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Watermelon Dance

CHIPLEY — The annual Watermelon Dance will be at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 28 at the Panhandle Shrine Club on Brickyard Road. Chad Street is the featured performer. Admission is \$10 for individuals and \$15 for couples.

All proceeds benefit the charitable efforts of the Shriners' organization.

The Lego Movie shows on Tuesday

CHIPLEY — The Chipley branch of the Washington County Public Library will show The Lego Movie at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 24.

For more information, call Zedra at 638-1314.

Wausau Fourth of July parade

WAUSAU — Wausau will host its first annual Fourth of July parade at 10 a.m. Friday, July 4.

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Ayers remembered for his love for music, family

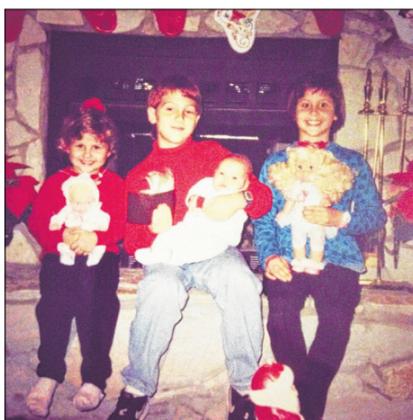
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CHIPLEY — While Tuesday's fatal shooting of Steven Justin Ayers, 33, of Panama City continues to make national headlines, Washington County is joining area communities in celebrating his life.

Ayers attended Bay County High School, but much of his family lives in Chipley and is well known in the community.

His father, Steve Ayers, managed the Winn Dixie store when it was still located in Harrell Square on Main Street for more than two decades, and his stepmother, Tammy, is the proprietor of The Learning Place childcare center on Coleman Ave.

Steven Justin Ayers — called Justin by family and friends — was killed Tuesday night in an incident that one Bay County Sheriff's Office rep said had about "one in



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

From left, Tiffany Ayers says her big brother Justin has always had a close-knit relationship with her and her sisters, Ashley (held by Justin) and Wendi.

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Justin Ayers, center, poses with his father and stepmother, Steve and Tammy Ayers of Chipley.

"It's our intent that no one in Washington County who has a current SHIP project open or applied for falls through the cracks."

Marla Hayes
Washington County human resources representative

County may partner with agency after grant writer's firing

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CHIPLEY — Washington County administrators are remaining tight-lipped about last week's firing of county grant writer Stacy Webb, stating the matter is a personnel issue and cannot be discussed.

Meanwhile, residents Webb was assisting in her role as administrator for the State Housing Initiative Program, or SHIP, might be wondering where that leaves them. SHIP assists qualified low-income people with down payments and closing costs in purchasing a home, as well as other expenses. The program, which has been around since 1994, is funded through taxes on real estate transactions.

The county hopes to partner with the West Florida Planning Council on an interim basis until further decision can be made about who will administer the program.

"It's our intent that no one in Washington County who has a current SHIP project open or applied for falls through the cracks," Washington County Human Resources representative Marla Hayes said. "There shouldn't be any delays, but we will make every effort to continue through and see that every need is met."

Commissioners are expected to discuss the proposal during the Wednesday, July 24, Washington County Board of County Commissioners workshop.

Webb could not be reached for comment.

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Whitson announces candidacy for Clerk of Court

From staff reports

CHIPLEY — Local educator Melissa Whitson formally has announced her candidacy for Washington County's Clerk of Court.

"I'm very excited for this opportunity," Whitson said. "However, I felt it was important to honor my commitment to my students before focusing on my campaign."

Whitson goes on to say

she feels leadership is her strongest asset as a candidate.

"This position will require a person who can exhibit professionalism, integrity, and key leadership skills.

In the past, I have always worked diligently to strengthen school, parental, and business communication in education," Whitson said. "I feel this



MELISSA WHITSON

same skill set can aid me in creating an even stronger working partnership between the clerk's office and the community."

Whitson's past leadership efforts include assisting in promoting local, state and national projects for organizations such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the Li-

brary of Congress Veteran Historical Project and Students Working Against Tobacco.

Melissa Whitson has served more than 25 years as a teacher, accumulating numerous awards for her leadership in education. She was named Bartow High School's Teacher of the Year (1999), Wal-Mart's Teacher of the Year (1999), Roulhac Middle School's Teacher of the Year (2014) and Washington Coun-

ty's Teacher of the Year (2014). Additionally, as a recognized leader in education, she has served on a specialized task force this past year, allowing her direct articulation with the Commissioner of Education.

Whitson said, "Before an individual can become a leader, they must exhibit characteristics that others aim to possess. I am a

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'We're holding our own'

Wausau hears annual audit

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WAUSAU — Wausau Town Council Members got a snapshot of the town's financial standing Thursday night when Hilton Galloway of Carr Riggs & Ingram presented the Wausau's audit for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2013.

The town's assets decreased by \$39,714. Capital assets decreased primarily because of a depreciation expense. The net decrease was \$115,109, with \$2,504 current year additions and a depreciation expense of \$177,613.

Current liabilities increased to \$1,320, and revenue decreased to \$243,316, mainly because of a decrease in grant funds. According to Galloway's report, during the past two years, the town received a \$600,000 Community Development Block Grant to acquire a backup well and expended about \$1.3 million for water line replacement and extension. Of this amount, about \$1 million was funded with grant funds, and the remaining \$359,000 was financed with a low interest loan. The town also received a

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\$250,000 energy efficiency grant, which was fully expended in the 2012 fiscal year.

Council members were also informed the town's contingency fund for the current fiscal year has increased to \$50,000.

Galloway did have some recommendations to improve internal controls for the council in the group's management letter.

"The town currently employs only one full time clerical employee (Town Clerk Margaret Riley)," the report stated. "This individual's responsibilities include billing, collecting, reporting, receipting, depositing and recording all revenues. Additionally, she is responsible for preparing and documenting all revenues. This

results in an inadequate separation of duties relating to the control and recording of receipts and disbursements."

The report went on to say the town lacked sufficient clerical personnel to design and implement adequate separation of duties.

The firm recognized hiring more staff isn't feasible in a town the size of Wausau, saying optimum segregation of duties isn't obtainable and recommended the council implement detection controls to monitor daily activities.

Town Clerk Margaret Riley explained this isn't uncommon in small towns like Wausau. The council conveyed that in their official response, documented in the management letter, advis-

ing controls are in place, such as all bank statements being opened by a member of council before being received by the clerk, and all invoices are inspected by the Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem before payment.

Overall, the council was pleased with the findings.

"We're holding our own," said Councilwoman Marlene Blount. In other action, the town discussed the need for an animal control ordinance, which is expected to be further discussed when they meet again Monday, June 23.

Members also discussed the hiring of new maintenance staff and recessed until Monday's meeting, at which time they will conduct interviews.

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WFPC currently administers the SHIP program for several neighboring counties, including Holmes and Walton.

The West Florida Regional Planning Council

is a multi-purpose regional entity recognized by the state as supporting the Northwest Florida region by planning for and coordinating intergovernmental solutions to

growth-related problems, providing technical assistance to local governments and meeting the needs of communities across the region.

Anyone wanting to apply for the SHIP program or wanting more information on how this change affects their application can call WFPC at 850-332-7976.

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person who is not afraid to speak up and lead by example. If elected, I will continue my service to the community by supplying citizens with the

leadership they deserve as a liaison for the Clerk's office."

Born and raised in Washington County, Whitson is a 1982 gradu-

ate Vernon High School. She holds degrees from Chipola College and the University of Florida. She also has completed graduate work at the University

of South Florida. She currently resides in Chipley with her husband, Kent, of 25 years. The couple has two children, Karsten and Kyndall.



Residents go fishing

Residents enjoyed fishing on Wednesday, June 18, 2014, at the home of Dan and Mary Runnells. Residents fished till their hearts were content and then cooked the fish at the pond on the property. One resident stated "I have always loved to fish, and I'm glad that this nursing home will still take people like me to fish." It was our pleasure.



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Stephen Justin Ayers with his new baby, who was born on Father's Day.

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infinity" odds of happening. Ayers and his wife, Jessica, were celebrating the homecoming of their three-day old son, Jax, when a stray bullet fired by a neighbor at an adjacent home entered the Ayers' residence through a glass door and fatally struck the new father in the back of the head.

The neighbor, Charles Edward Shisler, 62, was arrested and charged with manslaughter and possession of a firearm by a felon. He told investigators the gun accidentally discharged when he picked it up inside his house.

However, although there's little argument Ayers' death was tragic, his family says they prefer to focus on his life.

"He was such a wonderful, caring, and loving person," said one of Justin's younger three sisters, Tiffany Ayers of Chipley. "He was a godly man who loved his family, and once he made a friend, that friend was for life."

Ayers taught guitar lessons for 20 years, often performing at local venues, such as Margaritaville and Foghorns in Panama City Beach, and wrote and performed music with his wife, Jessica. And it's through his love for music and his wife that Tiffany says her brother touched lives.

"Music and Jessica were his passion," she said. "He had worked at the music store in Panama City since he was 14, and Jessica had been his love since they were kids, more than 17 years. We should all be so lucky to have a love like that."

"They agreed to wait ten years to have a child after getting married because of their career, and Justin was overjoyed when Jax came in this world," she said. "Jax's first breath literally took Justin's away."

Tiffany says her family will be sure young Jax knows what kind of man his father was.

"(If I could tell Jax one thing about his dad), it would be that I had never seen him so happy as the day his son was brought into this world," Tiffany said. "He was the

best father possible for the very short amount of time he had. Jessica and Jax were his whole world."

Those wanting to help the fundraising benefits for the Ayers family have several options as the community continues to rally around them.

An account created Wednesday in Ayers' name on the website gofundme.com had raised almost \$16,000 from more than 300 donors by 9 a.m. Friday, exceeding the goal amount of \$15,000.

Panama City radio station WPAP 92.5, also will host a fundraiser Monday at Cahall's Deli at 416 W. 23rd St. in Panama City.

Another event honoring Ayers' love of music is set for Tuesday, July 8, at G. Foley's at 3212 W. 23rd St. The fundraiser will last from 7 to 10 p.m. Musicians willing to donate their talent for the evening are asked to contact the business. The business also is accepting baby items and gift card donations for Jessica Ayers and baby Jax Ayers.

Justin and Jessica's music also can be downloaded from iTunes. Local favorites by The Ayers are "Unusual Love" and "Make Believe." Both are written and performed by the couple.

Meanwhile, Tiffany Ayers says the love and generosity shown by the public hasn't gone unnoticed by the family.

"We truly appreciate the community coming together for us," Tiffany said. "We are very thankful, not only for all the donations to help Jessica and Jax, but also for the prayers, visits, and consideration. We are so blessed to be surrounded by such good people."

Ayers' mother, Vicki McMichael, lives in Panama City. He also has two other younger sisters, Ashley Ayers of Chipley and Wendi Lewis of Grand Ridge, whose sons, Hayden Ayers and Bryson Lewis, respectively, were their Uncle Justin's "little buddies."

For complete obituary, see the Wednesday, June 25, edition of the Washington County News.

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Vernon's Weslowski Farms popular at waterfront market

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PANAMA CITY — The St. Andrews Waterfront Farmers Market has seen its share of ups and downs over the last few years, but organizers and vendors agree things are moving in the right direction.

With a focus on handmade, homemade and homegrown products, the market recently celebrated its 10th anniversary with a huge spike in the number of vendors year over year.

Market coordinator John Carbullido took over in spring 2013 and has since seen the average vendor count increase from 22 to 55. The market also has moved from operating three seasons to being open year-round, with record-breaking attendance over the winter months, Carbullido said.

“Not everyone has what we have in this little community of St. Andrews,” Carbullido said. “The whole theme is to turn this into a destination.”

To build on that goal, the Historic St. Andrews Waterfront Partnership, the group responsible for organizing events in the area, recently launched a Sunset Celebration Market, which takes place at the St. Andrews Marina every Thursday through October from 4 p.m. to sunset.

Partnership member Rick Ackerman, who runs the Betsy Ann Riverboat, said the event is intended to mimic the Sunset Celebration at Mallory Square in Key West, with street performers, entertainers and vendors



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Customers browse items for sale June 14 at the weekly St. Andrews Farmers Market in Panama City.

sprinkled throughout the community.

The Sunset Celebration kicked off last week with about 20 vendors, but Ackerman hopes to see gradual growth through October to encourage visitors and residents to enjoy the neighborhood's shopping, dining and night life.

“We're definitely seeing a re-emergence of tourism and local support

as well,” Ackerman said. “St. Andrews is becoming quite a hot spot for food, entertainment and things to do.”

Jim Weslowski, a regular vendor at the St. Andrews Saturday market, said he has seen the area become busier and busier, especially over the last year.

“It's a crowded location, but people love it,” said Weslowski,

who owns and operates Weslowski Farms outside Vernon with his wife, Delia. “We go down there and don't come up for air for four hours. We do extremely well. I give my customers a good product at a fair price.”

Over the years, the Weslowskis have been able to build up a steady base of loyal customers, many of whom have been invited to the pesticide-

free farm to see from where the products come.

“They get to see the farm and know what's going on, so they become loyal customers for me,” Weslowski said.

The Weslowskis harvest a variety of produce based on the season — basil, blueberries, cherry tomatoes, figs, peppers, oriental eggplant, pears, Chinese chestnuts,

Satsuma oranges, Meyer lemons, and plenty of greens in the winter, to name a few.

Because it can be grown most of the year, basil is the biggest seller, Weslowski said, but the new winter market in St. Andrews also has added a boost to his sale of winter greens.

“Year-round helps out big time,” he said. “People love those greens.”

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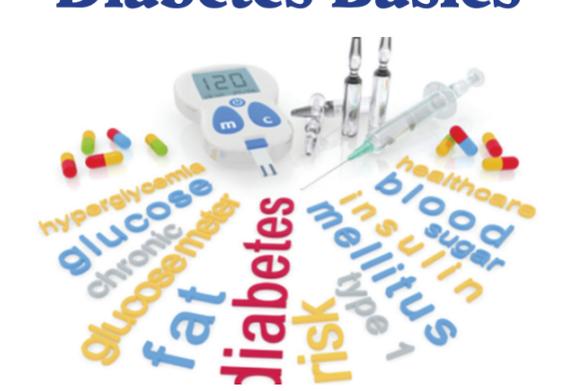
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Panama City Police Chief Scott Ervin reads a written statement during a press conference Thursday.

P.C. police seek info on shootings

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PANAMA CITY — Reporters were limited to one question during a press conference Thursday in which Panama City Police Chief Scott Ervin urged people to share with police information about violent crime in their community.

Ervin held the brief press conference to address the recent wave of gun violence in the city after another teen was shot earlier in the day. He read a brief statement praising the working relationship PCPD has with other local law enforcement agencies and the news media.

He briefly addressed the latest shooting, which occurred about 4:30 a.m. in unit C-102 at the Macedonia Garden Apartments on 17th Street. Police found Samuel McGriff, 17, shot in his gut, according to a PCPD incident report. Ervin said McGriff had just left a nightclub and lamented the failure of McGriff's parents.

"Where are the parents?" Ervin said. "Clearly someone has failed this child."

The press conference lasted about six minutes. Ervin said he was pressed for time and had training he had to get to, so reporters were allowed to ask him only one question. He didn't elaborate on the training, and no reporter raised the question.

By the time three reporters had asked their allotted question, Ervin had not provided any information on McGriff's medical condition, whether police had any suspects or any information about a potential motive in any of the recent shootings.

Bay Medical Center spokeswoman Christa Davis said a patient listed as unknown who came in Thursday morning with a gunshot wound was in stable condition in the hospital's intensive care unit.

The police department

has been sporadic in releasing information about the recent gun violence, which has claimed four lives in Panama City in a month. The department did not issue a press release on McGriff's shooting Thursday, although it did release an incident report when it was requested.

After a teen was shot and killed outside a nightclub last week, police didn't issue a press release or return at least three messages from The News Herald seeking information. A press release issued the following day announcing the arrest of two suspects in the shooting was the department's first acknowledgement of the incident.

"We try to do our best to make sure that we're giving statements to the media and making sure that those media releases are going out," Ervin said.

The position of public information officer, which traditionally is the primary point of contact between the department and news media, was eliminated about the time Ervin was appointed chief of police in February 2013.

Ervin said Thursday none of the shootings was random, and police have made arrests in each case except McGriff's shooting Thursday. Ervin did not say if police had any leads in McGriff's shooting, but said he was confident the investigation would be resolved quickly.

"My hope is that our shared community values will result in parents, family members and other community members continuing to contact us with information about crimes, preferably before they occur, but certainly after a crime occurs so that no violent criminal has a safe haven," Ervin said. "Remember, when you possess information and you don't share it, you condone the acts of violence that are taking place."

THE WATERMELONS ARE COMING!



Judge Perry Wells and two of his grandsons stopped by the Washington County News Thursday to offer the sweet gift of Washington County's signature melon. The Judge is among scores of local residents gearing up for and promoting the 58th Annual Panhandle Watermelon Festival, set for next weekend, Friday and Saturday, June 27 and 28.

If they build it, GCSC will come

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Gulf Coast State College and minor league baseball could make quite a pairing.

It's no secret the school is exploring options for moving its baseball and softball fields amid construction of the flyover project involving 23rd Street and U.S. 98 set to begin next summer.

It also has been revealed that the Doré Energy Group, which has designs to bring professional baseball to Bay County, has been in preliminary discussions for more than a year with Gulf Coast to house the baseball team in the minor league facility.

The possibilities for the coupling are slim at this time, mostly because of

there being no concrete plans to bring a minor league team to Bay County. The lack of a direct timetable also does little to offset the chances, however, as GC isn't ready to immediately move the fields.

Gulf Coast Athletic Director Gregg Wolfe said in March that the teams will play in current locations in 2015 and also during construction, depending on how much chaos and noise the project creates.

Allowing Gulf Coast to play in the minor league facility would alleviate some of the financial stress for the school, which still is in negotiations with the Florida Department of Transportation on compensation for the loss of land, parking spaces and visibility from roadways.

GC would only need to

allocate funds to move the softball field, which has a potential new home across 23rd Street on a parcel of land owned by the college.

Outgoing GC President Dr. Jim Kerley said playing in a high-end facility would be a boost for the Commodores baseball program.

"There are many benefits if we had a pro team here and to be able to play in that kind of stadium is a great recruiting tool," Kerley said. "It would put us in good standing as far as our competition in that not many colleges have that kind of facility. It makes us competitive."

Local attorney William Harrison, one of six members of the Doré Energy Group, said there would be kinks to work out should a pro team come to Bay County. He said an

auxiliary field would be required for GC's practice and when home games overlap for both teams.

Doré Energy Group also is proposing a new amateur sports facility in Panama City Beach, and Harrison said it's possible to incorporate a larger field for GC in those plans.

That also could turn out to be a new permanent home for the Commodores if the Bay County Tourism Development Council and surrounding city governments deem it unfeasible to move a pro team here.

Those options, as well as having a different location for a new Bill Frazier Field altogether, are in early stages of planning, albeit the TDC is exploring ways to expedite the amateur facility per the June 10 meeting.

GCSC approves budget, discusses tuition hike

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PANAMA CITY — It's almost time to raise tuition, outgoing Gulf Coast State College President Jim Kerley said at Thursday's board of trustees meeting.

"I think it's time to do that," Kerley said. "You have to look at the monies and you have to get it from the state or tuition increases."

With a "recurring flat budget" and a state government that hasn't doled out new funding, the college might have to look at raising tuition in the near future, Kerley said.

Enrollment at the college has steadily decreased since its peak in 2010, according to the National

Center for Education Statistics website. Enrollment dropped from 7,207 students in fall 2010 to 6,030 students in fall of 2012, the website states. Data measures fall enrollment only, up to fall of 2012.

After expenditures, the college is set to pocket into reserves about \$767,000.

"Our budget was basically flat," Kerley said. "I believe we can still keep (tuition) low; we can raise it by 4 percent right now and still be the lowest out of the 28" state colleges in Florida.

Trustees unanimously passed the budget, which includes a 2-percent salary increase for employees, a 10-percent hike in health insurance coverage and no tuition increase.

"Our budget is basically flat-lined

from last year," said Chairman Ralph Roberson. "We did not receive an increase in funding; we did not increase tuition for students — this is the third year in a row that we've been able to accomplish that."

A competitive incentive-based compensation pool of \$50,000 was included in the approved budget. Details of the new budget item still were unclear as of Thursday's meeting.

The next board of trustees meeting will be at 10 a.m. July 24 in the William C. Cramer Jr. seminar room in Student Union West.

Also at the meeting, trustees approved a policy amendment that allows students to have firearms as long as they are unseen and concealed in a vehicle.

Florida drivers can save \$0.69 per gallon by choosing renewable fuels

Special to the Press Gazette

As turmoil in Iraq pushes Florida gas prices up, American ethanol brings relief to consumers.

As the situation in Iraq comes home to motorists paying higher prices at the pump, the Fuels America coalition is urging greater reliance on less expensive, homegrown fuels as opposed to reliance on the volatile market for foreign oil. In fact, an analysis of state data covering the past year from E85prices.com shows that drivers with "Flex Fuel" vehicles in Florida can pay

an average of \$0.69 less per gallon by filling up with E85, which contains up to 85 percent American ethanol.

Ethanol is a higher octane fuel that improves engine performance. That's why it has been added to gasoline for decades and is now being blended at higher levels into the fuels used throughout professional auto racing. Prices for American-grown renewable fuels like ethanol and advanced biofuels have grown increasingly competitive thanks to America's Renewable Fuel Standard, which ensures that home-

grown renewable fuels are available as an option to American consumers.

The analysis of data from "E85 Prices" also revealed that drivers have saved as much as \$1.20 per gallon at the pump over the past year by filling up on the E85. And because ethanol increases the available fuel supply, it helps to drive down the price of gasoline for all drivers regardless of whether they choose a higher blend fuel like E15 or E85.

In addition to saving American drivers money, the RFS has helped to support 852,000 jobs and

\$184.5 billion in economic output in the U.S. The renewable fuels industry supports 20,073 jobs and \$1.1 billion in wages in Florida alone, as well as \$4.4 billion in economic output.

Meanwhile, violence in Iraq is driving high gas prices even higher than predicted. Mere worries about oil supply issues have already helped drive world and U.S. prices to their highest levels since September. Americans could see prices for regular gasoline jump more than \$0.20 per gallon over the next couple weeks as violence in Iraq continues.

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More than \$50 million in SBA disaster loans approved

Special to The News

ATLANTA — The U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA), has approved more than \$50 million in disaster assistance loans to homeowners, renters and businesses in parts of Alabama, Florida and Mississippi that were affected by the severe storms, tornadoes and flooding that occurred in late April. The deadline for each declaration is fast approaching.

“Currently, 1,140 disaster loans have been approved in the amount of \$51,191,400 for affected survivors,” said Frank Skaggs, director

of SBA’s Field Operations Center East in Atlanta. SBA’s disaster loans for physical damages are available to homeowners, renters and businesses of all sizes. Small businesses and private non-profit organizations of all sizes are eligible to apply for an Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. EIDL assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any physical property damage.

“SBA’s disaster loans provide much needed money to help individuals and business owners pay

for disaster related repairs and replacements that were not covered by insurance, including their deductible and business interruption needs. These specialty loans are only available when there is a declared disaster. I encourage those with eligible disaster damages to apply, even if you think you might not qualify or do not want to take out a loan. There is no obligation to accept the loan if it is offered,” said SBA’s Regional Administrator for Region IV Cassius Butts.

Survivors may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA’s secure web-

site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

“We are already into the 2014 Hurricane season and although there has not been a major hurricane event in the South for several years, it does not mean that we should not be vigilant. Take time to become ‘disaster-ready.’ Prepare or update your family’s disaster preparedness kit, backup your computer system often and visit www.ready.gov for more tips and ideas. For information on free business seminars visit: www.PrepareMyBusiness.org and www.sba.gov” says Cassius Butts, Re-

gional Administrator, SBA Region IV.

Disaster loan information and application forms can also be obtained by calling the SBA’s Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or by sending an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Loan applications can be downloaded from www.sba.gov/disaster. Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY

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

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

6 p.m.: Third Monday Holmes/Washington Relay For Life Meeting at Patillos

6-7:30 p.m.: Salvation Army Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Program (SADVP) hosts a domestic violence support group at the SADVP Rural Outreach office, 1461 S. Railroad Ave., Apartment 1, in Chipley. Call Emma or Jess at 415-5999.

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

Noon: Chipley Kiwanis Club meeting.

Noon: Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, New Life Assembly Fellowship Hall, Chipley. 6 p.m.: Holmes County Commission meets second Tuesdays.

6:10 p.m.: BINGO at St. Joseph Catholic Church games start at speedball 6:10 p.m., Early bird 6:20, session 6:50 p.m. Call Peg Russ at 638-7654 or 638-7654

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

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

5 p.m.: New Hope United Methodist Church Bible Study

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 second Thursday of each month. The public is invited to attend.

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

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 and 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

8 a.m.: North Bay Clan of The Lower Muskogee Creek Yard Sale first

LIBRARY HOURS

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

Tuesday: 1-6 p.m.

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: 1-6 p.m.

Friday: Closed

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

Holmes County Library (Bonifay)

Monday: Closed

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

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

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

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

Saturday: 8 a.m. to noon

Sunday: Closed

Washington County Library (Chipley)

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

Vernon Library

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 1-6 p.m.

Wednesday: 1-6 p.m.

Thursday: Closed

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

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

Sunny Hills Library

Monday: 1-6 p.m.

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 1-6 p.m.

Thursday: Closed

Friday: Closed

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

Saturday of the month until 2 p.m. 1560 Lonnie Road.

Free Medical Clinic in Graceville Opens 10 a.m. third and fifth Saturday of the month. Call 263-6912 or 272-0101 for information.

The Holmes County Community Health Clinic at 203 W. Iowa St., Bonifay, will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the first and third Saturday

The Alford Community Health Clinic will be open 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 fourth Saturday of every month North Bay Clan Tribal Grounds, 1560 Lonnie Road.

SUNDAY

11 a.m.: New Hope United Methodist Church Worship Service

5 p.m.: New Hope United Methodist Church Worship Service

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

RET TURNER VISITS CHIPOLA CENTER FOR THE ARTS



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Hollywood costume designer Ret Turner recently toured the Chipola College Center for the Arts. He is the brother-in-law of Pauline Turner of Marianna. Pictured from left, are: Ret’s friend Tom Wilkinson, Chipola Technical Theatre director, Connie Smith, Ret Turner and Chipola Theatre Director, Charles Sirmon. Turner has been nominated for 21 Emmys with five wins. His work includes “The Jim Nabors Show,” “The Andy Williams Show,” “Sonny and Cher,” “Carol Burnett,” “Donny and Marie,” and “Mama’s Family,” just to name a few. He headed NBC Studios’ wardrobe department for 20 years before entering into a partnership with Bob Mackie and Ray Aghayan for Elizabeth Courtney Costumes.

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Jackson Hospital partners with Men's Health network to heighten awareness of Men's Health Month

Special to The News

June is Men's Health Month and Jackson Hospital is proud to increase awareness or problems that could be prevented and encourage early detection and treatment of men's diseases. This month gives Jackson Hospital an opportunity to encourage men to seek medical treatment for health maintenance.

According to the Men's Health Network, "One in two men is diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime compared to one in three women. Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men and the second leading killer of men, behind lung cancer."

Prostatitis can be an issue

for males of all ages and affects 35 percent of men aged 50 and older. Men's Health Network states, "Each year over 230,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer and about 30,000 will die of it."

Jackson Hospital urologist, Dr. John Chacko states, "The slowing of the urinary stream, having to get up at night to urinate, and increased frequency are common symptoms of prostate cancer. A simple blood test called Prostate-specific antigen and a digital rectal exam are the two most commonly used tests." If you would like to schedule an appointment with Dr. Chacko, call Chipola Surgical & Medical Specialties at 482-0017.

MARIANNA LIONS CLUB ADDS FUNDS TO ENDOWMENT AT CHIPOLA



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

The Marianna Lions Club recently added funds to their endowment in the Chipola College Foundation. Above, Lions Scholarship chairman Dave Nicholson presents a donation to Julie Fuqua, Chipola Foundation Director. The Lions Club provides scholarships to Chipola students each year through proceeds from the Jesse Hoy Memorial Endowment. This year, the club will award a \$1,500 scholarship.

Community BRIEFS

DESCENDANTS OF DOUGALD MCKAY DOTHAN, ALA.

Descendants of Dougald McKay, who settled in Dale County, Ala., about 1851, will hold a reunion today, June 21, at 1 p.m. in the Cultural Arts Center, 909 S. St. Andrews St., Dothan, Ala. Larry McKay, chairman of the reunion, and a descendant of Dougald McKay through Dougald's son, John Calvin McKay, requests, "Please bring photos, old letters and documents as well as VCR tapes and CDs that you'd like to share. Tables will be available for the various branches of the family to display their memorabilia." If you descend from John Calvin McKay or his sisters, Margaret Baxter, Mary Stewart or Eliza Bass, you are invited to attend. For more information, send email to larry.mckay@outlook.com or bvann@centurytel.net, or call Betty Vann at 334-792-0216.

GRITNEY REUNION

CARYVILLE — The Gritney reunion will be held at 10 a.m., today, June 21, at the Harris Chapel in Caryville. Please bring a covered dish. For more information call 535-6338.

FINCH-CURLEE REUNION

WAUSAU — The annual Finch-Curlee Reunion will be held Sunday, June 22, at the Wausau Town Hall. Please bring a covered dish and enjoy a day of fun and fellowship with family and friends. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. For further information, contact Margaret Riley at 703-9873.

FOXY RED HATTERS TO MEET
CHIPLEY — The Foxy Red Hatters will meet at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 24, at Pizza Hut in Chipley.

ART SHOW AND SALE

CHIPLEY — The Washington County Arts Council is calling all artists to participate in the upcoming Art Show and Sale at the 58th annual Panhandle Watermelon Festival in Chipley, Saturday, June 28. The council encourages all area artists to submit their paintings, drawings, sculptures, textiles, ceramics and pottery. The best of show prize is \$250. The cost to enter is \$25 and includes up to four items. The deadline for entry is June 24. For more information, call Martha Nebel at 638-4039.

LUNCH AND LEARN

CHIPLEY — Northwest Florida Community

Hospital will host a "Lunch and Learn" Tuesday, June 24, from noon to 1 p.m. in the NFCH Education Center. Lunch and a program on the basics of Type-2 Diabetes will be provided at no charge to the community.

EAT AND MEET LUNCHEON

CHIPLEY/MARIANNA — Emerald Coast Hospice is hosting a free "Meet & Eat" luncheon to support those who have experienced a recent loss. The community is invited to the Marianna or Chipley offices. The luncheon is on Wednesday, June 25, at 11 a.m. If interested, call the Marianna office at 526-3577 or the Chipley office at 638-8787 to RSVP so adequate lunch amounts can be prepared.

FREE ZUMBA CLASS

BONIFAY — The Florida Department of Health in Holmes County is offering free Zumba dance fitness classes on Thursday evenings from 6-7 p.m. Classes will be held at the Bonifay Recreational Center. Everyone is invited to participate. For more information, contact Leann Jones at 547-8500 ext. 240. 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.

FREE SMOKING CESSATION CLASS

BONIFAY — Big Bend AHEC along with The Florida Department of Health in Holmes County will be offering a free smoking cessation class on Monday, June 23, from 4-6 p.m. Class will be held at the Florida Department of Health in Holmes County, 603 Scenic Circle, Bonifay. Free nicotine replacement patches, gum and lozenges are available. Class covers all forms of tobacco. For more information, contact Leann Jones 547-8500 ext. 240 or email jlewis@bigbendahec.org. 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.

GIRL SCOUTS GOLDBLOX

CHIPLEY — The Girl Scouts of the Florida Panhandle is hosting a Goldblox event from 4-7 p.m., Thursday, June 26 in Chipley at St. Matthew's Church. The Girl Scouts can only accept the girls, so no parents are allowed at this event. This is for all girls in second through fifth grade; they do not have to be a Girl Scout to participate. Registration is only \$5 per girl. The event is limited to 25 girls. To register, or for more information, call 726-6119.

'THE LEGO MOVIE'

CHIPLEY — The Chipley branch of the Washington County Public Library will show "The Lego Movie" at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 24. For more information, call Zedra at 638-1314.

58TH ANNUAL WATERMELON FESTIVAL

CHIPLEY — The 58th annual Watermelon Festival will be held Friday, June 27, and Saturday, June 28. Friday's events will be held at Pals Park on Rustin Drive in Chipley. Gates will open at 5 p.m. Friday, with Ashton Shepherd taking the stage at 6 p.m. followed by Jeff Bates and John Anderson; seating will be festival style. No coolers are allowed. Saturday's events will begin at 7 a.m. at the Shrine Club with a pancake breakfast, followed by the Hot Trot at 7:30 a.m. at the Washington Holmes Tech Center. The Watermelon Parade will be held at 10 a.m. in downtown Chipley. At 11 a.m., Crossroads will take the stage at the Washington County Agriculture Center, followed by queen introductions at 11:45, the annual Watermelon Auction at noon and Daily and Vincent will close out the festival at 1:30 p.m. The antique car show will be held all day on the lawn of the WHTC. For more information, visit www.pandlewatermelon.com.

PARKINSONS SUPPORT GROUP TO MEET

MARIANNA — The Parkinsons support group will meet at noon, Monday, June 30, in the Education Classroom on the ground floor of Jackson Hospital, 4250 Hospital Drive, Marianna. Lunch will be provided courtesy of Jackson

Hospital. Those diagnosed with Parkinson's and their caregivers are invited to attend. Amy Riley, admissions and marketing director, Chipola Nursing Pavilion, will educate attendees on rehab therapies available at the pavilion, and occupational therapist Athena Glisson will share helpful tools and tactics for Parkinson's patients. There is no cost to participate. For more information, contact Kathryn Jordan, community/staff educator, at 718-2661.

GUARDIAN AD LITEM SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

HOLMES/WASHINGTON COUNTY — Guardian ad Litem is currently seeking volunteers to go to court, to speak on behalf of abused and neglected children from our area. Volunteers are needed in Holmes and Washington counties. There are currently 35 children without volunteer representation who are currently going through court proceedings. Training is scheduled to begin in July. For more information or to volunteer in this special and unique way, call 747-5180.

SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

HOLMES COUNTY — The Holmes District School Summer Food Program is going on now and will end Thursday, July 3. This program is free to all school age students and will include breakfast and lunch. It will be offered at Bonifay Elementary, Ponce de Leon Elementary, Bethlehem and Poplar Springs schools.

WAUSAU FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

WAUSAU — Wausau will hold its first annual Fourth of July parade at 10 a.m., Friday, July 4. The parade will run right through the middle of historic Wausau.

VARNUM REUNION

SUNNY HILLS — The 27th annual Varnum reunion will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday July 5, at the Sunny Hills Community Center. Bring a covered dish and a healthy appetite for a day full of family, fellowship, food and fun. The center is 2.3 miles off of State Road 77 on Challenger Boulevard in Sunny Hills. For more information or to RSVP, contact Gloria Clark (daughter of Evelyn Varnum) at 703-9840 or email her at gloriacmclark@att.net.

CULLIFER REUNION

WESTVILLE — The Cullifer reunion is at 11 a.m., Saturday, July 5,

at Evergreen Baptist Church, 2156 Highway 179A in Westville. Please bring a covered dish to share. Also bring any photos and family history to share. For more information, call Carol at 956-2752.

KOLMETZ SING

VERNON — The Kolmetz Sing will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 11, at Live Oak Baptist Church in Vernon. The church is on River Road. For more information, call Bertha Padgett at 535-2737.

KOLMETZ REUNION

VERNON — The 50th Kolmetz Reunion is at 10 a.m., Saturday, July 12, at the Hinson Crossroads Fire Department on Douglas Ferry Road in Vernon. Please bring a covered dish to share. For more information, call Bertha Padgett at 535-2737.

FIZZ, BOOM, READ

WASHINGTON COUNTY — Fizz, boom, read is sparking imaginations all across Washington County. Six weeks of 'radioactive fun' underway, the Chipley main branch, Sunny Hills and Country Oaks branches of the Washington County Library and at the Vernon City Hall are all laboratories for this summer fun. This event will be held at the Chipley branch every Monday at 10 a.m. for pre-K through second grade and at 3 p.m. for third through eighth grade, through Monday, July 14; at the Vernon City hall in room three every Tuesday at 3 p.m. through Tuesday, July 22; at the Country Oak branch every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. through Wednesday, July 23 and at the Sunny Hills branch every Wednesday at 3 p.m. through Wednesday July 23. If you would like to pictures of our summer reading mix, check out the kids blog at <http://wcplkidsrule.blogspot.com> For more information, call Zedra Hawkins at 638-1314.

HCPL SUMMER PROGRAMS

BONIFAY — Holmes County Public Library will hold their summer programs Fridays beginning June 27 and run every Friday through July 28. All programs will be held at the library except the program on Friday, July 25. The program on July 25 will be held at the Holmes County Agricultural Center. Programs will begin at 10 a.m. each day. Friday, June 27, children will be able to attend Touch a Truck and have the chance to look at large

service vehicles up close. Friday, July 11 during the Mad Scientist program, children will have the chance to participate in games and activities that involve experimentation. Friday, July 18, Balloon man will be at the library to make balloon animals and tell stories. The final program will be held Friday, July 25, and will be a day of food, fun and games with friends and family.

ALL-MALE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

GRACEVILLE — An all-male softball tournament will be held Saturday, June 28, in Graceville. This is a fundraiser for the Graceville All-Stars nine and ten year olds state tournament fundraiser. If interested in playing, contact Alicia Bringer 866-4228 for more information.

SWIMMING LESSONS SET AT CHIPOLA

MARIANNA — Chipola College will offer Children's swimming lessons for ages 4 and up on the following dates: Session 1: Monday, June 16 through Thursday, June 26 with a registration deadline of Thursday, June 12; Session 2: Monday, July 14 through Thursday, July 24, with a registration deadline of Thursday, July 10; Session 3: Monday, August 4 through Thursday, August 14, with a registration deadline of Thursday, July 31. Classes are available at 10 a.m. or 7 p.m. Sessions include eight 45-minute classes which meet Monday through Thursday for two weeks. Lessons are based on a combination of nationally recognized methods. Cost of each two-week session is \$55. Pre-registration is required, with a \$5 late registration fee. For more information, call 718-2473 or visit www.chipola.edu.

FREE FAMILY HISTORY CLASS

SUNNY HILLS — Who's your Daddy's Daddy? For those who have wondered who they are and why they're here, and how they can find out free of charge: two sister missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are hosting a weekly class providing introduction, instruction, and assistance in using the Church's free family history website, FamilySearch.org, from 4:30-6 p.m. every Wednesday, at the Sunny Hills Library located at 4083 Challenger Blvd. For more information, call the sister missionaries at 525-9768. If no one answers, be sure to leave a message.

Operation Avalanche nets 22 drug suspects

Authorities: Public defender part of organization's hierarchy

By TRISTA PRUETT
Halifax Media Group

DeFUNIAK SPRINGS — The arrest of former public defender Lenny Platteborze on Monday night was part of a much larger investigation that took down a massive drug ring.

By Wednesday afternoon, 22 people had been arrested in a multi-tiered organization that dealt in marijuana, prescription pills and methamphetamines, according to authorities.

"This is probably the largest single felony arrest in the history of Walton County," Sheriff Michael Adkinson said during a press conference at the sheriff's office in DeFuniak Springs on Wednesday afternoon.

While Platteborze was taken into custody at the public defender's office in DeFuniak Springs, others were arrested at their homes or at meth labs.

Operation Avalanche, the investigation that started in October, is ongoing and more arrests are possible, officials say.

"The scope of this is going to extend past Walton County," Adkinson said. "There's just a limit to the number of people you can get to in a short amount of time."

State Attorney Bill Eddins, who also was at the press conference, said the amount of meth being "spewed" into the community was incredible.

"A major methamphetamine operation has been shut down," he said. "The intelligence gained as a result of this investigation is going to make the community safer."

Adkinson described a "full spectrum" of drugs found during the arrests, including prescription pills, meth and marijuana.

"We're sad to see the addiction caused by prescription drugs and methamphetamine, but we're happy to be able to do something significant about it," Adkinson said.

The extent of Platteborze's involvement with the ring has not been established. However, he was shown as being in the first tier, the highest in the "hierarchy," outlined on three poster boards displayed at the press conference.

"He was, at a minimum, friends with two of the leaders. That's really about as far as we can go," Eddins said.

Platteborze has worked on several high-profile cases in recent years.

He negotiated the plea for Dannie Baker, who killed two Chilean students and seriously wounded three others in Miramar Beach in February 2009.

He also was one of the attorneys who represented Steven Cozzie, who attacked and killed a 15-year-old Georgia girl in Seagrove Beach in June 2011.

Eddins said Platteborze's prior cases should not be affected by his arrest.

He also said he appreciated how cooperative elected Public Defender Bruce Miller was with the investigation.

"We believe that this was an isolated incident that involved only that employee of that office," Eddins said.



'UNACCEPTABLE'

Terminally ill veteran of 2 wars waits for VA treatment

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PANAMA CITY — Retired Capt. David Holt Smith was wheelchair-bound when he arrived in Bay County in February. He's homeless, terminally ill and seeking veterans' medical assistance.

But he still is waiting for his first medical appointment with Veterans Affairs.

Smith, 77, had served during U.S. wars in Korea and Vietnam when he encountered such dangerous chemicals as Agent Orange. He now suffers with prostate cancer and, like several thousand others across the country, is stuck in the slow-grinding gears of the Veterans Affairs' health care system. But his fight is not over.

"It's unacceptable," Smith said. "We need to get all these congressmen to get in there and preach for all of us veterans who need help. Get on the ball, don't just sit there. We need the help."

Smith has seen some aspects of his life improve since arriving in Panama City: He is mobile, has acquired an indispensable friend and has a job at the Panama City Rescue Mission helping other homeless veterans begin the process of getting VA assistance.

But appearances often are misleading. Smith said after seeing his health improve, the momentary hope for treatment slipped away and his health began to rapidly degenerate over the past few weeks.

Smith received a letter from the Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System March 21 that told him an initial exam would be scheduled in two weeks. Almost three months later, Smith has not seen treatment or positive signs of his health returning.

Representatives of the Gulf Coast VA headquarters in Biloxi, Miss., confirmed Smith has been scheduled for an appointment in July, but said they were unable to comment further.

Heather Birch, a Utah native who befriended Smith after a chance encounter, has assisted him with the seemingly never-ending VA phone calls.

"We are a country that is not taking care of the ones who deserve it," Birch said. "It's crazy the walls you come up to over and over. It's been hard and it makes me sad and so angry because it's not fair."

The scandal surrounding long wait times within the VA system has garnered national attention recently. One third of homeless Americans are veterans. Locally, they turn to the Rescue Mission. As horror stories pour in from across the country about VA care, areas such as Bay County — which court military service members to become residents — are not immune.

"This is a real problem and it does affect the veterans of Panama City," said Amanda Bawn, director of the mission's developmental programs, speaking about delays in VA benefits. "The mission is limited to the services we can provide."

Although the Rescue Mission is where homeless veterans are directed to initially get help, it isn't equipped to handle serious physical issues or mental health issues from which combat veterans often suffer.

The Rescue Mission is mostly geared to treat people struggling with chemical or alcohol dependence. Rescue Mission policy allows veteran medical holds of up to 24 months.

Smith still resides at the Rescue Mission. He was given a date of July 27 for an appointment with the VA. Although his health continues to deteriorate, Smith said he hopes his assistance at the Rescue Mission will help younger veterans receive much-needed medical and mental treatment.

"A lot of doors have opened, but the right door hasn't opened yet," Smith said. "I can't do enough, but I want to open more doors for our veterans. The younger ones out there need our help."



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— Capt. David Holt Smith

Photos by ANDREW WARDLOW | The News Herald
Top, veteran David Smith is seen Tuesday near his bunk at the Panama City Rescue Mission.

United Way Suncoast's early literacy initiative successful in preventing 'summer slide'

TAMPA — According to the U.S. Department of Education, a student in poverty loses approximately two months of reading achievement every year over summer break. On average, middle and high income students don't experience the same reading loss due to greater access to summer learning opportunities such as camps, educational activities and books, which reinforce reading and language skills.

Summer learning loss, also known as "summer slide," has the greatest cumulative effect on students from low-income families where children can fall three to five years behind in reading by the end of elementary school. Students who continue to struggle to read at the end of fourth grade are four times more likely to drop out of high school, which can lead to life-long financial struggle. Research also shows a lack of education is often at the root of the cycle of

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generational poverty.

United Way Suncoast's Early Literacy Initiative supports children by helping to build the necessary reading skills essential to a child's continued growth and success in school. This initiative aims to increase year-round reading activity for children up to 12 years old to improve reading skills and prepare them for further academic success. Through its Summer Care program, children are granted scholarships to quality summer programs emphasizing literacy with daily structured reading lessons, as well as reinforcing basic skills in writing, math, science, social studies and fitness. The curriculum includes pre- and post-program evaluations of the students'

literacy levels. Students with the greatest literacy deficiencies also are provided intensive reading tutoring with pre-service education students from St. Petersburg College and USF Sarasota-Manatee.

In 2013, every student in the Summer Care program was reading below grade level at the beginning of the summer. By the end of the program, the majority of students showed significant improvement with 69 percent reading at grade level. Ninety-seven percent of those receiving intensive tutoring maintained or increased their overall reading levels.

"Our early literacy initiatives and programs have helped thousands

of children become more proficient readers," said United Way Suncoast CEO Diana Baker.

"This year, more children than ever are spending their summers in a reading-rich environment thanks to our Summer Care program and partners."

Baker said every parent and caregiver can make effects to help a child in their life become a more proficient reader and offers the following tips to ensure children are as engaged as possible in whatever they read this summer:

When shopping, build language skills and engage your child by reading signs aloud and asking questions about surroundings such as, "Where is the red

apple?" or "Show me the green shoe."

Provide access to books and reading materials at home and on the go. The library, bookstore and online reading sites are helpful places to find free or inexpensive reading material.

Introduce your child to new environments such as parks, community fairs or other locations where he or she can observe new surroundings. Talk about what you see and ask your child to describe some of the shapes or colors in the area.

Reading aloud is an essential component to language development. Whether it's a label at the grocery store, a menu at a restaurant or an article on your phone, find the opportunity to read with your child.

For more suggestions and simple strategies to build early literacy, visit www.unitedwaysuncoast.org or call 813-274-0900.

NASCAR THIS WEEK

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SECOND THOUGHTS

SPEED FREAKS

A couple questions we had to ask — ourselves

Five straight wins for the Hendrick team. How surprised are you?

GODSPEAK: Now that Jimmie Johnson has found his running shoes, this could be a long streak.

KEN'S CALL: The sun's daily dive into the western horizon surprises me nearly as much.

Homestead will keep the season finale. The good news?

GODSPEAK: At the very least, we won't have to listen to the rumors that Daytona will host the last race of the season.

KEN'S CALL: Since that Staten Island track never left the drawing board, the Miami area is as good as any.

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Kevin Harvick trades the helmet for his "thinking cap," and is likely wondering why he doesn't already have five or six wins this season. He's certainly had the opportunities.

Kevin Harvick was in no mood to talk after his third consecutive second-place finish at Michigan International Speedway.

The top-three finishers are required by NASCAR law to make an appearance in the media center following Sprint Cup races. The following is Harvick's post-race interview, verbatim:

Kerry Tharp (NASCAR public relations): "We'll go ahead and hear from our race runner-up. That's Kevin Harvick. Kevin drove the No. 4 Budweiser Chevrolet today here at Michigan. Another tough one for you; maybe just talk about how things went out there today."

Harvick: "I mean, the car was fast, just wound up on the wrong side of all the strategy. We finished second, and that's it."

Tharp: "Kevin, six of the top eight were Hendrick engines. This is a pretty big track in terms of horsepower. How well positioned are the Hendricks right now?"

Harvick: "I think it's pretty obvious. Self explanatory. Good question."

Tharp: "Kevin, thank you. We'll see you at Sonoma."

ROOKIE RUN

Kyle Larson had an eventful outing at Michigan on Sunday. His No. 42 Ganassi Racing Chevy got beat up early in a multicar crash, then he was caught speeding on pit road. He fought through the afternoon to score an eighth-place finish.

As part of the repair process, Larson's pit crew had to trim away part of his rear bumper, which actually increased the speed of the car by removing downforce off the back tires.

"We had to fight really hard," Larson said. "I hate it for whoever got collected in my spin in the beginning."

"We fought our way back to the top five and pretty much stayed there for most of the race, and then with under 50 laps to go I sped on pit road."

"I was really bummed about that because I knew we would have a shot to win."

It was Larson's seventh top-10 finish of the season. And just for

good measure, Larson finished 10 positions ahead of the driver he replaced, Juan Pablo Montoya, who was wheeling a Team Penske Ford.

WHAT TO SAY?

What does a driver say when he crashes on the first lap of 200-lap race? It happened to Travis Kvapil, who was driving the No. 32 Ford, at Michigan.

"I feel horrible," he said. "We started last and had plenty of time. I saw it and was getting slowed down and was creeping down by the grass. It was almost like a situation where I was going too slow, instead of just driving through the wreck."

"Once I got to the grass, I couldn't go any lower. The car wouldn't turn in the grass, and he just kept coming down and it peeled the right-front off of it. The car is hurt pretty bad, so I feel bad for the Go Green Team. Bummer. Lap 1. What a disappointing day, but we'll go out there and ride around and finish it out."

GODWIN'S SONOMA PICKS



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Winner: Marcos Ambrose
Rest of the top five: Kurt Busch, Kasey Kahne, Clint Bowyer, Carl Edwards
Dark horse: AJ Allmendinger

Disappointment: Tony Stewart
First one out: Brian Vickers
Don't be surprised if: A road-course ace, fresh off Le Mans, makes a top-five charge.

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers



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"Hey, you wouldn't happen to be from Georgia Tech, would you?"

Why are the Boys from MIT upset with Keselowski?

If it means anything, he's rather popular at the University of Toronto. Brad Keselowski was asked why his team — Team Penske — has so many Canadian engineers on its shop roster, and Kez indicated there's a shortage of race-quality engineers in the U.S. these days. Not sure if that's an indictment of our clunky educational system or auto racing's current lack of pull among the slide-rule set. Then again, it might just be Kez talking out of school.

Site of season finale settled?

For now, it appears. Many factors go into deciding a race schedule, including weather, size of market, quality of racing at particular tracks, etc. But the trump card in the deck is green and includes a little portrait of a long-dead president. Homestead-Miami Speedway and the Ford Motor Co. announced a five-year extension of its "Championship Weekend" contract, with an option for five more.

Lock it in?

Since Homestead's track is owned by a parent company whose leadership also runs NASCAR, and since NASCAR naturally decides NASCAR's schedule, yep, lock it in. Unless, of course, they exercise an "out" that we're guessing is inserted into such contracts. It's in there somewhere between a "Therefore" and "Whereas."

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FEUD OF THE WEEK



KYLE LARSON



MARTIN TRUEX JR.

Kyle Larson vs. Martin Truex Jr.: Larson spun his No. 42 Chevy on Lap 8, igniting a multicar crash that swept up Truex's No. 78 Chevy.

Godwin Kelly gives his take: "Fortunately for the rookie Larson, Truex chalked it up to his bad racing luck this season. Whew."

WHAT'S ON TAP?

SPRINT CUP: Toyota/SaveMart 350
SITE: Sonoma (Calif.) Raceway
SCHEDULE: Friday, practice (Fox Sports 1, 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.). Saturday, qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 1:40 p.m.). Sunday, race (TNT, coverage starts at 2 p.m., green flag at 3:19 p.m.)

NATIONWIDE: Gardner Denver 200
SITE: Road America; Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin
SCHEDULE: Saturday, qualifying (ESPN2, 11:30 a.m.), race (ABC, 2:30 p.m.)



WEEKLY DRIVER RANKINGS — BASED ON BEHAVIOR AND PERFORMANCE

JIMMIE JOHNSON Peaking too soon? Doubtful	JUNIOR EARNHARDT Will take top-15 at Sonoma	JEFF GORDON Fan favorite this week	KEVIN HARVICK How long can he stay calm?	BRAD KESELOWSKI Staying in trifecta picture	MATT KENSETH Victory Lane remains a rumor	JOEY LOGANO Finishes 12th this week	CARL EDWARDS Gibbs bound? Probably	KYLE BUSCH Middle name is Thomas	KYLE LARSON Home game for him this week
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

MICHIGAN REWIND

No, this isn't Rick Hendrick's first lengthy winning streak

Hendrick Motorsports won its fifth straight NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race when Jimmie Johnson took the checkered flag at Michigan. It is the third time the team has fashioned a winning streak this long.

Hendrick did it twice in 2007, actually running the string to six victories one time that year. Team owner Rick Hendrick joined his winning driver and crew chief Chad Knaus in the Michigan media center following Sunday's victory.

Talk about this win and just about how the overall organization is performing.

"Well, this is a great win for a lot of reasons. One for here in Michigan for Chevrolet, and being a Chevrolet dealer and racing Chevrolets, this means a lot to win this race. It's good to see Jimmie after leading so many laps here close the deal because we've run out of gas, broke motors, blown tires.

"I think I remember a couple times coming off of Turn 4 and losing it. For him to

be able to finish it off, it was really good.

"And again, to keep the streak going, get five, that's great. This was a good race, and it just played out the way we needed it to play out, and all our cars ran well, and I think we were a little off early in the year, and we've been kind of clicking here lately, and (I'm) real proud of all the guys at Hendrick Motorsports because of working hard together.

"This is just a tribute to all the crew chiefs and drivers working hard, working

together, the engine shop, chassis shop. Everybody is really putting out a lot of effort right now, and it's paying off."

When things are going really well, do you take a hands-off approach and let the guys do what they do?

"If they need me, I'm there to help them. I sit in their Tuesday meetings and listen to the feedback from the drivers and the crew chiefs and the engineers, the motor shop and all, and it's just got to be a crisis for me to get involved."

Faith EVENTS

From staff reports

Otter Creek to host Four Calvary

PONCE DE LEON — Four Calvary will be singing at 7 p.m. today, June 21, at Otter Creek Methodist Church in Ponce de Leon. The church is 4 miles north of Ponce de Leon off U.S. Highway 81 at 1492 Jack Johnson Lane.

Grace Assembly Golf Tournament

BONIFAY — Grace Assembly at Chipley will host a golf tournament today, June 21, at Dogwood Lakes in Bonifay.

Little Rock AOG homecoming

BONIFAY — Little Rock Assembly of God will host its 97th homecoming festivities Sunday, June 22, at 10:30 a.m. Guest speaker for the event will be the Rev. Dewey Myers. Special music will be provided by former members of the Little Rock Youth Choir, as well as songs led by the current choir members. A covered dish "Sunday Dinner" will round out the activities after the conclusion of the worship service.

Bonifay First United Methodist VBS

BONIFAY — Bonifay First United Methodist Church will host Vacation Bible School from 4:30 to 7:50 p.m., Monday, June 23, through Friday, June 27. The program will include Bible study, arts and crafts, music, games, snacks and much more. For more information, call the church office at 547-3785.

Wausau Assembly of God VBS

WAUSAU — Wausau Assembly of God will host Vacation Bible

School at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 23, through Friday, June 27. The church is on U.S. Highway 77 at the caution light. For more information, call 638-0883.

New Prospect Baptist Church VBS

New Prospect Baptist Church will host Vacation Bible School from 5:30 to 7:45 p.m. June 23-27 for children age 2 through the eighth grade. For more information, call Tracy Barbee at 260-5226 or by emailing tbarbee1960@gmail.com

Shiloh Baptist Church VBS

CHIPLEY — Shiloh Baptist Church will host a Vacation Bible School program titled *Weird Animals* from 8:30 a.m. to noon Monday, June 23 through Friday, June 27. At *Weird Animals*, children will learn about some of God's most creative creations. They will participate in Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and dig into yummy treats, experience cool Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them they are one of a kind, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they will take home and play with all summer long. Children also will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called *God Sightings*. Each day concludes with *The Tail End*, a celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they have learned.

Fourth Sunday mission supper

BONIFAY — Red Hill United Methodist Church will host its Fourth Friday Mission Supper, Friday, June 27 at Red Hill United Methodist Church. The menu is fried catfish fillets, smoked chicken, baked beans, cheese grits, coleslaw, hushpuppies and dessert. We will begin serving at 5 p.m.

First Free Will to host One Heart

BONIFAY — The First Free Will Baptist Church of Bonifay will host the Christian band One Heart at 6 p.m., Saturday, June 28. Refreshments will follow the concert. The church is at the corner of Oklahoma and Kansas in Bonifay.

Gospel sing

WESTVILLE — Limestone Community Church will hold a Gospel Sing at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 28. The church is at 92 Beck Bridge Road in Westville; in the Darlington Community area.

For more information, call Pastor Randon Carroll at 307-2609.

Annual panhandle patriotic celebration

BONIFAY — The Holmes County Ministerial Association, along with numerous area churches, businesses and individuals, will host the Annual Panhandle Patriotic Celebration Sunday, June 29, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Recreation Complex in Bonifay.

The event will begin with the Posting of the Flag by cadets from West Florida Teen Challenge. The National Anthem will be presented by Amy Alderman, who then will join with the Chipola Shanakies for opening music. Additional musical entertainment for the night will include Four Calvary, The Drummond Family and Chris Lauen and Friends.

Immediately after the singing of the National Anthem, booths offering free food, games, desserts, and other items will open. Later in the evening, a special patriotic video will be presented. The event will culminate with a spectacular fireworks display. The public is cordially invited to bring their lawn chairs and join in as

we celebrate the freedom and liberties that are afforded to us as citizens of this nation.

Although this event is offered free of charge to area residents, individuals who wish to make financial donations to help defray the cost of future celebrations will be given the opportunity to do so. Gates will open at 5:45 p.m.

New Bethany AOG fifth Sunday sing

VERNON — New Bethany Assembly of God Church will host a 5th Sunday sing at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 29, featuring the Henderson's. Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall at 12:30 p.m. The church is at Hinson's Crossroads in Vernon. For more information, call Brother Leon Jenkins at 773-3003.

Bonifay Southern Gospel Sing

The Bonifay Southern Gospel Sing will be at 5 p.m. Saturday, July 5, at Holmes County High School. This year's lineup will include Kevin Williams (guitarist for the Gaither Vocal Band), Wes Hampton (Tenor for the Gaither Vocal Band), the Nelons, Four Calvary and One Heart. Adult tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door, ages 6 to 12 are \$5 advance and \$8 at the door and admission is free for ages 5 and younger. For more information, or to purchase tickets, call 547-1356 or email four_calvary@yahoo.com.

Art day camp

CHIPLEY — Chipley First Presbyterian Church will hold an art day camp from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday, July 21 through Friday, July 25 at the church. At the art day camp, children will celebrate those gifts that are directly related to the visual arts, drawing, painting, sculpture and so

on. The camp is limited to 20 students ages eight to 14. Students must be registered by July 10. The church is at 658 5th St. in Chipley. For more information or to register, call 638-1653.

Northside Assembly of God VBS

BONIFAY — Northside Assembly of God will host Vacation Bible School from 5:30 to 8 p.m. July 14 through July 18. This year's theme is "Son's Surf Beach Shop."

St. Anne to host Life Line Screening

MARIANNA — St. Anne Catholic Church located at 3009 5th St., Marianna will host Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings Thursday, July 24. In order to register for this event, and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, call 888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

Back to school clothes give away

CHIPLEY — Oakie Ridge Baptist Church will be giving away back to school clothes for all ages from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 2 at the church. The church is 11 miles south of Chipley on the Orange Hill Highway. For more information, call Lori at 638-2340.

Unity Faith Riders

The Unity Faith Riders would like to invite everyone to their monthly community breakfast 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.



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above-named Defendants. Defendants. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Washington County, Florida, will on the 2nd day of July, 2014, at 12:00PM on the front steps of the Washington County Courthouse in Chipley, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following-described property situate in Washington County, Florida:

Lot 1, Block A, according to plat of OAK HILL UNIT ONE, a subdivision of part of Section 27, Township 2 North, Range 14 West, as recorded in plat on file in Plat Book 3, Page 158, of the Public Records of Washington County, Florida. pursuant to the Final Judgment entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is indicated above. Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the

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foreclosure sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim on same with the Clerk of Court within 60 days after the foreclosure sale. WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 13 day of May, 2014. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator by mail at P. O. Box 1089, Panama City, FL 32402 or by phone at (850) 747-5338 at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing impaired, please call 711. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: K. McDaniel Deputy Clerk (COURT SEAL) BILL: DefaultLink, Inc. 13800 Montfort Drive,

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6-3388 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No. 2012-CA-0378 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff vs. BEVERLY CATES AKA BEVERLY L. CATES AKA BEVERLY LEE CATES, ET AL., Defendants. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Default Final Judgment

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

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NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

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YES We're Having it AGAIN! 5 Family Yard Sale Sat. & Sun., June 21 & 22. 7 till 2:00. 1/4 mile west of 79 on Hwy. 2 at Esto. Clothing-infants to plus sizes, household furnishings, books, kitchen-knacks. If raining, June 27 & 28.

GUNS 3240

GUN SHOW FORT WALTON FAIRGROUNDS June 21st and 22nd SAT. 9-5 & SUN. 10-4 FREE PARKING Info. (407) 275-7233 floridaGUNshows.com Text FL91070 to 56654

GOOD THINGS TO EAT 3250

Sweet Corn for Sale! Call 850-956-4556.

MISCELLANEOUS 3300

NEW TODAY Are you writing a book? Do you need help in editing, illustrating or publishing your book? Call experienced published author at (850) 547-5244.

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Looking for maid for house cleaning, washing clothes, odd jobs around the house, cooking. 850-388-2061.

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HVAC Service Techs with experience. Now taking applications. 850-638-3611 Web ID 34292208

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Medical/Health RN/HHA/PT/SLP OT/COTA Marketing Rep. Now Hiring! Tender Touch Health Care Services TOP 500 in the Nation seeking experienced dedicated professionals IN MARIANNA and surrounding areas.

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Healthcare/Medical Medical office currently looking for an ARNP/PA to join our medical team. Our office specializes in Cardiology, Internal Medicine & Family Practice in Bonifay. Please fax resume & references to 850-547-5415, attn Kim Sasser.

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Install/Maint/Repair Snelgrove Surveying & Mapping Now accepting applications for: CAD Technician Experience is preferred, but we will consider those applicants with certification. 850-526-3991 Web ID #: 34291563

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