birthdays together, asked party guests to forego the usual birthday regalia and bring supplies for Animal Control of West Florida’s shelter instead.

“The boys were very excited about the idea,” said Cale’s mom, Holly Dietrich. “We live on a farm, so the love for animals comes naturally to Cale. Both of them were excited at the prospect of helping the puppies and kitties.”

Shelter Manager Belva Vaughn says she was touched by the boys’ generosity.

“The boys have visited us before, and this was very heartwarming,” said Vaughn. “If we could teach all of our children to have that much com-

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Locals join storm relief efforts

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CHIPLEY — The West Florida Baptist Association is rolling up its sleeves and joining the effort to bring relief to the storm ravaged Pensacola area through coordination with the Southern Baptist

Convention. In addition to hundreds being displaced by flooding, the storm caused one death the largest amount of rainfall in a single calendar day since officials started tracking precipitation in 1880, according to the National Weather Service.

Director of Missions Forrest Smith and local

teams are joining others from across the state in an effort to bring helping hands and reestablish hope to residents of the area - but they could use more volunteers.

“Disaster relief is part of the Convention’s ministry,” said Smith. “It’s ran

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Forrest Smith, Director of Missions for the West Florida Baptist Association, stands in front of the ministry’s supply trailer, which is at the ready to help disaster victims.

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Governor requests major disaster declaration

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TALLAHASSEE — Governor Rick Scott requested federal assistance for Florida communities Monday to assist in recovery from the recent severe weather and flooding event. Governor

Scott also requested a Major Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance for Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties.

"After a disaster, our goal is to work as quickly as possible to help communities recover and rebuild," said State Coordinating Officer Bryan W. Koon. "While

no entity can fully erase the impacts of this disaster, federal assistance will go a long way to help those communities return a sense of normalcy.

If a declaration is received, then Individual Assistance will be available to individuals in those qualifying counties. Gov-

ernor Scott's initial request is based on Preliminary Damage Assessments, and may be amended to include additional counties as Preliminary Damage Assessments are finalized.

State officials, in partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and local

county emergency management agencies, will continue to conduct damage assessments as additional counties complete their initial damage assessments. Visit www.FloridaDisaster.org/recovery for details about the damage assessment process and types of assistance that may be available.

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completely on a volunteer basis, but they have one of the largest disaster relief units in the country."

Sometimes, the hardest part for storm victims is knowing where to start, said Smith.

"When you're standing there in the midst of devastation, it's good to have both a helping hand and listening ear," said Smith. "Our teams help with things like debris removal and mudouts (removing everything from the

home from the flooding level down), but we're also there to listen."

Smith says the relief effort is also an opportunity to minister to those who may have given up hope.

"A lot of times, people don't understand why someone would drive that far and give up their time. When they turn to you and ask, 'Why are you doing this?', that's the open door. We're there to meet their immediate physical needs, but we're

there to meet their spiritual needs as well."

Relief team member Tom Poppy of Chipley reported an 80-year old resident was upset because she had nowhere to keep her two dogs, which had been her constant companions for years.

"Tom couldn't offer a ready solution, but it helped to have that empathetic ear," said Smith. "It was clear it meant a lot to her."

Smith also stressed that while the Baptist Convention

prefers and offers training, volunteers are still sorely needed and welcome to call the office to offer their time and services.

"A lot of people feel like they need to be very young or have special skills to volunteer, but that's just not the case," said Smith. "Whatever you can do, you surely have something to offer."

For more information on how to donate or volunteer, contact Smith at the Association's office at 638-0182.



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

From left, cousins Cooper Brock and Cale Dietrich used their birthday celebration as an opportunity to perform a good deed for local shelter animals.

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passion for animals at that young age, just imagine how much better it would be for all our animals."

The shelter, located in Chipley, has 74 dog kennels and is quite often filled to capacity. However, Vaughn works closely with animal rescue groups nationwide to find homes for as many animals as possible.

"We do our level best to get the animals adopted after waiting for the claim period to expire," said Vaughn. We are very proactive in rehoming them."

The shelter contracts with Washington and Jackson counties and the cities of Chipley, Marianna, Cottondale, Alford, Vernon and Graceville to provide shelter for animals brought in by control officers.

While the shelter cannot accept monetary donations, items needed

include cat food, dog food, blankets, and toys.

"We can't accept cash, but if you clean out your old linen closet, we love to get old sheets and towels," said Vaughn.

Meanwhile, the boys will continue their efforts to make a difference for local animals.

"We're so very proud of them," said Dietrich. "I think they got more out of being able to help the animals than if the guests had brought presents for them to play with instead."

Cooper is the son of Mark and Hannah Brock of Chipley, and Cale is the son of Christopher and Holly Dietrich of Graceville.

For more information on how to make donations to the Chipley animal shelter, call 638-2082 between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon.



PHOTO BY CECILIA SPEARS | The News

The pond in the Artic Enclosure at the Seacrest Wolf Preserve overflowed in the wake of the county's recent heavy rains, breaking the dam and causing a torrent of mud, water and debris to crash down the center of the 15-acre wolf preserve.

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fencing and laborers. Materials needed include fencing measuring about 10 feet tall and 1 1/2 gauge fencing, which is the strongest gauge for fences, fencing posts, claps, wires, logs, rocks, dirt and concrete.

Labor volunteers should be adapted to heavy labor because there are rocks and debris that need to be removed.

Anyone interested in making a monetary donation can mail a check to:

Seacrest Wolf Preserve; 3449 Bennett Pond Road; Chipley, Florida 32428 or donate through their website via PayPal at <http://seacrestwolfpreserve.org/howtohelp.php>.

Updates are being made

periodically about needs and progress on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SeacrestWolfPack>.

For more information, contact The Seacrest Wolf Preserve at 773-2897.

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State budget of \$77B approved

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — Florida legislators have signed off on a record \$77 billion budget.

The Legislature approved a new budget Friday night, right before it ended its annual 60-day session.

The Senate passed the budget unanimously, while the House vote was 102-15.

The new budget is 3.5 percent higher than last year's budget and includes a boost in funding for schools, child welfare and projects to battle water pollution.

Legislators came into the annual session with a \$1.2 billion budget surplus. They used part of the surplus to pay for \$500 million in tax and fee cuts, including a rollback in auto registration fees.

But the extra money also enabled them to spread it around on dozens of hometown projects.

The budget heads next to Gov. Rick Scott, who can veto individ-

ual spending items.

The vote closes out a hectic final day that was expected to set the stage for a crucial election year when Scott and most legislators will be on the ballot.

In the final hours, legislators approved a measure that would allow the sale of a strain of low-THC marijuana for medical use. They also voted to allow students living illegally in the country to qualify for in-state tuition rates for college. Both decisions were unthinkable in the last decade for many GOP lawmakers. Scott is expected to sign both.

"It's a great day for all of our students that want to live the American dream," Scott said shortly after the vote on the in-state tuition bill.

The Legislature also passed a sweeping bill aimed at overhauling the child-welfare system. The bill states that protecting a child

from abuse is paramount and more important than keeping a family together. That's a significant shift for the Department of Children and Families, which has placed a premium on putting fewer children in foster care.

Lawmakers also voted for a bill that will allow the Florida Supreme Court to grant law licenses to non-citizens.

And in a turnabout from last year, the Legislature passed a bill that would allow professional sports teams to qualify for taxpayer money. A similar bill died during the 2013 session.

Legislators also approved the expansion of Florida's private-school voucher program for low-income children. But a big focus on the last day was the money.

The state's economic recovery gave lawmakers the luxury of having a \$1.2 billion budget surplus even after they had paid

for school enrollment and other pressing needs such as growth in the state's Medicaid program.

Most of that surplus was set aside for \$500 million in tax and fee cuts, including a rollback in auto registration fees that was signed into law earlier this spring by Scott. The rest of the tax cuts included a three-day back-to-school sales tax holiday in August, as well as tax holidays for hurricane preparation supplies and energy-efficiency appliances.

Senate President Don Gaetz, R-Niceville, insisted the Legislature was not "awash in cash." And House Speaker Will Weatherford said lawmakers had acted responsibly because they left about \$3 billion aside for reserves while also cutting taxes.

"This has been a fiscally conservative year, but at the same time there are some needs in the state and we are trying to focus

on them," Weatherford said.

But that didn't stop legislators from spreading millions to hometown projects ranging from \$2 million to help build an observation tower in downtown Miami to money to expand a gun range in Brevard County.

"I am going to go home and brag about what we have done," said Sen. Allan Hays, R-Umatilla.

Some Democrats, meanwhile, questioned some of the spending priorities, especially the continued resistance of GOP lawmakers to accept federal funding to expand Medicaid coverage.

The Legislature has refused to accept the money because it is tied to President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

"We're moving in the right direction," said Rep. Elaine Schwartz, D-Hollywood. "There's more money around but there's a problem with priorities."

Preliminary damage assessments surveys have begun in Panhandle

Special to the News

The State Emergency Response Team and the Federal Emergency Management Agency began joint preliminary damage assessments to survey damage caused by the flooding incident in the Florida Panhandle.

"Life saving and recovery efforts are our main focus right now. PDA teams are on the ground working as quickly as possible to assist those impacted by the recent flooding," said State Coordinating Officer Bryan W. Koon.

Public Assistance and Individual Assistance PDA teams composed of the SERT, FEMA and local emergency man-

agement representatives are working together to assess damages across impacted communities. The purpose of preliminary damage assessments is to verify the severity of the impact and to determine the need to pursue a request for federal assistance.

Individual Assistance PDAs are conducted in order to estimate disaster impacts to businesses, individuals and families.

The determination to provide Individual Assistance is based upon several factors, including but not limited to, concentration and level of damages, trauma suffered by the community, special populations residing in the impacted

area, lack of available volunteer agency assistance, underinsured or uninsured populations and cumulative effects of recent multiple disasters.

The purpose of Public Assistance PDAs is to estimate disaster impacts on governmental and certain private non-profit entities.

For Florida, before a public assistance declaration will be granted, a damage threshold of more than \$26 million must typically be met.

Preliminary Damage Assessments are initiated by county emergency management agencies. Individuals who have experienced disaster-related damage to homes or businesses should call the

local county emergency management office to receive disaster-related information and to document damages.

Visit www.FloridaDisaster.org/recovery for details about the damage assessment process and types of assistance that may be available.

Due to the impacts of flooding in the Panhandle, Governor Rick Scott signed Executive Order 14-444, declaring a statewide state of emergency, Wednesday, April 30. The State Emergency Operations Center is operating at Level Two activation.

For additional information about severe weather in Florida, and to Get A Plan, visit www.FloridaDisaster.org.

Holly Kolmetz Memorial Scholarship deadline is May 16

Special to the News

A scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 will be awarded to one Poplar Springs High School senior, class of 2014.

Another scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 will be awarded to a Holmes County High School senior, class of 2014.

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See your high school guidance counselor for application forms and details regarding scholarship.

Return completed applications to guidance counselor by May 16, 2014.

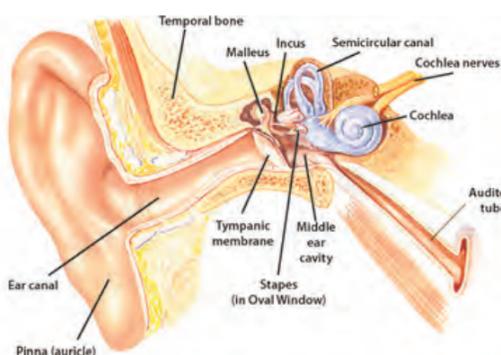
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Moms don't just know best; they know it all

Mothers possess knowledge unknown to the rest of society.

Years of research has taught them the exact location of every public bathroom in town, and they can calculate the most efficient route between the T-Ball field, dance studio, and dry cleaners.

They also have ESP powers that rival those of Santa Claus, for you can bet they know when their children are sleeping or awake, behaving badly, or being good.

Moms know instantly if it was little Johnny or sister Susie who broke their favorite decorative vase.

They can tell if their children "are really OK" when asked how their day at school went, or if, in reality, their little girl or little boy is nursing their first broken heart.

Yes, it's safe to say "Mom" knows a great deal more than their children realize.

Mothers also have an innovative way of dealing with unexpected situations that qualify them to run any emergency preparedness task force.

The joke in my house every morning is for me to ask, "OK, who needs an orange juice can?"

This is in reference to a children's song by Joe Suggs. In that song, a



CAROL KENT
Editor

mother is getting children ready for school and is told, "By the way, I need an orange juice can, four cotton balls and six rubber bands... also, I'm an angel in the play. I'm gonna sing, and I need some wings."

The distressed mother hurriedly gathers most the items from around the house, digs a lemonade can from the trash (it will have to do), and loans the child his sister's butterfly wings from ballet to wear in the play.

What mother hasn't had to be inventive when faced with such last minute requests from a forgetful child?

Mothers continue to help with those needs, even as we grow in adulthood.

Even at my age, I will occasionally ask my mother for "an orange juice can."

It's amazing how these women balance being leaders at church or work, while holding their families together and being empathetic ears to other moms.

Some may feel it's cliché to state we should "celebrate Mother's Day every day," but why not think of these women every day?

We can be sure they are thinking of us.

Happy Mother's Day, Mom. Sorry about the vase.

Lew Childre made music and memories

My family, friends, former WBGC Radio listeners for twenty-two years and Prattler readers for the past eleven years, know of my avocation in bluegrass, bluegrass-gospel and the old time music. Early in April when the Spanish Trail Playhouse,



PERRY'S PRATTLE
Perry Wells

directed by Jimmy Miller, presented an evening concert of bluegrass music by Deep South, a group from Panama City, Perry and Hester Wells' absence from the performance almost caused an "all points bulletin"

being sent out to determine where we were and if everything was alright in our lives.

The question continues to be asked three weeks later, "Why did the Wellses miss the bluegrass concert?" The last one asking the question was Sherry Myers Biddle, who lives in listening distance of the former Northwest Florida Music Park. She vividly recalls the Wells Family promoting and staging Bluegrass and Traditional Music Festival in the 1980s and 90s. She and her young son, Brandon, could sit in their back yard and easily hear the music and identify the performers. Her nephew, Kevin Russell, and others, are responsible for resurrecting the Spanish Trail Playhouse eight years ago after it fell by the wayside in the mid 1960s after enjoying several successful years of producing a variety of musical and plays.

Thankfully, Hester's medical issues have improved to the point that we can reestablish our almost perfect record of attending all the shows presented at the Playhouse Theater. One of my favorite artist, dating back to my early interest in music, was a gentlemen by the name of Lew Childre. The Wells Family were regular Saturday night WSM Radio listeners to the Grand Ole Opry, dating back to the first radio in our home in the mid 1940s. It was a battery powered table model, with the battery weighing three time more than the radio itself. Shelby Barber, who came into our home at the age of 16, ordered this mysterious innovation from Sears, Roebuck and Company. Our very first experience with radio was when our dad, Hugh Wells, purchased one for installation in his pick up truck. It, too, attracted nearby neighbors, who gathered at the Wells Home on Saturday nights to listen to the Opry, but its main purpose was to allow our father to listen to Lum and Abner, a fifteen minute daily broadcast, coming from the make believe small town of Pine Ridge and was sponsored by Horlick's Malted Milk. The battery in the vehicle did not allow for extended use of the radio, thus the unit in the home was a really a step forward in radio listening.

Lew Childre was always intriguing to hear on radio. It



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

From the album cover of a second album, "Old Time Get-Together," by Lew Childre, released by Starday Records in 1975 - and owned by the Prattler.

was exciting to know that he called Opp, Alabama his home. Even though I had never been there, I knew it was not far from Andalusia, Georgiana and Red Level, where our kindred, the Wells Family, migrated from. Later some of our kin on the Brock connection moved to Greenville, Alabama to work in the cotton mills. I recall they came back to Florida by rail for visits with family. The train brought them from Georgiana to Graceville. I guess your writer secretly felt somewhat of a kinship to the entertainer although he lived and died without me ever having seen the man.

Lew Childre's exit from the Saturday night Grand Ole Opry stage went like this: "Well, well, this is the old boy, Lew Childre, from Alabam' saying goodnight to my mammy down in Opp, Alabama". He would then strike a few more chords, cording the guitar with a bar, thus making him the frontrunner in steel guitar playing. Then came his parting words, "So Long"!!

The liner notes of an LP record of Lew, which the Prattler purchased many years after it was released, is entitled "On The Air-1946-Volume I" and has some interesting comments on the entertainer, prepared by Dr. Charles Wolfe, musical historian. "Lew was born in Opp, Alabama in 1901, just a few miles from the Florida line. Lew's father was a county judge in Opp and he was amused, then embarrassed, as young Lew, at age 7 or 8, would be found standing on street corners in downtown Opp and buck dancing for any passer-by who would give him a nickel. This whetted the appetite in young Lew, and from then on he was fascinated with show business", explains this excerpt from Dr. Charles Wolfe's liner notes.

Lew Childre became known for his "hillbilly antics" as he carried forth his career in comedy and tap dancing as he sang his novelty songs which include "Horsey keep Your Tail Up", "Hang Out Your Front Door Key", "Everybody's Fishing" and "Riding The Elevated Train". A variety of hats and a pair of brown and white Wing Tips Shoes were Lew's trademark as he performed his comedy in songs. Occasionally, he would sing a serious song including "Little Joe The Wrangler", "Rock All Our Babies To Sleep", "How I Miss You Tonight" and "When The Fog Forms on the Rio Grande".

After our move to Chipley, I recall Tillman Pippin telling me that Mr. Mack S. Huggins knew Lew Childre as the Chipley business man also grew up in Opp. I missed an opportunity to get some firsthand information on the entertainer from Mr. Mack, which I have always regretted.

Saturday, May 3, was celebrated in Opp, Alabama as the town's eighth Lew Childre Day Tribute to the well known entertainer, who died December 3, 1961 at age 60. A Steel Guitar Festival was also included in this daylong event, concluded with a stage appearance by Stonewall Jackson, a well known country music star, who continues to make public appearances although approaching the age of 82.

My brother, Max, and I were joined by granddaughter, Julie Wells, in making the trek to Opp for the celebration and merriment. I hope to write a second segment on the life and times of Lewis Everett (Lew) Childre, who left us too early in life. Included in that writing will be more on Lew Childre's life and the entertainers who came to his hometown to honor him May 3. See you all next week.

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Letter to the EDITOR

Southerland's voting record speaks for itself

Dear Editor,
Before we move into high gear with the political season this year, let's review what Congressman Southerland has (or hasn't) done for us in the past year or so regarding jobs, our economy, and fairness.

He and his colleagues shut down the government, costing the economy \$24 Billion in economic growth; he would've thrown the federal government into default, making it more expensive both for the government and the average citizen and small business to borrow monies due to higher interest rates, and slowing the creation of jobs.

He and his colleagues in the House voted to pass Republican Paul Ryan's budget plan, which among other things: (1) raises taxes on middle class families with

children while lowering taxes on millionaires by an average of \$87,000 apiece; (2) cuts monies to Medicare, the health care for our seniors; and (3) cuts monies for early education, pell grants, and job training, all essential for folks to get a fair shake for jobs in today's workforce.

Congressman Southerland has consistently been against spending necessary monies to rebuild America's/North Florida's crumbling infrastructure, whether it be roads, bridges, transit systems, wastewater facilities and what have you, depriving many people of employment opportunities. He's been against increasing the minimum wage at all, and we all know that no one can support a family on the current minimum wage, much less pump necessary monies into the economy to create more needed jobs for people.

He's been against the Paycheck

Fairness Act, which would work to equalize pay for the same work between men and women, where currently a woman only earns on average 83% of what a man does, and that takes necessary monies both out of people's immediate households but also out of the overall economy which, again, would create more and better paying jobs for people.

Yes, Congressman Southerland in the upcoming election might say popular statements about jobs and the economy to keep/gain your support, but his actual votes and positions show the truth of where he's really coming from and you need to remember this come when it's time for you to cast your votes in November.

Sincerely,

John Hedrick
Tallahassee

3 tornadoes touch down in Jackson County

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MARIANNA — Of the counties around Bay County, Mother Nature was the most unkind to Jackson County on Wednesday.

As of 4 p.m., there were 70 roads closed, most of them unpaved, dirt roads, although a section of State 167 was closed. There was widespread flooding damage in the area, \$14 million and counting, Emergency Manager Rodney Andreasen said. Three tornadoes touched down in Jackson County overnight, and one destroyed an unoccupied home. Two other homes sustained damage with residents inside, but no one was injured, Andreasen said. He said county workers were trying to fix flooding by unclogging pipes.

“With it wet like this, it’s almost impossible to do anything,” he said.

The Red Cross Central Panhandle Chapter, which covers Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson and Washington counties, remained on standby Wednesday afternoon.

“We’ve been trying to make sure we’re doing everything we can for our six counties,” Executive Director Bob Pearce said. “It’s



KADYN CARTER | Special to The News Herald

Goodman Hill Road near Wausau in Washington County is washed out.

not over for us.”

Of the chapter’s coverage area, Pearce said the worst flooding was seen in Washington, Holmes and Jackson counties. The most severe flood damage, however, occurred to the west of their coverage area, in Pensacola on the Alabama Gulf Coast.

“Fortunately for us, we may just be a small part of a big weather event,” said Pearce, who added the local chapter is working to deploy volunteers to aid and help assess damage in those areas.

Those interested in making a donation can visit RedCross.org or text

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executive director for Red Cross Central Panhandle Chapter

“redcross” to 90999 to make an automatic \$10 donation that will be deducted from their phone bill. Donations also can be mailed or brought to the Red Cross Central Panhandle Chapter headquarters in Panama City.

“Our money will be used to help disaster victims, because there are a ton of them across nine or 10 states that the Red Cross is working in,” Pearce said. “It’s huge.”

Calhoun County still had several roads closed Wednesday afternoon, including Walter Potts Road and 10 Mile Creek. State 69A has been reduced to one lane in one area.

Holmes County closed 25 roads Wednesday. Sheriff’s office dispatcher Cricket Hall said no flood damage was reported.

Washington County closed six roads — Port

Pond Road, John’s Way, Douglas Ferry Road, Catfish Alley, Treasure Terrace and Island Avenue — but reported problems on several others.

Gulf County had no roads closed as of 4 p.m. EDT, dispatcher Jennifer Mathes said. Gulf County did sustain minor flooding on St. Joe Beach.

Franklin County received very little flooding and did not have to close roads.

“We lucked out more than some people did,” Franklin County Sheriff’s

Office dispatcher Phyllis Turner said.

Schools in Holmes and Washington counties will be closed Thursday.

“Safety of the students, including during transportation, is always considered at these times,” Washington County Superintendent of Schools Joseph Taylor said. “We have to consider the importance of getting the students home after school when the conditions may have deteriorated during the day and plan accordingly.”

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Layoffs begin at General Dynamics

By VALERIE GARMAN
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LYNN HAVEN — Several hundred employees will be laid off from the General Dynamics call center in Lynn Haven in the coming week, according to a notice posted by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

General Dynamics opened the call center in October and notified the public of plans to lay off 726 employees in late February, as required under the federal *Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act*, or WARN Act.

Under the WARN Act, an employer must provide at least a 60-day notice in advance of mass layoffs to all affected workers, the appropriate unit of local government and the state dislocated worker unit.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services contracted General Dynamics to open the call center at the old Sallie Mae building last October, where about 1,500 employees were recruited to answer questions regarding enrollment in the



NEWS HERALD FILE PHOTO

More than 700 employees of General Dynamics will be laid off.

Affordable Care Act.

General Dynamics will continue operations in Lynn Haven with about 360 employees, who will help assist consumers with ACA Marketplace questions and

support, according to CMS.

Because the ACA's open enrollment period was limited, officials with CMS, a federal agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,

said many of the jobs at the Lynn Haven call center were seasonal.

General Dynamics has been quiet about the layoffs since February, refusing an offer from local workforce organization CareerSource Gulf Coast to assist displaced workers with re-employment.

Maria Goodwin, director of workforce services for CareerSource Gulf Coast, said her organization received a stream of phone calls this week from those facing layoffs.

"Based on our phone calls, we believe their last day is today," Goodwin said Friday. "Really, they're concerned on how they can file for unemployment and when they can file."

Goodwin said that while CareerSource Gulf Coast hosted a series of job fairs to aid General Dynamics with hiring last year, the company was not interested in having a representative on-site to help employees facing layoffs.

"We were really involved when they were doing the recruiting and trying to hire people, but they've been really distant," Goodwin said. "We haven't

really been involved since they announced the layoffs a couple of months ago."

Goodwin said the organization also saw a stream of General Dynamics employees that quit following the layoff announcement, making them ineligible for state re-employment assistance.

Kim Bodine, executive director of CareerSource Gulf Coast, said that because the layoffs are occurring before the summer, there likely will be several businesses hiring in Panama City Beach.

"The good thing is that this is the time of year we have more jobs available, mostly in tourism," Bodine said. "It's not an exact crosswalk, although some of them can be."

Bodine said many of the call center employees hold skills necessary for the many clerical and administrative positions in the hospitality industry.

"It's never a good thing to lose 700 jobs," Bodine said.

"It's not a perfect situation, but if it has to happen, I'm glad it happened during this time of year."

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"TomoTherapy literally means slice therapy," said Dr. Michael Deveau, assistant professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. "While standard radiation therapy is currently delivered using a few static fields, helical TomoTherapy delivers treatment with a rotating beam."

Performing a 360 degrees rotation around the patient, this allows for accurately directing radiation dose at the tumor itself while minimizing dose to the neighboring normal tissues. As the location or shape of the tumor evolves over time, the angles and intensity of the beams are also adapted to enhance the accuracy of the treatment.

"The TomoTherapy concept evolved to address deficiencies in radiation therapy and provides more precise radiation delivery to the tumor, allowing for fewer side effects to normal tissue," said Deveau. "It basically is hybridization between all the functional parts of a conventional C-arm style linear accelerator, a commonly used machine for radiation delivery in human and

veterinary patients, and a diagnostic imaging CT scanner."

Radiation is not a benign form of therapy, and tolerance to it is dependent on tumor type, tumor volume, and the volume of normal tissue irradiated. "The objective of radiation therapy used to treat cancer is to eradicate the disease without producing unacceptable normal tissue complications," said Deveau. "The tolerance to radiation of normal tissues depends on the volume and dose received. Unique to this radiation technique, the tumor itself is being treated while excluding or minimizing the dose to surrounding normal tissue structures. The conformal radiation beams provide more assurance that the dose will be confined to the tumor, in turn, producing far more favorable toxicity profiles when compared to similar treatments with

inferior techniques and machines.

Ranging anywhere from \$6,000 to \$7,000 for a four-week session, this treatment only lasts for an average of 20 minutes, but the preparation is fastidious. Combining linear radiation therapy and CT scanning technology, TomoTherapy has the ability to treat tumors that were once considered untreatable

and offers new armament for modernizing the management of cancer in veterinary patients.

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PET TALK

HCHS Drama to present 'Cats'

By RICKY WARD,
Drama Director
Special to The News

BONIFAY — The Holmes County High School Drama Department will present the musical "Cats" at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 8, Friday May 9, Saturday May 10, Monday May 12, and Thursday May 15 at the HCHS Auditorium.

"Cats" is a musical composed by Andrew Lloyd Webber, based on Old Possum's Book of Practical "Cats" by T. S. Eliot, and produced by Cameron Mackintosh. The musical tells the story of a tribe of cats called the Jellicles and the night they make what is known as "the Jellicle choice" and decide which cat will ascend to the Heaviseid Layer and come back to a new life. "Cats" also introduced the song standard "Memory."

"Cats" first opened in the West End in 1981 and then on Broadway in 1982. It won numerous awards, including Best Musical at both the Laurence Olivier Awards and the Tony Awards. The London production ran for 21 years, and the Broadway production ran for 18 years, both setting new records. Actresses Elaine Paige and Betty Buckley became particularly associated with the musical. One actress, Marlene Danielle, performed in the Broadway production for its entire run (from 1982-2000).



RICKY WARD | Special to Times-Advertiser

The Holmes County High School Drama Department are more than ready to take the stage after hours of practice and preparation of their upcoming production, "Cats."

"Cats" is the second longest-running show in Broadway history and was the longest running Broadway show in history from 1997-2006. It has been performed around the world many times and has been translated into more than 20 languages. In 1998, "Cats" was turned into a made-for-television film.

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Hathaway project set for 2015

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PANAMA CITY — More than a decade of traffic issues on the Hathaway Bridge are set to get some relief.

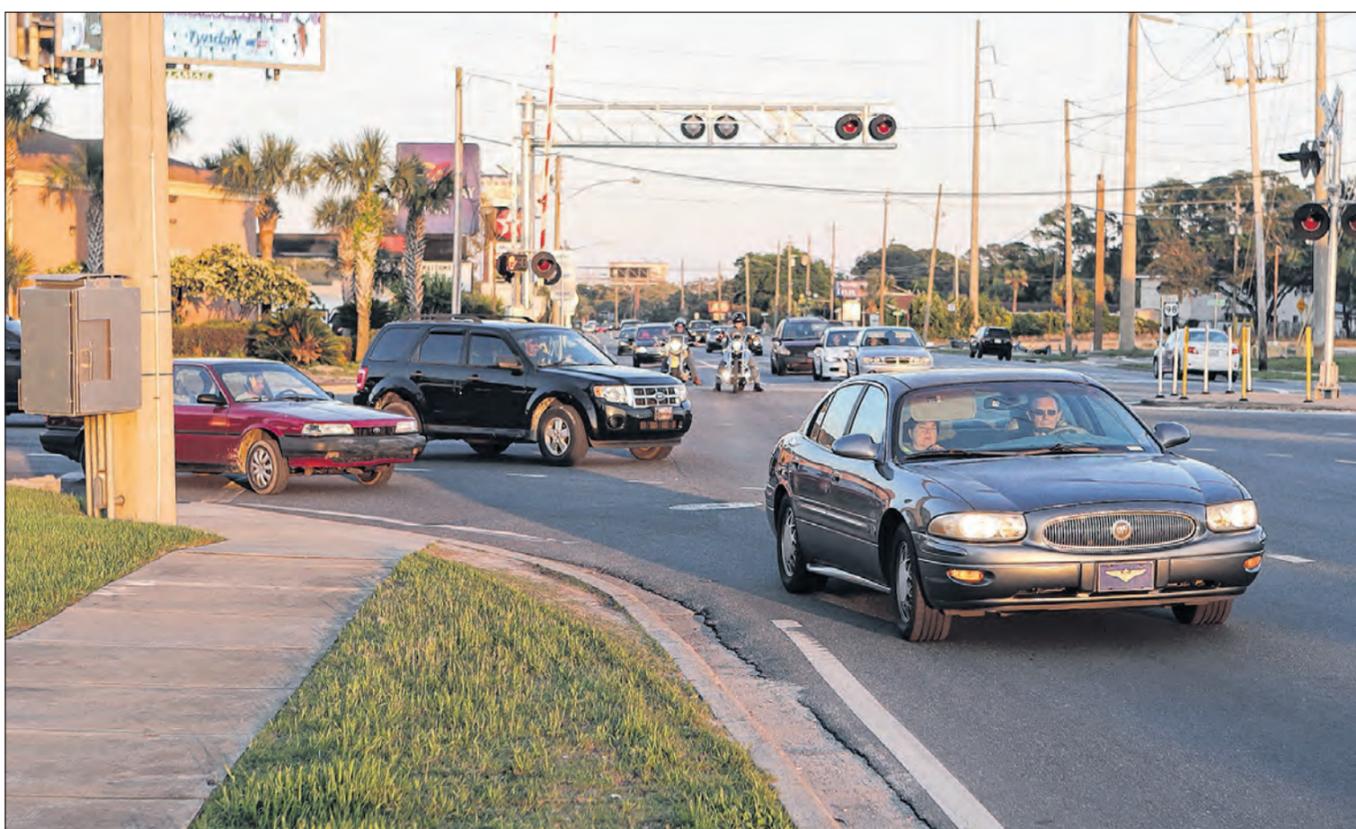
Over the next two years, the Florida Department of Transportation will spend \$102 million on the final leg of a massive, decade-spanning series of projects aimed at easing the flow of traffic over the bridge. However, despite the presence of FDOT workers at times, designs only are about 90 percent complete and commuters on Bay County's busiest road will not see construction at the bridge's eastern base begin until summer 2015.

Design plans are expected to be final shortly after a July public comment meeting, FDOT spokesman Ian Satter said.

"If we have a lot of people with concerns about a certain aspect of the project, we can go back and see if there is anything we can tweak," he said. "We don't want to come to people with 100 percent of plans complete without their input."

Although some aspects of the project could change, at complete build-out neither traffic lights nor train arrivals to Port Panama City will impede the flow of traffic from one side of the Hathaway Bridge to the other.

Ultimately, the project will elevate parts of U.S. 98 so it bypasses the 23rd Street intersection, the railroad crossing at Port Panama City and traffic lights at Gulf Coast State College. Motorists heading west from 23rd Street also will be able to merge onto U.S. 98 without



Traffic turns onto U.S. 98 from 23rd Street on Saturday in Panama City.

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interference — and vice-versa. The stretch of road leading from the Hathaway to 23rd Street will be expanded to four lanes.

The final project relieving congestion across the Hathaway does not come cheap, though. Engineering and construction costs in 2014 will run about \$7 million, and FDOT will spend almost \$95 million hiring contractors in 2015. Then construction can begin in late sum-

mer of 2015.

FDOT has secured all property required for the project, and some businesses along the south shoulder of U.S. 98, east of the Hathaway, will remain open until spring of 2015, Satter said.

Phase I of construction consists of not just the westbound ramps and roadways from 23rd Street and U.S. 98, but also an alternate lane for U.S. 98 during construction. Phase II is the

construction of the eastbound ramps and roadways leading away from the Hathaway.

The construction of the Hathaway's first flyover — where Thomas Drive, Front Beach Drive and Panama City Parkway all converge — reached completion in 2007 after four years of construction. Completion of the final portion is expected in 2019.

Traffic issues until then are expected to vary throughout

construction, with the contractor designing plans to mitigate traffic obstacles and FDOT alerting the public beforehand.

"We want to make sure we maximize lane availability; but with a project of this magnitude, there will be a lot of construction and different traffic alignments," Satter said. FDOT "will do our best to let people know about changes, but obviously there will be several changes to traffic patterns."

Bill to raise Florida speed limits goes to Gov. Scott

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — The speed limit on Florida highways would increase from 70 to 75 mph under a bill the House narrowly passed Wednesday, despite arguments that it would lead to more deaths.

The measure passed on a 58-56 vote and now goes to Gov. Rick Scott.

Among lawmakers who

argued against it was a man whose daughter died in a car accident, a former police officer who has notified families their children have died in accidents and a funeral director who said he has seen his share of victims.

"You never want to get that call: 'Your daughter died in a car crash.' Well

I got the call, and one of the reasons she died was because of speed," said Rep. Irv Slosberg, D-Boca Raton, who has made road-safety issues a priority during his time in office.

The bill (SB 392) would not raise speed limits automatically, but would allow the Department of Trans-

portation to increase them when it saw fit. The department could also raise the speed limit from 65 to 70 mph on rural, four-lane divided highways and up to 65 mph on other roads.

Bill sponsor Matt Caldwell said that it could be unsafe if a speed limit is set lower than drivers are actually driving.

"I know that there are individuals on the floor who have deep personal experiences that drive their decision making," said Caldwell, R-Lehigh Acres. "The law is not an emotional vehicle. It's a matter of logic and reason."

There were several emotional stories during the debate.

Rep. Dave Kerner, D-Lake Worth, said there were four times when he worked as a police officer that he had to tell families a relative had died in a crash.

"I remember one time going at 3 in the morning

and I took an extra lap around the block because I was so scared to wake a mother up and tell her that her child had died," he said. "There's nothing worse for a law enforcement officer."

Rep. Dennis Baxley admitted he gets a speeding ticket almost every year, but as a funeral director, he said he has had to stand by the casket of traffic accident victims and he couldn't support a bill that could lead to more deaths.

"I'm Dennis Baxley. I'm a speeder. I can't vote for this bill," said Baxley, R-Ocala.

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It was done as an act of defiance and to show the king we weren't about to be pushed around by England. Now some present-day patriots want to show the king (federal

government) they aren't going to take it any more (new snapper limits) and they plan to just go fishing as if there were no rules.

One called me and confided his plan and asked if I could find out what he would pay in fines if caught. He said he and others were as mad as hell and weren't going to take it anymore.

I'm not sure the people who make these rules really understand just how many people they are hurting with these new snapper restrictions. Think about a man who comes to the beach to stay a week. He rents a motel room with his family, eats out in restaurants, buys gas for his boat, buys bait and ice for his boat, buys tackle — or maybe he goes out on a charter boat or head boat.

That is just one family. Multiply that by thousands of families coming to the beach from one end of Florida to the other just to fish for snapper. Now they will get 11 days to do so in federal waters.

I did a little research and the numbers I came up with would buy a lot of tea. If you get caught fishing in state waters out of season the fine can run up to \$500 per incident. Of course, the fine is set by a judge. If he or she is sympathetic to your cause the fine could be less or it could be high.

If you get caught in federal waters it's a different matter. The federal fine could be in the thousands of dollars. At least, that is what I have been told by people who say they know.

Taking a stand is one thing, but paying hundreds, even thousands of dollars to make your point might not be worth it. I'm sure this thing will work itself out, but in the meantime people who depend on red snapper fishing are going out of business. And businesses that depend on snapper fishermen coming to the beach and spending their money surely will be hurt.

Is it time to throw the tea in to the harbor? Only history will tell. Put a man's back against the wall and he might do something he would not normally do.



Outdoor Life
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Cleaning Flatfish

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Flounder aren't born flat, but they soon get that way. All flatfish start life looking rather unassuming as baby fish go until Mother Nature does her sleight of hand. Their eggs hatch into larvae that resemble typically symmetrical fish. The larvae quickly develop into a rounded form with protective spines on the head, over the gills and in the pelvic and pectoral fins. They are born with a swim bladder for buoyancy to make it easier to roam near the surface and feed on plankton, but as they grow they turn into "Frankenfish."

One eye migrates across the top of the head onto the other side of the body, the swim bladder and spines literally disappear, the body coloration on the sightless side turns white, while the other side assumes a darker coloration that provides camouflage for lying on the bottom. That's important because the bottom is where these critters spend the majority of their time, either scavenging for a meal or lying in wait for a hapless fish or crustacean to get too close — and wham!

For Panhandle anglers, flounder are a favorite target species, not because they are a hard-fighting game fish, but because they are often easy to catch both from nearshore boats and even from area piers and jetties — and absolutely great to eat. (Many area small-boat guides target the flatfish when other species are hard to come by — one who absolutely has flounder dialed in is Captain Mike Parker of Silver King Charters, www.fishingdestin.com).

But before the eating comes the cleaning, and there's the rub.

Yamaha spokesman Martin Peters fishes all over America, picking up angling tips where ever he goes. Here are some cleaning tips, with how-to photos, he offers for north Florida fishermen.

"For the best tasting flounder, try bleeding and icing them immediately after landing," says Peters. "Lift the gill plate, cut the gill rakers with a scissor or knife, then put the fish in a live well or bucket of water to bleed out. When that's done, put the fish on ice in a cooler to firm up the meat for easier cleaning and to maintain the quality."

After that, you're ready to follow the cleaning steps below:

Step 1

To get started, all you need is a fish like this four-pound summer flounder and a long, straight, sharp, flexible fillet knife. The cleaning board with clamp is optional, but if you're cleaning a lot of fish, it's a time saver.

Step 2

Start white side down, and make your first cut across the tail just forward of the fin.

Step 3

Insert the point of the knife into the first cut and slide it as far forward toward the head as possible running it alongside the spine, represented by the red line. You'll be able to feel it.

Step 4

With the knife angled just slightly down so the blade is running along the rib bones, slice carefully outward to detach the fillet. On larger flounder you might have to reinsert the knife to complete the cut all the way to the head.

Step 5

Repeat the process on the belly side of the fish, but make the slice carefully so the knife doesn't cut into the stomach cavity outlined in red.

Step 6

This is what it looks like after the two cuts. The fillet is only attached directly behind the head.

Step 7

Detach the fillet with a single cut as shown, being careful not to penetrate the stomach cavity and set it aside.

Step 8

Turn the fish over and repeat the process on the bottom (white side) fillet.

Step 9

Carefully remove the feathers, the tiny muscles that power the fins around the flounder's perimeter.

Step 10

Lay the fillets on the cutting board skin side down, and use your finger tips to hold the very



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Captain Mike Parker goes to work on a catch of flounder at the cleaning table on the Destin docks.



end of the tail section. Make a downward cut to the skin, turn the blade almost horizontal to the table, and carefully push the blade toward the far end using a slicing motion to separate the meat from the skin.

Step 11

When done, you have a single fillet from the top and bottom of the fish that can be divided into four smaller fillets by slicing down the middle where it is thinnest, (the section that was over the backbone). For smaller fish this is not necessary; for larger fish the split fillets are more single-serving friendly.

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Spectators better get there early

There have been big high school baseball games played here in the past. Mosley, for one, has hosted region championships for berths in the state Final Four. And back in the days before life consisted of bells and whistles, it was a major event whenever Bay and Rutherford got together on the diamond in the 1960s, and later when Mosley came aboard in the 1970s.

But nothing that has gone before quite seems the magnitude of Tuesday night, when Rutherford will host Mosley in a Region 1-5A semifinal.

Judging by the throng at Bay that attended the District 1-5A title game between the same teams two weeks ago, fans might want to consider leaving early to attend Tuesday night's rematch.

The district final determined only which team would host its first region playoff game and which team would travel. Yet, Bay athletic director Vern Barth reported that 428 tickets were sold for that game. In addition to media attending and those present on FHSAA passes and the like, the crowd that night probably was in excess of 500.

And that at Bay's facility, which in addition to being the oldest county high school complex is by far the most cramped for spectators behind the plate, and doesn't offer that many sight lines from first base curling around to third.

By comparison, Rutherford's Vera Shamplain Complex has the largest grandstand area in the county and more adequate standing room. The one thing it lacks, especially when compared to Bay with nearby Tommy Oliver Stadium, is ample parking.

Rams athletic director Kirk Harrell said that some fans might want to consider parking in the school lot one block away and walking to the complex. The sidewalk has been upgraded to aid that endeavor.

So no, the stakes aren't as high as at other times in our history, but two outstanding baseball teams have ramped

expectations for this collision.

Rutherford is 22-4, and half of its defeats have been inflicted by Mosley.

Mosley is 25-3, with one-third of its losses to the Rams.

Delete the results of their three previous meetings, and the ballclubs have combined for a 44-4 record, and both are highly ranked among Class 5A teams in the state.

That is ample reason for great expectations. The quality of play in their last meeting is another.

All local rivalry games are heated, and this will be no exception. But the overriding reaction from the opposing players seems to be underlined by respect, rather than animosity.

Many of the ballplayers grew up playing together on travel teams, or have opposed each other so many times on their

high school teams that they've been well acquainted with each other's skill sets.

The demeanor of the opposing fan bases might not be quite as cordial, but in no sense has this become an unhealthy rivalry. However, only one of these teams will move on Tuesday night.

Also noteworthy is a Bozeman ballclub that in many ways has set the recent standard for excellence in Bay County baseball. Yes, the Bucks compete in much smaller Class 1A, and their region progression consists of only semifinal and final rounds, however, back-to-back Final Four appearances are worthy of respect.

Bozeman will host Northview on Tuesday night beginning its quest for a threepeat and another trip to Fort Myers.

The county will have more than 1,000 baseball fans turning out at two venues that evening to witness team excellence in what in recent years has become the signature sport for our high schools.

It is a deserving showcase for three local teams, and a welcome spotlight for county baseball fans. Hopefully, windshields and spectators will be spared from stray foul balls.

On many levels, it should well be worth the walk.



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VHS' Padgett is state weightlifting champ

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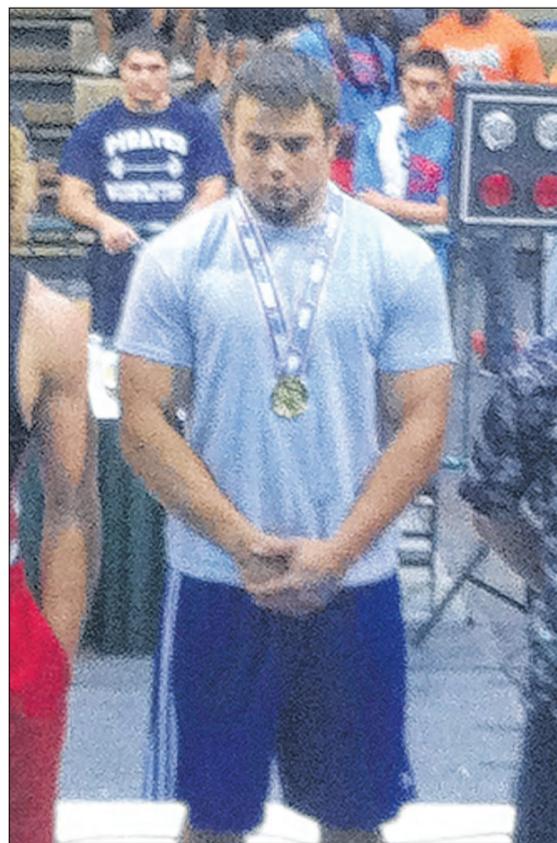
Vernon High School's J.T. Padgett became the fifth ever State Weightlifting Champion in VHS history and the VHS Team finished ninth in the state last weekend.

Padgett joins Lee Richards, Jacob Presnell, Jaylon Everette, and Rolondo Brown in school's State Champion list.

The competition went down to the wire for Padgett in the 183-pound weight class. He posted a 620-pound total, but had lifters from Baker County, Bronson, and Arnold with lifts to beat him. None of those lifters were able to complete their lift, however, so Padgett stood tall on the Champions' podium as the 2014 Class 1A State Weightlifting Champion in the 183 weight class. This completed a great year for Padgett, as he was also a member of the Yellow Jacket football team that was the only team to win a District Championship this year at VHS and marks the first State Champion athlete at VHS in any sport in a number of years.

"It was a great accomplishment for J.T., as VHS only began its competitive weightlifting team back this season," said Coach Bobby Johns. "J.T. has helped lay the foundation for many State Championships to come at VHS in the coming years."

Also competing at State Finals were Brandon Malloy, who placed fifth



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J.T. Padgett won the State Weightlifting Championship in his weight class, becoming only the fifth in school history to do so.

in the 169 weight class with a personal best 580 pound total. Malloy was one lift from fourth but scored a valuable 2 points for the team. Malloy is a senior that also anchored the VHS football team this. Sophomore Ryan Malloy placed sixth in the 139 class with a 475 total and scored one point for the Jackets. Ryan will be back for two more years and will compete in a

bid to join Padgett as a State Champion. Finally, Sophomore Marlon Stephens and Sophomore Darrion Peterson represented the Jackets well in their respective weight classes. Both of these young men will be back for two more years as well and should help lead Vernon weightlifting towards the coveted State Championship as a team next season.

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1) Who described a "roc" as a bird of prey big enough to grip an elephant?

Marco Polo, Magellan, Cook, Columbus

2) If a man has ever been to a tonsorialist who has he been to?

Witch doctor, Dentist, Fitness trainer, Barber

3) In 1899, where was the United States' first public parking garage established?

Detroit, Boston, Baltimore, Richmond

4) Months that begin on which day will always have a Friday the 13th?

Sunday, Monday, Friday, Saturday

5) Of these which is not one of the three traditional primary colors?

Red, White, Blue, Yellow

6) What's the #1 state for reported shark attacks?

New Jersey, N. Carolina, Florida, California

7) Which of these is not ordinarily found in "Three-C" slaw?

Corn, Celery, Cabbage, Carrot

8) What is "gibbous" a phase of?

Acne, Tuberculosis, Adolescence, Moon

9) When did explorer Ponce de Leon pass away?

1521, 1610, 1701, 1836

10) Which state's convention did Patrick Henry address, "Give me liberty or give me death"?

Massachusetts, Virginia, Delaware, Maryland

11) What nickname is traditionally given to the clubhouse bar on a golf course?

10th Hole, Caddyshack, Fore, 19th Hole

12) Magnets got their name from Magnesia, a province in what country?

Greece, Canada, Italy, Spain

13) Coptic was the last phase of what language that lasted over 5,000 years?

Latin, Hebrew, Egyptian, Slavic

14) What was Frank Sinatra's middle name?

Alvin, Alton, Artie, Albert

ANSWERS

1) Marco Polo. 2) Barber. 3) Boston. 4) Sunday. 5) White. 6) Florida. 7) Corn. 8) Moon. 9) 1521. 10) Virginia. 11) 19th Hole. 12) Greece. 13) Egyptian. 14) Albert.



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO EXTRA

The Wausau Volunteer Fire Department and Hard Labor Creek Shooting Sports hosted the 2014 Possum Classic 3-D Archery Tournament Saturday, May 3, at Hard Labor Creek. **TOP RIGHT:** Noah Owens took home second place in the Kids' Class. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Barry Hutchinson took second place the Hunter Class.

'Possum Classic' a success

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The Wausau Volunteer Fire Department and Hard Labor Creek Shooting Sports hosted the 2014 Possum Classic 3-D Archery Tournament Saturday, May 3, at Hard Labor Creek. Winners and prizes were:

- Men's Open Class: first, Jacob Marlow, \$500; second, Tyler Marlow, \$250; and third, William Turner, \$125

- Men's Hunter Class: first, Joe Lucius, \$500; second, Barry Hutchinson, \$250; and third, Edward Mitchell, \$125

- Women's Hunter: first, Sara Mayo, \$250; second, Linda Marlow, Trophy; and third, Kaylie Brown, Trophy

- Youth Class: first, Zack Weeks, Mission Craze Bow; second, Jonah Baine, Trophy; and third, Whit Pettis, Trophy

- Kids Class: first, Rylan Evans, Trophy and Genesis Bow; and second, Noah Owens, Trophy



From left, Women's Hunters participants were: Kaylie Brown, third place; Sara Mayo first, Myra Shaar; and Linda Marlow, second place.



Rylan Evans won first place in the Youth Division.

Kaylie Brown won third place in the Women's Hunter Division.

Community EVENTS

Panhandle Watermelon Festival Pageant

CHIPLEY — The 58th annual Panhandle Watermelon Festival Pageant will be held at 6:30 p.m., Friday, June 6 and Saturday, June 7, at the Washington County Agricultural Center in Chipley. The entry fee is \$60; contestants can enter the photogenic competition for an additional \$10.

This is an open pageant. Miss contestants must be a Florida resident to participate. Age groups are as follows: Sugar Baby Miss – zero to 9 months; Baby Miss – 10-12 months; Toddler Miss 13-23 months; Tiny Miss – 2-3 years; Future Little Miss 4-5 years; Little Miss – 6-7 years; Petite Miss – 8-9 years; Miss Preteen – 10-11 years; Young Junior Miss – 12-13 years; Junior Miss

– 14-15 years; Teen Miss – 16-17 years and Miss – 18-20 years.

Winners will receive a large trophy, large crown and banner, alternated and participants will receive trophies. Queens should be prepared to participate in the Watermelon Festival activities to include the parade as well as other activities related to the Festival. Entry Fee and applications are due to Bush Paint and Supply on or before May 16. Checks should be made payable to Panhandle Watermelon Festival Pageant and mailed or brought to 917 6th Ave. in Graceville. Applications are available at Bush Paint and Supply in Graceville, Forget Me Not Photography in Bonifay and at the Washington County Ag-Extension Office at the AG Center in Chipley. For more information, call

Teresa Bush at 263-4744 (daytime) or 263-3072 (evenings) or contact Sherry Saunders at 263-3554.

HCHS spring musical planned

BONIFAY — The Holmes County High School Drama Department will present the musical “Cats” at 7 p.m. in the HCHS Auditorium Thursday, May 8; Friday, May 9; Saturday, May 10; Monday, May 12 and Thursday, May 15.

Childbirth Education Classes

The Florida Department of Health in Holmes County will be offering free Childbirth Education Classes, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 8, Thursday, May 15 and Thursday, May 22 at the Healthy Start Annex, 402 N. Oklahoma St. in Bonifay. No person shall, on the grounds of age, color, disability, national origin, race, religion or sex be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity receiving or benefiting from federal financial assistance. Sensory impaired or Limited-English Proficiency patients will be provided with necessary aids and interpreters at no cost by calling Fran Amerson at 547-8500 ext. 234. For more information or to register for classes, contact 547-8684 ext. 16 or 18.

Diabetic Class

BONIFAY — The Holmes County Health Department is offering free diabetic education classes. Classes last about one hour and begin at 3 p.m., Wednesday, May 7, and Wednesday, May 14, at the Holmes County Health Department. Classes are open to the public. No person shall, on the grounds of age, color, disability, national origin, race, religion or sex be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity receiving or benefiting from federal financial assistance. Contact Leann Jones with any questions at 547-8500 ext. 240. Sensory impaired or Limited-English Proficiency patients will be provided with necessary aids and interpreters at no cost by calling Fran Amerson at 547-8500 ext. 234.

Game Night

CHIPLEY — The Friends of the Washington County Library Game Night is set to take place from 6-9 p.m., Thursday, May 8. Games being played are Bridge, Bunco, Canasta, Dominoes, Mahjong and many more. Tickets are \$10 per person and include dinner. Tickets are available at the Washington County Library, the Wausau, Vernon and Sunny Hill library branches, or from any “Friends” member. For more information, call 638-4167.

Ring 14 Walk-a-thon

CHIPLEY — Roulhac Middle School will host a Walk-A-Thon to raise awareness for Ring14 at 8 a.m., Saturday, May 10. For more information, or to be a participant, visit the website at www.ring14usa.org.

U.S. Postal Service Food Drive

The 2014 U.S. Postal Service Food Drive will be held from now through May 10. All food collected will benefit the Care

and Share Food Pantry in Chipley, 1461 South Railroad Ave., and the Sheppard’s Gate Food Pantry, 1915 Ferguson Road, just south of Wausau off Highway 77. Place non-perishable items on or in your mailbox for your carrier to pick up. Collection bills will also be in the lobbies of the Chipley and Wausau Post Offices for individuals with P.O. Boxes to make donations. Just one item from your family can help another family in need. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Lowery at 326-5944.

Mayday 2014

CAMPBELLTON — Mayday will be held Saturday, May 10, at the Campbellton Park on Highway 231. Gates will open to public at noon. All vendors are asked to be ready to open to public by 11:45 a.m. This is a free public event. There will be food, fun and activities. Jackson County Fire Rescue will be on hand along with other neighboring counties and cities to show the kids equipment and do fire safety and prevention. Chairs and coolers are welcome. There is no alcohol permitted on the grounds of the park. If you have a softball or baseball team that would like to play that day, submit the team. There will be an antique car show available as well. For more information and vendor booths, contact Samuel Jones at 504-252-5350.

Tea Time Garden Walk

CHIPLEY — The Chipley Garden Club will host the 2014 Tea Time Garden Walk from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, May 10, at the Washington County Ag Center in Chipley. Tickets are \$15 each. Reservations are required. For tickets and more information, call Glenda Wilson at 638-9138 or 940-0212.

Rock Hill Fish Fry

CHIPLEY — A fish fry fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, May 10 at the Rock Hill Church and Cemetery. Everyone with family buried in the cemetery is encouraged to come. Bring a covered dish to compliment the fish and enjoy neighborhood fellowship at noon. Donations are needed to pay for monthly mowing. For more information or to make donations, call 638-0966.

History Seminar

The Lower Muskogee Creek Tribe will host a History Seminar, at 10 a.m., Saturday, May 17, starting at the Washington County Public Library at 1444 Jackson Ave. Chipley. This seminar is presented to educate the general public, students and teachers on many aspects of the Muskogee History and Culture. Topics Include: History Myths and Legends of the Muskogee Creeks, How the Muskogee survived in this area after the Removal, Aspects of Daily Living, Genealogy and Treaties of the Muskogee. Registration for the seminar, materials and lunch is \$20. For more information, contact 229-762-3355

Chipola to offer lifeguard course

MARIANNA — Chipola College will offer the American Red Cross Lifeguard Training course beginning May 12.

All interested students must be 15 years of age on or before the first day of class. The course requires a minimum of 32 hours of training in water rescue, CPR and First Aid. Attendance is required for all class meetings.

Students must be in good physical condition, able to swim at least 500 yards without stopping, able to swim freestyle and breast-stroke. Students also must be able to, retrieve a 10-pound brick from a seven foot depth, and tread water without hands for two minutes.

A prerequisite swim test must be taken before the course on May 9. There is no charge to take the test.

Course meetings will be held from 4:30-8:30 p.m. May 12-15 and May 19-23, with the final test on May 23. Cost of the swim course is \$200. Students must register and pay fees when they take the pre-qualifying swim test.

For information about the course or to register for the pre-qualifying, call Rance Massengill at 718-2240.

Longleaf Pine Forest Restoration and Management Workshop

CHIPLEY — The Apalachicola Regional Stewardship Alliance and Florida’s Forest Stewardship Program will host a Longleaf Pine Forrest Restoration and Management workshop from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on May 14, at Turkey Pond Ranch. The cost of the workshop is \$10 and includes lunch and materials. You can register online at fsp-workshop051414.eventbrite.com or call the Washington County Extension Office at 638-6180. The ranch is at 3157 Chain Lake Road in Chipley.

Real Estate Professionals Workshop

CHIPLEY — The Washington Planning Commission will be hosting a Workshop for Real Estate Professionals at 6 p.m. on May 15 at the Washington County Annex Building, 1331 South Blvd., Chipley. The Workshop discuss various Land Use Planning topics, including, State Growth Management Regulations, Large and Small Land Use Map Amendments, comprehensive Plans, Land Development Codes, Future Land Use Maps, the Role of the Planning Commission, Development Orders, and other related topics. Realtors, Developers, Builders, Property Owners, Elected Officials, and the public are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Michael J. DeRuntz, Senior Planner, Washington County, at 415-5093

Benefit for Bob King

There will be a benefit fundraiser for Bob King, who is fighting cancer, at 10:30 a.m. on May 17 at the Pittman Fire Department on Highway 2. There will be a yard sale and cake auction. Lunch plates will be available for \$6 and will include fried chicken or Boston butt, baked beans, potato salad, roll and cake. Whole Boston butts will be available for a \$25 donation. Whole Boston butts must be pre-ordered. For more information, call Jim King at 956-4506, Betty Watson at 956-4626, Linda Lewis at 956-2235 or David Sconiers at 956-2394.

Beginners Pressure Canning Class

CHIPLEY — The University of Florida Extension Program will hold a pressure canning class from 6- 9:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 20, at the Washington County Ag Center, 1424 Jackson Ave. in Chipley. Participants

will learn the basics of pressure canning by canning vegetables. Registration is \$5 and includes class materials. Canner gauge testing also will be available; be sure to bring canner lid with gauge. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required by contacting the Washington County Extension Office at 638-6265, or the Holmes County Extension Office at 547-1108. Extension programs are open to everyone. For persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations, call 638-6265 (TDD, via Florida Relay Service, 1-800-955-8771) at least five working days before the class so that proper consideration can be given to the request.

Toss It Up Summer Salads Class

CHIPLEY — Build a better simple and slimming salad. Learn how to make salad, no matter your kitchen skill. You will gain many new ways and ideas for making your own wonderful, healthy creation each day. Create salads that are easy to make using easy-to-find, inexpensive ingredients. Join us for this hands-on class, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 22, at the Washington County Ag Center, 1424 Jackson Ave. in Chipley. Registration is \$15 and includes class materials and food samples. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required by contacting the Washington County Extension Office at 638-6265 or the Holmes County Extension Office at 547-1108. Payment is required to complete registration. Extension programs are open to everyone. For persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations, contact 638-6265 (TDD, via Florida Relay Service, 1-800-955-8771) at least five working days before the class so that proper consideration can be given to the request.

A Very Disney Variety

BONIFAY — The Bonifay Middle School Theatre Department announces its spring show “A Very Disney Variety,” to be presented at 6 p.m., Thursday, May 22, and Friday, May 23, in the HCHS auditorium. Tickets are available at Bonifay Middle School two weeks before the show. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, and free for kids 4 and under. Admission at the door will also be available.

Reminiscent of such variety shows as “Carol Burnett and Friends,” “Saturday Night Live!” and “So Random,” the performance will feature original scenes based on memorable Disney characters. In addition, the BMS Treble Makers will be on hand to provide musical entertainment for the evening with favorite Disney tunes. With the Mad Hatter (Bryce Etheridge) hosting the show and the White Rabbit (Sydney Shugars) keeping things in order backstage, the evening is sure to be full of mayhem, magic and memories. For more information, contact Jill Cook at 547-2754 or cookj@hdsb.org.

Tables of Purpose

CHIPLEY — Washington County Council on Aging will hold a black tie event at 6 p.m., Friday, May 23. The night’s events will include a steak dinner and Jazz music by Bill Covington. Tickets are \$50 each. Tickets can be purchased at the Council on Aging office in Chipley. All proceeds will go to the Council on Aging.



Worley graduates basic training

Special to Extra

Air Force Airman 1st Class David R. Worley graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Worley is the son of Jimmy R. and Ellen B. Worley of Chipley.



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Kiwanis induct new member

Special to Extra

The Chipley Kiwanis Club met for its weekly luncheon on April 29 at Pattillo's Restaurant at the Washington-Holmes Technical Center. Lunch was provided by the students of the Technical Center Culinary Program.

President Garrett Martin opened the meeting and noted there would be no meeting on Tuesday, June 3, because of the Pancake Supper being held at Kate Smith Elementary that evening. He also discussed the Kiwanis Golf Tournament, which has been postponed because of the recent rain. A new date will be announced.

The next Kiwanis Event is the Pancake Supper, which will be held at Kate Smith Elementary from 4:30-7 p.m., on Tuesday, June 3. Dinners are \$5 each and include pancakes, bacon or sausage, orange juice and coffee or milk. Tickets are available from any Kiwanian or can be purchased that evening at the Kate Smith Cafeteria.

A new Kiwanian was inducted. David Solger introduced Charles Williams, the new Principal at Chipley High School. He and Laura Joiner welcomed Charles into the club. Because Kiwanis principal purpose is to support the youth of Washington County,



SPECIAL TO EXTRA

Left to Right: David Solger, Charles Williams, Laura Joiner and Garrett Martin

Charles is enthusiastic about joining Kiwanis.

David Solger, the Kiwanis Liaison to Take Stock in Children, then introduced Mary Helen Smith as the Program for the day. Smith is the program manager for Take Stock in Children for five counties including Washington, Holmes and Jackson counties. Take Stock in Children is a scholarship and mentoring program for low-income, deserving youth. These are students who are doing well but have risk factors in their lives and need support. These can be children who are homeless, who have incarcerated family members, ill family members and other risk factors. Many of the children are minorities.

It is a state-wide program, and across the state, 38 percent of the children are Caucasian,

33 percent are African-American, 25 percent are Hispanic and 4 percent are other. There are 22,000 students enrolled state-wide and 75,000 mentors who contribute about one million volunteer hours each year.

Each student signs a contract in the seventh or eighth grade and the contract is signed by their parents as well. Basically, they have to commit to achieving good grades (B average or better) and staying out of trouble. They must also meet with their mentors regularly. In return, on graduation they receive a two-year tuition scholarship to either a state college or university or a vocational school. The value of the scholarship is currently about \$8,000 to attend Chipola College. The scholarships are supported by local contributions and the local funds are matched by an equal contribution

from the State of Florida. There are currently 54 students in the five-county area enrolled in Take Stock in Children. Thirty-seven of them are from Washington County. There have been eight college graduates so far with degrees including physical therapy, mechanical engineering and law. State-wide, 86 percent of the students graduate from at least a two-year institution. Though exact figures were unavailable, very few of the students have dropped out of the program after starting higher education.

Smith noted while contributions are always needed, the greatest need at present is for more mentors.

These volunteers commit to meeting 15 times during the school year, or twice a month for 30 minutes. Mentors coach the students, encourage them and can help broaden the students' exposure to different career fields.

The Kiwanis club meets Tuesdays at Pattillo's restaurant in the middle of the WHTC campus at noon. For an invitation, contact any Kiwanian or David Solger, membership chairperson, at 638-1276. For more information about the Kiwanis Club of Chipley, visit www.ChipleyKiwanis.com

Chipola Class of 2014

Special to Extra

Some 403 students were eligible for graduation at Chipola College at the end of the spring semester, with many coming from Washington and Holmes County. Graduation exercises were at 7 p.m. on May 1 in the Dothan Civic Center.

Counted as members of the class are all who completed their degrees or vocational certificates from December of 2013 to May of 2014 or who will complete work at Chipola during the summer of 2014.

The class includes the following from Washington and Holmes County:

Bachelor of Science Degrees

BONIFAY — Misty Kirkland, Mika Moore, Anne Mary Nichols, Kaithlyn Pope, Katelyn Strickland and Caleb Whitaker

CHIPLEY — Ashley Ayers, Wendy Brown, Ashley Foshee, Holley Hinson, Kasey Ivey, Tasha Richter, Meghan Salter and Leigh Stone

VERNON — Emily Adams and Susie Sewell

WESTVILLE — Whitney Ellenburg and Andrew Stafford

Associate in Arts Degrees

BONIFAY — Holton Adams, Allison Brock,

Hadley Brown, Ashlee Corbin, Christopher Dozier, John Eubanks, Andrew Fox, Thomas Herndon, Amber LaRue, Krutika Patel, Sheetal Patel, Lessie Perry, Hulon Reeves, Jr., Christopher Rockwell, Nicole Schneider, Travis Scorza, Kolton Sellers, Garet Skipper, Taylor Smith, Tyler Walker and Julie Wells

CHIPLEY — Kendall Alderman, Shamara Baker, Malcolm Bell, Heather Brown, Victoria Crawford, James Dilmore, Jamie Ellis, George Fisher, Nicholas Galbreath, Dustin Garner, Olivia Guettler, Mattea Harbour, Alana Hearn, Brenda Killings, Jesse Kneiss, Asia McKenzie, Mary Minchin, Jaclyn Morris, Shamara Murph, Joshua Myers, Phillip Pippin, Taylor Pope, Alexander Shatas, James Smith, Jr., Kiley Summerhill, Tori Taylor, Crystal Wedderburn and Dan Wells

VERNON — Amber Brown, Dante' Brown and Eric Lee

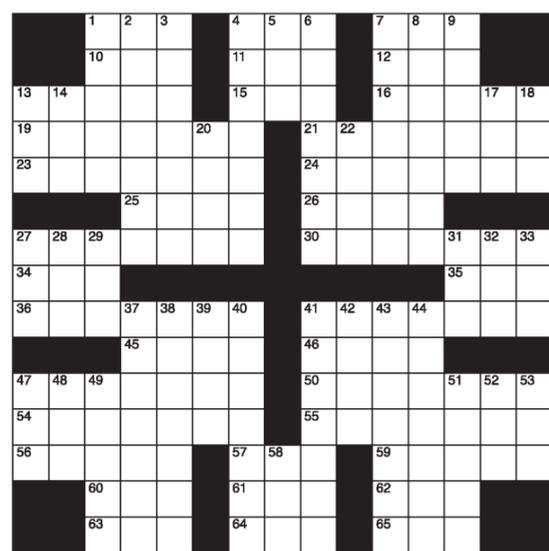
WESTVILLE — Reid Davis and Matthew Hicks

Associate in Science Degrees

BONIFAY — Edna Feurtado and Chelsea Wells

CHIPLEY — Olivia Guettler
Westville — Candice Brown and Tammy Watson

Crossword PUZZLE



CLUES ACROSS

- No longer is
- Wife of Saturn
- L.A. Trojan school
- Complete
- Animal doctor
- Old Austrian coin (abbr.)
- Islamic teacher
- Hearing organ
- Abolitionist Sojourner
- Phillips Academy town
- Apparatus to add air
- April rain
- May results of 23 across
- N.W. PA. city
- 12th Jewish month
- Analgesic
- Cowards
- Hit lightly
- Express pleasure
- Divinities
- Moderately slow tempo
- Stare impertinently
- More small
- Of or containing tin
- Pain in #15 across
- Where the tenon fits
- Said of a sheltered horse
- Range
- Project Runway winner Chloë
- French postal code 79000
- Small integer
- European Common Market
- Auto petrol
- Crimson
- River in NE Scotland
- East northeast

CLUES DOWN

- Ralph __ Emerson, writer
- Permitted
- State of bondage
- Administrate
- Common garden pod plant
- Machine-guns from the air
- L. : shining
- Scribbles
- An inclined trough
- More (Spanish)
- Durham, NH school
- Hill (Celtic)
- Time units (abbr.)
- Legal clerk Brockovitch
- Norse goddess of old age
- Form a sum
- No (Scottish)
- Japanese sash
- 007's creator
- Consume food
- The woman
- Group annuity + Lottery combination
- Set fire to
- Ancient Olympic Site
- Split from
- Awc-inspiring
- Tidy
- Drive mad
- Middle Eastern riding horse
- Spinal Muscular Atrophy
- Technical author Clancy
- Garden framework
- Being near
- Of she
- Summer sun up in NY
- Highest card

SOLUTION ON PAGE B5

Master Gardeners visit Fox Family Farm

Special to Extra

The Washington County Master Gardeners recently visited the Fox Family Farm.

"What an amazing family operation," club member Glenda Wilson said. "They have green houses with tomatoes which are already bearing, cabbage, various types of lettuce, kale, leeks, fennel, pole beans, squash, cauliflower, broccoli, spinach, celery, corn, multiple herbs and flowers, just to name a few."

The farm moved from Bay County to Washington County in 2005 and presently has three large green houses with plans



SPECIAL TO EXTRA

Washington County Master Gardeners pose at Fox Family Farm.

for a fourth. The operation is truly a family operation, which includes father, mother and son.

The farm grafts their tomatoes and reports the

practice as the reason they have no problems with nematodes. They did lose a total crop last year to white flies, however, prompting the owners to add screening

to the sides of their green houses to keep the white flies out.

Fox Family Farm also prides itself on not using chemical fertilizer or pesticides but rather using ladybugs as a pest deterrent, and when necessary, parasitic wasps.

The farm sells at local markets but not direct from the farm.

"It is unbelievable that only three people can produce the quantity and quality of vegetables that this farm produces," Wilson said. "It does help that the son has a degree in horticulture and the father is an electrician with years of experience in gardening."

Take Stock In Children Students tour Chipola College

Special to Extra

Take Stock In Children (TSIC), a 60-credit hour (two-year) college tuition scholarship program in Washington County for middle and high school students, recently sponsored a trip for local scholarship contract students to visit Chipola College.

On April 10, 19 Washington County TSIC students boarded a Chipola College bus and were hosted by the college at a College Readiness Workshop. Reyonna Parrish, of the Florida Board of Education, presented a program on School and Life Management for the students, and a tour of the campus and lunch followed. The students were accompanied by David Solger and Gary Hartman, and the visit was coordinated by Mary Helen Smith, Take Stock In Children Program Manager,

at Chipola College. Students attending from Washington County were as follows:

• **Vernon Middle School:** Faith Harmon, Dana Douglas, Jamar Massaline, Dalton Webb and Maylin Brock

• **Vernon High School:** Madisen Hawes, Courtney Hendrix, John English, Jessica Joyce and Carlos Hillman

• **Roulhac Middle School:** Aleya Louderback

• **Chipley High School:** David King, Essence Williams, Parisha Massaline, Devon James, Eli Whitehead, Cheyenne Rabon, Kallee Chamberlain and Ina Robinson.

Since starting in 2004, the local TSIC has raised more than \$450,000, which excludes the state-level match, and the total value of scholarships is estimated at \$900,000. Since starting, the Washington County TSIC has nine college graduates, with some pursuing advanced degrees; 51 students in college or

technical programs; and 37 students working toward high school graduation and a scholarship

The generosity of Washington County residents and businesses has had a significant impact on 97 young lives helping them to become productive adult citizens.

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

As part of a state-wide, county-level operation, the TSIC program is organized regionally with a state college providing the overall program

support and operational supervision. Chipola College is the regional coordinator for Washington, Jackson, Holmes, Calhoun and Liberty counties, and Mary Helen Smith at Chipola College is the TSIC program manager who works directly with the county sponsor organizations and school boards. In all regional counties except Washington, the sponsor entity is the school board, but the TSIC program here is operated by the Washington County Scholarship Foundation Inc. (WCSF), a private foundation, that holds federal and state income tax exemption with charitable organization registration.

For more information about the program, to volunteer or to make a donation, contact David Solger, president WCSF Inc., at 638-1276 or Mary Helen Smith at 718-2428 and/or smithm@chipola.edu.

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My Mother's Day card quandary

Another year has gone by, and I find myself facing the same quandary I faced last year.

Many people complain about how fast things are changing; I complain about those things that do not change at all.

Interestingly, the things you want to change refuse to do so and the things you want to stay the same never do. I wish someone would figure out how to reverse this tedious trend of life. I have worked on it but to no success.

I am referring to the annual Mother's Day card fetish. I am not sure where this started or why, but I have my suspicions. I think we can safely rule out husbands and men as suspects.

I could see a man doing it one year, but to do it year after year is not within the scope of a man's ability. If a man does something one time and it is successful he never chances doing it the second time when it may be a failure.

Now we have on our hands tremendous pressure to purchase a yearly Mother's Day card. When it comes to card buying, I simply do not know where to go. Oh, I know where to get them; I simply do not know which one to purchase.

If it was up to me, and

let me point out very quickly, it is not, I would have one card for sale each year. Maybe I would modify the card each year and perhaps write something different in it, but how many ways can you say "Happy Mother's Day?"

To be efficient the choice would only be one Mother's Day card per year.

As it stands (and I wish it would sit down and rest for a while), there are more Mother's Day cards than stars in the heavens. It is virtually impossible to pick out the right Mother's Day card. Since I do not keep up with the latest trends in this regard I am at quite a disadvantage.

One year I tried to remedy my Mother's Day card-buying dilemma by buying a box of 50 cards that were on sale right after Mother's Day. I thought I had hit the mother lode, so to speak.

With this purchase, I had enough Mother's Day cards to last my entire lifetime. Unless, of course, I live to be 129. This lasted for two years.

The first year I presented my Mother's Day card to my wife and she gave me all kinds of



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smiles and hugs. I was relieved to have solved a big problem in my home. I now could rest and focus on solving other problems in my life, of which there are many.

It was the second year that

kicked me in the teeth. As usual, that year, I presented my wife with her Mother's Day card. Trust me; I was not fully geared up for the response I got. I was expecting smiles and hugs like the year before. What I got was a glare and a shrug.

She looked at me and said something I shall never forget. "Isn't this the same card you gave me last year?"

How do wives remember these things? The only reason I knew it was the same card as last year is I had more just like it in the box it came from.

This brings me to the second part of my quandary.

When did it become necessary for husbands to buy their wives Mother's Day cards?

Sure, she washes my clothes, cooks my meals and bosses me about. She still is not my mother.

It starts out rather innocently enough as most

things do. Then, in my opinion, it gets out of hand.

When the children start coming into the home it is quite natural, because they are too young to make such important decisions, for the father to buy the Mother's Day card on behalf of the children.

I still remember that first Mother's Day card. Our first baby was only seven months old and had no idea what was going on in the world or even in the home.

I gave my wife her first Mother's Day card. She was so excited. Because she was excited, so was I. This is where the whole nonsense starts.

What I want to know is when do husbands stop buying Mother's Day cards for their wives? Looking back over my experience, I can see no way where I can opt out of this annual event.

The last child in our home left more than 15 years ago, and still, I find myself under the awesome pressure of purchasing a Mother's Day card for my wife. When do the children take control of this yearly responsibility?

In spite of my quandary, it is important to honor both fathers and mothers.

Would anybody want to buy a box of 48 Mother's Day cards, cheap?

Faith EVENTS

Unity Faith Riders

The Unity Faith Riders would like to invite everyone to their monthly community breakfast, held at 7 a.m. every fourth Saturday in the month, at the Vernon Fire Department. Breakfast is free, but donations to the ministry are accepted. For more information, call Johnathan Taylor at 768-2444.

Welcome All to Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

BONIFAY — Blessed Trinity Catholic Church would like to invite everyone to attend services. Bible Study is held from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Sunday in the Church Hall. Sunday Mass is held from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., and on Wednesday evening Mass will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The church is located at 2331 Hwy 177A in Bonifay.

Mark Bishop in concert

ESTO — Mt. Zion Independent Baptist Church will host Mark Bishop live in concert at 7 p.m., Friday, May 16. Come enjoy a night of worship with Mark Bishop, one of Southern Gospel's top singers and songwriters. A love offering will be taken at intermission. For more information, call 768-0843.

B-Shoc Live

CHIPLEY — B-Shoc, a Christian music artist, will perform at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at the First Freewill Baptist Church in Chipley. This is a free concert. The church is located at 1387 South Blvd. For more information, call 658-2565.

Mother's Day sing

BONIFAY — New Effort Church in Bonifay will celebrate its 108th Annual Mother's Day Sing at 10 a.m., Sunday, May 11. A covered dish dinner will follow the sing at noon. For more information, call Frankie Short at 547-2996.

Pleasant Grove

CHIPLEY — Pleasant Grove will hold an open mic. sing at 6 p.m. Friday, May 17. Hamburger and hotdogs will be served at 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome. The church is located at Hinson's Crossroads. For more information, call Brother Bufford Williams at 638-1188.

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Thursday Exodus 40:25-30
Friday Exodus 40:31-34
Saturday Exodus 40:35-38

Weekly Bible Trivia
What was the Israelites' place of worship called? (answer found in this week's scripture reading)

When Bradley Walker was 10 yrs. old, he had a bad habit of evaluating everything by its worth in money. He wanted to know the price of everything he saw, and he constantly talked about the money he was going to make in life. One morning when Bradley came down to breakfast, he left on his mother's plate the following note, neatly folded:

For running errands	\$1.50
For being good one week	.50
For taking music lessons	.50
Extras	.50
Total	\$3.00

His mother smiled at the statement, and at lunchtime the bill and \$3.00 were on Bradley's plate. Beside the payment, was a note on which his mother had written:

For being good to him	Nothing
For nursing him through scarlet fever	Nothing
For clothes, shoes, and toys	Nothing
For meals and room	Nothing
Total Bradley owes Mother	Nothing

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Julia V. Holmes

Julia Vanno Holmes was born in Dillonville, Ohio, on July 15, 1923, to parents who came to this country from Hungary seeking a better life. She was one of four children in the family, all of whom were raised in a home where hard work was a way of life. Her father worked as a coal miner from the time he was a pre-teen until he was in his mid-50's and her mother supplemented the family income by cooking and cleaning for "boarders" to whom Julia's family rented rooms. Even as a child, Julia was known for her compassion for all living things and a truly sweet and giving disposition. After graduating from high school, Julia attended and graduated from Roanoke Business College – a feat which was not as common for women then as college graduation is now. After graduation, Julia lived and worked in Washington, D.C., and Corpus Christi, Texas, until World War II ended when she married a young Navy pilot named Ed Holmes, to whom she remained married for 54 years until his death in 2004.

Julia and Ed ultimately settled in Marianna, where they raised their two children, Dianne and Donald, and where Julia was employed with what was then known as the West Florida Telephone Company for over 23 years, and Ed worked as a flight instructor at Graham Air Force Base until its closure when he found employment as a pilot with the State of Florida. While Julia worked outside the home to provide needed income to help support her family, the best work she performed was in the home where she was the proverbial glue that kept her family together and where she placed the interest of every member of her family above her own. She never lost the genuine compassion that she held as a child for all living things, or the sweet and giving disposition that made her a valued friend to those who knew her and a pleasant and positive experience to those with whom she came into contact. Julia was a devoted and steadfast mother, wife, sister, daughter and friend to those in her life. She served in all

of these roles in a manner that would be hard to equal. She will be greatly missed. Julia was preceded in death by her parents, William and Mary Vanno; her husband, Edward A. Holmes; her brother, Bill Vanno and her sister Margaret Carter.

She is survived by her son, Don Holmes; daughter, Dianne (Gary) Gish; grandchildren, Ashley Holmes, Julianne (George) Young, Justin Gish and Molly Gish; great grand-son, Jackson Wyatt Young and sister Elizabeth (Dominic) Alecci.

Funeral services were held Friday, May 2, 2014 at 11 a.m. at James & Sikes Maddox Chapel with Dr. Ted Land officiating. Entombment was in Chapel of The Pines Mausoleum at Pinecrest Memorial Gardens in Marianna. James & Sikes Funeral Home Maddox Chapel will direct. The family received friends at 10 a.m., Friday, May 2, 2014 at James & Sikes Maddox Chapel. Expressions of sympathy may be made online at www.jamesandsikesfuneral

Michael W. Haile

Michael Wallace Haile, 66, of Marianna, went home to be with the Lord on April, 29, 2014. Mike was born in Memphis, Tenn., on April 9, 1948. He graduated from Delta State University in 1970. Mike was beloved by his family and friends and will be deeply missed. He was a wonderful father and devoted family man.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 38 years, Constance Wilson Haile; his mother, Mary Wiecezorek, and stepfather, Stanley Wiecezorek. Mike was an active member of Rivertown Community Church, where he took great joy in participating in his small group. Mike worked in the automotive industry for over 30 years

and was most recently a valued Finance and Insurance executive for Zurich North America.

He is survived by one son, Jeremy Haile (wife Stephanie); two daughters, Sunny Haile Heinrichs (husband Trent) and Courtney Haile Bass (husband Dylan); five grandchildren, Jacob Haile, Joshua Haile, and Sara Claire Haile and twins, Stephen and Grace Heinrichs; his wife, Ann Christine Haile; two stepchildren, Chantel Hormuth (husband Jeff), and Sarah Escala and four step-grandchildren, Fisher Hormuth, Eli Graham, Sirela Escala and Tyler Clark.

The service was

officiated by Pastor Paul Smith at 10 a.m. Friday, May 2, and was held at Rivertown Community Church 4534 Lafayette Street, Marianna, FL 32446. A private burial with the family only was held Friday, May 2, 2014, in Pinecrest Memorial Gardens with Hamp Andrews officiating and James and Sikes Funeral Home Maddox Chapel directing. No public viewing was planned. Flowers will be accepted or contributions may be made to Rivertown Community Church or Southeast Alabama Medical Center Infusion Lab. Expressions of sympathy may be made online at www.jamesandsikesfuneralhomes.com.

Billy G. Morris

Billy Gene Morris, age 67 of Chipley, passed away Friday, May 2, 2014 surrounded by his loving family at Southeast Alabama Medical Center. Billy was born July 1, 1946 in Chipley, to the late Luther and Lois (Hutchins) Morris. He is a lifelong resident of Chipley, a member of the First Baptist Church of Chipley and the Chipley Bass Club.

Billy is preceded in death by his son, Keith Morris and brother, Bobby Morris.

Survivors include his

loving wife, Yasuko Morris of Chipley; one daughter, Michelle Ingram of Chipley; one granddaughter, Becki Ingram of Chipley; one brother, Jimmy Morris and wife Diane of Chipley; four sisters, Margaret Crowder of Panama City, Frances Strickland and husband Robert of Chipley, Hazel Simmons of Wewahitchka and Shirley Johnston of Bonifay.

Family received friends for visitation Saturday, May 3, 2014 at Brown Funeral Home, Brickyard Road Chapel from 6-8 p.m.

William R. Crowther

Richard passed away on Friday April 11, 2014 in the Utah Valley Regional Medical Center in Provo, Utah. He was 91. Rich was born in Sanford, Co., on April 6, 1923 to Wm. Alma Crowther and Marcella Christensen, one of two boys and seven girls. He married Shirley Hair in 1942, they divorced in 1970. Together they had four children. He married Elwanda Brock George in Bonifay on Sept. 6, 2008. They came to Utah to live in 2010. Rich was one of the few surviving WWII veterans, having served in the Okinawa invasion. He always acknowledged

the protection he received from Heavenly Father during his war time career. He was always proud to wear his Veterans' ball cap. He and Elwanda were members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He loved the Lord, loved life and was a prayerful man. Rich lived a very full life working in lots of different jobs, from Geneva Steel to a catering delivery business in California and Arizona. He was quite a sports enthusiast and loved watching his favorite teams play.

He was preceded in death by his parents and

Richard Ryals

Richard Ryals "Geezer" 62, of Dothan, Ala., passed away April 24, 2014 after a brief illness. His devoted wife and best friend Kathy, was at his side. He was a member of Bear Creek Assembly, Panama City, and attended Southside Baptist Church of Dothan. Richard was an avid hunter, love to fish, and loved the Lord. He had faith and hope to the end, no matter how tough the illness was he had such "Courage and Boldness". Richard was employed

by Martin Brower Inc. of Atlanta. A very special loving thank you to his friends and caregiver Dot Bravo and husband Jose Bravo.

Survivors are his wife Kathy of 23 years; his son Richard Allen Ryals (Tammy); grandson, Colton Joshua and granddaughter, Alixandra Jordan.

A celebration of life service for Richard was held at 3 p.m., Sunday, April 27, 2014 at Southside Baptist Church, Dothan, Ala. A time of

remembrance will be from 2 p.m., until time of service. Flowers will be accepted or contributions may be made to the Catholic Social Services, C/O Richard Ryals, P.O. Box 6164, Dothan, Alabama 36302. Serving as ushers will be Darrin Frasier, Colton Ryals, Uncle Jeff Tabor and Steve Creamer if anyone needs assistance. Expressions of sympathy may be submitted online www.williamsfhs.com. Williams Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Funeral services were held April 16, 2014 at Wheeler Mortuary in Springville, Utah. Graveside services were held April 18, 2014 in the Sanford Colorado Cemetery with Military Rites by the American Legion. Condolences may be sent at www.wheelemortuaries.com.

Theodore A. Meinhardt



THEODORE A. MEINHARDT

Theodore Adolph Meinhardt, age 83 of Cottondale, passed away Saturday, May 3, 2014 at his home, surrounded by his loving family. Theodore was born May 28, 1930 in Washington D.C. to the late, Adolph and Lissette (Wagner) Meinhardt. He had been a resident of Jackson County for the past 45 years, coming from Maryland. Theodore was a farmer and in addition to his family, loved talking, carpentry and outdoor sports.

He is predeceased by his parents and a sister, Clara Meinhardt.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Marilyn (Ely) Meinhardt of Cottondale; three sons, Theodore Kirk Meinhardt and wife Catherine of Auburn, Ala., Richard Adam Meinhardt and wife Sondra of Powell Point, N.C., and Andrew Lewis Meinhardt and wife Lillie of Crawfordville; one step son, Robert Owens and wife Carol of Annandale, Va.; three daughters, Lisa Overdorp and husband Lewis of Pensacola, Julie Sasscer and husband Church of Cottondale, and Cristina

Jackson and husband Keith of Brooksville; 31 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Memorial services were held Monday, May 5, 2015 at 11 a.m., at the family farm, 3209 Aycock Rd., Cottondale, Florida. Cremation followed the service. Those wishing to do so may make contributions to Covenant Hospice, 4215 Kelson Ave., Suite E. Marianna, Fla., 32446 or to Emerald Coast Hospice, 1330 South Blvd. Chipley, Florida 32428. Brown Funeral Home of Chipley is in charge of the arrangements. Friends and family may sign the online register at www.brownfh.net.

Annie A. Jacobs

Mrs. Annie Alice Jacobs, 80 of Bonifay, died on Monday, April 28, 2014, at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Panama City. Born Thursday, July 20, 1933 in Geneva County, Ala., she was the daughter of the late Earl Evans and the late Nancy Barnes Evans. She was the head of the family counsel program at the

Bonifay Nursing Home and more recently a volunteer with Hospice.

She is survived by her husband, James Jacobs; a son, Scott Jacobs of Atlanta, Ga., and sisters, Edra McKnight of Orlando and Jimmie Ramos of New Iberia, La.

A Funeral service was held at 2 p.m., on Thursday,

May 1, 2014 at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Charles Fail officiating. Interment followed in Bethlehem Methodist Church Cemetery, Bonifay with Sims Funeral Home directing. The family received friends from 1 to 2 p.m., on Thursday, May 1, 2014, at First United Methodist Church, Bonifay.

Evelyn Baxley Kinney

Evelyn Baxley Kinney 91 of Graceville passed away on April 24, 2014 in Chipley. Evelyn is a member of Galilee Methodist Church where she served as a Sunday school teacher and treasure for many years. She retired from Florida Bank of Chipley after 40 years of service. Evelyn began as a teller shortly after high school graduation in 1942 and later became vice president in January 1964 until retirement. She served in various positions of community civic organizations, and after retirement continued to be active in her community. Most recently as a "Pink Lady" at Northwest Florida Community Hospital. Evelyn was loved by all and will be dearly missed.

She was preceded in death by her husband,

Richard Kinney; parents, L.L. and Alva Baxley; sister, Wilma Hardy and brothers, Elmer Baxley, B.H. Baxley, Gene Baxley and Jennings Baxley.

Evelyn was survived by her brother-in-law, Henry Hardy; sister-in-law, Verdi Croft and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Services for Evelyn were held at 2 p.m., on Sunday, April 27, 2014 in the Galilee Methodist Church in Graceville. A time of remembrance was held at 1 p.m. Donations may be made in memory of Evelyn Kinney to Galilee Methodist Church, Graceville, Florida 32440. Expressions of sympathy may be submitted online www.williamsfhs.com.

Williams Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Carl Cutchins

Carl Cutchins, age 82, of Cottondale, passed away Friday, April 25, 2014 in the Bay Medical Center in Panama City. Carl was born Dec. 30, 1931 in Cottondale to the late Andrew Kyle and Ethel (Simmons) Cutchins. He was a lifelong resident of Cottondale and a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict. Carl was a former corrections officer with the State of Florida. In addition to his family he loved fishing.

He is predeceased by his wife of 30 years, Ruby Cutchins; a brother, Oland Cutchins; two sisters, Erie Braxton and Myrtle Justice.

Survivors include three brothers, Orin Cutchins and wife Rachel of Cottondale, Charles Cutchins and wife Inell of Cottondale and Ray Cutchins and wife Judy of Cottondale; two sisters, Vera Holmes of Pensacola and Elizabeth Finch and husband Ronnie of Cottondale and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Memorial services were held Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at 10 a.m., at Brown Funeral Home, Main Street Chapel with the Rev. Robert Simmons officiating. Cremation followed the service. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to a favorite charity. Friends and family may sign the online register at www.brownfh.net.

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Myths dispelled about hospice care

By CECILY SMITH
Emerald Coast Hospice

MYTH NO. 1: HOSPICE LEADS TO DEATH

This represents backwards thinking. Involving hospice in someone's care doesn't cause the dying process; it is the other way around. Because someone is already sick and likely dying, the care option of hospice is offered. Hospice does not cause death; the underlying medical condition does. Death is just as likely whether or not hospice becomes involved (well maybe not exactly – see Myth #4), because the medical condition is still there, with or without hospice. And the reality of life is that death comes to all living things.

MYTH NO. 2: HOSPICE IS ONLY ABOUT DEATH AND DYING

Explaining why this myth is false also explains why I, as a physician, love practicing hospice medicine. Palliative medicine, as practiced in hospice, is about determining an individual's goals, matching treatments that will reasonably achieve those goals and eliminating treatments that won't, and all the while ensuring comfort is maintained. In other words, hospice is about maximizing quality of life so that life can be lived to its fullest in the setting of a serious and life-threatening condition. When one is facing such a crisis, both the individual and the family have important things to do. Hospice's intention is to facilitate making it possible to get those things done. When hospice does its job, a comfortable death would also be expected, but the emphasis of hospice care is on living, not on dying. It is important to remember that one becomes a candidate for hospice not days or weeks before death is expected, but months earlier.

MYTH NO. 3: HOSPICE MEANS ACCEPTING DEATH

This one is tricky. We tend to naturally think issues are an either/or proposition. We either accept death or we don't accept death. The tricky part is that, in reality, we as human beings do both at the same time. Everyone knows, they are going to die "someday," but we operate as if we are immortal. It is harder to achieve emotional acceptance that "someday" is approaching. When a medical condition occurs that makes death likely, "someday" is nearer. Hospice is about helping with the day-today quality of life issues (see Myth #2) in the time frame of "someday" being likely within the next six months. Accepting hospice means someone can still be ambivalent about accepting death, since rational and emotional acceptance does not usually occur at the same time. Name something that almost everyone admires and respects, but no one wants.

That describes my particular type of medical practice – hospice. As a hospice and palliative care physician with a background in family and geriatric medicine, I have felt a strong desire to help people, treat the ill, and ease distressing symptoms. But I am bothered that people recoil from what I do, even while they think positively about hospice in the abstract. Why is this? I think it all boils down to a kind of misunderstanding. Put simply, there are a lot of myths about hospice that I routinely encounter in my practice. My hope is that if these myths can be addressed and corrected, the public's thinking about hospice might be more accepting and more patients and families will receive the incredible benefits of hospice care.

MYTH NO. 4: HOSPICE MEANS

DYING FASTER

Common sense says that stopping aggressive, life-prolonging treatments and switching to hospice care means someone will die faster. It turns out that a growing body of evidence proves that commonsense is wrong on this one. When palliative care, with its emphasis on comfort, is added to aggressive treatments, people actually live longer, even when so-called life-prolonging treatments are stopped sooner. No matter how beneficial it may have been earlier in a person's disease management, every treatment reaches a point when it no longer helps. Giving non-beneficial treatments can only have no effect or bad effects, including shortening lives. The wonderful thing about palliative care, as provided in hospice, is that my treatments to provide comfort remain beneficial until the very end. And it just so happens that making people feel better tends to make them do better and live longer.

MYTH NO. 5: HOSPICE MEANS GIVING UP HOPE

Many feel that accepting hospice means giving up all hope. Those of us who provide hospice care know this just isn't true. Impressive demonstrations of hope are evident among those receiving hospice. What one hopes for changes over time. My hopes when I graduated from high school were different from my hopes on my wedding day, which were also different from my hopes today. Someone's hope may be for a cure. I have seen impressive miracles (the only word I have for them) sometimes happen to hospice patients. But if such occurrences were commonplace, we wouldn't call them miracles.

An artist acquaintance of

mine hoped to complete four of his paintings before his liver cancer stopped him. He accomplished that with the help of hospice. A hope can be as simple as relief from suffering. Other possible goals are very difficult to consider in the presence of severe pain or other suffering. Hospice is very good at bringing reality to the hope of relief from suffering, and it does that without relying on death as the means to this end. Then other hopes become possible.

Hope is a very human characteristic. Many have heard the saying "Hope for the best, but plan for the worst." This sums up what hospice is about. Hospice does not diminish hope. When hospice has time to do its job, hope blossoms.

MYTH NO. 6: HOSPICE IS THE FINAL STOP

This one is hard. The final stop is actually death. As we've already pointed out, death will happen to us all, and hospice may be present at that time. For those who didn't quite accept my discussion of Myth No.1 and still feel that hospice is too interconnected with death to separate the two, I would make another point: not every hospice admission is accompanied by death.

The state of the medical arts is not good enough to always predict the dying process. Currently, about one of 10 hospice admissions does not end with a death. I tell my hospice patients we'll hope for a miracle, and we'll celebrate if it comes to pass that hospice is no longer needed. However, in the meantime, it is also reasonable to proceed with the "plan for the worst" part. If there is anything about hospice someone doesn't like, any hospice patient can sign off hospice at any time and restore their previous benefits and care.

Blue Springs Society Celebrates Thomas Jefferson's Birthday

Special to Extra

Sunday, April 13, was a time for celebration when Blue Springs Society, National Society Children of the American Revolution and Chipola Junior American Citizens Club met at MacKinnon Hall of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. It was the 271st birthday of President Thomas Jefferson, and there was a cake in his honor.

The Chipola Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Regent Carolyn Jordan was there to show several certificates the two groups had received from Daughters of the American Revolution state competition and to award DAR Youth Citizenship medals and certificates to four fifth grade recipients.

Honored for their service, courage, leadership, patriotism, and honor were Hailey Harrison, Nathaniel Mann, Virginia Milton, and Laurence Pender. Senior President Mary Robbins presented a Voyager Pin to out-going President Danielle Melvin.

The pin indicates that a \$50 donation was made to the N.S.C.A.R. Voyager Fund in Danielle's honor. Madison Morris received a prize for the best attendance of the year. Members had a chance to see the 27 certificates and two trophies Blue Springs Society brought home from state competition.

Mr. Laurence Kinsolving, president of William Dunaway Chapter, Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution installed the new Blue Springs Society officers for the 2014-2015 year.

The officers are as follows: President Madison Morris, Vice President Dillon Melvin, Second Vice President Carly Miller, Chaplain Gabrielle Melvin, Recording Secretary Adrian Schell, Corresponding Secretary Hailey Harrison, Treasurer Virginia Milton, Registrar Laurence Pender, Librarian Danielle Melvin, Curator Issac Pender and Historians Tatum and Anna Beth Milton.

Saturday, May 24, historian Dale Cox will be the guide as the two groups learn about the Jackson County Spanish Heritage Trail. For information please contact Mary Robbins at 209-4066 or bluesprings-car@yahoo.com.

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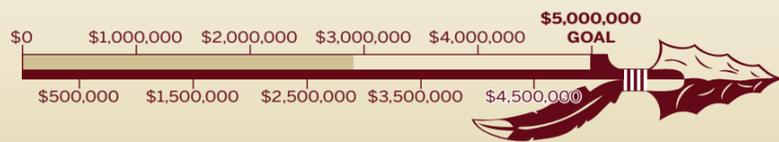
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Putting back the pieces after disaster

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A natural disaster can strike anywhere at any time and leave in its wake damage and destruction that affects the financial well-being of survivors.

Here are actions to take, depending on your situation, suggested by University of Florida's Institute of Food and Animal Science, Extension Agent Julie P. Dillard.

- Notify your homeowners, flood or rental insurance company of the loss. Tell them how to best contact you for claims service. Report the loss even if you doubt the loss will be covered. If you lost your insurance policy, request a copy.

- If you have no place to stay and the shelter is full, you may be able to receive a voucher for a hotel room from the local American Red Cross or Salvation Army. If you have home owners or renters insurance, determine if you have coverage for temporary housing.

- When feasible, contact employers to inform them of your situation and determine time you may take off of work if needed. Let your employer know how to best contact you.

- If an employer notifies you that your place of employment was severely damaged or destroyed and you cannot work, contact your state's unemployment insurance office. Ask about eligibility for unemployment benefits.

- If injured or disabled, you may be eligible for disability insurance; contact your agent.

- If you have natural gas service, call the natural gas company for a safety inspection before entering the home, or request a natural gas shut off for safety purposes. Cancel the account until gas is needed.

- If the electrical service is unsafe, do not enter. Call the electrical company to disconnect service until repairs can be made and electricity is needed.

When authorities have determined that it's safe to re-enter your property, assess damages and begin next steps.

Document what you have done, with whom you have spoken, actions to take, contact information, deadlines for disaster assistance applications and appointments.

- Determine if there are other services to cancel for a period of time, such as phone, softener salt delivery or cable television.

- If you are going to be out of your home or rental unit, provide a change of address to your post office. This will ensure that mail continues to be delivered to you.

- Notify your home mortgage company or your landlord of disaster damage to the property. Tell them how to best contact you. If you have lost your rental or mortgage agreement, request a copy.

- If you have vehicle damage or loss, contact your auto insurance agent. Find out how long it will take to process your claim. Ask if you have coverage for car rental. Let the agent know how to best contact you. Request a copy of your policy if missing.

- Do not sign anything from insurance companies indicating that this is a final interaction/payment to you as other disaster-related damages may surface weeks and months from now.

- If you anticipate having difficulty paying bills, call your creditors and explain the disaster loss. Arrange payment plans before you get an overdue notice.

- Documentation will be required for property loss claims on homeowners and renters insurance to submit uncovered property losses for income tax purposes and to verify the need for assistance programs. Documentation should include manufacturer, model, serial number, age, value new, approximate current value and damage incurred.

- Keep receipts and record all expenses related to recovery or rebuild efforts. They may be covered by insurance or assistance programs or deductible on taxes. Remember receipts for lodging, clean-up supplies, eyeglasses replacement and doctor bills related to disaster injury.

Community CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY
10 a.m. to noon: Holmes Council on Aging provides hot meals and socialization.
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: The Vernon Historical Society Museum is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meetings are fourth Wednesdays at 2 p.m.
11 a.m.: Washington Council on Aging (ChIPLEY) senior lunches; for reservations, call 638-6217. Donations accepted.
1 p.m.: Line dancing, Washington Council on Aging in ChIPLEY.
7 p.m.: Depression and Bipolar Support Group meets at First Baptist Church educational annex building in Bonifay. Call 547-4397.

THURSDAY
7:30 a.m.: Washington County Chamber of Commerce breakfast every third Thursday
9-11 a.m.: Amazing Grace Church USDA Food Distribution every third Thursday (Holmes County Residents Only)
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Money Sense at Goodwill Career Training Center; call 638-0093; every third Thursday
10 a.m. to noon: Holmes Council on Aging provides hot meals and socialization.
10:30 a.m.: ChIPLEY Library preschool story time.
11 a.m.: Washington Council on Aging (ChIPLEY) senior lunches; for reservations, call 638-6217. Donations accepted.
11 a.m.: Care Givers Support group meets third Thursdays at the First Presbyterian Church at 4437 Clinton St. in Marianna.
Noon: Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting at New Life Assembly Fellowship Hall, ChIPLEY
1 p.m.: Caregivers

Meeting at Washington County Council on Aging in ChIPLEY for more information call 638-6216
2 p.m.: Writers Group meets the first Thursday of each month (unless a holiday) at the ChIPLEY Library
4 p.m.: Holmes County Historical Society 2nd Thursday of each month.
6 p.m.: TOPS meets at 7 p.m. with weigh in at 6 p.m. at Mt. Olive Baptist Church
6 p.m.: The Holmes County Historical Society meets first Thursdays at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.
6 p.m.: Washington County Council on Aging Line Dancing Class for more information call 638-6216

6:30 p.m.: T.O.P.S. Mt. Olive Baptist Church on State Road 79 North.
7 p.m.: Narcotics Anonymous meeting, Blessed Trinity Catholic Church on County Road 177A

FRIDAY
6 a.m.: Men's Breakfast and Bible Study at Hickory Hill Baptist Church in Westville.
10 a.m. to noon: 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.
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: On third Fridays, Washington County Council on Aging (ChIPLEY) will have a plate lunch available to anyone as a fundraiser for our local senior citizens. Plates are \$6. Must make reservation at 638-6216 or 638-6217.
3:30 p.m.: Bead Class every second Friday at Laurden-Davis Art Gallery

call 703-0347
5 p.m.: Red Hill Methodist Church Mission Supper 4th Friday of every month January - September.
6-8 p.m.: Washington County Council on Aging 50+ dance club for more information call 638-6216
6-8 p.m.: Marianna's Gathering Place Foundation has a get-together for 50+ senior singles, widowed or divorced on last Fridays at Methodist Youth Center in Marianna. Come join the fun for games, prizes and snacks. For more information, call 526-4561.
8 p.m.: Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting at ChIPLEY Presbyterian Church.

SATURDAY
 The Holmes County Community Health Clinic located at 203 W. Iowa Street, Bonifay, will be open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., the first and third Saturday
 The Alford Community Health Clinic will be the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, from 10 a.m. until the last patient is seen.

10 a.m. to noon: Children's education day 4th Saturday of every month North Bay Clan Tribal Grounds, 1560 Lonnie Road.

SUNDAY
8 p.m.: Alcoholics Anonymous meeting in the board room at Graceville-Campbellton Hospital in Graceville.

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.



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AND TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. BONNIE L. STRAUSE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BONNIE L. STRAUSE; GRASSY POND RANCHES HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. AKA GRASSY POND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2, Defendants. **NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed April 2, 2014 entered in Civil Case No. 672009CA000613CA0000 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Washington County, ChIPLEY, Florida, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best

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April 30, May 7, 2014

5-3483 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, DIVISION PROBATE File No. 14-27CP Division Probate IN RE: ESTATE OF HERMAN PAUL FOLSE Deceased. **NOTICE TO CREDITORS** The administration of the estate of Herman P. Folse, deceased, whose date of death was January 17, 2014, is pending in the Circuit Court for Washington County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1331 South Boulevard, ChIPLEY, FL 32428. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLOR-

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