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## IN BRIEF

### Health Clinic open Saturday

**BONIFAY** — The Holmes County Community Health Clinic, at 203 W. Iowa St., will be open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 5.

### Weight Loss Challenge planned

**CHIPLEY** — Talk O' The Town Nutrition is sponsoring a Weight Loss Challenge beginning Thursday, Jan. 3.

The eight-week course will include a coach, meal plan, group support and tips on nutrition and long-term health.

Cost is \$35, with the fees being divided among the four contestants who lose the most weight.

For details, call 638-8943 or 832-4953.

### Benefit luncheon

**GRACEVILLE** — A benefit lunch for Deputy Matt Kersey and his family will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 6 at the Circle Grill.

Matt suffered complications after open heart surgery and has been transferred to UAB in Birmingham, Ala.

Lunch will be fried steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll and tea. Tickets are \$7. For more information, call the Circle Grill at 263-3292 or the Holmes County Sheriff's Office at 547-4421.

### Council on Aging Fish Fry

**BONIFAY** — The Holmes County Council will have a Fish Fry fundraiser Jan. 18. Plates will include fish, coleslaw, baked beans, hushpuppies and cake. Call Rachel Locke at 547-9289 or Carol Ricks at 526-3577.

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## 2012 IN REVIEW

# Calhoun sentencing year's top story

## Vortex Springs fatality, septic tank bill also on list

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**BONIFAY** — Judge Christopher Patterson delivered the final sentencing to Johnny Mac Sketo Calhoun on May 11.

On April 4, a jury had convicted him of first-degree murder of Mia Shay Brown and sentenced him to death.

The final sentencing came five minutes into the court session, with Patterson stating that for the first-degree murder of Brown, Calhoun would be sentenced to death, and for the second charge of kidnapping he would serve a 100 years imprisonment to be served in the Florida Department of Corrections.

"The defendant shall be re-

manded to the Florida Department of Corrections for execution of his sentence," Patterson said. "May God have mercy on your soul."

Calhoun had the same reaction to the sentencing that he did when he walked into the courtroom so many times before: somber and unresponsive.

"He's had a year to think about this," State Attorney Glenn Hess said. "He knew when he first walked into court what he had done and what his sentence would be."

Hess said with the help of mod-

ern technology and the immense cooperation of all the emergency, forest and law enforcement agencies, the case was able to "come together efficiently and justice could be executed swiftly."

The Brown family said they were relieved the painful ordeal was over.

"The death of my daughter has impacted my family and myself in countless ways," said Nancy Williams, Brown's mother. "Minds

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## A WARM WELCOME



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Members of the Bonifay Kiwanis Community Service Committee Brenda Blich, David Lauen Sr., Christopher Lauen, Roger Brooks, Lawrence Cloud and Jennifer Cloud introduce the new "Welcome to Bonifay" sign on State Road 79. With efforts from the Bonifay Kiwanis Club, Holmes County Development Commission and city of Bonifay, the Bonifay Kiwanis Community Service Committee was able to finance the new sign.

# Potter's creations further spiritual calling



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**BONIFAY** — Although his art is whimsical, Nolan Windholtz said it carries with it a profound message.

"I've been a professional potter for over 25 years now, and I started my first pottery class and got radically saved at the same time, way back in 1986," Windholtz said. "Pottery has been my primary income since then."

Windholtz said he had taken his ministry all over the world, using his potter's wheel to demonstrate the lesson taught in Jeremiah 18 in which the Lord told Jeremiah to go and observe the work of a potter.

"It was this example that God was showing that He is the potter

and we are the clay," Windholtz said. "It states, 'Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it. Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying, O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter?' saith the Lord. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel."

Windholtz said his ministry stayed strong until 1999, when he halted from the ministry and started Round Tree Pottery.

"I also met my soon to be wife, Anne, who was a widow with three

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Potter Nolan Windholtz said it is his calling to spread the Word. **At left**, he sits with his most retailed piece, "The Naughty Cat," known for its devious grin and feather sticking out of its mouth.

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are forever etched with pictures and testimony of a life cut short in a horrific inferno. Mia, her family and friends are not the only victims; everyone who has had to participate in viewing this monstrous treatment of humanity is a victim, too."

She said for her, the healing process started with closure found in the final sentencing of Calhoun.

"I would've preferred that he receive a life sentence in solitary confinement, but this will have to do," Williams said.

James Williams, Brown's father, said he felt justice was served.

"It's a life for a life," James Williams said. "He said he gave his life to God, and now it's time for him to man-up and lay down his life for the life he has stolen."

There has been a scholarship set up in Mia Brown's name at Bethlehem High School. For those who are interested in donating to the scholarship, an account is set up at the First Federal Credit Union under the Mia Shay Brown Scholarship.

"This is the best way we can honor her memory," Nancy Williams said. "Helping others as we know she would have done herself."

## Diver drowns at Vortex Springs

A Biloxi, Miss., diver died in Vortex Spring on March 17 — almost a year and a half later after a Memphis, Tenn., diver disappeared in the same underwater caves.

Larry Higginbotham, 43, had gone to the spring and disappeared, said Chief Deputy Harry Hamilton and Sgt. Michael Raley with the Holmes County Sheriff's Office.

"When he didn't return, his girlfriend contacted the Vortex Springs management, who in turn contacted the Holmes County Sheriff's Office," Hamilton said.

Hamilton said with the aide of volunteer cave divers, the body was recovered the following day.

Ben McDaniel, 30, from the Memphis, Tenn., area, was reported missing in August 2010. His body was never recovered. An episode of Investigation Discovery's show "Disappeared" featured the McDaniel case.

Vortex Spring produces 28 million gallons of crystal-clear water daily at a year-round temperature of 68 degrees. Depths in the spring basin range from about 50 feet for open water divers to a depth of more than 160 feet for cave



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Bonifay held a groundbreaking ceremony in April to get ready for the new wastewater treatment facility. Present were Area Director for Rural Development/USDA Diane Collar; Area Specialist for Rural Development/USDA JoAnn VanHall; RTD Construction Inc.'s Jason Baker and Steve Simpson; Hatch Mott MacDonald's Amir Zafar; Hatch Mott MacDonald's Shakil Amin; City grant writer Bob Jones; Council member Andrew Granger; Council member Richard Woodham, Paul Johnson, Chief Operator Sarah Ward and Operator Bob Johnson.

divers, according to vortexspring.com.

The bottom of the spring bowl is sandy, with limestone near the vent. A handrail leads cave divers back 400 feet. Vortex waters flow out of the 225-foot-diameter spring, which flows into Blue Creek, which flows more than 10 miles before entering the Choctawhatchee River, according to the website.

Dive training is offered at the park, and the underwater cave is accessible to 310 feet, at which point further entry is blocked by a steel gate, according to the Internet. Only experienced divers are allowed to dive to 115 feet.

Hamilton, when coordinating the search for McDaniel in 2010, said the cave at Vortex Springs is very challenging and extremely dangerous. So far, divers have penetrated the cave 1,500 feet at a depth of 150 feet.

## Wastewater system improvements

Made possible with funding from USDA Rural Development, Bonifay had a groundbreaking ceremony in April, kicking off improvements to its wastewater collection system, which first was put into service in the 1980s.

"This is a great day for the city of Bonifay," Mayor Lawrence Cloud said. "Today we will break ground for our new modern wastewater treatment facility."

USDA Rural Development awarded \$4,245,500 in funding for renovations to the system, which under-

went a major upgrade and expansion in the 1990s.

The Florida Department of Health has noted that Bonifay's wastewater system has experienced excessive equipment failure over the years and that many of the current components are deteriorated, which if unchecked will affect the facility's ability to treat the wastewater on a consistent basis.

It also was reported that the collection system experiences significant inflow and infiltration problems, which might be a contributing factor to sewer backups.

Financed with \$1,856,500 in grants and \$2,389,000 in loans, renovations will include construction of a new influent lift station, headworks (mechanical screening facility, coarse screen, grit removal system), biosolids digestion/dewatering equipment, disc filters and general site improvements including fencing rehabilitation, handrails around the sequencing batch reactor and a new laboratory/office building.

More than 80 percent of funding from USDA Rural Development's Water and Environmental Programs help finance water and wastewater systems that serve communities with populations of 5,000 or less.

"Helping rural communities build a foundation for economic strength and future prosperity is at the core of Rural Development's mission," said USDA Rural State Director Richard A. Macheck. "This project is an investment in the health of area residents

as well as the environment and the future of the city of Bonifay."

## County commissioners fight septic tank bill

With the help of County Attorney Jeff Goodman, the Holmes County Board of County Commissioners composed and approved of Resolution 2012-02 during their regularly scheduled meeting on April 24, stating that they are fully against the septic tank bill.

"This our latest successful attempt to keep our citizens away from the long fingers of the money-hungry legislature," Goodman said. "This is another attempt to make our voice known to the legislature against this bill. As a citizen of Holmes County, I'm backing it whole-heartedly."

## Commission receives safety awards

The Holmes County Board of County Commissioners received Safety Awards for having the most improved workplace performance for entities with 100 to 200 employees and for having the best overall safety performance for 2012 and thanked county employees for their continued efforts in improving safety during their regularly scheduled meeting on July 10.

"Some get awards for participation," said County Attorney Jeff Goodman. "They got this because they were the best out of 47 counties."

Commissioner Monty Merchant said because of

the level of safety Holmes County has shown, its insurance premium has dropped substantially.

"Safety is priority in Holmes County," Chairman Ron Monk said. "You can tell they put a lot of hard work into safety efforts and awareness."

## BOCC says farewell to King, Music

The Holmes County Board of County Commissioners and residents wished Commissioners Jim King and Phillip Music a fond farewell with a reception after the last regularly scheduled meeting they would attend in an official capacity on Nov. 13.

"I'm saying this partly as your attorney and partly as a citizen of Holmes County," said County Attorney Jeff Goodman. "I've worked for many counties, and I can honestly say I've never worked for such a county as this. You all set the tempo for the meetings, having had your differences still being able to come together with resolve and leaving each meeting with the same camaraderie."

Goodman said this is an example that could be taught to the next generation.

"I only hope that the next board comes together as peaceably as this one has," Goodman said. "On behalf of me and my family, I appreciate all you've done."

Commissioner Monty Merchant also wished the men farewell.

"It's been a pleasure," Merchant said. "There's a lot of years and experience that's going to be missed."

Commissioner Kenneth Williams also said he enjoyed working with King and Music.

## Holmes swears in new commissioners

New Holmes County commissioners Bill 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," said Holmes County Attorney Jeff Goodman. "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."

Goodman quoted the Declaration of Independence, stating that 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.'"

## NASA speaker visits library

NASA astronaut Andrew "Drew" Feustel met with students in cyberspace as part of the Florida Summer Youth Program on June 22.

Speaking from NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Feustel said he hopes to inspire Florida youths to reach for the stars during 2012's "Dream Big" events. The question-and-answer format included information from his two space shuttle missions.

Feustel was selected by NASA in July 2000. In 2009, he served on the crew of STS-125, the final servicing mission for the Hubble Space Telescope. In 2011, he launched aboard space shuttle Endeavour's final mission, STS-134, to the International Space Station. The spaceflight veteran has logged more than 28 days in space including 42 hours and 18 minutes during six spacewalks.

The Florida Summer Youth Program is an annual collaboration between the State Library and Archives of Florida and public libraries around the state, which provide information, resources and activities for youths during their summer break.

## Local aims for 'The X Factor'

Mika Moore of Bonifay won her chance to go to the next level of auditions for "The X Factor" in Greensboro, N.C., May 1.

"I love to sing," Moore said. "I've sung for as long as I could remember, and to become a singer has been a huge dream of mine."

Moore, 19, has lived in Bonifay her whole life, received her associate's degree from Chipola College in math education and plans to finish her bachelor's degree and move on toward her master's degree.

She said she tried out for "The X Factor" in Dothan, Ala., last year, but didn't make it. But she didn't give up. She tried again this year and made it.

"This time I'll be singing in front of the actual judges of 'X Factor,'" Moore said. "I'm excited about being able to fly out there and have the experience. Even if I don't make it, I can be proud that I made it that far."

She said she drew a lot of inspiration from her favorite country music singers like Martina McBride and Loretta Lynn,

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## Arrest REPORT

The following arrests were made Dec. 16-22 in Holmes County.

Jacob Levi Andrews, 22, child abuse, criminal mischief, battery two counts  
 Jordan Arnold, 21, driving under the influence  
 Alicia Jeanette Beaumont, 29, hold for prison transport  
 Jack Nicholas Beckworth, 29, affray  
 Troy Lee Bohannon, 29, violation of probation  
 Terri Bradley, aggravated assault, domestic violence battery  
 Don Brooks, 28, prison transport service  
 Tyron Bruce, 23, hold for Hillsborough  
 John Cline, 49, prison transport service  
 Austin Thurman Cook, 22, order of contempt and commitment on child support  
 Richard Allen Cook, 27, violation of probation  
 Brian Cuevas, 24, hold for Hillsborough  
 William Curry, 25, out of county warrant  
 Walter Darby, 32, trespassing  
 Orlando Alejandro Duarte, 35, hold for Hillsborough  
 Anthony Jaymes Eggesotn, 20, possession of marijuana  
 Mitizi Lynn Edwards, 36, forgery, use of personal identifier information  
 Steven Luther Forehand, 33, out of county warrant  
 Miguel Gomes, hold for Hillsborough  
 Nicholas Leon Hobbs, 24, failure to appear on worthless checks  
 Shawn Bradley Holloway, 26, possession of drug paraphernalia, numerous Walton County charges, burglary, aggravated assault, battery  
 Angel Elizabeth Hundley, 26, grand theft

Mark John Issacs, 27, violation of probation  
 Christopher Johnson, 31, hold for prison transport service of America  
 Logan Lee, 24, violation of probation  
 Dexter Lynch, 27, prison transport service  
 Aaron Jessie McAdams, 20, possession of marijuana  
 Joe Michael Mearole, 66, possession of marijuana over 20 grams with intent to distribute  
 Jason Music, 38, possession of meth  
 Rhonda Oglesby, 45, forgery, use of personal identifier  
 Tyler Allen Pate, 19, possession of marijuana under 20 grams  
 Nicholas Pitman, 20, violation of probation  
 Jaime Reyes, 33, possession of marijuana over 20 grams with intent  
 Bobby Romero, 38, prison transport service  
 Joshua Rowe, 27, prison transport service  
 Misa Sanders, 34, hold for Hillsborough  
 Angel Manuel Santiago, 35, hold for Hillsborough  
 John Smith, 33, violation of probation on possession of marijuana  
 Kalan James Smith, 23, affray  
 Linda Howard Sutphin, 53, hold for prison transport service  
 Monique Lashawn Valentine, 27, hold for prison transport service  
 Bonnie Frances Vandegrift, 23, aggravated battery  
 Johnathan Michael Vandegrift, 26, battery, criminal mischief  
 Jessie William Watson, 27, possession of marijuana more than 20 grams with intent to distribute  
 Demetrius Williams, 36, violation of probation  
 Tommy Williams, 25, prison transport service

## MARRIAGES & DIVORCES

The following marriages and divorces occurred Dec. 17-21, 2012 in Holmes County.

### MARRIAGES

Mathew Charles Thomas, Dec. 12, 1985, of Chipley and Savannah Lynn Davidson, Feb. 19, 1985, of

### Chipley

Jesse D. Connor, March 31, 1993, of Graceville and Leslie N. Prescott, Dec. 31, 1987, of Graceville

### DIVORCES

Anthony A. Dault Sr. and Tiffany P. Dault



FILE PHOTO

Dozens stayed late inside and outside the Holmes County Supervisor of Elections office waiting for the results of the Holmes County 2012 Primary Elections on the evening of Aug. 14, even in the rain.

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but her biggest contribution was to the love and support of her family: her mother Sherry, her father Mike and her sister Mikayla.

"My mom, my dad and my sister are my support system," Moore said. "My sister is my biggest fan. I appreciate everything they've ever done for me and always supporting me and willing to follow me everywhere I go."

She said with her support team going with her to the competition in North Carolina, she wasn't afraid, and no matter what she's happy to have the opportunity for such an experience.

"I've lived in Bonifay my whole life, and I just think it's awesome that someone like me from a small town could have the opportunity to compete in something as big as 'X Factor,'" Moore said. "As I always say, follow your heart because anything's possible."

### Tim Brown re-elected sheriff

Holmes County voters went to the polls on Nov. 6 to not only re-elect President Barack Obama, but to choose county leaders in a number of key races.

Sheriff Tim Brown won

the night with a vote of 4,518 to 3,648 against John Braxton Jr. for the office of sheriff of Holmes County; Kyle Hudson overcame Don Hersman for clerk of court with 2,625 votes to 2,497; and Otis Corbin Jr. was elected property appraiser over Felecia Fisanick with a vote of 4,384 to 3,733.

For superintendent of schools, Eddie Dixon surpassed Terry Mears with a vote of 4,319 to 3,775; and the new school board member for District 2 is Debbie Kolmetz, winning against Wilburn G. Baker with a vote of 3,733 to 3,422.

As for the local referendum of allowing businesses with licenses to sell alcoholic beverages to sell beer on Sunday, 56 percent of Holmes County voted "no" with a vote of 4,395 to 3,410.

"This election was no more important than any other election," said Holmes County Supervisor of Elections Debbie Wilcox Morris. "They are all equally important. If you don't vote, you allow other people to decide the governing bodies of your life."

Morris said even though this year gave less time to vote early, more people voted this year than in 2008.

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kids at the time," he said. "Then we added two more after that."

Then the economy started to take a downward turn.

"I supply over 60 stores, but even they are in survivor mode," Windholtz said. "They used to order from me two or three times a year; now they only order from me once a year. Downtown Disney sells a lot of my work, and in a couple of weeks, I'll be delivering down to the Florida Keys."

He said his art is mostly provided and shown in art stores, but it also is included in an art catalog that includes handmade crafts from all over the world. Each order varies, averaging about 80 sculptures.

"I'm still very busy with pottery, but I love being active in Vision Church's prison ministry with my potter's wheel and traveling with my evangelistic and prophetic ministry," he said. "My message is for the entire Body of Christ, and I've found in these trying times, especially in my life as well, this message couldn't be more relevant."

He is set up at the Harvest Vineyard Mission, north of Caryville in Bonifay.

"I'm teaching pottery to the recovering addicts while they're going through a discipleship program, and I'm still supplying art and pottery to over 60 galleries nationwide," Windholtz said. "I'm thinking of emphasizing my ministry more in these times of need."

Windholtz is available to visit churches for a demonstration by emailing nolanwindholtz@gmail.com, or he can be found on Facebook.

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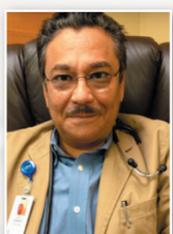


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# Residents react to principal's removal

## Zeb Brown's integrity hard to match

Dear Editor,  
I have lived in Holmes County for most of my life. I grew up here and graduated from Holmes County High School in 1999. During my life here, I have seen a lot of good in the hardworking and honest people of our county who are willing to always help their neighbor even if it is at their own expense. Sadly enough, I have also witnessed the small town corruption that has quietly been swept under the rug for far too long. I do not wish this to be a letter of accusation of anyone; I simply wish to share some of my heartbreaking observations. Actually, I just want to share my personal experience of the sickening event that I witnessed on the sad day of Dec. 19, 2012.

As everyone knows by now, Zeb Brown, one of the finest administrators Bethlehem High School has ever had, was transferred to the Holmes County district office. No doubt, his good name will be the object of much undeserved attention and gossip. As a teacher under the administration of Mr. Brown, I ask you to question everything you will most certainly hear: I want to share my experience with you in this matter, my firsthand experience, and then you can make your own assumptions. The things I say here are the truth, and you are welcome to take them or leave them, but I cannot be silent any longer about a sickness in our community that threatens to crack our foundation, a foundation of love, brotherhood and integrity. Indeed, "integrity" was a huge word thrown loosely about this last election. Let me tell you something about integrity.

Integrity is a man and his wife who will stay at a school well past 1 o'clock in the morning numerous times to make sure everything is perfect for a graduation, an awards ceremony for students, the first day of a new school year. Many times I myself was guilty of thinking, "OK now, this is good enough. I'm tired. Let's go home." But no, Zeb Brown and Lacy, his wife, who was always at his side, would not settle for anything less than the best we had to give our students. He always wanted everything just right for them.

Sadly enough, a few individuals who were always willing to express their negative opinions on everything anyone tried to accomplish often scoffed at those efforts. However, Mr. Brown always held his head up high and showed what it means to be a true leader even in the face of adversity. Even when he got the news of his transfer, he remained calm and ensured each of us that he had to trust in the leadership of the new superintendent and asked everyone to show their support by continuing to do the good work that had begun for the students. He told us all that it was never about him, and he asked every one of us to promise him that no matter what, we would do whatever it took to give these students all the opportunities possible. I couldn't believe it; I couldn't believe that even when his foundation was shaken, he was thinking about the students. But I shouldn't have been shocked at all; this was always his way during his time as principal at Bethlehem. I know because I was there.

I thank Zeb Brown. I thank him for being a compelling and graceful boss and true advocate for our students. I thank him for standing up for what is right and even in the toughest of times for shining as a light and an example of what it means to be a true person of integrity. This is a quality we so often lack in our society. I hope that we can all learn from this heartbreaking situation for the Bethlehem community. A good and effective principal was removed from his position; it is just so hard to comprehend. Even more difficult to understand is how he learned of his fate from students and parents at a ballgame, who said it was being told at a community store for weeks where community leaders are often seen before he even heard it from his own boss. How sad is that? There is good in this county. I have witnessed this good. I have seen it in the hearts of students who are looking to us to be examples of it, good that can overcome all the negative things that I have witnessed for far too long. Let us break our silence, stand up for what is right and shine as a city on a hill, a city that cannot be hidden. We are the light of the world and of this community. Let us shine on for the next generation. Let's give everyone a chance to be the best

they can be. That's what Mr. Brown did at Bethlehem, and that's what he will continue to do no matter where life takes him.

Amy Burgess White  
Bonifay

## Parents, teachers and students seek explanation

Dear Editor,  
Caring and committed parents, teachers, and staff members of Bethlehem School continue to seek a satisfactory explanation from Superintendent Dixon for the transfer of Principal Brown.

According to widespread rumors, a new principal already has been handpicked to fill the Bethlehem principal position — even before an opening date for applications was given. Caring parents and teachers, who have the best interest of Bethlehem students at heart, can't help but ask what qualifications, dedication and record this new principal might have that could possibly be an improvement worthy of replacing one of the most dedicated and effective principals Bethlehem School has had.

In regard to statements made by Mr. Dixon in the Holmes County Times, that it is "... a decision based on what is best for the school district," and "this move will serve to further streamline district administration," questions are raised as to why Mr. Dixon feels particular individuals need to be in certain strategic positions at the expense of removing an effective and visionary principal — a principal who has given great effort and made great strides in significantly turning the tide of Bethlehem School to a higher standard of education — raising both the expectations and the opportunities for our students.

The beginnings of a new and refreshing exceptional educational culture at Bethlehem School has been felt by all and appreciated by most who attend or work at this school. If Mr. Dixon is sincere about "what is best for the school district," then he needs to honestly consider the hard evidence and statistical support showing the effectiveness of rising student standards and educational performance under the capable leadership of Mr. Brown.

One cannot help but wonder if Mr. Dixon's decision was based, in part, on a small handful of disgruntled teachers and parents, who have complained loudly because of the newly required standards — standards that were put in place and upheld by Mr. Brown. Why would a higher standard of excellence not be wholeheartedly supported and backed by a superintendent who truly cared about the educational success of the students in his district? Certainly the majority of teachers, staff members and dedicated parents who are putting time and effort above and beyond the call of duty at Bethlehem School were not consulted, given any notice or offered any opportunity to voice their opinions regarding this change.

As a parent who has had children attending Bethlehem School for more than 17 years (two are currently enrolled), I have observed certain trends and practices through the years, some of which have been detrimental to our students. My husband and I have had hopes of seeing positive changes for the students of Bethlehem School. We have seen, through our experience with Mr. Brown, that the courage and commitment of a dedicated principal can effectively resolve some of these issues. Mr. Brown's integrity in upholding certain standards and practices is helping to bring about a better school.

A couple of personal experiences and observations show how Mr. Brown's efforts have begun to remediate and raise substandard practices at our school, which previously seemed to be ignored:

Several years ago, our son was enrolled in an elementary class with substandard academic practices. Television was being watched throughout the majority of class time. When my husband and I voiced our concerns at different times to the principal, we were assured things would be addressed and changed. Over the course of several months, nothing changed or improved. Our principal said all the right things, but nothing ever changed. We pulled our son out of Bethlehem School and home-schooled him for the next year in an effort to help him recover from the academic loss. I felt for the other students in the

class, who now had a significant educational disadvantage. Since Mr. Brown has been principal at Bethlehem School, he has expected and followed through with higher academic standards and teaching practices in the classroom. When this standard is expected of all teachers, a new academic culture begins to take shape.

I have also felt personal frustration over my children not being able to use or check out books from the school library. Furthermore, I was disappointed to learn that the problem with this issue was not that we didn't have a full-time librarian on payroll and a librarian aide for many years, but that, for reasons unknown, it was made very difficult for students to check out books or use the technology available to them in the library. When challenged by parents on the issue, Mr. Brown has insisted and followed through — again with great personal criticism — to change this practice and to give all the opportunities whether in facility or idea to our students.

During Mr. Brown's time as principal, he has not only effectively carried out his regular expected responsibilities as a principal, but I have also observed the great time and effort he has spent in proactively establishing and following through with additional programs and practices, which are greatly benefitting our students. Some of these programs include a response-to-intervention process for ensuring student success; student planners (for student guidance); a discipline referral process; a safety plan; a clear honor code for students, teachers and administrators; new AP, Honor and Academy courses being offered; a zero tolerance policy on bullying and harassment; and cleaning up an older part of the school to provide a nice student activity center, to name a few.

I believe Mr. Dixon will have a difficult time finding a principal with the qualifications, character and dedication Mr. Brown has consistently shown. We will be watching and waiting to see if Mr. Dixon truly does have the best interest of our students and school at heart.

Tamra Kriser  
Bonifay

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## Cane grinding, syrup making memories

Until the Times-Advertiser started printing my brother Perry's Prattle, I didn't make a practice of reading his column regularly, purposely because I knew it was likely to influence what I write.

Because he is a few years older than I, however, sometimes his memory of an event is a little different from mine. This is true of cane grinding. The yearly event he wrote about a week or so ago took place down the hill from our house at our grandparents' home. I don't recall those events when the syrup was cooked in the round iron kettle. Neither do I remember ever being present when syrup was made in the huge shed called the sugar mill shed at our grandparents' old, old home place where our Uncle Alex and his family lived.

The iron kettle formerly used for syrup-making sat across the dirt road in front of our house in an indentation in the ground and was used for scalding hogs. That was such a common practice at our home that I thought every home had one and was surprised that some people scalded hogs in a 50-gallon drum. That must have been a dangerous practice to lift a 200-pound porker down into a drum of scalding hot water. As a child, I wondered why the hog-scalding pan was called a syrup kettle.

The syrup kettle I remember was a rectangular evaporator pan set atop a brick furnace inside the first bay of the three-car house. The second bay was a raised floor where the boxes of half-gallon and gallon syrups were set during cane-grinding. Bags of guano and various other supplies

were kept there, too. In the third bay, a one-mule wagon was stored along with wooden pegs for holding the cane fishing poles.

In my earliest recollections of cane-grinding, the mule pulled a long bent pine pole 'round and 'round to power the giant wheels that pressed the sweet juice from the cane into a barrel located on the ground sled (we called it a ground slide). When the barrel was full, the mule

would be unhitched, and the barrel of juice would be dragged over near the evaporator where the juice would be dipped into the coolest end of the pan. In later years, our Dad bought a gasoline engine that powered the mill. Mr. Thomas Burgess, a good friend of our family, could repair anything, so he was a frequent visitor to our home during cane grinding. I believe a pipe system was later devised to get the juice to the vat, as well, but that could be one of those memories which my oldest brother Jim could refute.

I have some distinctive memories, though, of cane grinding. First are the smells. The sweet smell of the finished syrup is the most pleasant. The greenish juice has its own smell, and the sour mash has another. There is also the smell of the mule droppings as it pulls the lever hour after cold hour. The cane skimmings as they fermented had their own beer smell. I recall one year some of the workers kept drinking the beer from the barrel of skimmings. They declared it very fine until they reached the bottom of the barrel and found a hen fairly well preserved in the alcohol.

Other memories are washing,

rinsing and drying jugs and jars to use for syrup that we kept for our own use or gave away. My hands were small enough to go into the used jars and give them a good cleaning. The gallon and half-gallon tin cans were sealed for sale. I also remember my sister Minnie, my cousin Lenora and I going to Pensacola with Daddy to carry a load of syrup for sale. He must have got a good price because we got to go shopping, a very rare occasion.

Helping cook big country dinners for the workers around the mill is another winter memory. We always had a crew working as well as neighbors who dropped in for a drink of cane juice or a jug of the fresh syrup. Mr. Tom Collins and then his son, Mr. V.J. Collins, were the syrup makers I remember. That was a special skill to keep the liquid moving along the pan at just the right temperature. Piles of wood had to be kept on hand, and the cooker had to know just when to lower the temperature by dragging out some of the burning wood. He also had to know when to guide the finished product into the last division of the pan where it could be let out into the cooling box. Another job I often had was to fill cans and jugs, knowing exactly when to shut the syrup gate so the container didn't run over.

Only a few families today practice the art of syrup making. Some make it a big social event with friends invited to share in the work and enjoy the fruits of the labor. Nothing is better than some good homemade cane syrup with some of Mama's homemade butter and hot biscuits. Wish I knew where to get some homemade cane syrup.

## Hooked on Outdoors

Do you use a seat belt when driving? I once heard a trooper say he had never pulled a dead person from a car wreck who had his or her seat belt on. He had to change that a few months later.

The world is a dangerous place and we all make it more dangerous by doing stupid things. The only problem is just what is stupid? What's stupid to

you might not be stupid to someone else.

I have gone on and on about just how safe the Summit tree stand is. I can climb a tree, get comfortable and even take a nap if I like, and I usually



**Outdoor Life**

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do if I wandered into the woods before daylight. But there is a limit to even the safety of a Summit tree stand and I was reminded of that last week.

If you are familiar with these types of stands you know they come in two parts. It works off the pressure you put on the side of the tree. As long as you are leaning back away from the tree it will bite into the tree. If you lean forward and take the pressure off the back of the stand it will lose its grip and most likely start to slide down the tree.

These stands are safe as long as you don't try to climb a hardwood tree with slick bark such as an oak tree. Pine trees were built with these stands in mind.

I tried using a safety harness when I first used my climber and it almost caused me to fall out of the tree so I have not used one since. Some people will tell you that is stupid, but it scared me to the point I swore I would never try that trick again.

Like I said, this type of tree stand is safe but it is not fail safe. I have had the bottom rung fall out away from me while coming down from the tree and a safety harness would have done me no good in that case. You just have to keep your cool and work the bottom rung back up with a safety string that comes with the stand.

A man in Alabama was choked to death recently with his safety harness when he fell from a tree. It's everyone to his own taste. If you feel safe using a harness by all means use one, but they are not for me.



## PANTHERS ON PROWL

By MICKIE ANDERSON  
Special to The News Herald

When wildlife managers imported eight female Texas pumas in hopes they would mate with native Florida panthers, they knew they were taking a bit of a risk.

But a new University of Florida research study, published in the *Journal of Animal Ecology*, suggests their gamble paid off.

Without those pumas, UF researchers Madan Oli and recent UF doctoral graduate Jeff Hostetler found that the probability of the Florida panther population falling below 10 panthers by 2010 was nearly 71 percent.

"We found that the Florida population would've declined, on average, by about 5 percent per year," said Oli, a UF population ecology professor and Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences faculty member. "And that's essentially telling us there was a high chance that the population would've eventually gone extinct."

There were an estimated 20 to 25 panthers left in the state when the Texas female cats were brought to Florida in 1995. Officials believe the population has since grown about 4 percent per year, and their estimate now ranges from 100 to 160, said Dave Onorato, a panther expert with the state Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Florida Panther Project.

Having a scientific study in hand that validates what conservation officials had believed would happen is helpful, Onorato said.

"It shows that the genetic restoration effort was effective at averting the loss of the Florida panther," he said.

The Florida panther had been listed as an endangered species since 1967, and although it was named the official state animal by 1982, it was in peril by the 1990s. The cats suffered from numerous inbreeding-related problems, including poor sperm quality and other reproductive abnormalities, kinked tails, heart defects and heavy parasite loads.

When the Texas cats were brought to Florida, officials weren't sure how they would fare or that the breeding effort would work, but with the success of the genetic restoration, Onorato said a similar effort could be initiated again in the future.

For now, however, there is no specific timetable for such an effort. He said the cats continue to face threats from loss of habitat, cars and inbreeding.

Although they sometimes roam far and wide, Florida panthers — the only puma population east of the Mississippi River — are primarily found in the Big Cypress National Preserve and Everglades ecosystem areas that include parts of Collier, Lee, Hendry, Monroe and Miami-Dade counties.

The recent UF study, which examined several decades' worth of field data and genetic information about the panther, found that the robust survival of the Florida-Texas hybrid kittens played a large role in the panther population being reeled back from the brink of extinction.

## Birding, wildlife viewing trail signs something to sing about

By SUSAN SMITH

Florida Fish and Wildlife  
Conservation Commission

There are new signs of economic opportunity and natural wonders in south Florida. Tourists and residents in 11 southern Florida counties may have noticed that directional signs for the Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail were popping up all over the place.

The signs direct traffic to 113 new birding and wildlife viewing sites from Sarasota and Stuart south to Key West, joining hundreds of other GFBWT locations throughout the state. Not only do these signs, bearing the swallow-tailed kite logo, designate ideal locations for birding and wildlife viewing adventures, they are also a symbol of positive economic impact.

Gov. Rick Scott said, "Wild-

*"Wildlife viewing in Florida is a major reason why our state is the most popular tourist destination in the country. I am proud that Floridians and our visitors can now better enjoy the wildlife our state has to offer, while creating more opportunities for Florida families."*

**Gov. Rick Scott**

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A recent study about birding in Florida indicated the trail's road signs play an important role

in visitors' travel decisions. Of 1,652 participants, 65 percent had seen a GFBWT road sign, prompting a visit.

"We hope that many Florida families and tourists will follow these new signs and explore the trail and discover the fascinating wildlife these sites have to offer," said Mark Kiser, Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail coordina-

tor for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Birding and wildlife viewing are important to Florida's economy, and the GFBWT program is an integral component of Florida's nature-based tourism industry. According to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service data, wildlife viewing generates more than \$5 billion in Florida and supports 51,000 jobs. A recent statewide survey by Responsive Management showed that wildlife viewing is the second most popular outdoor recreation activity in the state (behind going to the beach) for visitors and residents.

The FWC installed the trail signage with a grant from the Florida Department of Transportation and support from the Wildlife Foundation of Florida.

In addition to signs, the FWC

has produced guide booklets that contain site descriptions, directions and maps showcasing birding and wildlife watching opportunities throughout Florida. Wildlife enthusiasts can download or order the GFBWT guidebooks at [FloridaBirdingTrail.com](http://FloridaBirdingTrail.com) and [WildlifeFoundationofFlorida.com](http://WildlifeFoundationofFlorida.com).

Need further help planning an adventure? Use the Trip-Planning Wizard on the GFBWT website or download the free mobile application "Nature Viewing Along the Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail" at [iTunes.com](http://iTunes.com) and [Play.google.com](http://Play.google.com). A series of city and regional guides called "Ready, Set, Go ... Wild" is also under way; the Orlando guide is now available.

For more information about this project, please contact Mark Kiser at [Mark.Kiser@MyFWC.com](mailto:Mark.Kiser@MyFWC.com) or call 850-488-9478.



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Even with back-to-back wins at Martinsville and Texas, Jimmie Johnson failed to win his sixth Sprint Cup Series title in 2012. At right, Kurt Busch's career hit rock bottom in 2012, according to sportingnews.com, yet the controversial driver continued to rebound from every setback during the season.

## 2013 NASCAR Schedules

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Happy New Year, NASCAR fans. This week I have for you the 2013 schedules for the Camping World Truck Series, Nationwide Series, and the Sprint Cup Series.

This year's Bud Shootout will be held on Feb. 16 and will be aired on Fox. The Gatorade Duel 1 and 2 will be on Feb. 21, both races will be aired on Speed. The Sprint Showdown and the Sprint All-Star Race will be held on May 18, and will be aired on Speed.

### Camping World Truck Series

#	Date	Race
1.	Feb. 22	Daytona
2.	April 6	Martinsville
3.	April 14	Rockingham
4.	April 20	Kansas
5.	May 17	Charlotte
6.	May 31	Dover
7.	June 7	Texas
8.	June 27	Kentucky
9.	July 13	Iowa
10.	July 24	Eldora Speedway
11.	Aug. 3	Pocono
12.	Aug. 17	Michigan
13.	Aug. 21	Bristol
14.	Sept. 1	Canadian Tire Motorsport
15.	Sept. 8	Iowa
16.	Sept. 13	Chicago
17.	Sept. 28	Las Vegas
18.	Oct. 19	Talladega
19.	Oct. 26	Martinsville
20.	Nov. 1	Texas
21.	Nov. 8	Phoenix
22.	Nov. 15	Homestead

### Nationwide Series

#	Date	Race
1.	Feb. 23	Daytona
2.	March 2	Phoenix
3.	March 9	Las Vegas
4.	March 16	Bristol
5.	March 23	Fontana
6.	April 12	Texas
7.	April 26	Richmond
8.	May 4	Talladega
9.	May 10	Darlington
10.	May 25	Charlotte
11.	June 1	Dover
12.	June 8	Iowa
13.	June 15	Michigan
14.	June 22	Road America
15.	June 28	Kentucky
16.	July 5	Daytona
17.	July 13	Loudon
18.	July 21	Chicago
19.	July 27	Indianapolis
20.	Aug. 3	Iowa
21.	Aug. 10	Watkins Glen
22.	Aug. 17	Mid-Ohio
23.	Aug. 23	Bristol
24.	Aug. 31	Atlanta
25.	Sept. 6	Richmond
26.	Sept. 14	Chicago
27.	Sept. 21	Kentucky
28.	Sept. 28	Dover
29.	Oct. 5	Kansas
30.	Oct. 11	Charlotte
31.	Nov. 2	Texas
32.	Nov. 9	Phoenix
33.	Nov. 16	Homestead

### Sprint Cup Series

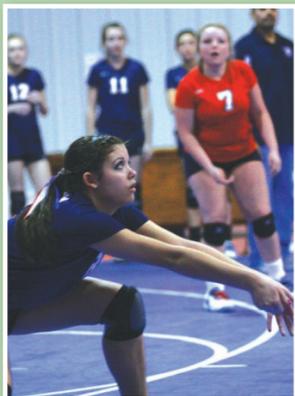
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2.	March 3	Phoenix	Fox
3.	March 10	Las Vegas	Fox
4.	March 17	Bristol	Fox
5.	March 24	Fontana	Fox
6.	April 7	Martinsville	Fox
7.	April 13	Texas	Fox
8.	April 21	Kansas	Fox
9.	April 27	Richmond	Fox
10.	May 5	Talladega	Fox
11.	May 11	Darlington	Fox
12.	May 26	Charlotte	Fox
13.	June 2	Dover	Fox
14.	June 9	Pocono	TNT
15.	June 16	Michigan	TNT
16.	June 23	Sonoma	TNT
17.	June 29	Kentucky	TNT
18.	July 6	Daytona	TNT
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20.	July 28	Indianapolis	ESPN
21.	Aug. 4	Pocono	ESPN
22.	Aug. 11	Watkins Glen	ESPN
23.	Aug. 18	Michigan	ESPN
24.	Aug. 24	Bristol	ABC
25.	Sept. 1	Atlanta	ESPN
26.	Sept. 7	Richmond	ABC
27.	Sept. 15	Chicago	ESPN
28.	Sept. 22	Loudon	ESPN
29.	Sept. 29	Dover	ESPN
30.	Oct. 6	Kansas	ESPN
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33.	Oct. 27	Martinsville	ESPN
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## DECEMBER STUDENT ATHLETES

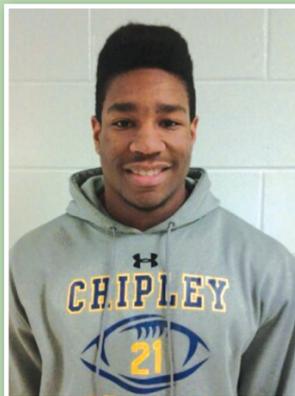
Congratulations to these top athletes!



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Bethlehem H.S.  
Basketball  
12th Grade



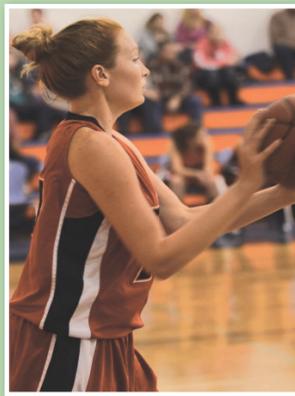
**Shelby Samillano**  
Bozeman H.S.  
Volleyball  
and Soccer  
12th Grade



**Kobe McCrary**  
Chipley H.S.  
Basketball, Center  
11th Grade



**John Mark Howell**  
Graceville H.S.  
Football, Basketball,  
Track  
12th Grade



**Josephine Carlson**  
Ponce de Leon H.S.  
Basketball  
Softball  
12th Grade



**Nick Dahl**  
Poplar Springs H.S.  
Basketball  
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12th Grade



**Shalon Robinson**  
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Engagement

# Leuenberger and McCrary to wed

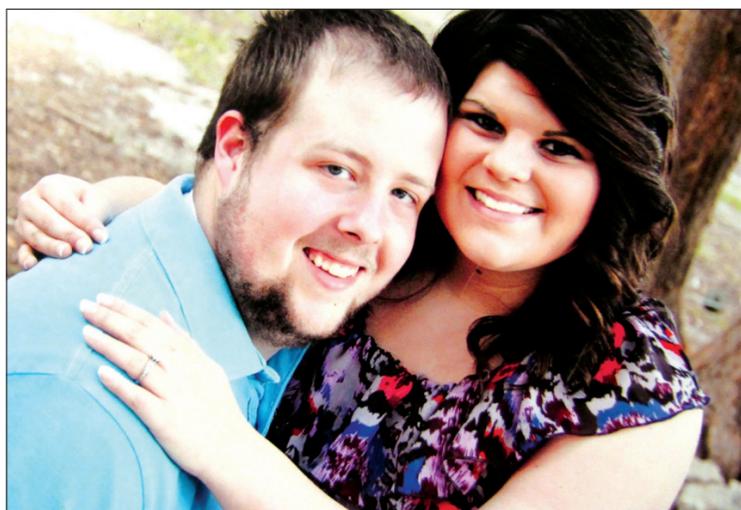
Kelly Leuenberger of Graceville and Kyle McCrary of Graceville would like to announce their engagement and upcoming wedding.

Kelly is the daughter of Tommy and Stephanie Leuenberger and Stephanie Ross all of Graceville. She is a graduate of Graceville High School.

Kyle is the son of Ron and Debbie McCrary of Graceville. He is a graduate of Chipley High School.

The couple will exchange vows at Salem United Methodist Church in Graceville, at 5:30 p.m., on Jan. 26, 2013.

No local invites will be sent. The bride and groom would like to invite all family and friends.



## Golden anniversary



# Wyrosdicks celebrate 50th anniversary

Pete and Sandy Wyrosdick celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 29, 2012.

They were married in Andalusia, Ala., and reside in the Prosperity community. They have two children, John

Wyrosdick Jr. and deceased Jason Wyrosdick and wife, Missy.

Pete and Sandy are celebrating with a formal night out with family and a cruise to the Bahamas.

# Kiwanis makes donations



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Bonifay Kiwanis Club made a recent donation of \$500 to the Ponce de Leon High School's Sr. Beta Club to attend the Academic Competitions on Jan. 26-29 in Orlando.



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Kiwanis recently made a donation to the Bethlehem Culinary program in the amount of \$100.

## HCOA CELEBRATES BIRTHDAYS



SPECIAL TO THE TIMES-ADVERTISER

Holmes Council on Aging celebrated Christmas and birthdays on Dec. 21. Our birthdays for this month were Mincie Carnley and Connie Moore — Happy birthday ladies, from Holmes Council on Aging.

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  - 36. Paddle
  - 37. Being a single unit
  - 38. Silly behavior
  - 44. Insecticide
  - 45. A blank area
  - 46. Reduces stress
  - 48. Morning moisture
  - 49. Tear away roughly
  - 50. Elevated
  - 53. Cristobalite
  - 56. Baseball's Ruth
  - 57. Indian monetary unit
  - 59. Contest of speed
  - 61. Having a slanted direction
  - 62. Gross receipts
  - 63. A river in NE Spain
  - 64. The brain and spinal cord (abbr.)
  - 65. Dynegy Inc. on NYSE
  - 66. Japanese monetary unit
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Linen vestment worn by priests
  - 2. The trunk of a tree
  - 3. Transmission line cable
  - 4. Freshwater duck genus
  - 5. Bulk storage container
  - 6. Oil obtained from flowers
  - 7. Shopping containers
  - 8. Abnormal breathing
  - 9. Brew
  - 11. Bake eggs in their shells
  - 12. Serviceable
  - 13. A person in the navy
  - 14. A child's slight injury
  - 19. Fain
  - 21. Supports trestletree
  - 24. Parian Chronicle discovery site
  - 25. Greek famous for fables
  - 27. Farical afterpiece
  - 28. Dispatches by mail
  - 29. Hall of Fame (abbr.)
  - 31. Aah
  - 32. Unnaturally pale
  - 33. Before
  - 34. Fixed in one's purpose
  - 39. Madames
  - 40. Frosts
  - 41. City drains
  - 42. Baseball playoff
  - 43. Cruise
  - 47. Steeple
  - 50. Precipitation
  - 51. Cas \_\_\_: winter melons
  - 52. A unit of two
  - 53. Viewed
  - 54. Taxis
  - 55. 4840 square yards
  - 56. London radio station
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## PETS OF THE WEEK



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Naomi is a 1 to 2 year old female bully cross, about 30 to 35 pounds. She is extremely sweet, gentle, friendly and calm. She showed no fear or aggression toward the other dogs we walked by in the shelter and she just loved all the people she came in contact with. She is such a good girl and deserves to have a happy home - can you help Naomi?

Montana is a 1 to 2 year old male blue eyed border collie cross, about 40 to 45 pounds. He is scared in the shelter but very sweet and friendly once we got him outside. He is a strikingly beautiful dog and very alert to his surroundings, he would probably make a great working dog. Whatever his job might be in his new home he is ready to go to work, even if his job is just keeping you company on walks or bringing your slippers to you then keeping you company while you relax. Animal Control of West Florida is at 686 U.S. 90 in Chipley. Hours of operation are Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. until noon. For more information call 638-2082.



# Let's do it all over again

By DR. JAMES L. SNYDER

The fact we actually survived another year is a tribute to somebody's tenacity; I am not sure whose. I know the only thing that got me through the year was the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and boy is she graciously tenacious. I was sure everything would collapse and, of course, several times I collapsed in my easy chair.

It is a New Year, or so they tell us but I have my suspicions. After this latest episode with the Mayan's calendar, I am not too sure what date it is or what year it is, for that matter. They certainly got everything wrong, and I have my suspicions about the rest of it.

How do we really know that Jan. 1 is actually Jan. 1? Moreover, how do we know what year it is exactly?

I think somewhere along the line somebody has pulled a scam on civilization and has messed up our calendars. If the Mayans got it wrong, maybe we have it wrong also.

Whatever day and whatever year it is I am going to celebrate the New Year. If I am wrong, I have a lot of company.

When we celebrate the New Year, there is nothing new about it. Everything we did last year we are going to be doing this year only we will be one year older. Perhaps as we get older we forget about what

we have done and think we are doing something new. Hooray for senility!

I really do not care about that; my philosophy is, let's do it all over again. If it is worth doing the first time, it is worth doing again.

This brings me to a great point, which is, some things are worth repeating while other things are not. It is trying to find out the difference between these two that makes life challenging. I do not mind repeating things if I am in charge of what I am repeating.

I think we all should choose what we are going to repeat. For example, I wish I could choose a year to repeat.

If I could repeat any year, it would be 1971. That year represents the greatest con in the history of mankind. I am not sure anything like it has ever happened before or since. That was the year I married a young lady who turned out to be the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

What bothers me about this is why did she really marry me? Was it my charm and good looks or did she think I was rich? There have been times I have wanted to query her on this very subject but then, I am always afraid she will tell me the truth. I do not mind the truth of it does not involve anything personally. I just will settle with the fact that that was the year I conned her into marrying me.

We have been a great team ever since. She has kept me straight and I have given her opportunities to exercise that career, which she has become quite proficient.

One of the great things resulting from this marriage is the fact that she has been faithful to point out my mistakes. Through her help, I discovered I have quite a few mistakes.

I begin every year with a clean slate. I am able to celebrate Jan. 1 with no mistakes whatsoever but then the next day my wife begins the ominous task of pointing out my mistakes. This is a joint effort, which leaves me out of joint often.

I have a little theory along this line. I think that if it is a mistake you have made before it should not count anymore. I think the only thing that should be legitimate to point out are new mistakes. I find myself so busy practicing my old mistakes that I rarely get around to making new mistakes.

All these years I have reveled in my old mistakes. Trying to find something new is a great strain on my little grey cells. At this point in my life, they are exhausted and are encouraging me to rely upon those old mistakes and give them a well-deserved rest.

At my stage in life I think new is overrated and, if experience is anything, something new is always taxing and in

more ways than one. Do not let the government find out that you have something new or Uncle Sam will come knocking at your door with a gentle request for tax money.

There is an old saying that says insanity is doing the same things over and over expecting different results. Well, that does not describe me. I do not want different results. I like the results I have. I like doing the same thing over again because I know what to expect. And if ignorance in this area is bliss, I am the most blissful person on the planet.

My challenge this year is to surprise my wife with some unexpected new mistakes. Just one!

To get on the right track for the New Year, I start with the Bible. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17 KJV).

Instead of just celebrating the New Year, I plan also to celebrate that "new creature" in Christ. No mistake about it.

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## Bear Wrongs Patiently

The fifth spiritual work of mercy is to bear wrongs patiently. Bearing wrongs patiently does not, however, mean being a doormat for others to walk on. It simply means that, regardless of the wrongs which we suffer, we should bear them all patiently. For example, if you have had something stolen from your unlocked car, this virtue requires that you treat this with patience and equanimity, but not that you continue to keep your car unlocked. It is more about the attitude that you have concerning the wrong done to you. We might take a lesson from the ancient stoics, who counseled that every event has two handles, as it were, one by which it can be borne and one by which it is unbearable. Remember that everything here is temporary and that liars, thieves, and even murderers really have no power over our immortal souls. Finally, consider the example of Jesus in his last days. Faced with false charges and inhuman torture and suffering, he prayed for his accusers and tormentors. We should show patience by praying for those who wrong us, realizing that they are the ones who have truly been harmed by their misdeeds.

*For one is approved if, mindful of God, he endures pain while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it, if when you do wrong and are beaten for it you take it patiently? But if when you do right and suffer for it you take it patiently, you have God's approval.*  
R.S.V. 1 Peter 2:19-21

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### Sunny Hills Library

Monday: 1-6 p.m.  
Tuesday: Closed  
Wednesday: 1-6 p.m.  
Thursday: Closed  
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Sunday: Closed

## 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.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Donations accepted.

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

## TUESDAY

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

8-10 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 638-4516 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.

## THURSDAY

7:30 a.m.: Washington County Chamber of Commerce breakfast every third Thursday

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.: Amazing Grace Church USDA Food Distribution every third Thursday. (Holmes County Residents Only)

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Money Sense at Goodwill Career Training Center; call 638-0093; every third Thursday

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

10:30 a.m.: Chipley Library preschool story time.

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

11 a.m.: Care Givers Support group meets third Thursdays at the First Presbyterian Church at 4437 Clinton St. in Marianna.

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

1 p.m.: Writers Group meets the second Thursday of each month (unless a holiday) at the Chipley Library

4 p.m.: Holmes County Historical Society 2nd Thursday of each month.

6 p.m.: TOPS meets at 7 p.m. with weigh in at 6 p.m. at Mt. Olive Baptist Church  
6 p.m.: The Holmes County Historical Society meets first Thursdays at 6

p.m. The public is invited to attend.

6:30 p.m.: T.O.P.S. Mt. Olive Baptist Church on State Road 79 North.

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

## FRIDAY

6 a.m.: Men's Breakfast and Bible Study at Hickory Hill Baptist Church in Westville.

10 a.m. to noon: Homes 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.

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: On third Fridays, Washington County Council on Aging (Chipley) will have a plate lunch available to anyone as a fundraiser for our local senior citizens. Plates are \$6. Must make reservation at 638-6216 or 638-6217.

3:30: Bead Class every second Friday at Laurden-Davis Art Gallery call 703-0347

6-8 p.m.: Marianna's Gathering Place Foundation has a get-together for 50+ senior singles, widowed or divorced on last Fridays at Winn Dixie in Marianna. Come join the fun for games, prizes and snacks while you get your shopping done. For more information, call 526-4561.

8 p.m.: Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting at Chipley Presbyterian Church.

## SUNDAY

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

# Community EVENTS

## Weight Loss Challenge planned

**CHIPLEY** — If losing weight is your New Year's resolution, Talk O' the Town Nutrition is sponsoring a Weight Loss Challenge, beginning Thursday, Jan. 3.

The public is invited to join in the eight-week weight loss course, which will include a personal coach, a free meal plan, group support and helpful tips and information on nutrition and long-term health.

Cost to participate is \$35, with the fees being divided among the top four contestants who lose the most weight. First place will be 50 percent of the money raised, second place will be 25 percent, third place will be 15 percent and the person who loses the most inches will get 10 percent of the fees raised.

Competition size is limited to 50 contestants. For more information, call 638-8943 or 832-4953.

## Benefit Lunch

**GRACEVILLE** — There will be a benefit lunch for Deputy Matt Kersey and his family from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Jan. 6 at the Circle Grill in Graceville. Matt suffered complications after having open heart surgery and has been transferred to UAB in Birmingham, Ala. Lunch will consist of fried steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll and tea. Tickets for plates will be \$7. Tickets may be purchased from the Circle Grill in Graceville and at the Holmes County Sheriff's Office. Plates will be served at the Circle Grill or may be got to go. For more information call the Circle Grill at 263-3292 or the Holmes County Sheriff's Office at 547-4421.

## Open Auditions for Agatha Christie's 'The Mousetrap'

**CHIPLEY** — The Spanish Trail Playhouse will hold open auditions for the Agatha Christie's melodrama, "The Mousetrap," on Jan. 7 and 8. The auditions will be held at 6 p.m. nightly at the Spanish Trail Playhouse at the Historic Chipley High School in Chipley.

"The Mousetrap," written by Agatha Christie and produced by special arrangement with Samuel French Inc., will take the stage March 15-17 and will mark the first production of Season 6. This production is not a musical, and no prior acting experience is necessary.

Audition packets for the production are currently available at the Washington County Public

Library.

Director Rosalyn Scott will be casting five men and three women to fill the following roles:

**Mollie Ralston** — She recently married to Giles. Together they have started a guesthouse, the Monkswell Manor. She is a strong woman with a gentle soul and though she is determined to take the very best care of her guests, she is obviously in over her head.

**Giles Ralston** — He is married to Mollie, whom he loves and supports. He is fiercely protective of her and can be prone to jealousy.

**Christopher Wren** — Is a flamboyantly outspoken young man. The first guest to arrive at the hotel, Wren is a hyperactive young man who acts in a very peculiar manner. He admits he is running away from something, but refuses to say what.

Wren claims to have been named after the architect of the same name by his parents.

**Mrs. Boyle** — She is a critical older woman who is pleased by nothing she observes.

**Major Metcalf** — He is retired from the army, little is known about Major Metcalf.

**Miss Casewell** — She is a strange, aloof and masculine woman who speaks offhandedly about the horrific experiences of her childhood.

**Mr. Paravicini** — He is a continental gentleman, probably Italian, and is roguish, charming and very mysterious. A man of unknown provenance, who turns up claiming his car has overturned in a snowdrift. He appears to be affecting a foreign accent and artificially aged with make-up.

**Detective Sergeant Trotter** — He is policeman who arrives in a snow

storm saying he has come to protect the guests from the murderer. He is handsome and caring and is meticulous as well as courteous in his investigation.

To inquire about a certain role or any other question pertaining to the production of "The Mousetrap," please email Director Rosalyn Scott at roziebscott@att.net. You may also contact the Spanish Trail Playhouse at spanishtrailplayhouse@gmail.com or visit www.spanishtrailplayhouse.com for more information.

## Bridal Extravaganza

**CHIPLEY** — The 2013 Bridal Extravaganza will be held from 1-4 p.m. on Feb. 3 at the Washington County Ag. Center in Chipley. This is a free event.

For more information, call 638-2898.

# Obituaries

## Lela A. Davis

Ms. Lela Adrienne Murphy Davis of Curry Ferry Road, Bonifay, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2012, from injuries received in an automobile accident. She was 32. Lela was born March 27, 1980, in Alachua County. She enjoyed poetry and scrapbooking. She was a very loving daughter and mother.



**LELA DAVIS**

Lela is preceded in death by her great-grandparents, Comer and Jean Curry Sanders and Chilton Still and Viola Simmons; grandfather, Stafford Lee Still Sr.; aunt and uncle, Connie Lynn Leavins and Stafford Lee Still Jr.; and cousin, Joe Howell.

Survivors include one daughter, Jocelyn Kennedy Davis, Bonifay; one son, Remedy Elijah Boyd, Westville; mother, Brenda

Lee Still, Bonifay; father, Alva H. Murphy III (Cindy), Liberty, Texas; grandmother, Brenda Gail Sanders Jones (Charles H.), Westville; half-sisters, Patrice and Christina Murphy; special sisters, Kelly Smith and Krystal Brannon; special brother, Kayden Leavins; special cousin, Renay Gilmore; and other extended family and friends.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, in the chapel of Sorrells Funeral Home in Geneva with the Rev. Tracy Hobbs and the Rev. Gary Armstrong officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Ida Congregational Methodist Church Cemetery with Sorrells Funeral Home of Geneva directing. The family received friends at the funeral home Friday, Dec. 21, from 6-8 p.m.

## Bonnie R. VanTuinen

Mrs. Bonnie R. VanTuinen, age 88, passed away Monday, Dec. 24, 2012. She was born April 16, 1924, in Alabama to Benjamin and Effie Pate Hagood.



**BONNIE VANTUINEN**

Mrs. VanTuinen was a resident of Miramar Beach, originally from Dora, Ala. She was Methodist by faith and a member of the Hawthorne Methodist Church in Hawthorne, N.J. She graduated from the University of Alabama at Birmingham receiving her bachelor's degree in education.

She worked as a schoolteacher for 25 years before retiring from the Ramsey School System in New Jersey.

Mrs. VanTuinen is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Louis Barbieri; second husband, William VanTuinen; one brother, Robert Hagood;

and one daughter; Bonnie Lou Barbieri.

Mrs. VanTuinen is survived by her son, Chuck Barbieri and wife, Betty Ann, of Chipley; grandchildren, Shane Stinnard and wife, Becki, Christopher Barbieri and wife, Kim, Ben Barbieri, Robert Vollbrecht and wife, Laura and Elizabeth Srodka and husband, Chuck; and great-grandchildren, Devon Dodd and Colin Srodka.

Memorial services will be held at a later date in New Jersey. You may go online to view obituaries, offer condolences and sign guest book at www.clary-glenn.com.

Clary-Glenn Freeport Chapel Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

## Katie L. Andrews

Katie "Deannie" Loudine Andrews, March 3, 1935 to Dec. 24, 2012.

Deannie passed away on Dec. 24, 2012, at Twin Cities hospital in Niceville. She was born to John and Pauline Williams and was married to Marrel O. Andrews, all of Holmes County.

Survivors include daughter, Kim Mazza and husband, Allen, of Lynn Haven; grandson, Andy Powell and wife, Tamara, and Children, Meghan and Elana McCarthy; granddaughter, Kristen Williams and husband, Steve, and children, Noah and Ava, all of Niceville; brother, Art Williams of Lake Placid, and many nieces,



**KATIE ANDREWS**

nephews and a host of friends.

The family is honoring Deannie's wishes to be cremated and to be private. Her ashes will be placed beside her husband at Sunset Cemetery in Valparaiso. The family extends our sincere gratitude to everyone for their concerns, encouragement and prayers during Deannie's illness. A memorial service took place

at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, at Twin Cities Cremation Services and Funeral Home 1405 E. John Sims Parkway Niceville. Expressions of sympathy may be viewed or submitted online at www.twincitiescremationsfunerals.com.

## David F. Ivey Jr.

Mr. David Franklin Ivey Jr., age 35, of Bonifay, passed away Dec. 20, 2012, at Doctors Memorial Hospital in Bonifay. He was born Dec. 25, 1976, in Dothan, Ala.

Mr. Ivey was preceded in death by maternal grandfather, Louis Everrett, and paternal grandparents, Thomas Franklin Ivey and Dorothy Henning Ivey.

Mr. Ivey is survived by his wife, Melissa Ann Sparks Ivey of Bonifay; a son, Aidan Lee Ivey of Bonifay; a daughter, Cassie Marie Ivey of Bonifay; mother, Glenda Everett Ivey of Bonifay; father, David Franklin and Diana Ivey Sr. of Hartford, Ala.; maternal grandmother, Eula Marie "Tenience" Everett of Bonifay; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 23, 2012, at Gritney Baptist Church with the Rev. Jerrod Jenkins and the Rev. Preston Haddock officiating. Interment followed in the Bonifay Cemetery with Peel Funeral Home directing. Family received friends one hour prior to service.

## Herbert L. Gunn

CSM Herbert Luis Gunn, age 86, of Bonifay, died Dec. 20, 2012.

Memorialization was by cremation with Peel Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

## Ansley C. Petit

Miss Ansley Collette Petit, 5-month-old infant, passed away Dec. 18, 2012, at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Pensacola. She was born July 17, 2012, in Pensacola to Monica Annette Kirk and Duane Gerard Petit of Vernon.

In addition to her parents, Ansley was survived by one brother, Payne Ciampi; three sisters, Kaylee, Lacie and Mallorie Petit, all of Biddeford, Maine; maternal grandparents, Peggy Kirk and Hal Kirk, both of Vernon; Paternal grandparents, Lorraine and Gerard Petit of Saco, Maine; maternal great-grandmother, Shirley Hammack of New Hope; aunts and uncles, Candice and Torrie Blackmon of

Westville, Julie Milliard of Saco, Maine, Jackie and Robert Gagne of Saco, Maine, Joy Hawthorne of Saco, Maine, Danny Petit of Biddeford, Maine, and David and Mary Petit of Saco, Maine; two first cousins, Laython and Clayton Blackmon of Westville; and several other cousins and relatives.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 2 p.m., Dec. 22, 2012, at Live Oak Baptist Church New Hope, with interment to be followed in the church cemetery. The Rev. Keith Mashburn officiated, with Peel Funeral Home directing. Visitation was from 6-8 p.m., Dec. 21, 2012, at Peel Funeral Home Bonifay.

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# Gulf Power crews assist with restoration in Arkansas

Special to the News

**CHIPLEY** — A convoy of Gulf Power Company crews were northbound on their way to Arkansas Thursday to assist Entergy Arkansas with restoration efforts following a snowstorm that dropped six to 12 inches of

snow and snapped trees and power lines on Christmas Day.

A total of 28 line crew personnel and 15 support personnel headed to the Little Rock area. As of Thursday morning, Arkansas Entergy reported 140,000 customers still

without power from a high of 194,000 outages.

“Our crews are experienced in storm restoration, and we’re always ready to help out other utilities in times of need,” said Jeff Rogers, Gulf Power Corporate Communications manager. “And this experience

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This is the fifth storm restoration trip that Gulf Power crews have made in the last six months. A restoration crew spent 17

days restoring power in Philadelphia and New Jersey during November after Hurricane Sandy struck.

“Our crews will arrive in Arkansas tonight and begin work to restore power,” Rogers said. “They will be focused on getting customers’ power back on as quick-

ly and safely as possible.”

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# Gainesville to hold 27th annual Hoggetowne Medieval Faire

Special to the News

**GAINESVILLE** — The Alachua County Fairgrounds is transformed into a bustling medieval marketplace for the 27th annual Hoggetowne Medieval Faire. Come be swept away by medieval magic as troupes of actors, street performers and musicians journey back to the days of yore on Jan. 26-27 and Feb. 1-3.

Revel in the sights and sounds of one of North Central Florida’s premiere events.

For two consecutive weekends, the Alachua County Fairgrounds will transform into a medieval marketplace during the 27th annual Hoggetowne Medieval Faire. The blasts of trumpets mingle with the laughter of children as the kingdom of Hoggetowne opens its gates. Dancers and singers in medieval garb captivate crowds, while hundreds of artisans sell jewelry, hand-blown glassware, wood carvings and medieval clothing. Guests can enjoy acts on eight stages of entertainment, with performances by gypsy dancers and mystifying magicians. On the jousting field, armored knights battle one another from horseback for the honor of the King and Queen. Another battle brews dur-



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ing the living chess match where King Arthur’s Knights of the Round Table battle the forces of evil.

Children can embark on their own adventures by enjoying human-powered push rides and camel, elephant and pony rides. Guests who arrive early will be greeted by a gath-

ering of performers, actors and characters. Linda Piper, festival coordinator, echoes the sentiments of many when she describes this unique “meet and greet” as her favorite part of the day.

Join the crowd and cheer for your favorite contender as mounted knight’s

joust in full plate armor on the tournament field. Applaud street performers who dance, juggle and jest for your amusement. Listen to minstrels playing period music and enjoy continuous live entertainment on eight stages. Browse through the bustling medieval marketplace for that perfect gift or trinket.

Watch and enjoy as King Arthur’s Knights of the Round Table battle the forces of evil as pieces on a living chessboard, or test

your own skills in games of chance, strength and skill. Watch and learn as more than 160 artisans demonstrate their skills in blacksmithing, weaving, leatherworking, woodcarving, pottery and much more. Indulge in a feast fit for a king in our food court, where you can find sweet potato fries, bloomin’ onions and our famous giant turkey legs.

The Faire showcases more than 160 talented artisans and craftspeople from all over the countryside, who arrive at Hoggetowne to display and sell a variety of goods. At the marketplace, visitors will find one-of-a-kind blacksmithing, jewelry, stone and wood carvings, weaving, hand-blown glassware, leather crafts, and period fashions. Vendors will also show how they create their works of art. If walking through the market makes visitors hungry, they can head to the food court for a feast fit for a king. Tasty bloomin’ onions, giant turkey legs, fresh-baked pastries, sweet potato fries and succulent ribs are just some of the foods available. Young lords and ladies can also be seen munching giant turkey legs.

“The Hoggetowne Medieval Faire always draws a large crowd, and this year will be no exception,” said Linda Piper, who is preparing for what she hopes will be a record number of visitors. “We’re expecting more than 50,000 guests. Fans of the faire wait all year for this medieval celebration, and we’re thrilled

to have them.” Eight stages of continuous entertainment feature jugglers, jesters and magicians. Musicians play medieval melodies on period instruments and belly dancers perform in the street. Thrilling human-powered push rides attract lines of eager children while vendors urge visitors to play crossbow shooting and knife throwing. The astounding “Birds of Prey” show features trained hawks and falcons that perform for the pleasure of the crowds.

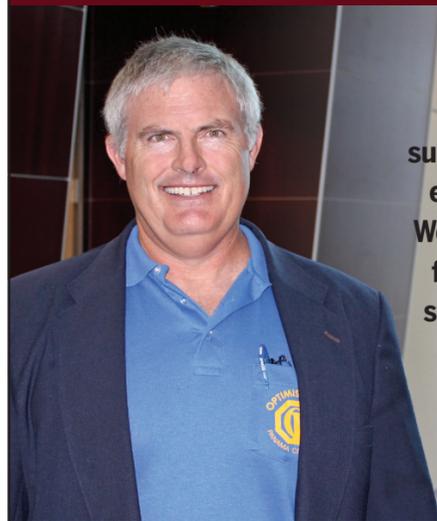
On School Day, Friday, Feb. 1, thousands of children will get a firsthand look at history and enjoy a field trip filled with magic, excitement and adventure. Schools from all over Florida visit to learn about medieval times in an engaging and authentic educational environment.

The Faire is the perfect place to bring even the youngest members of the kingdom. Children delight in visiting the royal pavilion, where they will become lords and ladies of the court of Hoggetowne. Indulge not only your children, but also yourself with rides on a camel, pony or even an elephant. Human-powered push rides further add to the authentic medieval fun.

Faire hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays & Sundays and 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday. Admission is \$14 for adults, \$7 for children ages 5-17 and free for children younger than 5.

On Friday, Feb. 1, tickets are half price.

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# County official: Commissioners to revisit boat ramp plans

By **MATTHEW BEATON**  
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**WEST BAY** — No new boat ramp will be built on the recently donated property at RiverCamps on Crooked Creek until the Bay County Commission weighs in on the plans during a public meeting, a county official said Wednesday.

Assistant County Manager Dan Shaw said the county has accepted the property from the St. Joe Co. but done little else. The 7.56-acre parcel sits on Crooked Creek off TiTi Road in the RiverCamps development just north of County 388. The deed lists "boat ramp" as a specific use for the property, which must be put toward "recreational purposes."

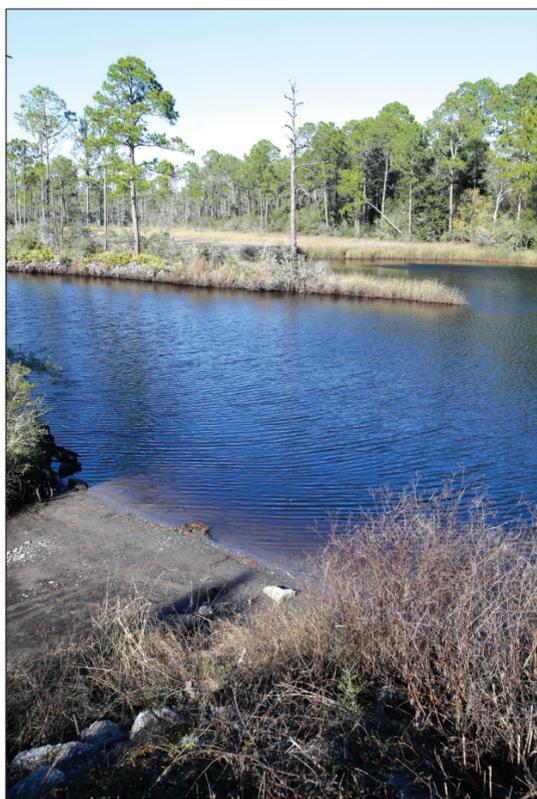
"We have been negotiating with St. Joe for the land for the better part of a year and with the intent of putting a boat ramp on the property," Shaw said.

The commission took heat from Friends of Crooked Creek at its meeting last week, as the group implored the commissioners not to build a boat ramp on the property. Shaw gave assurances Wednesday that county staff will solicit the commission's input before proceeding with any final plans.

"I don't think we can move forward on building it without getting the direction of the board. That's important," he said.

Thus far, no such discussion item has been placed on Tuesday's meeting agenda, but Shaw said the talk definitely will happen at a public meeting.

There was confusion at last week's meeting when the land was accepted on a 5-0 vote. Commissioner Guy Tunnell had to report his



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motion multiple times and it was laced with verbiage about a no-wake zone and getting input from nearby residents for the land's development. There also was discussion about what type of boat launch it would be — one exclusive to canoes and kayaks or a standard cement boat ramp.

"We're going to have to hear from the commission as to how they want it developed," Shaw said.

If and when the boat ramp is built, the county wants to shut down the Crooked Creek boat launch at County 388, which is less than 1,000 feet from the donated parcel. The county wants to close it because of vehicles and trailers that park in the right of way along County 388.

Shaw said the county has not completed any designs or begun the permitting process, but it is doing preliminary work, looking at the land's characteristics and how it can be developed.

"We've got things that we can be doing right now — that we are doing — so we're not on hold," he said.

Friends of Crooked Creek spokeswoman Barbara Gudgel said the commission's actions in accepting the property were "very deceptive."

Tunnell told her the boat ramp would not be voted on at last week's meeting, but the commission's decision to accept the property allows county staff to decide what type of boat ramp will be built and requires no further commission action.

After the meeting, Commissioner Mike Thomas said legally the only way the boat ramp must come before the commission again is for budgetary approval — provided it has an expense of \$50,000 or more.

Gudgel also said there will be a public meeting on the boat ramp, so area residents can have their say. She said Tunnell told a Friends of Crooked Creek member the meeting would happen and might be held at RiverCamps.

But, it's unknown when any of these discussions will



take place. Asked if county staff would solicit the commission's input at its second meeting in January, Shaw said he was unsure. "I'm still trying to figure out what I got for Christmas," he said.

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**1-5203 AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE BY CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT**  
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514.75 feet; thence S 1 degree 15 minutes East 681 feet; thence N 88 degrees 30 minutes E 514.75 feet; thence N 1 degree 15 minutes West 681 feet to the Point of Beginning. Name in which assessed: **Aaron R. Kroggel**, Trustee. Said property being in the County of Holmes, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 22nd day of January, 2013, at 11:00 A.M. DATED this 14th day of DECEMBER, 2012. Signature: **Cody Taylor**, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Holmes County, Florida. As published in the Holmes County Times Advertiser December 19, 26, 2012; January 2, 9, 2013.

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**1-5202 NOTICE OF TAX DEED APPLICATION**  
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