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IN BRIEF

Bethlehem School PTO to meet

BETHLEHEM — The monthly meeting of the Bethlehem School PTO will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, in the school auditorium. All parents and teachers are encouraged to attend.

Bonifay Christmas Parade, celebration

BONIFAY — The annual City of Bonifay Christmas Parade and Celebration in the Park will be Saturday, Dec. 8. The Parade of Lights will begin at 6 p.m. and will proceed to Veterans' Memorial Park. After the parade, join us at the park for a visit with Santa and Bonifay Fire-Rescue's Hotdogs and Hot Chocolate. Parade lineup is at 5:30 p.m. at Bonifay Elementary School. No registration necessary.

Nancy Springer book signing

BONIFAY — The public is invited to attend a book signing for celebrated local author Nancy Springer at noon today at the Holmes County Public Library annex. "Dark Lie" is her new psychological thriller. Proceeds will benefit the Holmes County Public Library. Refreshments will be served.

Two-Toed Tom sale

ESTO — The Two-Toed Tom festival will have a Christmas garage sale and bake sale at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at John Clark Park. Spots are going fast, so call Darlene at 263-3201 to get yours. Spots are \$10 for inside and \$5 for outside.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



CECILIA SPEARS | The Times-Advertiser

The Holmes County Board of County Commissioners was presented with a concept crest of the county's new logo during their recent meeting on Nov. 27 by Holmes County Chamber of Commerce Coordinator Julia Bullington.

New commissioners sworn in and ready for action

By CECILIA SPEARS
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BONIFAY — The Holmes County Board of Commissioners on Nov. 27 altered the schedule of its future meetings, changing the agenda so the public hearing portion will immediately follow the consent items.

The public hearing portion of the meeting is the time the board allots for the public to address the commissioners with their concerns.

"The hearing of the public is not necessary for public meetings, and it's not in the statutes," Goodman said. "There's a bill out there for it, but it hasn't been passed yet, and the Sunshine Law is just allowing the public to have access and witness the actions of the board."

Goodman said he doesn't like the public hearing portion at public meetings because it gives people the opportunity to "ambush" the commissioners.

"If you aren't on the agenda (and) you have a question and we aren't prepared, then the chance of them getting an answer is pos-

sibly low," Goodman said. "I feel like the commissioners are being ambushed by someone who's had weeks to sit around and think of what they're presenting to the commission, giving the board little or no time to prepare an answer or action."

In other business, the board approved of a job description for the renewed position of road department secretary and approved the pay range to be negotiated between \$10.77 and \$14 an hour.

"This position will be very strenuous at first, but it will ease up as we progress," Williams said.

The board approved to advertise the position and to try and have a recommendation before Christmas.

Goodman briefed the new board members that an outstanding bid for graders will need to be addressed soon.

"We need a little more time to review this information," said new commissioner Bill Parish said. "By the next meeting, we should be ready with an answer."

World Risk Management Representative Andy Cooper gave a general overview of the county's

property and casualty rates.

"In 1998, Holmes County joined," Cooper said. "You're paying 33 percent less than you did in 2008 because of the impeccable safety record held by Holmes County. You keep the loss down, you keep the cost down."

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Holmes County Board of County Commissioners is 9 a.m. Dec. 11 at the board meeting room behind the courthouse.

New Holmes County Commissioners Parish, Bobby Sasnett and David Whitaker were sworn in Nov. 20, a week after the commission wished outgoing Commissioners Jim King, Ron Monk and Phillip Music farewell.

"I was looking up the history of oaths and what it's meant to our country," Holmes County Attorney Jeff Goodman said. "June 1, 1789, First United States Congress, the very first statute that they passed had to do with administering oaths. It was that important to our founding fathers, and if it was that important to them, it should be important to us."

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Gaetz: Legislation needed on gambling

By S. BRADY CALHOUN
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PANAMA CITY — Gambling is poised to be a hot topic in the upcoming legislative session, as incoming Senate President Don Gaetz said the state Legislature needs to deal with gaming through major legislation instead of the ticky-tacky way the government has dealt with it in the past.

"We have all sorts of gambling going on in Florida, some of it highly regulated like the dog and horse tracks, and some of it completely unregulated, like Internet cafes," said Gaetz, a Republican from Niceville whose district includes Bay, Holmes, Jackson and Walton counties, as well as southern Okaloosa. "The state of Florida operates a numbers racket called the Florida Lottery."

In January, the Legislature will take up gambling as committees in both the House and Senate examine the always controversial issue.

Meanwhile, the Seminole compact, which governs what gaming is allowed on Seminole territory, will have to be renegotiated during Gaetz's two-year term.

"The state has never established a comprehensive policy on gaming," Gaetz said. "Instead, individual pieces of gaming legislation come to the Legislature," and they were added to state law "like bailing wire and chewing gum to an unbalanced and confused gaming industry in the state."

Gaetz, who described Internet

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DON GAETZ

Drama Club to present 'The Importance Of Being Earnest'

Special to the Times-Advertiser

BONIFAY — The Holmes County High School Theatre Department will present "The Importance of Being Earnest" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Saturday and Monday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the HCHS Auditorium.

Written by Oscar Wilde, the play is probably the most famous of all comedies. It revolves wittily around the most ingenious case of "manufactured" mistaken identity ever put into a play.

The cast and crew is Assistant Director Saylor Lake; Stage Manager Cassie Bell; John (Jack/Ernest) Worthing, J.P.; Carlton

Hedman, Algernon Moncrieff; Kole Forehand, the Rev. Canon Chasuble; D.D., Sam Wells; Lane, Thomas Parish; Merriman, Adam Faulkner; Gwendolen Fairfax, Haleigh Music; Cecily Cardew, Hope Bailey; Lady Bracknell, Julie Wells; and Miss Prism, Lydia Sheesley.

"The Importance of Being Earnest" is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French Inc. The sets, British accents and the humor are sure to create an enjoyable evening for all who attend. Tickets, \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door, are on sale and can be purchased at Holmes County High School or by calling 547-9000.



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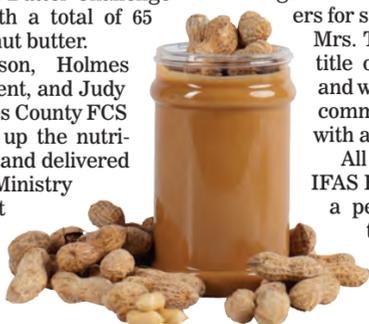
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Peanut Butter Challenge nets 2,039 jars in Panhandle

Special to The Times-Advertiser

BONIFAY —The University of Florida IFAS-Holmes County Extension Office officially ended the Holmes County Peanut Butter Challenge on Nov. 16 with a total of 65 pounds of peanut butter.

Niki Crawson, Holmes County 4-H agent, and Judy Corbus, Holmes County FCS agent, packed up the nutritious donation and delivered it to HCMA Ministry Center & Thrift Store on U.S. 90 West in Bonifay to help Holmes



County families in need.

“Bonifay Elementary School first-grade classrooms were a large part of the collection drive this year,” Crawson said. “Special thanks to all first-grade students and their teachers for supporting this project. Mrs. Taylor’s class held the title of most jars collected and will be celebrating their community support wins with a pizza party.”

All University of Florida IFAS Extension Offices held a peanut butter drive in their counties. In total, 2,039 jars of peanut butter comprising almost a ton and

half of peanut butter were collected across the Florida Panhandle during this drive.

“On behalf of the University of Florida IFAS-Holmes County Extension, thank you to all the local citizens who participated in the peanut butter drive to support UF IFAS Extension in their efforts to assist families in need and our hard-working local peanut producers,” Crawson said.

HCMA Ministry Center & Thrift Store accepted the Peanut Butter Challenge donations from Corbus.

For more information on the University of Florida-IFAS Extension programming in Holmes County, visit holmes.ifas.ufl.edu or call 547-1108.



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DMH Foundation presents checks

Special to the News

BONIFAY — The Doctors Memorial Hospital Foundation recently presented checks to two organizations in appreciation for their assistance with the “Phobik” Haunted Hospital fundraiser in October.

Board members Rickey Callahan, Hazel Tison and Roger Brooks were on hand, along with hospital administrator JoAnn Baker, to present checks to Ricky Ward and the Holmes County High School Drama Department and Sheriff Tim Brown and Adrienne Odom with the Holmes County Sheriff’s Office Auxiliary.

A member of the auxiliary was made available each night to assist with crowd control and security for the event. The

auxiliary consists only of volunteers who donate their time to this organization. They assist the sheriff’s department and are available for any high traffic event in the county.

More than 50 drama students from the high school also volunteered and participated in the event, assisting with props and makeup and portraying various types of characters.

“The students have developed a love like I have for doing things for the community,” Ward said. “The experience that the students receive in working together and working hard pays off. That is a great lesson to learn.”

The event hosted more than 1,800 visitors at the former hospital facility during three weekends of operation.

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Goodman quoted the Declaration of Independence, saying an oath is “a solemn appeal to God to witness the truth of a statement or the sincerity of a promise, coupled with an imprecation of divine judgment in the event of falsehood or breach of obligation.”

“This oath means something today,” Goodman said. “These three men are going to stand up here, they’re going to have their loved ones up here and they’re going to put their hand on the Bible, and they’re not only going to promise to you, citizens of the county, but they’re going to promise to a divine being, Jehovah, that they’re going to fulfill the terms of their oath. There’s going to be hard times in the next four years, and it was best described by Thomas Jefferson when he said, ‘Nearly all men can stand adversity, but to test a man’s true character, give him power.’”

Goodman said the new commissioners were given power, and he hoped the citizens of Holmes County would support them.

“The last thing I’d urge for them to do is take on the role as statesmen,” he said. “Not a politician, but a statesman. There’s a difference that our founding fathers understood; the statesman is someone who thinks about the next generation; a politician is someone who only thinks of the next election.”

There’s a need for statesmen, Goodman said.

“We need them in Tallahassee, we need them in Washington D.C., we need them here in Bonifay, Fla.,” Goodman said. “I think it’s poignant that Mr. Sasser’s grandchild held the Bible for him, that my kids are here, that Bill Parish’s children are here. The next generation is what we need to be thinking about and not just what will affect them today but what will affect them for years to come.”

Shortly after the swearing in ceremony, the board approved of Monty Merchant being the new chairman and Kenneth Williams being the new vice chairman.

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cafés as growing like “ragweed,” is no friend to the gaming industry. In his six years in the Senate, he consistently has voted against any expansion of gambling. However, Gaetz said he is among a very small minority of senators who oppose expansion.

The opposition also has been outnumbered when Florida voters go to the polls. Several counties around the state have approved slot machines, including Washington County in January.

The referendum would have allowed Stocky Hess, the owner of Ebro Greyhound Park in Washington County, to put in the machines in his facility, which already includes dog racing and poker. But before the votes were cast, Attorney General Pam Bondi issued an opinion that stated a countywide referendum only would be valid if it were authorized by the Legislature or in the state Constitution.

Hess said an increase in gaming would be a boon to Florida’s economy and increase the tax base.

“Studies have shown it would be a windfall for the state,” Hess said.

He also said current laws restricting gaming give some locations an advantage over others. He is hopeful that someday, Ebro will be allowed to compete on a level playing field.

In January, when the committees start meeting, Gaetz will urge them to “work together to evaluate the effects of gaming on communities in Florida and communities elsewhere, consider the consequences of destination casinos” and develop a negotiating posture for handling the Seminole renegotiation.

The committee also should look at gaming impacts in other states and “hear from the people of Florida” in meetings across the state and then have a “robust debate with real facts.”

“We should measure twice or three times and cut once on this issue,” Gaetz said.

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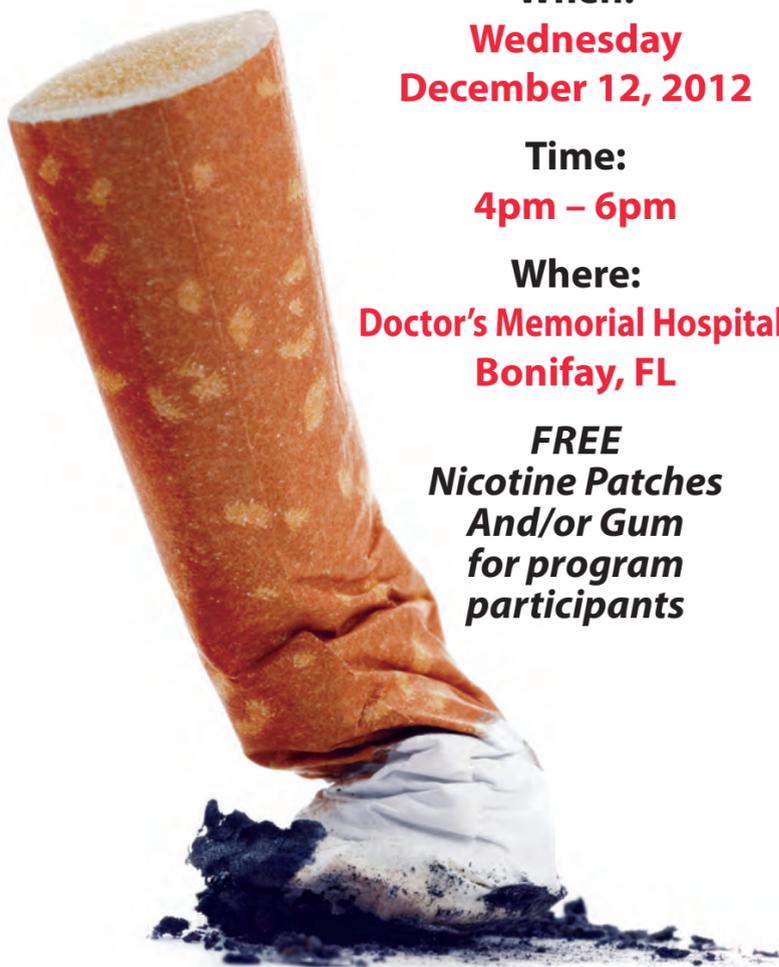
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Meth bust results in 2 arrests



TAMMY ANNE GOMILLION



FREDRICK COOPER

Special to The Times-Advertiser

BONIFAY — The Holmes County Sheriff's Office reported the arrest of two people in a suspected meth lab bust on Nov. 28.

According to the report, HCSO investigators responded to a Bonifay address on Sod Road, related to a suspected methamphetamine lab.

Upon arrival, investigators said they located a portable building on the property that was occupied by Tammy Anne Gomillion, 37, and Fredrick Allen Cooper, 25.

Investigators noticed a

strong chemical odor emitting from the building and subsequently located the chemicals and elements used to manufacture methamphetamine inside the building, according to the report.

Gomillion and Cooper were arrested on charges of possession of listed chemicals and manufacturing methamphetamine and taken to the Holmes County Jail.

"We appreciate the information that we get from the citizens of Holmes County that helps us with controlling illegal drugs," said Holmes County Sheriff Tim Brown.

Arrest REPORT

The following arrests were made Nov. 18-24 in Holmes County.



- Kristana Sheree Andrews, 20, possession of marijuana less than 20 grams
- Terry Barron, 73, hold for outside agency
- Shawn Wayne Bass, 23, violation of probation on improper tag
- D'Andre Brockington, 23, possession of marijuana less than 20 grams
- Tracy Nichole Bruner, 20, in for weekend
- Starla Lacosta Cooper, 29, burglary, grand theft
- Michael Joseph Crochet, drivers license restrictions
- Ruby Nicole Hatcher, 29, retail sale of ephedrine and relater compounds, trafficking in methamphetamine, manufacture meth, possession of listed chemicals, possession of drug paraphernalia, child neglect, criminal conspiracy
- Ruby Nicole Hatcher, 29, driving while license suspended or revoked
- Carey Hood, 58, possession of methamphetamine
- Timothy Jones, 27, resisting without violence
- Logan K McNett, 22, driving while license suspended or revoked
- Michael A Newman, 49, battery felony
- Demetrius Devon Outlaw, 21, hold for outside agency
- Tomekia Lashonda Patterson, 35, violation of probation on driving while license suspended or revoked
- Keith Earl Slay, 29, out of county warrant, Walton County child support
- Danielle Marie Steiner, 34, out of county warrant, Okaloosa County child support
- Nichols Ward, 21, violation of probation
- Deanna Kay Weeks, 34, trafficking in amphetamine, trafficking in methamphetamine, manufacture meth, possession of listed chemicals, possession of drug paraphernalia, child neglect, criminal conspiracy
- Marvin Eugene Wells, 40, hold for outside agency
- Renaldo Franz Williams, 29, hold for outside agency

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Nov. 19-23

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There were no marriages filed for the week of Nov. 19-23.

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Opinion

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Descendent corrects Advertiser history

Dear Editor:
I am writing this letter in response to your coverage of the history of the Holmes County Advertiser in the Nov. 28 edition observing the 120th anniversary of the newspaper. As a great-granddaughter of the man who started the newspaper in 1892 and who later with her husband owned the newspaper, I appreciate very much your observance of this special anniversary. However, there were many factual errors made in the articles, and I would like to take this opportunity to correct some of them. I appreciate that you have allowed me this space to do so.

According to the first paragraph of the article by Ms. Spears, the Advertiser has been printed in the same location on Virginia Avenue in Bonifay for 120 years. But instead, the newspaper was founded and first printed in 1892 at Cerro Gordo, a small community on the banks of the Choctawhatchee River. It later moved to Westville and then to Bonifay when the county seat was moved there in 1905.

The same article quotes Carlton Treadwell as saying that DeVane Williams, my father, was editor until the day he died. It might seem to have been that way to Carlton because my father was editor

for so many years. However, my father sold the newspaper to my husband, Orren R. Smith, and me after he had a stroke and he did not die until many years later. Other than that error, I enjoyed reading the memories Carlton had of the newspaper, and I am glad he shared them with you.

Ms. Spears refers to me as the "great-granddaughter of the original owner, Edward A. Williams." My great-grandfather, W. D. Williams, was the founding editor and publisher of the Advertiser. He was succeeded by my grandfather, E. A. Williams, whom I knew extremely well when I was growing up. He was editor and publisher for 40 years. My grandfather was succeeded in that position by my father, DeVane Williams, who had worked with his father since 1939, and became editor and publisher for 25 years after E.A. Williams' retirement in 1949. My father's brother, Edward A. Williams, Jr., was a teacher and principal in Holmes County schools for 14 years before he became Bonifay's postmaster, a position he held for 25 years. Ms. Spears repeatedly referred to my Uncle Edward as Edward Williams II. He was never known as a II.

See LETTER A5

Are tacky parties a thing of the past?

Recently, I have heard of the fad of wearing gaudy Christmas sweaters by some of my great-nieces and nephews who are college students. Wow! I am still wearing some of mine not knowing that they are passe. They don't just wear them at Christmas or Halloween, to my understanding. One niece is planning a college presentation in her events planning major, and she'll be capitalizing on the fad as part of her Christmas event planning. She needs to come and go through my wardrobe.

Thinking about the Christmas sweater fad reminded me of the "tacky parties" we had as teenagers. This, I suppose, was an adaptation of "society folks" costume parties. Girls would dress up like boys, boys would dress up like girls and any other outlandish get-up we could devise. Some of the things that we see today as fashionable, such as wearing high heels with blue jeans, socks with sandals and odd color combinations such as turquoise and hot pink, lime green and red, etc., might have been worn to a tacky party. When I saw the first girl wearing a T-shirt showing out from underneath a shorter, tighter shirt, I thought poor thing. Too bad her top shirt is too small.

I have a picture somewhere of my sister's 11th grade class posing as tacky. She had on short shorts with stockings and high heels. (Remember,

we didn't have panty hose back in the Dark Ages.) That would be the equivalent of the hot-pants of the '60s and '70s. The loose pants that some boys are wearing today, which would fall off

if they were forced to turn them loose, would not have even been worn to a tacky party. If they were, we'd have felt sorry for them thinking they had to wear their father's pants. Thank goodness that fad seems to be fading out with most kids.

I hadn't thought of tacky parties since I don't know when. So I wondered if any one else had. When I Googled it, I found it a very hot topic, including tacky Christmas sweater parties. Several go into great detail about how to have a tacky party. However, I liked one lady's best. Here are some of her suggestions for a tacky party.

As in any party planning, think of the guest list, first. Include people who like to laugh and have fun. But you also have to include some who don't get out much and need to laugh and have fun. For invitations, she suggests left-over invitations, just cross out "baby shower," "wedding party" or whatever its original use and write in "Tacky Party." I like this next step. Don't clean up the house. For food, let the guests bring it or take out all the leftovers. Potted meat, spam or any other high preservative foods are also appropriate. For serving, don't get out your best china. Use up the



Ugly Christmas sweater parties are becoming the new tacky parties.

left over paper goods from grandma's 80th birthday celebration, sister's graduation party, the youngest son's Superman party or whatever odds and ends of paper goods you have around the house.

For games she suggested such things as pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey, musical chairs or other old fashioned games. Wonder if anyone remembers the winking game? For what to wear, she suggests they may come in pajamas, leisure suits, jogging clothes or etc. That brought to mind "Come as you are" parties of another era where you were supposed to come the way you were dressed when you received the invitation.

One main suggestion for the ugly Christmas sweater party was to turn the heat down before your

guests arrive, because with all those heavy sweaters in a crowded room, things will quickly get steamy.

I had a lot of fun reading about tacky parties and ugly Christmas sweater parties. The only drawback now is that I will be self-conscious about wearing my Christmas sweaters this season. Maybe we will turn our church choir's after-the-concert party into an ugly sweater party.

Note: How do you make egg bread without any eggs? For my recipe, several asked me, "How many eggs?" For the recipe I gave, I use four large eggs, or five or six medium eggs. I goof a lot of times, but I hope no one tried to make my egg bread for Thanksgiving dressing according to my recipe. Thanks for your feedback.

HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?

Letters to the editor and comments on Web versions of news stories are welcomed.

Letters are edited only for grammar, spelling, clarity, space and consistency, but we ask that they be limited to 300 words where possible. Letter writers are asked to provide a home address and daytime telephone number (neither is printed) for verification purposes.

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Prattler remembers another fallen classmate

On Nov. 14, 2012, Hurdis Angus Brock



PERRY'S PRATTLE
Perry Wells

passed away in Crestview after a long and hard-fought battle with cancer.

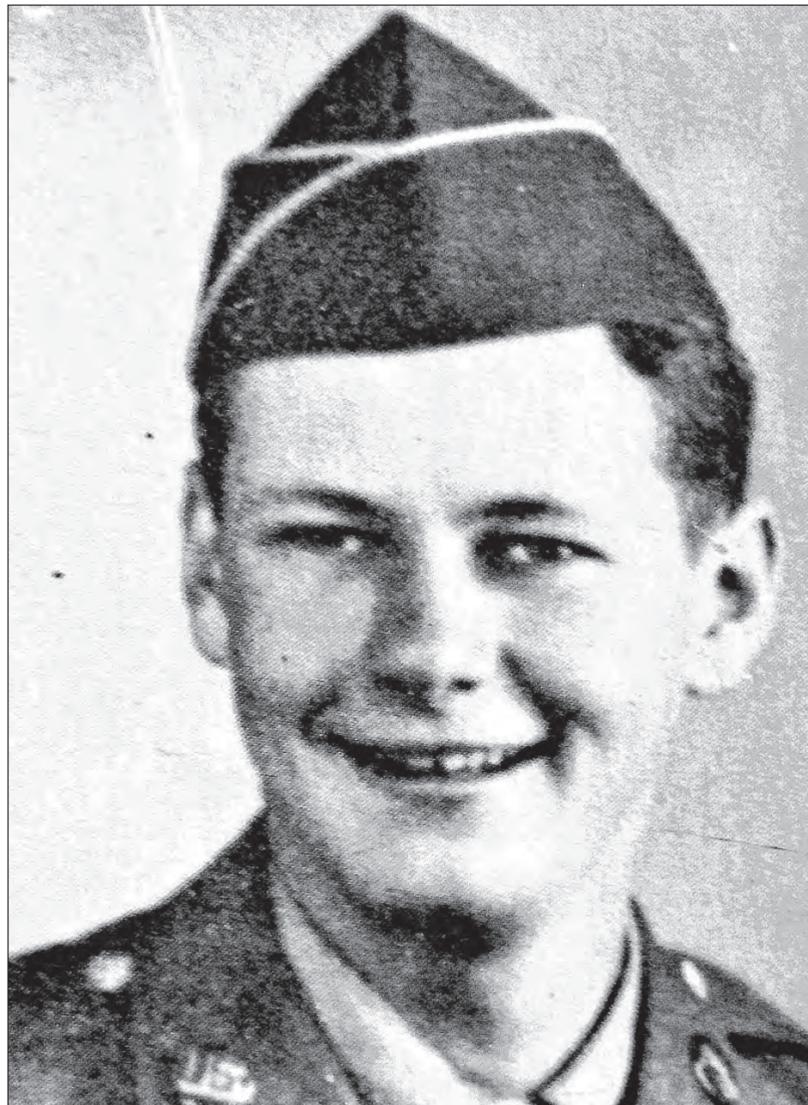
His death marks the third

person in the Vernon High School graduation class of 1944 to die in 2012. In January, Audrey Blocker Taunton succumbed to a long period of illness. On May 16, classmate Shyne Bailey Marley died in his Wewahitchka home after a lingering sickness.

Hurdis Brock earned the distinction of being the valedictorian of the 1944 Vernon High School graduates.

Our classmate was born August 31, 1926, in Washington County and reared near Vernon as the oldest of four sons and one daughter born to Angus Jordan "Ang" Brock and Laura Ella White Brock. His sister, Sarilda Naomi Brock died at an early age. The youngest brother, James Franklin Brock (1950 VHS graduate), passed away early in adulthood. Surviving Hurdis are brothers, Drexel Henry Brock (1945 VHS graduate) and William Joseph William (Bill) Brock (1948 VHS graduate).

From the first marriage of his father to Alabama "Allie" White on March 4, 1900, six sons were born to the union: Clarence Hizer Brock, Johnnie B. Brock (died at early age from accidental burns sustained at an



HURDIS ANGUS BROCK

ill-fated hog killing and butchering day), Ned Brock, Joshua "Josh" Brock, Jefferson Newton "J. N." Brock and Leslie Elbert Brock.

Both families were reared on the 160-acre homestead located immediately south of Fowl Pond in Washington County. This landmark

identification was proudly used by Ang Brock and his offspring throughout his life.

The father built an impressive (for that era) multi-room, cypress home on the homestead. Here he and his sons farmed and raised sheep and cattle, which they recall as being exhaustive,

manual labor, with all the children having assigned chores before and after attending school. As the cattle and sheep were allowed free-range grazing, herding the animals became a duty of each family member with only a few days.

See PRATTLE A5

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LETTER from page A4

Another error I'd like to correct is the statement that Orren and I both went back to school after we sold the newspaper. That is only partially true. Orren, a 1955 graduate of the University of Florida, went to law school at Florida State University after we sold the paper. I graduated from Florida State University in 1959 with a degree in English education, taught high school English for a few years, then stayed home after our son Stephen was born and also worked part-time at the Advertiser for 12 years and then began teaching again when Orren went to law school. So her statement, "After college, they both went into their

"The 'blood, sweat and tears' of four generations of my family is tied to this newspaper. Quoting something my grandfather (E. A. Williams) wrote in 1929 on the 36th anniversary of the paper concerning what he felt about the meaning of this local newspaper: 'It has been to us life, your life and ours, the welfare of which was our supreme concern.'"

prospective [sic] fields" is misleading.

Finally, in reference to the article by Editor Randal Seyler: His statement that "the newspaper was burned out twice, with no insurance" is news to me. I would be interested in knowing his source for this. He also said that in the first 29 years of its existence, the paper was printed in a dozen

or more places. This is simply not true. It was first printed in Cerro Gordo, then Westville and then Bonifay, where it was continuously printed until the 1960s when my father began to take it to other locations (one I remember was Camilla, Ga.) where it was financially more profitable to be printed than for him to have to purchase new printing equipment for his

business. However, all of the typesetting and layout was done in Bonifay.

Mr. Seyler stated that my father ran the newspaper until its sale in 1981 to Larry and Merle Woodham. Again, that is a factual error. As I said earlier, after he had a stroke, my father sold the paper to my husband and me. Orren Smith was the editor and publisher of the paper when it was sold to

the Woodhams.

I do not want to come across as angry about these mistakes, but I believe in making corrections when mistakes are made, especially about something as dear to me as the Holmes County Advertiser was for so many years of my life. I want its history to be told correctly. The "blood, sweat and tears" of four

generations of my family is tied to this newspaper. Quoting something my grandfather wrote in 1929 on the 36th anniversary of the paper concerning what he felt about the meaning of this local newspaper: "It has been to us life, your life and ours, the welfare of which was our supreme concern."

Truly, I appreciate your special observance of the 120th anniversary of this newspaper. Small town, locally owned newspapers are slowly becoming a dying breed, I'm afraid. So I heartily wish you much success as you strive to continue a great tradition in American journalism.

Sincerely,
Dianne Williams Smith

PRATTLE from page A4

During any free time, they enjoyed hunting and fishing and swimming in Pate Pond. Four of the sons from the first family remained in the area and had farming operations of their own. The younger sons became well-familiar with the hard labor of plowing with a mule, weed pulling by hand and cutting and storing hay for winter feeding, all by hand. As adults, they left the farm for other jobs in a variety of vocations.

Hurdis is well-remembered as always having some ready, limited-spending money at recess and lunchtime, which none of the other boys in the class had. Later we were told that he and the other sons had their own sheep in the herd, and at shearing time, when that particular animal was sheared, the individual son knew those

proceeds would be kept separate and given to him for his labors.

The method of robbing the sheep of the prized wool is a procedure well-remembered by each of the brothers.

The "Prattler" is indebted to Doug Brock, nephew of the deceased, for his comprehensive story on this pioneer family contained in the Heritage of Washington Book, pages 156 and 157. (This book is once again available with a fourth printing. Call the writer at 638-1016 should you be interested in obtaining one.)

Hurdis was a classmate of the "Prattler," as well as a friend and kinsman. He, along with others in our class, Oakley Hightower and Frederick Kolmetz, along with your writer, seemed to have a special bond of friendship

that has endured down through the years. Sadly, we lost Oakley in death too early in his promising career in Florida's Educational System.

After U. S. Army service during World War II in Germany and Okinawa, Hurdis enrolled in Florida State University. His schooling was interrupted when he was called back into the military during the Korean Conflict.

His first marriage was to Dot Lane, and they had three sons: Steve, Stan and Scott. After Dot's death, he married Dora Merle "Sal" Hudson Brock. She along with the sons, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and a host of cousins and other relatives survive Hurdis Brock.

Hurdis spent his working years in Okaloosa

County, including Crestview and Ft. Walton Beach, where he served on the city council from 1971-1979. He was also active in many other civic and professional organizations. He was employed by Taylor Parts and Supply Company and its successor, CarQuest Auto Parts, until his retirement.

Funeral services were held Nov. 20, 2012, at First Baptist Church in Crestview, where he was a member. Included in the service were moving tributes spoken by his three sons, Steve, Stan and Scott, under the heading of "Reflections on the life of 'Brock.'"

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Whitehurst-Powell Funeral Home of Crestview with interment at Live Oak Park Memorial Cemetery.

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Practice the 'Golden Rule' while outdoors

BY STAN KIRKLAND

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With our hunting seasons in full swing, there literally are thousands of hunters afield. Most hunters are law-abiding and never find themselves in sticky situations.

Most hunters also are guided by a sense of hunting ethics. Simply put, hunting ethics involve a pattern of behavior that isn't written as law but is respectful of fellow outdoorsmen and women. Sometimes, hunter ethics aren't what they should be, and conflicts arise.

Case in point: I was speaking with a local duck hunter who hunted Lake Seminole last week. He told me he and two equally hard-core duck hunters met at 3:30 a.m., went out to their favorite location, put out two dozen decoys and concealed their boat in the marsh along the shoreline.

Several other boats and duck hunters soon arrived, and one group put out decoys and set up within 100 yards of the first hunters, despite the first group shining a light and asking them to give them some space. To add insult to injury, the late-arriving hunters shot at ducks out of range at daylight, diminishing anyone else's chances for success.

A similar situation we sometimes hear about involves those who hunt wild turkeys on public or private lands. Again, some folks hunt near another hunter, especially when one hunter is entrenched long before the other person arrives on the scene.

In both situations, a sense of etiquette was lost and, instead of having an enjoyable relaxing, quality time outdoors, tempers flared and people left unhappy.

Sometimes a sense of ethics is lost when fishing, as well. This summer I spoke to an angler who was fishing on a wreck several miles off the Bay County coast when a dive boat arrived and several divers with spear guns descended into the depths. The fisherman was beyond livid.

What these situations, and a thousand other similar ones in the outdoors, should remind us is to keep in mind the Golden Rule and treat others afield the way we want to be treated. If that happens, we will all be happier.



Gifts for nature lovers

By BOB WATTENDORF

Florida Fish and Wildlife
Conservation Commission

The holiday season is upon us. Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or having a few extra days to celebrate with family and friends, coming up with appropriate presents can be a challenge.

The key to gift-giving is matching the gift to the person while making sure it is something he or she will enjoy and is not too expensive. If it also helps Mother Nature, it might be the perfect gift. With that in mind, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has several suggestions for your holiday shopping.

How about an offering guaranteed to create a happier, healthier and more productive lifestyle? Richard Louv, chairman emeritus of the Children & Nature Network and author of "The Nature Principle" and "Last Child in the Woods," has made a solid case, supported by years of research,

that connecting with nature results in those benefits. Being able to spend time in nature brings people of any age back to the roots connecting them with the nurturing earth.

In a time when frantic schedules, enclosed spaces and constant noise tend to drive us a little crazy, it is a real gift to get outdoors and relax with family and friends, get moving to burn off some excess holiday calories and open the door to better communications.

To start, how about planning a nature hike or fishing trip?

"Perhaps more than any other form of recreation, fishing and boating are critical to the health and well-being of America's outdoor heritage," according to the Outdoor Foundation. "By boat and on land, the first outdoor experience for many Americans is fishing, introducing tens of millions of people each year to the wonders of nature. Fishing also serves as an important bridge and top 'gateway' activity that leads participants to other outdoor passions."

So why not invite your family and friends on a fun fishing trip, right here in Florida — the Fishing Capital of the World (FishingCapital.com)? An annual resident fishing license is easy to obtain at License.MyFWC.com, by calling 888-FISH-FLORIDA or by visiting a local retailer that sells fishing tackle and licenses. A five-year freshwater fishing license makes an especially great gift. While you are purchasing the license, you will have the opportunity to make a donation to the Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network to help the

FWC with "creating the next generation that cares."

An annual freshwater fishing license costs \$17. Because the average angler fishes 17 times a year (U.S. Census Bureau research) and enjoys four to five hours on a typical trip, the cost is less than a quarter per hour of fun and healthy recreation. When you purchase a license you also provide a gift to nature and future generations of anglers and outdoor enthusiasts. For 75 years, the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program has guaranteed that fishing license fees are protected by law and can only be used for fish and wildlife conservation. Moreover, fees collected by the federal government on fishing tackle, pleasure boats and motor boat fuels provide additional funding for recreational fishing and conservation.

While putting a fishing-related gift pack together, you can find lots of information about fishing tips and gear at MyFWC.com/Fishing, along with fishing sites and up-to-date forecasts. One of the most fun tips is to have everyone register for Florida's freshwater angler recognition programs, including TrophyCatch and Big Catch, at TrophyCatchFlorida.com. When you register, you become eligible for a Phoenix 619 Pro bass boat and trailer, with a Mercury outboard and Motor Guide trolling motor. That drawing will be in October 2013.

However, for the hard-core freshwater anglers who travel from all across the world to fish Florida's fresh water, the ultimate catch is a trophy largemouth bass. The FWC and corporate partners reward anglers for reporting those fish and then releasing them to challenge another angler and to keep the fishery thriving. To learn more and keep informed, "like" us at Facebook.com/TrophyCatchFlorida.

Another great gift that will help anglers boast about their sport while supporting conservation is a "Go Fishing" largemouth bass specialty license plate for their vehicle or trailer. Simply go to Buyaplate.com, or purchase a gift certificate at an authorized motor vehicle office.



Ferocious ant lion is an ant bully

By JESSICA THERRIAULT

Florida Fish and Wildlife
Conservation Commission

Ever wonder what digs those cone-shaped indentations in sandy areas of your yard? It is an insect called an ant lion. The ant lion is neither an ant nor a lion. It is a harmless (to people) insect that looks more like a sci-fi movie monster than a real-life backyard critter. It has an appetite to match its ferocious appearance, and its name has everything to do with its favorite meal: ants.

There are about 2,000 species of ant lions found throughout the world, mostly in warm climates. Florida has 22 species found throughout the state.

Also called a doodlebug when in its immature or larval stage, the ant lion is unique not only be-

cause of how it looks and what it eats but also how it catches its prey. As its nickname suggests, this bug doodles, or makes squiggly lines, while moving backward in the sand.

Using its jaws to flick away sand, it digs out a cone-shaped pit to trap its prey: ants and other small arthropods that wander too close. It is almost impossible for an ant to climb on the pit's slope of loose sand, or to escape before falling to the bottom of the pit to become the ant lion's next meal. Sand pits are about the size of a silver dollar (some smaller, some larger, depending on the size of the maker) and an inch or more deep.

To view an ant lion behavior, search for sandy soil in your yard and look for small, cone-shaped indentations in the soil. You might find several in one spot. Favorite

pit sites are places protected from the rain, such as beneath a raised building, overhanging eaves or other sheltering object. If you can carefully catch an ant, preferably not a fire ant (we don't want you to get hurt), drop it into the pit, and the ant lion should react quickly. The ant lion waits for its prey under the soil at the bottom of the pit.

If you wish to view one of these insects even closer, scoop it out of the pit with a spoon. Start at one side, scooping under the cone, and lift the entire pit in one scoop. Gently dump the pile of sand onto a white sheet of paper and push the sand until you spot the ant lion. It is camouflaged and difficult to see. If you see it and it appears motionless, just wait; it soon should flip over and try to rebury itself in the sand.

Up close, the young ant lion is brown or gray with a plump body, short legs and a large head dominated by spiny jaws called mandibles that stick out. These jaws have tiny, needle-like teeth that inject their soon-to-be meal with venom. They are usually harmless to touch and rarely bite. If you do find one, it is best not to handle it, and never pick it up with your fingers because its body is soft and you could hurt it. Simply watch it for a while and then place it gently back on the sand where you found it.

Being an ant bully is only a part of the ant lion's life cycle. This monster-looking insect transforms into a handsome, winged insect similar to a dragonfly and spends its adult life flying in forested areas, usually in summer months and at night.



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When magnified, the ant lion looks more like a sci-fi movie monster. It has jaws with tiny, needle-like teeth that inject their soon-to-be lunch with venom, allowing them to kill and ingest their prey.

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Northview's Brannon Freeman, right, carries the ball as Liberty County's Michael Robinson defends during Friday night's game in Bristol. **BELOW:** Alex Marlowe runs the ball for Liberty County.



Chiefs pummel Bulldogs in semifinals

By BRAD MILNER

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BRISTOL — Liberty County provided the shovel, Northview dug the hole.

The Chiefs jumped on early Bulldogs' miscues and cruised to a 48-14 victory in a Class 1A state football semifinal on Friday. Brannon Freeman rushed for 148 yards and LaMikal Kyles 116, and they combined for five touchdowns in the rout. Northview's defense also held down Liberty County, and the Bulldogs continued to stunt their progress with key penalties.

Northview (10-3) moved on to its first state final to face the winner of Trenton-Newberry in Orlando on Friday. The Chiefs survived their first state semifinal after falling short at the same point in each of the past two seasons. Liberty County (10-3) last advanced to the state final in 1969 and will have to wait at least another year to end the drought.

Liberty County coach Grant

Grantham stated the obvious earlier in the week, that the Bulldogs would need to play cleanly to have a shot to win. They didn't and couldn't get untracked to make a dent in the deficit.

"We didn't start off well or like we needed to," Grantham said. "They had been turning the ball over lately but didn't tonight. We did and it changed the game."

Northview scored five plays after Liberty County fumbled away the opening kickoff return. Freeman capped the drive with a 2-yard run and his first score of the first half.

Liberty County, which had a nine-game winning streak snapped, punted on its next series, but the ball drifted out of bounds after only 13 yards. Northview took over at its 46 and scored seven plays later on a 2-yard run by Kyles, who also scored twice in the first half.

The Bulldogs tried to mount answers and had two manageable fourth-down tries on two drives. However, illegal procedure penalties on each pushed them into fourth-and-10

each time, and Liberty County decided to punt on one possession and turned the ball over on downs on the second.

Northview racked up 228 yards and a 28-0 halftime lead. Liberty County was held to 94 yards in the first half. The Bulldogs' deepest penetration was the Chiefs' 20 on a possession that ended with an interception before Alex Marlowe finally put Liberty County on the scoreboard with a 50-yard run late in the third quarter.

Marlowe, one of 12 seniors, finished with 113 yards rushing and grabbed two receptions for 47 to lead Liberty County. Dustin Watson, also a senior, was 3 of 13 for 59 yards while adding a touchdown and an interception.

The group of seniors and the rest of the team helped Liberty County finish with one of its best seasons since previously advancing to the state semis in 1998.

"This group won 38 games in four years," Grantham said. "They are a fine group of kids."

Keselowski vows to lead during reign as champion

LAS VEGAS (AP) — If his goal was to keep all of NASCAR on its toes during Champion's Week, Brad Keselowski played it perfectly.

He was brash and bold and changed nothing about his personality as he seamlessly navigated press events, cocktail receptions, sponsor dinners and socializing. He burned the candle at both ends in Las Vegas, trying hard to hold his own with veteran drivers who tried but failed to rattle him with some lighthearted hazing.

Keselowski was like the pesky kid brother nobody wanted around, and he seemed to love playing the part.

Until it was time to be the Sprint Cup champion.

Keselowski officially accepted his new title with an unscripted speech that impressed most everyone in the crowd of 1,500 in the ballroom of the Wynn Las Vegas Resort. He refused to write a speech ahead of time, which had NASCAR officials holding their breath for most of the 12 minutes Keselowski spoke.

In going up to the podium with no notes loaded into the TelePrompTer, Keselowski joined Jimmie Johnson as the only two drivers in the last decade to go off-the-cuff in their championship speeches. Johnson only did it once, after his fifth title in 2010.

The highlight of Keselowski's speech was the close, in which it became clear how much he appreciates his new role as champion.

"As we look into '13, I hope as a sport we can continue to find common ground to unify," Keselowski said. "We have some of the smartest people that can solve any problem. As a champion, I want to be your leader, and I want to help you make it happen."

His remarks come with NASCAR down to roughly eight weeks to finalize development on its 2013 car, which the industry is counting on to improve the racing. As attendance and television ratings continue to slip, the actual on-track product is under heavy scrutiny and the garage seems divided as to how it can be improved.

At 28, Keselowski is the eighth-youngest champion in Cup history and he claimed his title in just his



AP

Brad Keselowski poses with his championship ring after the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Champions Awards Ceremony at the Wynn in Las Vegas on Nov. 30.

third full season. But he grew up in a racing family and has a strong desire to do his part to help motorsports succeed.

And as a driver for Roger Penske, the team owner who is deeply committed to both NASCAR and the struggling IndyCar Series, Keselowski understands the challenges currently facing American auto racing. That's what he meant, he said after Friday night's speech, when he called for unity.

"You look at IndyCar and the things they are fighting, it shows how you can take a series with great action, great people and (throw) it all away when you don't work together," Keselowski said. "I feel like in our series, we have the potential to be stronger than what we are if we work together. I want to be a part of that, to work with others and help move this sport forward and make it as strong as we can be."

It was a humble side of Keselowski that he rarely shows, partly because he likes to be different and enjoys keeping everyone guessing. It's part of a game Keselowski is seemingly playing at times as he tries to beat his competitors both on and off the track.

Three-time champion Tony Stewart seems wise to Keselowski's act, noting in his speech that the late NASCAR spokesman Jim Hunter would have really enjoyed Keselowski if he'd had a chance to know the

driver. Hunter enjoyed edgy and colorful drivers, and grew close to Stewart at a time when Stewart was sparring with most NASCAR officials.

"I don't think Brad has learned to be cautious yet," Stewart said. "Hopefully that won't bite him like it has a lot of drivers in the past. But it's refreshing. It's nice to see somebody that just speaks from the heart and isn't guarded when he speaks. That's the way all of us should be."

Four-time champion Jeff Gordon agreed Keselowski is a bit of a throwback, and shouldn't change.

"Too polished is sometimes not good, either," Gordon said. "You've got to be who you are and let that shine. That's what I see in him. There doesn't seem like there's much fazing him or changing him, at least not what I've seen so far, so I don't anticipate it happening."

It's worked for Keselowski, who went from a development driver in the Hendrick Motorsports system quickly earning a reputation as a wild child with no regard for others to the top of the sport in a little over three years. He's done it by settling into a home with Penske, learning how to be a team leader and getting comfortable in his own skin.

The payoff was a Nationwide Series championship in 2010 with crew chief Paul Wolfe, the first official NASCAR championship for Penske, and then a long-term contract extension that was announced a year ago for Keselowski and Wolfe.

Then the duo teamed together this season to win five races — two in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship — and bring Penske Racing its first Cup title 40 years after Penske first entered NASCAR. It carried a \$5,728,405 bonus from series sponsor Sprint that pushed the No. 2 team's season winnings to \$12,106,255.

More importantly, it provided credibility to a voice Keselowski is unafraid to use.

"To see Brad and how he is going to represent the sport probably means the most to me because he's loyal," Penske said. "I think what you see is what you get. He's a high-integrity guy, he's a hard worker and he's a big team player."

Prep ROUNDUP

From Staff Reports

Girls basketball

FRANKLIN COUNTY 34, WEWAHITCHKA 26
WEWAHITCHKA — Jessica Smith scored eight points, Kara Walding eight and Valerie Peak seven for the Gators, 1-2. Peak added 15 rebounds for Wewa.

PDL 60, COTTONDALE 20

PONCE DE LEON — Hannah Howell had 20 points, and Ashley Harper had nine points and seven rebounds for the Pirates, 5-0. Belliah Bass added eight points.

Boys basketball

RUTHERFORD 84, MOSLEY 50

LYNN HAVEN — Khaliel Spearman fired in 21 points to lead Rutherford to a victory over Mosley in a non-league game at the Jim Redfern Gymnasium.

Gabe Steele and Jai Jincks scored 13 points apiece, and Kiki Williamson added 11 for the Rams, who improved to 4-0. Rutherford led 47-28 at halftime.

"The guys are playing with good energy, especially after coming off Tuesday (a one-sided win over Niceville)," Rams coach Rhondie Ross said. "We had a good practice yesterday. We've got a lot of things we have to improve upon, but it's early. I don't want us to be the best we're going to be in November."

BOZEMAN 53, ARNOLD 51

SAND HILLS — Brandon Suttles had 19 points, including four 3-pointers as Bozeman won its first game of the season. Herbie Harrell added 15 points including a key field goal late in the game for the Bucks 1-3. Cameron Britton had 18 points for Arnold.

BAY 82, CRESTVIEW 74

PANAMA CITY — Rayshawn Patterson scored 30 points and Ryan Norwood 13 as Bay won in overtime. Corey Brown added 13 points and 10 rebounds for the Tornadoes, 3-1. Crestview scored in the final seconds of regulation to force overtime with a 3-pointer that made it 63-63.

Norwood had seven of his points in the extra session as the Tornadoes pulled away.

Bay won the JV game 52-38 to move to 2-0.

CHIPLEY 67, JAY 33

CHIPLEY — Tyrome Sharpe had 13 points, Trent Forrest 12, Logan Justice 11 and Kobe McCrary 10 for the Tigers. Eric Trevino had 18 for Jay.

Chipley was 3-0 and played at Freeport on Tuesday.

Girls soccer

BAY 8, MARIANNA 0

MARIANNA — Jessica Harris, Sarah Judah and Mackenzie Rine all scored two goals for the Tornadoes in their District 1-2A victory. Laura Valcourt and Kaylee Pettibone also scored. Assists were by Judah, Brooke Adams, Valcourt, Emily Brueckner, Abigail Metcalfe and Pettibone.

Genevieve Smith had three saves and Christine Newton one for the shutout.

Girls weightlifting

PANAMA CITY BEACH — Arnold weightlifters placed first in seven of 10 weight classes to roll to a tri-meet victory over county rivals Bay and Bozeman. The Marlins finished with 43 points, and Bay and Bozeman each had 24.

Team scores: Arnold 43, Bay 24, Bozeman 24

101: A. Wilson (A) 115-105—220.

110: S. Purple (Bay) 100-100—200, O. Breeze (A) 95-80—175, R. Mays (Bay) 65-65—130.

119: B. Hamilton (Bay) 105-90—195, K. Helms (A) 95-100—195.

129: P. Ledman (A) 115-105—220, R. Johnston (Bo) 85-110—195, M. Galbreath (Bo) 90-85—175, P. Newell (Bay) 75-85-160.

139: I. McDonald (A) 105-100—205, J. Sweeting (Bay) 100-90—190, L. Estes (Bo) 90-90—180.

154: S. Fenlon (Bo) 90-100—190.

169: M. Plyler (A) 115-100—215, M. Watson (Bay) 95-115—210, R. Torres-Brown (A) 100-105—205, T. Williams (Bay) 65-65—130.

183: Ramsey (A) 135-145—280, J. Bryant (Bay) 95-85—180, B. Garcia (Bay) 85-80—165.

199: K. Waring (A) 120-120—240, K. Richardson (Bo) 100-95—195, K. Kaiser (Bo) 95-85—180.

Unl: Sankey (A) 145-140—285, S. Roberts (Bay) 115-140—255, L. Cobb (Bo) 100-95—195, K. Williams (Bay) 95-95—190.

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Local author publishes new novel

Special to the News

MARIANNA — The young adult book, "Cross-Ties" by Carolyn M. Bowen, a native of North West Florida and a respected travel writer at www.road-tripsrus.net, is now crisscrossing the nation.

The author's passion for travel and adventure shows itself in this new historical romance that is packed with adventures across three continents. It is the perfect gift this season for both young and older adults. The book may be purchased at your favorite online bookstores.

"Cross-Ties" is the coming of age for a young woman seeking true love and purpose in life, according to a news release. "Sailing the seas of the Caribbean on her own for the first time is Leah, a beautiful young woman who seized the opportunity to be more independent. It is not long before her voyage becomes a perilous nightmare, as her ship is boarded by pirates. It is the beginning of a journey for a woman who loves like there is no tomorrow and lives without boundaries," the release states.

The author attributes her writing to the encouragement and support of her high school English teacher. The late Thelma Wells Coggin of Washington County submitted a short story of the author's, which was published. This has encouraged the author to write from that day forward.

HOLMES COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

PHOTOS SPECIAL TO TIMES-ADVERTISER

Top: Debbie Kolmetz was sworn in as Holmes County School Board District 2 member on Nov. 20. Kolmetz defeated Wilburn Baker in the General Election to win the seat.

Bottom: Holmes County Superintendent of Schools Eddie Dixon is sworn in on Nov. 20. Dixon defeated Terry Mears in the November General Election to win the position.



District 4 School Board Member Shirley Owens was sworn in to her position. She defeated Shay McCormick in the Primary Election.

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Bethlehem School first PTO forms

By Christine LiCausi
P.T.O. Secretary

BETHLEHEM — The first meeting of the Bethlehem School Parent Teacher Organization was held on Sept. 20, with Principal Zeb Brown presiding, and parent organizer Tamra Kriser assisting.

Many new ideas were discussed for events, programs and committees that could be set up by the group to help unite the school and the parents at home and enrich the lives of the students attending Bethlehem School.

At the second meeting held on Oct. 9, the following executive board members were elected to head the organization: President Tamra Kriser; Vice President Cheryl Powell; Secretary Christine LiCausi; Treasurer Gynell Pettis-Hunter.

On Nov. 8, the board met to establish the by-laws that they will follow to guide the organization. Ideas for a Bethlehem PTO Newsletter were discussed, which can be sent home with the students to notify the parents about events scheduled, and accomplishments of the organization.

Bethlehem School Parent Power Committees were also established, and parents in attendance volunteered to chair and co-chair the groups. These committees will help bring parents and teachers together to focus on particular needs of the school and the students. The chairpersons will be responsible for organizing fundraisers and communication between the parents and the school regarding the needs and plans for each committee. A webpage is being set up for the PTO as well and will be linked to the Holmes District School Board website (www.hdsb.org). A Facebook page has already been created for the PTO, and can be found under "Bethlehem PTO."

At the Nov. 13 meeting, the PTO announced the school will host a Christmas Ball for the elementary students on Dec. 13. In January, there will be a PTO Car Show Fundraiser at the school. There will be an official judging of cars, food, games and door prizes. Once this is scheduled, the date will be announced prior to the show.

PTO meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. All parents and family members who have children attending Bethlehem School are invited to attend. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 11.

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Cottondale Christmas Parade

COTTONDALE — Cottondale is happy to announce its Christmas Parade is scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday. There is no entrance fee or limit to the number of entries. For more information, contact City Hall at 352-4361 or email tbrannencoc@embarqmail.com.

Two-Toed Tom Yard Sale

ESTO — The Two-Toed Tom festival will be having a Christmas garage sale on Saturday at John Clark Park. The sale will begin at 7 a.m. There will also be a bake sale. Spots are going fast, so call Darlene at 263-3201 to get yours. Spots are \$10 for inside and \$5 for outside.

Council on Aging Christmas Dinner

WASHINGTON COUNTY — The annual Christmas dinner for the Washington County Council on Aging for seniors 60 or older will be Dec. 11, at the Ag. Center on Highway 90 in Chipley. The time will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be free food, entertainment and door prizes. Call the Council on Aging for reservations and transportation at 638-6216 or 638-6217.

Santa to visit Ponce de Leon

PONCE DE LEON — Santa is Coming to Ponce de Leon. Bring your child to see Santa Claus on Dec. 15 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Ponce de Leon Town Hall. Each child will receive a candy bag and a present. Cameras are welcome. Toys have been donated by Dollar General. For information, call the Town Hall at 836-4361.

Turkey Shoot slated

GRITNEY — The Gritney Volunteer Fire Department will be holding a Turkey Shoot at 10 a.m. on Dec. 15. Shots will be \$3 and you will have a chance to win a turkey or a ham. There will also be a raffle for gift certificates. The Fire Department is at 2141 Tobe Retherford Road in Bonifay.

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Chipley Christmas parade kick-starts holiday festivities

PHOTOS BY CATHRINE LAMB

The holiday spirit made its way down Highway 77 Saturday as the annual Chipley Christmas parade kicked off the month's festivities. Hundreds turned out for the event, which featured dozens of floats and vehicles. This Saturday, Wausau, Vernon, Cottondale and Bonifay each have its town's Christmas parade slated, and Santa is visiting the Ponce de Leon Town Hall on Dec. 15.



SPECIAL TO EXTRA

Boy Scout Troop 39 of Chipley recently held a Court of Honor to recognize and award advancements in rank.



Boy Scout Troop 39 holds Court of Honor

Special to Extra

CHIPLEY — Boy Scout Troop 39 of Chipley recently held a Court of Honor to recognize and award advancements in rank.

Each Scout was

presented with the merit badges earned over the past few months and from summer camp. This year, the troop attended camp at the Woodruff Scout Reservation, north of Atlanta.

Among the activities

they were able to enjoy were whitewater rafting, motor boating and climbing. Adult leaders Brett and Zack Butler received training and have been certified as BSA lifeguards and in CPR/AED for professional

rescuers. The following Scouts have been promoted in rank: Life Scout — Nickolas Butler, Austin Wyatt, and Chris Robinson; Star Scout — Levi McDaniel, and Chase Whitaker; First Class Scout — Max Collins.

Births & BIRTHDAYS



Heuvelinks welcome baby girl

Chad and Janet (Cline) Heuvelink, formerly of Chipley, and now residing in Ardmore, Okla., are proud parents of a baby daughter, Amy Louise. Amy was born on Thursday morning, Sept. 27, 2012, at 8:12 a.m. She weighed 9 pounds and was 21 inches long.

Amy was welcomed home by her big brother, Jacob, and her big sister, Lila. Amy's grandmother and grandfather Cline and Aunt Jessica were visiting the family for the arrival of Amy Louise.

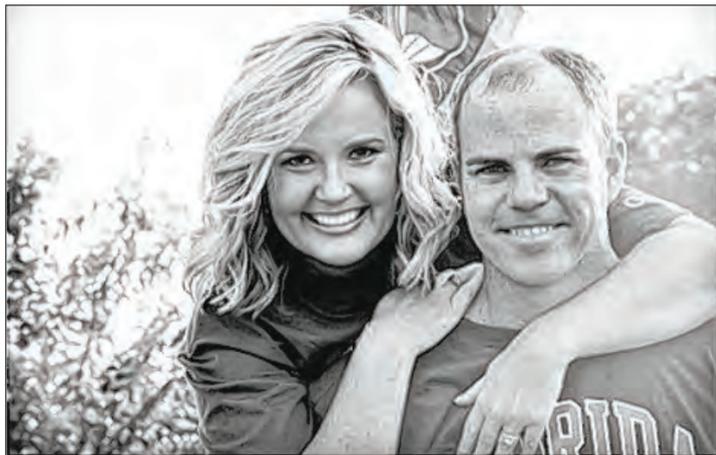
Wedding

Dady, Stafford to wed

Ronald and Janice Dady of Westville are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Maranda Marie Dady, to Casey Michael Stafford, son of Mike and Elaine Stafford of Ponce de Leon.

Miss Dady attended Bethlehem High School before graduating from Troy University in Dothan, Ala., with a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education. She has taught for four years.

Mr. Stafford attended Ponce de Leon High School before graduating from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering. Mr. Stafford also received his Master's of Business Administration from the University of West Florida. He is employed as an electrical engineer



at Echo Power Engineering in Nashville, Tenn.

Maranda and Casey will marry on Saturday, Dec. 8, at four o'clock

at Southside Baptist Church in Dothan, Ala. The reception will be held at the Botanical Gardens in Dothan, Ala.

Congratulations

KENT GRADUATES BASIC MILITARY TRAINING

Air Force Airman Clayton D. Kent graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

He completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Kent is the son of Shana Kent of Chipley and Curtis Kent of Alford. He is a 2008 graduate of Chipley High School.

Local named president of Florida Health Science Library Association

Special to Extra

CHIPLEY — Martin Wood recently was named president of the Florida Health Science Library Association in Tallahassee.

Wood is a 1997 graduate of Chipley High School.

Martin is the assistant director of the Charlotte Edwards Medical Library.

FHSLA was founded in 1961 to foster the development of medical libraries in Florida in accordance with professional standards, to inspire and educate medical library personnel and to implement the exchange of library materials and services.

Wood earned his Master of Library and information studies



MARTIN WOOD

degree from the Florida State University College of Information. Before being promoted to assistant director at Charlotte Edwards, he served as the head of e-resources and technical services for the medical library.

It is the second time a staff member from the FSU College of Medicine has been selected to serve as president of the FHSLA.



Miller celebrates 92nd birthday

On Nov. 18, Annie Myrtle Miller celebrated her 92nd birthday at Grandview Assisted Living. Her children hosted a party in her honor with many family members and friends present to celebrate the occasion.



Engram celebrates 96th birthday

On Nov. 18, Elaine Engram was honored on her 96th birthday with a party at Grandview Assisted Living. Many family members and friends were present to celebrate the occasion.

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POPLAR SPRINGS SCHOOL FIRST NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL

A HONOR ROLL

Kindergarten: Rosalynn Barrentine, Quinton Croft, Lauren Evans, Jack Hampton-Lower, Cheston Johns, Colby Mitchell, Dakota Owens and Leah Pettis

First grade: Noah Abbott, Eva Brantley, Cole Cameron, Kylie Carter, Gabriel Cushing, Gabriel Davis, Declyn Griffin, Raegan Hayes, Makalynn Leonard, Olivia Mathis, Ceiana Mayo, Maggie McPhail, Alyssa Middlebrooks, Bailey Middlebrooks, Paden Miller, Tristan Morua, Todd Neighoff, Keelan Pelham, Emma Peters, Ashlee Smith, Rhet Tate, Amber Tharp, Radlynn Ussery, Kamden Williams and Aiden Young

Second grade: Mary Ann Carter, Maison Ealum, Rylan Horton, Caden Middlebrooks, Noah Mitchell, Harley Owens, Jayla Ryals, Kaleb Salinas, Elena Shiver, Jacob Shiver, Eriyn Smith, Erica Snell, Cameron Taylor and Collin Woods

Third grade: Kayleigh Bass, Teela Clark, Emily Ernst, Emma Holley, Chloe King, Bayley Nelson, Olivia Peters, Makinlee Skipper, Aubrey Smith, Bailey Smith, Jocelyn Waddell and Olivia Waddell

Fourth grade: Beverly Earnest, Mahlon Earnest, Natalie Holton, Colby Joiner, Flanna Middlebrooks, Gracie Mitchell, Owen Smith, Dayna Snell and Jess Taylor

Fifth grade: Lydia Dixon, Emily Gilmore and Brayden Smith

Sixth grade: Mallory Bell, Hannah Collins, Madison Ealum, Joseph Earnest and Rauston Tate

Seventh grade: Leanna Bell

Eighth grade: Kellie Coatney, Levi Collins and John Watford

Ninth grade: Cheyenne Mayo, Kasondra Messer, Ainsley Novonglosky, Lacey Shehee, Mackenzie Smith, Samantha Snell and Kavner Williams

10th grade: Shelby Battles, Chelsea Corbitt, Camerin Dixon, Joley Dixon, Jenna Singletary, Bethany Strickland, Avery Taylor and Deanna Wells

11th grade: Kimball Bass, Corey Holman, Savannah Ryken and Brianna Tew

12th grade: Jennifer Walker

A/B HONOR ROLL

Kindergarten: Jacob Blackmon, Kate Bush, Alexander Green, Cali Harris, Kylie Holton, Andrew Leonard, Isabel Neighoff, Bridges Picklesimer, Steven Pinnella and Anthony Shiver

First grade: Katherine Battles, Aislynn



SPECIAL TO EXTRA

Members of the Poplar Springs Middle School FFA who went to the state competition include, from left, FFA advisor Lowell Hudson, Levi Collins, Kade Singletary, John David Watford, Kellie Coatney and Railey Tate.

Poplar Springs Middle School FFA goes to state

Special to Extra

The Poplar Springs Middle School students won several ribbons at the district forestry competition and are going to the state competition. High school student Easton Hinson placed third in the district in forestry equipment identification. The district is from Chipley to Pensacola, and from Panama City to Alabama. At the state competition, the middle school won third place in timber cruising.

Boone, James Gilmore, Joshua Green, Gracen Holley, Tyler Johnson, Jody Peters, Lillie Smith and Kari Tharp

Second grade: Mara Anderson, Joel Bass, Jaycee Blanton, Joni Ealum, Gatlin Hall, Lilian Kobulus, Lance Leonard and Luci Rafter

Third grade: Summer Boutwell, Shane James, Ethan Osborn, Jaycie Ryals and Elijah Taylor

Fourth grade: Trevor Bush, George Clark, Michael Duffell, Thomas Duffell, Joseph Ealum, Zaimes Hall, Caitlyn Holman, John Johnson, Jackson Kirkland, Jacob Lawer, Leyla McIntosh, William McNeil, Connor Tate and William Wade

Fifth grade: Evelyn Carter, Anthony Evans, Jasmine Groover, Jayci Haygood, Lola Hendrix, Logan Leonard, Hailey Miller, Iris Mills-Sherman, David Pearson, Wesley Viers and Mekenzie Vinson

Sixth grade: Jacob Clark, Madison

Evans, Mason Johnson, Reagan Joiner, Jayden Merritt, Jackson Middlebrooks, Cassidy Simpson and Zachary Smith

Seventh grade: Brittany Cade, Joel Ealum, Alexis Hall, Delanie Harlow, Cameron King, Avary Potts, Robin Tate and Kassyn Williams

Eighth grade: Aubrey Perry, Kade Singletary and Railey Tate

Ninth grade: Alexus Creamer, Jacob Ealum, Easton Hinson, Brooke McIntosh, Ridge Tate and Veronica Vickers

10th grade: Elizabeth Hall, Timothy Harrington, Shanearia James, Blake Joiner, Eric Little, Angelica Messer, Taylor Osborn, Anna Smith and Erika Wilsie

11th grade: Katie Carter, Courtney Duffell, Jordan Kitts, Kelli McIntosh, Kody Pelham, Steven Vickers and Christopher Yancey

12th grade: Amber Osborn and Tanner Smith

BONIFAY MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

A HONOR ROLL

Fifth grade: Katherine Albury, Trenton Bailey, Miles Baugher, Michael Duncan, Bryce Etheridge, Jonathan Gay, Brooke Harrison, Hannah Hatcher, Cassie Pate, Michael Sims, Hayden Syfrett, Kellie Wilcox and Cameron Williams.

Sixth grade: Devyn Bush, Donnaluz Bush, Randall Bush, Megan Day, Karen Henderson, Parker Hooper, Paisley Howell, Tommie Hudson, Kamden Nelson, Chloe Reale, Bailey Rich, Caleb Sellers and Thomas Wagner.

Seventh grade: Zayla Ard, Colton Bassett, Caleb Cooley, Micala Fisanick, William Gould, Laura Hartzog, Hayley Holman, Shauni Hooper, Destiny Justice, Sierra Miles, Katelynn Mims, Jacob Murley, Austin Pauley, Jennifer Raley, Kellie Reeves, Taylor Sasnett, Samuel Shirah and Martina Steverson.

Eighth grade: Chandra Cooper, Jenna Gray, Brock Harris, Jennifer Holland, Lucy Jiang, Kendra Moses,

Falon Sims, Sarah Vickery, Whitney White, Allison Williams and Faithful Williams.

A/B HONOR ROLL

Fifth grade: Catrina Adams, Sara Akins, Khadija Anees, Michael Beall, Tristian Bess, Trijuan Blackshearr, Brian Blane, Andrew Blevins, Katy Bomann, Kristian Bourg, Zachary Brown, Kasie Burt, Caitlyn Callahan, Sonny Chesnut, Gaberiel Cloud, Hannah Connell, Logan Creel, Logan Crosby, Tyler Dunn, Lacey Edwards, Sierra Forehand, Megan Fortune, Cheyenne Glass, Cameron Hall, Triston Hawkins, Joshua Hayes, Casey Helms, Autumn Hendrix, Madison Hodge, Kenzie Kolmetz, Gage Lang, Cheyenne Lee, Jade Maynard, Taylor McCormick, Jacob Messer, Nyla Moyer, Jayda Music, Kinzie Nelson, Tristen Nored, Skylier Roberts, Wyatt Roberts, Ian Sallas, Hayden Sellers, Ethan Sly, Alexazandra Smith, Seth Smith, Isabella Steverson, Caitlyn Taunton, Timothy

Thomas, Dadrianna Watkins, Laura Whitaker, Karlee White, Anna Williams and Anna Yeargain.

Sixth grade: Megan Allen, Baylie Bagwell, Wallace Bailey, Reanna Bartlett, Hazel Bolden, Alyssa Brewer, Layne Brooks, Laney Bruner, Marlee Coates, Faith Cook, Aden Cooper, Alec Davis, Courtney Demarias, Kyle Gillespie, Zion Glass, Brennon Granberry, Shaylyn Harris, Walter Holmes, Anna Hull, Jasmine Johnson, Kaylee Jones, Kaleb Lawlor, Cody Lumpkin, Madelynn McClain, Isaiiah Paulk, Sarah Perkins, Seth Pippin, Tristan Stewart, Cassidy Taylor, Christen Taylor, Ivy Tindell, Sarah Willford and William Yancey.

Seventh grade: Jessica Bomann, Maison Brown, Davis Bush, James Carter, Marife Concepcion, Angela Dunaway, Christopher Enfinger, Megan Erickson, Nina Fuller, Kevin Gardner, Caleb Gunnels, Lyndsey Hartzog, Shawn Hull, Tristian Jessie, Kodie King, Rory Long, Paige

Lumpkin, Zachary Messer, Kendall Mitchell, Claudia Monk, Hannah Neitsch, Sierra Newton, Raymond Powell, Kelly Prikken, Matthew Raby, Kassidy Raley, Moses Ramirez-Encarnacion, Sidney Revels, Randi Sellers, Emily Shelby, Macayla Sherrouse, Sydney Shugara, Samantha Slay, Nikea Smith, Halie Steverson, Cynthia Vallejos, Perry Wells, Samuel White, Zharia White, Katie Wilcox and Dessa Williams.

Eighth grade: Daniel Berry, Brent Bowen, Ty English, Bailey Foxworth, Roy Gillespie, Brianna Harris, Robert Holmes V, Annalia Hornsby, Brittany Jones, Kaden Kolmetz, Alex Mancill, Austin Medley, Ian Messer, Jacklyn Miles, Hannah Mixon, Cameron Moore, Keegan Nelson, Justin Porter, Erica Price, Isabella Scott, Traver Simmons, Melea Smith, Victoria Steverson, Alexander Stone, McKayla Taylor, Callie Thomas, Kayla Thorn, Antwon Walker, Jacob Weeks, Madison White, Clayton Williams, Isabella Wilson and Kaleb Wilson.

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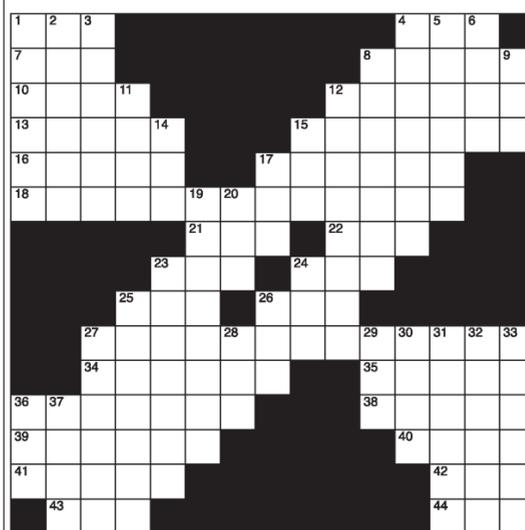
Special to Extra

CHIPLEY — On Nov. 14, the Washington County Tobacco Free Partnership partnered with the Vision Center at Wal-Mart to host a health fair. The Tobacco Free Partnership hosted a table with information on the negative effects of tobacco use and gave information on the cessation services in the area.

Classes are available at the Northwest Florida Community Hospital by calling Amy Kindig at 638-1610, ext. 8307, or BigBend AHEC by calling Brigita Nuccio at 482-6500. Interested parties also can contact the Florida QuitLine at 1-877-U-CAN-NOW (1-877-622-6669). The vision center gave free eye checks while pointing out that tobacco use can affect your vision as well. More than 200 customers and employees accessed tobacco cessation information.

For more information, call Sharron Hobbs at 638-6240, ext. 134, or Cathie Streckewald at 638-6240, ext. 162.

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CLUES ACROSS

- German rapper
- Aries sign
- Atmosphere
- Send payment for
- Digs
- Pathetically weak
- Give a thrashing to
- How a witch laughed
- Being of use or service
- Lassie's breed
- XXX Olympic site
- Tax collector
- Above average in size
- It carries genetic information
- E. central English river
- Baked pastry-lined dish
- Basics
- Manson murder book
- Actress May
- Dry white Italian wine from Verona
- Easily conversed
- Java pepper vine
- Eagle nests
- Irish mother of gods
- Belongs to St. Paul's architect
- Soak flax
- CGS work unit
- Tooth caregiver

CLUES DOWN

- Common detergent measure
- Island in Venice
- Establish by law or with authority
- Exuding a strong odor
- Walked leisurely
- A unit of length equal to 1760 yards
- Return to a useful condition
- CNN's Turner
- Young herring in Norway
- Disengagement
- The lion zodiac sign
- Mt. Washington railroad
- The brain and spinal cord (abbr.)
- Last decade of the 20th cent.
- A major division of geological time
- Causes to expand
- Ed Murrow's network
- Happening in quick succession
- They ___
- Perceiver of sound
- The last part of anything
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What holiday does a holiday tree celebrate?

By THE REV. JAMES L. SNYDER, D.LITT

I will confess right up front to a certain degree of confusion. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage will corroborate this confession. So many things confuse me; I am not sure where to begin, and once I begin, where in the world will it stop?

I have been married for over 41 years but I must confess, not to the same woman. Oh yes, it is the same woman with the same name but it is not the same woman I married 41 years ago. Where is that young woman I married?

When first married, I thought I knew everything there was to know about women and wives in particular. I do not know if it is the ensuing years but I am rather confused about this whole matter of being married. I suppose that is the mystery of romance. If you ever figure it out it loses its charm. Romance without charm is just an old man and an old woman who have lived together for 41 years.

That is just one area of confusion. I harbor no aspiration of unconfusing my level of confusion in that area. There are other areas I could work on that

might be a little more productive in this regard.

An area particularly that has me greatly confused is the Christmas season with all the Christmas decorations including the ominous Christmas tree. Oh, how I love that old Christmas tree and decorating it and celebrating the whole Christmas spirit.

What has been confusing me for the last several years is this uncertainty about the season. Some people do not want to call it the Christmas season; rather they refer to it as the holiday season. What I want to know is, what holiday are we celebrating in December?

I know the holiday we celebrate in November, and the other holidays sprinkled throughout the year.

In July, for example, nobody calls it a "holiday parade." It is the Fourth of July parade, for Pete's sake! In February, nobody calls it a "holiday banquet." It is a Valentine's banquet.

Just so everybody knows, nobody will catch me singing a "holiday carol."

I suppose with all the holidays in this country throughout the year it would be simpler just to

call everything a "holiday." That would simplify things and help those who cannot keep up with the calendar. I am all for that.

It seems the only squabbling that goes on is during the month of December. Actually, the squabbling begins before our turkey dinner has finished digesting. Maybe some people get too much turkey in their system and it clouds their thinking. All they have to do is squabble about something and so the only thing in front of them is the Christmas season. I get that.

What I do not get is the level of anger directed in this direction. It would seem that the Christmas season offers a huge threat to our society. We cannot call our Christmas tree a Christmas tree; it has to be called a holiday tree. Everybody knows, the word "Christmas tree" is some kind of code inviting disaster on our society. I have never heard anybody define or describe what that disaster would look like.

What amazes me is simply that this is a huge issue in some people's minds. Nothing is more dangerous to society than this.

The word "Christmas" carries with it more danger to our society

than the ominous financial cliff we are facing, the threat of terrorism in our own country and Lindsay Lohan at 4 a.m.

What is more confusing to me is that these people who are trying to protect our society from anything religious wants to substitute the word "Christmas" for the word "holiday." It just shows the level of education in our country has not kept up with the times.

I know it has been a long time since I have been in school, but I do know that certain words have certain definitions. Do the people who object to anything religious understand that the word holiday comes from the phrase "holy day?"

I am not a PhD but I do know that the phrase "holy day" has religious roots.

So, I am really confused along this line. On the one hand, we are not to use the word "Christmas" because of its religious connotations. At the same time, we are supposed to use the word "holiday" which in every dictionary in the land means "holy day."

I could be corrected along this line, but in my thinking the

phrase, "holy day" has some very distinct religious roots. When I hear somebody complaining along this line, and they do it so vehemently, I have a question as to their sanity. It does not make sense to me.

Christmas is a holy day but we are not allowed to think of it as a holy day just use the term "holiday." Now I am really confused. Is it a holiday or a holy day? Is it sacred or is it secular? What holiday does a holiday tree really celebrate?

I like what the apostle Paul wrote, "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath days" (Colossians 2:16 KJV).

I will not allow any man's objections affect my celebration of the Christmas season. To quote from a great secular classic, "God bless us, everyone."

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Faith EVENTS

East Pittman Baptist Church Revival

EAST PITTMAN — East Pittman Baptist Church will be holding a revival until Dec. 7. Services at 7 p.m. tonight, Thursday and Friday. The church is located on Highway 179, ¼ mile North of Highway

2. Everyone is invited to come and get a blessing from the lord. For more information call 548-9190.

First Free Will Baptist Christmas Cantata

First Free Will Baptist Chipley will be presenting their Christmas Cantata,

Peace, Hope, and Joy, at 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 7 and Sunday morning at 10:45 a.m. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate Jesus' birth. For more information, please call the church office at 638-0598, from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday to Fridays.

Jesus First Jesus Always Ministry

BONIFAY — Jesus First Jesus Always Ministry will be joyfully celebrating the Redeemer's Birthday from 5 to 7 p.m., Dec. 8. There will be praise and worship followed by a meal. Everyone will be given the opportunity to register to participate in

a Christ-Centered 12 step process. The ministry is located at Ben's Place Animal Rescue on Sam Ard Road in Bonifay. For more information call 263-7693.

St. Mary AME Church Missionary Program

CARYVILLE — The St. Mary AME Church in Caryville will be celebrating their Missionary Program at 3 p.m., Dec. 9. The guest speaker will be Elder Chester Davis, Pastor of Philadelphia Baptist Church in Port St. Joe. For more information contact Sister Thynorl Yates at 584-1209 or Sister Vickie Broxton at 373-7112.

Smith Chapel Assembly of God Revival

BONIFAY — The Smith Chapel Assembly of God will be holding a Revival with Brother Dennis Tanton and the Vessels of Clay on Dec. 9 to 14. Services will begin at 7 p.m. each night. Pastor James Carnley and the congregation at Smith Chapel would like to invite everyone to attend. The church is located at 2549 Smith Chapel Road in Bonifay.

Live Oak Assembly of God Winter Wonderland

BONIFAY — Live Oak Assembly of God will be

having their third Annual Winter Wonderland at 5:30 p.m., on Dec. 14. The public is invited to attend. There will be kids carnival games, a chili supper and a gospel sing. There will be fun for the whole family.

'Perfect Fit' presented

BONIFAY — The First Freewill Baptist Church of Bonifay would like to invite everyone to this years Christmas Play "Perfect Fit", on Dec. 16. The program will begin at 7 p.m. Refreshments will follow the program. The church is located on the corner of Oklahoma and Kansas in Bonifay.

Banish Fear and Anger From Your Life

Fear and anger are natural human emotions and it is perfectly appropriate to feel them in the appropriate circumstances. These emotions, which are closely allied with our bodies' "fight or flight" reactions, are natural mechanisms for self-preservation. It is clearly a good thing to feel fear when in the presence of real danger or anger. Fear and anger are a bit like warning bells or alarms, telling us that we need to fight or flee, but sometimes the alarm is going off and there's no real danger. Some politicians and certain media outlets are good at stoking fear and anger, and seem bent on keeping us in a perpetual state of fear and anger. If a tornado is heading your way, it's probably appropriate to be fearful (and to get in the basement), but should we really be angry or fearful about national or international politics? We should not be passively resigned in the face of politics. People should be informed and get involved in local, state and national politics, but we need not get overly disturbed about it. The real problem with all of the fear and anger generated these days is how unproductive and debilitating it is. It keeps the talking heads happy, but it leaves the rest of us fearful, angry, and powerless to do much about it. So, perhaps we should keep our heads calm and unruffled, and save the fear and anger for when we really need it.

He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.

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MARIANNA — Covenant Hospice invites you to join its annual "Tree of Lights: A Celebration of Life" at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Evangel Worship Center, 2645 Pebble Hill Road in Marianna. The ceremony will feature speaker's reflections, recitation of loved ones' names, holiday music, refreshments and fellowship.

Nancy Springer Book Signing

CHIPLEY — The public is invited to attend a book signing for celebrated local author Nancy Springer on Wednesday at noon at the Holmes County Public Library annex. "Dark Lie" is her new psychological thriller — a fast paced, gripping, chilling, edge of your seat suspense novel. Nancy Springer has written more than 50 novels for adults, young adults and children in genres including mythic fantasy, contemporary fiction, magical realism, horror and mystery. All proceeds from this event will benefit the Holmes County Public Library. Refreshments will be served.

City of Bonifay Christmas Parade

BONIFAY — The annual City of Bonifay Christmas Parade and Celebration in the park will be held on Saturday. The parade of lights will begin at 6 p.m. and will proceed to Veteran's Memorial Park. After the parade, please join us at Veteran's Memorial Park for a visit with Santa and Bonifay Fire-Rescue's hot dogs and hot chocolate. Ultimate Production Company will provide musical entertainment while you enjoy fellowship around the bonfire surrounded by a park

full of Christmas Lights. There is no registration necessary for the parade and lineup will be at 5:30 p.m. at Bonifay Elementary School.

Cottondale Christmas Parade

COTTONDALE — Cottondale is happy to announce its Christmas Parade is scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday. There is no entrance fee or limit to the number of entries. For more information, contact City Hall at 352-4361 or email tbrannencoc@embarqmail.com.

Wausau Christmas parade

WAUSAU — The annual Wausau Christmas Parade will be at 10 a.m. Saturday. Anyone wishing to be in the parade should contact the Town Hall at 638-1781. Santa will be at the Possum Palace after the parade to meet with the kids.

'The Importance of Being Earnest'

BONIFAY — The Holmes County High School Theater Department will present "The Importance of Being Earnest" on Thursday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday at the HCHS Auditorium at 7 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. This masterpiece, written by Oscar Wilde, is probably the most famous of all comedies. It revolves wittily around the most ingenious case of "manufactured" mistaken identity ever put into a play. The cast and crew include assistant director, Saylor Lake; stage manager, Cassie Bell; Carlton Hedman (John/Jack/Ernest Worthing, J.P.); Kole Forehand (Algernon Moncrieff); Sam Wells (Rev. Canon Chasuble/D.D.); Thomas Parish (Lane); Adam Faulkner (Merriman); Haliegh

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The Importance of Being Earnest is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French Inc.

Two-Toed Tom Yard Sale

ESTO — The Two-Toed Tom festival will be having a Christmas garage sale Saturday at John Clark Park. The sale will begin at 7 a.m. There will also be a bake sale. Spots are going fast so call Darlene at 263-3201 to get yours. Spots are \$10 for inside and \$5 for outside.

Council on Aging Christmas Dinner

WASHINGTON COUNTY — The annual Christmas dinner for the Washington County Council on Aging for seniors 60 or older will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 11 at the Ag. Center on Highway 90 Chipley. There will be free food, entertainment and door prizes. Please call the Council On Aging for reservations and transportation at 638-6216 or 638-6217.

CHS Jouniorettes Helping Victims of Hurricane Sandy

CHIPLEY — The Chipley High School Jouniorettes will be collecting items need for the victims of Hurricane Sandy. They are in need water, blankets, socks, gloves, clothing, canned goods, diapers and so much more. These items will be collected at Chipley High School until Dec. 15. For more information, email Dawn Gentry at dawn_gentry@washington.k12.fl.us or call 638-6100 ext. 526, you may also call Carolyn Saunders at 638-4640.

Obituaries

Charles T. Gainey

Charles Thomas Gainey, 63, of Chipley passed away Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2012 at his residence. Tom was born Oct. 18, 1949, in Washington County to Tillman Warren Gainey and Dorothy Joe Sansing. He worked as an Air traffic controller for the United States Army. During his military service Tom was awarded the Army service ribbon, national defense service medal with one bronze service star, overseas service ribbon, Army achievement medal, Army commendation medal, Army retired lapel button, Army good conduct medal, and the expert badge (rifle).

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Linda Herring and Gail Gainey.

He is survived by two sons, Johnny Gainey (Andrea) of Chipley, and Shawn Gainey (Lessa) also of Chipley; sister, Elizabeth "Libby" Jean Haverly of Cleburne, Texas, and four grandchildren, Warren, Brayden, Lane, and Cheyenne Gainey all of Chipley.

A memorial service with military honors was held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 3, 2012, at Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church with the Rev. Tim Owen officiating. Obert Funeral Home of Chipley in charge of arrangements.

John M. Holland



JOHN M. HOLLAND

The Rev. John Marcus Holland, age 88, passed away Nov. 22, 2012, at Doctors Memorial Hospital in Bonifay. He was born Nov. 23, 1923, in Florala, Ala., to the late John Henry Holland and Mary King Holland.

In addition to his parents, the Rev. Holland was preceded in death by his wife, Annie Ruth Holland; one brother and six sisters.

The Rev. Holland is survived by three sons, Ted Holland and wife, Hilda of Indian Land, S.C., Roy Holland and Murlene of Brantley, Ala., and Paul

Holland and wife, Linda of Milton; one daughter, Joyce Champion of Raleigh, N.C.; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Saturday Nov. 24, 2012, at Peel Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. John Pettis officiating. Interment followed in the Cedar Grove Methodist Church Cemetery with Peel Funeral Home directing. Family received friends from 10 to 11 a.m., at Peel Funeral Home Chapel.

Thelma L. Harcus

Mrs. Thelma Louise Harcus, age 82, of Vernon, passed away Nov. 25, 2012, at Doctors Memorial Hospital in Bonifay. She was born Oct. 2, 1930, in Samson, Ala., to the late Artemis and Lenora Stafford Thames.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Harcus was preceded in death by her husband, Mitchell Harcus, and four brothers, Thaniel Thames, Daniel Thames, Ray Thames and Donnie Thames.

Mrs. Harcus is survived by two sons, Mitchell Eddie Harcus of Bonifay, and Cecil Gene Hand of Wausau; three daughters, Glenda Pettus of Chipley, Janice French of Bonifay, and Margaret Houpt and husband Ron

of Vernon; two brothers, Robert Thames of Ponce de Leon, and Ronnie Thames of DeFuniak Springs; three sisters, Mavis Palmer of Caryville, Faye Henderson of Ponce de Leon, and Beatrice Curry of Ponce de Leon; 12 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2012, at Peel Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Herman Sellers officiating. Interment followed in the Gully Springs Baptist Church Cemetery with Peel Funeral Home directing. Family received friends Monday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Peel Funeral Home.

William S. Cruz Sr.

William S. Cruz, Sr., age 80 of Vernon, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2012 in the Southeast Alabama Medical Center. Mr. Cruz was born Dec. 13, 1931, in Key West, to the late Robert Edison Sr. and Edna Mae (Higgs) Cruz. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and former area supervisor for Florida Keys Electrical Co-op. Mr. Cruz had been a resident of Vernon since 1989 coming from Plantation Key. He was a member of the USS Iowa Association, the American Legion in Bonifay, the AARP and was of Methodist faith.

In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by his wife, Norma J. Cruz; a daughter, Sherry Pittman and sister, Patricia Judd.

Survivors include one son, William Cruz Jr. of Hinson Cross Roads; one daughter, Crystal

Forehand and husband, Billy Jr. of Hinson Cross Roads; one brother, Edison Cruz Jr. of Tenn.; five grandchildren, Toby Forehand, Joey Cruz, Jennifer Greene, Laura Simmons and Randi Pittman; 11 great grandchildren and one great great grandson.

The family received friends Friday, Nov. 30, 2012, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Brown Funeral Home, Brickyard Road Chapel in Chipley. Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012, at 11a.m., at Brown Funeral Home Brickyard Road Chapel with the Rev. Allen English and the Rev. Tim Hall officiating. Interment followed at Caryville City Cemetery with military honors at graveside. Friends and family may sign the online register at www.brownfh.net.

Joseph F. Howell

Mr. Joseph Fletcher "Joe" Howell of Curry Ferry Road, Bonifay, passed away suddenly Thursday, Nov. 22, 2012. He was 34. Joe was born Jan. 31, 1978, in Geneva, Ala., and was a 1996 graduate of Bethlehem High School. He was a very loving son, brother and uncle. Joe had a big heart and he was an avid Florida Gator fan. His favorite saying was "Go Gators."

His grandparents, Comer and Jean Curry Sanders, as well as two special cousins, Connie Leavins and Lee Still all preceded him in death.

Survivors include his mother, Marlene Sanders Howell, Bonifay; one son, Seth Webb; one sister, Renay Gilmore (Greg), Westville; two brothers, Bo Harris (Dana), Bonifay, and Luq Sanders

(Rhea), Colorado Springs, Co.; girlfriend, Gail Thibodeaux, Sulphur, La.; nieces and nephews, Ciera and Morgan Gilmore, Kayla Harris, and Kolten and Kaden Sanders, and other extended family and friends.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Monday, Nov. 26, in the chapel of Sorrells Funeral Home in Geneva with Dr. Wesley Adams officiating. Burial followed in the Bo and Joe Family Cemetery on Curry Ferry Road in Holmes County with Sorrells Funeral Home of Geneva directing. The family received friends at the funeral home Sunday, Nov. 25, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Sorrells Funeral Home of Geneva, 334-684-9999, is in charge of arrangements. Express your condolences in our guest book at www.sorrellsfuneralhomes.com.

Catherine C. Raetzel

Mrs. Catherine "Cathy" Charmene Raetzel, age 53, of Westville, passed away Nov. 23, 2012, at her home. She was born June 12, 1959, in Nashville, Tenn., to the late Robert Howard Nipper and Mary Alice Thompson Nipper.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Raetzel was preceded in death by two sisters, Bobbie Nipper Harrison and Lisa Faye Nipper, and one brother-in-law, Mark Raetzel.

Mrs. Raetzel is survived by her husband, Kevin William Raetzel of Westville; one son, Skylar Raetzel of Westville; two daughters, Kristin Kirk of Bonifay, Rachel Bransford of Westville; seven grandchildren, Courtney, Jayahna, Anthony, Clayton, Elijah, Gavin and C.J.; two sisters, Lelia Gaye Nipper of Murfreesboro, Tenn.,

and Delinda Nipper of Antioch, Tenn.; father- and mother-in-law, George and Dorothy West of Westville; four brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Ronnie and Amy West of Nashville, Tenn., Tommy and Melissa West of Westville, Charles and Kimberly West of Westville, and Mike and Gayle Raetzel of Nashville, Tenn.; several nieces and nephews, and best friend, Barbara Ann Sasnett of Westville.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Monday, Nov. 26, 2012, at Peel Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Henry Moore and Speaker Brenton Stafford officiating. Interment followed in the Westville Community Cemetery with Peel Funeral Home directing. Family received friends Monday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Peel Funeral Home.

Orene T. Turnage

Mrs. Orene Tharpe Turnage, age 94, of Dry Prong, La., passed away Nov. 26, 2012. She was born Dec. 30, 1917, in Vernon, to the late James Henry Tharpe and Josie Rebecca Russ Tharpe. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Turnage was preceded in death by

a son, Michael Turnage; a daughter, Carrol Turnage, and two brothers, Howard Tharpe and Hilton Tharpe.

Mrs. Turnage is survived by her husband, Milton Turnage of Dry Prong, La.; a daughter, Sandra Kay Zelinshi of Tioga, La.; two sisters,

Ruby Davidson of Vernon, and Lottie Brown of Tullahoma, Tenn., and several grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012 at New Hope Methodist Church Cemetery with Peel Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Cludie Faulk, 94 of Westville, formerly of Bonifay, died on Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2012, at Doctors Memorial Hospital in Bonifay.

Surviving are daughters, Jacqueline Coeey and husband, Larry, of Westville, Carolyn Murdock and husband, Tom, of Pensacola, Marilyn Braxton and husband, Ben, of Bradenton, and Deborah

Cludie Faulk

Ann Taylor and husband, Kenny, of Plant City; brothers, Ira Wilkerson, Jr. of Jacksonville, Chester Wilkerson of Paxton, Robert Wilkerson of Paxton, and Jerome Wilkerson of Paxton; 11 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at 2 p.m., on Thursday, Nov. 29, 2012, in

the Sims Funeral Home Chapel with the Elder Glen George officiating. Interment followed in Bonifay Cemetery, Bonifay, with Sims Funeral Home directing. The family received friends from 1 to 2 p.m., on Thursday, Nov. 29, 2012, at Sims Funeral Home Chapel.

Jeanne B. Lynch

Jeanne Barrington Lynch, 86, of Bonifay, died Nov. 21, 2012.

Memorial services were held Nov. 24, 2012, in the Sims Funeral

Home Chapel. Cremation followed with Sims Funeral Home directing.

James E. Cullifer

Mr. James Edward "Eddie" Cullifer, age 63, of Westville, passed away Nov. 22, 2012, at his home. He was born June 30, 1949, in Bonifay. Mr. Cullifer served in the United States Army, was a Vietnam Veteran and received a Purple Heart.

Mr. Cullifer was

preceded in death by his father, James Junior "Boy" Cullifer and a niece, Amanda Conner.

Mr. Cullifer is survived by a son, Jameson Cullifer of Bonifay; his mother, Clara Lee Cullifer of Westville; a brother, Tim Cullifer and wife, Sheryl, of Dothan, Ala., and a sister,

Ann Conner and husband, Wayne, of Westville.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 25, 2012, at Camp Ground Church Cemetery with Peel Funeral Home directing. Family received friends from 5 to 7 p.m., Saturday at Peel Funeral Home.

Community CALENDAR

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

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

6 p.m.: Writers Group meets the first Monday each month (unless a holiday) at 6:00 at the Chipley library.

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

Noon: Chipley Kiwanis Club meeting.

Noon: Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, New Life Assembly Fellowship Hall, Chipley.

5 p.m.: BINGO at St. Joseph Catholic Church games start at 6:25 p.m. Call Peg Russ at 638-451

6 p.m.: Holmes County Commission meets second Tuesdays.

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

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

7 p.m.: Depression and Bipolar Support Group meets at First Baptist Church educational annex building in Bonifay. Call 547-4397.



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BONIFAY — My name is Paul Music. I was born and raised just two miles from Veterans' Memorial Park. I am blessed to have great parents, Phillip and Janice Music, a loving wife, Angela, and four wonderful children, Matthew, Cassidy, Daniel and Zackary.

I enlisted in the Army National Guard in Bonifay on my 18th birthday. I didn't join for the benefits; I joined to help Americans in need. I get that from my father. I always admired the soldiers who assisted the citizens during times of need such as hurricanes and floods. I was called to active duty on Dec. 26, 2002. My unit, Charlie Company 3rd 124 INF, was sent to Kuwait for the invasion of Iraq. Again in 2010 we were activated for another tour of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

And that brings me to

today. When I was asked to speak at Veterans Park on Veterans Day, I was honored. Veterans Day is set aside to remember every man and woman who has taken up arms to defend our country.

On Veterans Day, we gave honor to every soldier, sailor, airman, Marine and Coast Guardsman who gave some of the best years of their lives to the service of the United States and stood ready to give life itself on our behalf.

When we observed Veterans Day, we were thinking of our veterans of past wars and conflicts — World War II, The Korean War, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, The Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan.

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On Veterans Day, we are thinking of tomorrow's veterans that are in combat in Afghanistan this hour. They are making us proud.

We are also thinking of the men and women who did not live to be called veterans. Our whole nation honors every patriot who placed duty and honor before their own lives. They gave us every day that we live in freedom. I would like to also

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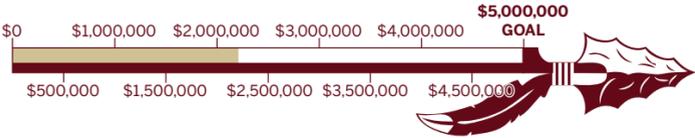


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