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IN BRIEF

Vernon celebrates Fourth of July

VERNON — Vernon will have its annual Fourth of July celebration Thursday, with a parade at 4 p.m., food, vendors, entertainment by the Gilley's Family Opry and a fireworks display at 9 p.m. The event is free, and the public is invited.

Libraries to close July 4-5

All branches of the Washington County Public Library will be closed July 4-5, in observance of the July 4 holiday. The library will open for its regularly scheduled hours on Monday.

26th annual Varnum reunion to be July 6

CHIPLEY — The 26th annual Varnum Reunion will be at 11 a.m. July 6 at the Blue Lake Community Center on State Road 77. Bring your favorite meat, covered dish or dessert and a healthy appetite. RSVP to Gloria Clark at 638-3892 or gloriac Clark@att.net.

Dr. Magical Balloons to be at library

CHIPLEY — The Dr. Magical Balloons will be at the Washington County Ag Center in Chipley at 10 a.m. July 9. This is a free show sponsored by the Washington County Public Library.

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Dixon proposes school location

Superintendent says county fair grounds would be ideal place

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BONIFAY — Superintendent of Holmes County Schools Eddie Dixon announced June 25 that

the intended location for the new Bonifay Middle and Elementary School is the Holmes County Fair Grounds.

Dixon made the announcement during the Holmes County Board of County Commissioners' June 25 meeting.

"The fair grounds behind the Holmes County High School is the ideal location because we can then have all the schools in one location," Dixon said. "The old high school, which is the middle school now, was built in the early '50s, while the elementary school was built in 1969. The middle school had clay pipes, which are now com-

pletely gone, and that's just one of the many reasons we need new schools."

County Attorney Jeff Goodman asked Dixon about the board's role in this endeavor.

"We need some sort of agreement that if we acquire the funding, then we'll be able to reach some sort of agreement concerning that property," Dixon said. "Representatives from the Department of Education will be down next week; perhaps you can send a representative on behalf of the board to attend?"

The board approved of sending commissioners Kenneth Williams

and Goodman to all negotiations involving the process of building these new schools at the Holmes County Fair Grounds.

Holmes County Constitutional Officers including Property Appraiser Otis Corbin, Supervisor of Elections Debbie Wilcox, Clerk of Court Kyle Hudson, Holmes County Tax Collector Harry B. Bell III and County Judge Owen Powell were present to request that the county do a feasibility study for Holmes County to have a governmental complex.

"We don't want it tonight, we

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SHOW GOES OFF WITH A BANG!

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Even with a downpour only hours before, the Holmes County Ministerial Association's annual Panhandle Patriotic Celebration drew in crowds by the thousands on the evening of June 30. For more photos, see **Page B1**.



Officials ID 2 victims of fatal I-10 wreck

From Staff Reports

MILTON — Officials have identified two of the three people killed in the June 16 wreck on Interstate 10.

Dustin Richard Davis, 22, of Chipley, was driving a 1993 Jeep Cherokee about 2:45 a.m. with 22-year-old Bonifay resident Amy Rachel Owens riding in his passenger seat, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

Davis was driving westbound in the eastbound inside lane of Interstate 10 when he hit a 2007 Jeep Wrangler driving in the eastbound lane at mile marker 36, according to FHP. The name of the 2007 Jeep driver has not been released.

Both vehicles burst into flames and were fully engulfed by the time emergency responders arrived.

The cause of the crash is still under investigation.

Anyone with information relating to the incident should contact FHP Cpl. B. Davis at 484-5000, ext. 306.

Holmes County Chamber enjoys evening social

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BONIFAY — The Holmes County Chamber of Commerce enjoyed its first evening social on June 27, its first alternative to the usual Chamber Breakfast.

"Normally we would make announcements and give you the latest news, but I think for our first evening social, I think we'll just enjoy each other's company," said Julia Bullington, Chamber coordinator. "Though I must say, we've got plenty to celebrate as we just got the latest unemployment stats in for May 2013."

She announced the unemployment rate in Holmes County is down to 5.7 percent, which is 1.3 percent lower than last year's number of 7 percent.

"We're seeing great things happening in Holmes County," Bullington said. "Keep buying locally, selling locally and employing locally. We also wanted to thank our evening's sponsors, Modern Tech Squad and Performance Realty, in addition to St. Sebastian Winery, our newest chamber member, who has provided a few cases of their red and white wines for a little tasting."

Bullington said St. Sebastian Winery has one of its headquarters in St. Augustine, but its largest vineyard in Florida, 45 acres, is in Holmes County.

"That's 450 acres of taxes paid to Holmes County," Bullington said. "We also had two ribbon cutting ceremonies for two new businesses. We welcomed Spectrum Counseling Services and

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As an alternative to the usual Holmes County Chamber of Commerce Breakfast, the Chamber had an evening social June 27.

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Panhandle Land Title LLC, and if we could see two grand openings a month, that would be great.”

Stephanie Smith with the Holmes County Times-Advertiser and Washington County News announced the Holmes and Washington County Chamber of Commerce would be hosting a free business seminar for current and potential small business owners from 9-11 a.m. July 17 at the Northwest Florida Community Hospital's Specialty Center in Chipley.

“I highly recommend that anyone who has a small business or is interested in establishing a small business attend this seminar,” Smith said. “I've had the distinct pleasure of hearing the guest speaker once before, and he is dynamic. It's just two hours out of your day, and it is more than worth it.”

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the Northwest Florida Regional Housing Authority will hold its Annual Meeting on July 18, 2013, at the Holiday Inn & Suites, 2725 Graves Road, Tallahassee, Florida. Meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. E.D.S.T. The meeting will be open to the public.

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just want you to do a study to see if it's feasible," Powell said. "One of our more pressing needs is to get the Supervisor of Elections office out of the courthouse. It's subjecting our voters to the bad company that frequent that courthouse, and every day, it poses a compromise in security to the courthouse."

Powell said with one building, there would be shared facilities such as a conference room, and that would save the county money in the long run.

"I think there will be funding available for such a facility, and we are together on this as a unified front," Powell said. "We just want a good start to get going."

Bell said he was anticipating a large amount of growth coming to Holmes County, and they would need the additional office space and parking for county business.

"My situation is kind of urgent," Wilcox said. "Our voters did very well coming to the back of the courthouse for early voting, and the government was very flexible with us; however, it is still a requirement that early voting be done at the Supervisor of Elections' Office, and our voters have the right to feel safe when coming to vote. Being near the courthouse makes for a hostile environment."

Commissioner Bill Parish suggested the study be held off until the next budget cycle.

"The building itself isn't going to be finished until further down the road at any rate, so there's time for the study to be included in our next budgeting cycle," Parish said. "I do agree that we have an urgent matter at the moment and suggest we find a place to relocate the Supervisor of Elections' Office as soon as possible until this governmental complex can become established."

The board agreed to look into a possible new location temporarily for the Supervisor of Elections' Office.

The board approved of building a Mosquito Control Building to house the mosquito spray truck and chemi-



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cal at the Recycling Center for the amount of \$12,595, which will come out Mosquito Control's budget.

The board approved of extending its contracts with Melvin Engineering and Preble Rish for another year.

Chairman Monty Merchant said he spoke with the Department of Transportation, and it looks as though they might have additional funds to help widen County Road 2 from County Road 82 to the Walton County Line; however, it would help if the board made it a top priority.

"This doesn't devalue the importance of the repairs needed for Thomas Drive and Duncan Road, it just pushes it up so that the project can be started on this year," Merchant said. "Thomas Drive and Duncan Road still won't be eligible for work until 2017."

The board approved of placing County Road 2 at the top of its priority list. The board also approved of Holmes County Extension Director Shep Eubanks' recommendation to hire Wendy Smith as the new extension office secretary.

"Out of 22 applicants and eight interviews, she was the best choice," Eubanks said. "She has over 17 years

of experience, her test scores were the highest and she had outstanding references."

The board approved Director of Holmes County Emergency Management Wanda Stafford's request to extend the Emergency Operations Center hours from 35 hours per week to 40, with a vote of 4 to 1, with Merchant voting "no."

Stafford confirmed demands on the Emergency Operations Center had been increasing, and the additional hours would not be of any cost to the county.

"We will continue to do our best to support you all and do the best job that we can," Stafford said.

Commissioner Bobby Sasnett moved to have a local bus driver's driveway repaired, but it died because of lack of second.

Goodman said there was some room to work if it was private property being used for public purposes, and the other commissioners were reluctant because it was private property.

Merchant asked about the ongoing efforts to beautify the courthouse and Board of County Commissioners building.

County Engineer Whitney Nelson from Melvin Engineering said he had submitted a plan that would cost \$2,128 and would enlist the help of inmate labor and a local nursery.

Board agreed to look into asking the Bonifay Garden Club for their advice as well.

The next scheduled Holmes County Board of County Commissions meeting is set for 9 a.m. July 9.

CLARIFICATION

The charge for which Aaron Lee Mitchell was arrested was changed to disorderly conduct, according to a court disposition dated June 17. It is the policy of the Washington County News and the Holmes County Times-Advertiser to correct all errors that appear in news stories. If you wish to report an error or clarify a story, call 638-0212 or email news@chipleypaper.com.

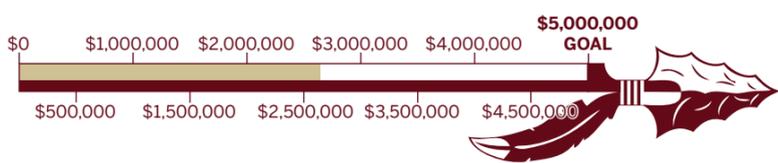
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Firecracker Day makes a comeback

In what pundits label as the most popular event in Washington County, the 2013 Panhandle Watermelon Festival which consistently attracts large crowds, will be history by the time this article is printed. Should all indicators prove correct, it will possibly be remembered as the biggest and best as it commemorates its 57th year.

Chairman, Judge Colby Peel, and his committee of "lieutenants" are to be congratulated for successfully carrying out this well structured weekend of fun activities which pays tribute to the cash crop watermelons, which many farmers have depended upon for decades to financially supplement other income.

For more than 50 years, local citizens and throngs of visitors were standing by awaiting to attend Bonifay's All Night Sing following Chipley's watermelon festival. The famed WBGC-Radio newscaster, J. Harvey Ethridge, always billed the event "as the biggest all night singing in the world." I don't know of any challenge that he ever received with that statement.

That historic annual singing event for Holmes County enjoyed tremendous successes for many years before falling on hard times a few years ago, resulting in the discontinuing of the mammoth event for the past two years.

The good news is that a gospel sing for that established night, nearest to the Fourth of July, is being advertised to be staged on July 6 at the Holmes County High School Auditorium at 6 p.m. Hopefully, this will

be the beginning of having the popular All Night Singing become the gigantic and popular event that it once was. This year's sing will host The Nelons, who have soared to the top of national radio charts.

Vernon started its Independence Day holiday, with an event called "Vernon Firecracker Day and Homecoming." The first celebration was held July 4, 1975 and those recognized at the "brainchild" of organizing the gigantic festival include Sam Mitchell, Waller Everett, Theodore Simmons, Jerry Tyre, George and Alma Vann and a host of others.

The supporting organizations were a combined effort of the Vernon Lions Club and the Vernon High School Quarterback Club.

The planned event was carried out at Vernon's High School Football stadium with food, entertainment, games for children, a mammoth fireworks display and other activities. From the outset, the festive occasion stressed the patriotic theme, and the plan to continue the annual celebration each July 4th.

The event thrived for several years and was well attended. Support from other organizations and individuals, including some noted office holders, joined in the community effort.

As the festival grew in attendance, some well-known entertainment groups were brought into the town for performances. Included in this number were Little Jimmy Dickens, Wendy Bagwell and the Sunlighters and Mel Tillis and his band. Then State Senator,

Dempsey J. Barron, was credited with bringing Mel Tillis as the two of them were personal friends.

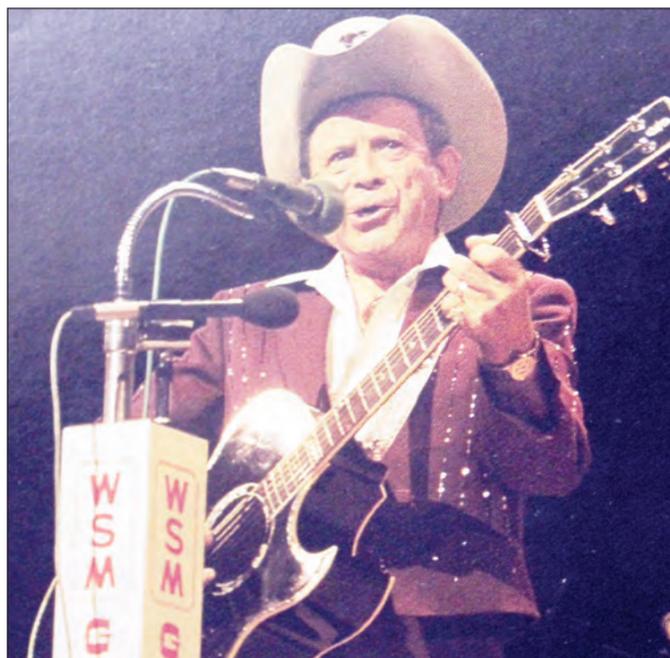
In 1981, the Vernon Firecracker Day probably reached its peak. A Vernon High School Alumni Club had been formed under the leadership of Dale Taylor, and other officers, with the group's main goal being to support Vernon's big day each July 4. The schedule of events were listed in a Souvenir Booklet, complete with pictures of Vernon homes and with elected officials, businesses and individuals paying for advertising to cover expenses of the celebration. In that year, activities included a Fishing Rodeo and Canoe Races on Holmes Creek, a 10,000 meter Road Race, as well as downtown Parade and Barbeque being served on the town's square.

At sundown, action shifted to the football field where a variety of bluegrass and gospel music was performed. There was also food, arts and crafts and games for children

For some unknown reason, the Vernon Firecracker Day fell by the wayside from 1981 until 2004. It was then rejuvenated thanks to the efforts of the Vernon Merchant's Association, headed by newcomers to the business community, Bill and Peggy Dobbins.

The big day has survived the upheaval in the widening of Highway 79 and the construction of the two new Vernon Bridges spanning Holmes Creek, with a separate structure accommodating traffic both north and south.

Traffic is moving in a more orderly fashion presently with the completion of most of the road work. Vernon now has its first traffic light and plans



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Little Jimmy Dickens shown at a Grand Ole Opry appearance where he continues to perform almost every week even though past 90 years old.

for beautification of the historic Vernon Square is underway by the Vernon Garden Club.

The Vernon Firecracker Day is scheduled for July 4 and local media has printed the schedule which will include some added attractions.

It was the writer's privilege to support and attend the earlier Firecracker Days at his Alma Mater of Vernon. At the very first event in 1975, when the "Prattler" was entertaining entering the political arena for county judge, my friend, Bob Jones, and employee of the Sheriff's Department, unknowingly snapped my picture.

On Monday morning, he

presented it to me at the Montgomery Ward Catalog Store, with the typewritten caption "Politician?" This is one of my treasured keepsake items from the many varied "careers" of Perry Wells. These different job experiences have given me ten wonderful years of writing "Perry's Prattle."

Hopefully, your writer will be able to attend some of the attractions at Vernon's Firecracker Day and once again enjoy this patriotic worthwhile extravaganza which celebrates this Washington County's town rich heritage and history. See you at Vernon on July 4 and see you next week with more "prattle."

HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?

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N.D. Miller Distribution Company was early Bonifay business

Recently my friend Edna Bellot McDonald was given a picture of the opening of the warehouse adjacent to the railroad track on Waukesha St (Highway 79) which housed the N.D. Miller Company. The company was an early Bonifay business owned by Mr. N.D. Miller who also owned the Eureka Hotel. His widow, Chrissie Cawthon Miller, lived at the Hotel for many years and was a social fixture in Bonifay.

Until the new building was occupied in 1950, the wholesale grocery business warehouse was located north of the hotel, behind Evans Department Store and the building next door. Barbara Miller Hartsfield, great niece of N.D. Miller, writes her recollections in "The Heritage of Holmes County, Florida." She writes about her father, Jefferson Brown Miller whose own father had died when he was but two years old. He had an uncle, Julian Miller, who was a father figure to the young Brown.

After graduating from The University of Florida and marrying an Indiana native, Irene Best, a nurse whom he met in Gainesville, Brown moved to Bonifay and worked for his uncle, N.D. Miller. Since N.D. and Chrissy were childless, at his death, Brown inherited the grocery distribution company and operated it until it closed in 1961. For

a time he also operated a grocery store in downtown Bonifay next door to Evans Department store where Pat's Electric/ The Bead Garden is located today. Barbara remembers walking from the warehouse

through the back door to the grocery store.

Since Edna Bellot McDonald was a long time employee of the business, when Julian Miller II was given scrap book memorabilia

by Brown's second wife, Arlen Strickland Miller, he contacted Edna and gave her the picture. She was able to identify the people and remembered working with them. Mr. Ben Smith drove a truck for the company. Trips to Louisiana brought back sugar. Before Christmas, a trip to Chattanooga, Tenn brought candy for the season. Edna particularly remembers Brock candy bars and cream drops. Warehouse workers were Hilton Pate and Tom Pettis. Capt. Julius Bellot, Edna's dad who got his title as captain of a prison camp was a salesman as was Rev. Herman McDonald, and Willard Newsome who also served as warehouse manager. The office staff was comprised of Willadean Dyson Pate, Mary Methvin Cox, Edna, and Arlen. Edna McDonald, Arlen Miller and Ben Smith are the only ones pictured who are still living.



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This 1950 photo of the N.D. Miller Co. staff includes Willadean Dyson Pate, Mary Methvin Cox, Edna Bellot McDonald, Arlen Strickland Miller, Ben Smith, Hilton Pate, Tom Pettis, Julius E. Bellot, J. Brown Miller, C.L. Geiger, Herman McDonald, an unidentified Stokely-Van Camp representative and Willard Newsom.

Stores in town and the nearby outlying area came to the warehouse with their orders where they were filled on the spot. Deliveries were made as far away as Crestview to the west, but Edna wasn't sure how far east they went since Daffin's in Marianna was in the same business.

Some of the stores we could recall were Hagler's at Bethlehem School, Hodge's and Jenkins' in Caryville, Brigman's in Westville, Owens' and McFatter's in Vernon, Tobias' and Dasenger's in Chipley, Methvin's and O. K. Williams' in Bonifay, and Cullifer's north of town.

One of Edna's duties was to put the state tax stamps on the individual cigarette packages. This was before the health risks of smoking were known and cigarette sales were a big part of the company's business. She described how they would be carefully dumped from the carton, the stamp then had to be moistened and affixed. Then they had to be returned to the carton. Barbara Miller recalled that Mrs. McDonald taught her and Edna's sister, Sarah

Bellot, to do the stamping. They became quite proficient as they competed to see who could do the most stamps.

In the Heritage book, Barbara tells a story that her dad, Brown Miller told. On Saturdays the delivery trucks would be filled with gasoline ready for the Monday deliveries. As summer came on, he noticed that the gasoline would run out too soon. He suspected that young people coming back from the beach on Sunday night were siphoning gasoline from the company's trucks. So he devised a plan. He had the tanks drained and filled with water. On Monday, there were several cars bearing Alabama tags stalled along North Highway 79.

The N.D. Miller Co closed its doors in 1961 when "chain" stores made their appearance. The building was bought by Clearance Phillips as headquarters for his Holmes County Farming Co, a feed mill and farm supply store. It is still in that family today operated as Holmes County Farm Supplies by Carolyn Phillips Cooley and husband, Jerry.

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Employment numbers stay steady in Northwest Florida

From Staff Reports

PANAMA CITY — The Panama City and Gulf area employment scene isn't getting any better — but it isn't getting any worse either, according to Gulf Coast Workforce Board numbers released Friday.

The area had a negative 2 percent employment growth margin — the gap between the number of jobs and number of job seekers — while the rest of the state saw a growth of 1.6 percent.

In Washington County, the numbers ticked up one-tenth of a percent, rising to 7.6 percent in May, up from 7.5 percent in April.

In Holmes County, the increase was from 5.3 percent in April to 5.7 in May, or four-tenths of a percent.

Workforce Board Executive Director Kim Bodine said the lack of growth has been because more people are beginning to look for work after sitting on the sidelines for the last few months.

The Workforce Board Region — Bay, Franklin and Gulf counties — unemployment rate clicked up from 6.2 to 6.3 percent.

Bay County's number stayed at 6.3 percent

"When you dig deeper into the numbers, you will see that both the labor force and the employment force, two different things, expe-

rienced growth over the month," Bodine said regarding the region. "The labor force grew from 99,789 in April to 100,984 in May.

The number of employed residents grew from 93,574 in April to 94,658 in May.

This means more people are feeling confident about getting back into the workforce and are starting to seek employment again."

Still, over the past year, the Bay County area alone lost more than 500 jobs in the leisure, hospitality, professional and business services areas, according to the figures released Friday.

An additional 200 jobs were lost in the transportation and utilities area, while another 100 jobs were lost in the education, financial activities and health services or government areas.

Bodine refuted those numbers.

"We believe that in reality our tourism season has resulted in larger revenues and more jobs than last year. I am not sure that the data collection was correct," Bodine said.

Florida's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.1 percent in May, the lowest since September 2008, when it was 7 percent.

The May rate was down 0.1 percentage point from the April rate of 7.2 percent and was 1.7 percentage points lower than the year-

ago rate of 8.8 percent.

There were 671,000 jobless Floridians out of a labor force of 9,427,000.

The U.S. May unemployment rate was 7.6 percent.

Florida's unemployment

rate was 0.5 percentage point lower than the U.S. rate and was below the national rate for the third consecutive month.

NEED HELP?

The Gulf Coast Workforce Board encourages anyone negatively affected by the recently imposed sequester to visit its new website at workforcecenter.org to find part-time work to help fill in the gap. A quick search on the Employ Florida Marketplace website Friday resulted in 298 part-time positions open in the region. For help utilizing the system, contact the Workforce Center at 850-872-4340, 625 U.S. 231, Panama City.

LOCAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

County	May	April	May 2012
Bay	6.3	6.3	7.8
Calhoun	6.4	6.1	8.1
Franklin	5.2	5	6.5
Gulf	6.6	6.4	8.5
Holmes	5.7	5.3	7
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Free benefit concert for Kendrea White

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HARTFORD, Ala. — Sponsors ranging from all over lower Alabama and the tri-county area are pulling together to put on a free benefit concert for Kendrea White, who is a 23-year-old with Lyme disease, Crohn's disease and Borreliosis, which attacks the brain, and is currently hospitalized at Southeast Alabama Medical Center for C-difficile.

The concert is titled Kendrea's Prayer for Hope Concert and will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Recreation Park in Hartford, Ala. on Saturday, July 27. Vendors and entertainment from Slo-

comb, Caylee Anna, Just

Jaded, Jerome Jackson and much more.

"It's due to lack of finances that she hasn't been able to receive proper treatment," said Jeannine Webb, coordinator from Bonifay. "Without insurance it is virtually impossible for her to receive the proper treatment. Her mother, Kim Harris, has lost her home and her job to be Kendrea's full time caregiver and it's taken a lot out of both of them."

Webb explained that the concert is free and if there are vendors interested in setting up the vender fee has been waived.

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Rivenbark-Ramsey Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. William Rivenbark of Black, AL announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Laura Eileen Rivenbark, to Peter Joseph Ramsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ramsey of Hollandale, MS.

Ashley is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Clark of Bonifay, FL and Ms. Laurjean Rivenbark and the late Mr. Albert Rivenbark of Hartford, AL.

Ashley is a 2003 graduate of Bethlehem High School and a 2007 graduate of Auburn University with a bachelor's degree in biomedical science. Ashley also attended the University of Wisconsin La Crosse, where she obtained a certification in dosimetry. Ashley is currently a dosimetrist at 21st Century Oncology in Dothan, AL.

Peter is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fontenot of Lafayette, LA, and Mrs. Mary Ramsey and the late Mr. James Ramsey of Hollandale, MS.

Peter is a 1997 graduate of Deer Creek School and a 2002 graduate of Delta State University in Mississippi with a bachelor's degree in finance. He is currently employed with M4 Development in Dothan, AL.

The wedding is planned for July 27th, 2013 at The Grand on Foster St. in Dothan at 6:00pm.

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1) Surveys say Roman candles are the "most favorite" type of fireworks for the 4th with what the "least favorite"?

Firecrackers, Smokeballs, Pinwheels, Snaps

2) Where is "Rebildfest" billed as the largest celebration of American independence held outside the U.S.?

Germany, Denmark, Mexico, Australia

3) On July 4, 1848, President Polk laid the cornerstone of what famous structure?

Lincoln Memorial, Library of Congress, Capitol building, Washington Monument

4) Thomas Jefferson and which other former president died July 4, 1826?

George Washington, John Adams, James Monroe, Andrew Jackson

5) On that same date of July 4, 1826, what noted American was born?

Robert E. Lee, Stephen Foster, Walt Whitman, Henry David Thoreau

6) Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776; one was Hancock, who was the other?

Henry, Franklin, Pinckney, Thomson

7) What famous American patriot was hung as a spy in 1776 by the British?

Paul Revere, Nathan Hale, Daniel Webster, Nathaniel Hawthorne

8) Who's been the only future President of the United States to be born on a July 4th?

Jackson, Van Buren, Taft, Coolidge

9) Where did the Continental Congress sign the Declaration of Independence?

Boston, NYC, Philadelphia, Mount Vernon

10) Who was the first President of the Continental Congress?

Peyton Randolph, Roger Sherman, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin

11) At signing time the colonies were under which English King?

George I, George III, Charles I, Charles III

12) Which colony had the most signers at 9?

Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Massachusetts

13) On July 4, 1960 Mickey Mantle hit which career-number homerun?

300, 400, 500, 600

14) Which former president died July 4, 1831?

Madison, Monroe, Tyler, Polk

ANSWERS

1) Smokeballs. 2) Denmark. 3) Washington Monument. 4) John Adams. 5) Stephen Foster. 6) Thomson. 7) Nathan Hale. 8) Coolidge. 9) Philadelphia. 10) Peyton Randolph. 11) George III. 12) Pennsylvania. 13) 300. 14) Monroe.

Panhandle Patriotic Celebration



PHOTOS BY CECILIA SPEARS

Drawing in crowds of spectators of all ages from near and far, everyone enjoyed one activity or another at the Panhandle Patriotic Celebration in Bonifay. There were dozens of booths providing free food and entertainment before the big fireworks display.



Churches from all over Holmes County set up booths to provide free food and entertainment to visiting families during this year's Panhandle Patriotic Celebration.



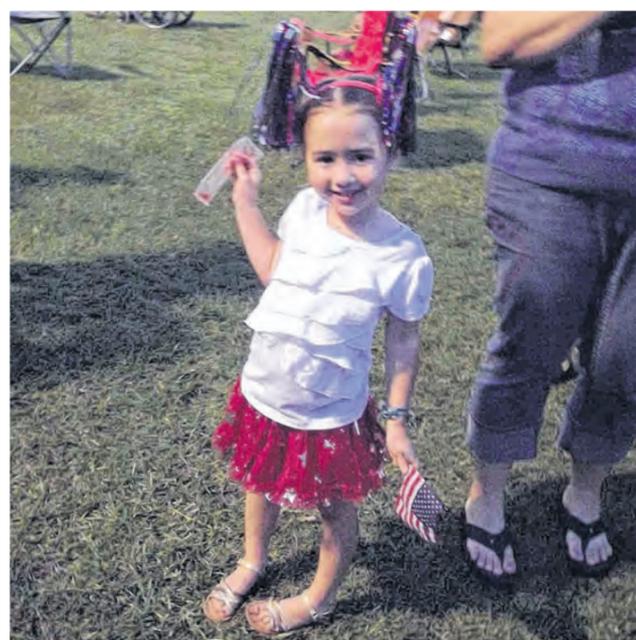
Thousands of spectators from all across the area brought their lawn chairs in anticipation of this year's firework display.



Spectators enjoyed free food and entertainment while waiting for this year's fireworks display.



Starting at 9 p.m. spectators finally got the display they were all anticipating as fireworks lit the night skies with patriotic themes playing celebrating the nation's freedom.



Young and old, many came showing their patriotic pride in anticipation for one of the largest fireworks displays in the area.



The importance of volunteering Guardian Ad Litem

By CECILIA SPEARS
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BONIFAY — Guardian Ad Litem representative Amy Griffin spoke to the Bonifay Kiwanis Club on June 26 about the importance of volunteering as a guardian.

"We serve Holmes, Washington, Bay, Calhoun, Jackson and Gulf Counties through the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit by doing the best we can to protect children in the courtroom," said Griffin. "Their voices often fall on deaf ears and their best interest may be overlooked in the often overburdened child welfare system. The State of Florida Guard-

ian Ad Litem program trains and certifies citizens to represent the best interests of these local children in need."

Griffin explained that a guardian isn't like a foster parent with full time responsibility of a child, but volunteers their time to be a representative for a child in need by monthly visits and observations and often may accompany a child as a source of comfort if they are needed in court.

"These volunteers provide a stable foundation for a child that maybe facing very turbulent times," said Griffin. "It's horrible to see homes split apart because both their mother and father are in jail. You may be the only stable

adult a child may know."

Griffin asked that a few volunteers give their testimony as volunteers, the first being Tom Jenkins.

"Is it a lot of effort?" asked Jenkins. "No, but is it worth it? Absolutely."

He said that he had nine children he was volunteering for at the present time.

"It's only a couple of hours a month," said Jenkins. "You write up a report and you're done. These children just want someone to show them that someone cares about them."

There will be "happy moments" and there will be "sad times," he said.

"When a five-year-old has to be removed from a home because his teeth are rotting out of his head because the parents neglected him, that is very sad," said Jenkins. "Then I visited with the foster parents taking the boy in and now I have no problem with him leaving his home because I seen the compassion these people had for this child. These kids just want someone that will love them and care for them."

The next volunteer to speak was Aubrey Sapp.

"We need people to be a positive impact on these children," said Sapp. "The positive far outweighs the negative as a volunteer. It's a rewarding experience

and I don't regret a minute of it." Griffin stressed that there were still quite a few children in Holmes and Washington County in need of volunteers.

"They need someone to be their voice so they're not just another number," said Griffin. "Since we are completely volunteer based, if there is no volunteer for that child then that child will not have a representative so I implore that you accept the challenge to be a volunteer. With great challenges comes great reward."

For more information about becoming a volunteer contact Guardian Ad Litem's local office in Chipley at 638-6043.

Taylor retains title

Special to Extra

Jesse Kay Taylor, age 7 retained her title of Future Little Miss Holmes County on May 4.

During her 2012-13 reign she participated in several community service opportunities including; a school supply drive, clothing and food donation and animal care. With the help and kindness and donations from several members of our area she remains a part of these and other methods of support for our local communities.

Jesse will be attending Bonifay Elementary School and will be in the Second Grade. Her parents are Chris and Maria Taylor of Bonifay and her grandparents are Curtis and Thelma Oldaker also of Bonifay.



JESSE KAY TAYLOR

Governor Rick Scott signs 'Exceptional Student Education' legislation

Special to Extra

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Rick Scott signed SB 1108 on Friday which allows parents of students with disabilities to have an active role in meetings, including those about the decisions regarding assessment and placement of their child.

Governor Scott said, "As a father and a grandfather, I know how important it is to make sure parents play a major role in the education of their children. This bill will ensure

that parents have an active role regarding their child's education and will improve education for Florida students."

Sen. Andy Gardiner said, "I applaud Governor Scott for signing this legislation today. Senate Bill 1108 gives children with unique abilities the opportunities they deserve to succeed in life. The heart of this legislation is the ability to give parents more empowerment when it comes to the Individualized Education Program (IEP) process."

Sen. John Thrasher, prime co-sponsor of the measure, said, "This bill reflects the Governor's and Legislature's commitment to providing parents with the means and opportunity to play a leading role in their child's education."

Rep. Jason Brodeur said, "Protecting the rights of parents and students is an initiative supported by all members of the Legislature and the Governor. This bill will ensure parents are able to make the best decision for their children."

Community EVENTS

26th Annual Varnum Reunion

CHIPLEY — The 26th Annual Varnum Reunion will be held on Saturday, July 6, starting at 11 a.m. Bring your favorite meat, covered dish or dessert and a healthy appetite. The reunion will be held at the Blue Lake Community Center on Highway 77 in Chipley.

Please RSVP to Gloria Clark at 638-3892 or email her at gloriac Clark@att.net.

Kolmetz Family Sing

VERNON — The Kolmetz Family Sing will be held at 6:30 p.m. on July 12 at New Bethany Church. The church is located on Shakey Joe Road in Vernon. For more information call Bertha Padgett at 535-2737.

Kolmetz Kousins family reunion

VERNON — The Kolmetz Kousins Family Reunion will be held at

10 a.m. on July 13 at the Hinson Crossroads Fire Station. For more information call Bertha Padgett at 535-2737.

HCHS Class of 1958

BONIFAY — The HCHS Class of 1958 will be holding a class reunion at 5:30 p.m. on July 12 in the HCHS Cafeteria. We will eat dinner at 7 p.m. if you were in this class and did not graduate with us, call 547-2376 for more information.

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Celebrating the fourth week of the summer reading program the Holmes County Public Library introduced the local children to Flamenco Dancers on June 27 at the Holmes County Public Library. Flamenco is a type of Spanish folk dance and music that includes singing, dancing, guitar and clapping. Children were encouraged to participate in learning the dance and two children were selected from the crowd to demonstrate the dance.



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JOSHUA A. CHILDS GRADUATES FROM BASIC

Special to Extra

Joshua Aaron Childs, 18, has successfully graduated from Lackland Air Force Base and is now Airman First Class. He is the grandson of Manuel and Naomi Escobio of Westville.

Pet travel safety takes a front seat as partnership kicks off campaign

Special to Extra

RALEIGH, N.C. — In an effort to bring pet travel safety to the forefront of pet owners' minds this summer, TripsWithPets.com will be partnering with the AKC Canine Health Foundation, or CHF, to launch the Safe Summer Pet Travel Campaign.

According to TripsWithPets.com, 65 percent of pet owners surveyed plan to take their pets along when they hit the road this summer. The Safe Summer Pet Travel Campaign is designed to educate pet owners on how best to incorporate safety into their travel plans.

"It's such an important subject," notes TripsWithPets.com President and Founder, Kim Salerno. "People love their pets, and want to do everything they can to protect them. But they may not be aware of all the steps they could take to ensure their safety as they travel."

The partnership is a natural fit. TripsWithPets.com, a website dedicated to helping pet owners find pet friendly lodging, restaurants and beaches throughout the United States and Canada, is a long-time leading pet travel safety advocate.

CHF is an organization committed to funding scientific research that promotes canine health and wellness, and to providing health and safety education programs for dog owners.

Salerno is excited to be working with CHF. "I have so much respect for everything this organization does to promote the health of dogs, and I am so pleased and honored to be a part of this campaign," she notes.

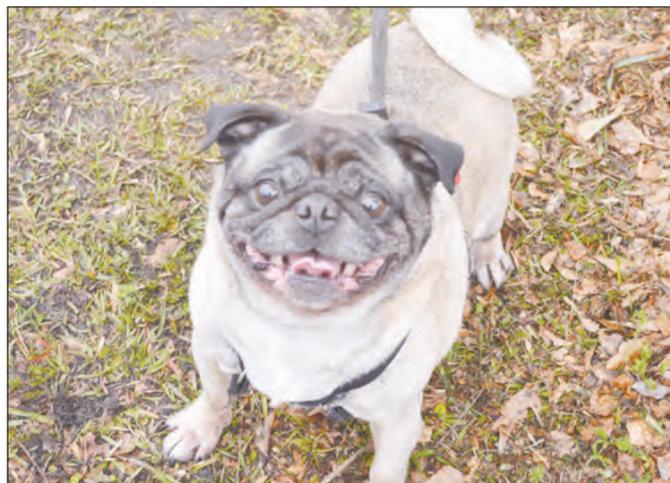
CHF Director of Development & Communications Erica Kitchen is thrilled as well. "Providing educational resources for dog owners is integral to our mission to help dogs live longer, healthier lives," she notes.

"TripsWithPets.com does so much to promote the safety, comfort and well-being of pets. We couldn't be happier to work with them. It's a perfect partnership."

The main focus of the campaign will rest on car safety, highlighting topics such as properly securing pets in vehicles; avoiding distracted driving; dealing with pet car sickness; and the dangers of leaving pets in hot cars.

The campaign will run throughout July and August, during which time pet safety tips, articles and other resources will be available on www.tripswithpets.com. The site will also offer deals on pet travel safety items for purchase, such as pet carriers; pet car seats, pet seat belts, and vehicle pet barriers.

In addition, as part of the campaign, CHF will extend their regular podcast program to encompass the Safe Summer Pet Travel campaign.



The program is currently released bi-weekly at no charge to listeners, and covers topics related to canine health. On July 25, the foundation will release a travel safety podcast featuring Kim Salerno. Those interested in this podcast — or in the complete

CHF podcast series — can find it on the CHF website, located at www.akcchf.org, or at the iTunes store.

For more information on the Safe Summer Pet Travel campaign, please visit www.tripswithpets.com or www.akcchf.org.

Don't bring Bambi home!

We've all done it before. You see a cute, seemingly hungry animal in the wild and instantly start thinking of names and working out how you will care for your new pet. But while having a pet deer may seem like a novel idea at first, feeding and caring for wildlife can be not only dangerous for you and the animal, but in many cases it is also against the law.

"Wildlife may carry a number of diseases and parasites that can be easily transmitted to humans," said Dr. Alice Blue-McLendon, Clinical Associate Professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Science (CVM) and director of the Winnie Carter Wildlife Center. "Small creatures like foxes and skunks should never be handled because they are known to be carriers of the rabies virus."

In many cases, it is also against state and federal law to keep wildlife species as pets. "Multiple permits, such as those listed out on the Texas Parks and Wildlife website, are needed in order to keep and foster wildlife," said Blue-McLendon. "These permits are usually reserved for educational facilities, zoos, and rehabilitators."

Feeding wildlife is also seen by many as a controversial subject, as it attracts animals into urban environments. "This contributes to a rise in vehicle collisions with wild animals as they move closer to roads and nearby homes to be near the food source," said Blue-McLendon.

Feeding can also habituate dangerous animals into becoming comfortable in residential or recreational settings. "Wildlife species that are hand raised, like the white-tailed buck, tend to be more dangerous in the wild due to the absence of their fear of humans," said Blue-McLendon. "Wild animals are named that for a reason. Even if the creature is raised by humans, it will still have most of its wild tendencies."

The best thing you can do when you see wildlife is to walk away. In the case of an injured animal, contact your local animal control or wildlife veterinarian to find the wildlife rehabilitator closest to your location.

"Unless the animal is in obvious distress, is ill, or is in immediate danger, it's best to just leave them be," said Blue-McLendon. "An all too common scenario is of people finding fawns that they believe are orphaned, when in reality they are actually hidden

by their mother as she searches for food. The mother will return to nurse them, so as long as the fawn is not distressed or injured, it should be left alone."

If an animal appears ill or injured, it should be taken immediately to a wildlife veterinarian or a licensed rehabilitator. The Texas Parks and Wildlife website contains a list of local licensed rehabilitators, and the Zoological Medicine Service through the Texas A&M CVM provides services for injured wildlife as well.

"Rehabilitators will give the animal first aid

while the veterinarian arrives, and work closely with the veterinarian to keep the animal healthy as it recovers," said Blue-McLendon. "If you must transport wildlife, it is vital to take precautions to avoid contracting any disease or parasite from the animal. People should wear gloves at all times, wrap the animal in a towel, and avoid the animal's mouth at all times."

The Winnie Carter Wildlife Center at Texas A&M University offers courses to students aimed at teaching them about the husbandry, management and behavior of captive wildlife and exotic animal species.

About Pet Talk

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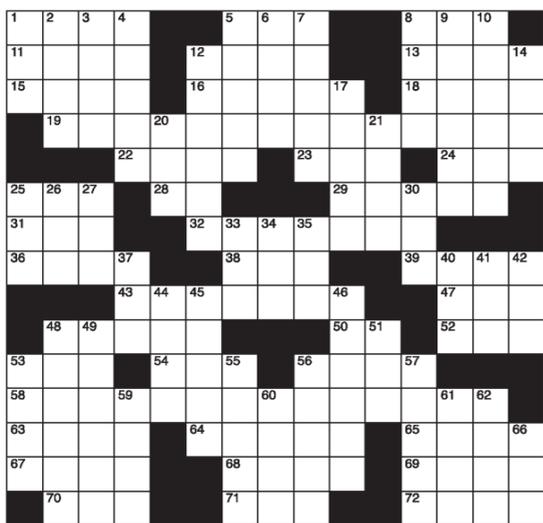
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Suggestions for future topics may be directed to editor@cvm.tamu.edu.



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CLUES ACROSS

- Applies paint lightly
- House mice genus
- Bible's Chronicles (abbr.)
- Old World buffalo
- Expression of contempt
- Levi jeans competitor
- A small-wooded hollow
- Donkeys
- River in Florence
- L. Rukeysner's TV show
- The abominable snowman
- Deerfield, IL, Trojans school
- Be obliged to repay
- Woman (French)
- Delaware
- Fools around (Br. slang)
- Affirmative (slang)
- With three uneven sides
- Tel __, Israel city
- "As American as apple __"

CLUES DOWN

- Male parent
- Afresh
- South American weapon
- Set out
- Volcano aka Wawa Putina
- Soviet Union
- A single piece of paper
- A bird's foot
- Of this
- Restores
- Paper adhesives
- Lordship's jurisdiction
- River in Paris
- Headed up
- Sir in Malay
- Soft-shell clam genus
- Mega-electron volt
- Indicates near
- The central bank of the US
- Central processing unit
- Direct toward a target
- Side sheltered from the wind
- 6th letter of Hebrew alphabet
- Form a sum
- The cry made by sheep
- Defensive nuclear weapon
- Clan division
- Adult male deer
- Patterned table linen fabric
- Subtract
- An imaginary ideal place
- Chuck Hagel is the new head
- Round flat Middle Eastern bread
- Chickpea plant
- Make obscure
- Pole (Scottish)
- Cavities where spores develop
- Vintage Auto Racing Assoc.
- Small language __: Yao
- Small head gestures
- Point midway between S and SE

Late watermelon harvest in the Central Panhandle

By Matthew Orwat
Washington County Extension



CHIPLEY — Melon growers in Washington, Holmes and Jackson Counties have been surveyed, with all indicating a late start to harvest. The majority have not begun to harvest, as of the 26th of June.

This harvest delay is due to the near 100 degree temperatures in May and Early June and lack of pollinators present. Flowers have been closing early in the day due to heat, and this further reduces pollination.

Since daily highs have eased off the from the 100 degree mark, pollination should improve. Watermelons are running and flowering well due to the plentiful rains during the last several weeks. In

Washington and Holmes counties, melon cutting should begin sometime in early July. This condition is representative of most watermelon growers in the central panhandle.

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Faith EVENTS

The Maharreys to perform

CARYVILLE — The Maharreys will be performing at Harris Chapel Holiness Church at 7 p.m., today, July 3. The church is located eight miles north of Caryville on Highway 179.

'Fortnight for Freedom' concludes

BONIFAY — The Knights of Columbus, Council 10513, Infant of Prague, will sponsor a "Fortnight for Freedom" as requested by the American Conference of Bishops. We will have one hour set aside every evening, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., from June 21 to July 4 at Blessed Trinity Church in Bonifay.

Our Christian principles are under attack from the secular world we live in. One person or an army of people cannot reverse this trend. But God can. We need for God to intervene and help us in our cause for religious liberty.

Everyone is welcome to join us. If this is inconvenient then remember or efforts in your home or even organize a similar prayer time in your church.

If you have any further questions, please contact Bob Scholl at 849-2079 or 326-6225.

Monthly Jam Session Saturday

CHIPLEY — Christian Haven Church will be holding their monthly Jam Session on Saturday, July 6. Refreshments will start at 6 p.m. and singing shortly after. For more information call 638-0836 or 773-2602.

'Kingdom Rock' starts Sunday

CHIPLEY — Orange Hill Baptist Church would like to invite all Children to Kingdom Rock: Where Kids Stand Strong for God, a VBS Program. The program will run from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. from July 7 - July 11 dinner will be served each day. Kingdom Rock is for children ages 3 to 5th grade. Orange Hill Baptist Church is located 3.6 miles east of Wausau, off Pioneer Road at 3485 Gainer Road. For more information call 638-7103.

Salem Free Will Baptist Homecoming

STEEL CITY — Salem Free Will Baptist Church will hold Homecoming Service at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 7. The morning message will be given by the Rev. Charles Powell of Alford. Special music will be The Gospeltones of Marianna. Lunch will be served immediately following the message.

Of course it's raining, I just washed my car

Nobody can say I did not warn the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, for all the good my warning did. I am not one to say, "I told you so," but "I told you so."

I swear, at times I think my wife thinks I do not want to do something simply because I am too lazy. Nine times out of 10 it may be true, but what about that tenth time?

What women need to understand is when their husband does not do something; there may be a good, logical reason behind it. The problem men have is articulating their perfectly good and logical reason to their better half. Trust me on this one, ladies.

There are excellent reasons your husband does not always do what you request of him. I wish someone would explain this to my wife. It is just hard for us to explain it in terms women can understand.

Last week, for example, my wife made a request of me. She said, "Honey ..."

Whenever my wife begins a sentence with "Honey," I know I am in for a sticky situation.

Honey comes from bees and whenever she so addresses me, I know I be in trouble, and you can be sure there is a stinger in it for me — somewhere.

My wife was looking out the window with her arms folded, which means she is thinking about some job around the house for Yours Truly. Then she said, "Honey, don't you think you should wash the car?"

If I live to be a hundred that thought never crossed my mind. Do you know how much trouble it is to wash my car?

Then, it never fails to rain right after I wash the car and have to wash it all over again.

That was on Tuesday and I said to

my wife, "You know, Dear," whenever a husband so addresses his wife, it always means he is trying to find some way out of doing her request, while making it sound like he wants to do it.

I said, "You know, Dear, it's a wonderful idea but it looks like it might rain." The key to this point is to put on a grimace and look up in the sky, in a thoughtful frame of mind.

"Yes, I think I saw a raindrop. It won't be long now."

Right here is where most men fail. Simply because the first round is over does not mean, by any stretch of the imagination, the issue is put to rest. I can sum up the next move in one word - vamoose.

In other words, disappear. Remember the old saying, "Out of sight, out of chores?"

Find something to get you out of the line of fire. There is always a chance — slim though it is — the Missus will get busy with something else and forget.

By Thursday, I forgot the car washing idea and was standing around our living room looking out the window. It seemed harmless enough.

Have you heard the old saying, "An idle husband is a wife's workhorse?"

I heard those familiar words beginning with "Honey ..." And a streak of panic flowed through my body, freezing up every muscle I still had. "Honey, our car really needs a good washing."

Now, that was bad enough and I think I could have worked out something else except - before I could clear my throat, she added a phrase no husband wants to hear: "Don't you agree?"

If I say, "No," I am in trouble.

If I say, "Yes," I am in trouble.

I am duped if I do not and doped if I do. How is a husband to win with the odds so stacked against him?

With a feigned meekness that

would make St. Francis of Assisi envious, I said what all good husbands say under similar conditions, "Yes, Dear."

The next three hours found me outside, vigorously washing Old Nelly. As I washed her, I could feel someone (I am not mentioning any names) watching from our living room window.

The smile on my face camouflaged the clenched teeth behind it.

Just as I was putting the finishing touches on the wax job, I felt something cold on the back of my neck. At first, being engrossed in my chore, I did not pay any attention to it.

Then another — and another — and another. Then came the rain.

I glanced at my freshly waxed car and saw drops of water cheerfully dancing on my mirrored hood.

The thunder sounded like a heavenly giggle and before I could make it to the door, I was completely drenched.

Ducking inside out of the rain, I was greeted by my wife who calmly asked, "Oh, my. Is it raining?"

"Of course it's raining," I shivered, "I've just washed my car."

As I was drying off, I chuckled to myself as a favorite Bible verse came to mind.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28 KJV)

Two things in life are for certain. One: things will always fall apart.

Two: God can always take those things that fall apart and pull them together for His honor and glory - come rain or shine.

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Weekly Bible Trivia
God did something to the people who were building the Tower of Babel. What was it?
(answer found in this week's scripture reading)

Sunday	Gen. 10:1-7
Monday	Gen. 10:8-13
Tuesday	Gen. 10:14-19
Wednesday	Gen. 10:20-25
Thursday	Gen. 10:26-32
Friday	Gen. 11:1-8
Saturday	Gen. 11:9-18

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Community CALENDAR

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. - 11 a.m.: Amazing Grace Church USDA Food Distribution every third Thursday (Holmes County Residents Only)
 9 a.m. - 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.: Caregivers Meeting at Washington County Council on Aging in Chipley for more information call 638-6216
 2 p.m.: Writers Group meets the first 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 p.m.: Washington County Council on Aging Line Dancing Class for more information call 638-6216
 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: 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.
 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
 5 p.m.: Red Hill Methodist Church Mission Supper 4th Friday of every month January - September.
 6-8 p.m.: Washington County Council on Aging 50+ dance club for more information call 638-6216
 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.

SATURDAY

The Holmes County Community Health Clinic located at 203 W. Iowa Street, Bonifay, will be open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., the first and third Saturday
 The Alford Community Health Clinic will be the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, from 10 a.m. until the last patient is seen.

SUNDAY

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

Obituaries

Hosea L. Brown

Hosea Lee Brown of Vernon passed away on June 25, 2013, at home.
 Mr. Brown was born on July 16, 1922, in Wausau, to James Brown and Jennie Young Brown both deceased. He served 30 years in the U.S. Army at 1st Sergeant (E8). He survived WWII, Korea and Vietnam. He was decorated with many Medals of Honor for his military service. He also retired from the State of Florida where he was employed as a Juvenile Corrections Officer at Marianna School for Boys. Mr. Brown was a faithful member of Grant Tabernacle AME Church. He served as trustee for many years. He also served on the Board of Directors for Northwest Florida Community Hospital until his health prevented him from doing so.
 In addition to his parents her was proceeded in death by the mother of his six children, James (Jimmy) A. Brown; a brother Willis Brown; his only sister, Lettie Ponds-Brown and his sons, Titus J. Scott and Gregory D. Brown.
 Mr. Brown is survived

by a wife, Juanita brown; his brother, Arnold Brown (Tereatha) of Miami; his sons, Stanley Hosea Brown, Austin, Texas and Bruce Scott (Meta) of Stanford; daughters, Yvonne Brown, Elfriede Harris (Keith), Jacalyn Brown of Ocala, and Jerilyn Brown of St. Petersburg. He also leaves to cherish his memory 20 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren; a very special niece whom he named, Vivian Morris and a favorite grandniece, Tamela Morris, along with numerous other nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors. The Rev. Willie and Blondelle Brown provided care for Mr. Brown in his final years.
 Funeral services were held on Sunday, June 30, 2013, at 3 p.m., at the Grant Tabernacle A.M.E. Church in Chipley, with the Rev. Sandra Jones and the Rev. Larry Brown officiating. Interment followed in the St. Luke Memorial Gardens of Vernon with Military Honors, with Cooper Funeral Home of Chipley directing. The remains were is repose for one hour before services at the church.

Ralph C. Carlisle Jr.

Ralph C. Carlisle Jr., 81, passed away on June 23, 2013. Ralph was born on Sept. 26, 1931, in Sneads, graduating from Sneads High School and Auburn University with a degree in Civil Engineering. After graduating from college, Ralph joined the United States Marine Corps., and was stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif., where he met the love of his life, Bertha to whom he was married for 49 years until her death in 2006. Ralph's career included working in New Orleans, La., and West Palm Beach, before moving to Chipley in 1957 where he managed and then owned Coggin and Deermont Construction Company. Always with a big smile, Ralph lived each day to its fullest and enjoyed water skiing, woodworking, gardening, and entertaining numerous friends at his lake house, on his boat or in his home. All the while, he enjoyed raising his sons Cary and Doug

encouraging them in all aspects of their lives.
 He is survived by sons, Cary of Pensacola and Doug (Virginia) of Chipley; granddaughters, Elizabeth Palmer of Thomasville, Ga., Mandy Foran and Kelly Foran of Chipley, and great grandchildren Kinsley Foran and Jude Palmer.
 A Rosary Service was held at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Chipley, Fla., on Thursday, June 27, 2013 at 5 p.m., followed by a visitation. The Funeral Mass was held at St. Joseph the Worker on Friday, June 28 at 10 a.m. Interment followed at the Calvary Cemetery, Sunny Hills, with Brown Funeral Home Directing. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Ralph's memory to Covenant Hospice, 4215 Kelson Avenue, Suite E, Marianna, FL 32446. Family and friends can sign the online registry at www.brownfh.net.

Joelle Oswalt

Joelle Oswalt, 16 months 19 days, passed from the arms of her mother and father, on June 22, 2013, into the arms of Jesus, where she will live eternally and they will have a reunion with her there in Heaven because of His grace, mercy and atonement for their sin.
 Proceeded in death by her grandmother, Shelveie Oswalt.
 Funeral services were held at 3 p.m., Tuesday, June 25 at Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Dothan with the Rev. Ray Jones, the Rev. Lloyd Blank and Dr. Jerry Oswalt officiating. Burial followed at 10 a.m., Wednesday at Damascus Baptist Church in Graceville, James & Lipford Funeral Home in Graceville directing. In lieu

of flowers memorials may be made to Ridgecrest Benevolence Fund 1231 Fortner Street Dothan, AL 36301. Family received friends at Ridgecrest Baptist Church on Tuesday, June 25, from 1:30 p.m. until time of service.
 Survived by her parents, David and Stephanie Frazier Oswalt; sister, Sophie Oswalt; paternal grandparents, Dr. Jerry and Grace Oswalt; maternal grandparents, Alan and Suzanne Frazier; great grandmother, Anne Frazier; three aunts, Deborah Jones (Brent), Colette Frazier, and Yvonne Wilson; seven cousins, Lauren, Ashleigh, Brittany, David, Danny, Justine and Patrick and several great aunts and uncles.

Jeffrey D. McDuffie

Jeffrey Dale McDuffie of McDuffie Lane, Westville, Fla., passed away suddenly Tuesday, June 18, 2013, at the home of his son in Morgantown, W.Va. He was 55.
 Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, June 22, in the chapel of Sorrells Funeral Home in Geneva with the Rev. Cliff Quincey officiating. Burial will follow in the McDuffie Family Cemetery with Sorrells Funeral Home and Crematory directing. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Friday, June 21, from 6 until 8 p.m.
 Dale was born Aug. 15, 1957, in Geneva County, Ala., to the late Colon and Clara Weeks McDuffie. He was a



JEFFREY D. MCDUFFIE

very loving son, husband and father.
 In addition to his parents, a brother, Wayne McDuffie, and his father-in-law, Sam Broxson, preceded him in death. Survivors include his devoted wife, DeAnn Broxson McDuffie, Westville; one son, Jeffrey McDuffie, Morgantown, W.Va.; one daughter, Candice McDuffie; one brother, Greg McDuffie (Liz); sister-in-law, Elizabeth McDuffie, all of Westville; mother-in-law, Faye Broxson; several nieces, nephews and other extended family.
 Serving as pallbearers will be Greg McDuffie, Grant McDuffie, Kalabe Stevens, Jeff Brownell, Eric Brownell and Jimmy Davis.

Steven D. Scott

Steven Dane Scott, 31, of Quincy, left to be with his Lord on Sunday, June 23, 2013.
 Dane was a graduate of Ponce de Leon High School and had attended Chipola CC and Florida State University. Dane was a son, brother, grandson, brother-in-law, uncle, nephew and cousin and relished each role with a special love that flowed whenever he was present. He was a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom and proudly served his country in his grandfather's former unit.
 He is survived by his parents, Steve and Lucinda Scott of Quincy; sisters, Callie Hill (Robbie) of Tallahassee, and Carrie Allison (Daniel) of Glendive, Montana; grandmothers, Ione Williamson of Quincy and Delores Branch of Tallahassee; nephew, Roman Hill; niece, Ariel Hill and many aunts, uncles, grand uncles and aunts and

cousins that adored him.
 Services were held at the First Presbyterian Church in Quincy on June 26, 2013, at 11 a.m. Visitation was from 10 a.m. until time of service in the church parlor. Interment followed at Hurricane Creek Baptist Church in Holmes County at 3 p.m.
 Charles McClellan Funeral Home, 15 S. Jackson St., Quincy, Fla., 850-627-7677 is in charge of arrangements.

Eddie L. Thomas

Mrs. Eddie Lee Thomas, 97, of Chipley, passed away on Wednesday, June 19, 2013, in the Bonifay Nursing and Rehab Center. She was of the Baptist faith and a member of Jerusalem Baptist Church, where she served as the Church Mother.
 Survivors include her three sons, Fredrick Paul, James Erick and John Wayne (Denise); two stepsons, Joe Louis Thomas and Buck Thomas; three grandchildren, Sammie Thomas, Allen Tracy (Cora) Thomas and Connie Thomas; nine great

grandchildren and two great grandchildren along with a host of numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.
 Celebration services were held at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 29, 2013, at the Jerusalem Baptist Church, Chipley with the Rev. Price Wilson, Pastor/officiating. Interment followed in the Northside Cemetery of Chipley. The remains were in repose one hour prior to services at the church. Cooper Funeral Home of Chipley directing.

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