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# \$85k settlement agreement reached in Jordan vs Bell

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CHIPLEY - The First Amendment case that rocked the local courthouse has ended with an \$85,000 settlement agreement.

The agreement was reached a day ahead of a bench trial scheduled for

Wednesday, Sept. 5. The final resolution requires Washington County Clerk of Court Lora Bell, in both her individual and capacity of Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, to pay attorney Michelle Jordan the settlement sum.

"As to the final judgment, we are very pleased with the outcome in this matter," Tiffany R. Cruz, of the Law

Offices of Friedman & Abrahamsen out of Tallahassee, wrote in a statement Thursday. "Our Constitution protects the rights of citizens to have and express information about the government, whether the government agrees with that information or not. To allow the government to violate those clearly established rights without challenge would lead to tyranny. I am proud of Ms.

Blankenship Jordan for pursuing this case to ensure that government officials are held accountable."

A lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court late last year alleged the Washington County Clerk of Court's Office were in violation of the First and Fourteenth Amendments by deleting comments and blocking access to the office's Facebook page, which the clerk's office suspended in October 2016.

According to the agreement, Bell or her insurer will pay the sum to the Friedman & Abrahamsen trust account within 20 days of the date of receipt of the executed original release. Both Jordan and Bell will bear their own attorneys' court

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#### Washington County adopts tentative budget, millage

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Drobins on @chipleypaper.comCHIPLEY - The Washington County Board of

Commissioners approved a tentative millage rate of 8.9735, which is 2.03 percent lower than the rolled back rate of 9.1592. Also approved was a \$28.3 million budget when the board met in a budget hearing Wednesday.

The total budget, excluding the Sunny Hills and Oakwood Hills Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU), is proposed at \$28,313,490. The MSBU budget is set is set at \$877,500.

Projected general fund expenditures and revenues balance is at \$14,449,347, with the largest revenue coming from \$7.5million in ad valorem taxes. The largest expenditure is law enforcement at \$2.5 million.

Look for a more detailed report on the county's finances after the final budget is set in the board's called budget meeting, which will take place at 5:05 p.m. Tuesday, September

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**Washington County Sheriff Kevin Crews and Corporal Duran Harrison accept donations** for stuffed animals and quilts from the Wausau Quilters. The items will be used by law enforcement to comfort children facing tragic and unfortunate events. [PHOTO CREDIT: WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE]

# 'A gift given from the heart'

Local quilting group makes donation to comfort children in unfortunate events

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WAUSAU - With children in general, particularly in traumatic experiences, a little love can go a long way.

Wausau Quilters recently made a special donation of stuffed animals and quilts to be used by deputies when engaging children impacted by tragic and unfortunate events.

"We serve in a remarkable county,"

"We serve in a remarkable county. I cannot express the gratitude I feel when I see others reaching out to those in need."

Sheriff Kevin Crews

Washington County Sheriff Crews said in a statement. "I cannot express the gratitude I feel when I see others reaching out to those in need." Each year, the group commits to a community project using some funds received through the auctioning of its quilt at the annual

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#### Chipley to approve budget

By Jacqueline Bostick

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CHIPLEY - At a workshop Thursday, Chipley City Council discussed its proposed budget for fiscal year 2018-19.

The total proposed budget of \$11,389,991 is about \$3.2 million less than the FY 2017-18 approved budget of \$14,584,451.

As requested from the City, The News will receive a detailed report of the proposed budget when it becomes available.

At the workshop, incoming and sitting council members chimed-in for clarity on various items, such as the debated \$10,000 rolled into the budget for Independence Day fireworks and \$20,000 for Christmas lights. Amid that discussion, there was some conversation about the three-percent raise to employees - a handful of individuals stating funds would be better spent if added to payroll for raises.

The FY 2017-18 budget included about \$106,000 in employee raises and, approved alongside the budget, was a new pay scale which brought the base hourly pay rate to \$10.12. The pay schedule brought raises as high as seven percent to some employees.

"I think we got a good budget and one that we can live with," Mayor John Sasser said at the tail end of the workshop.

Chipley City Council will hold a special meeting 5:45 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11 to adopt a tentative millage and budget, followed by a regular meeting at 6 p.m. The final adoption will take place at a special meeting scheduled for 5:05 p.m. on Sept. 27 at City Hall, 1442 Jackson Ave.

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Wausau Possum Festival & Fun Day.

This year, the group had children in mind.

"We had thought about doing some small lap quilts for abused children," said quilter Shirley Walsingham, who has been a member of Wausau Quilters since 2010. "But we knew we couldn't make a dent in that situation."

With a little creative brainstorming, one member suggested combining stuffed animals with the quilts donation in order to impact more children.

The sheriff's office applauded the gesture.

"From providing a bear to a child during a car crash to encountering a family dealing with tragedy or grief, a small gesture, such as a stuffed animal or blanket allows law enforcement the ability to provide comfort and lessens the child's



**Washington County Sheriff Kevin Crews and Corporal Duran Harrison accept donations for stuffed animals** and quilts from the Wausau Quilters. The items will be used by law enforcement to comfort children facing tragic and unfortunate events. [PHOTO CREDIT: WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE]

anxiety," a WCSO news release stated.

The quilters were able to donate about 50 stuffed animals in addition to the lap quilts.

"We just try to help the community," Walsingham said, noting recognition pales in comparison to the rewarding feeling that comes from doing a good dead. The deputy said donations of this kind can make "all the difference in the world of a child."

And, it's that same difference that makes quilting special to the quilter and the person receiving it.

"The love that goes into it - usually you think of what they like, their personality, or the colors they like," Walsingham added. "It's a gift given from the heart."

The all-volunteer group meet s at Wausau Town Hall. For more information, contact them at Town Hall at 850-638-1781.

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Although Bell's attorney Jason Taylor, of The Krizner Group, had planned to appeal U.S. District Judge the Hon. Robert L. Hinkle's Aug. 24 pretrial ruling for a summary judgment for Jordan and denied Bell qualified immunity, Bells legal team has since decided the settlement is a more appropriate response.

"After careful consideration of the issues nificant change in the

related to the Court's order, as well as the possibility that an appeal would not produce a different result, we decided not to seek review of the trial court's determination," Bell wrote in a statement Thursday. "As expressed before, the issues led us to seek a judicial decision on what remains a less than clear situation. However, if unsuccessful, an appeal would have resulted in a significantly greater award of attorneys' fees to the Plaintiff and her attorney, without a sig-

alleged damages."

"As it stands, the settlement itself primarily represents the attorneys' fees to which Plaintiff's attorney would likely be entitled, based on the representations of the Plaintiff and her counsel. Rather than risk the possibility of any further expense, and with the guidance of our counsel and carrier, we considered the best option to be to reach a resolution, put this matter fully behind us and continue to keep our focus on serving the citizens of Washington

# **NOTICE OF** RESCHEDULED **HEARING**

The tentative hearing adopting a millage rate and budget on 9/4/18 for the City of Vernon is being rescheduled due to Tropical Storm Gordon.

A rescheduled tentative budget hearing will be held on:

9/10/18 | 5:30 PM

**Vernon City Hall – Room 6** 2808 Yellow Jacket Drive **Vernon, FL 32462** 

## Vernon adopts tentative millage

Staff Report

VERNON - Although the advertised millage rate will show an increase, property owners in Vernon can look forward to no increase in its millage rate, according to city officials.

At an upcoming workshop to be held Monday at 5:30 p.m., Vernon City Council will discuss and adopt Resolution 18-148 adopting the tentative levying of ad valorem taxes at a millage rate of 4.82 mills, which is a 2.57-percent decrease of the roll-back rate of 4.70.

Officials noted the apparent millage increase



is only for advertising, as by law when setting the TRIM schedule. However, the council will not seek to increase the millage rate when the resolution is adopted.

Resolution 18-148 will have its final vote at Vernon City Council regular meeting to be held 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17 at Vernon Town Hall, 2808 Yellow Jacket Road.

# Wilson team drops motion to dismiss

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PANAMA CITY - A hearing to discuss several pending motions in the criminal case against Greg Wilson was postponed Thursday and the defense has withdrawn its request to have one charge dismissed, claiming the state failed to let Wilson recant his sworn statement.

A follow-up court date has been scheduled for Sept. 12. No reason was given for the postponement.

Prosecutor Jack Campbell had been scheduled Thursday to ask Circuit Judge Michael Overstreet to bar any "irrelevant" defenses at trial while Wilson's defense attorneys sought to restrict the use of a key piece of evidence — the video that shows his role in the passing of notes between two inmates. Wilson faces a charge of introduction of contraband into the Bay County Jail related to the video and a misdemeanor charge of perjury for a denial of his involvement in an informal proceeding.

by the prosecution to testify at Thursday's hearing were Wilson's former legal counsel, Jim White, and a prominent businessman, Derwin White, who backed Wilson's campaign for the State Attorney's Office, according to court records.

The events that led to the two being subpoenaed began with Wilson's current defense attorney, Lisa Anderson, filing a motion Aug. 30 to dismiss the perjury charge, claiming Wilson attempted to recant his statements to law enforcement but was not allowed to do so.

Anderson told the court that Wilson's denial of helping the inmates pass "kites," or folded pieces of paper, had been taken on a Friday at the end of a business day. The following Monday morning "at the first opportunity available," Wilson's then-attorney, Jim White, attempted to contact BCSO to recant Wilson's statement. It wasn't until later in the afternoon that BCSO responded with what Anderson described as a notice of withdrawal of refusal to accept Wilson's recantation.

advised (BCSO Maj. Jimmy records. With the hearing Stanford) that (Wilson) now set for Wednesday, it



Wilson

Anderson wrote. "Stanford denied attorney White's request

and advised that he had all that 'he needed' from (Wilson). Investigator Stanford did not allow (Wilson) to recant his statement." Anderson went on to

argue that Wilson was unaware his arrest was imminent at the time he was trying to recant, and the refusal was a violation of Wilson's right to due process. However, documents filed by prosecutor Campbell the same day, anticipating the "recantation defense," painted a different picture of what happened in the days between Wilson's sworn statement and his request to recant. "The known testimony

is that previous counsel, Jim White, contacted (Stanford) three days after the perjured statement and after Major Stanford had Among those subpoenaed informed (Wilson's) friends that an arrest for perjury was imminent," Campbell wrote. "Stanford discussed with Mr. White that any recantation or truthful statement concerning his passing documents within the Bay County Jail would essentially be a confession to a felony. Mr. White indicated that he would discuss the issue with his client. No other overtures or attempts to recant were ever extended."

One of the "friends" Campbell referred to is later identified in the motion as Derwin White vice president of GAC contractors, a supporter of Wilson's campaign and the father of the two inmates Wilson is accused of helping pass notes while incarcerated. Campbell warned that a recantation defense would entail both Jim White and Derwin White becoming witnesses in the case and subpoenaed them after seeing the motion to dismiss, according to court records.

Anderson later filed her motion to dismiss the perjury charge. A reason "Attorney White was not given in the court

wanted to was unclear whether either of the men would be called again but there was no record of a second subpoena on file at the courthouse.

The case is still slated to go before a jury Sept. 17.

Wilson, 46, is charged with helping the two inmates — sisters Clista Robbins and Christy White - pass the notes while meeting with him at separate times in an attorney interview room. When questioned under oath about his actions, Wilson categorically denied the allegations as "absolutely false," but at that time he was not aware of the video capturing the

One of the defenses pursued by Wilson has been that his arrest was a case of political retaliation, or "selective prosecution," because BCSO obtained legal advice from his former boss and political rival, State Attorney Glenn Hess, before installing the cameras.

Wilson was the chief assistant attorney for seven years under Hess. As the primary elections approached in August 2016, Wilson abruptly resigned, saying Hess did not fulfill an agreement to bow out at the end of his second term and hand Wilson a shot at the office.

Wilson took on his former boss to be top prosecutor over Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson and Washington counties, and lost to Hess by a 58 percent to 42 percent margin, but vowed to make another run for state attorney in 2020.

It was about a year later Wilson became the subject of a BCSO investigation at the Bay County Jail after officers heard recorded jailhouse calls they suspected of involving controlled substances. The calls led jail personnel to hide cameras in an attorney interview room in September 2017, which captured Wilson apparently assisting the two sisters pass notes. At the next hearing,

Anderson will be asking for  $the \, video \, to \, be \, in admissible \,$ at trial because capturing the video violated attorney-client privilege. And Campbell will be asking the court to bar any defense impertinent to the underlying criminal charges.

# Public Works to close portion of Fourth Street

CHIPLEY - The City of Chipley Public Works will be closing a portion of 4th Street between Wells Avenue and Forrest Avenue at 8 a.m. Tuesday, September 11 for utility work. Updates will be given when the road is opened to thru traffic. For more information, contact Public Works at 850-638-6346.

# How is West Nile diagnosed, reported?

By Eryn Dion

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PANAMA CITY BEACH - The diagnosis of four human cases of West Nile virus in Bay County and three in Panama City Beach in a little more than a month understandably raised some red flags with readers, particularly after a soggy August left pools of standing water just about everywhere, creating a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Hoping to learn more about the disease that hadn't been seen in Bay County in more than a decade, Pat Spruell wrote to Bay Asked, We Answered, asking: "How did they find out about the three cases of West Nile in Panama City Beach?"

"I am curious because the paper said the three cases were found in Panama City Beach and that is where I live," Spruell said when contacted for the story. "I find mosquitoes in my house

and wonder how diligent I need to be in hunting them down. I notice when my cats come in the house they have mosquitoes following them in. These insects could be biting me while I sleep. Also wondering what made the people get checked? In other words what symptoms do we look for?"

The good news for Spruell and others worrying about West Nile virus is that most people who contract the disease won't ever know they have it, as in about 80 percent of cases the disease produces no symptoms, according to the Centers for Disease Control. Even if symptoms do develop, they're usually relatively minor and the symptoms to look for are fever, headache, body and joint ache, vomiting and a rash. If those symptoms develop after exposure to mosquitoes, then it's time to get to a doctor.

In very rare cases, about one in 150, a person might develop a more serious ous West Nile infection. form of encephalitis or According to the CDC,



Mosquitoes are organized for counting at Beach **Mosquito Control. Beach Mosquito Control has set up** traps around Panama City Beach, and brings the dead mosquitoes back to the lab so they can be identified. Different species of mosquitoes carry different diseases.

[JOSHUA BOUCHER/THE NEWS HERALD]

meningitis from the West Nile virus. The suffix "itis" means swelling or inflammation, so here we're talking about swelling of the brain (encephalitis) and swelling of the membranes around the brain and spinal cord (meningitis). Symptoms like a high fever, neck stiffness, disorientation, vision problems or numbness usually indicate a seri-

10 percent of those who develop the more serious infection die and recovery can take weeks, or even months. There's no medication or vaccine that treats West Nile, and hospitals usually will treat the symptoms with painkillers and intravenous fluids.

West Nile virus actually is endemic to Florida, which means it's common care providers or laboratories with a confirmed West mosquito control divisions

Nile case have to report their case to the health department where the patient resides by the end of the following business day. West Nile is confirmed through a series of tests administered when a patient exhibiting matching symptoms also has indicated that they have been recently exposed to mosquitoes, though blood banks also test for West Nile virus and can find cases there as well.

While the exact details of how the West Nile cases were discovered is protected by HIPAA, it would be reasonable to assume, because these were human cases, that the patients developed symptoms after exposure to mosquitoes, saw a health care provider who administered the proper tests, made the diagnosis and then alerted the Bay County Health Department. Because West Nile is primarily carried in the area. As such, health in birds and passed on to mosquitoes, the local

have surveillance stations throughout the county with chickens kept outside that are routinely tested.

As far as hunting down mosquitoes indoors, West Nile is, in the Southeast, typically carried by the Culex quinquefasciatus species of mosquito, commonly known as the "southern house mosquito." They're night biters, which can make them extra tricky to remove, as no one wants to wear a layer of mosquito repellent to bed. The best way to prevent mosquito bites indoors is to prevent mosquitoes from getting indoors, but if that's not possible, dishes of soapy water can attract and trap them. Certain smells, such as lavender and garlic, have been known to repel mosquitoes too, but lavender also can be toxic to cats. Several companies also make mosquito repellent bracelets that can be worn indoors to keep them away, as well as mosquito nets that go over beds if the mosquitoes are a serious issue.

# Supreme Court digs into education amendment

By Jim Saunders

News Service Florida

TALLAHASSEE - With school choice a hot-button issue in Florida, the state Supreme Court on Wednesday plunged into a debate about whether voters should cast ballots in November on a proposed constitutional amendment that could help lead to more charter schools.

Justices peppered attorneys on both sides of the issue with questions about whether the proposal, placed on the ballot by the state Constitution Revision Commission, would be misleading to voters. The whether the ballot lan-League of Women Voters

moving forward.

Ron Meyer, an attorney for the League of Women Voters, said people would be "fooled" by the ballot title and summary --- the part of the proposal voters would see when they go to the polls.

"Our problem is that the voter presenting at the voting booth is not being told what's happening here, is not being given an explanatory purpose," Mever said.

But state Deputy Solicitor General Daniel Bell disputed that the ballot title and summary would be misleading to voters.

"The only question before this court today is guage at issue accurately would submit that it does," Bell said.

The state appealed after Leon County Circuit Judge John Cooper ruled last month that the proposed constitutional amendment should be knocked off the ballot. In part pointing to the failure to use the term "charter schools," Cooper wrote that the proposal "fails to inform voters of the chief purpose and effect of this proposal."

The Supreme Court quickly took up the issue as elections officials prepare to start sending out general-election ballots to voters this month. With justices away from

courtroom in West Palm

37-member Constitution Revision Commission meets every 20 years and has unique powers to place proposed constitutional changes on the ballot. But the education amendment comes amid heavy debate in the state about expansion of charter schools and voucher-like programs that supporters say give students more educa-

tional choices The proposed amendment, which would appear on the ballot as Amendment 8, would impose eight-year term limits on school board Tallahassee because of an members and would educational seminar for require the promotion of

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that drew the legal challenge from the League of Women Voters of Florida would allow the state to "operate, control and supervise public schools not established by the school board."

County school boards and charter-school operators have repeat edly battled in recent vears about whether new charter schools should be allowed. While the proposed constitutional wording does not specifically mention charter schools, it could open the door to the state allowing charter schools outside of the control of local school boards. Charter schools are public schools but are typically operated by

private entities.

The Supreme Court, as is customary, did not indicate Wednesday how it would rule. But justices Barbara Pariente and Peggy Quince asked questions that appeared clearly skeptical of the state's arguments.

"My problem with this, and it was I think what the circuit court zeroed in on, is whether the ballot title and summary establishes the ... true meaning of the amendment," Pariente said. "It is pretty clear from looking at the briefs that the true purpose was to take away responsibilities from the school boards and transfer it to either the Legislature, the state, to a private commission.'



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# **OPINION**

# Opioid crisis grew unchecked

ongressional committees recently brought the top executives of opioid manufacturers to Washington to explain their role in America's opioid epidemic. Sadly, the executives largely shifted the blame elsewhere.

At its peak in 2012, physicians wrote 282 million opioid prescriptions — enough for eight in 10 Americans, Politico reported. Fortunately, the latest statistics suggest the prescription surge has slowed dramatically.

But the surge drove home a somber reality in this country: Opioids have been America's national pill. The fact is that other developed nations have not experienced the spikes in opioid use, opioid abuse and opioid-related overdoses that we have in this country.

That's led hundreds of cities and localities to sue opioid manufacturers — in part to obtain funding to treat opioid abuse victims.

If officials and authorities would have followed the money, it should have been easy to spot the tidal wave of opioid use.

In a statement reported by the Hill website, Rep. Gregg Harper, a Mississippi Republican, questioned why drug distributors repeatedly failed "to report suspicious orders of opioids or exercise effective controls" as more and more pills flooded America.

The answer seems pretty clear: because tremendous profits were being made by keeping quiet — and keeping the pills flowing.

The opioid epidemic also wasfueled by a dangerous misperception that opioids carried low risks of addiction. To combat this, a trade association for the opioid manufacturers said they support policies that fully reveal the effects of opioids and decrease the likelihood of them being overprescribed.

It's critical our elected leaders don't overreact to what we now know about the need to control opioid use; they can't go to the other extreme of making opioids nearly impossible to obtain.

Politico identified some of the potential unintended consequences of overreacting to the opioid crisis; it would increase the difficulty of obtaining relief for patients with valid pain issues — and individuals nearing the end of life — and distract us from focusing on the need for more non-drug therapies.

These are all good points.
But the bottom line hasn't changed. The reason so many officials are now scrambling to act — and at the risk of doing so in overzealous fashion — is because too few of them took any

action as the opioid crisis gathered momentum.
Why weren't questions asked? Why
wasn't oversight done? Why weren't
whistleblowers taken seriously instead of

being turned away, as reports suggest?
When there is an explosion in the use of a particular drug, a governmental agency should know about it right away — and it should report what it knows to Congress right away.

The overdose epidemic is a widespread failure, and government must surely take its share of the blame for it.

A version of this editorial first appeared in the Ocala Star-Banner, a sister paper with GateHouse Media.

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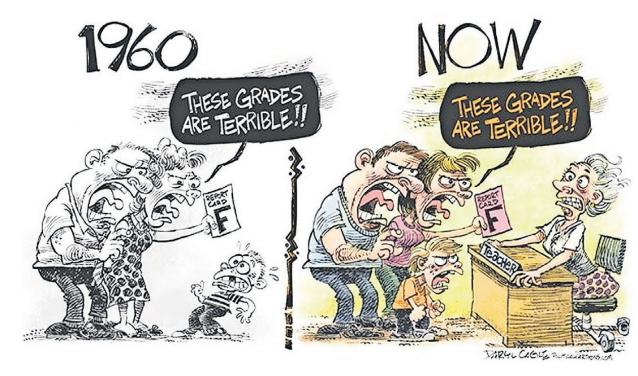
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**ANOTHER VIEW** 



## The Higher Tech Gets, the Ruder We Get



**Tom Purcell** 

ur rapidly growing incivility started with the invention of the telephone-answering machine. Before the answering machine's widespread adoption, people answered their landline phones with a pleasant "hello," eager to learn who was calling.

To be sure, says social scientist James Katz, answering machines were considered rude in the '70s.

By the '90s, however, most homes had them and lots of people were using them, quite rudely, to screen calls - people like my pal, Griffy. Calls to Griffy's landline

always made me grumpy:
"Hello, this is Griffy, leave
a message at the beep."
"Pick up the phone, Griffy,

I know you're there!"
Griffy demanded his
friends leave messages on his
machine, but always hung
up on mine - until the invention of the "star 69" feature.

When you punched "star 69" into your phone keypad, you'd get the number of the jerk who had last hung up on your machine.

Boy, did that technology innovation escalate rudeness!

I had a telephone confrontation once with a fellow who had hung up on my machine. I keyed in star 69, got his number, dialed it, then got his answering machine:

"Hello, this is Bill. Sally and I aren't in right now ...."
I didn't know who the fellow was - I figured he'd dialed my number by mistake - so I hung up.

Later that day, after returning from a business meeting, I saw that someone had hung up on my machine again.

I dialed star 69, got the number, dialed it, then heard, "Hello, this is Bill. Sally and I aren't in right now ...."

I hung up again. A few moments later, my phone rang. I picked it up.

"Hello," I said.
"Who is this?" said
the man. I recognized
the voice. It was Bill.

"You called me and hung up!" I said. "You called me and

hung up!" said Bill.
"Nuh-huh!" I said.
"Yuh-huh!" he said.

Email was another innovation that escalated rudeness. I remember reading a Wall Street Journal story about two Boston lawyers whose email exchange went viral.

One lawyer, a 24-year-old woman, sent an e-mail to an older, established lawyer, declining his job offer.

The older lawyer, miffed that the woman would email her rejection after she'd already accepted the job offer in person, fired off an email telling her she wasn't very professional.

She replied that if he were a real lawyer he would have made her sign a contract. He replied, in so many words, that she was a snot. She sent one last reply: "blah, blah, blah."

These are just some examples of how earlier technology innovations made us ruder.

And now, the era of smartphones and social media the era of nasty tweets and Facebook insults - is making rudeness, reports Psychology Today, "our new normal."

The magazine cites research, published in the journal Computers in Human Behavior, that finds technology-enabled anonymity and "a lack of eye contact" are chief contributors to our growing incivility.

To wit: Technology is making it easier than ever to be rude to our fellow man, but we must fight this impulse, or else our already overheated public discourse will become increasingly uncivil.

It's not going to be easy, though.

Even my parents use their answering machine to screen calls from my sisters and me.

Mom and Dad, I know you're home. Please pick up the phone!

# Pre-Mourning Boosts Life Before Death



Peter Funt

ocial media and digital tools have changed the way we live and, to some extent, the way we die. Increasingly, loved ones and notables are honored through what could be called pre-mourning.

"I love my husband with all my heart," tweeted Cindy McCain, as it was reported that her husband, Sen. John McCain, would discontinue treatment in his battle with cancer. Daughter Meghan tweeted, "Thank you for all your continued support and prayers."

The tweets were echoed hundreds of thousands of times in less than 24 hours. The hope, of course, was that heartfelt messages would reach the Arizona senator before his death.

Before Aretha Franklin's death on August 16, the Queen of Soul was similarly honored by fans via social media. According to CNN's Don Lemon, a reporter with close ties to Franklin, premourning messages from an adoring public were read aloud to the 76-year-old singer during her final hours.

Back in June, when Charles
Krauthammer, the acclaimed
conservative columnist learned
that he was dying of cancer,
he wrote on The Washington Post website that he had
only a few weeks to live.
His last words soon reverberated on social media.

"I believe that the pursuit of truth and right ideas through honest debate and rigorous argument is a noble undertaking," he wrote. "I am grateful to have played a small role in the conversations that have helped guide this extraordinary nation's destiny."

Like John McCain, Krauthammer received an enormous outpouring of pre-mourning praise from all sides of the political spectrum. Each man was noted for taking a fair and articulate approach to the issues that seem, more than ever, to divide us.

Social media was active

in April before the passing of Barbara Bush, the wife of one president and mother of another. The love and respect for Mrs. Bush was immediately apparent in the flood of digital messages - many of which reached her before her death.

Barbara Bush planned every detail of her funeral and burial, but few in modern times have orchestrated a goodbye with such grace, dignity and detail as John McCain.

Some of our public heroes, such as the comedian Robin Williams, for example, are taken from us in such a way that there can be no premourning. But, as McCain demonstrated, when one's fate is clear there can be no greater source of final satisfaction than to hear and read the messages from those who care so deeply.

"Like most people, I have regrets," wrote McCain in his farewell. "But I would not trade a day of my life, in good or bad times, for the best day of anyone else's."

A grateful nation mourns John McCain now, but was able to reach out before his death through social media and salute him.

#### COMMUNITY

#### **RELAY FOR LIFE EVENTS**

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#### **Relay For Life Committee to meet**

CHIPLEY - The Washington-Holmes County Relay For Life Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 18 in the Administration Building at Florida Panhandle Technical College. If interested in joining the committee, call Jody Bush at 850-270-4348.

#### **Relay For Life Committee to meet**

CHIPLEY - The Washington-Holmes Relay For Life Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 2 in the Administration Building at Florida Panhandle Technical College. If interested in joining the committee, call Jody Bush at 850-270-4348.

#### 2019 Relay For Life **Kick-Off scheduled**

CHIPLEY - The 2019 Washington-Holmes Relay For Life Kick-Off will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, September 16 in the Cafeteria at Florida Panhandle Technical College. FPTC is located at 757 Hoyt Street in Chipley. For more information call Jody Bush at 850-270-4348.

#### **Relay For Life Committee to meet**

CHIPLEY - The Washington-Holmes County Relay For Life Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 6 in the Administration Building at Florida Panhandle Technical College. If interested in joining the committee, call Jody Bush at 850-270-4348.

#### 1st annual Holiday Extravaganza

CHIPLEY - The Relay For Life of Washington-Holmes County will host the 1st annual Holiday Extravaganza from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, November 10 at the Washington County Agriculture Center in Chipley. Come shop with more than 20 local vendors. There will also be food and door prizes. The Agriculture Center is located at 1424 West Jackson Avenue. For more information on becoming a vendor or on the extravaganza call Kristy Aycock at 850-849-0171 or Jody Bush at 850-270-4348.

#### **Relay For Life Committee to meet**

CHIPLEY - The Washington-Holmes County Relay For Life Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 4 in the Administration Building at Florida Panhandle Technical College. If interested in joining the committee, call Jody Bush at 850-270-4348.

#### **Relay For Life Committee to meet**

CHIPLEY - The Washington-Holmes County Relay For Life Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, January 7 in the Administration Building at Florida Panhandle Technical College. If interested in joining the committee, call



Jody Bush at 850-270-4348.

#### **2019 Relay For Life Spring Kick-Off/Workshop scheduled**

CHIPLEY - The 2019 Washington-Holmes Relay For Life Spring Kick-Off/Workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, January 12 in Washington County the location will be announced at a later date. For more information call Jody Bush at 850-270-4348.

#### **Relay For Life Committee to meet**

CHIPLEY - The Washington-Holmes County Relay For Life Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 5 in the Administration Building at Florida Panhandle Technical College. If interested in joining the committee, call Jody Bush at 850-270-4348.

#### **Love Survivor Team Party scheduled**

HOLMES COUNTY -Washington-Holmes County Relay For Life Committee will hold a Love a Survivor Team Party at 6 p.m. Tuesday, February 5 in Holmes county, the location will be announced at a later date. For more information call Jody Bush at 850-270-4348.

#### **Relay For Life Committee to meet**

CHIPLEY - The Washington-Holmes County Relay For Life Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 5 in the Administration Building at Florida Panhandle Technical College. If interested in joining the committee, call Jody Bush at 850-270-4348.

#### **Caregiver Celebration** scheduled

WASHINGTON COUNTY -Washington-Holmes County Relay For Life Committee will hold a Caregiver Celebration will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 19 in Washington County, the location will be announced at a later date. For more information call Jody Bush at 850-270-4348.

#### **Relay For Life Bank Night and Final Committee meeting**

CHIPLEY - The Washington-Holmes County Relay For Life will hold Bank Night and the Final Committee meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 2 at Wells Fargo in Chipley. For more information call Jody Bush at 850-270-4348.

#### **Relay For Life Event scheduled**

CHIPLEY - The 2019 Washington-Holmes Relay For Life Event will be held from 5 p.m. to midnight Friday, April 12. This years theme if "Cross Cancer off the Calendar!" (holidays). The event will begin a 5 p.m. with live music and opening ceremonies beginning at 6 p.m. with the survivor lap. For more information call Jody Bush at 850-270-4348.

# Two locals join American Angus Association

Staff Report

CHIPLEY - Two Chipley residents became new members of the American Angus Association.

CEO Allen Moczygemba announced in a statement this week W. R. Williams and Brayden Price recently joined as a member and junior member, respectively, of the national breed organization headquartered in Saint Joseph, Missouri.

The Association is the largest beef breed association in the world, with more than 25,000 active adult and junior members. The programs and services of the Association and its entities help members advance the beef cattle business by selecting the best animals for their herds and marketing quality genetics for the beef cattle industry and quality beef for consumers, a news release stated.

Junior members of the Association are eligible to register cattle in the American Angus Association,



participate in programs conducted by the National Junior Angus Association and take part in Association-sponsored shows and other national and regional events, the news release stated.

The Association records ancestral information and keeps production records and genomic data on individual animals to develop industry-leading selection tools for its members, the release stated. Its computerized records include detailed information on over 18 million registered Angus.

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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#### **Holmes County UF/IFAS to** host Outdoor Expo

BONIFAY - The Holmes County UF/IFAS Extension Office will host an Outdoor Expo Saturday, September 8 at the Holmes County Agriculture Center in Bonifay. There will be a concert, improved outdoor venue, NWFT Grand National Turkey Calling Contest and vendors. For more information on the event or becoming a vendor visit www.hcoutdoorexpo.com or call Kayla Welch at 850-547-1108.

#### **PDL Springs to host Picnic in the Park**

PONCE DE LEON -Holmes County Sheriff's Department, Holmes County Teen Court, Ponce de Leon High School FBLA-PBL. Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Holmes District School Board will sponsor Picnic In The Park beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday, September 8 at Ponce de Leon Springs. There will be free entry into the park, free hamburgers and hot dogs, games and swimming.

#### **Family and Friends of Jerome Lewis to hold benefit**

The family and friends of Jerome Lewis invite everyone to a benefit for him from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. September 8 at Bethlehem School. A BBQ sandwich, chips, cake and tea can be purchased for \$7. There will also be a Silent Cake Auction and Silent Auction for other items of value. Cooked whole Boston Butts can also be purchased for \$25. Jerome was diagnosed with colon cancer in March 2018 and surgery followed.

found in his lung and liver, chemotherapy was recommended. He has been undergoing chemotherapy since April and has been unable to work. The funds raised for Jerome will go to offset his loss of income and extra expenses incurred with his surgery and chemo. Jerome graduated from Bethlehem in 1978 and is the son of the late Robert and Lola Lewis. His siblings are Gerald Lewis, Janis Barton and Tim Lewis. Jerome along with his children, Crystal Forehand, Jessica Carroll and Nick Lewis, wish to thank-you in advance for your prayers and support during this difficult time. For more information or to donate items for the Silent Auction call Vernon Lewis, Jr. at 850-373-6047.

#### **Services Available** for Caregivers

WASHINGTON COUNTY - Funds are currently available to provide a variety of services to persons 60 and above who live with a caregiver and need assistance with self-care, nutrition and/or homemaking activities because of chronic health conditions or other problems of aging. A small stipend for the caregiver is part of the benefit. Income and asset restrictions apply. For more information or to access the services provided under the Home Care for the Elderly program through the Washington County Council on Aging contact the Elder Helpline at 1-800-963-5337.

#### **Open auditions announced** for Grease: The Musical

CHIPLEY - The Spanish Trail Playhouse will hold open auditions for Grease: The Musical at 6 p.m. Monday, September 10 and Tuesday, September 11. Auditions will

Because small masses were be held at The Spanish Trail Playhouse (Historic Chipley High School) located at 680 Second Street in Chipley. Grease: The Musical will take the stage Thursday, November 8 through Monday, November 12. Audition packets will be available two weeks prior to auditions on the Spanish Trail Playhouse website: www.spanishtrailplayhouse.com, the Spanish Trail Playhouse office and at the Washington County Public Library. To inquire about a certain role or about volunteering or with other questions pertaining to production email spanishtrailplayhouse@gmail.com.

#### **HCHS** band to host **Rodeo Pageant**

BONIFAY - The Holmes County High School will host the 2018 Northwest Florida Rodeo Pageant Saturday, September 15 in the HCHS Auditorium. Tiny Miss through Little King will be held at 4 p.m. and Little Miss through Miss will be held at 6 p.m. The pageant is open to ages 4 through 20 and the contestant fee is \$50. Online registration and credit card payments will be available Thursday, August 30 through Saturday, September 8 at WWW/HCHSBLUEPRIDE. com/Pageant.

Participants may also register from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, August 30 and Tuesday, September 4 and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, September 8 I the auditorium. Participants may also register from 5 to 7 .m. Tuesday, September 11 with a \$10 late fee added to the registration. Rehearsals will take place at registration. Door admission will be \$5 for ages 10 and up and \$2 for ages nine and under. For more information call 850-766-7569 or email pageant@ hchsbluepride.com

**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. From surveys, what's the most

#### **TRIVIA FUN**

popular response when asked to name a food you would wash before eating it?

Grapes, Lettuce, Peach, Apple 2. What's the middle name of **Clark Kent of Superman fame?** None, Henry, Joseph, Timothy 3. Where on/in the human body are one's "lats" located?

Eyes, Ears, Fingers, Back 4. What's the least popular

month for U.S. weddings? January, February, October, December 5. Where was frontiersman Davy

**Crockett killed?** Congress, The Alamo, Church, Home

6. Whose state motto is "Excelsior"? California, Florida, New York,

Wyoming

ANSWERS: 1. Apple, 2. Joseph, 3. Back (muscles), 4. January, 5. The Alamo, 6. New York (Latin for "Ever Upward")



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**Next Week:** What is immigration?

# Beyond World



**Mini Fact:** 

Astronauts are still learning about outer space and other planets.

Are you curious about the world around you? Do you enjoy solving mysteries? Do you like to explore your backyard or neighborhood?

This week, The Mini Page learns about famous explorers.

#### Good explorers

The best explorers have:



Curiosity about the unknown.



Courage to face danger and hardship and not turn back, unless it is wise to



**Wisdom** to know when it is too dangerous to continue.



**Determination** to solve mysteries in spite of any difficulties they might face.

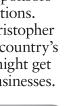


Salesmanship to convince sponsors to help pay for their expeditions. Early explorers such as Christopher Columbus got help from a country's rulers. Modern explorers might get help from universities or businesses.

#### Early explorers

Leif Erikson, a Viking born in Iceland, landed in North America in about 1002.

> This statue of Leif Erikson stands in Seattle at the Shilshole Bay Marina.





Experts have found evidence of a settlement he and his crew built in Newfoundland, Canada.

Leif was the son of a famous explorer and fighter, Erik the Red.

Christopher Columbus made four voyages across the Atlantic Ocean between 1492 and 1506. He explored the West Indies and along the coast of South and Central America. His discoveries led Europeans to new lands.



This painting of Christopher Columbus was

#### Modern explorers made in 1519.

learn about us.

Some people think humans have discovered everything there is to find. But modern explorers are looking at:



Outer space. However, few explorers actually get to go there. Many stay on Earth, designing probes and gathering information. The oceans, which are the least



known places on Earth and are 99 percent still unexplored. Explorers use new technology to find shipwrecks and life forms no one knew existed. The human body. Using advanced



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Rainforests, where experts say there are thousands of species of plants and animals still undiscovered.

tools such as DNA testing, scientists

#### Mini Quiz-a-Roonie

Test your explorer knowledge with this quick fill-in-the-name game.



1. Astronaut Ne\_ \_ A\_\_s\_\_o\_ learned to fly when he was just 16 years old. He was the first person to walk on the moon.

Frenchman Ja\_ qu\_ C\_\_st\_\_\_explored deep within the ocean. He also invented a type of underwater breathing gear called the Aqualung.





Journalist N B\_ \_'s real name was Elizabeth Cochrane, but she wrote under a pen name. In 1889, she made a trip around the world in 72 days.

4. Astronaut Ei\_ \_en C\_\_\_ins was the first woman to serve as commander of a Space Shuttle mission (in 1995).



#### Resources



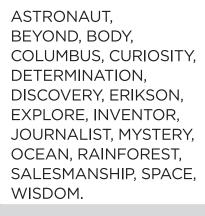
On the Web: kids.cousteau.org

#### At the library:

"Explorers" by Andrea De Porti

#### Try 'n' Find

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



Cook's Corner

**Creamy Gelatin Delight** 

LDNTSEROFNIARX SCOVER S Α LESM S Α Ε ECOLUM ΙY ERWTSILANR YTISOIRU C QNR DETERMINAT IONNE LBODYAINVENTORC

• 1 teaspoon vanilla

• 1/4 cup lemon-lime-

flavored carbonated

extract

## Mini Jokes



Ed: Where did Columbus first land in America? Emily: On his feet!

#### Eco Note



The rare sight of a southern right whale frolicking in New Zealand's Wellington Harbor forced officials to postpone the city's annual fireworks display for a week. The untimely arrival of the whale coincided with the Maori new year celebration known as Matariki. Experts worried that the flashes and sounds of the fireworks could cause the whale to harm itself or the boats in the harbor loaded with people. adapted with permission from Earthweek.com

#### For later:

Where would you like to explore? Share your ideas with your family or friends.

> 4. Elleen Collins. 2. Jacques-Yves Cousteau; 3. Nellie Bly; Quiz-a-Roonie Answers: 1. Meil Armstrong;

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#### • 4 ounces light cream cheese • 1 (8-ounce) can crushed pineapple with

• 1 (6-ounce) package sugar-free orange-

What to do:

2. fight (6)\_

3. water channel (5)\_

7. in the middle of (5)

4. hits with a loud noise (7)

6. small flying machine (5)\_\_\_\_\_

You'll need:

flavored gelatin mix

• 1 cup boiling water

- 1. Dissolve gelatin mix in boiling water in a bowl.
- 2. Add cream cheese to mixture and pulse in blender to thoroughly mix.

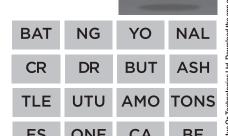
1. website with many videos (7)\_\_\_\_\_

5. your shirt may have them (7) \_\_\_\_\_

4. Pour into 4 dessert dishes. Chill until set. Serves 4.

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

3. Add pineapple with juice, vanilla and lemon-lime soda until evenly combined.



# 7 Little Words for Kids

combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.



Answers: YouTube, battle, canal, buttons, crashes, drone, among.

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# **SPORTS TICKER**

#### **IN BRIEF**

MIAMI **Source: Haslem, Heat** agree on 1-year deal

Udonis Haslem is barely given the chance to play anymore, and the Miami Heat wanted him back anyway.

That's how much they value his presence.

A person with knowledge of the negotiations said Haslem and the Heat have agreed on a one-year, \$2.4 million contract that will keep him with his hometown team for a 16th season. The person spoke to The Associated Press Thursday on condition of anonymity because the contract has not been signed, though that last detail is now merely a formality.

#### EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. New US coach to be announced by end of year

The next U.S. soccer coach will be announced by the end of the year, possibly ahead of November exhibitions against England and Italy. The coach will have to move to Chicago, work out of the federation's office and speak English.

Former American midfielder Earnie Stewart is leading the search in his new role as men's national team general manager. He said Thursday he has six or seven candidates and denied speculation the favorite is Columbus Crew coach Gregg Berhalter.

The interviews will be done by Stewart, Nico Romeijn, the U.S. Soccer Federation's chief sport development officer, and Ryan Mooney, its chief soccer officer. Stewart will make a recommendation to the USSF board of directors.

#### MANON, SPAIN Herrada takes **Spanish Vuelta lead**

Jesus Herrada of Spain took the overall lead of the Spanish Vuelta on Thursday as Alexandre Geniez won a 12th stage marked by a post-race crash.

Geniez dominated the final sprint to clinch the victory after a 112.5-mile ride from Mondonedo to Estaca de Bares, the northernmost point in Spain.

The Frenchman crossed the line ahead of Dylan Van Baarle and Mark Padun for his third career stage win at the

#### **KENYA** 2 Kenyan track officials not guilty of extortion

Two senior Kenyan track and field officials were found not guilty by an IAAF ethics panel of extorting money from athletes in return for reducing doping bans or covering up positive tests despite there being some "credible evidence."

Former IAAF Council member David Okeyo, who was banned for life from track and field by the IAAF last week in a separate case, and former Kenyan federation CEO Isaac Mwangi were cleared after prosecutors did not prove the charges against them beyond a reasonable doubt.

**COLLEGE PICKS** 

# **Conference bragging** rights is on the line

By Ralph D. Russo

The Associated Press

The first few weeks of the season often set the tone for which conference will be deemed best for the rest of the season.

It's a debate that can be both fun and tedious. Does it really matter whether Kentucky is better than California when it comes time to figure out if the Pac-12 champion should be in the College Football Plavoff?

The Southeastern Conference, which has touted itself on being No. 1 for years (and is usually correct), got off to a great start in week one going 13-1 with four victories against other Power Five conference teams. The Atlantic Coast Conference, Big Ten, Big 12 and Pac-12 combined for four Power Five nonconference victories.

This week, nine nonconference games match Power Five teams, including No. 2 Clemson at Texas A&M (ACC vs. SEC); UCLA at No. 6 Oklahoma (Pac-12 vs. Big 12); No. 13 Penn State at Pitt (Big Ten vs. ACC); No. 15 Michigan State at Arizona State; and No. 18 Mississippi State at Kansas State (SEC vs. Big

There are also numerous opportunities for teams from the Group of Five to make a statement against Power Five opponents. For those conferences, competing against each other for a spot in the New Year's Six bowls, notable nonconference victories can help separate the competition. The big ones this week include: Georgia Tech at South Florida (ACC vs. AAC); Arkansas at Colorado State (SEC vs. Mountain West); and Utah at Northern Illinois (Pac-12 vs. MAC).

It's never too early to build those resumes.

#### The picks

#### No. 16 TCU (minus 211/2) at SMU (Friday)

The Horned Frogs have won six straight in the crosstown Battle for the Iron Skillet ...

#### TCU 49-21, BEST BET. **Arkansas State (plus 36½)**

at No. 1 Alabama Arkansas State is getting \$1.7 million for this game, so don't feel too bad ... ALABAMA 45-14.

#### No. 2 Clemson (minus 12) at Texas A&M The first big test for Jimbo

Fisher's Aggies comes too soon ... **CLEMSON 35-17.** 

#### No. 3 Georgia (minus 10) at No. 24 South Carolina

Bulldogs have won three straight and four of five in the traditional early SEC opener

#### ... GEORGIA 35-21. Rutgers (plus 35) at Ohio **State**

Scarlet Knights have not scored against the Buckeyes since 2015 and have lost all four since joining the Big Ten by a combined 219-24.... OHIO STATE 55-8.

#### New Mexico (plus 351/2) at No. 5 Wisconsin

Can the Lobos' option frustrate the Badgers' typically stingy defense? ... WISCON-SIN 48-20.

#### UCLA (plus 30) at No. 6 Oklahoma

If the Bruins couldn't handle Cincinnati in the Rose Bowl last week, can't expect them to be ready to compete with the Sooners ... OKLAHOMA

#### at No. 8 Notre Dame

Good week for the Fighting Irish to get their new running backs confidence and carries ... NOTRE DAME 52-13.

# (plus 51/2) at No. 10 Stanford

had 285 yards on 39 carries and two touchdowns in two games against the Trojans last season, both losses ... STANFORD 31-27.

#### 8½) at Pittsburgh

It's a cool old-school rivalry that the Nittany Lions don't love because there is little for Penn State to gain these days by beating Pitt and a lot to lose ... PENN STATE

#### No. 15 Michigan State (minus 5½) at Arizona State

Sun Devils are 9-0 against Big Ten teams in Tempe, not and Penn State before they

#### ... ARIZONA STATE 34-27,

No. 18 Mississippi State (minus 9½) at Kansas State

an FCS upset last week but expect a better effort from Bill Snyder's bunch ... MIS-SISSIPPI STATE 28-21.

### UConn (plus 31)

#### at No. 21 Michigan

against the Wildcats is at 31 ... FLORIDA 28-20.

Ocala Trinity Catholic 39, Lake Highland 0 Ocala Vanguard 25, Buchholz 14 Orange Park 35, Nease 6

#### Ball State (plus 34½)

#### No. 17 Southern California

Cardinal star Bryce Love

#### No. 13 Penn State (minus

including losses to Nebraska were in the conference

#### **UPSET SPECIAL.**

The Wildcats barely escaped

# at No. 20 Boise State

Poor Huskies go from UCF to the Blue Turf ... BOISE STATE

#### **Western Michigan (plus 28)**

Shea Patterson and the Wolverines should be able to work out the kinks in that offense. Right?? ... MICHI-**GAN 48-16.** 

#### Kentucky (plus 13½) at No. 25 Florida

Gators' winning streak

#### **STATE SCORES**

Alonso 10, Middleton 7 Andrew Jackson 20, Englewood 6 Apopka 33, Bartram Trail 28 Astronaut 30, Eau Gallie 21 Atlantic Coast 28, Bishop Kenny 14 Atlantic Community 30, Dwyer 13 Avon Park 27, DeSoto County 13 Baker 19, Vernon 6 Baker County 14, Ed White 8 Baldwin 38, Bradford 14 Bayshore 19, Lakewood Ranch 3 Berkeley Prep 14, Calvary Christian-Clearwater

Bishop McLaughlin 38, Ocala Christian Acad

Bishop Moore 21, Lake Brantley 14 Bishop Verot 38, Titusville 13 Bloomingdale 32, Chamberlain 0 Bob Jones, Ala. 39, Mainland 36 Braden River 42, Clearwater 35 Cape Coral 40, Estero 0 Cardinal Mooney 41, IMG Academy White 6 Cardinal Newman 43, Jupiter 41 Cedar Creek Christian 22, Christ's Church

Champagnat Catholic 41, Village Academy 0 Charlotte 28, Gibbs 0 Chipley 30, Graceville 24 Christopher Columbus Catholic 23, Miami Christopher Collinbus Catholic 23, Midnii Northwestern 14 Clay 41, Middleburg 13 Clearwater Academy 35, Taylor County 14 Cocoa Beach 33, Warner Christian 0 Columbia 49, Suwannee 7 Corinth, Miss. 46, Melbourne Central Catholic

Crescent City 41, Pine Ridge 0 Crestview 17, St. Martin, Miss. 14 Crystal River 35, West Port 32 DeLand 20, Sanford Seminole 1 Delray American Heritage 35, Holy Trinity Episcopal 14 Deltona 35, Spruce Creek 6 Dillard 14, Western 12 Dixie County 35, Trenton 0
Dixie Hollins 32, Tohopekaliga 6 Dr. Phillips 25, Timber Creek 7 Dunnellon 32. Citrus 6 East River 35, Cypress Creek-Orlando 13 Eastside 42, Williston 20 Edgewater 38, Colonial 14 Escambia 42, Archbishop Shaw, La. 13

Eustis 62, Leesburg 26 Fivay 29, Cypress Creek-Wesley Chapel 13 Flagler Palm Coast 34, New Smyrna Beach 3 Fletcher 41, Terry Parker 7 Flomaton, Ala. 40, Northview 20 Florida 30, Blountstown 7 Forest Hill 27, Santaluces 0 Fort Dorchester, S.C. 31, Viera 28 Fort Lauderdale 28, Oakland Park Northeast 0 Fort Lauderdale Calvary Christian 30, Immaculata-La Salle 18

Fort Lauderdale University 42, Immokalee 12

Fort Myers Canterbury 30, St. Edward's 7

Foundation Academy 20, Kingdom Prep 13 Franklin County 13, North Bay Haven 0 Frostproof 30, Haines City 20 Fort Walton Beach 21, Arnold 7 Gainesville 35, Santa Fe 6 Gaither 30, Brandon 8 George Jenkins 48, Bartow 0 Glades Central 32, Oakleaf 26 Glades Day 41. Community School of Naples 10 Godby 47, Mandarin 44 Golden Gate 31, Lemon Bay 16 Goleman 41. Westland Hialeah 0 Gulf Coast 28. Hialeah 14 Gulliver Prep 28, Everglades Preparatory Academy 12 Hardee 29, Sebring 28, 20T Harmony 41, Gateway 21 Hawthorne 60, North Florida Educational Instutitute 0 eritage 34, Merritt Island 3 Hilliard 14, Fernandina Beach 7 IMG Academy-Blue 49, Miami Norland 14 Interlachen 50, St. John Paul II Catholic -Tallahassee 0 Jay 40, Cottondale 0 Jefferson County 34, Sneads 15 Jones 40, Oak Ridge 13 Jordan Christian 61, Avant Garde 0 Key West 28, Pine Crest 0 King's Academy 41, John Carroll Catholic 21 Kissimmee Osceola 34, St. Cloud 14 LaBelle 35, Evangelical Christian 13 Lake Gibson 22, Kathleen 16 Lake Wales 46, Okeechobee 6 Lake Weir 48, Belleview 6 Lakeland 55, Cooper City 7 Lakeland Christian 14, Auburndale 13 Largo 21, East Lake 13 Lecanto 35, Hudson 31 Legacy Charter 35, Citrus Park Christian 12 Leon 22, Rickards 21 Liberty County 10, FAMU 8 Lyman 34, Lake Howell 6 Maclay 48, Aucilla Christian 14 Madison County 54, Newberry ( Manatee 29, Palmetto 20 Marathon 22, St. Brendan 14 Mariner 39, Island Coast 14 Melbourne 42, Satellite 0 Menendez 62, St. Augustine 28 Miami Central 41, Miami Washington 5 Miami Christian 30, Ransom Everglades 7 Miami Palmetto 26, Naples 17 Milton, Ga. 42, Cardinal Gibbons 17 Mitchell 14, River Ridge 0 Monarch 45, Hollywood Hills 16 Monsignor Pace 30, Clewiston 10 Moore Haven 14, Lake Placid 6 Mosley 33, Gadsden County 7 Mulberry 7, Poinciana 0 Munroe Day 45, Georgia Christian, Ga. 0 Nature Coast Tech 41, South Sumter 20 Navarre 53, Pensacola Washington 12 Niceville 42, East Ridge 17 North Marion 35, Ocala Forest 8 North Port 14, Ida S. Baker 7

Oasis 39, Marco Island 0

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## Open season

So tough not to sweat the small stuff at hot, humid US Open

By Howard Fendrich

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Roger Federer positioned a tiny black fan so it would blow air right at his face during changeovers in a bid to cool off during what became a stunning loss at the U.S. Open.

Rafael Nadal piled up so many soaked white towels next to his sideline bench the following night that it looked like laundry day. The man he beat after five sets and nearly five hours, Dominic Thiem, found it impossible to run in shoes he called "completely wet."

And a day later, Novak Djokovic's quarterfinal opponent made an unusual plea to leave the court at 2-all, right in the middle of a set, so he could change out of his drenched clothes and sneakers and Djokovic was OK with it, because it gave him a chance to remove his shirt and chill out for

Djokovic leaned back, put his hands behind his head and stretched his legs Wednesday night in Arthur Ashe Stadium, looking more like someone relaxing by the pool than a guy in the grind of a Grand Slam match.

Don't sweat the small stuff? Try telling that to Federer, Nadal, Djokovic and all of the other players, ball boys and girls, spectators and everyone else dripping through this most uncomfortable of U.S. Opens, where it's not just the heat, it's the humidity.

"I personally have never sweat as much as I have here. Incredible. I mean, I have to take at least 10 shirts for every match," said Djokovic, a two-time champion at Flushing Meadows who faces 2014 runner-up Kei Nishikori in the semifinals Friday. "It's, literally, after two games, you're soaking."

He was among those who noted just how much even the stoic Federer - gasp! - was perspiring when he was upset in the fourth round on Monday night, when the humidity was about 75 percent. It's exceeded that on other evenings, while the temperature keeps topping 90 degrees (32 Celsius), day after day, although it's supposed to begin dropping Friday.

"I have never seen Roger sweat. Ever," said John Isner, the highest-ranked American man. "If he's sweating a lot, and has to change clothes, then you know it's pretty humid out there."

Isner estimated that he might have lost 8 to 10 pounds during his quarterfinal loss Tuesday in Ashe to 2009 champion Juan Martin del Potro, who'll meet Nadal in the semifinals.

"Whatever the humidity is on outer courts or in the city," Isner said, "I think it's amplified on center court. It's just we have seen it all tournament long - the girls and the guys out there, just sweating a lot."

One player who wasn't sure what the fuss was all about was 20th-seeded Naomi Osaka, who represents Japan and trains in Florida.

"I actually don't think it's that hot. Sorry," Osaka said after her quarterfinal victory. "I don't know, I think it's because I'm used to the Florida heat. So yeah, I kind of enjoyed it. I like sweating."

It's been so unusually muggy that the U.S. Tennis Association, which runs the Open, made up a rule on the fly to offer some help to the men, letting them take a 10-minute break between the third and fourth sets of a match that goes that long if it's too hot.

# **NATION&WORLD**

# Trump disputes book's portrayal

By Catherine Lucey and Zeke Miller

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump unloaded Wednesday against an explosive new book from journalist Bob Woodward, labeling the tell-all memoir "a work of fiction" as West Wing staff scrambled to rebut its vivid depictions of White House dysfunction.

"The book means nothing," Trump told reporters in the Oval Office. He said the early release of information from the book this week was designed to interfere with confirmation hearings for Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, "which I don't think it's done."

Venting for a second day, Trump tweeted that "Fear: Trump in the White House" was the "exact opposite of the fact." He also revisited a call to change libel laws, though he has no authority to do so.

The book features current and former aides calling the president an "idiot" and a "liar" and depicting him as prone to rash policy decisions that aides worked furiously to derail or stall

Within the West Wing, aides increasingly numb to drama still were shaken by the in-depth reporting, which included interviews with numerous aides and copies of internal memos. The White House press office appeared caught off guard when The Washington Post published a story about the book on Tuesday, a week before its Sept. 11



President Donald Trump listens during an expanded bilateral meeting with the Emir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah in the Cabinet Room of the White House on Wednesday in Washington.

[EVAN VUCCI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

release date. The office was unable to quickly procure an advance copy of the book.

Key allies have pushed back against the book, which quotes Trump aides disparaging the president's judgment and claiming they plucked papers off his desk to prevent him from withdrawing from a pair of trade agreements. Those issuing denials, at least in part, included Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and chief of staff John Kelly.

Underscoring the aggressive response, Trump campaign manager Brad Parscale tweeted Wednesday that Woodward "got played," adding that "most of these stories are made

up from low confidence under performing people that have fallen flat on their faces because they didn't have the talent or intelligence to be successful."

In a statement to the Post, Woodward said, "I stand by my reporting." He did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

Press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders evaded questions Wednesday on Fox News about whether it was a mistake for the communications department not to have Trump sit for an interview with Woodward.

Trump and Woodward spoke after the book was sent to the publisher. In a transcript and audio of the call released by the Post, Woodward tells Trump he made repeated efforts to get an interview, while a clearly irritated Trump says he would have participated if he had known.

Allies said some of the ire in Trump's orbit was focused on former staffers such as ex-staff secretary Rob Porter and onetime economic adviser Gary Cohn, who are sympathetically portrayed.

"I don't think Woodward made anything up. It's who he talked to," said former Trump campaign aide Sam Nunberg, adding that Cohn and Porter "look like unsung heroes."

Trump and aides pushed back on a series of incendiary

scenes in the book, including Kelly calling the White House "crazytown," Mattis telling associates Trump had the understanding of "a fifth- or sixth-grader" and Cohn plucking key documents off Trump's desk so he could not sign them.

Trump took to Twitter to deny the book's claim that he had called Attorney General Jeff Sessions "mentally retarded" and "a dumb Southerner."

Trump insisted he "never used those terms on anyone, including Jeff," adding that "being a southerner is a GREAT thing." Sessions has been a target of the president's wrath since recusing himself from the Russia investigation.

While Trump mentioned libel laws, Sanders said on Fox News that she hadn't spoken with Trump about filing a libel lawsuit. Brian Hauss, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union, said in a statement that a threat against libel laws was not "credible."

"There is no federal libel law for President Trump to bully Congress to change, and the president does not have the authority to change state libel laws," Hauss said.

The book follows the January release of author Michael Wolff's "Fire and Fury," which led to a rift between Trump and Steve Bannon, his former chief strategist. Bannon spoke with Wolff in terms that were highly critical of the president and his family. Wolff's book attracted attention with its lively anecdotes but suffered from numerous factual inaccuracies.

#### **DATELINES**

DALLAS



Police officers walk through the debris in front of the station after a pickup driver crashed intentionally into the KDFW-TV (FOX 4) studios Wednesday in downtown Dallas. The truck hit an unoccupied administrative side of the building before office workers arrived for the day, and no one inside the building was hurt. [GUY REYNOLDS/THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

#### IOWA CITY, IOWA



In this Aug. 22 photo, Dane Lang, co-owner of Yarrabee Farms, speaks to the media on the family farm in Brooklyn, Iowa. Cristhian Bahena Rivera, a former employee at the farm who was charged with the murder of Iowa college student Mollie Tibbetts, was known by another name where he worked for the last four years: John Budd. [BRIAN POWERS /THE DES MOINES REGISTER VIA ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

NEW YORK



In this frame from video, a person walks off an Emirates plane at JFK International Airport to a waiting bus on Wednesday in New York, as emergency response crews gather outside the plane amid reports of ill passengers aboard a flight from Dubai. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention immediately quarantined the double-decker Emirates aircraft holding 520 passengers so it could evaluate about 100 of them. [WABC 7 VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

# RICHMOND, VA. Judge finds fraud; orders candidate off ballot

An independent candidate must be removed from the ballot in a competitive congressional race in Virginia due to forged voter signatures on her petitions, a judge ruled Wednesday, saying he found evidence of "out-and-out fraud."

Richmond Circuit Court Judge Gregory Rupe's decision came after he heard arguments in a lawsuit filed by Democrats accusing members of Republican U.S. Rep. Scott Taylor's campaign staff of forging signatures on petitions supporting independent Shaun Brown.

Democrats claim Taylor's campaign wanted Brown on the 2nd District ballot to weaken support for his Democratic opponent, Elaine Luria,

and bolster his own re-election chances. The 2nd District spans Virginia's coastline and includes Virginia Beach.

# ASUNCION, PARAGUAY Paraguay moves Israel embassy back out of Jerusalem

Paraguay announced Wednesday it would immediately move its embassy in Israel out of Jerusalem and back to Tel Aviv, less than four months after opening the new mission.

The move presents an embarrassing diplomatic setback for Israel, which had hoped to build on the momentum started by the U.S., Guatemala and Paraguay, which all moved their embassies to Jerusalem in May. In response to Paraguay's decision, Israel said it was shuttering its embassy there,

warning that ties between the countries would be "strained" by the decision.

# ROME City bans eating on sidewalks, doorsteps at meal times

The tourist magnet of Florence is cracking down on visitors who eat on sidewalks, doorsteps or driveways during lunch or dinner time.

Mayor Dario Nardella has said that a new ordinance, calling for fines up to 500 euros (\$575), aims to combat "boorish tourists."

The ordinance, which went into effect this week, applies to certain streets in the Renaissance city, including near the Uffizi Galleries, and only from noon to 3 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. It's valid through Jan. 6, 2019, the end of the Italian holiday season.

# NICOSIA, CYPRUS Cyprus to seek EU help on growing asylum applications

Cyprus will coordinate with other front-line Mediterranean countries bearing the brunt of new migrant arrivals to demand that other European Union member states take in more people who have been granted asylum, the island nation's interior minister said Wednesday.

Wednesday.
Constantinos Petrides said the east Mediterranean country will enact a raft of measures to ease a "disproportionate burden" it now bears as it comes under increasing strain from a surge in the number of asylum applications.

Petrides said Cyprus ranks first among EU member states in the number of asylum applications relative to its population, which is around 1.1 million.

# PRAGUE 4 killed in helicopter crash in Czech Republic

Officials in the Czech Republic say a helicopter has crashed in a western city, killing all four people onboard.

Regional rescue service spokesman Martin Brejcha says that the crash has occurred in Plzen, about 60 miles southwest of Prague. The victims haven't been identified.

Local firefighting spokesman Petr Poncar says the helicopter crashed on the roof of an empty factory hall in the industrial zone of Plzen on Wednesday afternoon. He says that the crash didn't spark a fire and no one else has been injured.

The Associated Press

# **FAITH**

# The pastor has a special house

#### By Adrienne Greene

Q:Dear Pastor, I've heard people say, "parsonage" or "rectory" when discussing a pastor's place of residence. Which is it?

A: Thankfully, centuries ago, church people decided to build houses for their spiritual leaders to live in while they ministered to their congregations. In the Christian church we call this designated building by several different names: parsonage, manse, vicarage and rectory to name a few.

The pastors of the Methodist, Baptist and Nazarene churches all live in parsonages while Presbyterians are housed in a manse. In England, the spiritual leader resides in a vicarage. And almost always, the Catholic or Episcopal priest's home is referred to as the rectory. They all mean the same thing: the dwelling place of the working minister. The idea of

housing the minister began when Jesus traveled around the Jordon River regions in need of a temporary place to dwell. Many hospitable souls opened their doors to honor and provide shelter for him as he journeyed.

After Christ's crucifixion, as Christianity spread via the 12 disciples, the early church exploded into every surrounding nation, eventually jumping borders then continents and bringing the "good news" of the Savior Jesus all over the world. But the masses and their leaders didn't embrace the message with joy at first, so the early Church spent its infancy quietly preaching, teaching and praising God underground in the catacombs and secret meeting places beneath the streets of the cities. These early ministers relied on the kindness of new converts to supply a dwelling place for them — often risking intense persecution and death.

Yet the Christian church persevered and the faithful kept the message moving forward. Some of these ancient saints set down their packs in foreign lands and bravely built houses of worship. In those days, a room was then set aside for the attending man of God. (Women were not invited into pulpits until around 1850.) Many times those primitive churches blossomed into abbeys and convents containing numerous buildings to house the devoted clergy who made it their life's work to serve people and the Lord. The idea behind the pastor's house rooted into the blueprints of church construction and soon it became a standard.

First Timothy 5:17 informs us, "The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching." First Thessalonians 5:12 explains, "But we request

of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction." I quote those scriptures not to validate myself or my housing needs, but to remind us all that the Bible does urge us to honor the working ministers. Providing shelter for them, like helping Jesus with housing along his journey, is indeed biblical. It is also helpful: There are many occasions of crisis or need when the commute to the sanctuary must be short.

Before my turn came in the pulpit, while God was refining me for the office I now hold, I wasn't a good church member. Often frustrated with my pastoral care, overly critical of biblical instruction and downright hard on the people who tried to minister to me, I scoffed that pastors were imperfect and often unfit. I've since deeply regretted my

attitude, now understanding the price paid by the hard-working pastor. Thank God my immaturity and ignorance of the profession didn't translate to the level of God's grace for me. And he even gave me a congregation who provides me with a beautiful home to live in.

My congregation is celebrating its 200th anniversary this year. The parsonage, just 25 feet from the church's side door, was constructed only a few years after the church's cornerstone was placed. No one but clergy and their families have ever lived in my house. It does not escape me that the walls are saturated with all that history, all those floor-walking pastors; their joys, tears, fears and passions. It's stunning to think about all that business with God going on for nearly two centuries in the very rooms where I now reside. If the walls could talk! (I would take notes.)

## BCF to celebrate 75th anniversary

Special to WCN/HCTA

GRACEVILLE - The anniversary banners are ready and the cake has been ordered, as the student body, staff, and faculty prepare to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of The Baptist College of Florida

Over the past seventy-five years, BCF has continued in "Telling the Story of Jesus." The address and name has changed, buildings and signage has changed, curriculum and accreditation status has changed, and even leadership has changed, all part of making a dream a reality. Throughout the ages, the primary goal of BCF has remained solid in training and equipping students for the task of "Changing the World Through the Unchanging Word ® ."

According to BCF President Thomas A. Kinchen, "The Baptist College of Florida was born in a time when World War II was raging, and God's people saw a great need for training those individuals who would tell that troubled world the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Seventy-five years later, BCF is still engaged in warfare; and the need of the world for the Gospel is still before it. BCF is continuing to train those individuals who will go and tell this life-transforming story. As we pause for this time of celebration, we will be renewed, refreshed,

re-energized, and refocused on the task and opportunity before us. Please join us in this time of praise to our Lord for His wonderful blessings."

To celebrate the rich history of BCF, there will be a 75 th Anniversary Dinner with the Board of Trustees in the Deese Center on Thursday, September 13. Immediately following chapel on September 17, there will be a cake-cutting celebration with President Thomas A. Kinchen at the gazebo for faculty, students, staff, alumni, and friends of the college.

For more information about upcoming events held at The Baptist College of Florida, please call 800-328-2660 or visit the website at www. baptistcollege.edu.

#### **FAITH EVENTS**

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

#### **Music Center to host** concerts in September

OZARK, ALABAMA - The following gospel music ministries will appear in concert during the month of September as indicated, at the Klondyke Gospel Music Center. All concerts begin at 7 p.m. There is no admission charge.; Saturday, September 8, The Davis' from Meigs, Georgia; Saturday, September 15, The Yargroughs from Breman, Georgia; Saturday, September 22, The Hoxit Family from Central, South Carolina and Saturday, September 29, Smith Family Singers from Milton, Florida. The center is located half way between Newton, Alabama and Ozark, Alabama at 3885 Highway 123 South. For more information call Ron Jeffers at 334-797-9862.

#### St. Luke's to host the **Capital Chordsmen**

MARIANNA - St. Luke's Episcopal Church will host the Capital Chordsman at 4 p.m. Sunday, September 9. The Capital Chordsmen is a Barbershop Chorus. There will be a meet the artist's reception to follow. Child care will be provided from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Donations will be accepted for The Fine Arts Series. The church is located at 4362 Lafayette Street in Marianna. For more information call 850-482-2431.

#### **WASHINGTON COUNTY CHURCH LISTINGS**

If you would like your Washington County church listed here, please send information to: news@chipleypaper.com. Due to space limitation, please only send regular church services. For special services, please send separate submission.

#### **ASSEMBLY OF GOD Corbin Road Assembly of God**

Morning Worship is at 10 a.m. Evening Worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday service is at 7 p.m. The church is located at 105 Corbin Road in Chipley.

#### **Cords of Love** Assembly of God

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Evening Worship is at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study is a 6:30 p.m. The church is located at 2060 Bethlehem Road in Cottondale.

#### **Grace Assembly of God @ Chipley**

Morning Worship is at 10 a.m. Evening Worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday service is at 6:30 p.m. The church is located at 567 North Main Street, Chipley

#### **New Bethany Assembly of God**

Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Evening Worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday services are at 7 p.m. The church is located on Shaky Joe Road just off Highway 280 at Hinson's Crossroads.

#### **New Life Fellowship Assembly of God**

Sunday School is at 9 a.m. Morning Worship is at 10 a.m. Evening Worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday services are at 6:30 p.m. The church is located at 695 5th Street, Chipley.

#### **Wausau Assembly of God**

Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship is at 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday services are at 7 p.m. The church is located at 3537 Washington Street in Wausau.

#### **BAPTIST Abigail Free Will Baptist Church**

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. The church is located on Dawkins Street in Vernon.

#### **Berean Baptist Church**

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Evening Worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday services are at 7 p.m. The church is located at 1438 Nearing Hills Drive in Chipley.

#### **Blue Lake Baptist Church**

Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship is at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday services are at 6:30 p.m. The church is located at 1405 Blue Lake Road in Chipley.

#### **Chipley First Baptist Church**

Sunday School is at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service is at 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service is at 10:30 a.m. Discipleship Training is at 5 p.m. Evening Worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday AWANA is at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, Prayer Meeting Is at 6 p.m. The church is located at 1300 South Boulevard.

#### **Country Oaks Baptist Church**

Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Evening Worship is at 7 p.m. Wednesday service is at 7 p.m. The church is located at 574 **Buckhorn Boulevard** 

#### **Eastside Baptist Church**

Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Evening Worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday service is at 6 p.m. The church is located at Highway 277 in Vernon.

#### **First Free Will Baptist Church**

Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship is at 10:45 a.m. Wednesday service is at 6 p.m. The church is located at 1387 South Boulevard.

#### **Gap Pond Free Will Baptist Church**

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. The church is located at 1980 Gap Boulevard in Sunny Hills.

#### **Grace Baptist Chapel Mission**

Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship is at 10:50 a.m. Wednesday services are at 7

p.m. The church is located at 440 Lot E Second Street, Chipley.

#### **Holmes Creek Baptist Church**

Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship is at 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday service AWANA is at 5:30 p.m. and Bible Study is at 6 p.m. The church is located at 335 Cope Road in Chipley.

#### **Holyneck Missionary Baptist Church**

Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Wednesday service is at 6 p.m. The church is located 3395 Cemetery Lane, Campbellton.

#### **Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church**

Sunday School is at 9 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Evening Worship is at 5 p.m. Wednesday service is at 6 p.m. The church is located at 614 Bennett Drive in Chipley.

#### Mt. Ararat Missionary **Baptist Church**

Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Wednesday service is at 6 p.m. The church is located at 1233 Old Bonifay Road in Chipley.

#### **New Orange Baptist Church**

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Wednesday services are at 6 p.m. The church is located on

Alford Road in Washington County.

#### **New Prospect Baptist Church**

Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship services are at 11 a.m. Sunday evening services are at 5 p.m. Wednesday services supper is at 5 p.m. Wednesday prayer meeting, bible study and children's classes start at 5:45. The church is at 761 New Prospect Road in Chipley.

#### **Oakie Ridge Baptist Church**

Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Evening Worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday service is at 6:30 p.m. The church is at the corner of Orange Hill Road and Gilberts Mill Road.

#### Orange Hill **Baptist Church**

Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship is at 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday prayer and Bible Study is as 6:30 p.m. The church is located at 3485 Gainer Road in Chipley.

#### **Orange Hill Missionary Baptist Church**

Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship on the first and third Sunday of the month is at 11 a.m. Wednesday night prayer meeting is at 6 p.m. The church is located at 816 Sunday Road in Chipley.

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### **CHURCH**

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#### Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church

Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship is at 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday service is at 7 p.m. The church is at 1783 Piney Grove Road south of Chipley.

#### Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Evening Worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday service is at 7 p.m. The church is south of Bonifay at 1900 Pleasant Hill Road.

#### Poplar Springs Baptist Church

Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Evening Worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday service is at 7 p.m. The church is located at 1098 Lovewood Road two miles east of Highway 77.

#### Poplar Head Independent Free Will Baptist Church

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Evening Worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday service is at 6 p.m. The church is located on Poplar Head Road.

#### Sand Hills Baptist Church

Sunday School is at 9:15 a.m. Morning Worship is at 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday service is at 6:30 p.m. The church is located at 6758 Highway 77.

#### **Shiloh Baptist Church**

Sunday School is at 9:15 a.m. Morning Worship is at 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday service is at 5:45 p.m. The church is located on Highway 277, three miles south of Highway 90 in Chipley.

#### Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday service is at 6 p.m. The church is located at 3013 Moss Hill Road in Vernon. **St. John Free Will** 

#### Baptist Church

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. Morning worship is at 11 a.m. Evening Worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday service is at 7 p.m.

#### St. Matthews Missionary Baptist Church

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Wednesday service is at 6 p.m. The church is located at 4156 St. Matthews Road in Caryville.

#### Salem Free Will Baptist Church

Sunday School is at 10 a.m.
Worship service is at 11 a.m.
Evening worship is at 6 p.m.
Wednesday service is at 7 p.m.
Church is at 2555 Kynesville
Highway in Alford.

#### **Sunny Hills First Baptist Church**

Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Evening Worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday service is at 7 p.m.

#### **Unity Baptist Church**

Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Evening Worship is at 5 p.m. Wednesday services are at 6:30 p.m. The church is located at 3274 River Road in Vernon.

#### **Vernon First Baptist Church**

Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Evening Worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday services are at 6 p.m. The church is at 2888 Church Street in Vernon.

#### Wausau First Baptist Church

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Evening Worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday services are at 7 p.m. The church is at 3493 Washington Street in Wausau.

# CATHOLIC St. Joseph The Worker Catholic Church

Sunday Mass is at 11 a.m. Tuesday Mass is at 9 a.m. The church is located at 1664 Main Street in Chipley.

#### St. Theresa Catholic Church

Sunday Mass is at 9 a.m. Monday through Friday Mass is at 8 a.m. Saturday Mass is at 5 p.m. Adoration is the first Friday after 8 a.m. Mass. The church is located at 2071 Sunny Hills Blvd and the Rectory is located at 2056 Sunny Hills Boulevard in Sunny Hills.

#### CHURCHOF CHRIST Chipley Church of Christ

Sunday morning bible study is at 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship is at 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship is at 5 p.m. Wednesday services are at 6 p.m. The church is located at 1295 Brickyard Road in Chipley.

#### **Spirit-Filled Church** of God in Christ

Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Evening Worship is at 6 p.m. Tuesday service is at 6 p.m. The church is at 2128 Pate Pond Road in Caryville.

#### EPISCOPAL **Grant Tabernacle AME**

Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship is at 11 a.m.
The church is at 577 Martin
Luther King Boulevard in
Chipley.

#### St. John AME

Morning Worship is at 11:30 a.m.

#### St. Joseph AME

Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Evening Worship is at 5 p.m. Tuesday services are at 7 p.m. The church is located at 1401 Monroe Sheffield Road, Chipley.

#### St. Luke African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME)

Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Wednesday service is at 7 p.m. The church is located on Jackson Community Road.

#### St. Mary African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME)

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. The church is at 1035 St. Mary Road, in Caryville.

#### St. Matthews Episcopal Church

Morning worship is at 9 a.m. The church is located on Highway 90 west in Chipley.

#### EVANGELISTIC Vernon Evangelistic Church

Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Evening Worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday services are at 7 p.m. The church is located on Highway 79 in Vernon.

#### Caryville Evangelistic Center

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Evening Worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday services are at 7 p.m. The church is located on Wrights Creek Road in Caryville, just north of Highway 90.

#### HOLINESS Harris Chapel Holiness Church

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Evening Worship is at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday services are at 7 p.m. The church is 8 miles north of Caryville on Highway 179.

#### Johnson Temple First Born Holiness

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11:30 a.m. Evening Worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday services are at 6 p.m. Friday services are at 6 p.m. The church is located at 793 Orange Street, Chipley.

#### Miracle Valley Spirit of Holiness

Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Evening Worship is at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday services are at 7 p.m. The church is located 3754 Bunyon Drive, off Highway 77 near Sunny Hills.

# METHODIST Chipley First United Methodist Church

Sunday School is at 9:50 a.m. Morning Worship is at 9 a.m. (contemporary service) and 11 a.m. (traditional service). The church is located at 1285 Jackson Avenue

#### East Mount Zion United Methodist Church

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. Morning worship is at 10 a.m. Evening Worship is at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday fellowship meal and Bible study is at 6 p.m. The church is at 1590 Highway 173 in Graceville.

#### Lakeview United Methodist

Morning Worship is at 9 a.m. Thursday morning Bible Study 9 a.m. The church is located on Highway 279 near Five Points.

#### New Hope United Methodist Church

Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study is at 10 a.m. The church is located at on Highway 79 in New Hope.

#### **New Vision United Methodist Church**

Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. Worship is at 11 a.m. Wednesday night supper is at 5:45. Wednesday Bible Study is at 6:30 p.m. The church is located at the corner of Highway 77 and BlockerChurch Road in Greenhead.

#### Orange Hill United Methodist

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. The church is located on Sunday Road just off Orange Hill Road.

#### Vernon United Methodist Church

Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m.

#### Wausau United Methodist Church

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. The church is on State Road 77

# PENTECOSTAL House of Healing United Pentecostal Church

Sunday School is at 1 p.m. Worship is at 2 p.m. Thursday Bible Study is at 7 p.m. The church is at 1816 Highway 90 in Chipley.

#### Wausau Pentecostal Holiness

Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship is at 10:55 a.m. Evening Worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday services are at 6 p.m. The church is at 2201 Pioneer Road in Wausau.

#### **Rock Hill Church**

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Evening Worship is at 6 p.m. Friday Night Worship is at 6 p.m. The church is at 339 Rockhill Church Road in Chipley.

#### **Trinity Pentecostal Tabernacle**

Morning Worship is at 10 a.m.

Evening Worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday service is at 7 p.m. Turnin Point Home of the First United Pentecostal Church Sunday School is at 1 p.m. Worship Service is at 2 p.m. Bible Study Thursday is at 7 p.m.

# PRESBYTERIAN Chipley First Presbyterian Church

Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Wednesday, night sing-along is at 6 p.m.

The church is at Fifth Street and Watts Avenue

#### Sunny Hills Presbyterian

Morning Worship is at 9 a.m. Sunday School is at 10:30 a.m. The church is located at 3768 Country Club Boulevard

#### OTHER Bonnett Pond Church

Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Evening Worship is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday services are at 6:30 p.m. The church is at 2680 Bonnett Pond Road in Chipley.

#### **Christian Fellowship Center**

Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Wednesday services are at 7 p.m. The church is located at 1458 Monroe Sheffield Road in Chipley.

#### **Christian Haven**

Sunday school is h at 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Wednesday service is at 7 p.m.

#### Church of God by Faith

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday service is at 7:30 p.m. The church is at 3012 Church Street.

#### **Church of God of Prophecy**

Morning Worship is at 9:45 a.m. Evening Worship is at 5 p.m. Wednesday service is at 6 p.m. The church is located at 1386 W. Jackson Avenue in Chipley.

#### **Courts of Praise**

Morning Worship is at 10 a.m. Wednesday service is at 6:30 p.m. The church is at 1720 Clayton Road in Chipley.

#### **Cypress Creek**

Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Evening Worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday service is at 7 p.m. The church is at 1772 Macedonia Road.

#### **Faith Covenant Fellowship**

Morning Worship is at 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday services are at 7 p.m. The church is on Highway 277 ½ mile south of I-10.

#### Family Worship Center

Morning Worship is at 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday service is at 7 p.m. The church is at 531 Rock Hill Church Road, Chipley.

#### Graceville Community Church

Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Evening Worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday service is at 6 p.m. The church is at 1005 E. Prim Avenue

#### Graham's Chapel

Morning worship at 11 a.m. Tuesday Bible Study at 7 p.m. The chapel is at 1218 Campbellton Avenue in Chipley.

#### Hard Labor Creek Community Church

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Evening Worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday services are at 7 p.m. The church is at 1705 Pioneer Road 3 miles east of caution light.

#### Holmes Valley Community Church

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Evening Worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday service is at 6 p.m. The church is located at 3550Fannig Branch Road in Vernon.

#### House of Prayer Worship Center

Sunday School and Children's Church is at 9 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Youth activities on Wednesday begin at 4:30 p.m. Praise and worship services are at 6:30 p.m. on Friday. The church is at 763 West Boulevard in Chipley.

#### **Impact Worship Center**

Sunday. Morning Worship is at 10 a.m. Thursday service is at 6:30 p.m. The church is located at 3006 New Hope Road Marianna.

#### Liberty

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Wednesday service is at 6:30 p.m. The church is located at 3983 Creek Road in Vernon.

#### McQueens Temple First Born Church of Living God

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday service is at 7 p.m. The church is at 5681 Highway 79 South, Vernon.

#### **New Faith Temple**

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. The church is located at 841 Orange Hill Road.

#### **New Foundation Fellowship**

Morning Worship is at 10 a.m. Wednesday service is at 6 p.m. The church is located on Rock Hill Church Road.

#### Northwest Florida Christian Church

Morning Worship is at 10:30 a.m. The church is located at 4465 Highway 77.

#### Rhema Praise and Worship Center

Morning Worship is at 10:30 a.m. Thursday service is at 7 p.m. The church is located 763 West Boulevard in Chipley.

#### Sunny Hills Chapel

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Evening Worship is at 5 p.m. Wednesday service is at 6:30 p.m. The church is located at 4283 Highway 77.

#### Pleasant Grove Church

Morning Worship is at 9 a.m. The church is located at 2430 Shakey Joe Road in the Hinson's Crossroads Community.

#### **Tabernacle of Praise Church of God**

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. Morning Worship is at 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday service is at 6:30 p.m. The church is located on Highway 77 South.

#### The Living Word

Morning Worship is at 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday service is at 7 p.m. The church is located at the corner of Highway 77 and Blocker Road in Greenhead.

#### White Double Pond

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Evening worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday service is at 6 p.m. The church is on Creek Road in Vernon.

#### Yes Lord Deliverance COGIC

Sunday School is at 10:30 a.m. Worship is at noon. Tuesday services are at 7 p.m. The church is located at 739 Seventh Street in Chipley.

# HOME

**TIP OF THE WEEK** 

## **HACKS FOR A CLEANER**

**Check out the** following hacks for a cleaner home from www.bobvila.com.

- Clean your blender by filling it 1/3 full with hot water and adding a few drops of dish soap, then running it for a while.
- Keep your vehicle's cup holders clean by dropping cupcake liners into the bottom of each. **Use silicone** models and you can wash them in the dishwasher.
- Wipe up pet hair by sliding a squeegee (like you'd use to clean windows) over the carpet.



LANDSCAPING

#### TIPS FOR **FALL LAWNS**

"Once temperatures are consistently below 60 degrees, your lawn will start storing up nutrients in preparation for winter. That's when you should start your fall lawn care regimen," says Bryan Ostlund, executive director of Grass Seed USA.

Following are three proactive measures you can take:

- Reseed thin or bare areas.
- Aerify.
- Apply fertilizer.

# Give your house exterior a facelift

**By Laura Firszt** 

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s your house looking tired and shabby from the outside? Would you like to spruce it up to sell ... or just to make coming home more enjoyable? There are tons of improvements you can undertake to give your house exterior a facelift, at a whole range of price points. Some are best done by a pro, but there are plenty of DIY possibilities, as well. Take a look at this list of 10 suggestions.

Pull out the paintbrush. Painting is a time-honored, affordable way of making just about anything in and around your home look fresh and new. Paint the entire house exterior or simply touch up the trim and voila. You've got instant curb appeal.

**Spruce up the front door.** Installation of a new steel entry door gives an excellent return on investment when you sell, according to Remodeling Magazine's well-known annual Cost vs Value report. If that's not in the cards at the moment, sanding and restaining a wooden door - or replacing the hardware on any type of door - will make a substantial improvement on a dime.

Refresh garage doors. Speaking of doors, did you know the average attached garage makes up 30 percent of the house exterior viewed from the street? And its doors play a major role in your home's appearance. Make sure garage doors are looking their best. If they're more than 20-25 years old, consider hiring a contractor for replacement. Otherwise, embellish them easily by refinishing, adding windows, or changing the hardware.

Light up your out-4. doors. Brighten up your house exterior with the right light fixtures. They will look great and help keep you and your guests safe, as well. Choose from styles such as lanterns, solar lights, or lighting conveniently embedded in your deck's support posts.

Tend the landscape. Trim trees and 5 Tend the lanuscape. Inim accordance shrubs neatly — it will help them grow healthier. Add window boxes or a few attractive potted plantings for a quick, inexpensive lift. And while you're at it, remove any plants that might actually harm your home, such as English ivy,



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which, as it grows, is capable of tearing off gutters and roof shingles.

Pay attention to your driveway. Noth-• ing says "tired" like an old cracked, oil-stained stretch of drive right smack in front of your home. Resurface a concrete or asphalt driveway or give it a brand new luxe look by installing high-end materials like bricks or concrete pavers.

Show your front walk some love. When the sidewalk leading to your entrance is looking the worse for wear, try one of these quick fixes. Repair cracked concrete; edge the walk with a neat row of cobblestones, river rocks, or landscape timber on either side - or call a landscaper

to give your walkway a brand new look.

Let your house 8. numbers shine. You can accomplish this the lowtech way - by



polishing up a vintage brass number plate or go ultra high tech and install an LEDlit address display. The latter also helps first responders find your home fast in case of emergency.

**Add a portico or a porch.** Dress up 9. Add a portice of a possing your home's frontage with a portice that will protect you from the elements while you hunt for your keys. Or go grand with the construction of a new porch, either out in front or wrapped all around the house.

Reclad your house exterior. Recladding is a larger scale home makeover which makes a dramatic difference. Install new siding, cedar shakes, stucco, brick, or stone to improve a faded appearance and stop leaks. And if you're putting your home up for sale soon, recladding with manufactured stone veneer (it's actually affordable concrete) offers an impressive 97 percent ROI.

Laura Firszt writes for networx.com.

**OUTDOORS** 

#### **EASY YARD UPDATES**

Add one of these yard-enhancing projects from RentalHQ.com this

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#### **DEAR MONTY**

# Has the real estate market fully recovered?



**Richard Montgomery** 

eader question: Before the banks caused Lthe 2008 meltdown, I purchased my home for \$475,000. Homes directly around me have recently sold for anywhere between \$215,000-\$360,000. Prices are finally rebounding here. Can I expect to make any money by putting my home for sale or should I wait to die in this house before I make a profit?

Monty's answer: Many areas have recovered entirely from the meltdown our federal government

created years before 2008. We all don't live in Seattle, San Francisco, or Las Vegas, but around the country, even the slowest markets to recover are progressing. Many pundits expect the market's appreciation rate to cool because of rising mortgage rates.

#### **Update knowledge**

The local and regional recovery rates vary on supply and demand driven by local or regional economies. For example, in my home state, a huge international company is building a massive manufacturing plant, and homes in that area are expected to increase in value as new workers will need housing.

There are many sources

to find real estate news. You can search online to find regional and local value trends.

#### Seek local opinions

Consider contacting several local agents and ask for a competitive market analysis (CMA). You will get three different opinions of value from them, and your job will be to decide which one makes the most sense based on the research they present, and the depth of the study.

For example, many real estate agents either do not know how to calculate adjustments between the subject property and the comparable sales or they do not want to invest the time necessary to go

through the process. There is a high likelihood that you can sell

long before you expire.

When you mention you have the best home in the local community, that may be a factor that impacts the sale price. Buyers avoiding the house because of lesser neighboring values may reduce the size of your market. Like you, not all buyers

will view it in that fashion. Most real estate agents will encourage you to keep reducing the price if time wears on because they believe a home that sits on the market for extended periods is overpriced. While there are overpriced homes, in many instances, it takes time to find the buyer that can overlook the value differential.

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