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Luminaria bags bearing names of those who lost their battle with cancer are lined up at the annual Relay for Life event held in April. [CATHRINE LAMB | THE NEWS]

Relay for Life at goal threshold

Holds Wrap Up event on Monday

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CHIPLEY - Relay for Life will hold an event to review this year's campaign and recognize the people that made it possible.

The Wrap Up Party will be held 6 p.m. Monday at the Washington County Agricultural Center.

"It's our way to bring everybody together - mainly the teams - to say thank you and to recognize them," said Jody Bush, Events Coordinator for Washington County.

Teams have a lot to be proud of. This year, they were only \$500 short of their \$60,000 goal.

Also, Bush noted, more teams participated and stayed for the later events during the Relay for Life main event held in April.

"My goal this year, aside of the financial piece, was to rekindle the spirit of Relay.

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Woman's body found in Washington County



A number of police units, including Florida Department of Law Enforcement, one of three scenes, this one located at the residence, 726 Wrights Creek Road (County Road 179) in Caryville, of murder victim Deena Zimmerman and her murderer and live-in boyfriend Sean Dowis, who confessed to killing her Thursday afternoon. [JACQUELINE BOSTICK | THE NEWS]

Woman's body found in Washington County gravesite

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WASHINGTON COUNTY - Two brothers have been arrested for the murder of a Caryville woman.

Sean Dowis, 48, of Caryville, and his brother Greg Dowis, 49, confessed to the murder and disposing of the body of 45-year-old Deena Zimmerman, also of Caryville, who was last seen leaving her workplace in Graceville shortly after midnight Monday, May 28.

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The remains of Deena Zimmerman, 45, of Caryville, were recovered at a gravesite in Washington County. Sean Dowis, 48, of Caryville, and his brother Greg Dowis, 49, confessed to the murder and disposing of Zimmerman's body and are being held on charges of open murder and accessory to murder, respectively.

Smithsonian comes to Chipley

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CHIPLEY - The Smithsonian Museum will unload an exhibit at one local library.

Washington County Public Library will be the site of the "Hometown Teams: How Sports Shaped America" exhibit in October. The exhibit speaks to how sports have shaped America.

"We're a small town, small county - everyone knows how important sports are in this area," said Library Director Renae Rountree.

It will be at the Chipley branch, 1444 Jackson Ave., for six weeks, Oct. 1 - Nov. 9.

"The idea is that they bring the Smithsonian to rural areas that would normally not see an exhibit," she added. "We're one of six museums and libraries in the state of Florida that is receiving this particular exhibit."

The big-time exhibit is designed to fit in under 850 square feet - about the size the library's meeting room. It covers many themes, according to the program's website museummainstreet.org, including: The Home Team - Our American Spirit and At Every Age, Sports and Commerce, Sports and Culture, Equality in Sports and The Future of Sports.

The library received \$5,000 in state funding to put on six programs during the duration of the exhibit. It also requested last month \$1,500 from the Washington County Tourist Development Council, which was unanimously approved.

The money would be used for radio promotion, Rountree said.

VFW to reopen in Vernon

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VERNON - Veterans in the local area can look forward to the reestablishment of a Veterans of Foreign Wars post.

"Once established our hopes are to become visible and involved in the community to serve and support the missions of the organization," said MAJ Erika Dotson, USAR

(Retired), one of the people heading up the initiative.

Vernon Mayor Tina Sloan had approached Dotson about reopening the post. Interest meetings started in March last year and regular meetings began this April. The post is still in its recruitment phase and needs at least 35 members to become functional.

The meetings are held the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting is 5:30 p.m. June 14 at Vernon

City Hall.

Some benefits of becoming a member include access to: insurance programs, financial services, publication subscriptions, technology and electronics, travel services, haircuts, medical services, transitioning to civilian life and end-of-life services.

Dotson, a heavily decorated veteran, has served in Operation Iraqi Freedom 4 and 5 (2003-2005) and Operation Enduring Freedom

and Operation New Dawn (2010-2011).

"Our goal to have a free, welcoming and inviting atmosphere," Dotson said. "Future activities planned are to participate tentatively with a Poppy/Membership Drive at the Washington County Watermelon Festival, Vernon City 4th of July festivities, the Possum Day Festival and to attend the Veteran's Day activities at the schools and in the community



MAJ Erika Dotson, USAR (Retired) [SPECIAL TO THE NEWS]

in November."

For more information about how you can support or join the post, contact James Bosch at 850-326-0912 or Erika Dotson at 850-541-8533.

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14-year-old Walton County girl reported missing

Staff Report

FREERPORT - Law enforcement in Walton County are searching for a 14-year-old girl who was last seen Monday, May 28.

Walton County Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's help in locating Rhiannon Nichole Caldwell. She did not return home Monday after leaving her residence left her residence on McDaniels

Fishcamp Road.

Caldwell is described as 5'04" tall, weighing about 195 pounds with hazel eyes and shoulder length curly brown hair. She has a self-tattooed half-moon on her right wrist.

At the time she left the residence she was in possession of a cell phone that did not belong to her, a Walton County Sheriff's Office news release stated.

This is not the first time

Caldwell has run away from home.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Walton County Sheriff's Office at (850) 892-8186 or anonymously, by calling Emerald Coast Crime Stoppers at (850) 863-TIPS. Submit a web tip at <http://www.emeraldcoastcrimestoppers.com/> or send a mobile tip using the P3 Tips Mobile Application.



Rhiannon Nichole Caldwell. [SPECIAL TO THE NEWS]

MURDER

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"Early this morning, Ms. Zimmerman's vehicle was found at a condominium in Panama City Beach, Shortly after locating (Zimmerman's) vehicle, we received information that led us to what was a suspected gravesite,



Sean Dowis



Greg Dowis

at the time," Washington County Sheriff Kevin Crews said at a press conference Thursday late afternoon.

Crews said Sean Dowis, Zimmerman's

live-in boyfriend, was "heavily intoxicated" and "he snapped" during an argument between the two at the beach condo. Crews did not disclose the weapons used and nature of the homicide nor the exact location of the gravesite, which he confirmed to be in Washington County.

However, he stated law enforcement was currently working three scenes connected to Zimmerman's murder.

One scene, Crews confirmed, is located at the victim's residence, 726 Wrights Creek Road (County Road 179) in Caryville, Washington County. Law enforcement from Washington County Sheriff's Office and Florida Department of Law Enforcement were on scene before noon Thursday.

The suspects were arrested with full-confession about an hour prior to the press conference.

Sean Dowis is being held on one open count of murder of Zimmerman. His older brother Greg Dowis was charged for accessory after the fact.

"Those two - we feel confident they are the solely responsible ones," Crews said referencing the Dowis brothers, and noting there are no other suspects in the case. The investigation is ongoing.

Crews stated, since Tuesday - when Zimmerman's family reported that she had not been seen since that Sunday - investigators had reached more than 100,000 people through social media regarding the victim's disappearance.

Sheriff Crews thanked the local community and the broad-based social media community for submitting tips for the investigation. He also praised the efforts and support of the following agencies: Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Bay County Sheriff's Office, Panama City Beach Police Department, Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the 14th Judicial Circuit State Attorney's Office.

Red Snapper season is open

Triggerfish, greater amberjack season to close

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PANAMA CITY BEACH — Anglers are snapping up spots to be among the first to reel in red snapper, as the highly anticipated for-hire season starts today.

"We're filling up," said Pam Anderson, the operations manager for Capt. Anderson's Marina. "We have some openings left, mostly for the afternoon five-hour trips and eight-hour night trips."

Red snapper, known for both their size and flavor, is perhaps the most sought after fish by anglers.

"We have people who will book trips just for red snapper," Anderson said.

Red snapper have been under tight regulations as federal fishery managers were concerned about overfishing and the long term sustainability of the species. But ahead of this season, a new tone has been set, as NOAA has removed red snapper from its

list of "overfished species" and loosened the reins a bit.

The federal for-hire season, which includes federally permitted charter and head boats, will last from June 1 to July 21, continuing the trend of adding a few more fishing days each year.

That's good news, Anderson said, as "we need as many fishing days as we can get, and we know they are plentiful now."

The bigger change this year will be for the private recreational season. After outrage at how last year's season was handled, this year NOAA launched a pilot program where each of the five Gulf states will be able to regulate the red snapper fishery in both state and federal waters.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) set a 40-day season that will open June 11 and run through July 21.

With the red snapper season opening, the fisheries of two other popular species — greater amberjack and triggerfish — will close through July 31.

In a press release, FWC said the "seasonal harvest closures help conserve Florida's



Aaron Legare unloads a catch of Red Snapper Friday at Captain Anderson's Marina in Panama City Beach.

valuable greater amberjack and gray triggerfish populations and improve these fisheries for the future."

Both greater amberjack and triggerfish are anticipated to

reopen Aug. 1, but it's not a definite, as in recent years FWC has made modifications to the season if the spring catch exceeded the total catch allotment for the year.

Two health plans tapped for Medicaid contracts

By Christine Sexton
News Service Florida

TALLAHASSEE - Florida Medicaid officials on Thursday announced their intent to award contracts to two companies owned by health care providers, bringing to 11 the number of managed-care plans expected to sign five-year contracts with the state.

Lighthouse Health Plan, which is based in Pensacola, would provide Medicaid services in Northwest Florida, and Miami Children's Health Plan would provide similar services in Southeast Florida.

Both companies - known as provider-sponsored networks because they are owned and operated by health care providers --- are new and don't have current contracts with the state. Lighthouse is affiliated with Pensacola-based Baptist Health Care, while Miami Children's Health Plan is affiliated with Nicklaus Children's Hospital.

The Agency for Health Care Administration on April 24 said it intended to sign five-year contracts with nine managed-care plans to serve

Medicaid patients in regions throughout the state.

The announcement Thursday about Lighthouse and Miami Children's Health Plan came after AHCA Secretary Justin Senior, Medicaid director Beth Kidder and other officials met this month with several managed-care plans that have threatened to challenge the contract awards. Such challenges could come from plans that were shut out of potential contracts.

The agency's amended decision is not final, and other managed-care plans will have 72 hours to file notices with the state of their intent to challenge.

If the decision stands, Lighthouse Health Plan will provide what are known in the Medicaid system as "managed medical assistance" services in Medicaid Region 1, which is the western part of the Panhandle.

The plan earlier submitted a notice to the state of its intent to challenge contract decisions in Medicaid Region 1 and Medicaid Region 2, which includes a 14-county area from Holmes and Bay counties east to Jefferson

and Taylor counties. It had bid on both regions and was invited to negotiate with the state but wasn't initially selected.

Miami Children's Health Plan, meanwhile, will provide managed medical assistance in the two regions where it vied for contracts, if the decision stands. Those are Medicaid Region 9, which goes from Indian River County south to Palm Beach County and Okeechobee County, and Region 11 which is made up of Miami-Dade and Monroe counties.

Managed medical assistance involves providing services for general and acute health-care needs, from childhood checkups to surgeries. If Thursday's announcement stands, Medicaid patients in Region 9 and Region 11 will be able to enroll in provider-sponsored plans for those services.

In the initial announcement last month, the state awarded contracts in those regions to Medicaid HMO plans that offered what AHCA describes as "comprehensive" services. In addition to managed medical assistance services,

comprehensive plans would offer long-term care such as skilled nursing services.

Miami Children's Health Plan also wanted a Medicaid contract as a children's specialty provider in those regions and filed a notice to challenge the decision not to provide it a specialty contract. AHCA did not modify its position on the specialty contracts.

Medicaid is Florida's safety-net health program that provides care for nearly 4 million poor, elderly and disabled people, with 85 percent of beneficiaries enrolled in managed-care plans.

AHCA has gone through a lengthy process of awarding contracts in 11 regions of the state, with contracts going to varying numbers of plans in the regions. This is the second procurement of the Medicaid program since the state required most Medicaid patients to enroll in a managed care plan.

The new five-year contracts are slated to go into effect January 1, which means that the state would need to advise patients of the available new plans beginning in the fall.

RELAY

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It was dying, it had died," Bush said, noting her eyes

really opened when neighboring Jackson County's fire had been snuffed, as they did not hold a Relay for Life event this year.

"I told myself, 'If we don't do something, we're going to be in the same boat as they are,'"

Bush said. Committing to a number of first-time activities, local teams jumped on board to kindle the flame.

"The teams engaged so eager this year; it was a magical," Bush said.

"Next year, we have to add

logs to the fire, to see it continue to grow," she added. "But, this year, we definitely turned the corner."

It's not too late to give. Make a donation to the American Cancer Society online relayforlife.org/washingtonholmesfl.

LOCAL & STATE

CPD requests help identifying subject in theft

By Staff Report

CHIPLEY - The Chipley Police Department is requesting assistance in identifying a person of interest.

The individual is believed to have information concerning the theft of an iPad valued at \$800.00.

Anyone with information regarding the identity of this person is asked to call Chipley Police Department at 638-6310.



[SPECIAL TO THE NEWS PHOTOS]



After Alberto, Ga. man dies after being pulled from Gulf of Mexico

By Zack McDonald
Gatehouse Media Florida

PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla. — A 61-year-old Georgia man died Wednesday after going snorkeling in the Gulf of Mexico while first responders spent much of the day trying to keep beachgoers out of dangerous rip currents in the wake of Subtropical Storm Alberto.

According to the Bay County Sheriff's Office, Rick Correll was found floating face down in the water behind Regency Towers.

Before and since Alberto made landfall, double red flags have flown over the beach to

indicate swimming is prohibited. But as the sun appeared Wednesday, law enforcement saw a sharp increase in water rescues and issued dozens of warnings to those venturing into the dangerous currents.

About 2:45 p.m., though, tragedy struck behind the Regency Towers.

BCSO reported finding Correll about 200 yards from shore. His family said he had gone snorkeling, but they hadn't seen him in more than an hour.

Once Correll was brought to shore, CPR was performed, but he was pronounced dead at the scene, BCSO reported. Correll's body has been

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turned over to the medical examiner's office to determine a cause of death.

Sheriff Tommy Ford said his officers responded to several distressed swimmers and responded to 30 beach ordinance calls to warn swimmers to get out of the water while double red flags were out.

"We are always saddened by any loss of life,"

Ford said. "I would like to remind people to take the flag warning system seriously."

Panama City Beach Police Chief Drew Whitman said his officers have not had any serious distress calls but have been responding to several water calls in the days since Alberto.

"We just had a lot of people stay after

Memorial Day longer so they wouldn't have to drive in the rain," Whitman said. "Once the sun came out, they hit the beach."

BCSO worked several water rescues in the immediate area behind Regency Towers. Within a matter of minutes after emergency crews left with Correll's body, remaining officers with the Beach Rescue Unit again were running into the water.

Sarah Bohannon of Memphis, Tennessee, said she was just trying to swim to the sandbar. When she realized she was too far out, Bohannon tried to swim back on her boogie board but couldn't make any headway against

the strong rip currents.

"I was scared until I saw the lifeguard coming," Bohannon said. "When I saw him, I tried not to panic, and that helped."

As Bohannon gave a brief hug to the officer who had rescued her, crime scene investigators were speaking with Correll's visibly distraught family.

Double red flags mean the water is closed to swimming — even to the strongest swimmers. In Bay County and Panama City Beach, swimmers can be fined or arrested for violating the ordinance.

Zack McDonald is a reporter for the Panama City (Fla.) News Herald.

Physical therapists aim at role in opioid crisis

By Christine Sexton
News Service Florida

TALLAHASSEE - With the opioid crisis as a backdrop, Florida physical therapists are promoting their services with a new website and statewide educational campaign in hopes of expanding their footprint in the health-care marketplace.

The Florida Physical Therapy Association's campaign, dubbed "PT for Pain," is designed to promote how physical therapists can play a role in helping patients manage pain.

Jamie Dyson, president of the Florida Physical Therapy Association, said the 6,460-member group wants to "educate the public on how to access physical therapy and what physical therapy can do for them and to help them manage chronic pain."

That's a goal that Florida Medical Association General Counsel Jeff Scott finds laudable, given a medical examiner's report that showed the total number of drug-related deaths in Florida jumped 22 percent from 2015 to 2016. The number of opioid-related deaths — 5,725 in 2016 — grew by 35 percent.

"Anything that you can use that doesn't involve an addictive substance, I think would be a good thing," said Scott, whose statewide association represents more than 20,000 physicians.

Ultimately, though, Dyson said the goal for the Florida Physical Therapy Association is to convince the Legislature to change state law to allow physical therapists to work independently from physicians.

"As in 19 other states

across the nation, the goal is to have unrestricted direct access," Dyson told The News Service of Florida.

Scott said that is a step too far.

"We're certainly opposed to unrestricted direct access," Scott said. "To allow physical therapists to continue providing treatment without taking appropriate steps to make sure they (patients) are being cared for properly is ill advised and dangerous."

Only the Legislature can approve that change. But physical therapists also are pushing administrative changes that would authorize them to broaden their services.

The Board of Physical Therapy has proposed a rule that would authorize certain physical therapists to begin offering "dry needling" services.

"Dry needling" is a term physical therapists use to describe a technique of inserting filiform needles into the skin at various "trigger points," which causes certain responses.

Physical therapists who support the proposal say dry needling can be used as an alternative to opioids as part of a pain-management regimen.

The Florida State Oriental Medical Association has challenged the rule in state administrative court.

In Florida, physical therapists treat patients who are referred to them by physicians. Since 2015,

though, physical therapists have been authorized to treat patients for up to 30 days without a physician's referral. For example, that could mean a patient who suffers a lower-back injury by incorrectly lifting or twisting doesn't need to make an appointment with a doctor.

Dyson said physical therapists can treat patients within 48 hours and without opioids. But Dyson acknowledged that patients aren't aware of the ability to directly access the care. Prior to the change in 2015, physical therapists

were authorized to treat patients for 21 days. Dyson said the extra time provides therapists another week of care with patients.

The Legislature also changed the law in 2015 to allow physical therapists to treat patients who are referred by out-of-state physicians, a move that makes it easier for snowbirds to continue their treatment, Dyson said.

The Florida Physical Therapy Association has not kept track of how the changes have impacted their members' practices.

The physical therapy website is here.

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.

Rental units wanted

Tri-County Community Council is looking for rental units for the

Section 8 program. The Section 8 program provides assistance for low income families in the private rental market through the Housing Assistance Payments Program. Renter voucher holders select a unit from the private market. Requirement of a unit to be rented to an assisted family are as follows: the unit must meet HUD housing quality standards and the rent must be approvable within HUD Fair Market Rents and market rate. When a Section 8 voucher holder is interested in your unit contact Steve Henderson at 638-4520 ext 103.

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 QUALIFYING FOR THE CITY OF CHIPLEY GENERAL ELECTION AND REGISTRATION BOOK CLOSING

On Tuesday, August, 7, 2018, a General Election will be held for the City of Chipley at Chipley City Hall, 1442 Jackson Avenue. Term of office expires on September 30, 2018 for the following positions: Council Member Ward 1, Council Member Ward 4 and Council Member-at-Large. These offices will be opened to qualified candidates. Qualifying for these offices will begin at 8:00 a.m., Monday, June 11, 2018, and end at 4:00 p.m., Friday, June 15, 2018. The qualifying fee for each office is \$252.00. Those wishing to qualify may do so with the City Clerk at Chipley City Hall during the above stated time period.

The Voter Registration books will close on July 9, 2018. All city residents within the city limits of Chipley, who are registered to vote by July 9, 2018, are eligible to vote in this election regardless of where you live in the city.

City elections are non-partisan and political party affiliation does not apply.

Please contact Patrice Tanner, Asst. City Administrator/City Clerk at (850) 638-6350 should you have any questions or need other information regarding the upcoming city election.

OPINION

Threat from China's navy growing

America's Navy, founded on Oct. 13, 1775, has always had a special relationship with Rhode Island. In December 1775, it commissioned the sloop Providence, and the colony's own Esek Hopkins became the Navy's first commander-in-chief on Jan. 5, 1776.

From these humble beginnings, the U.S. Navy has expanded to become the world's most powerful. In April, some 325,673 Americans were on active naval duty, and 98,481 on ready reserve.

But America's dominance is now being seriously challenged by communist China, which is using our own money — through our repayment of massive loans on the national debt — to help dramatically grow its navy.

While the U.S. has 283 deployable battle force ships at present, for example, China's People's Liberation Army Navy is expected to have 415 combat ships by 2030.

Rhode Island's J. William Middendorf, a former secretary of the Navy, provided some chilling context on these pages last year ("America faces grim peril in the seas," Commentary, April 7, 2017).

"The rising capabilities of China's navy and related air assets have been underestimated," he warned. China has been building "new and larger surface units, including destroyers that are roughly comparable to the American Arleigh Burke-class and frigates and corvettes better suited to fight at sea than the American Littoral Combat Ship (LCS)."

Mr. Middendorf sees a particularly troubling threat in China's missile and anti-missile programs. The DF-21D mobile ballistic missile, "when fully developed, could be capable of destroying decks of a U.S. super carrier at a distance of up to 1,000 miles," he noted. Meanwhile, the WU-14 hypersonic glide vehicle could "from 60 miles above the earth ... release a precision-guided, supersonic missile and against which there is no present defense."

Recently, China's navy reportedly launched anti-ship cruise missiles, as well as surface-to-air missiles, on the Spratly Islands near the Philippines. This has been a disputed territory for some years, and it's the first time the Chinese have ever done something like this.

Hence, as its sea power gets stronger and more advanced, China is becoming more defiant. These developments could be highly problematic when it comes to control of the Pacific. While the U.S. has been able to protect and promote free sea trade for all countries since the end of World War II, China seems bent on controlling important sea lanes.

Seth Cropsey, director of the Hudson Institute's Center for American Seapower, noted in *The Wall Street Journal* on May 15 "the histories of Athens, Venice, Spain, Holland and England show that losing control of the oceans leads ineluctably to losing great-power status."

Few Americans would want this country, as the bastion of freedom and the champion of economic growth throughout the world, to join this list.

A version of this editorial first appeared in the Providence (R.I.) Journal, a sister paper with GateHouse Media.

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ANOTHER VIEW



Jones Act Keeps American Prepared for War in Times of Peace



Peter Roff

Though it's cliché, Memorial Day reminds us that freedom isn't free. It costs us, sometimes dearly.

This is especially true when we find ourselves unprepared for a conflict we probably should have expected to be drawn into. America was not ready for World War I, for World War II, or for Korea. We weren't even ready for the Iraq War, despite the fact it was initiated by the United States after all efforts at a negotiated settlement failed. As former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld said, we were forced to go to war with the forces we had rather than the forces we might have wanted.

Rumsfeld was widely criticized for his observation, but, then as now, it is totally defensible. The breakdown of America's military power doesn't happen overnight. Instead, it's a long process that begins when the politicians start believing a threat has passed and that funds used for defense could be better spent elsewhere.

Well, we're setting ourselves up again. America is not prepared for the next war, whether it happens in cyberspace, outer space, or, in a more conventional sense, starts somewhere around the world when the need arises to check an ambitious power

seeking to expand its influence on global affairs by force.

One place that deserves more attention than its getting is the People's Republic of China who, it should be noted, recently sent to sea an aircraft carrier it designed and constructed on its own, probably with the help of intellectual property stolen or extorted from U.S. commercial interests.

Carriers are not, per se, defensive weapons. They are used to project power far from home at the center of an array of a combat fleet that will, according to those who are experts in such matters, soon rise to 400 ships.

There's a crisis coming. It's not a for sure thing; the Chinese would much prefer to use their economic power to achieve their objectives all across the Pacific Rim. They also understand, as do we, that war is expensive and is to be avoided at all costs. Therefore, it's disconcerting to learn that Adm. Phil Davidson, the president's nominee to be the next head of the U.S. Pacific Command, recently told the United States Senate he was not at all certain America would prevail in a future military conflict with China.

Adm. Davidson called China "an arrived great power and peer competitor" thanks to what he then called "a rapid military modernization over the last three decades and is approaching parity in a number of critical areas." It is, and the United States needs to respond, not just by increasing the size of the U.S. Navy's combat fleet but by making sure its Merchant Marine remains viable just in

case a conflict should arise.

Right now, the best guarantee of that is the Jones Act, passed just after World War I to make sure the U.S. military never again encountered the kids of difficulties it did when moving troops and supplies to Europe during what everyone hoped would be "the war to end all wars." Formally the Merchant Marine Act of 1920 - U.S. Sen. Wesley Jones of Washington State was its principal sponsor - it requires all cargo moved by water between two points in the United States be transported on ships built, owned, and crewed by Americans.

Without the Jones Act, all that work would have been outsourced years ago to other countries, to ships with foreign crews. The shipbuilding and maintenance facilities that still exist in the United States would have vanished into the mist even though, in time of war, a secure reliable merchant fleet is vital to the national defense. Creating it all from scratch would cost as much as \$65 billion according to those who follow such matters closely. Yet American doesn't have even half that available to update the combat fleet.

Even the possibility of future conflict with China means the America should act now to keep the homegrown merchant fleet and the ship building and repair industries it needs open. To abolish the Jones Act would mean its closure, something that would be pennywise, pound foolish, and obviously so but only after it was too late to reverse course.

The Democrats' Unimpeachable Stupidity



Michael Reagan

Don't sweat North Korea. Don't sweat the postponement of the Singapore Summit.

My bet is that it's just one of many bumps, blips and stumbles that will happen before the Trump administration and that evil dictator agree to a historic deal.

Meanwhile, Donald Trump continues to get lots of positive things done in Washington.

This week he signed a bipartisan fix for the badly flawed Dodd-Frank financial

reform act that helps small and regional banks deal with rules designed for Big Banks.

He also signed a smaller bill many say has been needed for a long time - "The Right to Try Bill," which gives terminally ill patients the right to seek experimental drug treatments before they achieve final FDA approval.

By almost any measure, and despite virtually no help from Democrats and the biased mainstream liberal media, President Trump's doing pretty well at home and abroad.

His tax cuts are still giving millions of middle-class people fatter paychecks, unemployment is at record low levels for blacks and Latinos, the Trump stock market is still up and the economy is getting stronger and healthier all the time.

Meanwhile, look at what the Pelosi-Clinton Democrats are doing.

They're counting on winning the House of Representatives in the fall.

And what's their big selling point to voters, the single-most important issue they think will inflame the masses, elect Democrats and return the Party of Hillary to power in Washington?

"Elect me. I promise to impeach President Trump."

Oh, as a special bonus, if Nancy Pelosi returns as their speaker, she promises she'll immediately roll back those crummy Trump income tax cuts.

A rational American voter might ask, "What exactly has President Trump done to deserve impeachment?"



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The Mini Page

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Next Week:
The 2018 FIFA World Cup™

Rivers Rock



Mini Fact:
June is National Rivers Month.



The Missouri River (the longest river in the U.S., about 2,500 miles long) and the Mississippi (the biggest, with its watershed covering more than a million square miles) are two of the most important rivers in the United States.

Rivers provide us with beauty, recreation, transportation, electricity, wildlife habitat, water for manufacturing and agriculture, and most important, water to drink. What would we do without them?

What is a river?

A river is a naturally flowing body of water. Streams, brooks, creeks and smaller rivers are all part of bigger river systems.

Almost all rivers in the United States flow into the ocean. An exception is the water flowing into the Great Salt Lake in Utah.

Rivers all flow from a high point to the lowest point. Water will always find the easiest way to go downhill.

The importance of water

Most of the Earth's water is in the oceans. But people and most animals can't live by drinking ocean water. It is too salty.

Water that is good to drink is called **freshwater**. About half of the drinking water in the U.S. comes from rivers. But freshwater from rivers and other sources is in short supply.

Rivers all have relied on rivers to:

- Irrigate crops. In the dry West, about 80 percent of the river water humans use is used to grow food.

- Power machinery that ground wheat into flour or spun plant fiber into cloth.



Crops are watered by irrigation systems.

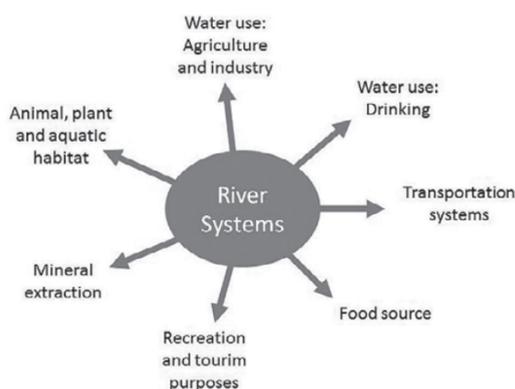


image courtesy GDRC

- Help make virtually all products, from paper to computer chips.
- Make steam to run coal and nuclear power plants and provide water to cool those plants.
- Create electricity. About 10 percent of the electrical power in America is created by dams on rivers.

Although they're not as important to transportation as they once were, rivers still connect cities and help people move goods from one place to another. You might notice when you look at a map that many U.S. cities are built on the banks of major rivers.

The state of our rivers

Experts say only about half of our rivers and streams meet the standards set up by our government to keep our water clean and safe. People are worried about having enough clean water. All over the world, people are working to protect rivers.

Try 'n' Find

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

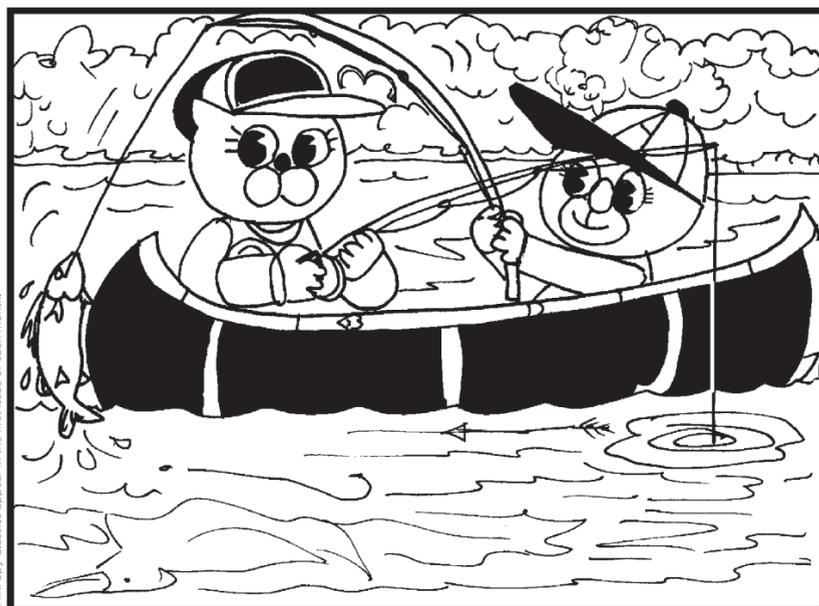
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Mini Spy Classics

Mini Spy and Dot love to go fishing on the river. See if you can find the hidden pictures. Then color the picture.



Mini Spy Classics appear in the first issue of each month.

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- arrow
- question mark
- number 3
- letter A
- funny face
- mug
- letter D
- duck
- cat
- letter J
- pencil
- word MINI
- letter T

Caring for rivers

Here are some ways you can help keep our rivers flowing cleanly:

- Volunteer to help clean up trash along a river.
- Save water. Don't leave the faucet running when you do tasks such as brushing your teeth.
- Ask your parents to use non-polluting, safe products for lawn care. Chemicals flow from your lawn into rivers.
- Join your local watershed group.
- Pick up after your dog. Remember, almost everything that goes on the ground ends up in our rivers.



Resources



On the Web:

- bit.ly/MPivers
- bit.ly/MPwater

At the library:

- "Rivers" by Claire Llewellyn
- "A Journey Into a River" by Rebecca L. Johnson

Mini Jokes



Missy: What do you call the little rivers that flow into the Nile?
Mo: Juveniles!

Eco Note



Ponds, lakes, streams and rivers are home to lots of different species that can't live in salty ocean water. There are freshwater ecosystems all over the world. There are many kinds of frogs, fish, insects and microscopic organisms like amoebas. And there are rare species like river dolphins in Asia and South America, otters in North America, beavers in North America and Europe, and platypuses in Australia.

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NATION & WORLD

'Good progress' made toward summit

Kim Jong Un aide will visit Trump as sides attempt to revive plans for meeting

By **Matthew Lee**
and **Josh Lederman**
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A top aide to Kim Jong Un will make a rare visit to Washington Friday to hand a letter from the North Korean leader to President Donald Trump, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said after reporting "good progress" in talks between the two sides to revive an on-again, off-again nuclear summit.

"I am confident we are moving in the right direction," Pompeo told reporters at a news conference in New York after meeting Thursday with former North Korean military intelligence chief Kim Yong Chol. "Our two countries face a pivotal moment in our relationship, and it would be nothing short of tragic to let this opportunity go to waste."

He would not say that the summit is a definite go for Singapore on June 12 and could not say if that decision would be made after Trump reads Kim Jong Un's letter. However, his comments were the most positive from any U.S. official since Trump abruptly canceled the meeting last week after belligerent statements from the North.

The two countries, eying the first summit between the U.S. and the North after six decades of hostility, have also been holding negotiations in



Kim Yong Chol, former North Korean military intelligence chief and one of Kim Jong Un's closest aides, second from right, and U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, second from left, sit across from one another before the start of a meeting, Thursday in New York. (SETH WENIG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

Singapore and the demilitarized zone between the two Koreas.

Early Thursday, Trump told reporters "we are doing very well" with North Korea. He added there may even need to be a second or third summit meeting to reach a deal on North Korean denuclearization but still hedged, saying "maybe we'll have none."

Kim Yong Chol is the highest-ranking North Korean official to visit the U.S. in 18 years, and his trip to the White House will be a highly symbolic sign of easing tensions after fears of war escalated amid North Korean nuclear and missile tests last year.

Pompeo, the former CIA chief who has traveled to

North Korea and met with Kim Jong Un twice in the past two months, said he believed the country's leaders are "contemplating a path forward where they can make a strategic shift, one that their country has not been prepared to make before."

He tweeted from New York: "Good progress today during our meetings" with Kim and his team. Yet he also said at his news conference that difficult work remains including hurdles that may appear to be insurmountable as negotiations progress on the U.S. demand for North Korea's complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearization.

"We will push forward to test the proposition that we can achieve that outcome,"

he said.

Pompeo spoke after meeting with Kim Yong Chol for a little more than two hours at the residence of the deputy U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. The talks had been expected to be held in two sessions, one in the morning and one in the early afternoon, and had not been expected to conclude until 1:30 p.m. Instead, the two men wrapped up at 11:25 a.m.

Pompeo said they finished everything they needed to address in the morning session. Immediately afterward, he tweeted that he had had substantive talks on the priorities for the potential summit.

Pompeo was accompanied by Andrew Kim, the head of a CIA unit assigned to work

on North Korea, and Mark Lambert, the head of the State Department's Korea desk.

"Our secretary of state is having very good meetings," Trump told reporters at Joint Base Andrews before departing on a trip to Texas. He said of the North Koreans, "I believe they will be coming down to Washington on Friday. A letter being delivered to me from Kim Jong Un. It is very important to them."

"It is all a process," he said of arranging the summit. "Hopefully we will have a meeting on the 12th."

Despite the upbeat messaging in the United States, Kim Jong Un, in a meeting with Russia's foreign minister on Thursday, complained about the U.S. trying to spread its influence in the region, a comment that may complicate the summit plans. "As we move to adjust to the political situation in the face of U.S. hegemonism, I am willing to exchange detailed and in-depth opinions with your leadership and hope to do so moving forward," Kim told Sergey Lavrov.

North Korea's flurry of diplomatic activity following an increase in nuclear weapons and missile tests in 2017 suggests that Kim is eager for sanctions relief to build his economy and for the international legitimacy a summit with Trump would provide. But there are lingering doubts on whether he will ever fully relinquish his nuclear arsenal, which he may see as his only guarantee of survival in a region surrounded by enemies.

DATELINES

LONDON



Eleanor Crossey Malone, center, from the socialist feminist group Rosa, protests after claiming to have taken an abortion pill Thursday during a demonstration outside the Crown and High Courts in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Abortion rights campaigners swallowed what they said were abortion pills as pressure grows to ease Northern Ireland's strict ban on terminating pregnancies.

(DAVID YOUNG/PA VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

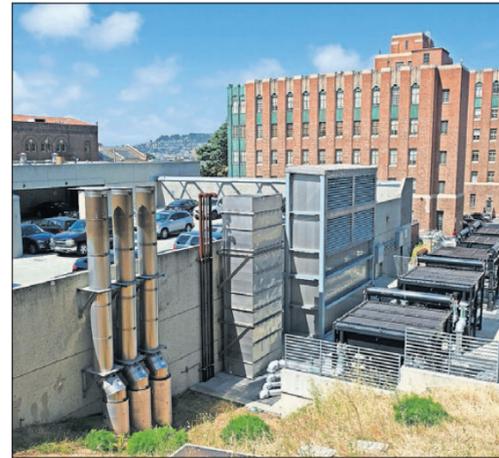
ST. PAUL, MINN.



Archbishop Bernard Hebda, left, listens as Thomas Abood, chair of the Archdiocesan Finance Council and Reorganization Task Force, answers questions during a news conference Thursday in St. Paul, Minn. The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis announced a \$210 million settlement with 450 victims of clergy sexual abuse, the second-largest payout in the scandal that rocked the nation's Catholic Church.

(JOHN AUTEY/PIONEER PRESS VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

SAN FRANCISCO



A power plant building is seen Thursday on the Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital campus in San Francisco. Officials say an elderly woman with dementia, who was found dead in a stairwell of the power plant, had checked herself out of a nearby care facility. San Francisco Sheriff Vicki Hennessy says Ruby Andersen left the care facility across the street May 19 to visit her family. She was not a hospital patient.

(ERIC RISBERG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

NEW YORK
Heroic Florida drama teacher to get special Tony Award

The special Tony Award that honors educators this year will go to a drama teacher who picks her high school's shows, builds the sets, hems the costumes — and nurtured many of the young people demanding change following the school shooting in Parkland, Florida.

Melody Herzfeld, the one-woman drama department at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, will be presented with the award onstage June 10 at the Tony telecast.

"I'm overwhelmed," Herzfeld told The Associated Press. "But I hope that this award will remind everyone of how vital and important arts education is to our kids."

EAST STROUDSBURG, PA.
Authorities: School bus driver drove drunk with kids aboard

Authorities say a Pennsylvania school bus driver was driving drunk with students aboard.

Lourdes Torres is facing 21 counts each of child endangerment and reckless endangerment. Authorities say the 49-year-old East Stroudsburg resident had dropped off students at Stroud Area High School just before she arrived Tuesday afternoon to get students at Smithfield Elementary School.

School resource officers at the elementary school called state police because they suspected Torres was impaired. She was taken into custody a short time later.

It wasn't known Thursday if Torres has retained an attorney.

VATICAN CITY
Pope denounces church's 'culture of abuse, cover-up'

Pope Francis became the first pope to publicly denounce a "culture of abuse and cover-up" in the Catholic Church, saying Thursday he was ashamed that neither he nor Chile's Catholic leaders truly ever listened to victims as the country's abuse scandal spiraled.

"Never again," Francis said in a pastoral letter to the Chilean faithful on the eve of another weekend he will spend listening to victims of Chile's most notorious predator priest. The letter was issued on the same day the Vatican announced its top abuse investigators were returning to Chile on a new mission.

In the eight-page letter, Francis thanked victims for their "valiant perseverance."

MILAN
Italy gets western Europe's 1st populist govt on second try

Italy's anti-establishment 5-Star Movement and the right-wing League succeeded Thursday in forming western Europe's first populist government, which will be headed by a political novice whose first try was rejected four days earlier as too risky for the Italian economy.

What changed was the willingness of 5-Star leader Luigi Di Maio and League leader Matteo Salvini to shuffle the proposed roster of government ministers amid a financial market scare. They moved an 81-year-old euro-skeptic economist vetoed by Italy's president from overseeing the economy ministry to a European affairs Cabinet post.

JERUSALEM
Israel, Myanmar agree to 'verify' taught history of other

Israel has signed an education agreement with Myanmar allowing each country to "mutually verify" how their histories are taught by the other.

Tuesday's agreement comes as both countries face international criticism; Myanmar for its treatment of the Rohingya and Israel for using live fire against Palestinian protesters across Gaza's border.

About 700,000 Rohingya have fled Myanmar's Rakhine state since last August, and U.S. and United Nations officials have accused Myanmar of "ethnic cleansing."

The Associated Press

COMMUNITY

Meet the 2018 4-H Camp Timpoochee Staff

Julie Pigott Dillard

4-H Youth Development Agent in Washington County
Special to The News

WASHINGTON COUNTY - Your 2018 4-H Camp Staff has just finished a week of training where they learned all the skills they need to make your camp week the best ever! Ms. Ariel, 4-H Camp Timpoochee's Director, interviewed the staff so you could find out a little bit more about them. She asked them their favorite song, favorite camp activity and had them finish this sentence: "I wanted to be camp staff because..."

Jesse J. is from LaGrange, Ga., and is a third-year staffer. Her favorite song is "What Can Make a Hippo Smile." Her favorite camp activities are archery and outdoor skills. Jessie says, "I have always enjoyed leading people and helping them grow in their own way. By becoming staff I can really impact children by being a positive staff."

Teagan is from Madison, Fla., and is a second-year camp staff member. Her favorite camp song is "Herman the Worm" and her favorite camp activity is OMC - Organized Mass Chaos! Teagan says, "I wanted to be that person I looked up to at camp."

Jack is all the way from Swansea, Wales, so you'll notice his accent is quite different from ours! He's a second-year staffer who loves to sing "Baby Shark"



2018 4-H Camp Timpoochee Staff: from left to right - Savannah, Jessie, Mason, Zach, Miles, Teagan, Jesse, Jack [SPECIAL TO THE NEWS]

and dance. Jack says, "Waking up and loving what I do-it doesn't feel like a job. I get to impact others in positive ways and help children grow."

Zach is from Bonifay, Fla., and is a first-time staff member. His favorite song is "Princess Pat" and his favorite camp activity is kayaking. Zach says "I wanted to impact kids in a positive way."

Miles is from the west coast, Santa Rosa, Ca., and this is his 1st year as a camp staff member. His favorite song is "Yogi Bear," and his favorite camp activity is kayaking. Miles says "I wanted to be camp staff to help guide kids to be leaders."

Matt, a first-time staff member from Pensacola, and loves to sing "The Coconut Song" and play Capture the Flag most of all. Matt says he wanted to become camp staff "to offer kids the same experience I had as a kid."

Jessie M., a first-time staff member, is from Chipley. Her favorite camp song is "Tarzan." If you're looking for her on camp and can't find her, she'll probably be in the Arts and Crafts room because that's her favorite camp activity. Jessie says, "I wanted to help give kids a sense of belonging."

Mason is from Cottondale, and it's his first time being

camp staff. His favorite song is "Five Little Muffins," and his favorite camp activity is kayaking. Mason says, "I wanted to positively impact youth."

Savannah, from Trenton, Fla., is a first time staff member. Her favorite song is "Pink Pajamas." She'll probably get you to sign it lots of times during her favorite camp activity - campfire. Savannah says, "I wanted to help make a positive impact."

If you'd like to learn more about 4-H Camp and its positive impacts, contact your 4-H Agent:

<http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/find-your-local-office/>.



Julie Pigott Dillard | 4-H Youth Development Agent in Washington County [SPECIAL TO THE NEWS]



Rik Kent. [SPECIAL TO THE NEWS]

Kent nominated as Rising Star

Staff Report

CHIPLEY - Chipley native Rick Kent has been nominated for another

Josie Music Awards lists Kent as a 2018 Rising Star nominee on its website josie-musicawards.com.

Held in Nashville, the Josie Music Awards is an all genre music award show that was inaugurated in 2015. It boasts itself as the world's largest independent artist award show.

Kent's strictly acoustic music embodies the simplistic lifestyle of rural American life and the quirkiness characterized within the culture.

Follow him on Facebook under Rick Kent Bluegrass or listen to him on the "Sue Walton Presents" radio show on International Connection Radio, available at icradio.online. He may be contacted for bookings through recording management company Texas Southern Entertainment.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

If you would like your events included in this list, email information to: news@chipleypaper.com

Tickets on sale for The Hallelujah Girls

CHIPLEY - Tickets are on sale for The Hallelujah Girls, directed by Tina Goodman. The show takes the stage Friday, June 1 through Sunday, June 3. Show times are at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors (65+) and military (with active or retired ID). To purchase your tickets visit www.spanishtrailplayhouse.com or call 850-638-9113, Monday- Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

WCCOA to host cake auction

CHIPLEY - The Washington County Council on Aging will hold a cake auction from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, June 1. Bids can be made via Facebook or by coming into the Council. All bids start at \$15. Cakes that are being donated for the auction need to be delivered no later than 8 a.m. on the day of the auction. If you win a cake they may be picked up from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at WCCOA. For more information call 850-638-6216.

Kid Safety Expo announces dates

CHIPLEY/LYNNHAVEN - Kid Safety Expo will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

on the following Saturdays: at the June 2 and June 16; at the Lynn Haven Walmart on June 9 and June 30. The expo will also be at the Panhandle Watermelon Festival Saturday, June 23. For more information call 850-638-1858 or 850-326-9109.

HCPL to host book signing

BONIFAY - Holmes County Public Library will hold a book signing with Holmes County author Nancy Springer from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 5. Springer will be signing and selling her latest book "The Oddling Prince". She is a member of the Holmes County Friends of the Library group and the proceeds from the sell of her book will go to the Holmes County Public Library. This new book, The Oddling Prince was included in Publisher's Weekly Top 10 list of science/fiction/fantasy/horror for Spring 2018. Legendary Entertainment has made a deal with Emmy-nominated Millie Bobby Brown to star in and produce a feature film series based on Nancy Springer's Enola Holmes Mysteries novel series.

Wausau to host photography exhibit

WAUSAU - Wausau Public Library and the Town of Wausau will host a photography exhibit at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 7 in the Town Hall located at 1607

2nd Avenue, in Wausau, Florida. Avery Wood, who grew up in the Wausau area, has spent many years photographing local people and their surroundings. There will be a display of his work and a short slide presentation during the exhibit. Those interested in people and homesteads of old Wausau are encouraged to attend. There will also be Wausau Fun Day slides from the 1980s. Help is requested to identify faces of those who participated in those events.

2018 Panhandle Watermelon Festival Pageant to be held

CHIPLEY - The 62nd Annual Panhandle Watermelon Festival Pageant will be held at the Washington County Agriculture Center, located at 1424 Jackson Avenue (Highway 90) in Chipley at 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 8 and at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 9. For more information call Teresa Bush at 850-263-4744 or 850-263-3072 or 850-415-0692 or Melissa Miles at 850-260-4323.

Library to host Mrs. Kate Singin' and Smilin'

BONIFAY - The Holmes County Public Library will host Mrs. Kate Singin' and Smilin' at 9 a.m. Thursday, June 14 at the Bonifay K-8 School. The program is part of the 2018 FLYP Summer Program. For more information call 850-547-3573.

TRIVIA FUN



Wilson Casey

"Trivia Fun" with Wilson Casey, Guinness World Record Holder from Woodruff, S.C., is published in more than 500 newspapers across the country. Comments, questions or suggestions? WC@TriviaGuy.com

1. In 1927, what was advertised

"Pure as sunlight" and "Around the corner from everywhere"?

Pan American, Coca-Cola, Gerber Products, Trailways

2. Which country has the most cities with populations of more than a million?

U.S., China, India, Russia

3. Which singer had a pet

chimpanzee named "Scatter"?

Elvis Presley, Perry Como, Bing Crosby, Nat King Cole

4. Which is not a standard rpm of old vinyl records?

33 1/3, 45, 52, 78

5. By land area, what's the third smallest state?

Vermont, Delaware, Connecticut,

Hawaii

6. When was the digital answering machine invented?

1991, 1993, 1995, 1997

ANSWERS: 1. Coca-Cola, 2. U.S., 3. Elvis Presley, 4. 52, 5. Connecticut (Rhode Island, Delaware), 6. 1991

SPORTS TICKER

IN BRIEF

SOCCER Garber finally getting Hall of Fame induction

Don Garber is finally becoming a member of the National Soccer Hall of Fame. Major League Soccer's commissioner was originally elected in 2016 but put off induction so he could be enshrined in an MLS stadium. The ceremony is set for Oct. 20 at the new Hall of Fame at Toyota Stadium in Frisco, Texas. Garber was the first of five new inductees announced Thursday. He was joined during the day by former U.S. goalkeeper Brad Friedel, forward Tiffeny Milbrett and midfielder Cindy Parlow Cone, as well as former U.S. Soccer President Bob Contiguglia. In an MLS staff meeting in New York, Hall of Famer and former national team defender Jeff Agoos formally welcomed Garber to the 2018 class.

GENEVA Swiss federal judge clears Peru captain

In a career-defining legal victory ahead of the World Cup, Peru captain Paolo Guerrero was cleared Thursday to play at the tournament in Russia by a Swiss supreme court judge despite a doping ban. Switzerland's supreme court granted an interim order to freeze Guerrero's 14-month ban for a positive test for cocaine metabolites at a World Cup qualifying game. "As a result, Paolo Guerrero can take part in the next World Cup," the federal court said, noting the tournament could be "without any doubt the crowning glory of his career." The judge, Christina Kiss, took into account that, at 34, Guerrero should not miss his first opportunity to play at the World Cup.

PORTLAND, ORE. Hinkle decided against Pride Month call up

Jaelene Hinkle chose not to play for the U.S. women's national team last year because her religious beliefs prevented her from wearing a jersey that commemorated LGBTQ Pride Month. Hinkle revealed the reason for her decision last June in an interview with the Christian talk show *The 700 Club*, which posted a video Wednesday on its website. No reason for her absence was given by the national team at the time. "I just felt so convicted in my spirit that it wasn't my job to wear this jersey," she said. Hinkle has not been called up to the national team since. A defender, Hinkle plays for the North Carolina Courage of the National Women's Soccer League. The Courage visited the Portland Thorns on Wednesday night, and there were boos heard when she was announced in the starting lineup. Some waved rainbow Pride flags. The 25-year-old Hinkle, who played soccer at Texas Tech, didn't comment after the match.

The Associated Press



Louisville pitcher Bryan Hoeing throws during the ACC baseball tournament championship game against Florida State Sunday in Durham, N.C. [GERRY BROOME/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Louisville hitting road after going 15-0 in last 5 regionals

By Eric Olson
The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — The NCAA baseball tournament opens Friday with play in 16 regionals. Regional winners advance to super regionals next week, and the final eight go to the College World Series in Omaha beginning June 16. Some of the top story lines:

REGAL IN REGIONALS

No one in the 64-team field has had more success in recent regionals than Louisville. The Cardinals must travel to Lubbock, Texas, as a No. 2 regional seed, so we'll see if they can keep it up. They've hosted regionals each of the last five years and have gone 15-0. Their five straight appearances in super regionals mark the longest active streak.

Four other teams have won three straight regionals. Texas A&M is 9-0 over the stretch, all at home, but must go to Austin this week. Florida State is 10-1, and Florida and LSU are 9-1, all at home. FSU and Florida State are at home again this week and LSU plays in Corvallis, Oregon.

North Carolina State, on the other hand, has lost regional finals each of the last three years.

WHO'S HOT

Stetson is a host for the first time and owns the nation's longest active winning streak at 15 games. The Hatters haven't lost since April 22 against NJIT. Other notable current streaks are Minnesota (nine straight) and Wright State and Canisius (eight each). Wright State has won 15 of 17, Missouri State 12 of 13, Coastal Carolina and

Florida State 11 of 12 and Saint Louis nine of 10.

WHO'S NOT

No team is colder than Oklahoma State, which was in first place in the Big 12 after sweeping rival Oklahoma in late April. Since then the Cowboys have lost 10 of 12, including the last six. Defending national champion Florida has lost six of seven and Ohio State has dropped six of 10.

FEELING A DRAFT

Nineteen of D1Baseball.com's projected first-round picks in the Major League Baseball draft are in the tournament. Some of the top prospects are Auburn pitcher and possible No. 1 overall pick Casey Mize, Florida third baseman Jonathan India, Oregon State second baseman Nick Madrigal; pitchers Brady Singer and Jackson Kowar of Florida, Ryan Rolison of Mississippi, Shane McClanahan of South Florida and Logan Gilbert of Stetson; and outfielders Trevor Larnach of Oregon State, Jameson Hannah of Dallas Baptist and Steele Walker of Oklahoma.

BRINGING THE METAL

Dallas Baptist senior right fielder and leadoff man Devlin Granberg has the highest batting average in the tournament. At .426, he's on his way to winning a second straight Missouri Valley Conference batting title. Other .400 hitters are Tennessee Tech's Kevin Strohschein (.406), East Carolina's Bryant Packard (.403), Tennessee Tech's Chris Chambers (.400) and Southern Mississippi's Luke Reynolds (.400).

MAKING THEIR PITCH

The top six ERA teams

in the nation are in regionals: Stetson (2.58), Stanford (2.85), UCLA (2.94), St. John's (2.95), Indiana (2.95) and Gonzaga (2.96). Nick Sandlin of Southern Miss brings in a 1.13 ERA, Oregon State's Luke Heimlich has 14 wins against one loss and USF's McClanahan averages 14.76 strikeouts per nine innings — all nation-leading numbers.

DOUBLE PLAY

Oklahoma center fielder and cleanup hitter Kyler Murray is favored to win the Sooners' starting quarterback job after backing up Baker Mayfield. Murray is batting .296 with 10 homers, 47 RBIs, a .556 slugging percentage and 10 stolen bases. He missed most of the Big 12 Tournament with a left hamstring injury. About the only thing that would keep Murray from playing football this fall would be if he's drafted in baseball and decides to take the immediate money.

MARTIN'S YEAR?

Florida State is making its 41st straight appearance, and Mike Martin has been head coach for 39 of them. With each one comes the question: Will this be the year Martin and the Seminoles win their first national championship? Martin, 74, became the NCAA's all-time wins leader on May 5, and the Seminoles are hot after sweeping through the ACC Tournament.

But the path to Omaha is treacherous. The No. 2 seed in the Tallahassee Regional, Mississippi State, has had a knack for knocking off heavyweights. If seeds hold, the Seminoles would host a super regional against a Clemson team they split four games with in the ACC.

Call it a comeback

Serena Williams to 3rd Rd at French Open

By Howard Fendrich
The Associated Press

PARIS — After playing so infrequently, it's as if Serena Williams is starting from scratch.

Sure looked that way for a bit more than a half-hour in the French Open's second round on Thursday, when she dealt with muscle soreness, a lack of verve and a bunch of mistakes. So many mistakes.

And then, suddenly, after unleashing one particularly powerful backhand return winner that she punctuated with a shout, Williams was back. She was animated. Determined. Dominant, even. Shaking off some rust in her first Grand Slam tournament since giving birth nine months ago, Williams recalibrated her shots and erased a deficit of a set and a break to beat 17th-seeded Ashleigh Barty of Australia 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 in a match that ended shortly before dusk.

"I lost the first set, and I thought, 'I've got to try harder. I've got to just try harder,' she told the crowd afterward. "And Serena came out."

Well put.

Williams had all sorts of trouble in the opening set, compiling 12 unforced errors. By the time the second set was merely one game old, she had been broken twice in the match, each time at love, a rather surprising development for the owner of one of her sport's most dangerous serves.

Her coach, Patrick Mouratoglou, attributed much of the poor start to this outing coming about 48 hours after the first match of her comeback following a two-month break. She arrived in Paris having played only four matches all season — none on the red clay used at Roland Garros, and none at a major tournament since she won her 23rd such title at the Australian Open in January 2017, while pregnant.

At a glance

Seeded winners in the men's second round: No. 1 Rafael Nadal, No. 3 Marin Cilic, No. 5 Juan Martin Del Potro, No. 6 Kevin Anderson, No. 7 Dominic Thiem, No. 9 John Isner, No. 11 Diego Schwartzman, No. 15 Lucas Pouille, No. 16 Kyle Edmund, No. 18 Fabio Fognini, No. 27 Richard Gasquet, No. 31 Albert Ramos-Vinolas.
Seeded winners in the women's second round: No. 1 Simona Halep, No. 3 Garbine Muguruza, No. 6 Karolina Pliskova, No. 7 Caroline Garcia, No. 11 Julia Goerges, No. 12 Angelique Kerber, No. 16 Elise Mertens, No. 18 Kiki Bertens, No. 19 Magdalena Rybarikova, No. 24 Daria Gavrilova, No. 28 Maria Sharapova.

Seeded losers in the men's second round: No. 24 Denis Shapovalov.

Seeded losers in the women's second round: No. 15 Coco Vandeweghe, No. 17 Ash Barty, No. 30 Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova.

FAITH

Signs of Faith

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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 runs 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 Orange Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 816 Sunday Road, reads, "Blessed is the father who walks with God. Service: June 17. 11 a.m." 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.



Orange Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 816 Sunday Road. [SPECIAL TO THE NEWS]

Exalting marriage



Bill Tinsley

Young families embody the hope and dreams of our future. Few scenes move me as much as a young couple strolling along the sea wall pushing a stroller; fathers splashing in the surf with their children while young mothers lounge on the beach; children laughing in the park flying kites with their fathers, giggling on playgrounds with their mothers.

It is this special bond that God's seventh commandment seeks to nourish and protect: "You shall not

commit adultery." Sex, in all of its beauty and pleasure, was given to men and women to celebrate the mystery by which human life is conceived, cradled and nurtured.

The world seemed to stand still a few weeks ago when Prince Harry and Meghan Markle exchanged vows in St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle.

The pomp and pageantry, as only the British can do, touched something in all of us regarding the majesty of marriage.

This year my wife and I celebrate our 50th anniversary along with many of our friends who "pledged their troth" about the same time as we in 1968. Marriage is worth holding on to, worth working through the difficulties, worth the

investment. The seventh commandment provides the foundation for trust and a love that lasts. It is the foundation of the family where children are born, nurtured and loved.

Many have rejected the biblical view of marriage. Somewhere along the way sex became recreational. I guess this happened around the time birth control was introduced. It revolutionized sex in the 1960s: free sex with whom-ever without the consequences of conception.

Melissa Batchelor Warnke, an opinion writer, expressed in the L.A. Times current sexual values, "I believe that everyone should have exactly as much sex as they do or don't want to have, with whomever they do or don't want to

have it, in whatever fashion they do or don't want to have it. So long as consent is present in any resultant exchange, one need not justify their choices."

We are witnessing the consequences of the cavalier attitudes spawned over the last half-century. Women are speaking up. Sexual misconduct and harassment is widespread.

Last week Harvey Weinstein returned to court. Matt Lauer, Bill Cosby and other household names that once commanded respect are gone leaving behind a trail of disgrace and embarrassment.

As with other commandments, Jesus raised the bar. "You have heard that it has been said, 'You shall not commit adultery,' but I say to you, he who looks

on a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart." (Matthew 5:27).

I like what Jeff Christopherson wrote in his book, "Kingdom First," as he says, "The husband who faithfully and sacrificially loves his wife over a lifetime not only receives the personal blessing of a joyous marriage, but further, the Kingdom ripples of that union emanate through generations. ... Children, grandchildren, colleagues, friends, and neighbors are all secondary recipients of the grace experienced in a godly marriage."

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com

FAITH EVENTS



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

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

BONIFAY - The Knights of Columbus are hosting a monthly Fish Fry on the June 1 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Blessed Trinity Parish Center, 2331 HWY 177A in Bonifay. Council 10513-Infant of Prague. All you can eat is \$10 and carry-out is \$7. All you can eat for children is \$7 and \$3 for carry-out.

On the menu: fried catfish, fried/baked white fish, sides, tea, coffee and desserts.

HCSO, WCSO and JCSO to host a Faith in Recovery event

BONIFAY - The Holmes County Sheriff's Office, Washington County Sheriff's Office, Jackson County Sheriff's Office and the

Florida Department of Children and Families will host a Faith in Recovery event from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 28 at the Holmes County Agriculture Center.

The key note speaker will be Sean Wyman, a Tallahassee Police Officer, trauma informed care speaker and a best selling author. Special guest will be Rafe Lamb, youth pastor at Grace Fellowship Christian Church and Jennifer Williams a peer specialist with the Department of Children Families Northwest Region.

This event is an opportunity for the faith community and professional community to unite and create a unified message and mission to share within the recovery communities served and to empower youth.

There will be a meal provided door prize and networking. For more information call Missy Lee at 850-251-7350.

Summer camps and VBS

If you would like to see your summer camp or vacation bible school on this list email them to news@chipleypaper.com

WCSO to annual host summer camp

CHIPLEY - The Washington County Sheriff's Office will hold their annual summer camp Monday, June 4 through Friday, June 8. The camp is designed for boys and girls ages 13 to 18. WCSO would like to see all the familiar faces and some new faces this summer. There is no cost for the camp. Lunch will be provided each day by WCSO and camp sponsors. Those attending will be CPR certified at the completion of camp. Call 850-638-6111 and speak to Daryl White, Program Director, to pre-register a spot for your child.

Unity Baptist Church to host VBS

VERNON - Unity Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, June 24 through Friday, June 29. Dinner will be provided each night. This year's theme is "Backstage with the Bible". The church is located at 3274 River Road (Hinson's Crossroads Community) in Vernon. For more information call 850-535-4669.

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.

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New home sales, construction on rise in the County

If you were to drive around Washington County you would most likely notice an up-tick in new home construction. Could that be true? Yes, it is.

As the economy is resurging, more people are buying or building homes, and they're not all current residents. I know several people from Bay County that have recently bought land to build a new home or purchased existing homes within Washington County.

These out-of-county buyers have different reasons for their interest, but their responses do have one thing in common – land and housing is cheaper in Washington County.

Think about it. In rural counties there is a high availability of land, with raw land selling between \$1,500 to \$3,000 per acre depending on where it is located, if it's on a paved road, or is in a desirable area such as SR 77 or SR 79.

Plus, a septic tank and water well can be used in place of central water and sewer lines at a



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Executive Director

lower cost. But how does this influx of people help or hurt Washington County?

If you are the Superintendent of Schools or on the School Board, you would want people moving in with children.

This is because they would then have more students coming into the school system, which directly provides for additional funding from the State and Federal Departments of Education.

Because Washington County has suffered from the loss of working-age people with children moving out of the county to seek jobs, the school system has lost hundred of thousand of dollars in funding, thus forcing the school board to make some tough choices in their budget.

On the other side

of the equation, this influx of new home/land buyers is beginning to push up the price of land and existing homes – which is good for the landowner and homeowners trying to sell their properties.

Plus the County's ad valorem revenue should rise a bit from having people moving in and building new homes.

Many of these new residents I have talked with say they are glad to have moved or are moving into Washington County.

The quality of life is better, and they can still go to the big three – Dothan, Tallahassee or Panama City/ Panama City Beach – easily while living in a place that has a much slower pace.

I recently asked a couple of our local Realtors to provide insight into what they see in our current marketplace.

Cindy Birge, Broker of Elite Realty said, "Home sales are rising! However, there is a nationwide housing shortage. The housing inventory for the nation is now at the lowest in a



generation. This lack of homes is contributing to the increased price of existing homes.

"The average sales price for homes in Washington County is up 38.67% in the last year. Even though the median sales price was \$86,500 a year ago, the median sales price in today's market is \$119,950.

"In our area there is a large amount of owner-occupied new construction, with very few "spec" houses being built by builders. A local lender mentioned that this is the most new construction that he has seen since 2005/2006.

Many buyers in

Washington County are not local residents. There is a great amount of people coming to the area from other places. Most of these individuals are looking for a place to retire and find Washington County appealing."

Seamus O'Neil, Broker Associate for Southern Way Realty had this to say: "There has been a significant upswing in real estate for Washington County in 2018.

Coupled with affordable pricing, access to Interstate 10, SR 77 and a short drive to the beaches, we have seen a large increase in out-of-town buyers wishing to relocate to Washington County.

"To date, the average residential sale price is \$134,694 compared to \$108,524 in 2017, which is an increase of over 24%. We are seeing homes spending 15% less days on the market and absorption rates cut by 33%. The absorption rate shows how long the current inventory of properties would last at the current rate of sales. We have also had a high demand for vacant lots suitable for new construction."

It is good that we are seeing people want to come and live in Washington County and share the unique qualities of a quieter and slower pace of life.

A message from the President

Many of you know my dad, Ray Pigott. He's as infamous for his successful FFA teams and speakers as he is for his sayings.

While you might think of "You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear", or "I don't know whether to scratch my watch or wind my tail," his saying that has always stuck in my mind is, "You are becoming what you are to become."

He'd say it to his students during Ag class, when he was coaching us par pro, and he'd say it as I was walking out the door to go meet my friends and ride around town. That saying still has application to my life today.

A couple of weeks ago,

I took an in-service workshop on personal resiliency. It involved filling out an inventory of questions and attending the follow-up class that explained the scales and what it could mean both professionally and personally.

What I learned wasn't really a surprise to me; I scored low (an 11 out of 100) on the creativity scale which can also be re-termed as flexible. I'm not the kind of person who reaches out to others for help, opinions or ideas. I'm task oriented and linear in my thinking.

I focus on coming up with

a solution, implementing the solution and moving on to the next task. Because it's who I innately am, there's nothing wrong with it, but it doesn't necessarily mean it's the best way to be all of the time. See, I know my weakness in this case, and I'm not afraid to admit that creativity/flexibility is an area I need to explore and purposefully pursue.

Why? Because every day, I am becoming what I am to become. I can't allow myself to stagnate or go with the familiar perspective because it's what will get the job done quickly and efficiently.



JULIE P. DILLARD
Chamber President

A message from the Executive Director

The life of an economic development professional is sometimes difficult to quantify.

You may have some really exciting project on the horizon only to know, you cannot tell anyone . . . yet.

We want to educate our readers about what is actually going on at our office and around the county but cannot . . . yet.

Our job is about facts that answer questions like: What project may be coming? How many jobs will it bring to Washington County? What is the capital investment involved? Have all the

"players" been contacted?

I tend to like facts, even if I don't always like what the facts say. But the good thing about facts is that if you don't like the answer, at least you have a basis to do something that affects change.

Fact: we don't have enough businesses on Highway 77 south of the interstate. **Response:** We are changing that fact by working with the County and City to entice developers to consider SR 77 the ideal location for their

businesses.

Fact: Some say "Chipley is doomed, the county will never be anything more than it is today." **Response:** that outcome will be true unless we try and move the needle in a different direction.

Here at the Chamber and through the efforts of our Economic Development Council and the Chipley Redevelopment Agency, we don't ignore the facts, even if we don't like them.

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SAVE THE DATE

June 21 - Third Thursday Members lunch - noon at the NFCH Specialty Center in Chipley.

July 13 - Deadline to submit applications for the LEAD Washington County Class of 2018-19. Call the Chamber at 638-4157 for more information.

July 19 - Third Thursday Members lunch - noon at the NFCH Specialty Center in Chipley.

Join us every Third Thursday!



The Chamber's monthly members luncheon is always interesting, informative, tasty, and great place to catch up with your fellow members -- we even have our own chant! Third Thursday is your Chamber member meeting, and a great place to network with your associates and fellow business people. Please you join us every third Thursday of the month -- noon in the conference room at the Northwest Florida Community Hospital Specialty Center. Did we mention prizes? We have those too -- but you have to be present to win! To sponsor a Third Thursday lunch and program, contact the Chamber at 850-638-4157.

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Washington County presents an image of small town, rural life many desire. However, in transformative times it takes strong, local leaders to ensure we maintain the best of our community while navigating towards a successful future – where businesses can prosper and our communities thrive.

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce is launching a nine-month leadership development program to foster a network of community leaders. Starting in September 2018, **LEAD Washington County** will provide a diverse group of emerging and existing leaders with opportunities to enhance their community knowledge, civic engagement and

leadership skills so they may affect positive change in Washington County.

Over the nine-month program, the Class will learn about all aspects of industry, health and human services and government in Washington County through in-field visits, trips and contact

with current leadership. Class members also participate in programs that develop their personal leadership development, and, working as a team, have the opportunity to address a real-time need or problem in Washington County.

Class members and the

organizations in which they're involved both benefit from:

- Having a better understanding about the County's issues, industries and needs.

- Networking with like-minded business and community colleagues
- Developing personal

leadership, team-building and communication skills

- Making a direct impact in addressing a real community need or issue.

What is your vision of Washington County? What are the opportunities for growth, or the changes necessary to overcome obstacles to

progress? We are calling on those individuals with a passion for change and commitment to community to become the future leaders of Washington County – stewards of growth.

Join a program that helps you understand all aspects of business and community in Washington County while developing leadership skills to apply not only in business and community, but also personally – to give you purpose.

Applications are available at the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, or online at washcomall.com. **The deadline to apply for the 2018-19 Class is Friday, July 13, 2018.** For more information contact the Chamber at 850-638-4157.



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Chamber honors First Ambassador

Jeannie Betts was recognized during the March Third Thursday for her dedication to the Chipley Redevelopment Agency and the Washington County Chamber of Commerce.

She has been an invaluable addition to both organizations: someone who always did more than asked as our very first Ambassador and provided special insight to all the CRA projects. Her quiet manner is a reflection of her wisdom and common sense; Jeannie truly has a loving heart.

The Plaque inscription reads:

Presented with our sincere best wishes to Rosalind J. Betts. In recognition and appreciation of the contributions and wisdom you brought as our First Ambassador at the Washington County Chamber of Commerce and your dedication to the Chipley Redevelopment Agency.



Ted Everett presents Jeannie Betts with a special service award during the March Third Thursday meeting.

Chamber Ambassadors plan next projects

The Chamber's Ambassadors meet monthly after Third Thursday to plan the service and business projects they support on behalf of the Chamber, including: representing the Chamber at community events, outreach to new members, supporting local business initiatives and local youth and senior enrichment initiatives. Please consider joining this active and valued group of Chamber members; contact the Chamber at 638-4157 if you're interested in participating.



A few of these hard-working Ambassadors are, from left: Jennifer Adkison with Metric Engineering, Janice George with One South Bank, Nicole Mathews with Wells Fargo, and Chair Ashley Gainer with Metric Engineering.



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May and June Third Thursday Highlights



April's program was presented by Allen Scheffer and Bruce Christmas with the Florida Farm Bureau Federation.



County Manager Jeff Massey provided an update of County business at the May meeting.



Gary Hartman wonders who will win the Oreo door prize Nicole Mathews is holding!

Brandon Loving encourages attendees to apply for LEAD Washington County.



Members catch-up before the May program starts.

Yard of the Month Awards



Clara and Ray Estes accept the April Yard of the Month Award from Chipley Garden Club President Debbie Mitchell.



Ryan and Don Brown accept the May Yard of the Month Award from Debbie Mitchell, president of the Chipley Garden Club.

Ribbon Cutting



May 10: Dom's Mobile Hut located at 830 Main Street in Chipley, Fla.



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Visit Florida highlights Econfina Creek as State tourism asset

Visit Florida is the State's official tourism marketing corporation and partners with the State's DMO's (Destination Marketing Organizations) and other tourism partners to help promote its assets both domestically and internationally. In the last few years, Visit Florida has increased promotion of its unique, off-the-beaten path gems nestled in the 32 rural counties in the state. One such gem is our very own Econfina Creek, which Visit Florida chose to feature in a video produced by Russell Mick of Running Man Pictures.

This video will run on Visit Florida's website as well as their social channels and will be included in relevant promotional



HEATHER LOPEZ
TDC Executive Director

efforts. The Washington County Tourist Development Council will also have access to sharing this video and has recently posted the video to its social channels and completed a Facebook boost campaign. The campaign ran from May 16-20 on the TDC's fan page "Visit Washington County FL". The TDC targeted the drive markets of Orlando, Tampa, Mobile, Birmingham,

Montgomery and Atlanta as well as its day trip markets of Pensacola and Tallahassee with an age range target of 25-55. The results of this campaign were very successful.

The four-day campaign yielded a reach of 12,638, 178 reactions, 5 comments, 46 shares, 19 page likes and 207 link clicks. The video resonated more with women at 52.6 percent and was watched mostly by 45-54 year olds with 35-44 year olds coming in a close second in age ranges. Web traffic was increased slightly on the TDC website in the drive markets Orlando, Atlanta, Birmingham and Tampa as well as in the day trip market of Tallahassee.

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The TDC is working on new pitches to Visit Florida for production of more videos like this one. To view the video on Econfina

Creek, please visit our fan page "Visit Washington County FL" or go to youtu.be/2yjJEhjI5Zo. Thank you to Debra Gay and friends at Econfina

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A diverse group of business and community members enjoyed speakers, activities and networking.

More than 50 area business and community members participated in LEADERCAST LIVE – the world’s largest leadership conference - simulcast

May 4 at Rivertown Community Church in Chipley. Broadcast live from Atlanta, this year’s conference focused on how to Lead Yourself.

Participants heard from world-renowned experts about the qualities and characteristics of global leaders who exemplify what it means to lead

yourself and they had some fun and fellowship along the way! Save the date for next year’s LEADERCAST LIVE - Friday, May 10, 2019.



Leadership author Andy Stanley shares the importance of self-leadership to sustained performance.



Vickie Williams and attendees compete in a ball-toss group exercise.

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EDC: Efforts underway to establish the SR79 Corridor Authority

There have been changes recently to the Chamber By-Laws and one change addresses the roles and responsibilities of the executive committee members.

The President will continue to focus on leading the Chamber, the Senior VP will chair the Membership Development/Marketing Committee, the VP will chair the Governmental Affairs Committee, the Treasurer will look after the budget, and the Past President will chair the Economic Development Council.

The EDC is involved in potential projects throughout the County, so it's imperative to enlist and continue liaisons from each municipality to ensure effective communication and cooperation for the delivery of successful



DARRIN WALL
EDC Chair

projects. We'll continue to pursue infrastructure expansion and improvements that will support economic growth and job creation.

As you may know, the SR 79 Corridor Project will bring water and sewer facilities from Bonifay in Holmes County, south to Douglas Ferry Road in Washington County -- a distance of roughly

two miles. This project is now entering the next phase of development where Holmes County, Washington County, and the City of Bonifay will soon vote on Inter-Local Agreement 2 (ILA2).

This will officially establish the Authority and allow the existing planning committee to abdicate and move on to other things. The SR79 Corridor Authority will consist of the Board chairs of the county commission from each county, the Mayor of Bonifay, and a business leader selected from each county. A general manager will be hired who will oversee the project design and construction. Once completed, this area will provide utilities in place to attract businesses looking to locate or relocate a business and create jobs.



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A Plus Insurance - 2015
 B & F Appliance Repair & Parts - 1997
 Capital City Bank - 1980
 Carswell Realty - 1980
 Central Panhandle Association of Realtors - 2014
 Chipley Garden Club - 2000
 Chipley Medical Group - 2017
 chipleybugle.com - 2000
 Chipola Ford - 2010
 Chipola Healthy Start - 2008
 Colby Peel, Washington County Judge - 1999
 Dewberry - 2014
 Doorways of Northwest Florida - 2015
 DownHome Dental Center - 2010
 Elite Realty - 2010
 Family Health Care of Chipley - 2011
 Finch Fire-N-Water Const. Restoration - 2010
 First Baptist Church of Chipley - 1996
 Guettler & Guettler - 1996
 Hard Labor Creek Off Road Park - 2011
 Kiwanis Club of Chipley - 1980
 Lane's Outdoor Equipment, Inc. - 1980
 Manpower - 2011
 McDonald's - 2013
 Northwest Florida Specialty Clinic - 2010
 Northwest Florida Community Hospital - 1980
 PeoplesSouth Bank - 2002
 Sasser's Bookkeeping Service - 1989
 Small Business Development Center - 2002
 The Eye Center of North Florida - 1991
 Town of Wausau - 1987
 Tracom Inc. - 2010
 Tri-County Community Council, Inc. - 1990
 Vernon Clinic - 2017
 WalMart Supercenter - 1994
 Washington County Council on Aging - 1989
 Wound Healing Institute - 2011

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Dom's Mobile Hut - 2018

Senior Citizenship Awards

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce recently recognized Chipley Senior Gauge Carter and Vernon Senior William Holley with the Outstanding Citizenship, Leadership and Career Preparation Award.

This award is given annually to a graduating senior from each local high school who best exemplifies outstanding citizenship and embodies the traditional work ethic of America.

We know these qualities help prepare students to be better citizens, as ultimately improve the economic development of Washington County.



Chamber President Julie Dillard presents William Holley with the Citizenship Leadership award. Not pictured: Gauge Carter.

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Every Friday & 1st Saturday (9-12)

10am-2pm -WC Historical Society Museum Open

Every Wednesday

9-2pm-Vernon Hist. Historical Society Museum Open

- 4 6 pm. - Vernon Town Council Workshop
1:30 p.m.-WCTDC Planning Workshop
- 5 5 pm - WC Planning & Zoning @ Annex
- 7 5 pm - Chipley City Council Workshop
Noon - Friends of Library @ Chipley Library
6:30 pm - Sunny Hills Civic Association Mtg.
Noon Chipley Lions Club @ Skins & Bubba
5:30 pm - WC School Board Meeting
- 12 6 pm - Chipley City Council Meeting
6 pm - Caryville Town Council Meeting
6 pm - Ebro Town Council Meeting
Noon-Chipley Woman's Club/Clubhouse
- 14 Flag Day!
6 pm - Wausau Town Council Meeting
- 16 4 pm - 40th Anniversary-Miss Firecracker
Pageant at Vernon Community Center
- 18 10 am -WCTDC Planning Workshop
- 19 5:30 pm - Chipley Satellite Kiwanis Club
at Skins & Bubba's .
- 21 Noon - Chamber 3rd Thursday meeting
at NFCH Specialty Center
- 17 Father's Day
- 18 7 pm. - Vernon Town Council Meeting
- 13 9 am - Wash. Co. Commission Workshop @ Annex
- 21 9 am - Wash. Co. Commission Meeting @ Annex
- 22-23 Annual Watermelon Festival - Pal's Park & Ag
Center
- 25 4 pm - WC TDC Workshop/Board Meeting
- 26 Noon Chipley Lions Club @ Skins & Bubba's

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- 4 4 pm - Vernon July 4 Parade
9 pm - City of Chipley Fireworks - Pal's Park
9 pm - Vernon Fire Works @ Sportsplex
- 5 Noon - Friends of Library @ Chipley Library
6:30pm -Sunny Hills Civic Association
5 pm -Chipley City Council Workshop
- 9 5:30pm -Washington County School
Board Meeting
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- 4 Possum Day in Wausau



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