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Greyhound racing ban approved for ballot

By Jim Turner
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TALLAHASSEE - Florida voters will be asked this fall to ban greyhound racing, a staple for decades of the state's gambling industry.

After repeated and heavily lobbied legislative debates in recent years about the future of the greyhound industry, the Florida Constitution Revision Commission on Monday voted 27-10 to put the proposed ban on the November ballot.

Locally, the ban could mean economic impact for Washington County should Ebro Greyhound Park and Poker Room in Ebro suffer a loss of revenue from the ban.

First opened in 1955, the facility is located on State Road 79 just north of SR 20 and is Washington County's only gaming venue, as well as one of its largest private employers.

Owned and operated by the Hess family since 1967, Ebro Greyhound Park has historically staffed around 225

employees during the summer racing season and has welcomed as many as 2,000 daily during peak tourism season.

President and General Manager Stockton "Stocky" Hess was unavailable for comment at the time of press.

However, before the measure appears on the ballot, the industry plans to challenge the proposed constitutional amendment in court, said Jack Cory, a lobbyist for the Florida Greyhound Association.

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The looming proposed ban on greyhound racing could impact both the future of Ebro Greyhound Park and the local economy in Washington County. [FILE PHOTO]

Voting precinct to be moved for Hwy 77 expansion

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CHIPLEY - Voters in the Greenhead precinct will be losing their current polling place later this year as Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) expands Highway 77 into four lanes.

Washington County Board of County Commissioners approved the acceptance of an offer from FDOT for the current polling place for \$46,250 when they met in regular session on April 18.

Should the precinct be torn down before election time, voters will go to the Greenhead Fire Department to cast their ballots. The fire department building is also set to be demolished for the expansion project, but it has yet to be determined when that project will begin.

When the demolition happens and funds are given to the department for their building, the county and the fire department will combine funds to construct a new facility on five acres located at Spring Pond Road and Highway 77.

That facility would then become the new site for the voting precinct, officials said. The projects will not impact voters access to cast ballots.

In other business at the meeting, two new ordinances were approved to be drafted by the commission.

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County proclaims 'Paint the County Purple'



Pictured from left: Jody Bush, Chairman Tray Hawkins, Commissioner Todd Abbott, Commissioner Steve Joyner, Commissioner Alan T. Bush and Commissioner Charles Kent.

[DIANE M. ROBINSON/THE NEWS]

Relay for Life is nearing its \$71,000 fundraising goal for the year

Staff Report

CHIPLEY - Washington County Board of County Commissioners signed a proclamation Wednesday to 'Paint the County Purple.'

The proclamation of support was in recognition of Relay for Life, a cancer awareness initiative by the American Cancer Society which also raises funds for cancer research. Each year in 20 countries

across the world, volunteers organize to raise awareness and money in often creative ways. From April 22 to 27, 'Paint the County Purple' week is one such local effort. One county commissioner will wear the bra pictured in the photo as part of the Bros vs. Bras competition on April 27.

Relay Coordinator Jody Bush said that Washington and Holmes has raised \$41,954.55 so far in the campaign. This year's goal is to raise \$71,000. With one week left, Relay teams have are still accepting funds and conducting fundraisers.

See a list of upcoming relay events on A2.

CRA approves residential grants

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CHIPLEY - Grants will be available to residential properties in the CRA area.

The Chipley Redevelopment Agency voted unanimously in favor of offering residential grants up to \$1,500 with a 25-percent buy-in by property owners.

The grants, if approved by Chipley City Council, would help owners fix-up properties in various ways, including, exterior painting and repairs, hurricane protection and replacing shutters. However, grants will not cover more cosmetic improvements, such as landscaping, fencing and lightening.

The CRA had previously offered the grants, but with little success. Board members are hopeful by revamping it, more people will be interested. The owner buy-in covers in-kind work as well.

"We're coming back to this to see if we can't make a residential grant viable again," CRA Director Ted Everett said. "By raising it to \$1,500, I think that may get some interest."

The Chipley CRA District boundary was established in 1985 and includes the historic downtown area and surrounding residential neighborhoods. Boundary lines run from the intersection of South First Avenue and Peach Street and north along the eastern city limits to an intersection extending along Campbellton Avenue.

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RACING

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Attorney General Pam Bondi, who has made dog-adoption efforts part of the opening of each state Cabinet meeting, called greyhound racing and the treatment of the dogs a “black eye on our state.”

“We all know these dogs end up with broken legs, serious injuries and they’re shipped from track to track until they’re dead or can no longer race at all,” said Bondi, who is a member of the Constitution Revision Commission.

After the vote, Cory said the proposal was advanced through “a misrepresentation of facts” and said it will “impact 3,000 jobs.”

Cory also disputed Bondi’s description of how dogs and treated and her claims that dogs would be adopted.

“That’s why you don’t put stuff like this in the Constitution,” Cory added. “If you make a mistake and misrepresent the facts, you can come back and fix it.”

You can’t fix a constitutional amendment without extraordinary measures.”

Commissioner Chris Smith, a former state senator from Fort Lauderdale who voted against the proposal, argued the measure should remain an issue for the Legislature, equating the proposal to a 2002 amendment that put the treatment of pregnant pigs into the Constitution.

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Don Gaetz

and more and more things to this ballot and at some point, we’ve got to say we have a Legislature for a reason,” Smith said.

The 37-member commission approved a series of proposed amendments Monday that will go on the Nov. 6 ballot. The measures will need approval from 60 percent of voters to pass.

If the greyhound-racing proposal is approved, the measure would phase out racing by 2020.

Bondi noted that of the 18 greyhound tracks in the nation, 12 are in Florida.

The measure would allow people to continue to bet at pari-mutuel facilities on greyhound races simulcast from other states.

State Sen. Tom Lee, a Thonotosassa Republican who sponsored the proposal, said allowing betting on races from elsewhere was needed for the measure to advance. “If you eliminate the simulcasting ability, you impair the revenue stream for these organizations, it creates an economic hardship for them, and the house of cards comes down,” Lee said.

During past legislative debates about curbing greyhound racing, representatives of breeders

and owners have argued, in part, that such moves would lead to job losses.

Commissioner Arthenia Joyner, a former state senator from Tampa who also voted against the proposal, said more effort is needed from state lawmakers to ensure people don’t lose their ability to make a living.

“I don’t want to deny or take away a person’s right to earn a living, when there is a solution, short of putting it in the Constitution,” Joyner said.

However, Commissioner Don Gaetz, said the problem is that state lawmakers have been unable to act on various issues about greyhound racing.

“We’ve tried to get bills passed on injury reporting. We’ve tried to get bills passed on doping,” said Gaetz, a former state Senate president from Niceville. “And every time we have, there are fine and good people in this industry, but the mass of the industry has come forward with their lobbyists to do everything they could to stop them from reforming themselves and the stop the reasonable regulation of the industry.”

The News staff contributed to this report.

RELAY FOR LIFE EVENTS

Each year, Holmes and Washington Counties partner for Relay for Life, a community based fundraising event of the American Cancer Society. Monies raised during the annual event not only funds cancer research, but also helps offset cost such as transportation to treatment for Holmes and Washington County cancer patients. In the months leading up to the annual event, local teams work to raise money for the cause. If your Relay for Life team would like a fundraising event included in this list, email information to: news@chipleypaper.com

Survivor Sunday

HOLMES/WASHINGTON COUNTY – The Washington-Holmes Relay For Life is encouraging local churches to celebrate and recognize the cancer survivors in their congregations Sunday, April 22, as part of the annual Paint the Counties Purple Week in preparation for the Relay For Life Event Friday, April 27.

Cake Auction

CHIPLEY – The Super Breakouts will host a

sweets auction Monday, April 23. The auction items will be shared on the personal Facebook pages of team members and also be on display at the Washington County Clerk of Courts Office. Bids may be placed in person, over the phone, or on Facebook. One hundred percent of profits will benefit Washington-Holmes Relay For Life. Items will be ready for pick up Tuesday, April 24 at the Clerk of Courts office. For more information or to place bids call 850-638-6285

Washington-Holmes Relay For Life hosts Paint the Counties Purple

WASHINGTON/HOLMES COUNTY – Washington-Holmes Relay For Life is encouraging local merchants to participate in a contest from Monday, April 16 through Wednesday, April 25. Judges will be coming to merchants on Wednesday, April 25 and will be looking for creativity, how much money is in donation buckets, how much purple was used in decorations, uniforms or work attire, cancer information and use of this years Relay For Life theme “Game

Over, Cancer”. If planning to participate or for more information contact Monica Rehberg at monica.rehberg@wcsd-schools.com.

2018 Relay for Life

CHIPLEY - The 2018 Holmes-Washington Relay for Life event will be held from 6 p.m. until midnight at Pals Park in Chipley on April 27, 2018. The theme of the 2018 event is “Games Over, Cancer!” For more information email bushfamily80@gmail.com or danielle.cappel@ cancer.org

30 Days of Giving

WASHINGTON/HOLMES COUNTY – Goody’s will be participating in 30 Days of Giving Sunday, April 1 through Monday, April 30. Customers will have the opportunity to support Relay For Life while shopping via the credit card pin pad at each register. If you make a donation, in the amount of your choosing, to Relay For Life, you will receive a coupon that can be redeemed in the store from Sunday, May 6 through Thursday, May 10. For more information call Jody Bush at 850-260-4348

CRA

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The District encompasses approximately 429.73 acres, including tracts along Railroad Avenue, Wells Avenue, and Coleman Avenue. Landmarks located within the CRA District include the Washington County Historical Museum, formerly an intercity railroad station, the Washington County Courthouse, Gilmore Park, and the Spanish Trail Playhouse.

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The repairs come just weeks after the completion of the alley way project, which paved and leveled the alley that connects the corner parking lot on Highway 90 and 77 to the downtown area along Railroad Avenue.

“I think that should be the last of the check list that needs to be done after having the alley way up and running for three or four weeks and having some rain events,”

Everett said.

Everett presented for agency approval another grant that would provide wood and brick restoration on the outside of a business.

The CRA voted unanimously in-favor of an estimate for \$8,550 for the restoration project. The agency will pay 50-percent of the repair cost estimate.

The next CRA meeting will be held 3:30 p.m. May 15 at the Washington County Chamber of Commerce building, 672 N. Fifth St.

PRECINCT

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The first is set to allow automatic renewal for senior citizens for their homestead exemption classification. As it currently stands, seniors would have to send in their income verification every year; the new

ordinance would allow for automatic renewal of their income verification.

The second ordinance pertains to the Florida Building Code which has to be renewed on record every three years.

While the county is in compliance with the current code standards, this will allow an automatic renewal rather than coming before the board with every new update

that comes down from the state.

Both ordinances are expected to gain final approval at the next regular session meeting.

Commissioners approved the reappointments of Roger Dale Hagan, Al Keown and David Morris to the Washington County Planning Commission.

In other items, County Engineer Cliff Knauer gave the board updates on various projects going on within the county.

The paving project on Orange Hill Highway will be adding two cross drains in two different locations to the scope of work.

Construction is set to begin mid-May on the last portion of the road to be paved. The resurfacing of Cope Road project is 60 percent done with plans for the design of the road. Construction is expected to begin next year.

Final paperwork for the resurfacing project on Bonnet Pond Road has been sent to FDOT for final approval according to Knauer.

The commission approved the Clerk of Court to pay vouchers for March totaling \$2,244,359.59.

Washington County Board of County Commissioners will meet again in regular session at 9 a.m. on April 26.

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LOCAL AND STATE

LEO joint efforts brings suspect at-large into custody

Staff Report

WASHINGTON AND HOLMES COUNTIES - A Bonifay man who was at-large stemming from a Holmes County Sheriff's Office drug round-up was located and arrested Friday by Washington County deputies.

In a joint effort between the county sheriff's offices, Jimmy Phillip Ryals, 38, was taken into custody after being located at the home of Justina Rae Williams, 29, of Douglas Ferry Road in Chipley, according to a Washington County Sheriff's Office news release.

When law enforcement arrived at the home, Williams told investigators that Ryals was in a room in the house, the release stated.



Ryals



Williams

WSCO deputies immediately arrested Ryal on the outstanding warrant from Holmes County for sale of methamphetamine and an outstanding violation of state probation warrant from Washington County.

During the arrest, deputies discovered a bag in his pants pocket which contained two hypodermic needles, two clear bags of methamphetamine, and a smaller bag that contained two Xanax pills, which is a controlled substance, the release stated.

Also, located on the table next to the bed where Ryals was found, was a glass pipe.

Ryals was transported to the Washington County Jail where he was also booked on the new charges of possession of a methamphetamine, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, and three counts of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Williams was also arrested and booked into the Washington County Jail on two counts of possession of a new legend drug without a prescription and possession of marijuana, after investigators located multiple prescription pills and marijuana in the living room, according to the Washington County Sheriff's Office.

Sex offender arrested for child molestation

Staff Report

CHIPLEY - A registered sex offender was arrested Tuesday following a law enforcement investigation into allegations of child molestation.

According to a news release from Chipley Police Department, 39-year-old Michael W. Phipps, of Chipley, was arrested and booked at Washington County Jail on one count of lewd and lascivious behavior.

The arrest came after



Phipps

CPD received a complaint regarding allegations of molestation of a juvenile.

Investigators with CPD worked in conjunction with the Department of Children and Families to make the arrest.

A Florida Department of Law Enforcement search lists Phipps' permanent address at 822 Maple St. in Chipley.

Woman resists arrest, gets booked

Staff Report

CHIPLEY - A woman with an active warrant who resisted arrest is now behind bars.

According to a news release from Washington County Sheriff's Office, 48-year-old Jennifer Lynn Bau was transported to the Washington County Jail and booked on resisting an officer without violence, three counts of possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, five counts of possession of a new legend drug, possession of



Bau

drug paraphernalia, and an active warrant out of Washington County.

After stopping during the traffic stop by a WSCO deputy at the intersection of Corbin Road and Orange Hill Road last Saturday, and being asked to step out of the vehicle to be taken into custody, Bau repeatedly resisted arrest by continuing to remove her arms from the handcuffs, attempting to free

herself from the deputy's hold, the news release stated.

Once Bau was taken into custody, K9 Axil was deployed and alerted to the presence of narcotics at the driver's door, the release stated. A search of the vehicle led to the discovery of a makeup bag, which held three prescription pill bottles containing eight different types of pills - three of which were controlled substances. Also located in the makeup bag was a metal cylinder that contained burnt marijuana, according to the report.

HOUSING BRIEFS

Chipley Housing Authority seeking applicants

Chipley Housing Authority is currently seeking applicants for the Public Housing program.

Applicants must complete an application and meet income guidelines based on family size as required by HUD.

Applications are available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday in the office located at 1370 Old Bonifay Road in Chipley.

For more information call 850-638-0134.

Tri-County accepting HUD applications

Tri-County Community Council, Inc., Washington

County Housing Authority (Section 8) Rental Assistance Program is currently taking applications on Wednesdays for the waiting list.

Applications are taken by interview appointments only.

Eligibility for assistance is based on income; you must be a legal citizen of the United States or have an eligible

immigrant status. Decisions may be based on criminal history and other criteria.

In order to apply and applicant will need to bring verification to the interview.

For more information or to set up an interview call Steve Henderson at 638-4520 ext 103.

NOTICE OF FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENTS WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Florida, will conduct Public Hearings regarding the adoption of the following proposed ordinances on Thursday, April 26, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. CST, or soon thereafter, in the County Commission Board Room at 1331 South Boulevard, Chipley, Florida 32428:

ORDINANCE NO. 2018 - 1

AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A SMALL-SCALE AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, DATED APRIL 4, 1991, AS AMENDED, BY CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION FROM AGRICULTURE / SILVICULTURE TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL FOR 10.0 ACRES OF LAND DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR A COPY ON FILE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2018 - 2

AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A SMALL-SCALE AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, DATED APRIL 4, 1991, AS AMENDED, BY CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION FROM AGRICULTURE / SILVICULTURE TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL FOR 0.97 ACRES OF LAND DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR A COPY ON FILE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Adoption of these Ordinances will amend the Future Land Use Map in the Comprehensive Plan for Washington County, Florida. All citizens and interested parties are encouraged to attend the Public Hearings and to provide written and/or verbal comments on the matter under consideration. Any person requiring a special accommodation at this hearing because of disability or physical impairment should contact Washington County at 850-638-6200 at least 48 hours before the hearing.

For further information or to review the proposed amendment, contact the Washington County Planning Office at 850-415-5093 or by email at scramer@washingtonfl.com.

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OPINION

OUR VIEW

Young people fighting for better future

It shouldn't take children to force adults to get serious about climate change. Sadly that is the situation in Florida, where the governor and other state officials refuse to acknowledge climate change is a major problem — much less do something about it.

Now eight Florida students, ages 10 to 20 years old, are taking matters into their own hands. With backing from a national environmental group, they filed a lawsuit this week against Gov. Rick Scott and other Florida officials for the damage being caused by the politicians' indifference to climate change.

The plaintiffs include Alachua County resident Isaac Augspurg, age 12, and Gainesville native Oscar Psychas, who is currently a 20-year-old freshman at Middlebury College in Vermont. Following efforts by the survivors of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman High School in Parkland to strengthen gun regulations, it is heartening to see young people again taking the initiative to tackle long-term problems affecting their future.

A spokesman for Gov. Scott dismissed the lawsuit as "political theater," but it is nothing compared with the acting job the governor is doing. After Scott spent much of his two terms as governor weakening environmental regulations and the state agencies charged with enforcing them, he now is pretending to be an environmentalist as he runs for the U.S. Senate.

Floridians shouldn't forget that even the term "climate change" has been taboo in the Scott administration. The governor has long dodged questions about whether he acknowledges the reality of climate change by saying he's "not a scientist," even as a warming planet is contributing to rising sea levels along Florida's coasts.

Florida is in the cross-hairs of the most damaging impacts of climate change — such as heat waves, more frequent extreme storms and saltwater intrusion into drinking water sources. While coastal communities such as Miami Beach have been spending hundreds of millions of dollars to address increased flooding, much of the state is woefully unprepared.

Florida also is failing to curb the carbon dioxide emissions from power plants and other sources that contribute to climate change. It is one of 20 states that lack a renewable portfolio standard requiring its utilities to increase their use of renewable energy.

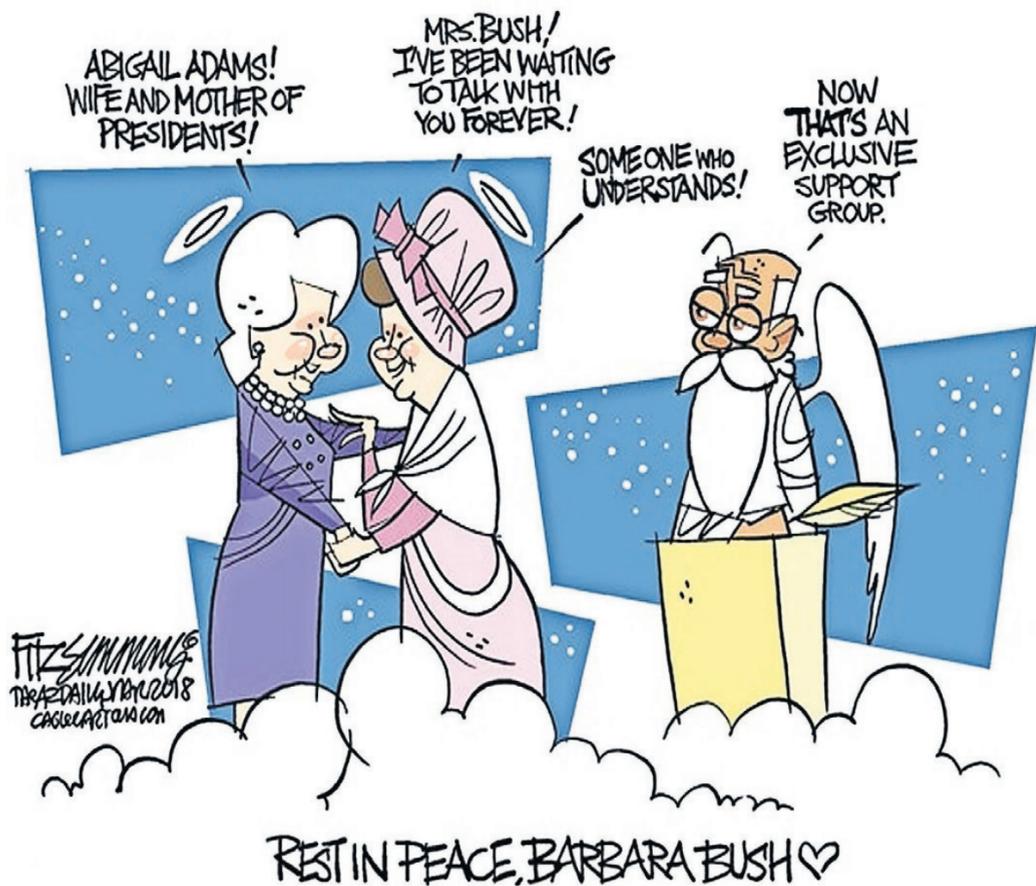
While Florida has been making some overdue advances in solar energy use in recent years, the Sunshine State is still behind many cloudier parts of the country in solar installations.

The students' lawsuit charges that Florida officials are violating the students' rights and failing to meet their duty under the state constitution to protect Florida's natural resources. It calls for the courts to order state officials to prepare and implement a plan to phase out fossil-fuel use and draw down excess atmospheric carbon dioxide through forest and soil protection.

Florida's failure to address climate change, along with federal government's efforts under President Donald Trump to reverse progress on cutting carbon emissions, will cost our state dearly. It is only fitting the young people whose lives will be most harmed are using the courts to fight for a better future.

A version of this editorial first appeared in the Gainesville Sun, a News Herald sister paper with GateHouse Media.

ANOTHER VIEW



On Earth Day, Congress Whistling Past the Graveyard



Joe Guzzardi

Last month, the United Nations hosted a Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) conference in Bonn, Germany. Despite hopes that limiting population growth would be the UN's centerpiece topic, concerned attendees came away disappointed, with the impression that political correctness ruled the day, and that feel-gooders rather than do-gooders dominated the agenda.

The conference offered not a single population or biodiversity session, even though non-human life plays a crucial role in maintaining planetary health. Instead, the conference focused on "leaving no one behind" despite ecological limits and realities. International migration, which is gripping Europe and the United States, was conveyed as a necessity and an unmitigated good. When a realist in the audience asked how it would be possible that some would not inevitably be left behind when the planet adds 80 million people annually to its existing 7.6 billion, the moderator dismissed his question as too negative.

One overall UN theme was contradictory: "think globally, but act locally." The U.S., while it may or may not be prepared

to think globally, has an immigration policy that ruins any chance at positive local action toward sustainability.

The Census Bureau provides an instructive mathematical breakdown on population growth's components. The current U.S. population is 327 million; one birth occurs every eight seconds, and one net international migrant arrives every 28 seconds, but deaths offset the increases by only one every 11 seconds. The result is that each day the U.S. population has a net gain of one person every 14 seconds.

The Pew Research Center projected that by mid-decade the population will increase to more than 441 million, driven by immigration. The same researchers concluded that if immigration were cut in half, population would grow by 70 million; if eliminated, 31 million.

U.S. growth is the direct consequence of Congress' unwillingness to consider immigration's long-term effects on the nation's population, a failure that's repeated itself for 53 years. Republicans and Democrats are equally culpable.

During the Senate hearing about the effect the 1965 Immigration Act might have on population, New York Sen. Robert Kennedy, responding to North Carolina Sen. Sam Ervin's questions, acknowledged that the legislation would eventually double U.S. population, and that mass immigration to America couldn't and wouldn't

solve global overpopulation. Senators Ervin and Kennedy were right in their analysis, but wrong in their votes to pass the legislation. Both sides of the aisle overwhelmingly voted for the 1965 Immigration Act.

Since the Immigration Act's passage and through 2015, with new immigrants, their children and grandchildren, 72 million people were added to the U.S., which accounted for 55 percent of the nation's population growth. The modern immigration wave vastly exceeds previous migration flows: between 1840 and 1889, 14.3 million immigrants came to the U.S., and between 1890 and 1919, an additional 18.2 million arrived.

Continued growth, the path that the U.S. travels today, will not have a happy ending. And even if it were survivable, indefinite growth is highly undesirable. Demands on infrastructure — transportation, water, schools and housing — have already reached or passed the breaking point in some parts of the U.S., most notably in the American Southwest.

During the 1960s and 1970s when Congress debated the Immigration Act, the U.S. population was 189 million and 213 million, respectively. Yet, no one argued then that America was too small or too economically weak.

Despite overwhelming statistical and irrefutable evidence that the U.S. is on a population collision course, immigration-induced increases remain, to the bewilderment of most Americans, verboten in Congress.



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The Mini Page

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In some cultures, it's thought to be impolite to eat with the left hand.

Which hand do you like to write with? Which hand do you use to pitch a baseball or brush your teeth?

Do you choose the same hand for all your activities? Or do you use your right hand sometimes and your left hand at other times?

Most people find it easier to use their right hands. Experts don't know exact numbers, but they believe that about 90 percent of people are right-handed.

People who are equally skilled with both hands are called **ambidextrous** (am-bih-DEK-strus).

No one really knows what causes left- or right-handedness. Experts say the difference in handedness is as natural as which color eyes you have.

Lefty struggles

Because most people are right-handed, left-handers can have a hard time doing daily tasks. Many products are made for right-handed people.

Think about a school desk that has an attached seat. The arm rest is usually on the right side. Other ordinary things that must be made differently for left-handed people include:



Stringed instruments



Scissors

Today, left-handed people can usually find tools, sports equipment and musical instruments made especially for them.

Lefty advantages

On the other hand, in sports where players on different teams face each other, left-handed or left-footed athletes often have an advantage. Other players may not know how to play against someone shooting or kicking from the left.



photo by Michael Tipton

Isaiah Thomas, who now plays for the Los Angeles Lakers, is left-handed.

In baseball, left-handed batters and pitchers can have an advantage because of their position on the field and because opponents don't see as many left-handers. The same is true for left-handed tennis players and boxers, experts say.

Handy fact-a-roonies

- The wedding ring is traditionally worn on the left hand on the ring finger, the third finger from the thumb.
- When witnesses take an oath, they raise their right hand.
- Do you know which handle to turn if you want cold water? In America, the cold water knob is usually on the right. The hot water knob is on the left.



Famous lefties

• Artist and inventor **Leonardo da Vinci** was well known in his time for being left-handed.

Experts today can see the left-handed brushstrokes in his art. His left-handedness is especially well known because of his "mirror writing." When he wrote notes to himself, he wrote backward from the usual way people write. People could read it only by holding it up to a mirror so they could see it in reverse.



• We have had several left-handed presidents, including three who are still living:

George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton and Barack Obama.



photo courtesy Obama White House Archives

• Television star and business owner **Oprah Winfrey** is also a "southpaw."



photo by Greg Hernandez

• **Albert Einstein**, the scientist who changed the world's ideas about time and space, was left-handed.

Resources



On the Web:

- bit.ly/MPlefty

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Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of handedness are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:



ADVANTAGE,	I N E G N E L L A H C O A T H
AMBIDEXTROUS,	N J N S U O R T X E D I B M A
ATHLETES, BUSH,	S S U A T H L E T E S K U N N
CHALLENGE, CLINTON,	T C B U S H A G T H G I R O D
DA VINCI, EINSTEIN,	R I L E F T L S L O O T S T E
HANDEDNESS,	U S O P R A H L A R U T A N D
INSTRUMENT, LEFT,	M S S K I L L L O B A M A I N
NATURAL, OATH, OBAMA,	E O M N I E T S N I E G V L E
OPRAH, RIGHT, SCISSORS,	N R A D V A N T A G E O X C S
SKILL, SPORTS, TOOLS.	T S D A V I N C I S T R O P S

Cook's Corner

Sesame Noodles

You'll need:

- 1 (8-ounce) package linguine
- 2 tablespoons sesame oil
- pinch of pepper

For the sauce:

- 1 tablespoon white vinegar

- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon chili oil (or a peppery oil)
- 2 tablespoons sesame oil



* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

What to do:

1. Cook noodles according to package directions. Drain in a colander and run cold water over cooked noodles.
2. Drain again and add 2 tablespoons sesame oil. Coat well. Refrigerate for 1 hour to chill.
3. In a separate bowl, combine ingredients for the sauce. Just before serving, pour sauce over noodles and toss to coat. Top with a dash of pepper. Keep refrigerated. Makes 4 servings.

7 Little Words for Kids

Use the letters in the boxes to make a word with the same meaning as the clue. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in the solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.



1. clothes fastener with teeth (6) _____
2. prize (5) _____
3. piece of lumber (5) _____
4. go on (8) _____
5. not one person (6) _____
6. number of eggs in a carton (5) _____
7. correct (6) _____

ARD	TIN	EN	PER
PR	BO	ODY	ARD
NOB	CON	ZIP	OP
UE	ER	DOZ	AW

Answers: zipper, award, board, continue, nobody, dozen, proper.

Mini Jokes



Ralph: What is a turtle's motto?

Liam: "All's shell that ends shell!"

Eco Note



Extreme weather can be trouble for birds. Scientists have noticed that when extreme weather happens, fewer birds show up in the places they call home. Why? One idea is that the birds avoid the extreme weather by moving to a friendlier area. Scientists have just begun to use satellites to figure out what happens to birds during extreme weather. If birds are moving to other areas because of climate change, they may need our help. We may need to protect their new habitats.

adapted from climatekids.nasa.gov

For later:

Take a survey in your classroom. How many students are right-handed, and how many are left-handed?

Teachers: For standards-based activities to accompany this feature, visit: bit.ly/MPstandards. And follow The Mini Page on Facebook!



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NATION & WORLD

US in holding pattern after Syria strikes

By Robert Burns
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The drama of U.S. and allied missile strikes on Syria has obscured a sobering fact: The U.S.-led campaign to eliminate the Islamic State from Syria has stalled.

The U.S. has 2,000 troops in Syria assisting local Arab and Kurdish fighters against IS, even as President Donald Trump resists deeper U.S. involvement and is eager to withdraw completely in coming months. Trump wants “other people” to deal with Syria, whose civil war has spawned the greatest humanitarian crisis since World War II in terms of refugees.

It’s unclear whether Trump will go ahead with a total U.S. withdrawal while IS retains even a small presence in Syria.

Since January, when Trump asserted in his State of the Union address that “very close to 100 percent” of IS territory in Syria and Iraq had been liberated, progress toward extinguishing the extremists’ caliphate, or self-proclaimed state, has ground to a halt and shows no sign of restarting. U.S. warplanes continue to periodically bomb remaining pockets of IS in eastern Syria, but ground operations by U.S. partner forces have slowed.

“We’ve halted forward progress and are essentially attempting to avoid losing territory we’ve gained to date,” said Jennifer Cafarella, an analyst at the Institute for the Study of War. She sees two potential solutions: send



In this image provided by the U.S. Air Force, a C-17 Globemaster III, assigned to the 816th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, conducts combat airlift operations for U.S. and coalition forces in Iraq and Syria. [U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY TECH. SGT GREGORY BROOK]

additional U.S. combat power to eastern Syria to take on IS more directly, or resolve a diplomatic dispute with Turkey that has largely sidelined the main U.S. military partner in Syria, the Syrian Democratic Forces.

Now that Trump has upped the ante by attacking Syria directly for the second time in just over a year, Cafarella said in an interview this week, it is possible that Syria and its two main international supporters — Russia and Iran — will retaliate militarily against American forces and their Kurdish and Arab partners in eastern Syria “in an attempt to compel an American withdrawal by raising the cost of continued American involvement.”

The U.S. began bombing IS in Syria in September 2014 and deployed an initial contingent

of 50 special operations troops in the country the following year. The anti-IS campaign gained momentum in 2016 and made its biggest gains during Trump’s first year in office.

A spokesman for the U.S.-led military coalition against IS refused this week to say how many IS fighters remain. Col. Ryan Dillon said they are holed up mainly in two places in eastern Syria. He said they are in and around the town of Hajin on the Euphrates River north of Bukamal and in Dashiha near the city of Deir el-Zour. They are “contained” in these areas, he asserted, suggesting they are not in immediate danger of being ousted.

Of concern, Dillon said, are indications that IS is stepping up successful attacks against pro-government fighters elsewhere in Syria.

The Trump administration

has been saying in recent months that 98 percent of IS territory has been liberated, suggesting the campaign was close to final victory, although on April 3 the Army general overseeing the campaign, Joseph Votel, put it differently, saying “well over 90 percent” of the caliphate had been retaken.

“The situation continues to become more and more complex,” Votel said, alluding in part to the effects of a Turkish incursion into the town of Afrin in northwestern Syria.

The Afrin operation was part of a Turkish plan to drive the main Syrian Kurdish militia, known as the YPG, away from the Turkish border area. Turkey considers the YPG a threat to its national security and an extension of Kurdish insurgents inside Turkey. But the YPG also is America’s main

partner in Syria; it forms the backbone of the Syrian Democratic Forces, or SDF. Turkey’s advance on Afrin prompted the SDF to shift from fighting IS to confronting Turkey in Afrin.

The result: “We are no longer in an offensive effort on the ground against them (Islamic State),” Defense Secretary Jim Mattis told reporters March 27.

Even so, eliminating IS in Syria remains the goal, he said after Trump announced the missile strikes to punish the Syrian government for its alleged chemical weapons use.

The barrage of 105 missiles launched by the United States, Britain and France last week to destroy elements of Syria’s chemical weapons arsenal was designed to deter President Bashar Assad from repeating his alleged use of chlorine gas and perhaps nerve gas on civilians in a Damascus suburb. It was unrelated to the IS problem, except in the sense that it highlighted the jumble of actors involved and the absence of a broad U.S. strategy.

Sen. John McCain, one of the Congress’ most vocal advocates for a fuller U.S. role in Syria, praised Trump for the missile strikes. But he also said the president needs to look beyond defeating IS and stopping further chemical weapons use by Assad to tackle the bigger challenge of regional conflict.

“Airstrikes disconnected from a broader strategy may be necessary, but they alone will not achieve U.S. objectives in the Middle East,” he said.

DATELINES

WASHINGTON



In this Nov. 20, 2016, photo, then-President-elect Donald Trump, right, and former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani pose for photographs in Bedminster, N.J. Giuliani is joining the legal team defending the president in the special counsel’s Russia investigation, a Trump attorney said Thursday. With the addition of Giuliani, Trump gains an experienced litigator and former U.S. attorney in Manhattan.

[CAROLYN KASTER/ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

SYRACUSE, N.Y.



The Theta Tau fraternity house is seen Wednesday in Syracuse, N.Y. Syracuse University Chancellor Kent Syverud announced Thursday the fraternity was suspended over videos with racist, sexist content. Syverud described the video involving members of Theta Tau, a professional engineering fraternity, as racist, anti-Semitic, homophobic, sexist and hostile to people with disabilities. [JULIE MCMAHON/THE SYRACUSE NEWSPAPERS VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP



Palestinian protesters set up tents at the Gaza Strip’s border with Israel. Gaza protest organizers moved sit-in tents closer to the Israeli border fence Thursday, a day before a fourth planned mass demonstration, raising fears of more bloodshed. The protests, largely led by Gaza’s Hamas rulers, began March 30. Organizers said they’ll gradually move the camps toward the fence until May 15. [KHALIL HAMRA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

NEW YORK Trump’s personal attorney drops a pair of libel suits

President Donald Trump’s personal attorney dropped a pair of libel lawsuits against BuzzFeed and investigation firm Fusion GPS amid the stir caused by an FBI search of the lawyer’s files.

Michael Cohen had sued in New York City over publication of the unverified dossier detailing alleged ties between Trump and Russia. He dropped the suits late Wednesday amid a separate legal battle over the seizure of documents and electronic files from his home, office and hotel room last week in a federal investigation of possible financial fraud.

The dossier claims that Cohen met with Russian operatives in Europe for a meeting to “clean up the mess” over disclosures.

WASHINGTON Fired FBI deputy chief faces criminal referral

The Justice Department’s inspector general has sent a criminal referral about fired FBI deputy director Andrew McCabe to federal prosecutors in Washington, his lawyer said Thursday.

The referral to the U.S. attorney’s office for the District of Columbia does not mean McCabe will ever be charged, but it does raise the prospect that the longtime law enforcement official could face a criminal investigation into whether he illegally misled officials about his authorization of a news media disclosure.

McCabe’s lawyer, Michael Bromwich, said the standard for an inspector general referral is very low and he expected McCabe to avoid prosecution.

WASHINGTON EPA watchdog opens latest probe into Pruitt security

The internal watchdog at the Environmental Protection Agency has launched yet another investigation of travel and security spending involving embattled administrator Scott Pruitt.

EPA Inspector General Arthur Elkins wrote in a letter that his office will review spending by Pruitt’s full-time security detail at times when he wasn’t traveling for any official purpose.

The review was requested by Democratic Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island, who raised concerns about EPA security spending during a family vacation in which Pruitt went to Disneyland and attended a football game at the Rose Bowl.

MOSCOW Russia, NATO military chiefs meet in Azerbaijan

Russia’s top military officer has met with his NATO counterpart, the first such encounter since relations between Moscow and the alliance have sunk to post-Cold War lows over the Ukrainian crisis.

Russia’s Defense Ministry said the chief of the military’s General Staff, Gen. Valery Gerasimov, met Thursday in Azerbaijan’s capital, Baku, with U.S. Army Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, NATO’s top military officer.

The ministry said the military chiefs discussed Russian and NATO military activities in Europe and measures to improve trust and avoid incidents.

They also exchanged views on Syria.

SANAA, YEMEN At least 25 killed in battle for southwest Yemeni province

Fighting between Yemeni pro-government forces and Shiite Houthi rebels has killed at least 25 people since Tuesday in the southwestern province of Taiz, Yemeni security officials said Thursday.

Yemen has been embroiled in a war between the Iran-backed Houthis and the internationally recognized government, which is allied with a Saudi-led military coalition, since March 2015. The coalition aims to restore the government of self-exiled President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi.

Pro-government forces also seized control of several villages in the Qabbaytah districts, the officials said.

The Associated Press

COMMUNITY

Summer Camps and Vacation Bible Schools

If you would like to see your summer camp or Vacation Bible School on this list email them to news@chipleypaper.com

UF/IFAS Extension
Washington County 4-H



WASHINGTON COUNTY – The 4-H group in Washington County has a number of programs open for registration.

The 4-H Camp Timpoochee is a five-day adventure at on the Choctawhatchee Bay, to be held June 18-22. Camp activities will include sport fishing, creative dramatics, outdoor skills, marine explorations, mad science 101, kayaking, snorkeling, archery and crafts along with camp fires and camp songs, a news release from UF/IFAS Extension Washington County stated. The camp is for ages 8 to 13 years old and offers community service hours to counselors who must be between ages 14-18.

Another program,

“Wonders of the Insect World” day camp is an exploration of the insect world around humans. Youth will learn about insects and how to make an insect collection. This program is for ages 8-18 and will be held July 17-19.

There will be a “STEM Challenge” program to give youth the experience of engineers and scientists working to solve real-world problems and to compete in a challenge on the final day. This program is for ages 8-18 and will be

held July 25-27.

For more information and registration instructions, visit the UF/IFAS Extension Washington County website: sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/Washington or call/email the 4-H Agent, Julie Pigott Dillard, at 850-638-6180/juliepd@ufl.edu.

Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch to host summer camp

INGLIS – Summer is just around the corner, and

the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch, Inc. is offering a free summer camp featuring numerous recreational activities. The camp is designed for children ages 10 to 15. Camp will be held Sunday, June 24 through Friday, June 29, be held at Caruth Camp in Inglis (Levy County). Caruth Camp will feature activities such as kayaking, canoeing, swimming, archery, and other outdoor recreation. The camp also offers free transportation through a designated pick up and drop off location in the Panhandle, to be announced later. FSYR does require an application, and spots will be filled on a first come, first served basis. To apply for camp, visit <https://floridasheriffscamps.camp-management.com/enroll> or call Caruth Camp at 352-447-2259.

BCF to host Elevate Worship Arts Camp

GRACEVILLE – Baptist College of Florida will host

Elevate Worship Arts Camp Monday, July 9 through Friday, July 13 at the college.

The camp is designed for students who have completed sixth through the 12th grade. Areas of interest will include but are not limited to vocals, guitar, bass, keyboard and drums.

Classes will also be offered in drama, sign language and illusion. Students will have the opportunities to participate in bible studies, youth-oriented worship services, devotional time as well as recreation opportunities each day as well as a trip or two to local water attractions.

Participants will get a glimpse of residential college life as they stay in the dorms and eat in the college dining hall throughout the week. The camp is \$200 and includes lodging, meals and all of the activities.

BCF is offering an early bird discounted fee of \$180 through Thursday, May 31. For more information call 800-328-2660 ext. 427.

Local garden clubs visit The Amaryllis Man

Staff Report

CHIPLEY – Two are garden clubs teamed up to visit a renowned panhandle garden.

Members of the Chipley and Wausau Garden Clubs visited Charlie and Carol Johnston at their Dellwood Amaryllis Flower Gardens in Greenwood, Fla. Wednesday, April 11. Charlie Johnston, also known as, The Amaryllis

Man has been growing and marketing amaryllis bulbs for years. His collection features over seventy varieties of the beautiful bulb covering the gambit from the traditional bright red to pink stripes and even lemon yellow. His fields contain over 200,000 bulbs which he ships all over the world.

At a regular business meeting, Club President Debbie Mitchell spoke about the

upcoming Florida Federation of Garden Club's Annual Convention and the District II Spring Meeting. She also announced that tickets are still available for the English Tea event featuring Harvey Cotten Saturday, April 21.

For more information about any of Chipley Garden Club's activities, contact President Debbie Mitchell at 638-0536. The next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May



[SPECIAL TO THE NEWS]

2018-2019 WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL CALENDAR

- May**
- 8: Florida Panhandle Technical College Graduation
- 22: Chipley High School Senior Awards at 5:30 p.m.
- 22: Vernon High School Senior Awards at 7:30 p.m.
- 24: Chipley High School Graduation
- 25: WISE Graduation
- 25: Last Day of School (Students Released at 1 p.m.)
- 25: Vernon High School Graduation
- 28: Memorial Day (All Personnel Out)
- 29-30: Post Planning Days for Teachers/Paras/10 Month Personnel)
- June**
- 11: Report Cards go Out
- July**
- 4: 12 Month Personnel Out
- August**
- 1: First Day for Teachers/Paras/10 Month Personnel (Professional Development Day)
- 2: Professional Development Day
- 3: Pre-Planning Day (Teachers/Paras/10 Month Personnel)
- 6-8: Pre-Planning Days (Teachers/Paras/10 Month Personnel)
- 9: First Day of School for Students
- September**
- 3: Labor Day (Students and All Personnel Out)
- 10: Progress Reports Go Out
- 11: Recognition of "Patriot Day" at Schools
- 17: Recognition of "Constitution Day" at Schools
- 24-28: Recognition of

- "Celebrate Freedom Week" at Schools
- 26: Early Release/Professional Development (Students Released at 1 p.m.)
- October**
- 12: Vernon High School Homecoming
- 15: Fall Day (Students/Teachers/Paras/10 Month and Lunchroom Personnel/Bus Drivers Out)
- 19: Chipley High School Homecoming
- 30: Report Cards Go Out
- 31: Early Release/Professional Development (Students Released at 1 p.m.)
- November**
- 9: Recognition of Veterans Chipley and Vernon Schools
- 13: Progress Reports Go Out
- 19-23: Thanksgiving Holidays (Students/Teachers/Paras/ 10 Month and Lunchroom Personnel/ Bus Drivers Out)
- 21-23: Thanksgiving Holidays (12 Month Personnel Out)
- December**
- 20: Early Release (Students Released at 1 p.m.)
- 21-31: Christmas Break (Students/Teachers/Paras/10 Month Personnel and Lunchroom Personnel/Bus Drivers Out)
- 24-25: 12 Month Personnel Out
- 31: 12 Month Personnel Out
- January 2019**
- 1: 12 Month Personnel Out
- 1-3: Teachers/10 Month Personnel Out
- 1-4: Students/Lunchroom Personnel/Bus Drivers Out
- 4: Teacher's Planning Day
- 7: Professional Development Day

- 8: Classes Resume
- 21: Martin Luther King Day (Students and All Personnel Out)
- 23: Report Cards Go Out
- February**
- 7: Progress Reports Go Out
- 13: Early Release/Professional Development (Students Released at 1 p.m.)
- 18: President's Day (Students/Teachers/Paras/ 10 Month and Lunchroom Personnel/ Buss Drivers Out)
- March**
- 25-29: Spring Break (Students and All Personnel Out)
- April**
- 9: Report Cards Go Out
- 19: Spring Day (Students/Teachers/Paras/10 Month and Lunchroom Personnel/Bus Drivers Out)
- 22: Progress Reports Go Out
- May**
- 7: FPTC Graduation
- 21: Vernon High School Senior Awards 5:30 p.m.
- 21: Chipley High School Senior Awards 7:30 p.m.
- 23: Vernon High School Graduation
- 24: Last Day of School (Students Released at 1 p.m.)
- 24: WISE Graduation
- 24: Chipley High School Graduation
- 27: Memorial Day (All Personnel Out)
- 28-19: Post Planning Days for Teachers/Paras/10 Month Personnel
- June**
- 10: Report Cards Go Out

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

If you would like a recurring event included in this list, please email the information to news@chipleypaper.com

- MONDAY**
- 9:30 a.m.: Car Seat Safety Classes (first Monday of each month); Florida Department of Health Holmes County. For more information, call 850-547-8500 ext 248.
- 9:30 a.m.: Car Seat Safety Classes (third Monday of each month); Florida Department of Health Washington County. For more information, call 850-638-6240, Ext 144.
- 10 a.m.: Holmes County Council on Aging senior Bingo. For more information, call 850-547-2345.
- 10 a.m.: Washington County Council on Aging (Chipley) exercise. For more information, call Andrea at 850-638-6216
- 11 a.m.: Holmes County Council on Aging senior lunch. For more information, call 850-547-2345
- 11:30 a.m.: Washington Council on Aging (Chipley) senior dining. For reservations, call 638-6216. Donations accepted.
- 6-7:30 p.m.: Salvation Army Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Program (SADVP) hosts a domestic violence support group at the SADVP Rural Outreach office. For more

- information, call Emma or Jess at 415-5999.
- 8 p.m.: Al-Anon meeting Blessed Trinity Church
- 8 p.m.: AA meeting Blessed Trinity Church
- TUESDAY**
- Washington County Council on Aging Tuesday Group. For more information, call Kim at 850-638-6216
- 8-10 a.m.: Church Fellowship Breakfasts at Around the Corner Grill. Breakfast provided. All denominations welcome.
- 9a.m.: Washington County Community Traffic Safety Team Meeting (Third Tuesday of each month) in the WCBOCC conference room. For more information call Renae Rountree at 850-638-1314 or Lynne Abel at 850-638-6203
- 10 a.m.: Holmes County Council on Aging Movie Day. For more information, call 850-547-2345
- 10 a.m. Home Extension Club Meeting/Luncheon; Hinson's Crossroads Fire Department.
- 10:30 a.m.: Letter Learners; Washington County Public Library. For more information, call 850-638-1314
- 11 a.m.: Holmes County Council on Aging senior lunch. For more information, call 850-547-2345
- See CALENDAR, A9**

GOT SCHOOL NEWS?

If you have a school activity or news event you'd like covered, please send information to: news@chipleypaper.com. Already have photos or an article you'd like to share? We'd love to have those submissions as well. Help us get the word out about all the good news in our local school system!

SPORTS TICKER

IN BRIEF

Notre Dame, Alabama set to meet in 2028, 2029

Iconic football programs Alabama and Notre Dame will meet in a pair of season openers, starting in a decade.

The schools announced Thursday that they'll open the 2028 season in South Bend and 2029 in Tuscaloosa.

The Crimson Tide and Fighting Irish have met seven times, including Alabama's 42-14 win in the BCS championship game to end the 2012 season.

Notre Dame holds a 5-2 advantage in the head-to-head matchups.

LONDON

London Marathon is expecting record heat

London Marathon runners have been urged to reconsider dressing up in fancy costumes because Sunday's race is set to be the warmest on record.

Forecasts indicate sunshine and a temperature of 23 degrees Celsius (74 F), beating the previous high of 22.2 in 2007.

Extra water, ice, showers and medical stations will be available to runners throughout the 26.2-mile course.

KETCHUM, IDAHO

Fire damages lodge at Sun Valley ski resort

A raging fire at a base lodge at Idaho's famed Sun Valley Resort ski area heavily damaged the building just days after the ski season ended, officials said Thursday.

Flames were shooting 30 feet from the roof of the resort's Warm Springs Lodge when police arrived at the scene Wednesday night and the fire was still burning Thursday afternoon, officials said.

There were no reports of injuries. The resort held its final day of skiing last Sunday.

No damage estimate was immediately available but it was difficult for firefighters to put out the fire because it got into a space between the building's ceiling and roof, said Will Fruehling, chief deputy of the Blaine County sheriff's office.

"I'm not a building expert, but when big portions of the roof are burned or gone or collapsed, I would find it hard to believe that it's salvageable," he said.

No employees were inside the building that had been closed for the season and there were no reports of injuries, said Sun Valley Resort spokeswoman Kelli Lusk.

Damage was estimated at more than \$1 million, said Neil Bradshaw, the mayor of the town of Ketchum where the resort is located.

He said an investigation into the cause will be conducted by the Ketchum Fire Department, Idaho State Fire Marshal Knute Sandahl, and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

The ski area closed for the season last Sunday.

It wasn't yet known if sprinklers inside the lodge had activated, Bradshaw said.



Cleveland Browns general manager John Dorsey answers questions about the draft during a news conference Thursday at the team's training camp facility in Berea, Ohio. Dorsey won't say which direction the Browns are planning to go in the NFL draft. (TONY DEJAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

Plans under wraps

Browns GM Dorsey keeping quiet on what team will do at the top of this year's NFL draft

By Tom Withers
The Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Browns general manager John Dorsey is old-school cool, from his wardrobe to keeping his plans for the upcoming NFL draft private.

He's not tipping his hand.

"You know," Dorsey said, "a man once told me: Don't show all your cards at once."

Dorsey kept things close to the vest — or in his case, a white-and-orange team sweat shirt — on Thursday during a mandatory pre-draft news conference in which he sidestepped any questions about which quarterback he's considering with the No. 1 overall pick.

For months, Cleveland fans have debated whether the team should select Southern Cal's Sam Darnold or Wyoming's Josh Allen or UCLA's Josh Rosen or Oklahoma's Baker Mayfield.

Asked point blank, if he had made up his mind, Dorsey scrambled like a QB being blitzed.

"You know what?" he said. "I'm a guy of processes. I'm a guy of structure. I'm a guy of systems and I'm a creature of habit. I've done it for 20-some years. But where we are in the process right now, I think the draft is seven days away. But I'm very confident in where we are in the process moving forward."

And so it went for nearly 30 minutes as Dorsey, who was hired in December to fix a franchise mired in losing, offered few clues on what he intends to do with either of his first-round picks. The Browns also own the No. 4 selection.

The team is expected to draft a quarterback first, but Dorsey said he's leaving his options — including a trade — open and that he's even considered using the first pick on Penn State running back Saquon Barkley, considered by some draft experts to be the top overall talent in this year's player pool.

"Why wouldn't I?" Dorsey said when asked about Barkley, who dazzled pro personnel at the combine. "The guy's a really good football



Southern California quarterback Sam Darnold is a top prospect in the upcoming NFL draft. He is one of the options available to the Cleveland Browns. (JAE C. HONG/ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO)

player. Absolutely. You can't have enough of them on your team."

While Barkley is intriguing, quarterback is a priority for the Browns, who are coming off a 0-16 season.

They've spent three decades in a fruitless search for a long-term answer at the game's most important position, and after the previous front office regime passed on the chance to draft either Carson Wentz or Deshaun Watson the past two years, Dorsey has his sights set on getting an elite quarterback now.

The Browns have done their due diligence in preparing for the draft. They've attended pro days, conducted private workouts and brought Darnold, Allen, Rose and Mayfield in for visits to get to know them better.

Darnold is believed to be the favorite to wind up in Cleveland. But there has been a growing buzz that Allen has closed the gap, especially after Sports Illustrated cited an unnamed "friend of Dorsey" predicting the Wyoming QB will be picked by the Browns.

Dorsey said no one knows his plans.

"First off, who is friend of Dorsey?" he said. "Second of all, I'm going to tell y'all, I go black in this time of year. I mean for a month, I don't listen to radio, I don't watch TV and I don't pick up the newspaper. I kind of sit there. I think scouting, when you do that, you see the purity of information. You

see the facts, and you see the film without listening to the outside white noise.

"And that's kind of the way I've always done it."

All four quarterbacks have positives and negatives. Darnold started for two years at one of the nation's top programs, but he's been turnover prone; Allen has the strongest arm but accuracy issues; Rosen is the best pure passer but is considered aloof by some; and Mayfield is undersized by pro standards and there are questions about his character.

"You guys always try to create the narrative of this guy, that he's like something he's not," Dorsey said in defending the Heisman Trophy winner. "Just meeting with him, he's a pleasant fella. He's pretty sharp. He's fine. I have no problems with him."

And while Dorsey feels hand size is important for a quarterback playing in Cleveland's inclement weather, there are other measurements he'll consider.

"The only thing I really care about is do guys win?" Dorsey said. "Does he have accuracy? Does he have a strong arm? Can he throw the ball in the red zone in tight windows? Can he drive the ball? At the end of the game, does he win? How do they play the game of football? And then are they good people? Do they love the game of football? Will their teammates like them?"

"That's kind of how I look at things."

NBA mourns death of Popovich's wife, Erin

The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — LeBron James fought back tears. Former President Bill Clinton offered condolences. Craig Sager's daughter tweeted that she was "just sick" over the news.

Such is the regard that so many, from so many walks of life, have for San Antonio Spurs coach Gregg Popovich, whose 67-year-old wife, Erin, died Wednesday after a long battle with a respiratory problem.

Spurs star Manu Ginobili says the team is "devastated, we are all hurting." But the players will "go out there and compete" and respect Popovich's philosophy of playing with "fire" and "determination."

Added San Antonio's Tony Parker: "It puts everything in perspective. It's way bigger than basketball."

The Spurs trail the Golden State Warriors 2-0 in the first round, with the playoff series shifting to San Antonio on Thursday night. The 69-year-old coach ran practice Wednesday but will not be on the sideline for Game 3. Assistant Ettore Messina will coach the team.

Clinton reached out on Twitter to the coach and his daughters: "I join the NBA family and countless fans across the country who are thinking of you, Jill, and Micky tonight as you mourn the loss of your Erin."

The Spurs asked the media to respect the family's privacy. General manager RC Buford said at Thursday's shootaround he spoke to Popovich, who is "overwhelmed by the support" but "wants our focus to be about the game today."

"Erin and Gregg were best friends who were together for 40 years, and Erin's impact and influence on our organization, on our families, on our players and their families will be felt for years to come," Buford said.

Popovich has been a mentor to countless players and coaches, never afraid to speak out on social issues or rebuff a wayward question from a reporter.

His humor is sharp, and just the other day he was the one in the film room who shouted "Go Warriors!"

Warriors coach Steve Kerr, one of those mentored by Popovich, declined to talk at practice, a rarity for him. Warriors star Stephen Curry tweeted that he is "lifting up prayers" for the coach and his family.

Ginobili had to contain tears at the shootaround.

"We all know the type of guy Pop is," he said. "Not many people know the type of gal that Erin was. It's painful and having to go through this is always tough. There is never a good time."

Browns general manager John Dorsey

FAITH

Don't postpone joy



Susan Sparks

To paraphrase Erma Bombeck, think of all the women on the Titanic, who, on that fateful night, said no to dessert.

OK, so we may not be on the Titanic. But sometimes life can make us feel like we are sinking, whether it's under the weight of stress, work demands, family issues, medical problems or difficult people. It's easy in these times of crisis to forget dessert. To put it another way, it's easy to postpone joy.

We often think: "I'll get to it. I'll do it later. I'll be happy when X, Y or Z happens." But as we defer happiness, time keeps ticking.

Suddenly, we realize that years we can never get back have passed by while we were waiting for the right time. None of us have the luxury of putting off anything, especially joy! As the book of Proverbs tells us, "Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring."

Let's take a moment to consider three strategies that can help us embrace rather than postpone joy. Since memory is not my forte, I'll frame them as an acronym: "N-O-W." "N: Never ignore an opportunity to laugh! It's the most important healing tool we have. Sadly, thanks to low self-esteem or high self-doubt, some of us don't believe we deserve to be happy. So, we bury our smiles and delay our joy. Newsflash: We deserve joy! We deserve to be happy. As Jesus taught, "I have told you these things so

that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!" (John 15:11).

We deserve happiness. And not only do we deserve it, when we claim our joy, we help others claim theirs too. As Louis Armstrong sang: "When you smilin', when you smilin' The whole world smiles with you. Yes, when you laughin' oh when you laughin' The sun comes shinin' through."

O: Observe. Many times, we opt for anger or resentment instead of joy. But if we take a moment to observe the situation we're in a little closer, we may choose differently. The next time someone says something that makes you mad, ask yourself whether it was out of malice or ignorance? If it was malice, then walk away and protect your joy. If it was simple ignorance, then laugh at the mistake, correct the

person if necessary, and go on your way. Either way, you will have chosen joy.

W: Wallow in gratitude. No matter where we find ourselves in life, there are things for which we should be grateful, even if it's just opening our eyes in the morning. One of the best ways to remember our blessings is to start our day with a prayer of gratitude. The actor Denzel Washington once suggested a great way to ensure that prayer happens. He explained that you should put your shoes way under the bed at night because then, you've got to get down on your knees each morning to find them.

Years ago, a woman in our congregation adopted a dog from the local shelter. It was a cute collie/retriever mix that was within days of being euthanized. After the paperwork was done, she took him home and immediately named him

"Just-in," for just-in-time. Just-in's story is our story, too.

Maybe you feel stuck in a dead-end job. Maybe you've let your relationship fizzle out. Maybe you feel your dreams have faded or your sense of joy has disappeared.

Many of us are walking this earth physically alive but dead of spirit, operating at the level of our social security number — existing, rather than living. But time is ticking ... as the words from the Jewish Talmud warn, "when we are called to our maker, we will each be held responsible for all the opportunities for joy that we ignored."

The time to be happy is now.

The time to make positive changes for a better life is now.

Grab life's desserts! Laugh! And wallow in your opportunities for joy ... before it's too late.

Send in your faith organization's sign of faith

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Washington County News Staff

WASHINGTON COUNTY — While driving on the long country roads, you're bound to see a sign of faith — something that can take away 'the Mondays', remind you of your many blessings or give inspiration to you for someone else.

Washington County News wants to share this positivity

with our readers!

We've launched 'Signs of Faith,' which will run in each Saturday's edition. We want you to send in your 'Signs of Faith' to us to share with the community!

In the photo, a marquee at Eastside Baptist Church, 3385 Roche Ave. reads, "God's will, God's way, God's time." And we've now shared that message with you.

Send in your photos to photos@chipleypaper.com. Be sure to include a statement that tells the name of your faith organization and address.



A sign of faith at Eastside Baptist Church, 3385 Roche Ave. [JACQUELINE BOSTICK | THE NEWS]

FAITH EVENTS

If you would like to include an event in this list, email information to: news@chipleypaper.com

St. Lukes to host harpist Amy Stabler

MARIANNA — St. Luke's Episcopal Church will host harpist Amy Stabler at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 22. Child care will be provided from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted for the Fine Arts Series. The church is located at 4362 Lafayette Street in Marianna. For more information call 850-482-2431.

Red Hill Methodist to host mission supper

BONIFAY — Red Hill United Methodist Church will host a mission supper

Friday, April 27. Serving will begin at 5 p.m. The menu will consist of fried catfish fillets, smoked chicken, baked beans, cheese grits, coleslaw, hushpuppies and dessert. Plates are dine in or carry out. All proceeds go to local missions. For more information call Linda Yarbrough after 6 p.m. at 334-684-3106.

Sunny Hills Chapel to host The Jenkins Family

SUNNY HILLS — Sunny Hills Chapel will hold a musical concert featuring The Jenkins Family and celebrate pastor appreciation at 10 a.m. Sunday, April 29. Lunch will be served. The church is located three miles south of Wausau on Highway 77. For more information call 850-548-5649.

Orange Hill Missionary to host Nugulf Coast Youth Choir

CHIPLEY — Deacon Michael Grady and the Nugulf Coast Youth Choir will be in concert at Orange Hill Missionary Baptist Church at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 29. Future Youth Workshops will be developed from the concert under the guidance and training of Deacon Grady. The church is located at 816 Sunday Road in Chipley. For further information call (850) 638-7675.

Winterville Assembly to host The Shepherds

BONIFAY — Winterville Assembly of God will host The Shepherds at 7 p.m. Friday, May 4 at the church. The church is located at 1897 Highway 177 A in Bonifay.

Northside Baptist to host spring festival

PONCE DE LEON — Northside Baptist Church will host a spring festival from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 5. This is a free event. There will be festival games, a bounce house, free lunch and more. In the case of rain there will be a family friendly movie shown inside the church at noon. If transportation is needed leave a message with name and number at 850-836-4466 before Wednesday, April 25.

First Presbyterian to host Randall Franks in concert

CHIPLEY — The First Presbyterian Church will host Randall Franks in concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 5. Randall is known for his role from

the In The Heat of The Night television series. Tickets are \$10 each. All proceeds will go to the church renovation and the special projects fund. The church is located at 658 Fifth Street in Chipley. For more information or to purchase tickets call the church at 850-638-1629 or Barbara Russell at 850-960-1347.

New Bethany to hold Homecoming services

VERNON — New Bethany Assembly of God Church will hold Homecoming services at 11 a.m. Sunday, May 6. Special music will be by Four Calvary. Lunch will follow in the fellowship hall at 12:30 p.m. The church is located at Hinson's Crossroads. For more information call Brother Leon Jenkins at 850-779-3003.

CALENDAR

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11:30 a.m.: Washington Council on Aging (Chipley) senior dining; For reservations, call 638-6216. Donations accepted. **Noon:** Chipley Kiwanis Club meeting.

12:30 p.m.: Washington County Council on Aging (Chipley)

Tuesday Group. For more information call Andrea at 638-6216 **5:30 p.m.:** Chemical Addiction Recovery Effort group; Caryville Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, For more information, call 850-326-0886.

6:10 p.m.: BINGO at St. Joseph Catholic Church; Games start at 6:10 p.m. For more information, call Peg Russ at 638-7654 or 638-7654.

7 p.m.: "A Drop of Faith"

Narcotics Anonymous meeting; Blessed Trinity Catholic Church.

WEDNESDAY

10 a.m.: Holmes Council on Aging Games and Activities. For more information, call 850-547-2345

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

p.m.

10 a.m.: Washington County Council on Aging (Chipley) exercise. For more information, call Andrea at 850-638-6216

10 a.m. to noon: Holmes County Healthy Start Safe Beds Make Safe Babies SIDS class (fourth Wednesday of each month) at Florida Department of Health in Bonifay. For more information call 850-547-8500 EXT 248.

10 a.m. to noon: Washington

County Healthy Start Safe Beds Make Safe Babies SIDS class (fourth Wednesday of each month) at Florida Department of Health in Chipley. For more information call 850-638-6240 ext 144

10 a.m. to 11 a.m.: Holmes County Healthy Start Parenting 101 classes (first, second and third Wednesday of each month) at Florida Department of Health in Bonifay



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3-3501 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION In Re: Estate of THOMAS WAYNE DOBBS Deceased. **NOTICE TO CREDITORS** The administration of the estate of THOMAS DOBBS, deceased, whose date of death was February 28, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Washington County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1293 W Jackson Ave # 100, Chipley, FL 32428. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the 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 SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the 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 ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is April 21, 2018. Attorney for Personal Representative: KERRY ADKISON Kerry Adkison, P.A. Post Office Box 669 Chipley, FL 32428-0669 (850) 638-2643 Florida Bar No. 0843253 Personal Representative: LYNDA WALLER April 21 and 28, 2018

3-3503 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION Case No. 18-11CP In Re: The Estate of TINA HOLLEY Deceased. **NOTICE TO CREDITORS** The administration of the estate of TINA HOLLEY, deceased, whose date of death was August 15, 2014, is pending in the Circuit Court for Washington County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1293 W Jackson Ave # 100, Chipley, FL 32428. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the 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 SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the 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 ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is April 21, 2018. Attorney for Personal Representative: KERRY ADKISON Kerry Adkison, P.A. Post Office Box 669 Chipley, FL 32428-0669 (850) 638-2643 Florida Bar No. 0843253 Personal Representative: HUNTER DOBBS April 21 and 28, 2018

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Personal Representative: YVETTE HOLLEY April 21 and 28, 2018

4-3500 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS TOWN OF CARYVILLE RFP 18-04 Sealed bids for the construction of TANK REPAINTING will be received by Town of Caryville, Florida at the Town Hall until 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, 2018, and then at said location publicly opened and read aloud. The RFP number must be on the outside of the envelope. The work generally consists of repainting the interior and exterior of a 75,000 gallon elevated storage tank; and making necessary repairs and improvements to the tank. Specifications for the project may be examined at the office of Southern Engineering Solutions, Inc., 201 East Troy Street, Andalusia, Alabama, and at the Caryville Town Hall, 4436 Old Spanish Trail, Caryville, Florida. To be eligible for consideration, bids must be submitted on complete proposals made available by the Owner. Complete digital project bidding documents are available upon an online payment of a non-refundable fee of \$40.00 by visiting our website www.southernengineeringsolutions.com and clicking the "Currently Bidding" link at the top of the page. A free one-time membership registration with Quest CDN will be required. Please contact questcdn.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com if you require assistance in registration, downloading, or working with this digital project information. Optional complete paper bid documents are available at Southern Engineering Solutions, Inc.; P O Box 610; 201 East Troy Street, Andalusia, Alabama 36420, upon payment of a refundable (if plans are returned in reusable condition within 10 days of bid opening) deposit of \$80.00. Bid documents will be mailed only upon receipt of deposit. If paper option is chosen, checks shall be made payable to Southern Engineering Solutions, Inc. No paper bid documents will be distributed later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled opening of bids. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities. Each bidder must submit with his bid, security in the amount, form, and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. The successful bidder will be required to submit a 100% performance bond and a 50% payment bond. All bidders must comply with the requirements of the Contractor's Licensing Law of the State of Florida and be certified for the type of work for which a proposal is submitted. The submission of the Bidders' current State of Florida license number will be required before his/her bid will be received or considered. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 30 days after the actual date of the opening thereof. Millard French Council Chairman Town of Caryville Caryville, Florida April 21 and 28, 2018

5-3491 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Sealed bids for the construction of CITY OF VERNON FRDAP SPORTSPLEX PHASE II ADA Parking and

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sidewalks, will be received by the City of Vernon at City Hall at 2808 Yellow Jacket Drive; Vernon, Florida 32462, until 3:00pm on 5/21/18 and then publicly opened and read aloud. Work of the Project includes, in general, the construction of new ADA parking spaces approximately 24 by 140 feet at the front gate. We will require four (4) handicap parking spots, two on either side of the gate opening, also in front of gate opening tying all four handicapped spaces together. Please pick up plans at the City of Vernon's City Hall for specification of the size for parking lot and use of ADA paint as well as proper markings. Construction of new sidewalks between the new ADA compliant parking spaces and fields; concrete or asphalt approximately 4 feet wide, 4 inches thick, and 248 feet long, also around the concession building 4 feet wide, 4 inches thick, and 355 feet long, and connecting to 4 existing ramps by tapering them to 10 feet. Total approximation of concrete and/or asphalt is 605 feet. Contractor is responsible for verifying these measurements. Contact Brent Gibson at (850) 258-9492 to see the project at Vernon Sportsplex. **All Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing on the outside the name of the Bidder, Bidder's license number, address and name of the project. Envelopes containing bids must be delivered to the City of Vernon, 2808 Yellow Jacket Drive; Vernon, Florida 32462 and addressed as follows: "Vernon FRDAP Sportsplex Phase II".** All contractors preparing bids shall submit with the bid documents evidence of a current Florida General Contractor's, evidence of proper registration with the Florida Secretary of State as a foreign corporation, and a Certificate of Good Standing as a Foreign Corporation from the State of Florida Department of Revenue. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality, or to reject any or all bids, and to award the contract to the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder. All bidders shall submit, upon request, a list of projects successfully completed in the last 3 years, having at a minimum the same scope of work and approximate construction cost as specified in this project. All bidders must comply with requirements of the Contractor's Licensing Law of the State of Florida and be certified for the type of work on which the proposal is submitted. Each bidder

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