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Vernon approves final budget, millage

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VERNON - Vernon City Council recently gave its final approval for the FY 2018-19 budget and millage rate.

At the Sept. 17 meeting, the council approved Resolution 18-151, setting the budget at \$2,997,128.46 and Resolution 18-150 millage rate at 4.8282, which is 2.57 percent more than the roll-back rate of 4.7073.

In other business, the council made several adjustments to water and sewer accounts due to leaks, crediting accounts various amounts - one as much as \$626.13.

"These customers had leaks, some quite severe, that have since been fixed so that we could adjust their accounts," City Clerk Tracy Walker wrote in a statement Thursday. "The City cannot avoid these types of issues; we can help our customers by adjusting some of the sewer charges."

The council also unanimously approved the purchase of six tablets at \$150 each and \$36.05 monthly fees, plaques and name plates for the Historical Society, the Vernon High School homecoming parade route and credit card processing through First Federal Bank for City Hall.

The council also combined its November meeting and workshop, to be held Nov. 5 at 6 p.m.

Vernon City Council meets regularly on the first and third Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at Vernon City Hall, 2808 Yellow Jacket Drive.



From left to right: State Rep. Brad Drake, NFWMD Board Member Ted Everett, NFWMD Executive Director Brett Cyphers and Kent Koptiuch, Natural Resource Manager for Nestlé Waters North America gathered at Cypress Springs to celebrate a successful conservation easement for the springs. [DIANE M. ROBINSON | THE NEWS]

Protecting Cypress Springs

NFWMD joins Washington County, Nestlé Waters North America

By Staff Report

VERNON - One of the Panhandle's most picturesque springs will now be protected by a partnership between the Northwest Florida Water Management District, Washington County Commissioners, and Nestlé Waters North America, Inc., a NFWMD news release announced.

The District, Washington County, and Nestlé Waters North America (NWA) will provide for the long-term protection of Cypress Spring and its surrounding property through a conservation easement. The acquisition covers approximately 300 acres,

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Cypress Springs. [DIANE M. ROBINSON | THE NEWS]

Chipley approves final budget, millage

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CHIPLEY - In a unanimous vote at a special meeting Thursday, Chipley City Council approved its fiscal year 2018-2019 budget and millage rate.

With the approval of Resolution No. 18-19, the council approved a budget of \$11,389,991. The council also adopted Resolution No. 18-20, setting the FY 2018-2019 millage rate at 7.000 mills - which is lower than the roll back rate of 6.966.

Following the final millage and budget hearing, the council held another special meeting at which it unanimously approved Resolution No. 18-21, amending FY 2017-18 budget to reflect a total final amount of \$15,522,2883.

Other items approved included vehicle transfers between the police and sanitation departments and a resolution that states the terms of the City's credit card acceptance policy.

Chipley City Council will hold its next regular workshop on Oct. 4.

Veterans' court to address mental health

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PANAMA CITY - A new court to help military veterans deal with mental health issues and avoid incarceration soon will start in the Panhandle circuit, court and state officials announced Thursday.

The veterans' court will "emphasize treatment and rehabilitation" as an alternative to incarceration, said Elijah Smiley, chief judge for the 14th Judicial Circuit, which serves Bay, Gulf,

Holmes, Jackson, Calhoun and Washington counties.

"This veterans' court is intended to serve veterans in all six counties," said Smiley, who has veterans in his family. "It's necessary we consider innovative ways to solve some of these cases. Our veterans shored up the cost of the freedoms we enjoy and helped preserve the liberties and rights we maintain in our courts."

The veterans' court is expected to begin in January. Whether veterans enter the court will be handled on an

individual basis, and Smiley said accountability will be required. The program is voluntary and the state legislature allocated \$8.9 million in support. Court officials will work with the VA and local drug rehab and mental health providers to get veterans help.

"It's been a long time coming. We have a track record that demonstrates that it actually works," said Circuit Judge Michael Overstreet, referencing a similar existing program.

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State Sen. George Gainer, Chief Judge Elijah Smiley and Judge Michael Overstreet, from left, hold a press conference Thursday to announce the creation of a veterans' court in the 14th Judicial Circuit. [PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]

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Fishing restriction extended amid red tide woes

Jim Turner
News Service Florida

HAVANA — A restriction on fishing for red drum and snook was extended to next spring and will stretch north to Pasco County, as the state continues trying to limit impacts from a red-tide outbreak along the Gulf Coast.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission agreed Wednesday to extend until May 10 an executive order that imposed a mandatory catch-and-release rule on red drum and snook. The order has been in place for a month from Anna Maria Island to Naples.

The commission also announced a new executive order immediately ending the scallop season in Northwest Florida's Gulf County, where

red tide has recently appeared, and said it plans to pursue "innovative testing" to reduce often-annual outbreaks of red tide.

"I know we're in a reactive mode right now, but we're planning to transition into a proactive mode with these issues," said Commissioner Joshua Kellam of Palm Beach Gardens.

"We're putting our best foot forward to learn what we can from it and be better prepared next time," Chairman Bo Rivard of Panama City added during the commission meeting, held in the Gadsden County community of Havana.

The catch-and-release order, which was set to expire Oct. 12, now will be reviewed by the commission in May and covers waters from Naples north to the Pasco-Hernando

County line.

Charter boat operators from the Tampa Bay region expressed support for extending the catch-and-release rules as a way to help replenish the red-fish stock in the waters.

Commission Executive Director Eric Sutton said during a break in the meeting that the commission's action was taken with "an abundance of caution."

"I certainly hope that the message is that catch and release means you can still catch them, and you can," Sutton said. "If you go out on those waters, you will see that it's patchy. There are places to still catch fish. We just want to make sure we are returning them back to the water to help with the recovery."

Gov. Rick Scott, during a brief phone call to the commission, outlined

recent efforts to tackle the outbreak, and he repeated his call for the commission to create a Florida Center for Red Tide Research, reestablish the Florida Harmful Algal Bloom Task Force and request additional funding next year from the Legislature for red tide research.

"I know we're not going to stop working until all of our communities recover," Scott said. "We all know that more has to be done."

Scott's requests drew criticism last week from conservationists as being a political stunt tied to his run for U.S. Senate. Critics contend the requests fail to address the current outbreak, which has persisted for 10 months and is believed to have caused the deaths of thousands of fish, manatees, sea turtles and bottlenose dolphins.

None of the critics

appeared at the meeting.

The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission attributes 153 manatee deaths in Manatee and Collier counties to the outbreak, the highest mortality count from a red tide outbreak since 2013.

Gil McRae, director of the Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, said 12 manatees and 50 sea turtles have been rescued after being stranded by red tide.

The source of the outbreak is the suspected bloom cycle of a single-celled organism called *Karenia brevis* algae that produces toxins that kill fish, birds, sea turtles, manatees and dolphins and can cause neurotoxic shellfish poisoning in human.

The outbreaks occur in salt water and are separate from the inshore toxic blue-green algae that has

plagued locals from Stuart to Cape Coral and has been tied to the release of polluted waters from Lake Okeechobee.

The current red tide problem is the longest since 2006, when an outbreak lasted about 17 months.

Since Scott issued an emergency order in August for red tide impacts in Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Sarasota, Manatee, Hillsborough and Pinellas counties, state agencies have allocated more than \$14 million to various projects, such as assisting small businesses, cleaning up dead fish, helping red-fish restocking efforts and boosting tourism marketing.

On Tuesday, Scott directed another \$2.18 million to Mote Marine Laboratory's research efforts on red tide.

Greyhound track fights gambling amendment

News Service Florida Staff

TALLAHASSEE - Melbourne Greyhound Park has put \$145,000 into a political committee fighting a proposed constitutional amendment that could make it harder to expand gambling in

Florida.

The Brevard County greyhound track contributed \$50,000 last week to a committee known as Don't Lose Your Control, Inc., bringing to \$145,000 the track's contributions since early August, according to a

report posted on the state Division of Elections website. The committee has not received other contributions. Don't Lose Your Control is at least the third PAC formed to fight what will appear on the November ballot as Amendment 3.

The other committees, Citizens for the Truth About Amendment 3 and Vote NO on 3, had combined to raise more than \$4.1 million as of Sept. 14, reports show.

Amendment 3, which is backed by Disney World-wide Services, Inc. and

the Seminole Tribe of Florida, would change the Florida Constitution and give voters the "exclusive right to decide whether to authorize casino gambling" in the state.

If approved, it would require voter approval

of casino-style games in the future and effectively reduce the power of the Legislature and governor to decide gambling-related issues. It would need support from 60 percent of voters in the November election to pass.

SPRINGS

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more than 1,000 linear feet of shoreline along Holmes Creek, and Cypress Spring — a second magnitude spring located in Vernon.

George Roberts, Chairman of the District's Governing Board, says this is a fulfilling project.

"As a lifelong resident of northwest Florida, I look at the long-term protection of Cypress Spring as one of the more satisfying projects we have undertaken at the District," Roberts said in a statement. "This is one of the area's natural treasures and we would not have made this happen without unwavering support from the Governor, the Legislature, DEP, and Nestlé Waters North America."

After two separate appraisals and an appraisal review, the District agreed to purchase the

conservation easement for \$812,700, or \$2,700 per acre. NWNNA will donate the money back to the District to help pay for shoreline restoration projects and to offset ongoing land management costs, the release stated.

"The residents of Washington County will be thrilled to learn about the long-term protection plan for Cypress Spring," Ted Everett, a Washington County resident and member of the District's Governing Board, said in a statement. "The District, the County, and Nestlé Waters North America are committed to making sure the spring can be enjoyed by visitors for generations to come."

Funding for the conservation easement comes from Florida's Springs Restoration and Protection program, administered by the Department of Environmental Protection and water management districts.

"In addition to their recreational value, and being economic drivers for our communities, springs are also the window into the health of our groundwater, the source of 90 percent of drinking water for Floridians. That is why DEP and the water management districts are committed to ensuring springs protection will remain a priority so that Florida's future generations will continue to enjoy these unique natural treasures."

Drew Bartlett

State Senator George Gainer said the springs are special to him and his family.

"My great-great-grandfather marched through this area with Andrew Jackson in the 1800s," said Gainer, "He fell in love with springs and decided to move his family here. These springs will always be so special to me, which is why I am so appreciative of the work put in by everyone involved in this process."

Gainer went on to talk about his view on the public and private sectors working together.

"When the public and private sectors work together, wonderful results follow — and this is a perfect example of that," Gainer added.

Cypress Spring has long been one of northwest Florida's most beautiful springs, offering a special place of relaxation and exploration to canoeists, kayakers, boaters, swimmers, and nature enthusiasts all make frequent stops at the spring.

State Representative Brad Drake pointed out the beauty of the springs and how it will remain protected through these

efforts.

"Anyone who has visited Cypress Spring knows it really is one of the most beautiful places in all of Florida," Drake said in a statement. "The spring itself has already been protected pretty well through the years but now we are making sure it will always be protected so everyone can enjoy its beauty."

The spring features an average recorded discharge rate of 89.47 cubic feet per second and the main vent measures 26 feet deep.

Kent Koptiuch, Natural Resource Manager for Nestlé Waters North America, said in a statement that this easement is successful in protecting resources, wildlife and the environment.

"This conservation easement is a success for everyone who believes in the importance of protecting the environment, supporting wildlife, and providing recreational

opportunities at Florida's springs," Koptiuch said. "We are committed to supporting the sustainability of Florida's resources so we can all enjoy them for years to come."

The District has already completed shoreline restoration projects at Burnt Sock Landing and Cotton Landing — both of which are upstream of Cypress Spring, the release noted.

"In addition to their recreational value, and being economic drivers for our communities, springs are also the window into the health of our groundwater, the source of 90 percent of drinking water for Floridians," Drew Bartlett, DEP deputy secretary for ecosystem restoration, said in a statement. "That is why DEP and the water management districts are committed to ensuring springs protection will remain a priority so that Florida's future generations will continue to enjoy these unique natural treasures."



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City of Chipley Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

The City of Chipley will hold a Recreation Advisory Committee meeting on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the City of Chipley - Council Chambers located at 1442 Jackson Avenue, Chipley, FL. The public is invited to attend. Handicapped persons wishing to attend who will need special accommodations should contact the City Hall at (850) 638-6350.

VETERANS

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"Typically we're dealing with someone who, but for their mental health issues, probably would not have committed a crime. When you can take a person like

that and address their mental health issues and get them to a place where they're properly medicated and understand the importance of medication and therapy, we graduate someone from the process who is less likely to commit a crime in the future."

State Sen. George Gainer is an advocate for

the veterans' court, and was thanked by Smiley and Overstreet for his support. Gainer said he was glad to get the program underway. "This is something that didn't come about because we had veterans complaining. This is because the fine judges in this state, county and circuit decided they could

"Veterans didn't ask why or how. They just went and served this country. They came back with unique and different problems, problems specific to what they did in the service. These judges recognize that and asked me to do my little part in this thing."

State Sen. George Gainer

REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS

CareerSource Chipola has a 2000 Winnebago motor home up for bid. The motor home is being sold "as is". Bids should be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Sealed Bid". All bids must be received by CareerSource Chipola by October 25, 2018 at 3:00 P.M. CT. For additional information and a copy of the bid form, visit our website at www.careersourcechipola.com. Click on the link "About Us" and then "Current RFP's and Bids". CareerSource Chipola reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

do a better job in terms of our veterans," Gainer said. "Veterans didn't ask why or how. They just went and served this country. They came back with unique and different problems, problems specific to what they did in the service. These judges recognize that and asked me to do my little part in this thing."

Details on the new program are being finalized through discussions with the state attorney and public defender offices. People accused of murder, sexual battery and other serious crimes may not be eligible for the program, Smiley said.

LOCAL & STATE

Registered sexual offender receives 45-year sentence on new charges

Staff report

CHIPLEY - A Washington County jury found a Wausau man guilty as charged on Thursday in a 2017 lewd and lascivious battery on a child case.

Following a trial, registered sexual offender Brian David Anderson, 48, was convicted of

four counts of lewd and lascivious battery on a child under the age of 16 after an investigation by Washington County Sheriff's Office determined he had sexual contact with a juvenile on at least two separate occasions, a WCSO news release stated.

Anderson was



Anderson

Judge Timothy Register.

Anderson was previously designated a sexual offender after

being convicted on lewd and lascivious battery charges in St. Lucie County and sentenced to more than 16 years in prison, the news release stated.

He was released from custody in 2011.

"This investigation began when a citizen made a report to law

enforcement expressing concerns after seeing the victim with Anderson," Sheriff Kevin Crews said in a statement. "Without this report, we may have never known about this situation or had the opportunity to further protect this child. I cannot express enough the importance

of citizens reporting suspicious behavior."

If you have any knowledge of crimes being committed, or tips, please contact the Washington County Sheriff's Office at 850-638-6111; anonymously by calling 850-638-TIPS (8477) or by email at tips@weso.us.

Vernon woman arrested for exploiting elderly man

Unauthorized purchases included Victoria Secret and ATM withdrawals

Staff Report

CHIPLEY - A Vernon woman has been charged

with exploitation of an elderly person.

Washington County Sheriff's Office arrested Frances LeighAnn Jeter, 46, on Saturday, Sept. 22, on an active felony warrant for exploitation of an elderly person less than



Jeter

\$20,000, according to a WCSO news release.

On July 20, the sheriff's office received a report

from the Adult Protective Services of Department of Child and Families regarding a possible financial exploitation of an elderly man occurring in Washington County.

The victim advised WCSO investigators that

Jeter, who had recently been caring for him, had used his debit card for unauthorized transactions and would not return the card when asked to do so, the release stated.

Investigators discovered Jeter's unauthorized

transactions included purchases at Victoria Secret and ATM withdrawals, totaling more than \$7,200 from December 2017 to June 2018, the release stated.

Jeter was booked into the Washington County Jail.

K9 Jet assists WCSO in drug arrests

Staff Report

CHIPLEY - Two Chipley residents were arrested after Washington County Sheriff's Office K9 Jet alerted deputies to methamphetamine during a traffic stop at a local convenience store.

According to a Washington County Sheriff's Office news release, K9 Jet was deployed during the Sept. 21 traffic stop at Applefields convenient store near I-10. Following the perimeter search of the vehicle, investigators searched the interior



Hogue



Newman

of the vehicle where they discovered a plastic bag of methamphetamine in

a dash compartment.

Driver, Gregory Eric Hogue, 26, of Chipley, was arrested and booked into the Washington County Jail on the charge of possession of methamphetamine with the intent to sell or deliver.

Passenger Brea Nicole

Newman, 23, of Chipley, was found to be in possession of cocaine and was taken into custody. Newman was also transported to the Washington County Jail.

According to the news release, a short time later, deputies were contacted

by the jail after correction deputies determined, during a search, that Newman had attempted to conceal marijuana in a body cavity. Newman faces an additional charge of introduction of contraband, which is a felony offense.

2 arrested during stop, syringes found

Staff Report

CHIPLEY - Two Panama City residents are facing felony drug charges after Washington County Sheriff's Office conducted a traffic stop and discovered syringes and methamphetamine.

According to a Washington County Sheriff's Office news release, on Monday, Sept. 17, deputies observed a vehicle "weaving back and forth" on S.R. 77 near Crystal Lake Drive and, concerned for motorists safety, stopped the vehicle.

A search of the vehicle led to the discovery of three syringes in 34-year-old Jesika Lyn Batson's purse and a plastic bag

containing a crystal-like substance was located in 47-year-old Douglas Mitchell's wallet. Both the syringes and the bag tested positive for methamphetamine, the release stated.

Batson and Mitchell were arrested and booked into the Washington County Jail on the charge of possession of methamphetamine. Batson has an additional charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.



Batson



Mitchell

Florida feeds Florence victims

News Service Florida

TALLAHASSEE - Florida has provided more than 180,000 pounds of fruits, vegetables, meats and grains

to victims of Hurricane Florence in North Carolina, Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam announced Thursday.

Putnam's state

Department of Agriculture and Consumers Services' Division of Food, Nutrition and Wellness provided more than 122,000 pounds of fruits, vegetables and

juice; nearly 46,000 pounds of meat, poultry and fish; and more than 12,000 pounds of whole grains and pasta, the agency said in a press release Thursday.

PUBLIC NOTICE 2018

CANVASSING BOARD MEETING DATES

BOOK CLOSING DEADLINE: The deadline to register to vote or change your political party affiliation in order to participate in an upcoming election is 29 days before the election. The registration deadlines for 2018 are: General Election: October 9, 2018 If you wish to register to vote or change your political party affiliation, visit www.RegistertoVoteFlorida.gov. If you have relocated from another Florida county to Washington County, or relocated within Washington County change your address with the Supervisor of Elections office as soon as possible.

PUBLIC TEST OF VOTE TABULATING EQUIPMENT: On Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 9:00 AM the Washington County Canvassing Board will convene in the Supervisor of Elections office located at 1331 South BLVD, Suite 900, Chipley, FL, to test the ballot tabulation equipment to be used for the November 6, 2018 General Election. The Canvassing Board may also discuss other matters relating to the November 6, 2018 General Election. This meeting is open to the public.

EARLY VOTING DATES AND TIMES FOR AUGUST 28, 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION: Saturday, October 27, 2018 through Saturday, November 3, 2018 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM (Sunday 9 AM - 5 PM) Early voters will have reserved parking at the front of the Supervisor of Elections office.

REQUEST AND CANVASS ABSENTEE/MAIL BALLOTS: The deadline to request a Vote Mail Ballot for the November 6, 2018 Primary Election is Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at 4:00 P.M. You can request a Vote By Mail Ballot by phone at 850-638-6230; by email via www.wcsoe.org; by mail or in person at 1331 South BLVD, Suite 900, Chipley, Florida 32428. It is VERY IMPORTANT that your signature on file in the Supervisor of Elections Office is up-to-date. Florida Statute 98.077(4) requires that the signature on the Vote by Mail Ballot Voter Certificate Envelope match the voter signature on file at the start of the Canvass of Absentee Ballots. Prior to the canvass of absentee ballots, absentee ballot voter certificate envelopes for the 2018 General Election received prior to 8:00 A.M. on Monday, November 5, 2018, will be available for public inspection from 8:00 A.M. until 9:00 A.M. November 5, 2018, at the Supervisor of Elections Office. Those wishing to inspect absentee ballot envelope certificates received after 8:00 A.M. on November 5, 2018, must be present prior to the begin of canvassing on each date listed below and throughout the day on November 6, 2018. Pursuant to Section 101.68(2)(c)(2), Florida Statutes, if any elector or candidate present believes that an absentee ballot is illegal due to a defect apparent on the voter's certificate, he or she may, at any time before the ballot is removed from the envelope, file with the canvassing board a protest against the canvass of that ballot, specifying the precinct, the ballot, and the reason he or she believes the ballot to be illegal. A challenge based upon a defect in the voter's certificate may not be accepted after the ballot has been removed from the mailing envelope. The Washington County Canvassing Board will convene on Monday, November 5, 2018 at 9:30 A.M. to begin the Canvass of Vote By Mail Ballots. The Canvassing Board will reconvene on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 1:00 P.M. to Canvass Vote By Mail Ballots for the General Election.

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OPINION

Shut down effort to trick voters

‘You can have dessert. But only if you eat your broccoli, too.” This kind of dinner-table negotiation takes place nightly across Florida. It’s a parental mandate framed as a choice, presenting the less-powerful party with the illusion of control. In that context, it makes sense.

But Florida voters are not sulky children. Florida’s Constitution Revision Commission was wrong to treat them that way.

On six constitutional amendments proposed for November’s ballot, the commission “bundled” extremely attractive options — such as guaranteed rights for crime victims, death benefits for emergency workers killed in the line of duty or a state-level office for veterans’ affairs — with more complex and controversial measures. For example, people who vote “yes” on the crime victims’ rights proposal would also approve a measure making it easier for corporations to litigate against environmental rules and other regulations they don’t like. If these questions stay on the ballot, voters have no choice: If they want one of the provisions in a proposed amendment, they have to take everything else, too.

In a challenge pending before the Florida Supreme Court, former Supreme Court Justice Harry Lee Anstead argues that bundling violates the First Amendment, by forcing voters to vote “yes” on provisions they may not support, or vote “no” on things they think are important and beneficial. It’s a sound argument, bolstered by the CRC’s nakedly political game-playing. Consider proposed Amendment 10, which has four parts. First, it would mandate a state Department of Veterans’ Affairs. But Florida already has one — in fact, it’s already in the constitution. It would require an office for counter-terrorism — something the Legislature created years ago. It would allow the Legislature to shift the date of its annual session. Lawmakers did that this year.

So what’s the broccoli in Amendment 10? The fourth provision would unravel voter-approved changes in eight Florida counties that shift duties or eliminate county-level offices described in the constitution. Volusia County voters, for example, eliminated the office of tax collector, and re-allocated some duties from the sheriff and the clerk of courts. It’s a system that’s worked well, and if things go wrong in the future, well, local voters should be the ones to decide to change it back. Amendment 10 would wrest that decision-making power away — and worse, undo decisions local voters have already made.

Voting on that question alone, many Floridians would probably adopt the conservative principal that local control is best, and vote “no.” But bundled with the candy-coated questions “Do you care about veterans?” and “Should the state fight terrorism?” their answer is far more likely to be “yes.”

The answer is clear: Florida voters don’t deserve to be hoodwinked. Anstead’s argument is compelling, and the amendments should be removed.

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ANOTHER VIEW



Where does Kavanaugh rift leave #MeToo?



Matthew Mangino

The teetering confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court may be a harbinger of the collapse — or lasting impact — of the #MeToo movement.

Conservative prosecutors, law enforcement agencies and lawmakers are at a crossroads with their counterparts on the left who want to pursue sexual assault at all cost — no matter how long ago.

In Pennsylvania, lawmakers expressed frustration with the state’s statute of limitations that prohibited the prosecution of 299 out of 301 predatory priests listed in a recent bombshell grand jury report. Advocacy groups were also quick to attack the statute of limitations for blocking victims from pursuing Bill Cosby or Harvey Weinstein.

Professor Christine Blasey Ford has accused Kavanaugh of sexual assault which occurred 36 years ago, in Maryland. There is no statute of limitations for rape or sexual assault in Maryland.

According to the Washington Post, Senate Republicans have signaled that they will move ahead with Kavanaugh’s confirmation in spite of Ford calling for a pause and the intervention of the FBI.

Why not have the FBI reopen Kavanaugh’s background investigation? The FBI reopened Justice Clarence Thomas’ background investigation in 1991 after Anita Hill came forward — or let the Montgomery County, Maryland

District Attorney’s office conduct a criminal investigation.

Ford has described a sexual assault by a U.S. Supreme Court nominee who is about to take a lifetime appointment on one of the most powerful tribunals in the world.

A spokesperson for the Montgomery County Police Department told The Intercept that since “nobody has come forward to report any allegation or incident” they can’t start an investigation. Don’t they have television in Montgomery County?

Why abolish the statute of limitations if a prosecutor chooses to ignore the highest profile allegation of sexual assault in modern history with no limitations on his ability to act?

In June, the New York Times reported, “The battle over statutes of limitations for sexual assault is so fraught that it has upended traditional political alliances. Women’s rights activists typically partner with progressives on political issues ... those who advocate abolishing the limits find their staunchest allies in conservative lawmakers.”

As Kavanaugh’s confirmation presses forward it is ironic that Senator Mitch McConnell and his GOP colleagues in the Senate are pushing for a Monday hearing — with or without Ford.

McConnell was a major force behind the effort to push out Senator Larry E. Craig, the Idaho Republican arrested at an airport in 2007 in an undercover sex sting. McConnell was the chairman of the ethics committee when Oregon Senator Bob Packwood resigned after he was accused of sexual harassment. He pushed for the resignation of Minnesota Senator Al Franken amid allegations

of sexual misconduct.

Last year, McConnell said Roy Moore, a Senate candidate from Alabama, would be unfit to serve in the senate after multiple women accused him of long ago sexual abuse.

Surprising, McConnell doesn’t require the same level of fitness for the United State Supreme Court as he does the United States Senate.

I recently wrote that there is a purpose behind the statute of limitations. The statute, or some version of it, has been around since antiquity. There has long been a concern that individuals should not be forced to defend themselves years and years after an event that allegedly caused harm to another person.

Today Show co-host Megyn Kelly — an unlikely ally of the Trump Administration — said this week, “It’s been 34 years. He (Kavanaugh) was allegedly 17 when it happened. How is he supposed to defend himself? There’s a reason we have statutes of limitation in this country and that’s because ... memory fades, details fade and it’s impossible for him to prove a negative.”

As the flaws of abolishing the statute of limitations are laid bare — the challenge for victim advocates is to convince the public that victims — however long ago their victimization — are entitled to be heard whether in a courtroom or a senate hearing room.

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Unprovable allegations, impossible situation



Kent Bush

Sometimes, there is no right way to handle a situation.

That’s how I feel about the sexual assault allegations against Brett Kavanaugh as a vote to confirm him as a member of the Supreme Court was postponed.

Do I believe that he possibly committed the acts that a woman he knew in high school alleges? I have no reason not to. Teenagers at parties do some pretty dumb

things. Some of those dumb things are criminal things.

It was true when I was in high school and it is true now.

One night when I was a sophomore, my phone rang at about 11 p.m. I rolled over in my waterbed, answered my Garfield the Cat landline and heard a female friend crying on the other end. She was at a local restaurant asking me to come take her home. One of my friends who was a senior had taken her on a date. He was groping her and she asked him to stop. He told her if he had to stop, she had to walk home.

She got out of the car and called me.

She didn’t call the police. She didn’t tell authorities she didn’t. She called me.

They both moved on and are

now successful professionals — strangely enough, they are in the same profession.

My friend and I got into a fight the next day in the locker room after I called him out for his actions. That was the end of it. I doubt she would say a word if he ran for Governor today.

I don’t think that story was uncommon. That’s unfortunate but true. Until the “Me Too” movement happened, women were far less empowered to take on the men in their lives who took advantage of them.

That has changed a lot now. But it’s been 35 years since Kavanaugh allegedly took actions that land somewhere between inappropriate and felonious.

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COMMUNITY

CHS band director named Amazing Teacher for September

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CHIPLEY - It's no wonder why a band parent nominated Chipley High School Band Director Richard Davenport for the Amazing Teacher Award.

Davenport has spent the last 19 of 29 years teaching the rudiments of life skills through music education.

"My philosophy is to teach the kids skills they can use out in the real world - working with a team, having goals and working towards those goals, coming up with a plan to work toward those goals, learning responsibility," Davenport said, moments after The News and Times-Advertiser Publisher Nicole Barefield and Vice President and Financial Center Manager at First Federal Bank Marisa Everett presented him with the award Monday afternoon.

"I just use music as the vehicle to do that."



"Mr. D" (center) is recognized for making a difference in the classroom by The News and Times-Advertiser Publisher Nicole Barefield (left) and Vice President and Financial Center Manager at First Federal Bank Marisa Everett (right), and several Chipley High School band students. [JACQUELINE BOSTICK | WCN/HCTA]

Originally starting in high school on the baritone and tuba, which led him to be awarded a scholarship to Florida State University, Davenport plays all other instruments - something

he committed to do in order to provide expertise to his bands.

In addition to teaching jazz, symphonic, percussion and marching band, Davenport also instructs color guard and

chorus.

His nominator praised his ability to create a family-bond with the students.

"He has instilled in my daughter a love of music and family," the person wrote.

"The band is now her family. I couldn't imagine her being at any other school with anyone else teaching band."

From Superintendent Joseph Taylor attending every band performance to the parents who do concessions - Davenport can speak to the value of having support.

"Band program has been very good to me because the kids love it," he said. "I've had super supportive administration, which makes a huge difference in a small school."

"That means a lot to these kids," he said after listing a number of people who show support.

"It's a great package," he added. "I wouldn't rather be anywhere else - I'd rather be right here."

To nominate a teacher you believe is making a difference, please submit your nomination at chileypaper.com or bonifaynow.com or enter the following URL to submit your monthly nomination: <http://chileypaper.com/contests>.

CHS Honor Society makes last pitch for homecoming shirt sales

Deadline is Tuesday, Oct. 2.

Staff report

CHIPLEY - With homecoming coming up Oct. 19, the Chipley High School National Honor Society is urging everyone to submit their orders for homecoming T-shirts. Monies from the shirt sales will support service projects, such as the upcoming CHS annual Veterans Day breakfast.

The long sleeve and short sleeve shirts are all in adult sizes and have pockets. Prices range from \$19 to \$27.

The proceeds go to a worthwhile cause. The school has hosted the annual Veterans Day breakfast for more than a decade.

The event welcomes all veterans at no cost to them. It's also an opportunity for the students to be civically engaged.



Chipley High School National Honor Society 2018 Homecoming Shirts

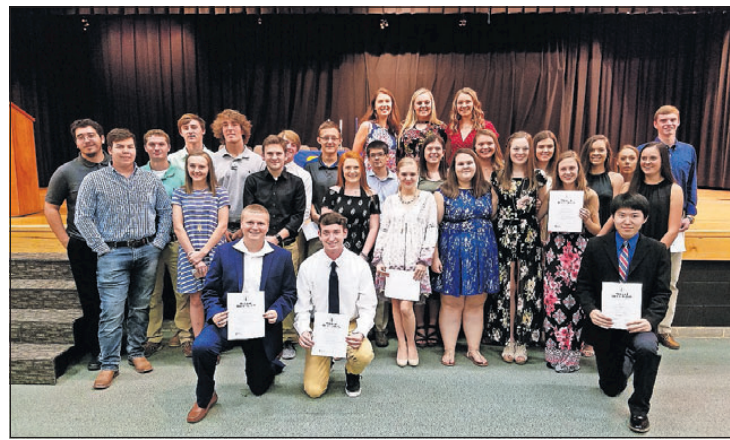
Short sleeve with pockets:
Small to XL - \$19

XXL - \$21
XXXL - \$22
Long sleeve with pockets:
Small to XL - \$24
XXL - \$26
XXXL - \$27

"National Honor Society students at CHS are inducted after their 10th grade year. NHS is made up of students that have a cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.75," said CHS Honor Society Sponsor Susan Saunders.

"These are our academic leaders at the high school. It's important for them to be active in their community and show appreciation to our community - and our veterans."

To support the Chipley



Chipley High School honor students are inducted at a CHS Honor Society induction ceremony held Sept. 11. Pictured are, by row, - front (kneeling, left to right): Travis Wyatt, Magnus Ostrowski and Leo Pan; 2nd: Trevor Hartzog, Makenna Gainer, Nathaniel Bowen, Abby Sapp, Ashtin Williams, Ashleigh Hicks, Hannah Patton, Jayla Kindelspire and Jenna Gilmore; 3rd: Dylan Mockridge, Connor Barrett, Jackson Swearingen, Grant Smelcer, Austin Berry, Stephen Chomos, Dylan Bragg, Ella Page, Madilynne Webb, Krista Shores, Karleigh Walters, Abbie Grissett and Chase Aycock; back: Katie Burdeshaw, Cassidy Boyett and Hollie Smith. [SPECIAL TO THE NEWS]

High School Honor Society by purchasing a homecoming shirt, contact Susan Saunders at 850-638-6100

or susan.saunders@wcdschools.com.

The deadline to purchase shirts is Tuesday, Oct. 2.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

"We Care, You Matter" health fair

EBRO - The Florida Department of Health in Washington County will host the "We Care, You Matter" health fair in Ebro from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, September 29 at Ebro City Hall, 6629 Dog Track Road. There will be health screenings, educational information, door prizes, and refreshments. For more information contact Susie Sewell at (850) 638-6240.

Swindle reunion to be held

CARYVILLE - The Swindle family reunion will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, September 29 at Lakeview Methodist Church. Bring a covered dish or dished. Lunch will be served at noon. The church is located on Lakeview Drive and Pate Pond Road in Caryville.

Date set for Bull Run 5K and Kids Fun Run

BONIFAY - Bull Run 5K & Kids Fun Run will be held at 8 a.m. Saturday, September 29 at Middlebrooks Park.

All proceeds raised will be donated to the local Food4Kids Backpack Program. Peanut Butter donations will also be accepted. For more information go to www.bonifayrodeo.com, Facebook, or call Miranda Hudson 850-373-5003

Child Passenger Safety Week car seat safety checks

BONIFAY/CHIPLEY - Child Passenger Safety Week is Sunday, September 23 through Saturday, September 29. Holmes and Washington County Healthy Start in partnership with the Florida Department of Transportation will be conducting car seat checks in Holmes County Friday, September 28 at the Piggly Wiggly, 911 North Waukesha Street, Bonifay from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Car seat checks in Washington County will take place on National Seat Check Saturday which is September 29.

The car seat checks will take place with the Ebro Health Fair at Ebro City Hall, 6629 Dog Track Road. The car seat checks will begin at 10 a.m. For more information, please contact Holmes County Healthy Start at (850) 614-6043 or Washington County Healthy Start at (850) 845-5106

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HCSO to host inaugural softball tournament

BONIFAY - Holmes County Sheriff's Office would like to invite neighboring agencies, businesses, organizations, and other interested teams to participate in the 1st Annual Officers Memorial Co-Ed Showdown Softball Tournament. This tournament will kick off at 8 a.m. at Holmes County High School Saturday, September 29, with all proceeds benefiting the Officers Memorial Scholarships awarded each year in honor of Holmes County's fallen law enforcement officers. The event will feature

a Homerun Derby Contest. For more information contact Deputy Ryan Segers at 850-768-9219.

Kent family reunion to be held

CHIPLEY - The annual Kent family reunion will be held Sunday, September 30 at the Kent cemetery pavilion. Lunch will be served about 12:30 p.m. Bring a well filled basket. The pavilion is located three miles south west of Alford.

UWF to host the Runge Strings Orchestra in concert

PENSACOLA - The University of West Florida will host the Runge Strings Orchestra in concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, October 4 in the Music Hall at the Center for Fine and Performing Arts. The event is free and open to the public, but tickets are required. For more information or to reserve tickets call the CFPA Box Office at 850-857-6285.

Northwest Florida Championship Rodeo scheduled

BONIFAY - Bonifay Kiwanis Club's Northwest FL Championship Rodeo

will be held Thursday, October 4, Friday, October 5 and Saturday, October 6 at Memorial Field in Bonifay. The Rodeo Parade will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, October 5 and Saturday, October 6 in downtown Bonifay. For more information visit www.bonifayrodeo.com.

Caverns cultural celebration to be held

MARIANNA - The Florida Caverns State Park will host a Caverns Cultural Celebration from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, October 5 and Saturday, October 6. On Friday there will be an interactive demonstration of a Cow Camp. Saturday there will be a Battle of Marianna reenactment at 10 a.m. also on Saturday there will be live music by Richard Hinson, The Basfords and DJ B.J. Kelly. There will also be Wild West shows, living history interpreters, nature exhibits, Native American exhibits, Civil War actors, educational displays, arts and crafts vendors each day.

Park entry will be \$5 per vehicle. The state park is located three miles north of Highway 90 on Caverns Road in Marianna.

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The Mini Page

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Founded by Betty Debnam

Next Week:
Know Your
Classmates

150 Years of 'Little Women'



image courtesy Louisa May Alcott's Orchard House

Mini Fact:

Louisa May Alcott was **ambidextrous**: She could write with both hands.

Do you have heroes who are fictional characters? Whether it's Harry or Hermione, Katniss or Gale, there are many boys and girls in books and movies today who are worthy of our admiration.

In 1867, there weren't so many female characters for girls to read about and admire. A wise publisher, Thomas Niles, thought girls would like to read about characters like themselves, so he wrote to a young author, Louisa May Alcott, to see if she would write a book for girls. "Never liked girls or knew many, except my sisters," Alcott wrote.



Louisa May Alcott

photo courtesy Library of Congress

But Alcott did like to make money, so she set about writing the story of the March sisters, also known as "Little Women."

A year later, the first part of her famous book was published, with the second part following in January 1869. This week The Mini Page celebrates 150 years of "Little Women" and the author behind the classic.

Louisa's life

Louisa May Alcott was born in 1832 in Germantown, Pennsylvania. She grew up as one of four sisters. Their father, Bronson Alcott, was an educator and philosopher, and the family moved around a lot.

She and her sisters worked from an early age, as her father didn't make enough money to support the family. The girls sewed and

took care of children, and Louisa wrote and sold stories and articles to make money.

The sisters

In "Little Women," Alcott, her sisters and their mother are the main characters. She named the girls Meg (her sister Anna), Jo (herself), Beth (Lizzie) and Amy (May). Their mother is known as Marmee.

While there are differences between the book and Alcott's real life, many of the events in the story come from actual facts. For example, in the book, Amy is an artist. In real life, May was also an artist.

Louisa and Jo

The character Jo is different from others in the book. She is tall and sometimes clumsy, rather than small and ladylike. She likes to run and play sports. Her best friend is a neighbor boy, Laurie (short for Laurence), and as an adult, Jo is not interested in marrying. Jo thought boys were more free to be themselves than girls.



This picture of Jo, writing at her desk, appeared in part two of "Little Women."

Alcott modeled Jo after herself; although Jo finally does marry in the book, Alcott herself never did. She took in her sister May's daughter after May died, and she loved her nieces and nephews, but she was not interested in having a husband.

After 'Little Women'

In her time, Louisa May Alcott became as popular as "Harry Potter" author J.K. Rowling is today, according to experts. Her book made her one of the wealthiest women in the United States.

In 1933, the first of many movies was made of the famous story.

Lessons of 'Little Women'

Alcott's book is about family and how the sisters worked together to help provide for each other. Her characters are all very different, but they love and support each other, especially through terrible times or conflicts.



May Alcott's drawing of Jo skating on a pond.

• "Rich or poor, we will keep together and be happy in one another." — *The Marches*

Readers also learn that there isn't just one way to be a girl ...

• "I'll try to be what Father loves to call me, a 'little woman,' and not be rough and wild but do my duty here instead of wanting to be somewhere else." — *Jo*

... and that family love is strong.

• "Don't let the sun go down upon your anger; forgive each other, help each other, and begin again tomorrow." — *Marmee*

Resources



On the Web:

• bit.ly/MPAlcott

At the library:

• "Louisa: The Life of Louisa May Alcott" by Yona Zeldis McDonough

Try 'n' Find

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



ALCOTT, AMY,
ARTIST, AUTHOR,
BETH, CHALLENGE,
CHARACTER, CONFLICT,
FEMALE, HEROES, JO,
LAURIE, LESSONS, LITTLE,
MARMEE, MARRY, MEG,
MOVIES, PENNSYLVANIA,
SISTERS, WOMEN.

C A U R S R E T S I S F U A L
H U U E E M R A M B Y R R A M
A W L T P C H A R A C T E R E
L O C V H E L T T I L O J H G
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N N A L C O T T C S A F Y M A
G T C I L F N O C B O H T E B
E V P E N N S Y L V A N I A F
H A V S E I V O M O K I S T K

Cook's Corner

Dressed-Up Broccoli

You'll need:

- 1 (10-ounce) package fresh or frozen broccoli florets
- 3 tablespoons low-fat sour cream
- 2 tablespoons low-fat milk
- 1 tablespoon low-fat mayonnaise

- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1 1/2 tablespoons sliced almonds



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

What to do:

1. Cook broccoli according to directions (either in microwave or on top of stove).
2. Once broccoli is tender, cut into smaller pieces.
3. Place all remaining ingredients (except almonds) in a small blender.
4. Blend until smooth. Heat in microwave for 30 seconds.
5. Pour mixture over broccoli; top with almonds. Makes 4 servings.

Mini Jokes



Daisy: What did the mother buffalo say to her little boy on the first day of school?

Demi: "Bison!"

Eco Note



Frosty, dry weather in Australia has sent mobs of kangaroos hopping into town from the surrounding countryside in search of food. In Canberra, the few remaining green lawns, sports fields and schoolyards in the city have proven to be irresistible to the roos.

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Thank You



The Mini Page thanks Anne Boyd Rioux, professor at the University of New Orleans and author of "Meg, Jo, Beth, Amy: The Story of Little Women and Why It Still Matters," for help with this issue.

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1. Strong liking and trust between two people (10-letter noun)

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2. Group of related people (6-letter noun)

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3. A show of being helpful and thoughtful; niceness (8-letter noun)

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4. Something difficult, needing extra work and effort (9-letter noun)

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

1. Billy and Tom have a _____ and play together a lot.
2. Does that _____ take a vacation to a beach every August?
3. Emily showed _____ to Jane by giving her two books.
4. Hugo struggles to overcome the _____ of a broken arm.

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Study the definition. When you know the missing word, fill in the letter boxes and the sentence blanks.

Answers: friendship, family, kindness, challenge

NATION & WORLD

“You have replaced ‘advice and consent’ with ‘search and destroy.’ I have never done this to her or anyone.”

Brett Kavanaugh

“Indelible ... is the laughter. The uproarious laughter between the two.”

Christine Blasey Ford

He said, she said



Judge Brett Kavanaugh is sworn in to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Capitol Hill on Thursday in Washington.

[ANDREW HARNIK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]



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[SAUL LOEB/POOL PHOTO VIA AP]

Kavanaugh, Ford provide raw, emotional testimony in historic hearing that devolves into vicious partisan fight

By Lisa Mascaro and Alan Fram

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In an emotional day like few others in Senate history, California psychology professor Christine Blasey Ford quietly but firmly recounted her “100 percent” certainty Thursday that President Donald

Trump’s nominee for the Supreme Court had sexually assaulted her when they were teenagers — and then Brett Kavanaugh defiantly testified he was “100 percent certain” he did no such thing.



Mitchell

That left senators to decide whether the long day tipped their confirmation votes for or against Trump’s nominee in a deeply partisan fight with the future of the high court and possibly control of Congress in the balance.

Showing their own certainty, Republicans quickly scheduled a recommendation vote for Friday morning in the Senate Judiciary Committee, where they hold an 11-10 majority. They’re hoping for a final Senate roll call next week, seating Kavanaugh on the court for the Oct. start of its new term.

In the committee’s packed hearing room for hour upon hour Thursday, both Kavanaugh and Ford said the alleged assault and the storm of controversy that has erupted 36 years later had altered their lives forever and for the worse — perhaps the only thing they agreed on during their separate testimony marked by a stark contrast of tone and substance.

Ford recounted for the senators and a nationwide TV audience her long-held secret of the alleged assault in a locked room at a gathering of friends when she was just 15. The memory — and Kavanaugh’s laughter during the act — was “locked” in her brain, she said. Ford delivered her testimony with deliberate certitude, though admitting gaps in her memory as she choked back tears at some points and said she “believed he was going to rape me.”

Hours later, Kavanaugh entered the hearing room fuming. He angrily denied her allegation, alternating a loud, defiant tone with near tears of his own, particularly when discussing his family. He decried his confirmation opposition as a “national disgrace.” He interrupted senators and dismissed some questions with a flippant “whatever.”

“You have replaced ‘advice and consent’ with ‘search and destroy,’” he said, referring to the Constitution’s charge to senators’ duties in confirming high officials.

Democrats pressed the judge to call for an FBI investigation into the claims, but he would say only, “I welcome whatever the committee wants to do.”

Republicans are concerned, among other reasons, that further investigations could push a vote past the November elections

that may switch Senate control back to the Democrats and make consideration of any Trump nominee more difficult.

Trump made his feelings newly clear that he was sticking by his choice. “His testimony was powerful, honest and riveting,” he tweeted. “The Senate must vote!”

Trump nominated the conservative jurist in what was supposed to be an election year capstone to the GOP agenda, locking in the court’s majority for years to come. Instead Kavanaugh has seemed in peril and on Thursday he faced the Senate hearing amid a national reckoning over sexual misconduct at the top of powerful institutions.

The day opened with Ford, now a 51-year-old college professor in California, raising her right hand to swear under oath about the allegations she said she never expected to share publicly until they leaked in the media two weeks ago and reporters started staking out her home and work.

As Anita Hill did more two decades ago when she alleged sexual misconduct by Clarence Thomas, the mom of two testified before a committee with only male senators on the Republican side of the dais.

The psychology professor described what she says was a harrowing assault in the summer of 1982: How an inebriated Kavanaugh and another teen, Mark Judge, locked her in a room at a house party as Kavanaugh was grinding and groping her. She said he put his hand over her mouth to muffle her screams. Judge has said does not recall the incident.

When the committee’s top Democrat, Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California, asked Ford how she could be sure that Kavanaugh was the attacker, Ford said, “The same way I’m sure I’m talking to you right now.” Later, she said her certainty was “100 percent.”

Her strongest memory of the alleged incident, Ford said, was the two boys’ laughter.

“Indelible in the hippocampus is the laughter,” said Ford, who is a research psychologist, “the uproarious laughter between the two.”

Republican strategists were privately hand-wringing after Ford’s testimony. The GOP special counsel Rachel Mitchell, a Phoenix sex crimes prosecutor, who Republicans had hired to avoid the optics of their all-male line up questioning Ford, left Republicans disappointed.

Mitchell’s attempt to draw out a counter-narrative — mainly that Ford was coordinating with Democrats — was disrupted by the panel’s decision to allow alternating five-minute rounds of questions from Democratic senators.

During a lunch break, even typically talkative GOP senators on the panel were without words.

John Kennedy of Louisiana said he had no comment. Texas Sen. Ted Cruz said he was “just listening.”

Then Kavanaugh strode into the committee room, arranged his nameplate,



Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., speaks during a hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee for Supreme Court nominee Judge Brett Kavanaugh on Thursday in Washington. [MICHAEL REYNOLDS/POOL IMAGE VIA AP]

Trump shaken by Ford, but pleased with Kavanaugh in hearings

Glued to high-stakes testimony on his Supreme Court nominee, President Donald Trump and his allies were shaken by Christine Blasey Ford’s emotional appearance on Capitol Hill but heartened by Judge Brett Kavanaugh’s forceful push-back against the woman who accused him of sexual misconduct. After seeing Ford’s powerful testimony, White House aides and allies expressed concern that Kavanaugh, whose nomination already seemed to be teetering, would have an uphill climb to deliver a strong enough showing to match hers. But Trump was encouraged by Kavanaugh’s passionate denials of Ford’s claims, including the judge’s tearful description of the impact the accusations had on his family.

The Associated Press

and with anger on his face started to testify with a statement he said he had shown only one other person. Almost immediately he choked up.

“My family and my name have been totally and permanently destroyed,” he said.

He lashed out over the time it took the committee to convene the hearing after Ford’s allegations emerged, singling out the Democrats for “unleashing” forces against him. He mocked Ford’s allegations — and several others since — that have accused him of sexual impropriety.

Even if senators vote down his confirmation, he said, “you’ll never get me to quit.”

Kavanaugh, who has two daughters, said one of his girls said they should “pray for the woman” making the allegations against him, referring to Ford. “That’s a lot of wisdom from a 10-year-old,” he said choking up. “We mean no ill will.”

BUSH

From Page A4

I can’t think of a way to handle this that is fair to both parties. After three decades, it is a “he said, she said” scenario. I can’t imagine that any evidence still exists to prove either side owns the truth.

You can’t dismiss her claims. Sexual assault or attempted rape can’t be ignored just because the event isn’t recent. She did talk about it with a counselor more than five years ago. Why would she do that? Kavanaugh wasn’t a candidate then.

In the same logical progression, Kavanaugh was never charged or even accused of any impropriety until now. He graduated, went to college, made it through law school, became a judge, was appointed as a federal judge and now he is accused just days before a confirmation vote of committing a heinous act.

Political pundit Erick Erickson — whose parents will never win awards for creatively naming children — has been leading the way to discredit the woman on Twitter and elsewhere.

“If the GOP does not stand up to this character assassination attempt on Kavanaugh, every judicial nominee moving forward is going to suffer last minute sexual assault allegations,” he said. “How convenient — the anonymous accuser who only wanted to remain anonymous has already passed a polygraph to show she’s telling the truth about the thing she didn’t want to tell anyone about.”

I get what Erickson is ineffectively trying to say. The timing of the revelations is suspicious. I don’t understand how claiming to be a sexual assault victim is ever “convenient.” It isn’t like every little girl dreams of one day getting to derail a Supreme Court nominee with false allegations.

That’s absurd.

It is equally odd that people supporting Kavanaugh’s nomination were able to produce a letter signed by 65 high school classmates that he was never known to have done anything like this.

Really? If you asked 65 of my classmates to sign a letter, a handful would claim I hunted sasquatch on my pet unicorn just because they thought it was hilarious. The letter to defend him might be second only to the woman’s direct claims that made me think he might really be guilty. Someone at least knew it might come up and took action.

They have also produced letters from two women who claim they dated Kavanaugh and they vouch for his good character.

That’s nice.

I don’t know that my ex-girlfriends would defend me like that, but I also don’t think that “he doesn’t try to rape everyone” is a great defense either.

That’s why this case is so difficult.

Can a charge that is impossible to prove really disqualify a man this late in the process from becoming a Supreme Court Justice? He can’t prove his innocence any more than she can prove his guilt. Barring DNA or video evidence, what could exist to make this black and white?

In one sense, we risk giving a man a lifetime appointment who might have committed a horrible act. On the other hand, we might derail an innocent man from that office over unprovable allegations.

SPORTS TICKER

IN BRIEF

NHL investigating Flyers' Lehtera after drug bust

The NHL said Thursday it is investigating Philadelphia Flyers forward Jori Lehtera after a report he is being questioned in connection with a drug bust in his native Finland.

Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly said the league is investigating the situation. Lehtera's lawyer, Ari Nieminen, said he expects police to release a statement clearing up some things that came out of the report.

"Police is giving this brief statement about this because this is getting out of hand," Nieminen said by phone. "They are going to clear some things up because there's some kind of misunderstanding about his case."

Finnish news agency MTV reported Wednesday that Lehtera is connected with an investigation into a cocaine ring. Nieminen said no charges have been filed against Lehtera.

"He's only suspected," Nieminen said. "In my opinion, very minor things. It's wrong to say that he's involved with this kind of thing what they are really investigating, the police."

ST. LOUIS

Perron excited about return to St. Louis

David Perron had no idea what would happen when he became a free agent this summer. Then he got a familiar call.

Perron's NHL odyssey has taken him all over his native Canada and the United States. But he always seems to find his way back to St. Louis.

The 30-year-old Perron is beginning his third stint with his first NHL team after signing a \$16 million, four-year deal with the Blues. When it came time to pick a new home this summer, the veteran winger opted for an old one.

"I definitely like the mentality here," Perron said. "I like the way things are and obviously a lot of the same familiar faces in the management, so yeah, it makes it really appealing to come back. I think I really enjoy the city for my family. It's a city that when you get to know (it) you really enjoy."

NFL defends itself in Super Bowl ticket case

The National Football League defended itself Thursday against charges that its ticketing policies for the 2014 Super Bowl violated New Jersey's consumer fraud law, in arguments before the state Supreme Court that reached a granular level with disputes over words in the statute including "the" and "those."

The case was spurred by a 2014 federal lawsuit filed by a New Jersey man who claimed he was forced to pay more than double the \$800 face value for a ticket on the secondary market because of the NFL's policy of making just 1 percent of the tickets available to the public through a lottery. Josh Finkelman is seeking class-action status for himself and thousands of other fans in a case that could translate to millions of dollars in damages.

The Associated Press



In this Sept. 15 photo, the New York Yankees' Andrew McCutchen reacts after striking out as Toronto catcher Danny Jansen, left, heads off the field in New York. [BILL KOSTROUN/ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

Whiff of offense

Strikeouts top hits in Major League Baseball, leading to lowest average since 1972

By Ronald Blum
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The most heard sound at major league ballparks this year was "Strike three!"

A whiff of offense would be nice rather than all those nights filled with nonstop whiffs.

Strikeouts will exceed hits over a full season for the first time in major league history. The overall batting average has dropped to its lowest level since 1972, the year before the designated hitter. Lefty hitters — facing smothering defensive shifts — have fared even worse, with their lowest average since 1968, before the pitcher's mound was lowered.

Starters throw fewer pitches and hard-throwing relievers are changed more frequently. The game has transformed at a dizzying pace.

"We need to thoughtfully review the trends," baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred said Wednesday.

Manfred looks ahead to a postseason featuring 20-year-old Atlanta star Ronald Acuna Jr., Boston, the New York Yankees and Chicago Cubs and possibly Los Angeles Dodgers, too.

But much of the offseason will be spent analyzing historic changes.

There were 40,196 strikeouts and 40,098 hits through Wednesday, and Ks exceeded hits over a full month for the first time in April, then again in June and September. Before this year, the previous low differential for a full month was in April 2017, when there were 138 more hits than strikeouts, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Strikeouts have set a record for the 11th consecutive season, surpassing last year's 40,104.

The .248 big league batting average is down seven percentage points from last year and a Steroids Era high of .271 in 1999, part of an all-or-nothing approach at the plate. And the .244 average for left-handed hitters is the lowest since .242 in 1968,



In this Sept. 21 photo, the Washington Nationals' Trea Turner reacts after striking out during a game against the New York Mets in Washington. [NICK WASS/ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

according to Elias, diminished by defensive shifts placing three infielders on the right side.

No wonder batters swing for the fences.

"Years ago, if a player had more strikeouts than hits, they didn't get out of Class A ball," said Dan Duquette, the Baltimore Orioles' executive vice president of baseball operations, who went on to suggest his solution.

"Ted Williams had some good ideas: three balls and you go to first base; make home plate smaller so you don't have to defend as much territory," Duquette said.

"It's something to consider, because, really, it's an entertainment business, right? That's what the fans want to see. It's a good place to start the discussion. Who am I to argue with the greatest hitter that ever lived?"

The analytics revolution has metamorphosed this most traditional of sports. Innings per starting pitcher dropped from 5.89 in 2012 to 5.38 this year and pitches per start from 95 to 88 over the same period, according to Sports Info Solutions.

Pitchers per game for both teams rose from 7.68 to 8.34 over that span, according to Major League Baseball, with average fastball velocity increasing from 91.6 mph to 92.8 mph over the past six years, according to Sports Info.

"The players have been forced to adapt a lot over the last few years based on the changes that are being

recommended to them, that are being guided by those not on the field. So the game has changed quite a bit," said players' association head Tony Clark, a former All-Star first baseman. "The question that I believe we all need to ask is based on where the game is, where the game appears to be going, if the current baseball fans find it appealing, if they are interested in the way the game is being played."

No big league team had fewer than 50 sacrifice bunts in 1972 and no club dropped below double digits until Texas had nine in 2005. This year, Toronto has five, Oakland six, and Boston and the Los Angeles Angels seven each.

No pitcher has thrown more than two complete games. The previous low for a leader was four.

James Shields with 11 in 2011 has been the only pitcher to reach double digits since Randy Johnson in 1999. The game was far different when Fernando Valenzuela had 20 in 1986; this year's major league total is 41.

"You see the bullpen earlier," said Colorado's Carlos Gonzalez, the 2010 NL batting champion. "Back in the day, the biggest thing for a pitcher was going the distance. You don't see a lot of complete games anymore. I feel like as a hitter, you have a better chance if you face a guy more than two or three times. Nowadays, you might face a starter twice and then get a lot of matchups: lefties on lefties, righties on righties."

Ohio St., Penn St. likely to put up points

By Mitch Stacy
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Saturday night's clash between No. 4 Ohio State and No. 9 Penn State for Big Ten East supremacy promises to be an offensively explosive affair.

The programs boast the two top scoring offenses in the country through four games, with Penn State averaging 55.5 points and the Buckeyes right behind them at 54.5. They're also No. 1 and 2 in touchdowns with 31 for Penn State and 29 for Ohio State.

It's a good look for the Big Ten, which hasn't been able to claim the top two scoring teams in the country this late in the season in 28 years. The last time two Big Ten teams played each other while holding down the top two scoring spots was 1962, when No. 8 Wisconsin beat No. 1 Northwestern.

Ohio State and Penn State are likely to land multiple punches during a raucous, nationally televised "white-out" game at Beaver Stadium. Las Vegas oddsmakers expect the game to be one of the highest scoring in college football this week, with a total of 71 points.

"This is going to be a 12-round heavyweight fight with a bunch of good, talented players on the field and two teams with sound schemes," Penn State coach James Franklin said this week. "There's going to be plays made. We just have to keep battling and keep swinging and stay focused on the goal at hand."

Saquon Barkley is gone, so Miles Sanders is getting the chance to be Penn State's featured back. He's averaged nearly 124 yards per game with five touchdowns. Veteran quarterback Trace McSorley has been an active part of the ground attack, scoring six touchdowns on top of eight passing.

On the Ohio State side, quarterback Dwayne Haskins Jr. has 16 touchdowns passes — second in the nation — without having played large chunks of the second half because three of the four games were blowouts. He's completing 75 percent of his passes and has shown he can throw into narrow windows and rely on Ohio State's experienced receivers to do the rest. It also helps that he has one of the country's best running back tandems behind him in J.K. Dobbins and Mike Weber.

"With Haskins, it's important just to try to make him as uncomfortable as you can, get someone in his face as often as we can and make him get the ball out earlier than he might want to," Penn State safety Garrett Taylor said. "If we pressure him, we're going to do well."

JOBS

CHASING GREEN

These metros have the best job opportunity in renewable energy



By Jeffery Marino
ZipRecruiter.com

Clean energy in the form of wind, solar and hydroelectric power comprised 18 percent of all U.S. electricity production in 2017, up from 15 percent the prior year. In 2017, the solar industry alone employed nearly 100,000 U.S. workers, up 20 percent from 2015, and today the wind and solar industries employ more than 300,000 Americans.

Many state and local governments are getting proactive about tapping into this burgeoning industry to develop their economies. Especially across America's heartland, where corn and wheat

fields once dominated the landscape, local governments are sponsoring programs to build wind and solar farms next door to the traditional ones.

Using the ZipRecruiter Best Job Market Index, we dug into the metropolitan statistical areas that provide the best opportunity for employment in renewable energy. Then we leveraged multiple factors to determine the overall quality of life in these areas. Our top three:

1. Springfield, Illinois

Of the nearly 200 metro areas included in our study, Springfield topped our list. This is undoubtedly the result of the state government's passage

of the Future Energy Jobs Act in late 2016.

While still in its infancy, the bill has set aggressive goals for developing Illinois' renewable energy sector. The legislation promises to provide up to \$220 million per year through 2030 to develop wind, solar and hydroelectric facilities, which will create thousands of clean energy jobs. The act also requires Illinois utilities to get 25 percent of their retail energy from renewable sources by 2025.

In response to this requirement, clean energy developers have descended on areas surrounding Springfield to claim land for solar and wind farms. In the short term, this will bring construction jobs to the area. It will also require electrical engineers, earth scientists, environmental experts and IT specialists to maintain and improve the facilities.

2. Rochester, Minnesota

In 2015, Rochester Mayor Ardele Brede signed a proclamation committing the city to use 100 percent renewable energy by 2030.

While mayoral proclamations may not always carry the weight of state legislation, buy-in from stakeholders such as the Rochester Public Utility and Destination Medical Center (the heart of the Mayo Clinic and Rochester's largest employer) has led to the creation of the citywide Energy Action Plan.

Rochester expects to bring more than 50,000 jobs to the city by 2040, many of which promise to be in service of helping Rochester achieve its lofty clean energy goals.

3. Sioux Falls, South Dakota

In 2017, over 30 percent of all South Dakota energy was produced by wind, thanks in part to the 13 mid- to large-scale wind energy projects underway in and around Sioux Falls. Although South Dakota is a leader in wind energy production, it still lags behind many states in large-scale solar production, leaving plenty room for future growth.

Rounding out the top 10:

4. Amarillo, Texas
5. Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington
6. Green Bay, Wisconsin
7. Omaha, Nebraska-Council Bluffs, Iowa
8. Des Moines-West Des Moines, Iowa
9. Duluth, Minnesota
10. Appleton, Wisconsin

EVENTS

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A Walk to Remember scheduled

DOTHAN, ALABAMA – A Walk to Remember Saturday, October 6 at Westgate Park in Dothan. The 2018 Alzheimer's Walk is a 1-mile, 3-mile or 5-mile walk-a-thon to benefit the Alzheimer's Resource Center. Registration and check in will be at 7:30 a.m., opening ceremonies will be held at 8:30 a.m. and the walk will begin at 8:45 a.m. For more information call 334-702-2273 or 1-888-702-8689.

Kent-Collins family reunion to be held

BLACK, ALABAMA – Relatives and friends of the late W.A. Collins Sr. and Laura Lee Kent are invited to the 92nd annual Kent-Collins Family Reunion at 10 a.m. Sunday, October 7 at the Black Community Center located in Black, Alabama beside the water tower. Bring a covered dish or dishes, any game you enjoy and photos or other mementos. Lunch will be served at noon. There will be games and a raffle this year. For more information call Stephanie Paulding at 334-435-4824.

AARP smart driver course to be held

CHIPLEY – Erich Beck, with AARP will conduct the AARP Smart Driver Course for county residents from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, October 9 at the Washington County Agriculture Center in Chipley. All participants will receive a certificate to provide to their automobile insurer possibly enabling them to receive a discount on their premiums, depending

on their carrier's guidelines. Participants must pre-register by calling the Washington County Extension Office at 850-638-6265. The cost for AARP members is \$15 and for nonmembers the cost is \$20. Fees will be collected the day of the course. For more information visit www.aarp.org/drive or call Judy Corbus, Washington County Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent at 850-638-6265.

WCPL to host Caddy Stacks

CHIPLEY – The Washington County Public Library Chipley Branch will host Caddy Stacks from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, October 9 at the library. Caddy Stacks in an indoor nine hole miniature golf course. Businesses, clubs, and organizations in Washington County are being asked to design and create a miniature golf hole/putting green. For more information call Zedra at 850-638-1314.

UF/IFAS to host Meals Under Pressure class

CHIPLEY – UF/IFAS will host a Meals Under Pressure Cooking Class from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, October 11 at the Washington County Agriculture Center in Chipley. Participants will learn the basics of pressure cooking, including the InstantPot, to save time in the kitchen. Registration fee is \$5 and includes materials. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required by contacting the Washington County Extension Office at 850-638-6265 or the Holmes County Extension Office at 850-547-1108. For persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations contact 850-638-6265 or 850-547-1108 (TDD, via Florida Relay Service, 1-800-955-8771) at least five working days prior to the class so that proper consideration may be given to the request.

Register now for term "C" classes at Chipola

MARIANNA – Registration for Fall Term 'C' classes at Chipola College is Monday, October 8 through Friday, October 12. Term C classes meet Monday, October 15 through Wednesday, December 12. Late registration will be held Tuesday, October 16. Term C courses include: Intro to the Teaching Profession (online); Developmental Writing-Combined; English Composition I; English Composition II; Introduction to Business (online); Principles Of Management (online); Basic Marketing Concept (online); Sports Psychology; Theory and Methods Coaching Sports; Teaching Reading Middle/Sec Schools (online); Orientation (online); Career and Life Planning. Chipola's open-door policy guarantees acceptance to any student with a standard high school diploma or its equivalent. Prospective students should complete a college application which is available in the Office of Admissions, or online at www.chipola.edu. Students also must provide an official high school and college transcript. Students should visit an academic advisor in the Student Services building to register. For information about enrolling at Chipola, call the Admission and Records office at 850-718-2311, or visit www.chipola.edu

VHS Class of 1978 to hold reunion

VERNON – The Vernon High School Class of 1978 are planning the following Homecoming activities. On Friday, October 12 at covered dish lunch will be held at Calvary Hill Pentecostal Church at 11 a.m. The class will ride in the parade at 1 p.m. and meet back at the church for a memorial service immediately following the parade. The pre-game

festivities will start at 6 p.m. with the game beginning at 7 as the Jackets take on Jefferson County. On Saturday, October 13 member of the class will meet at 6 p.m. at Montego Bay Seafood House and Oyster Bar located at 473 Richard Jackson Blvd., in Panama City Beach the restaurant is in The Shoppes at Edgewater. T-Shirts are being ordered, the deadline to order is Saturday, September 29. Anyone with information about family members of Don Williams contact Jody Bush. For more information call Jody Bush at 850-260-4348.

Worthington Family Reunion to be held

VERNON – The Worthington family reunion will be held at noon Saturday, October 13 at the Hinson's Crossroads Fire Department. For more information call Johnny Worthington at 850-849-7827.

Miler family reunion to be held

VERNON – The James Lewis Miller family reunion will be held Saturday, October 13 at the home of Linda Mitchell. Fellowship will begin at 11 a.m. with a pot-luck lunch and activities. All descendants of James Lewis Miller are welcome to attend. Linda's home is located at 3701 Keen Kutter Road in Vernon. For more information call Tanya Weiss at 850-443-6093 or email her at tanya-we@hotmail.com

FTR representative to be at WCCOA

CHIPLEY – A representative from Florida Telecommunications Relay, INC. will be at Washington County Council on Aging at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 16, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. Seniors will be assessed to determine eligibility to receive an

amplified or specialized telephone at no cost. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 638-6216.

May-Russ family reunion to be held

EBRO – The May-Russ 44th annual family reunion will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, October 20 at the Ebro Community Center. The center is located at 6629 Dog Track Road (Highway 79) in Ebro. For more information call or email Vicky Cox at 813-689-4689 or gmabill@verizon.net

A SHINE representative to be at WCCOA

CHIPLEY – A representative from SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) will be at Washington County Council on Aging from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, October 23, 2018, to council elders for Medicare Open Enrollment and Medicaid-Long Term Care. For more information on this and other services, please call 638-6216.

Chipley announces Trunk or Treat

CHIPLEY – Chipley has announced that the Annual Trunk or Treat event will take place from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, October 27 at Pal's Park. This is a family event where community sponsors come together providing children 12 years of age and under with an evening of fun and safe trick or treating. Those who would like to give out candy and or fall festival items should contact Sheri Biddle at sheribiddle176@hotmail.com for a registration form. For more information about the event contact Jamie White or Chief Scott Thompson at the Chipley Police Department by calling 850-638-6310.

FAITH

Signs of Faith

Submit your sign of faith to photos@chipleypaper.com.

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

Washington County News wants to share this positivity with our readers!

We've launched 'Signs of Faith,' which runs in each

Saturday's edition. We want you to send in your 'Signs of Faith' to us to share with the community!

In the photo, a marquee at St. Joseph The Worker Catholic Church, 1664 Main St., reads: "The Lord is near to all who call upon him." And we've now shared that message with you.

Send in your photos to photos

@chipleypaper.com.

Be sure to include a statement that tells the name of your faith organization and address.



St. Joseph The Worker Catholic Church, 1664 Main St.

Kalynn Brazeal: Learning when to just cut the bait

Kalynn Brazeal

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Has anyone ever told you to just cut the bait? There are so many times that I think this and yet I try not to say it out loud... but people... there are times when you gotta just cut the bait. Using the fishing as a theme here... let's say that you decide to go ... wait for it, "fishing" and you spend time gathering up your equipment, you load the truck and head down to the perfect spot, you bait your hook and you wait. You're sitting there fishing.

So how is that going for you?

The "fishing" could be anything. Your latest diet, paying off your debt, improving relationships with your kids or spouse or family, job hunting ... it could be saving

money, changing your lifestyle, refining your health ... it could literally be anything you set your mind to. It's a goal. It something that you have purposefully and dutifully set about doing ... so how is that working out?

You know a ton about various diets and you can tell me exactly how many calories are in my ice cream based homemade peanut butter frappe I'm currently slurping down ... but you are not losing weight. Harsh? Yes, but it's realistic too.

You constantly talk about your lack of money. You moan and groan about your bills ... but a year later, you find yourself repeating the same ole thing ... to the same ole people. You talk about downsizing ... you understand that you live beyond your means so you research and you keep telling yourself that you need

to change your lifestyle.

You hate your job and you begrudge those people around you who are more successful than you. You start and end each day taking pills because you haven't taken good care of yourself over the years and now your health could use a reboot.

You talk about it and you "learn a lot" by doing research and from the outside it looks promising ... but are you pulling the trigger ... as you sit there fishing, are you getting the results you want? If you aren't... cut the bait.

It really truly starts with heart. Once you set your heart on a goal, the rest is guts. You have to reach deep and find the guts to do the hard work. You can't just "plan" the whole thing out and then expect your talk to walk.

The hardest thing I have ever done was to make my

goal list. I tend to pick a big goal and focus so hard on getting there, that I forget to think of "what's next" so I flounder a bit while I find my footing. We wanted to build our own house... it took 18 months of hard work and once we finally got it... we hung the curtains and we planted the yard and one day I looked around... and was seriously lost. I had reached my goal and "now what?"

Follow through ... cut your bait and start over. Whatever your goal is, stop talking and planning and start doing. Take a few tiny baby steps to test the water, but then make your goal your priority. You are carving out time each day to spend one on one time with your kids ... you want to strengthen your relationship with them right? So find a way to incorporate that into your day ... assign

each kid a day of the week to "help" you with dinner or just "walk" the parent and just start talking to them. Carving out the time and making it happen takes guts.

Ready to stop taking tons of pills and put your health on the front burner? As your doctor for the real, deal truth and be prepared to follow through ... get up and walk before it gets hot... toss on a Jane Fonda tape from the 80s and sweat ... ditch the fried food and have a salad.

Stop in at your local votech, community college or even high school and ask about enrichment classes for adults ... want to better your life and job ... educate yourself and follow through.

Whatever your goal is ... get up off the dock ... and stop waiting on it to nibble at the little tiny effort you have thrown towards it.

FAITH EVENTS

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

Gospel 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 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.

Emmanuel Assembly of God to host The Conrads

GENEVA, ALABAMA - Emmanuel Assembly of God Church will host The Conrads at 5 p.m. Sunday, September

30. The church is located at 430 Skyline Drive in Geneva, Alabama. For more information call Nancy Thomas at 850-956-4166.

Emmanuel Assembly of God to host BBQ fundraiser

GENEVA, ALABAMA - Emmanuel Assembly of God Church will host a BBQ fundraiser all day Friday, October 5 and Saturday, October 6 at the church. Plates are \$7 and will include barbecue pork, rice, baked beans, bread and cake. Boston butts will also be available for \$25. There will also be a gospel sing at 6 p.m. on Saturday with the Coate Family. The church is located at 430 Skyline Drive in Geneva, Alabama. For more information call Linda Brown at 334-684-9123.

Victory Tabernacle to host a fall festival

HARTFORD, ALABAMA - Victory Tabernacle will

host a fall festival at 6 p.m. Saturday, October 6. There will be a peanut boil and a gospel sin with Straight and Narrow and fun and games for the kids. Bring a lawn chair. The church is located at 10005 East State Highway 52 in Hartford, Alabama.

Sunny Hills Chapel to hold homecoming service

SUNNY HILLS - Sunny Hills Chapel Church will hold homecoming services at 10 a.m. Sunday, October 7. Lunch will be served at noon. Bring a covered dish and enjoy friendship and fellowship. The church is located three miles south of Wausau on Highway 77. For more information call 850-548-5649.

Holmes Baptist Association to host "Crusade of Hope"

BONIFAY - Holmes Baptist Association will host "Crusade of Hope" at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, October 7 through

Wednesday, October 10, at First Baptist Bonifay located at 311 North Waukesha Street in Bonifay. Evangelist David Burton will be sharing about the Greatest Hope we have and how you can have a personal relationship with Jesus. Tuesday, October 9 will be "Sports Night" with special guest speaker, Bobby Bowden at Memorial Field in Bonifay beginning at 6:30 p.m. Each night is free and open to anyone who would like to come. Nursery is available as well as events for children and youth. You can visit

crusadeofhope.org for more information.

Unity Baptist to hold 141st Homecoming

VERNON - Unity Baptist Church will hold their 141st homecoming services at 10 a.m. Sunday October 14. The church is located at 3274 River Road in Vernon. For more information call

850-535-4669.

East Mt. Zion United Methodist to hold homecoming services

GRACEVILLE - East Mt. Zion United Methodist Church will hold 190th homecoming services at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, October 14. A potluck dinner will follow the service. For more information call 850-768-9697.

First United Methodist to host USDA Food Distribution

BONIFAY - Bonifay First United Methodist Church will host a USDA Food Distribution at 9:30 a.m. at the church on the following Wednesdays: October 17 and December 19.

This is for Holmes County residence only. The church is located at 202 N Oklahoma Street across from the courthouse.

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 Chipleypaper.com.

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 @ Chipleypaper.com

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, Chipleypaper.com.

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, Chipleypaper.com.

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 Chipleypaper.com.

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FOOD



TIP OF THE WEEK

WARMING FOODS

Check out these ideas from the Washington Post for foods that will keep you warm:

Grains, nuts and seeds: oatmeal, quinoa, buckwheat, brown rice, millet, walnuts, almonds, sesame seeds.

Vegetables: chili peppers, winter squash, carrots, parsnips, potatoes, turnips, shallots, garlic, onions, leeks.

Fruits: dates, cherry, mango, blackberries.

EASY RECIPE

ONION RELISH

— 3 C red onions, sliced 1/8-inch thick

— 3/4 C rice wine vinegar

— 2 T honey

— 1 t sea salt

— 1/8 t ground red pepper

— 1/2 C pickled ginger with juices

Cover onions in icy water in bowl for 10 minutes. Drain when ready to use. In saucepan, heat vinegar, honey, salt and pepper over low just until boiling. Pour over onions, mix well. Stir in ginger with juices, mix. Cover, cool to room temperature, stirring occasionally. Place in a covered container, refrigerate 24 hours.

HEALTHY EATING

AUTUMN PLANTS

Bonnie Plants says these veggies are perfect for fall planting:

— Collards

— Broccoli

— Cabbage

— Cauliflower

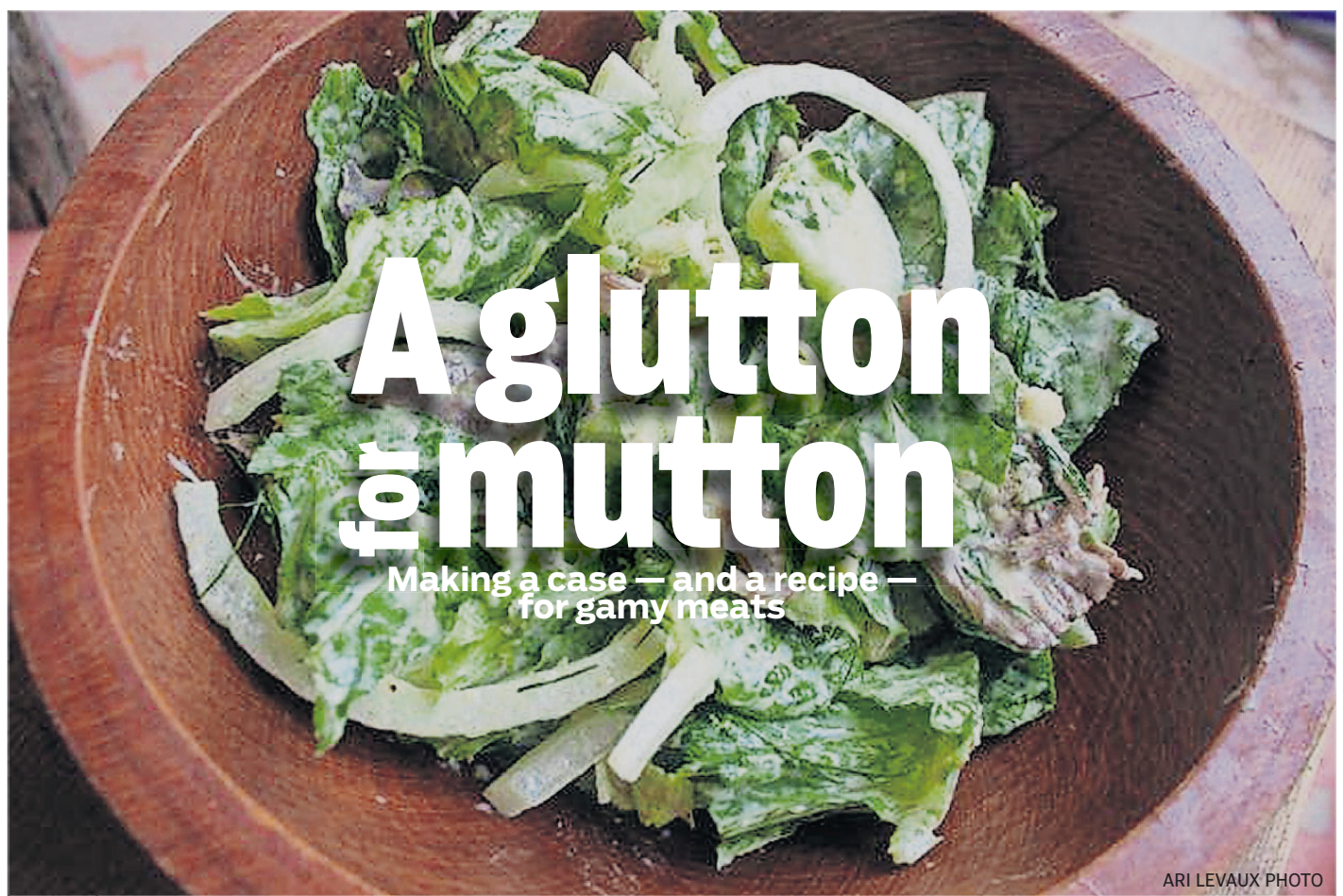
— Lettuce

— Brussels sprouts

— Kale

— Spinach

— Swiss chard



A glutton & mutton

Making a case — and a recipe — for gamy meats

ARI LEVAUX PHOTO

By Ari LeVaux
More Content Now

They say hunger is the best sauce, but imagination, at the very least, is a pretty good seasoning.

The famous sex therapist Dr. Ruth Westheimer used to claim that the brain is the largest sex organ in the body; I'd suggest that the mind is similarly the biggest taste bud. Studies have shown that knowing the value of a bottle of wine will influence how people think it tastes. Children, meanwhile, will fight over certain colors of M&M.

We are wired to appreciate food, in part, based the story attached to it. Whether it's an egg from a happy hen, or some words on the back of a chocolate bar about the farmers who grew the cacao. Even a name, like Klari Baby Cheese, will make a pepper more interesting.

And then there is my friend Steve, a farmer who can fill himself with literal and existential hunger with a single word: "Mutton."

Steve makes a point of saying the word at full volume, because it's more than just a statement. It's a one-word manifesto.

"Nobody wants to say 'mutton' anymore," Steve complained to me once. "As a society we've shunned the eating of grown-up sheep in favor of young lambs to the point where even saying the word 'mutton' is like talking filth in some circles, and that's a shame."

Mutton, otherwise known as old sheep, or overgrown lamb, is not what most

people would call a delicacy. Sheep is a strong-tasting animal, and this flavor gets stronger with age. A lamb is not only mellower of flavor, but a lot more tender than a full-grown sheep, which can be as tough as an old rooster. Certain measures must be taken so that the flavor is tamed. These steps — and the soft, delicious meat that results — are well-worth the trouble.

Steve and his family enjoy a mutton salad in which the mutton-y flavors are not denied or neutralized, but put to work alongside romaine, onions, cucumbers, dill and shelled peas, with a creamy dressing called "creamy."

Mutton can be hard to find in stores, and if you can't find it, lamb shoulder or shank would be an acceptable, if expensive, substitute. But I would recommend turkey, or beef shank — which are more affordable — or wild game if you can get it. Any meat that's tough and flavorful can work here.

Meaty salads are a balancing act. It's common in restaurants to witness someone sit down to a salad laden with meat, cheese, egg, croutons and other non-leafy materials. At the end of the meal, the remaining leaves are returned to the kitchen, untouched, while the eater walks out feeling like a health hero for having ordered a salad.

This mutton salad is not like that. The braised meat is teased apart like pulled pork and tossed in, where its greasy, flavorful richness adds delicious contrast to the crunchy romaine and sharp onions.

Pea Mutton Salad

- 1 pound of mutton, or other tough, gamy meat
- 2 heads romaine, washed and chopped
- 1 sweet onion, sliced thinly
- 1 large or two medium cucumbers, sliced thinly
- 1/2 C of fresh dill, chopped
- 1 C shelled peas, fresh or frozen (optional. I know it's in the name of the salad, but optional nonetheless)

For the Creamy Dressing, combine:

- 2/3 C mayo or Vegenaise (which is better, though I'm obviously not vegan)
- 1/3 C yogurt
- 3-6 cloves shredded garlic
- 1 T horseradish
- 1 t curry powder
- 1/2 C grated cheddar
- 1 t salt
- 1 t black pepper

Braise the meat. First, brown it under the broiler without any oil, then transfer it to a covered baking dish half-filled with water, with a cup or two of wine, a few bay leaves, and salt and garlic powder to taste: Just a few pinches, enough so the meat will absorb a little flavor. You can always add more later; it's difficult to remove if you add too much.

Braise at 300 for a few hours — however long it takes for the meat to soften completely (it could take four or more hours). Replace fluids as necessary so it mostly, but not totally, covers the meat. When the meat is soft, remove it from the oven and allow it to cool.

Meanwhile, make the salad and dressing. Toss them together, along with braised, pulled meat.

Optional but recommended: Before eating, climb to the closest hilltop and yell "MUTTON!!!" Then, go eat some greasy, gamy, creamy leaves.

CHURCH

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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 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 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 on Rock Hill Church Road.

Northwest Florida Christian Church

Morning Worship is at 10:30 a.m. The church is 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 at 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 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 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 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 at 739 Seventh Street in Chipley.

HOME



TIP OF THE WEEK

PROTECT YOUR HOME

The experts at Terminix have some tips to help protect your home from rodents.

Block possible points of entry: Be aware of holes or cracks in the exterior.

Trim trees and move debris away from your home: Tree limbs that touch your house can provide an easy access point.

Dispose of waste: Keep outdoor trash cans properly closed and far away.

BATHS

COSTLY MISTAKES

Common mistakes can cost thousands during a bathroom remodel, according to Consumer Reports.

Avoid the following issues to enhance your finished project.

1. Don't rush the process. Take several weeks to plan. Curate your ideas on Pinterest.

2. Don't skimp on skilled labor. Leave more complicated installations to professionals.

3. Don't cut corners on key materials like tile that will get the most use.

4. Don't stop thinking about tomorrow. Plan ahead for aging in place.

GREEN

UPGRADE TO SELL

More than half of people rank energy efficiency as a top requirement for their next home, according to the U.S. Green Building Council. That means homeowners looking to sell should consider these, according to Phyn:

Solar panels

Smart water-leak detection

New windows

Smart thermostat

BLACK MOLD

Get it out of your house



Black mold can be a serious threat to your family's health. [BY INFOGMATION/WIKIMEDIA COMMONS]

By **Laura Firszt**
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Eew! Black mold! A mold-infested house not only looks and smells terrible; it may also be a serious threat to your family's health. Find out how black mold can grow in your home and how to get rid of it.

What is black mold?

First of all, mold is a multicelled, thready fungus. The more than 100,000 species of mold in existence come in a veritable rainbow of colors, including white, green, yellow, blue, and pink mold. "Black mold" can refer to a large variety of mold types, although it most commonly describes the highly toxic (toxin-producing) *Stachybotrys* — which actually tends to be blackish-green in hue. Many other types of black-colored mold are quite harmless.

Black mold health risks

If you've got black mold in your house, health risks include exacerbated breathing difficulties for household members with asthma or other respiratory problems, and an increased possibility of infection for

immune-compromised people. Milder negative reactions include coughing, wheezing, and hay fever-like symptoms.

How does black mold grow?

Black mold thrives on a combination of moisture, warmth, and cellulose-based food sources like wood and drywall.

How do you get rid of it?

Start by finding and removing the source of excessive moisture. Next, equip yourself with non-porous gloves, breathing mask, goggles, and protective clothing to protect against the mold.

Now you'll have to choose what may be cleaned (hard surfaces like walls and floors, as well as machine-washable textiles such as curtains and some area rugs) and what will have to be discarded.

Scrub hard surfaces thoroughly with soap and warm water. Launder washables with your usual detergent on a high setting, adding a commercial mold-removing agent if desired. Dry well, with the help of fans or outdoors in the sun where feasible.

Laura Firszt writes for networx.com.

How to prevent mold

Worried about how to prevent mold? Good news: The prevention process involves just three simple steps. And it's a lot easier (not to mention less emotionally wrenching) than dealing with the aftereffects of a major black mold infestation.

1. Minimize all sources of unwanted moisture inside your home:

- Have all plumbing system or roof leaks repaired swiftly.
- Remove standing water indoors (and outdoors too — you'll eliminate a potential mosquito breeding ground).
- Avoid any "moisture traps." For example, don't leave wet towels or shower curtains crumpled up in the bathroom — spread them to dry. In a damp basement, avoid carpet and choose tile or concrete flooring instead.
- Ventilate — install (and use!) a good bathroom fan and range hood. Ask a reliable roofer if attic vent installation is advisable.
- Run a dehumidifier as necessary.

2. Inspect your home regularly for mold growth.

- 3. If you spot even the smallest signs of mold, clean them up immediately to keep them from spreading.

DEAR MONTY

Questions to ask before changing homes



Richard Montgomery

Readers question: Our home is currently on the market, and we are actively looking. It has only been two weeks, and we have had three showings, and no offers yet. Our agent seems to think that we are going to have a hard time getting an offer accepted on a new place contingent on the sale of our current home. It also means we will have to act fast to find a house

when an offer appears. Is our agent's inclination correct? How typical is a contingent offer on the sale of the buyers home? Are we wasting our time?

Monty's answer: The answer to the correctness of your agent's inclination depends on four separate conditions: the demand in the market price range you are searching, the seller's circumstances whose home you want to buy, the pricing of your home, and the drafting of the contingency.

Conditions are the key

Some markets favor the buyer so that the seller

may be better off with a contingent offer than no offer at all. Some sellers may like the idea of having additional time to make arrangements on their end.

If the contingency also has a well-drafted bump clause, a contingent offer can be successful. Contingent offers are not frequent in a seller's market but are common in a buyers market.

Determining if the conditions above are present is the key to whether or not you are wasting your time. The fact your agent feels you may have difficulty coupled with three showings in the first four days suggests it may be a waste of time.

Check the logic

Some agents see a home sale contingency as an investment in their time that may go unrewarded if a second buyer appears, but if the market is hot, your home may sell first.

There is also a feeling among agents that a home with an accepted home-sale contingency discourages other buyers from looking, but my experience suggests this is not universally the case.

It all depends on the circumstances.

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